



## A Walk In Their Boots Allied WWII Authenticity Guidelines

A Walk in Their Boots event staff reserves the right to deny participation for an individual or group who does not comply with Authenticity Standards or Safety Guidelines. If unable or unwilling to correct, the event staff reserve the right to deny participation of individual(s).

### U.S. Forces

#### Uniforms:

1. Infantry units to wear M-41 or M-43 Field Jackets, Winter Combat Jacket, Overcoats, or Mackinaws with either Wool trousers or M-43 trousers. Infantry units will also wear Service Shoes with leggings or M-1943 Combat Boots (Double Buckles)
2. Airborne units to wear Airborne M-43 Field Jackets with M-43 trousers or M-42 Jump Uniform (M-43's encouraged). Airborne units to wear Jump Boots or M-1943 Combat Boots.

#### Web Gear:

1. Any OD-3 (Khaki) or OD-7 (Olive Drab) M1910 through M1945 pattern web gear is permitted for use.
2. Packs Allowed: M-1910/M-1928 Haversack, M-1936 Musette Bag, M-1943 Pack System, M-1944/45 Pack System.

#### Helmets:

1. Helmets must be of WWII type with sewn Khaki chinstrap.
2. Helmet net may be of 1" mesh or small mesh.

#### Appearance:

1. No facial hair other than 3 day growth allowed.
2. Hair must be in accepted 1940's hairstyle.
3. No facial jewelry or piercings.

## Weapons:

ANYONE VIOLATING SAFETY GUIDELINES WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY. NO QUESTIONS.

1. ALL WEAPONS MUST USE CRIMPED STYLE BLANKS. ALL WEAPONS AND AMMO WILL GO THROUGH SAFETY INSPECTION.
2. Weapons allowed: M-1903 Springfield variants, M-1 Garand, M-1 Carbine (No 30 round magazines) Thompsons, Grease Guns, M-1918 BAR, M-1919, M-2 .50 cal. if vehicle mounted, M-1911A1, Smith Victory Models, Trench-gun, Bazookas, 60/81mm mortars.
3. All edged weapons must remain sheathed during battle. NO EXCEPTIONS.
4. NO PYROTECHNICS OF ANY KIND unless approved by the SAFETY OFFICER.

## Camping:

1. Khaki Single End and OD Double End shelter half tents allowed. Any Canvas US Military Tents allowed i.e.: M-1934 Pyramid, GP Smalls, GP Medium, GP Large, Wall Tents etc.
2. All civilian items such as sleeping gear, coolers, etc. must be place out of sight of the public.

## British, Canadian and Polish Allied Units:

The following is a summary of basic authenticity guidelines for British and Canadian forces employed. The Uniforms British and Commonwealth impressions should not mix materials (e.g. British with Canadian uniforms). British uniforms should be of British brown (khaki in official documents) wool while the Canadian uniforms must be of Canadian green wool. Other nationalities should limit their impressions to uniforms appropriate to their involvement during the invasion of Germany during the Spring of 1945.

Grooming for All British and Canadian Units; No beards, sideburns, long hair tucked up into headgear, ponytails, mullets, or other inappropriate (modern/ non-military) hairstyles. Moustaches should be groomed to common 1940's British military standards that can be documented to 1945. Common uniforms and items in use by British, Canadian, Commonwealth and Polish units during late 1944 early 1945 are permitted.

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