

The Well-Dressed Guardsmen



A Quartermaster's purchasing guide to outfitting yourself as a
Member of the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard

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I have always been one to look for a deal. When purchasing my own militia uniform, I searched through many websites. As always, quality, size, color, material, as well as price varied greatly. When asked to help fellow chapter members attend events in uniform, after loaning a few items, the requests changed to, "what/where should I purchase my own?" I became the chapter's Quartermaster. This is the 3rd update of this publication.

I decided that I would put together a small volume to address the current state of affairs. I have included the various sites I have found, with personal experiences. *(Understand I cannot possibly know all sites, and some local sutlers are not listed. Some don't do websites, but sell at reenactment events. If you know of any I should include, let me know. <mailto:eldecker@weegrr.com>)*

Understand that these are not an endorsement, nor an attempt to keep you from purchasing one item over another. Just my personal opinions. Photos are from seller's webpages, so I cannot show more than they did. Of course, as soon as it is published, the prices, website, and availability will immediately change. "Capes ut pendes" {you get what you pay for} and the final choice decision is your own.

To fire a musket in any event, the material of the uniform must be natural fiber. No polyester or poly blend is allowed.

Contents: *(I chose to organize by separate clothing item. Most companies offer many of the items, but not all. Cruise through their websites to see all the offerings.)*

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Militia minimums: *What is the bare minimum needed to participate?*

The bare minimum would be period shirt, pants, & shoes. Hat, vest and weapon would be the next set of items to look / act the part. After that, the accessories are endless. But let's look to the essentials and build from there.

Shirt:

Standard period shirts were long sleeve, with collar. Collar may or may not be buttoned. Longer lengths like a nightshirt are more period, but tucked into pants, one would not notice a shorter length. Standard colors include white, patterned (mostly plaid) and solid colors. Materials include cotton, linen, silk, fustian, or buckskin leather.

When going in hot weather, I often wear the hunter's shirt, with the longer length hanging out over my pants. A belt wrapped around the waist is sufficient to complete the look.



Crazy Crow

This website carries mountain man, Native American, Rendezvous, and Civil War clothing. Much of it is within or close to the period dress we look for.

Shirts range from \$57 - \$69 M, L, XL - 2XL

Cotton and other natural fibers. Multiple

colors, stripes, plaids.

<https://www.crazycrow.com/mountain-men-clothing>



Samson Historical

White cotton with pewter buttons on sleeves.
\$40 S, M, L, XL - 3XL

Linen/cotton \$75

<https://www.samsonhistorical.com/collections/shirts/products/white-1700s-shirt>



White cotton / osnaburg



Jas. Townsend

Work shirt, banded collar,
Cotton, osnaburg (rougher,
courser cotton), linen,
white, checked (red or blue)

XS, S, M, L, XL - 3XL

\$60 - \$110

Ruffled or checked \$75 -

\$80

Linen \$110 - \$120

<https://www.townsend.us/clothing-c-72/mens-clothing-c-72-1/mens-shirts-smocks-c-72-1-88.html>

Smoke and Fire

Plain cotton S, M, L, XL - 3XL(add \$10) \$45

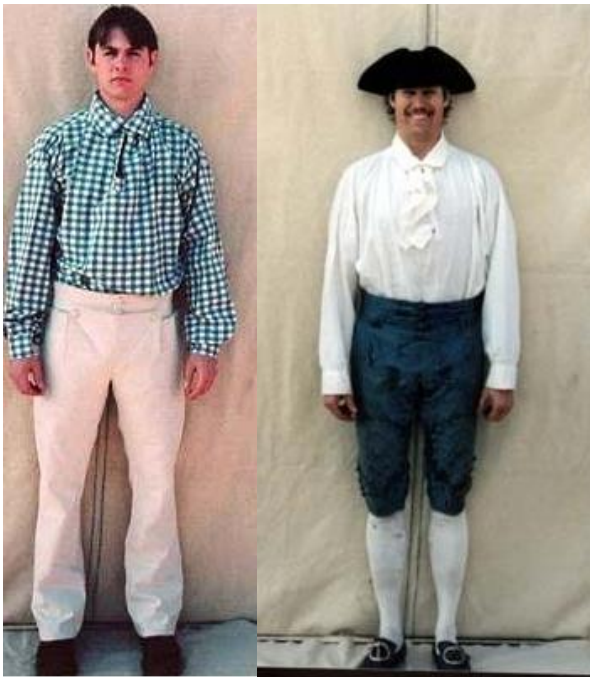
Ruffled \$55

Plain linen S, M, L, XL - 3XL(add \$10) \$85

Ruffled \$95

<https://www.smoke-fire.com/product-category/clothing/mens-colonial-clothing/>





Smiling Fox Forge

Checked Cotton or muslin M, L, \$56.65 XL, 2XL \$66.65

Ruffled white cotton M, L, \$66.95 XL, 2XL \$86.95

Ruffled white linen M, L, \$101.95 XL, 2XL \$111.95

https://smilingfoxforge.com/index.php?id_category=38&controller=category



The Quartermaster General

Medium-heavy weight shirt. unbleached fustian (60% linen/40% cotton) is dyed a natural tan color, a fold-over collar with a button and loop closure and cuffs with a single button. The bottom of the neck opening is finished off with a decorative, double heart applique. Long length, fully gusseted, pleated at the sleeves.

\$79.99 L, XL, 2XL



Medium-light weight fustian open collar shirt is a natural off-white color and features a narrow open collar, pleated sleeves and cuffs with a single button. The neck opening terminates in a decorative heart applique. Long length, fully gusseted, pleated at the sleeves.

\$69.99 M, L, XL, 2XL

https://www.thequartermastergeneral.com/store/index.php?route=product/category&path=59_3



G Gedney Godwin

Plain style cotton shirt with button collar and gathered sleeves. Subtle changes from off the rack to hand made; private, to sergeant, to officer shirts (Ruffles at neck and sleeve)
Neck and sleeve measurements requested.
S, M, L, XL

\$32.50, \$48.75, \$51.75, \$55 depending on style

Linen S, M, L, XL \$77

<http://ggodwin-com.3dcartstores.com/shirts-Hunting-Shirst c 53.html>



C & G Jarnagin

Shirts available in a variety of colors. Contact for further information

Cotton plain front size 36 – 46 \$59
Size 48 – 50 \$65

Cotton ruffled front size 36 – 46 \$79
Size 48 – 50 \$85

Linen plain front size 36 – 46 \$187
Size 48 – 50 \$180

Linen ruffled front size 36 – 46 \$206
Size 48 – 50 \$224.25

<http://www.jarnaginco.com/revwarframe.html>

Bethlehem Trading Post

Cut full length like 18th Century men's shirts were made. Finished with bone buttons: Multiple colors. Linen. Either French or English cut. Allow 3 weeks for shipping.
\$95 - \$120 Not imported mass production.

<http://bethlehemtradingpost.com/mens-linen-and-wool-shirts.php>





Fort Downing Co.

Custom handmade shirts. Measurements required. Prewashed. Will not shrink. Shirts are double stitched and run slightly large. No skimping on fabric. Special requests handled.

S, M, L, XL, 2XL

Small - up to 40" chest / tummy
 Medium - up to 44" chest / tummy
 Large - up to 48" chest / tummy
 X Large - up to 52" chest / tummy
 XX Large - up to 56" chest / tummy



Cotton (solid color, checks or prints) \$55.00

Cotton Osnaburg \$55.00

Walnut hull dyed Osnaburg
 \$60.00

100% Linen \$70.00

Pull over Hunting shirt with cape
 add \$10.00

Wrap Shirt - order one size larger
 add \$10.00

Linen Ruffled shirt \$75.00

<http://www.fortdowning.com/Shirts.htm>

I have personally made purchases of shirts from Military Clothing, Crazy Crow, and Fort Downing. The cloth is pretty much as described. I have had no problems with any. MC shirts are shorter tailed, but acceptable when tucked into pants. Too short to wear out. Fort Downing was period precise, as you would expect from a reenactment sutler's craft. The embroidered heart at the collar was a nice touch. I had several conversations with Fort Downing regarding fabric choice, style, etc. on other items, even returning one that was sized wrong (my fault). Excellent service.

Pants:

Most folks think of button festooned knee breeches, although trousers (britches) are period as well. Either, depending on the wearers preference, location unit, or occupation may play a part. Trousers have the advantage of hiding ones socks and shoes, while the knee breeches requires knee stockings and more visible shoes. Two basic styles are generally available. Drop front, where a flap covers the front of the pants, 2 - 3 buttons undo the front drop. The second design is the French Fly. (Think button front jeans). Both patterns are period, and tend to have a drawstring in

the seat for additional tightening or loosening. Canvas/cotton-based materials will shrink with washing.



Samson Historical

Knee breeches are made of medium white cotton with pewter buttons. Back has laced gusset at waist. The size of the breeches is in inches with the gusset completely closed. In other words, the size is the smallest the waist will go. The company does not recommend dyeing these, but if you do wish to and would like advice, please contact them.

The brown breeches are the same as the white, except the buttons are matching covered.

Waist sizes 30 – 52

Cotton \$72

Wool or Linen \$95

<https://www.samsonhistorical.com/collections/breeches>



Jas. Townsend

Off white preshrunk cotton canvas Fall Front or French Fly Front knee breeches. Back gusset. Custom made to order: Multiple measurements needed: Waist, Inseam, Calf, and Thigh.

\$130

Color: Black, bright red, Brown, dark green, gray, navy, nutmeg, red, or stark white

Sizes 30-46 48-50 +\$10



Linen Fall front or French Fly Trousers

Colors: Black, brown, dark blue, gray, green, natural, nutmeg, olive, vanilla, Wedgewood blue, or white

\$165

Color: Black, bright red, Brown, dark green, gray, navy, nutmeg, red, or stark white

Cotton Fall front or French Fly Trousers

\$120

Colors: Black, brown, dark blue, gray, green, natural, nutmeg, olive, vanilla, Wedgewood blue, or white



Sailor Slops
Cotton

\$90-\$100

Sailor Slops
Linen

\$150-\$160

All pants feature front pockets.

<https://www.townsend.us/collections/breeches-leggings-and-trousers>



G. Gedney Godwin

Off the rack knee breeches are made of off-white wool, pewter buttons and a single working pocket lined in natural muslin. Back gusset

S,M,L, & XL \$102.50

White linen with pewter buttons

\$139.50



White linen with gold or silver buttons

\$153.50

Wool with pewter buttons. (Inquire about colors)

\$150.75

Wool with gold or silver buttons. (Inquire about colors)

170.25

Overalls (trousers)

Heavy white linen with pewter buttons

\$149

Overalls (trousers)

Wool lined trousers with pewter buttons. (Inquire about colors)

\$180.25

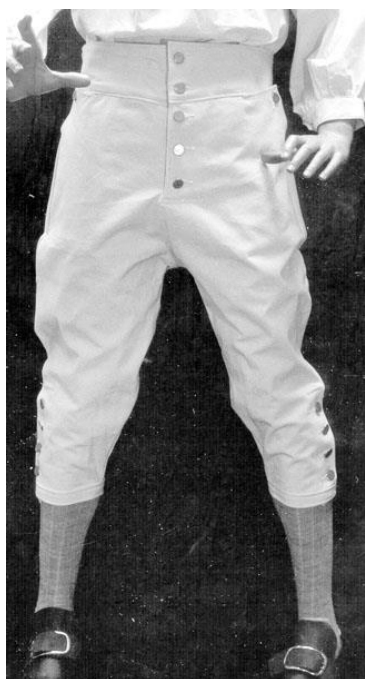
Sailor's slops (baggy shorts with loose fit. Perfect for on the seas where tight fitting clothing could drown you.

Stripped cotton with brass buttons (other materials and buttons available upon request)

\$60.50



[http://gggodwin-com.3dcartstores.com/Breeches-Overalls-Slops c 51.html](http://gggodwin-com.3dcartstores.com/Breeches-Overalls-Slops_c_51.html)



C & G Jarnagin

French Fly Front knee breeches. Custom made to order: Multiple measurements needed: Waist (at navel), Hips, Inseam (to below knee where comfortable), Calf, and Thigh. (Buttons are included in breeches price, but are not sewn.) Knee buckles option available. Back gusset

Cotton

Waist sizes 30 – 42	\$175
Waist sizes 44 – 46	\$189
Waist sizes 48 – 54	\$215

Linen

Waist sizes 30 – 42	\$198
Waist sizes 44 – 46	\$216
Waist sizes 48 – 54	\$238.95

Wool

Waist sizes 30 – 42	\$198
Waist sizes 44 – 46	\$216
Waist sizes 48 – 54	\$238.95

Charge for Brass knee breeches buckles and installation \$35

To sew buttons on fly front knee breeches \$45



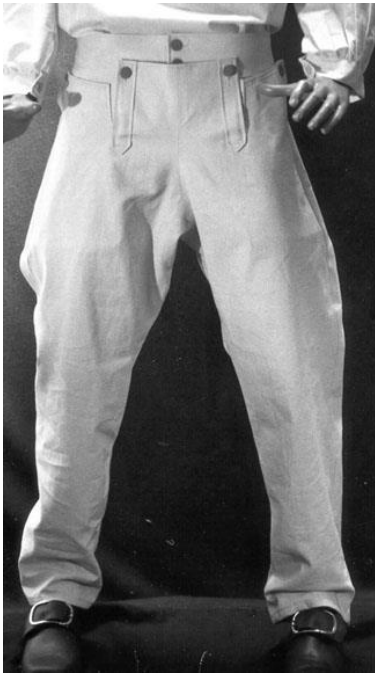
Drop front breeches. Custom made to order: Multiple measurements needed: Waist (at navel), Hips, Inseam (to below knee where comfortable), Calf, and Thigh. (Buttons are included in breeches price, but are not sewn.) Knee buckles option available.

Cotton

Waist sizes 30 – 42	\$185
Waist sizes 44 – 46	\$199
Waist sizes 48 – 54	\$215

Linen

Waist sizes 30 – 42	\$200
Waist sizes 44 – 46	\$215
Waist sizes 48 – 54	\$240



Wool

Waist sizes 30 – 42	\$200
Waist sizes 44 – 46	\$215
Waist sizes 48 – 54	\$240

Charge for Brass knee breeches
buckles and installation \$35

To sew buttons on Drop front knee breeches \$45

Straight cuff trousers, drop front.

Cotton

Waist sizes 30 – 42	\$165
Waist sizes 44 – 46	\$175
Waist sizes 48 – 54	\$195

Linen

Waist sizes 30 – 42	\$205
Waist sizes 44 – 46	\$220
Waist sizes 48 – 54	\$240

Wool

Waist sizes 30 – 42	\$205
Waist sizes 44 – 46	\$220
Waist sizes 48 – 54	\$240

To sew buttons on straight
cuff trousers \$29

Rev War Overalls. Trousers with a gaiter made into the leg bottom.

Cotton

Waist sizes 30 – 42	\$185
Waist sizes 44 – 46	\$200
Waist sizes 48 – 54	\$225

Linen

Waist sizes 30 – 42	\$230
Waist sizes 44 – 46	\$240
Waist sizes 48 – 54	\$265

Wool

Waist sizes 30 – 42	\$220
Waist sizes 44 – 46	\$240
Waist sizes 48 – 54	\$265

To sew buttons on Overalls \$39



<http://www.jarnaginco.com/revwarframe.html>



Smiling Fox Forge

Drop Front or French Fly breeches. Made from Cotton Duck material. Pewter buttons, functioning pockets, and gusset. Knee bands can button or buckle, (buckles separate cost.)

Drop Front Natural, red, black, navy and brown from \$92.70

French Fly Natural or navy blue from \$92.70

Sizes 30 – 50

French Fly Wool Pewter buttons, functioning pockets, and gusset. Lined with cotton. Knee bands can button or buckle, (buckles separate cost.)



Gray, black, camel, navy, or brown \$154.50

Sizes 30 – 48

They offer custom sizing and colors

Drop Front Linen Gray, black, camel, navy, or brown \$128.75

Sizes 30 – 50

Trousers are natural cotton duck with either drop front or French fly.



Natural Sizes 30 – 50 \$92.70

https://smilingfoxforge.com/index.php?controller=category&id_category=37&page=1



Bethlehem Trading Post

Breeches in both French fly and drop front available in wool, fustian, and heavy linen. Custom made. Measurements needed are waist, inseam, thigh, and calf.

Fustian colors include natural and wine

Linen include white, natural, dark brown, slate blue, navy blue, black and dark olive green (7 oz. weight)

Wool flannel colors include black (light weight), dark brown, medium gray, navy blue twill, olive green serge, tan, wintergreen, red, and white (all medium weight), and olive green, black, and navy blue (heavy weight)

French fly Linen breeches with leg ties, pewter buttons

\$120

French fly linen breeches with leg buttons, pewter \$140

French fly wool breeches with leg ties, pewter buttons \$135

French fly wool breeches with leg buttons, pewter \$155

Drop front linen breeches with leg ties, pewter buttons \$140

Drop front linen breeches with leg buttons, pewter buttons \$160

Drop front wool breeches with leg ties, pewter buttons \$165

Drop front wool breeches with leg buttons, pewter buttons \$175



Sailor slops, metal buttons (working pockets) waist and inseam measurements to where you desire the length to fall needed. Fustian or linen \$110 Wool \$120

<http://bethlehemtradingpost.com/breeches-and-trousers.php>



Fort Downing Co

All breeches custom hand made. Double and triple stitching (and then serging) all stress points including the side seams, crotch and fly area so you don't have to worry about your seams ripping out under normal wear. Our breeches have deep working side pockets, button cuffs, a 3" gusset at the back of waistband for easy size adjustment, and come with either horn or bone buttons.

Waist sizing: Small (30-33"), Medium (34-37"), Large (38-41")

For waist sizes XL (42-45") or XXL (46-49") add \$5.00.

French fly or drop front

Cotton Duck \$85

Fustian (linen / cotton) \$Call

Linen \$95

Wool lined w/cotton \$Call

Trousers either drop front or French fly, add \$5 to above prices

Colors include green, blue, red, brown, gold, orange, and pillow ticking stripes.

<http://www.fortdowning.com/Breeches.htm>

I have the afore mentioned Military Clothing breeches and trousers. Custom hand made are definitely better quality, though they do require more measuring and cost more.

Weskits, vests, waistcoats, or gilets:

Names and lengths changed over time, but basically fall into two categories, short and long. French and Indian War period long versions were still worn during the time of the revolution, when the style started to shorten. the French Gilet being the shortest and closest to a modern wear vest.



Samson Historical

Revolutionary War Waistcoat. Wool with cotton lining. Samsons offers these colors: Red, navy, green, and white. White seems to have silver buttons instead of brass.

Sizes 36 – 60 \$72

1760's Waistcoat. Wool with cotton lining. Samsons offers these colors: Red, navy, and green. All have brass buttons.

Sizes 36 – 60 \$72

Linen Revolutionary War Waistcoat. White, Blue, or Slate

Sizes 36 – 60 \$95

<https://www.samsonhistorical.com/collections/waistcoats>

Jas. Townsend



Fully lined with pewter buttons and working pockets. Cotton canvas colors: Black, stark white, off white, brown, nutmeg, bright red, gray, navy, and dark green. Made to order. Multiple measurements required. Largest sizes add \$10 extra.

1750's Waistcoat \$170

1750's Sleeved Waistcoat \$210 - \$220

1770's Waistcoat \$122.50

1770's Waistcoat \$180

Costume version available (unlined and no pockets) Nutmeg or off white. S, M, L, XL \$52



Linen or wool waistcoat. Pewter buttons and working pockets. Made to order. Multiple measurements required. Largest sizes add \$10 extra.

Linen colors: Crimson, black, Wedgewood blue, dark blue, vanilla, coral, chocolate, Green, olive, plum, white, nutmeg, natural and gray.

Wool colors: Dark green, brown, Colonial blue, bright red, moss green, camel, off white, gray, navy, black, and burgundy.

Block Printed 1770's Waistcoat \$122.50



1750's waistcoat. Lace runs up the center of the back. Pewter buttons and working pockets. Made to order. Multiple measurements required. Largest sizes add \$10 extra.

Cotton \$170

<https://www.townsend.us/collections/mens-waistcoats>



G. Gedney Godwin

Off the rack standard sizing waistcoat. Off white wool, lined with muslin, with pewter buttons and working pockets. Two ties in back to adjust fit.

Sizes R42 – 48. \$101.75

Civilian or military 1770 waistcoat. White linen, lined with pewter buttons.

98.50

Civilian or military 1770 waistcoat. Wool, lined with pewter buttons.



\$134

http://gggodwin-com.3dcartstores.com/Civilian-Military-Waistcoats_c_52.html



C & G Jarnagin

Waistcoat is straight from neck to waist and is angled outward from waist to bottom with a 10 pewter button front. There are two outside pockets either functional or not (Specify) with three unopened buttonholes. This waistcoat is available in cotton, wool or linen. Linings on waistcoats are linen for wool and linen but for cotton the lining material is cotton. They have un-pleated side vents.

Note: Buttons Are Included In The Jacket Price But Are Not Attached. completed size chart and the diagram FI-2 for details when ordering this waistcoat.



Cotton

Sizes 36 – 46	\$165
Size 48	\$190
Size 50	\$198.50

Linen

Sizes 36 – 46	\$195
Size 48	\$215
Size 50	\$239

Wool

Waist sizes 36 – 46	\$199
Waist size 48	\$214
Waist size 50	\$239

To sew buttons on
waistcoat \$45

<https://www.jarnaginco.com/revwarframe.html>



Smoke and Fire

1770s Waist Coat Wool front, linen back, pewter buttons. Fully lined. Wool colors: Forest green, navy, brown, black, white. Also available in off white linen.

Chest size over 50 call with measurements (add \$25).

Sizes: 38 – 50 (tummy size also requested)

\$99

French and Indian War Waistcoat

\$110.00

<https://www.smoke-fire.com/product-category/clothing/mens-colonial-clothing/>



Smiling Fox Forge

1750's style. Longer and more square cut. The coat comes with pewter buttons and functional pockets. Comes in cotton, wool, linen, brocade or silk. Please call for availability of silk and brocade colors. We can also make these in a custom size.

Sizes M, L, XL, 2XL +cost on larger sizes

Cotton \$118.45

Linen \$143.45

Wool \$148.45



Silk \$193.45

Brocade \$168.45

This waist coat is 1770's style. (We own an original, the cut of this waist coat is made from that waist coat.) The coat comes with pewter buttons and functional pockets.

Sizes M, L, XL, 2XL

Cotton \$113.30

Linen \$138.30

Wool \$153.30

Silk \$178.30

Brocade \$178.30

https://smilingfoxforge.com/index.php?id_category=39&controller=category



Fort Downing Co

When ordering a waistcoat please specify your neck, chest and tummy measurements, nape of neck down the spine to waist, nape of neck down spine to mid-thigh, as well as fabric and color preference.

Lined Waistcoats, 1750's style with working pockets. Specify plain back or laced back.

Plain back \$95

Laced back \$99

Wool \$125

Lined Waistcoats, 1770's style with working pockets. (These rarely had laced backs)

Plain \$90

Wool \$115

Sleeved Waistcoats - Either time period lined with working pockets, solid back. Pewter buttons add \$10 extra \$165



<http://www.fortdowning.com/CoatsAndHats.htm>

I will be looking at Samsons for replacements, since I believe them to be the among the lowest price, but good quality. I also have a Townsend vest, and have a brocade waist coat with fabric covered buttons from Ft. Downing. It is absolutely delightful. As with many items with buttons, these have a tendency to fall off. The more rare your button, the more you want to watch for threads coming loose. Additionally, covered buttons, over time, will have the fabric come loose and start to look raggedy. Replacement buttons may become necessary.

Socks:

Knee breeches require knee stockings. Trousers hide most all socks, so crew or your favorite tubes works just fine. Socks can be cotton, light weight, heavy weight, silk, wool, white, colored, striped, just about anything goes. *(Bad legs or feet? Compression socks might help, and look good enough to pass. I have worn them.)*



Samson Historical

Solid colored lightweight cotton stockings.

Colors: White, green, blue, tan, brown, light blue, yellow, red, maroon, charcoal, cream

Solid or striped cotton	\$12
Clocked or heavy weight Stockings	\$14

Silk stockings	\$24	Diced Hose	\$35
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<https://www.samsonhistorical.com/collections/accessories/products/cotton-sockings-1>



Jas. Townsend

Cotton or heavy cotton. 26 inches. 70% cotton, 30% nylon.

Colors: Black, brown, camel, green, light blue, maroon, navy, off white, red, and white

\$13

Wool Stockings, medium weight 90% wool, 10% acrylic blend. 23" unstretched from heel to top of the stocking

Colors: brown, dark green, off-white, light gray, charcoal gray, black, or navy.

\$35

Silk. White. Over the knee.



\$25

Silk clocked

Gray \$21 black \$25 ribbed gray \$24

Plain gray silk or off white \$16

Horizontal striped. 21 inches. 75% cotton & 25% nylon
Blue / black, blue / white, off white / black, red / black, yellow / black

\$13.50

<https://www.townsend.us/search?q=stockings&type=product>



G. Gedney Godwin

Cable knit stockings are made of cotton and are the over-the-knee style.

\$11.75

Cotton. Over the knee. Size 10 – 14 Colors: (inquire)

\$10.25

Horizontal stripe cotton.

Black/white, black/mustard, black/brown, black/red, brown/cream.

\$11.75

Vertical stripe cotton. One size.

Black/red, black/blue, black/yellow, black/gray

\$11.75

https://gggodwin-com.3dcartstores.com/Stockings-Garters-Belts_c_56.html





The Quartermaster General

Heavier yarn, but looser weave than the light stockings, allowing a stretch to fit a larger leg. Over the knee heavy cotton socks.

Size 6 – 8 Colors: Black, dark blue, light blue, medium blue, brown, camel, charcoal, gray, dark green, maroon, Mustard, natural, red, white

Size 9 – 11 Colors: Black, light blue, brown, charcoal, dark green, maroon, mustard, natural, red, slate, white

Light weight over the knee cotton also available. One size fits most.

Colors: Black, dark blue, light blue, dark green, maroon, mustard, natural, red, white. \$13.99

https://www.thequartermastergeneral.com/store/index.php?route=product/category&path=59_3



C & G Jarnagin

Solid color cotton. Adult size 9-11

Colors: (Left to Right, Top to Bottom): Brown, Light Blue, Maroon, Dark Green, Olive Drab, Bright Red, Charcoal, Mustard, Black, Natural, Dark Blue, White and Bright Blue

\$11

Horizontal striped cotton stockings. One size

Colors: Red/Black, Brown/Black, White/Black, Blue/Black, White/Brown and Mustard/Black.



\$11

Vertically striped cotton stockings. Lighter than my heavy-weight stockings.

Colors: Grey, Red and Blue

\$11



Wool Stockings

\$23.50

<https://www.jarnaginco.com/revwarframe.html>



Smiling Fox Forge

Thigh high, light weight cotton stockings approximately 30 inches in length. Comes in White, Natural, Black, Colonial Blue, Hunter Green, Burgundy, Bright Red and Mustard.

\$11.33

Heavy weight cotton stockings, the measurement from top of sock to heel is 27 inches and heel to top of foot is 9 inches. These socks will stretch if you need them to. They are great for the cold weather. Comes in Natural, Black, Dark Grey, Chocolate Brown, Burgundy, Green, and Colonial Blue

\$13.91

Heavy wool, 30 inches long. Gray or white.

\$35.02

Heavy cotton red and black stripping.

\$13.91

https://smilingfoxforge.com/index.php?id_category=29&controller=category

Shoes / Boots:

Probably the hardest decision in uniform selection is the shoe category. People just tend to really get picky about shoes fitting “just so.” I totally understand. Some folks will find a loafer with no buckle that looks close-enough. Some have purchased slipover buckles to hide the laces of modern shoes. A shoe shop could sew a fake buckle onto a slide on shoe. A lot of folks cannot be completely faithful to authenticity due to physical feet issues. The following are available, and it is recommended to try for the most authentic look, but health comes first. Believe me, I know. (also beware. Leather soled authentic colonial shoes/boots can be extremely slippery.)

Crazy Crow



These 18th century colonial shoes are very well made, with rights and lefts rather than being straight lasted. This makes them much more comfortable to wear, with less "break in" required.



Uppers are black full grain leather, with thick all leather soles and heels. Authentic, solid brass buckles are included and already attached, making these colonial shoes ready to wear. Buckles can be adjusted to accommodate for high insteps. For half sizes or wider feet, order 1 size larger.

Sizes 8 through 12, in D width.

\$99

Trekker Half Boots were also known as riflemen's boots or half boots, and later as Jefferson Boots. Available in black or brown. Sizes run slightly large.



\$99

<https://www.crazycrow.com/18th-century-footwear/18th-century-colonial-shoes-for-men-with-buckles>

Sampson Historical



High quality leather, these buckle shoes are built to last. Perfect for the 18th century reenactor, solid brass buckles are included. . (We have no problem exchanging these shoes if it doesn't fit, as long as you DO NOT punch any holes for the buckles.)

Sizes 8 – 15 (in half sizes)

\$115



Patterned after original riding boots of the 18th century. The cognac colored top cuff is not fixed, meaning it can be rolled up or down to fit the wearers leg comfortably. Standard Width.

Sizes 10 – 14 (in half sizes)

\$280

<https://www.samsonhistorical.com/collections/shoes-buckles>



Jas. Townsend

Black leather with leather sole and heel. Straight lasted (no right or left). For wider feet try ordering 1/2 size larger. BUCKLES ARE NOT INCLUDED. Made in USA.

Sizes 6 – 13 (in half sizes) D width only.

\$140

Moccasin Kit

\$65



Buckles: various styles:

\$20 – 55

<https://www.townsend.us/collections/shoes-shoe-buckles-stockings>

G. Gedney Godwin



Made with the rough side of the leather "out," these are similar to our Army Shoe but made with slightly softer leather. They should be conditioned with wax or grease to provide waterproofing. Buckles are not included.

\$104

All leather with working cuffs. Call for sizes.

\$202.25



http://gggodwin-com.3dcartstores.com/Shoes_c_22.html



Quartermaster General

Made with rights and lefts rather than being straight lasted. Available in men's sizes 8 through 12, in D width. Uppers are black full grain leather, with thick all leather soles and heels. Solid brass buckles included.



Economy Shoes \$89.99

The Concord has smooth, black leather with a rounded toe. Left & right; not straight last. 1.25" lachet. Buckles sold separately on our "Buckles" page.

5E to 15EEE (whole or half sizes) \$127.45

Rough hide Concords. Black or Brown #134.96

Paul Revere boot is built upon a squarish antique last. It has a rounded shank that fits a stirrup well. The lighter colored leather on the turn-down can be dyed.

5EE to 15EE (whole or half sizes) \$310.27

Hessian Style Boots \$301.50

https://www.thequartermastergeneral.com/store/index.php?route=product/category&path=18_71



C & G Jarnagin

Colonial buckle shoes (buckle purchased separately)

Multiple add on cost for shoe options on all Jarnagin shoes. See site for details.



\$255

Jefferson shoe

\$245

<https://www.jarnaginco.com/revwarframe.html>



Smoke and Fire

1758 Straight last military shoes. Smooth grain and unlined. Based on Ft. Ligonier shoes. Buckles sold separate.

Size 7 – 13 E & EE (whole or half sizes)

\$149.95

<https://www.smoke-fire.com/product/mens-straight-last-military-shoes/>

Civilian Coat:



Samson Historical

Light brown linen civilian coat. Matching covered buttons. Working pockets.

Sizes: 38 – 50

\$295



Royal blue wool coat, covered buttons. Working pockets

Sizes: 38 – 50

\$325



Wool 1770's civilian coat. Brown or navy. Collarless coat, matching covered buttons with working pockets.

Sizes: 38 – 60

\$15

<https://www.samsonhistorical.com/collections/coats-frocks>



Crazy Crow

Fringed coat, open front. Linen looking (fabric content unknown) contact provider. Can be dyed.

Sizes: M, L, XK, XXL

\$85



Longhunter open front hunting shirt. Medium weight overshirt Long, roomy garments are designed as an overshirt, to be worn with other layers of clothing. Normally run 2 sizes larger than a regular shirt. The medium density weaves allow you to easily fringe the edges.

Colors: Natural or Tea-dyed Muslin, Sage Green, wine, ochre, hunter green, navy or Oxblood Osnaburg.

Sizes: M, L, XL, XXL

\$59



Fustian rifleman's hunting frock. Natural color. Open front, cape, and pre-pulled fringe.

Sizes: M, L, XL, XXL

\$139

<https://www.crazycrow.com/mountain-men-clothing>



Jas. Townsend

Hunting frock. Made with two capes and lots of fringe. Open front.

Cotton canvas Sizes: XS – XXXL (\$10 extra XXL and up)
\$165 - \$175

Colored Canvas: Dark green, navy, nutmeg, off white, gray, brown

Linen Frock
\$225 - \$235

Costume Frock \$70 - \$88



Linen. Black, brown, crimson, dark blue, gray, green, natural, nutmeg, olive, vanilla, Wedgewood blue, & white

\$288

Civilian wool coat. Collarless neckline, wide cuffs, fully lined, working pockets, pleated tails in back. Pewter buttons down front and on pockets.

Colors: black, navy, or dark brown

Sizes: 38 – 50 (48 and 50 add \$12)

Linen: Same colors and sizes

\$335

Sailor's short jacket. Unlined with pewter buttons. Slash cuffs. 80% wool.

Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL (XL & XXL add \$10)

Colors: navy, dark green, and red.

\$180



Blanket shirt. Pullover 80% wool, single button with a leather loop at neck.

Sizes: XS – XXXL (\$10 extra XXL and up)

Color: Black, dark green, navy, gray, wine

\$105



<https://www.townsend.us/collections/coats-frocks-and-jackets>

G. Gedney Godwin



Wool civilian coat. Variety of colors available. Includes pewter buttons. Call for sizing and info.

\$346.50

Linen Frock coat. Variety of colors available. Includes pewter buttons. Call for sizing and info.

\$398.25

[https://gggodwin-com.3dcartstores.com/Civilian-Coats-Great-Coats-Cloaks c 49.html](https://gggodwin-com.3dcartstores.com/Civilian-Coats-Great-Coats-Cloaks_c_49.html)



C & G Jarnagin

18th century common work coat. Vented cuff, back split and un-pleated side vents. Two functional pockets with flaps. Specify button type. Cuff styles include scalloped sleeve, rectangle sleeve, and functional sleeve. (to sew buttons on common coat \$45)

Cotton

Linen

Sizes 36 – 46	\$215
Size 48	\$240
Size 50	\$265

Sizes 36 – 46	\$280
Size 48	\$305
Size 50	\$352

Wool

Waist sizes 36 – 46	\$280	To sew buttons on
Waist size 48	\$305	waistcoat \$45
Waist size 50	\$352.50	

<http://www.jarnaginco.com/revwarframe.html>



Fort Downing

The coats are fully lined with deep working pockets. Covered buttons are an option at no additional cost. Fabrics depend on availability, but linen, fustian, wool, brocades, and tapestry may be used.
Starting at: \$295 - 325

<http://www.fortdowning.com/CoatsAndHats.htm>

Hats:

Crazy Crow



Felt hat blanks. Customizable. Tri, bi, or single fold. Cut, trim, etc.

Colors: gray, brown, black

Size: 52 S(6-7/8 to 7), 54 M(7-1/8 to 7-1/4), 56 L(7-3/8 to 7-1/2), 58 XL(7-5/8 to 7-3/4)

\$42

Heavy Wool

\$45



Tricorn. Black wool with white trim and leather sweatband

Size: 52 S(6-7/8 to 7), 54 M(7-1/8 to 7-1/4), 56 L(7-3/8 to 7-1/2), 58 XL(7-5/8 to 7-3/4)

\$50

<https://www.crazycrow.com/mountain-man-hats>

Sampson Historical



Cotton workman's cap. Finished on both sides

Colors: Red, Blue, or green check

\$12



Wool Toques or voyager cap

Colors: Red, maroon, green, blue, or tan

\$58 - 68



Wool Tricorn. No trim. Black or brown

Sizes: M, L, XL

\$58



Felt blank. Black or brown

S, M, L, XL

\$42

<https://www.samsonhistorical.com/collections/hats>



Jas. Townsend

Standard wool civilian tricorn. Untrimmed and cocked in a flat equilateral triangle. Adjustable cotton liner.

Colors: black and brown

Sizes: 20-1/2" (Size 6-1/2) to 24-3/8" (Size 7-3/4)

\$72



Standard wool with white or black trim. Rosette cockade with pewter button. Adjustable cotton liner

Sizes: 20-1/2" (Size 6-1/2) to 24-3/8" (Size 7-3/4).

\$78

Heavy wool with white or black trim. Rosette cockade with pewter button. Adjustable cotton liner

\$105

Machine knit voyageur's cap



Colors: Burgundy, red, navy, dark green, royal blue, mushroom, or gray.

Sizes: Reg. and XL. (request XL for hat size over 7-1/2)

\$34

Wool Monmouth cap.



Colors: Burgundy, dark green, gray, mushroom, navy, red, royal blue and white.

One size

\$34



Highland bonnet.

Colors: Black, navy, navy with red, and ranger green

\$25

<https://www.townsend.us/collections/mens-hats>



G. Gedney Godwin

Officer's cocked hat, w/ black satin trim. Cockade is the black velvet bow type with either a gold or silver polished button. Provide head size.



\$99

Officer's cocked hat, Silver bullion trim. Gold trim also available

\$107



Private's military cocked hat. It has white or black worsted wool trim for infantry, yellow or gold worsted for American or British artillery (please specify in the customer comments section along with head or hat size).

\$98



Rifleman's round hat or Marine hat. Black rosette cockade with pewter button and white cotton rope around the crown.

\$99.25

Light Infantry hat blank. Felt.



\$109

Godwin carries many specialized hats, plates, and accessories for American and British troops.

http://gggodwin-com.3dcartstores.com/Hats-Wigs_c_61-4.html

Smiling Fox Forge

Made from wool felt hat blank in shop. Black or brown.



Sizes: 7, 7-1/4, 7-3/8, 7-1/2, 7-5/8, 7-3/4, 7-7/8

\$66.95

Fancy gold or silver lace trim

\$82.40



Workman's cap. Cotton or linen. Variety of colors

\$17.51

Wool Monmouth cap.

\$34.51

https://smilingfoxforge.com/index.php?id_category=40&controller=category

Regimental Uniforms:

Samson Historical



Regimental blue with white facing. Blue with Red Facing.

Sizes: 44 – 60

\$325

<https://www.samsonhistorical.com/collections/coats-frocks>



Jas. Townsend

Wool (85%) regimental coat. Lined with linen, the skirt is lined with wool. Collar, lapel and cuffs have unhemmed, rough edges, true to the original design. Large hook and eye clasps close the coat at the chest. The lapel can be turned over and secured across the chest with the plain lead-free pewter buttons. (USA buttons are available upon request.) Made with two, inside, double-welt pockets. The skirt of the coat can be worn open to reveal the double red hearts on each tail or



the tails can be unclasped and worn closed. A \$20 surcharge is added for coats with chest measurements of more than 48"

Size: 38 – 52

\$435

Same basic uniform, but without lining and pockets, with a simplified design.

Called a Costume version, but very reduced cost.

Sizes: S, M, L, XL

\$185

Reversed colors



Identical to standard Continental Coat except in reverse colors, as typically used for the Drum and Fife Corps. A \$20 surcharge is added for coats with chest measurements of more than 48".

Size: 38 – 52

\$435

<https://www.townsend.us/collections/coats-frocks-and-jackets?p=2>



G Gedney Godwin

1781 Continental line contract coat. Blue and white wool coat with rough edges, pewter buttons and all-linen lining. It's also available in other color combinations and with either plain or USA buttons.

Call for sizing and details

\$404.25



Naval undress coat is made of navy blue wool with the same color facings and cuffs, brass buttons & unlined turnbacks.

\$375.25

With wool or linen turnbacks.

\$409.25



American Regimental coat with cotton lining. Blue and red wool coat with rough edges, pewter buttons, cotton lining and plain pewter buttons.

\$346.50



Off the rack American Musician's coat. Red and navy blue medium weight Melton wool with rough edges, plain pewter buttons and an off-white wool lining.

Sizes: 40R – 50R

\$288.75



Off the rack American Regimental coat. navy blue and nutmeg medium weight Melton wool with rough edges, plain pewter buttons and an off-white wool lining.

Sizes: 40R – 50R

\$288.75



Off the rack American Artillery coat. Dark navy blue and red medium weight Melton wool with rough edges, plain pewter buttons and an off-white wool lining.

Sizes: 40R – 50R

\$385



4th PA Light Infantry coat. Standard blue and red wool coat with rough edges, pewter buttons and all-linen lining.

\$404.25



American Marine coat. Green and white wool coat has rough edges, pewter anchor buttons and all-linen lining.

\$404.25



1777 French pattern lottery coat. blue and red wool coat has rough edges, either plain or USA pewter buttons and all-linen lining.

\$403.75

American Officer Regimental coat. With gold or silver buttons and has unlined turnbacks.

\$404.25



With Linen or wool turnbacks.

\$438

G. Gedney Godwin also has a selection of British Regimental coats as well.

[http://gggodwin-com.3dcartstores.com/Regimental-Coats c 50.html](http://gggodwin-com.3dcartstores.com/Regimental-Coats%20c%2050.html)

C & G Jarnagin

Due to the fact that a regimental coat is a very fitted coat you must fill out the complete size card along with the diagram FI-1R in order for the order to be excepted.

The Regimental reaches nearly to the knee and has back split and side vents. Please specify the number of buttons you need on the front. The cuffs are functional with buttons. Lapels are also functional with button holes carefully tailored to button into the cape (Collar). The coat was one color and the facings, lapels, and cuffs were another. The turnbacks were lined (usually in wool) with either the facing color or white. The body of the coat is lined with linen. There are two functional pockets with button holes. The edges of the collar, cuff, lapels, and tail are left raw.



Sizes 36 – 46 \$425

Size 48 \$475

Size 50 \$495

To Sew Buttons on Regimental Coat
\$ 70.00



Regimental short coat. This coat is a shorter version of the Regimental coat. It falls at the top of the thigh. The purpose of the shorter coat was to make a coat more suited for active campaigning. The short jacket was used for comfort and utility, as well as to reduce wear and tear on the Regimental Coat. Collar and cuff style can vary. The edges of the collar, cuff, lapels and tails are left raw.

Sizes 36 – 46	\$400
Size 48	\$435
Size 50	\$485

To Sew Buttons on Regimental short coat \$ 60.00

<https://www.jarnaginco.com/revwarframe.html>

Appendix A: Accessories

There are many accessories for Continental and militia uniforms. They include powder horns, leather belts, straps, haversacks, gaiters, cartridge boxes, canteens, all manner of black powder items (flash guards and flints, to cleaning kits and tools), and the list goes on and on. There are too many items to list as I have done for the clothing. This manual would become the size of an old Sears and Roebuck catalog. Suffice it to say, many of the items are available from the sutlers previously listed, and others who do not provide clothing. Below is a list of merchants I have found or done business with in the past. Good browsing.

<https://www.militaryclothing.com/Revolutionary-War.aspx>

<https://www.crazycrow.com>

<https://www.samsonhistorical.com/collections/personal-accessories>

<http://www.townsend.us/personal-accessories-c-73.html>

<http://gggodwin-com.3dcartstores.com/>

<https://www.thequartermastergeneral.com/store/Military>

<https://www.jarnaginco.com/revwarframe.html>

<http://www.smoke-fire.com/>

<https://smilingfoxforge.com/index.php>

<http://www.woodenhawk.com/>

<http://www.trackofthewolf.com/>

<https://www.dixiegunworks.com/>

<https://www.cheaperthandirt.com/category/black-powder.do>

<https://www.cabelas.com/category/Black-Powder/104701680.uts>

<https://www.midwayusa.com/black-powder/c?cid=23200>

<https://www.basspro.com/shop/en/black-powder>

<https://www.grafs.com/>

Appendix B: Guns

Musket, pistol, sword, rifle or cannon, the weapon you choose to complete your equipment will probably be the most expensive part of your uniform. There are few websites for period reproduction weapons that most folks will go to for the majority of weapon options. Each has its own issues, prices, and requirements for purchase, based on country of origin, shipping codes and restrictions, etc.

Many of the reproductions are made in India, and the metal is subject to rust if not treated properly. Italian made reproductions will generally cost more. Super expensive would be the custom Kentucky or Pennsylvania rifles made by master gunsmiths. Originals,....well, we won't even go there.

One Canadian firm will ship the lock separate from the barrel and stock to get around shipping restrictions. Another will not drill the vent hole between the barrel and the pan, therefore it is not yet a fire abled weapon. (Local Gunsmith required to drill the hole). Others may simply need proof of age. Read and compare like weapons between vendors and do not assume. Ask.

Some of my favorite sites to cruise are:

<https://www.dixiegunworks.com/>

<https://www.cabelas.com/category/Black-Powder/104701680.uts>

<https://www.midwayusa.com/black-powder/c?cid=23200>

<https://www.loyalistarms.ca/muskets.html>

<http://www.middlesexvillagetrading.com/> Takes forever. Well, he orders from the manufacturer after ordering, then is subject to their timeline. He does fine tune weapons before shipping. My blunderbuss has been over a year in waiting.....still. And don't email the curmudgeon to ask when to expect the weapon.

<http://www.militaryheritage.com/muskets.htm> We sell historically accurate muskets and pistols in a non-firing state. This allows us to comply with various local, state, national and international firearms regulations, along with shipping company policy restrictions. This means the product comes right to your doorstep. A certified gunsmith may decide to alter a musket or pistol to a firing state by drilling the vent hole and test firing it. We are not legally responsible for any changes from its present state.

<http://www.veteranarms.com/ReproductionMuzzleloadersandFlintlocks/Veteran-Arms-LLC.html>

<https://www.davide-pedersoli.com/guns-for-sale-pedersoli.asp?l=en>

<http://www.trackofthewolf.com/>

Note: Any weapon fired at an SAR event must have a flash guard installed.

If you know of, or find some interesting vendors or can't-do-without equipment, send me a link. I will add to future updates to this manual. Until later, shoot straight, keep your powder dry, and God Speed.

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