



# The SAR Colorguardsman

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## **Acceptable Content**

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

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

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

All relevant submissions should be sent to:

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# **Commander's Report**

Compatriots,

It is with deep honor and heartfelt gratitude that I step into the role of National Color Guard Commander for our esteemed national society. As I accept this responsibility, I do so with full awareness of the legacy that precedes me and the trust placed in me.

To the outgoing officers — thank you. Your leadership, dedication, and steadfast commitment have set a high standard. You have carried our mission with dignity and purpose, and I am humbled to follow in your footsteps. Your efforts have laid a firm foundation for what comes next.

To my fellow incoming officers — I look forward to the journey ahead, serving alongside you with unity and purpose. Together, we have the opportunity to build upon our shared traditions while embracing innovation and growth. I am confident in the strength of our team and inspired by the possibilities that lie ahead.

As we look to the future, let us carry forward the values that define us — honor, service, and patriotism — with renewed energy and shared vision. May our work continue to reflect the highest ideals of our society and the enduring spirit of those we represent.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

Robert Meyer.  
*National Society SAR Color Guard Commander*  
*New Jersey Society*



# **Commander's Farewell**

My heartfelt thanks go out to the members of the Command Staff and Support Staff who made my two years as your National Color Guard Commander possible. Their support along with the support of every guardsman that participated in these events made for another two fantastic years for the National Society SAR Color Guard.

While working on the Change of Command Script that was used at the Connecticut Congress it started to hit me that this phase of my involvement with the National Society SAR is coming to an end. In my time as the National Society Commander and as the Georgia Society Commander I have commanded the color guard at 163 events over this two-year period. In addition, on 01 February 2025 I finally had enough years to be awarded the National Society SAR von Steuben Color Guard Medal. It's a little odd as I signed my own medal application as state commander and as national commander. The twenty-four-page medal application was sent to the Command Staff before I signed it just in case anyone was wondering if I had enough points.

In addition to thanking the above compatriots I would be negligent in not giving thanks to my wife Beth for enduring these trips and my time away from home. After tens upon tens of thousands of miles in the car in my six-year tenure on the Command Staff and my failure to sometimes mention an upcoming event until the last second, she has been extremely understanding. I do not believe she realized what was in store for her when she gave me a uniform from one of her friends whose husband had passed away and ask me to participate in a grave marker dedication ceremony event back in October 2014. Nor did she realize what the cost was going to be with upgrading and replacing uniforms, traveling, etc. Our relationship has survived my six years on the Command Staff along with forty-four years of marriage as of last October, so she deserves her National Society SAR Molly Pitcher color Guard Medal along with other SAR medals.

I also want to express my thanks to all the National Commanders that I have served with. Commander Brooks Lyles, Commander Lou Raborg, Commander Jim Fosdyck, and to express my thanks to Commander Mark Anthony for appointing me to be the Second Adjutant on the Command Staff at his change of command.

In looking to the future, Robert Meyer (New Jersey) took over command of the color guard during the President General's banquet at the SAR Congress with Edward Rigel, Jr. (GA) becoming Second Adjutant. Ken Goodson (MI) as Vice Commander and Patrick Wesolosky (KY) as First Adjutant will round out the Command Staff. They along with the support staff, as appointed by the Commander, will make sure that the National Society SAR Color Guard remains the face of the SAR as the 250th anniversary celebrations of the Decade of the American Revolution (1773 to 1783) continue to happen on top of a full calendar of National SAR Color Guard Events.

Many thanks need to be given to my Support Staff over these two years: Quartermaster Patrick Wesolosky (KY) followed by Chris Canine (KY), Assistant Quartermaster: Chris Canine followed by Patrick McMurchie (KY), Editor: Steven Williams (FL) followed by Jacob Vink (IN), Drum Major: Viren Lemmer (WA), Fife Major: David Embrey (currently an open position), Safety Officer: Brett Osborn (VA), Assistant Safety Officer: Jacob Vink (IN), Artillery Officer: Rudy Byrd (AZ) followed by Steve McKee (NC).



We all benefited from the works of these compatriots with the music, The SAR Color Guardsman magazine, having flags and supplies appear at Leadership, Congress, and other events, along with safety advice, articles in the magazine and a multitude of other behind the scenes activities.

At Spring Leadership, Scott Giltner of Kentucky, was elected to be the Color Guardsman of the Year and he was honored during the SAR Congress with the National Society SAR Gold Color Guard Medal. This award ceremony was my next to last duty before the Change of Command Ceremony the following night.

During my tenure medal application have been received and approved for 125 Silver Medal Color Guard Medals, 41 Von Steuben Color Guard Medals, 17 Molly Pitcher Color Guard Medal, and 1 Youth Color Guard Medal for a total of 184 applications processed.

My thanks go out to the state society color guard commanders and all the compatriots that participate in the color guard for their support during my tenure and I challenge them to continue the work in their states and communities along with the National Commander. This support is critical for the National Society Sons of the American Revolution to fulfill its Mission Statement. The compatriots in the color guard put the face on the SAR at these national, district, chapter, and special 250th events and your dedication makes all this possible.

We are winding down several projects in the color guard and I am sure that your new leadership will finish with this and look forward to future challenges.



# **Commander's Farewell**

The revised Color Guard Handbook is with the Executive Committee for approval. Once this is finalized it will be published, and I hope that each state society will consider adopting it for your state. Upon approval by the National Society SAR Executive Committee, it will become policy at any approved National Society SAR event. A proposed revision to the Gold Color Guard Medal for the National Commander has been sent to Medals & Awards along with some new proposed medals.

The Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee (HS&CC) of the National Society SAR approves all new National Society SAR events. The approved events are detailed in this magazine. The HS&CC has been requesting After-Action Reports for several years from these approved events. Please make sure that these After-Action Reports have been turned into the chairman of the HS&CC, Lou Raborg, and a copy should also be sent to the National Color Guard Commander.



I also serve on the National Society SAR Insurance Committee, and they have finally gotten interest from a national insurance carrier in a liability policy at what I consider to be a reasonable cost. This development only happened during the past few weeks, so it still needs to work its way through this organization if it is to become a reality. After many years this is the most positive movement we have had in coming up with a comprehensive solution to the liability insurance issue relating to liability issues of National Society, State Societies, and chapters of the SAR which will include the color guard and black powder firings.

We constantly emphasis safety with the black powder and edged weapons but we must also remember to emphasis the health and safety of the color guard members. In the coming months please make sure that all guardsmen stay hydrated and safe during the various ceremonies.

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

- National Society SAR events
- Battle of Pensacola (Galvez Day) in Florida
- George Rogers Clark in Indiana
- Fort San Carlos in Missouri
- National Memoria Day Parade in Washington, DC
- 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the US Army in Virginia

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

With that being said, we need to be mindful about spreading ourselves to thin. The larger and more visible we can make the color guard the more impact we can have as the face of the SAR but, this needs to be tempered with safety and making sure that it is an enjoyable experience for those guardsmen participating with their time and resources.

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

As I complete by terms as National Color Guard Commander and Vice President General of the South Atlantic District, I need to consider how I can continue to support the Mission Statement of the SAR and what my involvement will be at the National Society SAR level.

I plan to still be active with the color guard as a guardsman and on the color guard committee.

Guardsmen, Thank you for your participation and support of the Color Guard and the SAR.

Yours in Patriotism,

K. Scott Collins,  
Past National Society SAR Color Guard Commander



# Summer Event Safety

**Brett Osborn - National Safety Officer**

Compatriots,

It's summertime and still hot! This is a reminder from last year's article. For all your color guard events, encourage plenty of hydration (starting at least a day prior to the event) and use sunblock/sunscreen on exposed areas of your skin while outdoors.

I've attached two links to information I use as the Virginia Society SAR Color Guard Commander related to this topic. Please consider using these to plan your events. Be cool and stay cool!

Please use the following NOAA calculator: <http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/html/heatindex.shtml>

And the following for looking up 10-day weather schedule: <https://weather.com/> (just type in the city/location)

The National Weather Service has developed a new HeatRisk product, which evaluates the threat of predicted temperatures on a 0 to 4 scale. The HeatRisk levels consider how unusual the heat is, its duration and its potential health effects. At levels 3 & 4, the heat will pose a threat to individuals without adequate cooling and hydration. The most vulnerable groups are typically outdoor workers, the homeless, **older adults** and anyone without access to air conditioning.

<https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/heatrisk/>

The NWS HeatRisk is an experimental color-numeric-based index that provides a forecast risk of heat-related impacts to occur over a 24-hour period. HeatRisk takes into consideration:

- How unusual the heat is for the time of the year
- The duration of the heat including both daytime and nighttime temperatures
- If those temperatures pose an elevated risk of heat-related impacts based on data from the CDC

This index is supplementary to official NWS heat products and is meant to provide risk guidance for those **decision makers** and **heat-sensitive populations** who need to take actions at levels that may be below current NWS heat product levels.

## **Summer Event Color Guard Planning**

Be mindful of heat factors for upcoming outdoor summer events. Some things to consider as mitigating factors:

- Schedule the event early—like 10 a.m. instead of 11 or later. The 1–2-hour difference can really help. Avoid afternoon events if possible.
- Wear cooler hunting shirts—or issue “Orders to the Guard” that militia attire is acceptable.
- Ask event organizers to provide pop-up shelters (shaded areas) if possible. Provide a pop-up shelter just for the Guard.



- Ask event organizers to provide bottled water. Guardsmen should carry their own canteens or bottled water in their haversacks. This is from the current NSSAR Color Guard Handbook: “Canteens: Authentic Revolution-era canteens can be made of metal or wood.”
  - I know of two National events where bottled water for the Color Guard was an issue. At the Congress in the south a couple of years ago the water was not loaded as instructed on the buses moving the Color Guard to an event and this month an event at the Tomb of George and Martha Washington the water didn't happen because Mount Vernon had a new green policy and was not providing bottled water. I had encouraged Color Guardsmen to bring canteens, and I had four water bottles on hand. Would have had more, but the host chapter was not aware of site changes.
  - For those color guardsmen wearing canteens made of wood, pre-soak and fill canteens at least one day prior to the event to allow wood to swell. Leaky wood canteens sometimes require more bee's wax to help seal. Also, for both metal and wood canteens, if you have a wood stopper, pre-soak it in a cup of water prior to the event. This prevents the stopper from swelling that will prevent you from removing unless you use pliers or a Leatherman tool to get it loose.
- Event organizers should ensure the program is limited to no more than 45 minutes. Saying we always did it this way is not risk analysis.
  - Try to limit long-winded speakers. Suggest 5–10-minute time limits.
  - Reduce the number of wreaths “Wreath-o-Rama. National event at Mount Vernon last month had one wreath for all lineage societies. Everyone was recognized for participation. Consider other options for reducing logistics and time spent on wreaths.



# Summer Event Safety

## Summer Event Color Guard Planning (Continued)

- Ensure that Guardsmen are not required to stand in the summer sun at attention for more than about ten minutes.
- Consider alternate methods (all perfectly acceptable and consistent with Title 4 US Code in how the Colors are presented/displayed).
  - **Option A:** march in and present the Colors for the Pledge/national anthem, then march off with the Colors (not posted). This is preferred by the US Military at outdoor ceremonies.
  - **Option B:** same as above; but post the Colors and leave them in place (i.e., don't retire the colors). Best for photos.
  - **Option C:** present, post, and retire the colors. Hard for the Guard to relax when they must step back up at the end of the ceremony in uniform.
  - **Option D:** post the Colors before the ceremony (i.e., don't use a color guard). Many ceremonies use this.
- All the above are correct, but the first two options ensure that the Guard can retire to the shade and remove jackets and gear for the duration of the event. The last option is the least stressful, and this should be the preferred option in really hot weather (i.e., heat indices in the high 90s to low 100s).
- The event organizer should be aware of how to contact the local Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), particularly if the event is in a rural area. Consider cell phone coverage in remote areas.
- Be mindful that we are not a youthful group, and our bodies become less heat tolerant and drop out quicker. As a quick risk assessment, poll how many of the Color Guardsmen are over the age of 70 and how many are under the age of 50. This should be a weighted factor in all risk analysis.

The above should be considered in a Summer Weather Risk Mitigation Analysis for each event. Conducting multiple summer outdoor events on the same day with the same attendees obviously presents challenges that could require adopting the mitigation measures noted above.

Be sure you are aware of the signs of sunstroke/heat exhaustion and the immediate steps to take to alleviate the situation.

# Notes from the Editor

Guardsmen,

I want to thank you all for the submissions, photos, articles, and feedback on the last issue. Being my first, I expected a few bumps in the road and I hope that I'll have them ironed out for this issue.



I again thank Commander Collins for the appointment as Editor and to Commander Meyers for the opportunity to continue.

While I received a lot of great submissions last issue, I want to emphasize what we are looking for in this publication:

- All photos must include color guard participation in some way. Photos without color guardsmen will not be included.
- Please do not send photos embedded in a Word document or a pdf
- Be sure to include at least a few sentences about what your color guard did at the event--preferably either in the submission email or in .doc format
- Please keep photos to a reasonable amount for each event. If you send a large number of photos, I will likely pick the two to four best ones for inclusion
- Perhaps most importantly, the photos you submit must be your own or you must have permission from the photographer to use them. Ideally, we would credit the photographer whenever possible. Using photos that you did not take or may have found on social media opens us up to copyright issues that we want to avoid.

Stay cool this summer and take lot of photos as you remain the most visible and engaging part of the SAR.

Best,

Jacob A. Vink

*Editor, The SAR Colorguardsman*

# Upcoming 2025 Events

## Upcoming National SAR events per state society calendars

|           |          |  |                      |
|-----------|----------|--|----------------------|
| 16-Aug-25 | Saturday | <a href="#">Blue Licks</a>                   | Kentucky             |
| 23-Aug-25 | Saturday | <a href="#">Brooklyn</a>                     | New York             |
| 30-Aug-25 | Saturday | <a href="#">Eutaw Springs</a>                | South Carolina       |
| 06-Sep-25 | Saturday | <a href="#">Couch's Bridge</a>               | Delaware             |
| 06-Sep-25 | Saturday | <a href="#">Battle of the Capes</a>          | Virginia             |
| 13-Sep-25 | Saturday | <a href="#">Washington 's Tomb Vigil</a>     | Virginia             |
| 20-Sep-25 | Saturday | <a href="#">Gathering at Sycamore Shoals</a> | Tennessee            |
| 27-Sep-25 | Saturday | Battle of Baton Rouge                        | Louisiana            |
| 04-Oct-25 | Saturday | <a href="#">Chestnut Neck</a>                | New Jersey           |
| 07-Oct-25 | Tuesday  | <a href="#">Kings Mountain</a>               | North/South Carolina |
| 19-Oct-25 | Sunday   | <a href="#">Yorktown</a>                     | Virginia             |
| 26-Oct-25 | Sunday   | <a href="#">Red Bank</a>                     | New Jersey           |
| 11-Nov-25 | Tuesday  | Veterans Day                                 | Various              |
| 22-Nov-25 | Saturday | <a href="#">Fort Morris</a>                  | Georgia              |
| 06-Dec-25 | Saturday | <a href="#">Great Bridge</a>                 | Virginia             |
| 13-Dec-25 | Saturday | <a href="#">Wreaths Across America</a>       | Various              |
| 14-Dec-25 | Saturday | <a href="#">Ten Crucial Days</a>             | New Jersey           |

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

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



# **State Society Color Guard Commanders**

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

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

| <b>State</b>   | <b>Color Guard Commander</b> | <b>Primary Phone</b> | <b>Email Address</b>           | <b>City</b>         |
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# **1335th Annual Congress**

## **Uncasville, CT**

From July 12-18, the National Society held the 135th Annual Congress in Uncasville, CT. The Color Guard was active throughout the Congress in the Memorial Service and banquets.



National Color Guard Command and Support Staff performing set up duties the evening before the Annual Memorial Service.



The Color Guard prepares for the review by President General Addington.



The Fifers and Drummers work to help keep the Color Guard in-step and add so much to each event where they participate.





Commander Collins and Vice Commander Meyer lead the Color Guard at the start of the PG Banquet.



The Color Guard carries the colors to the stage prior to the PG Banquet.



As always, we must *remember the ladies* who support our activities and initiatives throughout our State and National Societies.



PG Tomme leads the George Washington Ring Ceremony the evening of the Installation Banquet.



Congratulations to Kentucky Society's Scott Giltner, who was honored as the 2025 Color Guardsman of the year.



# 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.



## Arizona



The Arizona Society participated in the Prescott Rodeo Days and Independence Day Parade in Prescott Arizona. The SAR color guard was hosted by the Prescott Chapter and attended by Guardsmen from the



## California



L/R: Kevin Forrest (South Coast) Nolan Forrest (SC) Jim Hernandez (SC) Ken Winiecki (Harbor) & Chris Keene (Orange County)

On Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup>, the California SAR Color Guard presented Colors for the Color Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 6-2, in Huntington Beach. Members of the South Coast and Orange County Chapters took part in the monthly meeting

Picture (Coast Guard Auxiliary 2025 – 1.jpeg)

L/R: Jim Hernandez (South Coast); John Ferris (Orange County); Scott Whitman (SC); Mike Miller (OC); Kevin Forrest (SC)

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, a combined California Color Guard marched in the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Laguna Beach patriots Day Parade. Color Guard Members from the South Coast, Harbor and Orange County Chapters represented the SAR for the 4<sup>th</sup> year, and won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Open Category.

The Laguna Beach Patriots Day Parade, a cherished tradition since 1967, was conceived by Emily Ross, a member of the Patience Wright Chapter of the National Society DAR, to instill a love of country and respect for the flag. After the 2024 Parade was rained out, the weather was perfect to allow the 2025 Parade to take place.







On Saturday March 22nd, the California SAR Color Guard marched in the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual San Juan Capistrano Swallows Day Parade. The Swallows Day Parade started as a local school carnival celebrating the annual return of the Cliff Swallows. It soon became an equestrian event, and has now become the largest non-motorized parade in the country.

Bottom Right: L/R: Gary Gauger (San Diego); Lucas Villardi (Harbor); Brandon Villardi (H); Larry Stratton (Orange County); Mike Miller (OC); Bob Maples (South Coast); Jim Hernandez (SC); Kevin Forrest (SC); Nolan Forrest (SC)

Top Left: L/R: Front Row: Nolan Forrest (SC) Brandon Villardi (H) Larry Stratton (OC) Kevin Forrest (SC) Lucas Villardi (H)



## Florida



On Saturday, May 3, 2025 the FLSSAR Sons of Liberty Brigade presented colors at the FSCAR 20 Monument

Dedication at Riverview Park in Sebastian, Florida. State President James Gaskins addressed those gathered to celebrate the event and commemorate America's 250th anniversary.

Members of the color guard contingent included left to right (Kevin R. Shurte, Robin Preston, Phil Markoe,

Kelly Crumley, James Ward, James Hamilton, Michael Meyer, and Andrew Showen. Pictured separately is drummer Randal Allen.







On Saturday March 22nd, the California SAR Color Guard marched in the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual San Juan Capistrano Swallows Day Parade. The Swallows Day Parade started as a local school carnival celebrating the annual return of the Cliff Swallows. It soon became an equestrian event, and has now become the largest non-motorized parade in the country.

Bottom Right: L/R: Gary Gauger (San Diego); Lucas Villardi (Harbor); Brandon Villardi (H); Larry Stratton (Orange County); Mike Miller (OC); Bob Maples (South Coast); Jim Hernandez (SC); Kevin Forrest (SC); Nolan Forrest (SC)

Top Left: L/R: Front Row: Nolan Forrest (SC) Brandon Villardi (H) Larry Stratton (OC) Kevin Forrest (SC) Lucas Villardi (H)



## Florida



On Saturday, May 3, 2025 the FLSSAR Sons of Liberty Brigade presented colors at the FSCAR 20 Monument

Dedication at Riverview Park in Sebastian, Florida. State President James Gaskins addressed those gathered to celebrate the event and commemorate America's 250th anniversary.

Members of the color guard contingent included left to right (Kevin R. Shurte, Robin Preston, Phil Markoe,

Kelly Crumley, James Ward, James Hamilton, Michael Meyer, and Andrew Showen. Pictured separately is drummer Randal Allen.







On Tuesday, July 8, the Florida Society Sons of Liberty Color Guard Brigade posted colors for the FSCAR SE Regional Conference at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, Florida. Compatriots present included (backrow - left to right) FLSSAR Senior VP Jonathan Hunt, Phil Markoe, Robbie Robinson, Brian Jensen, Michael Meyer, Robin Preston, Will Wagner. Pictured front left to right Kevin Shurte, Randy Allen, and Braeden Shurte.



# Georgia



As part of the pregame activities to open the Atlanta Braves Game in Truist Park on Independence Day a presentation is shown to honor the thirteen original colonies. The Georgia Society SAR Color Guard fires a volley at the end of the video.

A second volley was fired upon the signing of the last word of our National Anthem.





# Indiana



The public got frontier hands-on learning from various groups that rendezvous at the Caroline Scott Harrison home in Indianapolis, IN on May 9 and 10th 2025. The DAR sponsored event contained 28 Rev War hands on period correct demonstrations and exhibitors. Many sponsored activities and games with various trades. Those in attendance felt transported in time and in place back to the colonial times at this free event. SAR members Christopher Michael, Mark Kreps, and John A. Green participated in a DAR colonial fair for youth and the public participated in a DAR colonial fair for youth and the public.



The Indiana Society hosted its only National event on May 24, 2025 outside of the George Rogers Clark Memorial in Vincennes, IN. The Indiana Society was joined by President General Daryl Addington, Historian General Jeff Thomas, National Color Guard Staff Scott Collins, Ken Goodson, Patrick Wesolosky, Chris Canine, and Jacob Vink.

The weekend's events drew in guardsmen from dozens of states and had both color guard activity and camaraderie among long time and first time participants.







The Indiana Society joined the Indiana Symphony Orchestra at Conner Prairie in Fishers, IN for Symphony on the Prairie's Star Spangled Symphony--a three night celebration of Independence day and patriotism. The Indiana SAR Color Guard presented the colors during the National Anthem under the leadership of Central District Vice President General Wayne C. Eells, Jr (bottom right).

The Color Guard, lead by State Commander Jacob Vink, then marched to the theme from *The Patriot* by Composer John Williams in front of crowds of thousands each night. The Indiana Color Guard has been a staple of the performance for more than twenty years. (top left)







Members of Central Iowa Chapter and Iowa Society Color Guard activity at the Iowa National Guard Camp Dodge Commandery Retreat Ceremony May 22, 2025. Each era from the Revolutionary War to present day soldiers were represented.

L-R Roger Shannon, Russ Flattery, Mike Rowley, Tom Clegg

On the 81st anniversary of D-Day and the death of WWII veteran James Harrington, his recently identified remains were laid to rest in Cincinnati, Iowa. Iowa SAR was represented by Color Guard Commander Mike Rowley







On June 18, 2025 after years of planning, approvals, meeting and execution an unveiling of a large patriotic mural that covers the eastern wall of the American Legion Post #663 in Urbandale, Iowa took place with a little assistance from members of the Iowa Society of the American Revolution Central Iowa Chapter representing not only SAR but SUVCW & GSW 1812 as well.

L-R Tom Clegg, Mike Rowley, David Rowley and David Lamb



## Kentucky

The George Mason Chapter of the Kentucky Society co-organized a Lafayette Returns event in Maysville, KY on 21 May. Assisting in the event were the Limestone DAR Chapter (KY) and the Limestone Society CAR (KY). Nine members of the George Mason chapter were on hand as color guard members, six of whom also doubled as riflemen for the gun salute. Also on hand was the Kentucky State Color Guard Commander.

A brief welcoming ceremony was held at Limestone Landing on the riverfront which included a Lafayette interpreter.

As part of the welcoming, the George Mason chapter provided a gun salute. A short parade followed to the Kentucky Gateway Museum Center where the Lafayette interpreter addressed the audience that had gathered. The members of the George Mason chapter carried flags in the parade which were then posted outside the museum.







Kentucky State Commander Scott Giltner, Chris Canine, and John Doss (all Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter members) providing fife & drum music in front of the Lexington, KY Library. This was part of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of the founding of Lexington.



Fifer and Drummers at the George Rogers Clark Memorial in Vincennes. L to R – John Doss (Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter, KY), Scott Giltner (Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter, KY), Jeffrey Willey (Spirit of St. Louis Chapter, MO), Chris Canine (Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter, MO).



On 27 April, the Kentucky Society participated in the 70th Annual Pegasus parade in Louisville, KY. The Pegasus parade is the official parade of the Kentucky Derby and a major event for the regional community. This was the 14th consecutive year the SAR has had a color guard in the parade.

The 16 member color guard consisted of flagbearers, riflemen, a fifer, and two drummers. Participating in the color guard were five SAR Chapters from Kentucky. The SAR chapters were Simon Kenton (KY), Gov. Isaac Shelby (KY), Lafayette (KY), Louisville Thruston (KY) and Col. James Harrod (KY).

The Pegasus parade is one of the longest parades in the United States lasting approximately two hours with a 1.7 mile march down Broadway Street in Louisville. The parade this year featured equestrian units, marching bands and more than 40 specialty units. Typically, the parade attracts over 200,000 spectators.





On 14 June, John Doss and Scott Giltner played fife and drum music in front of SAR Headquarters. This was for the Flag Day event that was held at HQ .



The Kentucky SAR Eastern Brigade Color Guard assist in the presentation of Colors at Queenslake Derby Party for Veterans and Law Enforcement.







Members of the KY SAR Eastern Brigade Color Guard provided the Colors and lead the send off procession for Honor Flight Kentucky's first flight of the year.



Members of the Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio Society participated in Lafayette Bicentennial events in Louisville and Indiana. The events included a ceremony on each side of the Ohio River in Kentucky and Indiana, a parade across the bridge, and a Lafayette Trail Marker dedication.







The Lafayette Chapter hosted Banquet in honor of the 200th Anniversary of General Lafayette visiting Kentucky. The highlight of the guests of honor were the Marquis's 7th Great Granddaughter Sabine and her niece.



Color Guardsmen from Kentucky, Georgia, Michigan, and Tennessee carried in the Colors for the National Genealogy Society conference at the Galt House in Louisville Kentucky.





The Kentucky SAR Eastern Brigade Color Guard was invited to carry in the Service Branch Flags at the Memorial Day Service in Frankfort Kentucky.



After three years of planning, the Lafayette Chapter participated in the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of Lexington Kentucky and dedicated their 250th Bench. The KY SAR Eastern Brigade Color Guard supported the Lafayette Chapter with the Presentation of Colors, a Flintlock Salute, and Mourn on Arms. Lexington Mayor Linda Gorton helped dedicate the bench.





The Kentucky SAR Eastern Brigade Color Guard was invited to kickoff the 250th Anniversary Celebration of the Founding of Boonesborough. The Color Guard Presented the Colors for the Opening Ceremony. They also proved a Flintlock Salute and Mourn on Arms.



The Kentucky SAR President, President-Elect, and Secretary (all Veterans) visited Thomson-Hood Veterans Center with the local DAR for a Veterans Flag Day Celebration.





The KY SAR Eastern Brigade Color Guard participated for the first time in the 245th Anniversary of the Massacre at Ruddle's Station. After the service we were invited to visit the cliff side crypt where the remains of 20 unknown victims are interred.



General Lafayette visited the Old State Capitol Building in Frankfort, Kentucky. His visit included an inspection, speech, flintlock salute, and a procession.

For the fourth year in a row the Lafayette Chapter's SAR/DAR Unit was the lead walking group in Lexington's 4th of July Parade.







For the sixth year, the Lafayette Chapter hosted their Independence Day Service and Patriot Flags and Flowers events. The first part of the events is a short Independence Day Service at Lexington Cemetery followed by a walk to visit graves of 39 Patriots and their wives. At each stop a flag is placed on the Patriots grave and a flower on the grave of the wife.



Patriot Grave Marking Services:  
We honor our Patriot Ancestors from Forts to Distilleries to Family Cemeteries.



The KY SAR Color Guard was invited to carry in the Colors for the start of the Lexington Legends 4th of July Game. Besides having the largest attendance in five years, the Color Guardsmen were honored to have their photo taken with the Bugler from Churchill Downs and the Kentucky Derby.





# Louisiana



In the city of Lake Charles, Louisiana on Memorial Day the Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution, Oliver Pollock Chapter sponsor s the largest display of casket flags in America. These casket flags have been donated to the SAR by the families of service men and women. The display has grown from just over 50 flags to over 1200 today. Orange Grove-Graceland cemetery roads are lined with the flags each numbered so they can be found by family and safely put away afterward in climate-controlled storage until the next year. Ted harmless, president of the of the Oliver Pollock Chapter introduced the color guard which performed memorial volleys and “mourn on your arms” for the many onlookers who had gathered to honor America’s veterans on Memorial Day.

The Louisiana Society, SAR’s General Philemon Thomas Chapter hosted its inaugural ceremony to celebrate Flag Day June 14, 2025, 10:00 a.m. at the Old State Capitol, 100 North Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Although this event was organized and managed by the LASSAR, representatives of other area genealogical and historic societies were on hand, including the Daughters of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution, Granaderos de Galvez, Damas de Galvez, and the Canary Islanders Heritage Association.

Pictured: From front to back: Steve Kubicek holding the US flag, Mitch Pratt holding the Betsy Ross Flag, Christopher Achee holding the Louisiana State flag, Brad Richard holding the SAR flag, Jeff Truax carrying a musket. To the left side of the flag line is Paul Bergeron, deputy commander LASSAR color guard.



LSSAR colorguardsman Gerald Graves (pictured, left) worked the crowd at a local, Monroe, Louisiana gathering called the “Triangle Parade.” The parade is a Fourth of July celebration hosted by the Rotary Club and was started in 1985 to bring the neighborhood together. Since then, the Triangle Park Parade has grown from a small neighborhood gathering to one with several hundred in attendance. Gerald moved about the assembled crowd of parents and parading young children having his picture taken and showing off the revolutionary war uniform and musket.





Left to Right: Ted Brode (commander,) Paul Bergeron (Deputy Commander,) Chris Achee, Jeff Truax.

In the City of Lafayette, LA – Members of the Galvez Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Attakapas Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution on Saturday gathered to honor seven debutantes descended from revolutionary ancestors at the 65th George Washington Ball. The ball was held at the Petroleum Club of Lafayette. Each year, the ball revisits an aspect of American History, and this year, with the event falling on Flag Day, the ball celebrated the history of the American Flag. Each of the young women were eligible to participate in the ball by virtue of their lineage, traced back to a patriotic ancestor who supported the cause for American Independence. Each honoree was sponsored by a member of the Sons of the American Revolution or Daughters of the American Revolution. The ball began with the presentation of the National and State flags by the Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution color guard which also posted the colors before more than 100 guests.



## Maryland



**April 5 – 249th Battle of St. George's Island Commemoration** - The Battle of St. George Island was the largest battle of the American Revolution fought in St. Mary's County, Maryland. When the British fleet was first spied off Point Lookout, local men who had been marching to Annapolis to join the march to New York City were quickly recalled. Before they could return, though, ten boats full of British soldiers landed on the island, foraging for water and wood and dumping smallpox-ridden bodies of those who had died during the journey from Virginia. The local Maryland militia, under Captain Rezin Beall, arrived the next day. By lining up in the bushes on the shoreline, they were able to remain hidden until the landing boats were within firing range and so prevented the British from landing a second time. The Thomas Stone Chapter initiated this event in 2024 as a warm up for the 250th in 2026 and beyond with chapter Color Guard members Andrei Nabakowski, David Langford, Mike Morthland, Kevin Neitmann, Jason Posey and Lawrence Price. This was the perfect opportunity for Chapter President Mike Morthland to present both Lawrence Price and Jason Posey with their Bronze 250 medals.





**April 11 - 250 Howard County "Two Lights for Tomorrow", Waverly Mansion** - "Listen my children and you shall hear" as part of the National "Two Lights for Tomorrow" initiative, the Howard County 250 committee wanted to do a daytime reenactment of Paul Revere's Ride, warning the country side. The Waverly Mansion was chosen since the home was owned by John Eager Howard's son George Color Guard members David Embrey and Paul Turlington joined in with Horseman Jason Cole and the Howard County Historical Society.



**APRIL 12 - Eastern Shore - Capt. Isaac Milligan Marking** - The Captain John Smoot chapter of the SAR and the Nanticoke chapter of the DAR marked the memorial stone of Capt. Isaac Milligan that was placed in the cemetery in 2008 by Fred Howard (Fred is a 6th generation descendent of Capt. Isaac and Rachel Milligan). The Line included David Embrey, Jason Posey, Glenn Moss, Drummer Noah and Ronnie Howard. Isaac Milligan served with the Annemessex Militia, Somerset County, Maryland, during the Revolutionary War. Capt Isaac owned and lived on what was known as Henderson's Island in present day Fairmount until the 1820s when it appears he moved to Revell's Neck. He is likely buried in this Revell's Neck cemetery along with his wife Rachel. Isaac married Rachel Evans on August 10, 1781. Isaac Milligan was born on 3 April 1754, in Somerset, Maryland, re the parents of at least 3 sons and 5 daughters. He lived in Somerset, Maryland and died on 19 August 1831, at the age of 77, and was buried in Revells Neck Cemetery, Westover, Somerset, Maryland. The Color Guard rendered Honors with a Musket Salute.





**APRIL 12 - Grave of Thomas Seon Sudler**, - The Nanticoke chapter of the DAR and the Captain John Smoot chapter of the SAR with Color Guard members David Embrey, Ronnie Howard, Jason Posey, Drummer Noah and Glenn Moss. son of John and Martha, he served in the Great Annemessex Company of the Princess Anne Battalion of the Somerset County Militia. - PVT Thomas Seon Sudler was born on 15 October 1760, in Queen Anne's County, Maryland and married Eleanor Waters in 1783, in Somerset, Maryland where he lived until his death in September 1832, at the age of 71, and was buried in Westover, Somerset, Maryland and Honors were rendered with a Musket



**April 13 - Jefferson Memorial** - First VP Daniel Earnshaw and Past President/Past Color Guard Commander William Smithson represented the Maryland Society on the occasion of the 282nd anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson. Thank you to the D.C. Society, the National Park Service and the US Army Military District of Columbia for hosting this morning's Annual Commemoration.





**April 18 - Annapolis** -Two lights for Tomorrow - This national commemoration, kicking off the 250th anniversary of the United States, encourages communities to display two lights, symbolizing unity and shared purpose, inspired by Paul Revere's historic ride. Hundreds joined us along Maryland Avenue and State Circle, to remember Paul Revere's Ride and thanks to Paul Revere (aka Jason Cole), the magnificent steed Parker. Color Guard members Gerry Harris, David Embrey, Glenn and Lynne Moss and Rick and Jan Abbott. The participants in front of the Maryland State House



**April 19 - VFW Flag Retirement** –Another Great Day to be in Wool for the quarterly flag retirement ceremony held at VFW Post 7472, With the help of cub scouts, scouts, the Jr Civil Air Patrol, active duty marines, civilians and members of VFW Post 7472, American Legion Posts 156 and 300, the Marine Corps League, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Students Supporting Veterans, and family and friends, flags were prepared for retirement. This included a large American flag that had flown over NIST. Following the preparation a formal retirement ceremony was conducted. Color Guard with the Civil Air Patrol Honor Guard Honors were rendered with a Musket Salute by Color Guard members David Embrey and Glenn Moss



**April 19 - "The Shot Heard Around the World."**- the Pemberton Historical Society hosted a commemoration to celebrate the 250th year anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord, the first battle of the American Revolutionary War. Tim Robinson, Professor of History at Salisbury University was the keynote speaker giving a presentation of the events leading up to and the aftermath of the Battles at Concord and Lexington.



**May 3 – Rev War weekend, George Washington's Mount Vernon** –It was a 'Great Day to be in Wool' but with temps in the 90's by the afternoon, photos were taken in 'small cloths' - SAR 'Old Line' Color Guard and Ladies Auxiliary - with Jason Posey, Glenn Moss, Lynn Moss, Myra Dennis, Geoffrey Wood, Vicki Embrey, David Embrey and Gerry Harris



**April 25 - "Night at the Living Museum"** -at the Historic Teackle Mansion in Princess Anne. The event was hosted by the "Patriot Academy" of young students from Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset Counties. The children represented signers of the Declaration of Independence. Ronnie Howard with Ben Franklin





**May 10** - The Sgt. Laurence Everhart Chapter of the SAR in partnership with the Frederick Chapter and the Carrollton Manor Chapter of the NSDAR, commemorated the 270th birthday and rededication of the burial monument of chapter namesake Sgt. Laurence Everhart at Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Middletown. He served throughout the conflict and is notably recognized for saving the life of Col. William Washington, who was a cousin of General George Washington. After the war, Laurence returned to Middletown to pursue farming while also embarking on a career in ministry. George Washington is reported to have visited Lawrence in Middletown in 1799. Later, in 1824, during his return tour of the United States, Lafayette honored Lawrence by seating it in the second place of importance when he visited Frederick. Color Guard members Gerry Harris and Gene Moyer posted Colors and rendered Honors with a musket salute.



**May 24 - The Colonel Tench Tilghman Chapter** marched in the Chestertown Tea Party Festival Parade down High Street, carrying our SAR Chapter banner and showing off our chapter to the crowds along the parade route. At the Festival there was a Chapter information booth where we will greet festival goers and provide information on our chapter and the SAR. This is a great outreach opportunity.



**May 24 – VFW Memorial Day Weekend** – It's always an Honor to participate in any VFW ceremony and this year's Memorial Day weekend was no exception at Ellicott City's Post 7472 as SAR members David Embrey, Paul Turlington, State President Dan Earnshaw Doug Jimerson District Color Guard Commander Glen Moss participated rendered honors with a Musket Salute Glenn Moss and David Embrey, in solemn memory of our fallen comrades."





**May 27 – Monday – DAR/SAR Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony** - Mount Olivet Cemetery, Frederick, Maryland – Another 'Fine Day to be in Wool' as the Color Guard joined the Carrollton Manor and Frederick DAR and Sgt Lawrence Everhart SAR Chapters and Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War for their Annual Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony. Color Guard participants included Gerry Harris, Glenn Moss, Lawrence Price, Andrei Nabakowski and David Embrey







**May 30 - Baltimore Pride II** - We had the Honor of being asked to be part of the "Farewell and Fair Winds: Pride II send off at Baltimore's Inner Harbor with Posting Colors followed by a Musket Salute. Color Guard and Ladies Auxiliary members included David Embrey, Vicki Embrey, Glenn Moss, Lynne Moss and Lawrence Price David Embrey, Glenn Moss and Lawrence Price with the Color. Farewell and Fair Winds

Thanks to the Maryland Color Guard for your help in making the *Pride of Baltimore II's* farewell such a fun and memorable experience. Your presence and performance added that special touch of history that we needed!



**June 1 – Col. John Eager Howard Memorial** – The annual Col. John Eager Howard Memorial Remembrance was held at Gray Rock Mansion in Pikesville, MD as the Color Guard Posted Colors and Rendered Honors with a Musket Salute. Group photo with Color Guard members L to R Don Eberhardt, John Davidson, David Embrey and Glenn Moss



**June 14 - 250th US Army Birthday Celebration** at George Washington's Mount Vernon, the home of our First Commander in Chief, being appointed on June 19, 1775 with participation by Maryland "Old Line" Color Guard members Lawrence Price, Rick Abbott and David Embrey. Lawrence Price and Rick Abbott on the left and right ends with David Embrey having double duty as a music and as militia with past National Commander, Brooks Lyles





**June 21 250th Bunker Hill at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester, MA** - Such an humbling experience it was to be part of this historic event of the first engagement of the Continental Army. with Color Guard members Jason Posey, Noah Posey, David Embrey and Glenn Moss on the March and Ladies Auxiliary members Lynne Moss laundress and Vicki Embrey roving milliner



**June21 - 250th Frederick Rifles, Frederick** - The 250th Anniversary of the June 21, 1775 formation of the two Rifle Companies from Maryland called for by the Second Continental Congress in their creation of the Continental Army on June 14, 1775. The two Maryland companies under Captains Cresap and Price departed from Frederick Town on 18 July 1775 and arrived at Cambridge on 9 August. Scouts presenting Colors with Gene Moyer Guardsmen Wes Evens, Gerald Harris and Gene Moyer SAR Sergeant Lawrence Everhart Chapter

**July 4 - George Washington's Mount Vernon** – As usually, we had a few Guardsmen at 'His Excellency's Estate' for the 'An American Celebration' as Glenn Moss participated in the VASSAR George Washington Chapter's March to the Tomb and Ceremony, while Dave Embrey fell-in with the 1Va Regiment as Musick on drum







# Michigan



Paul Emery Chapter April 19 2025: Photo at the Liberty Tree Dedication in Grand Blanc, Michigan; includes SAR VPG Robert Hagland, MISSAR VP Bob Craig, MISSAR Color Guard with Commander Lepisto, Color Guard Vice Commander Bob Hawcroft, Paul Emery Chapter President James Riddell and other members and visitors.



Patriot Sylvester Richmond Grave Marking on May 18th, 2025. ( Left - Right) Commander John Lepisto, Past Commander Norman Palmer, Guardsman Jim Petres, Vice Commander Robert Hawcroft

May 21st at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans Cemetery . Presenting the Colors prior to the placing of flags on the veterans graves by the Boy Scouts (L to R) Guardsman Mark Chamberlain, National Adjutant Ken Goodson, prior VPG Great Lakes, David VanHoof, Commander John Lepisto







A Grave Dedication for Revolutionary War Patriot Cyprian Parrish on 24th May 2025 by members of Michigan Color Guard.

(l to r) Commander John Lepisto, Bugler Edward Howell, Commander Emeritus Gerald Burkland.



Liberty Tree Dedication in Clarkston Michigan on the 28th of June. *left to right:* Commander John Lepisto, Vice Commander Bob Hawcroft, Guardsman Mark Nesbitt, CAR member Lionel Mallot, and Guardsman David Hill.



Wall, Hollister & Lincoln Patriot Plaque Dedication in Parma Michigan.

*left to right:* vice Commander Hawcroft, Commander John Lepisto, Guardsman Mark Nesbitt, Guardsman Tony Gerring, Guardsman Chris Blunt.





Liberty Tree Dedication on April 19th with the MISSAR Color Guard.

*left to right:* Piper Ron Bernard, Vice Commander Bob Hawcroft, Commander John Lepisto, Past Commander Norm Palmer, Guardsman David VanHoof, Commander Emeritus Gerald Burkland, Guardsman Chris Blunt, Guardsman Aaron Wiles.



Michigan Color Guard members from the West Michigan Chapter of SAR. 4th of July Parade in Ada, Michigan.



Fenton Michigan 4th July Parade. Color Guard members from the Paul Emery chapter MISSAR.

L to R: Guardsman Aaron Wiles, Vice Commander Bob Hawcroft,





On Memorial Day 2025, The Color Guard of the Minnesota Society, Sons of the American Revolution presented the colors along with a musket firing at Midland Hills Golf Club in Roseville, MN to support Folds of Honor. The charity provides scholarships to families of deceased veterans.



The Minnesota Color Guard also presented the Stars and Stripes, U.S. Army, and U.S. Air Force colors at the Direct Commissioning ceremony of Lt. Courtney Mulhern/ U.S. Army at the Minneapolis VA Health Care System auditorium on June 21, 2025.

Pictured from left to right are former MNSAR President James Hagen, Rich Howey Living History Team Leader, Lt. Courtney Mulhern/ U.S. Army, MNSAR President Kevin Sullivan, CG Commander Terry Sater, and former CG Commander Steve Hyde.



On Independence Day, the Minnesota Color Guard appeared on Twin Cities KMSP-TV FOX 9, and KSTP-TV 5 ABC while presenting the colors and firing muskets for the National Society Children of the American Revolution. It was the CAR Lake Minnetonka Society's 20th Annual July 4th Flying Pancake Breakfast. SAR member and retired Cabinetmaker, Guy Kight, presented a scale model of a Revolutionary War Six Pound field cannon for child educational use. The oak cannon has an interchangeable barrel so children can try their hand at loading a cannon, using the Worm, Sponge, Ram Rod, Priming Wire and a Linstock. The event is a fundraiser to support Canine Companions to help provide trained service dogs, free of charge, to veterans suffering from service-related injuries or disabilities. An estimated 2,000 people attended.





# Missouri

MOSSAR Color Guard responded to a state muster to support the DAR Caroline Close Stewart Chapter on April 27, 2025, at O'Fallon. At Fort Zumwalt Park a permanent historical marker was unveiled to recognize the home of Revolutionary War patriot Jacob Zumwalt. The procession of colors was led by the Lewis & Clark Fife & Drum Corps followed by twelve SAR Color Guard members. Upon falling into their positions, Regent Lori Vilbert and State Regent Lisa Parks proceeded with the ceremony and historical biography of soldier Jacob Zumwalt, and ultimately the unveiling followed by a triple-volley with five muskets. The group then proceeded to the Heald House where a bronze Revolutionary War marker set into a large stone, was unveiled. This, in the 250<sup>th</sup> year after the start of the war, commemorates the men and women who joined together to achieve American Independence. Photos by Dan Piedlow and Debbie Perkins.



On June 8, 2025, the Independence Patriots Chapter Past President Stephen Sullins presented PO3 Gavin Napier the NSSAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, as part of the Harry S Truman Sea Cadet Recognition Ceremony. He was recognized for his exceptional leadership by Commanding Officer Denise Litewski, and Executive Officer Lt Carey Monaghan. He was accompanied by his parent's Christopher and Christine Napier. The ceremony was held at the US Naval Recruitment Center in Kansas City.

L/R: Denise Litewski, Stephen Sullins, PO3 Gavin Napier, Christine Napier, Christopher Napier, Lt Carey Monaghan





The National Color Guard memorialized the Battle of Ft. San Carlos aka San Luis, on Sunday, May 25. The day required Guard to be nimble because of steady light to moderate rain keeping us from Memorial Cemetery. SAR Commander Ken Collins superbly adapted for a cramped Orvis Theater in old Ste. Genevieve on how to command the placement of the national colors with the state flag and SAR & DAR 250<sup>th</sup> flags. On top of that, the main body of Color Guard carrying various state flags and battle flags. All total, 45 Color Guard along with 11 Ste. Genevieve militia pulled off the advance and posting of colors down front. Immediate MOSSAR Past President Gene Henry started us off with the national anthem following the invocation. The key objectives of this ceremony are to recognize French militia who responded to the call of Fernando de Leyba's garrison in present day St. Louis. Their help successfully turned back the British and native American attack on May 26, 1767. Key to the success was the use of one circular stone tower built for the very purpose of defense. Five Color Guard read the biographies of five patriots, then the ceremony transitioned upon the singing of America the Beautiful, and Margaret Carr's presentation about the history of Ft. San Carlos. Bagpiper Wayne Davis piped several tunes including always favorite Amazing Grace.

The Color Guard represented these states: AR, GA, IN, KS, MO, NE, OK, TN. Those attending: Doug Anderson, Henry Baer, Thomas Barden, John Bedell, Thomas Behnke, Steve Biggs, Paul Burright, Dan Call, SAR Commander K Scott Collins, Ben Crouch, Craig Crow, Russ Devenny, Dan Evans, Brad Frazier, Terry Grogan, Mike Hahn, Gordon Hill, Greg Hogue, Kevin Hulsey, Rev. Darrell Jones, Ken Lawrence, Gary LeClaire, Eric Lewis, Alan Martin, Terry McClain, Past SCD VPG Charles McLemore, Charles McMillan, Eric Montegna, John More, Mark Parks, MOSSAR Commander Steve Perkins, Dan Piedlow, Dan Piedlow Jr, Mark Reichardt, J Michael Robertson, David Schaul, Gerald Shewmake, Joe Siebert, Bruce Smith, Ivan Stull, Steve Sullins, Barton Tallent, Thomas Thompson, Matt Toeniskoetter, Timothy Toeniskoetter, Brian Vazquez, Joe Walker, Bradford Waters, Rev. Jeffrey Willey, James Williams, Mike Williams. Photos by guardsmen Dan Piedlow and Dan Piedlow Jr.





# Nebraska



On April 26, we presented the colors at a Liberty Tree Dedication in Lexington, NE, in honor of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Lexington.



On June 18, members of the Omaha Chapter Color Guard presented the colors before Game 11 of the College World Series at Charles Schwab Field in Omaha.



On June 21, the Nebraska SAR Color Guard participated in three events in Beatrice, NE. The first event was the Homestead Days Parade down Court Street in Beatrice. Next, we presented the colors for another Liberty Tree Dedication ceremony on the lawn of the Beatrice Library. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> Liberty Tree that Nebraska has dedicated and the color guard has participated in. The final event was presenting the colors in support of the Nebraska DAR, in dedicating the grave site of Patriot Daughter Elizabeth Huitt Cowan, buried in Beatrice Cemetery. We were joined for all three Beatrice events by Brian Vasquez, John More, and Bruce Smith of the Kansas SAR Color Guard.





On May 24, the color guard marched in the Patriotic Productions Memorial Day Parade in Downtown Omaha. This is the 5th year for the parade, and we have marched in it every year.

## **Nevada**



The Battle Born Patriots Chapter (BBP) hosted a luncheon program on April 19<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of “The Shot Heard ‘Round The World”. Held at the Reno Elks Lodge, a four-man BBP Color Guard opened the event with a single musket volley, performed by Compatriots Rafael Ortiz, Donn Dalton, Roger Linscott, CG Cmdr. This volley was followed by a talk by the featured speaker, Compatriot Jay Dickey, with his presentation of events regarding Paul Revere’s Ride and the historic battles of Lexington-Concord. The BBP chapter further entertained the audience by enacting a play

by Compatriot David Hess, entitled “The Shot Heard ‘Round The World - And You Are There”, with chapter members in-role, playing as Walter Cronkite, Roger Mudd, and other news characters commenting on the activities of participants on the famous day, which were also depicted by BBP chapter members. All luncheon attendees received a lead-free musket ball signifying the anniversary of the famous “shot heard ‘round the world”, compliments of the BBP chapter color guard. L-R: Rafael Ortiz, BBP Pres. Donn Dalton, CG Cmdr. Roger Linscott, Cody Ehlers. Photo by Wendy Hammond

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, the BBP chapter, along with AZSSAR, ORSSAR, and CASSAR Sacramento chapter members, local DAR chapters, and the American Heritage Partners group, all joined together to co-host a luncheon event entitled “A Talk with John Adams” at the King’s Beach Events Center, in Lake Tahoe, CA. The speaker was ORSSAR Compatriot and Chautauquan Mike Lebsock, who presented in his role of John Adams. A combined six-man color guard, consisting of AZSSAR, ORSSAR, and NVSSAR members, opened the event by firing three-volleys with their muskets signifying era soldiers’ practice of delivering “three rounds in a minute”. The uniformed color guard members were Alan Fitch (AZSSAR), Dave Witter (ORSSAR), and BBP chapter CG (NVSSAR) members Donn Dalton, Cody Ehlers, Rafael Ortiz, and Roger Linscott, CG Cmdr.







On Arbor Day, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 3 members of the BBP Color Guard attended the Rededication of Nevada's Washington Elm Tree, conducted on the state capitol grounds in Carson City. The event was hosted by two local DAR chapters, the Nevada Sagebrush Chapter and the Battle Born Chapter, NVSDAR.

The BBP Color Guard presented the colors to open the rededication ceremony, and DAR Regents Karen Dodrill and Debbie Carol spoke on the history and significance of the elm, which was followed by patriotic songs sung by classes of local school children. The Nevada Washington Elm Tree is a descendant tree of the Washington Elm, under which George Washington assumed



command as Commander in Chief of the Continental Army in Cambridge, MA, on Jul 3, 1775.

The Nevada Elm was planted on the Nevada state capitol grounds on April 27, 1932 during the bicentennial celebrations of George Washington's birth. A plaque on the Nevada Elm states: "Washington first took command of the American army under the grandparent of this elm at Cambridge, Mass, July 3, 1775. This tree was reared and given by Maryland DAR. Marked by the Nevada DAR as part of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington, 1732-1932." The color guard members appearing at this event were Compatriots Rafael Ortiz, Art Salt, and Roger Linscott, Color Guard Commander.



Memorial Day: On May 26<sup>th</sup>, the BBP Color Guard combined with members of a local SUVCW chapter to assemble a combined color guard to observe Memorial Day in Reno at the G.A.R. Cemetery, the Reno Hillside Cemetery, and Knights of Pythias Cemetery. At each location, following remarks and ceremonies, a three-volley firing salute was conducted, and Bugler James Gardner sounded Taps. BBP Color Guard members participating in these honors were Compatriots Art Salt and Roger Linscott (CG Cmdr.), with BBP Compatriots in civil war uniform Donn Dalton (BBP Pres.), Jay Dickey (BBP Counsellor), and BBP Associate Cody Ehlers.





On Independence Day, the BBP Color Guard participated in the BBP's annual Bell Ringing of Nevada's Liberty Bell, displayed at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City. The colors were presented and posted by the Tiger Battalion Color Guard of the Douglas County HS JROTC, and the BBP Color Guard performed an honor guard for the cadets' presentation of the colors for the Pledge of Allegiance. The JROTC Color Guard, comprised of six uniformed cadets, did an outstanding job. Following the posting of the colors, Compatriots of the BBP Color Guard each read

aloud a portion the Declaration of Independence, followed by a hearty huzzah!

Then to symbolically honor the patriots from each of the original thirteen states, past president David Hess tolled the Nevada Liberty Bell 13 times as the audience called out each state. Afterwards, audience members took turns ringing the bell. Uniformed BBP Color Guard members at the ceremony were: BBP Pres. Donn Dalton, BBP Historian David Hess, Art Salt, Dave Barnard, and Roger Linscott, CG Cmdr.



## New Hampshire



Compatriots Elwin Spray, Shaun White, Dick Baynes, Al Lamson, Dennis Walsh, Hans Jackson, Barry Lewis, Tom Gray and Russell Cumbee joined with family members for a Grave Marking Ceremony for Patriot Bradbury Sinkler. Patriot Sinkler left for Crown Point, never to return. Research suggests he died at Valley Forge and placed in a common grave.





Stark's Company, NHSAR Color Guard joined with Guardsmen from across the nation to march in the Concord Parade in commemoration of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord.

L-R: Lois Hermann, DAR, Curtis Hermann, Brush Bradley and Russell Cumbee.



Compatriots Doug Wood, Curtis Hermann, Hans Jackson, Brush Bradley and Tim Billbrough participated in a Flag Retirement Ceremony in Dunbarton, NH sponsored by the American Legion Post and Flags Around Dunbarton. Compatriot Tim Billbrough places a retired flag in the fire pit; Guardsman Hans Jackson, Doug



Members of the NHSAR staffed the static display and Color Guardsmen performed demonstrations during the Londonderry Historical Society's Spring Open House.



NHSAR Compatriots and spouses participated in the Littleton, NH Memorial Day procession to honor all veterans who did not return from the battle field. Photos – by Lydia Cumbee

On the trailer, L-R: Guardsmen Barry Lewis, Curtis Hermann, Hans Jackson and Brush Bradley; Ann Bradley; Guardsmen Doug Wood, Ron White and Russell Cumbee; Compatriot James Veach.

Front Row L-R: Compatriot Keven Stewart, Lois Hermann (DAR) and Kirsten White (DAR).





To commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of the army, the NHSAR laid a wreath at the grave of Major Caleb Stark, son of Major-General John Stark who was one of the first volunteers of the new Army. L-R: Doug Wood, Hans Jackson, Curtis Hermann, Linda Wood (DAR), Brush Bradley and Tim Billbrough.



NHSAR Compatriots and spouses participated ceremonies to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bunker Hill in Charlestown, MA. Front Row, L-R: Curtis Hermann, Richard Wright and Shaun Smith Second Row, L-R: Ron White, Lois Hermann (DAR) and Russell Cumbee



Stark's Company, NHSAR Color Guard supported the American Friends of Lafayette to commemorate the Bicentennial of Lafayette's Farewell Tour. Ceremonies were conducted in over a dozen towns over 4 days

Guardsmen Brush Bradley, Doug Wood, Barry Lewis and Al Lamson escort Lafayette.





NHSAR Compatriots and spouses participated in the annual Ashland, NH Independence Day Parade.

The NHSAR concluded ceremony to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill with a grave marking ceremony to honor 6 Patriots who fought under Major John Stark at the rail fence: Samuel Annis, Jonathan Bel, Peer Butterfield, Moses Little, John Buswell and John Little.

The ceremony took place on 8 June 2025 at the Hillside Cemetery in Goffstown, NH. Joining us in the ceremony were representatives from the Goffstown Historical Society, the Goffstown Cemetery Commission, Boy Scout Troop 99, the New Boston Chapter, NHSODAR, the NH C.A.R and several direct descendants. Also participating were dignitaries from the NH Sate DAR, the NH State Historical Society and the Gofftown Select Board.

The NHSAR was represented by 17 members, from both the Color Guard and our General Membership. Color Guardsmen Richard Wright, Curtis Hermann, Hans Jackson, Doug Wood, Russell Cumbee, Berry Lewis, Brush Bradley, Elwin Spray and Albert Lamson were joined by Compatriots John Ginsberg, Tom Gray, Dan Headley, Richard Baynes, Scott Boulter, Mike Blair, Phil Jamieson and drummer Rob Simond.







# New Jersey

On April 12, the New Jersey Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard conducted a wreath laying to commemorate the Battle of Bound Brook, fought April 13, 1777, in Bound Brook, N.J. This year marked the battle's first commemoration as a National SAR Event. NJSSAR Color Guard Commander Ed Glidden led a detail consisting of Gary Beauregard, Roger Williams, Rob Schulte, Peter Moller, Richard Serfass, Ken McGill, Dave Tinker, Frank Hadley and Tom Damico.

On Sunday, April 13, 1777, a four-column force of 4,000 British Crown troops led by Lord Charles Cornwallis attacked a small American garrison of about 500 commanded by General 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.



The NJSSAR on June 7 held its annual meeting aboard the battleship USS New Jersey, the most decorated battleship in U.S. Navy history. President Chris Sands and NJSSAR officers from around the state conducted the society's business meeting after the Colors were posted by Color Guard Commander Ed Gidden and a detail consisting of Roger Williams and Jake Rue, who received their Silver Color Guard medals at the meeting, Richard Serfass, Mike Mangum, Jim Howard, Ken McGill, Gary Beauregard, Earl Grondyke, Jim Sanford, Frank Hadley and Robert Anderson.

The U.S.S. New Jersey, an Iowa-class battleship, was launched on the first anniversary of Pearl Harbor and saw action in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the Middle East in the 1980s.





This National SAR Event commemorating the Battles of Connecticut Farms and Springfield, fought June 7 and 23, 1780, respectively, was held on June 14 in Springfield, N.J. at First Presbyterian Church. Rain prevented the laying of a wreath in Battleground Cemetery and the traditional march to the Church. Instead, wreaths were presented inside the church by New Jersey Daughters of the American Revolution and its Church and

Cannon Chapter, led by Heather Sanford, and the NJSSAR represented by NJSSAR President Chris Sands, a member of the Color Guard and president of the West Fields Chapter, which contains both Springfield and the town of Union, formerly known as Connecticut Farms, Color Guard Commander Ed Glidden and Adjutant Jay Hershey, former president of the West Fields Chapter.

It was on the steps of First Presbyterian, squarely on the site of the Battle of Springfield, 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 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.

On June 26, NJSSAR Color Guard helped honor the 248th anniversary of The Battle of The Short Hills, fought June 26, 1777. The ceremony took place in Edison, NJ, in a preserved part of the battlefield now designated as Oak Tree Pond Historic Park. The NJSSAR Color Guard were led by Adjutant Jay Hershey and joined by SAR National Trustee Peter Moller and fellow NJSSAR Color Guard members Frank Hadley, David Nelson and Robert Anderson. Present from the DAR were Karen Keithler, Janena Benjamin from the Matchoshoening-Rebecca Cornell Chapter. James McNeely, representing the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Jersey and the New Jersey Sons of the Revolution. Walter Stochel of the Metuchen-Scotch Plains Historical Society gave a short talk about the battle. Edison City Administrator Robert Diehl both gave welcoming remarks. The event was televised on the Edison community access cable channel.



This battle, named for the "short hills" that once made up the area's distinguishing geographical feature, unfolded over a long summer's day in 1777 during which British, Hessian and American troops engaged in a fight that began in the morning in Woodbridge and spread to 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. The retreating 14,000 British and Hessian soldiers, for their part, marched through Scotch Plains and West Fields in a notorious raid that ransacked numerous homes and lasted into the next day.



Two of the most important figures in the Revolutionary War in New Jersey were the Rev. James Caldwell and his wife, Hannah Caldwell. The NJSSAR Color Guard on June 21 took part in a ceremony led by the Union County Historical Society to rededicate the Caldwell's tomb and monument in the cemetery of the First Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth. "The Fighting Parson" was known for his fiery pro-Revolution sermons that helped recruit men to the cause. When Hannah was killed in the Battle of Connecticut Farms in 1780, her martyrdom further inspired patriotism at a time when Americans had grown weary after years of fighting.



SAR Color Guardsmen from New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Florida performed a wreath laying at Battle of Monmouth Weekend, June 28, at Monmouth Battlefield State Park. Wreaths were placed by the NJSSAR, NJDAR and Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Jersey. honoring all who fought in the battle, June 28, 1778. In particular, it was General Friedrich Wilhelm 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 on June 28, 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 organized by Monmouth Chapter President Jake Rue drew NJSSAR Color Guard from around the state, including Monmouth, South Jersey, Richard Somers, West Fields, Abraham Clark and Col. John Rosencrans Chapters.





# New Mexico

On 09 May 2025, the Gadsden Chapter, New Mexico SAR Color Guard posted the colors for a naturalization ceremony held in Las Cruces, NM. 199 new U.S. citizens from 20 different countries around the world were sworn in as new citizens. One of the new citizens was our own WOSAR, Andrea Vallejos from South Africa, wife of compatriot and color guard member TJ Vallejos. As the presiding judge, the Honorable Jerry H. Ritter stated after the swearing in, "you have now earned the right to complain about government employees". Congratulations to all!!!!

Pictured L-R: Robert E. Vance, William "Bill" Kinsella, TJ Vallejos, Andrea Vallejos, Tanner Guskey, Glen Porter.



On 14 June, New Mexico Color Guard members assisted with posting the colors at New Mexico DAR state Regent's project, dedicating markers for soldiers of the Santa Fe Presidio. The markers, 4 in total, were placed at the New Mexico Military Museum in Santa Fe, NM.





# Dakotas



The Dakota Society participated in the 2025 Memorial Day wreath presentation at Veterans Memorial Park in Rapid City, SD. The Dakota Society has been participating in the Memorial Service since 1998. James Clement laid the wreath. Color guards James Clement, Don Kellogg, Caleb Dustman and Stuart Rice.

The Dakota Society member Bobby Joe Holman received the War Service Medal and Vietnam Bar from the Dakota Color Guard. War Service Medal & Vietnam bar award picture if you use it are Caleb Dustman; Stuart Rice; Bobby Joe Holman; Don Kellogg, James Clement.



The Dakota Society Color Guard (James Clement, Stuart Rice and Bobby Joe Holman), Black Hills Chapter-DAR and Ed Manzano from the Black Hills War Monument Association put on the July 5 ceremony at the American 250 Revolutionary War Patriots marker in Memorial Park, Rapid City, SD.

Left to right James Clement, Stuart Rice, Bobby Joe Holman, Margie Rosario





The Ohio Society SAR provided a color guard and musket salute for the America 250 - Ohio Commission's "Two Lights for Tomorrow" event on Friday evening, April 18th, on the 250th anniversary of Paul Revere's Ride at the Ohio State House in downtown Columbus. Participating in the color guard were compatriots Al Gummere, Curt Radabaugh, Steve Conrad, Tom Hankins, Max Demp, Jim Dunn, Neil Dunn, and Tony Robinson, with State Color Guard Commander Bob Hill.



On Saturday, April 19th, Ohio Society color guardsmen provided a musket presentation and salute in honor of the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Lexington-Concord for the participants and families of the State Youth Oration Contest held at the Mount Oval Historical Farm just south of Circleville, Ohio.



On Saturday, April 12th, the Hocking Valley Chapter with help from Camp Charlotte member Max Demp, and the assistance of two DAR sisters, provided a color guard for the 125th Anniversary Celebration of the Elizabeth Sherman Reese Chapter DAR in Lancaster, Ohio.





On Saturday, May 3rd, at the State Annual Meeting Dinner in Miamisburg, Ohio, State Color Guard Commander Bob Hill leads the OHSSAR Color Guard to present and post the colors.



Hocking Valley Chapter compatriots Bob Hill, Tom Hankins, and Al Gummere march into Maple Grove Cemetery in Granville, Ohio for the Memorial Day Service at the conclusion of the annual parade. Hundreds of people fill the hillside for this lovely service held each year. The SAR has the honors of raising the cemetery flag from half staff to full staff at noon.



On Monday, May 19th, a District Color Guard commanded by State CG Commander Bob Hill composed of compatriots from the Cincinnati Chapter, Highlander Chapter, Richard Montgomery Chapter, Kentucky Society, and Indiana Society, greeted the "Marquis de Lafayette," circa 1825 (portrayed by reenactor Michael Halbert) on the 200th Anniversary of his visit to Cincinnati, at the Lafayette Marker and Paddle Wheel Monument. Central District Vice President General Wayne Eells rendered greetings on behalf of the SAR, State Regent Susan Leininger on behalf of the DAR, and Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney on behalf of the City of Cincinnati.







On Saturday, May 31st, the Hocking Valley Chapter hosted a Monument Dedication to the 23 known patriots buried at the Old Colony Burying Ground, in Granville, Ohio, the second highest number of known patriot burials within one cemetery in the state. There was also a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony for Private Hiram Rose and this now concludes all the first time formal grave marking ceremonies for all the known patriots. Sixty-one people participated or viewed the ceremony, including one descendant, and 32 wreaths were presented.



On Friday, May 23rd, the annual Memorial Service for Patriots of the Northwest Territory was held at the historic Mound Cemetery in Marietta, Ohio. Reenactor Michael Halbert, again portraying Lafayette in 1825, made a special visit to this ceremony on the 200th Anniversary of Lafayette's visit to Marietta. Mound Cemetery has the highest number of known postwar patriot burials within one cemetery in the state and in the nation with 39 patriot graves. In one photo, a musket safety check, manual-of-arms and firing instructions is being conducted.





On Saturday, April 19th, the Cincinnati Chapter hosted a ceremony at Washington Park in downtown Cincinnati, Ohio to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord. A Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony for five patriots was also conducted as it is every Patriots Day, July 4th, and Veterans Day since 2023 until all the patriots listed in nearby Memorial Hall are honored by July 4th, 2026. The chapter's Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard, commanded by Jason Bourgeois, posted the colors and fired a musket salute, and brought muskets to the Mourn position as Taps was played.



On Monday, May 26th, Commander Alan See gives instructions to compatriots in the Richard Montgomery Chapter Color Guard before they board their flag adorned parade wagon on Memorial Day in Miamisburg, Ohio.



On Saturday, April 26th and Sunday, April 27th, the Northeast Ohio Chapter SAR with the Stanley-Harper Redmond DAR provided a color guard in the Chardon, Ohio Maple Festival Parade.



Robert Pruitt of the Richard Montgomery Chapter plays his fife at the Patriot Monument Dedication in Granville, Ohio on May 31st. Compatriot Pruitt is a true asset to his chapter and the Ohio Society SAR, providing his musical services to many events throughout the year with a growing repertoire of tunes that adds period ambiance to many ceremonies.

**Congratulations to the following Ohio Guardsmen who were awarded the:**

**National Von Steuben CG Medal:**

Robert E.R. Bowers, Cincinnati Chapter, Approved 31 Dec 2024.

**Silver CG Medal:**

Richard Minshall, Camp Charlotte Chapter, Approved 09 Jan 2025.

Kevin L. Driesbach, Camp Charlotte Chapter, Approved 06 Feb 2025.

Clayton Crandall, Cincinnati Chapter, Approved 23 May 2025.

Ralph E. Bonniwell, Cincinnati Chapter, Submitted 08 Jun 2025.







On Tuesday, June 17th, a combined State SAR Color Guard posted the colors and fired a musket salute at a statue dedication to Dr. Joseph Warren on the 250th Anniversary of his death at the Battle of Bunker-Breed's Hill. The ceremony took place in front of the Harmon Museum and Armstrong Conference Center in Lebanon, Ohio. The city is located in Warren County, named after Joseph Warren. The ceremony was very well attended by the general public, city and county officials. State Color Guard Commander Bob Hill led the compatriots primarily from the Cincinnati Chapter, Richard Montgomery Chapter, and Centennial Chapter. The statue stands seven feet tall and has a base of granite quarried from Warren's home state of Massachusetts.



The Northeast Ohio Chapter Color Guard participated in a Naturalization Ceremony at the James A. Garfield National Historic Park in Mentor, Ohio on Friday, June 27th. L to R: Troy Bailey, Kirk Bacon, John Wooding, Bella Limestol, Jim Gilbert, Jim Pildner, Paul Bailey, Patrick Bailey, Steve Hinson, Venie Hinson, Dennis Gadley, Mark Tyler, Gage Georgeff, Karla Gadley.



A Patriot Grave Marking hosted by the Arthur St. Clair Chapter was held at Grandview Cemetery in Chillicothe, Ohio on Saturday, June 21st, honoring five (5) patriots. The color guard and musket salute was led by Camp Charlotte Chapter Color Guard Commander Kevin Driesbach.





A Black Powder Musket Safety and Training Certification Class was conducted on Sunday, June 29th at the Abruzzi Club in Westerville, Ohio. Eighteen (18) compatriots from around the state attended this first state level SAR training course. The first portion was conducted by compatriot Larry Potter of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter, a certified NRA black powder instructor. The second portion was conducted by State Color Guard Commander Bob Hill. The compatriots learned safety standards, safety check procedures and handling of misfires, nomenclature, cleaning and maintenance, cartridge making, von Steuben manual-of-arms, facing movements, and firing commands. The compatriots finished their training by actually firing several



The Cincinnati Chapter's Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard, joined by a few compatriots from the Highlander and Hocking Valley Chapters, posted the colors and fired a salute at a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony honoring 5 patriots at Washington Park in Cincinnati, OH on July 4th. The Cincinnati Chapter hosted the event, emceed by Mike Gunn, the color guard commanded by Jason Bourgeois. There were about 40 members of the general public in attendance, 19 SAR compatriots and 7 members of the Cincinnati Chapter DAR.

**Announcement:** There will be a Black Powder Musket Safety and Training Certification Class on Sunday, June 29th, starting at 1:00 PM at the Abruzzi Club, 273 Hanawalt Road, Westerville, OH 43081 (north Columbus). The NRA portion will be taught by Larry Potter (Benjamin Franklin Chapter), a NRA Certified Black Powder Instructor. A second portion will be done by State Color Guard Commander Bob Hill and will reinforce safety check procedures and handling of misfires, cleaning and maintenance tips, cartridge making, basic Von Steuben Manual-of-Arms and firing commands. Practice live fire for ceremonial purposes will be done.

All who attend this class will receive a Training Certificate and will qualify to have two asterisks placed by their name on the State Color Guard Roster. Attendees are asked to bring six (6) cartridges (90 grain 2F or 3F powder), their own seating, snacks and drinks. Water will be available. Two compatriots may share a musket if needed. Uniforms are not needed, but bring a period hat, cartridge box, and a bayonet with scabbard and sling if you have it.



Members of the Ohio SAR Color Guard attended a Welcome Home Veterans event at the Columbus Zoo in Powell, Ohio on Saturday, July 5th. The event was sponsored by the Veterans Administration to provide veterans with health and benefits enrollment, and veterans and their families were given free passes into the zoo. The compatriots manned a table with artifacts of the Revolution on display, as well as providing brochures and flyers on SAR membership, Youth Education contests, Patriot Grave Marking projects, and information on SAR activities. L to R: Don Miller, Steve Conrad, Bob Hill of the Hocking Valley Chapter; and Max Demp, Kevin Driesbach of the Camp Charlotte Chapter.





On July 4th, Cincinnati compatriot George Stewart and State Color Guard Commander Bob Hill provided a color guard and musket salute for a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony hosted by the Hopewell Chapter DAR at Brookside Cemetery in West Chester, Ohio. This was the first Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony to be hosted by this new chapter in the Ohio DAR. The ladies were very appreciative of the assistance from the SAR, as were several descendants of Patriot John Beckett who were in attendance.

## **Oklahoma**



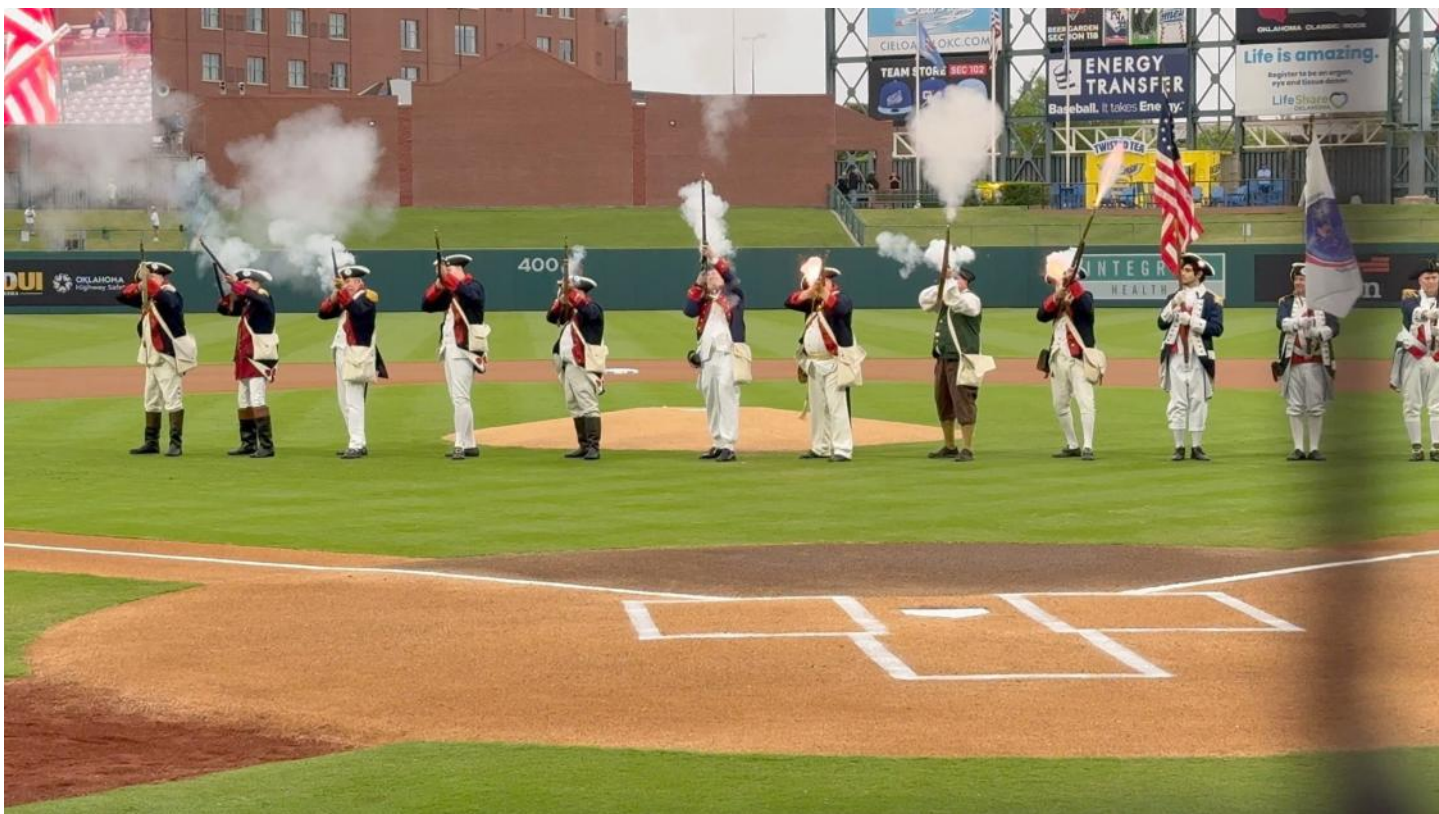
### Members of the Canadian Valley Chapter Attend the 119th Annual Oklahoma Society Conference

Saturday, April 12, 2025, several members of the Canadian Valley Chapter proudly represented our community at the 119th Annual Conference of the Oklahoma Society, Sons of the American Revolution. It was a time of camaraderie, inspiration, and renewed commitment to honoring our patriot ancestors and preserving our nation's founding principles.

We're grateful for the opportunity to connect with fellow members from across the state and to continue advancing the mission of SAR here in Canadian Valley and beyond!

From Left to Right are Chapter Chaplain Jim Williams, Chapter President Eric Koonce and Chapter Color Guard Commander Mike Williams.





April 18, 2025, under the lights of downtown OKC at the Comets baseball game, the Oklahoma Society Color Guard proudly presented the colors and fired a musket volley to the cheers of a fantastic crowd!

In honor of the 250th anniversary of Paul Revere's legendary ride, this event marked a powerful tribute to the moment that ultimately signaled the start of the American War for Independence.

The Canadian Valley Chapter was thrilled to participate in this meaningful occasion, joining fellow compatriots in sharing a moment of living history with the community. Huge thanks to the Comets and all who came out to support and celebrate with us — it was a night to remember.

In the Presentation Line from Left to Right are Commander Steve Miller, OKC Chapter President Mark Reichardt, Society Color Guard Commander Joseph Sieber, Canadian Valley Chapter President Eric Koonce, Chapter Color Guard Commander Mike Williams, Colorguardsman Cory Grubb, Past Chapter President Craig Crow, Senior Colorguardsman Tom Thompson, Chapter Senior Color Sergeant Terry McClain, Colorguardsman Rafael Wall, Society President-Elect Henry Baer III, Colorguardsman Noel Grubb, First Musician 1LT Abraham England, Colorguardsman Drummer David Koonce and Senior Colorguardsman Owen Broyles,



On April 1, 2025, the Canadian Valley chapter color guard had the honor of presenting the colors for the 74th National Day of Prayer breakfast in El Reno. It was a powerful time of unity and reflection as community members came together in prayer for our city, our state, and our nation.

A special thank you to Mayor Jensen, Sheriff West, Ellen Jensen, and Karen Nance for their leadership and heartfelt participation. We are grateful to have stood alongside so

many faithful individuals, including our first responders and other honored guests, in a moment of shared hope.





On May 2, 2025, Members of the Canadian Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution had the privilege of attending the Naturalization Ceremony at the Western Oklahoma District Courthouse.

Dressed in uniform, we were honored to be among the very first to welcome several new American citizens and their families as they took their oath of allegiance.

Pictured: Chapter Color Guard Commander Mike Williams and Society Color Guard Commander Joseph Sieber.



On May 25, 2025, members of the Canadian Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, were honored to join with the Fort Reno Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, for a memorial service at the historic Fort Reno cemetery.

Together, we paid tribute to the veterans laid to rest there—men and women whose service and sacrifice echo through the generations. It was a meaningful ceremony, and we were proud to stand alongside our DAR sisters in remembrance and gratitude.

Color Guardsmen in the Photo are Senior Color Guardsman David Winfrey, Chapter President Eric Koonce and Chapter Chaplain Tom Rupert.



Members of the Canadian Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, gathered to honor the life and service of Ed Williams with a formal Compatriot Grave Marking Ceremony.

Held at Bethany Cemetery, the ceremony paid tribute to Williams' legacy as both a patriot descendant and a veteran who upheld the values of duty and service.

SAR members conducted a dignified program that included a prayer, presentation of the colors, musket salute, and remarks on the significance of honoring those who came before us.

The event was attended by family members, community guests, and several chapter officers and it marks the Canadian Valley Chapter's first grave marking and reflects the group's commitment to fulfilling one of the core missions of the SAR—honoring the memory of Revolutionary War patriots and their descendants.

Plans are underway for future grave markings in the coming months as the chapter continues to grow its outreach and preservation efforts.





The Canadian Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) proudly recognized the City of Yukon Police Department for its commitment to patriotism with the presentation of a National Flag Certificate on May 13.

Chapter President Eric Koonce presented the award to Police Chief John Corn and department members during a special ceremony held at the Yukon Police Department. The certificate honors individuals and organizations that properly and proudly display the American flag in accordance with the U.S. Flag Code.

"This was a wonderful opportunity to recognize the men and women of Yukon's police force, not only for their dedication to public safety but also for their visible support of our nation's values," said Koonce.

"Meeting these officers and thanking them face-to-face for their service was a true privilege."

Following the presentation, members of the SAR Honor Guard offered a special living history demonstration. Dressed in authentic Revolutionary War-era attire, the guardsmen fired their 18th-century flintlock muskets before inviting the attending officers to participate. With guidance from the Honor Guard, several officers had the chance to load and fire powder-only charges using historically accurate procedures. "We had a great time sharing our love of history with the department," Koonce added. "It's always meaningful to engage with those who serve our community—and to give them a taste of the past in such a memorable way."

Pictured in the Firing Line from Left to Right is OKC Chapter Chaplain (COL) Tom Rupert, Canadian Valley Chapter President Eric Koonce, Canadian Valley Chapter Chaplain (COL) Jim Williams, OKC Chapter Color Guard Commander CPT Terry McClain, Canadian Valley Chapter Color Guard Commander CPT Mike Williams, OKC Chapter Color Guard Senior Color Sergeant Sean Drake, Society Color Guard Commander Joseph Sieber, OKC Chapter President Mark Reichardt and Firing Team Commander, Past Chapter President

The Canadian Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution was proud to stand alongside our brothers from the Sons of the American Revolution Oklahoma City Chapter in support of the incredible work being done at the Bethel Foundation in Oklahoma City.

We had the honor of giving a Revolutionary War history presentation to a wonderful group of children, ages 6 to 11, where we discussed the fight for independence, colonial life, and early American history. It was a joy to see their curiosity and excitement as they learned about the founding of our nation!

Thank you to the Bethel Foundation for the opportunity to connect, educate, and serve our community

The Color Guard in attendance were Canadian Valley Chapter Color Guard Commander Mike Williams, OKC Honor Guard Commander Steve Miller, Senior Color Guardsman David Winfrey, OKC Chapter Chaplain Tom Rupert and Society Color Guard Commander Joseph Sieber







Canadian Valley Chapter President Eric Koonce and State Color Guard Commander Joseph Sieber had the incredible privilege of attending the Naturalization Ceremony at the United States District Court – Western District of Oklahoma, on May 30, 2025, where 50 new citizens from 20 different countries took their oath of allegiance and officially became United States citizens.

It was a moving and patriotic moment to stand alongside these men and women as they took this life-changing step. We were honored to represent the Sons of the American Revolution and to join with our sisters from the Daughters of the American Revolution. We proudly welcomed each new citizen and look forward to the contributions they will bring to our great nation.

This special event included the presentation of Quilts of Valor Foundation, Flag Certificates, a Mayoral Proclamation from the City of Bethany, and Southern Nazarene University Veterans Affairs.

We are deeply honored to stand in recognition of our nation's soldiers—past and present—and to share this patriotic moment with our Daughters of the American Revolution National Headquarters and National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution family. Thank you to all who contributed to making today a remarkable celebration of American service and sacrifice.

The Color Guardsmen in attendance were Canadian Valley Chapter Chaplain Jim Williams, Color Guard Commander Mike Williams, OKC Chapter Chaplain Tom Rupert, Senior Color Guardsman David Winfrey, Canadian Valley Chapter President Eric Koonce and Society Color Guard Commander Joseph Sieber



Happy Independence Day & Happy 249th Birthday to the United States of America!

The Canadian Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, was proud to celebrate our nation's founding alongside our friends and fellow patriots from the Sons of the American Revolution Oklahoma City Chapter, Oklahoma NSSAR Ladies Auxiliary Oklahoma Prairies Chapter, NSDAR, and the Oklahoma City, The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution.

Together, we marched in the City of Bethany Boom Day Parade down the historic Route 66, honoring the legacy of liberty and those who fought to secure it

May we always remember the sacrifices made for our freedom — and continue to preserve the spirit of 1776 for generations to come.



The Oklahoma City and Canadian Valley Chapters of the Oklahoma Society were invited to participate in the May 25th, 2025, Fort San Carlos Patriot Grave Marking and Festival. The Battle of San Carlos was the only Revolutionary War Battle fought west of the Mississippi River. It was an American Victory when the Local Militia were able to stop the British forces and cause the British to retreat. The Patriot grave marking took place at Saint (Ste.) Genevieve, Missouri where the Fort San Carlos Patriots are buried. This event was hosted by the NSSAR South Central District (SCD), the Missouri SAR Society and the Ste, Genevieve SAR Chapter. The event was a success.



Left to Right, Front row Participants are: Event Photographer Mike McClain, OKC Chapter Color Guard Commander Terry McClain, Canadian Valley Chapter Color Guard Commander Mike Williams, OKC Chapter President Mark Reichardt and Canadian Valley Chaplain Jim Williams.



Members of the Tulsa Chapter SAR, eight area chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Oklahoma State Society Children of the American Revolution celebrated the national July 4th Let Freedom Ring ceremony on the campus of the University of Tulsa. David Marshall of the City of Tulsa Pipes and Drums opened the ceremony with patriotic pipe music. Tulsa Chapter SAR Color Guardsmen Ron Shoaf, Phil Hunt, Steve King and Clint Anderson presented the colors. Tulsa Chapter DAR member Kelley Friedberg sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "My Country Tis of Thee." SAR, DAR and C.A.R. members rang the Pergola Bell, one toll for each of the original 13 colonies. Tulsa Chapter SAR Chaplain Clint Anderson and

NSSAR South Central District Vice President General-elect Phil Hunt assisted in the program. The event was well attended by the public and received local newspaper and tv coverage.

left to right. Tulsa Chapter Chaplain Clint Anderson, Ron Shoaf, Ron Painter, Oklahoma DAR Honorary State Regent Dr. Orriene First Denslow, Loyd Means, Steve King, and NSSAR South Central District Vice President General-elect President Phil Hunt.

The Bartlesville Chapter of the SAR presented a Monument to the Washington County Cemetery recognizing the American Service Members who were Killed In Action (KIA) while in the military service of the United States. These service members have not had their bodies returned to Washington County and have no other military marker recognizing them. This project collecting all the names covered a Century of America's Wars.



In the Photo are SAR Compatriots who were involved in honoring the Families of the Fallen named on this memorial and what it stands for. The City of Bartlesville and it's Citizens were also involved, including the Mayor and the Clergy

Left to Right: Earl Agee, Dennis Logan, Project Leader Joe Todd, Tom Birkett, Bartlesville Chapter President Steve Domann and Tom Windle.





On Monday, May 26th, the Oregon Society SAR (ORSSAR) Color Guard proudly participated in the annual Memorial Day Program Beaverton Veterans Memorial Park in Beaverton, Oregon. With great reverence, the Color Guard presented a musket volley salute, paying tribute to the brave men and women who have served our nation.

This year's program featured a breathtaking F-15 flyover by the Oregon Air National Guard's 142nd Wing (Redhawks), a stirring reminder of the strength and dedication of our armed forces. Major Troy Bagnall of the U.S. Army National Guard delivered an inspiring keynote address, reflecting on the significance of sacrifice and service. Distinguished guest speakers included U.S. Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici, Washington County Sheriff Caprice Massey, and Beaverton Mayor Lacey Beaty, each offering heartfelt words in honor of those who have given their all for our country.



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This marks the third consecutive year that ORSSAR has had the privilege of providing a musket volley for this meaningful event, organized by American Legion Post #124 of Beaverton. It is a solemn duty and a cherished tradition, ensuring that the legacies of our fallen heroes live on in the hearts and minds of the community.

Participants included: Oregon State Society President Dr. Russell Erickson, David Witter, Matt Rosenberg, Mike Lebsock, Bill Young, Fred Heiserman, Garry Carpenter, Larry Heckethorne, and Mike Fitzpatrick, West Fitzpatrick, and Paul Winter. The Oregon Society Color Guard was led by Oregon State Color Guard Commander Joel Simmons. Photo Credits (all): Sydney Rosenberg

On April 14, 2025, members of the Oregon State Society, Sons of the American Revolution (ORSSAR) Color Guard had the distinct honor of presenting the colors during that day's session of the Oregon State Senate in Salem, Oregon. This prestigious event was sponsored by Senator Anthony Broadman, representing District 27 (Bend), who invited ORSSAR to provide the ceremonial presentation of flags in the Senate Chamber.

Before stepping onto the Senate floor, ORSSAR President Russ Erickson, along with members of the Color Guard and some of their spouses, were warmly received by Senator Dick Anderson of District 5 (Lincoln City) in his office at the state capital. This meeting underscored the recognition and respect for the ORSSAR and the important historical traditions they represent.



The presentation of the colors was a solemn and dignified ceremony held at the beginning of the session. Accompanying this moment, an invocation was delivered by Oregon State SAR chaplain Robert Singer, adding a sense of reverence and purpose to the proceedings. In a heartfelt gesture, Senator Anderson addressed the Senate, making a statement that commemorated the upcoming 250th anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, which would occur on April 19, 2025. He also took the opportunity to describe the mission and contributions of the Sons of the American Revolution, highlighting their dedication to preserving the legacy of the Revolutionary War and educating future generations about the nation's founding.

The day's event was made possible through the participation and dedication of numerous ORSSAR members. Alongside President Russ Erickson and chaplain Robert Singer, the ORSSAR Color Guard included compatriots David Devin, Terry Witter, Mark Phillips, Matt Rosenberg, Mark Stevens, David Witter, George Lanning, and Color Guard Commander Joel Simmons. Their presence exemplified the values of patriotism, honor, and historical remembrance that the Sons of the American Revolution uphold.

This meaningful occasion not only honored the sacrifices made by those who fought in the Revolutionary War but also reinforced the enduring connection between the present and the pivotal moments in American history. The ORSSAR's involvement in this event served as a powerful reminder of the importance of preserving and celebrating the nation's heritage.





# Pennsylvania



Each year in April, Pennsylvania Freemasons honor Ben Franklin's with a program at Christ Church and a procession led by the Philadelphia Continental Chapter (PCC) Color Guard to the church yard several blocks away where Franklin is buried. Left to right are PCC guardsmen Rich Lind, Mark Thomas, Steve Kopsick, Glenn Tyson and Arlo Duff.

The Radnor parade is one of two Memorial Day parades that the PCC marches in. From the left is Mike Carver, Steve Kopsick, Ed Kopsick, from Continental Congress Chapter, Rich Lind and Fred Fonseca.



Philadelphia Continental Chapter Color Guard presented colors for the Annual French Alliance Day celebration at Washington Chapel in Valley Forge. Pictured at the statue of General Greene is Fred Fonseca on the left with Mike Carver, Rich Lind, Spencer Snyder, Glenn Tyson, Gene Hough, Steve Kopsick and Chris Snyder.



The Phila. Continental Chapter Color Guard represented Pennsylvania at the Battle of Monmouth National Color Guard event. Behind his excellency (Sam Davis of the New Jersey Society SAR) is Fred Fonseca (with the CIC flag), Shane Moyer, Spencer Snyder and Chris Snyder.







TN General Assembly Patriots Day

250th Anniversary "The Shot Heard 'Round the World" (Chattanooga) Tennessee Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard members in various period attire form prior to presenting and posting the colors as part of the opening ceremony of the Observation of the 250th Anniversary of the Shot Heard Round the World on Saturday, 19 April 2025 at Audubon Acres, Chattanooga.



Lexington and Concord Celebrated (Memphis). Compatriots of the Isaac Shelby Chapter observe 19 April (left to right) PZ Horton, Kevin McDonald (MSSAR), Rick Treharne, Bradford Waters, Larry Newsom (James Madison Chapter), and Hubert Jordan.







Above: TNSSAR CG Compatriots (left to right) Wes Wood, Rick Longton, Steve Gaines, John Clark, Dennis Harris, Glen Baggett, Steve Mackorell, John Bratcher at the KYSSAR annual PGMC.



Right: Compatriot Mark Young Stones River Chapter with the National Color Guard at the 250th Lexington and Concord MA.



Compatriot Tim Dake (right), Stephen Holston Chapter with a friend, Larry Gamble, president of the Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter from Sumter, SC. at the 250th Lexington and Concord MA



We ended April on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> with a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony honoring Patriot Nathan Lewis P-236086 in Bluff City, TN.





Lafayette Tour at the Hermitage with Southern District VPG David Billings



Historical Marking Dedication Columbia. Compatriot Mark Young on the left, the Pomeroy Historical Marker, Mrs. Jackie Young and Compatriot Harlan Dabney TNSSAR President-Elect. The Col. Hugh Brown Chapter hosted the event and coordinated for the marker. Special Note....Congratulations to Jackie on her being awarded the Molly Pitcher.



Saturday, 17 MAY saw our members split between events in Murfreesboro's Lytle Cemetery honoring the namesake Patriot and a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony in Maryville, TN honoring five patriots at rest in the New Providence Church cemetery

The end of May saw our chapter color guards in numerous Memorial Day related events: Flag Placement at Stones River National Cemetery, Support to the DAR for the Captain William Lytle Wreath Laying Ceremony, Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony honoring Patriot Nimrod Williams, the Chattanooga Area Veterans Council Memorial Day Massing of Colors Chattanooga National Cemetery and concluded with a special veteran focused ceremony in Cleveland honoring WWII Veteran Floyd Patterson







TNSSAR Color guardsman Rob Richmond (left), with PG Darryl Addington, Bob Waugh (to the right of the PG) and Alan Bell (far right) at the annual Anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill hosted by the NCSSAR on 14 JUN 25.



We concluded events for June with our State Quarterly Conference and a Patriot Grave on Saturday, 21 JUNE and then another Patriot marking on Saturday, 28 JUNE. The ceremony that followed our 21 JUNE meeting was in honor of Patriot Capt. John Carter Stark in Hendersonville, TN. Southern District VPG David Billings joined us for the day. The Col. Hugh Brown chapter hosted a 28 JUNE ceremony honoring Patriot Isaac Horton.



On Saturday, June 14, 2025, at 9:00am, the City of Shenandoah and Freedom Chapter of the Texas Sons of the American Revolution, participated in Flag Day and the 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the U.S. Army. The event took place at Veterans Point Vision Park, Shenandoah, Texas and was participated with over 50 individuals, who came to hear about the meaning of the date.

Mayor John Escoto was the Emcee of this event, and also a proud U.S. Army Veteran. The event was opened with an invocation by Frank Robertson, followed by our National Anthem. The combined choral group of The Woodlands High School and The Woodlands College Park High School performed the anthem, under the direction of Patrick Newcomb.

Matthew Hoffman of the Freedom Chapter presented the meaning of Flag Day and what our flag represents. Retired Brigadier General John Hafley gave a presentation on the history of the U.S. Army and the celebration of its 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Following the speech, the U.S. Army song "The Army Goes Rolling Along" was played, with a musket salute performed by the Freedom Chapter Color Guard members: Ed Sellards, Art Byram, Charles Lano, Stephen McIntyre, Mel Oller, and Matthew Hoffman.

The event was organized by a collaboration of the City of Shenandoah, along with the SAR Freedom Chapter. In attendance were representatives from the Daughters of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). The Freedom Chapter would like to personally thank Mayor Escoto, General Hafley, Mr. Newcomb, and special thanks to Kathie Reyer and John Mayner from the City of Shenandoah, for their tireless efforts in helping to organize the event.



The Freedom Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution presented the colors for the annual Daughters of the American Revolution - Houston Area Regents Council Flag Day Luncheon. The luncheon was held at The Junior League of Houston.

About 15 DAR chapters were represented on Flag Day for this wonderful occasion. When the United States Flag was first recognized by Congress in 1777, it did not have the familiar thirteen stripes and fifty stars that it does today. Since the United States' independence, the national flag has been revised twenty-seven different times. The evolution of the United States Flag is therefore not only history of an American symbol but the history of this country's land and people.



We are always willing to assist the Daughters, whenever possible. This luncheon was well represented by many DAR members. They had a wonderful program for this event. Their guest speaker was Shellye Arnold, President Emeritus Memorial Park Conservancy. A great time was had by all.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation establishing June 14<sup>th</sup> as Flag Day. President Harry S. Truman later signed an Act of Congress in 1949, officially designating June 14<sup>th</sup> as National Flag Day!



Every June, in Commemoration of Audie Murphy's birthday and Homecoming Ceremony in June of 1945, Farmersville remembers and honors Audie Murphy and all veterans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Audie Leon Murphy, the most decorated combat soldier of World War II.

During this special weekend, Farmersville rolls out the red carpet to welcome veterans from across the nation; U.S. Army Fort Hood's Audie Murphy Club and other military delegations; special dignitaries and all of our local families celebrate our freedom, learn of our history and recognize our veterans.

Two members of the Alexander Hodge SAR Chapter #49, Carl V Hill Jr, and Steven Barber joined with members of the Bernardo de Galvez SAR Chapter #1 to present the Colors at the 130th anniversary celebration of the George Washington Chapter of the DAR on June 14, 2025.

The George Washington DAR Chapter in Galveston is the oldest DAR Chapter in Texas. It was organized on June 17, 1895.

The ceremony was held at the Artillery Club in Galveston. The Galveston Artillery Club is the oldest private club West of the Mississippi River.







SMJC Chapter sponsored the dedication of a new VDOT Sign commemorating the May 31, 1781 crossing of the Potomac by BGen Anthony Wayne's Pennsylvania Continental Army. Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia SAR are working with their respective Departments of Transportation (DOT) to mark camp sites as the army marched from garrison in York, PA to meet LtGen Lafayette near Charlottesville. The joining of Wayne's Army with Lafayette's army resulted in British General Cornwallis moving his troops to Yorktown where the American Army boxed him in. After the French Navy defeated the British Navy at the Battle of the Capes in September 1781, all possible avenues of escape were closed. After a relentless siege, the British surrendered on October 19, 1781.

Representatives of PA, MD and VA SAR participated in the dedication and commemoration. VASSAR Secretary Ken Dioquino brought greetings on behalf of VASSAR. Four chapters of VA DAR participated: Elizabeth McIntosh Hammill, Ketocin, Lanes Mill and Mary Hemings Bell. A combined SAR Color Guard advanced and presented colors while a combined SAR Honor Guard presented arms as colors were presented.

A firelock squad had ten firelocks firing a 3-shot salute. L-R: Mark Sink-Commander, Allen Phillips, Ken Bonner, Chip Daniel, David Welker, Kelly Ford, Sean Carrigan, Jim Cordes, Bill Tugman, Paul Christensen, and Dale Corey. VA SAR Chapters participating were: SMJC, Col. James Wood II, Fairfax Resolves, Col. Fielding Lewis, George Mason. John Laycock leads the tri-state SAR team placing markers at camp sites of

France celebrates Bastille Day on July 14. It is the French equivalent of our July 4th, and it commemorates the storming of the Bastille Prison in 1789.

The French Senior National Liaison Representative assigned to the NATO Headquarters in Norfolk, Virginia, requested that the second annual Franco-American SAR award ceremony be held during their Bastille Day celebration at the Chrysler Museum of Fine Arts in Norfolk. Last year's award ceremony was held at the NATO HQ, so the French request to shift the venue this year was especially noteworthy. More than two hundred international guests attended the soiree.

The awards were presented to members of the active-duty French military serving in the Tidewater region who participated in the Franco-American Heritage Combined Color Guard during calendar year 2024. These included the Annual International Parade in Norfolk, the March to the Tomb at Mount Vernon, the Battle of the Capes commemoration, and the Yorktown Victory Day parade. Six French members of the color guard received the State Society Medal in recognition of their service. The smiles on the recipients' faces said it all – this recognition was very well-received and deeply appreciated.



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Presenting the awards was VASSAR Vice President Randy Atkins. He was assisted by John Lynch, the Regional Color Guard Commander, and Chris Melhuish acted as the Master of Ceremonies. Admiral Pierre Vandier, the four-star Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, and Colonel Nicolas Durand, French Senior National Liaison Officer, also attended the ceremony (see photograph).

The Franco-American Heritage Combined Color Guard was conceived in the Summer of 2021; paused due to COVID that year; and its first event took place in September 2022 at the Battle of the Capes commemoration in Virginia Beach. The Color Guard always carries the modern US and French national flags and usually includes the US 13-star Hopkinson flag and the French Royal flag – symbolically representing the enduring ties between our nations since 1778. The French military, since 2022, has acquired two reproduction period French Army uniforms, with additional uniform purchases planned.

Next year promises to keep the Franco-American Heritage Combined Color Guard busy, and there is no shortage of French volunteers who want to participate!

*Vive l'alliance, et vive notre amitié, puisse-t-elle durer pour toujours. (Long live the Alliance, and long live our friendship, may it last forever.)*



## Washington

On March 22, 2025 members of WASSAR Color Guard assembled for the 2025 Massing of the Colors, Washington State Patriotic Day. Four Chapters were represented; Alexander Hamilton, George Rogers Clark, George Washington, and Seattle, along with the State Fife and Drum. This year, the WASSAR Color Guard and Fife & Drum won 1<sup>st</sup> place prize for number of members in the adult organization category, for a prize of \$500. This was split amongst the participating chapters. Participants –Front Row (L-R) Jan Lemmer, Viren Lemmer, Michael Bendickson, Charley Frisk, Timothy Smith, Back Row: Eric Olsen, Stan Granberg, Art Dolan, Neil Vernon, Michael Moore, Bill Bentler, Jerry Bordelon, Acki Muller, Rod Jenny, Johnmark Jenny, Marshall Anderson







On April 25, 2025, as part of the State Conference community engagement, members of the WASSAR Board of Directors toured the USO office at SeaTac Airport. The SeaTac USO office serves our military as they receive orders for Guam, Japan, and Korea and provides a place to rest during their travels. Within the SeaTac USO, there are several historical items to capture ones attention. The walls are covered with tiles of honor, from purple heart recipients to USO donors. The Washington State SAR was honored to place a tile on the wall of honor for our support of Past, Present, and Future Veterans. Come visit the USO office during the next Honor Flight!

On April 26<sup>th</sup> during the WASSAR Conference a change of Command Ceremony took place. The event was well attended by members of the WASSAR Color Guard, WASSAR members, DAR and SAR Auxiliary members. The 1<sup>st</sup> Color Guardsman in the state as well as past commanders Bob O'Neil & Art Dolan, and the current Deputy Commander, Dick Motz were there and participated when command passed from Neil Vernon to Eric Olsen. All Color Guard members in attendance did an excellent job representing the SAR Color Guard.



On May 2, 2025 WASSAR Color Guard members from the Alexander Hamilton, George Rogers Clark and Fort Vancouver Chapters were joined by members of the WASSAR Fife and drum Corps to post colors at the annual WASSAR State conference in SeaTac Washington.

L-to R- Charlie Frisk, Neil Vernon, Ralph Liening, Larry Heckethorne, Tom Barnham, Eric Olsen, John Herr, Michael Moore, Terry Barker, Melonie Liening



On May 28, 2025 members of the Alexander Hamilton Color Guard supported by members of the George Rogers Clark Chapter gathered at mt Tahoma National Cemetery to pay respects to SAR Compatriot Frank Pearce of the Alexander Hamilton chapter who passed way earlier in the year.

L- to R- Edwin Dierdorff, Dick Moody, Tom Barham, Michael Moore, Jerry Bordelon, Eric Olsen, Lawrence Bowman



On Memorial Day members of the Alexandar Hamilton Chapter Cg were joined by the WASSAR CG Commander Eric Olsen for a Memorial Day Service at Fir Lane Memorial Park in Spanaway, WA.

L-to R- Michael Moore, Eric Olsen (kneeling) John Herr, Ralph Liening, Jerry Bordelon



On May 31, 2025 members of the WASSAR Color Guard, Non SAR Fife and Drum Corps joined forces with the WSSDAR Eliza Meeker chapter at the historic Meeker Mansion in Puyallup WA for a unveiling of a America 250<sup>th</sup> Plaque honoring America's Revolutionary War Patriots. Ezra Meeker who built the Meeker Mansion was the great-grandson of John Meeker who was 1 of the 14 "Fighting Meekers" who fought in the American



We had a great turnout today for the annual Memorial Day "Service of Remembrance" at Maple Leaf Cemetery in Oak Harbor. We were joined by color guard members from the Seattle Chapter, the Alexander Hamilton chapter, and the Washington State Society Sons of the American Revolution Fife and Drum Corps led by our WASSAR State President and NSSAR Drum Major, Viren Lemmer.

This is the sixth year we have been honored to participate in this event, including 2020, with Covid restrictions in place, when we videoed the events and it was spliced together to make a virtual presentation.





The Mid-Columbia Chapter participated on May 26th, along with the DAR, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Kennewick Air Force JROTC Rifle Drill Team and other groups in Laying Wreaths to honor Memorial Day and The National Moment of Remembrance to honor our veterans who failed to come home. Richard Roddy, Randal Roach, Kelly Schultz, Larry Flint, as well as Karen Schultz and Jan Huges.

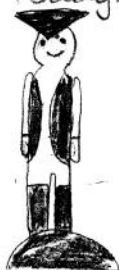


On April 1, members of the WASSAR Color Guard from the Seattle, Alexander Hamilton and George Rogers Clark Chapters gathered together for a Memorial Service at Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Washington. On this day we honored the father and grandfather of WASSAR Chaplin Edwin Dierdorff. Participants Neil Vernon, Michael Moore, Eric Olsen, Stan Granberg, Lawrence Bowman, and John Herr.

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April 2, 2025

Dear S.A.R., Thank you for coming today. Also thank you for letting me and my friend stay longer. Thank you for helping me and my class learn more about history, and giving us stars and little dolls of you guys. Thank you for letting us touch the old things you guys had. I had fun learning about how its Dad, then Mom, then the oldest child, and if they had left overs then the next child get some. Also of how many play there were theres like 30. My fav thing was the hair brush because thats the only thing I would use today.



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On April 2, we presented to 25 students at Whittier Elementary in Everett. We presented the "History of the American Flag", "A Day in a Life", and "An Overview of the Battle of Lexington". The students were engaged and appreciated the presentation. SAR members that participated were Neil Vernon (SE), Bill Bentler (GW), Grant Rauzi (SE), and Richard Seeder (SE) (Color Guard debut).





On April 19, 2025 at the Lake View Cemetery in Seattle, the Seattle Chapter hosted a Grave marking ceremony to honor the First Washington State SAR President, Simon Winfield Scott. A memorial bench was placed at the gravesite in collaboration with the Cemetery. Seven other WASSAR presidents, also buried at Lake View are identified on the Bench.

The Color Guard along with the Fife and Drum presented the colors. Compatriot Granberg (SE) conducted the ceremony which was followed by a Wreath Laying ceremony that included NSSAR Librarian General, Keith Wiessinger, Washington State Color Guard, SAR and DAR chapters. More than 40 participated in the ceremony.



On May 15, we presented to five 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes comprising of 143 students at Eagle Creek Elementary in Arlington, WA. We presented the "History of the American Flag". SAR members that participated were (L-R) Lee Schuirman (GW), John Kraft (GW), Bill Bentler (GW), Neil Vernon (SE), Stephen Clayton (SE – not pictured).





Doug Webb

Neil Vernon & Danika Bendickson

On April 19, 2025, the Seattle SAR Chapter and the DAR Rainier Chapter jointly held an Open House at the DAR Chapter house in Seattle to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord. We were honored to have several speakers. First we had compatriot Doug Webb (SE) who spoke on the battle of Lexington and his ancestors response to the events, meeting the retreating British at Memotony, MA (Now Arlington) and what took place there. Second, we were honored to have the Washington State C.A.R. President, Danika Bendickson to deliver a program on the Children of the Revolution and present her annual program of "Operation Battle Buddy" which is focused on active duty and first responders. Following we had compatriot Kent Troy (AH), who over zoom from North Carolina, presented more detail facts of the Battle of Lexington and Concord. Our last speaker was DAR Jane Ritchey, who spoke on the Women of the Revolution.



Along with the programs we had several organizations with displaying and recruiting tables. This included SAR, DAR, C.A.R., Military Order World Wars, Blue Angel Squadron JROTC, VFW, the Evergreen State Chapter of the 82nd Airbourne, and the American Legion.

More that 60 guests attended this event, to witness and remember the 250<sup>th</sup> commemoration.



On July 4<sup>th</sup> members of the Alexander Hamilton chapter, the WASSAR Fife and Drum Corp led by Viren Lemmer, the Mary Ball Chapter DAR and members of the CAR gathered in Steilacoom, WA for their annual 4<sup>th</sup> of

July Parade. They were joined by the new WASSAR state Color Guard Commander Eric Olsen from the George Rogers Clark Chapter. The crowds were in a great mood with many standing as we passed by and joyfully giving the combined group a round of applause.





On June 21<sup>st</sup> chapter President Dick Moody and VP Eric Olsen braved the weather and were in Tenino, WA for their Family Fun Day event. Tenino had their museum, old school house, caboose open along with their rock quarry swimming hole. On hand was a bouncy house and food vendors along with a WWII group. While the weather may have kept the large crowds away enough people attended that it kept both of them busy most of the time talking to parents and youth alike about the American Revolution, America's 250th Birthday and the various youth contests that the SAR has and supports.



Earlier today our current chapter President Dick Moody, immediate past President Lew Maudsley and our current VP and WASSAR Color Guard Commander Eric Olsen gathered at the Olympia Golf and Country Club to join ranks with the Patriot Guard and local VFW to honor Michael O Halliday E-6 1st Class (USCG Ret). After the service all quietly retreated to leave his friends and family to remember him.

On July 4<sup>th</sup> George Washington Chapter members Brian Bayley, Rod Jenny, Bill Bentler, John Kraft, Marshall Anderson participated in the Anacortes, WA parade.





The Mid-Columbia Chapter participated in the Prosser Scottish Fest and Highland Games on June 21. We are accepted as a "Clan," with our SAR information booth and participate in the opening Ceremonies. We also took a few minutes out of the day for our chapter meeting. Two of us are directly related to King Malcom III of Scotland, considered the Founding Father of modern Scotland who started the Scottish Games in order to find the best men (strongest) to serve as soldiers and royal messengers.



The Mid-Columbia Chapter marched or rode in two trucks in the Pasco, Independence Day Parade with both the Columbia River and Kennewick DAR Chapters. The route was packed throughout, and we were awarded the winner of the "Civic Division", with Richard and Jan posing with the ribbon. Lots of positive interaction with the crowd along the parade route. We displayed all three flags, as seen in the picture. We were #64 out of approx. (100) entries.



On July 4th Spokane #1, with the DAR chapters, Jonas Babcock, Esther Reed, May Hutton, and Chief Garry welcomed 87 new citizens from 35 countries to the USA.





On Friday evening, March 28, 2025, the members of Mary Warrell Knight Chapter, WSDAR, and Morgan-Kosciuszko Chapter, WISSAR, held an event at the American Legion, Post 449, Brookfield, WI, to welcome home Vietnam Veterans and present them with a special pin from the Department of Defense. It was an honor to recognize the bravery, service, and sacrifice of Vietnam Veterans and to celebrate all who have served our nation.



On April 14, 2025, The WISSAR Color Guard presented the Colors at the Two Lights for Tomorrow ceremony held at the Wisconsin State Capitol Rotunda. Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers made remarks at this event that honored Paul Revere's Ride warning the local militia "The Regulars are coming out", by sea across the Charles River from the prearranged signal of Two Lights in the tower of Boston's North Church.



On May 2-4, 2025 the MK-Chapter WISSAR attended the Old Falls Revolutionary War days held in Menomonee Falls, WI, sponsored by the Northwest Territory Alliance.

This was an opportunity to promote Patriotism and to educate and inspire future generations about the founding principles of our country.

Books, Maps, Flags, Firearms, Ammunition, Drums & Fifes were available for a hands on learning experience.



On June 9, 2025 the Wisconsin Color Guard presented the Colors at the opening of the American Battlefield Trust's American Revolution Traveling Exhibition in West Bend, WI. This is the exhibit's only stop in Wisconsin. It was hosted by the West Bend Community Library and the Joseph Marest Chapter of the DAR.





On Memorial Day, May 26, 2025, the Wisconsin Color Guard took part in a Memorial Day Ceremony at Oak Hill Cemetery in Brookfield, WI.

The first picture shows the Color Guard performing a Solemn Salute at the gravesite of Private Nathan Hatch, a Revolutionary War Veteran who moved to Wisconsin with his sons when he was 85 years old.



On April 26, 2025, the Wisconsin Society of The Sons of the American Revolution held its Annual Meeting at the Hotel Retlaw in Fond du Lac, WI

Isaiah Atlee (age 10) being presented his SAR membership certificate by Bob Haglund and Bill Austin. The presentation was attended by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. James Atlee.





On June 24, 2025, Don Skarda, WISSAR President, was installed as the Worthy Patron at the West Allis Masonic Lodge during the installation of new officers in the Order of Eastern Star Chapter #172 for the year 2025-2026.. The WISSAR Color Guard was present to present and retire the Colors. This was an opportunity for collaboration between the organizations and to raise the public awareness of the Son's of the American Revolution.



The WISSAR Color Guard marched in the Wauwatosa, WI Independence Day Parade on July 4th, 2025. This parade has been held for over 90 years and gives the Sons of the American Revolution the opportunity to be visible to a crowd of over 25,000 people.

L to R: Don Skarda, Bob Haglund, Matt Sonnenburg, Bill Austin, James Greer, Ben Meador, Bob Plastine, James Atlee, Isaiah Atlee





The Wisconsin Color Guard took part in the annual celebration of Flag Day by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge #400, Waukesha, WI on June 12, 2025. The Elks were the first National Organization to officially celebrate Flag Day in 1907.

Don Skarda (WISSAR President) presents the various flags as the history of each flag is read to the audience.

On June 2, 2025 the Wisconsin Color Guard Posted and Retired the Colors under guard of a Brown Bess Musket for the Day Lite Mason Lodge at the Tripoli Shrine Center in Milwaukee. State President Don Skarda offered greetings from the WISSAR.

Bob Plastine gave a presentation on Revolutionary War era flags. First was the Bedford flag, the oldest known in America, its use dating back to the 1660s. It is highly likely that it was carried into the battles on April 19, 1775. Three of the flags all depicted the Pine tree, which is iconic for flags of the New England colonies.

The Guilford, Serapis, and Bennington flags all had the colors of red, white and blue, 13 alternating stripes, and a canton of 13 stars, foreshadowing the flag we know today

The WSDAR then presented DAR Recognition Pins to 8 Mason Veterans of past wars. The pin presentation was led by Jean Laack from the Mary Warrell Knight Chapter, and is the wife of the Day Lite Mason Lodge Tiler, Marvin Laack. Lisa Davis and Karen Greer of the Annis Avery Hill Chapter of DAR assisted Jean with the presentation of the pins.



The Wisconsin Color Guard participated in the 74th Annual Flag Day Parade in Appleton, Wisconsin on June 14, 2025. This is the oldest continuous Flag Day Parade in the United States, typically drawing 50,000 spectators. This day

also was the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States Army.

Left to right carrying the WISSAR Banner is Tom Grubba and Sgt Al Haglund U.S. Army followed by Isaiah





# The Vigil at George Washington's Tomb

Saturday September 13, 2025  
8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy, Mt Vernon, VA 22121

Join the SAR Color Guard as we stand as Sentinels at George Washington's Tomb. The shifts are 15 minutes long, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

[Sign up here](#)





# Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Ceremony



The Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter  
Kentucky Society

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

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

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

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







# 2025 Blue Licks Weekend

August 15-17, 2025

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  
Sunday Morning – 5 Patriot Grave Marking

For More Information or to Register:  
<https://kyssar.org/BlueLicksMemorialWeekend>







Delaware Society Sons of the American Revolution

Lewestown Chapter's

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Black Powder Shooting Competition**



Saturday, October 18, 2025

Registration Opens 8:00 AM

Competition Starts: 10:00 AM

Location: Nanticoke Sportsman's Club

26086 Bethel-Concord Road, Seaford, Delaware 19973

**Prizes For Each Category**

**Musket Rifle/Musket Smooth Bore/Pistol**

Team Set Up Area

Food Trucks Available

Cost: \$250.00 for a team of 5 shooters, 10 Team Maximum

\$75.00 for Individual

Contact: Chuck Smolka   lewestownsar@gmail.com