

# Civil War in the Southwest: Cavalry Guidelines

## **Confederate: Army of New Mexico**

### **Uniforms:**

No "Grey or Butternut" enlisted men's uniforms. Only officers wore Confederate Uniforms.

### **Hats**

Broad brimmed felt or straw  
Union forage caps  
Wheel caps  
Hardee hats  
Period civilian hats

### **Coats & Jackets**

Captured Federal sack coats or shell jackets (very common)  
Mexican War surplus clothing  
Civilian sack or frock coats (very common)

### **Shirts**

Civilian Shirts – made from cotton, wool, muslin, or appropriate period material.  
"Battle" overshirt  
Federal issue shirts

### **Trousers**

Civilian Pattern – made from appropriate materials – wool, corduroy, cotton duck, jeans cloth (wool-cotton blend)  
Federal issue Trousers (very common)  
Mexican style vaquero trousers

### **Footwear**

Military brogans or boots  
Civilian shoes or boots

### **Accoutrements**

Captured Federal equipment: cartridge boxes, canteens, haversacks, belts, cap pouches, and bayonets.  
Belt knife  
Mexican War surplus equipment  
Civilian / homemade equipment

# Confederate: Army of New Mexico Cavalry Guidelines

## **Longguns: Preferred**

1855 Springfield's  
1842 Springfield's  
1841 Springfield's  
1816 Conversions (Conversion of Flintlock Muskets)  
1855 Colt Revolving Rifles  
1859 Sharps Carbine/Rifles  
Double Barrel Percussion Shotguns  
Single Barrel Percussion Shotguns  
1847 Musketoons  
Civilian Period Rifles  
Plains Rifles (Hawken Style)  
Austrian Lorenz's

## **Longguns: Acceptable**

1861 Springfield's  
Enfield's

## **Handguns: Preferred**

1842 Springfield's  
1851 Colt Navy's  
1855 Colt Root Revolvers  
Colt Dragoons  
1849 Colt's  
1848 Colt's  
1858 Starr DA Revolvers  
Single-Shot Pistol's  
Pepperbox's

## **Handguns: Acceptable**

1860 Colt Army  
Colt Walker's (rare)  
Colt Paterson's (rare)  
Whitney Revolvers

# **Confederate: Army of New Mexico Cavalry Guidelines**

## **Knives & Bladed Weapons: Preferred**

Bowie

“D” Guard Bowie

Lances

Period Belt Knives

Period Sabers (mostly officers)

Bayonets for military long arms

## **Saddles: Preferred**

Model 1859 McClellan

Grimsley

Hope

Jenifer

Plantation

Mexican (Southwestern)

## **Saddle Blankets: Preferred**

Natural material (fiber) blanket

Military style blanket

Modern saddle pads must be hidden under the blanket.

## **Tack (Bridles, Reins, Bits & Tie Downs): Preferred**

Military Styles prior to 1862

Civilian Styles prior to 1862

## **Tack (Bridles, Reins, Bits & Tie Downs): Acceptable**

Modern materials. Note: synthetics must appear period looking, for example, no neon colors.

# Federal: California, Colorado & New Mexico Volunteers Cavalry Guidelines

## **Uniforms**

Almost all of the troops wore the standard Federal issue uniforms.

## **Hats**

Hardee hats

Union forage caps

Broad brimmed felt or straw hats

## **Coats & Jackets**

Sack coat or shell jacket (round-about)

## **Shirts**

Federal issue shirts

Civilian Shirts- made from cotton, wool, muslin, or appropriate period material.

## **Trousers**

Federal issue trousers (mounded or dismounted)

## **Footwear**

Military brogans or boots

Civilian shoes or boots (officers)

## **Accoutrements**

Federal issue equipment: cartridge boxes, canteens, haversacks, belts, cap pouches, carbine sling, & belt knife (optional)

# Federal: California, Colorado & New Mexico Volunteers Cavalry Guidelines

Note: Officers purchased their own side arms, anything manufactured before early 1862 is acceptable.

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1851 Colt Navy's  
Colt Dragoons  
1855 Springfield's  
1858 Starr SA Revolvers

## **Handguns: Acceptable**

1860 Colt Army  
Whitney Revolvers

## **Knives & Bladed Weapons: Preferred**

Period Belt Knives  
Period Sabers: Models 1840 & 1860 (Officers, & most enlisted men)

## **Saddles: Preferred**

Model 1859 McClellan  
Grimsley  
Hope  
Jenifer  
Mexican (Southwestern)  
Plantation (Officers only)

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