

Convention Badge, 1940

NQ-CONV-1940-01

Red, white & blue ribbon, Washington, D.C.



Junior Red Cross, 1940

NQ-JRRC-1940-01

The slogan "WE SERVE" was chosen to replace "I SERVE" on all Junior Red Cross enrollment buttons and other materials.



Financial Development, 19??

NQ-FIDV-19xx-01

Plain button was used in many different years.



Cut-out Red Cross Pin, 1941

NQ-GENL-1941-01

Revised from earlier versions (see 1918), pin was used in a variety of ways on uniforms.



Financial Development, 1941

NQ-FIDV-1941-01

War Fund Tab 1941-1942



Theater of Operations Bars, 1940-1946

NQ-SAFV-1940-01 to -08 (alpha order)

Ribbon bars were worn by Red Cross personnel who worked in the particular area during World War II.

CBI - China, Burma, India

ETO - European Theater of Operations

FET - Far Eastern Theater

IFO - Insular and Foreign Operations

MEO - Middle Eastern Theater of Operations

MTO - Mediterranean Theater of Operations

POA - Pacific Ocean Area

SWP - Southwest Pacific Theater of Operations



First Aid, 1941

NQ-SFTY-1941-01

Pin was to be worn by people passing both standard and advanced first aid courses.



First Aid, 194?

NQ-SFTY-194x-01

No documentation has been found for the Instructor pin.
Has a screw back.



General Service Badge (Malvina Hoffman Pin) 1941-1948

NQ-GENL-1941-02 (mens); -03 (womens)

A general service pin designed by Malvina Hoffman to be worn on civilian clothing by both men and women, paid and volunteer. Women's pin (right) and men's button (3/4" high). The pin proved popular but there were complaints regarding the elaborateness of the pin, the size of the women's pin, and the Germanic characteristics of the eagle. For these reasons, no effort was made to restock the pins following World War II.



Home Nursing Pin, 1941-1950

NQ-NRHL-1941-01

Pin was for students passing the Home Nursing Course, to be worn over the left breast. It is made of plastic covered with cloth.



Junior Red Cross, 1941

NQ-JRRC-1941-01

The shield design replaced "WE SERVE."



Junior Red Cross, World War II

NQ-JRRC-194x-01

Paper tag was used in place of the button during the metal shortage of World War II.



Cap Shield, 1941-1945

NQ-SAFV-1941-01 (bronze); -03 (with bronze wash)

Military Welfare cap shield worn by men serving on SAF stations, primarily overseas. Version with bronze wash also found (see color variation below).



Lapel Shield, 1941-1945

NQ-SAFV-1941-02; 194x-06 (sterling with bronze wash)
Military Welfare lapel shield was worn by men serving at SAF stations, primarily overseas.
Second version has sterling base metal, probably from metal shortage era.



Blood Services, 1942-1945

NQ-BLDS-1942-01(brnz-safety); -02 (brnz-pin); -03 (brnz-button); -04 (silver-safety); -05 (silver-pin); 194x-01 (brnz-plastic); -02 (silver-plastic)

Pins had a variety of backings including safety catch, stick-pin and screw back. Plastic pins in the same design were used during the metal shortage of World War II. "American Red Cross" is around the top, "PRO PATRIA" is above the shield, and "BLOOD DONOR" is around the bottom. There appears to be no set style for adding the ribbons.



Bronze pin = 1-2 donations

Silver pin = 3-7 donations

Silver pin with red ribbon = "Gallon Club"--8-15 donations

Silver pin with red and white ribbons = "2 Gallon Club"--16-23 donations

Silver pin with red, white and blue ribbons = "3 Gallon Club"--24+ donations.



Canteen Instructor Pin, 1942

NQ-NRHL-1942-03

Pin was worn by authorized Canteen Instructors. Pin was made of plastic covered cloth.



Financial Development, World War II

NQ-FIDV-194x-02 (small); -03 (large)

Paper tags were used during WWII metal shortage.



Junior Red Cross, 1942/rev. 1962

NQ-JRRC-1942-01; 1962-01

Pin was for teachers sponsoring Junior Red Cross in schools.

In the blue outer edge, "AMERICAN" is at the left, "JUNIOR" is at the top, "RED CROSS" is on the right, and "SPONSOR" is at the bottom. Revised in 1962.



Nursing Service Student Reserve, 1942-1944

NQ-NRHL-1942-04 (cloth); -05 (plastic)

Students in senior classes of nursing schools who met Red Cross requirements could be reserves and wear this bar. The original order in 1942 was for cloth pins which lacked durability. Later orders were for plastic composite pins.



Nutrition Committee Pin, 1942-1950

NQ-NRHL-1942-01

Pin was worn by chapter members of the Nutrition Committee. It was made of plastic covered with cloth.



Nutrition Instructor Pin, 1942-1950

NQ-NRHL-1942-02

Pin was worn by authorized Nutrition Instructors. It was made of plastic covered with cloth.



Rainbow Corner, World War II

NQ-SAFV-194x-16

The Rainbow Corner was an R & R spot for off-duty American personnel. No documentation has been found for this pin.



Rainbow Corner, World War II

NQ-SAFV-194x-20

The Rainbow Corner was an R & R spot for off-duty American personnel. No documentation has been found for this pin.



Service to the Armed Forces, World War II

NQ-SAFV-194x-09

No documentation has been found for this pin, however, it was possibly used at one of the Service Clubs in Europe.



Service to the Armed Forces, 194?

NQ-SAFV-194x-11 (gold); -24 (silver)

No information has been found for this pin from a recreation club, probably from Australia. Cobberette was a term for the female volunteers who worked and helped to entertain at clubs.



Service to the Armed Forces, 194?

NQ-SAFV-194x-15

No information has been found for this pin. Originally discovered in Australia.



SAF New Zealand, 194?

NQ-SAFV-194x-10

No information has been found for this pin. Probably for New Zealanders volunteering at the ARC Service Club.



Service to the Armed Forces, 194?

NQ-SAFV-194x-12

No information has been found for this pin.



Service to the Armed Forces, 194?

NQ-SAFV-194x-14

No information has been found for this pin.



Service to the Armed Forces, 194?

NQ-SAFV-194x-13

The Charles Street Club in London was opened for nurses and female officers.



Service to the Armed Forces, 194?

NQ-SAFV-194x-18

The Charles Street Club in London was opened for nurses and female officers.



Service to the Armed Forces, 194?

NQ-SAFV-194x-25

No information has been found for this pin. Possibly for other clubs restricted for female service personnel or an earlier version used at the Charles St. Club.



Service to the Armed Forces, 194?

NQ-SAFV-194x-27

Pin for Committee members at the Hans Crescent Club in London. Actual size is unknown.



Service to the Armed Forces, 194?

NQ-SAFV-194x-17

No information has been found for this pin.



Year Bars, 1942; 1944

NQ-HRYR-1942-01 (5); -02 (10); -03 (15); -04 (20); 1944-01 (25); -02 (30); -03 (35); -04 (40)

Bars indicate years of Red Cross Service. Ribbon bars for 5- through 20- years were issued beginning in 1942 with 25- through 40-year bars becoming available in 1944. Silver stars were added to the 10- through 30-year bars, brass stars were added for the 35- and 40-year bars. They were discontinued in 1949 when metal bars were available.



General Enrollment, 1943-46

NQ-VOLS-1943-01

This fabric and plastic pin was developed to serve all corps during the metal shortage of World War II.



Nurse Instructor Pin, 1943-1949

NQ-NRHL-1943-02

Pin was worn by authorized Home Nursing and Nurse's Aide Instructors. Pin was made of heavy cloth, much like a small patch.



Nutrition Aide Pin, 1943-1950

NQ-NRHL-1943-01

Pin was worn by volunteers meeting Nutrition Service requirements but who were not Nutritionists. Pin was made of cloth and plastic.



Service to the Armed Forces, 1943

NQ-SAFV-1943-01

Pin was for British volunteers working with the American Red Cross in Great Britain for at least 150 hours.



Service to the Armed Forces, 1943

NQ-SAFV-1943-02 (pin back); -04 (button back)

Pin was for British paid staff who served the American Red Cross in Great Britain for at least 3 months.



Service to the Armed Forces, 194?

NQ-SAFV-194x-21

Pin was for a Service Club somewhere in China between 1943 and 1946. Chinese figures in center translate roughly to the same as the outside edge.



Service to the Armed Forces, 194?

NQ-SAFV-194x-22

No documentation has been found for this pin. Size approximate.



Service to the Armed Forces, 194?

NQ-SAFV-194x-23

No documentation has been found for this donut cluster pin. Text in cross says American Red Cross Donut Cluster. Size approximate.



Service to the Armed Forces, 1943

NQ-SAFV-1943-03, -05 Official bar, -06 Judge bar; 194x-26 1st Bout Winner bar, -27 2nd Bout Winner bar, -28 3rd Bout Winner bar
Medal was used in a Boxing competition at the Rainbow Corner Service Club. Also seen: Judge 1943 bar and Bout Winner bars from unknown years.



Service to the Armed Forces, 194?

NQ-SAFV-194x-07

No information has been found for the “Victory Squad” pin.



Service to the Armed Forces, 1945

NQ-SAFV-1945-13

The Rainbow Corner was an R & R spot for off-duty American personnel. Pins were for Red Cross sponsored athletic events in post-liberation London.



Service to the Armed Forces, 1945

NQ-SAFV-1945-13

The Rainbow Corner was an R & R spot for off-duty American personnel. Pins were for Red Cross sponsored athletic events in post-liberation Paris.



Camp and Hospital Council Service Pin, 1944-1947

NQ-VOLS-1944-03

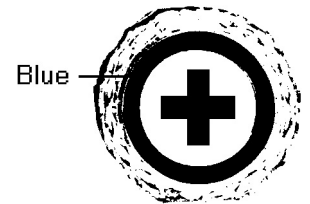
Plastic composite pin was for non-uniformed members of this service.



Fellowship Nurse Pin, 1944

NQ-NRHL-1944-01

Pin was for fellowship and scholarship students from other Red Cross Societies. It was expanded to include visitors who spent extended time at National Headquarters. Same basic design as Nurse badge, but silver edge and no text. Color picture not available.



Rank Bars, 1944

NQ-VOLS-1944-01 (chairman); -02 (vice-chairman)

Plastic composite bars replaced the metal of 1924 because of the metal shortage of World War II.



Service to the Armed Forces, 1944

NQ-SAFV-1944-01

Pin was for volunteers working with the American Red Cross in Australia.



Bronze and Silver Medals, 1945

NQ-SAFV-1945-07 (bronze); -08 (silver)

Medals originally issued in 1919, reissued following World War II with different ribbons. Ribbons: red with white edge (bronze), white with blue & red edge (silver). See 1919 for description of use.



Financial Development, post World War II

NQ-FIDV-194x-01(rope); 19xx-11(plain)

There is some evidence that a flag tab without rope might have been used much earlier. The more common tabs have rope and pole lines which can vary in design.



Club Pin, 1945(?)

NQ-SAFV-1945-06

The Burgerbrau Club began as an ARC Canteen and developed into an active club in the European Theater. Located in Munich, Germany, the club began operations in 1945. No specific information on the pin has been found. Color picture not available.



Domestic Service Pin, 1945

NQ-SAFV-1945-01 (women); -02 (men)

Pin was available to domestic staff who worked during World War II. Men's button was 5/8" diameter, women's pin was 13/16" diameter. Cross is raised. Not to be worn on uniforms.



Domestic Service Pin, 194?

NQ-SAFV-194x-05

No information has been found for this flat version of the Domestic Service Pin.



Financial Development, 1945

NQ-FIDV-1945-01

Plastic pin was intended for volunteers collecting War Funds.



Financial Development, 1945

NQ-FIDV-1945-02

Metal button was intended for volunteers raising funds for War Relief.



Financial Development, 194?

NQ-FIDV-194x-04

No documentation has been found for this button.



Foreign Service Ribbon Bar, 1945-1946

NQ-SAFV-1945-05

Ribbon bar was given to foreigners who served the American Red Cross during World War II for at least 200 hours or 1 year paid employment.



Overseas Service Pin, 1945

NQ-SAFV-1945-03 (women); -04 (men)

Pin was available to overseas staff who worked during World War II. Men's button was 5/8" in diameter, women's pin was 13/16" in diameter. Cross is raised. Not to be worn on uniforms.



Ribbon Bar, 1945

NQ-HRYR-1945-01

This ribbon bar was given for 1-year's service. Metal strips indicate hours of service between 1940 and 1946.
Narrow silver band = 500 hours
Wide brass band = 5,000 hours
Narrow brass band = each 1,000 hours of service exceeding 5,000 until a wide band is earned.



Service to the Armed Forces, 1945

NQ-SAFV-1945-09 (red); -11 (blue)

Red pin was intended for volunteer personnel of all nationalities serving in Zone V with the American Red Cross Commission who served at least 150 hours. Blue pin for paid personnel of all nationalities who were employed at least 3 months.



Service to the Armed Forces, 1945

NQ-SAFV-1945-10 (blue); -12 (red)

Pin was intended for paid personnel of all nationalities who were employed at least 3 months. "G.B. & W.E." refer to Great Britain and Western Europe.



US Government, post World War II

NQ-SAFV-194x-02 (American); -03 (European); -04 (Asian)

Ribbon bars for civilians working overseas including Red Cross personnel. Vertical lines are blue-white-red.

American Theater - blue with white lines

European-African-Middle Eastern Theater- green with white lines

Asiatic-Pacific Theater - yellow with blue lines.



Junior Red Cross, ±1946

NQ-JRRC-1946-01 (high school); -02 (JRC small); -03 (JRC large); -04 (HS smaller print); -05 (JRC larger print)

Tabs replaced the buttons for membership enrollment following World War II as a cost saving measure.



Volunteer Service Pins

Pin were intended for use by members of the various Volunteer Service Corps. **Color pictures follow table.**

<u>Pin</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Color(s)</u>
Dietitian Aide NQ-VOLS-1946-01	1946	White, lower 1/4 light blue

Pins were not available until 1946 after the service was disbanded. Some pins were purchased by former corps members. They had worn the General Enrollment pin.

Staff Aide NQ-VOLS-1946-02	1946-67	Yellow
Canteen NQ-VOLS-1946-03	1946-67	Medium Blue
Social Welfare NQ-VOLS-1946-04	1946-67	Maroon/Dark Purple
Arts and Skills NQ-VOLS-1946-05	1946-67	Gray, lower 1/4 red
Gray Lady Service NQ-VOLS-1946-06	1946-67	Gray
Nurse's Aide NQ-VOLS-1946-07	1946-67	Gold
Motor Corps NQ-VOLS-1946-08	1946-67	Dark Green
Production NQ-VOLS-1946-09	1946-67	Dark Blue
Volunteer* NQ-VOLS-1946-10	1946-82	White

*This is the only pin which does not have "AMERICAN RED CROSS" at the top of the outer circle.

Production and Supply NQ-VOLS-1948-01	1948-67	White, lower 1/4 blue
Entertainment and Instruction NQ-VOLS-1948-02	1948-67	Red, lower 1/4 blue

Some colors vary in darkness or "shade" due to manufacturing process.

In 1967, the Special Services were dissolved, but pins were available until supplies were exhausted.



NQ-VOLS-1946-01



NQ-VOLS-1946-02



NQ-VOLS-1946-03



NQ-VOLS-1946-04



NQ-VOLS-1946-05



NQ-VOLS-1946-06



NQ-VOLS-1946-07



NQ-VOLS-1946-08



NQ-VOLS-1946-09



NQ-VOLS-1946-10



NQ-VOLS-1948-01



NQ-VOLS-1948-02

Water Safety, 1946

NQ-SFTY-1946-01

Junior Life Saving pin was revised to put cross on a continuous field of white. (see 1939)



Water Safety, 1946

NQ-SFTY-1946-02

Senior Life Saving pin was revised to put cross on a continuous field of white. (see 1939)



Water Safety, 1946

NQ-SFTY-1946-03

Water Safety Instructor pin was revised to put cross on a continuous field of white. (see 1939)



Cap Insignia, 1947

NQ-SAFV-1947-01 (bronze); -02 (silver)

Dress cap insignia for men. It replaced the Military Welfare cap shield when the service was renamed "Service to the Armed Forces." Silver-toned version also found, but not as common.



Blood Services, 19??

NQ-BLDS-19xx-04 (no stars); 01 (1 red star); -02 (2 red stars);

-03 (1 gold star)

No information has been found for these buttons. It might be guessed that the stars related to number of donations.



Blood Donor Stickpins, 1949

NQ-BLDS-1949-01 (plain); -02 (1 star); -03 (2 star); -04 (3 star)

Gilt-edged drops with the cross outlined by white.

Plain = 1-7 donations

1 star = 8-15 donations

2 stars = 16-23 donations

3 stars = 24+ donations



Year Bars, 1949

NQ-HRYR-1949-01 (5); -02 (10); -03 (15); -04 (20); -05 (25); -06 (30); -07 (35); -08 (40); -09 (45); -10 (50); -11 (55); -12 (60)

The metal bars for 5- through 40-years were first available in 1949 with the 45- through 60-year bars becoming available in subsequent years. Bars through 30-years have silver detail while the 35- through 60-year bars have detail in gold. They were declared obsolete in 1981.

