



# 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.

At the June luncheon we received an anonymous donation of the flag of the Commonwealth of Virginia. This is a great addition to the colors we have on display at any of our events and meetings. On behalf of the Williamsburg Chapter I wish to thank whomever donated the flag.

I would also like to thank Dr. Sean Heuvel for his excellent talk on General William Healy of Massachusetts and his contribution to the Revolutionary War. It was very interesting to hear about his roles during the revolution and being a founding member of the Society of the Cincinnati. I do hope we can have more talks from Dr. Heuvel in the future.

We are adding a new feature to our monthly luncheons. Beginning at the July luncheon in addition to the book raffle we are adding a 50-50 raffle. The way this will work is you can purchase a separate raffle ticket where half the proceeds go the Williamsburg Chapter and half go the holder of the winning ticket. It seems like a good way to walk away from the meeting with more than a little knowledge and a satisfying meal.

We have several events that are coming up that I hope you all will attend either as a spectator or a member of the color guard. The first event is the Battle of Spenser's Ordinary on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am, which will be held at Freedom Park in James City County. Our chapter Vice President John Lynch will be making a presentation following the Wreath laying ceremony. On July 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am we are hosting a prayer service at Bruton Parish Church. I hope that everyone can join us at the Williamsburg Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be holding a Commemoration Ceremony at the Gravesite of Benjamin Harrison V at Berkeley Plantation at 12:00pm. On July 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am we will be holding a Commemoration Ceremony for the Battle of Greensprings at the Grave site of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolutionary War at the Church on the Main site in James City County.

I hope to see more of our compatriots at the July luncheon on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

President Bruce Laubach



# Calendar

**Monday July 4, 2022**

Independence Day celebration  
10:00 am Bruton Parish Church  
Williamsburg, VA



**Monday July 4, 2022**

Noon Wreath Laying Ceremony  
To honor Pres. Benjamin Harrison V  
Rt.5 Berkeley Plantation, VA

**Tuesday July 5, 2022**

10:00 am BOM meeting  
by ZOOM

**Wednesday July 6, 2022**

Battle of Green Spring Commemoration  
9:00 am Church on the Main  
Williamsburg, VA  
(Map on page 6)

**Saturday July 9, 2022**

11:30 am Social  
Noon Lunch meeting  
Colonial Heritage Country Club  
Williamsburg, VA.

## Chapter News



SAR Certificates of Recognition and Scholarship Applications were presented to Eagle Scouts Tyler Johnston, Jonathan Richardson, and Matthew Preston of Venture Crew 1776 at a Court of Honor at St. Olaf's Catholic Church in Norge on May 25, 2022.

Presentations were made by Chapter President Bruce Laubach accompanied by Chapter Chair of Eagle Scout Recognitions Harley Stewart. Harley

## Spencer's Ordinary Commemoration



Wreath laying by Virginia Society SAR President Bruce Meyer, Order of Founders And Patriots of America Deputy Gov. Kenneth Hawkins, SAR chapters: Colonel James Wood II, George Washington, Norfolk, Thomas Nelson, Williamsburg DAR chapters: Ann Wager and Williamsburg.



On the site of the battle  
Freedom Park, Williamsburg

# MEMORIAL DAY 2022



Photo by Betsy Eli

There was a large crowd - at least 500 - in attendance. CW did a great job with the program. Our color guard was excellent. Not sure how many compatriots were there, but a good showing, and there was a good showing of DAR members. It was hot, but an excellent ceremony. Hunt Berryman reporting



In my opinion, barring the marches down DOG street prior to the pandemic, this is the best Memorial Day event I've attended. As Hunt previously mentioned, there was a large audience. Yes, we provided photo opportunities before, during, and after the ceremony.

This was a National event as far as SAR is concerned. The color guard had excellent participation by Williamsburg Chapter color guard members: Ron Adolphi, Gary Dunaway, John Lynch, Tom Morr, and Dave Westenberger. We were well supported by compatriots Gary Hodges, (Thomas Nelson Chapter), and Kimball Thompson (Norfolk Chapter). Former Colonial Williamsburg employee Jeff Brown was present as well. Jeff has supported our events since at least 2015. He is a valued member of our color guard.

John Lynch reporting



# June Events

## Brochure contest awards



Chapter president Bruce Laubach presenting certificates

### R to L

President Bruce Laubach

Kate Blinn Brochure on the Constitution won 1st place 7th grade level for the Virginia Society SAR, Overall winner and 1st place for 7th grade for the Williamsburg Chapter VASSAR.

Arianna Kokolis second place winner

Corbin Bergot first place 6th grade

Laurel Amos 2nd place 6th grade



## Battle of Spencer's Ordinary

The 1781 engagement at Spencer's Ordinary took place 26 June 1781 between Patriot forces (Virginia militia and a detachment of Continentals) and British troops (John Simcoe's Queens Rangers and an attached unit of German Jaegers). Both sides failed in their primary mission: the Patriots to cut off and capture the British foraging party; the British to bring back cattle to Cornwallis' main army in Williamsburg. Simcoe's troops were forced to retreat from the battle after being flanked but were shortly thereafter met by British troops marching from Williamsburg. British returned to hold the deserted battlefield. The Patriots recovered the cattle and then rapidly withdrew. Today Freedom Park, the intersection of Longhill and Centerville Roads, the gas station adjacent to the intersection, and the veterinary clinic across the street from the gas station are found within the bounds of this Revolutionary War battle.



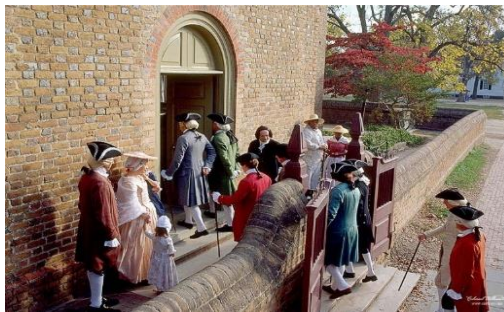
# July Events

**Monday, July 4, 2022, at 10:00 am**

**Bruton Parish Church**

**Duke of Gloucester Street**

**Williamsburg, VA**



**The public is cordially invited to join the Williamsburg Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the clergy of Bruton Parish Church for the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Fourth of July Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving.**

The service will be conducted by Bruton's Rector, Rev'd Christopher Epperson (TBD) who will be assisted by SAR members.

Monday, July 4, 2022, will be an especially appropriate day for us to thank God for the blessings of liberty provided to us through the courage and sacrifice of our patriot forebears.

The service will be broadcast live on Bruton's YouTube channel and will also be available for viewing for some period after the 4<sup>th</sup>.

[www.youtube.com/brutonparish](http://www.youtube.com/brutonparish)



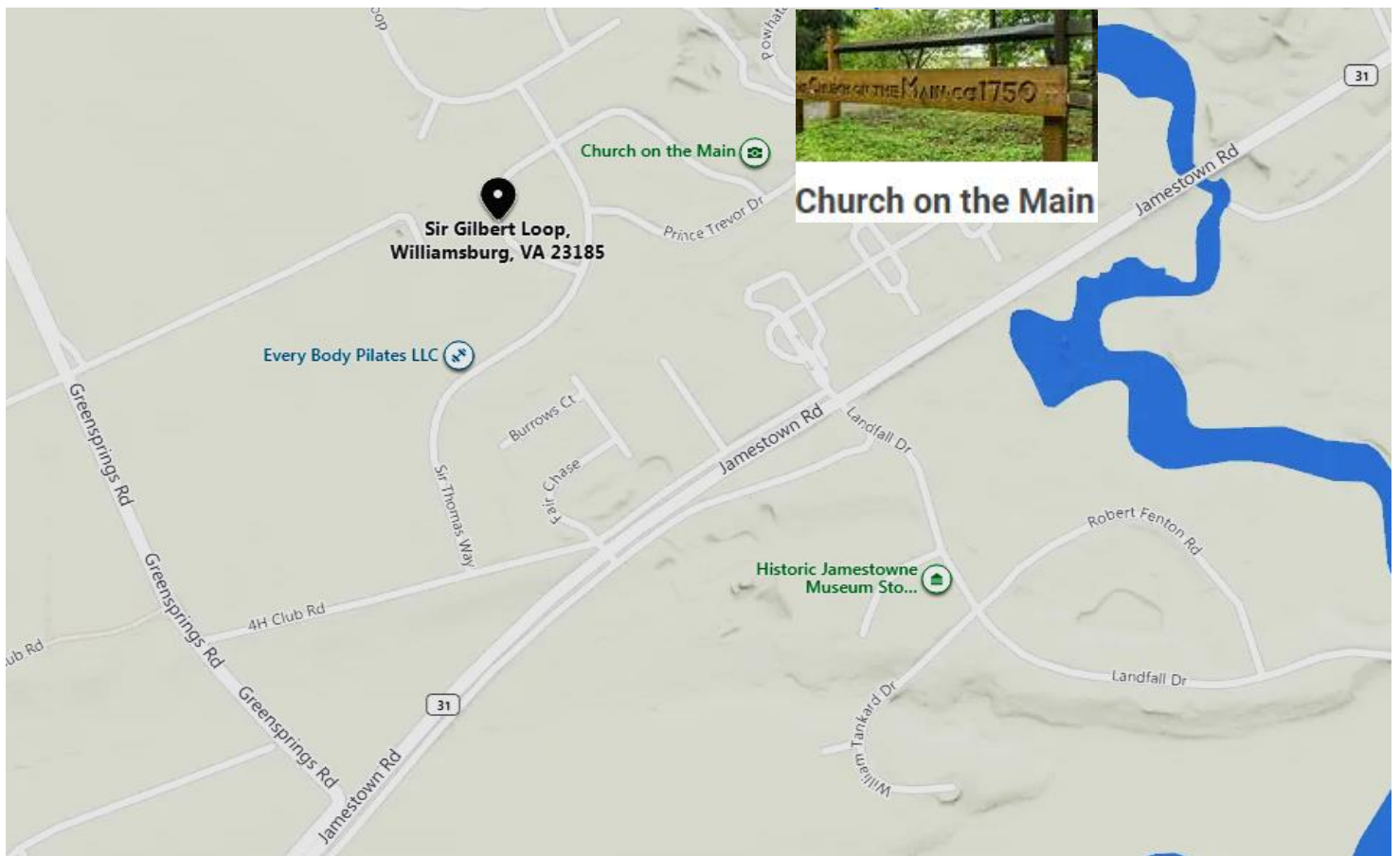
# Battle of Green Spring

July 6<sup>th</sup>

The Williamsburg Chapter of the VASSAR would like to invite you to our commemoration of the Battle of Green Spring. The Commemoration will be held at the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary Soldier on the Site of the Church on the Main in James City County VA.

Bruce Laubach - President Williamsburg Chapter VASSAR

Event start time: 9:00 AM



Parking: street parking in a residential neighborhood.

For SAR Compatriots wishing to participate in the Ceremony these are the Positions Available:

National Colors guard

National Colors bearer (and commander)

Chapter Flag bearer

Chapter Flag guardsman

Virginia Colors bearer

# Registrar's Corner

Congratulations and welcome to Daniel Reeves as his application for membership has been approved. Daniel's patriot ancestor is Francis Britton, who loaned money to the state of South Carolina and served as a Justice of the Peace. Daniel is currently a student at The Citadel. Also, congratulations to Jim Hess for the approval of his eighth supplemental application. Jim's patriot ancestor is Davis Meredith. Compatriot Tom Rees had two supplemental applications approved for patriot ancestors Ralph Logsdon and John Logsdon. We currently have five new member and eight supplemental applications under review for approval by SAR's genealogical committee. There are nine new member and six supplemental applications in progress, and 12 new member prospects. Thank you to fellow compatriots for new member leads and for your support.

**Hunt Berryman Registrar**

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VASSAR Color Guard Spencer's Ordinary Commemoration  
Freedom Park

## Colors of the First Battalion Westmoreland County Volunteers 1775



1st Battalion Standard

This was the Rattlesnake Flag of Colonel John Proctor's 1st Battalion from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. Westmoreland County was the farthest western part of Pennsylvania during the American Revolution. Formed in May of 1775, the First Battalion was comprised of volunteers and except for few months with Washington's army in 1777, the Battalion was used defending Western Pennsylvania against British-inspired Indian raids.

Their arms were mostly privately owned, and their clothing was typical of civilians on the frontier. Apparently only the officers could afford or wore uniforms.

According to tradition this flag was made in 1775 at Hanna's Town from a pre-existing British standard. The initials "J.P." and "I.B.W.C.P." stand for Colonel John Proctor's "Independent Battalion, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania." The retention of the British symbol on the flag suggests that the inhabitants of Westmoreland County, although ready to resist the British Parliament, still considered themselves loyal subjects of King George III in 1775.



Photo by Karen Corbett



On 20 October 2021, the Williamsburg Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, presented a National Society Flag recognition certificate to James Blair Middle School for their proper display and care of the flag of our nation. Pictured (L to R) are Dr. Crystal Haskins, School Principal and George Corbett, Chapter Flag Recognition Committee chairman.

Photo by Karen Corbett





## From the Chaplain

Jim Morford

A few issues back I used this space to profile the great song writer Irving Berlin, his iconic tribute *God Bless America*, and its powerful message for us today. There is another story connected to the great song also with a message for today.

It was on the evening of November 10, 1938 that one of the country's best known entertainers, Kate Smith, sang a new song to honor the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WW I.

In introducing it, Smith said, "*It's something more than a song - I feel it's one of the most beautiful compositions ever written, a song that will never die.*"

She usually included the song in her radio broadcasts. It became her signature song during her five-decade career. Some considered it to be our second national anthem.

Smith and Berlin added a verse that also carries a powerful message for 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.*

As in 1938 when storm clouds gathered over Europe they are gathering there again today.

Kate Smith's rendition of *God Bless America* became the good-luck charm for the Philadelphia Flyers hockey team and following 9/11 was regularly sung during the seventh inning stretch at Yankee Stadium.

More than three decades after Kate Smith's death, America's Woke, and Cancel Culture discovered she had sung two songs in the 1930s that are unquestionably racist and unacceptable today. In an act of automatic submission the Flyers stopped playing *God Bless America* and tore down her statue. In a similar act the Yankees ceased playing her rendition of the song. Censoring the long deceased because of actions not acceptable to today's determiners of what is correct is not just sad, it is dangerous to a free society.

In these days of gathering clouds let us turn to God to affirm our allegiance and express our gratitude.



### Let us pray:

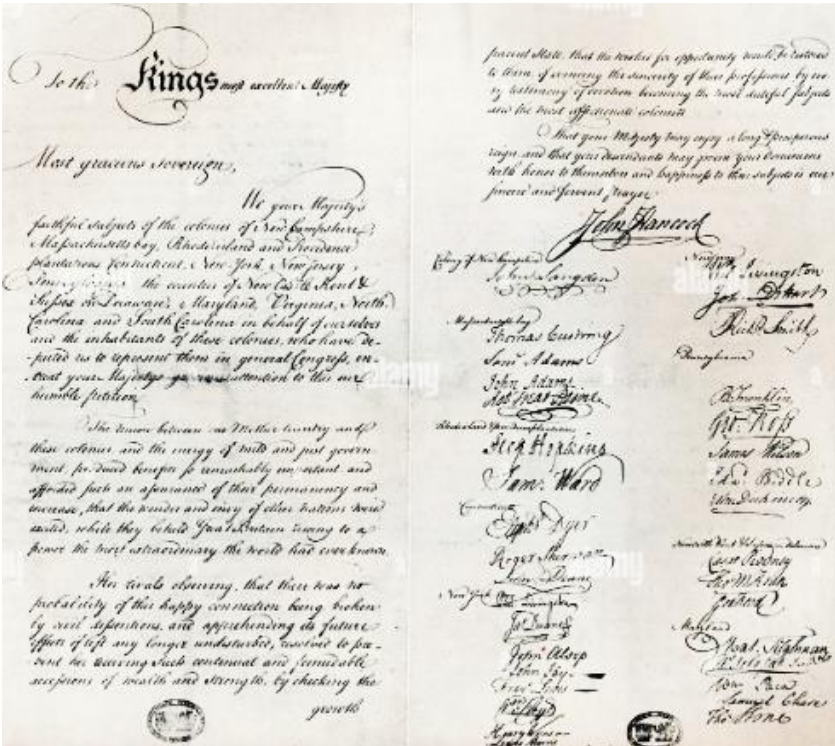
God of our fathers, You are the rock upon which this great nation was founded.

Every generation has faced challenges to our fundamental freedoms and this generation is no exception.

Father, instill in us a spirit of gratitude for the blessings we enjoy as a result of living in this land of freedom and opportunity. Grant us the wisdom and courage to preserve and protect our freedom from those who would deprive us of it.

Hear our united voices as we raise them in solemn prayer and ask that You our God, continue to Bless the United States of America. AMEN

# Olive Branch Petition



Was adopted by the Second Continental Congress on July 5, 1775, and signed on July 8 in a final attempt to avoid war between Great Britain and the Thirteen Colonies in America. The Olive Branch Petition was adopted by the Second Continental Congress on July 5, 1775, and signed on July 8 in a final attempt to avoid war between Great Britain and the Thirteen Colonies in America. The Congress had already authorized the invasion of Canada more than a week earlier, but the petition affirmed American loyalty to Great Britain and beseeched King George III to prevent further conflict. It was followed by the July 6 Declaration of the Causes and Necessity of Taking Up Arms, however, which made its success unlikely in London. In August 1775, the colonies were formally declared to be in rebellion by the Proclamation of Rebellion, and the petition was rejected by the British government; King George had refused to read it before declaring the colonists traitors in America.

## “Book of the month”



### George Washington: A Collection by Washington, George

George Washington speaks for himself on behalf of liberty and the emerging American republic in this handsome book, the only “one-volume” compilation in print of his vast writings. While Washington is recognized as a military leader and the great symbolic figure of the early republic, many fail to appreciate the full measure of his contributions to the country. In these selections, his political ideas and judgments stand out with remarkable clarity. His writings are replete with sustained, thoughtful commentary and keen political insight. This volume also includes assorted selections of his writings including official correspondence, journals, letters and all of his presidential addresses, various public proclamations, his last will and testament.

Review: Excellent book to have in your personal library about one of our most admired founding fathers. It is a good resource book for George Washington on his views about life, ambition, politics, government, military experience (including much from his time as Command-in-Chief during the American Revolution and personal relationships. You can read exactly what George Washington penned, instead of reading what somebody else paraphrased or said he wrote.

Author: W. B. Allen is Professor of Political Philosophy and Director of the Program in Public Policy and Administration at Michigan State University.



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



## George Rogers Clark Wreath Laying Ceremony

A National Sons of the American Revolution event  
celebrating the 243rd anniversary of the capture of Fort Sackville and  
Patriot Grave Marking

On May 28 there was a Wreath Laying ceremony commemorating the capture of Fort Sackville in Vincennes Indiana. **Turner Lee Wilkerson III** A National Trustee of the SAR and as a dual member of the Williamsburg Chapter of the SAR represented our chapter for the Wreath laying. For his participation in the ceremony the Williamsburg Chapter received a streamer for our chapter Flag.



### George Rogers Clark

Born November 19, 1752, George Rogers Clark, was an American surveyor, soldier, and militia officer from Virginia who became the highest-ranking American patriot military officer on the northwestern frontier during the American Revolution. He served as leader of the militia in Kentucky (then part of Virginia) throughout much of the war. He is best known for his captures of Kaskaskia (1778) and Vincennes (1779) during the Illinois Campaign, which greatly weakened British influence in the Northwest Territory. The British ceded the entire Northwest Territory to the United States in the 1783 Treaty of Paris, and Clark has often been hailed as the "Conqueror of the Old Northwest".

Clark's major military achievements occurred before his thirtieth birthday. Afterward, he led militia in the opening engagements of the Northwest Indian War. He left Kentucky to live on the Indiana frontier but was never fully reimbursed by Virginia for his wartime expenditures. During the final decades of his life, he worked to evade creditors and suffered living in increasing poverty and obscurity. After suffering a stroke and the amputation of his right leg, he became an invalid. He was aided in his final years by family members. He died of a stroke on February 13, 1818.



# Virginia SAR

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## Lift Your Voice

### 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

# Williamsburg 2022 Chapter Officers



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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!

If anyone wants to use Zelle for payment, send \$23.23 to [sarwilliamsburg@gmail.com](mailto:sarwilliamsburg@gmail.com)  
Gary Dunaway - Treasurer

## July Chapter meeting at Colonial Heritage Country Club

Fits nicely in a 6¾ envelope

### Reservation for the Saturday July 9<sup>TH</sup> 2022 Luncheon Meeting

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ regular meals at \$23.00

Special need \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to  
"Williamsburg Chapter SAR"

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# SAR GIFTS AND FASHIONABLE APPAREL



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.

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