

Alamance Battle Reenactment

Regulator Guidelines

Orange County Regulators

Impression Guidelines

General

All garments must be an appropriate style for a member of the middling or lower classes in the 1760's and early 1770's. Proper fit and hand finishing are encouraged. All fabric must be appropriate to the period.

No modern jewelry (wedding bands excepted) and no modern footwear or eyeglasses.

No military clothing, such as white laced hats, gaiter-trousers, regimentals, etc.

All food products must be free of modern packaging. Likewise, use of modern tobacco products, beverage containers, or communication devices in camp is prohibited.

Facial hair is *highly* discouraged.

Clothing

Coat

Preferred: Linen or Wool frock coat, jacket/sleeved waistcoat, or short coat.

Acceptable: Linen Hunting Shirts and Smocks

Waistcoat

Preferred: Linen or wool. Single or double breasted. Skirts should measure between four and eight inches in length.

Unacceptable: Waistcoats with no skirts or with skirts longer than eight inches.

Shirt

Preferred: White, off-white, or checked linen. Solid checks should not be more than ¼" square or should be in a "window pane" pattern. Wristbands should not exceed 1" in width.

Unacceptable: Printed or plain cotton.

Breeches

Preferred: Leather, wool, or linen breeches with a fall front.

Acceptable: Linen trousers.

Unacceptable: Fly front closures.

Leggings

Acceptable: If leggings are to be worn over stockings, acceptable styles include cloth 'country boots' or stocking leggings as well as wool half-gaiters. Plain, undecorated, single-seam 'Indian' leggings of blue, black, green, or red wool are acceptable but discouraged.

Unacceptable: Any stiffened military legging, leggings of a color not mentioned above, leather or bucksin leggings, or leggings that button all the way.

Neck Wear

Preferred: Neck cloth or roller of solid coloured, striped, or checked linen as well as silk neck cloths in solid colours or period block prints or resist dyes.

Acceptable: Civilian neck stocks if appropriate to the social rank being portrayed.

Unacceptable: Military style neck stocks.

Hat

Preferred: Common round hats with a 2-4" brim, or hats cocked in a style appropriate for the period 1760-1775 with a 4-5" brim. Black worsted lace is acceptable. Brown hats are acceptable.

Unacceptable: Military style hats, hats with flamboyant decoration (feathers, animal parts, etc.) or any cockades

Shoes

Preferred: To be typical of the second half of the 18th Century. Buckled or tied. Black leather.

Acceptable: Half boots.

Unacceptable: Moccasins or any colour shoe other than black.

Arms and Equipment

Firelock

Preferred: Civilian fowlers or rifles with barrels of at least 38". These weapons should be used in conjunction with either leather or hemp shot bags and powder horns.

Lack of firearms and equipment is very acceptable for a Regulator impression. Hand weapons such as clubs and pikes are also acceptable, though actual hand-to-hand combat is *strictly prohibited*.

OR

1742 and 1756 Long Land muskets, as well as pre-1741 production Dutch muskets. These weapons should be used in conjunction with either:

A 9, 12, or 18 round cartridge box (belly box) with either no cyper, or a "GR²" embossed on the front. Should be worn on a 1" wide black belt with iron buckle.

OR

Any soft militia style cartridge pouch on leather or linen strap.

Acceptable: Short Land muskets with locks that pre-date 1768.

Sidearm

Preferred: Any civilian hunting sword/cuttoe, military cutlass pre-dating 1765, a hatchet, or a bayonet (if appropriate.)

Acceptable: Military hangar pre-dating 1765.

If a bayonet is used, its scabbard should be carried in a black belt frog as issued with a belly box, or in a tanned leather shoulder strap or waist belt.

Haversack

Preferred: Linen market wallet.

Acceptable: Unbleached linen haversack, No buttons, two buttons, or three buttons are acceptable closures. Unacceptable: Haversacks with military markings or haversacks of any material other than linen.

Blanket

Preferred: Common civilian styles, hand woven. Should be carried in a short roll on the back or in a "mule collar" slung over either shoulder.

Unacceptable: Modern surplus blankets of any colour or Civil War blankets.

Knapsack

Preferred: If a knapsack is used, it should be a single-bag "haversack" style (Uhl pack) made of unpainted linen. A better way to carry extra clothing, etc. would be in a linen wallet slung over the shoulder.

Unacceptable: Military issue knapsacks.

Canteen

Preferred: Wooden "drum" style with iron or wooden bands.

Acceptable: Cheese box canteens, tin canteens. Water may also be carried in a ceramic jug or glass bottle.