



The Magazine

Williamsburg Chapter Virginia Society
Sons of the American Revolution



*By signing the Declaration of Independence,
the fifty-six Americans pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor. Nine died of wounds during the
Revolutionary War. Five were captured or imprisoned. Wives and children were jailed, mistreated, or left penniless.
Twelve signers' houses were burned to the ground. No signer defected. Their honor, like their nation remained intact.*

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President's Message

Compatriots,

It is hard to believe that spring has finally arrived, and with that a busy schedule for the SAR. I would like to thank compatriots James Hess, Larry Gaskins, Robert Neely, Richard Morgan, and his wife Vicki for helping with the Judging of the SAR Brochure contest. I know it is not an easy task to review the brochures and determine who will be the winners. I can not wait to see who they believe are the best. From their selections will be chosen the winner of the overall contest along with a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

As I mentioned earlier it seems that in this time of the year brings on many more events that we as a chapter participate in. Coming up we have the April luncheon being held at the American Revolutionary War Museum in Yorktown. Norman Fuss will be our speaker, He will also be leading a short walking tour of some of the Artillery batteries after the meeting. This should add a very real experience to his talk. Perhaps we should investigate doing more visits to our local battlefields and historical sites. In addition, we have two Commemorative events for James Monroe, one at his birthplace in Westmoreland County on April 23, and another at his grave site in Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond VA on 28 April. There are many more events, so I suggest you go to the Virginia Society SAR website to check on dates and times. Here is a link, <http://www.virginiasar.org/current-color-guard-sked-click-here.html> If you do go please keep a program and get a photo of yourself at the event for our newsletter.

I am sorry that I will not be able to attend April's meeting. The week of April 2 through 9th I will be leading a small group of Boy Scouts on a Bicycle camping trip on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal tow path. In a way this trip is a trip through History as well as the wilderness. We start in Cumberland MD. Near the site of Fort Cumberland built by George Washington prior to the French and Indian war. We'll visit Fort Fredrick MD, the Antietam Battlefield, Harpers Ferry, and various other historical sites along the way. We will end up at Mount Vernon late in the afternoon of April 9th after traveling about 230 miles.

Thank you, Bruce



Calendar

Friday April 1, 2022

10:00 am BOM meeting
by ZOOM

Saturday April 9, 2022

11:30 am Social
12:00 pm Lunch meeting
American Revolution Museum
200 Water St.
Yorktown, VA.

Saturday April 23, 2022

President James Monroe
264th Birthday Wreath ceremony
10 am Colonial Beach
VASSAR Color Guard

Sunday April 24, 2022

3 pm Patriots Day
Arlington National Cemetery
VASSAR Color Guard

Thursday April 28, 2022

President James Monroe
264th Birthday Wreath ceremony
11 am Hollywood Cemetery
Richmond, Virginia
VASSAR Color Guard



Chapter News



John Lynch, Chapter Vice President, presents the George Wesley Corbett Memorial Certificate to George Corbett for his son.



John Lynch, Vice President, welcomed our newest member Bradley Robert Pittman.



At the March meeting, Bruce Laubach, President of the Williamsburg Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution presented Compatriot Capt. Chris Melhuish USN Ret. and Sixty-Fifth Commanding Officer of the USS CONSTITUTION (Old Ironsides) a Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation of the history and significance of the oldest ship in the U.S. Navy.



At the March meeting of the Williamsburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, Bob Davis, Chapter Veterans Coordinator presents the SAR Military Service Veterans Corps Certificate to Bruce Laubach, chapter president.



PHOTOS BY BOB DAVIS

March Events



Grace McGonagle was awarded \$150 and a Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Scout Medal for 1st place in the 2001 Chapter Competition for an Eagle Scout Scholarship. Bruce Laubach, Chapter President, Harley Stewart, Chapter Chair of Eagle Scout Recognitions and Scholarships are pictured with the recipient at the meeting of BSA Troop 20 on March 14 at King of Glory Lutheran Church.



Gary Dunaway attended a black powder workshop and grave marking ceremony.



John Lynch, VP, Williamsburg Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution presents First Virginia Regiment membership certificates to Harley Stewart and Hunt Berryman .

Upcoming Events

April 23rd 2022, Saturday (10 am) - President James Monroe's 264th Birthday (Birthplace House)

Event Level: Historic Event

Host/POC: (non-SAR) James Monroe Memorial Foundation/Peter Broadbent at pbroadbent@cblaw.com

Location: Monroe's Birthplace House, 4460, James Monroe Highway, Colonial Beach, VA.

Firing Event: No

Details: Wreath Laying ceremony in front of Monroe's Birthplace House . <https://monroefoundation.org/> See attachment for more information and following website: <https://monroefoundation.org/>

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:

April 28th 2022, Thursday (11:00 am) - President James Monroe's 264th Birthday (Cemetery)

Event Level: Historic Event

Host/POC: (non-SAR) James Monroe Memorial Foundation/Peter Broadbent at pbroadbent@cblaw.com

Location: Monroe's tomb, Hollywood Cemetery, 512 South Cherry St., Richmond, VA..

Firing Event: No

Details: Wreath Laying ceremony at James Monroe's tomb in Hollywood Cemetery . US Army will most likely provide the Color Guard (TBC). See attachment for more information and following website: <https://monroefoundation.org/>

Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:

132nd ANNUAL CONGRESS

Savannah, Georgia

July 10–July 15, 2022



The 132nd Annual Congress is being held in Savannah, at the Hyatt Regency Riverfront Hotel. The Hyatt Hotel is in the Savannah Historic District, with direct access to the cobblestoned River Street, puts you steps away from monuments, shops, local restaurants, and live music. Experience the city's unique spirit on a ghost tour or paddle-steamer ride, then unwind with a cocktail on our outdoor patio overlooking the Savannah River.

Mark your calendar now for the SAR/1812 Plaque Ceremony at Cedar Grove Cemetery located at 238 E Princess Anne Rd, Norfolk, VA on May 21st, 2022. The ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. We will be recognizing six Revolutionary War Patriots and twenty War of 1812 veterans. If you plan to present a wreath for your organization and would like to be listed in the program, please respond with your name, title, and organization NLT May 7, 2022.

Registrar's Corner

DID YOU KNOW?

Three U. S. presidents, George Washington, James Monroe and Andrew Jackson, actually served during the Revolutionary War.

Six U. S. presidents were real sons of Revolutionary War patriots: John Quincy Adams, Martin Van Buren, William Henry Harrison, John Tyler, Zachary Taylor and Franklin Pierce.

Five U. S. presidents were the grandsons of revolutionary War patriots: James Knox Polk, Millard Fillmore, Abraham Lincoln, Chester A. Arthur and Grover Cleveland.

President James A. Garfield was the great-grandson of a Revolutionary War patriot , while President Richard M. Nixon was the great-great grandson of a patriot.

Tatton James Spencer Mason was inducted as a new compatriot at our March meeting. Tatton's patriot ancestor is Nathaniel Stoddard, Jr., who was a matross gunner in the Massachusetts Militia under Captains Burbeck and Bryant, and Colonel Crane.

**Congratulations
and welcome Tatton.**

Hunt Berryman Registrar

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Flag recognition

The Rhode Island Regiment Colors 1781

The 1st Rhode Island Regiment was a Continental Army regiment from Rhode Island during the American Revolutionary War (1781 - 1783). Like most regiments of the Continental Army, the unit went through several incarnations and name changes. It became well-known as the "Black Regiment" because, for a time, it had several companies of African American soldiers. Although it is regarded as the first African-American military regiment, its ranks were not exclusively African-American.



Photo by Karen Corbett.



The Williamsburg Chapter, VASSAR, presented a NSSAR Flag Recognition Certificate to Doug and Kathleen Kinder. Doug is a retired US Army Chaplain (Colonel). They are residents of James City county. Pictured are (L to R) George Corbett, Chapter Flag Recognition Committee chairman, Doug and Kathleen Kinder.

Photo by Karen Corbett

From the Chaplain

Jim Morford



Irving Berlin is an American Icon. He was born in Russia in 1883 and brought to this country by his parents when he was 5. In 1918 at the age of 25 and already an accomplished song writer, the newly minted naturalized citizen was serving in the US Army. Stationed at Camp Upton in Yaphank, New York, Sargent Berlin was called on to write songs for a review called Yip Yip Yaphank. It was while writing songs for the show that he wrote the first version of “God Bless America.” Sensing that the song was perhaps “just a little sticky” for a comedy show, he decided not to use it and put it aside.

Berlin put the song in a trunk along with what would become hundreds of other unfinished songs.. He never threw away any of his works – even partial ones. The song rested there for two decades until as Armistice Day 1938 approached, Ted Collins, manager of songstress Kate Smith, told Berlin that she was looking for a new patriotic song to use on her weekly CBS radio broadcast. Irving dove into his trunk and resurrected the song he put there 20 years before.

On November 11, 1938, Kate Smith introduced God Bless America to her millions of listeners. It was an immediate hit and when she recorded it she added an introductory verse Berlin had written. The verse began, “While the storm clouds gather far across the sea...” Storm clouds were indeed gathering over Europe. Less than a year after the debut of “God Bless America,” Germany invaded Poland, igniting World War II.

During the war, Berlin toured with his show This is the Army to raise money for the U.S. war effort. “God Bless America” was one of the featured songs.

On her radio program and whenever she performed Kate Smith began the song with that verse.

In the wake of 9/11, the song took on a new life, once again signifying patriotism and pride.

When it came to “God Bless America,” Irving Berlin and Kate Smith put their money where their mouths were. They donated all the royalties from the hit song to the Boy and Girl Scouts of America through the God Bless America Foundation. That arrangement is still in effect today.

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,

Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,

Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,

As we raise our voices in solemn prayer.

Prayer:

Lord, the storm clouds of war have once again gathered. Innocent civilians, especially children, are being murdered in Ukraine at the hand of an evil dictator. Let us indeed renew our pledge of allegiance to and gratitude for our free land. Let us raise our voices in solemn prayer that soon good men and women will prevail, and peace will be restored to Europe. Let us furthermore pray that others will not be encouraged to take aggressive actions against their neighbors.

We pray that we will always be worthy of Your grace and that You will stand beside us and guide us through this and every night.

God Bless America. AMEN

IN MEMORIAM



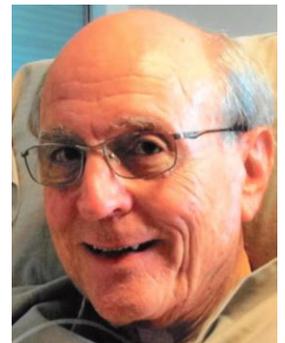
Douglas, Clarence Edward (83), of Norge, Va., passed away peacefully on Monday, February 28, 2022 surrounded by his family.

Doug, as his friends fondly knew him, was born in Newport News and grew up in Williamsburg, Va. As a youth, he spent much of his time roaming Colonial Williamsburg, delivering papers, and hanging out at the Douglas Bakery on Duke of Gloucester Street.

Doug's love for and dedication to his country was apparent throughout his career, which included serving as Lead Advance for President Ronald Reagan and Deputy Director of Operations for the 1983 G-7 Summit of Industrialized Nations in Williamsburg. Douglas retired in 2020 after serving 40 years as an Executive Director and lobbyist for the Virginia Legislature.

Doug had a passion for genealogy and antique long rifles. He was a proud member of the **Sons of the American Revolution**, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the Kentucky Rifle Association. More than anything, he loved being around family at his house on the York River and his hunting shack in Charles City County.

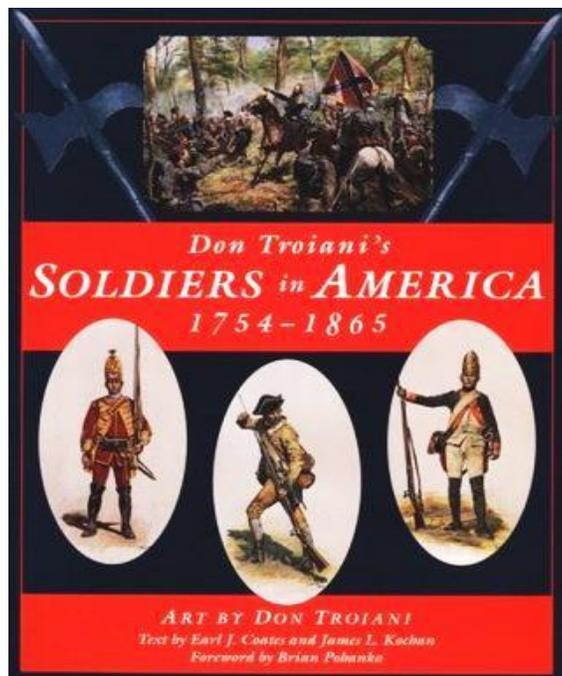
Julian (Jay) Mitchell Brown of Williamsburg, VA, died on March 14th, 2022. Jay Brown was born on November 11, 1930, in Asheville, NC, and grew up in North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, and Texas. Mr. Brown served in the United States Army in Korea in 1950 and 1951. He graduated from the George Washington University Law School in October 1955 and was admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Mr. Brown served as a judge, hearing and deciding major disputes between the Federal Government and its contractors. He was an active church member having served as Ruling Elder and Deacon for three different Presbyterian Churches and as an ordained Lay Reader and Chalice in the Episcopal Church and enjoyed singing in the choirs. In retirement, he pursued his interests in genealogy and travel and, nearly always, was taking courses in history, religion and law. He served on the Board of Directors and as Chair of the College Relations Committee of the William & Mary Christopher Wren Association for Lifelong Learning. He was a member of the **Williamsburg Chapter Sons of the American Revolution**. Mr. Brown is survived by his beloved wife, Marguerite,



Collyer Linn, Jr., 85, died February 2, 2022. He was the son of William Collyer Linn and Matilda Daugherty Linn. He is survived by his wife, Anne Wilson Linn; daughters, Mary Slater Linn, of Orlando, FL, and "Zee Zee" Linn Naro, of Sioux Falls, SD; and twin grandchildren. Mr. Linn served as **President of the Williamsburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (2003-2004)** and was one of the founding members of the Kingsmill Dog Club.



“Book of the month” “Don Troiani’s Soldiers in America, 1754 - 1865”



Large pages, much color art work perfect for your Coffee Table.

This sweeping tour through America’s military past provides a fascinating glimpse into the life of the soldier of the colonial wars, the American Revolution, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, and the Civil War. Featuring Don Troiani’s meticulously crafted full-color scenes of grand action and great characters, including Bushy Run, George Washington, the Battle of Cowpens, Stonewall Jackson, Emmetsburg Road and other battles. This expansive study also includes numerous (about 50) famously detailed military figures, from the 1745 to 1865 time frame. There are also nearly 200 photos of rare equipment and uniforms from Don Troiani’s personal collection.

Descriptive text by two leading military artifact experts that analyzes and evaluates the arms and accoutrements of the different periods, using firsthand accounts to describe military fashion in Europe and America. How regulations were decided upon --and how often were ignored – is explained through narrative and correspondence.

Don Troianai’s paintings have appeared in numerous national collections, including the National Park Service, West Point Military Academy, and the Smithsonian Institution. Known for his incredibly accurate renditions of the American Revolution and the Civil War. He is also a respected authority on uniforms and equipage of the American military.

Earl Coates, has devoted a lifetime of study to the uniforms and firearms of the American Civil War. He is one of the foremost scholars of this highly specialized field of study.

James L. Kochan, former curator at Morristown National Historical Park and director of collections at Mount Vernon, is considered by many to be the eminent authority on early-American military dress and accoutrements from the period 1754 to 1848.

Raffle tickets for this book will be available at our next luncheon meeting.
One ticket for \$1 or 7 tickets for \$5 – See Steve Holm – Sergeant-at-Arms

April 9TH Guest Speaker



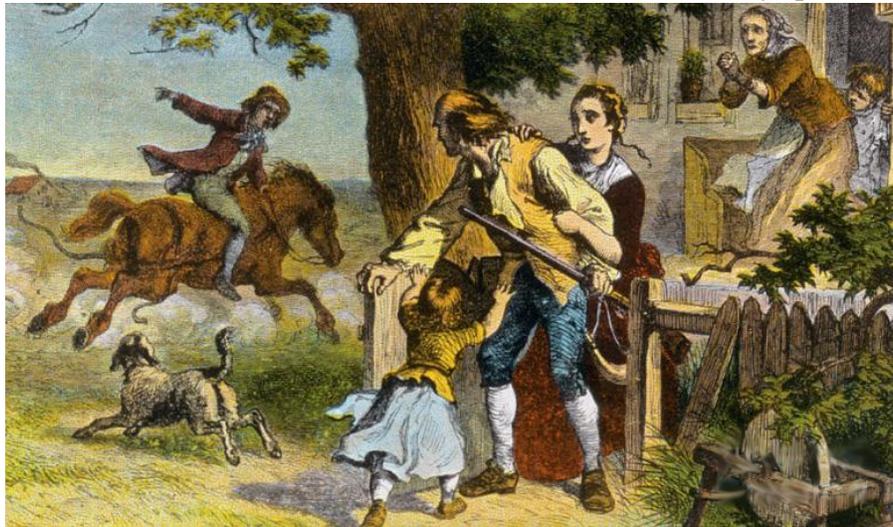
Norman Fuss is an avocational historian and living history interpreter who, for the past forty years has focused on the history of the period of the American War for Independence. After retiring from a career as a chemical engineer and management consultant, he moved to Williamsburg, Virginia where he conducts guided tours for the Jamestown Yorktown Foundation and acts as a volunteer consultant for the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, Will speak on the Artillery and Fortifications in Yorktown in Oct 1781 with a follow up tour of the battlefield.

The story of Paul Revere's iconic midnight April 18 - 19, 1775 ride

In 1765, Revere joined the Sons of Liberty, and became a courier for the Committee of Safety, traveling to other colonies with news of occupied Boston. In September of 1774, this group of messengers and observers were tested when the British seized gunpowder stored in Somerville. By the time the Massachusetts militias had responded, the mission was complete. The Powder Alarm provided a trial run for both sides and showed both the advantages and the deficiencies of the alarm system that Revere helped establish.

On April 18, 1775, the British planned yet another search and destroy mission, aimed at removing arms and supplies from the countryside. This time the target was much farther away, the village of Concord, a hotbed of anti-British sentiment and a major supply cache. Anti-British intelligence in Boston quickly alerted Patriot leader Dr. Joseph Warren, who gave the fateful order to send the alarm, lighting the fuse that would start the Revolution.

Paul Revere departed Boston around ten pm. At the same time, two signal lanterns briefly showed from the Old North Church steeple, a prearranged signal designed by Revere to alert the alarm network across the Harbor. The famous "one if by land, two if by sea" signaled that the British would be rowed across Boston harbor instead of marching out over the neck. Even before Revere landed, the alarm was already spreading across the countryside.



Upon reaching the Charlestown shore, Revere mounted and began his ride to Lexington. Passing through the towns of Somerville, Medford, and Menotomy (Arlington), Revere did not yell "the British are coming!", instead accounts show that Revere passed the message of "the Regulars are coming out." The phrase "the British are coming," would have been confusing to locals, who still considered themselves British. Everyone knew what "the Regulars are coming out" meant, and as Revere passed through, more alarm riders rode out, signal guns fired, church bells rang, all alerting the countryside to the coming threat. As the alarm spread, Minutemen grabbed their weapons and headed for town greens, followed by the rest of the Militia.

By the time the British finished unloading at Cambridge, the alarm had already reached Concord; Revere's network had worked splendidly. As the British column moved out, they could hear the signals sounding across the countryside, a foreboding sound heralding a hostile country.

Revere's famous ride ended on the outskirts of Lincoln, when he ran into a British patrol. Revere was captured, playing no further role in the events of April 19. When the British arrived, the men of Concord, Acton, Bedford, and Lincoln were waiting.

*You know the rest. In the books you have read,
How the British Regulars fired and fled,--
How the farmers gave them ball for ball,
From behind each fence and farmyard-wall,*

*Chasing the red-coats down the lane,
Then crossing the fields to emerge again
Under the trees at the turn of the road,
And only pausing to fire and load.*

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



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Presidential Initiatives



Road to Revolution: **Leatherwood 1779-1799**

Only Unexplored Home of Founding Father Patrick Henry

- Help us to locate, mark and preserve this special site in our nation's founding history
- This was Patrick Henry's home during the Revolutionary War, a 10,000-acre estate that he co-owned with Col. George Waller
- Henry moved to this home in Henry County after serving as Virginia's wartime Governor from 1776-1779, he served in the House of Delegates from 1780-1784 while living here
- Henry still owned more than 5,000 acres at Leatherwood when he died
- Granite marker erected in 1922 by the DAR marked the estate, not the home's location



Fundraiser by Jeff Thomas : Patrick Henry's Leatherwood Home ([gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com))

- Patrick Henry's Leatherwood is our last major fundraising initiative
- Visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/patrick-henrys-leatherwood-home> today!
- All funds raised through the 2022 annual meeting will support the Leatherwood initiative
- \$5,000 matching grant provided by Chancellor Eric Monday
- \$1 match for every \$2 contribution i.e. \$100 donation gets credit for \$150 contribution
- You may also make checks payable to Virginia SAR with Leatherwood in the memo line
- Mail to Rick Eloffson , VASSAR Treasurer, 21 Paula Maria Drive, Newport News, VA 23606

Sons of the American Revolution



From the Vice-Chairman NSSAR, Veterans Recognition Committee:

Veterans who are seeking listing in one of the Veterans Recognition Committee's service corps can proceed as follows:

1. Log in to <https://sar.org/>

1. Place your mouse on the "Members" tab at the top of the "Home" page.

2. This opens a pull-down menu where you can click on "SAR Committees".

3. With the SAR Committees page open, please scroll down to close to the bottom of the page where you will find: **Veterans Recognition Committee**. Click on that.

4. That will open the **Veterans Recognition Committee page**.

5. On this NSSAR page, the SAR Member can obtain the latest **Veterans Multi-Corps Recognition Form**. Fill in the form as instructed, have it signed by your Chapter President (or other Officer) and submit it as instructed.

6. On this page you can find much more information about the NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee.

It is the Committee's goal to update the listing of Veteran Corps Compatriots every 3 months.

Keep checking this SAR Page. You will find your name listed there in a couple of months.

Williamsburg 2022 Chapter Officers



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April 9TH Chapter meeting at American Revolution Museum Yorktown

Please send your checks in ASAP if you plan to attend. We need to provide the meeting venue with our list of attendees a few days before the event so they can order food and prepare for our group. If you haven't reserved your luncheon spot and show up, you can always still attend the meeting – but you may not get to eat!

Please RSVP buy Monday - April 4.

Reservation for the Saturday April 9TH 2022 Luncheon Meeting

Name(s) _____

Noon Lunch catered by Carrot Tree at The Revolution War Museum - Yorktown

Select your choice and side

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey and Swiss on wheat bread | \$23pp for lunch | <input type="checkbox"/> Red Bliss Potato Salad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ham and cheddar on white bread | Includes coffee, water | <input type="checkbox"/> Spinach Pasta Salad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Salad on white bread | Brownie and room rental | <input type="checkbox"/> Marinated Carrot Salad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian wrap + Brownie | SEND CHECK TO: | <input type="checkbox"/> Potato Chips |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan Wrap ↑ same +Apple | | <input type="checkbox"/> Apple |



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SAR apparel is available at (502) 589-1779 or on the National SAR WEB site at:

<https://store.sar.org/storefront.aspx>



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Personalized Name Badge
(Name Tag) - Pocket
Attachment Nametag

\$25.00

There has been confusion on how to add this item to the cart. There is a statement that says "I understand personalized items are not refundable" that has a small box after it on the bottom of the page where the personalized items are added. You must click that box before the "ADD PERSONALIZED ITEM TO CART" button will become active. Unless you click the box agreeing that Personalized Items are not refundable, the item can not be added to the cart.

Personal Name Badge link is:

[https://store.sar.org/categories.aspx?Keyword=personalized%20name%20badge%20\(name%20tag%20\)](https://store.sar.org/categories.aspx?Keyword=personalized%20name%20badge%20(name%20tag%20))