



Axis Authenticity Standards

Grooming Standards

Wehrmacht and Waffen-SS Forces must meet the grooming standards of the period. No facial hair (except for Gebirgs - 2cm in length). Hair must be trimmed to Wehrmacht regulations. No facial jewelry or piercings .

Flags

No Nazi Party banner flags permitted due to their nature and response. This will be strictly enforced. Battle flags, unit and divisional flags are acceptable.

Other Impression Restrictions

As always, NO political, SD, Allgemeine-SS, or other non-military uniforms allowed! No Japanese or Italian units will be involve in the battle reenactment and confined to the living history encampments, as the battle is an ETO Rhine River event. No impersonations of German Generals will be allowed unless approved by the Axis Commander and Event Coordinators.

THERE WILL BE NO IMPERSONATION OF ANY NAZI POLITICAL LEADERS OR ORGANIZATIONS (such AS NSDAP, Hitler Youth, SA, SD, or Allgemeine-SS)

A Walk in Their Boots appreciates everyone's effort to adhere to these authenticity guidelines in order to make the experience better for everyone, reenactor and spectator alike. We will be conducting inspections and expect units and individual reenactors to meet our minimum standards; we reserve the right to limit the participation of those units/reenactors who refuse to abide by event authenticity standards. In extreme cases we reserve the right to remove offenders from the event.

Impressions (Heer, Luftwaffe, Waffen-SS)

Uniform

-Field-grey wool (preferred) or reed-green cotton HBT

No off-white drill uniforms

No tropical uniforms--this is late war Germany in November weather

-FJ, Heer and Waffen-SS may wear camouflage uniforms as appropriate for Late War 1944-1945

-Grey, green, or dark yellow service shirt

-Field-grey M35, M40, or M42 steel helmet

Netting, wire, and camo covers are permitted

Soft caps not to be worn for the battle reenactment for safety reasons

Officers and NCOs may wear visor/crusher caps at discretion of unit CO; however, helmets must be worn for the battle reenactment

-Jackboots or low boots and gaiters

No Panzer-type uniforms should be worn during these battles unless you are part of an armored vehicle crew

Equipment

-Black leather belt

-Appropriate ammo pouches for your weapon

-Canteen with brown felt cover

For safety reasons, we would like all Axis forces to have a canteen full of water for the battle reenactment

-Olive-green or khaki breadbag

-Bayonet and black leather or olive-green web frog (mounted or unmounted)

-Field-grey gas mask canister

-E-tool optional

-Pistol holsters: officers, NCOs, MG/gun crews only

Weapons

ANYONE VIOLATING SAFETY GUIDELINES WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY. NO QUESTIONS. All edged weapons must remain sheathed during battle. NO EXCEPTIONS. ALL WEAPONS MUST USE CRIMPED STYLE BLANKS. ALL WEAPONS AND AMMO WILL GO THROUGH SAFETY INSPECTION.

-all standard issue Wehrmacht weapons are permitted as well as German occupation weapons common to the western Front. Use of Soviet weapons is strongly discouraged. Captured allied submachine guns such as Stens can be used but on a limited basis by units. Use of Non firing Panzerfaust in the battle reenactment is strongly encourage as they were used in large numbers.

-units may employ other heavy weapons (mortars, PaK guns, etc.), but must observe event safety rules regarding ordnance. Due to the close proximity of the public during the inland battles, firing actual ordnance rounds is prohibited. Use grenades judiciously.

-NO wooden-tipped blanks

Impressions (Volkssturm)

Uniform

-Field-grey wool Tunic or Period Correct 1940's civilian attire

- Volssturm Armbands

No tropical uniforms--this is late war Germany in November weather

-German Overcoats or 1940's period civilian overcoats

-Grey, green, or dark yellow service shirt or 1940's period shirts

-Field-grey M35, M40, or M42 steel helmet

Netting, wire, and camo covers are permitted

Soft caps or 1940's period civilian caps are not to be worn for the battle reenactment for safety reasons

Volkssturm Officers and NCOs may wear visor/crusher caps at discretion of unit CO; however, helmets must be worn for the battle reenactment

-Jackboots, low boots and gaiters or 1940's period footwear

Equipment

-Black leather or Brown Leather belt

-Appropriate ammo pouches for your weapon

-Canteen with brown felt cover

For safety reasons, we would like all Axis forces to have a canteen full of water for the battle reenactment

-Olive-green or khaki breadbag

-Bayonet and black leather or brown leather (mounted or unmounted) Optional

-Field-grey gas mask canister (Optional)

-Pistol holsters: officers, NCOs, MG/gun crews only

Weapons

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

All edged weapons must remain sheathed during battle. NO EXCEPTIONS.

ALL WEAPONS MUST USE CRIMPED STYLE BLANKS. ALL WEAPONS AND AMMO WILL GO THROUGH SAFETY INSPECTION.

-all standard issue Wehrmacht weapons are permitted as well as German occupation weapons common to the western Front. Also use of Gew 88 and Gew 98 is appropriate for Volkssturm. Use of Soviet weapons is not permitted. Use of Non firing Panzerfaust in the battle reenactment is strongly encourage as they were used in large numbers by Volksstrum.