

UNIFORM CARE & DRESS CODE

Welcome to the Lewis & Clark Fife and Drum Corps. Since we are in the public eye and a volunteer youth military unit that must look good at all times, we are hoping that these guidelines will help you look your best. If you have any questions, you can ask any of the Corps Members. If you need help in obtaining uniform needs, you can consult with the Quartermaster.

FOR UNIFORM COATS and VEST CARE:

1. **DRY CLEAN** coat and vest on a regular basis. DO NOT machine wash!
 - A. While performing and if resting, fold your coat, once carefully, by putting the shoulders together.
 - B. When at home, hang on a thick wood or plastic hanger. This will help keep the shape of the wool better at the shoulders area.
 - C. If your coat has been in the rain/snow/heat that might cause it to be wet, make sure that the coat dries naturally and in the open elements before putting it in a closet.
 - A. Keep uniform in good condition by having buttons, epaulettes, and lining to look perfect. If buttons are lost, ask the Quartermaster for new ones--Do Not replace with buttons from a fabric store!
2. Shirt and Pants
 - A. Wash your white shirt and pants after each performance. Very little bleach may be necessary after some performances.
 - B. Pants are provided by the Corps.
 - C. Shirts and shoes are the responsibility of the Performing Member. See the Quartermaster for information on purchasing.
3. Hats
 - A. Treat your hat as your instrument - with respect. Keep brim flat when storing and Transporting.
 - B. Keep clean and dry. SPOT CLEAN ONLY!
 - C. Foraging cap—always keep in haversack, Dry Clean only or hand wash in Woolite, do not machine wash!
4. Shoes, Socks & Gaiters
 - A. You will have to purchase a black boot/shoe, comfortable, but with a sturdy sole and a heel as period correct as possible. Tennis shoes or athletic shoes are *not* appropriate. See Quartermaster for suggestions and approval.
 - B. Clean and polish boots/shoes.
 - C. Black socks only.

- D. Gaiters are to fit over the ankle or high boot and must be kept and black.

.5) Basic Appearance for Performing Members

- A. Pull back long hair into ponytail or one braid and secure with a black elastic band or one that matches the hair color.
- B. Colored nail polish may not be worn. Gloves may be used when appropriate.
- C. Glamor make-up is not allowed. Very minimal make-up should be used.
- D. No jewelry or wristwatches may be exposed to the public.
- E. No facial hair, including but not limited to full beards or mustaches.

6. Canteens and Haversacks

- A. Wash the straps on the canteens, (spot wash only) and haversacks (machine wash) to keep them clean.

7. Instruments

Respect your instrument at all times, by taking care of it. Remember your instrument is your friend. They not only must look nice but also sound good. Learn from your Sergeant how to oil your fife and change heads and tighten ropes on your drums. There may be some other basic care that they will teach you.