

## Alamance Battleground Impression Guidelines

The following guidelines cover acceptable and preferred clothing and equipment for Battle of Alamance impressions. Items listed as “preferred” are *not* required, however anything listed as “unacceptable” will not be allowed at Alamance Battleground events.

### General Guidelines

- 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.
- Volunteers (re-enactors) handling and/or firing historic weapons on state property must be 16 years of age or older. This includes edged weapons as well.
- 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.

### Regarding Facial Hair

Attitudes and descriptions about facial hair have changed a great deal since the 18<sup>th</sup> century, but generally speaking, we base our facial hair guidelines on the following acknowledged facts:

- The male beard existed and can be documented in the 18th century. However, the term "beard" wasn't necessarily used as it is today and often referred to noticeable stubble, which could help in identification of runaway indentured servants.
- Period artwork universally shows that, in the English/American world, full beards are a mark of someone who is of an unconventional faith, destitute, a fugitive, or either physically or mentally impaired. This is to say that the norm in British North America was for men to be clean-shaven, or at least to have no more than a few days of stubble.
- Given everything above, context is key for re-enacting. Who are you portraying--and when--at an event? If that person doesn't fit into the categories above, then he shouldn't be portrayed with a full beard. Most of the categories above aren't appropriate or able to be interpreted at most living history events, so coming up with a convoluted backstory to justify facial hair doesn't work.

## ORANGE COUNTY REGULATORS

### 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: Wool, linen, or leather 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 buckskin leggings, or leggings that button all the way

#### *Neck Wear*

Preferred: Neck cloth or roller of solid colored, striped, or checked linen as well as silk neck cloths in solid colors 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.

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

#### *Shoes*

Preferred: Buckle of tied shoes typical of the second half of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century.

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 "GR<sup>2</sup>" 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/cutthoe, 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 color 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.

### **CRAVEN COUNTY MILITIA**

#### *Coat*

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

\*Linen hunting shirts are also appropriate, though were not the norm for Tryon's forces

Acceptable: Linen smock

#### *Waistcoat*

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

Acceptable: Brocade or silk waistcoats ONLY if appropriate to the social rank being portrayed

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*

Preferred: Black wool single seam leggings incorporating a gaiter bottom with five black horn buttons and a foot strap.

*Leggings should reach to between the top of the knee cap and mid-thigh.*

*Legging garters should be either natural or scarlet in colour and should be made from worsted, linen, or cotton tape, or hemp webbing. 1" to 1.5" wide.*

Acceptable: Plain, undecorated single seam "Indian" leggings of black or navy blue wool. Also acceptable, but discouraged, are cloth country boots or stocking leggings.

Unacceptable: Any stiffened military legging, leggings of a colour not mentioned above, 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. All hats should be made of black wool felt and should be lined. Black worsted lace is acceptable. All hats should sport a yellow cockade, made either from camblet linen, worsted tape, or silk ribbon.

Unacceptable: Brown hats, military style hats, hats with flamboyant decoration (feathers, animal parts, etc.) or any cockade other than the yellow described above.

### *Shoes*

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

Acceptable: Half boots

Unacceptable: Moccasins or any color shoe other than black

## Arms and Equipment

### *Firelock*

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OR

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A 9, 12, or 18 round cartridge box (belly box) with either no cyper, or a "GR<sup>2</sup>" 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 are undated or pre-date 1768.

### *Sidearm*

Preferred: Any civilian hunting sword/cuttho, 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: Unbleached linen. No buttons, two buttons, or three buttons are acceptable closures.

Unacceptable: Haversacks with military markings or haversacks of any material other than unbleached 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 color. 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.

#### *Camp Equipment*

Preferred: Hand-sewn linen tents with wooden pegs. Preferred kettle is 2-3 gallon made of tin.

Acceptable: Cotton canvas tents. Cast iron kettles of a style appropriate to the period are acceptable.

Unacceptable: Tents with rear doors, tents with colored trim or finial caps, iron cooking supports or gridirons