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## **Acceptable Content**

Color guard activities at chapter, state, and National level are what should be submitted. These include activities where color guard units participate: parades, Grave markings, Flag retirements, posting/retiring colors at meetings, presentation of color guard medals (Bronze, Silver, Von Steuben, Gold, Molly Pitcher, etc). This includes the National Color Guard events as listed in this magazine.

All images submitted must show color guard participation in some way. Submissions without guardsmen present will not be included. The editor requests that along with each submission, there is also a brief description of the event.

Events that do not include the color guard should be submitted to the SAR Magazine instead of the SAR Colorguardsman.

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# Commander's Report

The Commemoration of the Spring Revolutionary War Battle Season is winding down and so is my second year as your Commander of the National SAR Color Guard and my sixth year on the National Society SAR Color Guard Command Staff. The 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the Decade of the American Revolution (1773 to 1783) continue to happen on top of a full calendar of National SAR Color Guard Events.

None of these events could happen with the support of the various society color guard commanders and members of the various society and chapter color guards. The compatriots in the color guard put the face on the SAR at these events and your dedication makes all this possible. As you continue to support Compatriot Robert Myer of New Jersey, who is next in the line of National Society SAR commanders, I look forward to working with you as one of the members of the color guard.

Please remember that as we honor the patriots of the American Revolution, we must enjoy our activities, but we must do it safely. As the weather begins to warm the pace of Battle Season will slow down but the color guard will continue with various patriot and compatriot grave marker dedications, bench and other dedication ceremonies, commemorations, and other color guard events. We constantly emphasize safety with the black powder and edged weapons but we must also remember to emphasize the health and safety of the color guard members. In the coming months please make sure that all guardsmen stay hydrated and safe during the various ceremonies.

In the last Commander's report, it was noted that the vote for the upcoming National Society SAR Color Guardsman of the Year would be held at Spring Leadership in Louisville, Kentucky. It is with great pleasure that I announced at Spring Leadership that Compatriot Scott Giltner of Kentucky was selected and will become our National SAR Color Guardsman of the Year at the National Society SAR Congress in July when Compatriot Brett Osborn of Virginia completes his year.

During the past few months, it has been my honor to serve as your National Commander while participating at the

- Battle of Cowpens in South Carolina
- Battle of Cowans Ford in North Carolina
- Georgia Society SAR Annual Meeting with the National SAR President General in Georgia
- Battle of Kettle Creek in Washington, Georgia
- Crossing of the Dan in South Boston, Virginia
- Battle of Moore's Creek in Currie, North Carolina
- National SAR Spring Leadership in Louisville, KY
- National SAR grave marker dedication for John Armstrong in Indiana with the President General.
- Battle of Brier Creek in Sylvania, Georgia (new national event with PG in attendance)
- Battle of Guilford Courthouse in Greensboro, North Carolina
- Lafayette 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary events (multiple)
- Battle of Thomas Creek in Florida
- Halifax Resolves in Halifax, North Carolina
- 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Lexington and Concord in Boston, Massachusetts.

I cannot say this enough: Without the participation of our compatriots and the time and effort that goes into attending commemorations, grave marker dedication ceremonies, patriotic events, and other programs we would not have the level of visibility in our communities that we currently enjoy in our Chapter, State, District, and National events.



With that being said, we need to be mindful of not spreading ourselves too thin. This has been especially true with the demand for our participation in extra events such as NSDAR 250<sup>th</sup> sign dedications, Lafayette events, as well as the number of events occurring on Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Independence Day. The larger and more visible we can make the color guard the more impact we can have as the face of the SAR.

Going back to Spring Leadership several items were discussed at the meeting regarding the Color Guard Handbook, the Gold Color Guard Medal and some proposed new medals. Some of these items still needed to be finalized and a couple of items that were voted upon will need modification due to actions that happened in other NSSAR committee meetings.

A Zoom Color guard meeting will be called on Monday 19 May 2025 at 7:00 PM Eastern. The Meeting ID is 365 939 6076 Passcode is 838588 and the Zoom link is available [here](#).

Hopefully we can wrap up some items by the end of this year, so they do not carry over to Commander Meyer's year. The change of command ceremony will take place at the National SAR Congress this year during the President General Banquet. If you are attending, please pay attention to the announcements regarding the color guard as there will be a number of extra do and don'ts for participation in this NSSAR Congress since we will be subject to tribal jurisdiction.

Please look at the schedule of upcoming events and see how you can help us get the word out about SAR and to help others become a member of this organization. As a compatriot make sure you can tell others how your American Story begun as we continue to celebrate the Decade of the American Revolution.

Thank you for your participation in the Color Guard.

Yours in Patriotism,

K. Scott Collins,  
National Society SAR Color Guard Commander

# **Celebrating the 250th Safely**

**Brett Osborn - National Safety Officer**

Greetings, NSSAR Color Guardsmen.

This is to follow up on the SAR 250<sup>th</sup> Event Planning Guide that was sent out on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Some good ideas and information were provided with the “Planning Guidelines for 250<sup>th</sup> Ceremony”, but it was not coordinated with the NSSAR Color Guard Committee and I’m offering some observations for your consideration and future planning of Color Guard activities in support of 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events.

**Under Preparations:** There is no mention of a risk assessment or insurance for an event. If there is a firing event, is the color guardsman qualified and does the chapter/state have insurance? Has a safety survey been conducted of the proposed event site for obstacles or trip hazards both indoors and outdoors? Are there heat or weather conditions that require attention? It was mentioned in the Planning Guidelines about providing for emergency operations, please add who should be called at State and National should there be an accident or incident at an event.

**Under Conduct (agenda) of a Ceremony**, item #4 Pledge of Allegiance. Nothing forbids the Star-Spangled Banner (National Anthem) being played or sung and then having the Pledge of Allegiance in the same ceremony. Doing the National Anthem first is providing Honors to the Flag. For Item #10 Presentation of suitable song or music, my personal recommendation is “God Bless America”. Our Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard Adjutant sings this at all our Grave Marking events (provides credit for providing music) and other Color Guard functions. This was most recently done at VASSAR’s Patrick Henry event on March 16<sup>th</sup> and followed by a VASSAR 250<sup>th</sup> event March 23<sup>rd</sup> also at St. John’s Church in Richmond, VA where a VASSAR member sang God Bless America. The Virginia Governor and Ken Burns were both present at the second Patrick Henry event.

For the Color Guard and based on the event conditions, whether indoors or outdoors and limitations due to obstacles or space, consider these options for the display of flags in the ceremony:

- Pre-posted
- Paraded, but not posted
- Paraded, posted, and left in place
- Paraded, posted, and retrieved



For item #11 Musket Salute (fire 3 times); for firing at events, again insured and trained color guardsmen only. No firing in parades. While musket salutes have been done with three volleys at grave markings, this is the tradition for funerals. It’s evolved by tradition, that many assume this is required. An option is the **feu de joie** (fire of joy). This did occur on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1778, with General George Washington celebrating at Valley Forge the new alliance with France. The whole army deployed in line and discharged their muskets in succession down the ranks. The firing begins and spreads from right to left as each soldier fires. This means firing once, requires practice, but impressive. I have done this at Mount Vernon and have started training VASSAR Color Guardsmen to try this at events. Worth consideration, ensure practicing this and the safety space and firing zone for events.

At the beginning of every event indoors or outdoors, inspect all firelocks and cartridges to be fired. At the end of the firing, work with the program emcee and allow for the musket squad to secure and search their firelocks before facing the public. A short narrative can be read to the audience about what the color guardsmen are doing having fired black powder and they are doing a safety check and clearance. Goes a long way.

Stay safe and have fun!

Brett Osborn  
NSSAR Color Guard Safety Officer



# **National Color Guard Quartermasters - The Unsung Heroes Behind the Scenes**

Patrick Wesolosky - National Color Guard Second Adjutant

Did you ever wonder how all the flags and stands make it to Leadership, Congress, and most recently the Battle of Concord? The answer lies with the National Color Guard Quartermasters. Usually based out of Kentucky, the Quartermasters ensure that the National Color Guard Inventory is well maintained.

The Quartermasters have a range of crucial duties, including:

- Inspecting and inventorying all equipment before and after each Leadership meeting and Congress
- Transporting equipment to and from the Leadership hotel in Louisville
- Preparing equipment for shipping to Congress
- Purchasing new flags when newer versions of older state flags are adopted
- Making sure the Drum Major's drum is delivered to Congress and Leadership meetings

One of their primary tasks is to maintain an inventory of all flags and stands. They ensure that everything is in perfect condition by inspecting the equipment before and after major events. This meticulous diligence guarantees that the National Color Guard's presentations are flawless.

The Quartermasters are also responsible for the transportation of equipment. They move the flags and stands to and from the hotel in Louisville, ensuring that everything arrives on time and in good condition. This logistical coordination is essential for the smooth operation of events.

As states adopt newer versions of their flags, the Quartermasters purchase and replace the outdated ones. Over the past few years, they have replaced flags for Mississippi, Minnesota, and Utah. Moreover, they always have two state flags at headquarters, ready to replace the first one in case something happens.

The National Color Guard Quartermasters play a vital role in the success of Leadership meetings, Congress, and other significant events. Their dedication to maintaining and transporting the National Color Guard Inventory ensures that these events run smoothly. Without their tireless efforts, the Color Guard at these events would not be possible.

## **National Color Guard Quartermasters**

2010 - 2020 Quartermaster - Charlie Scott

2020 - 2022 Quartermaster - Charlie Scott  
Assistant Quartermaster - Patrick Wesolosky

2022 - 2024 Quartermaster - Patrick Wesolosky  
Assistant Quartermaster - Chris Canine

2024 - Quartermaster - Chris Canine  
Assistant Quartermaster - Patrick McMurchie



L to R - Patrick Wesolosky, Charlie Scott, Chris Canine

## **Editor Sign On**

In our last issue, our longtime editor Steve Williams penned a sign off message. It is with excitement and enthusiasm that I sign on as editor.



We cannot begin to thank Steve enough for his decade plus of leadership in compiling, editing, and distributing information that highlights the hard work of our color guard across the country. I am quickly realizing the amount of effort he put into this endeavor and we are grateful for him. I only hope that I can approach the quality of work and the example that he leaves behind.

As we move forward, I am sure we will have bumps in the road and hiccups. I will ask for your patience as I find my footing. I thank Steve for his guidance so far and will have to ask his forgiveness for the countless emails I still am likely to send his way.

Thank you to Commander Collins for the opportunity to take lead on the newsletter. I look forward to working with all of you to show off what we do.

In your service,

Jacob A. Vink

*Editor - SAR Colorguardsman*

## **Music in the American Revolution (Yankee Doodle)**

Scott G. Giltner, Ph.D.

This article will cover what is considered the most iconic tune from the American Revolution, Yankee Doodle. Today Yankee Doodle is considered a patriotic air for children as that is when most of us learned this song. (To be honest it is probably the only song from the American Revolution that most Americans know.) While its whimsical and apparently silly lyrics appeal to children of today, back in the American Revolution the lyrics delivered a more serious political and cultural message.

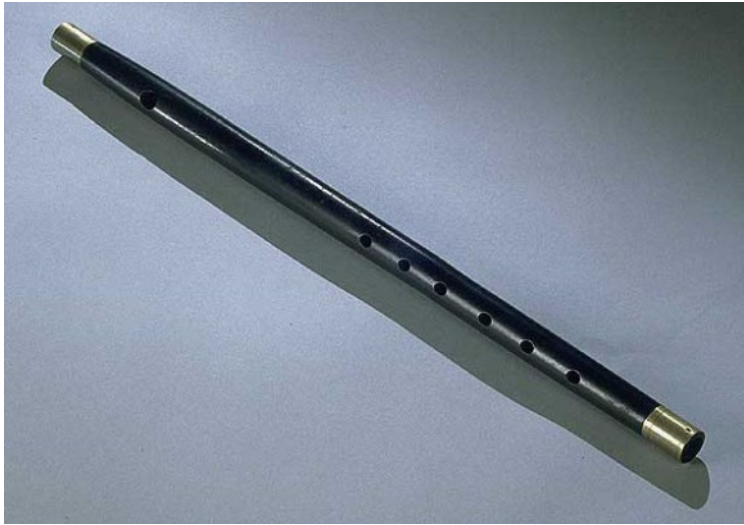
The tune for Yankee Doodle dates back well before the American Revolution and even the French & Indian War. The exact date for the origin of the tune is unknown, but some believe it to be from the 15 th century. The tune was well known across much of Europe with a wide variety of lyrics applied. There are at least 190 different verses currently associated with the tune.

In the context of the American Colonies, the first known usage of the tune was by British Officers to mock the “uncouth” and “disorganized” colonists (Yankees) with whom they served during the French & Indian War. The title and lyrics used by the British were written around 1755 and are attributed to British Army surgeon Richard Shuckburgh.

These lyrics were meant as insults which in today’s vernacular we do not recognize. The main implication of these lyrics was that the American colonists were rude towards the British and cowards in warfare.

Although the lyrics originated during the French and Indian War, they remained popular with the British for many years. When the British arrived to occupy Boston in 1768, the British musicians played the song to taunt the American colonists as they marched down the streets. Early in the American Revolution the British and Loyalists frequently played the song to ridicule the Continental soldiers, but the Americans soon adopted it as their own and played it proudly. The lyrics commonly employed by the British in 1775 describe the visit of a colonial farmer and his son to a military encampment. The lyrics, written from the viewpoint of the son, portray the two visitors as being country bumpkins completely ignorant of the military and life in camp. In the course of the song’s narrative, the farmer and his son mistake a drum for a barrel with leather heads (which is knocked upon with little clubs) and, in some versions, interpret a cavalry charge as being a horse race. In addition, reference is made to “Captain Washington”, an obvious slight to General Washington, as being vain in his manner and dress. At the end of these lyrics the son is frightened, runs home, and hides in his mother’s room.





Another insult towards the Americans is provided in the phrase “Yankee doodle dandy”. At the time the word “doodle” meant fool or simpleton, while a “dandy” was a man who placed an inappropriate amount of time and attention to his appearance in order to impersonate someone of wealth and social standing. Therefore, “Yankee doodle dandy” was stereotyping the American colonists as emasculated fools.

The lyrics applied to the tune were fairly fluid on both sides during the war. During the war the Americans substituted lyrics that mocked the British and praised General George Washington. Eventually the song was transformed into a very anti-British message of defiance as the “uncouth and disorganized” colonists turned

the tide of the war. By 1781 Yankee Doodle had become a favorite patriotic song for the colonists

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did not appear in print until 1842 when it was published in the book, “The Nursery Rhymes of England”. No earlier reference to these lyrics is known.

Even at this late date after the war, it appears there was still some British animosity towards Americans. The lines “stuck a feather in his cap, and called it macaroni” comes across today as a somewhat bizarre and silly line. However, at the time, the meaning was well understood. The term “macaroni” referred to a style of high fashion popular in 18<sup>th</sup> century Italy and across Europe. Macaroni fashion involved wearing brightly colored and flamboyant clothing as well as ornate ribbons, extravagant wigs, and makeup – even by men. Therefore, this verse implied that the Americans were simpletons who believed the addition of a single feather to their hats would transform their common appearance into a state of high fashion.

Since the American Revolution, numerous sets of lyrics have been set to this tune. Some of these lyrics have been purely for entertainment while others have expressed serious political views. Despite its ever-changing lyrics, the lively and endearing nature of the tune ensures it will be around for quite some time to come.

# **Upcoming 2025 Events**

## **Upcoming National SAR events per state society calendars**

09-May-25	Friday	Pensacola - Galvez Day	Florida
18-May-25	Saturday	Armed Forces Day	Various
24-May-25	Saturday	Waxhaw's - Buford's Massacre	South Carolina
24-May-25	Saturday	George Rogers Clark	Indiana
25-May-25	Sunday	Fort San Carlos	Missouri
26-May-25	Monday	National Memorial Day Parade	District of Columbia
26-May-25	Monday	Memorial Day	Various
14-Jun-25	Saturday	Monmouth	New Jersey
14-Jun-25	Saturday	Flag Day (New)	Various
14-Jun-25	Saturday	Ramsour Mill	North Carolina
14-Jun-25	Saturday	250 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the US Army	Virginia
21-Jun-25	Saturday	Springfield	New Jersey
04-Jul-25	Saturday	Independence Day	Various
16-Aug-25	Saturday	Blue Licks	Kentucky
23-Aug-25	Saturday	Brooklyn	New York
30-Aug-25	Saturday	Eutaw Springs	South Carolina
06-Sep-25	Saturday	Couch's Bridge	Delaware
06-Sep-25	Saturday	Battle of the Capes	Virginia
13-Sep-25	Saturday	Washington 's Tomb Vigil	Virginia
20-Sep-25	Saturday	Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Tennessee
04-Oct-25	Saturday	Chestnut Neck	New Jersey
07-Oct-25	Tuesday	Kings Mountain	North/South Carolina
19-Oct-25	Sunday	Yorktown	Virginia
26-Oct-25	Sunday	Red Bank	New Jersey
11-Nov-25	Tuesday	Veterans Day	Various
22-Nov-25	Saturday	Fort Morris	Georgia
06-Dec-25	Saturday	Great Bridge	Virginia
13-Dec-25	Saturday	Wreaths Across America	Various
14-Dec-25	Saturday	Ten Crucial Days	New Jersey

A local event celebrating Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day may be counted as a National Color Guard event for the purposes of applying for a Color Guard Medal. Only a single event on each day may be counted. Multiple events on the same day cannot be counted multiple times. If the event is on a weekend nearest the actual holiday, that can be counted with respect to the single event limitation. For example, if a Veterans Day Parade occurs on a Saturday such as the 8th, then an event on the 11th does not count..

Since 2020 Spring Leadership, a policy was adopted by both the National Color Guard and National Historic Sites & Celebrations Committees formally establishing that only the National Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee may designate National Historic Events based on that committee's established criteria. The only exception being that established Color Guard policy of recognizing President General, or his designated SAR General Officer representative, attendance at an otherwise unrecognized event will make that actual event a National Event.



# **State Society Color Guard Commanders**

The list of State Commanders below is the most up to date that the editor has. If you find an error, please send the correction to [colorguardsman@gmail.com](mailto:colorguardsman@gmail.com). For information about State or National Events, please contact the Commander of the state in which the event occurs.

Each commander is emailed each new issue of The SAR Colorguardsman for distribution to the guardsmen within his state. Any questions about the distribution of the new issue should be directed to the respective state commander.

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## **SAR Celebrates the 250th Anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord**



Prior to the parade commemorating the first battles of the American Revolution, the SAR was in full force for a Patriot Grave Marking at Old Hill Burying Ground



With flags flying and drums beating, the SAR National Color Guard marched in the parade marking the anniversary of the Battles.





The SAR Color Guard had the honor of marching over Old North Bridge 250 years to the day that Patriot militia clashed with British Regulars.

A strong turnout and a spirit of patriotism made the event a success and one that the participants are unlikely to forget.





# Reports From the Field

State Society highlights since the last issue. Submissions should be made through each state's Color Guard Commander. Please refer to submission guidelines on page 2.



Former AL Honor Guard commander now WV Honor Guard Member Martin Brady conducted Honor Guard Musket certification for current and new honor guard members.

All members of the AL Honor Guard were trained to Current National Muzzleloader Safety Rules. The Honor Guard members are recertified annually.



The Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution were represented at the recent Marquis de Lafayette Two Hundred - Year commemoration of his crossing the Chattahoochee River at Fort Mitchell into Alabama, where he was met by Muskogee Creeks who entertained him with stickball and other ceremonies before he continued his journey through Creek territory and into the State of Alabama.







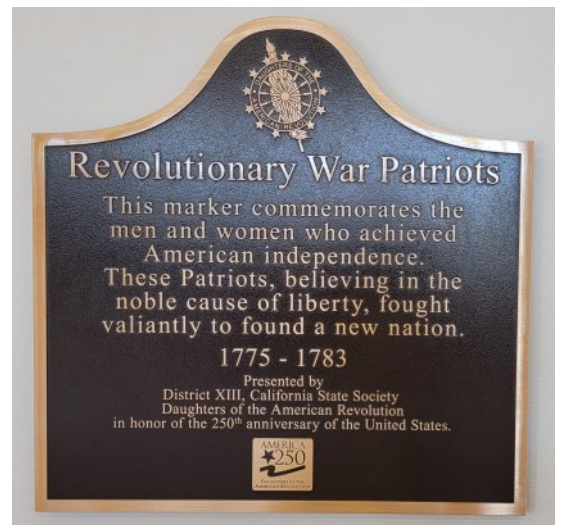
## Arizona



The Arizona Society participated in the 2024 Phoenix Veterans Day Parade. The parade took place in downtown Phoenix and ended at the Phoenix Veterans hospital. Pictured: Mark Seifert, Daniel Thompson, Rick Spargo, Lynne Marks, mother and daughter, Donald Dedrick, Rob Welch Stu Morris, Brad Hopkins, Stan Marks, Stephen Miller



## California



Harbor Chapter, California SAR Color Guard members, Exec VP John Ferris, and CG Adjutant South Kevin Forrest proudly presented colors at the DAR District XIII 250 Plaque unveiling in Whittier, CA on February 15th. Esteemed guests included Senator Bob Archuleta, Supervisor Janice Hahn, Assemblywoman Blanca Pacheco, and Jim Zenner LA County Military and Veterans Affairs. Pictured: John Richardson, Ken Winiecki, Lucas Villardi, Kevin Bidekap, John Ferris, Kevin Forrest, Brandon Villardi.





On February 22nd, the California Society SAR (CASSAR) Color Guard had the honor of presenting the colors at the California State Society Children of the American Revolution (C.S.S.C.A.R.) banquet, held at Knott's Berry Farm Hotel.

Earlier in the day, Color Guard members joined C.S.S.C.A.R. attendees for a special visit to the replica of Independence Hall, where young patriots had the opportunity to explore this historic landmark and learn more about America's founding. A highlight of the afternoon was a lively meet-and-greet with Snoopy, providing a fun and memorable photo opportunity for all.



During the banquet, VP South and Color Guard Commander Brandon Villardi had the privilege of presenting Grave Marking Medals, recognizing the dedication of those who honor our nation's patriots. The event was a wonderful display of camaraderie between SAR and C.A.R., reinforcing the importance of our shared mission to preserve and celebrate American history.

The CASSAR Color Guard is proud to support C.A.R. events and looks forward to continuing our collaboration in the future!



On Wednesday March 26 th , the California SAR Color Guard presented Colors for the Color Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 6-2, in Huntington Beach. Members of the South Coast and Orange County Chapters took part in the monthly meeting. L/R: Jim Hernandez (South Coast); John Ferris (Orange County); Scott Whitman (SC); Mike Miller (OC); Kevin Forrest (SC)





# Florida



On National Vietnam War Veterans Day, the Tampa Chapter Color Guard presented the colors at the Temple Terrace Mission BBQ to open their recognition of Vietnam War veterans in their area. Several Vietnam veterans were recognized, including two Tampa Color Guard members. A representative of the Fort Brooke Society CAR was on hand to thank each veteran for their service and present them with a pin in recognition of their service. Pictured (l-r) are Terry Doan, Robbie Robinson, Kathryn Getty (a Mission BBQ employee and Vietnam War era veteran),



American Revolution Experience,  
Ormond Beach, FL, 2/22/2025

Top Row L-R - Corey Mead, Kelly  
Crumley, Will Ashmore

Middle Row - Bob Crawford

Bottom Row L-R - Ken Nunnelley,  
Bill Elder, Bob Thomas



Florida Society DAR State  
Conference, Orlando, FL, 3/7/2025

Left to Right: Jim Gaskins, Bill Elder,  
Phil Markoe, Robin Preston, Patrick  
Thomas, Brian Jensen.



Florida Society C.A.R State Conference., Melbourne, FL, 2/15/2025

Left to Right: Randy Allen, Jim Gaskins, Hans Hunt, Scott Scott, Braeden Shurte, James Hamilton, Michael Meyer, Phil Markoe, Dick Young Scott Breckenridge, Brian Jensen, Kevin Shurte.





# Indiana

On March 02, the Indiana Society and the National Society hosted a joint Patriot Grave Marking in Charlestown, Indiana. Guardsmen from nine states helped to honor John Armstrong on a windy and cold Sunday morning. The color guard was led by National Commander Scott Collins, President General Daryl Addington brought greetings and remarks, and two Vice Presidents General joined four State Presidents to make the event memorable.



SAR Museum Curator Zac Distel discussed the personal effects of John Armstrong that will be part of the Museum's collection once it opens its doors. Several of the artifacts were on display at the Galt House during Spring Leadership.



John Armstrong descendant Ellen Denning Smith presented an in depth biography of the patriot and thirty wreaths were laid before a flag folding ceremony and a musket salute.

The Indiana Society thanks Kentucky's Marika Wesolosky and National Society Marketing & Public Relations Manager Drew Hight for the photos







Martin Brady, from West Virginia SAR led a Black Powder Training in Indiana on March 22, 2025. He is shown here during an outdoor exercise that was held near Dunkirk, IN and sponsored by the Continental Chapter, Indiana SAR. (below)



On Saturday, March 22 at Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne, IN, the Anthony Halberstadt Chapter Indiana SAR, the Mary Penrose Chapter, DAR, and the William Berry Chapter CAR gathered for a ceremony to honor a Civil War heroine. The ceremony was to honor a Civil War nurse, Helena E Wolff that provided care and comfort to Union soldiers from 1861-1863. She was received by both General Grant and President Lincoln and received a citation for bravery from General Logan for her service to the wounded. She resided In Fort Wayne until her death in 1925. Like Clara Barton she was an "Angel of the Battlefield." Fort Wayne City Councilman, Geoff Paddock read a Mayoral Proclamation Designating March 22, 2025 as Helena E Wolff Day in Fort Wayne. (above)



The District 4 Indiana SAR contingent provided the Vincennes Historical Society and the Indiana 250 Committee with a color guard for the reenactment of the Paul Revere Ride on April 18 1775. Guardsmen from the John Martin Chapter and the George Rogers Clark Chapter participated in the event.





On a hot spring morning in Des Moines, Iowa members Mike Rowley and Doug Frazer joined with Iowa Secretary of State Paul D. Pate in welcoming and offering congratulations to 41 new United States citizens from 22 different countries. The tradition of giving them their first flag as citizens was well received and nearly all asked to have their photo with the Iowa Color guard.



Iowa Color Guard Commander Mike Rowley attended the 126th State Conference of the Iowa Society of the Daughter of the American Revolution in Des Moines, Iowa on April 4, 2025.

DAR Color Guard members (Left to right) Sharleen Newton, Kathy Sells and Joanne Tinker said they were inspired by the Iowa SAR Color Guard when joining with us in past events. Now in their own uniforms they did an outstanding job of presenting the colors to open the conference. We look forward to many more joint endeavors





# Kentucky



On February 22, the Kentucky Society's Eastern Brigade provided a Color Guard for a DAR Patriot Marker Unveiling Ceremony at the location of Logan's Station. Members from the Capt. Charles Gatliff, Col James Harrod, Gov Isaac Shelby, and Lafayette Chapters were on hand to assist the DAR.



On Saturday March 8, 2025, the Kentucky Society held its Annual Meeting at Sullivan University in Louisville KY. The highlights of the day included Color Guardsmen from across the Commonwealth posting the Colors and Mourn on Arms for the annual Memorial Service.



On March 29, 2025, the KSDAR conducted their annual State Conference in Lexington, Kentucky. The KYSSAR Eastern Brigade Color Guard posted the Colors at the Saturday Night banquet, as per tradition. DAR President General Pamela Rouse Wright attended the Conference and took a picture with the Kentucky Color Guard.







In preparation for an active event calendar in 2025, the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter of the Kentucky Society hosted a guard training session on 15 March in Middletown, KY. This training has been conducted annually beginning in 2015 and is open to all members of the SAR. The chapters who participated in the training were the Gov. Isaac Shelby, Gen. Richard Butler, Lafayette, Louisville-Thruston, Simon Kenton.

The training was conducted in a morning session and afternoon session. The morning session were for musket/rifle training. These sessions began with a review of the flintlock safety guidelines and procedure. The remainder of the session focused on the flintlock

drills for shoulder flintlocks, order flintlocks, present flintlocks, secure flintlocks, poise, and mourn on arms. Also included in the training was the loading and firing sequence for a gun salute. As this was an indoor training session, no black powder was used or allowed onsite.

The afternoon sessions covered how to carry and post a flag, commands given to the color guard, dispositions of the color guard during a ceremony, giving of honors, saluting, wreath presentations, and flag folding. Particular attention was given to maneuvers in accordance with the 1764 Manual of Arms. A fifer and drummer were added to the afternoon sessions to provide music for marching and also to practice fife & drum calls and signals.

Everything learned in these training sessions will be applied numerous times in the coming months as the various chapters of the Kentucky Society have a full schedule of events in 2025.







On 17 March, Roger Vincent and Scott Giltner gave a presentation on fife and drum music during the American Revolution at the White Plains, KY Senior Community Center. Roger Vincent is from the Col. Benjamin Logan Chapter and Scott Giltner is from the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter, Kentucky SAR

On February 22, 2005, the KYSSAR Eastern Brigade Color Guard presented the colors and a flintlock salute at Logan's Station / St. Asaph in Stanford, Kentucky in support of an America's 250th bronze marker dedication conducted by the Kentucky Society Daughters of the American Revolution. After the ceremony, the attending color guardsmen gathered around the marker for a group photo.



Moments before showtime, the KYSSAR Color Guard have a laugh backstage before presenting the colors at the society's annual meeting in Louisville, Kentucky on March 8,



KYSSAR Eastern Brigade Color Guardsmen gather around the fire on January 4, 2025, after presenting colors and a firelock salute at Fort Harrod in Harrodsburg, KY. The event was to commemorate the January 1777 life-saving retrieval of gunpowder brought into Kentucky by George Rogers Clark that became known as Clark's Powder Run





Scott Gilder gave a presentation on the music of the American Revolution at the Coffman's Station School Day in Lawrenceburg, KY



John Doss and Scott Giltner led the SAR color guard in the Frankfort Avenue Easter Parade on 19 April



The Kentucky Society, Daughters of the American Revolution held its state conference at the Hilton Hotel in Lexington, Kentucky on 29 March. The Kentucky State Color Guard was honored to have been invited once again to provide the color guard for the Saturday evening banquet.

SAR members from the Gov. Isaac Shelby, Simon Kenton, Lafayette, Col. Daniel Boone, Louisville Thruston, and Col. James Harrod chapters as well as one member of the Mary Ingles DAR chapter participated in the color guard.

The color guard consisted of four riflemen and 16 flag bearers. During the opening ceremonies of the banquet the flag bearers, along with DAR pages, formed a corridor for receiving the guests of honor for the banquet, which included DAR President General Pamela Wright and State Regent Linda Conrad.





# Louisiana



Members of the General Philemon Thomas Chapter color guard at a bench dedication ceremony held by the Piney Woods Chapter, Texas Society at the Humble Museum in Humble, TX. The museum was the venue for "Revolutionary Education." Paul and Stephen also educated people about Spanish General Bernardo de Galvez and participated in a musket safety training session.

Color Guard Commander Paul Bergeron receives the Bronze Color Guard Medal at the regular meeting of the General Philemon Thomas chapter.

Left to right: Paul Bergeron, Derrick Spell



Members of the General Philemon Thomas Chapter and Louisiana Society color guards at a recent grave marking for James Penny, a private in the Pennsylvania Militia.

Left to right: Paul Bledsoe, Stephen Estopinal, Mitch Pratt, Paul Bergeron, Leonard Rohrbough, Steve Kubicek, and Jeff Truax.





# Maryland



Another Great Day to be in Wool for the quarterly flag retirement ceremony was held at VFW Post 7472, With the help of cub scouts, scouts, the Jr Civil Air Patrol, active duty marines, civilians and members of VFW Post 7472, American Legion Posts 156 and 300, the Marine Corps League, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Students Supporting Veterans, and family and friends, flags were prepared for retirement. ( pic 1.1) This included a large American flag that had flown over NIST. Following the preparation a formal retirement ceremony was conducted. Honors were rendered with a Musket Salute by Color Guard and Charles Carroll Chapter member David Embrey.



This year's Annual George Washington Luncheon was held at the Eagle's Nest Country Club in Phoenix, Maryland - the program included, awarding of the Maryland 400 Distinguished Service Medals to members of the Maryland National Guard, Donors to the Maryland 400 Honorary Regiment were recognized for their contributions



One of the agreed upon resolutions was to have the citizens form area militia units so we had a small camp to engage the public, and an area to have children activities, drill and fire.







One of the highlights of every year has been Posting Colors for the 119 Annual Maryland Society DAR State Conference at Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City, Maryland. State Regent Liz Deering started the evening off with a short welcome and then with the call 'Color Guard Advance the Color' and we were on our way.



Another 250 event is in the books on the day that it happened as the SAR Old Line Color Guard Posted Colors for the opening of the Saturday morning 250th Signing of the Bush Declaration Celebration at the Bel Air Armory. (pic 4-1) The importance of the Bush Declaration is the fact it was the first Resolves to be signed by an elected body and 34 Harford County representatives signed.



## Minnesota



The Minnesota Color Guard mustered to honor George Washington's birthday at the historic Lowell Inn in Stillwater, Minnesota along the Mississippi river. Left to right: Drummer Steve Hyde (former CG Commander), Fifer Richard Howey, Treasurer Richard Smith, CG Commander Terry Sater.





National Medal of Honor Day falls on March 25 every year. In the year 2025, the Harry S. Truman Chapter, Missouri SAR Society, organized and hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual MOH Ceremony held at the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum. Following placement of a wreath at the burial vaults of Harry S. and Bess Truman by State President Gene Henry and SC-VPJ James Osborn, two Medal of Honor recipients were recognized for their valiant and courageous conduct: Ralph Puckett, U. S. Army, and James Stockdale, U. S. Navy. Their biography was shared by Chapter President Ivan Stull, and NSSAR Chaplain General John Vernon Welkner. The Truman High School JROTC dispatched cadets who proudly carried flags for the six service branches, and three young ladies from the school sang a beautifully harmonized Star Spangled banner. Approximately 30 color guard representing Nebraska, Kansas, and many chapters from Missouri carried forth colors in the opening procession. Six musket men fell in line for a triple volley to firing commands by the Missouri State Color Guard Commander. All participants delighted a crowd of perhaps 50 museum attendees and guests. It was a reverent and honorable recognition of exceptional deceased service men.

Photos by Georgia Stull.





Missouri DAR Alexander McNair Chapter invited the Ozark Mountain-Missouri SAR chapter's Color Guard to support a dedication ceremony held March 15, 2025. The **Taylor Graveyard** is in the middle of pastureland about 3 miles to the northeast of Mt. Vernon, Missouri, GPS 37.135911, -93.798930. Seven contemporary descendants attended the ceremony that achieved key objectives:

- revel in the outstanding job by the McNair Chapter in their year-long task to resurrect the cemetery from extreme over and undergrowth
- locate, repair, and clean buried and broken gravestones
- install a flat bronze marker for the patriot
- erect a historical marker that reveals the significance of the cemetery.



The historical presentation honored the early settlers, which included Revolutionary War patriot Thomas Hash (P-176969, A052346). His son Phillip, and daughter, and perhaps several other children and/or grandchildren are buried here. The gravestone of Patriot Thomas Hash's son, Philip Hash, was marked for the first time as a Patriot's Son. His history and participation in the War of 1812 was presented by MOSSAR Surgeon Norm Knowlton.

About twenty persons were buried in this yard. The property owner-cattle rancher, Brent Wilmoth, aided in the installation of new fence to protect the gravestones. Many stones were broken requiring epoxy repairs. SAR & DAR markers set there decades ago were found and reset. The condensed family history was presented explaining how the Hash and Taylor surnames intersect. Both have patriot connections to Montgomery County Virginia. Thomas (1756-1848), served in Capt. Enoch Osborn's company, at the very end of the war. In 1800 he removed to Kentucky, where his wife died in 1822. That same year he and son Phillip moved to the Sangamon Valley in central Illinois. Ten years later they both moved to Lawrence County Missouri.



Color Guard posted colors at the beginning of the ceremony, and later issued a double volley for the patriot and patriot's son Phillip. McNair Chapter Regent Maella Blalock and her chapter led the way with the national anthem, American's Creed, and prayers.

Kudo's for two area DAR chapters who over the past four or five years located, cleaned up, restored and commemorated two lost and forgotten private graveyards in Lawrence County, which have connections to patriots, early settlers, and their descendants.





On April 26, color guardsmen gathered on the shores of the Mississippi River to welcome the Marquis de Lafayette on his visit to the city. In 1825, the original Lafayette visited the city on his wildly popular tour of the United States. On April 29, 1825, Lafayette arrived by steamboat on the Missouri side of the river as he was greeted by crowds and cannon fire. He spent one night in the city and participated in parades, met with city dignitaries—including William Clark--and was the guest of honor at a ball held at the Mansion House Hotel.

The SAR Color Guard welcomed the present-day Lafayette with the same spirit that was present in 1825.



The Color Guard preparing for the event with the Gateway Arch in the background



National Second Adjutant Patrick Wesolosky served as the escort for the Marquis de Lafayette.



Lafayette gave remarks with the Mississippi and the SAR Color Guard behind him.



The Kansas-Missouri Societies, for 38 years, have held a George Washington Birthday Celebration, and this year's event was spectacular. The Martha Washington Ball was Friday evening the 21<sup>st</sup>. The luncheon and award ceremony, held Saturday in Independence Missouri, was the highest attendance ever, with 275 guests, members & honorees. Twenty-eight guardsmen from the two states mustered for presenting colors to the drum cadence set by Charles McMillan and junior member Jimmy D. Many DAR members from Kansas and Missouri chapters were in attendance. Mark Parks, who carried the SAR flag, was joined by his wife Lisa, the Missouri State DAR Regent, who carried the DAR flag.



A high point of the banquet is recognizing a police officer for heroism in the line of duty. This year, ten officers of the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department were recognized for their bravery and service to the public. On April 5, 2023 while executing an undercover bust of a fentanyl drug ring, the officers came under automatic weapon fire by three men. Ten officers were involved, three of whom were injured by gun fire. The three suspects were injured in return gunfire. Seven of the ten officers were present at the luncheon to receive their award and recognition. The guest speaker, Mary Sanchez, spoke on the Spanish aid to the Colonies in the American Revolution.



## Nebraska



The Nebraska SAR Color Guard participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Omaha, NE, on Saturday, Mar 8. The parade took place in downtown Omaha and this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year Nebraska has participated in this event. (left)

On Tuesday, Mar 25, members of the Nebraska SAR Color Guard, Dan Davis and Allyn Sheldon, traveled to the Truman Presidential Library in Independence, MO, to participate alongside the Kansas and Missouri SAR Color Guards in presenting the Colors at an event to honor two Medal of Honor winners. (right)







On Thursday, Mar 13, the Color Guard presented the Colors at the Nebraska SAR's Declaration of Independence Signing Event. This event was held in the Rotunda of the Nebraska State Capitol Building, and was attended by Nebraska Governor Jim Pillen, who gave a short address, and was the first to sign Nebraska's replica Declaration.

## Nevada

On Saturday, Feb 22, five members of the NVSSAR Battle Born Patriots (BBP) chapter Color Guard were honored to present the colors at the annual George Washington Birthday Luncheon, hosted by the BBP chapter at the Red Hawk Golf & Resort, in Sparks, Nevada. BBP CG members in the detail were BBP President Donn Dalton, BBP V.P. Jim Linscott, CG Commander Roger Linscott, Jay Dickey, and Rafael Ortiz.

The keynote speaker was David McCollough's via his previously recorded presentation on the Immortal Washington, the indispensable hero of the American Revolution. Following this presentation there were several audience quizzes by Chapter Historian David Hess about Washington's life. During the presentation of chapter awards, our newest Associate, Cody Ehlers, was inducted into the chapter and received his Associate certificate and the NSSAR Color Guard 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary challenge coin.



Photos by Wendy Hammond





On Saturday, Mar 22, seven members of the Battle Born Patriot (BBP) chapter Color Guard presented the Colors at the opening ceremony for the Nevada Society SAR Annual Conference Banquet, which was held at The J Resort Hotel & Casino in Reno, NV. These CG members were: BBP Pres. Donn Dalton, BBP V.P. Jim Linscott, CG Cmdr Roger Linscott, Jay Dickey, Rafael Ortiz, David Hess, and Chapter Associate Cody Ehlers.

Following the Presentation of Colors and opening ceremonies, the members of the Sierra Highlanders Pipe Band performed several glorious bagpipe & drum selections for the audience.

Dr. Kent Gregory, NSSAR Museum Board Chairman, was the featured speaker at the banquet, offering his entertaining and informative talk on the SAR Education Center and Museum in Louisville. Dr. Gregory explained the Museum's history and current efforts to bring the Museum on line by 2026. He also explained the images and details of many historic artifacts in the museum's collection, which will be made available for viewing by the public. The museum needs your help to make the SAR Education Center and Museum a reality in time to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of American Independence in 2026!





On March 6, 2025, our good friend and former Battle Born Patriots Chapter Color Guard Commander, Paul Hicks, passed away at age 85. Paul had a stellar 30-year career in Las Vegas at the Clark County Fire Department where he retired as a Battalion Chief. He is survived by his beloved wife of 51 years, Diane, and children Heidi Dupin, Vincent Anderson, and Tara Finnegan, 6 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. While family was everything to him, professionally he continued to give of himself to others, and his generosity of spirit was felt in many ways in many organizations. One of these was the SAR, and we have been fortunate to have known him and to have had him in our midst. In addition to his work as color guard commander, he also served as chapter president, and finally as NVSSAR state president. His son Vince continues Paul's SAR membership tradition.



## New Hampshire

The NHSAR Color Guard participated in the Lydia Dodge Woodbury Chapter Wreath Laying Ceremony on Sunday, February 23rd at 2pm at the Alice Hall Library in Salem NH honoring three Revolutionary War Patriots who are buried in the Salem Center Burying Ground Cemetery in Salem NH.

L-R: Guardsmen Dennis Walsh, Brush Bradley, Richard Wright and Curtis Hermann. DAR Regent Shannon Croteau, Guardsmen Dick Baynes, Hans Jackson, Al Lamson and



Compatriots Doug Wood, Hans Jackson, Dick Baynes, Barry Lewis, Bob Chesley, Richard Wright and Curtis Hermann staffed the NHSAR information table at the New England Colonial Trade Fair in Dover, NH. The Trade Fair showcases a variety of exhibitors specializing in colonial crafts and trade goods. NHSAR, along with a number of historical societies and properties, displayed information on a the Revolutionary War and 250th events coming up. Dover Grand Union Compatriot Doug Wood explains the significance of the Grand Union and the importance of commemorating the 250th anniversary of its use from 1775-1777.

L-R: Compatriot Hans Jackson, DAR Daughter Linda Wood and Compatriot Bob Vercauteren.





## New Jersey

In February, the NJSSAR held its annual board meeting and Washington's Birthday Luncheon at the Forrester Marriott near Princeton. NSSAR President General Darryl Addington and his wife, Mary, were the guests of honor. PG Addington was presented with an honorary sword by NJSSAR Color Guard Commander Ed Glidden. Also attending, Robert Meyer, former President of the NJSSAR, and David Powell, President of the Empire State Society, a National NSSAR Trustee and George Washington Fellow. The featured speaker, Past President General Joseph Dooley, gave a fascinating talk about diplomacy and the Revolutionary War, particularly as it pertained to imperial Russia. Other NJSSAR Color Guard honors bestowed included a Silver Medal for Peter Moller, who is a National Trustee and active with the DESSAR in addition to NJSSAR; and a bronze medal for David Tinker of the Monmouth Chapter. NJSSAR Colorguardsman Robert Gula, of the West Fields Chapter, also was awarded the SAR Youth Education Medal for his efforts to teach school children about the Battles of Springfield and Connecticut Farms, both occurring in northern New Jersey in June 1780.



The year started with a bang for those who attended the commemoration of the Jan. 3, 1777, Battle of Princeton, part of the Ten Crucial Days and one of the most important battles of the Revolution. As happens every year, a large-scale reenactment preceded the New Jersey Society Sons of the American Revolution ceremony. This year some 300 re-enactors participated from roughly 40 U.S.-based groups and a dozen British and Hessian. Echoes of cannon and musket fire still lingered on the battlefield as the National SAR Event wreath-laying ceremony immediately followed the battle. Color Guard members from NJSSAR, PASSAR, ESSAR, and VASSAR were led by NJSSAR Color Guard Commander Ed Glidden. The Master of Ceremonies was Roger Williams, a member of NJSSAR Color Guard, President of the Princeton-Cranbury



NJSSAR Chapter, State Historian and Youth Education Chair. Each year this event also draws members of current military units descended from those in the battle. Also attending this year, Rosemary Kelley of Daughters of the American Revolution; Ken McKeever, Jon Mclean and Ben Strong from The Sons of the Revolution; Jim McNeally from The Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Jersey; Princeton Mayor Mark Freda, NJDEP's Mark Texel; and Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area and Revolution NJ Executive Director Carrie Fellows.





During the winter months in Ohio, the color guardsmen in a few chapters are dressed in uniform and involved in school presentations and classroom visits to educate children on the Revolutionary War period. Often, although not always, this may include a posting of the colors and musket demonstration.



Current Ohio Society President and Richard Montgomery Chapter Color Guard member Steve Kaplan gives a presentation to fourth graders at Saint Mary's Elementary School in Greenville, Ohio on January 28th. Steve was joined by Chapter President Lee Emrick and members of the Fort Greenville DAR Chapter.

Pastor Ed Bonniwell of the Cincinnati Chapter Color Guard is swarmed by admiring fourth graders after giving a presentation on the Battle of Yorktown at Harrison Elementary School in Harrison, Ohio on February 26th. An enthusiastic teacher, Compatriot Bonniwell has earned six (6) oak leaves to his SAR Youth Education Medal in two (2) years, making him the top SAR youth educator in the state.



Color Guardsmen Rich Minshall (L) of the Camp Charlotte Chapter, and Larry Potter (R) of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter, post the State of Ohio flag and National SAR flag at the end of the opening ceremony of the Washington Birthday Celebration at the Clintonville Women's Club in Columbus, Ohio. The event was sponsored by the Benjamin Franklin Chapter and had 105 attendees.





Compatriot Lee Emrick, Chapter President and color guard member of the Richard Montgomery Chapter, participates in the National SAR Color Guard ceremonies at the evening dinner on March 1st, at Spring Leadership in Louisville, KY.



Compatriot Bob Bowers of the Cincinnati Chapter Color Guard was presented his National SAR Von Steuben Color Guard Medal at a recent chapter meeting on March 5



Compatriot Troy Bailey of the Northeast Ohio Chapter Color Guard holds the Jefferson, Ohio (Ashtabula County) community flag for the planned events celebrating America's 250th Anniversary next year. The Chapter Color Guard will play a central role in the community celebrations.

Group photo of the combined Ohio Society SAR Color Guard after ceremonies at a Patriot Grave Marking at Berkshire Township Cemetery in Sunbury, Ohio on March 29th, honoring five patriots. The temperature was a pleasant 68 degrees. Though overcast with moisture in the air, the rain held off and the ceremony was well-attended.







When the three column color guard reaches the front, the commander calls "Mark Time, March!," as the commander and fifer leading the way break in opposite directions, the musketmen behind the flags move forward into position, and everyone marks time until they are called to halt in a single line. Then the order to Right About Face is given, and Present Arms! State Color Guard Commander Bob Hill at far left inspects the Color Guard positioning after the order to Present Arms is given. L to R: Max Demp - Camp Charlotte Chapter, Don Miller - Hocking Valley Chapter, Kevin Driesbach - Camp Charlotte Chapter, Rich Minshall - Camp Charlotte Chapter, Steve Conrad - Hocking Valley Chapter, Rick Hartinger - Camp Charlotte Chapter, Al Gummere - Hocking Valley Chapter, and Rob Pruitt - Richard Montgomery Chapter.



The Color Guard practices their approach to posting the colors in the tight confines of the dining hall. Fifer Rob Pruitt (front, left) practices his tune as they move forward.



Near the conclusion of the Sunbury Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony, a three-volley musket salute was fired, Taps played, and Mourn Muskets ordered. The program was hosted by the Benjamin Franklin Chapter.





Color Guard members Mark Reichardt (President and Color Guard Commander), Sean Drake (Sergeant Major), Tom Rupert (Chaplain) and member Austin Vermeir attended the Naturalization ceremony on February 28, 2025, at the Federal Court House in Oklahoma City. We were honored to pass out Constitution Books and welcome the new citizens to the United States. There were forty-eight individuals from twenty-one countries. There was one person from Jamaica that was serving in the US Army stationed at Fort Sill. We stayed after the ceremony to have

pictures taken with our new citizens as they wanted to show their appreciation for our country and now being a part of this great county. It was a real honor and privilege to see all their smiles.

The Oklahoma City Chapter Color Guard attended Colonial Days at the Capitol held on January 31 at the Oklahoma State Capitol Building in Oklahoma City. Fifth grade students from the metro area attended this festival to learn about life during the colonial and Revolutionary War period in our country's history. The Oklahoma City SAR Chapter's Honor Guard (musket team) demonstrated the Colonial Soldier's Musket Drill to groups of students, then handed out wooden muskets so the students could train along. A Q&A period followed with a "Recruiting Table" where the students were inducted with quill pens into the Service of Continental Army. Various other venues were also available for the students such as talks by period actors Benjamin Franklin and Martha Washington.







On February 15, 2025, the Oklahoma City and Tulsa Chapters presented the colors for the American Rodeo Semi-Finals held at the Tulsa Expo Center. Marching onto the arena floor to a very welcoming crowd and presenting the colors, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by a local grade school student and the National Anthem was beautifully rendered a cappella by a local artist. In attendance for the Tulsa Chapter were Compatriots Oklahoma SAR State President Phil Hunt and Ron Shoaf. Guardsmen from the Oklahoma City Chapter were Bob Thomas, Steve Miller, Jim Williams, Mike Williams, Terry McClain, State Commander Joe Sieber, Sean Drake, Tom Thompson, Henry Baer III, and Chapter



## Pennsylvania



The Philadelphia Continental Chapter (PCC) color guard presented colors at the dedication of a plaque memorializing patriot John Jenkins inside his homestead in Lansdale Pa. Shown are PCC Color Guard commander Fred Fonseca, Mike Carver, PCC President Steve Kopsick holding the Betsy Ross flag, SGT Rich Lind, Eugene Hough, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Larry Magdy, Chris Snyder, and CPL Spencer Snyder.

On March 22nd the PCC presented colors to open the NCAA Division 1 National Wrestling Championships at the Wells Fargo Center in Phila. with President Donald Trump and Pa. Senator Dave McCormick in attendance. Chapter President Steven Kopsick carried the National Colors, followed by Rich Lind and Mark Thomas, and CPT Fred Fonseca.







On the 293rd birthday of George Washington the PCC celebrated the occasion for the 103rd time. The day's events began at Washington Square Philadelphia, with a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier where hundreds of unknowns are buried beneath the concrete and grass. Shown is PCC guest Ron Rinaldi as His Excellency, and the PCC color guard with Fred Fonseca commanding, Chris Snyder, CPL Spencer Snyder, SGT Rich Lind, Glenn Tyson, Mark Thomas, Scott Willson and pipers Bill Watson and Tom Conner.

Next a procession followed the colors to Independence Hall for a second wreath laying at the statue of General Washington. Afterwards the color guard marched to the Museum of the American Revolution for our traditional Washington's birthday photo.



From there it was off to a chapter meeting and luncheon.

Saluting as the colors were presented is PCC President and color guard member. Steven Kopsick.





# South Carolina

The South Carolina Society Color Guard had a tremendous time supporting the Bicentennial of The Marquis de Lafayette's 1825 return to South Carolina as America's Guest. Working with the American Friends of Lafayette and hosts in the cities of Cheraw, Camden, Moncks Corner, Beaufort, and North Augusta we were able to honor our Revolutionary War Ancestors and the last living Major General of the American Revolution by reenacting several of the key events of his original tour. There was a Parade in Cheraw; a dinner, review, Living History Display, Parade, and Masonic Corner Stone Laying Ceremony at the Baron DeKalb Monument in Camden; an SAR Grave Marking Ceremony for Henry and John Laurens in Moncks Corner; a Reception, Musket and Canon Firing ceremony and Parade in Beaufort; and a Reception in West Augusta. We worked jointly with the Georgia Society Color Guard on both the Beaufort and West Augusta events. If you are in one of the 24 States General Lafayette visited on his return to America, you need to participate and show the SAR's Colors. They are fun events, great recruiting opportunities, and another way of making an impact in your local communities!







The members of the Tennessee Society Color Guard were active in supporting some twenty-seven events during the first quarter of 2025. The following is a look at TNSSAR Color Guard in action:



Stones River Chapter Color Guard members supported the TNSSAR & TN Association of Fairs annual meeting where the TNSSAR presented a \$500.00 check to the Essay Winner. The color guard is pictured advancing the colors to be presented for the Association annual meeting. Members supporting the event included from front to rear Doug Dickerson, Terry O'Hair and Robert Bolyard.

TNSSAR Color Guard in support of the Patriot Grave Marking, America 250th Ceremony and Salute to Veteran (post ceremony) ceremonies in honor of Patriot David Koffman / Coffman (P-135841) hosted by the Col. Hugh Brown Chapter Saturday, 18 JAN 25 Minor Hill, TN. From left to right. CDR Cliff Kent, Harlan Dabney, Steve Millhollin, Kevin Gray, Mark Young, David Chaffin and Doug Dickerson. Welcome to Color Guard Compatriot Gray!



TNSSAR Color Guard prepares to present and post the colors in support of the 25 JAN 25 State Society meeting in Jackson, TN. Color Guard members include CDR Cliff Kent, Front Guard 1 Scott Pryor, Front Guard 2 Steve Millhollin, US Flag Mark Young, Betsy Ross Rick Treharne, TN Flag Paul Bobenhausen, SAR Flag James Stone, TNSSAR Flag Doug Dickerson, America 250th Flag Robert Bolyard and Rear-Guard Harlan Dabney.





TNSSAR was represented at the 244<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the action at Cowans' Ford by Compatriots Rob Richmond (left), PG Darryl Addington



The Benjamin Cleveland Chapter Color Guard supports the DAR Tea Celebrating Students and Teachers in Cleveland, TN. Terry Beaty – Commander, Paul Bobenhausen, Jim Pemberton, Claude Hardison, Jr. Greg Banther, Stephen Anderson, Rick Bassette, Ladies of the DAR and Scott Pryor.



TNSSAR Color Guard supports the DAR's George Washington Luncheon in Nashville. Pictured from the left Harlan Dabney, Robert Bolyard, Sanford Payton, Natalie Axford from the Cumberland Chapter, NSDAR, Steve Millhollin, David Sensing and Fred Rand.



The Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter Color Guard provides support the C.A.R. Col. Edward Bradley Chapter on its first anniversary in Cleveland, TN. Jim Pemberton, Cliff Kent – Commander (John Sevier Chapter), Ezekiel Pritchett (CAR), Greg Banther, David Chaffin, Shan Pritchett, Terry Beaty, Stephen Anderson, James Morgan, and James Stone (not pictured)





TNSSAR Color Guard presents the colors for honors at the activation ceremony of the NEW Maj David Wilson Chapter & officer installation ceremony in Lebanon, TN



TNSSAR Color Guardsman Tyler Bobenhausen is presented the first TNSSAR Youth Color Guard medal for his service during the past three years by TNSSAR President PZ Horton. TNSSAR Color Guard CDR Cliff Kent (right).



PG Darryl Addington presents the first award of the TNSSAR Junior Color Guardsman of the Year Trophy to Tyler Bobenhausen.



TNSSAR Color Guard turns out to support the quarterly Board of Governor's meeting, Annual State Society meeting with the Southern District, Annual Youth Awards Luncheon and the President's Awards Banquet in Lebanon, TN.





PG Daryl Addington (a past TNSSAR Color Guardsman of the Year) presents the annual award Trophy of the TNSSAR Color Guardsman of the Year to Don Hills. The award party includes Compatriot Jerry Hjellum, Cliff Kent and Past VPG Southern District Steve Gaines. Both Jerry and Steve are TNSSAR Color Guardsman of the Year Awardees.

KYSSAR and TNSSAR Color Guard members team up to support the DAR Regent Grave Marking



John Sevier Chapter Color Guard salutes veteran Patriot Charles Thurman honoring his service at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse and posting a new flag at his burial site. Color Guard members included those pictured Scott Pryor, Paul Bobenhausen and Cliff Kent. Those not pictured were Greg Banther and Charley Manker.







# Virginia

On 22 March 2025, the Col James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution conducted a grave marking ceremony to honor Revolutionary War Patriot Captain Jeremiah Smith. The ceremony was held at the Smith Family Cemetery, Gore, Virginia. Paul Christensen, President of the Chapter, emcee'd the event with a presentation of the colors by the Color Guard commanded by Dale Corey. Virginia Society 3rd Vice President Randy Atkins presented greetings for the State and a tribute to Smith was presented by Corey. Smith was born in New Jersey in 1711 and came to the Virginia Back Creek Country in the 1730's. He eventually settled on 806 acres of land in 1736 and assisted in surveying land with Col James Wood I. Eventually, Smith's land holdings grew to exceed 1,000 acres. In 1742, he and another man were ordered by the Orange County Court to "view and lay" a road between a mill near what is now Winchester and what is now Capon Bridge, West Virginia. This road was the forerunner of U.S. 50. Smith built a home for his family along the road, situated on sloped land from which he could see any Indians coming from either Great North Mountain or Little Timber Ridge into Back Creek Valley. It remains standing today as the front portion of an existing farmhouse and is considered to be one the oldest houses in Frederick County.



In 1755, Braddock's defeat during the French and Indian War, left the British frontier undefended. The French were leading Indian raiding parties into the Virginia Frontier. A meeting was called of local militia captains. This did not provide a means to defend the settlers. Captain Smith raised a company of 20 men to provide the needed protection. In 1756, a party of about 50 Indians led by a French officer crossed the Allegheny Mountains to spread death and destruction. Captain Smith marched with his company to meet them at Capon River. After a fierce battle, the Indians were defeated and left the battlefield. The French officer was found to be carrying plans for attacking Fort Frederick, Maryland.

During the Revolutionary War, Smith provided material aid to the cause. He provided pasturage for horses, gave 1 1/2 bushels of corn and 100 pounds of hay for the Continental Army. He was married three times and fathered nine children. Captain Jeremiah Smith was one of the first settlers in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. He was a heroic frontiersman who helped tame the frontier wilderness of Old Frederick County. He was married three times and had 13 children. He fought with distinction during the French and Indian War and was a leader of economic development during times of peace and provided support to the cause during the Revolutionary. He died 25 March 1786 in Frederick County and is buried in the Family Cemetery.

After the unveiling of the marker by Deborah Corey and Anne Simmons, wreaths were presented and a musket volley fired to honor the patriot. Participants included Bryan Buck, Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen, Dale Corey, Marshall DeHaven, Richard DeHaven, Chip Daniel, Doug Hall, Ray Hawkins, Phil Hunter, Ron Miller, Ken Morris, Brett Osborn, Will Reynolds, Clay Robinson, Eric Robinson, Marc Robinson, Jon Rymer, Barry Schwoerer, Jim Simmons, Mark Sink and Steve Van Deusen, representing the Virginia Society, Col James Wood II, Sgt Maj John Champe, Col William Grayson, Fairfax Resolves, George Mason and Fort Harrison Chapters of the SAR. Deborah Corey and Anne Simmons



represented the Daughters of the American Revolution. Bottom photo are the participants. (Photo courtesy of Deborah Corey.) Top photo is the color guard presenting the colors, l. to r. Bryan Buck, Brett Osborn, Will Reynolds, Paul Christensen, Barry Schwoerer, Ray Hawkins, Chip Daniel, Eric Robinson and Clay Robinson. (Photo courtesy of Chip Daniel.)



On 15 March 2025, the Virginia Society Color Guard conducted a color guard workshop hosted by the Colonel William Grayson Chapter at Rippon Lodge, Woodbridge, Virginia. Rippon Lodge was built around 1747 between Neabsco Creek, the Potomac River and the King's Highway. Richard Blackburn and son Thomas



grew tobacco, wheat and other commodities. Located near the port town of Dumfries, the goods were shipped to England. Thomas served in the Revolutionary War as a militia member. One of his daughters married Bushrod Washington, George Washington's nephew.



The workshop consisted of working sessions and group instruction. When first assembled, the guardsmen went through musket safety check and then were given a safety briefing by Virginia State Safety Officer Mark Sink. We then broke out into four separate work stations. Brett Osborn, NSSAR Safety Officer/Virginia State Commander and Sink conducted a Musket Qualification Session with Barry Schwoerer instructing cartridge rolling and what goes in cartridge boxes. Dale Corey, Virginia State Adjutant conducted a session on flag etiquette with Virginia State Training Officer Ken Bonner providing drill and ceremonies with assistance from Andrew Mills.

25 guardsmen attended the workshop representing eight chapters from the Virginia Society. Chapters included Col Fielding Lewis, Col James Wood II, Col William Grayson, Fairfax Resolves, George Washington, Sgt Maj John Champe, Thomas Jefferson and Williamsburg. At the conclusion of the training, five Silver Color Guard Medals were presented by Commander Osborn and Adjutant Corey to guardsmen Gary Dunaway, John Hamilton, Gary Hodges, John Lynch and Allan Phillips. First photo is the Safety Briefing conducted by Safety Officer Mark Sink. Second photo is the classroom presentation. Third photo is the Silver Medal presentations. (Photos courtesy of Thomas "Chip" Daniel.)







On 29 March 2025, the Col James Wood II Chapter conducted two commemoration ceremonies in honor of National Vietnam Veterans Day. The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act designated 29 March as a national day of recognition for the veterans who served during the period 15 November 1955 to 15 May 1975. The 29th of March was chosen as it was on that day in 1973 the United States Military Assistance Command Vietnam was disestablished and the last U.S. combat troops departed Vietnam. The primary objective of this commemoration was to thank and honor Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the nation, with distinct recognition of former prisoners of war and families of those still listed as missing in action. This year's date marked the 50th Anniversary and honored all who served in-country, in-theater or who were stationed elsewhere on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces to include support personnel and organizations. All were called to serve and none could self-determine where they would serve. The first ceremony was a co sponsored event with the American Red Cross held at National Cemetery in Winchester. This included

presentations by Doug Moore USA Col (Ret) and his wife Debby, Army Special Services who both served in Vietnam. A Missing Man Table and recognition of Vietnam Veterans. The Col James Wood II Color Guard presented the colors and provided a musket salute.

The second event was held at Veterans Park, Middletown, Virginia in cooperation with the town of Middletown. Jerry Headley, a Vietnam Veteran and Col James Wood II compatriot gave a presentation on service in Vietnam. The chapter color guard presented colors and fired a musket salute to honor all veterans of the Vietnam era. Virginia State SAR President Dr Michael Weyler presented greetings and led the wreath presenters. Wreaths were presented for the Col James Wood II Chapter, Fort Harrison Chapter; George Mason; General Daniel Morgan; Col Fielding Lewis. Fort Loudoun DAR; American Red Cross and the town of Middletown also presented wreaths. The SAR color guard was commanded by Allan Phillips and included Brian Bayliss, Bryan Buck, Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen, Dale Corey, Chip Daniel, Doug Hall, Phil Hunter, Will Reynolds, Clay Robinson, Marc Robinson, and Jim Simmons representing Col James Wood II Chapter with Ken Morris, George Mason; Bill Tugman, Col Fielding Lewis; Paul Parish, General Daniel Morgan and Ray Hawkins, Col William Grayson Chapters. First photo is the color guard presenting colors at National Cemetery, l. to r. Allan Phillips, Will Reynolds, Paul Christensen, Ray Hawkins, Chip Daniel, Clay



Robinson, and Jim Simmons representing Col James Wood II Chapter with Ken Morris, George Mason; Bill Tugman, Col Fielding Lewis; Paul Parish, General Daniel Morgan and Ray Hawkins, Col William Grayson Chapters. First photo is the color guard presenting colors at National Cemetery, l. to r. Allan Phillips, Will Reynolds, Paul Christensen, Ray Hawkins, Chip Daniel, Clay





On February 17, 2025, WASSAR Color Guard, Fife and Drum, Colonial Dames, and several other organizations gathered on the University of Washington Campus to participate in the 116<sup>th</sup> Wreath laying ceremony at the George Washington statue. Every President's Day since 1909 the DAR has organized this event.

Pictured are John Herr, Kent Troy, Thomas Barnham, and HODAR Ralph Liening.



On February 13, 2025, Steven Fuhrman was joined by Richard Roddy and Larry Flint in a presentation to 50 students from two 5th grade classes, under Mrs. Lisa Hart at the North Elementary School in Moses Lake. Steve Fuhrman had a power point on the reasons that the American Colonists were upset with England and their unjust taxes and the lead-in to, and the Battles of Lexington and Concord. Richard and Larry talked about their uniforms and a little about the Revolutionary War Army. We talked about our ancestors and SAR. The students seemed interested in the presentation and asked some good questions. This school on the former Larson Air Force Base, was Steven's alma mater.

L-R: Richard Roddy, Larry Flint, Steven Fuhrman

The annual NJROTC review of the Blue Angel Squadron of Seattle was held on February 9, 2025 at US Coast Guard Base Seattle. The Annual Awards Ceremony included an award and monetary scholarship presentation by the Sons of the American Revolution Seattle Chapter which was represented by Grant Rauzi, Trustee and Neil Vernon, Genealogist-Registrar at the invitation of YNCS Deborah Kolar, USN (Ret.) (INST, NSCC), Commanding Officer of the Blue Angels Squadron.

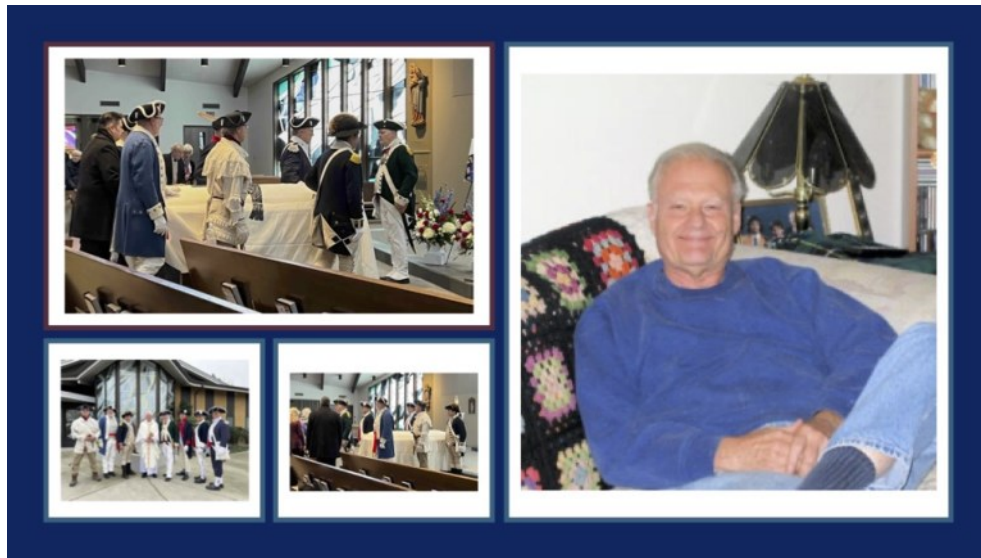
The award: The U.S. Navy Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) is supported by recognizing the outstanding NSCC cadet with the Sea Cadet Medal Set which consists of the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, Bronze Good Citizenship Medal Certificate and Sea Cadet Ribbon Bar.

The SAR 2025 honor was awarded to PO1 Elias Wilson. It was subsequently announced by Commander Kolar that Elias had just been accepted to West Point!

The cadets of the Blue Angels Squadron were featured in a nationally televised news story in December on the SAR Seattle Chapter's Wreaths Across America Event honoring our country's veterans held at Lakeview, Seattle's oldest cemetery.







On February 15, 2025, the Seattle and George Rogers Clark Chapters served as honor guards to one of our own. John Edward Ernest (155079), was a former Seattle Chapter President. He honored two patriot ancestors: Samuel Ernest and Billey Talley. During his SAR membership he also served as the State and Chapter Registrar and was awarded the State Meritorious Server Medal, State Roger Sherman Medal, and Bronze Liberty Medal. John loved history and he cherished his SAR membership.



# Wisconsin

The WSDAR and WISSAR held the 43rd annual George Washington Birthday Celebration on Feb 22 in Plover WI. Judy Mason, WSDAR Honorary Regent, Stevens Point Chapter gave a great presentation on General Washington's Artificers. These were civilian skilled craftsman, like blacksmiths, tinsmiths, wheelwrights, bakers, carpenters, and harness makers.

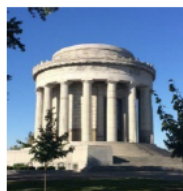


Top right: Bill Austin, Edward Safford, Dan Ammerman, Jim Greer, Bob Plastine, Maureen Bohlebe WSDAR, and Novalie Brown the Wisconsin Society of the Children of the Revolution President.

Top left: Carol Vleeshouwers and Michelle Abler presented the "Hannah White Arnett Silver Medal" to WISSAR President Bob Haglund and WISSAR Secretary Bill Austin for their support and service to the Wisconsin DAR.

Bottom right: Dan Ammerman, Edward Safford, Bill Austin, Karen Greer Ladies Auxiliary WISSAR, Bob Plastine, and Jim Greer.





## George Rogers Clark Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony Celebrating the 246<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Capture of Fort Sackville and Patriot Grave Marking

Francois Godere, Jean Marie Philippe Le Gras, Jean Baptiste Racine, Honore Denis, and Jean Legarde

May 24, 2025 @ 11:00 – 11:45 am EDT

George Rogers Clark Memorial  
401 S 2nd St

Free admission and open to the public.

Vincennes, IN 47591

For questions contact Robert Cunningham. 812-327-5114, Email: [rpcunnin@iu.edu](mailto:rpcunnin@iu.edu)

Event websites: <https://www.nps.gov/gero/index.htm> and <https://www.spiritofvincennes.org/>

### National, District, State, Chapter, and National Color Guard Event

The George Rogers Clark Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony, a National Sons of the American Revolution event, will take place on Saturday, May 24, 2025, at 11:00 am EDT outside the Clark Memorial at the George Rogers Clark National Historical Park in Vincennes, IN. Ribbons will be awarded to SAR, DAR, and CAR chapters; states; districts; national officers; and lineage societies. All chapters, their families, and guests are invited and encouraged to attend this ceremony. Feel free to bring lawn chairs as this ceremony will be outdoors; it will be moved inside the Clark Memorial if it rains.

**WREATH PRESENTERS:** To present a wreath and be listed in the program, please send the information requested on the attached registration form by **May 15**. Wreath presenters are not required to wear colonial attire. Wreath presenters supply their own wreath and stand.

**COLOR GUARD:** The George Rogers Clark Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony is a National Color Guard event. To participate in the Color Guard and be listed in the program, please send the information requested on the attached registration form by **May 15**. *The Color Guard will muster at 10:00 am EDT outside of the Clark Memorial.* Color Guard participants are welcome to bring state or chapter flags and flag stands for outdoors (and indoors if it rains). All Color Guard participants must sign a separate waiver form.

**HELP FUND THIS CEREMONY:** If you are not participating in this ceremony in another capacity, you may receive credit toward your SAR Patriot Grave Marking Medal for one Patriot by contributing \$60 to help fund this ceremony. (Color Guard service does not count toward this medal.) If you wish to help in this manner and be listed in the program, please send the information requested on the attached registration form by **May 15**. *Please make your \$60 check payable to George Rogers Clark Chapter SAR.*

**FRIDAY EVENING DINNER:** SAR Compatriots, wives, family, and guests are cordially invited to Procopio's Pizza and Pasta restaurant on Friday evening May 23 for an Italian buffet, socializing 5:30-6:00 pm EDT and dinner beginning at 6:00 pm, with a cost of \$27 per person excluding alcohol. To attend the dinner, please send the information requested on the attached registration form by **May 15**. *Please make your check payable to George Rogers Clark Chapter SAR* for your dinner(s). We will have a private dining room. Procopio's address is 127 N 2nd St, Vincennes, IN 47591, phone 812-882-0914.

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** A block of rooms has been reserved for Friday, May 23 and Saturday, May 24 under SAR Sons of the American Revolution at the Towneplace Suites Vincennes Marriott, 1320 Willow St, Vincennes, IN 47591, phone 812-255-1500. The rate is \$110/night plus tax for a king or two queen beds. **Mention SAR when making your reservation which must be made by May 9.** This hotel is close to the George Rogers Clark National Historical Park. Make your reservations as early as possible. Hotels in Vincennes fill up quickly. Our ceremony is held during the Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous weekend which hundreds of people attend.

**PARKING:** Parking for the Wreath Laying Ceremony and the Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous is available down the road from the George Rogers Clark National Historical Park Visitor Center at 401 S. 2nd St. There are a limited number of parking spaces in front of the visitor center. Parking is also available on the neighborhood streets but is not permitted along yellow curbs. The earlier you arrive, the closer to the memorial your parking space will be.

(02/15/2025, updated 03/28)



### DINNER REGISTRATION

Friday, May 23, 2025, socializing 5:30-6:00 pm EDT, dinner beginning at 6:00 pm, Procopio's Pizza and Pasta.  
\$27 per person excluding alcohol.

Check payable to George Rogers Clark Chapter SAR. Mail to Robert Cunningham.

Compatriot's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Total to be mailed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### WREATH PRESENTER REGISTRATION

Saturday, May 24, 2025, at 11:00 am EDT, George Rogers Clark Memorial

Wreath presenters are not required to wear colonial attire and they supply their own wreath and stand.

Name of Wreath Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_

Title (office) of Wreath Presenter (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter of Wreath Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (SAR, DAR, CAR) and State Society: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### COLOR GUARD REGISTRATION & WAIVER

The Color Guard will muster at 10:00 am EDT outside of the Clark Memorial.

All Color Guard participants MUST sign a separate waiver form & email or mail it to Robert Cunningham.

Name of Color Guard Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Title (office) (if applicable), Chapter, Organization (SAR, CAR), and State Society: \_\_\_\_\_

### HELP FUND THIS CEREMONY

If you are not participating in this ceremony in another capacity, you may receive credit toward your SAR Patriot Grave Marking Medal for one Patriot by contributing \$60 to help fund this ceremony. (Color Guard service does not count toward this medal.) If you wish to help in this manner, please provide the information on the lines below.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Name, Title (office) (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
SAR Chapter Name, State Society, and Email Address

### EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

Name of the person to be contacted: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of the person to be contacted: \_\_\_\_\_

***Save form & email OR print and mail by May 15, 2025 to:***

Robert P. Cunningham  
3831 S Laura Way  
Bloomington, IN 47401-8827

Questions:  
Email: [rpcunnin@iu.edu](mailto:rpcunnin@iu.edu)  
Phone: 812-327-5114





# *Battle of Fort San Carlos Festival and Grave Marking*

**SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025  
STE. GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI**

*Plan your stay now in beautiful, historic Ste. Genevieve, the first organized European settlement west of the Mississippi River in present-day Missouri.*

## Event Schedule

**11:30 a.m.**

**Registration at Guibord-Valle House**

Challenge coins & medals available for purchase.

**Noon**

**Militia and Color Guard muster at  
Guibord-Valle House**

**1 p.m.**

**Memorial Cemetery Ceremony**

Rain location: Ste. Genevieve Catholic Church

**SAR members must  
register online to receive  
credit. Scan below to visit  
the event website:**

**[www.mossar.org/battle-  
of-fort-san-carlos/](http://www.mossar.org/battle-of-fort-san-carlos/)**

SCAN ME



**Bring your own wreath and receive  
a commemorative flag streamer.**

*National Color Guard Event - Sons of the American Revolution*

Participating Color Guard members must contact State Commander Steve Perkins  
to review safety requirements and eligibility for medal qualification: [patriotmarcher@fastmail.com](mailto:patriotmarcher@fastmail.com)



# Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Ceremony



The Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter  
Kentucky Society

Sons of the American Revolution  
invites you to attend the Memorial Service for the  
***243<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks***

**Saturday, 16 August, 2025 @ 10 a.m. EDT**  
**Blue Licks Battlefield State Park**  
**10299 Maysville Road, Carlisle, KY**  
*(Color Guard muster at 8:45 a.m.)*

Join us in this National Color Guard  
event by presenting a wreath, carrying  
your state flag or participating in the  
flintlock gun salute.

Contact Scott Giltner – [stgilt@earthlink.net](mailto:stgilt@earthlink.net) to register.

