

MS SAR COLOR GUARD

REVOLUTIONARY WAR CLOTHING & ACCOUTREMENTS

We would like to thank you for your interest in the MS SAR Color Guard. This guide will endeavor to help you get a kit together so that you may get active with us.

The MS SAR Color Guard will always let each member choose the uniform they want. Many want to wear what their ancestor probably wore. We ask that you be as accurate as possible. Several of us just got the Continental Infantry Privates coat from Townsends. Just be sure it is wool. PLEASE don't get the coat made out of nylon/synthetic material. Natural Fibers breathe easier and look better. Most of us are wearing thigh length black gaiters over our breeches. This helps to create a semi-uniform look. You can expect to sink about \$1,000 into a good uniform.

Many want epaulets, so many are Officers. But with so many Officers, we end up with Generals carrying muskets or flags, under the command of a Captain. Officers carry swords, not flags or muskets. A good-looking Color Guard will have two (maybe three) Officers. The rest are militia or enlisted soldiers.

Having said that, do what you want. We will welcome you, even as a militia soldier (Schenk). Again, thank you for wanting to join. You will look great. We NEED you!!

The MS SAR Color Guard can supply 8 Bayonet's w/ Scabbards. We also have four Charleville muskets with bayonets. However, if you own a Charleville or Brown Bess musket, please bring it.

There are many different uniforms during the Revolutionary War. These include civilian clothing, militia, Hunting Frocks and the Continental Line uniforms. Most companies that sell Continental Line uniforms sell the dark blue coat with red facings and cuffs. However, on October 2, 1779, General Washington issued a [General Order](#) creating a Uniform standard. While uniforms were hard to come by, Officers were "endeavor to accommodate their uniforms to this standard.

This standard stated:

Blue uniform faced with White, White Linings and buttons	Light Dragoons	Blue uniform faced with Blue, Button holes edged with narrow white lace or tape, White Linings and buttons	North Carolina
	New Hampshire		South Carolina
	Massachusetts		Georgia
	Rhode Island		
	Connecticut		
Blue uniform faced with Buff, White Linings and buttons	New York	Blue uniform faced with Scarlet, Scarlet Linings and Yellow buttons, Yellow bound hats, Coats edged with Narrow Lace with the same	Artillery and Artillery Artificers
	New Jersey		
Blue uniform faced with Red, White Linings and buttons	Pnensylvania		
	Delaware		
	Maryland		
	Virginia		

1. Coat:

Revolutionary War: **Revolutionary War Continental Coat**, Blue with Red Trim.
[Jas Townsends](#) Item#RC-152. Cost \$465.00

2. Hat:



Standard Wool-Felt Tricorn
[Jas-Townsends](#) Item #TH-905.
Cost \$84.00

OR



Premium Fur-Felt Tricorn
[Jas Townsends](#) Item # H-2445
Cost \$280.00

3. Neckstock:



Black Linen
[Jas Townsends](#) Item #LS-375.
Cost \$10.00

4. Waistcoat:



Men's 1770s Waistcoat
Off white Linen
[Jas Townsends](#) Item # SW-130
Cost \$130

5. Shirt:



18th Century Workshirt

Cotton – off white

[Jas Townsends](#) Item #SH-124

Cost \$70.00

OR



Early 19th Century Empire Shirt

Cotton – Off white

[Jas Townsends](#) Item #SH-138

Cost \$70.00

6. Breeches & Trousers:



Fall Front Knee Breeches

Cotton Canvas Off white

[Jas Townsends](#) Item # CP-128

Cost \$145.00

7. Gaiters:



Thigh-Length Gaiters (Black)

[Jas Townsends](#) Item #SH-138

Cost \$88.00

8. Stockings & garters:



Cotton Stockings

[Jas Townsends](#)

White Item # SP-754

Cost \$16.00



Leather Garters

[Jas Townsends](#)

Item # GA-753

Cost \$12.00

9. Haversack:



Cotton Canvas Haversack

[Jas Townsends](#). Item # HS-711

Cost \$18.00

Useful item. Buy one.

10. Shoes:



Buckles not included

Men's 18th Century Buckle Shoes

[Jas Townsends](#)

Black, Item #CS-925

Cost \$140.00



Men's Shoe Buckles Plain Brass

[Jas Townsends](#). Item #CS-926

Cost \$55.00

11. Bayonet Scabbard with white shoulder strap



Brown Bess Bayonets

[Veteran Arms](#)

Cost: \$85.00



French Charleville Bayonet

[Veteran Arms](#)

Cost: \$85.00