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Commander's Report

Compatriots,

Fellow color guardsmen,

Spring has certainly seen an improvement in the weather as well as the lifting of restrictions due to the pandemic. As the number of Americans that have been vaccinated grows access to National Parks and Historic sites is increasing and organizers are again able to plan for live events. Congress is moving forward and many guardsmen have committed to be there. Spring is also a time to catch up on some paperwork and many state commanders have been sending in applications for their hard-working guardsmen. I approved Silver Color Guard medals for James D. Stone (FL), Brian S. Barrett (WI), George M. Clarke Jr. (PA), Gary L. Hall (VA), George H. Stewart (OH), Dennis P. VanWormer (MI), L. Gideon Daniels (TN), J. Cohen Daniels (TN) J. Ivan Daniels (TN), Julius S. Hite (TN) William F. Rand Jr. (TN) and Jackie D. Miller (KY), Von Steuben Medals for Herman H. Riedinger (FL), Gary D. Jensen (OK), Kenneth C. Luckey (NC), and David H. Ramseur (FL). There are a few applications that additional information was needed. I try to approve applications as soon as they come in, but if additional details or events are needed, I ask that you please send the information and/or a reminder. My paperwork on my desk is as high as my musket.

As Spring starts to settle in and the weather gets warmer, we must also remember to consider the health risks associated with the heat and humidity. During the very first week of spring at the Thomas Creek commemoration we had a guardsmen drop to the ground. We were very lucky that there was a professional emergency first responder at hand along with others that took control of this situation and helped the guardsmen recover. Luckily the emergency did not have any worst circumstances. Although we can follow all medical health recommendations and put policies and procedures in place to mitigate health risks, the reality is that it is the individual that must determine their risk of exposure and what limitations they have. Please take your own health in consideration, make sure you have something to eat before coming, consider the effects of medication and sunlight, bring and drink plenty of water, stay in the shade until needed and bring a chair to sit down until you are called upon. We want everyone to return to their homes safe and healthy.

In the field

The spring calendar starts to fill with chapter and state events along with several

Commander Raborg helping lead the NJ Color guard at the Monmouth ceremony. Second Adjutant Rob Meyer is seventh back, carrying the 250th anniversary flag. NJ Color Guard Commander, Richard Serfass, is calling out the orders in the background (Notice commander Raborg starting off on the left, once in a while he gets it right.) across the state come together to develop videos for virtual / ZOOM events.



numerous national events held during the season. April 10, Maryland's Eastern shore, Capt John Smoot chapter, grave markings of several patriots at Christ Church. April 17th, Joined NJ President & 2nd Adjutant Rob Meyer, NJ. Color Guard Commander Richard Serfass and other guardsmen at the New Jersey Society annual meeting. On 24th April I attended the Maryland Society annual meeting with past national commander David Hoover and Maryland commander David Embrey. (Ceilings at the event were unfortunately so low we could not march with and post the colors.)

On May 13th I was key note speaker at the Maryland DAR Conference's Lady Liberty Dinner. I returned two days later supporting the Maryland Color Guard and my good friend past commander Hoover. On the 22nd of May I had the honor to lead the Col. Aquila Hall chapter color guard in presenting the colors at the DAR's William Paca's annual chapter meeting at the Maryland golf and Country club in Belair, MD. On June 5th I had the pleasure to carry Maryland's flag and march with Virginia's color guard commander Ken Bonner, past Virginia Commander Bill



Schwetke and other members of the Virginia and Maryland Color guards at the 240th commemoration of Wayne's Crossing in Leesburg, Virginia. On June 6th I attended a ceremony by the Col. John Eager Howard chapter honoring Maryland commander John Eager Howard. Chapter president John Davidson helped lead the commemoration and made arrangements with his son Joe Davidson, a professional film maker, to interview several Maryland SAR officers



Members of the Maryland Color Guard with DAR state regent Maureen Tipton at their annual conference at Turf Valley Country Club. Members included from Lto R. MD Commander David Embrey, National Commander Lou Raborg, Ron Harbaugh, Past National Commander David Hoover, Gene Moyer and Don Eberhart.

and created an excellent video of the interviews and the event to promote our great society. I had planned to participate in the rest of the event, unfortunately it was the height of our Brood X cicada arrival and as you can hear in the video, they were swarming everywhere. This kept my "great supporter" trapped in our vehicle while these winged creatures pelted our car for over a half hour during my interview. Anxiety high, I did not want to stay any longer. On June 19th I again had the honor to march with NJ Commander Richard Serfass, 2nd Adjutant Rob Meyer and other members of the New Jersey color guard at Monmouth Battlefield. It was a beautiful day and thankfully there was an encampment and many other tourists that were present and enjoyed the presentation of colors and



Virginia color guard commander, Ken Bonner (kneeling) lead members of the Virginia and Maryland Color Guards at Leesburg, Virginia commemoration.

wreath laying compared to last year during the height of the pandemic and we were the only ones in the park. I was looking forward to marching in Belair's 4th of July parade, but sadly broke two of my toes last night, so will have to smile and wave from the float.

OLD SOLDIERS NEVER DIE

By Stu Hoyt

Congress is fast approaching and we look forward to honoring this year's color guardsmen of the year, Paul Callanan (MI), who is also our hard-working Congress chairman. He will receive the honor on Monday evening and will have an honor guard to escort him. Since we were unable to meet last year at Congress, Sunday there will be a review of the color guard and we had hoped to have a change of command ceremony with past commander Jim Fosdyk, unfortunately he is unable to attend. We all hope that he and Uni will be able to join us again in the fall or spring. Also on Sunday, the memorial service will be held in the hotel. The entire events schedule will be discussed at the Sunday morning color guard meeting. It looks like the current heat wave will pass and the forecast is for beautiful moderate weather with the highs in the low eighties during day and lows around sixty in the evening, with only a ten percent chance of rain.

My wife and I will be arriving early and stay a week longer to enjoy the majesty of the north west. We have a schedule of visiting seven national parks and certainly hope that many of you can take the opportunity to see and enjoy the wonder and beauty of "Big sky Country".

Safe travels, See you there.

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

The quote in the title comes from General Douglas MacArthur when he submitted his retirement to Congress. He was a soldier's soldier and they have existed for a long time. Since the founding of this great nation, soldiers or military veterans have developed a unique bond unlike any other. Most people are familiar with the expression "Band of Brothers" but few can quote its source. On 2 Nov 1783, George Washington had his army gather at Rocky Hill, near present day Princeton, to say farewell. He told them that they were a unique army formed from nothing to become a formidable fighting force. They would return to the private sector but never be the same because they had become a "Band of Brothers. And

so it is with all servicemen from all branches of military service, who have developed as members of this unique band.



The Sons of the American Revolution are mostly direct descendants of that original band. One of the goals of the society is to recognize and support veterans and their organizations. Recently the Patrick Henry and the William Hightower Chapters joined together to do just that.

At 7pm (or 1900 hrs) on 20 May, 2021, Jim Clements and Stu Hoyt interrupted the opening ceremony of the executive board of Post 115 of the American Veterans Organization to recognize its Commander, Kerman Hammond.

Kerman is an Air Force veteran and a member and officer of this post since inception. He is also an officer in Post 213 of the American Legion of Buda and Post 12161 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of that city. All these Posts have united together to form the Central Texas Veterans Service Organization (VSO) Alliance. They have their own facility donated by the city and service community veterans with training, programs and activities. The SAR supports one of those activities through genealogical research. Post 115, recently, was recognized by the National Commander, as the most active small post in the nation.

Presenting the Silver Good Citizenship Medal for his outstanding support to veterans is Jim Clements of the Patrick Henry Chapter, as Stu Hoyt of the William Hightower Chapter, both life members of this Post, looks on.

WHAT'S IN A FLAG?

By Stu Hoyt

What is Vexillology? It is the study of the history, symbolism and usage of flags, or by extension, any interest in flags. A Vexillologist is a master of that trade. Our local expert is John Knox. John has been studying, collecting and teaching the story of flags for a number of years.

It was the goal of the local SAR Chapters to capture one of John's presentations on video and make it available to our Education Outreach Program. We were in communication with one of our elementary schools to accomplish that task when Covid-19 shut the door and scuttled our plan. It has been a year



since that first attempt, so when I received an email from one of my elementary school history contacts to come and speak to her classes, I posed the question.

I was able to share the American Revolution with five of her classes on 25 April 2021. We scheduled

the flag video for her class just after their lunch period on 20 May 2021. John Knox has a vast collection of flags and at least one of everyone flown over the United States of America. John leads into his presentation by asking the student how much they really know about the flag that they say the pledge to each morning. Then he goes into the names of the different sections of our flag and how it came to be. The entire story takes longer than the normal class time so it was condensed for the class and the video.

You'll be surprised at what you do not know about our national flag. When a new state is added how they arrange the stars and when it is first officially flown in our history there are a number of unique versions and stories of our flags flown in difficult historical times. They are all part of our history. I hope that you will seek out this video and share it with others. Congress declared standards for our flag and its use. There is an etiquette that needs to be observed when flying and caring for our flag. Retiring the flag is almost as important as how it is flown. Old Glory is her name.

From left to right are Wayne Courreges of the Patrick Henry Chapter. Stu Hoyt William Hightower Chapter, and John Knox of the Patrick Henry Chapter explaining the attributes of Old Glory.

UPCOMING COLOR GUARD EVENTS

July 4 th - Nationwide
Siege at Fort Laurens - 8/2
Battle of Blue Ticks - 8/19
Battle of Long Island - 8/27
Battle of Groton Heights - 9/6
Battle of Eutaw Springs - 9/8
Vigil at George Washington's Tomb - 9/18
Gathering at Sycamore Shoals - 9/25

To confirm date and time of these events contact the Host society

VICE-COMMANDER'S REPORT

Brooks Lyle

International District Vice President General and Society President Russ DeVenney; Society Secretary and past VPG Brooks Lyles; and Compatriot Guy Higgins of the International Society provided support to numerous National, State and local Chapter Color Guard Events, and Patriot Grave Markings both in person and via Zoom (Z). From one to all three participated in the following events:

The Battles of Trenton and Princeton, NJ (Z) 2 Jan;



The Battle of Cowpens, SC 17 Jan;



The Battle of Cowan's Ford, NC 30 Jan; .

The Battle of Kettle Creek, GA 31 Jan;



The Crossing of the Dan, VA 20 Feb;



The Battle of Moore's Creek, NC (Z) 27 Feb;

The Battle of Thomas Creek, FL 27 Mar;



The Raid on Martin's Station and General Joseph Martin Grave Marking, VA 8 May;



Battle of Alamance, NC 16 May;



Bufford's Massacre and Patriot Grave Marking, SC 29 May;



Memorial Day, San Diego, CA (Z) 31 May;

The Battle of Ramsour's Mill, NC 5 Jun (bottom) and the Dedication of General Daniel Morgan's Grave and the Marking of Patriot Phillip Bush's



National Color Guard Events - 2021 -

HISTORIC Date	Color Guard Event	Location	Host
January 3	Princeton, the Ten Crucial Days	Priceton, NJ	New Jersey
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	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 5	Battle of Ramsour's Mill	Lincolnton, NC	Catawba Valley SAR
June 11	Action at Machias	Machias, ME	Maine
June 17	Battle of Bunker Hill	Charlestown, MA	Massachusetts 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
August 27	Battle of Long Island	Brooklyn, NY	Empire and Maryland Societies
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 18	Vigil at George Washington's Tomb	Mt Vernon, VA	
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	Battle of Trenton	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 above 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.

Send event updates to Color Guard Commander & sarwilliamssa@gmail.com



247TH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE OF THE NEW BERN RESOLVES

An observance of the 1st North Carolina Provincial Congress will be held by the New Bern Chapter on Saturday, 28 August 2021 in New Bern, NC in order to recognize and honor the bravery of the 71 delegates and mark the importance of the 1st NC Provincial Congress in North Carolina and American history, especially for its significance toward the outcome of the American Revolution.

The first Provincial Congress held in America in open defiance of the British Royal Crown was conducted in the Craven County Court House, New Bern, NC during 25-27 August 1774. The courthouse was located at the current intersection of Middle & Broad Streets until destroyed by fire in 1865. Seventy-one (71) delegates representing 30 of 36 counties and 6 of 9 boroughs met at the 1st North Carolina Provincial Congress to discuss the grievances against numerous taxes and laws imposed on the colonists by the Royal Crown and the British Parliament. Twenty-eight (28) resolves were issued in response to the unjust taxes and laws. Richard Caswell, William Hooper and Joseph Hewes were elected as delegates to the 1st Continental Congress and were instructed to present the resolves to the 1st Continental Congress as actionable redress of grievances against the Royal Crown.

To kick off the commemoration, a fifteen (15) minute procession involving members of the Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, St. Johns Masonic Lodge #3, the Continental Line and Fife & Drum Corps of the North Carolina History Center at Tryon Palace, Boy Scouts of America, numerous local schools and other patriotic and civic organizations will move south on Middle Street from the Centenary United Methodist Church parking lot (crossing Broad Street) to the outdoor Colonial Chapel of Christ Episcopal Church.

A one-hour ceremony will be held at the Colonial Chapel and will include a keynote address by Dr. Joseph Beatty, Research Supervisor, Historical Research and Publication Office, NC Office of Archives and History. The ceremony will conclude with a rendering of honors for the 71 Delegates and Resolves of the 1st North Carolina Provincial Congress.

In the event of inclement weather, the procession will be canceled, and the ceremony will be moved inside the Harrison Center, which is located across the street at: 311 Middle Street, New Bern NC.

Pre-registration, lunch and hotel reservation information and directions can be found at the following URL:

<https://forms.gle/VQpVgbdPhu2fBXCF8>

Direct all questions/comments to newbernresolves@gmail.com

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.

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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, Montana, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wyoming.

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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,
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- 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

GEORGE WASHINGTON TOMB VIGIL

NSSAR Guardsmen, The National Color Guard staff cordially invites you to honor our patriot commander and join us at Mt Vernon for the annual George Washington Tomb Vigil of Saturday September 18th.

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Hampton Inn & Suites Ft. Belvoir/Mt Vernon, on Friday Sept. 17th for \$99 a night.

Group Information

Group Name: NCCAR Color Guard
Group Code: ncg
Check-in: 17-SEP-2021
Check-out: 18-SEP-2021
Hotel Name: Hampton Inn & Suites
Fort Belvoir Alexandria South
Hotel Address: 8843 Richmond Highway
Alexandria, Virginia
Zip code - 22309
Phone Number: 1-703-619-7026

For those wishing to stay at the hotel, we will meet around 6:30 and travel to one of the local restaurants. (Plans are difficult to finalize as Virginia still has stringent Covid rules in effect).

We have again been given permission to bring our weapons, under the following stipulations:

Commanders may wear their swords, all blunted edged and only removed from their sheaths when marching the guard. No other knives will be allowed. Muskets may be carried by the guard as they march and stand guard at the tomb. No powder, ball or bayonets are to be brought onto the property. There will be a safety check performed in the parking lot before any guardsmen can move any further on the property. All muskets must always be in the control of guardsmen and all additional national weapons safety rules are to be followed.

Due to the steepness of the hill from the Estate to the tomb we have decided on a long and short march for the guard. On the hour there will be a long march followed by short marches that will start near the bottom of the tomb. Please consider your ability to march up an 800ft 4 percent grade if signing up for the long march. This year the signup sheet is being handled online. Please use the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094CAA92DABFD0-mount>

We will again be able to park near the Ann Pamela Cunningham Building.

I will bring some drinks, water, and snacks with me. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at raborg1989@verizon.net.

I also can plan for guardsmen who would like to tour the estate. Please let me know of your interest by September 3rd.

Like all plans it will likely not survive first contact. There will be no shows and walk ups and guys will get stuck in traffic, so expect that and be prepared to adjust as you go forward.

The Colonial Fair is still going on this weekend and tours of the Visitor Center & Book Store, and Mount Vernon are available if you have never been, maximize the opportunity! Walk around, visit the vendors, see the reenactors of the infantry, artillery, and cavalry units there in their full uniforms with all their equipment, and for Heaven's sake, be flexible. This is supposed to be fun!

We look forward to seeing you at the end of summer in beautiful Mt. Vernon.

Narrative for the Posting of the Guard (to be read aloud by the Commander of the Guard prior to each posting)

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are the National Color Guard of the Sons of the American Revolution, a lineage society dedicated to the preservation of our American Colonial era history and the ideals of the founding of this great nation.

We are here today standing vigil at the tomb of General George Washington, the first President of our United States, and the father of our nation.

This is an Honor Guard and while you may speak to and have your pictures taken with the Tomb Guards, they will not respond to your questions or move from their post. Feel free to come and speak to us about our organization and have pictures taken with our guards when they are off shift.

Pro patria

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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:

For submitting and Obituary of a non-SAR member (e.g. Spouse), what are the guidelines necessary to have it placed into a state color guard report?

A: [Editor]

The obituary should be edited to remove references to information not related to SAR activities; specifically any support of Color Guard is welcome. References to the Funeral home or other businesses should be edited. A simple statement as to when the memorial service was held is preferable.

Q:

I've noticed that some photos seem to be fuzzy or Blurry. Why is that?

A: [Editor]

On page 13 I have laid out the best practices for submitting photos which detail embedding photos and the need for the original resolution.



The Fifer's Corner

Where will you be playing on the 4th of July - I know where I'll be (at right)

Please share photos and information about your Fifes and Drums.

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
, Fifer Dave aka David Embrey



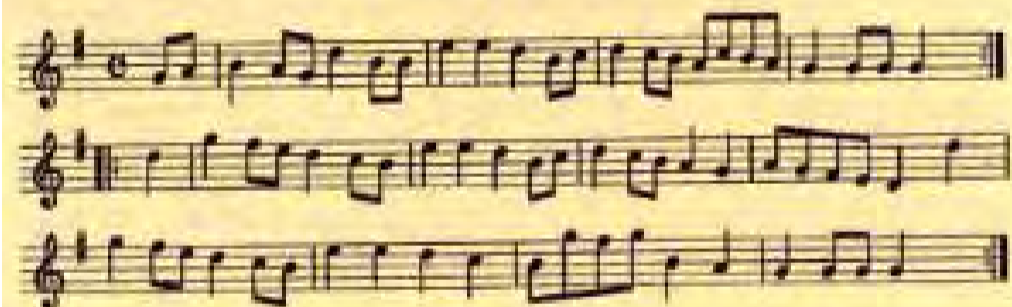
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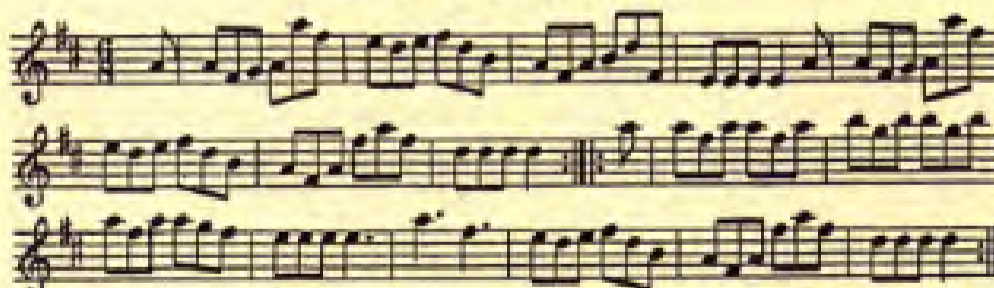
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CAPTAIN MONEY'S MARCH



Come Haste to the Wedding



YORK FUSILIERS





SAFETY

A Safety Potpourri

Training, Firearms, & General Safety



By Mark Kramer

During the past several months I have received several requests for the “approved” Color Guard Safety Policy and Procedures. Although some of the document was approved the requirement for those firing to be covered by an insurance policy was placed on hold; therefore, the document hasn’t been publicly available. As our states relax the Covid-19 restrictions we are beginning to reengage in public events, I thought given that it has been over a year since the we have this opportunity it might be advisable to review some basic safety considerations that were contained within the Color Guard Safety Policy and Procedures.

Training

There are three options to provide training to our compatriots:

- National Park Service Manual of Instruction for Safe Use of Reproduction Flintlock Rifles and Muskets in Interpretive Demonstrations.
- NRA/NMLRA Basic Loading Shooting Course
- “Equivalent” Training Course taught by an instructor who has been certified by the appropriate State Color Guard Commander.

Firearms

Only reproduction muskets and rifles of the Revolutionary War era that were manufactured to “fire” black powder.

Firearms will have a flash protector and frizzen cover/hammer stall.

Charged (loaded) firearms shall be carried at half-cock.

Compatriots must maintain positive control of firearms while the general public is viewing or handling any firearm.

General Safety

Uniforms should only be made of natural fiber fabrics or leather if the color guard member is firing or is next to a member that is firing.

Hearing and eye protection is highly recommended; however, is at the discretion of the compatriot.

During any event the Color Guard Commander, or his designee, shall be responsible to ensure the safety of the personnel under his command to the extent possible; however, each compatriot is ultimately responsible for his own health and safety.

A Safety Officer, who may be the commander, must be present at every event where firing occurs.

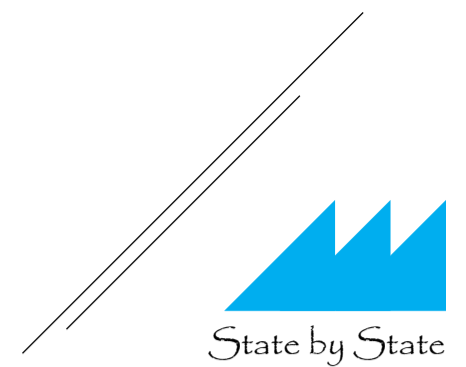
During hot weather have plenty of water available and keep hydrated.

Conclusion

The above safety policies and recommendations are only part of the three and one quarter page document that I hope once we begin leadership meetings, we will be able to publish and make the document available on the National Website.

Respectfully,
Mark Kramer
NSSAR Color Guard Safety Officer

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 26!**

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. Several states are missing from this issue and there is always hope that they will submit for the next issue;

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

EDITORIAL

NOTE - I am still getting photos embedded in WORD or PDF files. Please DO NOT embed photos. Send them separately.

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.

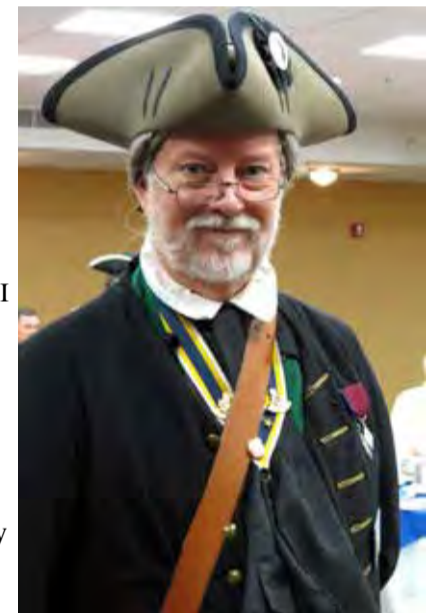
COVID19 rules, mandates, guidelines etc vary from city, county, and state so any color guard activities will be of varying complexities. Some will be Virtual and others may be in small groups as permitted by their localities.

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

For the July 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





COLORGUARD STRONG

Nothing can keep the Sons of the American Revolution down. Colorguardsmen from all over the state, came together during the pandemic at the American Village on April 10, 2021 to develop videos (Example: <https://bit.ly/ALSSARAnthem>) where presenting the colors and performing the national anthem may not be possible or practical for in-person events. These videos provide the foundation for meetings where chapters may not have an active color guard or where virtual or hybrid meetings are used.

Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution State Color Guard with representatives from across the state come together to develop videos for virtual / ZOOM events.



FACES OF HISTORY

Each year, the Classical Conversations Homeschool Co-Op hosts the Faces of History program. It's a semester-long program, where 4th through 6th graders have the opportunity to do a research report on an American Historical Figure. On the last day of the program, each student presents their papers and dresses up as their historical person. The entire co-op has over 200 students. It is a well attended event including students, siblings, parents and friends. The General Richard Montgomery Chapter's Color Guard posted the colors at Taylor Road Baptist Church on April 20m 2021. Members of the color guard were led by GRM Commander Tom Smith, NSSAR Secretary General Bruce Pickette. Alabama Society William Kirkland II, Past GRM President Jack Caraway.

Color Guard comes together to fulfill the SAR goal of "Education" at Faces of History program. Photos by Brian Head.



: Over 200 students attend General Richard Montgomery's Chapter Faces of History program. Photos by Brian Head.





PATRIOT'S REMEMBERED

Not hardly a month goes by that the Alabama Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, in cooperation with the state Daughters of the American Revolution, isn't fulfilling its mission to remember our patriot ancestors. On May 16, 2021, the General Galvez Chapter SAR performed another grave marking for patriot Owen Daily in Beatrice, Alabama.

The General Galvez Chapter SAR came together with the Alabama State Color Guard for the grave marking of patriot Owen Daily in Beatrice, AL.

SAR MEMBERS HONORING OUR PATRIOTS WITH TRAINING

Sons of the American Revolution members throughout the state of Alabama have been coming together for months to invest in training in the use of the historical weapons that were used by their patriot ancestors. Another round of training on May 8th was performed by Martin Brady, of the Elmore Chapter conducted training at the Brierfield Historic Ironworks Park on the history and use of flintlock muskets and rifles of the type used during the 18th century. Using this training as a foundation, SAR members took their newfound knowledge and combined it with the Von Steuben drill used by the American Revolution colonial soldiers and militia to create the newly formed Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution Honor Guard

SAR members across Alabama meeting at the Brierfield Ironworks State Historical Park to learn about the inner workings of blackpowder firelocks.



SAR members take their newfound knowledge of firelocks "to the next level" and Martin Brady's home in order to learn Von Steuben drill and train for the state Honor Guard.

TEACHING THE MEANING OF MEMORIAL DAY

From one end of Alabama to the other, Alabama SAR chapters work together with local organizations to fulfill the goal of Patriotism to honor, remember, and teach the true meaning of Memorial Day.



SAR Members from the Cahaba-Coosa Chapter and the General John Archer Elmore Chapter come together with volunteers of numerous groups to join forces with the Support Committee of the Alabama National Cemetery to respectfully plant over 9,000 flags for graves in Montevallo, Alabama, on Saturday, May 29, 2021.



In Prattville, Alabama the Alabama SAR Honor Guard, working together with several veterans groups, commemorated the 2021 Poppy Project on Sunday, May 30th where over 2,000 ceramic poppies were sponsored to honor the many fallen veterans who gave all for their country.



As a first step in moving into normalcy, the American Village held Memorial Services in their chapel, opened the National Veterans Shrine, and held living history demonstrations along with members of the Alabama Sons of the American Revolution who are joining forces with the Village's reenactment unit, The First Pennsylvania, May 31, 2021. Huzzah!

NEW HONOR GUARD HONORS SAR WWII COMPATRIOT

Coming together for the first time, the Alabama Society of the Sons of the American Revolution new State Honor Guard gathered with SAR State Color Guard, to help the Cahaba-Coosa Chapter celebrate the life of Carl Quinton Black who served during World War II, who passed away earlier this year, with a Compatriot Grave Marking. The service was conducted at the Mt. Vernon Cemetery in Curry, Alabama and had representatives from state SAR and DAR organizations.



Members of the Alabama SAR Color Guard and Honor Guard post the colors for the Compatriot Grave Marking of SAR member and World War II veteran Carl Quinton Black.



Alabama Society of the Sons of the American Revolution's newly formed Honor Guard make their debut appearance with a three volley salute in honor of compatriot Black.



ARIZONA - TOMB VIGIL

On April 20th, 2021 the Commander of the Arizona SSAR Color Guard, David Bonnett, was granted permission to stand vigil at the tomb of George and Martha Washington at Mount Vernon, VA. David and his wife placed a wreath by the tomb before the vigil. David was there for about 1.5 hours and answered questions as asked by Mount Vernon visitors. He was assisted by Mount Vernon DAR Volunteers. Pictured are David with his wife Pennie.



125TH ANNIVERSARY

On June 13, 2021 the Arizona SSAR had a celebration to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of their founding. The banquet was held at the same location as the founding meeting; although the hotel was under a different name. The Arizona SSAR Color Guard was honored to present and retire the colors for this event. (Photo Right) Color Guard pictured left to right – David Bonnett, Rob Berryman, Jim Cates, Celeste Cates, Jack Berry, Jerry Davis, Christopher Francis, Steve Miller, Matt Scott, and Rudy Byrd. Dr. Bill Baran welcomes the celebrants in his opening remarks. (Photo Left)



D.A.R. MEETING

Orange County Chapter (CA) Color Guard presenting the Colors at a Mojave Chapter (Anaheim, CA) DAR meeting; 15 May 2021 Left to right: John Ferris (Commander), Brandon Villardi (Harbor Chapter), Matt Noell (fifer), Jim Fosdyck (US flag carrier), Mark Torres (DAR flag carrier), Spencer Torres (250th Anniversary flag carrier), Kent Gregory (Musketman) and Christopher Keene (Musketman).

Photos by Un Hui Yi

Dan Shippey (General George Washington) is featured in a USPS ad. See below. As you know Dan is a member of the SAR Orange County (CA) Chapter Color Guard.

News

Preserve and protect

Heritage Breeds stamps dedicated

May 19 at 10:33 a.m.

USPS dedicated its Heritage Breeds stamps May 17 at George Washington's Mount Vernon estate in Virginia — the first in-person stamp ceremony of 2021.

“The stamps beautifully represent the priceless genetic diversity of heritage breeds in the United States,” said Steve Monteith, the Postal Service’s chief customer and marketing officer. “Understanding their history and their abilities for survival and self-sufficiency, it’s easy to see their value.”

The pane of 20 Forever stamps features the images of 10 heritage breeds, those preindustrial barnyard animals that were common before factory farming brought on hybridization and the winnowing of genetic diversity.

Depicted are the Mulefoot hog, the Wyandotte chicken, the Milking Devon cow, the Narragansett turkey, the American Mammoth Jackstock donkey, the Cotton Patch goose, the San Clemente Island goat, the American Cream draft horse, the Cayuga duck and the Barbados Blackbelly sheep.

These and other heirloom animals have a champion in the Livestock Conservancy, which devotes itself to protecting endangered breeds from extinction and to making them an attractive economic option for farmers. In addition, living-history farms and historical sites are working with breeders to acquire and raise heritage animals.

Joining Monteith for the dedication at the historic venue were Douglas Bradburn, Mount Vernon’s president and chief executive officer; Aliza Eliazarov, whose photographs were used to design the stamps; and two representatives from the Livestock Conservancy, Executive Director Alison Martin and Senior Program Manager Jeannette Beranger. Historical actor Dan Shippey, who portrayed Washington, was also on hand.

The stamps were designed by Zack Bryant using Eliazarov’s photographs, with Greg Breeding serving as art director.

The stamps are available at Post Offices and usps.com.



Dan Shippey, an historical actor playing George Washington, stands near a Heritage Breeds stamp poster after the ceremony.

CONNECTICUT -

EVENTS FOR THE CONNECTICUT LINE

240th Anniversary of the Battle of Groton Heights - September 4 & 5, 2021

The Connecticut SAR along with the Friends of Fort Griswold are planning to hold a 2-day event in honor of the 240th anniversary of the battle and massacre of the defenders of Ft. Griswold by British and Loyalist forces under the command of General Benedict Arnold.



The Connecticut Line Living History Unit will be encamped for the weekend with drilling and a battle reenactment on Saturday from 10 to 4 and Sunday from 10 to 1. There will also be a patriot grave marking ceremony on Sunday afternoon at the Col. Ledyard Ceremony near Ft. Griswold where Col. Ledyard and 4 other patriots will be honored. Col. William

Griswold while surrendering the fort was slain with his own sword. Following the grave marking, there will be a final ceremony inside the fort where the names of the 88 defenders who died will be read followed by a 3-volley musket salute as the sun sets to the West.

Anyone wishing to participate with the Connecticut Line should contact the State Color

Guard Commander, David J. Perkins for further information. Email: DPerkins8@att.net



Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony for Nero Hawley - June 19, 2021

The General David Humphreys Branch #1 will conduct a grave marking ceremony for Nero Hawley, a revolutionary hero, entrepreneur, and former slave, as well as four other soldiers at Riverside Cemetery in Trumbull, Connecticut. Nero Hawley (1742-1817) joined the Continental Army in place of his owner, Daniel Hawley, on 20 Apr 1777, and was assigned to Capt. Granger's company of the 2nd Connecticut Regiment at Valley Forge along with members of his home community. The muster rolls list Nero as "on command", as he was attached to the Headquarters Unit by his commanders. He fought at the Battle of Monmouth Courthouse in 1778 and the capture of Stony Point in 1779, where he sustained serious injuries. Nero obtained his freedom and was discharged from the Continental Army in 1785. He owned a brick-making business in Trumbull, Connecticut and received a veteran's pension for his military service. He died on 30 Jan 1817 at the age of 75. Along with Nero Hawley, Capt. David Nichols, James Nichols, Nathan Nichols, and Lewis Burton will also be honored for their service.

PATRIOT NERO HAWLEY GRAVE MARKING - JUNE 19



On Saturday June 19 in Trumbull, the General David Humphreys Branch No. 1 gathered to carry out a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony to recognize and honor five Revolutionary War Patriots who are buried at Riverside Cemetery. One of the patriots, Nero Hawley, helped to establish this burial ground in 1807, and the historic cemetery is now part of The Freedom Trail. Nero, an African American slave, served during the war, was at the Battle of Monmouth, Assault of Stony Point and wintered at Valley Forge as a soldier in the 2nd CT Continental Line. Also honored were three brothers who served: Captain David Nichols, Nathan Nichols, Jr., and James Nichols. Lastly, we honored Sargent Lewis J. Burton. More than 50 people gathered for the event including members of the Nero Hawley family who traveled as far away as Denver Colorado to be part of this ceremony. Members of both the State DAR and C.A.R. have active parts in the ceremony. This marks the first time for CT that C.A.R. members will receive credit towards the SAR Patriot Grave Marking medal.

Tom Callinan - Past State Troubadour: Ballard of Nero Hawley

Photos by Barbara Stewart: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/dM97qvWEgXWcdWLg8>

Photos by Richard Kendall: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/gRsyzBX6yXVnrM189>

Nero Hawley Biography

<https://www.connecticutsar.org/pdf/Nero%20Hawley%20Biography.pdf>



246TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL – JUNE 17

June 17th – The 246th Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill was represented with 9 members of the Connecticut Line. Colonel Dave Perkins, 1st Sgt Dan Dudley, Derek Brockhoff, Fred Rivard, Todd Unkefer, Dennis Walsh – NH, Paul Ford – NH, Russell Cumbee – NH and Richard Wright – NH

VPG Elect Bob Walsh was also in attendance.

Following the memorial service at St. Francis de Salas, we participated with members of the Massachusetts SAR Color Guard in a parade to and ceremonies at the Bunker Hill Monument Park acknowledging the Battle of Bunker Hill (Breed's Hill) during the early stages of the American Revolution. Following the usual speakers and music as in years past we gave a 3-volley musket salute under command of Chris Tourtellot, MASSAR Color Guard Commander.

History nearly repeats itself!!!

As in 1775, a lack of black powder nearly caused a problem once again as the National Park Service did not have enough rolled cartridges due to not ordering black powder in advance. NPS did allow us to retrieve our own cartridges if we had any, but only if it was 2F grade. We presented it to them for inspection and collection for distribution. At the end there was only 1 extra cartridge not given out by NPS.

Below you will find a link that will take you to a slideshow of photos from this event.

Photos courtesy of Lydia Cumbee

Bunker Hill Day 2021

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PATRIOT TIM BOUTON GRAVE MARKING – JUNE 13

On Sunday June 13th at the Titicus Cemetery in Ridgefield, 4 members of the CT Line provided honors and a 3-volley musket salute to Rev. War Patriot Timothy Bouton.

Colorguardsmen: Russ Cumbee, Bill Spring, Bruce Donald, Fred Rivard & Dave Perkins. In attendance was the Compatriot David & Kathy Ferris of NY along with about 12 members of the extended family. Total attendance was over 25 members and guests. The event was hosted by the SAR Rev. Ebenezer Baldwin Branch No. 9. State President Stephen Taylor brought greetings from the SAR and Past State President Ethan Stewart gave the Invocation. Following the grave marking, 2 new members of the Connecticut SAR (John Wagner and Stephen Archer) were pinned with their SAR rosettes and sworn-in as members by State President Stephen Taylor.

At the conclusion the Ferris family presented this thank you note and a donation for \$200 to the Connecticut Line and the CTSSAR.

Dear David & Connecticut SAR members,

Thank you so much for the grave marking ceremony of our patriot Timothy Bouton. It meant a lot for us to be able to remember our ancestor in this way.

Please continue to remember those who came before us and made this great nation.

Kathleen & David Ferris

Below is a link to the pictures from the grave marking ceremony. Photos by Lydia Cumbee:

Grave Marking Ridgefield CT 13 Jun 2021

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Note: This was a "Bucket List" item for Compatriot Ferris, a Vietnam Veteran who suffers from the effects of Agent Orange.





2021 LAST NAVAL BATTLE

The 238th anniversary of the Last Naval Battle was held at the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center Merritt Island, Fl. This year's services consisted of 106 participants representing 38 organizations. National officers in attendance were 2014-2015 President General Lindsey C. Brock and Central District Vice President General William E Sharp. We were grateful to have SAR and DAR chapters from across Florida and the state of Georgia to be present and honor our Patriots who fought in this battle. CAR representatives from Ft Brooke Tampa, Luke Winbun of IA in addition to Brevard's Captain John Barry joined this year's ceremony.



FLSSAR President David Bussone delivered an excellent lecture about this historic battle fought off the coast of Cape Canaveral. The speech gave an exceptional insight to Captains John Barry, John Green, the ships Alliance, Duc de Lauzen and their crews. Compatriot Donn Weaver provided a great performance as MC for this year's observance.

We received media coverage from Senior Scene and Space Coast Daily. Due to Covid-19 this memorial observance was not advertised as it had been in prior years. Invitations were only sent to SAR, DAR and CAR chapters within Florida, however all organizations wishing to attend were welcomed to participate.

Brevard chapter is grateful for the support received from the Courageous Division of Sea Cadets and the Veterans Center for all behind the scenes support provided to make this year's services successful.

2022 LNB memorial services are just around the corner scheduled for March 12, 2022. Currently there are 27 SAR historic events, we are extremely fortunate to be able to host the LNB memorial.





MONUMENT RE-DEDICATION

On 22 MAY 2021 The IA, NE & MN SAR Color Guards joined with the DAR, GSW 1812, U.S. Senator Joni Ernst, veterans and local volunteers to re-dedicate the repaired monument and grave of Nathan Brown a Revolutionary War veteran buried in Springville, Iowa

Pictured from left to right are Color Guard units of the North Central District from IA, NE & MN. Paul Burright (NE), Alan Wenger (IA Past President), Joshua Dyer (IA), Harold Goodrich (IA Past President), Dave Nation (IA), Chris Moberg (NCD VPG), unnamed DAR member Mike Rowley (IA & Past NCD VPG) James Sly (NE), Danny Krock (IA)



IOWA VIETNAM VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY

Iowa SAR Color Guard at the Iowa Vietnam Veterans recognition day 07 MAY 2021 on the State Capital grounds in Des Moines, Iowa





BATTLE OF ALAMANCE

Color Guard members from multiple Indiana chapters memorialized the 250th anniversary of the May 16, 1771 Battle of Alamance. This was the final battle of the Regulator Movement, a rebellion in colonial North Carolina over issues of taxation and local control. The chapters were in mourn arms at the event on Saturday May 15, 2021 in Rushville, Indiana. The honorary program was conducted to remember those that gave the ultimate sacrifice in this battle.

The color guard detail then paid their respects to fallen warriors at a replica of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on traveling exhibit to commemorate its 100th anniversary, also in Rushville.

Compatriots participating included Indiana Northern Vice Commander Mark Kreps, Dennis Babbitt, Doug Gallant, Tom Whiteman, Joe Baxter, Rick Childers and James Shoptaw.



LOYALTY DAY PARADE

A Loyalty Day parade was held on Saturday May 8th 2021. Veteran's of Foreign War #127 organized the parade to honor active military servicemen and women and veterans while sparking patriotism. Loyalty Day kicks off National Military Appreciation Month of May. The John Martin Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution entered the parade. Each year the V.F.W. announces winners of the best entries. Sons of the American Revolution was awarded 2nd place. Compatriots participating included State Secretary William Behnke, Wilbur Decker, Ron Darrah, and David Shaul.



GRAVE DEDICATION CEREMONY

The Clifty Creek Chapter hosted a grave dedication ceremony at Vernon Cemetery in Vernon, IN. The event dedicated SAR markers for patriots John Story and Jethro New. The Color Guard was composed of around twenty members from Indiana and Kentucky representing at least ten chapters.



KANSAS -

Participation in in-person events remained restricted for the Kansas Society Color Guard for most of the second quarter of 2021 due to COVID-19 mandates. Cancellation of annual events and parades continued through June and into July. Some in July have announced in-person events will return.

KS BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The May 1, 2021 Kansas Society Board of Governors quarterly meeting took place in Salina, KS. Presenting the Colors in person were from left to right in the photo, Dewey Fry, John Schwartz, Dennis Nelson, Bobbie Hulse and Steven Hamlin. Attending virtually in uniform and with flags was Kirk Rush of the Delaware Crossing Chapter.



Presenting the Colors were left to right (Photo 3) Dewey Fry, Alan Martin, Tom Chychota, Bobbie Hulse, Steven Hamlin and Steven French. Note the KSDAR permitted the presentation of the SAR 250 Anniversary Flag. It began to rain during the ceremony which made the decision to move indoors a wise one.



NSDAR 250 OUR PATRIOTS MARKER

On Sunday May 30, the KSSAR Color Guard presented the Colors at the first dedication of a NSDAR 250 Our Patriots marker by the Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution. The plaque was mounted onto the memorial in Freedom Memorial Park on the lawn of the Butler County Court House in El Dorado, Kansas. Immediately prior to the start of the ceremony, it was moved from the court house steps to a funeral home across the street due to approaching rain. The seating capacity of the funeral home is 250; all seats were taken and several had to stand. Many drove for more than 4 hours round trip to attend the ceremony.



KANSAS SOCIETY SAR COLOR GUARD

After the DAR Ceremony, the Kansas Society SAR Color Guard posed for photos at the memorial as the rain had stopped momentarily, a brief wreath laying ceremony was conducted during which it began sprinkling of rain. The Color Guardsmen from left to right at the monument were in the same order (Photo as previously cited). Those laying the wreaths were, near to far, Dewey Fry, Alan Martin, and Bobbie Hulse, followed by Steven French.

On May 31 2021, the San Diego Chapter of the California Society conducted a virtual Memorial Day Wreath Laying and Tribute. Dewey Fry, Commander of the Kansas Society Color Guard brought greetings from the Kansas Society and displayed a wreath via Zoom and Alan Martin of the Monticello Chapter of the Kansas Society attended via Zoom in uniform.



COLOR GUARD TRAINING

In anticipation of an active event calendar for 2021, the Kentucky Society held a color guard training session on 10 April at the National Society Headquarters in Louisville, KY. The Gov. Isaac Shelby chapter has conducted this training annually for many years, but this year it was expanded to include any Kentucky Chapter, with one local Indiana chapter participating as well. The chapters who participated in the training were the Col. Stephen Trigg, Col. John Hardin, Lafayette, Simon Kenton, Louisville Thruston, Clifty Creek (INSSAR), and Gov. Isaac Shelby. Kentucky Society President Steve Mallory was present to not only support the training but to participate as well.



The training was conducted in a morning session and an afternoon session. The morning session covered how to carry and post a flag, commands given to the color guard, dispositions of the color guard during a ceremony, giving of honors, saluting, wreath presentations, and flag folding. Particular attention was given to maneuvers in accordance with the 1764 Manual of Arms.

The afternoon session was for musket/rifle training. This session began with a review of the flintlock safety guidelines and procedure. The remainder of the session focused on the flintlock drills for shoulder flintlocks, order flintlocks, secure flintlocks, poise, and mourn on arms. Also included in the training was the loading and firing sequence for a gun salute. As this was an indoor training session, no black powder was used.



Everything learned in these training sessions will be applied numerous times in the coming months as the pandemic restrictions ease and the Kentucky Society Color Guard is able to participate in many events.



AMERICAN REVOLUTION PATRIOT MONUMENT DEDICATION

The Col. John Hardin SAR chapter, in cooperation with the Capt. Jacob Van Meter DAR Chapter, sponsored a dedication ceremony for a new American Revolution Patriot Monument in Elizabethtown, KY on 23 May. The Kentucky Central Brigade Color Guard was on hand to post the colors, conduct a flag folding ceremony, and provide the gun salute for the ceremony. An added feature to the ceremony was the firing of two cannon by the SAR as part of the gun salute.



The seventeen flag bearers and six riflemen in the color guard were led by a fifer and drummer. The flags were posted around the monument, which is a 9½ ft tall obelisk on which is engraved the names of 247 American Patriots who lived in Hardin County in 1793.



The color guard was made up of members from the Col. John Hardin, Lt. Robert Moseley, Gov. Isaac Shelby, Lafayette, Louisville Thruston, Col. Stephen Trigg, Gen. Richard Butler, and Col. Benjamin Logan SAR chapters; the Van Meter Fort and Jack Jouett CAR Societies; and the Capt Jacob Van Meter DAR chapter.

Members of the gun team preparing before the ceremony



**Battle of Blue Licks
Memorial Ceremony**



**The Kentucky Society
Sons of the American Revolution**
invites you to attend the Memorial Service for the
239th Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks

**Saturday, 21 August, 2021 @ 10 a.m. EST
Blue Licks Battlefield State Park
10299 Maysville Road, Carlisle, KY
(Color Guard muster at 9:00 a.m.)**

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

Contact Scott Giltner – stgilt@earthlink.net to register.

**Afterwards:
Join us in the park lodge for a lunch buffet and
the Kentucky State Society Summer Meeting.**

LOUISIANA -

LOUISIANA SOCIETY MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS



In the absence of storms and covid lockdowns, Memorial Day observances were revived and well attended in Louisiana. There are two very important events hosted in Louisiana each year; one at the Southeastern Louisiana Veterans Cemetery at Slidell, Louisiana and the other is "The Avenue of Flags" in the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana. The Louisiana Society SAR Color Guard had a presence in each of these events.



Pictured Above are the LASSAR color guard members who participated in the "Avenue of Flags" event in Lake Charles, Louisiana. From left to right: Gerald Graves, Robert Hess, Society President Jim Schneider, Tony Vets, and Ted Brode.



Pictured Right are the color guard members who participated in the memorial at the Veterans Cemetery in Slidell, Louisiana. They are, from left to right: Rodney McKelroy, George Clemenceau, Leonard Rohrbough, and Paul Guidry.

MARYLAND -



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Apr 28, We held an afternoon training session for new members to going over Uniform - Fit and Finish, accoutrements - how, where and when to wear them, Presenting and Posting Colors, Manual of Arms, Pre and Post firing safety check Movements for Secure and Search - Guardmen included (Left) John Davidson, Kevin Carr, Rick Abbott, David Embrey- (Right) Gerry Harris, Kevin Carr, George the dog and John Davidson



May 15 As the state of Maryland began to lift indoor mask mandates, the MDSSAR Color Guard presented and posted Colors for the 116 Annual Maryland Society DAR State Conference held at Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City, Maryland. (Left) It to rt David Embrey, Lou Raborg, Ron Habaugh, Maureen Tipton, Maryland State Regent, David Hoover, Gene Moyer and Don Eberhardt, (Center) walkthrough, (right) The Boys



May 23 With temps around 90 it was another fine day to be in wool as the SAR/1812 Color Guard participated in Celebrating Sammy the Fifer Dewees. - Samuel Dewees was enlisted by his father, a recruiting sergeant, at the age of 15 in the 11th Regiment of the Pennsylvania Line during the American Revolution. He served throughout the war, first as a fifer and then as a soldier. While living in Maryland, he served as a fifer in the defense of Baltimore during the War of 1812. Much is known of his life as told in a biography published near the end of his lifetime - - From Valley Forge 1777 to the Battle of Baltimore 1814 - HUZAZH!

The Line (Left) Ron Habaugh, William Smithsom, David Embrey, Fifer Claude Bauer, Chris Smithson, David Hoover and Don Everhardt - Present (Right) Flash in the pan/fire (Below - two)





May 31 Memorial Day

The MDSSAR in support of the Sgt Lawrence Everhart Chapter Color Guards honored our Nations' fallen in the Annual Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Frederick, MD. Participants included The Carrollton Manor and Frederick Chapters, NSDAR, Sgt Lawrence Everhart Chapter, SAR and Antietam Camp#3, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary - Why we are here. (Left) - The Line - (Center) Lt to rt. – Gene Moyer, Ron Habaugh, National Commander Lou Raborg, Past National Commander David Hoover, Gerry Harris and David Embrey – Fire (Right)



May 31 Memorial Day

While on vacation, Christian Ardinger Chapter Color Guard Commander ,Wes Evenspaid Honors to the Nations' Fallen by placing a wreath at Mount Rushmore National Memorial HUZAZH!



June 6 -The Annual Memorial for Col. John Eager Howard, Hero of Cowpens was held at Grey Rock Mansion in Pikesville, MD as the Color Guard Presented Colors with Musket Salute. (Left) Why we are here- (Center) Fire Lt to rt Gerry Harris, Ron Habaugh, Don Everhardt, David Hoover and David Embrey – (Right) The Boys



June 12 - Saturday was a busy day as The Maryland SAR/1812 Color Guard as we fell-in for 2 groups of Grave Markings at Green Mount Cemetery in Baltimore. The first was a group of 3 1812 were Gregorius Andre - 1st Lt in Capt. Dominic Bader's Co. of Rifleman, 1st Rifle Bttn., and Aquila Randall - Private in Capt. Benjamin C. Howard's Co., 5th Regiment, Baltimore Mechanical Volunteers, both Killed at The Battle of Baltimore and William Welsh Private in Independent Blues, 5th Regiment Infantry, with David Embrey, Don Everhardt and Chris Smithson (Left) Drill (Center), (Right) Fire



The 2nd was The Biays Brothers, Colonel Joseph and Colonel James Biays who both were born in Philadelphia served in the American Revolution and made their way to live in Maryland and served in the War of 1812. The Wreaths 2 out of 3 the Boys It to rt David Embrey, Chris Smithson, Don Everhardt and William Smithson.



MASSACHUSETTS -

CAPE COD CHAPTER OF THE MASSAR MARKS GRAVES OF NINE PATRIOTS

On Saturday, May 15, 2021, an audience of approximately seventy-five attended the grave marking ceremony of nine Revolutionary Patriots of the well-established Sears family of Cape Cod. The event took place at the "Ancient Sears Cemetery" in Brewster, MA. Also in attendance were the Colonel Henry Knox Color Guard from MASSAR and Cape Cod Militia members from Yarmouth and Wareham with several distaff members in revolutionary period costume.

Chapter President Robert Gifford presided over the ceremony, ably assisted by Rev. Douglas Sears, Compatriot David Martin, bugler Michael Donovan. The Cape Chapter was honored to have as our special guests President of MASSAR Edgar Hoak and State Senator Julian Cyr.

Genealogist and SAR member, Compatriot Leslie Ray Sears III of Oklahoma City, OK author of the comprehensive book "Sears Catalog", provided a narrative account of the life and service of each of the nine patriots honored that day.

The nine patriots honored with medallions and flags included: Edmund Sears (1712-1796), Edward Sears (1746-1807), Elkanah Sears (1758-1836), John Sears (1745-1817), Joshua Sears (1753-1825), Lieutenant Micajah Sears (1738-1823), Noah Sears (1751-1835) and Freeman Remick (husband of Abigail Sears). These men served in response to "alarms" along the southeastern coast of Massachusetts including Cape Cod during the course of the Revolutionary War.

Immediately following the ceremony, the CCCSAR held its regularly scheduled chapter meeting which featured a talk by Ray Sears who discussed the fascinating history of the Sears family and its numerous branches both on and off Cape Cod.

A handsomely produced video of the event is available at: <https://bit.ly/3502aaW>

MAY 31, 2021 - MEMORIAL DAY:

Colonel Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard

Repatriation of the remains, Pvt. Alexander Quapish Continental Soldier 13th Massachusetts Regiment, veteran of the June 17, 1775 Battle of Bunker Hill and a member of the Wampanoag Indian Nation. Received their final peace with blessings and Military honor on Memorial Day 2021.

Col. Henry Knox Color Guard Commander Jack Cunningham in collaboration the Chief Caring Hands of the Natick Praying Indians (Wampanoag), and the town of Natick Director of Veterans Affairs Paul Carew organized this historic event. It illuminated the recognition of native American Indians in New England who enlisted in the American Continental Army and served in the patriot cause for American Independence.

Participating in the final tribute to Patriot Alexander Quapish, members of the Natick Praying Indian Tribe, the Wampanoag Nation, Sons of the American Revolution Col. Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution and members of the Natick town Veterans Council.

Alexander Quapish, a member of the Wampanoag Nation originally from the Cape Cod town of Yarmouth, in 1767 married Sarah David. Sarah was a member the Natick Praying Indian tribe. The tribe's distinguishing name came from the members 1646 conversion to Christianity thru the ministry of Reverend John Eliot. In 1651 the Massachusetts General Court established the town of Natick for their town settlement. In the spring of 1775 following the death of his wife Alexander enlisted as a Private in the 13th Massachusetts Regiment. In November that year while in service he fell ill with smallpox. Thru friendship with fellow soldier Michael Bacon, the Bacon family in the town of Natick took Alexander into their home and where he convalesced. After several months he died on March 23, 1776 and was buried at the Praying Indians burial ground in Natick.

Alexander's remains did not find peace. Disinterred in 1856 by Dr. Henry J. Bigelow the remains were received by the Warren Anatomical Museum at the Harvard School of Medicine. Harvard University held them for the next 164 years. Then pursuant to the 1990 Federal Native American Graves Repatriation Act, in 2020 Harvard University contacted the 3-Wampanoag-affiliate tribes with an offer to repatriate the remains to the tribe. Chief Caring Hands welcomed the return Alexander Quapish to Natick Praying Indians burial ground. In December 2020 he joined 11 other Wampanoag tribe patriot native American Revolutionary War veterans interred at the cemetery.

On Memorial Day 2021, Alexander Quapish final rest was blessed by Chief Caring Hands and the MASSAR Col. Henry Knox Regimental delivered to him final military honor with drum, fife and 3 volleys of muskets.

Chief Caring Hands summed up the day with the following:

"Each year Veterans Affairs Director Paul Carew and MicMac Bright Feather stand alongside our Natick Praying Indian Tribe with the people of Natick at the Indian Burial ground to honor its Native American veterans. The Memorial Day gathering was special this year as the ceremony of Alexander Quapish and the SAR Guard ceremony drew attention to the event. It was a blessed opportunity for me to note the sacrifice of the other Natick Praying Indian Revolutionary War Veterans of which there were twenty-two. We are very proud of these ancestors and warriors. As Chief and spiritual leader of the Natick Praying Indians, I speak blessings over the U.S.A. and all those in the world of good will. In healing the mother's heart, may we ever move toward peace."



Above Left - Color Guard members Brad Bittenbender, Robert Bossart, David Conkling, Jack Cunningham, Whitney Halloran, Jim Holmes, Zack Lobel, Jack Mobley, Scot Tourtellot, Christopher Tourtellot, Kenneth Sterling, Allen Van Wert, Rodney Ventura, Steve Watts and Geoffrey Zeamer.

Above Right - Children of the American Revolution, Jason Russell Society, offering prayer ribbons to Tribe members to attach to the memorial wreath. National Vice President of the New England Region, National Corresponding Secretary and National Headquarters Chairmen.



Left - Military musket volley, honor solute to Private Alexander Quapish, 13th Massachusetts Regiment Continental Army

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Jack Cunningham / past president of Massachusetts Sons of the American Revolution and past Commander of the Col. Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard.; Naticksqw Chief Caring Hands / Natick Praying Indians Tribe; Paula Pratt Renkas / Massachusetts State Regent National Daughters of the American Revolution; Jim Holmes / Executive Officer MASSAR Col. Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard; Patricia Hubbell / Photographer; Natick, MA Historical Society; Brad Bittenbender / reported by

JUNE 12, 2021 – FLAG DAY QUINCY MA. PARADE:

Colonel Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard
Hosted by the town of Quincy, Massachusetts. Celebration of the day the Continental Congress in 1777 adopted the stars and stripes national flag of the United States of America. Col. Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard lead by Commander Christopher Tourtellot. Accompanying Color Guard, members in the parade the C.A.R. Jason Russell Society and D.A.R. Massachusetts Vice Regent Carolyn Nutt and Sr. National Vice President for New England Region Jackie Holmes.



Col. Henry Knox Color Guard followed by Massachusetts Members of the C.A.R. Jason Russell Society and D.A.R. Vice Regent Carolyn Nutt and Sr. National Vice President of the New England Region Jackie Homes



Members L to R: Brad Bittenbender, Scot Tourtellot, Joe Hughes, Morgan Holmes, Allen Van Wert, Robert Bossart, Executive office Jim Holmes and Dave Conkling.

Content Contributors:

Photos by Col. Henry Knox Color Guard photographer – Patricia Hubbell; Article by Brad Bittenbender

June 17, 2021 – Commemoration 246th Anniversary the Battle of Bunker Hill:

Colonel Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard

The event began with Ecumenical Services at Saint Francis De Sales Church in Charlestown with prayers and blessing to soldiers that participated in the battle and those that gave the ultimate sacrifice. At conclusion of church service, ½ mile march thru Charlestown to Bunker Hill Monument Park. Lead by the U.S. Navy Color Guard from the U.S.S. Constitution, John Benda / Commanding Officer, Michael Creasey General Superintendent / National Parks of Boston. Followed by Charlestown Militia Company Thomas Coots / Captain and Massachusetts S.A.R. Col. Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard commanded by Christopher Tourtellot. The National Park Service hosted the anniversary commemoration. At which the Massachusetts State President S.A.R. Edward Hoak spoke. The days commemoration of the Battle concluded with 3-musket volleys by the S.A.R. Col. Henry Knox Color Guard on of the American Revolution and Charlestown Militia Company. Followed by the Militia and Color Guard march the perimeter of the park, stopping at the gates dedicated the Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Massachusetts colonies that sent Continental Army regiments to the siege of Boston. Each colony regiment honored. Ending with a final prayer and blessing to the patriot soldiers. Portrait photo includes (right side of statue) Charlestown Militia Company (left side of statue) Massachusetts SAR Col. Henry Knox Color Guard. The Statue, dedicated to Col. William Prescott who directed the



overnight construct of the hilltop redoubt before the day of battle.

Content Contributors: Photos by Col. Henry Knox Color Guard photographer – Patricia Hubbell; Article by Brad Bittenbender



PATRIOTS DAY CELEBRATION

The Michigan Color Guard mustered to remember Patriots Day with the Stoney Creek church congregation, April 16, 2021.

The Oaks Chapter initiated the celebration and awarded a Pastor Dennis Slattery the NSSAR Silver Good Citizenship award.

Picture Right - L/R Ron Barnard, Commander Gerald Burkland, Vice Commander Norman Palmer, Larry Blackett, Dennis VanWormer, Bob Hawcroft, Ray Lucas and John Raya.

Picture Left - Missar Commander Burkland shakes the hand of Den Slattery, the Silver Good Citizenship medal recipient. Guardsmen John Raya and Norman Palmer look on in appreciation of his many accomplishments.



FIRST ROADSIDE NSSAR ROADSIDE PLAQUE IN MICHIGAN

The Michigan society has placed it's first roadside "Patriot Roadside Plaque."



The Pvt. Ephraim Wheaton Chapter of the MISSAR, along with the George Washington Endowment Fund and municipal sponsors erected and placed the FIRST patriot roadside plaque in Michigan.

The plaque picture tells his story of his days in service to our country and his life after.

Dignitaries attending the ceremony included the DAR, a member of the house of representatives,



municipal officials, Michigan SAR society president along with other society elected officers.

The Michigan Color Guard also were present. They posted the colors. Our artillery crew gave a three volley cannon salute, followed by our bagpiper's solo accompaniment. The colors were retired at the closing ceremony.

The Michigan SAR society plans to place many more Patriot Plaques in our state in the coming years.



MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

What is "Memorial Day"? The Michigan Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard members participated in a remembrance ceremony presented by the MISSAR Oaks Chapter.

Orion Township Veterans Memorial Park is the beautiful venue of the city's fallen veterans. Our group dedicated and honored one of their many fallen soldiers. A member of the Oaks chapter is a descendant of Roswell Campbell. Campbell was a Civil War soldier in the Michigan 8th Infantry. Injured in battle at Hilton Head, NC. He was then sent to Camp Misery Hospital in Virginia. He succumbed from his wounds and died Sept. 9, 1862. He is remembered by a plaque in the park along with other Orion township Civil War soldiers.



A friend of the Michigan Sons of the Revolution is a retired Army chaplain. Den Slattery. He presented a wonderful talk on the origin and meaning of the Memorial Day holiday. A wreath was laid to honor all war veterans remembered here in Lake Orion, Michigan by Ladies Auxiliary representative Sue Raya and Jeff Dixon. The Michigan Color Guard gave our "Sword Salute" to honor all veterans for their service to our country. This is to become a dual ceremony with the California SAR Society, San Diego Chapter. We retired the stars and stripes concluding the festivities.

Photo Right: L/R Missar Color Guard Commander Norman Palmer, Aaron Wiles, Commander Emeritus Gerald Burkland, Den Slattery, Joseph Mastromatteo, Sue Raya, Jeff Dixon, Ray Lucas, John Raya, (not pictured)

BRONZE COLOR GUARD PRESENTATION



June 18, 2021 Cascades Falls & Manor Resort Jackson, Michigan Board of Managers meeting

Photo Left: The Michigan SAR Color Guard proudly presented Dennis VanWormer with his NSSAR Color Guard Bronze medal.

While being an essential embodiment to the Michigan society for years he still created time to commit his time as a color guardsman. (l-r) Michigan Color Guard Commander Norman Palmer, Guardsman Dennis VanWormer - medal recipient, rear: Great Lakes District Vice President General Jim Petres, Guardsman Bob Hawcroft.



Photo Right: "Three Cheers", "Huzzah !! " Rang around the room, followed by applause. (l-r) Missar State President David Vanhoof , Michigan Color Guard Commander Norman Palmer, Guardsman Dennis VanWormer - medal recipient, rear: Great Lakes District Vice President General Jim Petres, Guardsman Bob Hawcroft.



MISSAR BOM MEETING AND 911 MEMORIAL / WREATH LAYING

The Michigan Sons of the Revolution held their Board of Managers meeting in Jackson, Michigan on June 18, 2021. The venue was the Cascades Manor & Falls Resort.

On an adjacent park to the resort sits a steel beam from the 911 Twin Tower attacks. This memorial is enclosed in a secure case with a plaque describing the tragic event and memories involved. The Michigan Color Guard performed our "Sword Salute" showing reverence to the fallen.



Right (l-r) Missar Color guard and Michigan SAR state president David VanHoof. L/R color guard: Michigan Color Guard Commander Norman Palmer, Vice Commander Ken Goodson, Guardsman Dennis VanWormer, NSSAR Great Lakes District VPG Jim Petres, Guardsman Bob Hawcroft,

Photo Left: Missar State President David VanHoof and Michigan DAR State Regent Elect Kelly VanWormer honored the memorial by placing a wreath together.

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FLAG DAY DEDICATION OF PATRIOT ELIAS CADY

May 28, 2021 the Paul Emery Chapter Color Guard members assisted the Children of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution in honoring the patriot Elias Cady on this Flag Day, The namesake society from Waterford, Mi. showed how much the flag means to us and why we honor it.

DAR State Regent Gina LaCroix, CAR State President James Krantz, Elias Cady society chapter presidents and members attended and made for a superb event. The event took place at Oak Hill Cemetery, Holly Michigan.

L/R: NSSAR Great Lakes District VPG Jim Petres, Michigan State Police representative, Guardsman Gordon Duda, Elias Cady Chapter - Linda Royce, Michigan DAR State Regent Gina LaCroix, Elias Cady Chapter - Glenda Flack, Michigan Color Guard Commander Norman Palmer, Guardsman Aaron Wiles

SAR INDUCTEE - COLOR

GUARD NEW MEMBER

The MISSAR Paul Emery Chapter held their annual meeting June 19, 2021. As typical, induction of new members take place.

Caden Palmer is one of their newest members. He not only joined the Sons of the American Revolution, he joined the Missar Color Guard the same day as their newest drummer. He is also the grandson of the Michigan Color Guard Commander Norman Palmer. His family is very proud.

Left Guardsman Caden Palmer, Missar Color Guard Commander Norman Palmer

Right L/R: Paul Emery Chapter president, Bob Hawcroft, Guardsman Inductee, Caden Palmer, Missar Color Guard Commander Norman Palmer, Missar Color Guard Commander Emeritus Gerald Burkland, Guardsman Aaron Wiles, Bagpiper Ron Barnard (not Pictured)



INDEPENDENCE DAY - 4TH OF JULY

July 4th is a holiday we all enjoy. Warm breezes, cool shade, and the freedom we all look forward to everyday. We as the Michigan Sons of the American Revolution celebrate the Independence Day in a different way, Our society has a strong in representation in the Michigan SAR color guard. Every chance we get we talk of our forefathers, colonial ancestors and patriots. It took a lot of dedication to create this country,

June 28th 2021 we came together at the McCafferty Cemetery to celebrate this national holiday. This is the final resting spot of Patriot Levi Collins. Our spokesman,

Den Slatterly told all today of what this holiday means to America, and how patriots like Levi formed it. Every soldier had a part, big or small.

Above Left - L/R Missar Color Guard Commander Norman Palmer, Commander Emeritus Gerald Burkland, Guardsman Jeff Dixon, Artillery Commander Larry Blackett, artillery crewman Rose Charach. (Naming only forward faces in view)

Above Right - Missar Artillery Commander and crew presented a 3 volley cannon salute in celebration. Photos courtesy of George Norkus Photographer.



GRAVE DEDICATION OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOT JOHN MYERS

The Michigan Society SAR Blue Water Chapter dedicated the grave of Patriot John Myers. Chapter President Vince Strongarone talked of his military service and his history in this area. Members of his

family still reside in the community. The Michigan Color Guard honored this patriot with our "Sword Salute" our highest honor.

Left - Front line: Missar Color Guard Commander Norman Palmer, Gordon Duda, Gerald Burkland, John Raya, Dave Suzor, Alex Asenback, Ray Lucas, Alex Ellis, Bob Eager, Blue Water Chapter President Vince Strongarone, Back row: Caden Palmer, Vice Commander Joe Conger, Jerry Conger, Ron Barnard, Kelly Ellis, Rose Charach, Dan Ellis, Artillery Commander Larry Blackett

Right - John Myers headstone with SAR marker



MINNESOTA -



MEMORIAL DAY

On Memorial Day, two members of the Minnesota Society Color Guard, Chris Moberg and Rich Howey, performed a flag raising ceremony for Midland Hills Country Club in Roseville, Minnesota. The flag raising opened a golf tournament that was a fundraiser for Folds of Honor, a charity that provides scholarships for the spouses and children of deceased and wounded veterans. This annual tournament typically raises about five thousand dollars for Folds of Honor.



MISSOURI -



PASSING OF JANET SUE JACKSON



Janet Sue Jackson (nee Barnhart) passed away at the age of 76, on Saturday, April 10, 2021. Beloved wife of 53 years to the late William (Bill) L. Jackson. Janet was a member of the Fort San Carlos Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Her husband was a member of the Fernando de Leyba Chapter of the Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). Her son William James (Jim) Jackson is the current President of the Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapter.

Memorial gathering was held on Wednesday April 14, 2021

Members of the Fernando de Leyba Chapter of the Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) were posted at the visitation. The Color Guard Members were Compatriots Stephen (Steve) M. Baldwin, MOSSAR Eastern District Color Commander William (Bill) A.G. Grote, Marvin R. Koechig, Jr., Charles E. Lilly, and Douglas (Doug) E. Neff.



Compatriot Bill Grote Compatriot Steve Baldwin

Photo provided by Compatriot Robert Ackley (SSL).



Compatriot Doug Neff Compatriot Marvin Koechig

Photo provided by Compatriot Robert Ackley (SSL).

BLUE SPRINGS DAR CHAPTER MEDAL OF APPRECIATION CEREMONY

The Independence Patriots Chapter (IPC) Color Guard participated at the Blue Springs DAR Chapter April 20, 2021 meeting. The IPC Color Guard with DAR ladies presented the colors, after which NSSAR Medals of Appreciation were presented to DAR Members Jill Frasier and Marge Caffey and Regent Renee Windle for assistance to the Independence Patriots Chapter.

Left to right: Compatriot Stephen Sullins, Compatriot Ron Paris, Blue Springs DAR Members Regent Renee Windle, Jill Frasier, and Marge Caffey.

Photo provided by Sarah Poff and Compatriot Stephen Sullins (IPC).





PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION OF THE DAR AMERICAN HERITAGE CONTEST

Saint Charles (Missouri) DAR Chapter Member Ms. Megan Atchley took photos of Fernando de Leyba Chapter Color Guard Members Marvin Koechig and Charles Lilly at the Daniel Boone Home near Defiance, St. Charles County, Missouri for use in painting a portrait to submit in the 2020-2021 DAR American Heritage Contest. The theme of the contest is "Rise and Shine Your Light on Your Revolutionary War Patriot". Due to health reasons, she was unable to complete a painting in time for the contest so instead she decided to submit one of the photos she took for the photography section of the DAR American Heritage Contest.

Ms. Atchley stated "Amazingly, I saw potential in an accidental picture I took of Marvin Koechig blinking, which has won 1st place for the black and white photography category in the contest! The accidental photo looked like my ancestor praying solemnly before the Battle of Saratoga. So, I aged it a bit and put it in black and white. Apparently, the judges liked it too! I titled it "A Moment of Prayer by Col. Latimer." I hope it evokes a moment where the Revolutionary War did not have a certain outcome and the struggles of war on what were effectively very brave but normal people." Ms. Atchley plans on still doing a painting when she is in better health.

Ms. Atchley was to be recognized nationally at the DAR Continental Congress being held in Washington, D.C., June 30 – July 4, 2021 and receive a certificate and ribbon for winning. There was to be a brief time before the ceremony to display the picture and members can ask questions of Ms. Atchley and the picture was to be shown in a video on Thursday night of the Continental Congress. Unfortunately, the Continental Congress has been changed to virtual due to COVID-19.

Compatriot Marvin Koechig . Photos provided by Megan Atchley, Saint Charles, MO DAR Chapter).

SAR FLAG COMMENDATION CERTIFICATE

On May 15, 2021 Harry S Truman Chapter Color Guard Members John K. Stewart and Roy Hutchinson presented an SAR Flag Commendation Certificate to Jim and Coleen Merrill at their home in Independence, Missouri.

Presentation of SAR Flag Commendation Certificate to Jim and Coleen Merrill. Left to right: Compatriots John K. Stewart and Roy Hutchinson of the HST Chapter, and Jim Merrill

Photos provided by Kathy Hutchinson, Blue Springs Chapter, DAR



SAR FLAG COMMENDATION CERTIFICATE

On May 26, 2021 Harry S Truman Chapter Color Guard Members Roy Hutchinson, Robert L. Grover, and John K. Stewart presented an SAR Flag Commendation Certificate to Matt and Kelly Knott at their home in Blue Springs, Missouri

Presentation of SAR Flag Commendation Certificate to Matt and Kelly Knott. Left to right: Compatriots Roy Hutchinson, Robert L. Grover, and John K. Stewart HST Chapter, and Kelly and Matt Knott ((recipients).

Photos provided by Kathy Hutchinson, Blue Springs Chapter, DAR



SAR FLAG COMMENDATION CERTIFICATE

On May 26, 2021 Harry S Truman Chapter Color Guard Members Roy Hutchinson, Robert L. Grover, and John K. Stewart presented an SAR Flag Commendation Certificate to Todd and Andrea Ballew at their home in Blue Springs, Missouri.

Presentation of SAR Flag Commendation Certificate Left to right: Left to right: Andrea and Todd Ballew (recipients), Compatriots John K. Stewart, Robert L. Grover, Roy Hutchinson, HST Chapter

Photos provided by Kathy Hutchinson, Blue Springs Chapter, DAR





SAR FLAG COMMENDATION CERTIFICATE

On May 26, 2021 Harry S Truman Chapter Color Guard Members Roy Hutchinson, Robert L. Grover, and John K. Stewart presented an SAR Flag Commendation Certificate to Rusty and Melinda Kurtz at their home in Blue Springs, Missouri. Rusty Kurtz is a 30 year veteran, first in the Army and then in the Air Force.



Presentation of SAR Flag Commendation Certificate Left photo - Left to right: Melinda and Rusty Kurtz (recipients), Compatriots James Stewart, Robert Grover, and Roy Hutchinson. Right Photo - Left to right: Compatriot John Stewart, Melinda and Rusty Kurtz (recipients), Compatriot Roy Hutchinson, and Compatriot Robert Grover.

Photos provided by Kathy Hutchinson, Blue Springs Chapter, DAR

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES AT THE COLDWATER CEMETERY

On May 31, 2021 Fernando de Leyba Chapter and Spirit of St. Louis MOSSAR Colorguardsmen participated in the Missouri DAR Annual Memorial Day ceremonies at the Coldwater Cemetery in Florissant, St. Louis County, Missouri. Cold Water Cemetery (CWC) is considered by historians to be the oldest Protestant cemetery west of the Mississippi River still in use. The cemetery is part of a land grant that was given to Patriot John Patterson, an



American Revolutionary War soldier, who is buried there. Two other Revolutionary War Patriots are also buried there, John Clark and Eusebius Hubbard. John Patterson Sr., gathered his family and with many of his friends and relatives, journeyed by wagon train from the Carolinas after the Revolutionary War eventually arriving in the Cold Water Creek area around 1797. The Missouri DAR took possession of Coldwater Cemetery on Memorial Day, 1963.



The MOSSAR Colorguardsmen (left to right): Wayne Davis (SSL); Bill Grote (FDL) MOSSAR Eastern District Color Guard Commander; Jim Jackson (FDL); Marvin Koechig (FDL), John Bedell (SSL), and Terry Grogan (SSL). The CAR members (left to right) Boaz Grimstead; Ezra Grimstead; Ezekiel Grimstead; Josie Hoskins, MSSCAR State President; Marcus; Marina Williams; Kenzie Long; and Austin Long. The two younger children in the front row are Lucy and Teddy. Marcus, Lucy, and Teddy are with the Alexander McNair CAR Society. Boaz Grimstead, Ezra Grimstead, Ezekiel Grimstead are members of the Fernando de Leyba Chapter and the Nathan Futrell CAR Society. Josie Hoskins, MSSCAR State President; Marina Williams; Kenzie Long; and Austin Long are with the Nathan Futrell CAR Society.

Photo taken by Diane Borgman of the Saint Charles DAR Chapter

Photo taken by Kim Williams of the Nathan Futrell CAR Society.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES AT WOODLAWN CEMETERY

On May 31, 2021 MOSSAR Color Guardsmen from the Independence Patriots Chapter, the Harry S Truman Chapter, and the Adam Yager DAR Chapter participated in a Memorial Day Ceremony held at Woodlawn Cemetery, Independence, Missouri. Chaplain Raymond Holland, presided at the ceremony.



Left to right: Compatriots Stephen Sullins (IPC), Michael Hahn (IPC), Robert Grover (HST), Peter Reynolds (IPC), Loretta Paris (Adam Yager DAR), Ronald Paris (IPC), Roy Hutchinson (HST), and Rev. Raymond Holland.

Photo provided by Stephen Sullins (IPC) / Rebecca Reynolds (Adam Yager DAR).

SAR FLAG COMMENDATION CERTIFICATE

On June 14, 2021 the Independence Patriots Chapter presented an NSSAR Flag Commendation Certificate to Reed Buick/GMC, Kansas City, Missouri during a ceremony recognizing their patriotism at the automobile dealership. The Flag Commendation Certificate was accepted on behalf of Reed Buick/GMC by General Manager John Michaels.

Presentation of SAR Flag Commendation Certificate Left photo - Left to right: Stephen Sullins, Peter Reynolds, John Michaels (Reed Buick/GMC), Becky Reynolds (Adam Yegar DAR Chapter), and Ronald Paris.

Photo provided by Reed Buick/GMC / Stephen Sullins (IPC).



WREATH LAYING CEREMONY IN NEW FRANKLIN



Left to right: Compatriots J. Wayne Merrill and John Coutts.

Photo provided by Compatriot Harold Kerr (MGC).

On June 6, 2021 at 1:45 p.m. the Howard County Daughters of the American Revolution along with two members of the M. Graham Clark Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard and four members of the American Legion Post #273 Color Guard presented a Wreath Laying Ceremony in New Franklin, Missouri, commemorating the first organized trade expedition to Santa Fe which occurred on September 1, 1821. The ceremony took place before a crowd of about 70 at "The Rock", a large red granite stone brought from the Ozarks with a bronze plaque which reads: "CAPTAIN WILLIAM BECKNELL OF FRANKLIN "FATHER OF THE SANTA FE TRAIL" WITH FOUR COMPANIONS LED THE FIRST ORGANIZED TRADE EXPEDITION TO SANTA FE SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1821" FRANKLIN "CRADLE OF THE SANTA FE TRAIL" -1821- "THIS TRAIL ONE OF THE GREAT HIGHWAYS OF THE WORLD STRETCHED NEARLY ONE THOUSAND MILES FROM FRANKLIN, MISSOURI TO SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO." "FROM CIVILIZATION TO SUNDOWN" "MARKED BY THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND THE STATE OF MISSOURI 1909".



"The Rock" - New Franklin, Missouri. THE FIRST ORGANIZED TRADE EXPEDITION TO SANTA FE

Photo provided by Compatriot Harold Kerr (MGC).

Following this ceremony the group was invited to the basement of The South Howard County Historical Museum for a presentation by Tim Williams, a 4th great grandson of Ezekiel Williams, at whose home Becknell organized the first group to head west on the Trail.

SAR FLAG COMMENDATION CERTIFICATE

On June 14, 2021 the Independence Patriots Chapter presented an NSSAR Flag Commendation Certificate to Perkins Restaurant & Bakery, Gladstone, Missouri during a ceremony recognizing their patriotism at the Restaurant. The Flag Commendation Certificate was accepted on behalf of Perkins Restaurant & Bakery by Manager Sarah Bradshaw.

Presentation of SAR Flag Commendation Certificate Left photo -Left to right: Compatriots Stephen Sullins; Peter Reynolds; Sarah Bradshaw (Perkins Restaurant Manager); Becky Reynolds (Past Regent Adam Yager DAR Chapter), and Ron Paris.

Photo Provided by Stephen Sullins (IPC)/ Sharon Sullins-Edwards.



SAR FLAG COMMENDATION CERTIFICATE

On June 14, 2021 the Independence Patriots Chapter presented an NSSAR Flag Commendation Certificate to Embassy Suites Kansas City-Int'l Airport, Missouri during a ceremony recognizing their patriotism at the hotel. The Flag Commendation Certificate was accepted on behalf of Embassy Suites by John Parker, Regional Director of Operations - Embassy Suites Inc.

Presentation of SAR Flag Commendation Certificate Left photo -Left to right: Compatriots Stephen Sullins; Peter Reynolds; John Parker, Regional Director of Operations - Embassy Suites Inc.; Becky Reynolds (Past Regent, Adam Yager DAR), and Ronald Paris.

Photo Provided by Stephen Sullins (IPC)/ Sharon Sullins-Edwards.



LAYING OF WREATHS CEREMONY.

On June 19, 2021 the Ozark Mountain Chapter (OMC), Missouri Society, SAR and the Major Nathan Boone Chapter, The War of 1812 Society in the State of Missouri jointly honored the service of two War of 1812 soldiers. Ceremonies were held at the graves of John Boyd and Benjamin Hagewood, including the laying of wreaths and a description of service of these two patriots. Thereafter, the Color Guard advanced to the grave of another War of 1812 soldier Lindsey Robertson, who is the Patriot Son of Thomas Robertson. Thomas was an Irish immigrant and served in Captains Ballinger and Woodruff's companies in the Virginia militia. This is the first known Patriot Son marked in the United States by the SAR. All graves are at the Lindsey Chapel Cemetery in Republic, Missouri. Chapter Color Guard and Chapter members in attendance included Curtis Trent, Howard Fisk, Gary Gift, Missouri Society, SAR President George Swales, Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard Commander Steve Perkins (OMC).



Color Guard, Chapter members, and Boy Scouts stepping off to the gravesite. Photo provided by Missouri Color Guard Commander Steven Perkins (OMC).

"Dan McMurray far left background, Past Chapter Presidents Howard Fisk and Gary Gift with flags, and current Chapter President Curtis Trent on the displaying the SAR flag for the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence

Photo provided by Missouri Color Guard Commander Steven Perkins (OMC).



Edmundson, Dale Crandell, Mel McNeal, and Jeff Patrick. The Chapter was honored to have in the ranks Boy Scouts from Troop 173, Clever, Missouri.

"Gravestone with Medallion. Photo provided by Missouri Color Guard Commander Steven Perkins (OMC).



NEBRASKA -

NEBRASKA SAR COLOR GUARD

The Nebraska SAR Color Guard, after a year of no in-person events, was excited to be able to put on its uniforms again this spring and participate in events.

On May 16, the color guard posted the colors at our first in-person state meeting in over a year.

On Saturday, May 22, Paul Burrignt and Jim Sly traveled to Springville, Iowa, to participate in the rededication ceremony of the monument to Patriot Nathan Brown. It was an honor to be able to participate in this event, as Nebraska has no known Revolutionary War veterans buried in the state and we thank the Iowa SAR for extending us the invitation to join them.

On Saturday, June 5, our color guard presented the colors during the national anthem, for our first time at a sporting event. This occurred prior to the baseball game of the Omaha Storm Chasers, the AAA affiliate of the Kansas City Royals. It was a great opportunity, beyond parades and other events we have done in the past, to be the face of our organization and be seen within the community. We hope to be able to present ourselves more, in this type of venue, in the future.



NHSSAR COLOR GUARD



The New Hampshire Color Guard continued with monthly drill sessions. Training includes drill, volley fires, safety, musket maintenance, and dress.

May brought us the opportunity to participate in three historical marker dedications in different NH towns on 3, 4, and 5 May. These were emplaced by the Lafayette Trail, Inc., commemorating Major General Lafayette's return to and tour of, the United States in 1825-1826. NHSSAR was one of the sponsors of these honors in our state.

NHSSAR Color Guard took part in the Bunker Hill Day ceremonies on 17 June. The day began with a remembrance service in a church on Bunker Hill, followed by a parade to the Bunker Hill Monument on Breed's Hill, which was the actual Colonial fortification and battlefield site. Following speeches and wreath laying, the combined Color Guard representations from NH, CT, and MA fired a three volley salute. These same Color Guardsmen then proceeded to the CT, NH, US, and MA Gates for individual wreath layings.



NEW JERSEY -

BATTLE OF BOUND BROOK WREATH LAYING CEREMONY



A wreath laying ceremony was held on April 10, 2021 at the Old Presbyterian Graveyard in Bound Brook NJ to commemorate the Battle of Bound Brook (April 13, 1777 (244th year) and to honor the Revolutionary soldiers buried there. There are two locations important to the Battle of Bound Brook, this Graveyard where over 40 American soldiers were buried, victims of the Battle, and the nearby historic Abraham Staats House, c. 1740, home to the Staats family for nearly 200 years and it served as the headquarters for George Washington's "Drillmaster" Baron von Steuben.

A local Chaplain opened the ceremony with a reading from the book of Daniel. Bound Brook's mayor, Bob Fazen, outlined the events that transpired in the lead up and actual Battle of Bound Brook. Frank McGonigle led the wreath laying ceremony with NJ Society SAR President Rob Meyer laying the wreath. The battle of Bound Brook is in the process of becoming New Jersey's 6th National SAR Event.



Past NJSSAR President Frank McGonigle leads the New Jersey Society Color Guard in the annual presenting the Wreath at Bound Brook.



Attending from the New Jersey Society SAR Color Guard were Past NJSSAR president and National SAR Color Guard Adjutant Rob Meyer, NJS Treasurer Ed Glidden, Gary Beauregard, Past NJS President Frank McGonigle, Jay Hersey, Rodger Williams, Jim Howard, Tom D'Amico, and David Nelson.

Picture taken by Rob Meyer. Left to Right: Hector Herrera, D'Amico, Howard, Williams, local Chaplain, Mayor Bob Fazen, Hersey, Glidden, Beauregard, D. Nelson, and McGonigle.



NJSSAR MEETING – LEXINGTON CONCORD LUNCHEON

The Annual Lexington Concord luncheon was held outdoors at the Princeton Marriott in Princeton, NJ. Honored guests were SAR Past-President Joe Dooley and SAR Color Guard Commander Lou Raborg. The New Jersey Society Color Guard posted and retired the Colors. Activities included the awarding of Color Guard Bronze Medals, SAR Liberty Medal, Boy Scout recognition and the awarding of a SAR Hero's medal, along with the induction of the new NJSSAR officers for 2021-2023. Seven of the twelve members of the 2021-2023 NJSSAR Board of Officers are also Color Guard Members, VP Rich Serfass, Secretary Ed Glidden, Treasurer Warren Fristensky and Registrar Jim Howard, and Trustees David Christoffersen and Frank McGonigle.



L-R New NJSSAR Officers for 2021-23: President Charles Morgan, VP Rich Serfass, Secretary Ed Glidden, Treasurer Warren Fristensky, Registrar Jim Howell, Chancellor Eric Bal, Librarian Mike Alfano, Historian Roger Williams, and Genealogist Bruce Ryno

Members of the New Jersey Society Color Guard received the SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal. They included L-R Gary Beauregard, Larry Jackson, Jim Howard, Larry Nelson, (Gary Walling and Ira Jersey absent). SAR CG Commander Lou Raborg presented the medals along with NJSSAR Color Guard Commander Rich Serfass. Newly elected NJSSAR President Charles is in Morgan is on the far right.



TUCKER GRAVE MARKING CEREMONY



The Colonel Richard Somers Chapter SAR held a Grave Marking Ceremony for Ebenezer Tucker and his brother Reuben Tucker at the Old Methodist Cemetery in Tuckerton New Jersey. Chapter members Mike Magnum and Charles Morgan led the event. The New Jersey Society SAR Color Guard along with the Westcreek Boy Scout Troop provided the posting of the Colors.

The New Jersey Society Color Guard led the procession in posting the Colors for the event. Leading the march was NJSSAR Color Guard Commander and State VP Rich Serfass with State Registrar Jim Howard, Princeton-Cranbury Chapter member Sam Davis, Monmouth Chapter member Jake Rue and South Jersey Chapter Secretary Larry Nelson.



MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY IN BURLINGTON CITY, NJ

The NJSSAR Color Guard and the South Jersey Chapter participated in the annual Memorial Day event in Burlington City. The backdrop for the event was the war memorials leading to the entrance to Memorial Hall. The memorials read: "Dedicated to the Glory of Almighty God and to the Memory of Those From This Community Who Made the

Supreme Sacrifice in World War II." The outer part of each memorial lists the name of American Servicemen.

The City of Burlington dates back to the Early 1600s, when their archaeological evidence of a significant Swedish settlement. Later in 1624 the first recorded European settlement in New Jersey was formed establishing an Island trading post to barter with the indigenous people. The City of Burlington is the first and original township in Burlington

County. The New Jersey Society SAR and its Color Guard and the New Jersey DAR are working closely to recognize and memorialize Oliver Cromwell, an African-American soldier, who served in the American Revolutionary War. He fought throughout the Revolutionary War starting as a drummer in the 2nd New Jersey Regiment between 1777 and 1783, then seeing action at the battles of Trenton (1776), Princeton (1777), Brandywine (1777), Monmouth (1778), and Yorktown (1781). After Yorktown, Cromwell left the army. Commander-in-Chief George Washington personally signed Cromwell's discharge papers and also designed the Badge of Military Merit, which he awarded to Cromwell.



Color Guard Commander Rich Serfass addresses the crowds in Burlington City on the steps of Memorial Hall. Seated to his left (left to right) are Tim Oglie (South Jersey Chapter president), Mayor Barry Conaway, Ward 2 Councilman Thomas Swan, and Council President Ila Marie Lollar. Public Affairs Director John Alexander, MC (behind the camera, not shown, as usual).



Tom Oglie gave the keynote address. Seated to his left (left to right) are Mayor Barry Conaway, Ward 2 Councilman Thomas Swan, and Council President Ila Marie Lollar. A clip from Tim's speck reads "As we all are aware, the price of freedom is a heavy one... our collective blood and treasure is the cost that is exacted to keep us all out of the yoke of tyranny and out of reach of the armored fist of despotism. Our very finest have given it all willingly for their nation"

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BATTLE OF MONMOUTH

The Battle of Monmouth marked a crucial turning point in the American Revolutionary War. On a blistering hot day on June 28, 1778 the land that is now Monmouth Battlefield State Park was the site of one of the longest battles of the American Revolutionary War. Here at Monmouth, Washington restored a reputation battered by defeats in 1777. In the day-long battle in the hills, wood lots, farm fields and meadows, the main Continental Army, retrained at Valley Forge, repulsed attacks by the main British Army. By the end, over 600 men were dead, dying or wounded and the Continental Army held the field.

The New Jersey Society SAR Color Guard accompanied by a representative of the Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter DAR honored General von Steuben, one of the heroes of the American Revolution, by laying a wreath at his monument at the Monmouth Battlefield. The new plaque on his monument reads:

“Friedrich Wilhelm August Heinrich Ferdinand Baron von Steuben was born September 17, 1730 in Magdeburg, Prussia (Germany) to a military family. Reared in the rigorous military school of Frederick the Great, von Steuben served with distinction in the Seven Years’ War (1756-1763) and as an Aide-de-Camp to the Prussian King.

In the fledgling US, after the Declaration of Independence, the Continental Congress sought foreign assistance in the struggle against the British. In 1777,



Pictured L-R: National SAR Commander Lou Raborg, Jay Hershey, Sam Davis, Clark McCullough, Gary Walling, NJ Color Guard Commander Rich Serfass, Ed Glidden, Robert Meyer National SAR CG Adjutant and Past NJ President, David Nelson, Jake Rue, Joe Hankins

Benjamin Franklin met von Steuben, who then came to America that December, offering his service without rank or pay, to aid the Revolution. In January 1778, the Continental Congress accepted von Steuben’s service as a volunteer in the Continental Army and ordered him to report to General Washington’s quarters at Valley Forge as soon as possible.

Even in the face of desperate conditions, including frost, disease, inadequate shelter and lack of supplies, von Steuben gave military training and discipline to the citizen soldiers fighting for American independence. In May 1778, Congress approved General Washington’s recommendation to appoint von Steuben as Inspector General of the Continental Army.

On June 28, 1778, at the Battle of Monmouth, the benefits of von Steuben’s training were evidenced by the American troops opposing the British Army. The heroic American performance, a turn in the tide of the war, is attributed in large part to the work of von Steuben. Colonel Alexander Hamilton, an eyewitness, declared that von Steuben’s system of drilling, reviews and inspection imbued the officers and soldiers with the confidence that, from now on, they were on equal ground with the armies of the enemy.

Von Steuben was instrumental in further American victories, including the defeat of the British at Yorktown in 1781, where the Baron received the overture of capitulation from the British General Cornwallis. During 1778-1779, von Steuben prepared a complete set of regulations for Continental troops, the “Blue Book”, which became the United States Army training manual. In 1783, von Steuben became an American citizen. In 1784, von Steuben was discharged from the military with honor and turned his energies to preparing for the defense of New York harbor and designing the plans for a military academy that were later realized at West Point. In 1786, the State of New York, wishing to express its gratitude for his service, granted him 16,000 acres north of the Mohawk River. Von Steuben died on November 28, 1794, and was laid to rest in a hero’s grave in Remsen, New York, where we read the following inscription: “Indispensable to the Achievement of American Independence”

Erected 2004 by the Steuben Society of America and the Friends of Monmouth Battlefield in grateful recognition of his valiant service to America in her struggle for liberty. You are invited to participate with them.”

Pictured posting the colors are L-R NJSSAR past Pres Clark McCullough, Dave Nelson, (Blocked by flags) Gary Walling, Bob Meyer, NJSSAR Treasurer Ed Glidden, Leslie Clark (in red) Vice Regent Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth DAR and also in red out NJSSAR President Charlie Morgan



SPRINGFIELD WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY

Recognizing the 241st anniversary of the Battle of Springfield, a memorial wreath laying ceremony was held at the Battle Ground Cemetery in Springfield, NJ. On this day in history, June 23, 1780, patriots would win the Battle of Springfield, the last major battle of the American Revolution in the north. British Commander-in-Chief, General, Sir Henry Clinton had left New York to conquer Charleston, South Carolina in December of 1779 as part of the new British strategy to conquer the south, where, it was believed, the Loyalists would help them attain ascendancy.



Attending for the New Jersey Color Guard were L-R Robert Anderson from the Clearwater Chapter Florida Society SAR , Jim Sanford, Dave Nelson, Jay Hershey, Robert Meyer, NJSSAR President Charles Morgangent

A famous Revolutionary War Painting by John Ward Dunsmore depicts the moment during the Revolutionary War Battle of Springfield, June 23, 1780, when Reverend James Caldwell, Pastor and Chaplain of the American Regiment of Colonel Elias Dayton, passed out Isaac Watts Hymnals from the Presbyterian Church for use as Musket wadding. His rallying cry of “Put Watts In ‘Em, Boys !!!” has become the signature of the battle.

DAR GRAVEYARD WITH THE SAR

MONUMENT FROM 1905.

New Jersey color guard Springfield New Jersey June 23rd 2021 Pictured from left to right.- Robert Anderson Florida society Clearwater chapter. Jim Sanford. David Nelson, Julian Hershey. Robert Meyer. President Charles Morgan Jr.



NORTH CAROLINA -

NORTH CAROLINA COLOR GUARD

Many of our Chapters presented ROTC and JROTC Medals to deserving students across the state in uniform and continued a very important youth program despite the challenges of Covid.



On April 10th the NC Color Guard posted the Colors for a Charters of Freedom Ceremony and then filmed the posting of the Colors for the 240th Anniversary of the Halifax Resolves Zoom Ceremony.



On the May 16th, we celebrated the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Alamance, with a Hybrid Ceremony and the posting of the Colors by the National Color Guard.



On Memorial Day, the Lower Cape Fear Chapter Color guard and the NC State Color Guard Commander joined the San Diego, California Chapter in their Memorial Day Zoom Ceremony with a filmed presentation of the Colors on the USS North Carolina, Battleship.



On June 5th, the National Color Guard posted the Colors at the 241st Anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill.

On June 12th, the NC Color Guard posted the Colors at the 246th Anniversary of the Liberty Point Resolves.



OHIO

OHIO COLOR GUARD



With the easing and lifting of Covid-19 restrictions this Spring, the Ohio Society Color Guard has definitely been making up lost time and events from last year's cancellations. The Cincinnati Chapter hosted a Patriot Grave Marking event that honored eight (8) patriots buried at the Hopewell Cemetery in Montgomery, Ohio on April 17th. Despite overcast and threat of rain, the event had excellent attendance by the general public, city officials, and compatriots from several Chapters. An outstanding demonstration of linear marching, firing, and a ceremonial salute was led by Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard Commander Bradley Jarard. The event Emcee was Cincinnati Chapter President Greg Ballman, and then-Ohio Society President Lee Wilkerson brought greetings.

At Hopewell Cemetery in Montgomery, SAR Compatriots fire a musket salute under the watchful eye of Commander Bradley Jarard.

On May 8th at the 132nd Annual State Meeting in Cincinnati, 22 Colonial and Revolutionary War era flags were rededicated in a ceremony at Lytle Park in downtown Cincinnati. The flags and a few plaques were replaced by the Cincinnati Chapter and the rededication ceremony hosted by the Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard, although many other Ohio Society Chapters participated as well in the combined Color Guard and musket salute.

The Color Guard and musket salute participants after the Flag Rededication Ceremony in Lytle Park.





Three (3) Revolutionary War patriots and a Mexican War soldier were honored in a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony at Mansfield Cemetery in Mansfield, Ohio on May 16th. The event was hosted by the Jared Mansfield Chapter of the NSDAR and was well attended by the general public, city officials, and members of the combined OHSSAR Color Guard under the command of William Robert Hill. OHSSAR President Troy Bailey rendered greetings and was dressed in kit, and served as Adjutant to the Colors as Commander Hill handled the musket salute detail when attendees moved gravesite to gravesite after the initial ceremony.

OHSSAR Color Guard participants at Mansfield Cemetery included three (3) Lady Auxiliary members dressed in kit.

The Marietta Chapter hosted their Annual Memorial Service for Patriots of the Northwest Territory on May 27th, organized and emceed by Jean Yost, Vice President and Past President of the Marietta Chapter. Word of the event came on short notice as the City Council lifted Covid restrictions only the week before. But a dozen compatriots of various Chapters came to the rescue and rendered a lovely ceremony that was covered by the local news media. Members from the West Virginia Society and Pennsylvania Society were present, as well as several southeastern Ohio Chapters in a combined Color Guard and musket salute under OHSSAR CG Commander William Robert Hill.

SAR Color Guard compatriots stand at the Mound Cemetery gate in Marietta



On May 29th the Northeastern Ohio Chapter hosted a Patriot Grave Marking honoring five (5) patriots buried at three (3) cemeteries in Ashtabula County, Ohio. The ceremony was well attended by Monroe Township officials, descendant families of the patriots, DAR members, and the public, many of whom were members of the local South Ridge Baptist Church. The OHSSAR Color Guard had 16 members present. Rain forced the honoring of three (3) patriots to take place at the Monroe Township Fire Station. A musket salute was fired just outside the doors as the rain dissipated. A second ceremony took place on site an hour later to honor two (2) patriots buried at the Farnham Cemetery, near Conneaut. A musket salute was rendered here as well.

Participants of the Ashtabula Patriot Grave Marking gather at the Farnham Cemetery near Conneaut.



OHSSAR Color Guard Commander William Robert Hill and members of the Hocking Valley Chapter marched in a combined Color Guard with the local American Legion Post in Granville, Ohio on Memorial Day, May 31st. The compatriots then attended a ceremony in Maple Grove Cemetery, escorting Boy and Girl Scouts who presented memorial bricks and flowers to the families of fallen veterans.



Members of the Richard Montgomery Chapter and Centennial Chapter served as the OHSSAR Color Guard under the command of Elwin Spray, assisting the Fort Findlay Chapter NSDAR at the Grave Marking Ceremony of a Real Daughter of a Patriot in Kenton, Ohio on May 16th.



A Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony for William Richardson, 2nd Virginia Regiment, was held in rural Fought Cemetery, Washington Township, Paulding County on June 12th. The ceremony was attended by VPG, Central District, NSSAR William Sharp, pictured third from right.



Pictured are members of the Richard Montgomery Chapter Color Guard under Commander Alan See on June 14th at a Historical Marker dedication at Clifton Mill, sponsored by the Captain Francis Drake and Concord Chapters of the National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century. The Chapter also participated in the Silver Taps Ceremony on May 27th and Memorial Day Parade on May 31st, both in Miamisburg.

COMPATRIOTS HONOR WORLD WAR TWO SOLDIER'S RETURN HOME

Private First Class James Wilmer White, a member of the famed US Army unit known as Merrill's Marauders, killed in action during World War Two in Burma (now Myanmar) finally came home after 77 years as an unknown soldier. In 2020 his remains were identified by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency Laboratory in Hawaii. On Saturday, June 12th, White was honored with a military service and presentation of medals, proclamations, and a patriotic procession from the funeral home through the streets of Pomeroy, OH lined by hundreds of people waving flags in tribute to White as the horse-drawn hearse passed them.

At the White Family Cemetery, military service members and veterans, American Legion and VFW Posts, and the Ohio Society SAR Color Guard stood in formation lining the walkway where the casket was carried to White's final resting place. The OHSSAR Color Guard was commanded by Adjutant Michael Gunn, and present were Cincinnati Chapter President Gregg Ballman, Past OHSSAR President Turner Lee Wilkerson, Highlander Chapter President Gary Duffield, and compatriots that represented the Cincinnati Chapter, Lt. George Ewings Chapter, Hocking Valley Chapter, Highlander Chapter, and Marietta Chapter.



The Musket Salute Detail comes to Present Arms after firing three (3) volleys at a Patriot Grave Marking at Ayers Pioneer Cemetery in Gahanna on June 19th. Four (4) patriots were honored at two (2) separate cemeteries, although rain caused the program to begin at a local Fire Station in Blacklick. When the rain passed the program continued at the second cemetery. The program was well attended by SAR compatriots from Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana, the DAR, the general public, and was covered by local media.



At the Cemetery: White's flag-draped casket is carried by Ohio National Guardsmen through formations of American Legion and VFW Posts from Ohio and West Virginia. The Ohio Society SAR at far right presents their Colors



The horse-drawn hearse that would carry PFC Whites' remains through the streets of Pomeroy.



Deer Park Memorial Day Parade: Members of the Cincinnati Chapter's Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard led a two (2) mile Memorial Day Parade in Deer Park, OH on May 31st. The parade began at the Silverton Veteran's Memorial and stopped at a Veteran's Memorial in Chamberlin Park for ceremonies that included a musket salute before continuing on to complete the parade. In the photo, compatriots prepare to fire their musket salute.

On June 26th, the Richard Montgomery Chapter Color Guard participated in a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony sponsored by the Daniel Cooper Chapter NSDAR in Vandalia, OH. In the photo, compatriots pose afterwards at Pine Grove Cemetery where Capt. James Reed of the 1st NC Regiment of the Continental Line was honored.



Compatriots of the Hocking Valley Chapter prepare to board a pickup truck decorated with flags and patriotic bunting for the Stars & Stripes Parade in Sugar Grove, OH on June 26th. The small town in Fairfield County has a huge attendance of children of all ages and parade participants shower the kids with candy. The SAR compatriots were no different except included with the candy were brochures on a Liberty Camp for Kids that will begin on July 26th. The Hocking Valley Chapter has participated in this Liberty Camp since 2015. On June 14th, Chapter Color Guard members also took part in a Flag Day Ceremony at the Elks Club in Newark, OH.

Gary Duffield, President of the Highlanders Chapter and member of the Cincinnati Chapter Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard, stands by the wreath he presented at a National Vietnam War Veterans Day Ceremony held on March 29th, outside the Hillsboro, OH Courthouse. 17 living Vietnam Veterans from the local area were honored as well as all who served or died in the war from Highland County.





AMERICAN LEGION POST #46 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

On June 12th 2021 at 1:00 PM The American Legion Post #46 in Cookeville Tennessee, celebrated 100 years of service, The TNSSAR State color was on hand to present the colors and fire a three round musket volley followed by the playing of Taps

The ceremony was in celebration of 100 years of serving the local community. From 1921 -2021 the Post has stood to improve veteran's communities, such as scholarships, veteran's help programs, and youth sports. They also promote national security, patriotism and devotion to Veteran's. The SAR promotes many of these fine ideals and was proud to assist the post in the anniversary celebration.

Thirteen Sons of The American Revolution presented colors at the opening of the ceremony Eleven members of the TNSSAR State Color Guard joined by two members from Maryland, Past National Color Guard Commander David Hoover and Gene Moyer. Commanding the event was John Clines Sr. Southern District color Guard Commander.

Ending the Ceremony the color guard moved outdoors and fired a three round volley and played Taps in memory of America's fallen soldiers.



Group photo – from L to R
Dustin Clines, John Bratcher, Wayne Adams, Steve Millhollin, James Hobbs, John Clines, Sanford Payton, Steve Gaines, Larry Pool, Dr David Chaffin, Joel Davenport, Gene Moyer – Maryland, David Hoover - Maryland



Texas Color Guard

After over a year of limited participation for funerals, almost two score members of the Texas Society of Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard gathered on a solemn hilltop in Wimberly, Texas to record the raising and retiring of the Colors for the annual (virtual) State Meeting. Members from all over the state drove hundreds of miles to participate. There were members as young as ten and as old as...well lets just say seasoned members. Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, family, and close friends were in attendance as the color guard practiced their routines.

The event was the inspiration of Texas and South-Central District Color Guard Commander Blair Rudy. The event could not have happened if it was not for the tireless efforts of Compatriot Jim Clements who worked tirelessly to ensure that the event, and all contingencies were in order. Accompanying Commander Rudy where Northern Commander Bob Kubin and Southern Commander Shiidon Hawley. In attendance, and participating, was State President Drake Peddie.

Prior to the firing of muskets Compatriots Jason Bourgeois and Compatriot Walt Thomas ensured that muskets were inspected, tested, and ready to fire.

After preparations and rehearsals, the event began. To the beat of a drum our beloved emblem of freedom was reverently brought to the flagpole. The large flag caught the wind and waved powerfully as it was raised high above the hill in a place of supremacy to the service flags that encircled it representing those branches of service that proudly served to protect all that the flag stands for.

After a brief rest the flag was respectfully brought down and reverently returned to wait the next time it would be raised. Three volleys of muskets fired powerfully, echoing off the hills. The final volley was followed by Commander Rudy ordering a charge and all guns, swords, and flags were brandished and the charge went forward, itself an echo of the ancestors of those very men, not so long ago, when our hard-fought freedom was won, and tyranny found it had no home in this "land of the free, and home of the brave."



Great Oaks from Small Acorns Grow

by Stu Hoyt

Many people have only seen Texas in the movies and their image is sand and cactus but Texas has an abundance of trees from Pines to Bald Cypress. In 1919 the State of Texas declared the Pecan the state tree. I have five in my yard that I planted. I think the tree most favored in Texas is the Live Oak. When mature it is majestic with its branches dipping close to the ground and leaves that do not fall when others do. Unlike other deciduous trees, the live or evergreen oak seems to push the old leaf off in the spring as the new growth appears. It does have a nut but unlike the Pecan, which is great in pies, the acorn is only good for making more oaks, thus the expression, "Great Oaks from small acorns grow".

This year, on the 10th of April, the Color Guard of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, mustered on a hill in Wimberley covered with many of these old Oaks, some of which were here when Texas became a Republic in 1836. Many of the Color Guard may feel as old as some of these Oaks, creaking in the wind, which was in abundance on the top of the hill that day. Nestled among their roots were the fledgling acorns yearning to grow tall. So too, amongst those older Color Guardsmen were some upstart, breathing new life into the society. Like the big guys, these young upstarts were in line and moving right in step with their elders. They too could stretch their bloodlines back through our Texas beginnings to our Patriot Ancestors.

Showing their colors and marching to the beat of the drum are Gavin P. (drummer), 12, of the Athens Chapter and Harry T., 8, of the Patrick Henry Chapter, in Austin, watched over by the Live Oak in the background.

Going Dutch

by Stu Hoyt

At 9am on 22 April 2021 members of the Texas SAR Color Guard entered the House of God in Georgetown to say farewell to Raymond Edward De Vries. Ray left the campground on 12 April after serving over 85 years of God, Family, and Country.

Ray was born in Chicago in 1936 to Jacob Luz De Vries and Milly Rose Newbury. After High School, Ray joined the Air Force but not before marrying his high school sweetheart Nancy Katherine Reberg. During his AF stay, they had two sons, Mark and David. Ray was a 32nd Degree Mason and Shriner who dedicated his time to transporting children to the Shriner Hospital.

Hooked on Ancestry, Ray discovered he had lineage back to the American Revolution. He was accepted into the Sons of the American Revolution in Nov. 1999. He found his calling in the Color Guard and participated in chapter ceremonies, parades, community events and naturalization ceremonies. He loved sharing his heritage with people. He is the Past President and Registrar of the Alexander Hamilton Chapter in Georgetown, TX.

Standing with Ray's picture are from left to right: Jim Clements, Steve Hodges, Vern Eubanks, Stu Hoyt, Wayne Courreges, Jim Scott, and Gary Chapel. Ron Walcik, not pictured, who lives in the Killeen area, attended the graveside service.



P.S. I didn't check Ray's heritage to see if he was Dutch but I am so one of us will be going Dutch.

We're Back! Well! We're getting there

by Stu Hoyt

The William Hightower prides itself on its accomplishments on supporting the SAR ROTC in the Youth Programs. Over the years we have extended our coverage to thirteen junior and two senior programs in the surrounding five counties. Everyone looked forward to the April/May time frame when we dressed up to hand out the medals at each school's ceremony. All this came to a screeching halt in April of 2020 when a black cloud known as the Covid-19 Pandemic descended over the world. All life as we knew it shut down. It was such an unknown that no one wanted to take any chances; they all stayed home.

Here it is a year later, eyes are still peeking out from under the covers and life is still far from normal. People don't think twice about wearing a mask in public. Most schools are still restricted to teacher/student activities. It is the exception rather than the norm to have public events. Of the fifteen ROTC programs, at least one has reached out to the SAR to join in an awards ceremony. At 6:30pm on 29 April 2021, the Lehman High School Junior Naval ROTC elected to honor those in their program by inviting outside organization to assist them in recognizing their cadets.

The attendance was very controlled with social distancing and one-way directions but the event went off without a hitch. It must have been a void for graduating seniors in the program to leave without as much as a good bye. This April, they held their heads high as they were piped across the stage. I include two pictures of the ceremony as I awarded and congratulated Cadet P2C Kael Labrecque. One is masked from afar and the other is close and personal.



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A Jewel in a Crown

by Stu Hoyt

Each year the Outreach Education Committee stresses the need for chapter to submit a PG Outreach Education Streamer form by 31 May to award chapters who meet the requirements for recognizing the outstanding efforts of its SAR speakers. In a given year this may not be a problem but during the pandemic of 2020 it became a huge hurdle to overcome. Social distancing became such an obstacle that organizations were not willing to reach out for speakers.

As we moved into the spring of 2021, some were willing to ease up these restrictions. With a little persistence a door opened. One of my fifth grade history teachers was able to convince her principal to allow visitors into her classroom. Ms. Kristin Wright has a deep love for history and is dedicated to her profession as a teacher. She goes above and beyond to make the subject come alive to her students.

In Feb of 2020, the William Hightower Chapter was promoting George Washington's Birthday by getting as many municipalities in our area to proclaim Feb 22nd as George Washington Day. I covered the city council for Drippings Springs. The editor for the local paper, and a friend of mine, was in the chamber covering a local issue. He not only took pictures but put one in an article on the front page of his paper the next day.

Ms. Wright saw the paper, and with excitement, contacted me to come to speak to all her fifth grade history classes. She also convinced the Superintendent of that ISD to send a crew to video one of the sessions and put it on U tube. We made arrangements to come back the next year but the Covid-19 hindered that visit. Because of her love and efforts for her work, she was voted Teacher of the Year for her elementary school.

The Patrick Henry Chapter has a unique individual with a special talent. His name is John Knox. He is a Vexillologist, an expert on Flags. Our goal before the pandemic hit was to use one of Ms. Wright's classes to video one of his presentations and make it available to the Outreach Education Program. When the door opened for me to bring the American Revolution to five of her classes, I asked her for a time to film John Knox's flag presentation. We were able to come to Rooster Springs Elementary School just after noon on 20 May 2021 and record that presentation.

For her effort to make all this possible, we presented Ms. Wright with a framed citation of a Silver Martha Washington Medal. From Left to right are Wayne Courreges of the Patrick Henry Chapter, and Stu Hoyt of the William Hightower Chapter, who assisted with the flags displays, John Knox, Ms. Kristen Wright, and Jim Clements of the Patrick Henry Chapter, who coordinated all the videoing.



Education

by Stu Hoyt

One of the three pillars of our society is Education. If you think that our school systems are covering that precept for the SAR, think again. Oh! They may be covering the subject but if you think that they are giving the service due our ancestors, you need to reconsider that thought. Since American History is taught as a Social Science in about two of the twelve years of an average student's education, how does a teacher condense 400 years of history into 180 class hours in a year's time? It doesn't leave much time to cover anything let alone the period of the American Revolution.

In the summer of 2016 my grand-twins were getting ready to enter the 8th grade at a charter school in Round Rock. I asked them to see if their History teacher was open to me coming to speak on the American Revolution. It took a number of prods but I received an invitation to speak in Dec. 2016. He was so impressed that he asked if I would come and speak to the 5th grade classes where his twin daughters were enrolled. We arranged a time in Jan. 2017. I spoke to five classes. It was so successful that they couldn't wait to invite me back the next year. Four years later, only a Covid pandemic kept me away.

In Feb. of 2020, I was invited to a City Council meeting of Dripping Springs to accept a Proclamation for George Washington's Day. A friend of mine, who was also the editor of that local paper, took a picture and put it on the front page of his next edition. A week later, I received a call from a 5th grade Social Science teacher in Dripping Springs. She had seen that front page article and wanted me to come and share the American Revolution with her five 5th grade classes. We agreed to a Friday the first week in March. She even invited the superintendent of that ISD to come and video my presentation. The students were so excited with my talk and artifacts that she extended an invitation to come again next year.

A week later the covid scare went into full pandemic and the schools were closed to visitors, even when they opened the next fall. The teacher was persistent and her Principal finally relented thus I was invited to come and speak on 25 March. The restriction was that we had to meet in her classroom and one class at a time. We managed to pack five separate classes into a four-hour period. In addition to the students in the class, we had students tuning in on a Zoom conference. We were able to video the presentation for future reference. Jim Clements of the Patrick Henry Chapter was able to join and assist me. He presented the students with the correct answers to my questions with a TX SAR Society patch. We presented the teacher, Ms. Kristin Wright, with a Certificate of Appreciation and the Martha Washington Medal for her persistence in making the American Revolution come alive for her students.

Jim Clements and I act as bookends for a pose with one of her five classes. In the final picture, Jim Clements presented Ms. Wright with the Martha Washington Certificate and Medal with her homeroom class cheering her on.





Fort Loudoun Day

On 15 May 2021, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) co sponsored with the French and Indian War Foundation a flag raising ceremony and drill/musket firing ceremony at Fort Loudoun Day in Winchester. This event commemorates the beginning of work on a fort in Winchester. On 18 May 1756, George Washington sent a letter to his second in command, Lieutenant Colonel Adam Stephen that he was beginning to construct and erect a fort at the direction of the Governor Dinwiddie. Stephen was asked to send down the men of Captain George Mercers Company, Captain David Bells men and other carpenters from other companies. The supervisor of the carpenters



Kneeling l. to r. Charles Balding, Mark Buhl, Eric Robinson, Quinton Culver, Sloan Culver, Sean Carrigan, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Dale Corey and Nathan Poe. Standing l. to r. Josh Shores, Jeff Pennington, Steve Doss, Jim Moyer, Eric Moore, Marc Robinson, Will Reynolds, Fred Gill, Dennis Parmerter, Steve Resan.



Colonel James Wood II SAR Chapter preparing to fire muskets. l. to r. Fred Gill, Dennis Parmerter, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Nathan Poe, Sean Carrigan, Will Reynolds and Dale Corey. Photos courtesy of Scott Straub.

was Major Joseph Stevens of the Caroline County militia. The fort was built on a five acre tract of land that belonged to Isaac Parkins. Washington had drawn the plans for

the fort, laid out the site and erected a blacksmith shop nearby to supply the needed iron-work. In a surviving plan for the fort, he outlined a 204 foot square with bastions at each corner. The initial plan showed the distance between the bastions at 88 feet. The ramparts were about 16 feet in height and 13+ feet wide. The gate into the fort was located on the south side of the building. Inside the fort were five major buildings, each separated from the inner wall by a passage up to 7.3 feet wide. In a second plan, Washington extended the width of the rampart to 18 feet and reduced the length to 78 feet. He further eliminated the passageway between the buildings and the inside wall of the rampart. A well was begun in April 1757. By 1758 the well was 102 feet deep but had not yet struck a spring. A lack of funding hampered completion of the well. Although a primary base for Virginia forces operating on the colony's northwest frontier, after four years, the fort remained unfinished. This was due in part to lack of adequate funding, poor maintenance and the conduct of the French and Indian War. After the end of the French and Indian War, the fort remained occupied. In 1774, a partial dismantling of the hewed timber walls of the fort may have begun. A home on South Loudoun Street in Washington is said to have been built of the logs from Fort Loudoun. Today, the structure is covered with clapboard siding. The place remained a military base during the Revolutionary War, mainly for operations against the Indians, serving

as a point of rendezvous. During 1780, Fort Loudoun as a prisoner of war camp for a short period of time. The fort had continued to decline. The hewn logs had been removed and replaced with a picket fence to enclose the prisoners. By 1786 there were no longer any walls remaining from the fort. The last of the buildings from Fort Loudoun probably survived into the early years of the 19th century, as most of the buildings had been removed as the expansion of Winchester went through the property that had been the fort. The only surviving structure from the fort is the well. The Fort Loudoun Day Commemoration began in the morning with tours of the site and presentations by David Grosso, President of the French and Indian War Foundation and an appearance by James Wood (founder of Winchester, as rendered by Steve Resan). Reenactors from Mercers Company, Rutherford's Rangers and the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the SAR provided a flag raising ceremony, Mercers Company gave presentations of drill and ceremony plus a musket firing showing how these actions were taken during the French and Indian War. The SAR Chapter then showed how the same were conducted during the Revolutionary War. Participating from the Colonel James Wood II Chapter were Sean Carrigan, Dale Corey, Chip Daniel, Fred Gill, Erick Moore, Dennis Parmerter, Nathan Poe, Will Reynolds, Eric Robinson and Marc Robinson.

Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony

On 22 May 2021, the Colonel James Wood II (CJWII) Chapter joined the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), 12 SAR Chapters, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.), Order of Founders and Patriots (OFPA) and the French Society, Sons of the American Revolution in a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony. The event was held at Shockoe Hill Cemetery in Richmond to recognize 20 Revolutionary War patriots buried at the cemetery with specific recognition given to James Gibbon, Robert Greenhow, Robert Pollard, John Potts and Nathaniel Puckett. Gibbon was commissioned at age 17 as an ensign in the 5th Pennsylvania Battalion. Taken prisoner, he returned to serve and participated in the Battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Whitmarsh and Monmouth. He wintered at Valley Forge, Middlebrook and Morristown. He received a resolution of Commendation from Congress for his brave leadership at Stony Point. Greenhow was 14 years old when he assisted in the repair and defense of the Williamsburg Magazine that had been placed under siege by Governor Dunmore at the beginning of the war. Pollard volunteered at age 19 for the Culpeper Minute Battalion and served as the Battalion Adjutant. He was at the Battle of Great Bridge, then discharged in March 1776. As a Captain, he marched with the Virginia militia for three months in 1777 and in 1781, fought in the Battle of Petersburg. Potts served as a Private in Daniel Morgan's Rifles. He later served in the 7th and 15th Regiments of the Continental Line. Puckett volunteered



at age 20 for the minute service, serving six months in 1775 without action. He volunteered again in the spring of 1781 for two months service. He was called to service under General Lafayette during the siege of Yorktown. The program was emceed by Richmond Chapter President Bill Haskins with participation from Virginia Society President Jeff Thomas, Virginia Society 2nd Vice President Ernie Coggins, Virginia C.A.R. President Sara Cox, Virginia OFPA Governor Mike Weyler and French Society SAR Member Patrick Kelly. From the DAR Lt Col Cat Schwetke represented Fauquier Courthouse Chapter and Anita Bonner the Lanes Mill Chapter. C.A.R. Societies were represented by Colonel William Grayson Society President Justin Thomas and Alexander



The participants at the 22 May Patriot Monument Dedication and Grave Marking.



Colonel James Wood II Chapter compatriots and dual members l. to r. Ken Bonner, Mike Weyler, Eric Robinson, Marc Robinson, Dale Corey, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Sean Carrigan and Bill Schwetke. Photos courtesy of Anita Bonner.

Spottswood President Anna Cox. SAR compatriots from CJWII included President Marc Robinson, Vice President Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Sean Carrigan, Dale Corey, Brett Osborn and Eric Robinson. Other SAR Compatriots included Chris Yohn, Richmond; Robert Bruce, Norfolk; Fritz Barth, George Mason; Steve McGuffin Williamsburg; Bill Schwetke, Culpeper Minutemen; Fairfax Resolves, President Dave Cook; James Monroe, President Charles Belfield; Dan River, President Gary Hall; Colonel Fielding Lewis, Paul Cox and; Colonel William Grayson, Ross Schwalm. The Virginia State Color Guard and musket squad was led by Commander Ken Bonner.

285th Anniversary Celebration of Patrick Henry's Birthday



CJWII Chapter l. to r. Bill Schwetke, Mike Weyler, Dale Corey, Ken Bonner, Marc Robinson, Charles Jameson, Thomas "Chip" Daniel. Photos courtesy of Thomas "Chip" Daniel.



VASSAR Color Guard, top row l. to r. Gary Hollandsworth, Bill Greafe, Charles Jameson; 2nd row l. to r. Dale Corey, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, front row l. to r. Bill Schwetke, James O'Kelly, Ken Bonner, Mike Weyler and Marc Robinson.

On 28 May 2021 the Colonel James Wood II (CJWII) Chapter, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution (VASSAR) participated in the 285th Anniversary Celebration of Patrick Henry's Birthday at his plantation, Red Hill in Brookneal, Virginia. Patrick Henry was born in Hanover County on 29 May 1736 to John Henry and Sarah Winston Syme. At 18 he married Sarah Shelton with whom he had 6 children. After a stint as an unsuccessful farmer, he helped his father-in-law operate the Hanover Tavern. In 1760, Henry became a self taught lawyer. In 1763 he successfully won a major case known as The Parson's Cause. Reverend James Maury brought suit for back pay and won. Henry was asked to argue the vestry's side when the jury determined how much Maury should be paid. Criticizing both clergy and British rule, he persuaded the jurors to grant token damages of one penny. His victory enhanced his legal practice and launched a political career. In 1765 he won a seat in the House of Burgesses from Louisa County where he authored Henry's Stamp Act Resolves, attacking Parliament's claim to tax the colonies. After the Boston Massacre of 1770, he joined other Virginians in 1773 to establish an intercolonial committee of correspondence. The Boston Tea Party in December and Parliament's Coercive Acts along with the closing of Boston's port in 1774, drew the colonies closer together. In 1774, Henry attended the first session of the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. During this session, he asserted "The distinctions between Virginians, Pennsylvanians, New Yorkers and New Englanders, are no more. I am not a Virginia, but an American." After the first session, Henry returned to Virginia and organized a volunteer militia company from Hanover County. It was during this time his wife died and he became active in the Revolutionary leadership. It was in March 1775 he led the call for preparedness with a resolution. It was then he made the speech that ended with "Give me liberty or give me death!". Virginia's royal governor responded by sending British marines to seize powder and guns stored in the Public Magazine in Williamsburg. As a result, Patrick Henry led his Hanover militia company to Williamsburg to demand payment to the colony for the cost of the powder and arms. He remarried in 1777 to Dorothea Dandridge with whom he had 11 children. In 1776 he was elected as Virginia's first governor, serving until 1779 and then again from 1784 - 1786. He again served in the Virginia Legislature. In 1790 he retired to practice law. In 1799, we was again elected to the State legislature, however on 6 Jun, he died before the legislature convened. Although a modest individual who lived in a small house, at his death, he was one of Virginia's largest landowners. In 1794, he purchased Red Hill Plantation, which became Patrick Henry's final residence and place of burial. The birthday commemoration was attended by Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution President Jeff Thomas and the Colonel Fielding Lewis, Colonel George Waller, Colonel James Wood II, Culpeper Minutemen, Dan River, Fairfax Resolves, George Mason, George Washington, Norfolk, Patrick Henry, Richmond and Williamsburg Chapters of the SAR. Also present were three DAR Chapters and the Virginia Children of the

American Revolution. Ken Bonner, led the Virginia State Color Guard in presentation of colors and a musket salute. Present for the Colonel James Wood II Chapter were President Marc Robinson, Thomas “Chip” Daniel and Dale Corey with dual members Bill Schwetke, Ken Bonner, Charles Jameson and Mike Weyler.



VASSAR Color Guard presenting the colors l. to r. Thomas “Chip” Daniel, Dave Cook, Mike St. Jacques, Tom Reed, Sean Carrigan and Bill Schwetke.

Joseph Warren Commemoration

On 11 June 2021, the Colonel James Wood II (CJWII) Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution conducted a ceremony in cooperation with the Warren County Board of Supervisors to honor Dr Joseph Warren, namesake of Warren County. This was conducted at the Warren County Government Center. Warren was born 11 Jun 1741 in Roxbury, Massachusetts. As a young man, he studied medicine at Harvard. While practicing medicine, he became involved in politics, becoming a leader in the revolutionary movement. He was a member of the “Sons of Liberty” and associated with John Hancock, Sam Adams and other leaders of the colonial protests. In 1774, he authored the song “Free America”, also called “A Song of Liberty”, a protest song meant to embolden the colonists in their quest for freedom. He was the Chairman of the Committee of Safety in Boston and a member of the first three provincial congresses held in Massachusetts. He assisted



The musket squad firing a salute l. to r. Dave Cook, Sean Carrigan, Mike St. Jacques and Bill Schwetke. .

in writing the “Suffolk Resolves” in answer to Britain’s “Intolerable Acts” (punitive laws passed by Parliament in 1774 to punish the colonists for their defiance in the Boston Tea Party protest) which were adopted in Massachusetts on 9 September 1774 and endorsed by the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. On 18 April 1775, it was Warren who sent Paul Revere and William Dawes on their famous ride to warn the colonists in Lexington and Concord that British troops were marching to Concord to capture and destroy armaments that could be used in actions against the crown. He then fought against the British rear guards in the retreat to Boston. On 14 June 1775, he was commissioned a Major General. However, at the Battle of Bunker Hill on 17 June, he chose to serve as a private soldier. During that battle, the British failed to reach their objective on the first two attempts. On the third, the colonists were running out of ammunition. Warren stayed with the rear guard to protect the retreat, during which he was killed when the British troops overtook the redoubt atop Breed’s Hill. It was due to his contributions to the birth of the country that 14 States have counties named for him as well as 30 townships and 5 Navy ships. The ceremony was emceed by the Rt Reverend Larry Johnson with colors being presented by the Virginia Society SAR Color Guard led by Color Guard Event Commander Bill Schwetke. Presentations were made by Cheryl Cullers, Chair, Warren County Board of Supervisors, Rt Reverend Larry Johnson and Dale Corey of the CJWII Chapter. Rev Johnson was assisted by the Heritage Girls in his presentation of “The Forgotten Founding Father”. After a presentation of wreaths, the County flag was lowered to half mast by Sheriff Mark Butler as directed by General George Washington (portrayed by Dale Carpenter). The ceremony ended with a musket salute fired to honor Joseph Warren by the Virginia Society Musket Squad. Members of the color guard included Dale Carpenter (CJWII), Sean Carrigan (CJWII), Dave Cook (Fairfax Resolves Chapter), Dale Corey (CJWII), Thomas “Chip” Daniel (CJWII), Fred Gill (CJWII) Rt Rev Larry Johnson (CJWII), Tom Reed (CJWII) Bill Schwetke (Culpeper Minutemen), Rev Jim Simmons (CJWII) and Mike St. Jacques (CJWII).

Flag Retirement

On 11 June 2021, the Colonel James Wood II (CJWII) Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution conducted a Flag Retirement Ceremony in conjunction with the Wayside Inn, Middletown, Virginia. Dale Corey opened the ceremony with a welcome and a presentation on what the Sons of the American Revolution is and the primary goals and objectives of the organization. The primary goal is to preserve the memory of the colonial era through educational, historic and patriotic means. One of these is the formal disposal of the flag. Dan Hesse provide chaplain duties, with the CJWII Color Guard presenting the colors to begin the ceremony. A ceremonial flag is honored with the following tribute. “Compatriots, we have presented here this flag of our country which has been inspected and condemned as unserviceable. It reached it’s present state in a proper service of tribute, memory and love. A flag may be a flimsy bit of printed gauze, or a beautiful banner of finest silk. Its intrinsic value may be trifling or great; but its real value is beyond price, for it is a precious symbol of all that we have worked for and lived for, and died for a free nation of free men, true to the faith of the past, devoted to the ideals and practice of justice, freedom and democracy. Let this faded flag of our country be retired and destroyed with respectful and honorable rites and its place be taken by a bright new flag of the same size and kind.” The flag was then presented to CJWII Chapter President Marc Robinson and taken to the fire pit to be properly destroyed with assistance from Quartermaster Erick Moore. Participants in the ceremony were then called forward to assist in the retirement of worn flags. Participating for the chapter were President Marc Robinson, Vice President Thomas “Chip” Daniel, Sean Carrigan, Dale Corey, Kelly Ford, Erick Moore, Brett Osborn and Nathan Poe. **Above Left** photo is the CJWII Color Guard presenting the colors l. to r. Marc Robinson, Brett Osborn, Thomas “Chip” Daniel, Nathan Poe, Dale Corey, Sean Carrigan, Kelly Ford and Dan Hesse. **Bottom Left** photo is the retirement of a flag l. to r. Dan Hesse, Marc Robinson and Erick Moore. **Above Right** photo is participants waiting to assist in retirement of flags l. to r. Kelly Ford, Nathan Poe, Sean Carrigan, Thomas “Chip” Daniel, Annette Ford and Brett Osborn. Photos courtesy of Deborah Corey.



Grave Marking Philip Bush

On 19 June 2021, The Colonel James Wood II (CJWII) Chapter of the Virginia Society conducted a grave marking at Mt Hebron Cemetery, Winchester, Virginia. They honored patriot Philip Bush. During the Revolutionary War, Bush assisted the Berkeley District Committee in Winchester in selecting officers for regulars and minutemen raised in the district on 29 September 1775. He then became a member of the Commission of Peace, helped purchase provisions for the troops and played a role in handling prisoners of war. The event was emceed'd by Dale Corey with participation by eight SAR Chapters, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and Children of the



American Revolution (C.A.R.). The VASSAR Color Guard led by National Color Guard Vice Commander Brooks Lyles, presented the colors. The guard included Ken Bonner (Fairfax Resolves), Sean Carrigan (CJWII), Paul Christensen (CJWII), Dave Cook (FR), Thomas "Chip" Daniel (CJWII), Mike Dennis (Culpeper Minutemen), Fred Gill (CJWII), Doug Hall (CJWII), Dan Hesse, Charles Jameson (CMM), Brett Osborn (CJWII), Dennis Parmerter (CJWII), Marc Robinson (CJWII), Jim Simmons (CJWII), Mike St. Jacques and Mike Weyler (Colonel William Grayson). A dedication of the grave was provided by Thomas "Chip" Daniel and Dan Hesse with the marker uncovered by Fred Gill. Wreaths were presented by Virginia SAR President

Jeff Thomas, Virginia Children of the American Revolution Sara Cox, Virginia Order of Founders and Patriots of America Governor Mike Weyler, Brooks Lyles (International District), Fred Gill (CJWII), Tom Roth (George Washington), Paul Cox (Colonel Fielding Lewis), Charles Jameson (CMM), Dave Cook (FR) and Roger Cross (Williamsburg). Anita Bonner presented for the Lanes Mill Chapter of the DAR and Anna Cox for the Colonel Spotswood Alexander Society of the C.A.R.(DAR). **Above Right** picture is the Virginia State Color Guard with the colors l. to r. Brooks Lyles, Ken Bonner, Mike Weyler, Charles Jameson, Dan Hesse, Bill Schwetke, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Sean Carrigan and Dave Cook. Picture courtesy of Deborah Corey. **Above Left** picture is wreath presentation l. to r. Paul Cox, Charles Jameson, Mike Weyler, Dale Corey, Jeff Thomas, Sara Cox, Tom Roth, Dave Cook, Anna Cox, Roger Cress and Anita Bonner. Photo courtesy of Diane Lyles. **Right** photo is a musket salute l. to r. Doug Hall, Mike St. Jacques, Dennis Parmerter, Paul Christensen, Bill Schwetke, Ken Bonner, Sean Carrigan, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Mike Dennis and Marc Robinson.



Flag Day 14 Jun

On 14 June 2021, the Colonel James Wood II (CJWII) Chapter of the Virginia Society conducted two Flag Certificate Presentation Ceremonies. The first program was held at the Korean War Memorial in Winchester, Virginia. The Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) participated in the ceremony and was represented by David Clark, Steve Culbert, Marshall DeHaven, Dickie Ewing, Lew Ewing, Gary Fletcher, Rob Shirley, Herb Taylor and Raleigh Watson. All of these individuals served in Korea as members of the military. The event was opened with a prayer by Dan Hesse and the CJWII color guard presenting the colors. The ceremony was emceed by Dale Corey who gave a presentation on what the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) is and it's patriotic, educational and historic goals of perpetuating the memory of the colonial era. Lew Ewing followed with a presentation on the KWVA and the history of Flag Day. This was followed by wreath presentations from the Korean Vets and the SAR to honor the flag and the service of our fighting forces in Korea. This was followed by a musket salute, Taps and a Benediction by Dan Hesse. Color Guard members were Sean Carrigan, Dale Corey, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Doug Hall, Brett Osborn, Dennis Parmerter, Allan Phillips, Nathan Poe, Marc Robinson, Bill Schwetke and Mike St. Jacques. The second event was held at the Handley Regional Library, Winchester, Virginia with a Flag Certificate presented to the library staff. Brett Osborn and Thomas "Chip" Daniel presented John Huddy, Library Director and Ann White, Deputy Director with the certificate while a color guard stood at present arms to honor the flag and the library for the exemplary, patriotic display of the flag. The guardsmen included Bill Schwetke, Allan Phillips, Dale Corey, Nathan Coe and Sean Carrigan. **Left** picture is of the participants at the Korean War Memorial, kneeling l. to r. Nathan Poe, Mike St. Jacques, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Dale Corey, Doug Hall, Sean Carrigan, Bill Schwetke and Allan Phillips. 2nd row standing l. to r. Herb Taylor, Marshall DeHaven, Gary Fletcher, Lew Ewing, David Clark, Rob Shirley, Steve Culbert, Raleigh Watson, Dickie Ewing and Dan Hesse. 3rd row standing l. to r. Brett Osborn and Dennis Parmerter. **Middle** picture is the CJWII musket squad firing a salute at the Korean War Memorial l. to r. Doug Hall, Brett Osborn, bill Schwetke, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Sean Carrigan, Mike St. Jacques, Marc Robinson, Allan Phillips and Dennis Parmerter. **Above** picture is Flag Certificate presentation to Handley Library. l. to r. Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Brett Osborn, John Huddy, Ann White, Bill Schwetke, Allan Phillips, Dale Corey, Nathan Poe and Sean Carrigan. Photos courtesy of Allan Phillips.



Spencer's Ordinary

On 26 June 2021, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution participated in the Commemoration of the Battle of Spencer's Ordinary held at Freedom Park, James City County, Virginia. This event was sponsored by the Williamsburg Chapter and the James City County Recreation Department. The Battle of Spencer's Ordinary was fought on 26 June 1781 between Continental troops and militia from the Marquis de Lafayette's Army and British Loyalists and Hessian troops under Lieutenant Colonel John Graves Simcoe. On 23 June, British General Charles Lord Cornwallis ordered Simcoe to destroy boats and supplies on the Chickahominy River. On 25 June, Lafayette directed Colonel Richard Butler to lead a regiment of Pennsylvanians, a detail of Virginia riflemen and 120 cavalymen and light infantry under Major William McPherson to intercept Simcoe on his way to Williamsburg. The patriots caught Simcoe's force near Spencer's Ordinary, at the fork of the Jamestown and Williamsburg roads. McPherson's light infantry made an immediate charge on Simcoe's Rangers, who repulsed the Americans and counter-attacked. The Virginia riflemen arrived on the field, causing Simcoe to break off the fight. Both sides fearing reinforcements to the opposing force resulted in the end of the engagement. The ceremony was emceed by Williamsburg Chapter President Roger Cross with greetings provided by Virginia SAR President Jeff Thomas and Virginia Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) President Sara Cox. Wreaths were presented by President Jeff Thomas, President Sara Cox, President Paul Cox (Colonel Fielding Lewis), Vice President Thomas "Chip" Daniel (Colonel James Wood II, (CJWII)), Charles Mills (Colonel William Grayson), President Charles Jameson (Culpeper Minutemen (CMM)), President Dave Cook (Fairfax Resolves (FR)), President Kenneth Morris (George Mason (GM)), President Gary Hodges (Thomas Nelson Jr), Vice President Steve McGuffin (Williamsburg), 1st Vice Regent Sandra Cavallo Resse (Ann Wager, DAR), 1st Vice Regent Robin Docette (Williamsburg, DAR), President Justin Thomas (Colonel William Grayson, C.A.R.) and President Anna Cox (Colonel Alexander Spotswood, C.A.R.). The color guard was led by Virginia SAR Commander Ken Bonner. Participating from Colonel James Wood II Chapter were Dale Corey, Thomas "Chip" Daniel and Kelly Ford with dual members Mike Dennis and Charles Jameson. **Above Left** photo is members of Colonel James Wood II Chapter 1. to r. Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Kelly Ford, Mike Dennis, Dale Corey and Charles Jameson. **Above Right** photo is of CJWII members holding flags 1. to r. Mike Dennis, Thomas "Chip" Daniel and Charles Jameson. **Left** photo is Virginia 3rd Vice President Bill Greaf carrying American Flag and Dale Corey carrying Virginia State Flag. Photos courtesy of Annette Ford.



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WASHINGTON -

"Dedication of Witness Trees"

Ft Vancouver Chapter

Contributed by Keith Weissinger (AH) and Jeff Lightburn (FV)

22 May: First "Liberty Tree" event in recent memory in the state of Washington.

Most of us remember the history of America's Liberty Tree. It was planted in Boston in 1646. Then, some 120 years later, the people gathered around this stately old elm tree to protest the Stamp Act. In the years following, Liberty Trees were planted and honored in cities all across America.

This tradition was continued on a bright, sunshine-filled Saturday afternoon in May. Representatives from the DAR (Vancouver Chapter), SAR (Fort Vancouver Chapter), and the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century (Hannah Mayhew Daggett Chapter) gathered to dedicate three new elm trees. They were all part of the Witness Tree Program in Esther Short Park in Vancouver, Washington.

Vancouver's original Witness Tree was dedicated in 1846 by Amos and Esther Short. This sentinel cottonwood graced the city until 1911. However, the tradition continues and more information about the Witness Tree Program can be found at this link: <https://www.cityofvancouver.us/publicworks/page/witness-tree-program>

Under the guiding hand of Vancouver Chapter DAR member Phyllis Bruning, representatives and honored guests gathered on 22 May 2021 to dedicate three new elm trees: The Patriot Tree, The Liberty Tree, and The Unity Tree. Upon opening the ceremonies, Ms. Bruning presided over the posting of the colors by the Fort Vancouver SAR Color Guard and Drum & Fife. Following the Invocation by Ft. Vancouver SAR Chapter Chaplain Andrew Brewer, the crowd was addressed by Keynote Speaker Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor, City of Vancouver and Guest Speaker Dr. Keith Weissinger, President, Washington Society SAR.

Vancouver DAR Chapter Regent Pamela Ragan presented the history of a Japanese flowering tree planted in 1932 in Esther Short Park by the DAR during their State Conclave. She went on to dedicate a New Horizons Elm tree named "Patriot Tree" in honor of our ancestor Patriots.

In dedicating the Liberty Tree, Fort Vancouver SAR Chapter President Jeff Lightburn reviewed history of America's own Liberty Tree and reminded us how that venerable old tree's branches carried brightly lit lanterns to celebrate the repeal of the Stamp Act. It is hoped this new Liberty Tree will also serve as a gathering place for patriots and citizens to celebrate our hard-won freedoms.

Recognizing contemporary strife and division, Cindy Swanson, Hannah Mayhew Daggett Chapter President of the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, urged the listeners to remember the values, hopes, and dreams that draw us together as Americans. She dedicated the Unity Tree as a symbol of our strength as one Nation and reaffirmed her organization's commitment to Education, Preservation, and Service.

The ceremonies concluded with a presentation by Vancouver Urban Forestry and Witness Tree Program Coordinator Jessica George. Her dedication to the park and the Witness Trees which it hosts was invaluable to the day's events. It is her sincere hope that Witness Trees will spread and see dedication throughout Washington and the Nation. Perhaps your community will be the site of a tree dedication. Ms. George, as well as all the representatives of these honorable organizations, offer their assistance and guidance should you wish to establish a similar program.



(L-R) Pat Barber, Merta Weese, Cathy Zweig, Phyllis Bruning, Sue Mills, Pam Ragan, Susan Hoffman, Cyndi Weissinger

“History of the American Flag Presentation”

George Rogers Clark Chapter

The COVID19 and SAR outreach has created a troubling dilemma which can only be addressed by innovation, technology, curiosity and delivery systems unfamiliar to most SAR chapters. March 19th, 2021 was no exception when the North Thurston School District Retired Teachers Association called for a “History of the American Flag” presentation.

The Association normally has 50-60 members was reduced to 16 however we pressed forward with the presentation. With deep thanks to Neil Vernon, Washington State Color Guard Commander (Seattle Chapter) the presentation of historic flags was deeply enhanced by combination pictures of early British flag evolution. Commander Vernon’s research to find the missing portion of my presentation provided the extra luster my presentation required.

The presentation of 23 PowerPoint images ended with the flag that never was. The 42-star flag, the flag of Washington State. The flag never authorized by Congress was discussed among the viewers. The story is told in 1889 four states entered the union: North and South Dakota, Montana and Washington bringing the total number of states to 42. In Washington, DC. designers were busy creating the new star pattern because, historically, any new flag would be designed the following year between January 1 and July 3, 1890. The newest flag reveal occurring on July 4th of the following year (1890). On July 3rd, 1890, Idaho became the 43rd state. The Federal Government decided to dedicate a 43-star flag as the official new U.S. Flag. All the pre-dedication 42-star flags were never official flags and many fell by the wayside. To find one today is a gift worthy of compatriot Stan Wills’ flag museum in Spokane. For those visiting the Capitol Building in Olympia, take the tour and you will see in the great room two flags. On the East wall the Washington State Flag (the only U.S. state flag to picture a president and created by the DAR) and on the West wall is an original 42-star flag. The flag that never was.

Presenting any topic to teachers is a daunting responsibility since collectively they represent a wide and deep collection of research and knowledge. Their questions were challenging while entertaining for everyone. This is the second of three presentations to such a distinguished group.

I am deeply appreciative of SAR presenter’s statewide who sharing effective technology tips and instructional strategies. It is through this climate of cooperation our state society continues to grow. I suggest all chapters interested in outreach should keep in mind there are many others in the WASSAR village standing at the ready to assist anyone willing to get their feed wet in outreach. If a current presenter doesn’t have the answer, they know where to go to find it. Join us in expanding the WASSAR outreach with historic presentations.

Flag Retirement Certificate Program

George Washington Chapter

22 May: Formal Flag Retirement Ceremony at Maple Leaf Cemetery, Oak Harbor: The chain of command works! William “Bill” West, staff at the Maple leaf Cemetery requested the WASSAR, President Craig Lawson, to retire their flag and help replace it. This was passed down to Neil who told Mike Hutchens to organize it back in Feb/Mar. This was immediately placed on our Chapter CG Calendar June 16. Mike then asked Marshall Eberhart and John Kraft to pull this together. Marshall developed the ceremony from existing VFW, BSA, and other sources customizing it for our use. John coordinated with Cemetery Staff to insure their approval of logistics’ and participation. Marshall worked closely with Neil and Mike. Ann Washington DAR was asked to participate. While the ceremony initially required fourteen to twenty, we decided to proceed with Seattle and George Washington Chapters supported by Ann Washington DAR. The morning of the event seven Sea Cadets joined us and agreed to participate.

Participants at the event were:

Sea Chapter: Neil Vernon, James Blanton, Christopher Clayton, Stephen Clayton, Robert Korn

AH Chapter: Michael Moore, Michael Bendickson

GW Chapter: Mike Hutchins, John Kraft Sr., C Marshall Eberhart, Bruce Bock, Hugh Jonson, Robert Wall, Christopher Fridley

Ann Washington DAR Chapter: Bonnie Jonson, Pam Hutchins, and Orion Sea Cadets.

Also, at this event medals were presented to for their participation of working many hours on the Patriot Research System. At one point Washington State was at 100 % accounted for:

- John Kraft Sr, Lafayette Medal with 2 Bronze OL, 1 Silver OL, 1 Gold OL.
- Mike Hutchins Lafayette Medal and 2 Bronze OL.
- Bruce Bock Lafayette medal.
- Michael Moore Lafayette medal.



L to R front row: Chris Fridley, Michael Bendickson, Bonnie Jonson, Pam Hutchins, Jim Blanton, John Kraft, James Clayton, Chris Clayton, Back row: Bruce Bock, Michael Moore, Bob Korn, Bob Wall, Marshall Eberhart, Hugh Jonson, Neil Vernon, Mike Hutchins



Memorial Day Services at Ivy Green Cemetery

John Paul Jones Chapter

Members of the John Paul Jones Chapter and over 100 community members attended the Memorial Day Service hosted by the local VFW. After a short service, David Irons, representing the CG, along with numerous other groups placed wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

Other CG members present were Mick Hersey & Noah Chase. Chapter Vice President Perry Taylor was also in attendance and was “the man behind the camera”.

Memorial Day

Mid-Columbia Chapter

Contributed by Kelly Schultz, President Mid-Columbia Chapter SAR

On Memorial Day, a wreath was placed at the “Pentagon” at Desert Lawn Memorial Park, by the Mid-Columbia chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Chapter President Kelly Schultz rendered honors. Preparation for this event was spearheaded by Mick Hersey from the John Paul Jones SAR chapter, on invitation of the Kennewick DAR chapter and cemetery.

Compatriot Hersey lent his expertise in monument restoration to clean, prepare, and touch up the veteran’s wall, veteran’s headstones and the obelisk’s seals of the five branches of our military, the week prior. This effort was in keeping in the highest of our country’s honor, to remember, honor, and teach about our countries citizens who sacrificed so we may continue our freedoms.

Feels good to be back into the public after the last year. See you in Renton!



Memorial Day

The George Washington Chapter and two others were honored to participate in the “A Service of Remembrance” at Maple Leaf Cemetery in Oak Harbor, for the 2nd year.

The event took many months of planning and coordinating by Kelly Davidson of Wallin-Stucky Funeral Home, and we are proud to be associated with her and her Lions club.

SAR Participants were: Alexander Hamilton Chapter - Mike Moore, Mikey Bendickson, Viren Lemmer; Seattle Chapter - Neil Vernon, Christian Ferrin, Kenny Marshall; George Washington Chapter - John Kraft, Mike Hutchins, Bob Wall, Hugh Jonson, Bruce Bock, Marshall Eberhart, Chris Fridley

Some of the other participants were:

- Oak Harbor Mayor Bob Severns
- U.S. Representative Rick Larsen
- State Senator Ron Muzzall
- Many Gold Star families
- Many Veterans & families
- Oak Harbor Fire Dept
- Oak Harbor Police Dept
- NAS Whidbey Island
- VFW Post 3785 Kent, Wa
- Oak Harbor Lions Club
- PBY Memorial Foundation
- Washington State Patrol

Spokane #1 Chapter

On June 12, after over a year of no activity due to Covid, Spokane #1 marched in the Fairfield, Washington Flag Day Parade. This Parade is the longest running Flag Day Parade in America. Participating this year marks our 10th year to march in the parade. Pictured l/r Stan Wills, Koa Barnes, Will Palmer, Dennis Shaw, Dale Ryan, John Knauer, not pictured is Carl Durkoop and Wes Corder (perspective member).





Liberty Tree

“On June 12, 2021 the Capt Hendrick Aupaumut Chapter, WISSAR, dedicated a Liberty Tree in honor of Revolutionary War Patriots Capt Hendrick Aupaumut and Jacob Konkapot Jr, both of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of the Mohican Indians. They are buried in unmarked graves in the old Stockbridge Tribal Cemetery that is now Thelen Park in the City of Kaukauna. Present at the dedication were Shannon Holsey, Tribal President of the Stockbridge-Munsee band of the Mohican Indians, Tribal Cultural Affairs Director Heather Bruegl, Kaukauna Mayor Anthony Penterman, chapter members and family and VFW Post 3319 Color Guard. This dedication begins the chapter’s series of Liberty Tree dedications to the four Patriots buried within it’s chapter area and the lead up to America’s 250th Anniversary. Capt Hendrick Aupaumut and Jacob Konkapot Jr were both at the siege of Boston in 1775-1776 where the original Liberty Tree was located. Capt Aupaumut was promoted to captain in 1779 by General George Washington who personally presented him with a captain’s sword. Jacob Konkapot Jr served as an Indian scout during the siege of Boston. Pictured are Chapter President Bob Haglund presenting his speech. Chapter Color Guards Russ Buhr and Greg Morgan along with members of Kaukauna VFW Post 3319 made up the color guard for the dedication. Behind them is the WISSAR funded marker for Capt Hendrick Aupaumut and Jacob Konkapot Jr.”



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Liberty Tree

Liberty Tee plantings occurred at DAR Surgeons Quarters in Portage, Washington Park in Oshkosh and in Kaukauna. These events were attended by guards from Ames, Aupaumet and M-K Chapters. Pictured at **LEFT** Oshkosh are (l to r) are Bill Austin, Russ Buhr and Bob Haglund.) On Memorial Day M-K guards attended several Revolutionary War patriot graves. Pictured at **RIGHT** are (l to r) at Oak Hill Cemetery in Brookfield are Capt John C. Wohlraabe USN (retired), Shane Barrett, Brian S. Barrett, Mike Meador and Ben Meador. We also visited patriot graves in Wauwatosa, Little Prairie and Madison.



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WISSAR Annual Awards

Eight guards presented the Colors at the WISSAR Annual Awards meeting on May 3 where commander Barrett presented his report of the unit’s past year’s activities. (pictured on left is Commander Barrett being presented an award by guardsman Robert Haglund.)

Flag Award

On May 5, 2021, WISSAR M-K Chapter presented our Flag Award to IEWC Corporation in New Berlin. The award is given to non-government organizations that properly and prominently displays the American Flag 24/7. IEWC was nominated for this award by M-K Chapter member Don Skarda. Pictured at **RIGHT** is IEWC's flag plaza and the presentation ceremony. It was attended by Don Skarda President Elect M-K Chapter, Brian S. Barrett, M-K Captain-of-the-Guard and Mike Veum IEWC CEO. The presentation was also attended by many of the employees of IEWC. (photos provided by IEWC).



Flag Award

On April 18, 2021 several M-K Chapter guards appeared at Veterans Park in Waukesha to dedicate an enclosed display panel containing Revolutionary War artifacts, framed art and posters

WEST VIRGINIA -



Memorial Day

The West Virginia Colorguard kept the memory of our fallen veterans alive on Memorial Day in Fairmont WV.

Pictured are Randy McGill, Andrew Bragg, Dave Siders, Zach Phillips, and Ken Vannoy. The Colorguard was under the command of Commander Ed Cromley(not pictured).

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.

BLUNDERBUSS

By Brett Osborn

WHAT ARE BLUNDERBUSSES?

Our NSSAR Museum has recently acquired a brass barreled blunderbuss for its collection.

What Are Blunderbusses?

Here is some information on blunderbusses. They were not carried by Pilgrims at Plymouth, Massachusetts. In 1678, an inventory of arms in Maryland shows, among the 791 guns tallied only one blunderbuss. Sixteen years later there were two, one with brass barrel and the other an old iron blunderbuss without a lock.¹

The word blunderbuss is an anglicized version of the Dutch Donderbuss or thunder gun.

The flared funnel muzzle is not that great on shot dispersion, but greatly facilitates rapid loading of shot while on a horse, coach, or ship.²

These were short, large-bore shoulder firearms popular with civilians for close defense using multiple bullets or small shot. The military favored them aboard ship during crowded deck fighting or on land due to a shortage of carbines.³

Larger blunderbusses, called by some musketoons, had swivel mounts for use on gunwale used on boats or forts.

The blunderbuss gained consideration as military weapon with Britain's rise in sea power. Under Charles II (1630-1685) there was an official ratio of one blunderbuss to every ten cannons aboard a ship. The cost of one of corresponded roughly to that of a musket, about one pound, five shillings.⁴

Merry Ole England

"In England during the long reign of George III urban industrialization accelerated. More artisans were being gathered into factories to toil fourteen hours a day, six days a week for subsistence wages and subject to the convenient philosophy that unless threatened by starvation they would not work at all. For those who could not abide the factories there was the sea, the fast-growing colonies, or the life of crime. Increasing luxuries, gin, gambling, incompetence of the law and the fact that over one hundred sixty crimes bore capital punishment, thereby encouraging murder as a way of minimizing detection. When patrols with horsemen to guard the approach roads to London, were tried in the 1760's, the government balked at the expense. So, the half century continued a harsh & dangerous one for the citizen, and self-protection remained very much a personal matter which meant, for the most part, faith in God or the trusty blunderbuss." The legendary highwayman's challenge in these times "Stand and Deliver".⁵

Blunderbusses in America

"The neglect of the blunderbuss in North America seems inexplicable. Even during the upsurge in population during the 18th century the demand for firearms in North America was limited to hunting and militia pieces. There was relatively little road traffic or urban unrest, and consequently little crime. The man in Eng-

land might turn outlaw for economic or political reasons. So, the civilian blunderbuss made by an American maker remains a rarity in any form."⁶

After the battles at Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts in April 1775, General Gage appeared before the Selectmen of Boston. He demanded that the inhabitants give up their arms and place them, with tags denoting individual ownership attached thereunto, in a public hall in Boston. The arms aforesaid at a suitable time would be returned to the owners. There were 1,778 muskets & fowlers, 634 pistols, 273 bayonets, and 38 blunderbusses turned in.⁷ They were not returned to owners giving initiative to the Second Amendment with an independent United States of America.

General George Washington endorsed the use of blunderbusses for mounted dragoons from correspondence submitted by Secretary Peter Scull on 4 April 1779. "Mr. Henry (William Henry, noted gunsmith from Lancaster County, PA) assures me he can procure for the Regiment before they take the Field a sufficient number of blunderbusses—We having no Carbines, I beg your honorable Board will grant me this indulgence, as I am convinced they will be of infinite more service than either Carbines or pistols, the expense will be trifling as they are made out of old Musquetts." The Board of War disagreed and retained the carbine.⁸

Richard Pearis, a noted Loyalist in the South, wrote on his campaign with Loyalist militia units in the backcountry "disarmed all the Rebels from Savannah River to Broad River near the Borders of North Carolina, being upwards of 100 miles in breadth, destroyed their Forts and imprisoned their leaders to the number of 40. We took 3,000 Stand of arms, 22 Swivels, 27 blunderbusses, and a quantity of Ammunition."⁹

Major General von Steuben's Aide-de-Camp Pierre-Étienne Du Ponceau signed for two brass barreled blunderbusses in October 1781 (location unknown).¹⁰

"Stores seized by General Henry Knox from Cornwallis upon the surrender of Yorktown, listed eleven brass barreled and nine iron barreled blunderbusses. These blunderbusses implied Royal Artillery used them to defend their cannon."¹¹

Later than the Revolutionary War (1804-1805), the Lewis & Clarke expedition had two large blunderbusses in addition to a swivel gun for their keelboat. Their blunderbusses appear to be the muskatoon version that were hung on swivels in the

stern of the keelboat and later mounted on the expedition's pirogues.¹²

An archeology project in 1989 by the Lamar Institute at Mount Pleasant, an 18th Century British Trader Post and Ranger Fort in Effingham County, Georgia found the iron barrel of a blunderbuss and they believed this was the first such weapon excavated in the Southeast.¹³

One of the early archeology recoveries in 1996 from the famed pirate Blackbeard's shipwreck the Queen Anne (1718) off Beaufort, NC was the brass barrel of a blunderbuss (circa 1690-1710).¹⁴

My Blunderbuss

I purchased a brass barreled blunderbuss in the 1980's in upstate New York. Made a nice mantel decoration. It was made by Connecticut Arms and was .69 caliber (same as a Charleville musket) which meant it was not large bore and would not discharge a lot of small shot.



When I joined a re-enacting unit in the Carolina/Georgia region, they laughed at my blunderbuss saying only pirates had them (somewhat true) and they did not exist in the South or have any role in the American Revolution except on ships (not true). The documentation provided in this article shows some of the interesting times in American history that blunderbusses were present. There are more and that is what makes the research so interesting. Here is to the Thunder Guns!

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DECORATION DAY

by Stu Hoyt

For many years, the graves of heroes, who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country, have been honored with special times of decoration and celebration. This tradition became more popular in the South during the Civil War and a tradition in many states just after that period of conflict.

WWI expanded that list of cities and states that celebrated the remembrance of those lost in the service of their country but it was not until after WWII that the term "Memorial" became more popular than "Decoration" and not until 1967 that it became the official designation. In June of 1968, with the passage of the Uniformed Mondays Holiday Act, the last Monday in May became the official day to celebrate Memorial Day.

Each year for the past fifty years, the Patrick Henry Chapter of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution has honored those fallen, at the Texas State Cemetery, in Austin. It has not always been the Texas State Cemetery and not the pristine sight that it is today but that is a story for another time.

A number of years ago two heroes of the American Revolution were re-interred at this cemetery so the Patrick Henry Chapter felt it fitting to invite members of those families to say a few words on behalf of those heroes at this years dedication. Those Patriarchs were Lt. Richard Rankin and Sgt. Stephen Williams. In addition, two generals, one from the past and one representing the future were also invited to speak. For years Pastor Mark Collins, aka, George Washington, has come representing the Father of our Nation and mesmerized those gathered with his words of wisdom from the first Commander-in-Chief and our first President. Also invited was Brigadier General Johnnie Davis, Chief of Staff of the Army Futures Command of the Texas National Guard. He spoke from the heart about those fallen in our most recent conflicts and gave us a look at what is to come.



The ceremony ended with the reading of the names and the ringing of the bell for those SAR and DAR members lost in the past year. The Color Guard for the Society turn out in large numbers and are always available for a photo shoot. We won't take time to mention all those in this picture but would like to draw your attention to just two of them. The tall gentleman standing behind Blair Rudy, the State Color Guard Commander (kneeling) is George Washington (aka, Pastor Mark Collins) and to his left is Brigadier General Johnnie Davis.