

This Free E-Book is brought to you by Natural-Aging.com.

**[100% Effective Natural Hormone Treatment](#)
Menopause, Andropause And Other Hormone Imbalances
Impair Healthy Healing In People Over The Age Of 30!**

How to Clean Your Civil War Uniform

By Paula and Coach McCoach

How to Clean Your Civil War Uniform

by: **Paula and Coach McCoach**

How necessary is cleaning your Civil War Uniform?

The every day Confederate or Union soldier's uniform was actually never made to be washed. They wore out so fast that many of them were never cleaned – ever.

This leaves us with the question -

Do you really need to wash or dry clean your Civil War uniform?

Some reasons for cleaning a uniform may be

1. To prevent it from smelling really bad.

(Some hardcore reenactors feel that smelling really bad is part of the mystique? What do you think about having an "authentic smell?")

2. To prevent the various body chemicals that the uniform can absorb or acquire like sweat, body oils, from destroying the integrity of the fabric.

3. To have your uniform look good.

4. To do some type of seasonal, yearly, monthly maintenance to preserve your uniform.

So, considering all of these things, if you still want to clean your uniform, here are my suggestions.

1. Do as little as possible. Less is better.

How to Clean Your Civil War Uniform

2. Jackets, pants, and vests (wool/jean cloth) – None of mine have ever been laundered.
3. What I do is I put them outside on the porch on a hanger and let them air out.
4. If I want to get some of the dirt out, I use a nice stiff brush and brush the dirt out of it.

(A stiff hairbrush works fine.)

5. If you still really want to clean it, I would suggest soaking it in cold plain water with some type of wool fabric cleaner like Woolite.

Any cleaning tips you have please send them to coach@civilwaruniforms.net, so we can pass them on to other reenactors.

--

© 2004. Permission granted to reprint this article in print or on your website so long as the contact information is included to coach@civilwaruniforms.net and

Coach McCoach has been creating patterns and making Civil War uniform items for 25 years. His Civil War uniform designs have been seen in the movies GETTYSBURG, ANDERSONVILLE and the Antietam Visitors Center. For more information, contact coach@civilwaruniforms.net or visit

.

Are You Embarrassed by Your Civil War Uniform Impression?

By Paula and Coach McCoach

"Authentic," "authentic," "authentic" is all you hear if you are new or a hard core reenactor. You look all over to find period Civil War Uniform articles. But when you finally get them, do you feel like you know what to do with them?

Following are some researched tips on how to wear your Civil War Uniform once you have gathered it all together:

*Civil War soldiers wore their haversack and canteen on the left side. A typical soldier's haversack included a pipe kit, tobacco, coffee, a sewing kit, rations, personal photos and letters.

*Purchase an inexpensive shirt from a sutler. Learn how to do a little bit of stitching – all you need to learn is a basic running stitch. Top stitch around the pockets, cuffs, collar and give the shirt a more authentic look with the hand stitching. Your \$20 shirt is now worth \$100.

For a definitive book on the Civil War Uniform, ECHOES OF GLORY contains accurate pictures and

How to Clean Your Civil War Uniform

descriptions of arms and equipment of the Civil War.

*When Confederate and Union soldiers were on the march, keeping clean was difficult. Camping by a stream was a chance for them to wash some of their clothes as well as themselves. To add some authenticity to your impression at a reenactment, pin your socks to your uniform and dry them out, as they would have done. Sling your shoes over the other shoulder and go barefooted. You know barefooted soldiers were a very common site, especially in Lee's army.

*Civil War Reenacting is one of the few hobbies where buying used items is actually more desirable than buying new. Soldiers in that era wore uniforms for 4 years daily! No one had on new clothing. So, if you have a choice between new and used – go for the deal. Civil War Reenacting is one of the few hobbies where the longer you have a piece of clothing, a haversack, a hat – the more valuable it is – and then you can resell it at no extra charge for the wear and tear!

*Confederate and Union soldiers were hard core coffee drinkers. Therefore, tin cup was a vital part of their haversack gear. The Tin Cup was also used as a coffee pot to make coffee and then used as a cup to drink coffee.

*Due to the hard campaigning done by the Civil War Soldier, pants would usually last about 1 month before they started to get ragged or, as the Victorians would say 'tattered'. Jackets would be 'tattered' within about 2 months on the march. A word often used to describe their uniforms was 'rubbed out' not worn out, as we would say in modern times.

For more information, contact

.

© 2003

Permission granted to reprint this article in print or on your website so long as the paragraph above is included and the contact information is included to

.

Coach McCoach has been a Civil War reenactor in the 4th North Carolina Infantry, 2nd Virginia Regiment, and 21st Virginia Company B. Coach has received the "Authenticity Award" from these companies several times for his Civil War Uniform Impression. Coach's Civil War uniform designs have been seen in the movies GETTYSBURG, Antietam Visitors Center, ANDERSONVILLE. Coach's famous Civil War cookbook HARDTACK, CORNBREAD AND CHILI contains recipes for reenactments as well in your own home kitchen. For more information, contact

.

Related Content:

How to Clean Your Civil War Uniform

Are You Embarrassed by Your Civil War Uniform Impression?
An Introduction To Civil War Military Swords
Choosing The Right Uniform For Your Employees
A Great Buyers Guide For Uniforms
Have Fun in Georgia!

Read more Content at

Related Products:

E@sy List Cleaner
eWhiz Ad Creator
Home Remodeling Secrets
Free Government Grants
Cure Bad Breath

: A genuine resource center for Quality Ebooks and Softwares



This Free E-Book has been brought to you by Natural-Aging.com.

[100% Effective Natural Hormone Treatment](#)

**Menopause, Andropause And Other Hormone Imbalances
Impair Healthy Healing In People Over The Age Of 30!**

