

# Third Regiment Infantry



## Maryland Volunteers

Thank you for your interest in the Third Regiment Infantry, Maryland Volunteers. The Third Maryland is a representation of an actual northern combat unit which had seen action during the Civil War. As a member of the Third 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.

Annual dues are \$25.00 and this covers your registration for all events we attend throughout the year. As a member of the Third Maryland, you will receive our online newsletter, The Maryland Union Patriot, as well as e-mail bulletins to keep you informed of events we will be attending.

The Third 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 who are also elected to those positions.

The Third Maryland holds membership, along with twenty similar organizations, in the National Regiment. At large reenactments we can thus portray a full size battalion, under the command of officers and staff, drawn from the member organizations.

Again, thank you for your interest in the Third Maryland. If you have any questions, please call.

Respectfully,

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## 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 brief list of the essentials you will need to accurately portray a federal private in the Third Maryland. However, before making any purchases, large or small, check first with a member of the unit. This may prevent you from making a costly mistake! Dan Coon (410-489-4142), the unit Quartermaster, is always available with help and advice, as are any of the Third Maryland Officers or NCO's.

**Four-button sack coat:** The basic dark blue woolen blouse of the soldier. Expect to pay about \$70.00

**Kersey trousers:** Sky-blue colored woolen pants. Braces (suspenders) are also recommended. Both together are about \$90.00.

**Forage cap:** Also known as a "bummer" cap, a cap of the same dark colored wool as the coat. It's floppy in appearance and should not be confused with the "kepi", a smaller shaped French-style cap more often worn by Union Officers and Confederates. Cost runs anywhere from \$40 to \$95.

**Shirt:** Just that, a white or gray, flannel or cotton, period shirt. Soldiers often wore shirts from home in addition to any they may have been issued, so some checkered patterns are also authentic. This item will cost between \$25 to \$40.

**Shoes:** The typical Union infantryman wore the "Jefferson Brogan", a square-toed shoe nicknamed "gunboats." These shoes and the woolen socks you'll need will cost you about \$90.00.

**Waist belt and plate (buckle):** This black leather belt is used as a place to fasten your cap pouch and bayonet scabbard. The cost is about \$25 for the belt and \$5 for the buckle.

**Cartridge box and cap pouch:** The cartridge box is made of black leather with metal compartments and contains your cartridges (ammunition). The covering flap of the cartridge box has an oval brass "US" plate affixed to it. This box plate not only identifies it as a Federal cartridge box as part of the uniform, it also served as a weight to help keep the box flap closed. The cartridge box and sling will cost approx. \$85.00 and the box plate will cost another \$5.00. The cap pouch is a small leather container with a strip of lambs wool inside used to store the percussion caps needed to fire your rifle-musket. The cap pouch will cost approx. \$20.00.

**Cartridge box sling and breast plate:** The cartridge box sling is a leather sling affixed to your cartridge box to carry it. The sling is worn over your left shoulder with the cartridge box resting on the right hip slightly to the rear of your body. Attached to the sling is a round breast plate made of brass with an eagle stamped on the face. This plate, called 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. The breast plate will cost approx. \$5.00.

**Canteen:** A round tin container holding three precious pints of water. A dark blue wool cover is recommended. You can expect to pay between \$45 to \$75 depending on stainless steel or tin construction.

**Haversack:** Your food bag. It is made of black tarred or rubberized cloth. A detachable woolen inner bag is for rations. This will cost about \$35.

**Bayonet and scabbard:** A triangular steel blade with socket and locking ring for attaching to the end of your musket. This will cost between \$30 - \$90 depending on quality and manufacturer. The leather scabbard will cost around \$45.

**Three-band rifle-musket:** This is the most expensive item. A .58 caliber reproduction Enfield or Springfield is required. This will cost between \$400 to \$450.

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## Membership Application



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Name of Sponsor (or your Third Maryland contact) \_\_\_\_\_

### Parental Consent Form

In addition to the membership form, this consent form must be signed and dated by the parent(s) or legal guardian of any application under the age of eighteen desiring to join the Third Maryland.

We, (or I) \_\_\_\_\_  
(name, please print)

the parent(s) or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_  
(applicant's name – please print)

a minor, understand that while safety is stressed at Civil War battle reenactments and other living history events by the Third Regiment Infantry, Maryland Volunteers, Inc. and by the event sponsors, this hobby has risks, including those associated with the use of black powder or edged weapons, and occasionally accidents will happen. We hereby consent to our minor child's participation in Civil War events with the Third Maryland. We understand that our minor child will be expected to act like a responsible adult at events, and that no supervision other than that given to every member of the Third Maryland will be provided. We agree to hold the Third Maryland as well as any of its individual members blameless in the case of accident or injury to our minor child; and we hereby waive any claim for medical expense or other damages and any right of lawsuit for any accident or injury which may occur during any reenactment or living history event. We understand that no member of the Third Maryland is responsible for the availability, timeliness, quality or appropriateness of emergency medical services provided at any Civil War reenactment or event. We have read this parental consent form and understand that our minor child will not be allowed to participate in Civil War events with the Third Maryland unless a copy of this parental consent form is properly signed and dated by us, and on file with the unit Secretary.

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(signature and date)