

8th Connecticut Quartermaster

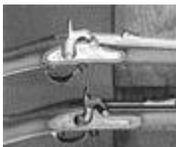
This uniform and equipment list is the result of years of research. The choices are based on the highest level of authenticity for the best price.

The homework is done for you; there are reasons why some suppliers are listed for specific items and not for others. Please adhere to this list when making new purchases or upgrading your existing impression.

<i>Uniform</i>				
Item	Image	1 st Choice	2 nd Choice	3 rd Choice
Forage Cap The Forage Cap Type II is the best for our impression.		N.J. Sekela	Dirty Billy's Hats	C&D Jarnagin
Frock Coat This is optional. Check with the 8th Conn. quartermaster if you wish to purchase Connecticut State buttons for your frock coat.		Regimental Quartermaster	N.J. Sekela	C&D Jarnagin
Sack Coat The sack coat (also called "Fatigue Blouse") should be purchased before a frock.		Get these two in a package deal from Wambaugh, White & Co.	N.J. Sekela	C.J. Daley
Trousers Sky blue trousers are most appropriate. Dark blues may be purchased for early-war or dress occasions.			N.J. Sekela	Regimental Quartermaster
Drawers "Union suits" are not correct for this time period, so a pair of drawers from these vendors are ideal.		Wambaugh, White & Co.	N.J. Sekela	C.J. Daley
Suspenders Also known as "braces", those Rebels better not catch you with your pants down.		Wambaugh, White & Co.	Missouri Boot & Shoe	Regimental Quartermaster
Shirt Either the contract Federal issue shirt or a cotton civilian shirt is appropriate.		Regimental Quartermaster	N.J. Sekela	Wambaugh, White & Co.

<p>Shoes A pair of well-fitting, authentic shoes is extremely important and should be one of your first purchases.</p>		<p>Missouri Boot & Shoe</p>	<p>N.J. Sekela</p>	<p>Regimental Quartermaster</p>
<p>Wool Socks Foot care is a priority!</p>		<p>Wambaugh, White & Co.</p>	<p>Appalachian Sock Co.</p>	<p>Blockade Runner</p>
<p>Eyeglasses If you absolutely need them, period eyeglasses are <i>required</i>. Period.</p>		<p>Historic Eyewear Co.</p>	<p>Focusers</p>	<p>Local Antique Store</p>

Equipment

<p>Musket It's pretty hard to go to war without one. Buy an 1853 Enfield or 1861 Springfield 3-band musket.</p>		<p>Get all three in a package deal from Regimental Quartermaster</p>	<p>Fall Creek Suttler</p>	<p>C&C Sutlery</p>
<p>Bayonet Original bayonets are encouraged; they are stronger, and they look/ fit better.</p>			<p>Get both bayonet and scabbard in a package deal from Fall Creek Suttler</p>	<p>Get both bayonet and scabbard in a package deal from C&C Sutlery</p>
<p>Scabbard The scabbard is the sheath for the bayonet. Those with two rivets are best.</p>			<p>Get all four PLUS a scabbard in a package deal from Missouri Boot & Shoe</p>	<p>C&D Jarnagin</p>
<p>Box Sling Be sure and also buy the round brass eagle plate for the sling.</p>		<p>C&D Jarnagin</p>		
<p>Cap Pouch The mid-war variant is best, although the "shield front" is just as appropriate.</p>		<p>C&D Jarnagin</p>		
<p>Waist Belt You'll also want to buy the US belt plate that secures it. Get one with a leather or brass keeper.</p>		<p>C&D Jarnagin</p>		

<p>Canteen The most important piece of equipment you will ever carry. Get the "smoothside" variant.</p>		Wambaugh, White & Co.	Regimental Quartermaster	S&S Sutler
<p>Plate Tin plates can be put right on a campfire to heat your food.</p>		Regimental Quartermaster	C&C Sutlery	S&S Sutler
<p>Utensils They should have wood or bone handles, and forks should have 2 or 3 prongs.</p>		Regimental Quartermaster	C&C Sutlery	S&S Sutler
<p>Tin cup The cup can also be used for a boiler when cooking food.</p>		Regimental Quartermaster	C&C Sutlery	S&S Sutler
<p>Haversack The haversack was used mainly for food and not personal items, as it gets greasy fairly quickly.</p>		Missouri Boot & Shoe	N.J. Sekela	C&D Jarnagin
<p>Knapsack This is an optional but very handy item to own. Get the double-bag version.</p>		Missouri Boot & Shoe	N.J. Sekela	C&D Jarnagin
<p>Blanket The brown blankets with the end stripes are best.</p>		N.J. Sekela	Regimental Quartermaster	S&S Sutler
<p>Tent Be sure that your tent does not have metal grommets!</p>		Wambaugh, White & Co.	N.J. Sekela	S&S Sutler
<p>Ground Cloth This can also serve as a poncho when it starts to rain.</p>		Regimental Quartermaster	C&C Sutlery	Blockade Runner

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Note: some items may be confusing as there may be several variants of the same piece of clothing or equipment. If you have any questions at all, contact the 8th Connecticut's Quartermaster, [Cpl. Nate Bayreuther](#).