

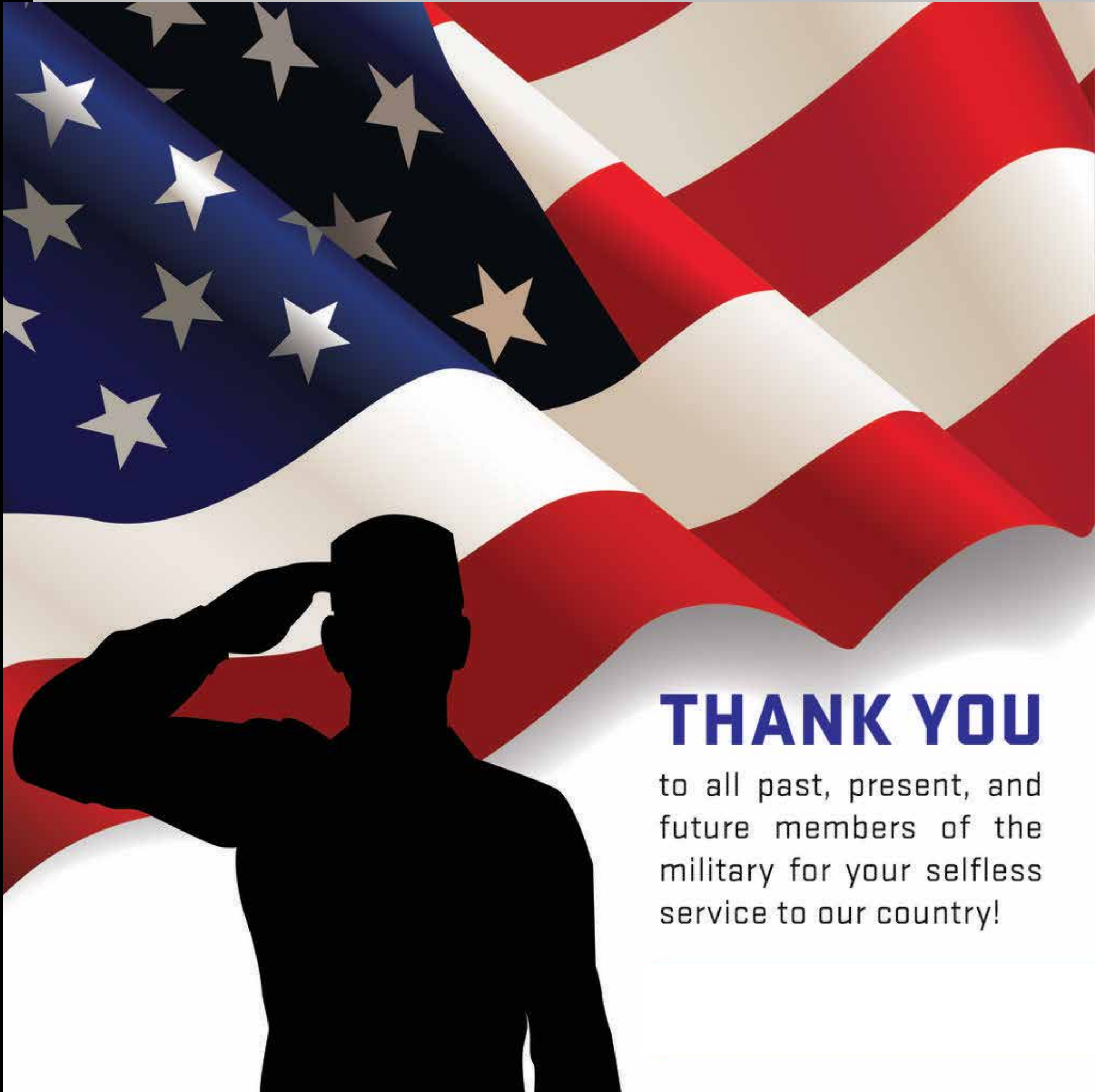
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to all past, present, and
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military for your selfless
service to our country!

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Commander's Report

Compatriots,

Fellow SAR Colorguardsmen,

I hope all of our guardsmen have had a relaxing summer and are ready to mount up and join the ranks in the upcoming fall commemorations and events.

Although our national Congress and Fall Leadership events were cancelled administrative work continues. Since July I have processed Silver Color Guard medal applications for David Moore (MI), Michael Rowely (IA), Henry Baer III (OK), Martin Reynolds (OK), Albert Lankford Jr. (OK), Glenn Fast (OK), Myron Schrouf (OK), Robert Thomas (OK), Michael Kelley Jr. (MD), Carroll Harbaugh (MD) and Ted Wilson (TX). I also approved Martha Washington Medals for Dr. Stephanie Kelley (MD) and Emma Wultz (MD).

On Sept. 12th the committee held a virtual meeting. The agenda included safety refresher training, a original 1760 halberd acquisition for the SAR Museum and Education Outreach Center, Proposal of a new national event , Medal of Honor Parade by the Texas Society, Handbook revisions and a temporary virtual events policy. The command staff and past commanders Dooley and Fosdyk have committed over two thirds of the funds for the halberd, the parade, handbook revisions and virtual events policy were approved and move on for further committees approval.

In the field.

During the summer, as the pandemic has ebbed and flowed throughout the country many events have been postponed, cancelled or were modified to a virtual format. I participated in this format, along with 2nd adjutant Rob Meyer (NJ) and Billy Locke (NJ) on August 8th for the Atlantic Middle States Conference. Some events however have started to transform and combine live commemorations with a virtual format. I wish to commend the Kentucky Society and their color guard for the outstanding job they did in using this format on Aug. 15th to commemorate the Battle of Blue Licks. Although a few technical glitches did occur, they planned and executed the event with great success. Because of local limitations that were imposed, the Society limited participation to only the states color guard, so I attended virtually. Two weeks later, while on vacation in Myrtle Beach, SC, I again participated in this way, along with guardsmen Michael Kelly (MD), to commemorate the Battle of Long Island and the Maryland 400. I also visited the graves of Maryland General Modercai Gist in Charleston and Colonel Francis Marian, the swamp fox, of South Carolina. At the end of the week I was very pleased to attend in person, the South Carolina Societies 238th commemoration of the Battle of Eutaw Springs. Lead by first adjutant K. Scott Collins the color guard presented and posted the colors. The commemoration was attended by over seventy five members of the SAR, DAR, CAR and other local organizations. The event was also recorded and will be shown at a later date.

On Friday Sept. 11th I participated with members of the Maryland Color Guard in a first Patriot Day Community tribute at Memorial Park in Thurmont, MD. Past Color Guard Commander Dave Hoover and Maryland President and national guardsmen



Gene Moyer also attended.

On Sept. 19th Adjutants K. Scott Collins (GA), Robert Meyers (NJ) and myself lead a group of fifteen guardsmen and conducted the Washington's Tomb vigil. Guardsmen came from Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, Georgia, North Carolina and Texas. This year we had great weather and even though there were limitations imposed on tours, the event was well attended and the guardsmen were asked to pose for many photos with guests. I look forward to attending the newly approved Battle of Chestnut Neck commemoration in Port Republic New Jersey on Saturday. Oct 10th.

Commander Raborg on General



Moving forward. "Time to Mount up"

"The National Color Guard is the most visible public face of the Sons of the American Revolution" We must move forward, continuing our guards mission and find ways to adapt and stay in the field. Battlefields, parks and cemeteries have large open spaces that allow us to social distance and stay safe. By also following CDC guidelines to wear face masks, when close, and sanitize before and after events we can keep safe. I also encourage state and chapter color guards to consider adding a surgeon to their ranks to look after their members. This role is another step in moving through these difficult times.

Along with personal safety precautions we must also adapt events participation to limitations imposed by local and state governments. Our temporary virtual participation policy includes consideration for using smaller guards to continue live events. Adjusting dates, times and locations, to keep crowd sizes down may also help to meet limitation regulations. Creating scheduling time-tables for larger groups of participants may also help live events to continue. Combining pre-recorded events with live events is another consideration to meet these limitations.

Let us hope that "this too shall pass" and we may look to brighter days where we can once again march together and share the fellowship of all our members.

Yours in Patriotism,
C. Louis Raborg Jr.
NSSAR, National Color Guard Commander



National Color Guard Events - 2020 -

HISTORIC Date	Color Guard Event	Location	Host
January 17	Battle of Cowpens	Chesnee, SC	Daniel Morgan SAR
February 1	Battle of Cowans Ford	Huntersville, NC	Mecklenburg SAR
February 14	Battle of Kettle Creek	Washington, GA	Georgia
February 14	Crossing of the Dan	South Boston, VA	Virginia
February 22	Washington Birthday Parade	Laredo, TX	Texas
February 27	Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge	Currie, NC	North Carolina
March 10	Last Naval Battle of the Revolution	Merritt Island, FL	Florida
March 15	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC	North Carolina
April 12	Halifax Resolves	Halifax, NC	North Carolina
April 18	Patriot's Day	Nationally	
May 8	Battle of Pensacola	Pensacola, FL	Florida
May 11	Raid on Martin's Station	Ewing, VA	Virginia
May 16	Armed Forces Day		
May 17	Battle of Thomas Creek	Jacksonville, FL	Florida
May 25	Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous	Vincennes, IN	Indiana
May 25	National Memorial Day Parade	Washington DC	District of Columbia
May 25	Memorial Day events *	Various locations	
May 26	Battle of Fort San Carlos	St Louis, MO	Missouri
May 29	Buford's Massacre	Lancaster, SC	General Francis Marion SAR
June 11	Action at Machias	Machias, ME	Maine
June 17	Battle of Bunker Hill	Charlestown, MA	Massachusetts SAR
June 20	Battle of Ramseur's Mill	Lincolnton, NC	Catawba Valley SAR
June 28	Battle of Monmouth	Monmouth Cty, NJ	New Jersey SAR
July 4 every year	Let Freedom Ring / July 4th Events *	Various locations	
August 2	Siege at Fort Laurens	Bolivar, OH	
August 19	Battle of Blue Licks	Carlisle, KY	Kentucky
September 6	Battle of Groton Heights	Groton, CT	Connecticut
September 8	Battle of Eutaw Springs	Eutawville, SC	South Carolina
September 25	Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Elizabethton, TN	Tennessee
September 17	Vigil at George Washington's Tomb	Mt Vernon, VA	
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October 4-6	Point Pleasant Battle Days	Point Pleasant, WV	West Virginia
October 6	Chestnut Neck	Port Republic, NJ	NJ
October 7	Battle of Kings Mountain	Blacksburg, SC	Kings Mountain SAR (NC) / Daniel Morgan SAR (SC)
October 17	Battle of Saratoga	Stillwater, NY	Empire State
October 19	Yorktown Days	Yorktown, VA	Virginia
October 22	Red Bank Battlefield	National Park, NJ	NJ
November 11	Veterans Day Events *	Nationally	Various
December 9	Battle of Great Bridge	Norfolk, VA	Virginia
December TBD	Wreaths Across America	Various Locations	
December 26	Ten Crucial Days	Princeton/Trenton, NJ	New Jersey
Events that can occur on random dates throughout the year			
	Massing of the Colors		
	Fields of Honor / Healing Field		
	Honor Flight		
	Liberty Tree Planting / Dedication		
The following National Meetings are considered National events by Color Guard Policy due to the attendance of the President General:			
	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting		
	Annual NSSAR Congress		
	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting		

The National Events listed above count toward earning the SAR Silver Color Guard Medal and National Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement (See the NSSAR Color Guard Medals section). Dates published above are of the actual battle / commemoration date. Guardsmen should confirm the actual date of the event listed below with published event invitations on the National Society SAR website or with the host state society.

*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..

Note: As of the 2020 Spring SAR Leadership Meeting, 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 event a National Event. actual event.



State Society Color Guard Commanders

Welcome to the NSSAR Color Guard.

Please note that any questions concerning potential color guard events or participation in events should be directed to the respective commander in the state where the event is taking place.

Each commander is e-mailed each new issue of **The SAR Colorguardsman** for distribution to the guardsmen within each state society. Any questions about the distribution of the new issue should be directed to the respective state commander.

Changes are noted in RED text

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This is the current listing of state society color guard commanders with confirmed data. Those state societies that are not confirmed are asked to submit updated data to the editor. **No Color Guards:** Alaska, Arkansas, Dakotas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Indiana, Montana, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wyoming.

Vendor List

This is a partial Vendor Listing by company name. Understand that these vendors are **not** being recommended - just listed. Before purchasing anything from these vendors check with your fellow color guardsmen for their recommendations/ endorsements.

If you have a vendor that makes/sews era regalia, send the name (or URL/contact information) to the editor for inclusion in the next issue.

Type the listed name of the vendor into your browser tab

- Bethlehem Trading Post,
- Smiling Fox Forge
- Avalon Forge
- Barkertown Sutlers
- Burnley & Trowbridge Co.
- C & D Jarnagin Company,
- Cobb Creek - Fine Clothing
- Custom Wig Company
- Flintlocks, etc
- MyFlintlocks, LLC
- Ft. Downing Trading Co.
- Fort Vause Outfitters
- Fugawee
- G. Gedney Godwin Online
- HB Forge
- Black Powder 411
- International Guns
- Joe's Leather Works, LLC
- Livonia Smithery
- Loyalist Arms & Repairs
- Military Heritage
- Panther Primitives -
- Samson Historical
- Smoke&FireStore
- Spring Valley Lodges
- Sutlers of Fort Frederick Market Fair (2015 listing)
- The Quartermaster General
- Tennessee Valley Muzzleloading
- Townsend's
- Track of the Wolf
- Turkey Foot Trading Company
- VA Flintlocks
- Clearwater Hats
- Ye Armes Shoppe

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HALBERD

AN EXCELLENT & RARE FRENCH & INDIAN/AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR COLONIAL AMERICAN PERIOD (NEW ENGLAND TYPE) PIERCED HALBERD

w/ ORIGINAL SHAFT, ca. 1760

In overall very fine+/excellent and a high quality example of an American Halberd. In complete condition with an approx. 13 1/2" x 18", finely wrought American blacksmith made, decoratively pierced, Halberd-type blade of fine quality Colonial American design with its pierced, leaf-form spear-point with reinforced tip and matching axe-head with triangular form rear fluke. The finely sculpted and cut, smooth steel surfaces with extensive piercings of classic Colonial American (New England) form of, ca. 1750. The adornment consists of numerous circular holed/punch-type Piercings, finely cut openwork Diamonds and Daggers. Finely turned and chiseled base with its brazed, collar-type socket and finely turned borders on its neck. The axe blade, en suite with a nicely sculpted and contoured, stylized crescent form blade and various decorative piercings. Retains choice, smooth steel surfaces with lightly toned, gunmetal gray age-patina, very fine and sharp cutting edges;



and only some light signs of use and wear. Complete with its original, tapered, turned, hardwood haft/handle with choice, richly patinated and oxidized, smooth wooden surfaces with some expected minor handling-marks/abrasions. The top of the haft with two (2), nail-fastened, 8", rectangular langets. An extremely rare example of an excellent condition and complete Colonial American Period Decoratively Pierced Halberd, ca. 1750. Of classic mid-18th Century New England form and in a near excellent state of preservation. Virtually identical to examples from the famed Kienbusch Collection of Philadelphia, PA and to those pictured in Rodney H. Brown's: "American Polearms 1526-1865", G. C. Neumann's: "Battle Weapons of the American Revolution", "Sword & Blades..." and in G. C. Neumann & F. Kravie's: "Collector's Illustrated Encyclopedia of the American Revolution". Other such examples also found in the collection of noted Author/Collector William Guthman; and a similar example from his collection was sold as, Lot No. 204 at Bonhams Auction's: Sale Oct. 12, 2006. Overall length, approx. 80".

Price: \$10,500 reduced to \$9,000.00

Your Help Needed

Historian General Bill Stone has been searching for and finding items for the SAR Education Center and Museum with great success for several years. To facilitate this the SAR has implemented an Artifact Donor Program wherein compatriots and families can purchase Revolutionary War artifacts and donate them to the SAR for the Museum Collection. You can see many of the items purchased and who donated them on display at National Headquarters and in a series of articles in the SAR Magazine.

One of the items Bill has found is a rare French and Indian/American Revolutionary War period Pierced Halberd with original shaft, circa 1760. He has negotiated the price down from \$10,500 to \$9000.

Under the Artifact Donor Program we now have an opportunity to secure a rare item for the SAR Museum collection and make it something purchased and donated by the National Color Guard.

As most of you know during the revolutionary period Continental Line Officers often carried Spontoons and Sergeants carried Halberds. The following is extracted from an article on Spontoons and Halberds by David A. Norris.

"Pikes and most similar pole weapons disappeared from European armies by the early 1700s. After all, bayonets let each man convert his flintlock into a pike that fired bullets. Nonetheless, 18th-century officers and sergeants still carried archaic-looking bladed weapons attached to six-foot-long shafts that seemed more appropriate to the Middle Ages than the Age of Enlightenment.

Halberds and spontoons represented military rank just as much as epaulets, gold braid, or other insignia, with the additional benefit of serving as emergency weapons in dire situations. In several surviving written orders, General George Washington insisted that Continental officers carry spontoons. At Valley Forge on December 22, 1777, Washington directed that each officer "provide himself with a half-pike or spear, as soon as possible." Washington did not want his officers to carry mus-

kets, which he believed had a way of "drawing their attention too much from the men." He needed the officers focused on commanding their men, not distracted with loading, and firing a musket. Additionally, Washington believed that an officer with neither a firearm nor spoutoon had "a very awkward and unofficerlike appearance."

Through the generous donations of past National Color Guard Commanders and current National Color Guard Staff we have raised \$6,600 of the \$9,000 purchase price. We are currently \$2,400 short of the designated target. The Halberd is only on hold by the owner at the discounted purchase price for another 5 months, so we need to move quickly on this while we can.

The opportunity exists for you, the members of the National Color Guard, to help secure this rare and unique piece of our Revolutionary War history for the SAR Education Center and Museum with your donations.

If you are interested in donating to secure this piece for the museum collection please send your check made out to 'SAR,' for whatever amount you can afford, to NSSAR Headquarters (Attn: Colleen Wilson) 809 West Main Street, Louisville, KY 40202 and put: 'Colonial Halberd' in the memo portion of the check. You will receive a 'letter of receipt of a donation' for your tax records from the Museum Board and donations of \$100 or more will receive an SAR Museum Pin.

Thank You for your consideration of this exciting opportunity and for all that you do for the SAR day in and day out!

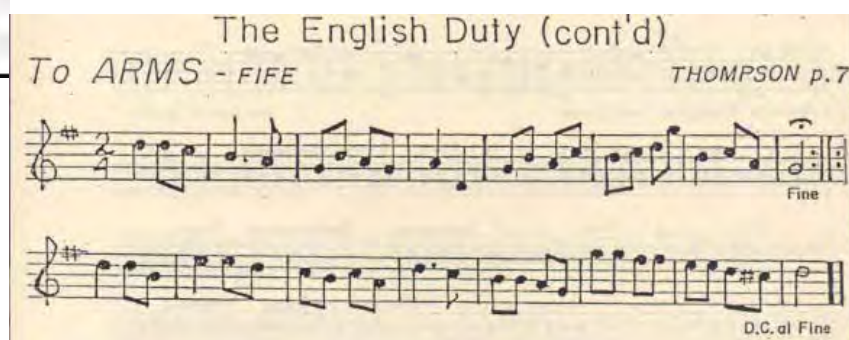
Pro Patria!

Command Staff, National Color Guard



The Fifer's Corner

The Duty Tunes this issue will be- To Arms, and The Retreat - To Arms - Steuben -1779 – “To Arms is the signal for getting under arms in case of alarm.



The Retreat – Steuben- 1779 – “The Retreat is beat at sun-set , for calling roll, warning the men for duty and reading the orders of the day.”

Note – Any number of tunes were used for The Retreat and the selection would be made by the Duty Fifer or Drummer



Marching tunes - Baltimore ,



Road to Boston,

Bellisle March



Girl I left Behind

Received a question from Evan Howe of Jefferson, Ohio - I was wondering if there is any more appropriate alternative to Taps that might be more historically accurate for playing at a graveside.”

Evan that’s a great question and Chester is the song that I would use. Chester is a hymn written by American composer William Billings around 1765 and was published in his 1770 songbook The New England Psalm Singer.

Please email me at (fiferdave@comcast.net) or like (Fifer Dave) on fb and message me with any questions you may have, topics you would like covered and any feedback you have.

HUZZAH,
Fifer Dave
aka David Embrey



SAFETY

A Safety Potpourri

Covid-19, etal



By Mark Kramer

No one can argue that Covid-19 pandemic has affected all of our lives. In an earlier safety message, April edition of the Colorguardmen, I wrote that we were likely to see many of the recommendations of that time likely change and as doctors and scientists handled more cases. Don't wear masks, wear masks. The change from go about your normal lives to self-isolate. In the message, I related my experiences to the outbreak of the AIDS virus. Where the facts seemed to change daily. Today we seem to have a better idea of how Covid-19 is transmitted, what demographic is the greatest to be impacted and what measures we can take

to reduce our contracting this virus.

The majority of our members fit into the demographic that is most likely to be adversely impacted by Covid-19. It is believed that social distancing, wearing a mask and increased hygiene will provide our best chance of surviving this pandemic. Our national leadership has taken pandemic seriously with the cancellation of Congress and Leadership meetings. Our state societies and chapters have followed suit in some form or another. Although, nobody knows when that pandemic will end, I would like to encourage us all to stay diligent until the risk subsides.

Safety Policy and Procedures in upcoming Color Guard Handbook

The newest edition of the Color Guard Handbook will include the Black Powder Safety Policies and Procedures. Several years ago, when the idea of a Black Powder Safety Policy was presented at a Leadership meeting in Louisville, and the journey

began. Over time several draft policies were presented and edits were made based on input from our compatriots. Throughout this process it was emphasized that the document would be a living document and changes will and should occur as improvements are suggested. One item you will notice missing from this document is direction regarding insurance, as discussions are still ongoing regarding this aspect of the policy. The Black Powder Safety Policies and Procedures should still be considered a living document, comments and recommended changes are still welcomed for future editions. A better work product is accomplished when all points of view are considered.

Insurance

Although the new Safety Policies and Procedures leaves a space for the insurance question to be resolved, I routinely field questions on what insurance companies provide liability insurance for black powder firing. To begin with, the purchasing of policies at the State and Chapter level may be a moot point as the Risk Management and Insurance Committee has been examining a liability policy that would address black powder and other liability issues. However, until there is resolution of this issue at the National level there are a couple of options.

I would like to state for full disclosure that I am NOT an insurance agent or expert in any way and do not have affiliation with any insurance company. From an historical standpoint, my involvement or interest in black powder liability insurance arose at the Chapter level. My local chapter for years has had a liability policy that we believed covered any incident that would arise during our participation in any event, including firing black powder. The rationale from our agent, a chapter member, was unless the policy had and [sic] exclusion for black powder we were covered. This rationale was disrupted approximately five years ago when our carrier actually wrote an exclusion that affected our ability to be covered firing black powder.

Over the course of searching for insurance two carriers were found who covered the firing of black powder; Shoff Darby and Reenactors Insurance. Both insurance carriers, Shoff Darby and Reenactors provide liability insurance for firing black powder for events that your chapter participates in and not where the chapter is the sponsor of the event. This is an important distinction. If you are sponsoring an event, there are insurance companies that write liability policies for a single event – research “event insurance”. The main differences between the two companies Shoff Darby and Reenactor’s is that Shoff Darby writes group insurance and Reenactor issues policies to the individual.

For small groups the cost of Reenactor Insurance’s individual policy maybe fiscally prudent with costs being under \$50.00 a year for the individual compatriot. In addition, since the policy is issued to the individual it covers that individual during any reenactment event they may participate in; SAR or not. The individual purchasing this individual insurance must read and be aware of the conditions and exclusions of their policy.

Shoff Darby as mentioned writes group liability policies, when coverage is needed for more than ten individuals this may be a better option as the price is the same whether you are covering 10 or 30 members. The normal policy limits the number of individuals on the policy; however, for a nominal charge additional members can be added to the policy. As the Shoff Darby policy is renewed yearly they require that you identify those individuals that you wish to have covered at the beginning of the policy period. The chapter that I am a member of has included all color guard members and family members who participate in events, such as parades and school programs to be included on our policy.

In conclusion, I am not, and do not endorse either of these companies but simply providing information to my fellow compatriots so they can perform their own research and make an informed decision. Both companies are easily found with an internet search. To my knowledge our society has not had an incident involving black powder where liability insurance was required; therefore, we have no history as to the responsiveness of either of these companies. If anyone has researched and found other carriers, I would be interested. Because, as mention [sic] at the beginning of this section I continue to field questions for information regarding black powder insurance to fellow compatriots and would like to provide additional choices.

Suggested procedure for setting up a SAR recruiting table at Historic Event

1. Obtain permission from sponsoring organization (National Park, Parade Organizers, Reenactor Group, etc.).
2. Obtain a banner that identifies the table as SAR
3. Set up some Revolutionary War battle flags
4. An awning over the table will prevent the team and information from getting wet if rain comes as well as shield from the sun if gets to hot.
5. Have brochures on the table which describe “what the SAR is and does” and “how to become a member.” If possible, have recent book on patriots identified by SAR and DAR members.
6. Have forms which can be filled out by those interested which gives their contact information and whether or not they know if they have a patriot or a family member who is a member of the DAR or SAR.
7. Get commitment from Compatriots to be dressed in colonial militia or regimental uniforms to man the table. These Compatriots should be knowledgeable about the purpose, activities and requirements for membership of the SAR.
8. Assign information on forms to the nearest chapter registrar. Chapter officer (Registrar) should follow-up with any interested person by a phone call, an email or snail mail.

Examples of set up from the Indiana Society at the George Rogers Clark Memorial Celebration during the Vincennes Rendezvous with members in uniform and wives in colonial dress:



A Tribute to a Great Man and Past State President and Nat'l V-P General

By Stu Hoyt



On June 22, 2020 at 2pm William Marshall Marrs, II left the camp ground and went to points beyond. Bill is survived by his wife Sylvia and a long list of family members. Bill may be remembered as a TX State President, and a Vice-President General but most of all for his work in updating the SAR IT system and his ten years as the TX State Secretary. When he left that job it took three people to cover all that he did. His remains were cremated and an urn of them placed center table at his memorial service held at the United Methodist Church, in Round Rock, TX at 2pm on Saturday, 11 July 2020

As part of the eulogy, both President Generals Tom Lawrence and Ed Butler shared remembrances of his life in the Sons of The American Revolution. In the congregation were Past-TX State Presidents, Stephen Rohrbaugh, Larry Stevens, Bob Cohen, David Temple and current President Drake Peddie. Members of the TX SAR Color Guard participated in the service as an Honor Guard.

In addition to acting as a Bridge of Honor, as the family was escorted in, the Color Guard, wearing Black Plumb Feathers, paired up as guards at the urn table, in a ceremonial rotation throughout the service. The Patrick Henry Chapter, of which Bill was a member, presented his widow with an SAR Memorial Certificate. The family requested a Bag Piper, who played an interlude prior to the start of the service.



Because of the COVID restrictions, the Color Guard were all masked. From left to right are Ron Walcik (Heart of TX), Blair Rudy (Wm Hightower and State CG Comm), Ron Moulton, (taps) (Patrick Henry), Stu Hoyt, (Wm. Hightower), Lary Fowler (Piper), Jim Clements (Patrick Henry and TX State Sec.), Shiidon Hawley, Wayne Courreges, and John Knox (all of Patrick Henry).

Virtual Participation and Color Guard Medals

The National Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard Handbook (Revised September 12, 2020) has a section on Color Guard Participation at Events on Page 9. The Handbook does not state that the participation be in person but that is definitely what is implied.

Since March 1, 2020 the majority of the United States has been dealing with Shelter in Place orders, limitations of the number of individuals that can gather in one place, closure of certain facilities, various restrictions on at risk individuals which is usually defined as over 65 or having other medical issues etc.

Some National SAR events are not allowing non-host state SAR members to participate in an onsite manner. Other events are significantly limiting the number of onsite participants. All of these items are constantly changing making planning for all events extremely challenging.

Many events have had to move from their normal onsite venue or normal rain location venues to Virtual only, Virtual with pre-recorded material, Virtual with some limited live participation at one or more locations, and some have gone to strictly a recorded format shown after-the-fact on YouTube or similar platforms.



In an effort to allow Color Guard members to participate in some manner other than “onsite and in person” and to try to remain faithful to Color Guard Participation for the Bronze Color Guard Medal, the Silver Color Guard Medal, and the National Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard. The following applies to both the Points System and the Event system as discussed in the color Guard Handbook. This change has been approved by the National Color Guard Committee, the

Medals and Awards Committee and has been reviewed by the National Society SAR Executive Committee.

National Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard

Temporary Change to the Definition of “Participation at Events”

For Virtual Participation to be considered.

A) The event must require registration for the Virtual Color Guard prior to the event and the paperwork must be completed by the registration date set forth in the registration invitation (just signing in on the day of the event will not meet this requirement).

B) The electronic method of attending the meeting must allow for the Color Guardsman to be actually seen on the screen by the other participants at the event. Just signing in without video will not qualify for Virtual Participation.

C) The Color Guardsman must be “dressed out” in Revolutionary War era Continental Uniform or Militia attire as he would at an onsite, in person event. You will need to stand at times, if able.

1) Just watching a pre-recorded event (YouTube, Podcast, or a pre-record event shown at Zoom meeting, etc. - whether watched as an individual or in some type of group setting) will not count as Participation at an Event.

2) Just being a viewer of a Zoom broadcast of a live event will not count as Participation for Color Guard purposes.

3) A blanket exception to the historical onsite and in person participation requirement is not contemplated by this Temporary Change.

4) Parades do not lend themselves to Color Guard Virtual Participation.

5) In the future many events may supplement their historic activities with a Zoom or other electronic options to increase attendance but that is not what is contemplated by these Temporary Changes for Virtual Participation.

6) Pre-recorded live events will count, in conjunction with a virtual meeting or event. They however need to be recorded within two weeks before the virtual meeting or event and must be available for viewing during the event or no later than a week after the event with a complete video of the whole virtual event.

7) Photos submitted of guardsmen in uniform will not be accepted for credit of a virtual event.

D) The Color Guardsman must notify the Color Guard Commander or his designee that has signed on and has actively participated in the event. This should be visible to the other participants. This notification would normally be in the form of an email or other method prescribed by the Commander.

E) Color Guard commanders are asked to limit their commands to a virtual color guard, due to the imperfect medium of virtual events, with audio and visual delays in broadcasting. However participating Color Guardsmen ought to follow the commands of the on-site commander to the best of their ability.

F) The Color Guardsman must participate for the entire event.

G) These “Temporary Changes” will only be considered for events where a level of government or the owner/manager of a site location imposes requirements where the normal color guard participation in an event cannot be accommodated. However, every attempt should be made for the Color Guard to attend in person, even if it needs to be a small guard that follows CDC and State guidelines.

H) The National Color Guard Commander determines if an event qualifies for the potential Virtual Participation changes as outlined above.

These Temporary Changes are for the period March 1, 2020 **and will continue until rescinded by the National Color Guard Commander.**

Please understand that the above policy only concerns the three Color Guard Medals. You will need to check the actions of other SAR Committees to determine if a virtual event will count for those committees’ reports or medals.

These are certainly different times and the National Command Staff wants everyone to stay safe and healthy. Please go back and check your events since the retroactive date of March 1, 2020 to see if any of those virtual offsite events you participated in qualify to be included on a Color Guard Medal application.

Going forward, as events are being planned, please see if the organizers can comply with the above policy so that participating Color Guardsman can receive credit.

Look forward to seeing everyone on a Virtual even or an Onsite event when this type or event returns.

K. Scott Collins
First Adjutant
National Society SAR Color Guard

On September 19th, 2020, Andrew and Jack Mills participated with the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Color Guard in a day-long vigil at the Tomb of George and Martha Washington. SAR members from as far away as Texas and Kentucky participated in the periodic event.

MOUNT VERNON

2020



After posting the U.S. and Washington Commander-in-Chief's flag, members of the Color Guard were divided into groups of two to stand fifteen-minute tours throughout the day. The Vigil was under the command of National Color Guard Commander C. Louis Raborg Jr.

Andrew Mills is a local historian and author in Prince William County, Virginia. Jack Mills is a student at Holy Family Catholic School in Dale City and a member of Boy Scout Troop 501. Both are members of the Colonel William Grayson Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, which serves Prince William County and western Fairfax County.

For this father and son pair, being a part of the Color Guard allows them to honor their patriot ancestor Hardy Mills, who served the American cause during the Revolution as a North Carolina militiaman from 1780-1781. As they marched up and down the hill at Mount Vernon, the elder Mills was heard saying, "This is what Hardy had to do."

In the case of Jack, he has used this opportunity and his experience in the Color Guard to help him fulfill his requirements for receiving his American Heritage Merit Badge along with other outdoor merit badges where his skills in the Color Guard coincide with Boy Scout requirements.

When asked why he joined the Color Guard, Jack responded, "I get to be with my dad. It is a lot of fun and I get to learn a lot of new things. I also meet lots of new people and get to do things I do would not get to do on a regular basis. It is a fun way to learn about history."



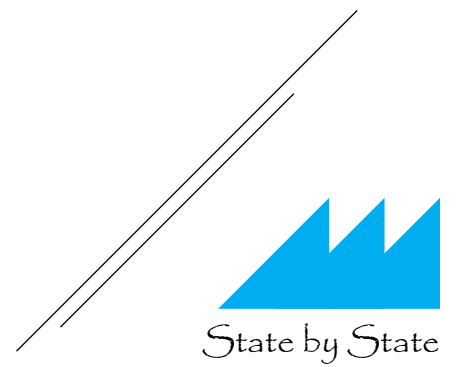
Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Kentucky and Texas compatriots in attendance.



The command staff
Rob Meyer 2nd Adjutant,
Commander Raborg,
and K. Scott Collins 1st adjutant,



Reports from The Field



State Society's color guard activities *in the previous three months* as reported by the State Society's Color Guard Commander

Color Guard Units' Highlights!

Submission Guidelines

The previous high water mark was 27 state societies' color guard reports. **This issue has 18 !**

There are some things about submitting content, especially for state Color Guard Commanders or their designee, that need to be explained and understood in order to reduce any future controversy.

- The color guard events or activities must be from only the three months immediately prior to the issue's publication date.
- **Please do not send PDF files.** Send the native document: WORD, Text, etc.
- **NOTE** Submit events when color guard units participate in designated chapter color guard events, designated state color guard events, and/or designated District/National color guard events. A compatriot dressed in colonial garb and presenting as a chapter member is **not** functioning as a Color Guard unit. **State Color guard commanders should pass on these guidelines when communicating with his state's color guard members.**
- **The deadline for submission of content is the end of the month prior to the Issue date:** December 31 for the January Issue, March 31 for the April issue, June 30 for the July Issue, and September 30 for the October issue.
- The state Color Guard Commanders should be sending that message to all of their state's chapter color guard members/commanders.
- Please use the chain-of-command when submitting content. Chapter Color Guard Commanders should submit to their state's Color Guard Commander who then uses his judgement to submit to this Editor.
- **IMPORTANT** - When submitting photos, **please do NOT embed them into any document** (PDF or WORD) but send them in the original resolution.
- **IMPORTANT** - When submitting photos, **for any event please submit no more than two photos for any single event.** When submitting text to explain the event using photos please accurately label which photo goes with what text. I get a photos titled IMG-12345, IMG 45678 and the text will say photo 1 and photo 2. Which is photo 1 and which is photo 2?

I look forward to the issue that has all state color guard units with something in the issue. Missing in this issue are: **Alabama, Colorado, Georgia, Louisiana, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, & Washington.**

Thank you, one and all, for making this section showcase and shine a light on **your** color guard units' activities and community involvement.

EDITORIAL

Departing from the usual editor's note I will separate the submission guidelines (at left) from any comments I might want to add to this issue.

COVID19 rules, mandates, guidelines etc vary from city, county, and state so any color guard activities will be of varying complexities. Some will be Virtual and others may be in small groups as permitted by their localities.

Thus, what will be found in this issue and likely the October issue as well will be different types of activity reporting.

For the October issue we can hope that this will have passed enough for us to be able to have a more normal level of color guard participations in national and local events. We should all understand that the rules/guidelines are created and developed to protect our compatriots' health while also safeguarding the health of the public. So please follow those rules/guidelines. It will be for a brief time during the event. We can all afford a momentary inconvenience.

For this issue I have accepted submissions that show a single compatriot dressed in Revolutionary or Colonial clothes as representing a color guard unit. Normally, I would only use activities that are explicitly those of a color guard unit (several color guardsmen). Presentations that are done by chapter officers and not a color guard unit would not be normally included in the magazine but would be appropriate for the **SAR Magazine** (S Vest, Editor). You might note that there will be screen shots of the Virtual meeting/presentation in this issue to give the reader an idea of who participated in that particular event.

Steve



Eutaw Springs

239th Commemoration of the Battle of Eutaw Springs.



L to R Photo to right has South Carolina Color Guard Commander Dan Woodruff, Gabe Bobo, In the suit is Georgia Society President Bill Dobbs of the George Walton chapter then the militia man standing between President Dobbs and Commander Raborg is Georgia Society member John Goodwin of the Button Gwinnett chapter and Gray Bobo.

Photo at left is Commander Raborg with speaker David P. Reuwer who is a municipal judge in Camden, SC. He was a past Marylander and was pleased I presented a wreath on behalf of the Maryland Society.



This image at right is available from the New York Public Library's Digital Library under the digital ID a76b4300-c606-012f-2169-58d385a7bc34: [digitalgallery.nypl.org](https://digitalgallery.nypl.org/digitalcollections/nypl.org/) → digitalcollections.nypl.org. Depiction of the Battle of Eutaw Springs from the Emmet Collection of Manuscripts

Battle of Long Island



Wreath Presentation

Commander Raborg presented the colors virtually at the Battle of Long Island ceremony. I was at The Sheraton Broadway Plantation in Myrtle Beach, SC. I presented a wreath on behalf of the Maryland Society to honor the Maryland 400 who fought in the battle



U. S. Army - Artillery Retreat from Long Island 1776 (1899)



Representatives from the Orange County and Harbor Chapter represent the Sons of the American Revolution during a Nixon Library 4th of July event. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this event was invitation only and with few invited to attend. Although the size of the event was reduced the patriotic sentiment by those who were able to attend was palpable. The quaint house in the background is the birthplace of Richard Nixon.

The City of Folsom lies just north of the California's State Capital of Sacramento with a history dating to the California Gold Rush. For as long as anyone can remember the historic "Old Folsom" has held a yearly Independence Day Parade; however, during the Covid-19 outbreak parade organizers decided to cancel the celebration. This cancellation didn't dissuade the members of the Sacramento Chapter from representing the Son's of the America Revolution at an impromptu demonstration of patriotic spirit. The color guard presented our national colors at the town square to a small crowd of onlookers.





239th Anniversary of the Battle of Groton Heights

On Sunday September 6th, the 16 members of the Connecticut Line, along with members of the Capt. Nathan Hale Branch No. 6 commemorated the 239th anniversary of the Battle of Groton

Heights with a grave marking ceremony at the Colonel Ledyard cemetery where we honored Col. Ledyard and installed new SAR grave markers at the headstones of five other patriots and followed with a 3-volley musket salute by 13 members of the Connecticut Line to honor these brave patriots.

Following the grave marking, there was a shorter version of the usual ceremony inside Ft. Griswold. In attendance at both events was New England District President Bob Walsh of the New Hampshire SAR. After walking the grounds of the fort, the ceremony commenced with the reading of the names of the 88 defenders who died that day. Capt. Nathan Hale Branch President Stephen Taylor along with New England District President Bob Walsh placed a wreath at the site of Col. Ledyard's death inside the fort at the hands of the British officer who captured the fort following its surrender. The ceremony ended with 3-volley salute from the raised platform on the south-east earthen wall overlooking the Thames River and New London.



Grave Marking of Rev War Drummer Boy - Charles Merriman in Watertown, CT

Grave Marking of Rev War Drummer Boy - Charles Merriman in Watertown, CT
On September 19 the local DAR chapter hosted the grave marking event, assisted by the Gov. Oliver Wolcott, Sr. Branch No. 10 Color Guard Detachment. Charles was born at Wallingford, Connecticut, August 20, 1762. He served in the revolution, enlisting as a drummer in 1775, when he was thirteen years of age. He was present at the battle of Bunker Hill and was at Yorktown when Cornwallis surrendered. He finally became drum major and served throughout the entire war. While he was in the army, he also made clothes for the men, and it is said that when he married, his only worldly possession was a tailor's goose. He then became engaged in business as a merchant in Watertown, where he continued until his death, which occurred August 26, 1829.

October 2020 Events (National Color Guard Events - President-General Jack Manning Attending)

Saturday October 17th at 10:30 A.M.

The General David Humphreys Branch No. 1 will be honoring 54 Patriots with a memorial Plaque with the help of the George Washington Endowment Fund. This will be at the Old Uptown/Colonial Burying Ground in Derby CT, one of Connecticut ship building towns of that time period. This is reputedly to be the oldest Public Burial Ground in the United States. All 54 Patriot have been researched for proof of service and where needed and put in the National Patriot index system. After the ceremony we are all invited back to the historic General David Humphreys house which is just a few blocks away.

Event information: Ethan Stewart at sareth@optonline.net
Sunday October 18th at 1:00 P.M.

The Captain Nathan Hale Branch No. 6 will be hosting a Grave Marking in Lyme CT, for Adam Sobuck a Native American of the Nehantic tribe. This is presumably the first Native American to be honored in this way. Members from the Nehantic Tribe will also be present to honor this patriot.

Event information: Stephen Taylor at stedphenztaylor@gmail.com



SW Florida DAR Constitution Week Luncheon

We're back! The Caloosa Color Guard, augmented by the President of the Naples Chapter (Len Crame) and the past Regent of the host Hickory Bluff DAR Chapter (Debi Allen) posted colors at the event held at the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club, September 12, 2020. There were over 50 members and guests in attendance - not bad considering the continuing affects of COVID-19. In addition to Len and Debi, the color guard consisted of:

- Bob McGuire, Commander
- Jim Stone

- Hamp Allen
- Jeff Brunelle
- Dwight Elam
- Ron Peck

Rev. Dwight Elam was the program speaker and presented an interesting talk about the Constitution, how it was developed and how it evolved through amendments.



DAR Patriots' Bench Dedication

The Florida Color Guard was honored to present the Colors at the Dedication of a Patriots Bench in Central Park North of Winter Park, Florida. The William P Duval Chapter of NSDAR was the driving force behind the bench which is dedicated to the many Patriot Ancestors of their Chapter and other friends. The Dedication Ceremony was held on Monday, September 14, 2020. Pictured below (l-r) are Charles Farmer (Jacksonville SAR), Ann Maner, William P Duval Chapter Regent, Kay Yarbrough, Florida DAR State Regent, Susan Holt, Vice President General NSDAR, Dick Young (Tampa SAR) and Ken Norwood (Jacksonville SAR).

Pictured separately are Charles Farmer, Dick Young and Ken Norwood as they prepare to march in to present the Colors. Thanks go to Brenda-Hayes Brown Florida DAR SAR Liaison for setting up our participation in this important event.



Collins Funeral

On June 24, 2020, the Jacksonville Chapter Color Guard provided an Honor Guard at the Jacksonville National Cemetery for a decorated Vietnam veteran. Pictured left to right are Compatriots Paul Tucker, Chuck Farmer, Ken Norwood, Bill Ziegenfus, and Dick Cardell.



Comments and Questions

This is a magazine section similar to any magazine's "Letters to the Editor" set aside for color guardsmen to ask a question or post a comment.

Questions received will be directed to the leadership command structure for necessary answers. Questions should work their way through the local/state command structure - to ensure that the command structure would have the chance to provide the answer and thus be aware of any issues within their command.

Questions should be related to color guard procedures, obtaining vendor lists, any state's content submissions, questions about submitting articles for publication in this magazine, or similar general Color Guard subject matter questions.

Q:

Would it be possible to have a Subject Index for the issues of this magazine so that anyone interested in find coverage of an issue (not state submissions)?

A: [Editor]

Thank you for that suggestion. I will pass this along to the command staff for their input and suggestions. That being said, I would thank that this is something worth doing as I have also wanted to know if my memory served me well in remembering an important item - the when was it published question.

Q:

I'm having difficulty in finding documents relating to the Color Guard. Where are they and what documents are available?



A: [Editor]

The URL path to the Color Guard Committee web page is through the SAR.org web site. You will have to have a login ID/password to access the member pages. Once you log In - the **Login** button is on upper right of page, select the top menu bar's link for **Members** the scroll down to **Committees**. Then scroll to the Color Guard Committee line and click the "**Web Page**" link. There you will see a link to email the Color Guard Commander, C Louis Raborg, and below that the four documents you're likely to need: Color Guard Handbook, Molly Pitcher Medal Reporting form, the Color Guard Reporting form*, and the Von Steuben Medal Reporting form.

* This is for submitting to the SAR Colorguard Commander for the Silver Color Guard Medal.

Also on the committee page are all of the previous SAR Colorguardsman Magazine issues from October 2011 to this issue (once it has been completed and submitted.). There was a gap in publication from July 2013 to April 2015.

Q: What are the plans for virtual/ZOOM color guard activities and the acceptance of them?

A: [Editor] That information can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Nomination of Robert Alvyn Sapp for National Society Color Guardsman of the Year 2020



The Georgia Society would like to nominate Robert Alvyn Sapp as National Color Guardsman of the Year for 2020. It is an honor and privilege as a fellow Georgia Compatriot to present this nomination endorsed by those from Georgia who have received this award in the past.

Compatriot Sapp has been an active member of the Georgia Society Color Guard since 2004 normally participating in over 100 events each year.

He has participated in 11 Congresses, 20 District and 24 Leadership meetings and 128 National Society ceremonies. His Color Guard participation is widely known throughout the Southeast.

Compatriot Sapp is the recipient of the Von Steuben (2014), Silver and Bronze Color Guard Medals (2008).

In his participation Compatriot Sapp has served to increase the state's awareness of our society and its purposes and to promote goodwill and cooperation between the Sons of the American Revolution and other organizations throughout Georgia and the Southeast.

Compatriot Sapp has participated numerous times in uniform at the annual observances at Cowpens, Kettle Creek, Guilford Courthouse, Ramsour's Mill, Brier Creek, Savannah, Fort Morris, Yorktown, Kings Mountain, Point Pleasant and District Meetings.

He is an active participant in uniform as a member of the Speakers Bureau, Traveling Trunk programs, Genealogy Seminars, JROTC, City Proclamations, DAR workshops, Memorial Day programs and Eagle Scout presentations. He presented framed copies of the Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights to the 11th U. S. District Court in 2005 and returns each year in uniform for the several swearing in ceremonies of new citizens by the Federal District Court.

I ask your consideration in naming this deserving gentleman as NSSAR Color Guardsman of the Year. Compatriot Sapp truly exemplifies both the "Spirit of the Sons of the American Revolution and the use of the Color Guard to display that spirit."

Endorsed by Mike Tomme, Sr. (2011-2013) & Mark Anthony, NSSAR Color Guard Commanders (2018-2019)

Endorsed by Guardsman of the Year:

George Thurmond 2007, Charlie Newcomer 2009, Paul Prescott 2011, Ed Rigel, Sr. 2018

Yours in Patriotism,

Bill Palmer

Georgia Society Color Guard Commander





IOWA -

Central Iowa Chapter SAR

Over 4000 flags were retired at a ceremony in Des Moines Iowa on 12 SEP 2020.

Below photo includes 3 generations of IA SAR members, they are Isaac Rowley #209158, Iowa Color Guard Commander Mike Rowley #166348 and Iowa Color Guard member David Rowley #167874

Photo Right - IA Color Guard social distancing at Iowa Agent Orange Awareness Event 17 AUG 2020



The Color Guard Committee

The Color Guard Committee is responsible for coordinating and providing guidance to district, state and chapter Color Guard units. All Color Guardsmen are members of this committee. This is a very large committee, and may be subdivided into geographic groups on the recommendation of the chairman. The members of this committee elect the committee's leadership pursuant to the procedures set forth in the SAR Color Guard Handbook found in the Color Guard Committee web page on SAR.org.

KANSAS -

The Delaware Crossing Chapter did hold in person meetings in July and August and a picnic, Memorial Service and Flag Retirement Ceremony on September 18 at which Color Guards did participate.



At the picnic meeting the Colors were presented by, left to right, Steve French, Dewey Fry and Gavin Kurtz.(Photo Left)



Normally at the annual Flag Retirement Ceremony, Boy Scouts disassemble the US Flag during the ceremony, this year it was Color Guard members who were primary in that ceremony. Color Guardsmen Steven French and Gavin Kurtz participate in the disassembly of the US Flag assisted by member Dan Dryer as Color Guardsmen Alan Martin and Dewey Fry tended the Color Guard flags. (Photo Right)



After disassembly, Steve French placed the remains in the fire. (Photo Left)

The Washington Chapter Color Guardsmen participated in 4th of July parade in Haysville, KS. Carrying the banner was Don Lemen, left, and Joe Warne, right. In the truck during the parade were Randy Colby and Steve Hamlin. (Photo Right)



On August 8, Compatriot Christopher Carlton was inducted into the SAR in a ceremony held on the American Revolutionary War Memorial in Veterans Memorial Park in Wichita. (Photo Left)

Participants in the photo, left to right, were John Schwartz and Commander Don Lemen in the back row and President Randy Colby, Christopher Clarlton, and Joe Warne in the front row. (Photo Right).





July 2020 Independence Day



The Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter has sponsored an Independence Day ceremony for families for the past 11 years.

Due to local COVID-19 restrictions it was feared

that this year the ceremony would have to be cancelled. However, at the end of June some of the local restrictions were relaxed which allowed the ceremony to proceed as scheduled. The ceremony consisted of a review of the timeline and events leading up to and following the signing of the Declaration of Independence as well as a reading of excerpts from the Declaration of Independence, a flag folding ceremony, and gun salute. The highlight for the children was a parade led by the SAR through the neighborhood. Seventeen flags were available for the children to carry in the parade with the assistance of their parents (All the flags had been previously sanitized in accordance COVID-19 guidelines). The flags consisted of the current National flag of the United States, the first five National flags of the United States, the Kentucky State flag, and various battle

flags of the Revolutionary War and War of 1812. Also in the parade where children riding bicycles that had been decorated for the event. After the parade a bell ringing ceremony was held where each child had an opportunity to ring the bell.

Fourteen members from the Gov. Isaac Shelby, Louisville Thruston, and Lafayette SAR chapters along with a member of the Jack Jouett Society of the CAR made up the color guard for this event. The SAR members also provided riflemen, a fifer, drummer and additional flag bearers for the parade.



Gold Star Family Monument Dedication

A Gold Star Family Memorial monument was dedicated in a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park of Kentucky in Crestwood, KY on 22 August. The Gold Star Family Memorial monument is the most recent addition to the park commemorating the service and sacrifices of our armed forces. The Veterans Memorial Park is designed to serve as a reminder of our veterans, especially those that made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our American Freedoms. It also serves as an educational tool with a sidewalk covering America's military history since 1775. One of the first monuments installed in the park was dedicated to the American Revolution.

The Gold Star Family Memorial monument was constructed by the Hershel "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Foundation. Hershel "Woody" Williams, USMC (Retired), Iwo Jima Medal of Honor Recipient, and SAR Compatriot was the guest speaker for the ceremony. The monument is designed to honor Gold Star families, preserve the



memory of those gave their lives in service to the United States, and serve as a reminder that the freedoms we enjoy come at a cost. Currently there are 63 Gold Star Family Memorial monuments in 48 states. An additional 77 monuments are in progress.

The Central Brigade Color Guard of the Kentucky Society posted the colors for the dedication ceremony. The 20 members of the color guard consisted of Kentucky Society members from the Gov. Isaac Shelby, Lafayette, Louisville Thruston, and Colonel Daniel Boone chapters. Also participating in the color guard was the John Marshall chapter of the DAR. The color guard was composed of 15 flag bearers, four riflemen, and one fifer.

The color guard posted the flags of the United States, Kentucky, each military service branch, and several battle flags from the Revolutionary War. At the conclusion of the dedication ceremony, the Central Brigade Rifle Squad provided the gun salute commanded by Kentucky Society Past President Mike Sullivan.

Photo Above right: Members of the Kentucky Central Brigade at the Gold Star Family monument in the Veterans Memorial Park of Kentucky.

Photo left: Members of the Kentucky Central Brigade at the Revolutionary War monument in the Veterans Memorial Park of Kentucky.



Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Ceremony

On 19 August 1782, American Militia under the command of Colonel John Todd with subordinate officers Lt. Col. Stephen Trigg and Lt. Col. Daniel Boone were led into an ambush and defeated by a combined force of American Indians and British Rangers. The battle, one of the last in the American Revolution, took place on a hill next to the Licking River in present day Kentucky. The vastly outnumbered American force of approximately 182 suffered casualties of approximately 72 killed and 11 captured.

The Kentucky Society SAR honored the Patriots killed in the battle with a memorial service held at the Battle of Blue Lick monument in the Battle of Blue Licks State Park on 15 August. In order to comply with the COVID-19 restrictions placed on the ceremony by the Kentucky State Parks Department, the on-site participants were limited to KYSSAR members and invited guests. Central District Vice-President General William Sharp was present for the ceremony with Kentucky Society President Pat Berry serving as the master of ceremonies. Taking part in the ceremony were 12 Kentucky SAR chapters and one Kentucky DAR chapter.



In addition to the onsite ceremony, there was a virtual ceremony broadcast on Zoom and YouTube live. Participating in the virtual ceremony were the following guests of honor: Douglas Collins (Registrar General), Bobby Joe Seales (Vice President General – Southern District), Christopher Moberg (Vice President General – North Central District), Lou Raborg (National Color Guard Commander), Brooks Lyles (Vice Commander National Color Guard), and Kenneth Scott Collins (Senior Adjutant National Color Guard). In total there were 58 virtual wreaths presented as part of the virtual ceremony. SAR chapters presented 41 of these wreaths with the DAR presenting 7, the CAR presenting 8, and the

remaining two presented by other lineage societies. Eleven state societies were represented by the SAR members participating virtually.

Due to social distancing requirements the color guard for the ceremony was limited to two fifers, 3 riflemen, and 9 flag bearers. In addition to this were 52 participants in the virtual color guard. During the memorial ceremony Kentucky State Chaplain Geoff Baggett read the Honor Roll of those Patriots killed in the battle accompanied by the tolling of a bell after each name. During the Honor Roll, members of the rifle/musket team performed the drill 'mourn on arms'. The Patriots were also honored with 13 wreaths laid at the monument. The ceremony concluded with a flintlock gun salute followed by the sounding of Taps.

Photo Above: The Kentucky Central Brigade Color Guard posting the colors at the Battle of Blue Licks Monument.

Photo Right: Kentucky Central Brigade riflemen provided the gun salute in honor of the Patriots buried at Blue Licks.



MARYLAND -



238th Virtual Anniversary Battle of Blue Licks, KY

This was a family affair as Guardsmen and MDSSAR 2nd VP, Mike Kelley presented wreaths on behalf of the Maryland SAR and the John Paul Jones Chapter and Dr. Stephanie Kelley presented a wreath on behalf of Peggy Stewart Tea Party Chapter, Maryland DAR. (Left) Their daughter Emma Weltz, State Corresponding Secretary presented a wreath on behalf of Maryland State Society C.A.R. And

last but not least, 'The Boys' MJ and Sam Kelley presented a wreath on behalf of Capt John Ward Veazey Society, Maryland C.A.R. (Right)



9-11 event at Thurmont, Maryland with the MDSSAR Color Guard

Above photo - Shoulder Arms - It to rt - David Hoover, Gene Moyer, Michael Kelley Jr., Don Eberhardt, Jim Tucker, William Smithson, Lou Raborg, Ron Harbaugh, David Embrey, Wes Evens, Claude Bauer, Joey Kaye photo by Cindy Harbaugh. Photos to right and below also from event.



MDSSAR Color Guard Events

On Saturday August 8th multiple State Color Guards participated in the virtual Atlantic Middle States Association meeting - What way to see if your uniforms still fit and some of us don't even need to leave the house. MDSSAR member and National Color Guard Commander Lou Raborg opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance as other Color Guard participants were under arms or in uniform. Participants included (left) David Embrey (Far Right) Michael J Kelley Jr.



(right) It to rt. Billie Locke, Troy Foxwell Rob Meyer, MDSSAR President and Color Guard member Gene Moyer and NSSAR Commander Lou Raborg.



Aug/30 Virtual Battle of Brooklyn - No travel to New York for this event as the MDSSAR Color Guard Drummer Joey Kaye and Fifer David Embrey (Below left) provided a few tunes with support from Michael J Kelly Jr. for this virtual ceremony. The Event was hosted by The Green-Wood Cemetery and the Old Stone House of Brooklyn (Below) photo by Angelina Maria, remembering the 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Brooklyn and the Maryland 400. Participants included members from the Society of the Cincinnati, MDSDAR, NSDAR, MDSSAR, NSSAR, Society of Old Brooklynites and Battle of Brooklyn Commemoration Society. A Special thanks to the team at The Old Stone House for getting this all together. HUZZAH! And such a fine day to be in wool it was.



Sept /11 It was an honor for the MDSSAR Color Guard to advance and posted Colors as well as provided a musket salute for the Inaugural 9/11 tribute in Thurmont, MD. The Thurmont Lions Club was the host of this first annual community tribute to the thousands of Americans who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, including the heroic first responders. Featured Color Guards were from Scout Troop 270, American Legion Post 168, AMVETS Post 7, and the Sons of the American Revolution. Carroll Manor Chapter of the DAR lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the Gateway Brass Ensemble provided patriotic music. We even made front page above the fold of the Frederick News Post (Below) – It to rt



Claude Bower, David Embrey, Joey Kaye, Lou Raborg and the rest – photo by Bill Green – Masked and Ready to go – It to rt. Claude Bauer, Joey Kaye, David Embrey, Gene Moyer, Ron Harbaugh, Lou Raborg, Jim Tucker, Michael J Kelley Jr., William Smithson, Don Eberhardt, Wes Evens and David Hoover – (Below) Fire –Names are same as above - photo by John Kinnaird



Sept/13 The MDSSAR Color Guard did double duty on Sunday as we fell-in asThe Maryland 1812 Society Color Guard for a Defenders' Day Wreath Laying ceremony at the Grave Site of France Scott Key at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Frederick, Maryland. Another great day to be in wool for all participants. Unit included Ron Harbaugh, William Smithson, Gene Moyer, David Embrey, Michael J Kelley Jr. and David Hoover Make Ready (Next page) and Fire (Next page) photos by Becky Moyer.



October Events are as follows

3 Sat 2:00 Grave Marking of Lt. John Fowler, - Westminster, MD SAR at St. Johns Cemetery behind the Westminster Public Library at 50 E Main St, Westminster, MD 21157
 Flags and Musket Salute - POC Embrey

Current Line - Embrey, Harbaugh, Smithson, Eberhardt

15 Thur. 4 pm French Monument Ceremony - Annapolis, MD Cancelled
 18 Sun Rochambeau Statue Unveiling Yorktown, VA Cancelled
 19 Mon Yorktown Celebration Yorktown, VA Cancelled



MICHIGAN

Missar, Oaks Chapter honoring Nathaniel Squire, revolutionary war patriot

July 2, 2020 10 AM Utica Cemetery Shelby Township, Michigan

The Missar color guard members participated in a Revolutionary War Patriot, “Nathaniel Squire’s,” remembrance. Video Link by WBRW TV media: Wbrwtv Face-
 book page <https://wbrw.viebit.com/player.php?hash=TBtaZJlZB3jl> Permission to publish given by editor,



Left: “Captain” Larry Blackett and his cannon crew

Below: A three shot volley salute was prepared. One for “Duty” one for “Honor” and one for “Country”. Excellent Results. cover your ears !!



Left: The Michigan Color Guard July 2, 2020. Utica Cemetery, Shelby Township, Michigan.





On August 8, 2020 the MISSAR color guard assembled in Pinckney Mi. for a grave dedication. After the ceremony MISSAR Color Guard Vice Commander Norman Palmer (eastern division) was awarded the NSSAR Color Guard Bronze Medal for his service. He was given this medal by Michigan SAR President David Vanhoof (L) and MISSAR Color Guard Commander Gerald Burkland.(R)

"It's a privilege to serve and an honor to salute each and every fallen patriot."

Grave dedication sponsored by the MISSAR Huron Valley Chapter

The Michigan Color Guard presented honors to a dual grave dedication on August 8,2020 in Pinckney, Michigan. We bestowed our highest honor with a sword salute.



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"FIRE for COUNTRY"



MISSOURI



Branson Landing's 13th Annual Liberty Light Up Concert and Fireworks Show

On July 3, 2020 Compatriot Daniel Piedlow of the Ozark Mountain Chapter (OMC) participated as the Sergeant-at-Arms with the Branson High School Air Force JROTC Color Guard at the Branson Landing's 13th Annual Liberty Light Up Concert and Fireworks Show. The Color Guard presented colors for the singing of the National Anthem. An appearance was made by Missouri's Governor Michael (Mike) L. Parson, the 47th Governor of the State of Missouri. The Branson Landing program ran from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with a concert headlined by Dirty Saints and fireworks starting at 9:00 p.m. It was reported that thousands of people packed downtown Branson Friday night for the 13th Annual Liberty Light Up Concerts and Fireworks Show. Branson Landing is located at 100 Branson Landing Blvd., Branson, Missouri.

Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard NRA black powder safety / period flintlock Training

Left to right: Compatriots Tom Barden (HST); Stephen Sullins (IPC); Don Turner (OPC); Glenn Irminger (WCC); Mark Parks (MWC); Frank Furman (OPC); and MOSSAR Color Guard Commander Steven Perkins (OMC).



On August 3, 2020 the Missouri Society, SAR held an NRA black powder safety / period flintlock training at Lake City Range, 28505 E. Truman Road, Buckner, MO 64016.

Members of the Harry S Truman (HST), Independence Patriots (IPC), Ozark Patriots (OPC), Martin Warren (MWC), and Ozark Mountain (OMC) Chapters participated in the training. Additional training is planned. Photos provided by MOSSAR Color Guard Commander Steven G. Perkins (OMC).

Missouri Society, SAR, Update Meeting held via ZOOM

On August 29, 2020, the Missouri Society, SAR held an update meeting via ZOOM. President J. Howard Fisk conducted the meeting. Presentation of Colors was by Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard Commander Steve Perkins. Color Guard members wore their uniform for the meeting. Photos provided by Compatriot Dennis J. Hahn (FDL).



Independence Patriots Chapter Color Guard presented the Colors at the Lexington-Lafayette DAR Chapter September Meeting

On September 16, 2020 the Independence Patriots Chapter (IPC) Color Guard presented the Colors at the Lexington-Lafayette DAR Chapter September meeting held at the Episcopal Church, Lexington, Missouri. IPC President, Stephen Sullins, was the guest speaker at the meeting. Left to right: Janice Mayfield, DAR Chapter Regent Marsha Corbin, and Stephen Sullins (IPC)

Photo Provided by Compatriot Stephen Sullins.





Compatriot Terry Grogan (SSL)

The Watchfire on the banks of the Missouri River where Lewis & Clark kicked off their Western trip in 1804



**POW/MIA Recognition Day & Watchfire Ceremony
held at the Veterans Memorial in the City of St. Charles, Missouri**

On Friday, September 18, 2020 the Saint Charles Veterans Commission conducted the annual POW/MIA Watchfire ceremony at the Veterans Memorial at Bishop’s Landing located in St. Charles, Missouri to commemorate all active military, veterans, and all POW/MIA’s. Compatriot Terry Grogan with the Spirit of St. Louis Chapter (SSL) participated in the ceremony along with members of the Saint Charles DAR Chapter. The ceremony includes a procession led by the Patriot Guard Riders, and concludes with the lighting of the Watchfire. The Watchfire itself is lit at Bishop’s Landing on the bank of the Missouri River following the ceremony. The Watchfire is a long-standing tradition to build large fires to guide returning soldiers and militia back to their camp or village. The modern-day watch fire is a symbolic event; a fire lit in hopes that all of America’s soldiers held as prisoners of war and those missing in action will find their way home. These symbolic fires are lit to provide hope to family members that the missing may yet be found and brought home. The ceremony was conducted from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Photos provided by Compatriot Robert Ackley (SSL).

Flag Retirement Ceremony held by the Ozark Mountain SAR Chapter, and Boy Scout Troop 173

On September 19, 2020 members of the Ozark Mountain Chapter (OMC) Color Guard and Boy Scout Troop 173 conducted a flag retirement ceremony. The ceremony was held at Fisk Transportation, 2001 E. Trafficway Street, Springfield, Missouri. Photos provided by Harold Egelston.



Left to right: Missouri Society Color Guard Commander Steven Perkins, Jeffrey Patrick, J. Howark Fisk, and Daniel Piedlow. Members of Boy Scout Troop 173

Left to right: Jeffrey Patrick, Missouri Society Color Guard Left to right: Jeffrey Patrick, Missouri Society Color Guard J. Howard Fisk. Members oif Boy Scout Troop 173



NEW JERSEY -

Include the following sites into “events recognized by the National Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee” for New Jersey.



Approximate 2020 Date	Color Guard Event	Location	Host
June 20-21	Battle of Monmouth	Manalapan, NJ	New Jersey SAR
October 10	Battle of Chestnut Neck	Port Republic, NJ	New Jersey SAR
October 25	Battle of Red Bank	National Park, NJ	New Jersey SAR
December 26	Battle of Trenton	Trenton, NJ	New Jersey SAR
January 3, 2021	Battle of Princeton	Princeton NJ	New Jersey SAR

Ringling of the New Jersey Liberty Bell, July 4, 2020, Perth Amboy, NJ

Three score and ten years ago, as part of the Marshall Plan, the U.S. Department of Treasury held a "Save for your Independence" saving bond drive. To support the drive, they decided to cast fifty-five full size replicas of the American Liberty Bell (One for each state, D.C, U.S. territories and France to place, as appropriate on the state capitol grounds. They used the foundry in Annency-le-Vieux, France. The bells were delivered to each state with the stipulation that it be placed on state capitol grounds and give free access to all. Most states followed these rules, but some did not like New Jersey which placed their bell in Perth Amboy.

Each year on the 4th of July the march starts from the Proprietary House in Perth Amboy (the last standing British Governor's House from the Revolutionary War era) and ends at the Liberty Bell Monument. At that time, a wreath is laid, and the bell is rung 13 times. The New Jersey Society annually leads this event.



The NJSSAR Color prepares for the march from the Proprietary House. (l-r) Lt Rich Serfass, Color Guard Adjutant, Ed Glidden, Color Guard Sergeant, Jim Howard, Gary Walling, Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz, Sam Davis, Jay Hershey, Larry Jackson, and Gary Beauregard.

The NJSSAR Color Guard at the New Jersey Liberty Bell. (Front l-r) Rich Serfass, Jim Howard (rear) Gary Beauregard, Gary Walling, Sam Davis, Jay Hershey and Ed Glidden

George Washington Tomb, Mount Vernon, VA, September 9, 2020

Each year the Sons of the American Revolution honors Commander-in-Chief General George Washington by standing vigil at his tomb in Mount Vernon, Virginia. Members of the SAR in turn stood vigil at attention for 15 minutes.

The New Tomb, first opened in 1831, is the final resting place of George and Martha Washington. George Washington left specific instructions for his burial. Because the family vault at Mount Vernon was deteriorating and not "properly situated," he wanted a new one built—of brick and on a larger scale—adjacent to his fruit garden and nursery. In the new vault, he wrote in his will, "my remains, with those of my deceased relatives (now in the old Vault) and such others of my family as may chose to be entombed there, may be deposited."

Washington's wishes were not immediately heeded. Just after his death, Congress resolved that a marble monument to him should be erected in the new US Capitol building and that the first president's remains should be interred there. Martha Washington's consent was sought and obtained, and a crypt was provided under the Capitol dome. But the project was never completed. In 1831 Washington's surviving executors moved his and Martha's bodies and those of other members of the family from the old vault to the present enclosure.

The marble sarcophagus in which Washington's remains now rest was carved in 1837 by John Struthers of Philadelphia. At that time, the leaden inner casket was removed from the closed vault and entombed within the marble. A similar sarcophagus, more plainly sculpted, was provided for Martha's remains.

The legend inscribed on a stone tablet over the entrance states: Within this Enclosure Rest the remains of Gen.l George Washington."

National Sar Color Guard Vice-Commander Lou Raborg, and NJSSAR President and NJ Color Guard Commander Rob Meyer discuss strategies for the SAR Color Guard with Jim Howard (South Jersey Chapter) observing.



(L-R) Rich Serfass and Gary Beauregard

(l-r) Ed Glidden and Jim Howard

(l-r) Ed Glidden, Gary Beauregard, Rich Serfass, Rob Meyer and Jim Howard

New Jersey color guard join bar national color guard commander Lou Raborg.

New Jersey color guard members: Joseph Hankins William Locke Clark McCullough Richard Seerfass Jake Rue Gary Walling Jay Hershey Robert Meyer. Lou Raborg, James Howard



NEVADA -

On July 4th, the Battle Born Patriots Chapter of the SAR were able to hold their annual Ringing of the Liberty Bell ceremony at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City, NV. Face coverings and social distancing was mandatory, but everyone had a good time.

After a brief ceremony, attendees were invited to come forward and ring Nevada's replica of the Liberty Bell, in celebration of the 244th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Curious pedestrians also stopped by to see what was going on with all these gentlemen dressed in Continental Army uniforms.

Unfortunately, this was our only event in the 3rd quarter, due to COVID restrictions.



A salute rendered by Compatriots (from left to right): Rob Stoecklin, DAR member and fifer Marcia Baldwin, Jay Dickey, Roger Linscott, David Hess and Brian Worcester.

A prayer for all of those who have fought for Liberty

Compatriot Kurt Dietrich, his wife and DAR member, Candace Dietrich and their young family take a turn at ringing the bell





NEW YORK -



On September 20th the Saratoga Battle Chapter Color Guard participated in the 126th consecutive annual wreath laying ceremony at the Saratoga National Historical Park.

The ceremony is sponsored by the DAR to honor the fallen of the 1777 battles of Saratoga.

Members of the Color Guard present included Saratoga Battle Chapter President Michael Companion, First Vice President Michael Skelly, past President Douglas Gallant, compatriot Peter Hormell, Bob Wesser, David Wren, Bradley Allen, and Mary Skelly.



Walloomsac Battle Chapter color guard participated in the September 11th ceremony at the internment of long time Walloomsac Battle Chapter President John Sheaff at the Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery.

Members of the Color Guard present and firing an artillery salute were Walloomsac Battle Chapter President Peter Hormell, Secretary Michael Skelly, compatriot Douglas Gallant, and David Wren.



NORTH CAROLINA -

Covid19 has slowed down our participation considerably, but three of us (Jay DeLoach, Gary Green and George Strunk) took part in the Virtual 246th Anniversary of the Fairfax Resolves on July 18th.

On August 22nd, George Strunk was selected as 2020 NC Colorguardsman of the Year at the Summer Board of Managers Meeting.



On the 22nd of September, a small NC Color Guard (George Strunk, Rod Herbig, Sam Powell, Jay DeLoach and John Thornhill) presented the Colors at the Chartering Ceremony of the new Sandhills Chapter.





On August 15th, four of us (Jay DeLoach, Gary Green, Jim Wood and George Strunk) participated in the Virtual Battle of Blue Licks Ceremony. [Photos Above and below



George Presented NC Colorguardsman of Year 2020



OHIO

Northeastern Ohio Sons of the American Revolution Honor Revolutionary War Veteran Simeon Prior

On Saturday June 27th, 2020 the Sons of the American Revolution, along with the descendants of Simeon and Katharine Prior, Daughters of the American Revolution, local community groups, participated in the dedication of a new Prior Family Monument. The site of the ceremony was the historic Harrington Cemetery located in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Simeon Prior as not only Revolutionary War veteran, he and his wife, 20 years after the end of the Revolution War, moved to the Connecticut Western Reserve and founded what would become Northampton Township in the wilderness of the Cuyahoga Valley.



Simeon enlisted in the Continental Army in 1776 as an armorer, and served from 1754 – 1837. He participated in the battles of Princeton of Trenton and served in General George Washington's bodyguard. According to Simeon's writings he invented a device to shred the sails of enemy ships, had the opportunity to shoe General Washington's horse and he was in the same boat with General Washington when they crossed the Delaware river on December 25th, 1776. Simeon credited General Washington with the ideas of his moving to the Connecticut Wester Reserve.

The combined Color Guard of the SAR and the City of Cuyahoga Falls Police & Fire Departments presented Colors, local government leaders presented greetings and congratulations. The memorial program was facilitated by 5th Great Grandson Kenneth Clarke of the WRS, and Compatriot Steve Hinson of the NEO Chapter SAR. A memorial tribute and family history was given by 5th Great Grandson Emery Prior. The monument of unveiled by 6th Great Granddaughter Kacy Clarke. SAR and family members presented wreaths, DAR Regent Venie Hinson, laid a bouquet of flowers on the grave of Katharine Prior, the Patriot Prior's wife. Taps was played by NEO Chapter member Dan Matheke.



Photo Left - Combined color guard – City of Cuyahoga Falls Police & Fire Departments, SAR Members: Galen Swab, Lee MacBride, Troy Bailey, and Larry Kovar.

Photo Right - SAR Members -Lee MacBride (WRS). Todd Reutzel (Mahoning Co.), Kenneth Clark (WRS & 5th Great Grandson), Kacy Clarke, Galen Swab (WRS), Larry Koval, John Wooding, Troy Bailey, Chris Bailey, Venie Hinson, and Steve Hinson (NEO Chapter #12, John Franklin (WRS), Emery Prior.



Sept. 12th Triple Grave Marking

On September 12th, 2020 compatriots from several chapters took part in a triple Patriot Grave Marking event at three separate cemeteries in Allen County. The event was hosted by the Northwest Territory Chapter and organized by Northwest District Chairman David Lupien. Ohio Society SAR President Lee Wilkerson spoke and helped with the unveiling of markers and presented a wreath at each dedication. At 10:00 AM the ceremonies began in Bluffton, Ohio at the Shannon Cemetery. Honored there was patriot Joseph DeFord, a private who enlisted in the 5th Maryland Regiment in 1777 and served three years. He fought at Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, Camden, Guilford Courthouse, and was at Valley Forge. Members of the DAR, local American Legion Post Honor Guard, and Perry Township Trustees joined in the program. The Ohio Society SAR Color Guard presented the colors and fired a musket salute at each event.



AllenCoGMarking2020: Compatriots "Mourn Muskets" at the William Rodgers Grave Marking at Logan (Tussing) Cemetery, in Perry Township

Participants then drove about 25 minutes to Logan (Tussing) Cemetery to honor patriot William Rodgers, a private in the North Carolina Line who served in the 3rd Continental Dragoons in Capt. John Reid's Company under Col. William Washington. He was seriously wounded at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse on March 15, 1781.

The last dedication, also a 25 minute drive distant, was at Ash Grove Cemetery, and honored patriot Simon Cochrun, who served in Lord Dunmore's War in 1774, and in 1777 he enlisted three years in the Virginia Continental Line, with Capt. David Scott's Company, 13th Virginia Regiment, then later redesignated the 9th, then the 7th Virginia Regiment. He achieved the rank of sergeant and saw action at Brandywine, Germantown, and Monmouth. He was also assigned to Ohio's only Revolutionary War era fort, Fort Laurens in 1778 - 1779.



SAR and DAR participants gather for a photo at the Joseph DeFord Grave Marking at Shannon Cemetery in Richland Township, Bluffton, Ohio.



On Saturday, June 27th, 2020 the Northeastern Ohio Chapter SAR, DAR, and local community groups participated in the dedication of a new Prior Family Monument. Present were descendants of Simeon and Katharine Prior. The ceremony was held at the historic Harrington Cemetery located in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Simeon Prior enlisted in the Continental Army as an armorer in 1776 and participated in the battles of Trenton and Princeton, and served as Washington's bodyguard. He was in the same boat with Washington during the crossing of the Delaware River on the night of December 25th, 1776. Pictured is the Northeastern Chapter SAR and City of Cuyahoga Falls Police & Fire Departments marching into place as a combined Color Guard.



When the official 4th of July Parade was cancelled in Poland, Ohio, a group of compatriots and friends of the Mahoning Valley SAR Color Guard held their own impromptu Independence Day Parade. Led by Chapter Color Guard Commander John Opre, their march began at the Poland Public Library and ended at Peterson Park at the corner of Rt. 170 and Rt. 224. The patriotic participants reported it was great fun.



The Cincinnati Chapter SAR held a Grave Marking Ceremony at the Old Mount Carmel Baptist Church Cemetery, now called the Sycamore Township Memorial Cemetery in Cincinnati, Ohio on July 4th. A new memorial stone was dedicated to six patriots (John Ferris, Isaac Ferris, Mathias Felter, Gershom Hubbell, Adam Lee, and William Neves). First Vice President Gregg Ballman emceed the event, which also included greetings by OHSSAR President Lee Wilkerson and a keynote address by Senator Rob Portman. Following the dedication, a short living history demonstration was presented by the Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard. The event was well-attended by both participants and attendees who observed proper social distancing. The event included a musket salute, and pictured immediately afterward, the Musket Detail goes to "Mourn Muskets."



Also on July 4th, the Hocking Valley Chapter SAR Color Guard participated in the Second Annual Reading of the Declaration of Independence in downtown Logan, Ohio. The event was sponsored by the Hocking Hills Liberty Camp for Kids of which the chapter has been active for five years. The SAR Color Guard posted and retrieved the colors, and fired a musket salute. A few members also assisted in the program itself, helping in the reading of the Declaration, as well as reading the names and states of the 56 signers. A short history on the fate of the signers was also presented with a video on the creation of the National Anthem. Prayer, singing, and the ringing of a Liberty Bell was part of the program. Pictured, L to R: Matt Hardman (Chapter President and Chaplain), Jim Hiles, Bob Hill (Color Guard Commander), Bob Davis, Al Gummere.

Four Ohio Society compatriots traveled to Woodside Village Care Center in Mount Gilead, Ohio on Friday, August 28th. They were there to present awards to a dying compatriot, Patrick Kelly, age 86. Patrick suffered a bad fall a few months ago, and his injuries have not healed properly. Time is running out and the family was quite moved by this gesture to honor Patrick. Patrick once served as the head Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in North Woodbury, and 8 other churches in his 50 year career. He has been an active SAR member and chaplain of the Centennial Chapter and the former Henry Knox Chapter for nearly 30 years, and has also served as a Chapter President. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal by the Ohio Society in 2007, a Distinguished Service Certificate, the Roger Sherman Medal, Silver Color Guard Medal, and 20-year tenure pin.

Visitors are limited inside the Care Center, so Ohio Society Chaplain Ed Bonniwell went inside to present the awards. Witnessing the event were his wife, Shirley, and daughter, Karen. Outside Patrick's window, Paul Irwin, Al Gummere, and Bob Hill formed a small Color Guard where Patrick could see them. Patrick's son, Dave, was outside also. The Color Guard was moved to tears when they saw Patrick through the window laying on his bed, wearing his Continental Army jacket and tricorn hat, and he gave the Color Guard a salute. The Color Guard came to Present Arms as Pastor Ed, with his booming voice and eloquence, awarded Patrick the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and the Army Colonel's Chaplain insignia. When the time comes, Patrick has requested an SAR vigil at his viewing and a graveside ceremony. It will be an honor to fulfill his wishes. Pictured, Chaplain Ed Bonniwell at the bedside of Patrick Kelly after the awards presentation.





The Show Must Go On!

When the Declaration of Independence was finished on July 4, 1776, it was noted that this would become a day of celebration. Little did they know that there would be periods of history that would alter that celebration. Little did we know that 2020 would be one of those years with a pandemic haunting every gathering. Each year the city of Wimberley, TX has a three-day rodeo with fireworks and parade around the 4th of July celebration. It would not be this year because of the

restrictions imposed on social distancing. The Wimberley VFW sponsors these events each year and could not let this year's celebration go by unnoticed. They teamed up with the TX SAR Color Guard to perform an all services flag raising ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Plaza in the morning. The top of a hill, on the southwest side of the town, had been leveled a few years ago and flag poles were mounted around a large green with the US flag in the center.

All Service Flags were placed a half-staff for the start of the ceremony. The TX SAR Color Guard led off by circling the green, with the Betsy Ross Flag, stopping at the American Flag pole. As the National Anthem, followed by State and each military service was projected over the speakers, The TX SAR Color Guard assisted the VFW members in raising the flags to full staff.

The Post Commander gave a short talk on the significance of the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution. There was not a large crowd because of the conditions but it was significant and poignant. The celebration continued that evening at the VFW Post with three days of fireworks being shot off in one evening. What a BANG!

Left to right are Rowan Carlisle (drummer), Ron Moulton (played taps), and Casey Cotton (Patrick Henry), Stu Hoyt (William Hightower), Fred Duncan and Jim Clements (Patrick Henry), Jason Bourgeois (San Antonio), Jim Horton and Robert Hites (Patrick Henry).



The TX SAR Color Guard Post and Retrieval of Colors for Virtual BOM

By Stu Hoyt

The TX SAR Spring BOM was delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions on the size of group meetings. The BOM was rescheduled for 30 Jul to 2 Aug in the Woodlands outside Houston. As the Governor attempted to relax restrictions, the number of cases started skyrocketing. Restriction imposed at this point did not allow us to meet and conduct business, as required. A "virtual" meeting was planned for 8 Aug 2020 with most committee meeting to be held via "Zoom" the week prior.

The TX SAR Color Guard, in the Austin area, was asked to provide a three minutes segment of the Posting and Retrieving of the Colors for this virtual conference. We met at the Texas State Cemetery on the morning of 22 July to record this event to include our musician, Ron Moulton with drum accompaniment and Taps. In a group photo from left to right are Wayne Courreges; Ed Schoenfelt II; Casey Cotton; and Jim Clements; (all of Patrick Henry Chapter), Blair Rudy (Incoming State CG Comm. of Wm. Hightower Chapter) Ron Moulton, Musician; and Robert Hites, (Patrick Henry); Stu Hoyt (Wm. Hightower); Shiidon Hawley (Patrick Henry); Jason Bourgeois (San Antonio); and Fred Duncan (Patrick Henry). Fred's with Judy performed the videoing of the event.





Reading the proclamation is Blair Rudy, TX SAR CG Commander, with Stu Hoyt, Wayne Courreges, Jr., and Jim Clements, Jr. behind.

Pictured in front left to right are Thomas Moore DAR Carol Blue-Garcia, Martha Moore, and Athena Reiche, Constitution Week chairman with Blair Rudy following and Stu Hoyt, William Hightower Chapter, Wayne Courreges, Jr. and Jim Clements, Jr. of the Patrick Henry Chapter.

Constitution Week, a Public Law

By Stu Hoyt

Each year since 1956, 17 through 23 Sept is declared Constitution Week by Public Law 915. Annually a proclamation inviting the people of the United States to observe such week in schools, churches, and other suitable places with appropriate ceremonies and activities. The Thomas Moore Chapter DAR of San Marcos, TX encourages such a proclamation by inviting all to ring bells at 3pm on 17 Sept. One of their members, Martha Moore, a member of the First United Methodist Church, in town, rings the historic church bell. This bell was given to the church by Benjamin Hawkins, Indian agent appointed by George Washington, who first hung it in the Ft Hawkins chapel in Macon GA, in 1806.

The Thomas Moore Chapter called on the TX SAR for color guard support. At 3pm, the church bells rang out for one minute, Then our "Town Crier" Blair Rudy, rang forth is large hand bell and followed by the reading of a Constitution Week proclamation by TX SAR Sate President Drake Peddie



VIRGINIA

Daniel Cloud Grave Marking

On 5 September, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution conducted a grave marking for Private Daniel Cloud, a patriot of the American Revolution. Dale Corey and the Rt Rev Larry Johnson conducted the dedication ceremony with a

color guard consisting of compatriots from the Colonel James Wood II, Culpeper Minute Men, George Mason, George Washington, Fairfax Revolves and General Adam Stephens Chapters of the SAR, members of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.). Also participating were Virginia Society President Bill Schwetke and 2nd Vice President Ernie Coggins. Daniel Cloud was born in 1755 to Henry and Eleanor Cloud. During the Revolutionary War, he was listed as a Private with his brother William on the rolls of Captain Joseph Bowman's Dunmore company from 1775 - 1776. He served from June 1776 to 1778 in Captain Richard Campbell's Company under Colonel Abraham Bowman in the 8th Virginia Regiment. The unit was part of George Washington's Continental Army and fought at the Battles of Brandywine,



Germantown and Monmouth. After returning home from the war, he married 1st Nancy Jennings and had two children. After her death in 1792, he married Elizabeth Branson and had four more children. Daniel died in 1815 and was buried at the Willow Glen family cemetery. This was located on land that became the property of the American Viscose Company (Avtex) just prior to World War II. In 1939 all the known graves at Will Glen were moved to Prospect Hill in Front Roy-



al, Virginia. The Color Guard was led by Virginia State Color Guard Commander Ken Bonner and assisted by Virginia Color Guardsman of the Year Brett Osborn. Commemorative wreaths were presented by the various chapters and a musket salute was fired in honor the the patriot. In addition to those mentioned earlier, other participating compatriots were Chip Daniel, Sean Carrigan, Dave Cook, Fred Gill, Marty Keesecker, Art LaFlam, Eric Robinson, Erick Moore, Ken Morris, Kelly Ford, Mike Dennis, Nathan Poe and Will Reynolds. Representing the DAR were Deborah Corey and Anita Bonner. Attending from the C.A.R. were Leona, Sam and Jackie Gill. The ABOVE RIGHT picture is the color guard led by Ken Bonner, drummer Doug Hall, Eric Robinson, Bill Schwetke, Chip Daniel, Brett Osborn, Don Dusenbury, Erick Moore and Ken Morris. The ABOVE photo is from l-r, Dave Cook, Kelly Ford, Bill Schwetke, Ken bonner, Chip Daniel, Brett Osborn, Nathan Poe, Marty Keesecker, Mike Dennis, Don Dusenbury, Art LaFlam, Sean Carrigan, Erick Moore, Jackie Gill, Leona Gill, Sam Gill, Eric Robinson, Fred Gill, Dale Corey, Larry Johnson and Doug Hall. The photo at RIGHT is a picture of the sentinels guarding the grave of Private Daniel Cloud, Marty Keesecker and Art LaFlam.



Daniel Morgan Commemoration

On 12 September 2020, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter sponsored a commemorative celebration of Daniel Morgan, Revolutionary War Hero at Mt Hebron Cemetery. The ceremony was emceed by Dale Corey with greetings presented by Chapter President Marc Robinson and Virginia State Society Sons of the American Revolution (VASSAR) 1st Vice President Jeff Thomas. The Reverend Jim Simmons provided an invocation in front of a Color Guard consisting of members of the Colonel James Wood II, Colonel William Grayson, Culpeper Minutemen, Fairfax Resolves, George Mason and General Adam Stephens Chapters and a contingent from the Trail Life youth organization from the Chelsea Academy in Front Royal. The Color Guard was led by Virginia State Color Guard Commander Ken Bonner. A presentation on Daniel Morgan was given by Brett Osborn. Morgan was born in New Jersey about 1735 and ran away from home to the wilderness of Pennsylvania and western Virginia. He

became a teamster, hauling freight between remote frontier settlements. In 1755 he was hired as a wagoner for the Braddock expedition against Fort Duquesne. Three years later he was an ensign with the Virginia Militia. In 1763, he served as a Lieutenant in Pontiac's War and in 1774 was fighting Indians in the Ohio Valley. After the Revolutionary War began, he raised a company of marksmen in Virginia and marched north to meet General Washington's Army at a pace of over twenty-eight miles a day. This became known as the Beeline March. He was part of the assault on Quebec. Morgan took command when Benedict Arnold was wounded and led his men into the narrow streets of the Lower Town. While waiting for reinforcements, the unit was surrounded and captured, being held until late 1776. Morgan rejoined Washington's Army in April 1777 after raising a new corps of sharpshooters. He was sent to join Horatio Gates in New York. His leadership was a major factor in the decisive American victory at the Battle of Saratoga. In 1781, he led his men against the British Light Troops in South Carolina with a three tiered plan. The first row would fire two shots and retire, the second row 150 yards behind would do the same. The third row and a reserve force were his battle hardened veterans. On the right flank was his cavalry. The plan went off to perfection, almost totally destroying the larger more experienced British force, inflicting over three hundred casualties and taking six hundred prisoners out of the eleven hundred troops engaged. The Americans suffered seventy-two casualties, in this the battle known as Cowpens. After the war, he operated a gristmill, speculated in western lands, took the field briefly during the Whiskey Rebellions as commander of a Virginia Militia outfit and in 1797 won a seat in the House of Representatives.



He died in 1802. Wreaths were presented to honor the memory of Daniel Morgan. These included wreaths from VASSAR by 1st VP Jeff Thomas, the SAR Chapters represented by Will Reynolds (Col James Wood II), Mike Weyler (Col William Grayson), Mike Dennis (Culpeper Minutemen), Dave Cook (Fairfax Resolves), Ken Morris (George Mason) and Allan Phillips (General Adam Stephens). The DAR was represented by Anita Bonner (Lanes Mill DAR), Michelle Phillips (West Virginia State DAR) and Marlyn Keesecker (Pack Horse DAR). A musket squad comprised of Ken Bonner, Brett Osborn, Paul Christensen, Sean Carrigan, Dave Cook, Marty Keesecker, Art LaFlam, Eric Robinson and Barry Schwoerer fired three rounds prior to Marc Robinson playing Taps. Also participating were Flag Bearers Chip Daniel, Dennis Parmeter, Erick Moore and drummer Doug Hall. The Color Guard then formed up and marched the length of the cemetery to perform at the Birthday Celebration of the US Constitution. Guarding Daniel Morgan's gravesite were sentinels Marty Keesecker, Eric Robinson, Steve Englebright and Art LaFlam. The above picture is the members of the Color Guard standing 1 - r Jim Simmons, Allen Phillips, Mike Weyler, Marty Keesecker, Jeff Thomas, Eric Robinson, Erick Moore, Paul Christensen, Steve Englebright, Art LaFlam, Ennis Parmeter, Ken Morris, Barry Schwoerer, Brett Osborn and Doug Hall. Kneeling 1 - r are Chip Daniel, Dale Corey, Marc Robinson, Ken Bonner and Sean Carrigan. At right picture is the musket squad firing a round. Eric Robinson, Marty Keesecker, Sean Carrigan, Mike Dennis, Art LaFlam, Dave Cook, Barry Schwoerer, Paul Christensen, Marc Robinson and Ken Bonner.



Grave Marking Johannes Kuller

On 22 August 2020, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution conducted a grave marking ceremony to honor Johannes (also known as John) Kuller at the Dry Run Cemetery in Fort Valley, Virginia. The SAR honors patriots by marking their graves with a granite stone emblematic of their service in the fight for freedom during the American Revolutionary War. This can be as a fighter, a tax payer, government service or providing goods and materials to the cause. His father, Jacob had migrated from the Palatinate region of southern Germany in 1743, settling in Frederick County, Maryland. John was born in 1747, one of eight children. While visiting his sister who lived in Fort Valley, he fell in love with the mountains and Passage Creek. 22 August 1777, he bought property known as Teabo's Fort from Conrad Teabo along Passage Creek, becoming one of the earliest recorded official deed holders in that area. During the Revolutionary War, John was an "associator". Maryland organized a system to deal with grievances imposed by Great Britain before the war with the formation of a provisional government known as the Maryland Convention. The Convention circulated a document, "The Association of Free Men of Maryland", which resolved that the colony be put in a state of defense. The executive branch of this convention was the Council of Safety. Reporting to this body and keeping watch at county level for those disloyal to the provisional government was the Committee of Observation. John Kuller was a member of that committee in 1775 and thereby was referred to as an "associator".



The Colonel James Wood II Chapter was joined by the Colonel William Grayson, Culpeper Minute Men, Fairfax Resolves, George Mason and General Adam Stephens Chapters of the SAR with representation from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the Shenandoah Society of the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.). Dale Corey presided over the ceremony with chaplain services provided by Jim Simmons. Bob Cullers, a descendant of John Kuller presented a history of John and the family. Additional descendants also attended. Ten wreaths were presented to honor the patriot.

The ceremony included a flag folding ceremony by Chip Daniel and Clay Robinson. A 14 man color guard presented the colors and a 10 man squad fired a three round musket salute. Compatriots participating in the ceremony included Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (VASSAR) William "Bill" Schwetke, VASSAR Color Guard Commander Ken Bonner, VASSAR Color Guard Safety Officer Paul Christensen, VASSAR Color Guardsman of the Year Brett Osborn, Colonel James Wood II President Marc Robinson, Colonel William Grayson President Mike Weyler, Culpeper Minute Men President Charles Jameson, George Mason President Ken Morris, General Adam Stephens President Marty Keesecker and Fairfax Resolves 1st Vice President Dave Cook. Additional compatriots included Sean Carrigan, Dale Corey, Chip Daniel, Mike Dennis, Steve Englebright, Fred Gill, Art LaFlam, Dennis Parmeter, Will Reynolds, Clay Robinson, Eric Robinson and Barry Schwoerer. Attending from the DAR were Deborah Corey and Anne Simmons. From the C.A.R. were Leona, Samuel and Jacqueline Gill. At right picture is of all the participants. Kneeling from left to right are Fred Gill, Sean Carrigan, Charles Jameson, Marc Robinson, Clay Robinson, Ken Bonner, Dale Corey, Sam Gill, Jackie Gill and Leona Gill. Standing from left to right are Dave Cook, Brett Osborn, Chip Daniel, Mike Dennis, Steve Englebright, Marty Keesecker, Dennis Parmeter, Barry Schwoerer, Eric Robinson, Art LaFlam, Mike Weyler, Bill Schwetke, Ken Morris and Paul Christensen. The Above right is the color guard - left to right Dave Cook, Ken Bonner, Barry Schwoerer, Brett Osborn, Chip Daniel, Steve Englebright, Dennis Parmeter, Clay Robinson, Mike Weyler and Ken Morris.



Grave Marking for Thomas Buck

On 22 August 2020, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution sponsored a grave marking ceremony to honor Revolutionary War patriot Thomas Buck at the Buck Family Cemetery, Waterlick, Virginia. The SAR honors patriots by marking their graves with a granite stone emblematic of their service in the fight for freedom during the American Revolutionary War. This can be as a fighter, a tax payer, government service or providing goods and materials to the cause. Thomas Buck was born in 1756 to Charles Buck and Letitia Sorrell in Frederick County, Virginia. He was one of three patriot brothers. His brother John served as a fighter and moved to Ohio. Charles gave patriotic service, providing materials to the cause. He married Ann Richardson in 1774, daughter of Colonel William and Isabella Richardson. On 11 January 1776 Thomas was commissioned a Lieutenant of a company of militia while a resident of Dunmore County (now Shenandoah). In 1777, he was Adjutant under Colonel Joseph Pugh, Commandant of the Dunmore Militia. On 5 September 1777, at Woodstock, he was chosen Captain of a company of volunteers dubbed "Buck's Minute Men" of the 8th Virginia Regiment. The unit was sent to Fort Pitt where he served for about four months. In 1778, by then a resident of Frederick County, he raised a company of volunteers and served an additional two months. When the British were on their march from Carolina to Virginia, he was called upon to raise a company of 70 horsemen to move prisoners from Albermarle Barracks to Winchester. While enroute they were requested to proceed to Fredericksburg and reported to General Peter Muhlenburg. These



appointments and elections show a high regard for young Thomas Buck, then only in his early twenties. On May 1793, he was appointed Captain of Virginia Militia by Governor Henry (Lighthorse Harry) Lee and served during the Whiskey Rebellion. In 1797-98, he built the home "Bel Air" on Happy Creek in Front Royal where they raised thirteen children. After the war, he returned to Frederick County, living in Front Royal where he was one of the original trustees and a leading citizen for a number of years. He served as a magistrate and held the office of high sheriff. His first wife died 1 Apr 1823. On 21 September 1823, he married Ruhamah Heath McKim. Thomas was allowed a pension on 1 October 1833 for his military service during the Revolutionary War. He died 4 June 1842 and is buried in the Buck Family Cemetery, Waterlick, Virginia next to his first wife and his brother, Charles.



The Colonel James Wood II Chapter was joined by the Colonel William Grayson, Culpeper Minute Men, Fairfax Resolves, George Mason and General Adam Stephens Chapters of the SAR with representation from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the Shenandoah Society of the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.). Dale Corey presided over the ceremony with chaplain services provided by Jim Simmons. Ten wreaths were presented to honor the patriot by representatives of the various organizations. A 14 man color guard presented the colors and a 10 man

squad fired a three round musket salute. Compatriots participating in the ceremony included Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (VASSAR) William "Bill" Schwetke, VASSAR Color Guard Commander Ken Bonner, VASSAR Color Guard Safety Officer Paul Christensen, VASSAR Color Guardsman of the Year Brett Osborn, Colonel James Wood II President Marc Robinson, Colonel William Grayson President Mike Weyler, Culpeper Minute Men President Charles Jameson, George Mason President Ken Morris, General Adam Stephens President Marty Keesecker and Fairfax Resolves 1st Vice President Dave Cook. Additional compatriots included Sean Carrigan, Dale Corey, Chip Daniel, Mike Dennis, Steve Englebright, Fred Gill, Art LaFlam, Dennis Parmeter, Will Reynolds, Clay Robinson, Eric Robinson and Barry Schwoerer. Attending from the DAR were Deborah Corey and Anne Simmons. From the C.A.R. were Leona, Samuel and Jacqueline Gill. Picture at right is of Art LaFlam and Marty Keesecker performing sentinel duty at the grave of Thomas Buck. Previous photo is the musket squad firing a salute including left to right, compatriots saluting Mike Weyler, Dale Corey, Ken Morris and Steve Englebright. Musket squad left to right are Ken Bonner, Art LaFlam, Marty Keesecker, Brett Osborn, Dave Cook, Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen, Barry Schwoerer, Mike Dennis and Bill Schwetke. The other previous photo is of the participating members. Left to right standing are Leona Gill, Fred Gill, Paul Christensen, Brett Osborn, Sam Gill, Marty Keesecker, Jackie Gill, Steve Englebright, Dennis Parmeter, Mike Dennis, Eric Robinson, Clay Robinson, Ken Morris, Bill Schwetke, Dave Cook, Barry Schwoerer, Art LaFlam and Jim Simmons. Kneeling left to right are Ken Bonner, Chip Daniel, Charles Jameson, Marc Robinson, Mike Weyler, Dale Corey and Sean Carrigan.



Workshop & Flag Raising



On 9 August 2020, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution conducted a Color Guard Workshop and then a Flag Raising Ceremony at the Wayside Inn, Middletown, Virginia. The Wayside Inn provided a great place for the workshop. Since 1797, it has been the oldest and longest continuously run inn, in the United States. The oldest part - "Summer Kitchen" - was built as a waystation and stagecoach stop in 1742, along with the well that watered the town. The Chapter conducted training in procedures for color guard activities and then conducted a flag raising ceremony for the inn. The color guard was represented by Marc Robinson, Bill Schwetke, Erick Moore, Clay Robinson, Dennis Parmeter, Sean Carrigan and Brett Osborn. Doug Hall played drums to provide a cadence. Dale Corey and George Reeves (owner of the



Wayside Inn) ceremoniously raised a new flag. Pictured in the first picture are left to right the color guard marching into position. Second picture is the guard at present arms for the raising of the flag.



Eagle Scout Award

On 26 July 2020, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution presented Robbie Voorheis as its annual Eagle Scout Essay Contest winner. The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Program recognizes outstanding Eagle Scouts. The program is open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and have not reached his 19th birthday during the year of application. There are three levels of competition in the SAR program. These are Chapter, State and National. The application includes a 500 word essay on a patriotic theme and a four generation genealogy chart. Eagle Scout Voorheis was selected from 17 scouts in the competition. The presentation ceremony included a Color Guard presentation of the American, Virginia State, SAR and Chapter flags. He was presented with the SAR Chapter Eagle Scout Medal, SAR Eagle Scout Patch, Certificate of Recognition and a \$100 check. The ceremony was held at the Wayside Inn, Middletown, Virginia. Present with Voorheis was his father, Mark Voorheis, 28 SAR compatriots and 3 members of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Present for the CJWII Chapter Color Guard were compatriots President Marc Robinson, VASSAR President Bill Schwetke, Vice President Chip Daniel, CJWII Past Presidents Brett Osborn and Dale Corey, compatriots Paul Christensen, Kelly Ford, Art LaFlam, Tom Reed and Jim Simmons. Pictured is Robbie Voorheis, winner of the Colonel James Wood II Chapter Eagle Scout Essay Contest.

Washington State Upcoming Events

Washington State SAR

Planning is underway for the Washington State SAR Color Guard to participate in the Annual Veterans Day Parade in Auburn, Washington. Though an actual parade is not possible due to COVID-19 restrictions, participation in a filmed program is planned.

Wreaths Across America in several chapters are still planned to be held. These will follow the necessary restrictions of Social distancing as mandated by the Governor of Washington.

George Washington Chapter

The George Washington Chapter are in final planning phases of participating in a virtual Veteran's Day program to will be filmed with several participants in the Oak Harbor, WA area. This program will be viewable on the Washington State George Washington SAR Facebook page on Veteran's day. <https://www.facebook.com/GWC.WashingtonSAR/>

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone to attend the 2021 NSSAR Conference in Seattle, Washington.

George Rogers Clark

George Rogers Clark Chapter, Washington State Society, Sons of the American Revolution held its first official 20 minute meeting. Our Chapter received notification we were officially on the NSSAR Register on July 2, 2020, the 244th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence! We are a proud new chapter while sharing a historic heritage, too.

On Sunday, August 20, 2020 at 7AM, members of the George Rogers Clark chapter conducted their first 20 minute meeting on the Capital Campus, in Olympia, WA for a brief gathering to take advantage of a chapter photo shoot. Members travelled from Gig Harbor, Tacoma, Olympia, and Hoquiam, WA. The distance traveled by those dedicated members (over 100 miles) resulted in several significant and historic pictures.

The most significant photo was the first chapter photo, for those who could make the destination, to include both officers and color guard. The attached photo of the members in attendance are



L-R Lee Thomasson, Bob O'Neal, Viren Lemmer, Art Dolan, Kevin Saville, Joe Coorough, Kenneth Roberts, Eric Olsen.

An interesting side note, because the photo was taken on the Capitol Campus, we had it cleared with security which is the Washington State Patrol, the official security of the Governor. During these strange times of protest around the country the State Patrol was delighted to have us on campus with non-firing muskets! The patrol promptly arrived at 6:55 am to inspect our "weapons". We proudly passed muster.

L-R Steve Drew, Treasurer, Lee Thomasson, Awards, Bob O'Neal, Viren Lemmer, dual members, Art Dolan, President, Kevin Saville, Secretary, Joe Coorough, Historian, Ken Roberts, Eric Olsen, Registrar in training, Norman Dodge, Eagle Scouts, Dick Moody, serving a dual Registrar role for Alexander Hamilton (Sponsoring Chapter)/George Rogers Clark.

The second photo is the first color guard photo for the George Rogers Clark Chapter.



John Paul Jones

A good example of the kind of selfless service our Color Guard provides happened recently in Port Angeles, Washington. In July, the Washington State SAR President Craig Lawson received a letter from Patsy Everette, the widow of US Navy Commander Oliver G. Everette (Ret.), who died of Alzheimer's Disease in May in California. Everette was a career Navy man and a very active member of his SAR chapter in California. Mrs. Everette requested that the Washington SAR to provide an honor guard at her husband's burial at Ocean View Cemetery in Port Angeles on September 3rd. Mrs. Everette's request was forwarded to Washington Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon, who sent it to Color Guard Captain Fred Gilbert of the John Paul Jones Chapter. Fred represented the Washington SAR and his chapter in paying tribute to Commander Everette at his interment, an act of kindness that can never be repaid. Mrs. Everette was very thankful to Fred and the Color Guard for being there for her and her husband





WISCONSIN -

I'm pleased to report that our Wisconsin color guards were somewhat active during summer. Our usual events were canceled so we revved-up our flag award program. While several nominations were reviewed, our guards presented awards at three locations.

At Weldall Mfg, Inc. are Brian S. Barrett presented a certificate to President David Ball at his manufacturing plant in Waukesha on behalf of the M-K Chapter. Also shown at right is musket man Shane Barrett. At the base of the Weldall flag monument is a large impressive bronze eagle with guardsmen (l to r) Don Skarda, Commander Barrett and Shane Barrett in the foreground.



On Constitution Day, September, 17, 2020, our guards set-up a tabletop display and distributed pocket constitutions and eagle pins at Carroll University in Waukesha. We also presented a flag award certificate to Carroll University President, Dr. Cindy Gnadinger, for the school's prominent flag plaza and two other highly visible outdoor flag monuments at nearby sporting facilities. Pictured (l to r) are guardsmen Mike Nelson, Mark Nelson, Don Skarda, Commander Barrett and President Gnadinger. The president made welcoming remarks of gratitude for our award at the podium. Guardsmen are also shown in the foreground of beautiful Old Main Hall (1852) that is centrally located on the campus. Pictured at our tabletop display is a proud US Marine and student who

stopped by for a friendly chat and received a heartfelt honorary salute from our guards.



The Ames Chapter presented the flag award in July to Gander RV/ Camping World in Windsor, WI. Pictured is guardsman Bill Austin and the award recipient.

Last but not least, guardsman Bob Haglund, Aupumet Chapter is pictured at the Pvt Jacob Konkapot monument, a Stockbridge Indian revolutionary war veteran.



Running Lead Ball

By Brett Osborn

A caveat, we do not fire live ammunition in the NSSAR

Over the years, I have done living history demonstrations on making lead bullets for firelocks in the 18th century manner of our ancestors. This was with a number of re-enacting units that were doing events and these were activities done in camp/garrison at an outdoor setting. Sites included: Cowpens, SC; Mount Vernon, VA; Scotchtown (Patrick Henry's home), VA; and Fort Frederick, MD.

A caveat, we do not fire live ammunition in the NSSAR Color Guard, the article is about a living history demonstration on how lead ball shot was made.

Equipment

First there are the bullet molds (in the caliber of the bullet you are making), there are two types I use. There are the 'bag molds' (mine is made of steel by Rapine Bullet Mold Mfg. Co.) that make individual shot for your firelock and the 'gang mold' (mine is made of brass) that makes several different shot sizes. Most bag molds like the Rapine model have a side cutter for removing lead sprue (excess) made in each lead shot casting. Some users prefer to wrap the hands of their bag molds with strips of leather when the molds get hot.

A pouring ladle to pour lead. There are small ladles that can be mounted on a stick and will be easy to carry in the shooting bag or haversack. Larger ladles made of steel or cast iron will work for the larger lead running projects but may be too much bulk or weight to pack around.

A piece of wood or tomahawk handle to tap the mold after lead shot is cast.

A piece of heavy leather or deer hide (about 9 inches square) to drop the shot onto after opening the mold.

I use some beeswax to add to lead running to act as a flux. Use beeswax twice the size of a pea for 3 pounds of lead running. The flux is to remove those impurities that affect the surface tension of melted lead and cause problems during casting.

To find lead, which I pour into molds for my bullets & shot; sources vary. You can buy soft lead commercially, some use recycled lead type from printers, battery lead, plumbers lead, lead mined from gun ranges and my standby wheel weights. For years when I was running for conditioning or walking the dog, I pick up lead wheel weights along the road or streets. Some black powder shooters consider this too hard or impure, however I'm using it for demonstration purposes. I melt the wheel weights down in a large ladle, separating the steel clips and slag out with a piece of oak wood. I then make lead ingots or bars. I use a 2 X 4 board about 17 inches long with three long trenches in the board. I pour the melted lead into these trenches to make the bars. Some re-enactors use pie pans and make small lead discs that are easier to carry in their shot pouches. When I start my bullet/shot making, I cut off a section of the lead bar to melt down for pouring into the bullet mold.

I used these lead bars once for a reenactment at Williamsburg, VA called Under the Redcoat. Portraying Patriot civilians opposing General Cornwallis's Crown



Force Occupation of Williamsburg, we had living history scenarios involving smuggling against the Crown Forces. These lead bars were a popular item for smuggling as they were concealed in coat sleeves and stockings. Once discovered it became an obsession with Crown Force sentries searching for lead smugglers.

A small fire with a good bed of coals, some small pieces of wood with flames to keep the coals renewed and keep the ladle hot. Keep the fire circled with rocks and have a rock or large piece of wood to use

as a heat shield. Make sure to have good ventilation, due to lead fumes. Don't be cooking or brewing your coffee/tea while running lead.

Safety

Ventilation has already been mentioned. When running lead ball demonstrations, I wear period spectacles/glasses for eye protection, long sleeved garment, legs and feet covered as well. A thick hide apron is more protection. Recommend leather gloves or mitt for handling hot ladles. Do not pick up freshly cast lead balls with your bare hands or the old adage "Don't touch the hot stove." Another learning experience.

Casting Process

I place pieces of the lead bar or scrap lead into my large ladle. I wait till the



lead melts, then I add the beeswax flux. This helps to cleanse the lead of impurities. I stir with my oak stick to get the slag and impurities to come to the surface then skim them off. I then heat my mold in the fire. A cold mold will make the lead balls irregular. Keeping the ladle hot and the mold, I hold the mold away from me and pour the molten lead into the mold, and stop pouring when it overflows slightly. Set the ladle back in the fire and let the sprue in the mold harden. Open the mold over the leather scrap and tap the mold with a stick or tomahawk handle to loosen the lead ball from the mold. Don't touch that hot lead ball! When it cools, check the casted balls. If the lead balls are wrinkled the mold was not hot enough. If it was too hot, the lead balls have a frosted texture.

Next once the lead balls are poured, I clip off the sprues with the sprue cutter on the mold and trim off any excess with a knife. Use the trimmed lead for another day of lead running.

Lead Sources in the American Revolution

Where was lead obtained by Patriots during the American Revolution? One site is Fort Roberdeau, also known as The Lead Mine Fort, located in Tyrone Township, outside Altoona, Pennsylvania. Established in 1778 and occupied until 1780. A replica Fort is on site.

Fort Roberdeau website: (<http://fortroberdeau.org>)

General Daniel Roberdeau who commanded the Lead Mine Fort is buried in Mount Hebron Cemetery, Winchester, Virginia (Find A Grave Memorial ID 11610922).

There may have been lead mined in the Austinville, Virginia area during the Revolutionary War period. A point of interest is a historic site just off I-77 called the Jackson Ferry Shot Tower. It's recognized year of starting operation as 1807, but there is some drop shot being produced prior to 1800. The making of lead shot with a shot tower is melting lead at the top of a tower, pouring thru a sieve and having the lead fall 150 feet in a large kettle of water. Perfectly round shot is formed. The Jackson Ferry Shot Tower is a 75-foot-tall limestone tower with another 75-foot shaft dug into the side of a cliff. Access to the bottom of the shaft was made by a tunnel from the shore of the New River.

Fascinating to realize someone figured out 150 feet drop made a perfect sphere lead shot.

<https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/shot-tower>

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Origin of Veterans Day

Spelling of Veterans Day

The United States Department of Veterans Affairs website states that the attributive (no apostrophe) rather than the possessive case is the official spelling "because it is not a day that 'belongs' to veterans, it is a day for honoring all veterans."¹

Tale of Two Cities

I've had the honor of living in two cities (actually one is a town) Emporia,

Kansas and Birmingham, Alabama that both claim they were the founders of Veterans Day.

The Emporia Saga - The Send-Off

"Two Kansas National Guard units were mobilized in Emporia on December 23, 1940. Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment and the 161st Field Artillery Band, both were under the 35th Division (Santa Fe Division). Most of the 161st Artillery Band were also members of the Emporia Municipal Band and played a farewell concert to more than 1,200 at a concert on December 27, 1940.

The band was the first to leave on January 3, 1941, they marched in a parade down Commercial Street escorted by Company B playing "Auld Lang Syne". They stopped at the 500 block on Commercial Street to play "The Caissons Go Rolling Along". Then on to the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway depot to board for one-year training at Fort Robinson, Arkansas.

Company B left on January 6, 1941, American Legion drum and bugle corps, members of Emporia veteran's organizations, Kansas State Teacher's College band and the Emporia Senior High School Band all participated in the parade down Commercial Street to the Santa Fe station. It was wet and snow was falling as about 1,000 locals came to say farewell."² One was my father who was fifteen at the time and still remembers this event. He had an uncle and a cousin in Company B. The First Sergeant who enlisted me in the Kansas National Guard in 1970 was also one of those Company B men that marched in the parade down Commercial Street.

In Memory

Private John Eugene Cooper Jr., served in Company B, 137th Infantry Regiment which was mobilized on December 23, 1940.

Cooper was the nephew of Alvin J. King, an Emporia shoe repairman. King is credited with establishing November 11 – formerly called Armistice Day – as Veterans Day to honor all men and women who have served in the military. In the early 1950's, King approached another Emporian, U.S. Congressman Ed Rees, to request that Rees take the idea to Congress. As a result of their cooperative effort and votes of approval in Congress, in 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the bill renaming the day.

Emporia already had declared and celebrated its own Veterans Day in 1953. In 1954, the observance became official nationwide.

"Cooper, who was called "Bull" by his National Guard friends, returned to Emporia on furlough following Tennessee maneuvers, with 20 Company B men (included two of my relatives, my father's uncle and a cousin) in 1943 and had the "first" reunion for the still-active unit.

Of the 115 enlisted men and 6 officers who were mobilized in December, 1940 with Company B only 25 were still assigned to the company in the 137th Infantry Regiment. The rest had been levied to help fill new units with experienced men."³

The 137th Infantry Regiment was inspected by Generals Eisenhower and Patton in England prior to D-Day.⁴

Cooper had been wounded in July, 1944 about two months after he arrived in Europe and received the Purple Heart.

Private First-Class John Cooper with Company B, was killed on December 20, 1944, from German artillery fire with a tree burst while in a foxhole in Breiterwald Woods, Germany repelling German counterattacks. On Find-A-Grave, he is Memorial ID: 56060828.

The Birmingham Story

In 1945, World War II veteran Raymond Weeks from Birmingham, Alabama, had the idea to expand Armistice Day to celebrate all veterans, not just World War I. Weeks led a delegation to General Dwight Eisenhower US Army Chief of Staff, presenting a petition for the idea of National Veterans Day. Army Generals don't approve National holidays, but Weeks had a good idea. Weeks led the first Veterans celebration in 1947 in Alabama and annually until his death on May 6, 1985. The Birmingham Veterans Day parade is the oldest and was the largest in the USA. President Reagan honored Weeks at the White House with the Presidential Citizenship Medal in 1982 as the driving force for the national holiday. Elizabeth Dole, wife of Kansas Senator Robert Dole prepared the briefing for President Reagan, naming Weeks as the "Father of Veterans Day."⁵ No reference to those who got the legislation changed.

U.S. representative Ed Rees from Emporia, Kansas, presented a bill establishing the holiday through Congress. President Dwight D. Eisenhower, also from Kansas, signed the bill into law on May 26, 1954.⁶

Congress amended the bill on June 1, 1954, replacing “Armistice” with “Veterans,” and it has been known as Veterans Day ever since.

In the photograph of President Eisenhower signing the HR 7786 renaming Armistice Day as Veterans Day; the following men are listed: ⁷

- Alvin J. King, - Emporia, Kansas; Cobbler (misabeled & not Alvin King per Lyon County Historical Society) ⁸
- Wayne E. Richards – Arkansas City, VFW National Commander
- Arthur J. Connell – Middletown, Connecticut; American Legion National Commander
- John T. Nation – Chanute, Kansas; American Legion Department Commander
- Edward H. Rees - Emporia, Kansas; Congressman, 4th District,
- Richard L. Trombla - El Dorado, Kansas. VFW Commander Department of Kansas
- Howard W. Watts - Indiana, Disabled American Veterans National Commander



The National Veterans Award was also created in 1954. Congressman Rees of Kansas received the first National Veterans Award in Birmingham, Alabama, for his support offering legislation to make Veterans Day a federal holiday. In 2014 this award was given to Kansas Senator Robert Dole.

Wikipedia Errors

In 2014 I was going to do a talk at a local High School about Veterans Day so I went to print out an article on Veterans Day on the source of all knowledge, Wikipedia. I was surprised to see only the name of Raymond Weeks and Birmingham, Alabama as the sole contributors to Veterans Day. There was a bogus named Congressman on the Wikipedia site that did not even exist. I had lived in Birmingham, Alabama for 56 months, from 1988 to 1992. I was involved in five of the Veterans Day events with military, veterans' groups and VIPs. I do not recall hearing the late Mr. Weeks name mentioned although by that time he had passed. It was always mentioned that Birmingham had the first and biggest Veterans Day parade. After several emails, Wikipedia did add Congressman's Rees name to the website on Veterans Day. Other references about Emporia, Kansas and the other contributors establishing the holiday were not. I noticed on some other website's tribute to the late Mr. Weeks they list Congressman Rees in the signing of the bill with President Eisenhower, but no one else, including Mr. Alvin King. ⁹

There was legislation in the 108th Congress, Resolution 159, passed May 1, 2003 that Wikipedia and other websites on Veterans Day and Mr. Weeks have omitted:

- (1) Encourages Americans to demonstrate their support for veterans on Veterans Day by treating that day as a special day of remembrance;
- (2) Declares Emporia, Kansas, to be the founding city of Veterans Day;
- (3) Recognizes Alvin J King, of Emporia, Kansas, as the founder of Veterans Day; and
- (4) Recognizes that Representative Ed Rees, of Emporia, Kansas, was instrumental in the efforts to enact into law the observance of Veterans Day. ¹⁰

Closure

Two great Americans had the same vision at two different locations; to remember our Veterans. I am honored to have lived in two communities that shared a

passion for recognizing those that served.

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