



# UNIFORMS OF THE AMERICAN WAR OF INDEPENDENCE



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## Revolutionary War Uniform Suggestions

This list will provide the new Color Guardsman an idea of the cost of a recommended uniform. (NOTE: Not all items are required to make up a complete uniform for Color Guard events).

**Regimental Uniform:** Preferred uniform for Color Guard leaders and flag bearers.

- Typical items: Tricorn hat, coat, waistcoat (vest), breeches/long overalls, stockings, buckled shoes.
- Tricorn Hat: Small (\$50.00) larger (\$64.00 to \$200.00)
- Coat: (\$134.00-\$355.00) Purchase of a coat can be deferred, as the other items make a suitable uniform
- Waistcoat: (\$40.00 or purchase a pattern for \$12.00 and DIY)  
(or purchase the Kit with pieces already cut for \$35.00 and have it sewn to fit locally)
- Soldier Shirt: (\$45.00) or Ruffled shirt (\$60.00) (optional: collar, puffed sleeves, ruffles at throat & cuffs)
- Knee breeches: (\$90.00) or Long pants/leggings (\$85.00)

**Optional accoutrement items:**

Leather Belt (\$22.00), Haversack (\$20.00), Canteen (\$50.00), Sword (\$80.00), pistol/musket replica (\$150.00), Bayonet (\$20.00), Powder Horn (\$20.00), Neck stock/tie (\$8.50), Long stockings (\$12.00), Shoulder boards/Sash (\$130.00 up) (Officers wear, 54" crimson silk sash, sword) (NCO's wear red sash/epaulets, red wool)

**Colonial Militiaman's Uniform:** Desirable for armed color guardsmen to flank the flag bearers.

Typical items (sample cost):

- Round hat (\$40.00)
- Hunting frock (\$90.00)
- Waistcoat (\$40.00 or purchase a pattern for \$12.00 and DIY)  
(or purchase the Kit with pieces already cut for \$35.00 and have it sewn to fit locally.)
- Cravat (\$14.00)
- Long pants and/or leggings (\$85.00)
- Leather Belt (any will do)
- Moccasins, work boots, hiking boots, shoes/boots not critical (on hand)
- White soldier shirt or regular farm-type checked shirt. (\$45.00)
- Officers wear colored sash, NCO's colored wool sash (\$130.00)

**Optional accoutrement items:**

Leggings: \$33.00, Haversack: \$20.00, Canteen: \$45.00, Rifle replica: \$180.00 (non-firing) Musket replica: \$150.00; Bayonet: \$20.00, Powder Horn: \$15.00; Tomahawk: \$15.00; Hunting knife.

Above data provided by Compatriot **Bob O'Neal**



# Internet Source Links for Uniforms, Accessories, Weapons, ETC

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- **Uniforms Only:**

[Patrician Designs](#): Custom uniforms made to order.

[Sew Sew](#): Sharon Urick specializes in military uniforms and historical clothing for ladies and gentlemen.

[Costume Discounters](#): Good quality costume to serve as a loaner uniform (\$234).

[Hong Kong Tailors \(Axis Powers\)](#): Made to measure. Includes coat, shirt, & long pants in polyester. Delivery, 5-8 weeks (\$89). *(Best buy, but not the best quality)*

[American Heritage Clothing](#) Reenactor wool coats. Prices for American regimentals ... \$495 and up. Good quality but long delivery times

[Whidbey Sewing Victorian-Edwardian Fashion Antique and Reproduction](#) Custom uniforms

- **Full-Service Vendors:** Uniforms, Accessories, and Accoutrements

[Historical Twist](#): Museum quality historical product.

[Jas. Townsend & Sons, Inc.](#): Excellent quality period accoutrements, clothes and uniforms. Good delivery.

[C. & D. Jarnagin Co](#): A complete source; good quality. Good delivery.

[The Sutler of Mount Misery](#): (AKA GG Goodwin) Epaulets, Shoulder Knots, Shoes, Military Eqpt, etc. Good quality *(Beware of long wait for custom made uniforms!)*

[Sampson Historical](#): Provide full line of documented items for reenactors, museums.

[By The Sword](#): Medieval and renaissance clothing, weapons, collectables and more

- **Militia, Riflemen & Accoutrements**

[Dixie Gun Works](#): Good source for hunting frocks & replica weapons kit ([British Brown Bess Flintlock](#), \$995.00)

[Crazy Crow Trading Post](#): Native American Craft Supplies & Mountain Man Craft Supply

[Smoke & Fire Co](#): Accessories, accoutrements

[Smiling Fox Forge](#): Axes, Knives, Blacksmithing, Buckles, Clothing, Colonial goods, Gun Supplies, Sewing, Tableware, Sewing, & Toys

[Avalon Forge](#): Accoutrements at reasonable prices

[Medieval Collectibles](#): Full line of Clothing, Weaponry, & Accessories.

[NajECKI Reproductions](#): Full line of accoutrements for re-enactors *(do not seem to be anxious to fill orders?)*

[Quarter Master General](#): Full line of accoutrements for re-enactors. Just about everything.

[Etsy](#): Hunting Frocks and Patterns. Also carry many other items related to the [Revolution](#).

- **Weapons**

[Track of the Wolf](#): Specializing in Muzzle loading guns, kits, parts, accoutrements, rendezvous gear, tents & a lot of other 18<sup>th</sup> century items. ([catalog download-PDF](#)).

[Access Heritage](#): Good source for replica weapons. For those wanting a **British (2nd Model) Short Land Pattern Brown Bess Flintlock Musket** \$549.00 + shipping \$45.00 (\$594.00).

*(Note: This historically accurate musket is in a non-firing state. This allows compliance with various firearms regulations & shipping company policy restrictions. A certified gunsmith may decide to alter it to a firing state by drilling the vent hole and test firing it).*

- **Accessories**

[Madame Joan's Wee Wiggies](#): Hairpiece & wigs

- **Other Sources:** Mountain Man shows: Used items are often on sale at these events.

[WA State Muzzleloader's Association](#)

[Cascade Mountain Men](#)

- **Miscellaneous:**

[Glendale Parade Store](#): Large assortment of items for the parade participant (carriers, swords, gloves, poles, etc.)

[Fun.Com](#): Affordable Tall Black Boots.

[Historical Emporium](#) Another source for Boots and other items.

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