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Color Guard at Congress

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Information and Membership

Acceptable Content

Color Guard activities at the chapter, state, and national levels should be submitted. These include any events featuring Color Guard participation, such as parades, grave markings, safety or training exercises, flag retirements, posting or retiring colors at meetings, and the presentation of Color Guard medals (Bronze, Silver, Von Steuben, Gold, Molly Pitcher, etc.). National Color Guard events listed in this magazine are also eligible for submission.

All submitted images must clearly show Color Guard involvement. Entries without guardsmen present will not be included. Each submission should also be accompanied by 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.

All relevant submissions should be sent to:

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Commander's Greeting



Guardsmen,

I am grateful for the opportunity to be your Commander. I appreciate your support and will need your help as we celebrate our 250th anniversary. Rob Meyer did a great job and I appreciated his leadership. We have an outstanding staff including Patrick Wesolosky (KY) as Vice Commander and Ed Rigel (GA) as 1st Adjutant. Both have done an amazing job this past year and I will be

counting on them to continue their efforts going forward. Robert Vance (NM) has taken the role of 2nd Adjutant. Brett Osborn (VA) Safety Officer, Jacob Vink (IN) Magazine Editor and Assistant Safety Officer, Artillery Commander Stephen McKee (NC) and Viren Lemmer (WA) Drum Major.

Behind the scenes and major backbone of our group include Quartermasters Chris Canine (KY) and Patrick McMurchie (KY).

Contact information is listed in the magazine but I thought it important to highlight the excellent leaders representing our Society. Please reach out to any one of us if you have any questions or concerns.

Battle flags: For those guardsmen that attended Congress they took part in presenting the addition of 24 new battle flags added to our inventory. These flags are described later in the magazine and were vetted by the staff with major work to get them on poles and to Congress led by Patrick Wesolosky and supported by Jacob Vink, Chris Canine and Patrick McMurchie. For the first time it allowed nearly all members present to take part in presenting colors. The guardsmen present did a great job at Congress with many positive comments from the members attending. The group looked good and if you review the picture of all of us on the steps of the Church after the memorial service you can see how impressive the change.

At the Color Guard breakfast I mentioned that if one of us wanted to have a flag (in our lineup) that may represent one of their patriots for a donation of \$500.00 the battle or regiment will be vetted and if approved we would purchase the flag, pole, stand and finial and put the name of the Patriot and Co Patriot on the pole and allow the donor to carry that flag at Leadership and Congress. It would be a donation to our collection and there will be no duplicates (for example if someone

were to be approved for say Cowpens-there will only be that one Cowpens flag). The cost to do this is about \$200.00 and the balance of the donation will go into our color guard fund. Anyone interested please contact Patrick Wesolosky.

Congress: It was great and the 5 grave markings of 29 Patriots were well attended despite 90-100 degree weather with indexes at 110. The guardsmen at each event did a wonderful job thank you gentlemen. We all lost a few pounds but only two members had to stand down due to the heat. Which is a great safety reminder that I recommend every member be reminded to drink plenty of water and require each to down a bottle before they engage in an event.

Other Safety Concerns: Commanders have had 6 violations of our handbook since April that could have serious implications to our insurance coverage. Going forward, follow the rules outlined in the Color Guard handbook. Violations will result in review with our Chancellor and may result in actions taken to those involved. At our breakfast meeting I stressed to every Commander to take charge at our sponsored events. A very good example of taking charge recently was our Indiana Commander (at an SAR sponsored event) who needed to inspect all firelocks. A reenactor group refused to have weapons inspected and the Commander told them that they could not participate. They left angry but later came back to apologize. It was the right call and I applauded the action. Take charge of your sponsored event. At a non sponsored event it was asked what action to take. The on site SAR Commander needs to make the safety call for his group and make the decision to participate or leave the field.

Other Issues: During fall Leadership we will pass out color guardsmen of the year applications and they will also be emailed to all State Commanders. The staff is updating an after action report which must be filed after every National event and a copy sent to me and the Historic Sites Committee for review. The form will be emailed to all State Commanders. As a reminder at all National events no medals are to be worn on uniform, and while presenting no singing, praying, saying the pledge or removal of covers. If any member is uncomfortable with this, have them step out of line and allow them credit for attending.

Upcoming Events: The staff is looking to ensure we have coverage when the PG is in attendance. I will be setting up zoom meetings with the State Commanders every 45 days or so to go over issues and attendance needs. At this point I am planning to attend Blue Licks, Washington's Tomb Vigil and the wreath laying at Arlington.

Thank you and please reach out with any questions or issues.

Ken Goodson
*National Color
Guard Commander*

[Click here](#) to check out the new additions to the Color Guard Committee webpage. Thanks to Drew Hight for his work to get info up to date!

Commander's Farewell



Compatriots,

As my year serving as Color Guard Commander comes to a close, I want to reflect on what an incredible honor it has been to serve this outstanding organization. It has truly been one of the greatest highlights of my personal life.

The Sons of the American Revolution means the world to me, and I am deeply honored to be part of this fraternity—especially to

have had the privilege of serving as the face of our organization through the Color Guard. Every time we put on the uniform and carry our nation's colors, we represent not only the sacrifices of our Patriot ancestors but also the values and traditions that continue to inspire us today.

I have been fortunate to follow the example of the outstanding commanders who came before me, and I know those who follow will continue to uphold the high standards of excellence that define our Color Guard. Their leadership has inspired me to become not only a better Color Guardsman but also a better leader and a better man.

I have every confidence that our incoming Commander, Ken Goodson, will do an exceptional job leading the Color Guard into the future. I have also been honored to serve alongside an outstanding staff, including Patrick Wesolosky and Ed Rigel Jr. Thank you for your dedication, friendship, and unwavering support throughout the year.

I also want to express my sincere appreciation to the men who stepped forward to represent the Color Guard at events I was unable to attend. Your willingness to answer the call and ensure our mission continued without interruption speaks volumes about your commitment to our organization. Thank you.

A special thank you goes to Jacob Vink for his dedication and hard work producing the Color Guard Magazine. It is no small task, and your efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you for a job well done.

Finally, to every member who has devoted your time to don the uniform, carry the colors, and march beside your fellow compatriots: thank you. Without

your dedication, there would be no Color Guard. You are the heart of this program, and it has been my privilege to serve alongside each of you.

Thank you all for making this year one I will never forget.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyer

Commander, National Color Guard, 2025-2026



Note from the Editor

Compatriots,

Thank you again for flooding my inbox with submissions of your events and activities. I am always grateful for your submissions, but I do want to reiterate a couple of requirements:



- Images should be submitted as .jpg or .png files. If you send other formats, I often have to run them through slow online conversion software. Please save them as .jpg/.png before you send them my way.
- Photo sizes are extremely important. If you save a photo off of your Facebook page, it is often resized at a very low resolution. With a small file size, there isn't a lot I can do to make the image look nice in the actual publication.
- Please do not send photos that are embedded in a pdf, doc, or other file. It is often difficult if not impossible to extract them in a way that is acceptable.

To the State Commanders -- I heard from multiple people at the Greensboro Congress that they never receive the Colorguardsman when it comes out. Please make sure you distribute each issue to your members, guardsmen or not. I have learned and gathered a lot of ideas from seeing what you all are up to.

I also need to apologize to the Tennessee Society for failing to include their events in the April issue. It was an error on my part that Commander Kent's always fantastic submissions were overlooked.

Keep up all the great work,

Jacob A. Vink

Editor, The SAR Colorguardsman

Safety Concerns and Risks



Our National Society Color Guard had two National events in May that had some serious safety concerns and possible violations. These are currently being reviewed by the National Color Guard Staff, the Chancellor General, representatives from the NSSAR Insurance Committee, the Chairmen of the Historic Sites/Celebrations and the Reenacting/Living History Subcommittee.

Subcommittee.

Earlier in April, I attended the 251st Battle Road Event as a volunteer with the National Park Service and observed three safety related incidents that I will also provide information on.

While everyone focuses on black powder firing there are other areas of safety concern. Trips and falls have been the most common accidents the SAR has. Obviously, we have a more aged group attending and participating in SAR events. I frequently bring this up as we had an accident in a southern state a few years ago, a compatriot who was sponsoring a Revolutionary War battle event tripped over the Public Address system wires as he was walking from a speaking podium and broke his back. When he tripped over the wire it pulled the speaker system down which hit the National Color Guard Commander in the back. Well, a different event but same state and this was what was reported by another former NSSAR Color Guard Commander, "cables all over the place, safety nightmare."

From the NSSAR Color Guard Handbook, **Event Procedures**, Site Safety: "The Commander, or his designee, shall inspect the assembly area, route of march and ceremonial area and take such steps as might be appropriate to mitigate any existing hazards." It should not just be the Color Guard Commander's job, *the sponsoring State, Chapter or organization* needs ownership in accountability, liability and responsibility for event safety.



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I advocate walking the ground before events and making a risk assessment and clean up or mark potential hazards. I've hauled off wheelbarrow loads of sticks, rocks and lots of walnuts from cemeteries and historical park sites before events. Look for gopher holes, sunken gravesites and tree roots on the path where we will be marching or walking. If cables or wires for sound systems are used, cover and mark them clearly.

On to the firing at this event mentioned above. A reenactor unit was used, one that appears to be living history oriented and not part of one of the four large Revolutionary War umbrella organizations that have insurance, standards and training requirements. At this event the reenactor group fired over a mass grave parallel to the crowd and there were photographers that had to be rapidly removed from the firing range fan.

Again, from the NSSAR Color Guard Handbook, **Event Procedures**, Site Safety: "A minimum 150 feet buffer zone free of observers is in front of the firing team (SAR Color Guard) shall be established."

Supposedly the reenactor group doing the firing was under the supervision of a park ranger who was not acting as a safety officer and who stated she was not responsible for anything per her boss. This leaves a firing detail that's status on insurance liability is unknown, and not in compliance with our NSSAR standards of safety is questionable?

The second NSSAR National event that had issues also involves a state using a reenactor living history group that has no links to a Revolutionary War umbrella organization and unknown status on their insurance coverage. This involved both the SAR Color Guard Members and a French Militia unit facing each other and firing at each other, most at elevation. The reenactor unit was observed to be ramming down cartridges which is not permitted at our events.

From the NSSAR Color Guard Handbook, **Safety Policies and Procedures**, Powder: "Nothing but commercially manufactured black powder shall be put in the barrel of a flintlock...wadding/patches are not to be used for Color Guard purposes. Ramrods are not to be withdrawn unless part of a safety check and no other objects shall be inserted into barrels.

Also, under *Safety Policies and Procedures, Insurance Safety Policies and Procedures*, "black powder firing by compatriots can only occur at National Society SAR events if the event has been covered by insurance. As many NSSAR state societies have adopted to be covered by National Insurance, the question is when a proxy organization such as a reenactor organization reenactors

are firing is a Certificate of Insurance (COI) on file with the State Society? Has their policy named the National Society Sons of the American Revolution as an additional insured? Please note that in accordance with our NSSAR Color Guard Handbook, *Record Retention*, "All required paperwork, including but not limited to, copies of insurance policies. . . shall be maintained by each State Society and shall be provided to the National SAR upon request."

On to an event in April in New England where I was a reenactor volunteer for the National Park Service. I joined an assembled group of over fifty from a variety of units under the supervision of the National Park Service ranger. Safety checks were done on all weapons, but I did not observe any safety brief. We were formed up and sized in formation and moved across the road into a field that had been mowed. We were marching in a column of two, uphill on wet grass and uneven ground. While this may have been where the 400 militia and minutemen gathered in April of 1775, it wasn't raining then. We had an accident as we marched up the hill. A reenactor militia man four files in front of me in the right column stumbled and fell. I saw him go down and he cut his left cheek with the bayonet lug on his musket. Fortunately, someone had a first aid kit in their haversack. My comment/concern: While it may not be "Period Correct", this formation was a *mixed group, different ages, abilities and fitness*. Moving across wet grass and uneven ground has some risks to be considered. Not everyone has been in the military, but the U.S. Army does have a command while marching called "Route Step". With 250 years of moving troops around, it seems like a prudent command, perhaps not period correct. The purpose is to march in a relaxed manner, over rough or uneven ground. This marching command allows soldiers (militiamen) to maintain interval and distance and allows for flexibility on the march. It was nice to be on the historic site, but not without some risk assessment.

The second concern was the march downhill with fixed bayonets. I'm okay with fixed bayonets in formation and at events. Again, we have a mixed group of reenactors with different abilities and experience. I was okay until part way down the hill the command was given **slope firelocks**. I had two shorter militia men ahead of me, and their bayonets were about at my hat brim on occasion. No accidents and I still have my eyes, but I was glad no one stumbled going down to the Old North Bridge. I would not recommend slope firelocks with fixed bayonets for a downhill march in light rain.

The firing with rammed cartridges. This totally surprised most of us in the ranks. Yes, they did ram down cartridges in 1775, but again, it was not raining that day in 1775. Light rain was fouling some of the

muskets. I had doubts about firing with rammed down paper. I could not fire at the bridge and securing a firelock would not clear the charge, only dumping out powder from the pan. I knew from pricking my touchhole I had soggy powder. There was a dozen of us with misfires. There was no CO2 kit for clearing the misfires and no rammer with a worm. A reenactor provided his own water bottle to pour water in the remaining non-firing firelocks before using the worm that another reenactor provided. The water turned the cartridge paper into mush making it a challenge to extract. I was satisfied with the misfire clearing, but it was evident there was not a procedure in place. This needed a risk assessment on firing in the rain and being Period Correct on ramming down paper was a Bad Call by NPS.

This last event was not an SAR event but was hosted by and under the National Park Service. There were some concerns about safety, and the weather was a factor. We can learn something from each of these incidents, and should!

Food for Thought: This article made CBS news on June 3, 2026. "A Virginia woman who says she slipped and fell on mashed potatoes at an Outback Steakhouse is suing the restaurant chain for \$1.5 million.

Her lawsuit, which was moved to federal court last month, claims the restaurant chain is at fault because it failed to maintain a safe environment for its customers. Think about trip and fall, insurance coverage and the negative publicity not to mention the injury sustained. "Let's be careful out there!" – SGT Phil Esterhaus (Hill Street Blues)

Respectfully,

Brett Osborn
NSSAR Color Guard Safety Officer



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National Color Guard Events

The events in the table below count as National Color Guard Events for earning the Silver and Von Steuben Color Guard Medals. **Dates listed are approximate**. Please contact the State Color Guard Commander for more information and correct dates.

<u>Approximate Date</u>	<u>National Event</u>	<u>Location and State Website</u>	<u>Contact State Color Guard Commander</u>
17 January	Battle of Cowpens	<u>Gaffney, SC</u>	<u>email</u>
01 February	Battle of Cowan's Ford	<u>Huntersville, NC</u>	<u>email</u>
14 February	Battle of Kettle Creek	<u>Washington, GA</u>	<u>email</u>
14 February	Crossing of the Dan	<u>South Boston, VA</u>	<u>email</u>
27 February	Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge	<u>Currie, NC</u>	<u>email</u>
03 March	Battle of Brier Creek	<u>Sylvania, GA</u>	<u>email</u>
15 March	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	<u>Greensboro, NC</u>	<u>email</u>
16 March	Last Naval Battle	<u>Cape Canaveral, FL</u>	<u>email</u>
24 March	Battle of Thomas Creek	<u>Jacksonville, FL</u>	<u>email</u>
12 April	Halifax Resolves	<u>Halifax, NC</u>	<u>email</u>
13 April	Battle of Bound Brook	<u>Bound Brook, NJ</u>	<u>email</u>
16 April	Frederica Naval Action	<u>St. Simons Island, GA</u>	<u>email</u>
18 April	Medal of Honor Parade	<u>Gainesville, TX</u>	<u>email</u>
08 May	Battle of Pensacola	<u>Pensacola, FL</u>	<u>email</u>
Memorial Day Saturday	Sprit of Vincennes Rendezvous	<u>Vincennes, IN</u>	<u>email</u>
29 May	Battle of Fort San Carlos	<u>St. Louis, MO</u>	<u>email</u>
29 May	Buford's Massacre	<u>Lancaster, SC</u>	<u>email</u>
05 June	Battle of Ramsour's Mill	<u>Lincolnton, NC</u>	<u>email</u>
11 June	Machias Battle of US Navy	<u>Machias, ME</u>	<u>email</u>
17 June	Battle of Bunker Hill	<u>Boston, MA</u>	<u>email</u>
26 June	Battle of Springfield & CT Farms	<u>Springfield, NJ</u>	<u>email</u>
28 June	Battle of Monmouth	<u>Monmouth, NJ</u>	<u>email</u>
30 June	Battle of Alligator Creek	<u>Callahan, FL</u>	<u>email</u>
15 July	Fairfax Resolves	<u>Alexandria, VA</u>	<u>email</u>
02 August	Siege at Fort Laurens	<u>Bolivar, OH</u>	<u>email</u>
19 August	Battle of Blue Licks	<u>Carlisle, KY</u>	<u>email</u>
27 August	Battle of Brooklyn / MD 400	<u>Brooklyn, NY</u>	<u>email</u>
05 September	Battle of the Capes	<u>Virginia Beach, VA</u>	<u>email</u>
06 September	Battle of Groton Heights	<u>Groton, CT</u>	<u>email</u>
07 September	Battle of Cooch's Bridge	<u>Newark, DE</u>	<u>email</u>
08 September	Battle of Eutaw Springs	<u>Eutawville, SC</u>	<u>email</u>
12 September	Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	<u>Elizabethton, TN</u>	<u>email</u>

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19 September	Vigil at Washington's Tomb	Mount Vernon, VA	email
21 September	Battle of Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge, LA	email
04-06 October	Point Pleasant Battle Days	Point Pleasant, WV	email
06 October	Battle of Chestnut Creek	Little Egg Harbor, NJ	email
07 October	Battle of Kings Mountain	Blacksburg, SC	email
17 October	Battle of Saratoga	Stillwater, NY	email
19 October	Yorktown Days	Yorktown, VA	email
22 October	Battle of Red Bank	National Park, NJ	email
19 November	Siege of Fort Morris	Midway, GA	email
09 December	Battle of Great Bridge	Norfolk, VA	email
25 December - 03 January	Ten Crucial Days	Trenton, NJ	email

The events in the table below count as National Color Guard Events for earning the Silver and Von Steuben Color Guard Medals, but will occur at locations around the country. Please contact your local State Commander for information on these dates.

<u>Approximate Date</u>	<u>National Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
22 February	Washington's Birthday	Nationally
Late February/Early March	Spring Leadership	Louisville, KY
18 April	Patriot's Day	Nationally
30 May	Memorial Day	Nationally
14 June	Flag Day	Nationally
04 July	Independence Day	Nationally
July	National Congress	Location Varies by Year
September/October	Fall Leadership	Louisville, KY
11 November	Veteran's Day	Nationally
15 December	Wreaths Across America	Nationally
Any Date	Liberty Tree Dedication	Nationally
Any Date	Fields of Honor / Healing Field	Nationally
Any Date	Massing of the Colors	Nationally
Any Date	Honor Flights	Nationally

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. 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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Congratulations Compatriots and Ladies!

The following Guardsmen and Ladies have been recognized for their service with the Silver Color Guard Medal, Von Steuben Color Guard Medal, or Molly Pitcher Medal. We thank them for their dedicated service to the SAR Color Guard.



Von Steuben Medal

T. Brooks Lyles (NC)
Chris Mober (IA)
David H. Packard (CT)
Richard C. Wright (NH)
William F. Rand Jr (TN)



Silver Color Guard Medal

Chuck Green (TN)
Dave Tinker (NJ)
Brad Waters (TN)
James Will McGinnis Jr. (KY)
Randall Allen (FL)
Patrick McMurchie (KY)
Hans Fritz Hunt (FL)
Charles A. Adams II (FL)
Kevin Schultz (IN)



Molly Pitcher Medal

Sarah Green (TN)

The **National Von Steuben Medal** may be awarded for sustained service to the Society as a Color Guardsman at the National or District Levels. This medal may only be earned after five years of service after receiving the Silver Color Guard Medal. Recipients must already have been awarded the Bronze and Silver Color Guard Medals.

The **Silver Color Guard Medal** is for service at the District and National levels. The medal is awarded for at least three years of service at the applicable level. The three years may be broken, not continuous. Award of each medal may be for retroactive service, so that any living compatriot may receive it, even if he cannot march anymore. An SAR Color Guardsman must have the Bronze Color Guard Medal before he can be awarded the Silver Color Guard Medal.

Many women who are the wives, daughters, sisters, girlfriends, and other female relatives and companions of SAR Color Guardsmen routinely and with great dedication support their SAR Color Guardsman and the SAR Color Guard. The **Molly Pitcher Medal** may be awarded to women who have supported the SAR Color Guard at the State, District and National Levels.

Color Guard at Congress

The 136th Congress was filled with color guard activity every day of the week. Participants from around the country gathered in Greensboro, NC to join in patriotic spirit through the memorial service, formal banquets, the color guard breakfast, five patriot grave marking ceremonies.



Past National Commander Brooks Lyles receives a long overdue Von Steuben Medal at the Color Guard Breakfast.



After a year of wearing the Commander's gorget, outgoing Commander Rob Meyer shows off his new personalized gorget. The gorget was a gift from the Color Guard Command Staff in grateful appreciation of Commander Meyer's year of dedicated leadership.



The Color Guard gathers before the annual memorial service for the President General's review of the guard. The tradition is a highlight of the week.



President General Elston was joined by General George Washington for the review.





President General Elston recognized the tireless support provided by Kentucky's Marika Wesolosky. PG Elston presented her with an name tag naming Marika as the National Society's Color Guard Photographer.



Color Guard musicians working to help keep the guard in step.



Past Commander Scott Collins leads a column following the Memorial Service at First Presbyterian Church in Greensboro.

Couldn't make it to Greensboro? Watch the Memorial Service [HERE](#).



Outgoing Commander Robert Meyer transfers the Commander's Gorget and the command of the National Color Guard to Incoming Commander Ken Goodson.



Commander Meyer receives his Huzzahs following the Change of Command Ceremony at the President General's banquet.



New Battle Flags

As noted in Commander Goodson's report on page 3, the National Society added 24 new flags to the supply that the guard uses at Leadership Meetings and Congress. The flags were on full display in Greensboro at the Memorial Service, business sessions, PG Banquet, and Installation Banquet. The color guard received high praise for how everything came together. The flags that were added



The 1st Pennsylvania Rifles flag, dating from Thompson's Rifle Battalion in 1776, shows a lion confronting a man with a net and the motto "Dominari Nolo" ("I will not be dominated"), with "P.M. i R" for Pennsylvania Militia, 1st Rifles; a documented original remnant survives in the State Museum of Pennsylvania



The Rhode Island Regiment flag is a white field with a blue scroll inscribed "R. Island Regt." and a blue canton bearing thirteen white stars. Its regiment is most notable as one of the first racially integrated units in the Continental Army, including many formerly enslaved Black soldiers. A surviving original, smaller than typical regimental colors, is preserved at the Rhode Island State House.



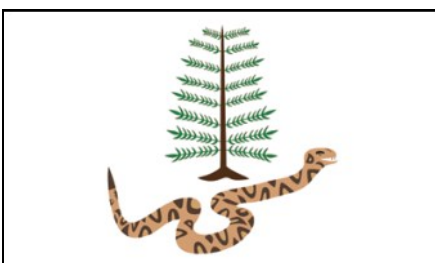
The 2nd Continental Light Dragoons carried a standard of thirteen red and white stripes with a winged thundercloud and lightning bolts, plus a Latin motto about the country calling and her sons answering in thunder. An original guidon is held by the Museum of Connecticut History and has recently appeared in the Museum of the American Revolution's "Banners of Liberty" exhibit, while a captured regimental color was sold at Sotheby's after remaining in Tarleton family hands for over two centuries.



Washington's "Crusaders" flag—better known as the Washington's Cruisers or **Appeal** to Heaven flag—shows a green pine tree on a white field with the motto "An Appeal to Heaven" along the top. Historians have verified it as a period correct design through contemporary references to Washington's schooner squadron, surviving 18th century illustrations, and close comparison with documented New England pine tree flags of the same era.



The Bedford Flag is a crimson silk militia standard bearing an armored arm emerging from clouds, brandishing a sword above the Latin motto "Vince aut Morire" ("Conquer or die"). Scholars verified it as an early 18th century, period correct design through pigment analysis showing Prussian blue and textile study of its damask weave and floral pattern, matching known European cavalry flags of that era. Today, the original Bedford Flag is preserved and displayed at the Bedford Free Public Library in Bedford, MA.



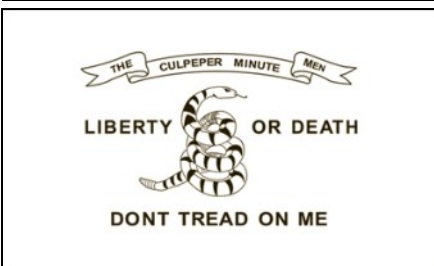
The Bladen-Brunswick flag, carried by patriots from Bladen and Brunswick Counties in North Carolina in 1775, shows a coiled rattlesnake beneath a pine tree, echoing "Don't Tread on Me" symbolism and New England liberty tree imagery. Though no original survives, historians regard the design as period correct based on 18th century descriptions of local militia flags and its close alignment with contemporary rattlesnake and tree motifs used by other colonial units.



The Brandywine flag is a solid red field with a blue canton in the upper hoist, showing 13 white stars and a striped canton pattern associated with Pennsylvania troops under Anthony Wayne and the 1777 Battle of Brandywine. Its historical accuracy is supported by surviving period depictions and later museum and historical reconstructions that match the flag's documented Revolutionary War-style layout and symbolism.



The Continental Flag is a red field with a white canton in the upper hoist containing a green pine tree, a Revolutionary-era symbol tied to New England resistance and the "Appeal to Heaven" tradition. It is associated with colonial naval and militia use, especially among Massachusetts patriots. Its historical accuracy is supported by period references to pine-tree flags and by later archival reconstructions that match the design seen in surviving Revolutionary War-era imagery and descriptions.



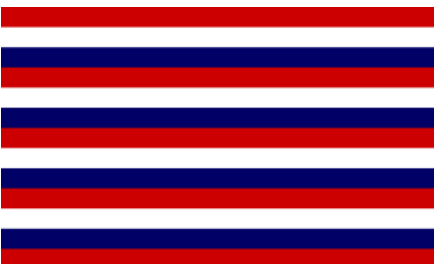
The Culpeper Minute Men flag is a white field with a coiled rattlesnake and the slogans "The Culpeper Minute Men," "Liberty or Death," and "Don't Tread on Me." It's closely tied to the Virginia militia raised in 1775 and the early Revolutionary rattlesnake symbolism popularized by Franklin and Patrick Henry. Its historical accuracy is supported by later documentary references, though the exact original survives only in descriptions rather than a known extant flag.



The Delaware Militia flag is a dark green silk banner, now faded to pale green, with a white canton and red-and-white striping typical of Revolutionary-era militia colors. Known as the Dansey Flag, it was captured by a British officer before the Battle of Brandywine. Museum conservation records support it as an authentic surviving Delaware Revolutionary War color, now preserved by the Delaware Historical Society.



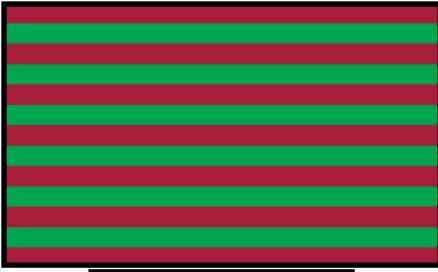
The Fort Mercer flag is a red field with a blue canton in the upper hoist containing 13 white stars, reflecting one of the earliest Revolutionary War national-style designs. It is associated with the 1777 defense of Fort Mercer at Red Bank, New Jersey, where Continental forces helped turn back a Hessian attack. Because its provenance is not fully certain, the flag is best understood as a historically grounded reconstruction tied to that action.



The Fort Mifflin flag is a distinctive Revolutionary War color made of 13 alternating stripes in red, white, and blue, ending with a red stripe. It's associated with the defense of Fort Mifflin on the Delaware River in 1777 and with Continental naval use. Its historical accuracy is supported by period references and the fact that the design appears in contemporary fort and navy flag traditions.



The Gadsden Flag is the familiar yellow Revolutionary-era banner with a coiled rattlesnake and the motto "Don't Tread on Me." It was created in 1775 by Christopher Gadsden and became a symbol of American resistance and vigilance during the Revolution. Its historical accuracy is well established through period records and surviving examples, making it one of the best-documented flags of the era.



The George Rogers Clark flag is a red-and-green striped banner associated with the Vincennes campaign and the capture of Fort Sackville in 1779. It's tied to George Rogers Clark's western operations, but historians note that Clark likely did not personally campaign under this exact design. The flag's historical accuracy rests on period records from Vincennes, especially a 1778 payment for red and green serge and later references to an "American flag" at Fort Sackville.



The Gostelowe Standard No. 1, or "Headman Color," is one of the rare Pennsylvania Revolutionary War standards associated with Jonathan Gostelowe's 1778 inventory of Continental Army flags. It features a liberty motif with a pillar and supporting hands, plus the motto "This We Will Defend Or Die," making it one of the more symbolic of the Gostelowe designs. Its historical accuracy is supported by the surviving Gostelowe record and later museum and collector reconstructions based on that documentation.



The Grand Union Flag is the first widely recognized flag of the united colonies, with 13 red-and-white stripes and the British Union Jack in the canton. It was first flown on January 1, 1776, and is closely associated with George Washington's army at Prospect Hill and the Continental Navy. Its historical accuracy is documented in period sources and reflects the transitional moment before the Stars and Stripes replaced it in 1777.



The Green Mountain Boys flag is a green field with a blue canton in the upper hoist containing 13 white stars, and it's tied to John Stark and the Battle of Bennington in 1777. It's one of the few Revolutionary-era regimental flags with surviving remnants, now associated with the Vermont History Museum and the Vermont National Guard. Its historical accuracy is partly certain and partly legendary: the surviving fragments support the color scheme, but the exact original layout remains debated.



The Hanover Associators flag is a crimson field with a rifleman in a green hunting shirt and buckskin leggings standing guard, with the motto "Liberty Or Death" beneath him. It dates to the June 4, 1774, formation of the Hanover Association in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, making it an early Revolutionary protest banner. Its historical accuracy is supported by period descriptions.



The Fort Moultrie flag is a blue field with a white crescent in the upper hoist, the simple version Colonel William Moultrie described for the defense of Sullivan's Island in 1776. It's tied to the famous stand where Sergeant William Jasper reportedly recovered the shot-down flag under fire, helping secure Charleston's first major Revolutionary victory. That plain crescent design is the historically strongest version.



The Philadelphia Light Horse flag is a yellow silk banner with a decorated center showing a bay horse's head, a shield with a knotted design, and the motto "For these we strive." It was carried by the First Troop, Philadelphia City Cavalry, one of the earliest Revolutionary cavalry units, and is often said to be the first American military flag to use 13 stripes in the canton. The original survives with the unit and is preserved in Philadelphia.



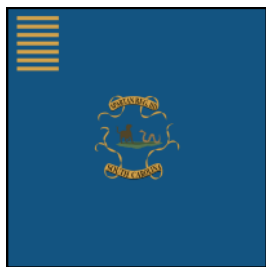
The Serapis flag is the unusual Revolutionary War ensign associated with John Paul Jones and the capture of HMS *Serapis* in 1779. It features 13 stripes in red, white, and sometimes blue, with 13 eight-pointed stars in a blue canton, and is also called the Franklin Flag. Its historical accuracy is strong because it is tied to period descriptions, diplomatic records, and the famous Dutch salute at Texel after Jones brought the prize into port.



The Taunton Flag, also called the Liberty and Union Flag, is a red ensign with the Union Jack in the canton and the words “Liberty and Union” across the field. It was first raised in Taunton, Massachusetts, on October 21, 1774, as an early protest against British rule while still nodding to loyalty to the crown. Its historical accuracy is strong, though the exact original design is known only from a partial contemporary description.



The yellow Webb's Continental Regiment flag is a Revolutionary War color linked to Colonel Samuel B. Webb's Connecticut command in 1777. It's shown as a yellow field with a sword and wreath motif, and the surviving version is generally treated as the “official” look for the regiment's banner. Its accuracy comes from period-based reconstructions and historical descriptions, though some details remain interpretive rather than fully documented in an extant original.



The 2nd Spartan Regiment flag is a South Carolina militia color from the Revolutionary War, with a dark field, a rattlesnake, and the “Spartan dog” symbol that gave the unit its fierce identity. It marked the regiment on campaigns in the Southern theater, including major fights such as Cowpens and Eutaw Springs. The original survives and is now displayed by the Museum of the American Revolution as part of its “Banners of Liberty” exhibit.

Want to honor your Patriot and support the Color Guard?

For a donation of at least **\$500** to the Color Guard Fund, you can sponsor a flag to honor your Patriot's service—either by funding the purchase a new flag set or sponsoring an existing flag already owned by the Color Guard.

- **New Flag Requests:** Upon submission of your donation and request, the Color Guard Committee will review your selected flag. Once approved, the committee will purchase the flag, pole, finial, and stand to add to the permanent collection used at National meetings. This set will be available for display and may be carried by you at Congress and Leadership.
- **Sponsoring an Existing Flag:** Members may also choose to sponsor a flag that the Color Guard already owns.

For both new and sponsored flags, **your name and your Patriot's name will be proudly affixed to the flag pole.** All flag sets remain the property of the National Society Color Guard, ensuring your Patriot's legacy and flag can be displayed and appreciated for years to come.

To submit a request or coordinate your donation, please contact **Vice Commander Patrick Wesolosky**.

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.



California

On April 21, the Yosemite Chapter, in partnership with the County of Fresno, dedicated the nation's largest Liberty Tree, a stately 45-foot-tall native Valley Oak tree in Fresno's Courthouse Park. The Yosemite Chapter Color Guard presented and posted the Colors for the event.



This project came about through efforts of Yosemite Chapter Registrar, now California State SAR President, Randy Dhindsa, and Fresno County Supervisor Nathan Magsig. Supervisor Magsig led the charge of getting all of the necessary governmental approvals to plant the tree and install the monuments in under 30 days. This was a monumental achievement as we all know that the wheels of progress move slowly when governmental agencies are involved. The \$70,000 for this project was funded through a special trust from the Ernest Lawrence Estate. Jim Riley, Executive VP of The Yosemite Chapter, donated the two granite slabs used to make the memorials and Bell Memorials in Covis donated the memorial artwork. It was truly a total community effort.

Fresno County also provided a large tent, podium, audio equipment, chairs and programs for the ceremony which included speakers from the County Board of Supervisors and the Yosemite Chapter, SAR. Also present were representatives from the offices of US Congressman Jim Costa, State Senators Shannon Grove and Anna Caballero and State Assemblymember David Tangipa. City Councilman Mike Karbassi was also present.

California State SAR President Randy Dhindsa gave a speech as did Yosemite Chapter President, Scott Nichols, who spoke on the history of the Liberty Tree.

The weather that day was blustery and stormy, with tornados touching down in north Fresno, but the sun came out for our ceremony. Providence was shining on us!



A combined California SAR Color Guard presented colors at the Fresno Grizzlies game on April 24, 2026. The Color Guard was arranged as part of the 151st Annual State Meeting of the California SAR.



A combined CA SAR Color Guard presentation and posting at the "All Armed Forces Military Ball" held Sat July 11, 2026 at the Stockton Hilton. This event was hosted by the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce and American Legion Post 16. Special guests were Maj Gen Eldon Regua (US Army, Retired) and Astronaut Jose Hernandez.

Compatriots from the Delta, Redwood and Yosemite Chapters participated.

Revolutionary War encampment featuring a colonial woodworking workshop by CAR-SAR Jr. member Aran Corbett, as well as information tables about our organizations.

The event was a great success for our chapter's efforts at engaging more with the public. We were invited to participate in other upcoming 250th-related events and made contact with historical speakers for our future meetings.



The first week of July was very busy for the Tallahassee chapter SAR. On July 1st, for the Sauls-Bridges American Legion's Post #13 July 250th celebration, the TLH Color Guard opened the meeting

by presenting our national colors, followed by the pledge of allegiance led by members of the Ponce De Leon Society, Children of the American Revolution.

On July 2nd, the TLH SAR Color Guard and members of the Ponce de Leon Society CAR participated in the "Revolution Road Trail" historic sign unveiling-ribbon-cutting ceremony in Chipley, Florida.



Finally, on July 4th members of the TLH Color Guard and Ponce de Leon Society CAR marched in the Bristol, Florida, 250th July 4th parade. After the parade, we posted the national, state, SAR, Betsy Ross and 250th flags in front of the replica of the Liberty Bell recently gifted to Liberty County Florida by Governor DeSantis in celebration of America 250th.

At noon we struck the Bell thirteen times in commemoration of the thirteen colonies that declared independence, as part of the national-annual "Let Freedom Ring"- "Bells across America" ceremony.





We struck the bell a fourteenth time for the great free state of Florida's role in the American War for Independence, followed by a stirring reading of the Declaration of Independence by TLH SAR chapter president Craig Porter FitzGerald. The ceremony at the bell was followed by the induction of our chapter's newest member, Compatriot Timothy FitzPatrick, in front of the replica of the Liberty Bell with the help of TLH SAR VP Lee Norris.

This April, we celebrated two beautiful Liberty Tree dedications in Indiana!



In Jasper, 7 SAR color guard members, 3 DAR members, and the Mayor gathered behind the library as Father Brosmer blessed the new tree against a backdrop of tall forest trees. We also dedicated a Liberty Tree in front of the DAR chapter house in Vincennes under a bright blue sky, joined by 8 GRC color guard members, the CAR State President, and a large group of DAR members.



The Indiana SAR Color Guard participated at the Veterans Memorial Park in Muncie, IN on Apr 11, 2026

L to R: Compatriots Jerry Gaskin, MJ McNabb, Jeff Hornung, Travis LeMaster, Jeffrey W. Jones, Thomas S Whiteman, Kent Salitros, Mark Kreps, William Behnke, Gary Stebbins, Ben Porter, Dennis L. Babbitt, Colin McNabb, Kevin Schultz, Allen Hayne and James McNabb.



On April 10-12, members of the George Rogers Clark Chapter taught 600 school kids on Friday and lots of others the rest of the weekend. From weapons, tools, flags & genealogy the kids learned about early days living.



On May 16, 2026 the Continental Chapter Color Guard presented "A Patriot's Empty Chair: The Price of Freedom" at the AMVETS Lodge in Royerton, IN.. Following that program a musket salute was conducted to honor the Fallen Heroes of Indiana's Military Veterans.

Indiana 250th Commission Co Chair Tom Whiteman was interviewed on a local radio station who advertised the Indiana State 250th license plate.

The color guard unit included: Mark Kreps, President James McNabb, Dennis Babbitt and Tom Whiteman.





The Indiana SAR Color Guard presented the colors during the National Anthem at a Fishers Freight football game. The Freight, an indoor football League team founded in 2025, draws crowds of thousands. The Color Guard included Indiana SAR President William Behnke, Genealogist General Wayne Eells, Commander Jacob Vink, Douglas Gallant, Scott Adams, Bruce Gage, John Bratcher, Allen Hayne, and Kenneth Michael.



Indiana SAR celebrated Memorial Day weekend at the annual Commemoration of George Rogers Clark and the capture of Fort Sackville in 1779. As Indiana's only National Event, color guard representation was strong with all of Indiana's chapters represented along with members and guardsmen traveling from across the country. President General Michael Elston was the guest of honor and all in attendance enjoyed the perfect weather and, following the event, explored the Revolutionary War encampment that borders the National Park Service property. Indiana invites all guardsmen to return to the Hoosier State on Saturday, May 29, 2027.

Iowa



Justin Blood, 1st VP and Chaplain, IA SAR at Liberty Tree dedication, Iowa State Capital grounds, Des Moines, IA as seen on WHO TV 13 on July 3, 2026



The Iowa SAR assisted the Iowa Grand Lodge Mason members in their 250th wreath ceremony honoring the 41 known Revolutionary War veterans buried in Iowa.



Led by the organization efforts of Benjamin Harrington, Eagle Scout and one of the newest members of Iowa Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, visitors to Fort Des Moines celebrated the 250th. AI-



most as if by divine intervention the reflecting pool was filled with fresh water from heavy rains only the day before.

Tour of the museum reminded us of the history of this place and memories of ceremonies here shared by Compatriot Skilton made it possible to visualize those past formal promotion ceremonies in the rooms that housed us on this day.

Kentucky



On Saturday, April 11, 2026, the KY SAR Eastern Brigade assisted Jefferson County DAR Chapters with their Liberty Tree Dedication. The ceremony for the Tulip Poplar, the Kentucky State Tree was well-attended and covered by the local media.



On April 26, the Kentucky Society took part in the 71st Annual Pegasus Parade in Louisville, Kentucky. The Pegasus Parade is the official parade of the Kentucky Derby and a significant event for the regional community. This marked the 15th consecutive year that the SAR had a color guard in the parade.



The 19-member color guard consisted of flagbearers, riflemen, a fifer, and three drummers. The participating SAR Chapters from Kentucky included Simon Kenton, Gov. Isaac Shelby, Louisville Thruston, George Mason, and Col. James Harrod. Furthermore, members from the Long Knives chapter of the Illinois Society, Jeremiah Clark chapter of the Michigan Society, Point Pleasant chapter of the West Virginia Society, and the Jane McAfee chapter of the Kentucky Society DAR also took part.



The Pegasus Parade is one of the longest parades in the United States, extending for approximately two hours with a 1.7-mile route along Broadway Street in Louisville. This year, an estimated 2,500 individuals took part in the parade. These included equestrian units, marching bands, and more than 40 specialty units. Typically, the parade draws over 200,000 spectators, with an additional 200,000 individuals tuning in to watch via television.



The Kentucky Historical Society hosted a reading of the Declaration of Independence on the 250th anniversary of its first public reading. The program was held inside the historic Old State Capitol in Frankfort, Kentucky. The Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter provided the color guard for the ceremony

The color guard consisted of four members, including a fifer. As part of the observance, a life-size replica of the Liberty Bell was rung.



The Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter (KY) and the Clifty Creek Chapter (IN), provided the color guard for the annual Independence Day concert in New Albany, Indiana. The SAR was invited by the Mayor of New Albany to present the colors prior to the concert at the amphitheater along the Ohio River. More than 5,000 people attended the event.

The color guard included flagbearers, riflemen, a fifer, and a drummer. Members of the Piankeshaw DAR Chapter (IN) also joined the formation.



On May 25, 2026, members of the KY SAR partnered with the five DAR chapters in Fayette County and the Sons of the Revolution to dedicate two Liberty Trees in Lexington's Veterans Park. One tree was a Tulip Poplar, Kentucky's state tree. The second tree was a Bur Oak, the official tree of Fayette County.



On June 28, 2026, members of the KY SAR Eastern Brigade Color Guard assisted the Trabue Chapter, NSDAR, in rededicating their 99-year-old Revolutionary War Patriot Monument. Besides providing the Color Guard, wreath presentation, and musket salute, the KY SAR also installed a SAR Patriot Grave marker to help honor Jessamine County Revolutionary War Patriots in the future.



The Lafayette Chapter Color Guard provided the Honor Guard for Camp Nelson National Cemetery's Memorial Day Service. Over 600 people gathered and saw the Color Guard post and retire the Colors.



SAR National Headquarters was asked to provide a Color Guard for a special viewing of Ken Burn's The American Revolution at Louisville's Kentucky Center. The program and discussion was a part of the Louisville 250th's ongoing celebrations. A number of the wives were in period outfit assisting the Color Guard and working towards their Sarah Fulton Color Guard Medal.



Maryland



On April 7, the Maryland SAR Color Guard and Maryland State Society DAR greet the 1st ever all-female Honor Flight in the US with the Arizona State Society DAR at Baltimore Washington International Airport. These veterans were all Vietnam war vets and all DAR members.



On April 12, the Maryland SAR Color Guard participated in the Commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of St. George's Island, including installation of a commemorative plaque with DAR.



April 25, 2026- DAR Liberty Tree Dedication, Libertytown, MD. MDSSAR Color Guard was honored to participate in a multi chapter DAR Liberty Tree Dedication at Libertytown Park. This seedling is a genetically identical scion of Maryland's original 1775 Liberty Tree in Annapolis, which was the last surviving original Liberty Tree in the 13 colonies. Unfortunately, the original tree (a 400 year old tulip poplar) was destroyed in a 1999 hurricane, but lives on through these identical descendants which are being planted in every county in Maryland. We were honored to present colors and render honors during the ceremony.



The dedication was held on historic Federal Hill overlooking Baltimore Harbor, with attendance by community leaders, DAR and SAR state leadership (including MDSSAR State President Rick Abbott). The colors ceremony included a fifer and drummer from nearby Fort McHenry.



MDSSAR Color Guard and Scouting America members participated in a Patriot Grave Marking for Colonel James Gittings in Hydes, MD.



On May 25 at the Annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Frederick, MD.



The Color Guard was asked to dress in civilian for the HoCo 250 and Thomas Dorsey Chapter NSDAR reception for the closing of the American Battlefield Trust / DAR'S traveling 250th exhibit with the high light being the reading of the Declaration of Independence. (pic 14.1) Color Guard and Ladies Auxiliary members included Glenn and Lynne Moss and Vicki and David Embrey



Liberty Tree dedication with DAR at Rising Sun Inn, Crownsville, MD



Grave side ceremony honoring Colonel John Eager Howard at Old St. Paul's Cemetery, Baltimore, MD. Colonel Howard was a leader in the Maryland Line, fighting in multiple battles including White Plains, Monmouth, and Cowpens; he was wounded in a bayonet charge in the Battle of Eutaw

Springs. Following the War of Independence, he became a Governor of Maryland and later a United States Senator from Maryland.





June 21, 2026- MDSSAR Color Guard assisted with the opening ceremony and colors during the national anthem for a Delmarva Shorebirds baseball game, a minor league affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles in Salisbury, MD.



On May 02 at George Washington's Mount Vernon for Revolutionary War weekend, It was a 'Great Day to be in Wool' with temps in the 90's by the afternoon as SAR 'Old Line' Color Guard members Glenn Moss and David Embrey with Ladies Auxiliary's Lynne Moss. Lynne was asked to provide her expertise as an 18th Laundress while Glenn engaged the public with his 1766 Charleville (while David Embrey fell in with the Musick



Maryland SAR was asked to be part of the Color Guard for the 250th and Presented Colors for the 2026 St. George's Polo Cup with the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), 1812 Royal Marines - No1 Cpy, 2nd Battalion and the SAR 'Old Line' Color Guard. The Maryland Line included David Embrey, Glenn Moss and Gerry Harris and as always, special thanks to Scott Watkins.





Michigan



Michigan SAR Color Guard at a Liberty Tree planting in Fenton, MI on April 19. L/R: Drummer Matt Adair, State Vice Commander Robert Hawcroft, DMC Chapter Commander Mark Nesbitt, Guardsman Aaron Wiles, and Guardsman Eddie Howell.



Michigan SAR Color Guard at a wreath-laying ceremony honoring George Washington at the statue on the grounds of the State Building in Lansing, Michigan. L/R: Aaron Wiles, Drummer Matt Adair, State Commander John Lepisto, National Commander Ken Goodson, Brent Kemmer, State Vice Commander Chris Blunt, State Vice Commander Robert Hawcroft, Mark Chamberlain, and Ron Shull.



Michigan SAR Color Guard at the grave marking of Mary Bowen Stone, wife of Patriot Joseph Stone, hosted by a local DAR chapter in Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 26. From left to right: State Commander John Lepisto, Mark Chamberlain, James Perkins, and State Vice Commander Dave Hill.



Michigan SAR Color Guard at a grave marker dedication honoring Revolutionary War Patriot Timothy Crittenden in Saline, Michigan, May 6. From left to right: Tony Gerring, Mark Somerville, State Commander John Lepisto, DMC Chapter Commander Mark Nesbitt, and William Sharp.



MISSAR Guardsmen at Independence Fest in Clarkston, Michigan, June 27, 2026. From left to right: Aaron Wiles, Lincoln Malott, Arsy Miller, Commander of the Artillery Larry Blackett, Commander John Lepisto, Vice Commander David Hill, Color Guard Piper Ronald Barnard, and Guardsman Eddie Howell.



Michigan Society SAR Color Guard at the Liberty Tree dedication on Mackinac Island in the Peace Garden, June 20, 2026. L/R: John Lepisto, Mark Nesbitt, and Harry Rinker.



Michigan Society SAR at the Fenton 4th of July Parade. L/R: Val Chapin, Mark Nesbitt, Norm Palmer, Eric Chapin, Aaron Wiles, Bob Hawcroft, and Steve Slama.



Michigan SAR Color Guard honoring the grave of Sergeant John Quick, Revolutionary War Patriot, in Nashville, MI, on July 11. L/R: Larry Blackett, Eric Chapin, David Hill, Val Chapin, James Perkins, and Mark Nesbitt.

Missouri



MOSSAR Color Guard from four chapters joined together at Lamar Missouri for a local parade that honored Harry S Truman who was born in Lamar May 8, 1884. The assembled guard was placed at the front of the parade behind the lead city police cruiser, and was a hit with the crowd. Marching were Kavan Stull - Sgt. Ariel Nims Chapter, Brian Wilet - Sgt. Ariel Nims Chapter, Ivan Stull - Harry S Truman Chapter, Joe Walker - Ozark Mountain Chapter, Rod Gewe - Ozark Mountain Chapter, Ben Crouch - Fernando de Leyba Chapter



Saturday, May 9, 2026 the Louisiana Purchase Chapter, NSDAR, dedicated two VA memorial Headstones and DAR Markers for Revolutionary war patriots and Jefferson County settlers William Drennen, Militia, PA and VA, and Lawrence Angell, Soldier, NC. The Eastern Division Color Guard was asked to present the colors and fire a musket Salute while attending the MSSDAR Conference the week before in Branson, MO. Matthew Toeniskoetter and David Sorrell from the Allen Laws Oliver Chapter in Cape Girardeau, and Ben Crouch from the Fernando de Leyba Chapter





participated. David and three DAR members served as flag bearers along with two musketeers. After the speeches and the unveiling of the headstones and DAR markers the SAR musketeers fired a three volley musket salute. After Taps had been played the Color Guard retired colors.



May 1, 2026, Chateau on the Lake, Branson MO, was the venue for the state DAR convention. MOS-SAR Color Guard mustered to advance colors at the opening ceremony, an annual event for guardsmen. In addition to bearing colors, three additional color guard were presented with the DAR Hannah White Arnett Silver Medal which makes a total of 12 state color guard members recipients of said medal. Recipients were Doug Anderson, Larry Montgomery, and Ivan Stull. Pictured are L-R: Gary Gift, Ivan Stull, Peter Reynolds, Gene Henry, Mark Parks, Lisa Parks DAR State Regent, Larry Montgomery, Mike Robertson, Don Higgerson, Dan Philbrick, Doug Anderson. Kneeling L-R Brian Willet, Steven Perkins, Jeffrey Willey, Ben Crouch, Dan Piedlow.



On April 13, 2026, the New Hampshire Sons of the American Revolution (NHSAR) commemorated General John Stark Day with three ceremonies honoring one of the Granite State's most distinguished patriots.

The day began at sunrise, 6:08 a.m., with the raising of the John Stark Flag at the John Stark Statue on the New Hampshire State House grounds in Concord. Members of Stark's Company, NHSAR Color Guard joined Kevin Jordon, Assistant

Superintendent of the Capitol Grounds, to render honors as the flag was raised at first light. The flag raising detail included Dennis Walsh, Russ Whittaker, Doug Wood and Curtis Hermann.



Later that afternoon, NHSAR hosted a formal commemoration ceremony at the John Stark Statue to honor one of New Hampshire's greatest sons and one of the most respected leaders of the American Revolution. NHSAR compatriots Andy Akers, Al Lamson, Richard Wright, Barry Lewis, John Ginsberg, Greg Salts, Tim Billbrough, and Richard Baynes joined the Color Guard in conducting the ceremony.



The day concluded with a grave marking ceremony at Old North Cemetery. NHSAR was joined by Buntin-Rumford-Webster Chapter, NHSODAR to honor five Patriots who fought alongside then Major John Stark at the Battle of Bunker Hill. Although inclement weather required a shortened ceremony, Revolutionary War grave markers were reverently placed at the Patriots' final resting places, ensuring their service and sacrifice remain remembered.



Members of Stark's Company, NHSAR Color Guard proudly joined ranks with the Connecticut Line, CTSAR Color Guard to march in the Annual Concord Parade in Concord, Massachusetts, honoring our Patriot ancestors who stood against the British on April 19, 1775.

The parade wound its way through the town, proceeding to what is now known as Punkatasset Hill—the elevated position occupied by the colonial militia just north of the North Bridge. This historic route marked the ground where the militia assembled in defense of their liberties.



Upon entering Minute Man National Historical Park, the parade paused at the Minuteman Statue for a solemn service honoring both the Patriots and British Regulars who lost their lives that morning. Offering their traditional salute—“**Huzzah!**”—as they crossed the North Bridge, the unit then made its way from the park back into town.



Stark's Company, NHSAR Color Guardsmen were honored to present the Colors at a number of events during the quarter including the NH Job Corps Graduation ceremony and the New Hampshire State Organization DAR's Annual Spring Conference Banquet to honor Women in the Military.



On May 9, 2026, New Hampshire Sons of the American Revolution and the Capt Josiah Crosby chapter, NHSODAR joined the Wilton 250 Committee to dedicate two American Liberty Elm trees at Whiting Park. Wilton fourth-grade students participated in the ceremony by unveiling the granite marker and performing a patriotic song, reinforcing the connection between the community's Revolutionary

heritage and its future. Starks Company, NHSAR Color Guard joined forces with the 1st NH Regiment to provide a 3 volley musket salute.



Following the Liberty Tree dedication, participants formed a "Let Freedom Ring" procession through downtown Wilton. Led by the American Legion, the 1st New Hampshire Regiment, and the New Hampshire SAR Color Guard, the procession advanced to the town's Revolutionary War Memorial as bells rang in celebration of America's 250th Anniversary. The ceremony concluded with the unveiling of Revolutionary War soldier Pomp Russell's name on the Wilton Revolutionary War Memorial. An enslaved African American who later became a Wilton resi-



dent, Russell served in the Continental Army and fought at the Battle of Bennington. His long-overlooked service was formally recognized alongside that of his fellow Patriots, ensuring his sacrifice and contributions to American independence will be remembered by future generations. The American Legion Honor Guard, the 1st NH Regiment and NHSAR Color Guard joined ranks to offer a musket/rifle volley to conclude the rededication of the war monument.



The New Hampshire State House lawn was the setting for the annual Lafayette Day commemoration on May 20, 2026 where state officials, historians, and patriotic organizations gathered to honor Major General Marquis de Lafayette and the enduring French-American alliance. The ceremony featured the arrival of Lafayette, portrayed by reenactor Roy Wulf, in a horse-drawn carriage, accompanied by NHSAR Color Guard.

Lafayette addressed the crowd in character, while New Hampshire Sons of the American Revolution member Richard Wright portrayed Major General John Stark, bringing two Revolutionary War heroes to life for the audience. Governor Kelly Ayotte, Senate President Sharon Carson, Executive Councilor Joseph Kenney, and French Consul General Mustafa Soykurt offered remarks highlighting Lafayette's indispensable role in securing American independence and the lasting friendship between France and the United States. Consul General Soykurt noted that the alliance forged

during the American Revolution continued through the World Wars, reminding attendees that "France is America's oldest ally" and emphasizing the enduring bond between the two nations.



NHSAR Color Guard supported 2 events on May 25, 2027. Participating in the Littleton, NH procession were Guardsmen Dennis Walsh, Barr Lewis, and Russell Cumbee. Compatriots Past President Richard Baynes and James Veach.



On May 27, 2026 The City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, unveiled a new historical marker commemorating Major General Marquis de Lafayette's visit to the city from October 4–6, 1784, during his celebrated tour of the newly independent United States following the ratification of the Treaty of Paris.



The ceremony, held at The Plains as part of the Lafayette Trail 250 initiative, recognized Lafayette's pivotal contributions to American independence and his enduring legacy as a symbol of the French-American alliance. Portsmouth Mayor Deaglan McEachern joined Lafayette Trail founder Julien Icher in dedicating the marker, one of more than 150 placed across the nation to commemorate Lafayette's journey.



On June 6, 2026 the NHSAR participated in a couple of ceremonies during Marlo NH 250 Commemoration. The day started with Stark's Company, NHSAR Color Guard leading the parade. At the conclusion of the parade, the colors were posted to begin a rededication ceremony or the Towns War memorial.



NHSAR also conducted a grave marking ceremony to honor 5 patriots buried in the North Cemetery. The ceremony included remarks by 2 descendants and a Town Proclamation. Starks's company provided a musket salute to complete the ceremony.



On June 14, 2026 NHSAR, in collaboration with the Capt. Josiah Crosby Chapter, NHSODAR and the Mont Vernon 250th Commission, commemorated the 250th Anniversary of Independence with a Revolutionary War Patriots Roll Call ceremony at the town's War Memorial. The War Memorial ceremony was followed by a procession to the Greenlawn Cemetery where 5 Revolutionary War Patriot's' gravesites were marked.



On June 17, 2026 Compatriots from Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Hampshire joined with the National Park Service, the Bunker Hill Monument Association and the American Legion, JW Conway Post to honor the Patriots who fought on Breed Hill.



The Ceremony began with an ecumenical service and roll call of Patriots who died during the battle at St. Francis. The service was followed by a procession to the Bunker Hill Burying Ground for a wreath ceremony and musket salute before continuing on to the Monument. Color Guards units from each state joined in a process to each of the Monument's Memorial Gates to place wreaths and execute an honor of all Patriots who gave their lives during the battle. The combined Color Guard provided the traditional three volley musket salute to conclude the program of commemorative speeches.



On June 27, 2026 NHSAR conducted a wreath ceremony at the Soldier Monument to honor the more than 150 Candia Patriots who served in the 1st & 3rd New Hampshire Regiments at Bunker Hill, New York and Princeton along with the militia units who fought at Bunker Hill. The NSAR Color Guard then participated in the Town Parade to Moore's Park for the reading of the Declaration of Independence followed by a musket salute.



Following Concord's America 250 and Concord 300 Fourth of July Parade, hundreds of residents and visitors gathered on the New Hampshire State House lawn for a patriotic ceremony commemorating the 250th anniversary of American Independence. Stark's Company, NHSAR Color Guard presented the Colors to begin the ceremony and in the crowd were

some of New Hampshire's elected officials and high officeholders including Senators Jeanne Shaheen



and Maggie Hassan. Appearances by Lafayette reenactors, and the NHSAR Color Guard provided a historical perspective. The ceremony concluded with a joint musket and cannon salute by Stark's Company, NHSAR Color Guard and the Lafayette Artillery Company, providing a stirring tribute to the nation's founding and the enduring legacy of its patriots. Later NHSAR Color Guard provided an interactive presence at the New Hampshire Historical Society.



New Jersey

NSSAR President General Michael J. Elston joined in this year's National SAR Event commemorating the Battles of Connecticut Farms and Springfield, fought June 7 and 23, 1780, respectively. The event, on June 14 in Springfield, began in Battle Ground Cemetery on Mountain Avenue, where NJDAR's Madame State Regent Linda Jurczak welcomed PG Elston and NJSSAR President Chris Sands. Chapter Presidents attending included Frank Hadley, president of the NJSSAR's Col. John Rosenkrans Chapter, and Gary Lane, president of the Empire State Society's Battle of Brooklyn Chapter. A wreath laying and necrology in the cemetery were followed by the traditional short march to First Presbyterian Church. At the church, NSSAR President General Elston placed a wreath at the statue of the Continental Soldier. Other dignitaries attending were Springfield Police Chief John Cook and Mark Hurwitz, president of the Springfield Historical Society, and reenactors with the Jersey Blues.



This event is co-hosted by the NJDAR's Church and Cannon Chapter, led by Heather Sanford, and the NJSSAR's West Fields Chapter led by President Chris Sands. The West Fields Chapter, which contains both Springfield and the town of Union, formerly known as Connecticut Farms.

It was on the steps of First Presbyterian, squarely amid the Springfield battlefield, that the immortal "Fighting Parson" Rev. James Caldwell uttered the

famous words, "Give 'em Watts, boys!" while tearing pages from hymnals to be used as wadding for the American guns.

The Battles of Connecticut Farms and Springfield were fought in neighboring towns two weeks apart. Each battle featured thousands of troops, intense combat and a sound defeat of British and Hessian plans to capture George Washington and Continental stores at nearby Morristown.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies marking Connecticut Farms and Springfield, the NJSSAR and NJDAR moved to the cemetery of the Scotch Plains Baptist Church in nearby Scotch Plains, where the remains of some two dozen Revolutionary War soldiers lie, including those of Essex County Militia Capt. William Line, the patriot ancestor of President General Elston.

There a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony was held in which the marker was revealed and dedicated. PG Elston said a few words in remembrance honoring Capt. Line, and Pastor Chas Hutchinson from the church served as chaplain. Many of the men buried there fought in such local battles as Connecticut Farms, Springfield and The Battle of The Short Hills.



On June 26, the NJSSAR Color Guard and NSSAR PG Michael J. Elston returned to Scotch Plains, NJ, to honor the 249th anniversary of The Battle of The Short Hills, fought June 26, 1777, and to help Scotch Plains celebrate a townwide 250th birthday party. The event began in the cemetery of Scotch Plains Baptist Church, where PG Elston's Patriot Ancestor Capt. William Line and several dozen other Revolutionary War soldiers are buried. Pastor Charles Hutchinson presided over the ceremony, in which the Color Guard presented the colors and



NSSAR PG Elston, NJSSAR President Chris Sands and NJDAR Westfield Chapter President Mary Anne Healy-Rodriguez placed wreaths beside a plaque honoring the dead.



After the cemetery, the NJSSAR Color Guard led a parade down Park Avenue to the Scotch Plains Town Hall. Hundreds of residents of the town lined both sides of the street as the NJSSAR and the NJDAR marched past with banners. The procession was led by NSSAR President General Michael J. Elston, SAR National Trustee Peter Moller, NJSSAR President Chris Sands, Color Guard Commander Ed Glidden, Adjutant Jay Hershey and fellow Color Guard members Frank Hadley, Gary Beauregard, James Sanford and Mark Flaherty.



Photo: Tap Into Scotch Plains.

The Battle of The Short Hills unfolded over a long summer's day in 1777, beginning in the morning in Woodbridge and spreading to the towns of Edison, Metuchen and Plainfield. The extended attack, an effort to capture General Washington, failed after a daylong fight when Washington and his combined force of Continentals and New Jersey Militia retreated to their stronghold in the Watchung Mountains. In their bitter retreat, some 14,000 British and Hessian soldiers marched through Scotch Plains and West Fields in a notorious raid that ransacked numerous homes and lasted into the next day.

On April 11, the New Jersey Society SAR Color Guard conducted a wreath laying to commemorate the Battle of Bound Brook, April 13, 1777. This marked the battle's second year as a National SAR Event. National Color Guard Commander Robert Meyer led a detail consisting of NSSAR Treasurer and Former National Color Guard Commander Brooks Lyle, North Atlantic District Vice President and National Trustee Peter Moller, NJSSAR Color Guard Commander Ed Glidden, Tom D'Amico, Gary Beauregard, Frank Hadley, Jay Hershey, Paul Marcotell, Rob and Jack Schulte and Dave Tinker.



On April 13, 1777, a four-column force of 4,000 British troops led by Charles Cornwallis attacked a small American garrison of about 500 commanded by Gen. Benjamin Lincoln in the town of Bound Brook. The objective: capture the garrison and provisions. An advance column led by Hessian Jaeger scouts attacked too soon, spoiling the coordinated surprise attack, and were pinned down by Colonial soldiers who put up a spirited resistance at the Old Stone Arch Bridge. The skirmish bought precious time for the bulk of the American force in Bound Brook as British forces poured into the area. When a second column of 1,000 British soldiers attacked, the Colonials successfully retreated, escaping the trap.



On Sunday May 30, capping a busy month in which Color Guard appearances were requested in six 250 celebrations, including three parades, the NJSSAR split into three squads to attend three events on the



same day. Commander Glidden led a detail for the dedication of a DAR Patriot Grave Marker at Buccleuch Mansion in New Brunswick, Adjutant Jay Hershey, Bob Gula and James Sanford attended an encampment in Milburn, and Earl Groendyke and Frank Hadley rode Earl's 1916 Dodge in a 250 parade in Mount Olive, NJ.



On June 20, Guardsmen performed a wreath laying at the statue of General Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben in Monmouth Battlefield State Park commemorating the Battle of Monmouth, June 28, 1778. Wreaths were placed by the NJSSAR and NJDAR honoring all who fought in the battle. It was Von



Steuben, the Drillmaster of Valley Forge, whose diligence and instruction helped turn the Continental Army into the disciplined and powerful force that carried the day in 1778. The benefits of that training, imparted during the 1777-78 winter encampment at Valley Forge, were first seen on a major scale in the American victory at Monmouth. The ceremony hosted by the Monmouth Chapter drew NJSSAR Color Guard from around the state, including Monmouth, South Jersey, Richard Somers, West Fields, Abraham Clark and Col. John Rosenkrans Chapters. Also in attendance, Gary Lane, President of the Empire State Society's Battle of Brooklyn Chapter.



New Mexico

On June 20, 2026, the Albuquerque Chapter - New Mexico SAR dedicated a 250th Anniversary bench at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial Park in Albuquerque, New Mexico. State SAR color guard members posted the colors with assistance from New Mexico Civil Air Patrol Color Guard members. During the ceremony, NM State President Robert E. Vance read a proclamation from the Albuquerque

City council commemorating the event. The Albuquerque Chapter - NMSSAR is thankful to the GWEF for their funding assistance.



On May 30, 2026, Gadsden chapter - NMSSAR color guard members Robert E. Vance and Tanner Guskey supported the Jacob Bennett chapter New Mexico DAR in dedicating their Revolutionary War Patriots marker in Gough park, Silver City, NM.



Members of the New Mexico SAR and the Sierra

Blanca chapter New Mexico DAR came together to participate in the 4th of July Parade in Capitan, NM. Our entry was the first in the line-up immediately after the parade Grand Marshal, an 89 year old veteran and longtime resident of Capitan.



On Thursday, April 9th, several chapters of the Ohio Society SAR Color Guard were represented in a special 250th Anniversary Presentation at the Wright State University Lake Campus in Celina, Ohio. Members presented the colors for the National Anthem, and after posting the colors, began a two and a half hour program for 300 students from three local high schools, as well as another 200 students, staff, and family from Wright State University and other local politicians and organizations. The program was covered by the local press and praised widely by the audience.



Ohio Society SAR Color Guardsmen prepare to post the colors at a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony held at Swope-Cole Family Cemetery located on the family farm of Professor Scott Barr of Ohio Christian University on Thursday, April 16th. Professor Barr is a descendant of one of the patriots honored and his students helped restore the cemetery and tombstones. The family cemetery is enclosed by limestone blocks placed in the 1800's, and located on a windy hilltop near Amanda, Ohio in Fairfield County.



Scott Humphrey of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter lays a wreath as Kevin Driesbach of the Camp Charlotte Chapter and Al Gummere of the Hocking Valley Chapter come to Present Arms.



The Color Guard prepares to present the colors at the annual Ohio Society State Meeting Dinner on Saturday evening, April 25th in Archbold, Ohio in Fulton County.



The Musket Salute Detail comes to Present Arms at a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony held at Sugar Creek Baptist Cemetery near Washington Court-house, Ohio in Fayette County on Sunday, April 19th.



On left, fifer Rob Pruitt of the Richard Montgomery Chapter, and on right, drummer Bart Hendershot of the Cincinnati Chapter during the Patriot Grave Marking ceremony.



On Wednesday, May 20th, members of the Cincinnati Chapter joined compatriots of the Simon Kenton Chapter KYSSAR and local DAR ladies at the CVG Airport Terminal in Covington, KY to greet returning veterans from an Honor Flight to Washington DC.



Past OHSSAR President Steve Kaplan, Richard Montgomery Chapter Compatriot Lee Emrick, and current OHSSAR President Doug Pettit attended the George Rogers Clark Memorial Service and Patriot Grave Marking in Vincennes, Indiana.



Compatriots from Ohio and West Virginia line up preparing for the musket salute at the end of the Memorial Service to Patriots of the Northwest Territory at Mound Cemetery in Marietta, Ohio on May 21st. Mound Cemetery has the highest number in the United State of Continental Army officers buried in one cemetery. A total of 19 officers and 37 Revolutionary War veterans are buried there.



A group photo after Compatriot Grave Marking and Patriot Grave Marking Ceremonies at Grandview Cemetery in Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio, hosted by the Arthur St. Clair Chapter, on Saturday, June 13th.



Chapter Commander Zack Hoon leads the Western Reserve Society SAR Color Guard in presenting the colors at Progressive Field at the Cleveland Guardians Baseball Game in Cleveland on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th.



Camp Charlotte Chapter and Hocking Valley Chapter members "Mourn Muskets" after firing a salute as Taps is played at a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony at Reber Hill Cemetery near Ashville on May 30th.





Bob May, Jim Cooper, Joe Pecharich, and prospective member Jody Hance march in the Memorial Day Parade in Lafayette, OH



The Ebenezer Zane Chapter Color Guard posts the colors at a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony Rehoboth Cemetery in Smithfield Township, Jefferson County, Ohio on Sunday, May 31st. 90 people were in attendance including 30 descendants.



On Saturday, June 27th a Rededication Ceremony of the Tomb of the Unknown Patriot took place at Fort Laurens, in Bolivar, Tuscarawas County, Ohio. This is Ohio's only Revolutionary

War site in which a siege and battle took place during the winter and spring of 1778-79. Despite a threat of rain, over 200 spectators attended, including the Governor and First Lady, members of the House, and other officials. The Ohio National Guard and re-enactors of the 13th Virginia Regiment were integrated into the SAR Color Guard



and Musket Salute Detail. All who attended commented it was a very moving event. There are plans to renovate the museum and rebuild Fort Laurens over the next two years.



The Cincinnati Chapter was able to fire its cannon and muskets during the 1812 Overture at the Blue Ash / Montgomery Symphony Orchestra Patriotic Concert held in Montgomery, Hamilton County, Ohio on Friday, July 3rd.





Members of the Richard Montgomery Chapter Color Guard presented the colors during the National Anthem at the Dayton Dragons Baseball Game at Day Air Ballpark in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio on July 3rd.



Troy Bailey and other members of the Northeast Ohio Chapter Color Guard participated in the dedication of a historical marker honoring Revolutionary War patriots of Ashtabula County, in Jefferson, Ohio on Tuesday, June 30th.



The Ohio SAR Color Guard congratulates the following individuals on their awards:

- Von Steuben Color Guard Medal:
*George H. Stewart Jr., Cincinnati Chapter
- Bronze Color Guard Medal:
*Steven E. Conrad, Hocking Valley Chapter
*Larry E. Potter, Benjamin Franklin Chapter
- The Sarah Fulton Medal:
*Ruth Pruitt, Richard Montgomery Chapter,
*Janet Lea Karnes Gummere, Hocking Valley Chapter
*Nancy Barlow, Mahoning Valley Chapter
- The SAR Youth Color Guard Medal:
*Elaina Hope Potter, Benjamin Franklin Chapter



The Tulsa Chapter SAR Color Guard has attended every local naturalization ceremony held this year in the Tulsa Metro area. The April ceremony was held at Bixby Middle School, the May ceremony at Drillers Stadium, and the June ceremony at Trinity Woods Retirement Community. There were 40, 28, and 35 new citizens naturalized at the events respectively. The guardsmen have welcomed 103 new American citizens. Outstanding!





Floral Haven Cemetery in Broken Arrow, OK, celebrated its 54th anniversary of the "Avenue of The Flags" Memorial Day Observance on May 23, 2026. Tulsa Chapter SAR Color Guard members Steve King, Loyd Ingham, Jim Seward, Ron Shoaf, and Ron Painter attended in uniform and volunteered assistance in raising American flags donated by the families of military veterans who have been buried there since last Memorial Day. The keynote speaker was Brigadier General of Oklahoma Thomas P. Mancino (Ret.)



Tulsa Chapter SAR Color Guardsman Loyd Ingham celebrated America's 250th Anniversary and sported his Sons of the American Revolution pride by wearing his color guard uniform while driving his 1937 Farmall C300F-20 tractor in the Rooster Days Parade on May 16, 2026. Rooster Days is a celebration of community pride and spirit held annually in the city of Broken Arrow, OK. When Compatriot Ingham passed the review stand, the announcer shared the message of the SAR's mission to encourage celebration of America's 250th Anniversary and that Ingham is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and a blood descendant of an American Revolutionary Patriot. Go Loyd!





The Tulsa Chapter SAR Color Guard presented the flags at the opening of "Let Freedom Ring 250!" Hosted by the Tulsa Chapter, the annual Independence Day tradition has been held for over thirty years at the pergola bell located on the campus of the University of Tulsa. Color guardsman/emcee Oklahoma SAR Past State President Ron Painter paid tribute to the NSSAR 250th Anniversary Committee's success in communicating nationwide the importance of celebrating this year's landmark Fourth of July. Color Guardsman NSSAR Vice President General of the South Central District Philip Hunt read the 2026 Independence Day Proclamation issued by NSSAR President General Michael J. Elston. Color Guardsman Oklahoma SAR Second Vice President Clint Anderson performed a shared reading of

the Declaration of Independence with Oklahoma DAR Honorary State Regent Dr. Orriene First Denslow. After the opening ceremony, a processional of participants from the Tulsa Chapter SAR, nine area chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and members of the Oklahoma Society Children of the American Revolution rang the pergola bell, one toll for each of the thirteen colonies. Some of the honored guests were Oklahoma DAR First Vice Regent Reba Ludiker, National C.A.R. Senior Vice President Carl Meilahn, Oklahoma Society C.A.R. Sr. State President Amber Meilahn, and Oklahoma Society C.A.R. Honorary State President Kristin Meilahn. There were over one hundred attendees at the event, and it received media coverage from the Tulsa World newspaper and Fox 23 tv.



Oregon

Hundreds gathered at Beaverton Veterans Memorial Park on Sunday, April 19, 2026, for the dedication of Oregon's new Revolutionary War Memorial, with many attendees in period clothing honoring the citizen-soldiers of 250 years ago.

Hosted by the Oregon Society, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), and organized by the Lewis & Clark Chapter, the ceremony drew SAR compatriots from across the Pacific Northwest, along with local officials, veterans, and community members. The program ran from 1:30 p.m. to a 2:33 p.m. flyover by the West Coast Ravens, blending remembrance, historical reflection, and pageantry. Recognized as an America 250 Oregon event, the memorial is believed to be the only one in the Western states specifically honoring Revolutionary War veterans and patriots.



Fabricated by OM Stone of Hillsboro, the installation includes three granite monoliths, benches, flags, and interpretive panels. Artwork features John Trumbull's "The Surrender of Lord Cornwallis" and depictions of six Revolutionary War participants by Don Troiani, including a Minuteman and a Oneida warrior. One bench honors William Cannon, the only known Revolutionary War veteran buried in the Pacific Northwest.

South Carolina

The South Carolina & Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution plus members from NSDAR, C.A.R, Georgia and South Carolina attended the National Civil War Association Class to be certified for two years in Artillery on 23 – 30 May 2026 in Swainsboro, Georgia. Elaine Wallace, NCWAA and her assistants were the instructors for both classes. Attendees received classroom instruction, safety training, video instruction, and a written examination. Each class member was assigned to a 6-man cannon crew and received hands on training in each position. Safety was at the fore front and



emphasized in every step fifty-four students received training. The South Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution sent 7 members to this training, Ted Walker, Neel Flannagan, Scout Bruton, Nelson Bowling, Judson LeViner, Larry Gamble and Edith Gamble with a goal to build our artillery (3 cannons) to better support living history events, patriot grave markings, school presentations and celebration America's 250 Birthday.



The April 19 dedication marked Patriots Day, commemorating Lexington and Concord. Speakers included American Legion Post 124 Commander Juliet Britton (remarks delivered by Adjutant Fred Meyer), Mayor Lacey Beaty, and Secretary of State Tobias Read, who emphasized civic responsibility.



Lewis & Clark Chapter President David Witter noted the 17-year effort to complete the project. The ceremony featured the Oregon/Washington SAR Color Guard, Washington SAR Fife & Drum Corps, a musket volley, and concluded with the Ravens flyover—linking America's first veterans with all who have served since.





Dakotas



The Dakota Society participated in the 2026 Memorial Day wreath presentation at Veterans Memorial Park in Rapid City, SD. The Dakota Society has been participating in the Memorial Service since 1998. Stuart Rice and Don Kellogg laid the wreath. Color guards James Clement, Chris Kellogg, Caleb Dustman, Don Kellogg, and Stuart Rice.



Tennessee

TNSSAR Color Guard supported eleven events in the month of April. We provided colors and musket volley salutes honors during three ceremonies honoring the service of seven Patriots. The Patriots honored included: William Blount, James White, William McClellan, Robert Campbell and James Scott on Saturday, 11 April 2026; Alexander Ballard on Saturday, 25 April 26; and Peter Range on Saturday, 26 April 2026.

Color guardsmen in our Region 6 supported Liberty Tree Dedication ceremonies in Union City 17 April 2026 (James Madison Chapter) and Germantown 20 April 2026 (Isaac Shelby Chapter). Our community outreach effort reached across the state as we supported five various events. The first event actually just across the state line into Virginia saw members of the Kings Mountain Chapter support the annual reflagging ceremony of the muster grounds in Abingdon, VA on 01 APR 2026.





TNSSAR Region 4 Color Guard members supported the opening ceremony of Fiddler's Grove in Lebanon on 07 April 2026. Color Guardsman (Left to Right) are: Doug Dickerson (Region 4 Color Guard Commander), Steve Millhollin (Lt. Andrew Crockett chapter president), Mark Young (TNSSAR President-Elect), Andrew Farrer (Stones River), John "Jack" Emmert (MAJ David Wilson), Wayne Patton (Maj David Wilson), Robert Bolyard (Region 4 Director), and Jerry Hughes (Maj David Wilson). Welcome to color Guard John Emmert and Jerry Hughes (first event).



Stones River Chapter conducted a Patriot Grave Marking ceremony honoring five Patriots Saturday, 02 MAY 2026. Compatriots and Color Guardsman supporting the ceremony included (from left to right): Jonathan Belcher, Rob Clifton, Jim Sandman, David Sensing (Lt. Andrew Crockett), Willaim Woodard, Cade McCool (ALSSAR), Clark Rose (Lt. Andrew Crockett), Ray Kyle (GASSAR), Ed Waldron (Hiwassee Chapter President), Mark Young (TNSSAR President-Elect), Tom Duffield, Andrew Farrer, George Krauss (Hiwassee), Kirk Cruze (Hiwassee), Scott Gatlin, Doug Dickerson (Region 4 CG CDR), Gary Baggett (Drummer), Patrick Wesolosky (NSSAR CG 1st ADJ/CDR) and Jack Martin (GASSAR).



James Madison Chapter conducted a Patriot Grave Marking ceremony honoring Patriot Ezekiel Polk at the historic Polk Cemetery in Bolivar, TN on Saturday 9 May 2026. Color Guard members from left to right are: Jaime Keele, Larry Newsom, Jeff Talley and David Deming.



Compatriots from across Tennessee joined with Southern District VPG John Fulwider in Cleveland, TN on Saturday, 30 May 2026 to honor the service to the SAR of Dr. David C. Chaffin. David's key service roles to in support of the society included: Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter President 2018-2019, Tennessee Society State President 2022-2023 and National Society Surgeon General 2023-2024. David's National Society awards and recognitions include: Color Guard Von Steuben Medal 3/9/2026, National Roger Sherman Medal (Gold) 7/16/2025, National Meritorious Service Medal (Gold) 7/14/2024, Patriot Medal 3/16/2024 and National Roger Sherman Medal (Gold) 7/13/2022





Color Guard compatriot Bradford Waters, fourth from right, joined the FLSSAR's color guard for the national Battle of Pensacola commemoration on 8 May 2026.dd



TNSSAR Color Guard leads the 2026 Annual Armed Forces Day parade in Chattanooga which is normally held the first Friday in May to allow student and JROTC unit participation. The ladies with the sign are Jessica Dumitru and Linda Moss Mines (both ladies participate with the TNSSAR Color Guard and are DAR members). Color Guard members behind the sign from left to right are: Steve Millhollin (Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter President), Joel Davenport (Stephen Holston), Greg Banther (TNSSAR Vice President), Brian Frye (John Sevier Chapter President), Shawn Pritchett (Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter President), Cliff Kent (Commander), Bryan Beck (John Sevier), Jim Cabage (Stephen Holston), Scott Pryor (John Sevier) and Ray Kyle (GASSAR).



TNSSAR Color Guard in support of the Stones River National Cemetery Memorial Day ceremony 24 MAY 2026. Color Guard members left to right are: Doug Dickerson (Region 4 Color Guard Commander), Mark Young (TNSSAR President-Elect), Jim Sandman (Stones River), Andrew Farrer (Stones River), Jackie Young (Molly Pitcher/Stones River), Matthew Gatlin (Stones River), Shawn Pritchett (Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter President), Zeke Pritchett



(Junior/ Col. Benjamin Cleveland) and Gary Baggett (Stones River).



Eusebia Memorial Day event on 25 May 2026 conducted by the Stephen Holston Chapter in honor of the Patriots and Veterans at rest at Eusebia Cemetery. Color Guard members post ceremony are seen at the Patriot Monument: Left to Right: Paul Eastes, Lloyd Donnelly, Chuck Green (Commander), Julius Hite (Drummer), Sherrell Greene, Kyle Stewart, Mike Mann, Charles Ogle, Mike L'Altrelli, Joel Davenport (Past TNSSAR President), Robin Green, David Clay. CONGRATs to David Clay on his new Charleville and joining our firing detail!



Stones River Chapter conducted a Liberty Tree dedication ceremony Saturday, 02 May 2026 as part of a three-ceremony event day with the Liberty Tree starting the day's events. Color guardsman from three states participated and are noted from left to right: Doug Dickerson (Region 4 CG CDR), Gary Baggett (Drummer/Stones River), William Woodard, Robert Bolyard (Region 4 Director), David Sensing (Lt. Andrew Crockett), Cade McCool (ALSSAR), Ray Kyle (GASSAR), Andrew Farrer, Jim Sandman, Tom Duffield, Scott Gatlin, Jackie Young and Mark Young (TNSSAR President-Elect).



Region 3 Color Guard participates in a Memorial Day ceremony in Cleveland, TN 28 May 2026. The color guard conducts a ceremonial pre-brief prior to presenting the colors. Included in the unit are from left to right: Terry Beaty (Col. Benjamin Cleveland), Greg Banther (TNSSAR Vice President), Jim Pemberton (Region 3 Director), Rich Blair (Col. Benjamin Cleveland), Ed Waldron (Hiwassee Chapter President), Kirk Cruze (Hiwassee), Pam Rathbone (DAR), Hannah Boyd (C.A.R.), Tony Underdown (Hiwassee), Michelle Blair (DAR), Tyler Bobenhausen (John Sevier), Scott Pryor (John Sevier), Shawn Pritchett (Col. Benjamin Cleveland President) and Paul Bobenhausen (John Sevier). Cliff Kent (TNSSAR CG CDR) in front.



Liberty Tree and Marker Dedication ceremony conducted by the Stephen Holston Chapter in the City of Loudon at the Old Loudon County Courthouse, 23 May 2026. Left to Right: Chuck Green – Commander, Joel Davenport – TN Past President, Zeke Pritchett, David Clay, Shawn Pritchett, Robin Green, Charles Ogle, Paul Eastes, Tim Dake, Mike Mann, Jeff Harris – Mayor of the City of Loudon, Lloyd Donnelly, Mike L'Altrelle, Sherrell Greene.

TNSSAR Region 4 color guard members conducted community outreach support events by presenting colors for a Baseball game at Middle Tennessee University (MTSU), assisting the DAR in rededicating the Brentwood cemetery of Patriot David Johnston, supporting a military appreciation day in Robertson County and a Soldier's Child Foundation Fundraiser sponsored by MTSU.



TNSSAR conducted a Patriot Grave Marking ceremony honoring Patriot Jas Roberson/Robinson Saturday, 27 June 2026 at the Sweep Lips Cemetery, Chester County, TN. Members of the color guard from left to right are: Bryan Beck (John Sevier), Cliff Kent (TNSSAR CG CDR), PZ Horton (TNSSAR Recent Past President), Jaime Keele (James Madison), Ben Stonecypher (TNSSAR President), David Deming (James Madison) and Larry Newsom (James Madison).



TNSSAR conducted a Patriot Grave Marking ceremony honoring Patriot Archibald McCorkle P-245800 Saturday, 27 June 2026 at the Henerson City Cemetery, Henderson, TN. Members of the color guard from left to right are: David Deming (James Madison), Cliff Kent (TNSSAR CG CDR),



Ben Stonecypher (TNSSAR President), Larry Newsum (James Madison), PZ Horton (TNSSAR Recent Past President), Bryan Beck (John Sevier) and Jaime Keele (James Madison).



TNSSAR Color Guard conducted an America 250th Salute to Patriot Benjamin Jones P-225987 who is at rest in the McDonald Farm Cemetery, Sales Creek, TN. Benjamin Jones enlisted 29 JUN 1776. He was a Maryland Continental who saw action at the Battle of Monmouth 28 JUN 1778. Color Guard members from left to right are: Scott Pryor (John Sevier), E. Bryan Acree (Gen. Nathanael Greene Chapter, GASSAR), Brian Frye (John Sevier Chapter President), Cliff Kent (TNSSAR CG CDR), Zeke Pritchett (Col. Benjamin Cleveland), Rob Woodard (Gen. Nathanael Greene Chapter, GASSAR), Shawn Pritchett (Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter President) and Paul Bobenhausen (John Sevier).



Stephen Holston Chapter Color Guard augmented by ladies of the DAR conducted a Liberty Tree Dedication ceremony at The Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center in Townsend on 13 June 2026. Members of the combined color guard include: (Right to Left): Mike L'Altrelli, David Clay, Sharon Effler (DAR), Christine Langdon (DAR), Robin



Green (DAR/SAR Ladies Aux), Leah Newhouse (DAR), Charles Ogle, Victoria Lamkey (DAR), Joel Davenport (Past TNSSAR President), Tim Dake, Sherrell Greene, Chuck Green (Commander)



Stephen Holston Chapter ICW Historic Ramsey House conducted a Liberty Tree Dedication on 20 JUN 2026. The ceremony was joined by Knox County Commissioner Andy Fox. (L-R): Jay McConkey, Mike Mann, Mike L'Altrelli, Robin Green, Sherrell Greene, Joel Davenport, Chuck Green, Andy Fox (Knox County Commissioner), Tim Dake, Walter Lynn Fox (New SAR Member and Director of Historic Ramsey House, Knoxville, TN).



TNSSAR conducted a Liberty Tree dedication ceremony at Tellico Village Yacht Club on 27 June 2026.

Chapter members in the photo include from left to right: Mike L'Altrelli, Mike Mann, Terry Beaty (Col. Benjamin Cleveland), Shawn Pritchett (Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter President), Zeke Pritchett (Junior Col. Benjamin Cleveland), Chuck Green (Commander), Greg Banther (TNSSAR Vice President), Sherrell Greene, and Tim Beasley. Members Not Pictured: Tim Dake, Lloyd Donnelly, David Clay, Paul Eastes (on chair return detail).



Kings Mountain Chapter color guard supported the bi-annual Liberty Celebration held in Kingsport, TN 26 & 27 June 2026. The color guard presented the national colors for the opening ceremony and is seen entering the stage opening the ceremony.

TNSSAR Color Guard with the VPG Southern District Dr. John Fulwider supported the opening national premiere of the movie Young Washington held at the Fisher Center, Belmont University in Nashville Tuesday, 23 June 2026. SAR members in the photo are: very far left just on stage is Dr. Fulwider waiting to lead the audience in the Pledge of Alliance, David Sensing (Lt. Andrew Crockett), Ben Stonecypther (TNSSAR President), Mark Young (moving to sing the national anthem / TNSSAR President-elect), Doug Dickerson (Region 4 CG CDR), Ben Emley (Student/Lt. Andrew Crockett), Mike Ash (Valentine Sevier), Elizabeth Coker (DAR/Stones River), Cliff Kent (TNSSAR CG CDR), Truxton Lemarinel (Lt. Andrew Crockett), Tyler Lemarinel (Lt. Andrew Crockett), Steve Millhollin (Lt. Andrew Crockett chapter president), William Woodard (Stones River), Tom Duffield (Stones River), Jackie Young (DAR/Stones River), Andrew Farrer (Stone River), Jim Cabage (Stephen Holston) and Mike Mann (Stephen Holston).



Governor Greg Abbott joined the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution (TSSAR) to unveil a new monument honoring Texas revolutionary war patriots at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin Saturday, 18 April 2026. Speaking to the gathered audience of over 150, Governor Abbott proudly noted that his strong American heritage dates to 1755.

"We must educate every generation about why it is that America grew from a tenuous 13 colonies into the most powerful country in the history of the world," said Governor Abbott. "This monument here is an enduring testament to the heroes who fought for the freedom that is unique to America. Stories of these heroes must be told. Generations of Americans must be reminded of who they are and what they fought for."

He highlighted that his ancestors had a history in defending the ideals that created America 250 years ago. Because of documentation linking him to a direct patriot descendent who supported the cause of American Independence, Governor Abbott qualified and chose to be inducted into the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution by Texas State President Mel Oller. The SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal was presented to the Governor by Texas State President Mel Oller in recognition of his outstanding and public service to the people of Texas.



"This year marks the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, which not only gave freedom to the British colonies of North America, but inspired movements for freedom and liberty all over the world," said TSSAR President Mel Oller. "Texans played a role in the war too, and it's important to recognize them, and the sacrifices they made for our freedom."

As the United States approaches the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the monument honors 69 patriots of the American Revolutionary War who later settled in Texas, including over 25 native Tejanos who supported the cause of independence.



At the monument unveiling, Governor Abbott and TSSAR honored, among others:

- José Santiago Seguín, grandfather of Texas Revolutionary hero Juan Seguín.
- Peter Sides, who fought in the 2nd Battalion of the North Carolina Regiment of the Colonial Army and was later killed in the 1813 Battle of Medina, fighting for Mexican independence against Spain.
- Antonio Gil Y'Barbo, the founder of Nacogdoches.
- William Sparks, who fought as a mounted rifleman in the American Revolution and later settled in Texas. He had two sons and two grandsons who fought in the Texas Revolution.
- Owen Shannon and Zachariah Landrum, two early founders of Montgomery Texas whose family members still reside throughout the county.

A very special thanks to Richard Zdunkewicz for his tireless efforts and unyielding leadership in bringing this patriotic endeavor to fruition. To the many individuals and fellow heritage organizations who donated in this labor of honor, you have the deepest gratitude of the entire Texas Sons of the American Revolution and the citizens of Texas.



On June 23, 2026, members of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution (VASSAR) Color Guard supported the Annual Flag Raising Ceremony at the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Since 2022, the VASSAR Color Guard has assisted with this tradition, during which U.S. flags are raised at Memorial Continental Hall and presented to DAR delegates attending Continental Congress. Due to inclement weather, this year's ceremony was held indoors rather than at the flagpole portico.

The DAR hosts included Jeanne McMillan, the DAR National Chair, Flag of the United States of America and Sue Mashburn Maglin, the National Vice Chair, Flag Raising. Other distinguished guests included National DAR President General Virginia Sebastian (Ginnie) Storage, NSSAR First Lady Julie Elston, VASSAR First Lady Holly Lynne Schmidt, and National C.A.R. President William Elston.



The photograph, provided by Abigail Compton of the DAR, shows (L-R) NSSAR Safety Officer Brett Osborn; National Colors carried by NSSAR Color Guardsman of the Year Bill Schwetke; Betsy Ross Flag carried by Chapter Color Guard Commander James Cordes; and trail Color Guardsman, VPG International District Ken Bonner.



Washington

On April 19th members of the Washington State CG and Fife and Drum Corp travelled to Beaverton, OR to assist the Oregon Society in unveiling a new American Revolutionary War Veteran Memorial at the Beaverton Veterans Memorial Park. The Lewis and Clark Chapter in Oregon has been working on this memorial for years. The event had a huge turnout including some local dignitaries along with National SAR officers Brooks Lyles and Historian General Jeff Thomas.



All told the Washington Society had an impressive 13 members of the CG from the Alexander Hamilton, George Rogers Clark, Seattle, Cascade Centennial, Fort Vancouver and Seattle chapters along with the Fife and Drum Corp present with members participating in the posting of colors, the fife and drum and dual members of the Washington/Oregon Society in the Musket Volley. WASSAR CG Commander Eric Olsen brought down numerous flags from his personal collection to add to the festivities. If you ever find yourself in the Beaverton, Oregon area, this memorial is a must visit.



On April 25, 2026 during the Washington Societies state Conference, WASSAR State president and National Drum Major Viren Lemmer awarded past WASSAR CG commanders Art Dolan and Neil Vernon the Caleb Gibbs CG Commander Medal. This marks the first time this medal has been awarded in the state of Washington. What made this ceremony so special is that Viren Lemmer created and designed the new Caleb Gibbs state CG Commander Medal. Past Washington Society CG Commander Bob O'Neal received his award at a later date due to a conflict schedule.



On May 1st WASSAR CG members Eric Olsen, WASSAR CG Commander, and Larry Heckethorne, CG Captain for the Fort Vancouver Chapter joined up with the WASSAR Fife and Drum Corp led by National Drum Major and WASSAR State President Viren Lemmer in posting colors for the annual WSSDAR State Conference in SeaTac WA.



On May 2nd members of the WASSAR CG met up at Fisherman's Terminal in Seattle, WA for a few hours of fun on the water for the opening day of boating in Seattle, WA. Their hosts were the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Antique & Classic Boat Society (PNW-ACBS). Each year the Seattle Yacht

Club puts on an Opening day of boating event with boats of various sizes, types and ages joining in for a parade of boats through the Montlake Cut past Seattle Yacht Club Admirals and the University of Washington into Lake Washington. This year the theme was World Regatta with a secondary theme of America 250.



PNW-ACBS went with a theme of "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of happiness" to help celebrate America 250. Color Guard members wore their uniforms and WASSAR CG Commander Eric Olsen provided flags representing the "Original 13 Colonies" that were mounted on or held by CG and PNW-ACBS members on classic wooden boats. All had a fun time with perfect weather for Opening Day. A special thanks to Brenda Chrystie of the Mary Fell Stevenson DAR Chapter and a member of the PNW-ACBS for working to make this event a truly amazing one for all. Color Guard members representing the Cascade Centennial, George Rogers Clark, George Washington and Seattle Chapters were present.



On June 6th Color Guard members from the Alexander Hamilton, George Rogers Clark and Seattle Chapters along with the WASSAR Fife and Drum Corp met up in the Black Diamond, WA to help them celebrate the Black Diamond America 250 Day. The Color Guard posted colors then led the town on a small parade through downtown before ending up at the museum for photos. Later on, they led the town to a replica coal mine outside and underneath the museum.



On Sunday May 24th the 57th annual Memorial Day Program was held at the Fir Lane memorial Park in Spanaway, WA. Alexander Hamilton chapter members John Herr and Jerry Bordelon were joined by Lawrence Bowman and WASSAR Color Guard Commander Eric Olsen both of the George Rogers Clark chapter. Also participating was Ralph Liening whose wife is a member of the Fife and Drum Corp.



On May 2nd the Covington Rotary Club held a fund-raising event called "Party Like it's 1776" Members of the Cascade Centennial and Alexander Hamilton Chapters along with WASSAR CG Commander Eric



Olsen of the George Rogers Clark Chapter had the honor of posting colors for the event. Cascade Centennial members participating were James Lindley, Greg Emerson and Edwind Dierdorff. Representing the Alexander Hamilton chapter was Mike Moore. A huge round of applause was heard afterwards.



On May 18th Members of Ft Vancouver and Lewis and Clark Chapters SAR (Oregon Society), along with Ft Vancouver and Mary Richardson Walker Chapters DAR, Presented our "A Day in the Life 1776" school presentation to 146, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders at Vita Elementary School in Vancouver Washington.



(Right) This commemoration was attended by the Color Guard of George Washington Chapter, SAR, the Oak Harbor Navy Jr ROTC, and various area veteran and civic groups. A Navy Band from Silverdale performed through the ceremony. The guest speaker was Stephen Koontz, a nationally famous author. Several senior Navy officers were also in attendance. George Washington Chapter posted its historic flag line along the cemetery road. Rain threatened throughout the morning, but the first drops only fell as the ceremony ended.



On May 30th Members of the Ft Vancouver Chapter posted Colors for the Memorial Service for Patriot Gregory Stewart Jr. as requested, at the LDS Church in Kelso, WA. Fort Vancouver CG members were in attendance as well as the Washington Society CG Commander.



The George Washington Chapter color guard joined by the NSSAR Drum Major, Viren Lemmer and his Washington State Society SAR Fife and Drum Corps spent the day at an "Our Community Salutes" Northwest Washington event at Stanwood High School as close to 100 graduating Seniors took the Oath of Enlistment into our great Armed Forces.





On June 25th members of the George Rogers Clark Chapter Color Guard met up in DuPont, WA to help the new Chloe Clark DAR chapter in a Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony. The turnout was small but everyone was in good spirits despite the rainy weather.



While some of the CG members of the George Washington Chapter SAR were busy at one cemetery on Memorial Day other members of the chapters CG participated in Memorial Day services at Greenacres Cemetery in Ferndale, Washington.



The SAR participated in the 79th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade in Bremerton, WA, the largest and longest running Armed Forces Day Parade West of the Mississippi. The John Paul Jones Chapter was the designated lead chapter responsible for the parade's coordination between the SAR and parade organizers. The JPJ Chapter was supported by the WA State SAR Fife and Drum, the WA State Color Guard Commander and fellow SAR members from multiple chapters. In addition, we were supported by the DAR.

The John Paul Jones Chapter President, Brian Dorr, portrayed militiamen at Lexington Green 1775, chapter Vice President, Mick Hersey, carried



General Washington's commissioned colors, the Betsy Ross flag, the chapter Color Guard Captain, Fred Gilbert, represented the Continental Soldiers who sacrificed so much. The colors were followed by the WA State SAR Fife and Drum commanded by WA State SAR President Viren Lemmer. The WA State Color Guard Commander with colors followed the Fife and Drum.



On May 30th members of the John Paul Jones chapter participated in the annual Forest Festival in the timber town of Shelton, WA by participating in the parade and with an exhibit. The weather was perfect. Members present were Perry Taylor, Mick Hersey, Fred Gilbert and Brian Dorr.



The WASSAR Color Guard is proud to meet our returning veterans, mostly now from the Vietnam war, at SeaTac Airport as they return from their Honor Flight. Our Color Guard forms the first line of greeters for these Vets. We shake their hands, welcome them home, and thank them for their service.

So many of these men and women returned to a country that spurned and derided them for their role in the Vietnam War. These Veterans often thank us for meeting them, followed by saying they didn't receive this homecoming the first time.

April 20 our Color Guard consisted of (L-R) Mike Bendickson (C.A.R.), Michael Moore, Art Dolan, Dick Moody, Tim Smith, Stan Granberg, Grant Rauzi, & Terry Church.



This particular Honor Flight had 2 SAR members from Washington: Gerald Strode from the Seattle Chapter and Bill Hurley from the George Rogers Clark Chapter.



At Finley Elementary School in Kennewick on 2/23/26. "A Day of Life of a Colonist" was presented to a multitude of 5th grade students at Finley Elementary and their Social Studies Teacher, Carolyn Ross. Each student wrote a "Thank You Letter" that was sent to the Mid-Columbia Chapter. CG members, from left to right: Compatriot Kelly Schultz, CG Captain Larry Flint, President Richard Roddy.



(bottom left) At Kennewick First Presbyterian Church on March 17, 2026, a luncheon was held prior to a presentation titled "A Day in the Life of a Colonist." Pictured are Color Guard members (left to right): Compatriot Kelly Schultz, President Richard Roddy, and Color Guard Captain Larry Flint. This event was among the final appearances of Mid-Columbia Chapter Color Guard Captain Larry Flint, who passed away on May 18, 2026.



On April 17, 2026, the Seattle Chapter Education team presented to the Madrona school in Edmonda, WA. Compatriots Neil Vernon, Steve Clayton, and Scott Laing of Seattle presented to the 150 students in three class sessions.



The presentation was given with emphasis on the Declaration of Independence and the signers. A reading of the preamble was also included.

After the presentations, Compatriot Neil Vernon presented to the primary instructor, Rebecca Wagner, a framed copy of the Declaration of Independence.



On May 1, 2026, the Seattle Chapter Education team presented to the Lakeridge Elementary School in Mercer Island, WA. Compatriots Neil Vernon, Steve Clayton, Grant Rauzi of Seattle, and Tim Doughty of Ranger presented to the 51 students. After the presentations, Compatriot Neil Vernon presented to the primary instructor, Katie Knowles, a framed copy of the Declaration of Independence.

From May 1–3, Wisconsin members of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) took part in the 250th Anniversary of America Celebration at Old Falls Village Park, as part of The Old Falls Revolutionary War Days. The event was sponsored by the North West Territory Alliance (NWTa), a Revolutionary War Reenactment organization.



Throughout the weekend, all organizations brought early American history to life through immersive, educational experiences. Visitors had the opportunity to engage with SAR and DAR members portraying colonial-era life, including informative discussions about daily living in early America, military service during the Revolutionary War, and the personal stories of soldiers and families of the period. Revolutionary War flag information and battle interpretations provided a vivid look at the challenges faced during the fight for independence.



On May 16, Neil Vernon, Michael Roberto, and Rob Nofsinger participated in the C.A.R. celebration at Liberty Farm in Snohomish, WA. Compatriot Vernon with the assistance of the C.A.R. members posted and paraded the flags. During the program, Compatriot Nofsinger read the Declaration of Independence in it's entirety to an audience of over 100.

A Congress signing of the Declaration skit was performed by C.A.R members. This was followed by a sing-along of patriotic songs. Following the program, a scavenger hunt focused on the Revolution and the Declaration of Independence took place.



On 30 May the Spokane Valley Library celebrated the 250 Anniversary of our country. We set up a booth and entertained the over 200 people present. The 30 members of the Navy Band from Silverdale played music for us. Richard Roddy and Jan Hughes came up from Tri Cities to join us. It was covered by two TV stations, KREM2 & KXLY and was posted on YouTube...see the coverage [HERE](#).



The SAR was represented by nine members, while four DAR members participated, each contributing to the authenticity and educational value of the event.

A highlight of the weekend occurred on Saturday afternoon, when SAR, DAR and NWTAA members joined together for a Liberty Tree dedication ceremony. The tree, planted days earlier by the SAR within Old Falls Village Park, serves as a living symbol of American freedom and unity. The dedication added a meaningful and commemorative element to the celebration, connecting the historical significance of the Liberty Tree to the enduring legacy of the nation's founding ideals.

So far the Wisconsin Society has dedicated 20 Liberty Trees with 8 more to be dedicated by July 4th.



On May 1-3, 2026 the Wisconsin Society SAR participated in the 5th Annual Revolutionary War Days, sponsored by the Northwest Territory Alliance held at the Old Falls Village Park in Menomonee Falls, WI.



The Event allowed visitors to experience Revolutionary War re-enactors bringing early America to life through battles, weapon demonstrations, and clothing and uniform presentations.

The Wisconsin Society had a display of educational materials, flags, and weapons. Many visitors expressed interest in researching their family trees to see if there was a branch that included a patriot of the American Revolution (or, as referred to by the losers as the American War of Rebellion)

In the foreground of the 2nd Picture is a cannon brought by Bob Plastine. The cannon barrel was a Christmas gift from his sons, eight years ago. It is a 1/4 scale Sea Service 12 Pounder. It is solid cast iron, with a steel sleeve. It has a 1 inch diameter bore. It shoots a 1250 grain lead ball, which he casts. He uses either a 120 grain or 240 grain load of Fg black powder. With a 10 degree elevation it



can shoot the ball approximately 600 yards with no accuracy. He built the carriage from drawings provided by the manufacturer and some older 18th century French Naval drawings. The design can be used as either on a ship, or as garrison artillery.



On February 28, 2026 the Wisconsin Societies of the SAR and DAR hosted a celebration of George Washington's 294th Birthday at the Hotel Retlaw in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

The lunch featured Marzipan Tea Cakes from Martha Washington's The Booke of Cookery, a collection of over 500 17th century recipes handed down through her family.



After lunch a presentation was given by Anne "Dede" Neal Petri, 24th Regent, The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association (MVLA). Her talk featured the life of George Washington and the MVLA. Since 1858 the MVLA has owned and managed Mount Vernon after both the Federal Government and the Commonwealth of Virginia refused to help.



On April 24, 2026 the Wisconsin SAR planted a Liberty Tree in Green Bay. This event was used to announce the start of the Green Bay area America 250 Celebration.



Compatriots Bob Haglund and Dan Ammerman approached Green Bay Mayor Eric Genrich in reference to what Green Bay was doing for America's 250. Mayor Genrich formed a committee to include the SAR, DAR, City of Green Bay, Brown County, the Oneida Nation, various city and county departments, along with local civic organizations.



Wisconsin SAR State Secretary William Austin paid homage to a Revolutionary War Veteran buried in Wisconsin.

Alexander Porter (1757-1833). In 1775 and 1776, 18-year-old Alexander Porter served short enlistments in the Connecticut Militia. In May of 1777,

Porter enlisted for three years in Captain Henry Champion's Company of Colonel Samuel Willis' Regiment of the Connecticut Line.

After the Revolution, Porter resided in New York. He died at the age of 76 on April 28, 1833, in Freedom, New York, and there he was originally interred. In August 1924, his remains were moved to the Fort Winnebago Soldiers' Lot Cemetery, Portage, Wisconsin.

Fort Winnebago Cemetery Soldiers' Lot is located near the site of Old Fort Winnebago, 2.5 miles north of Portage, Wisconsin. Established in 1828, Fort Winnebago was one in a series of forts along the Fox-Wisconsin Waterway, a portage used to link the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers, connecting Lake Michigan and the Mississippi River.



The 2-acre site was designated as a soldiers' lot in 1862. There are 75 gravesites in the lot, including dead from the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, Spanish-American War and World War I. In 1924 the Wau-Bun chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution erected a granite boulder monument dedicated to the memory of the unknown



On May 20, 2026 the Wisconsin SAR dedicated a Liberty Tree at Pamperin Park in Brown County, Wisconsin.

The tree is an Accolade Elm, a Dutch elm disease-resistant species.



On May 30, 2026 the Wisconsin SAR and DAR dedicated a Liberty Tree in Cudahy, Wisconsin at the Historic Cudahy Train Depot built in 1893.



WISSAR President Don Skarda and Bob Plastine were featured in a May 15, 2026 news story on Spectrum 1 news as part of their America 250 series. They were at the gravesite of Nathan Hatch, a Revolutionary War Veteran who is buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Brookfield, WI. See the video from Spectrum 1 [HERE](#).



On May 25, 2026, the Wisconsin SAR Color Guard presented the Colors at the Shorewood Memorial Day Program marching in to the sound of bagpipes.



On May 25, 2026 the Wisconsin SAR Color Guard presented the Colors at the Oak Hill Cemetery Memorial Day Program. The Color Guard also performed a Solemn Salute at the grave of Nathan Hatch, a Revolutionary War Veteran buried there.



On June 7, 2026, Compatriots from the WISSAR Color Guard participated in the Wisconsin DAR's America 250 Commemoration at the Fort Winnebago Surgeon's Quarters in Portage, WI. The Color Guard members in attendance L to R were Compatriots Bob Haglund, Bill Austin, Leamon Duncan, Bob Plastine and Mike Meador.



On June 14th, members of the Morgan-Kosciuszko Chapter of the Wisconsin Society of the American Revolution celebrated Flag Day at the Stony Hill School Museum in Waubesa, Wisconsin. The Stony Hill School is in the National Register of Historic Places as the Birthplace of Flag Day. On June 14, 1885, schoolteacher, 19-year-old Bernard J. Cigrand asked his students to write an essay about what the flag meant to them. This started his

crusade to have June 14th observed as Flag Day. Thirty years later in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed it a national day of observance.



Bernard was born in Waubeka in 1866 and was the sixth child of two immigrants from Luxembourg. He is celebrated by the Luxembourg American Cultural Society located in Belgium, WI.



On June 13, the WISSAR Color Guard participated in the 75th annual Appleton Flag Day Parade. "Thousands of people lined College Ave to show off their patriotic pride for what's known as the world's oldest Flag Day parade." Color Guard attendees were WISSAR State President, Don Skarda, and Compatriots Bob Wylie, Bill Austin, Bob Haglund, Leamon Duncan, James Atlee, Isaiah Atlee, and Bob Plastine. It was a great day indeed! Huzzah!



23 June 2026, compatriots Bob Haglund (right) and Leamon Duncan (left) participated in the Door County, WI, History Speaks lecture series presented by Chris Kolakowski: The American Revolution Screening. They had a table set up to display items from their Patriot chest including a Brown Bess musket and answered questions from event attendees.



On June 1, 2026 the WISSAR Color Guard presented the Colors at the West Bend, WI Library. The Library received a grant from PBS Wisconsin to hold a community conversation about the American Revolutionary War. The program included viewing segments from Ken Burns documentary. The Color Guard members were involved in the discussions that followed.

On 27 June 2026, Compatriots from the Wisconsin State Color Guard participated in the Fond du Lac America 250th parade. Fond du Lac is French for "Foot of the Lake". Fond du Lac is a city of about 45,000 people that is at the southern tip or "foot" of Lake Winnebago, Wisconsin's largest inland lake at over 200 square miles.



Lake Winnebago is named after the Ho-Chunk (historically referred to as the Winnebago) tribe that lived along its shores. Winnebago is an Algonquian word meaning "People of the muddy water"

The water source of this lake is the Wolf and Fox rivers that join at Lake Butte des Morts which is French for "Mound of the Dead" since it is near a prehistoric Native American Burial Mound, and its water's flow into Lake Winnebago.

L to R: Leamon Duncan, Bob Haglund, Bill Austin, Tom Grubba, Don Skarda, Bob Plastine, Bob Wylie



On June 14, 2026, the Faith Lutheran Church in Appleton, WI celebrated the 250th Anniversary with a Flag Day HymnFest that featured a blend of sacred hymns and patriotic music with a presentation of the Colors by WISSAR compatriots Bob Haglund and Leamon Duncan (L to R). It was a great day indeed! Huzzah!



On June 16, 2026 the WISSAR Color Guard was at the Cudahy Family Library for a historical presentation, stories and artifacts of their Ancestors to honor the 250th Anniversary of Freedom and the American Revolution



On June 20, 2026 the WISSAR Color Guard presented the Colors at The Dousman Stagecoach Inn Museum of the Elmbrook Historical Society in Brookfield, WI as part of their America 250th Celebration. The Wisconsin DAR was the Hostess of the event. The SAR and DAR each presented Flag Certificates to the Elmbrook Historical Society. There was also a dedication of a Liberty Tree.



The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.



2026 Blue Licks Weekend

August 14-16, 2026

Blue Licks State Battlefield Park
& The Lexington Cemetery

Please join the Kentucky SAR, Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter,
and the Lafayette Chapter for a weekend of SAR Activities.

Friday Night - Dinner, Speaker, and Fun Activities

Saturday – Blue Licks Memorial Service, Lunch, KY SAR State
Meeting

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For More Information or to Register:

<https://kyssar.org/BlueLicksMemorialWeekend>



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The Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter
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Saturday, 15 August, 2026 @ 10 a.m. EDT
Blue Licks Battlefield State Park
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(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 to register.

https://gissar.org/pages/blue_licks.html





PATRIOT GRAVE MARKING SERVICE

In Honor Of Five REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOTS

Sponsored by
Lafayette Chapter – KY SAR

Sunday, Aug 16, 202
Muster 9:00 a.m. - Service 10:00 a.m.

The Winchester Cemetery
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<https://maps.app.goo.gl/29WdU1dNKggFcTCbA>

For questions and/or information, contact Patrick Wesolosky
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For SAR/DAR/FFK/SR/C.A.R. Wreath Presentation and Color Guard,
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SEPTEMBER 12, 2026 - 10:00am
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1651 W, Elk Avenue
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SAR block of rooms: \$154/night plus taxes

We have rooms reserved for Sept. 10 & 11 at this rate.

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Buffalo Ridge Cemetery

100-168 Freeman Lane Johnson City, TN 37615

Patriot Jonathan Mulkey P-253855

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Patriot Thomas Gresham P-170534

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COLOR GUARD – Safety check at 9:30AM

Wreaths may be registered at the door prior to the ceremony

KEYNOTE SPEAKER - Dr. Timothy D. Holder

Author, Forged in Fire and Hope: The Faith of Five Presidents (and several other books)

Living East Tennessee TV Show monthly segment contributor (I talk about presidents)

History Professor (Liberty University and Walters State Community College)

Former Radio Host/Podcaster, The Leading Edge with Dr. Tim Holder

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The 247th Anniversary Remembrance of the Battle of Baton Rouge
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Hosted by the

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This is a National SAR Event featuring the SAR Color Guard!

An Official America 250 Event

Muskets will be fired.

In association with the

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