These Boots are made for Walking and Standing...

During the Louisiana Floods of 2016 at Baton Rouge deployment, CDR Carla Hinz (then LCDR) conducted a survey of RDF-3 team members for a list of boot suggestions that made deployment operations less traumatic on your feet. Here is what she found out...

*Boot requirements per regulations: 8-10” uppers, Leather or fabric, plain or capped toe, black leather or brushless black, steel toes and zippers are optional*

**Tips**
- Invest in some good wicking socks (e.g., SmartWool Hiking Socks - Midweight, Merino Wool (For Men and Women) [https://amzn.com/B01IX4UZTK](https://amzn.com/B01IX4UZTK)
- Consider buying liner socks (e.g., Fox River Adult Military Ultra-Light Weight Dress Liner Crew Socks (2 Pack) [https://amzn.com/B00891PTEY](https://amzn.com/B00891PTEY), and doubling up; practice wearing these before deployment.
- Break new boots in prior to deployment.
- Use Elastic Blousing Garter - Foliage Green (e.g., [https://amzn.com/B0034UP3ZU](https://amzn.com/B0034UP3ZU))
- Good inserts: Phase 4 platinum ([www.walkfit.com](http://www.walkfit.com))

Boot Recommendations by team personnel: Prices listed below are approximate.

*Good-to-Excellent Boots (listed in random order)*
- Original SWAT ($90)
- Danner Tachyon ($140)
- Nike combat boots ($140)
- ATAC 511 tactical ($90)
- Belleville Tactical Research ($135)
- Black Hawk Military Warrior Wear ($125)
- Danner Acadia ($350)
- New Balance Tactical Boots 991 MBK ($115)
- Belleville Black Desert Combat ($120)
- Bates Men’s GX-8 8 Inch Ultra-Lites GTX Waterproof Boot ($150) [https://amzn.com/B000HV5FS4](https://amzn.com/B000HV5FS4)

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