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Commander's Report

Compatriots,

Fellow color guardsmen,

After almost sixteen months color guard members from twenty-five state societies joined together for our national congress in Renton, Washington. This included Washington color guard commander Neil Vernon and twenty other members of the Washington color guard, for many of them, it being their first opportunity to attend our national congress. Neil joined the national command staff in leading the color guard throughout the congress and did an outstanding job both in performance and working hard behind the scenes to make sure all details were carried out. The color guard's duty started on Sunday with our breakfast meeting, followed by the church service that was held in the hotel this year. With the start of the Congress, the virtual events credit policy was rescinded and is no more. On Monday morning the guard opened congress and, in the evening, we lead guardsman Paul Callanan to receive his color guardsman of the year award. Tuesday, we presented the colors and then retrieved them at the following evening banquet to close the congress. At the closing banquet, Virginia Commander Ken Bonner and past VA commander Bill Schwetke joined the commanders and helped lead two columns of guardsmen through the retirement ceremony. On Wednesday afternoon forty guardsman joined President General Jack Manning and Washington state president Dr. Keith Weissinger in a grave marking ceremony honoring Captain John Noebel Wallingford, a civil war veteran, who was the son of Jonathan Wallingford a veteran of the Revolutionary war. There was a little confusion in the ranks regarding credit for the event for the grave marking medal, which national chairman Gary Green (NC) clarified and in response the color guard gave a resounding chorus of God Bless America to end the ceremony. Although the congress was slightly smaller than in years past, due to the continued effects of the pandemic, it was very well organized and everyone had a good time. My congratulations and thanks to our national conference chairman Paul Callanan and our Washington host society for an outstanding job.

Less than a month later, on Aug 13th, color guard members from many states joined together at the Atlantic Middle States Association meeting in Annapolis, Maryland. District Color guard commander, and past national commander David W. Hoover (MD), lead the color guard in presenting the colors at the Saturday evening banquet. David was awarded the gold Roger Sherman medal from the district for his dedicated work as district commander. Members of the national color guard command staff, including VC Brooks Lyles (INT), 2nd adjutant Robert Meyer (NJ) and myself dressed down as we had to perform other office duties.



This was the Atlantic Middle States Conference, in Annapolis, MD Aug 14th. L to R, AMSA District Commander David Hoover, Commander Lou Raborg, VC Brooks Lyles and 2nd Adj. Rob Meyer.

On Saturday August 21st, I attended the Battle of Blue Licks ceremony. The ceremony was led by Kentucky president Steve Mallory, with support of state color guard commander Scott Giltner, national quarter master Charlie Scott and many guardsmen and other members. It was very well organized, both prior to the event and in its procession. Members of the DAR and CAR took active parts and there were well over a hundred in attendance, including former PG Lindsey Brock. First adjutant Scott Collins and I were given roles and helped lead the color guard that also included guardsmen from numerous states. Part of the ceremony included a well-orchestrated flag folding ceremony along with many wreath presentations.

I hope to see many of our guardsmen later this month at the fall leadership meeting in Louisville, where we will consider two additional medals for the color guard.

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



Commander Raborg on General



Commander Raborg presented Zachary Manley with the commanders coin for his support of the color guard at the Battle of Blue Licks commemoration.



ABOVE Mt Vernon Washington's Vigil - Guardsmen lining up in front of Mt Vernon to start the day.



ABOVE Mt Vernon Washington's Vigil - First Adjutant K. Scott Collins (GA) and Second Adjutant Robert Myers (NJ) lead guardsmen Patrick Wesolosky (KY), Jay Doss (KY) and Jeff Thomas (VA) to Washington's Tomb.

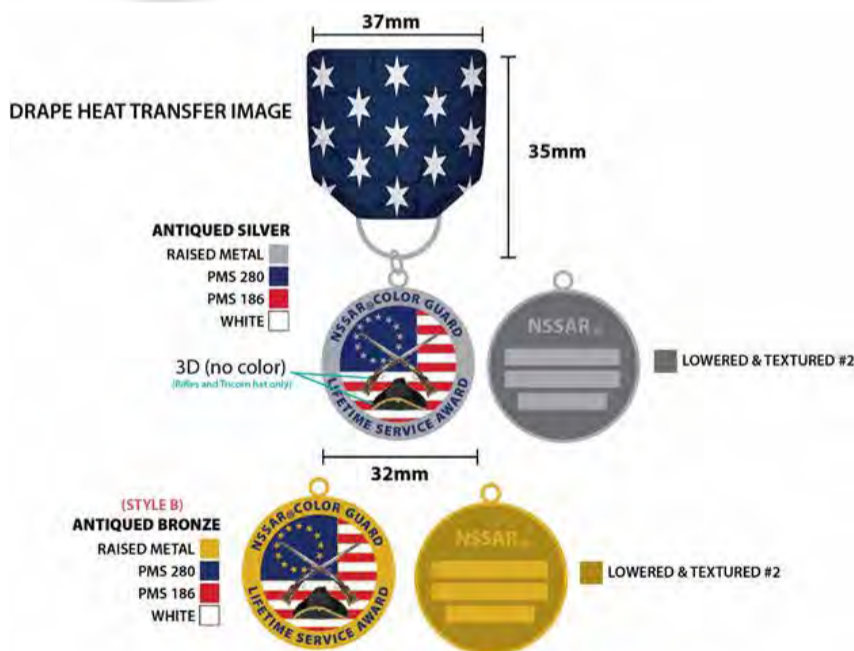
COLOR GUARD NEWS

Three new national events were approved:

- Siege of Fort Morris, GA, held in November of each year.
- Frederica Naval Action, GA, held in April of each year.
- Any Washington Birthday event a National Event.

Two new color guard medals were approved in concept by the color guard committee. One for Youth Participation and one Lifetime service award. The Youth participation award would be for any youth that is not a SAR junior member. There would be no points system, just participation in three color guard events for year for three years. Commander Raborg solicits from the color guardsmen's opinion's on service requirements for the Lifetime service award and funding for both medals. Please send questions and comments to him at raborg1989@verizon.net. Documentation will be sent to members by mid- November and a Zoom conference call will be set up for a final vote on the criteria before being sent to the medals and awards committee for approval.

The Youth medal will be changed to say NSSAR Youth Color Guard.



VICE-COMMANDER'S REPORT

Brooks Lyle

The Color Guard, The Public Face of the SAR

We, the Color Guard, are the most visible and recognizable organization within the SAR and as such we have a responsibility to do more. We do a wonderful job hosting grave markings, providing Color Guards for Naturalization Events, Recognizing Historic Sites and Celebrations, and marching in Parades, but so what? If we are the only people who see what we are doing, if the only place you see pictures and articles on what we are doing is in the Color Guard Newsletter or the SAR Magazine are we doing enough? Are we really showing the public who we are and what we are doing? We may be honoring our Patriot Ancestors, but are we positioning ourselves to grow the organization on the way to the 250th Anniversary of our War for Independence?

Our Color Guardsmen do some amazing things in their Chapters and States in support of our national mission, and we need to make sure the public knows who they are, what our mission is and why we are out there. The only way we are going to raise the public profile of the SAR and reap the benefits in recruiting and fundraising is to start blowing our own horn and get our stories in front of the public. Call it what you will, marketing or public relations, but it is an area we need to become proficient in. Social media is one underused avenue, but print and local radio and television are viable avenues that are available to us. With the focus of Cable News and all the National three letter networks on national politics and beating each other up, local news teams are looking for local news and local events. We need to reach out in our neighborhoods make sure that we have coverage of human interest and historically significant stories that the SAR are involved with.

So, the next time you present a Silver Color Guard Medal to a seven-year-old Color Guardsman, mark the grave of a historically significant local Patriot, do a joint event with the DAR, provide Color Guard support to a Veteran's Organization, or fire a musket salute at a national sporting event, make sure you reach out to your local news media, take lots of pictures and post the event on your chapter Facebook page. The folks who see it may very well be the next generation of National Color Guard members.

Tennessee Society Photos



Sycamore Shoals



REVOLUTIONARY WAR CAMP SANITATION

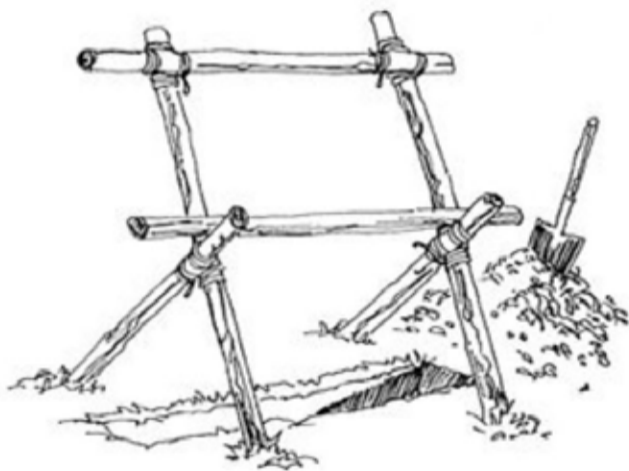
By Brian S. Barrett

This article is about sanitation practices in Revolutionary War camps. An often overlooked aspect of soldier's health and safety, sanitation rules were critically important and saved many soldiers and militiamen from agonizing bowel ailments and deadly afflictions. This essay is not for dinner table conversation. Let me be blunt. A lot of men that initially served in the American Revolution left what few sanitation manners they knew back home. When it came to going number one and number two they often behaved like farm animals or woodland creatures. That is until they met a tough Continental Brigade Major or an Orderly Sargent who enforced sanitation rules.

Careless men created extremely unclean and dangerous conditions in camps. Many of them viewed outdoor camps as one a big toilet. They relieved themselves wherever convenient. Any tree or bush became a spot to "water the daisies." A fallen tree was a convenient seat for a bare butt. Washington was shocked by what he saw when he took command in Boston in 1775. He singled out New Englanders and commented that they were a "dirty and nasty people" who ease themselves wherever they please. Indians were said to avoid the white man's camp because they fowled the water upstream.

It was not for lack of knowledge that waste disposal practices threatened the army's health. In New York City, where Colonel Andrew Ward and my ancestor, Sgt

William Fowler, were stationed during June and July 1776, General George Washington and his so-called "surgeons" insisted that new latrines be dug and old ones filled regularly. Additionally, they required that trenches be dug and maintained around the camp periphery to channel rainfall runoff away from camp. Smaller diversion channels were required around each tent to insure proper drainage mainly to



keep sleeping quarters dry. Officers and sub-subalterns were responsible to establish and enforce sanitation rules in their regiments. They were ordered to assign enough men to maintain these rules. Sentries were to insure that men actually used latrines. Anyone caught violating the rules was subject to court-martial and discipline. Appropriately, punishment often resulted in the guilty being sentenced to dig and clean latrines. One can imagine that it was a strong deterrent.

During hot weather it was especially important to enforce sanitation rules. In the summer of 1775, Colonel David Waterbury served under the old war horse, General David Wooster. It was at his Harlem Heights Camp in New York City that he learned sanitation rules. By late July, Waterbury's Connecticut Provincials were moved to a less desirable wilderness camp just north of the Mohawk River on the west bank of the Hudson River. It was an old Indian camp located near Half Moon, New York. Waterbury was challenged to maintain sanitation in this camp. It was damp and humid and mosquito infested. Under crowded and confusing circumstances insects, bacteria and micro-organisms multiplied in standing water and at the butcher's waste pile and his men suffered. He did his best but a number of his men ended-up convalescing in private homes in Albany. For months unsafe conditions remained an ongoing impediment to Waterbury during General Philip Schuyler's 1775 Canadian Campaign. By November a large part of the army was sick in bed. Contagion ran ramped (sic). A variety of illnesses occurred in the camps. If even one man got sick it spread like wild-fire because of close quarters. (Enlisted men slept spoon style with five or six in an a-frame tent. Officers slept in more luxurious canvas cabins four to a tent; still too close for safe distancing.)

Improperly cooked food was another source of sickness. Today everyone knows about food poisoning can cause debilitating cramps and dysentery. Proper cleaning and safe cooking practices were well known to soldiers back then. Unfortunately inexperienced cooks and hungry men could easily overlook them. Improper cleaning of utensils was the common cause of so-called "camp fever or flux," ie, diarrhea. It was the job of subalterns and officers to insure that meat, seafood and vegetables were thoroughly boiled.

Colonel John Fellows from Berkshire County Massachusetts, learned rules of sanitation and safety during 1776 while in Boston. At the time, he commanded a regiment of men near Cambridge and Roxbury for several months. During the summer of 1776 he invoked a couple key sanitation rules that he learned at his Chelsea Camp while in New York City the previous year. His orders of August 9, 1776 stated, "...as the health of the soldiery in a great measure depends upon cleanliness of the camp the general directs:

1. '... a suitable number of men should be appointed each day to maintain camp boundaries, clean the grounds and dig latrines.'

2. '... no soldier (should) go into the river for swimming or bathing [betwixt] the hours of 7 in the morn and six in ye afternoon....'



His sanitation workers were called collimen (aka colour' men) and were responsible to inspect, cover and construct new latrines as well as the removal of butchered livestock waste. Presumably the "no-swimming" hours coincided with the tide, contaminated water and unsafe conditions.

Later in the Fall, General Washington noted that men in his New York camps were were "puking up." In response he ordered that all camps be cleared of discarded offal (butchered waste from livestock) and that latrines be diligently maintained. While contaminated food caused illness the prominent sickness, at that time, was smallpox.

During 1777 at Saratoga, General Horatio Gates, no doubt, tightened up camp cooking rules when two men died after eating stew. A soldier reported that two French doctors found, "...uncooked meat lay like a clod in their stomach..." True or not, it was a reminder to all that meat must be thoroughly boiled before being eaten.

This article by no means enumerates all cases of poor sanitation and camp rules that existed in Revolutionary War camps. Many officers, subalterns and so-called surgeons employed strategies of the day to control sickness and disease. Hopefully this essay informs the reader of typical sanitation measures and practices that were practiced during the American Revolution.

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UPCOMING COLOR GUARD EVENTS

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| Battle of Kings Mountain - October 7 th |
| Battle of Saratoga - October 17 th |
| Yorktown Days - October 19 th |
| Red Bank Battlefield - October 22 nd |
| Veterans Day Events - November 11 th |
| Battle of Great Bridge - December 9 th |
| Wreaths Across America - December 18 th |
| Battle of Trenton - December 26 th |
| Events listed are after publication date |

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

National Color Guard Events - 2021 - 2022

| 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 | |
| April | Frederica Naval Action -close 4/19 | St. Simons Island, Georgia | |
| 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 |
| November - | Siege of Fort Morris - 3rd Saturday | Sudbury, Georgia | |
| 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 | | |
| | Washington's Birthday - February | | |
| 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



A LITTLE ELBOW GREASE



Magazine, Summer 2018, by Lawrence Knobb, Joe Farrell and Joe Farley. “The grave of Gen. Daniel Roberdeau, Continental Congressman & signer of the Articles of Confederation, lies under a well-worn slab without further adornment. Something more must be done for Roberdeau.”

For Compatriot or Patriot Grave Marking ceremonies that involve the Color Guard, something to consider prior to a ceremony is cleaning an existing grave marker. We have Compatriot Marshall “Peachie” DeHaven in the Virginia Society, who maintains a couple of family cemeteries that include Revolutionary War patriots and has cleaned more than 70 grave markers in local cemeteries including veterans, family and friends. He has assisted not only our Colonel James Wood II Chapter, but the local Daughters American Revolution Chapter with cleaning existing grave markers of Revolutionary War patriots prior to grave marking ceremonies with the approval of the local cemetery management.

THE PROCESS

Compatriot DeHaven uses lots of water, a gallon of D2, ¼ cup of Dawn detergent, a soft bristle brush and a little elbow grease for cleaning tombstones.

When it comes to tombstone and monument cleaning, the most important thing with any liquid cleaning material is try to keep it pH neutral.

All household cleaners contain some byproduct like sodium that will do some damage to gravestones.

The real no-no in cleaning a tombstone is a wire brush. This can remove layers of stone and sometimes inscriptions.

Power washing is not recommended. The problems are the amount of pressure and the softness of stone. Damage can happen to the mortars and soft bricks on historic grave stones.

Do not clean a gravestone more than once a year.

Do not clean a gravestone that is flaking, chipped or has loose pieces on it.

D/2 PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

D/2 Biological Solution is highly effective for removing stains caused by mold, mildew, algae, lichens, and air pollutants.

Tested and used by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the National Park Service, D/2 is a biodegradable cleaner that is pH neutral and contains no salts, bleach or acids.

Fast acting: 10 to 15 minutes contact time.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Always do a spot test sample before proceeding with the gravestone cleaning. The D/2 cleaning solution works best when air and surface temperatures are 45°F or above. Use D/2 undiluted for the best results. In the event of plant exposure, rinse all plants with water in all planted ground areas.

Before embarking on any grave-cleaning project, Compatriot DeHaven says, the first step is to get permission if you are working on a grave that isn't a relative's. “If it's your own family, that's one thing. If not, you need to approach the cemetery office or the church if it's a church cemetery. You need to get permission from someone.” You also need to assess the condition of the headstone.

If you decide to proceed, you'll need plenty of fresh water so you can rinse away the residue entirely. If a hose isn't available, fill several buckets or gallon jugs. A few gallons of water should be enough for a single grave marker, per Compatriot DeHaven. Also get a few soft bristle brushes. No wire brushes, and no brush attachments for drills. A blue tarp and large garbage bags are needed to cover and protect other grave markers from splashing residue from cleaning.

Completely dampen the stone, apply the cleaning product, then brush away the growth. Rinse frequently as you go and rinse completely when you are done. The stone may still look a little orange (from the D2), but it will probably require more elbow grease.

UPDATE

An earlier article, Graves Of Our Founders: Recent Southern Trip, in the SAR

Prior to this article, in the Winter 2013-2014 edition of SAR Magazine, the Virginia Society with the Colonel James Wood II Chapter did a joint monument dedication with the War of 1812 Society and dedicated a monument at the Morgan Veteran's Cemetery @ Mount Hebron for 40 Revolutionary War soldiers that included General Roberdeau's name. More than \$5,000 was spent on this monument. Many of the Revolutionary War patriots remains at Mount Hebron Cemetery were in unmarked graves and included members of the Dutch Mess who were part of General Daniel Morgan's original Rifle Company raised in 1775.



Photograph of Compatriot Marshall DeHaven next to grave marker he has cleaned @ Mount Hebron Cemetery in Winchester, VA in 2021

The Colonel James Wood II Chapter made the priority at Mount Hebron Cemetery to locate, add gravestones and do grave marking ceremonies for the enlisted and forgotten soldiers of the Revolutionary War. The local Winchester Fort Loudoun DAR Chapter did take up the issue of cleaning up the four Revolutionary War graves of General Officers including General Roberdeau's grave that had DAR markers. The actual cleaning of his tombstone was done by Compatriot DeHaven, (photo included) and members of our VASSAR Colonel James Wood II Chapter Color Guard participated in the DAR Grave dedication ceremony, with re-enactors from Fort Roberdeau in Pennsylvania. Pleased to say, more was done to improve the gravesite of this Patriot Founder.



This is the General Roberdeau gravestone cleaned up by Compatriot DeHaven for the DAR in the Mount Hebron Cemetery in Winchester, VA. Note one musket ball and several coins have been left on marker.

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State Society Color Guard Commanders

Welcome to the NSSAR Color Guard.

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

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

Changes are noted in **RED** text

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This is the current listing of state society color guard commanders with confirmed data. Those state societies that are not confirmed are asked to submit updated data to the editor. **No Color Guards (10):** Alaska, Arkansas, Dakotas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Montana, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wyoming.

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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.

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- 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 -
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EDITORIAL

NOTE - I am still getting photos embedded in WORD or PDF files. Please DO NOT embed photos in either a WORD, PDF, or email messages. Send them as separate file attachments.

Departing from the usual editor's note I will separate the submission guidelines (Page 12) 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 this October issue we can hope that this will have passed enough for us to be able to have a more normal level of color guard participations in national and local events. We should all understand that the rules/guidelines are created and developed to protect our compatriots' health while also safeguarding the health of the public. So please follow those rules/guidelines. It will be for a brief time during the event. We can all afford a momentary inconvenience.

For this issue, I will 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). Steve



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.

FORT MORRIS- SUNBURY MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Come and Take it!

Recently the NSSAR Historic Site Committee approved our application for recognition of the Fort Morris Ceremony as a National SAR event. SAR Color Guard Performances and Wreath Presentations will now be recorded as a National SAR activity. We hope that Presidents and Compatriots of Georgia Society SAR Chapters will join us and participate in the "Come and Take it!" Ceremony this year on Saturday, November 20th at the Fort Morris Historic Site near Midway, Georgia.

Last year, we videotaped the Color Guard performance inside the earthworks as part of the Virtual Ceremony. This year we plan to conduct the entire Ceremony inside the earthworks of the Fort instead of on the Parade ground. We believe this will significantly improve your appreciation of the British siege and demand for surrender on November 25, 1778.

Our speaker, Peter Winn Martin, has just completed an interesting book about Liberty County Patriot Daniel Stewart. He will describe young Dan's part in the Patriot resistance to the British invasion of Liberty County in November 1778. In December 1778, Dan fled Georgia after Savannah fell to the British and went to South Carolina to continue to fight for independence. Peter will describe some of Stewart's heroic actions which led to his promotion to the rank of Lt. Colonel in the South Carolina Cavalry before he reached his 25th birthday.

Friday, November 19th

5:00pm - Hospitality & Lodging: Holiday Inn Express, 4601 Hwy 17; Richmond Hill; Exit #87 of I-95; Call 912-756-6668 ask for Sons of the American Revolution Rate- (code SAR) \$109.00 for rooms with a King-size bed or two Double-sized beds. The cut-off date for special rate is September 30th, so if you want to participate, reserve now. 6:30pm - Dinner: Love's Seafood Restaurant, 6817 Chief of Love Rd (912-925-3616)

Saturday, November 20th

10:00am - Fort Morris- Sunbury Memorial Ceremony; Fort Morris Historic Site, 2559 Fort Morris Rd, Midway, GA 31320 Exit #76 off I-95- (912-884-5999); CAR, DAR & SAR Chapter Representatives will receive a "Come and Take It!" Flag Streamer. 12:00 noon - Lunch: Sunbury Crab Co, 541 Brigantine-Dunmore Road (912- 884-8640)

Number of Reservations: Friday Dinner ____ Saturday Lunch ____

Participation: Flag Bearer ____ Musket Salute ____ Wreath Presenter ____

Wreath Presenter Name(s) _____

Organization: _____

Title _____ Location _____

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To ensure recognition in the printed program, please respond ASAP - wframsaur@aol.com OR Mail: Bill Ramsaur, 116 Florence Street, St. Simons Island GA 31522; Tel: 912-223-1438

Q: How can our state society promote a Color Guard event?

A: [Editor] As an example, if the event is scheduled for January 7, 2022 to March 31, then submit the salient information (location, host contact information, date, time, etc - see above) to me for publishing in the January 2022 issue. PLEASE do NOT send a PDF file - use the native format (e.g. WORD, text file etc) and send any graphics as separate attachments. Using a PDF requires further conversion issues that typically results in fuzzy text or fuzzy pictures. Not good. Follow the usual guidance for photos - namely, original resolution. Sending very small files means that the picture cannot be expanded to easily viewed. .



The Fifer's Corner

Happy Fall to all - It's been a wonderful Summer being able to interact with the public again and lets hope it continues into 2022 - HUZZAH!

The Marching and Stand tunes included in this issue will be

1. Duke of York March
2. Turkish March
3. Paddy Whack
4. Chain Cottilion
5. First of September

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.

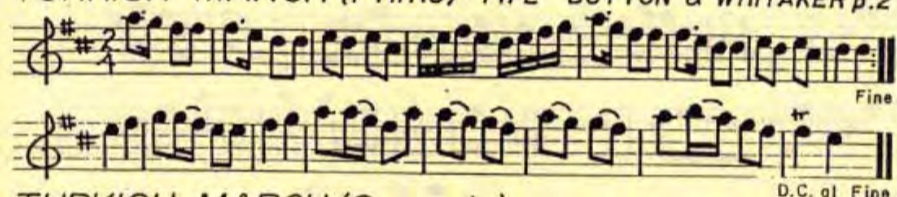
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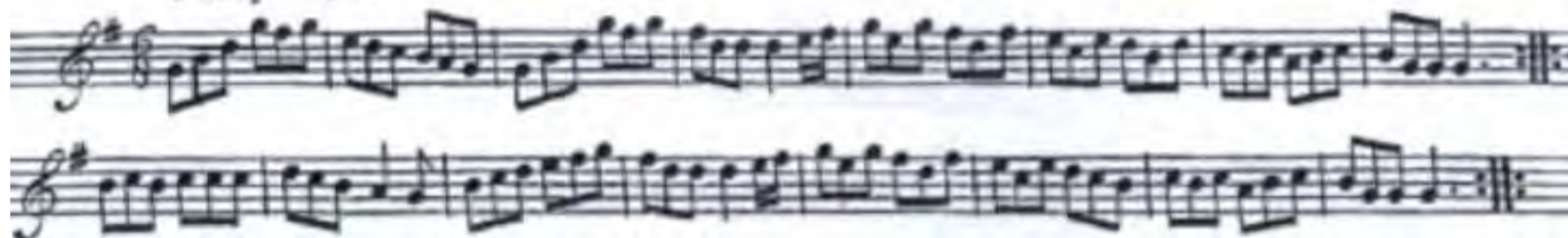
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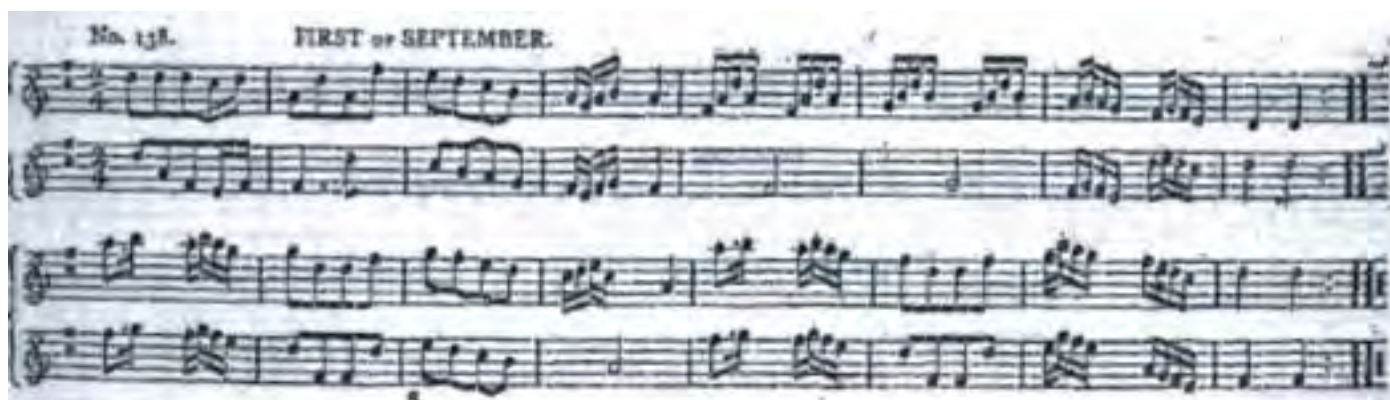
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Paddy Whack



CHAIN COTILLION





SAFETY

Short but to the Point

Bayonets, Swords, Halberds, and Spontoons



By Mark Kramer

Over the past couple of years, I have written about various safety issues pertaining to our involvement in public events. Ranging from the safe handling of our firearms to the safety of our compatriots and the public. However, it occurred to me that one area that I have failed to mention was the safe handling of edge weapons. This is probably because one could assume that the safe handling of edge weapons should be common sense. At this point many of you are thinking that common sense isn't that common. However, I choose to think of this topic as something that we should mention to ensure that all of us handle edge weapons safely.

There are four common edge weapons that compatriots may carry or have for demonstrations purposes: bayonets, swords, espontoons and halberds. The most common is the bayonet for the Brown Bess or the Charleville. Rifles of this period did not have the ability to attach a bayonet. Swords are probably the next most common with espontoons and halberds occasionally being present at our events. While having a keen blade might be advantageous for an edge weapon in battle, this is not the case for our demonstrations for the public. As our edged weapons are not going to be used in battle they should be "DULL" and "Blunt".

While the simple rule of not pointing an edge weapon at anyone should be followed, there are a couple of differences with each of our edge weapons that should be discussed. The bayonet was probably the most used edge weapon used during the American Revolution and are commonly seen at our events. The safe handling of the bayonet is paramount for the safety of our compatriots and the public. The bayonets should never be attached when firing your musket. The bayonet should only be fixed to your musket when outdoors. I don't actually know where that rule comes from; however, while in the ceremonial guard we only attached bayonets while marching outdoors. If demonstrating the use of the bayonet in battle and pointed in the direction of a compatriot participant there should be several feet between the bayonet and the participant, I

would recommend at least six (6) feet. The audience doesn't need to actually need to see you stab your fellow compatriot; they'll get the idea.

While the sword is the next most common edge weapon carried by our compatriots it is rarely unsheathed (out of scabbard) unless being carried in a parade at "carry" or during "present arms". At carry the sword is unsheathed and the dull edge or back of the blade is resting against compatriot's shoulder with the point pointing upwards. At carry the sword is reasonably safe, but remember it could be dangerous if the compatriot should trip and fall. During present arms the movement of the sword goes from bringing the hilt of the sword toward the chin with the tip of the sword pointing upward away from the compatriot then moving the sword to a downward position away from the body with the tip of the sword pointing toward the ground. During this maneuver, the compatriot should be aware of their environment and ensure that there is a safe distance between them and others in the area. Again, I would recommend approximately six (6) feet clearance between the compatriot and others.



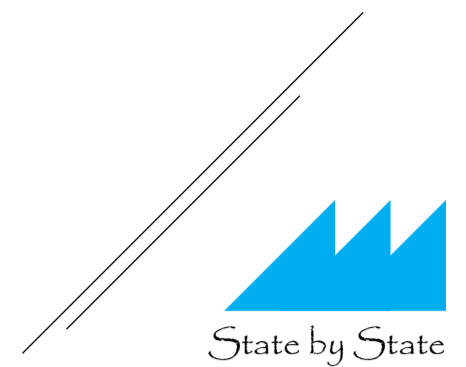
While few chapters have espontoons and halberds, the safe handling deserves some consideration. For the most part the esponton and halbert is carried with the tip of each pointing upward and therefore little chance of poking or stabbing anyone. However, when the esponton or halbert are at "present arm" they are pointed horizontal to the ground and can reach over six feet from the compatriot. Therefore, it is particularly important there is considerable distance between tip of the esponton and halbert and others in the area. Although the esponton or halbert should be horizontal to the ground, if based on the available clearance the compatriot might choose to lower the tip to protect others in the area from inadvertently being poked.



Be safe

Compatriot Mark Kramer, NSSAR 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 27!**

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.



ALABAMA



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 on June 5, 2021. 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

Hear Ye, Hear Ye

Members of the Black Warrior River Chapter of the Alabama Society SAR come together with the Tuscaloosa Bar Associate to read the Declaration of Independence at the Tuscaloosa County Courthouse on July 1st..



Blackwarrior River Chapter joins forces with the Tuscaloosa Bar association to read the Declaration of Independence.

Celebrating our Independence

Alabama Society SAR colougardsmen from all over the state came together to Prattville to celebrate “our nation’s birthday” with a 4th of July Parade. They along with the local Daughters of the American Revolution and citizen’s groups showed their spirit to exemplify the Sons of the American Revolution goal of patriotism.



Alabama SAR displays the colors for the Prattville 4th of July Parade



SAR, DAR, and CAR join together to show their patriotic spirit.

Celebrating our Independence

On August 13th, the Daughters of the American Revolution, along with the Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution colougard, came together to dedicate the Revolutionary War Soldiers Patriot Marker at the American Village, outside the National Veterans Shrine. To quote DAR State Regent Patrice Donnelly, “this marker is in honor of the men and women who achieved American independence. These Patriots, believing in the noble cause of liberty, fought valiantly to found our new nation!”



Members of the National and State Daughters of the American join with the Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution to dedicate the “America 250” Revolutionary War Patriots marker at the American Village in Montevallo, Alabama

Constitution Week Celebrated

The Richard Henry Lee Chapter of the Alabama Sons of the American Revolution joined forces with severa Daughters of the American Revolution chapter to host a Constitution Week luncheon at the Saughatchee Country Club in Opelika, Alabama on September 17, 2021. The Alabama State SAR Color Guard, with representatives from several SAR chapters throughout the state, came to assist with ceremonies..



Posting of the colors wouldn’t be complete without the Alabama Society SAR Colorguard, seen here at the Wiregrass Chapter’s hosted event honoring those who perished in the 9/11 attacks 20 years ago..

Coming Home, World War II Pearl Harbor Patriot Comes Home to Alabama 9/11, 20 Years and Always Remembered

A World War II hero, Navy Fireman 2nd Class assigned to the USS Oklahoma Ralph Battles died at Pearl Harbor. His remains were recently identified by Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency and was brought home to Boaz, Alabama with full military honors on Saturday, August 28, 2021. This was a combined effort of the US Navy, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Blue Star Salute Foundation, and the Alabama Society Sons of American Revolution.



The Alabama Society Sons of American Revolution joins forces with the US Navy, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Blue Star Salute Foundation to bring World War II hero, Ralph Battles, home to Boaz, Alabama with full military honors.

Local leaders of the Enterprise, Alabama community gathered at the Johnny Henderson Park in remembrance of those killed on Sep 11, 2021, as well as those 12 servicemen who were recently killed in Afghanistan. The event, coordinated by the Wiregrass Chapter of the Alabama Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). The ceremony featured a display of 2,977 flags for those who died in the 9/11 attacks, placed by the local ROTC, Scouts, and volunteers, as well as speakers from local leaders, posting of the colors by the Alabama State SAR Colorguard, and a firing of muskets and cannons by the Alabama State SAR Honor Guard and a local reenactment group.



The Alabama Society SAR Honor Guard joins with a local reenactment group to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of 9/11.

CALIFORNIA -



Happy 4th of July at Universal Studios Los Angeles

First fifer on left is Matt Noell (member of the Orange County Chapter (CA) Color Guard) playing with the Los Angeles Fifes and rums at Universal Studios Los Angeles.

CONNECTICUT -

Patriot Ezra Lee -- Grave Marking -- September 5, 2021



"Pilot of the Turtle"

On Sunday September 5, State President Stephen Taylor led the Connecticut Line and members of the Capt. Nathan Hale Branch No. 6 in a grave marking of patriot Ezra Lee. Who was the pilot of the "Turtle" which launched the first attack by a submersible on a British warship in New York Harbor. Following the grave marking, New member James Harrington with family members present was sworn in as a member of the SAR and Branch No. 6. In addition, Young Marine Sgt. Ryan Spring was presented with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal with Ribbon Bar for his performance as a Young Marine in the Brass City unit



General David Wooster & Reverend Ebenezer Baldwin Grave Markings – September 18, 2021

BOTH PATRIOTS DIED IN SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY

On Saturday September 18 at the Wooster Cemetery in Danbury Connecticut, the Connecticut Line colorguard and members of the Rev. Ebenezer Baldwin Branch No. 9 participated in two

grave markings. The event was sponsored by the local Masonic Union Lodge No. 40 and the DAR Mary Wooster Chapter. The first was for Gen. David Wooster who was mortally wounded in the Battle of Ridgefield in April 1777. The second was for the Rev. Ebenezer Baldwin who died upon his return from the Battle of New York in late September 1776. Chaplain Ebenezer Baldwin served with the Militia units from his Danbury parish who fought during the defense of New York. Administering to the soldiers that were extremely sick with disease, an illness that eventually Rev. Baldwin died from on October 1, 1776.



General Wooster



Reverend Baldwin



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

On Saturday September 4, SAR members of the Connecticut Line participated in the defense of Ft. Griswold along with re-enactor units from Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New York.

On Sunday the Connecticut Line along with other members of the CT SAR participated in a grave marking of 4 patriots at the Col. Ledyard Cemetery in Groton. After the grave marking the final event of the day was 240th Anniversary of the Battle of Groton Heights which including the reading of the 88 Defenders who killed in the battle, a speech by State Color Guard Commander Dave Perkins on why we commemorate this battle and then concluded with a 3-volley musket salute from the raised platform overlooking the Thames River.

LET FREEDOM RING Ceremony – Sunday July 4, 2021

The ringing of bells celebrating Independence Day was foreseen by John Adams in July of 1776, when he wrote to his wife saying: “I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore.”

On INDEPENDENCE DAY (Sunday, July 4th), starting promptly at 1:45 PM, the First Litchfield Artillery Regiment performed a Let Freedom Ring ceremony at the All Wars Memorial in Bantam, Connecticut

During the ceremony, using two cannons, the First Litchfield Artillery Regiment fired cannon salutes for each of the original 13 States in the order that they ratified the Constitution of the United States of America. SAR Color Guard members carried and presented each flag of the thirteen original states at same time that a cannon fires a salute to each state. At precisely 2:00 PM Eastern Daylight Savings Time, just as the smoke clears from the last cannon salute, nearby church bells began to ring. This is timed so that bells throughout the United States of America ring simultaneously to celebrate Independence Day.

In 1963, two men from this area of Connecticut, Eric Hatch and Eric Sloane, proposed the idea that bells across the nation, including the Liberty Bell, ring out at the same moment on Independence Day each year. Hatch and Sloane’s idea was featured in an article entitled “Make Freedom Really Ring” which appeared in the February 17, 1963 issue of This Week magazine. The two Eric’s obtained the endorsement of Connecticut Governor John N. Dempsey and Abraham Ribicoff, a U.S. Senator from Connecticut. Senator Ribicoff took their idea to Congress and the nationwide ringing of bells, now known as “Let Freedom Ring,” was adopted by Congress on June 26, 1963 and recorded as Senate Concurrent Resolution 25 [S. Con. Res. 25].

Also, Eric Hatch was a resident of Litchfield and one of the co-founders of the First Litchfield Artillery Regiment. It was chartered as a private military force of horse drawn artillery under Connecticut Statute Chapter 505, Section 27-102 in July of 1964. Coincidentally, in 1973, Eric Hatch died on Independence Day (as did John Adams and Thomas Jefferson), but not until after the regiment had finished his ceremony that day. The First Litchfield Artillery Regiment has been performing this ceremony for over 50 years now.



Ceremony honoring Gov. Oliver Wolcott, Sr. and Col. Benjamin Tallmadge

On INDEPENDENCE DAY (Sunday, July 4th), starting at 12:00 Noon, the Mary Floyd Tallmadge Chapter DAR hosted a ceremony that honors Gov. Oliver Wolcott, Sr. and Col. Benjamin Tallmadge at their graves in East Cemetery (on East St. / Rte. 118, just west of the Litchfield Locker meat processing building). The SAR, the C.A.R., and the First Litchfield Artillery Regiment participated.

Gov. Oliver Wolcott, Sr. was the 19th Governor of Connecticut and a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He was the second of three generations of Wolcotts to serve as Governor of Connecticut.

Col. Benjamin Tallmadge was a senior intelligence officer under General George Washington and the leader of the Culper Spy Ring. Upon learning that Maj. John André had been arrested with a pass for getting through the American lines and a set of papers detailing West Point's defenses hidden in his stocking, Tallmadge suspected Benedict Arnold to be André's accomplice. Tallmadge's actions led to the exposure of Benedict Arnold's treason. Maj. John André was found guilty of being a spy and was sentenced to hang.



Independence Day at Quaker Hill Country Club, Pawling New York

This is always a special event! Golf, Tennis and Croquet are the usual sports with the wonderful addition of barbecue, children's competitions, live music and a beautiful night of fireworks. This year our usual patriotic flag display had an added benefit! Courtesy of the CTSSAR Color Guard of the Governor Wolcott Branch 10 and the Paul Everett Living History flag collection we displayed many flags of our American Revolution! Each flag was displayed around the deck and included a brief historical description of each flag! Huzzah America and the SAR!!

240th Anniversary of the March of French Troops from Newport, Rhode Island to Yorktown in 1781

To commemorate the 240th anniversary of the historic march of the French Expeditionary Force from Newport RI to Yorktown VA -- joining with the U.S. Continental Army in New York -- The Connecticut SAR joined Sal Lilienthal in Waterbury Connecticut as he traveled on a bicycle and kayak tour, generally following the 1781 march of the allied armies. At the East Farms Cemetery in Waterbury the Connecticut Line provided a 3-volley musket salute to commemorate the death of two French soldiers who were killed in an accident when an artillery piece collapsed on them during the march.

Link to the W3R events & more pictures http://w3r-archive.org/events/2021_tour/_aug14/08-14_tour.htm



Tampa Chapter



The Color Guard of the Tampa Chapter presented the Colors during the National Anthems before the baseball game at Tropicana Field between the Toronto Blue Jays and the Tampa Bay Rays on the afternoon of September 22. The color guardsmen from Tampa are Bill Swain (musket), Commander Dick Young (SAR flag), Robbie Robinson (Florida flag), President David Bryant (National colors) and Terry Doan (musket). Also included in one of the photographs is one of Rays' mascots DJ Kitty. The guardsmen and some of their wives enjoyed watching a Rays win afterwards.



Independence Day Meet & Greet

A photo as we were starting out our walk up Centre Street, with members of the Vaughn-Latham Chapter, CAR, the Amelia Island and Jacksonville chapters of DAR, plus members of the Jacksonville Chapter, FLSSAR.

Shown are Olivia Schopf, CAR Registrar, Lisa Beth Schopf, CAR Senior Registrar, River Phillips, CAR Recording Secretary, Laura Ingle, Jacksonville DAR, JoAnn Welker, Amelia Island DAR and Florida 1st Vice President, DAR, Darryl Ingle, Paul Tucker and Chuck Farmer, Jacksonville Chapter, FLSSAR

Photo by JAXSAR member Bob Welker

Independence Day Meet & Greet

On Saturday, August 7, 2021, the Patriot Joseph Chapman Grave Marking Ceremony, at the Hagood Mill Historic Site Pavilion, 138 Hagood Mill Road, Pickens, South Carolina occurred.



Senior V P "Matt" Mathews and Northwest Regional VP DeCody Marble represented the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution. Both Florida compatriots presented a wreath. Sr. VP. Mathews had the honor to carry the South Carolina Flag within the color guard, while Marble participated within the militia, which shot three volleys. Matt's spouse, Joni Mathews, took the attached outstanding photos.

The YouTube Video: Patriot Joseph Chapman Grave Marking Aug 7 2021 is one hour and 2 minutes long. The following is the Internet Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vm52eLx-NxVU>





ILLINOIS -

Cemetery Marking Ceremony in Franklin, IL

Cemetery Marking Ceremony in Franklin, IL for four Revolutionary War Patriots buried in Franklin Cemetery on September 11, 2021. We had a combination of the ILSSAR and Wisconsin Color guard present.

Color Guard Pictured from left to right are: William Austin (WI), Steve Kern (IL), Mike Campagnolo (IL), Bob Haglund (WI) and Tom Ashby (IL)



ILSSAR Fox Chapter Color Guard

On August 28, 2021 Members of the ILSSAR Northern Illinois Color Guard were honored to present The Colors at Wintrust Field in Schaumburg, IL. prior to a Schaumburg Boomers baseball game. Color Guard members Mike Campagnolo, Jon Fixmer, Max Cockrell and Ron Feldman, all from the Fox Valley Chapter, represented the Northern Illinois Region Color Guard.

Also before the game, ILSSAR President Abby Rogers threw out the first pitch. ILSSAR has partnered with the Schaumburg Boomers minor league baseball team to help raise money for her state project- raising money for Lemons for Love to purchase case packages for people and pets going through chemotherapy.

ILSSAR Color Guard Commander Jon Fixmer (Fox Valley Chapter), Max Cockrell (Fox Valley), Ron Feldman (Fox Valley), and Illinois State President Mike Campagnolo.

Color Guard members from left : ILSSAR Color Guard Commander Jon Fixmer (Fox Valley Chapter), Max Cockrell (Fox Valley), Ron Feldman (Fox Valley), and Illinois State President Mike Campagnolo.



INDIANA -

The Indiana Society Color Guard participated with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra at Symphony on the Prairie at Conner Prairie in Fishers, IN. Over three nights around July 4, the color guard presented the colors for the National Anthem and carried period flags through the crowd while the Symphony played the Theme from The Patriot composed by John Williams. Over the three nights, the Indiana Color Guard appeared before approximately 20,000 concert attendees.





The Indiana SAR Northeast Color Guard Command participated in the Sweetsers, Indiana parade on Aug. 21, 2021 for Sweetsers's Sesquicentennial.



Color guardsmen from the Continental and Clarence A. Cook Chapter presented the colors prior to the meeting celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Major Hugh Dinwiddie DAR Chapter at the Henry County Public Library on July 26. From left to right: Dennis Babbitt, Tom Whiteman, Mark Kreps, Jacob Vink and Sam Cotton.

L to R: DAR Brenda Cotton, Northeast Color Guard Commander Mark Kreps, Dennis L. Babbitt, James A. Shoptaw, Thomas S Whiteman and Sam Cotton on Aug. 21, 2021.



Color Guardsmen from the Clarence A. Cook Chapter, Continental Chapter, and John Martin Chapter presented the Colors at a DAR patriot grave dedication ceremony hosted by the Horseshoe Prairie Chapter DAR. The DAR dedicated a plaque and the SAR carried the colors and provided a musket salute. Participating were Douglas Gallant, David Shaul, Thomas Whiteman, Jacob Vink, and William Behnke.

IOWA -

Iowa ColorGuard activity July 25 2021

The Iowa Color Guard joined with Nebraska and Minnesota members to represent the NorthCentral Region at the 250th anniversary Plaque ceremony in Knoxville, Iowa on 25 JULY 2021.



[Below Left] NC District Color Guard joined with VFW DAR for 250th anniversary at in IA 25 JUL 2021 L to R Mike Rowley IA Cory VFW Paul Burrighe NE Bob Niffenegger IA Marla Suter DAR Chris Moberg NCD VPG MN Jim Sly NE Dawn Baldwin.

[Below Right] SAR members Paul Burrighe NEB Mike Rowley IOWA Miss Emily Humeston with Jim Sly NEB and Bob Niffegner Iowa at 250th Plaque ceremony in Knoxville Iowa Courthouse



Kansas ColorGuard activity

The Kansas Society Color Guard has experienced the loss of Color Guard Members due to death. Compatriot Clifton E. Meloan of the Konza Prairie Chapter passed on 10 June 2021. Compatriot Lyman LaRue Miller of the Monticello Chapter passed on 26 July 2021 from conditions related to Parkinson's Disease. The Kansas Society Color Guard participated as an Honor Guard in the Visitation for Lyman Miller. Lyman Miller was active for many years and earned his Silver Color Guard. He participated in chapter, state society meetings of both Kansas SAR and DAR. He participated in Presentation of the Colors at many Naturalization Ceremonies during the first reciting of our Pledge of Allegiance and singing of our National Anthem before and estimated 12,000 new citizens. Color Guardsmen of the Kansas Society composed an Honor Guard at the Visitation Service for Compatriot Miller. Honor Guardsmen were Bruce Bowman and Alan Martin of the Monticello Chapter, Dewey Fry, Dennis Nelson, Steven French, Kirk Rush, and Michael Meisinger of the Delaware Crossing Chapter and Michael Chychota of the Henry Leavenworth Chapter.

Lyman Miller is shown in the photo Presenting the Colors at a local function several months before his death. (Photo at Right)



Color Guardsmen John Swartz, Randy Colby and Steven Hamlin participated the in 4th of July parade in Mulvane, Kansas. (Photo at Right).



Color Guardsman Bobbie Hulse (Photo at Left) presented the Colors at the Independence Day City Concert in Great Bend, Kansas. Compatriot Hulse as well as KSSSAR President Vernon Welkner represented Kansas in the National Color Guard at the 131st Congress in Renton, Washington.

On September 25, 2021 three KSSSAR Color Guardsmen Presented the Colors at the Memorial Service rededicating the gravestone of Sarah Jane "Sally" Ride at Anti-och Pioneer Cemetery in Merriam, KS. The ceremony was conducted by the Mission Hills Chapter of the Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Sally Riden served in several offices at the Mission Hills Chapter, the Kansas Society DAR and as Vice President General of the NSDAR. Color Guardsmen participating were, left to right, (Photo Below) Alan Martin of the Monticello Chapter and Dewey Fry and Steven French of the Delaware Crossing Chapter.

Several 4th of July parades were canceled in the metropolitan areas of Kansas as are several fall functions due to increase in numbers of those contracting COVID.



Color Guards and individual Color Guardsmen participated in Independence Day celebrations throughout the State. The KSSSAR Color Guard participated in the Stilwell, Kansas parade. It was a hot day, the Color Guard marched non-stop for 1 1/2 miles at a brisk pace in full uniform. It gave us empathy for our patriot ancestors. Left the right in the photo are Alan Martin, Steven French, Dewey Fry, Gavin Kurtz and Robert Wandell. (Photo at Left).



Independence Day July 2021

The Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter has sponsored an Independence Day program for a local community for each of the past 12 years. The program is undertaken as an educational opportunity while also promoting the SAR. This year the program reviewed the timeline and events leading up to and following the signing of the Declaration of Independence as well as a reading of excerpts from the Declaration of Independence. In order to make the program more interactive for the children, questions were asked during the program with prizes provided for those who could provide the correct answer.

The program also included a flag folding ceremony and a gun salute. The highlight for the children was a parade led by the SAR through the neighborhood.

Seventeen flags were available for the children to carry in the parade with the assistance of their parents. The flags consisted of the current National flag of the United States, the first five National flags of the United States, the Kentucky State flag, and various battle flags of the Revolutionary War and War of 1812. Also in the parade were children riding bicycles that had been decorated for the event. After the parade a bell ringing ceremony was held where each child had an opportunity to ring the bell.

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

State Color Guard Participates in DAR 250 Plaque Dedication

Kansas State Colorguard was asked by Susannah French Putney Chapter DAR to present the colors at the dedication of the first DAR 250 plaque in the state in El Dorado on May 30, 2021. Guardsmen from across the state led by KSSAR colorguard commander Dewy Frey, represented KSSAR at the event which included DAR and C.A.R. dignitaries from all over Kansas. The colorguard stood in the rain for pictures after the dedication ceremony which was moved inside due to inclement weather.



KENTUCKY

Independence Day Parade

The Col. Daniel Boone chapter in Frankfort, Kentucky organized a SAR color guard for the Independence Day parade in Georgetown, KY on 3 July. This was the first time the SAR marched in this parade. Participating in the color guard were members from the Col. Daniel Boone, Gov. Isaac Shelby, and Lafayette chapters of the SAR. Joining the SAR were members of the DAR from the Lexington and Bryan Station chapters in Kentucky and the Piankeshaw chapter in Indiana. A member from the Jack Jouett CAR chapter completed the roster for the color guard.

The color guard consisted of 26 members which included five riflemen. All the units in the parade were reviewed and judged. The SAR color guard received a 2nd Place award from amongst all the parade units entered.

After the parade many of the SAR and DAR participants met at a local restaurant for some good food and social time.

Photo: Members of the color guard after the Independence Day parade in Georgetown, KY





August 2021 Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Ceremony

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

The Kentucky Society SAR honored the Patriots killed in the battle with a memorial service held at the Battle of Blue Lick monument in the Battle of Blue Licks State Park on 21 August. After having conducted a hybrid ceremony in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year the ceremony was able to return to a full in-person ceremony. Kentucky Society President Steve Mallory served as the master of ceremonies.

Participating in the ceremony were Lindsey Brock (President General 2014-2015), Billie Brock, (President, National Ladies Auxiliary), Jesse Moore (Central District Vice-President General), Lou Raborg (National Color Guard Commander) and Kenneth Scott Collins (Senior Adjutant National Color Guard). Taking part in the ceremony were 27 SAR chapters, 13 DAR chapters, and 2 CAR chapters. Nine SAR state societies were also represented.

The color guard for the ceremony consisted of two fifers, 13 riflemen, and 30 flag bearers. During the memorial ceremony, Past Kentucky State Chaplain Geoff Baggett read the Honor Roll of those Patriots killed in the battle accompanied by the tolling of a bell after each name. During the Honor Roll, members of the rifle/musket team performed the drill 'mourn on arms'. The Patriots were also honored with 58 wreaths laid at the monument and a flag folding ceremony. The ceremony concluded with a flintlock gun salute followed by the sounding of Taps.

Photo 8-1: National Color Guard Commander Lou Raborg and Senior Adjutant K. Scott Collins present the folded American Flag at the monument to the fallen Patriots of Blue Licks. in Georgetown, KY

LOUISIANA -



Grave Marking for Shadrack McClendon of the 2nd South Carolina Regiment

In Summerville, Louisiana, on September 18, 2021 the Enemund Meullion chapter of the Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution conducted a grave marking and memorial for Revolutionary War veteran Shadrack McClendon of the 2nd South Carolina Regiment. Pictured are guardsmen left to right: Tony Vets, J. Eric Irby (descendant of Shadrack McClendon,) Doctor James Morock, and Ted Brode.



America's Spanish Savior: Bernardo de Gálvez

In 1776, there began a revolution in the American English colonies which affected the future of many people. This American Revolution affected more than just those people along the East coast fighting for self-government. By 1779, it had affected people living in a Spanish colony called "Luisiana."

About 242 years ago, a certain group of people of Acadian descent in Luisiana took a very keen interest in this revolution. When Spain became involved in this war, her old enemy (England) had a strong military force concentrated up the Mississippi river at Natchez. This force, sniffing at Luisiana's northern border, was eager to pounce upon the weak Spanish Province. The Governor-General in New Orleans, Bernardo de Galvez, upon getting the word that war had been declared against England, called to arms her various militia units in Luisiana for help.

One such unit, the Opelousas Post Militia (OPM), responded with great eagerness. This was so because the 100 or so members of this Post was made up of a majority of men of Acadian descent, men who they and their ancestors had been uprooted and deported several years earlier (1755-61) from their beloved homeland of Acadie, Canada.

Thus, in the hot, sweltering month of August of 1779, and just after a horrific hurricane had battered New Orleans and the southern portion of Louisiana, the men departed from their farms and families. They crossed the flooded

Atchafalaya swamp in anything that could float to join Galvez with his small professional army marching up the Mississippi from New Orleans to confront an expected English attack on his province.

They met Galvez at today's St. Gabriel, and from there were involved in the attack of the small, lightly defended British fort at Manchac. Capturing it, Galvez with his little army and his militia forces then headed for the more formidable fort at Baton Rouge, sometimes referred to as Ft. Richmond. That fort was besieged on 20 September and taken the next day. The formal surrender took place on 22 September, 1779. A grateful Galvez thanked his militias, paid them for their service, and sent them home.

Galvez, promoted to Brigadier General, then went on to successfully attack the British at Mobile and Pensacola. Some individuals of the various Louisiana militias followed him in those campaigns, but most of the Opelousas militiamen returned home to their farms and families. Today, many people living in southwestern Louisiana can trace their family tree to these militia patriots. You may check the names of these patriots listed on the OPM militia roll listed on this pamphlet and elsewhere.

The Sons and Daughters of the National Society of the American Revolution would welcome your applications to join this bloodline organization. Most of you can trace your bloodline using Church records of this period. Go online to www.sar.org to see how to join the SAR, and www.DAR.org to join the DAR.



Commemoration of The Opelousas Post Militia 1777



Sat., Oct. 16, 2021
12 Noon

Vieux Village Heritage Park

Veterans of Opelousas Post Militia - 1777

Officers:

Mr. Delamorandiere, Captain
Mr. Lemelle, Lieutenant
Mr. Soileau, Ensign
Mr. Donatto Bello, Major

Sergeants:

Mondon, Frederic, St. Germain

Corporals:

Bapte Guillorie
Amable Bertrant
Enry Fontenau

Fusiliers (Riflemen)

A:

Abelle Arbe

B:

Jean Bouillon
Charle Bourasan
Francois Bossie
Michel Brignac
Joseph Boutin
Francois Baree
Antoine Bellard

Jean Bapte Barre

Belvue ??

Blaise Brasso

C:

Michel Cormin(u?)
Pierre Cariere
Michel Carriere
Jacque Crouque
Charles Comau
Antoine Connard
Francois Campau
Martin Camaraac

D:

Laurant Dupre
Joseph Drouain
Jean Debordes
Romain de la Fauce
Pierre Doucette
Jacque Dupre
Jaque Deborde
Baptiste Douscette
Francois Debrandier

F:

Francois Frenot
Augustin Fontenau
Cleman Fainette(nelle?)
Jaques Fontenau
Joseph Fontenau
Francois Fruge
Pierre Fruge
Louis Fontenau
Pierre Fontenau
Simon Fonteneau
Philippe Fontenau

G:

Josau Garete
Charle Granssone
Joseph Guillorie
Claude Guillorie
Joseph Guenard
Louis Guillorie
Joseph Grange

J:

Michel Janisse
Jacque Jalbro
Joseph Jansonne
Jean Jansonne
Pierre Jobert
Louis Jatrus
Paul Jansonne
L:
Constant Lamirande
Antoine Langlois
Blaise Lejeune
Jacque Laffleur
Jean Bapte Lejeune
Joseph Lamirande
M:
Endre Marche
Jaque Mirke
Jacque Metalie
Joseph Maurau(n?)

O:

Jean Ortolant
P:
Pierre Primau
Antoine Patin
Francois Pitre
Michel Prudhome
Jean Poirer
Cristofe Paytre(?)
Florantin Poirer
Thomas Priestman
Jean Paul
Joseph Poirer
Q:
Francois Quare
R:
Victor Richard
Pierre Richard
Fabien Richard
Michel Raitro

S:

Joseph Sonnieu
Joseph Silvestre
Augustin Soileau
Jean Savoie
Bapte Stilie
Jacob Senel(t?)
Pierre Savoye
Silvin Saunier
Bapte Saussier
Jorge Stelie
T:
Pierre Trahan
Maturine Tesson
Joseph Thery
Renard Tamague
V:
Joseph Vable
Francois Veillon
Charle Vige

MARYLAND -

Summer July-Sept

July 4th - Color Guard members participated in 3 different events on the 4th



First time out for the MDS-SAR Charles Carroll of Carrollton Chapter Color Guard as they were honored to be a part of Columbia's River Hill Community Association 2021 Independence Day Parade. Representing the Charles Carroll Chapter were Dr. James Schaub and Mr. Gerry Frank. The weather cooperated nicely and was beautiful. The crowds were kind and enthusiastic. Looking forward to next year already! HUZZAH! (picLeft & Right)



CG Commander David Embrey was in Red with his wife at the 'An American Celebration' at Mount Vernon for the 4th as he and the 1st Virginia Music played for the crowd and conducted a Field Music demonstration on the Bowling Green. With temps in the mid 80's, it was a fine day to be in wool and all had a good time. (pic Lefty Daniel Wilson, Tim Billings and David Embrey, (pic Right - The Washington Post)



3rd - It was a perfect day for a parade and for the fourth year SAR Chapter: Col Aquila Hall, 2 DAR Chapters: Gov William Paca & Harbor of Grace and last but not least the CAR Chapter: Bush Declaration all came together to participate in the Bel Air Parade. The theme of the parade was Healthcare Heroes, we went with Then and Now, we had a modern day vignettes, a 1918 Spanish Flu and 1776 with Martha Washington getting the smallpox inoculation. We were well received and got a lot of applause and received Second Place. The most moving tribute was a sailor in dress whites came to attention and saluted us. Color Guard participants included (pic Below) William and Christopher Smithson, past National Commander David Hoover, National Commander Lou Raborg and Don Eberhardt - Pops and Leo bring up the rear (pic Right)



August - September



Aug/28 - The uniform of the day was Coatee or Frock Coat as the Color Guard honored Pvt Thomas Besson, who died in action, and Corp John Durham with Colors and Musket Salute. Both men fought at the Battle of Baltimore. With temps in the 90's it was another Great Day to be in Wool. Member included Commander David Embrey, Past National Commander David Hoover, Don Eberhardt, William Smithson, Kevin Carr, Christopher Smithson and Michael Price - (pic Left & Right)



Sept /11 It was an honor for the MDSSAR Color Guard to advance and posted Colors as well as provided a musket salute for the Second Annual 9/11 Community Tribute in Thurmont, MD. The Thurmont Lions Club was the host of this community tribute to the thousands of Americans who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, including the heroic first responders. Featured Color Guards were from Scout Troop 270, American Legion Post 168, AMVETS Post 7, and the Sons of the American Revolution. Carroll Manor Chapter of the DAR lead the Pledge of Allegiance and



the Gateway Brass Ensemble provided patriotic music. 'The Line' included Drummer Katy Bovey, Color Guard members included David Embrey, Gene Moyer, Don Eberhardt, David Hoover and Fifer Claude Bauer. (pic Left) Fire (pic Right)



Sept 14 - 'Such a Sad Day to be in Wool.' Today we honored our good friend and Compatriot, MDSSAR Color Guard member Ron Harbaugh (pic Left) of the Sgt. Lawrence Everhart Chapter due to his untimely passing. He will surely be missed but will always be remembered. Ron was a veteran so Commander Embrey played "Taps." on the fife for the Grave Site Service. - HUZDAH my brother - Gaurdsmen included - David Embrey, David Hoover, John Davidson, Gene Moyer, William Smithson, Don Eberhardt, James Tucker and Gerald Harris -Forward March (pic Right) Prime and Load (pic Bottom)



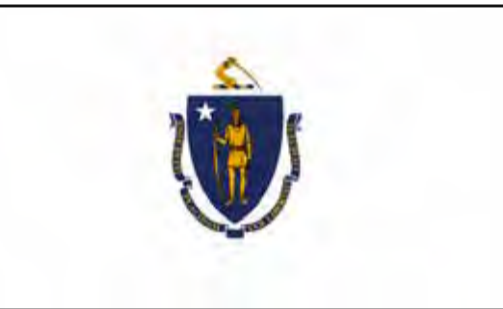
September

Aug/28 - The uniform of the day was Coatee or Frock Coat as the Color Guard honored Pvt Thomas Sept 18 – Back in Time - The Aquila Hall Chapter Color Guard participated in the Back in Time event for the 250th Celebration of the Fork United Methodist Church in Fork Maryland with a table display, Grave Marking and two Musket Demos. There's nothing better then talking to the public and sharing History. It was a 'Great Day to be in Wool' for Don Eberhardt, David Hoover, William and Christopher Smithson. (pic Right)

Sept 20 – Guardsman David Embrey traded in his Blue Regimental for Red as he opened the DAR Annual Constitution Week Proclamation



Signing Program in Alexandria Virginia with Yankee Doodle (pic Left) with 5 DAR Chapters participated along with the George Washington Chapter of the VASSAR. David gave a 5 minute talk on the Fife, Drum and the importance of the Field Musick in camp life and the War and was accompanied by Ms. Vicki (Embrey) who gave a taking on working women in 1787. (pic Right)



MASSACHUSETTS - Memorial to Commander Emeritus (1967 1988) Col. Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard, Richard King Thorndike

Danvers, Massachusetts
Family, close friends, colleagues and members of the Col. Henry Knox Color Guard assembled in a service of celebration of life and thanksgiving on the 1-year anniversary of Richard Thorndike's passing on September 19, 2020. Richard was a 50-year member of

the Sons of the American Revolution was personally instrumental in the 1967 return to life of the Color Guard after its disbandment in 1953 at the end of the Korean War.

Born in Boston, MA March 27, 1938, Richard Thorndike was a direct decedent of Revolutionary War veteran Israel Thorndike. His ancestor at the outbreak of the war 1775 joined the Massachusetts Navy. Israel's service to Country continued in 1788, he was a pro-ratification delegate to the Massachusetts Convention on the question of ratifying the newly proposed United States Constitution.

Richard Thorndike for 26 years (1967 to 1988) lead the Col. Henry Knox Color Guard. Under his command the Color Guard participated in 2 major historic bi-centennial celebrations of the United States.

In 1976, the Boston parade celebrating America's 200th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence from British rule. Attending the event included the British monarch Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip. The Queen took note the Col. Knox Color Guard and after the parade the Queen personally met with Commander Thorndike.

In 1983 in Paris France, the 200th anniversary of the Treaty of Versailles which recognized the United States of America as an independent sovereign nation among nations. Organized by Thorndike 9 members of the Guard traveled to France to join France's commemoration. Events included the formal ceremony parade of flags at the Versailles palace.

Followed by wreath laying at the tomb of General Marquis de Lafayette and at the statue of General Jean-Baptiste Rochambeau. A march down the Champs-Elysees and a final wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier under the Arc de Triomphe. On September 11, 2021 before family, friends and colleagues, a Richard Thorndike legacy the Col. Henry Knox Color Guard closed the proceedings with a military musket 3-volley farewell salute.



Picture Above Right; location France courtyard at the Palace of Versailles Commander Thorndike inspecting the Color Guard members



Picture Left ; Location courtyard at Versailles, the official ceremony the parade of flags. Col. Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard, include the State flag of Massachusetts.



L/R Bob Hawcroft, Norm Palmer, Joe Conger. not pictured PEC member Ron Barnard.



“WE WANT YOU”

Those were the words we said over and over those two days.

July 17 - 18, 2021 the Michigan Color Guard members were at our annual SAR Recruiting Event in Frankenmuth, Michigan.

The event is called the “Cass River Colonial Encampment”. Several revolutionary re-enactor groups entertained the crowds of people. We talked to several interested and potential SAR members. We were eager for their responses. Our job is to describe our society and educate and help them become aware of our society and it’s work. Most of all, we try to recruit new members.

Our main purpose is to recruit and promote historical battles and every day life during the revolutionary war era. Re enactments, music, fashion shows, history lessons adorned the stage at the River Place Shops grounds.



Camp Commander and Northern Michigan Chapter SAR member Brent Kemmer lead the march through town.

Close behind and always in front the Michigan SAR Color Guard carried the countries flag and the SAR society banners First 4 people: R/L SAR Northern Michigan chapter member and Camp Commander Brent Kemmer, Michigan Color Guard Commander: Norman Palmer Missar Vice Commander: Joe Conger, Paul Emery Chapter President: Bob Hawcroft



The battalion’s musketeers fired a 3 volley “SALUTE” at the pedestrian bridge during the march. As the smoke from the muskets hang in the air a spectator said, “Smell that? “That’s the smell of FREEDOM ! “

NSSAR Silver Good Citizenship

The MISSAR Paul Emery Chapter decided to award River Place Shops owner, Mike Zehnder the NSSAR Silver Good Citizenship award. When we recruit at his advertised encampment we are always given premier treatment and help. It’s a wonderful 2 days.

Our lack of options to present this medal to him during Covid, placed it during the Cass River Colonial Encampment. Missar Color Guard Commander Emeritus Gerald Burkland, championed the idea back in the winter of 2019. A surprised success was ours as his smile indicated when he received the medal and certificate. Mike Zehnder accepted our gesture recognizing his work in charities, community commerce, philanthropy in the community of Frankenmuth, Michigan and mid-Michigan area. (Photos courtesy of RPS events director Jessica Hayne.)



Unaware of what was happening the battalion grenadiers escorted Mr. Zehnder to the grassy knoll.



Encampment Camp Commander and SAR Northern Michigan Chapter member Brent Kemmer presented the medal at the request of Gerald Burkland. Handshakes were in order.

MINNESOTA -



Wayzata, MN

On Sunday, July 4th 2021 the Minnesota SAR Society Color Guard joined forces with the Minnesota CAR, Minnesota DAR, & 7th Pennsylvania Regiment (a local reenactment group) to honor our nation's history for the crowd attending the Flying Pancake Breakfast event at the Wayzata Depot on Lake Minnetonka. Over 1200 attended the event. The Color Guard raised flags, taught history lessons, and marched to the dock on the marina to fire musket rounds [Photo courtesy of Jason Jenkins – Wayzata Sun Sailor]. This year, four new Color Guard attended: Rick Smith, Richard Howey (fife player), Phil Christiansen (musketeer), and Kerry Johnson (Captain of the 7th Pennsylvania Regiment, who joined the SAR in 2021).

MISSOURI -



4th of July Ceremony at Lee's Summit Missouri Historical Cemetery

On July 4, 2021 the Independence Patriots Chapter, the Harry S Truman Chapter and the DAR Adam Yager Chapter performed a 4th of July Ceremony at Lee's Summit Missouri Historical Cemetery to recognize the devotion of our patriot ancestors.

Left to right: Dan Piedlow (OMC), Steven Perkins (OMC), Michael Hahn (IPC), Robert Grover (HST), Russell DeVenney (MGC), Richard Matthews (AMC), James Scott (AMC), Donald Turner (OPC), Peter Reynolds (IPC), and Roy Hutchinson (HST).

Photo Provided by Dan Piedlow (OMC)/Stephen Sullins (IPC).



Left to right: Stephen Sullins (IPC), Michael Hahn (IPC), Ron Paris (IPC), Roy Hutchinson (HST), Loretta Paris (Adam Yager DAR).

Photo taken by Kathy Hutchinson and provided Compatriot Stephen Sullins (IPC).



Constitution Day Proclamation

On September 7, 2021 the Independence Patriots Chapter & the Harry S Truman Chapter were recipients of a Constitution Day Proclamation, at the Independence City Council Meeting, Independence Missouri, City Hall.

L/R. Ronald Paris, Stephen Sullins (IPC), Robert Grover (HST), Independence Mayor Eileen Weir, Roy Hutchinson (HST)

Photo provided by Roy Hutchinson (HST)/Stephen Sullins (IPC).

Compatriot grave marking ceremony by Missouri Society Colorguardsmen.

On July 24, 2021 the Independence Patriots Chapter hosted a grave marking ceremony honoring the 23-year SAR service of IPC Compatriot/Colorguardsman Alvin Lee Paris. He is buried at Lee's Summit Historical Cemetery located at 806 SE 3rd St., Lee's Summit, Missouri. Color Guard and members of the Harry S Truman, Alexander Majors, M Graham Clark, Ozark Patriots, and Ozark Mountain chapters joined the Independence Chapter. The event was attended by surviving members of the Paris family and local DAR Members. Not appearing in the photo are Jack Quint (AMC) and Peter Reynolds (IPC).

Commemoration of Civil War Battle of Lone Jack, Missouri

On August 14, 2021 Missouri Society, SAR Colorguardsmen from the Independence Patriots Chapter and the Alexander Majors Chapter participated in a ceremony commemorating the Civil War Battle of Lone Jack, in conjunction with Civil War reenactors. The site is located in Lone Jack, Missouri.

The Battle of Lone Jack took place on August 16, 1862. 806 Federal troops and approximately 2,000 Confederate troops fought in the town square for five hours. It was a Confederate victory. Today, the site features a soldiers' cemetery and the only Civil War Museum in Jackson County, Missouri. This historic site is one of the few in which the soldiers who perished during the battle are still buried in the field where the battle was waged. The battlefield has been designated a National Cemetery.



Left to right: Compatriots James Scott (AMC), Stephen Sullins (IPC), Michael Hahn (IPC), Ron Paris (IPC), and Richard Matthews (AMC).

Photos provided by Compatriot Stephen Sullins (IPC).



A Missouri Society Color Guard was in attendance to Honor Compatriot Kerr. Left to right: Charles McMillan (OMC), Bruce Hillis (MGC), James Baker (CCC), Harold's nephew, Harold's Sister Mary Ellen Kerr, Russ DeVenney (MGC), Wayne Merrill (MGC), John Coutts (MGC), Stephen Sullins (IPC). Photos provided by Compatriots David Bartlett (MGC) and Charles McMillan (OMC).

Passing of Missouri Society Compatriot Harold Henry Kerr, II

Compatriot Harold Henry Kerr, II passed away at his home on August 7, 2021. He was 59 years old. He received a B.S. Degree from Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, Missouri in 1984 and then worked as a Children's Service Worker with the Missouri Division of Family Service in Mexico, Missouri and Hannibal, Missouri. He received a M.S. Degree in Safety Management in 1989 and then worked in industrial safety for seven years. Harold became disabled and began a hobby of performing genealogy research. Harold was an active member of the Missouri Society and held several positions. He served as President of the M. Graham Clark SAR Chapter and the Howard County Genealogical Society. He was also a member of the South Howard County Historical Society and an officer in the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Missouri. He is survived by his sister Mary Ellen Kerr. A memorial service was held on Sunday, August 15, 2021 at the Markland-Yager Funeral Home in New Franklin, Missouri. The Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution provided a Color Guard for his memorial service.



Celebration of the United States Constitution in Raymore, Missouri

On September 17, 2021 the Little Blue River DAR Chapter of Grandview, Missouri held a celebration of the United States Constitution at the Saint Paul United Methodist Church in Raymore, Missouri. Members of the MOSSAR Independence Patriots Chapter and the Harry S Truman Chapter participated. Constitution Day commemorates the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution by thirty-nine brave men on September 17, 1787, recognizing all who are born in the U.S. or by naturalization, have become citizens.

Left to right: Compatriots Roy Hutchinson (HST), Stephen Sullins (IPC), and Ron Paris (IPC).

Photos provided by Compatriot Stephen Sullins (IPC).



Left to right: Compatriots Ron Paris (IPC), Stephen Sullins (IPC), and Roy Hutchinson (HST).

Photos provided by Compatriot Stephen Sullins (IPC).

Independence Patriots Chapter presented the Colors at the Lafayette Lexington DAR Chapter meeting.



On September 15, 2021 the Independence Patriots Chapter presented the Colors at the Lafayette Lexington DAR meeting held at Christ Episcopal Church, Lexington Missouri. Compatriot Stephen Sullins was the guest Speaker at the meeting.

Left to right: Stephen Sullins, LaDonna Scott, Renee Windle, and Betsy Laitner.

Photo Provided by Stephen Sullins



Missouri Bicentennial Inaugural Parade at the State Capitol in Jefferson City celebrating 200 years of Missouri History

The Missouri Bicentennial Inaugural Parade, celebrating 200 years of Missouri History, was held September 18th in Jefferson City, Missouri. The parade had 96 entries, including a joint entry from the Christopher Casey SAR Chapter and the Jane Randolph DAR Chapter. Marching in Regimental Colors were Compatriot Jim Baker, Color Guard Commander, carrying the SAR flag, and Travis Bauer, a future SAR applicant, carrying the Betsy Ross flag. Riding behind were Elizabeth "Tina" Sellner, Regent, Esther Rosner, Vice Regent, and Debra Baker, holding the SAR 250th flag. Walking the parade route and handing out candy were Brandi Friend and her daughter, Tiauna. Some state officials were in attendance; Governor Mike Parson walked in the parade alongside his wife, Teresa. Lieutenant Governor Mike Kehoe also walked in the parade and greeted people on each float.

Photos provided by Compatriot James Baker (MGC).

Left to right: Compatriots Travis Bauer and James Baker. Photo Provided by Stephen Sullins

Front row, left to right: Brandi Friend, Travis Bauer Tiauna Friend, and James Baker. Back row, left to right: Elizabeth Sellner, Esther Rosner, and Debra Baker. Photos provided by Compatriot James Baker (MGC).



The 51st Annual Rendezvous at Fort De Chartres commemorating 50 years of Rendezvous and the 300th Anniversary of Fort De Chartres

The 51st Annual Rendezvous at Fort De Chartres commemorating 50 years of Rendezvous and the 300th Anniversary of Fort De Chartres was held at Prairie Du Rocher, IL on September 11-12, 2021. This two-day annual Rendezvous featured shooting competitions, military drills, dancing, music, food and eighteenth-century-style goods! Compatriot James Baker, Christopher Casey Chapter, Jefferson City, Missouri participated in daily opening and closing ceremonies, representing George Rogers Clark's Kaskaskia Company, as well as providing a living history display. There were 252 campsites and over 10,000 visitors to the event.



Left to right: Compatriot James Baker and Travis Bauer who is in the process of putting in his application for SAR.

Photos provided by Compatriot Jim Baker (CCC).





Living history event "Walk Back In Time", Mexico, Audrain County, Missouri

Compatriot James Baker, Christopher Casey Chapter, Jefferson City, Missouri participated in the living history event "Walk Back In Time" at Mexico, Audrain County, Missouri on 24-26 September 2021. The event provides a timeline from the Vikings to modern day. At this family-friendly, living history festival where visitors walked from camp to camp and experienced life during the 1770's colonists, the wild west, the civil war, WWII, etc. Reenactors were encamped Friday through Sunday and live as they would have in each time period. Closing ceremony was dedicated to a CW2 Pilot who recently returned from Afghanistan

Left to right: Unknown, Travis Bauer (in the process of completing an application for SAR membership) and Compatriot James Baker (CCC).

Photos provided by Compatriot Jim Baker (CCC).

Compatriot James Baker with SAR 250th Anniversary (1776-2026) Flag. Photos provided by Compatriot Jim Baker (CCC).



NEBRASKA -

Ralston Independence Day Parade

On July 4th, 2021, the Nebraska Society SAR Color Guard marched in the Ralston Independence Day Parade. This parade, one of the largest in the state, has had as many as 70,000 people in attendance. This was the 61st year for this event, which takes place in Ralston, also known as the "Independence City".

The following members marched in the parade this year: Commander Chad Sherrets, Captain Shawn Stoner, Captain Paul Burrignt, Lieutenant Jim Sly, and new member Andrew Sullivan.

It was great to march the national colors in front of a large audience again!



Assisting the Iowa Society SAR Color Guard

On July 25th, two Nebraska Color Guard members, Paul Burrignt and Jim Sly of Omaha, traveled 3 hours to help the Iowa SAR Color Guard during the DAR's America 250 Patriot Marker Dedication Ceremony in Knoxville, IA



Nebraska SAR Fall State Meeting

Our state society just held their Fall State Meeting at Mahoney State Park on Sunday, September 26th. In addition to posting and retiring the colors for the meeting, I also had the opportunity to swear in Compatriot Jim Sly as the new Omaha Chapter Color Guard Lieutenant. Jim has been very active with our organization and is very deserving of this honor.



NHSSAR

New Hampshire experienced a big increase in activity this quarter, giving us multiple events in which to participate.

Independence Day parades were plentiful, and we marched in Ashland, NH, on a rainy July 3rd. After taking a month to dry out, on 7 Aug we provided a Color Guard for the DAR at their annual Cathedral of the Pines event in Rindge, NH. Old Home Days Parades followed in Dunbarton on 14 Aug and Londonderry on 21 Aug. The Lafayette Trail dedications returned to New Hampshire with three more scheduled. On 25 Sep we provided volley fire for a plaque dedication in Bradford, on the site of a former tavern in which the Marquis d'Lafayette stayed on his 50th Anniversary tour, celebrating the American Revolution.

Not least of all, our Color Guard held training sessions on 29 Aug and 26 Sep. Some of our members also travelled to Connecticut for Grave Markings with the CTSSAR, with which our Color Guard has dual membership.



Ashland Parade of July 4th



Bradford Lafayette



Dunbarton Old Home Days Parade



Cathedral of the Pines



Londonderry Old Home Days Parade



NORTH CAROLINA -

Blue Ridge Color Guard Celebrates Constitution Day

The Blue Ridge Chapter Color Guard celebrated the 232nd Anniversary of the United States of America on Friday, October 17th. The ceremony was held on the plaza in front of the Historic Henderson County Court House in Hendersonville, North Carolina. Revolutionary era reenactor Don Hendrix gave a rendition of the debate in North Carolina over the Constitution's acceptance while Hendersonville Mayor Barbara Volk proclaimed October 17, 2021 as Constitution Day in Hendersonville. At 4:00 pm the members of the Joseph McDowell DAR Chapter and onlookers rang bells to commemorate the occasion.

The Blue Ridge Color Guard presented the National Colors for the singing of the National Anthem. Included in the flag array were the American Flag, Betsy Ross Flag, North Carolina State flag, SAR flag, and battle flags from Cowpens and Guilford Courthouse.



NEW JERSEY -

July 4, 2021, Perth Amboy - NJ, Ringing of the New Jersey Liberty Bell and Reading of the Declaration of Independence

Each year on the 4th of July the City of Perth Amboy (the State capitol prior to Trenton) celebrates the 4th of July with a march starting at the Proprietary House in Perth Amboy (the last standing British Governor's House from the Revolutionary War era) and ends at the Liberty Bell Monument. At that time, a wreath is laid, and the New Jersey Liberty Bell is rung 13 times. The New Jersey Society SAR Color Guard leads this event. This year the New Jersey Fifes & Drums LLC performed colonial songs during the march. In attendance were Color Guard Members Ed Glidden,



Gary Beauregard, Dave Nelson, Jake Rue, Sam Davis, Jay Hershey, Brendon Williams and NJSSAR President Charles Morgan

Above: Gary Beauregard and Robert Meyer stand guard as the New Jersey Replica Liberty Bell is rung 13 times.

Left: NJSSAR Color Guard stand at the reading of the Declaration of Independence. L-R Ed Glidden, Gary Beauregard, Bob Meyer,



July 14, 2021: SAR Conference Seattle, WA

The 131st SAR Congress in Renton, Washington on July 14 was attended by NJSSAR Color Guard Members including VPG North Atlantic District and past NJSSAR President Robert Meyer and Roger Williams, NJSSAR Historian. The keynote speech was given by the 26th Secretary of Defense of the United States of America retired four-star General James N. Mattis, USMC. Additionally, through the efforts of SAR genealogists a Patriot Ancestor was found for General Mattis and, totally unknown to the General, he was inducted into the SAR.

Left: Each year at the SAR Conference our own Robert Meyer arranges for a picture of all the Veteran attending the conference. Bob Meyer is pictured in the front row in buff and blue uniform with General Mattis on his left.



Right: NJSSAR Historian Roger Williams leads a group of members while retiring the Colors.

August 7, 2021 - John Outwater Sign Unveiling

The Moonachie Municipal Complex in the Borough of Moonachie was the scene for the recognition of Captain John Outwater with a sign dedication. Captain John Outwater's Company of the Bergen County Militia Regiment was one of twenty-five companies raised by Act of the New Jersey Assembly in 1776. However, due to the demoralizing retreat of the Continental Army across New Jersey after the Fall of New York and the surrounding American positions, it seems the Company did not actually form until early 1777. When the Company was assembled in Hackensack, the Company elected its Company Commanders: John Outwater as Captain; Adam Boyd, Lieutenant, and Abraham Allen, Ensign.

When not repelling raiders or invasions, the company concentrated on interdicting Loyalist trade with the British in New York. Goods for the British were often sent down the Hackensack River and the goods and transporters would be seized by Outwater's men. The Justice of the Peace would then award the goods to the captors. Sometimes Outwater's militia guarded prisoners for the Sheriff.

In December 1780, the State legislature commissioned the Outwater's Company as New Jersey State Troops. State Troops were considered a cut above militia; the comparative stability of their long-term enlistment allowed them to be assigned more important and intensive duties. They served as State Troops through 1781



Above: A group photo was taken of the following participants: New Jersey Society of the American Revolution (NJSSAR), State Color Guard of the NJSSAR, Reenactors of the Outwater Militia Living History Group, The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NJDAR), State Organization (NJDAR), Moonachie Mayor Dennis Vaccaro, Councilperson Anthony Cirillo and Historian James Halloran.

Top: Attending the Outwater Sign unveiling were NJSSAR Color Guard members: L-R Julian Hershey, David Nelson, Robert Meyer, Robert Anderson, and Clark McCullough.

September 26, 2021 - Community Day, Springfield Twp Veterans Park, Jobstown, NJ

Springfield Township celebrated their Agricultural Heritage and Revolutionary War History event. The event featured a Town Tractor Parade, Old Time Agricultural Equipment, Local Farm Market, Speakers, Crafts, Field Day activities, food vendors, and emphasis on the two Burlington County battles/skirmishes (Petticoat Bridge and Iron Works Hill).

The New Jersey Society Color Guard posted the Colors at the opening ceremony and mingled with the crowd highlighting the Revolutionary War theme. The event commemorated the Battles of Petticoat Bridge and Iron Works Hill and how it played a critical part in the Continental Army's victory at Trenton on Christmas Day, 2016, an important part of the "Ten Crucial Days." There is an effort underway, working with the American Battlefield Trust and the Burlington County Battlefield Alliance, to designate a location and monument for the Battle of Petticoat Bridge



Members of the NJSSAR Color Guard are L-R Rich Serfass, State VP and Color Guard Commander, Jim Howard, State Registrar and South Jersey 1st VP/Genealogist, Charlie Morgan, NJSSAR President, Brian Welsh, South Jersey Chapter, Larry Nelson, South Jersey Secretary, and Sam Davis, General Washington Character Interpreter and Monmouth Chapter.

August 13-14, 2021 - Atlantic Middle States Conference, Annapolis, MD

The 2021 Atlantic Middle States Association conference, hosted by the Maryland Society Sons of the American Revolution was held on Friday and Saturday August 13-14 at the Crown Plaza in Annapolis, MD. Attending for the New Jersey Society were President Charles Morgan, Treasurer Warren Fristensky, Vice President and Color Guard Commander Richard Serfass, Robert C. Meyer, VPG North Atlantic District and Past President, AMS Web Tech Roger S. Williams, and Sam Davis (Princeton-Cranbury Chapter). Sam Davis portrayed General George Washington in giving the keynote address at the Saturday night dinner.



NJSSAR Color Guardsmen Roger Williams, Charles Morgan, Bob Meyer, and Warren Fristensky



Members of the SAR Society of State Presidents, L-R Front row: Jeff Thomas (Virginia), Andrew Lick (Pennsylvania), Charles Morgan (New Jersey), Davis Wright (President General), William Richey, Jr. (District of Columbia), Mark Deeds (Maryland), Back row Robert Meyer (North Atlantic VPG), Troy Foxwell (Middle Atlantic VPG), Larry Josefowski (Delaware), Joseph Fitzpatrick (New York)

August 29, 2021 - MARCH TO YORKTOWN.

The town of Westfield, NJ held the annual Washington/Rochambeau Anniversary march to Yorktown. 240 years ago, General George Washington with the Continental Army and French General comte de Rochambeau marched to Yorktown, VA to defeat the British! On August 29, 1781 a column of the Continental Army including the 1st Rhode Island Regiment with many African-American soldiers passed through Westfield, NJ

Reenactors in uniforms portraying French officers and members of the 1st Rhode Island Regiment of the Continental Army took part in this year's festivities. A brief ceremony by Westfield's Mayor Brindle started things off, with speeches from representatives of the Sons of the American Revolution, the DAR, and the event's main organizer, W3R-New Jersey, the local state association of The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route



Reenactor General Rochambeau shaking hands with an ancestor of one of the Rhode Island Militia soldiers participating in the march. NJSSAR Color Guardsman Dave Nelson and Jim Sanford looking on.



4th person from the left Sam Davis, as General Washington, General Rochambeau, David Nelson (West Fields Ch), General Chastellux, James Sanford (West Field Ch), Westfield Mayor Shelly Brindle, Tom D'Amico (Raritan Valley Ch), Jay Hershey (West Field Ch), a DAR member, and Brendon Williams (Monmouth Ch). Not pictured is Julie Didell, chair and organizer of W3R-New Jersey and this event

ton-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route

September 18, 2021 - Vigil at Mount Vernon

The annual SAR Vigil at Washington's Tomb, led by National Color Guard Commander Lou Raborg, was held on a hot and humid day. Representing the New Jersey Society Color Guard were Rob Meyer and Jim Howard.

Right: Pictured with members of the National SAR Color Guard staff, in buff and blue uniforms, are Jim Howard (far left) and Bob Meyer (third from right).

Left: Jim Howard, NJSSAR Registrar (left) stands guard at the tomb of General George Washington





NEW YORK -

Remembering Four Revolutionary War Patriots

Patriots GEORGE BROWN JR., NATHANIEL PLUMB, OLIVER BARTHOLOMEW and JAMES PARKER were honored by the Thousand Islands Chapter of the NYSSAR on July 11, 2021 at the Brownville cemetery in Brownville, NY. Participating in the ceremony were the LeRay de Chaumont Chapter, NSDAR, Glen Park Troop 2 BSA and decedents of the Patriots.



Color Guard picture is (L to R) Bruce Coyne, Boy Scouts Alexander Klindt, Brayton Cornell, Riley Cornell, Kael Hoselton and Dan Ames with back to the camera.



OHIO

Fort Laurens Memorial Service

The Ohio Society Color Guard had a great turnout at the annual Fort Laurens Memorial Service in Bolivar, Ohio on Saturday, July 24th. Twenty-five (25) compatriots signed the Color Guard muster sheet, representing 13 Chapters from three (3) different states. Nine (9) compatriots fired in the three (3) volley musket salute and 37 wreaths were presented! VPG Jesse Moore was the keynote speaker and Ohio Society President Troy Bailey presided over the well-attended ceremony. The weather was hot and sunny.



Photo Far Left: OHSSAR Color Guard Commander Bob Hill smiles as he gets a curtsy from a pretty little miss in a period dress and mop hat who presented a wreath on behalf of the Children of the American Revolution.



Photo Right: The Musket Detail fires a salute toward the end of the ceremony at Fort Laurens.



Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony

A Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony hosted by the Joseph Spencer Chapter NSDAR was assisted by 13 members of the Ohio Society SAR Color Guard on Sunday, August 1st in Tarlton, Ohio on the border of Pickaway and Fairfield Counties. OHSSAR President Troy Bailey was present to render greetings. Also present were former OHSSAR Presidents Steve Hinson and Shawn Cox. Honored was Private John Julian of the 4th Company under Capt. Stulls, 33rd Battalion of the Maryland Militia commanded by Col. Charles Beatty. John served with the unit at Basking Ridge in East New Jersey. The day was warm, but cooler than average with threatening rain. As the ceremony proceeded, stronger winds began to blow, and the rain finally came but held off until after the musket salute. The ceremony was nearly over when the rain came down hard and the crowd dispersed for the Town Hall where a nice lunch and refreshments were served. It was here that compatriot Paul Irwin of the Hocking Valley Chapter finally received his National Von Steuben Color Guard Medal, approved back in October, 2020.

The OHSSAR Color Guard presents the Colors at the Tarlton Grave Marking Ceremony



Compatriot Paul Irwin receives his Von Steuben medal at the luncheon after the grave marking ceremony. L to R: Jeff Walt, President Troy Bailey, Paul Irwin, Matt Hardman, Bob Hill, Al Gummere.



OHSSAR Guards Tomb of the Unknown Patriot at Fort Laurens

Nine (9) compatriots from five (5) Chapters of the Ohio Society SAR Color Guard participated in the Third Annual Tomb Guard of the Unknown Patriot at Fort Laurens in Bolivar, Ohio on Saturday, August 28th. The vigil was for six (6) hours from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and began with an Invocation by Matt Hardman, Associate Ohio Society Chaplain.



Guards were posted and relieved every 15 minutes by Tomb Guard Commander Tom Hankins of the Hocking Valley Chapter. Tom was assisted by his Adjutant, Bob Hill, the OHSSAR Color Guard Commander, who instructed the participants in the unique manual-of-arms that mimics the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. During the guard duty, all guards wore white gloves but no equipment other than carrying a musket with bayonet. At the end of the vigil,

Adjutant Hill led participants in a three (3) volley musket salute. The day was hot, but made bearable by a slight breeze and partly cloudy weather. Participants included past OHSSAR Presidents Lee Wilkerson of the Cincinnati Chapter and Shawn Cox of the Arthur St. Clair Chapter. Also of the Cincinnati Chapter was Bob Bowers; Don Miller of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter, Alan See of the Richard Montgomery Chapter, and Jeff Walt of the Hocking Valley Chapter.

Photo Above Right: Compatriot Don Miller of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter as he guards the Tomb of the Unknown Patriot.

Photo Above: Group photo at day's end. L to R: Don Miller, Shawn Cox, Jeff Walt, Tom Hankins, Bob Hill, Bob Bowers, Lee Wilkerson.

Summer Color Guard Events

A small contingent of SAR Color Guardsmen were present in Zanesville, Ohio at the military funeral of a World War Two sailor finally coming home, a sailor killed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on December 7th, 1941. He was Seaman 1st Class Russell C. Roach of the battleship USS Oklahoma which was capsized and sunk during the Japanese attack that brought America into the war. Roach was among the 429 crewmen who were killed. He was unknown until his remains were identified on Oct. 17, 2019. Roach enlisted in the Navy in 1940 and was only 22 years old when he died. He grew up in Zanesville and was the first casualty of World War Two from Muskingum County. On Wednesday, August 11th, his hearse was received by a large crowd of the public and local officials, media, Navy personnel, the VFW and

American Legion, escorted by a large contingent of The Patriot Guard Riders (motorcyclists) who often attend the funerals of US military members and first responders. Many Roach family members were also present. The day was very hot and sunny. A few American Legion members and a sailor actually fainted from standing in the heat. The ceremony was of course solemn, and it was an honor to attend and pay respects despite the heat.

Photo Below: The casket of Seaman 1st Class Russell C. Roach sits in honor after the ceremony awaiting burial at Greenwood Cemetery in Zanesville.



Photo: SAR Color Guard members in attendance at the funeral, L to R: OHSSAR Color Guard Commander Bob Hill, Paul Irwin and Jeff Walt of the Hocking Valley Chapter, Paul Wesslosky of the Kentucky Society SAR, and Lee MacBride of the Western Reserve Chapter.

Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony

On Saturday, August 14th, a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony honoring three (3) patriots was hosted by the Firelands Bicentennial Chapter in Clyde, Ohio at two (2) separate cemeteries. Honored at McPherson Cemetery were patriots Jacob LeFevre and Jacob Daggett. At Tew Cemetery, patriot Nathaniel Munger was honored. The Combined SAR Color Guard was commanded by Norm Miller of the Firelands Bicentennial Chapter and a three (3) volley musket salute was fired. Among the attendees were Jesse Moore, VPG of the Central District, Steve Hinson, Chairman of the Northeast District, Dave Lupien, Chairman of the Northwest District, and Elwin Spray, Chairman of the Southwest District. Besides the Firelands Bicentennial Chapter, compatriots represented the Western Reserve Chapter, John Hancock Chapter, and Northeast Ohio Chapter. Three members of the Sally De Forest Chapter NSDAR



were present and helped with the service, including Regent Connie Beebe. Two (2) descendants of Jacob LeFevre were also present.

Photo Bottom Left: Group photo of the attendees at the Clyde, Ohio Patriot Grave Markings.

Photo Below: OHSSAR 2nd VP Lance Beebe renders greetings and presides over the ceremonies.



Patriot Grave Marking Held In Granville

Over 20 uniformed compatriots of the SAR participated in the combined Color Guard and Musket Salute in a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony in Granville, Ohio on Saturday, September 4th. Five (5) patriots were honored at the Old Colony Burying Ground where a total of 22 Revolutionary War soldiers are known to be buried. The weather was warm and partly cloudy as the program began at 2:00 PM and was well-attended by the public and members of the SAR, DAR, Boy and Girl Scouts, and many community groups and VIP's. Guests included State Senator Jay Hottinger of the 31st District, and Central District NSSAR VPG Jesse Moore. Ohio Society SAR President Troy Bailey

rendered greetings and was the keynote speaker. The grave marking event was organized and emceed by Tom Hankins, current Vice President of the Hocking Valley Chapter. In the combined Color Guard and Musket Detail were compatriots from the states of Kentucky and Indiana. Ohio Chapters represented included the Hocking Valley, Cincinnati, Benjamin Franklin, Northeastern Ohio, Mahoning Valley, Marietta, Highlanders, Arthur St. Clair, and Samuel Huntington. The Ohio Society Ladies Auxiliary were also present.

Photo Right: The Musket Detail at Mourn Arms as Taps is played after a total of five (5) volleys were fired.

Photo Below: SAR group photo after the end of ceremonies.

Photo Left: The Color Guard stands ready to post the Colors from column to line.



Activities at Hocking Hills Liberty Camp for Kids

Since the establishment of the first Hocking Hills Liberty Camp for Kids in Logan, Ohio in 2015, members of the Hocking Valley Chapter SAR have been involved with the camp's education to children about the American Revolution. The camp was originally established by Director Denise Whalen supported by her family and friends of the nonprofit group 3E Learning Enterprises (Essential Educational Experiences) that taught adult classes on the US Constitution. The camp is



Compatriots Al Gummere, Bob Davis, and Bob Hill perform their flag folding ceremony, The Meaning of the 13 Folds.



SAR Compatriots stand with the children after planting a Liberty Tree on the last day of camp.

held on the beautiful grounds of the semi-rural Cornerstone Baptist Church, and although Liberty Camp teaches about Christianity in early American history, the camp is unaffiliated with the church. The camp is held during the last full week of July, for three (3) hours each evening between 6 to 9 PM and is full of wonderful experiences for the children, ages 8 - 12, promoting the same goals as the SAR in education, history, and patriotism.

This year the camp was held from July 26th - 31st. Monday was registration and orientation, but the kids immediately learned about the early settlement of America at Jamestown and Plymouth, colonial life and religion, and watched a blacksmith at work and cloth being made with a spinning wheel. Tuesday the children watched Hocking Valley Chapter members perform the "Meaning of the 13 Folds" flag folding ceremony. These same SAR members then taught three (3) 20 minute classes (the children are divided into three groups) on Paul Revere's Ride and events leading up to the "shot heard 'round the world" at Lexington Green. In other classes the children learned about the Declaration of Independence and met King George with his ideas about taxation (the children earn coins throughout the week, but to their chagrin, King George wants his cut), and they met the "fighting reverend," Peter Muhlenberg. Then lastly, they met Sybil Ludington riding in on her horse warning of the redcoats approach. It might be added that in between classes, the kids learned colonial children's games, sang patriotic songs, and had snack breaks.

On Wednesday the kids met James Armistead Lafayette, a slave who earned his freedom as a spy for the Continental Army. The Revolutionary War came alive with a visit from the 8th Pennsylvania Regiment of the Brigade of the American Revolution (compatriot Bob Hill is a member of this reenactment regiment). The kids were taught about a Continental soldier's uniform and weapons, watched a demonstration on loading and firing muskets as well as a cannon (the cannon firing was a huge thrill for the kids). The kids also learned how to make cartridges and the workings of a firelock.

The kids watched the formal posting of Colors, and learned more about the Continental Army, Militia, and the medicine and instruments of an Army surgeon on Thursday evening by the Hocking Valley Chapter compatriots. Then on Friday the children learned the history of the Star Spangled Banner, the Constitution and Bill of Rights, and the difference between a Republic and a Democracy. On Saturday the children and their parents were introduced to Pastor Ed Bonniwell, a member of the Cincinnati Chapter SAR and Ohio Society Chaplain. Pastor Ed opened with a beautiful prayer and gave an eloquent 45 minute rendition of Divine Providence and its role in our ultimate victory and independence. The pastor then joined his compatriots in a formal ceremony with a musket salute as they planted a Liberty Tree with the children. During a great potluck picnic afterwards, everyone was treated to period music by the Heritage Fife & Drum band. The kids then bought items with their earned coins from the Liberty Store, and two lucky children won bicycles in their selection as "Outstanding Campers."

This year the Ohio Society donated \$500 to the Liberty Camp and it is hoped this support will continue into the future.



Members of the 8th PA Regiment fire their cannon for the children.

Cincinnati Chapter at DAR 250 Patriot Marker

The Cincinnati Chapter's Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard assisted the local Cincinnati DAR in a dedication ceremony on Sunday, August 15th at the Heritage Village Museum in Sharon Woods north of Cincinnati. A DAR 250th (Anniversary) Patriot's Marker was unveiled at a log home built by the Reverend James Kemper in 1804. Many VIP's and members of the NSDAR attended the ceremony as well as members of the community and Heritage Village Museum Board. A highlight of the program was a presentation by Steve Preston who portrayed the Reverend James Kemper. The Cincinnati Color Guard posted Colors at the beginning of the ceremony, and at the end of the program came to Present Arms and Mourn Muskets as the Benediction was said.

Photo Right: Members of the Cincinnati Color Guard ham it up with the National Historian General NSDAR Laura Kessler, in front of the newly dedicated marker. L to R: Bob Bowers, George Stewart, National Historian General Laura Kessler, drummer Bart Hendershot, Color Guard Sergeant Michael Gunn, and Pastor Ed Bonniwell, OHS-SAR Chaplain.



OHSSAR Color Guard Represented In Out of State Events

Photo Below Left: John W. Neth III of the Kings Mountain Chapter in Johnson City, TN and a dual member of the Hocking Valley Chapter in Lancaster, OH comes to Present Arms as he presents a wreath on behalf of his Ohio chapter at the Gathering at Sycamore Shoals Memorial Ceremony near Elizabethton, TN on Sept. 11th. John also presented a wreath for the Hocking Valley Chapter at a Patriot Grave Marking the day before, participating in the Color Guard and firing in musket salutes in both ceremonies.

Photo Below Right: Compatriots fire a musket salute at the Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Ceremony near Carlisle, KY on August 21st. Ohio Society Color Guard members who presented wreaths and fired in the musket salute were Don Miller of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter, Gary Duffield of the Highlander Chapter, and Al Gummere of the Hocking Valley Chapter.



Labor Day "Holiday At Home" Parade

Members of the Richard Montgomery Chapter Color Guard attend the Labor Day "Holiday At Home" Parade in Kettering, Ohio on September 6th. Members named in the photo: Alan See, Lee Emerick, Jerry Francis, Kevin Daniel, Scott Grisby, Ron Shilb.



SAR Color Guard Event, DAR Cordella Steen Chapter and Flag Presentation



NSSAR, Oklahoma Society, Oklahoma City Chapter was asked by the DAR Cordella Steen Chapter, of Edmond, Oklahoma to present the flag during a Flag Retirement and Presentation ceremony. The SAR Color Guard performed the Opening Flag Ceremony, and Chapter President presented the Certificate of Flag Retirement to the DAR Cordella Steen Chapter and a Certificate of Commendation to an 87-year-old lady whose family served in the U.S. Air Force and gave their lives during the Vietnam war. Although she is not a member of the DAR her lineage goes back to the Revolution. She is a stalwart supporter of those in the military and she proudly flies the United States Flag every day.



OKLAHOMA-

Memorial Service

The Oklahoma Society, Oklahoma City Chapter Color Guard participated in a memorial service for US Navy veteran Tony Wood by presenting a United States Flag folding ceremony.



Honor Guards Peter Samwell and Robert Thomas carried the Traditional Officer's Spontoon and the Sergeant's Halberd during the Ceremony. Chapter President Terry Handley and Color Guard Commander Joe Sieber unfolded and re-folded the flag in front of the deceased's urn.



TEXAS -

Texas SAR hosts the 2021 South Central District Annual Meeting (MOKAT) in Richardson, Texas

By Mike Connelley & Jim Akers
Denton Chapter, Texas Society

Over the weekend of August 27-28, 2021, the Texas Society of the SAR hosted the annual meeting of "MOKAT" at the Hilton Hotel in Richardson, Texas. So, what is "MOKAT"? Glad you asked. MOKAT stands for Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and Texas, the states that make up the South-Central District (SCD). The district is led by Texas' own Vice President General (VPG) Larry Stevens, Texas SAR. It was also mentioned that the SCD has been in existence since 1975.

On Friday afternoon, August 27th, five candidates for National SAR officer positions spoke to the assembled attendees, explaining their qualifications for the position. Those that spoke included Fred Olive, Librarian General; Darryl Addington, Treasurer General; Tony L. Vets, Treasurer General; Gary O. Green, Genealogist General, and Brooks Lyle, Historian General. Each candidate introduced themselves, described their qualifications, and then took questions from the attendees.

The Friday evening banquet was well attended with close to 50 attendees. It was especially gratifying to see several wives in attendance also. Mr. Rob Shenk, Chief Museum Content officer for the National Medal of Honor Museum planned for construction in Arlington, Texas, was the guest speaker.

The Below photograph captures Texas SAR Color Guard members and Guardsmen from MOKAT, along with VPG Larry Stevens at the South-Central District annual meeting.



In addition to an impressive power point presentation about the anticipated physical design of the museum, Mr. Shenk described the ideas that will be incorporated in the design to not only tell the stories of Medal of Honor recipients, but also to highlight the common heritage around what it means to be patriotic and to "inspire the hero within ourselves." Mr. Shenk explained that the project has raised over \$100 million of the planned \$185 million that will be needed to build the museum, which is expected to open in 2024.

The Saturday morning session included the attending delegates from the five member states of the SCD, along with the visiting National SAR officers and candidates for National SAR leadership positions. The various candidates spoke to the group and responded to questions from those in attendance.

The attendees also discussed the issues of membership retention and new member training ideas, all in an effort to improve retention of those members that join the organization. The consistent theme is that each State should tailor their membership retention programs to match their members and prospective members interests and do what they think will work for the membership of that particular State.

Each State president/representative described the number of chapters in their state, and the total SAR membership for that State. Oklahoma has 5 chapters and 332 members; Arkansas has 10 chapters and 227 members; Kansas has 13 chapters and 958 members; Missouri has 15 chapters, and 790 members and Texas has 48 chapters and 3102 members, with the recent addition of a chapter in Atlanta, Texas. Interestingly, if you add up the numbers from the other four states in the SCD (43 chapters and 2307 members) it is less than the comparable numbers from the State of Texas.

The business session concluded late Saturday morning, August 28, 2021, with the announcement that the annual meeting for next year will be in the State of Arkansas. Although the details are still being finalized, Rogers, Arkansas, was announced as the location of the 2022 annual meeting of the South-Central District

The Color Guard posting the colors at the beginning of the Friday evening dinner & meeting



Color Guard! Post the Colors!

By Mike Connelley Denton Chapter, Texas Society

On September 8, 2021, an “in-person” Oath of Allegiance ceremony for new American citizens was held at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens in Grapevine, Texas. The ceremony was hosted by the Captain Molly Corbin Chapter of the Texas Daughters of the American Revolution in conjunction with the U. S. Customs and Immigration Service.

What is significant about this event? This is the first public event in north Texas

recognizing newly naturalized American citizens since COVID restrictions were imposed approximately eighteen months ago.

Approximately 21 new American citizens appeared at this ceremony. They came from around the world ... from Russia, India, Brazil, Canada, Kenya, and Mexico, just to mention a few.

The colors were posted by the Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter Color Guard. United States Chief District Judge Barbara M. G. Lynn administered the Oath of Allegiance to the attendees. Judge Lynn mentioned during her speech that she too is the offspring of immigrants noting that her own grandparents immigrated from Russia many years earlier.



The Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter Color Guard preparing to post the colors at the naturalization ceremony in Grapevine, Texas. Left to right, James Alderman, Vann Cunningham, Bobby Gresham, and Ron Turner.



TXSSAR Color Guard Commander Blair Rudy and State President Drake Peddie front Guardsmen from Chapters all over North Texas.

Photo sent by Compatriot Tom M. Whitelock-Dallas Chapter



The Color Guard advances to Post the Colors at the beginning of the ceremony.

Medal of Honor Parade

By Ted Wilson

Saturday, September 25, 2021, was a mild, sunny day in North Texas and a great day for a parade. It was also the first year that the Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, Texas, became a National Color Guard event. I got a count of thirty-nine guardsmen in Sons of the American Revolution uniforms, not to mention other SAR members who lined the streets and cheered us as we passed by. We had representation from 11 chapters in the state and I can only say if you did not attend, you missed out on a great event. There were ten guardsmen who rode on a trailer, plus Margaret Anderson and June Mearns from the DAR Society. There were at least two small groups of Daughters of the American Revolution ladies who walked the parade route from various chapters.

The parade had been canceled in 2020 due to Covid-19 and it looked as though everyone who participated was ready to do something different. The lineup of entries on Broadway had been changed with the SAR finding itself being a block east of where we normally line up. However, those who wore the Medal of Honor were still lined up in the same area. This year's parade included Seabees and Purple Heart recipients.

The Grand Marshall of the parade was Patrick (Pat) Brady, a Medal of Honor recipient. As we were parade unit number 40, we were able to watch the first

thirty-six entries go by. It was the first time some had gotten to see that much of the parade. An advantage point was being on the trailer for photos. I am sure that Les Anderson will have some good ones too. The first unit in the parade led off at 10:00 am and the last unit finished shortly after 11:00 am as the route was approximately one mile. After the parade was completed, Blair Rudy, Texas State Color Guard Commander; gathered those whose first time it was to participate in the parade. With the proper paperwork filled out, he handed out 15 sets of the Bronze Bernardo de Galvez Medals as it was their first time to be in a National Parade in Texas. No other event or points were required to receive this metal.

Each year after the parade and dinner, the Medal of Honor personnel are taken to the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce/Convention Center where they meet the public and sign books and photos. I visited with Pat Brady and James Taylor to get their view on the new Medal of Honor Museum to be built in Arlington, Texas. They welcomed the new location and hoped that everyone who visited it would take something away. They said we needed to take the time to read what each receipt did to receive their medal. They suggested that many should consider the military service as a career and obtain a college education.

How does this medal compare to others? It is awarded by the President of the United States of America. It could be compared to the Public Service Awards from the SAR or a SAR member receiving the Patriot Medal. You don't have to go out looking for them; they come to you unexpected. For more information, go to the National Medal of Honor Museum <<https://mohmuseum.org/>>.



VIRGINIA

CJWII Chapter Independence Day, Warren County, VA



On 3 July 2021, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution held a commemoration ceremony for the Declaration of Independence. The event was held at the Warren Heritage Society with a reading of the document that laid the foundation for the country. The event was emceed'd by Dale Corey with colors being presented by the chapter color guard. The guard was led by Marc Robinson and followed by prayers by Rt Reverend Larry Johnson. Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen, Corey, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Erick Moore, Allan Phillips, Nathan Poe, Robinson and Mike St. Jacques read the Declaration. A musket salute was provided by the color guard to end the ceremony. Photos are courtesy of Deborah Corey.



WHS CG color guard preparing to advance the colors l. to r. Nathan Poe, Sean Carrigan, Allan Phillips, Chip Daniel, Mike St. Jacques, Erick Moore, Marc Robinson.



WHS Musket Squad at Aim, Erick Moore, Mike St. Jacques, Sean Carrigan, Chip Daniel, Allan Phillips, Paul Christensen, Marc Robinson, Nathan Poe.



WHS Chip Daniel, Mike St. Jacques, Marc Robinson, Erick Moore, Dale Corey

4 Jul, Colonel James Wood II Chapter

On 4 July 2021, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution participated in multiple events to commemorate Independence Day. They began with a march on the Winchester, Virginia Walking Mall. Color Guard Commander Marc Robinson led Dale Corey, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Kelly Ford, Doug Hall and Mike St. Jacques as they presented the colors and then read the Declaration of Independence. They next went to Middletown, Virginia to participate in the annual parade. Participating with the chapter were President Marc Robinson with his wife Vangy, Vice President Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Sean Carrigan, Dale Corey, Doug Hall, Eric Robinson, Jim Simmons and Mike St. Jacques. After this, a reading of the Declaration of Independence was conducted at the Middletown town park. Included in the ceremony for the chapter were Sean Carrigan, Dale Corey, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Doug Hall, Dan Hesse, Larry Johnson, Eric Robinson, Marc Robinson, Jim Simmons and Mike St. Jacques.



Winchester l. to r. Mike St. Jacques, Chip Daniel, Marc Robinson, Dale Corey, Kelly Ford. Photo courtesy of Kelly Ford.



Middletown Parade l. to r. Marc Robinson, Doug Hall, Mike St. Jacques, Eric Robinson, Dale Corey, Chip Daniel, Vangy Robinson. Photo courtesy of Sean Carrigan.



Third photo is the Middletown Reading of the Declaration of Independence l. to r. Eric Robinson, Sean Carrigan, Dan Hesse, Dale Corey, Marc Robinson, Mike St. Jacques, Doug Hall. Photo courtesy of Anne Simmons.

WASHINGTON -

Washington State SAR



The 131st NSSAR Congress was held in Renton, Washington on July 10-15, 2021. Over 20 Washington State Color Guardsmen participated in several of the activities which included the President General Color Guard Review and Memorial Service on Sunday. On Monday there was the posting of Colors for the opening of Congress. Wednesday was highlighted by a Grave Marking Ceremony sponsored by the Cascade Centennial chapter where 40 Color Guardsmen from across the country posted colors and provided support to the program. Lastly, select members WASSAR Color Guardsmen participated in the Ring Bearing Ceremony during the Installation Banquet.

Picture here are 16 of the more than 20 Washington State Color Guardsmen that par-

ticipated in Congress.

From front row, L-R

First Row: Michael Benedictson (AH), Neil Vernon (WASSAR Cmdr, SE), Dick Motz (Deputy Cmdr, AH), Viren Lemmer (Drum Major, AH), Mike Hutchins (Capt, GW)

Second Row: Richard Whittemore (CC), Bruce Bock (GW), Fred Gilbert (JPJ), Howard "Skip" Stephan (AH), John E Kraft, Sr (GW)

Third Row: Larry Flint (MC), Noah Chase (JPJ), Michael Moore (AH), John Herr (AH), Brian Smith (MC), Kelly Shultz (MC) son, Eric Robinson, Marc Robinson, Jim Simmons and Mike St. Jacques.



Labor Day Parade

Members of the Washington State color Guard participated in the Labor Day Parade in Black Diamond, Washington on September 6. They were accompanied by the Fife and Drum

Alexander Hamilton

A Grave Marking Ceremony was held on August 21 in Tacoma Washington for Freeland Howe Benson. This was supported by the Washington State Color Guard led by Cmdr Neil Vernon (SE).

Jan Lemmer (AH), Michael Benedictson (AH), Howard "Skip" Stephan (AH), Michael Moore (AH), John Herr (AH), Jim Blanton (SE), Robert Korn (SE), Chuck Miller (CC), Stephen Clayton (SE).





20th Anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy

On the twentieth Anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy over 200 people gathered at the Pell Ranch in Covington, Washington to honor those whose lives were taken by terrorist acts on September 11, 2001; and, to remember how Americans lives were forever changed on that day. An honor guard of Patriot Guard Riders lined the entrance driveway with the National Colors as people mingled until the program began.

WASSAR Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon led compatriots Michael Moore, Matt Bendickson, John W. Herr from the WASSAR Alexander Hamilton Chapter and compatriots Jeff Blanton and Stephen Clayton from the WASSAR Seattle Chapter to the resonance of the Columbia Fife and Drum corps and Alexander Hamilton Chapter Drummer JM Michael Bendickson as they presented Colors to a backdrop of a 12 foot high by 18 foot long flag at half-mast on a 70 foot high flagpole flanked by single rear axle aerial fire engines from the cities of Black Diamond and Auburn.

Ft Vancouver Chapter

Ft. Vancouver SAR Chapter Color Guard Collaborates With Ridgefield American Legion Post 44 To Present the Colors at two city-wide events.

Hats off to Compatriots George Vernon, Carl Gray and Jerry Hevern, and Jeff Lightburn who answered the call in collaboration with Legionnaires from American Legion Post 44 in a 9-11 Commemorative event on September 11, 2021. Together, we posted the Colors as admiring Ridgefield School District teachers, parents and students looked on. First Responders were also present and honored. Later the same day, we teamed together to present the Colors at a new state highway overpass dedication connecting downtown Ridgefield with the port. Huzzah!



George Rogers Clark

On 9-11-2021 the George Rogers Clark Chapter Color Guard was honored as the selected escort to the first responders flag raising ceremony in DuPont, Washington. Eleven Color Guard members led the Fire and Police first responders to the public flagpole outside city hall. Standing proudly and respectfully at "present arms" the flag was raised to its full measure. Once reaching the top, bugler Bob O'Neal, played taps while the flag was lowered to half staff. Following the flag ceremony, Compatriot Will Stakelin, read a remembrance of that day 20 years ago. To History, Education and Patriotism, we would like to add Respect on this day of remembrance.

Color guard members L-R

Kent Gossman, Joseph Coorough, Lew Maudsley, Jackson Sackville-West (age 8), Kevin Saville, Richard Moody, police officer Dan Saboe, DuPont Fire Chief Brad Martin, Eric Olsen, Dennis Case (behind Eric Olsen).

George Washington Chapter

Marshall Eberhart and Mike Hutchins present Tacoma Screw Products, Burlington WA store manager Dennis Millett with a NSSAR Flag Certificate for his stores magnificent US Flag display along Interstate 5. GWFlagCert.jpg

Also, on Aug 7th the George Washington Chapter Color Guard lead by WASSAR Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon participated in the opening ceremonies at the Sedro Wooley Washington Vietnam Veterans annual picnic which was attended by over 150 Vietnam veterans, their families, and veterans from other conflicts.

Pictured are Commander Neil Vernon, Drummer Christopher Fridley, George Washington Captain Mike Hutchins, members xBob Wall, Cpl Bruce Bock, Hugh Jonson, Cpl Marshall Eberhart.



Spokane Chapter

On 20 July, Stan Wills and John Kaneau conducted a 13 Star Flag Program for the Southside Community Center Seniors in Spokane Wa. There were 60 seniors in attendance. Many questions were asked by the seniors about American Flag History.



John Paul Jones Chapter

Members of the John Paul Jones Chapter participated in the Annual Northwest Colonial Festival in Sequim, Washington. Pictured here is Compatriot Fred Gilbert providing education on a day in the life of a soldier where he explains his ancestor's service



Flag Raising

Wisconsin color guards appeared at a flag raising ceremony in Elm Grove on July 4, 2021. Pictured are Commander Brian S. Barrett, followed by Ben Meador, Mike Meador, Shane Barrett and auxiliary member, militiaman Marcus Barrett.



WISCONSIN -

Waukesha County Fair

On July 21, 2021 we attended the opening ceremony of the Waukesha County Fair. Pictured are Commander Barrett, auxiliary member Aiden Verhalen, Mike Meador, auxilliary Jason Verhalen and Mike Nelson.



On August 1, 2021 color guards honored Compatriot Christopher Kanzelberger at in Manatowoc, WI. Pictured are (l to r) Bob Haglund, Christopher Kanzelberger and Bill Austin.

Constitution Day, September 17, 2021, was attended by Commander Barrett (left) and Don Skarda at Carroll University in Waukesha.



Pocket constitutions, American eagle pins and Constitution bookmarks were distributed to interested students who correctly answered questions about our Constitution. Mike Meador also attended a ceremony at University of Wisconsin Washington County.



WEST VIRGINIA -



Point Pleasant Chapter Color Guard

The Point Pleasant WV chapter recognized the twentieth anniversary of the terrorist attack on the United States. Colors were posted, and flags were waved for every time a plane went down. DAR members joined in. Pictured are Ed Cromley, Dave Siders, and Randy McGill.

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.