

Military garb must and will adhere to the following;

1. All headgear must be period black slouch hats. No yellow hat cords. No brass insignia.
2. Kepi or bummers (Federal only) - crossed sabers not required. To be worn in camp only, not while riding on the battlefield.
3. Sky blue regulations trousers without stripe. Repeat – No stripe.
4. Shirts can be of various patterns or design – prefer dark blue or gray. No rank, No stripes, No shoulder boards to be added to shirts.
5. Four button or five button dark blue blouses (sack coats) a must! Must be worn while in formation. No rank.
6. .45-55 Springfields preferred. Sharps optional only as a substitute. Rifles are optional. (I recommend not bringing one).
7. .45 caliber Colt SAA handguns, blued, 7 ½ inch barrels. (I provide 5 in 1 blanks. If you have another model/caliber, let me know).
8. Saddles will be provided. Either the McClellan pattern or Western is acceptable.
9. Boots to be Troop boot of period or short Wellington square toed with trouser worn over boot.
10. No Yellow neckerchiefs. Neckerchiefs of various colors...but no yellow.

Recommended reading, “Boots and Saddles at Little Big Horn” by James S. Hutchinsons.

Need to buy a uniform for the upcoming campaign? (you must look like a 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalryman)!

Try:

Coon River Mercantile – [www.coonriver.com/specials.htm](http://www.coonriver.com/specials.htm) – 515-287-8315.

Fall Creek Sutlery – [www.FCSutler.com](http://www.FCSutler.com) – 765-482-1861.

Coon Creek – [www.cooncreekoldwest.com](http://www.cooncreekoldwest.com) – 520-886-8273. Ask for Buck or Miss Leta.

The uniform special (Uniform Special, \$175) on the Coon River Mercantile isn't pictured together, but you can look the items up individually. [This special is only good through February 15<sup>th</sup> and then it goes up!!](#) The items included in the special are an unlined Sack Coat or Shell Jacket, Infantry Trousers, Muslin Shirt, Kepie, Belt and Buckle, and Suspenders. You may have to negotiate your own deal!?? Not included is a slouch hat.

Slouch hats: Black, shaped, keen crown, 4 ½ inch brim, yellow cord (which you can pull off for this campaign) - \$75.00 Call Walker 47 at 714-871-8171

Or – Dirty's Billy's Hats in Gettysburg, PA at 717-334-3200

Comment by a fellow SASS member and re-enactor that has ridden with me the last two years:

Based on what I've seen the past two years the SASS guys need to get away from the cowboy, buckskinner look, and stop trying to look like Custer. We're Privates in the 7th Cav. and everyone should wear sky blue trousers (NO STRIPES), blue sack jackets, knee high cavalry boots, (NO COWBOY BOOTS), Civil War era pistol belt (they're cheap) and a BLACK hat (NO YELLOW CORD and NO BRASS 7th CAV on the front.) I wore all that the first two years but I got a new black hat from Dirty Billy's when I was in Gettysburg in August. There's a certain crease that the hats should have. I threw mine in the pond, kicked it around a couple of days and put a cavalry crease down the center, bingo, correct Indian Wars hat!! The guys are spending too much money on stuff they don't need and stuff that doesn't look period.

Regarding cavalry boots – if you don't have them, rather than spending the money for them just for this ride, pull your pants leg over any pair of black boots. No sense spending money where you don't have too. Just my thought... Ellsworth