

1862 Clothing Guidelines for Working Class Men-Town of Norfolk, Missouri (Belmont 2019)

In 1862, the area around Belmont, Missouri is sparsely settled farming country. Norfolk was a farming community in Missouri with mixed Confederate and Unionist influence. All clothing must be made according to period construction techniques, patterns, and materials.

All participants are expected to wear period attire at **all times** while outside their tents from the point the Town goes live until it closes on Sunday after the battle. This includes trips to the portalet in the night. Towns will begin to go live on Thursday as participants complete setup .

NO MILITARY UNIFORMS CAN BE WORN BY MALES LIVING IN THE CIVILIAN TOWN

1. A suit of clothes that can include a coat, vest/waistcoat, over shirt, shirt and trousers is required. The cloth should be of period materials appropriate to the garment type and socio economic level of the wearer. Garments can be made of wool, cotton, linen or period blends such as jean cloth and linsey. Frock, Paletot, Sack and Roundabout coats are all acceptable patterns. Suitable weaves for coats, vests and trousers include broadcloth, cassimere, satinette and kersey. Over shirts are commonly made with flannel or drill.

2. Overalls of period construction are acceptable. Shirts must be worn. Suspenders must be of correct construction – no “Y” backs.” Underclothing that is period appropriate and made of correct material is encouraged. No visible modern underwear

3. Buttons should be made with period materials: shell, glass, china or bone buttons on shirts; bone or tin buttons on pants; 1851 patent hard rubber buttons, cloth or “coin” buttons on coats. No military buttons should be worn.

4. Shirts should be made of cotton, wool, or appropriate blends. Shirts should be made of woven checks and stripes, appropriate cotton prints, or solid colors.

5. Neckwear of correct pattern and materials appropriate to the socio economic status of the wearer are encouraged. If tied, please ensure they are tied correctly. Pre-tied Cravats or “Cheater” ties did exist and documented styles are acceptable.

6. Shoes, bootees or boots with all leather soles and made of leather and correct materials are required.

7. Participants may also wish to have shawls, paletots, or overcoats of civilian cut and material, or rubber or silk rainwear.

8. Hats of straw or felt that are properly blocked or caps are required and should be worn outdoors.

9. Hair and facial hair must be worn in a period correct style.

10. Accessories such as gloves, canes, pocket watches, satchels and wallets and eyeglasses should be of documented styles and construction. Contacts are permissible. Modern items such as wrist watches and cell phones are not to be worn, visible, or hearable during the event.