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CONTINENTAL UNIFORM BUTTON

In 18th century armies, regiments had pewter uniform buttons with individual number designations. Prior to entering Valley Forge, General Washington wrote Captain Caleb Gibbs regarding the acquisition of new uniforms for his Commander-in-Chief's Guard. Since the Guard did not have an individual number for their buttons, Captain Gibbs chose a new cipher – "USA". As far as is known, the Guard was the first unit to use this symbol. The same uniform button became widely worn during the Valley Forge Encampment when the Continental Army was transformed from individual state units into a single unified force.

Wear this button proudly as a Friend of Valley Forge!

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