

The NSSAR Veterans Corps Bugle

A Veterans Recognition Committee Newsletter

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Thank you, each and every veteran for your sacrifices to keep us free. "Once a Compatriot is awarded the Certificate of Patriotism, it is recorded in the VRC rolls in perpetuity." Remember all Veterans.



President General Alter's Veterans Day Message

Compatriots,

What does Veteran's Day mean to you? Unfortunately, for some, it is only a day off from work, a paid holiday, a day when stores and business have a Veteran's Day sale. But thankfully, for most Americans, and the SAR, it is a day of honor, respect, and thanks to our Veterans and Military. Veteran's Day, November 11th was formerly known as Armistice Day to honor the end of World War I. Legislation honoring this day passed November 11, 1938. It was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day'" Originally it only honored World War I veterans.



In 1954, the U.S. after experiencing both World War II and Korea amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting the word "Veterans." Thus, on June 1, 1954, November 11th became "Veteran's Day," a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

What does Veteran's Day mean to me? As a member of the SAR, whose members trace their blood lineage to our Patriots many of whom were our country's first Veterans; it is a day for me to honor our Patriot Ancestors. As the son of a Marine Corps and Army veteran of three wars, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam; it has always been a day for me to honor my father and the thousands of other veterans (men and women) who served or are still serving our country. Many in my family, including my brother, my uncle, and both my grandfathers were veterans. I am grateful and proud of all veterans.

What does Veteran's Day mean to you? For the many members and their spouses, sons, daughters and other family members who either are Veterans themselves, still active duty, or whose family members were veterans, it is a very special day. But you don't have to be a member of the SAR or a Veteran or have a veteran in your family to know we all owe our heartfelt thanks to all Veterans and service men and women still serving in our military. All these brave men and women, whether having served in time

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The Revolutionary War ended in 1783 and photography was invented in the 1820's and 1830's, so most of the veterans of the war didn't live long enough to have their portraits made. A handful of them did.



George Fishley
1760-1850 Battle
of Monmouth
1778, Marched
near Valley Forge
with no shoes or
stockings.



Alexander Milliner
lived to be 104. He
was a drummer in
George Washington's
Life Guard Unit. He
was a favorite of
Washington.

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of peace or war, at home or abroad, were willing to offer the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and way of life.

We owe them all a debt that can never be repaid but must never be forgotten. Each veteran or service member should be honored, remembered and thanked.

This Veteran's Day weekend will be a busy time for many of our chapters, societies, and districts. Many of our SAR members, DAR members, CAR members, and our families will be honoring our Veterans by participating in parades and other Veteran's Day events. Many will be participating in formal Color Guard Events. However, you or your chapters or states decide to honor our Veterans, don't ever forget that just as we remember them on November 11th, we should honor and respect and remember them year-round. When you see a veteran or member of our military at a restaurant, hotel, airport or on the street; thank him or her for their service. Give time and resources to organizations and groups that honor and support our veterans. It is easy to remember them on holidays such as Veteran's Day, but often difficult to remember to do so at other times of the year. Each of you must choose your way, how you honor and recognize our Veterans, but honoring them is the duty of every American.

For First Lady Nancy and I, we are fortunate enough to be home in Tucson, AZ this Veteran's Day. We will once again participate in the Tucson Veteran's Day Parade. But regardless of where you are, or what you are doing, take time to remember the sacrifice our veterans have made. Show them the respect they have earned and deserved by every citizen. Remember their families, whether it be yours or strangers throughout the year. Many of their families are left at home while their loved ones are gone serving and protecting our country.

As President General of the Sons of the American Revolution, I salute every man and woman whose sacrifices and service have kept us safe and made the United States the greatest country in the world. God Bless our Veterans (and future Veterans) and the United States.

Warren M. Alter, President General



Veterans Recognition Committee 2018

The Veterans Recognition Committee is responsible for promoting and conducting programs designed to recognize those Compatriots who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces or other military forces allied with the United States. The Committee is responsible for monitoring the requirements for presentation of the War Service Medal and Military Service Medal and for developing certificate recognition programs commemorate participation in specific armed conflicts.

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VRC Mission Statement

Provide recognition to living NSSAR Veterans by awarding the SAR Certificates of Patriotism. Ensure the work of the VRC not only has a legacy dimension, but is also visionary and administratively sound, so that the incumbent President General can expand the Veterans Corps to include service to country during periods of peace, war and/or armed conflicts.

The SAR recognized that many of its members have served or are serving in the military. The Veterans Recognition Committee is working to identify those members and issue special recognition to them during various meetings.

The Veterans Recognition Committee agreed **"Once a Compatriot is awarded the Certificate of Patriotism, it is recorded in the VRC rolls in perpetuity."**

Currently the Veterans Recognition Committee has six Veterans Corps, established by the President Generals pictured below. The six Vet Corps are: (1) World War II Veterans Corps. (2) Korean Service Veterans Corps. (3) Vietnam War Veterans Corps. (4) Southwest Asia Veterans Corps. (5) Special Ops. Veterans Corps. (6) Military Service Veterans Corps.



PG Simpson



PG Leishman



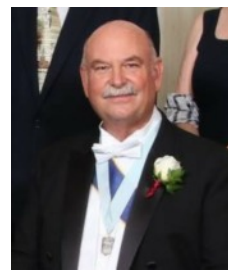
PG Dooley



PG Brock



PG Lawrence



PG Tomme

A link has been provided so you may view any of the Corps.

[World War II Veterans Corps Report](#)

[Korean Service Veterans Corps Report](#)

[Vietnam Service Veterans Corps Report](#)

[Southwest Asia Service Veterans Corps Report](#)

[Special Ops Veterans Corps Report](#)

[Military Service Veterans Corps Report](#)

We want to recognize all Veterans in the Sons of The American Revolution. Share this form with those Veterans that have not applied and help them process it through their chapter. Click on the link.

[The Veterans Recognition Form](#)



Time is of the Essence.

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, an estimated 640 WWII veterans die each day. Honor Flight Network will continue to do whatever it takes to fulfill the dreams of our veterans and help our heroes travel absolutely free.

Subsequent to the World War II veterans, Honor Flight efforts will then focus on our Korean War and then Vietnam War veterans, honoring them similarly. (Note: Some hubs are now accepting applications from Korean and Vietnam Veterans. Please contact your local hub to see if they are accepting these applications.)

Apply for an Honor Flight

Honor Flight Network recognizes American veterans for your sacrifices and achievements by flying you to Washington, D.C. to see YOUR memorial at no cost. Top priority is given to World War II and terminally ill veterans from all wars.

Honor Flight Network has expanded to include Korean War and Vietnam War veterans. In order for Honor Flight Network to achieve this goal, guardians fly with the veterans on every flight providing assistance and helping veterans have a safe, memorable and rewarding experience.

For what you and your comrades have given to us, please consider this a small token of appreciation from all of us at Honor Flight Network.

If you are a Veteran and would like to experience an Honor Flight at no cost to you, please complete the application at left.

If you know of someone who is a World War II veteran or a veteran with a terminal illness, please fill out an application and send it in on their behalf. And remember, every veteran flies free.

For further information, please contact National Honor Flight 937-521-2400 or help a Veteran apply via email at applications@honorflight.org



Certificate of Patriotism Presentation at AZSSAR BOM, Nov 17, 2018



During the Arizona Society's Board of Manager's Meeting in Oro Valley on Saturday November 17th, Compatriot David E. Thompson, Colonel, USAF (retired) was presented with the SAR Certificate of Patriotism by President General Warren Alter, for his service to Country during Operation Enduring Freedom. Colonel Thompson is now a member of the SAR Southwest Asia Veterans Corps.

After the presentation, Colonel Thompson read his written tribute to those who served in Operation Enduring Freedom and to all Veterans. The tribute paper was part of Thompson's interview by the faculty and students of Canyon Ridge School in Surprise, Arizona, as part of the 2018 Arizona Veterans Heritage Project. In his tribute, he recalled the poignant scenes of his deployment in 2001 to Operation Enduring Freedom as Commander, 405th Expeditionary Support Group.

Colonel Thompson's forces were among those who were "first in" the theater of operations in early October, 2001, in charge of building a "bare base" tent city and establishing full support to the flying missions. He reflected the additional duty of his base's support as some of the first Army combat casualties of the war were being flown back to the United States.

To meet this tasking, the base carefully assembled an Air Force Honor Guard comprised of different career specialists from across the base—young enlisted members, non-commissioned officers and company grade officers. Late in the evening, the Air Force transport aircraft arrived, and Thompson called the Honor Guard to attention and began the military honors. He met the Army escort officer, with honors, and reviewed with him the details of his base's full support to the Army escort officer's mission. The Air Force mortuary affairs specialists then proceeded with their duty of caring for the remains of the heroes, according to Thompson, "a duty performed 'by-the-book' with professionalism and care. This was a defining moment in our deployment--the best way we could convey our love to these brave soldiers and to their families. The consequences of war took on a direct meaning."

It was in the early hours of the next morning when the support work was finished and the transport aircraft was ready to resume flight. The Air Force Honor Guard again came to attention and provided military honors to the escort officer and fallen soldiers. Thompson then recalled, "after the plane had taken off and I gave the 'Order Arms' command, I performed an about face and saw that the eyes of the members of the Honor Guard were wet with tears, as were my own eyes. We were deeply touched by the experience, and needed time together to reflect and provide each other with support. We vowed never to forget those who serve, and to never forget those who pay the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation,"

Colonel Thompson reflected that 17 years later, he cannot forget that honor guard tribute by his base in Southwest Asia, the duty to Country that was shared, the fallen heroes that were honored, and the vow that was made to never forget those who serve our Nation.

If you have a story you will like to share with the VRC please send it to the [editor](#)

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In future editions, The SAR Bugle will feature presentations of the Certificate of Patriotism at the National, State, and Chapter levels, and share the stories of the Compatriots entered into the SAR Veterans Corps.

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Defense Budget News as of November 26, 2018

The Defense Department has prepared two budgets for fiscal 2020. One totals \$733 billion, based on last year's fiscal plan. The second is a \$700 billion budget, reflecting new guidance from the Trump White House about trying to hold down costs.



Place a wreath on a Veterans Grave on December 15.



“Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a Nation of Free Men.”

