

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 spend about \$1,000 on 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, we will welcome you as an Officer or Enlisted soldier, Regular or Militia soldier. 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 have four Charleville muskets. However, you are encouraged to purchase your own flintlock musket. A flintlock rifle may be used if you dress as civilian or militia.

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		

James Townsends is given as a source and also for comparison of prices. The images are taken from [Townsends website](#). Some individuals like to make their own uniform coat and purchase everything else. Some individuals employ an experienced seamstress or tailor to make their uniform. We have used C & D Jarnagin (www.jarnaginco.com) in Corinth, MS to make several uniforms.

Sites to check out:

James Townsend & Son, Inc. www.townsends.us or www.jas-townsend.com

S & S Firearms – www.ssfirearms.com

PCE Leatherworks – www.pceleatherworks.com

Veteran Arms – www.veteranarms.com

George Franks, Hatter – www.cockedhats.com

1. Coat:

Revolutionary War Continental Coat,

Blue with Red Trim.

[Jas Townsends](#)

Item#RC-152. Cost \$465.00



2. Hat:



OR



Standard Wool-Felt Tricorn

[Jas Townsends](#) Item #TH-905.

Cost \$84.00

Heavy Wool-Felt Tricorn

[Jas Townsends](#) Item # HW-916

Cost \$105.00



Premium Fur-Felt Tricorn

[Jas Townsends](#) Item # H-2445

Cost \$280.00

Comes with a hat Jack



Hat Jack

[Jas-Townsends](#) Item #HS-919

Cost \$22.00

Highly recommended.

Cockade: Can be ordered with the hat.

3. Neck stock or Cravat (a neck stock is preferred)



Black Linen

[Jas Townsends](#) Item #LS-375.

Cost \$10.00



Black Cotton Cravat

Black Cotton

[Jas Townsends](#) Item # CR-371

Cost \$15



4. Waistcoat:

Men's 1770s Waistcoat

White or Off-white Linen

[Jas Townsends](#) Item # SW-130

Cost \$130

Note: No collar – Longer length



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

Note: The Rev. War uniform utilizes a shirt with turn down collar. Either of the above shirts will work.

6. Breeches & Trousers:

Fall Front Knee Breeches

Cotton Canvas Off white

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

Cost \$145.00

Note: IMPORTANT. The Rev. War Breeches have external buttons at knee. This becomes important if you wear thigh length gaiters. The button adds additional support for the gaiter, to that supplied by the garter.



7. Suspenders

Suspenders in Cotton

white in color

[Jas Townsends](#) Item # PA-137

Cost \$12.00

Note: IMPORTANT. Be sure you ask for suspender buttons to be added to the breeches or trousers. Suspenders are important for two reasons: (1) Breeches or trousers are worn high/at or above the navel. This is hidden because of the waistcoat and military coat. (2) Some who are overweight must have suspenders to hold the pants high enough. Trousers/breeches worn too low, ruin the uniform



8. Gaiters:

Thigh-Length Gaiters

(Black)

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

Cost \$88.00

Optional (Look good if your calves are extra-large or very thin). You will need a seamstress to mark and sew the buttons. **IMPORTANT** that they fit tight.



9. Stockings & garters:



Cotton Stockings

[Jas Townsends](#)

White Item # SP-754

Cost \$16.00



Leather Garters

[Jas Townsends](#)

Item # GA-753

Cost \$12.00

10. Shoes:



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

OR



Black Colonial buckled shoe.

www.fugawee.com

Cost \$149.95

Buckle Sold Separately



Iron and Brass Shoe Buckle

www.fugawee.com

Cost: \$31.00



Black Colonial Half Boot

www.fugawee.com

Cost \$176.49

11. Haversack:

Cotton Canvas Haversack

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

Cost \$18.00

Useful item. Buy one. Optional

The Haversack or Bayonet Scabbard and Cartridge Box will provide the X across the front of your coat. The Bayonet Scabbard has the Breast Plate which looks sharp. Officers will have an epaulet on one shoulder or both shoulders and carry a sword. Enlisted soldiers will carry a flag or musket. Soldiers with muskets will need a Cartridge Box and Bayonet Scabbard.



12. Bayonet Scabbard with white shoulder strap



Brown Bess Bayonets

[Veteran Arms](#)

Cost: \$85.00



French Charleville Bayonet

[Veteran Arms](#)

Cost: \$85.00