

# First Maryland



## Volunteer Infantry U.S.

Thank you for your interest in the First Maryland Volunteer Infantry regiment. The First Maryland is a representation of an actual northern combat unit that saw action during the Civil War. As a member of the First Maryland you will find we have much to offer, both in meeting new friends and in conveying to the public an accurate impression of the Civil War.

The First Maryland is a nonprofit organization incorporated in the State of Maryland. An executive board consisting of five officers, elected annually, conducts the general business of the Regiment. In the field, the Regiment is under the direction of the field officers and NCOs, who are also elected to those positions.

The First Maryland holds membership, along with many other similar organizations, in the National Regiment. At large reenactments we are thus able to portray a full size battalion, under the command of officers and staff, drawn from the N.R. member organizations.

Again, thank you for your interest in the First Maryland. If you have any questions, email us at [firstmdus@gmail.com](mailto:firstmdus@gmail.com).

Respectfully,

Brad Calhoun  
President

# The First Maryland Infantry Regiment Volunteers



## Getting Started In Civil War Reenacting

The big questions facing you as you decide to join a reenacting group are most likely: what equipment do I need?, how much does it cost? and where do I get it? Here is a list of the essentials you will need to accurately portray a federal private in the First Maryland. However, before making any purchases, large or small, check first with a member of the unit for a list of acceptable sutlers. This may prevent you from making a costly mistake! The items below constitute your basic kit and would allow you to participate in all of our events. As you grow in the hobby you may wish to add other items. Approximate cost of each item is in parentheses.

### **Basic Kit:**

#### Clothing

**Four-button sack coat:** The basic dark blue woolen blouse of the soldier. (\$110.00)

**Kersey trousers:** Sky-blue colored woolen pants. Braces (suspenders) are also recommended. (\$135.00 & \$15)

**Forage cap:** Also known as a “bummer” cap (NOT A KEPI) a cap of the same dark colored wool as the coat (\$60)

**Shirt:** A white or gray, flannel or cotton, period shirt. (\$40)

**Shoes:** The “Jefferson Brogan”, a square-toed shoe, with woolen socks (\$85.00 & \$10)

#### Accouterments (leathers)

**Waist belt and plate (buckle):** A black leather belt is used as a place to fasten your cap pouch and bayonet scabbard. (\$40 & \$20)

**Cartridge box & Plate:** The cartridge box, with metal compartments, holds your cartridges (ammunition). The covering flap of the cartridge box has an oval brass "US" plate affixed to it (\$55 & \$20)

**Cap pouch:** The cap pouch stores the percussion caps needed to fire your rifle-musket (\$50.00)

**Cartridge box sling and breast plate:** Your cartridge box is carried on the sling. The breast plate, is affixed to the leather sling and should be centered on the sling in a position in the center of your breast as the sling crosses over from the left shoulder to your right hip (\$30.00 & \$20)

#### Weapon

**Three-band rifled musket:** A .58 caliber reproduction Enfield or Springfield is required. (\$750 to \$1000)

**Bayonet and scabbard:** A triangular steel blade with socket and locking ring for attaching to the end of your musket (\$40)  
Scabbard (\$50)

#### Personal Items

**Canteen:** A stainless steel canteen with a dark blue wool cover is recommended (\$90)

**Haversack:** Your food bag. It is made of black tarred or rubberized cloth (\$50)

**Tin plate or canteen half:** For cooking and eating (\$20)

**Tin mucket or cup:** For drinking and cooking (\$20)

**Knife/fork/spoon:** (\$25)



# The First Maryland Volunteer Infantry U.S.

## Membership Application

\*\* This information may also be submitted via email to: \*\*  
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Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_