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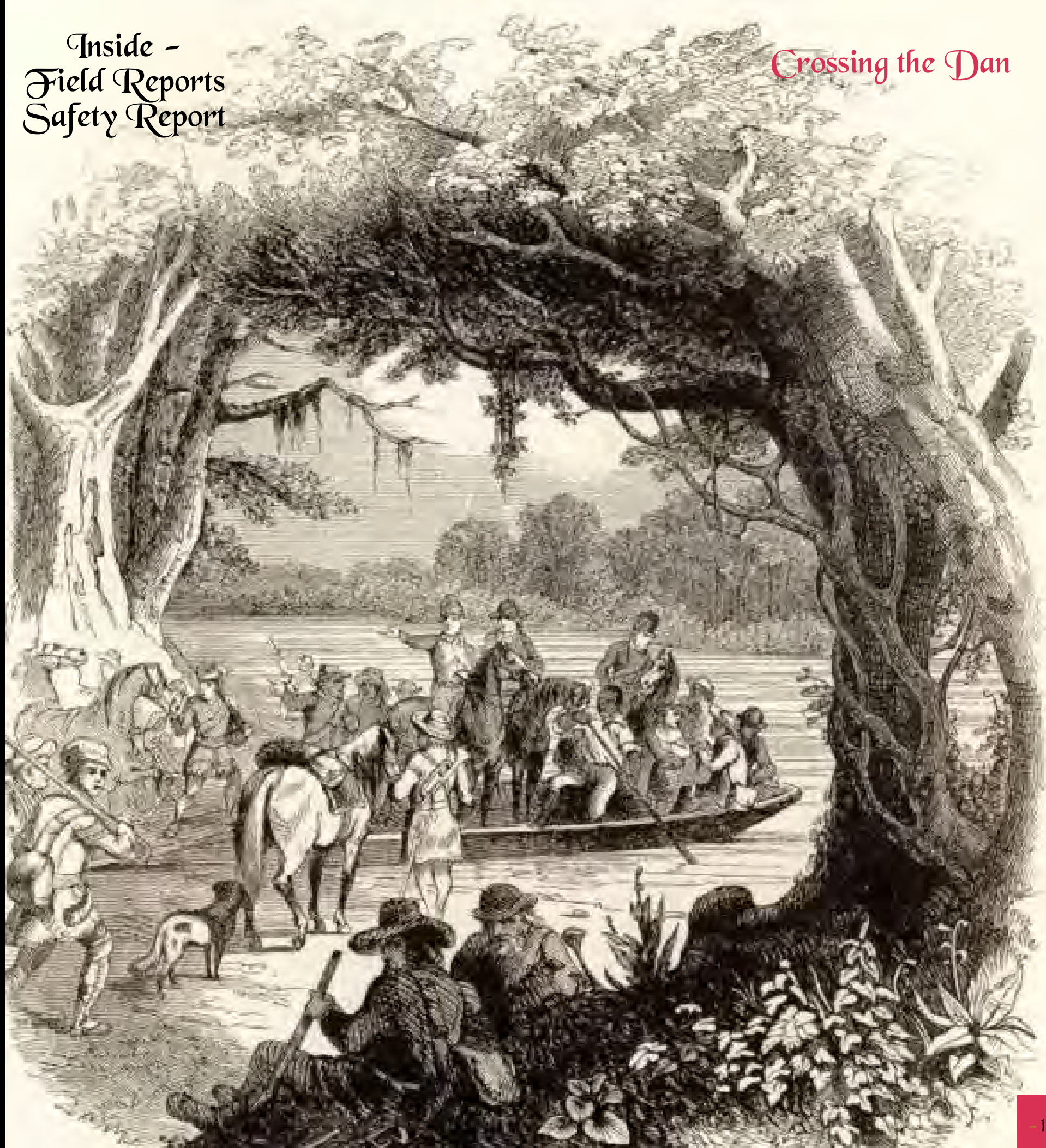
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Commander's Report

Compatriots,

Fellow color guardsmen,

The fall calendar has several special national events, holidays, dinners and meetings that keep our color guards busy, as many of them have been. The pandemic still effects our efforts but in a different way. As the government has made millions of vaccine doses available to combat the threat and encourages people to get vaccinated, it now is a fight to get the remainder of citizens vaccinated. Many citizens have personal fear, religious, political and/or first amendment objections. These objections have lead to more outbreaks of those that are unvaccinated, continuing the fear of participating and attending these events. As our national commander, I believe in the wisdom and leadership of our Continental Commander General George Washington and have been vaccinated. I encourage all of our guardsmen to do the same. Let us end this plague and move forward to our nations 250th anniversary.

State commanders continue to send in applications for their hard-working guardsmen.

I approved Silver Color Guard medals for Shawn Cox (OH), Leland Michael Hutchins (WA), John E Kraft Sr. (WA), James Petres (MI), Norn Palmer (MI), Matthew W. Hardman (OH), John David Doss (KY), Daniel R. McMurray (MO), Blair Rudy (), Ken Bonner (VA), and Joseph D. Barker Jr. (AL), Von Steuben Medals for Steve Mallory (KY) Geoff Baggett (KY), L. Stephen Hinson (OH) and Dr. Darryl Addington (TN), Molly Pitcher Medals for Mrs. Debbie McMurry (FL) and Mrs. Debra Lee Allen, (FL).

In the field

On October 2nd I attended a patriot grave marking in the old section of the St. Mary's Lutheran Church Cemetery in Silver Run, MD. Jim Engler (MD) conducted the program for the Westminster Chapter, MDSSAR and past national commander Dave Hoover (MD) and Gene Moyer (MD) joined me presenting the colors and giving a salute. On Monday, October 18, 2021 I joined 2nd adjutant Rob Meyer and several other guardsmen as we presented the colors in support of the unveiling the statue of Jean-Baptiste Donatien de Vimeur, Comte de Rochambeau on the Yorktown waterfront. Past MAD VPG Ernest Sutton, who lead efforts to raise funds for the project was there to coordinate efforts with several organizations, gave remarks during the ceremony. The statue joins the statues of General Washington, Admiral de Grasse, and General Lafayette. The next day, Oct 19th, I joined Virginia Commander Ken Bonner, the Virginia color guard and other guardsmen in the annual wreath laying of Gov. Thomas Nelson at Grace Episcopal Church in Yorktown. On Nov. 6th, I again joined 2nd adjutant Rob Meyer and members of the New Jersey Color guard for New Jersey Day at Washington's Chapel at Valley Forge. Rob "Mr New Jersey" Meyer who seems to always have connections, was able to get my wife and I an opportunity to climb the 113 stairs to the top of the chapels tower to meet the organist and see the chapels Carillon and it's 58 bells, representing each state and territory. The Claron is remarkable in it's mechanical and musical operation and the view of Valley Forge from the bell tower is fantastic. On November 20th I was disappointed not to be able to join 1st Adjutant Scott Collins and the Georgia Society color guard but had to honor an commitment from last year to present my program "In the beginning there was Lady Liberty", for MD first Lady Sandy Deeds and the Peggy Stewart Tea Party chapter, MDSDAR. On December 4th, I was again in Virginia, helping Ken Bonner lead the guard for the Battle of Great Bridge commemoration. PG Davis Wright and Chancellor General Mike Elston attended along with over a hundred and fifty other members of the SAR, DAR and local politicians and citizens. I finished the years events with Aquila Hall's guardsmen Dave Hoover, Chris Smithson and Don Eberhart in the annual Wreath's Across America celebration in Belair, Maryland. I learned the hard lesson of not cleaning my musket the morning before an event. Although I was able to attend these events, I was disheartened that I could not attend more. Increased work load and hours due to an inability to find qualified personnel is hampering my business and businesses around the country as another continuing effect of the pandemic. Let us hope that as we start the new year these conditions improve and we can all get back to a more beneficial state to support our societies patriotic, historic and educational objectives.

Happy New Year,
Pro patria,

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

The color guard who presented the colors at the Rochambeau Statue dedication on Yorktown's water front Sunday Oct. 17, 2021. The weather was beautiful and the luncheon was outstanding, special thanks to Surgeon General Dr. Ernest Sutton for all his fund raising, coordination and support of the event. From L to R, Roger Williams (NJ), Pat Kelly (VA), 2nd Adjutant Robert Meyer (NJ), VA State President Jeff Thomas, National Commander Lou Raborg (MD), Brett Osborn (VA), Bill Schwetke (VA). Kneeling Dale Corey (VA) and Sean Carrigan (VA)



Commander Raborg on General



I had the great pleasure to join Virginia Color Guard Commander Ken Bonner and VA Vice commander Chris Melhuish in leading Virginia and North Carolina Guardsman at the Battle of Great Bridge commemoration on Dec. 4th.. I was also joined by a junior guardsmen Drew Wajciechowski who did a fine job marching beside me. Names of guardsmen participating, left to right are ...

Back row:

Gary Hodges, Thomas Nelson Jr Chapter (VA), Dave Cook, Fairfax Resolves Chapter (VA), Gary Hall, Dan River Chapter (VA), Tom Davis, Raleigh Chapter (NC) - he's kind of hidden behind two hats in the second row. **Second row** ; Gary Dunaway, Williamsburg Chapter (VA), Bill Greaf, Williamsburg Chapter (VA) and Virginia SAR 3rd Vice President, Mike Weyler, Col William Grayson Chapter (VA), Jim O'Kelley, Thomas Jefferson Chapter (VA), Pat Kelly, Thomas Jefferson Chapter (VA) and Virginia SAR Past President, Lou Raborg, Col Aquila Hall Chapter (MD) and National Color Guard Commander, Drew Wajciechowski, Virginia C.A.R., Chapter unknown, Chris Melhuish, Jamestown Chapter (VA) and Vice Commander Virginia SAR Color Guard, Marc Robinson, Col James Wood II Chapter (VA) and Chapter President, Ken Morris, George Mason Chapter (VA) and Chapter Past President, Jay DeLoach, New Bern Chapter (NC) and North Carolina SAR State President, Unknown participant in regimentals on the far right

Front row:

Ken Bonner, Fairfax Resolves Chapter (VA) and Commander Virginia SAR Color Guard, Bill Schwetke, Culpeper Minute Men Chapter (VA) and Virginia SAR Past President, Sean Carrigan, Col James Wood II Chapter (VA), Dale Corey, Col James Wood II Chapter (VA), Chapter Past President and current Color Guard Commander, Charles Jameson, Culpeper Minute Men Chapter (VA) and Chapter President, Tom Hamill, Culpeper Minute Men Chapter (VA) and Chapter Secretary



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

On March 15th 1781 over six thousand American and British troops clashed in the largest southern battle of the American Revolution, in the fields around Guilford Courthouse. By 18th century standards, the British held the field at the end of the day and won the battle. The loss of over a quarter of their army, after the same loss at the Battle of Cowpens, reduced their ability to pursue the Americans and caused Cornwallis to abandon the Carolinas and move into Virginia where he would ultimately surrender at Yorktown. A century later, a local resident David Schenck initiated plans to gain control of this hollowed ground, thus establishing the Guilford Courthouse battleground as a commemorative park. On March 2, 1917 the land was turned over to the newly established National Park Service and is now designated on the national historic register as the Guilford Courthouse National Military Park.

Over the next decades more parks would be established. Moores Creek National Battlefield in June 1926, Cowpens National Battlefield in March of 1929, Kings Mountain National Military Park in Aug 1933, Saratoga National Historical Park in 1938, Yorktown, Princeton and more. Over the last seventy five years, the preservation of these historic sites has included the construction of park headquarters, museums, historical markers, interpretive trails and monuments. To support these resources are hundreds of park rangers, guides and docents that help interpret the historical significance and importance of the sites. Among these educators we have had the great fortune to have many members of the SAR.

Support of these historic sites and the National Park Service efforts is crucial to them and our Societies efforts to promote patriotism, preserve and teach our American history to current and future generations. To that end we conduct annual commemoration programs within the park and with the help and support of the Park service. Each of these parks are unique and these programs vary depending upon park service, member and the publics participation and attendance.

We must clearly understand this relationship with the National Park Service. As we conduct our commemorative programs, we must always be mindful that we are guests in the National Park. As a group in many parks, we only meet once a year, when the Park service is responsible for the care of the park all year round. What measures they may impose to protect the public's safety, whether in limitations on crowd sizes, parking, facilities usage or off limit areas, we must abide by. In many incidences, these measures are imposed upon them as legislatures make legal changes and restrictions on their daily duties, responsibilities and operations.

For our color guard, these parks offer us an opportunity to march and parade the colors in open areas that have little restriction on our size or movement. In some instances, we also have the ability to burn powder and fire salutes with our muskets and even cannon. This is where we must abide by all rules and regulations the park service imposes. During these difficult times, It is for us to adapt our programs to not only continue to support our mission but also support theirs. As we move closer to the 250th anniversary of many of these historic events our relationship with the National Park Service and how we partner with them becomes more critical to our success.

C. Louis Raborg Jr.
NSSAR National Color Guard Commander



Guilford Battlefield National Military Park

VICE-COMMANDER'S REPORT

Brooks Lyle

It has been a busy last quarter of the year, but rewarding for the number of Patriotic, Historical, and Educational opportunities available to us. By the way, those are also the three focus areas specified in the SAR's Congressional Charter, and we in the Color Guard play an important and expandable role in each. As has been stated in these pages before, we "The Color Guard", are the public face of the SAR and with that comes great responsibility. We need to do the best we can to participate in and support, all the colonial themed events within our geographical regions, not just those specific SAR events we have traditionally supported. Grave markings and Wreath Layings are important, and we do a very good job with them, but we need to expand our audiences and invite new people and organizations to participate in addition to our traditional DAR and CAR friends.

Local elected officials, military units, veterans' groups, youth groups, historical societies and preservation groups are just some of the external organizations we ought to be inviting to our traditional SAR events. Historical Reenactments and Colonial Fairs are other events we ought to be supporting or participating in; maybe not as reenactors like Stephen McKee (NC) does, but with an SAR recruiting table like Ted Walker (SC), or as a book vendor like Geoff Baggett (KY) all of whom I saw at the three-day Reenactment of the Battle of Camden in early November. These events are also great ways to educate yourselves on the proper wear and use of continental soldier and militia personal equipment, to see artillery and cavalry in operation and to visit the numerous colonial vendors and sutler's stores for resupplying yourself with essential uniform pieces and equipment.

We all have the same missions and if we involve others in our efforts while supporting them in theirs, we are honoring and bringing additional recognition to our Patriot Ancestors while raising the visibility of the SAR. This will become increasingly more important the closer we get to 2026, the 250th Anniversary and the opening of our SAR Education Center and Museum.

Towards those ends I have been honored to participate in numerous SAR events and historical reenactments over the last quarter. Many of these take place on State and National Battlefield Parks. It is important to support the Parks by increasing their visitor numbers as a way of maintaining their government funding, and financially in their bookstores and gift shops. Attached are pictures from the Reenactment at Camden SC on 13 Nov, the first National SAR Event at Fort Morris GA on 20 Nov, and Washington's Crossing and The Battle of Trenton, parts of the Ten Crucial Days National Event.

So, my challenge to each of you is to get out of your comfort zones and don't be satisfied with doing the same events with the same old people, year in and year out. Expand your outreach and your impact!

Fraternally,
Brooks Lyles



The three-day Reenactment of the Battle of Camden in early November.



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 1?	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



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.**

Vendor List

This is a **partial**

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

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

Type the listed name of the vendor into your browser tab

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

One of my Chapter members in Virginia had KYPD on his vehicle license plate. I asked him if he was a member of the Kentucky Police Department. Got the appropriate 18th Century response, Keep Your Powder Dry.

Part of the early manufacturing of gun powder began with a French refugee and chemistry student Eleuthère Ire'ne' duPont who began manufacturing gunpowder along the banks of the Brandywine River in Delaware in 1802.

After nearly 220 years (started in 1802), sadly black powder is no longer made in America. The closure of GOEX Camp Minden Louisiana facility on September 28, 2021, means less supply and increased cost of black powder in the future. GOEX was owned by the Hodgdon Powder Company. While there are some alternatives like Pyrodex for percussion firearms, it doesn't work as well with flintlock firearms.

I checked with a Cabela's store in Wheeling, WV where I previously bought black powder and they will no longer carry anything but Pyrodex. There are two current sources providing black powder, Swiss which is made in Switzerland and Schuetzen which is made in Germany. I just purchased a pound of each @ \$27 and \$22 from a local supplier near the North/South Skirmish Association in Fort Shenandoah, VA. The dealer said the shipping cost has gone up 4 % this year.

One of our compatriots in Tennessee has informed me the Bass Pro Shop is also no longer carrying black powder. He purchased the last 10 pounds of GOEX powder from Buffalo Arms via the internet and they stock both Swiss and Schuetzen powder. He recommended buying ten pounds or more for a discount.

I called Track of the Wolf that sells flintlock firearms and accessories. They will be selling Schuetzen black powder for \$32.90 a pound and Swiss black powder for \$42.99 a pound, only shipping orders of 25 pounds or more. Their distributor is not taking any orders until April 2022.

The concern is for our NSSAR Color Guard units is will they be like our Continental ancestors and be scrounging for black powder during 250th Anniversary events? I hate to think we will be dependent on Chinese fireworks manufacturers to supply us for our 250th events.

Keep that gun powder you have dry!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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NEW JERSEY SUNDAY AT VALLEY FORGE

Sunday, November 7, 2021

Washington Memorial Chapel

On Sunday, Nov 7th. 2021 I had the honor to participate in the New Jersey Sunday service at Washington's Chapel in Valley Forge.

Left to right. Sgt Ed Glidden. Roger Williams, New Jersey color guard commander Richard Serfass, . NJ President Charles Morgan. National color guard commander Lou Raborg. Gary Beauregard and 2nd Adjutant and North Atlantic District VPG Robert Meyer



UPCOMING COLOR GUARD EVENTS

Battle of Cowpens - January 15 th
Battle of Cowens Ford - February 1 st
Battle of Kettle Creek - February 14 th
Crossing of the Dan - February 14 th
Washington Birtday Parade - February 22 nd
Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge - February 27 th
Last Naval Battle of the Revolution - March 10 th
Battle of Guilford Courthouse - March 15 th
Events listed are after publication date

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



The Fifer's Corner

The Marching and Stand tunes included in this issue will be

- 1. Over the River to Charlie
 - 2. General Washington March
 - 3. New Lango Lee
 - 4. St Patrick Day in the Morning
 - 5. Stony Point
- HUZZAH, Fifer Dave aka David Embrey



The first tune is Over the River to Charlie, which is based on a 1740's Scottish melody. This version is from the George Bush copy book with 2 variations

Over the Water to Charlie with Variations

Musical notation for the first tune, 'Over the Water to Charlie with Variations', consisting of four staves of music in G major.

General Washington March is another tune from the Bush copy book - Captain George Bush was an officer with the Pennsylvania line who was an accomplished musician.

General Washington's March

Musical notation for the second tune, 'General Washington's March', consisting of six staves of music in G major.

New Lango Lee

Musical notation for the third tune, 'New Lango Lee', consisting of three staves of music in G major.

New Lango Lee also known as Banks of the Dee is a traditional Irish, Scottish, British tune that appears in a number of American copy books

St Patrick Day in the Morning - Irish tune that appears in Gibbs, Morris and Thompson's copy book

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY IN THE MORNING

Musical notation for the fourth tune, 'Saint Patrick's Day in the Morning', consisting of three staves of music in G major. The third staff includes the text 'Da Capo' at the end.

Stony Point

Musical notation for the fifth tune, 'Stony Point', consisting of four staves of music in G major.

Stony Point - As the name may suggest this is a late war American tune although it's exact origin is unknown which appears in Brown's, Nixon, Treat and Bush



SAFETY

Black Powder Safety

If the hazard is identifiable, it is preventable



By Mark Kramer

Lately I have avoided discussing one of the activities that has the highest potential for injury; as I have written many times on the safety of black powder firearms. However, firearm safety has recently been the topic in many news reports as a result of the discharge of a presumed safe firearm on the set of a production company filming a movie. I won't comment on the what happen in this particular incident; however, lessons can be learned from the tragedies of others.

It really doesn't matter if the firearm is unloaded or loaded with blanks or a projectile the same basic principles still apply. Always consider the firearm loaded and conduct yourself as if it is. This is particularly important with black powder firearms. As our firearms are not breach loaded, we cannot simply open the breach to see if a cartridge is in the chamber. This requires the compatriot to "ping" or insert a ramrod down the barrel to determine if the firearm is loaded. The method of pinging is very reliable with the steel ramrod of a Brown Bess but the sound may not be as clear when using this method on a Kentucky long rifle. The NRA recommends that ramrods are marked in some fashion to determine when the firearm is unloaded. This can be accomplished by placing the ramrod down the barrel of the unloaded firearm and marking the ramrod at the crown of the barrel. If the firearm is loaded the mark will be above the crown and the compatriot will realize that the firearm is either loaded or has an obstruction in the barrel. The compatriot can also place the ramrod parallel to the barrel with one end at the touch hole and determine where the other end is in relation



to the crown of the barrel, this will give the compatriot an idea of the depth of the barrel in relation to the ramrod. If the firearm is unloaded the ramrod should be able to be inserted to the depth where the ramrod's identified mark and crown of the barrel meet. In figure one, a Brown Bess medal ram rod, notice how the taper ends at the crown of the barrel. In figure two, a rifle with wooden ram rod, notice how the brass tip ends at the crown of the barrel. In both these illustrations there is no need to mark the ram rod as the manufacturer has provided a simple and reliable method to check an empty firearm.

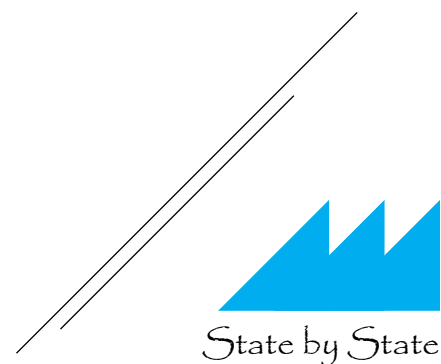


Another basic principle that "MUST" be followed is when handed a firearm treated it as loaded and always check for yourself that it is unloaded. Once the firearm is in your hands you have the responsibility for anything that happens as a result of unsafe acts. Although these are simple acts, they may prevent a terrible accident. ***"If the hazard is identifiable, it is preventable."***

Be safe for your community and family,

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

As I continue to receive submissions that are not in conformance to the guidelines I will reiterate these in Large print. The most common submissions deal with photos - then text.

To Submit Photos:

- DO NOT embed in a text document - send as file attachments only.
- Send as JPG, GIF, PNG files. **Do NOT** send HEIC format.
- Send original resolution photo. A 33x39 pixel file is unusable.
- Name the files after the event, e.g., Parade1.jpg, Parade2.jpg and for multiple events ensure that you do not use the same file name twice!

To submit event text descriptions:

- Within the document use the proper photo

file name(s) for the specific event.

- When listing the participants in the photo *use this format only* -
- “(Photo name)-(Event name) Color Guard members L-to R - John Jones, Sam Smith, David Daniels, Edward Evans, etc”

Do not do this - using tabs

(Event1) John Jones, Sam Smith, David Daniels, Edward Evans, Frank Fields
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Remember, this is for Color Guard events - not chapter events wherein a chapter member makes a presentation that does NOT include color guard participation. Such Chapter presentations are suitable for the SAR Magazine.



WOW!

Watch Out World, the Alabama Society of the Sons of the American Revolution have been working on making sure 2021 goes out like a lion with over thirty events in three months from grave markings and dedications to commendations and parades. Due to the number of events, highlights will be limited to bullet descriptions and limited photos:



10/23 - Walter Ross Grave Marking, Gen JA Elmore Chapter, Deatsville, AL: DAR and SAR members from the General John Archer Elmore Chapter celebrate the life of Patriot Walter Ross. Alabama State Color and Honor Guards posts colors and later fires a salute to honor Patriot Ross



ALABAMA

10/23 - Mount Paran Cemetery Grave Marking (Patriots Samuel Davis, Jacob Calk, and Moses Poor), Tennessee Valley Chapter, New Market, AL Color guard helps with the marking of Patriots Samuel Davis, Jacob Calk, and Moses Poor. DAR and SAR joined forces with the grave marking at Mount Paran Cemetery in New Market, Alabama



11/4: West Wing Independence Hall Dedication, ALSSAR, American Village, Montevallo, AL Montevallo's American Village cut the ribbon on the "west wing" of their new Independence Hall with the Governor, other dignitaries, and the Alabama Society of the Sons of the American Revolution to assist. Pictured here is part of the Alabama SAR Color and Honor Guard who assisted with the posting of the colors and firing of a salute of muskets to commemorate the ribbon cutting of the new "west wing".



12/18: -Wreaths Across America, Alabama National Cemetery, Montevallo, AL SAR helps with laying of 8,000+ wreaths at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, Alabama



11/10 - Spain Park High School Patriots Point, ALSSAR, Hoover, AL Spain Park High School creates Patriots Point with the help of the Sons of the American Revolution.



10/30 - CAR Flag Retirement, Tennessee Valley Chapter, Decatur, AL Alabama State Color Guard assists the CAR in Decatur, Alabama with their flag retirement ceremony.



10/30 - 5 Patriots (Robert Cunningham/NC, Richard Inge/VA, Reuben Jones/SC, Richardson Owen/NC, Samuel Morrow/SC), DAR/SAR, Tuscaloosa, AL Alabama Society Color Guard assists the DAR with the marking of five patriots (Robert Cunningham/NC, Richard Inge/VA, Reuben Jones/SC, Richardson Owen/NC, Samuel Morrow/SC)



10/31: Commemoration of WW1 Unknown Soldier and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Kate Duncan Smith DAR School, Tennessee Valley Chapter, Grant, AL Tennessee Valley Chapter SAR color guard helps the Kate Duncan Smith DAR School with a lesson on the Tomb of the Unknown soldier.



11/5: Summit on Patriotism, ALSSAR, American Village, Montevallo, AL Alabama Society SAR Helps the American Village with the Summit on Patriotism

11/6: Francis Cleveland Grave Marking, ALSSAR, Selma, AL



11/6: Hartselle Veterans Day Parade, TV Chapter, Hartselle, AL



11/9: - Monrovia Middle School Veterans Day Celebration, TV Chapter, Huntsville, AL SAR Assists with Veterans Day at Monrovia Middle

11/9: - National Cemetery Flag Ceremony for Veterans Day, ALSSAR, National Cemetery, Montevallo, AL SAR Supports the Alabama National Cemetery with Flag Ceremony of Veterans Day



11/11: - National Veterans Day Parade, DAR/SAR, Birmingham, AL. A little rain won't stop the Alabama Sons of the American Revolution from helping with the oldest Veterans Day parade in the United States in Birmingham, Alabama. Check out full details at <https://national-veteransday.org/>



11/11: - Huntsville Veterans Day Parade, TV Chapter, Huntsville, AL



12/18: -Wreaths Across America, Roselawn, Decatur, AL. Wreaths Across America at Roselawn in Decatur, Alabama



12/18: -Wreaths Across America, Enterprise/Daleville, AL



1776 Project - Payson

The Mogollon Chapter of the DAR and Rim Country Chapter of the SAR presented the "1776 Project" in Payson, AZ. The project reenacted event leading up to the Declaration of Independence.

There were 32 children and 37 adults taking part in the 1776 event. It was a community effort. Child participants came from Payson High School, Rim Country Middle School, and a group came from the Mormon Church's missionary club. The adults were recruited from DAR, SAR, Soroptimist and the Payson Nile club (Shriner affiliates).

Culminating the event was a reenactment of 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence. Individual students played the part of a signer and giving a short biography before signing the Declaration. The AZSSAR Color Guard was invited to present the colors (Betsy Ross Flag).

Left to right in the Photo are: David Bonnett - Palo Verde Chapter; Paul Wescott - Rim Country Chapter; and a non-SAR volunteer Arthur Cooper.

ARIZONA



DAR Medal of Honor – Cave Creek

The Black Mountain Foothills DAR Chapter located at Carefree/Cave Creek, AZ had a DAR Medal of Honor presentation on Monday, October 25, 2021 at 10:30 held at the outdoor venue of the Gazebo at the Cave Creek Museum.

The honoree was John Crane who is the beloved and long-time Vice Mayor of Carefree, a service veteran and community leader.

The AZ SAR Color Guard was invited to present colors at this prestigious event.

Left to right in the Photo are: David Bonnett – AZ SAR Color Guard Commander; Rick Spargo – Barry M. Goldwater SAR Chapter President; Ed Kerr – Barry M. Goldwater SAR Chapter; and Bill Baran – Arizona Society SAR President.



Veterans Day Parade – Prescott

The Prescott SAR Chapter organized the Color Guard for this event. The participants in the Parade were Steve Monez – Past AZ Color Guard Commander, Bill Smith – Prescott Chapter, Robert Filler – Prescott Chapter, Eddie Dalley – Sahuaro Chapter, & David Bonnett – Palo Verde Chapter.

Left to right in the Photo are: Eddie Dalley; Steve Monez; and David Bonnett. Not in photo Bill Smith and Robert Filler.

CALIFORNIA –



Veterans Day

On Veterans Day 11/11, the Harbor Chapter & Orange County Chapter Joined together to post colors at Green Hills Cemetery in Rancho Palos Verdes. The event was hosted by two DAR chapters.

The Guardsmen from left to right: Mark Torres, Kent Gregory, Jim Olds, John Ferris, Jim Olds, Brian Merrill & Brandon Villardi (CAS-SAR Color Guard Commander).



CASSAR Color Guard Change of Command Ceremony

There was a change in commanders in the California Society at the recent 146 BOM Meeting. Mark Kramer turned over Command to Brandon Villardi from the Harbor Chapter. Replacing Brandon as Color Guard Adjutant – South is Duncan Campbell for the San Diego Chapter.

Picture Left - - Change of Command: Commander Villardi in the foreground flanked by Color Guard Adjutant North- Russ Kaiser. CASSAR President Brian Stephens in background

Picture Bottom Right - - Retire the Colors: Commander Villardi with Color Guard Adjutant North, Russ Kaiser on the right and Color Guard Adjutant South, Duncan Campbell on the left.

Picture Bottom Left - - CASSAR Color Guard from top down Color Guard Adjutant North, Russ Kaiser, Commander Villardi, Immediate Past Commander Mark Kramer, John Ferris, James Gill, Bill Nay, Bob Taylor, Color Guard Adjutant South, Duncan Campbell, Ray Raser, Jim Klingler, Jim Olds.



FLORIDA -

Saint Dwight of SAR

In a town known for miracles, Chaplain General Dwight Elam demonstrated his first miracle. The day was October 9, 2021 and Charlotte County was celebrating its 100th Anniversary with a Liberty Tree dedication that was organized by the Hickory Bluff DAR and the Charlotte SAR. The forecast was for a 50% chance of rain and thunderstorms. A short distance from the William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park and the newly established Liberty Tree is the celebrated Ponce DeLeon Fountain of Youth which has been keeping locals young for centuries. There had been heavy rain for much of the dark early morning hours, but by departure time to travel to the ceremony, the sky was blue with only a few puffy clouds.

As the members of the Color Guard from five SAR and one DAR chapters gathered for a pre-mission briefing, the weather was glorious – warm but not too hot, and sunny. A total of thirteen members had traveled from as far as Palm Harbor to the north and Naples to the south which are about 180 miles apart. There was no “Plan B” for foul weather, no shelter or alternate venue

When ordered to advance the Colors at exactly 10:00 a.m. as advertised, the Unit marched forward led by our drummer (longest distance traveled) flanked by the Charlotte Chapter's 97 year-old World War II veteran carrying a tin whistle (on the far left) who is perhaps (?) the SAR's eldest drilling color guardsman..





LAST NAVAL BATTLE RESERVATION FORM



BREVARD COUNTY'S SONS, DAUGHTERS AND CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION INVITE YOUR GROUP TO MARCH WITH US AT OUR ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE LAST NAVAL BATTLE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION THAT WAS FOUGHT OFF THE COAST OF CAPE CANAVERAL

March 12, 2022 at 10:00 AM at the Veteran's Memorial Center
400 South Sykes Creek Parkway, Merritt Island

Event will be held inside if it rains

We once again expect a Color Guard of 200+ marchers along a very short parade route - ALL Color Guard units will receive a **FREE 18" LAST NAVAL BATTLE FLAG STREAMER**. There will a *"Wreath laying Ceremony"* for any group that wishes to honor our American Heroes. Water and chairs will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. **Speeches will be kept short! *Reservations for Color Guard/group participation and Wreath presentations must be received by February 18, 2022. Parade position is based on completion and receipt of this form.***

Reservation for Color Guard unit or group marching in the procession:

Group/Unit name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: _____ - _____ - _____

E-mail: _____

Number in group attending: _____ How does the group want to be announced?

Wreath presentation:

If you will be laying a wreath to honor our AMERICAN HEROES please list your Group/Individual name presenting the wreath _____

Please send your completed form to: emailbrevardsar@yahoo.com

or mail to:

Brevard SAR c/o B. Jensen

5470 Hastings Street, Cocoa FL, 32927

Charlotte County Commissioner Stephen Deutsch presented a proclamation from the Board of Commissioners recognizing the Liberty Tree dedication, which was accepted by Hickory Bluff DAR Honorary Regent Debi Allen.

Miss Jordis Hart, President of the Brewster Baker Society of the Children of the American Revolution, brought greetings from the C.A.R.

President Dinah Osborn brought greetings from the Great Southwest Florida Regents Council, FSSDAR.

NSSAR Chaplain General Dwight Elam recounted the story of the original Liberty Tree in Boston and its importance as a rallying point for Patriots protesting British rule and taxes.

Caloosa SAR Chapter President Hamp Allen dedicated the Liberty Tree, with the granite marker unveiling done by members of Boy Scout Troop 351.

The marker, located in a central and visible part of the Park, is anticipated to inspire visitors to remember and pay tribute to this important part of American History. It serves as a reminder of the freedoms we enjoy as citizens, and particularly the freedoms of speech and assembly guaranteed in our Bill of Rights.

At the completion of the program a group photo of participants memorialized the event



IOWA -

Massing of the Colors.

On 06 November 2021 Fort Des Moines Iowa held the Massing of the Colors.

This is a patriotic ceremony to salute our servicemen, servicewomen, and veterans, while also honoring the legacy of those men and women who trained at Fort Des Moines in the last century.

Des Moines' history started with the construction of Fort Des Moines in 1843. It was built right at the joining of Racoon and Des Moines rivers. As a military garrison in Iowa, it was built to protect the tribes of Sak and Fox. This also opened a path for new settlers in 1845, but Fort Des Moines only numbered 127 residents at the start. It was one of the major bases for the American Civil War.

History of Fort Des Moines

As the US entered World War I in 1917, training was just beginning for new recruits. For thousands of black Americans enlisted to join the fight against Germany. At this time, the federal government tried to limit the enlistments of black Americans. However, there was increasing political pressure from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) to include training for black officers. The answer was Fort Des Moines.

Fort Des Moines became the site for the Fort Des Moines Provisional Army Officer Training School where black Americans received training for the US Army before going to World War I. Only black officers who had completed college were allowed to go to training, which was limited to 1,000 officers. The camp spanned 400 acres at this time and welcomed the 25th Infantry prisoner guard. Eventually the 11th Cavalry arrived in 1904 and the 2nd Cavalry came in 1907. The 6th Cavalry would join in 1910. However, the cavalry shouldered would leave to go to the Mexican border in 1916.



Color Guard Activity Central Iowa Chapter

The Central Iowa Chapter of the Iowa Society of the S.A.R. was a sponsor of the Wreaths Across America program in Des Moines, Iowa. The Central Iowa Chapter was joined by several members of the DAR, CAR, Boy Scouts and citizen. The event was covered by 2 local television stations

Left to Right- David Rowley Iowa SAR/GSW 1812, David Krcil 34th Army Band, Don Pugsley- Sgt Major Army Special Forces (Ret), Kristine Firestine- Mother of Sailor Christian Firestine, Jeremy Dirksen- U S Marine Veteran, Ron Rittel IA SAR member & Air Force Veteran, Ron Ward- Des Moines Park Mgr, Bob Niffenegger- IA SAR member and Army Veteran, Scott Rowley- IA SAR member & Sgt Army (Ret), Marilyn Rittel- Daughter of WWII POW, Sir Michael Carrington Williams-Thomas Boy Scout Troop 178, Mike Rowley IA SAR Color Guard Commander





Constitution Week starts with a Big Bang

The Long Knives Chapter, of the Illinois Sons of the American Revolution had the honor this year of helping “kick-off” the celebration of National Constitution Week. September 17 marked the 234th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of these United States. In 1955, The Daughters of the American Revolution petitioned Congress to set aside September 17-23 every year to observe the signing of our Constitution. It was made into Law in 1956 and signed by President Eisenhower. For 65 years, this week has been celebrated.

This year, the Daniel Chapman Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution were inspired to observe this Holiday week in spectacular fashion. The event began September 17 at the Lincoln/Douglas Debate Park Site in Jonesboro, Illinois. This Site is maintained by the U.S. Forest Service, who granted special dispensation to allow a cannon and firelocks to be discharged on site. The program began with the Posting of the Colors by Boy Scout Troop 7044 and was then followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Samantha Bursich. The UPAC Girls Scouts led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Patriotic songs were sung and Prayers were offered by the DAR and SAR Chaplains. Throughout the Country, Bells were rung in commemoration of the day’s significance. The SAR Long Knives provided their special ceremonial bell for the occasion. Several dignitaries and professors were also able to provide historical context for the formation and importance of our Constitution. The Ceremony concluded with a 21 Gun Salute provided by the Long Knives Chapter Color Guard detachment. Three cannon shots boomed from the artillery crew, while 21 musket shots sounded from the Long Knives’ Musket Squad. The Memorial was well attended by the public. This event came together with cooperation from the following groups that deserve recognition: the D.A.R., S.A.R., Boys Scouts, Girl Scouts, Anna Arts Council, U.S. Forest Service, P.A.S.T. Historical Society, with numerous dignitaries and professors from Southern Illinois University.



Honoring Patriot Jesse Henson, Sr.

Private Jesse Henson, Sr. was a Kentuckian who took up arms against the British during our great struggle for Independence. It is very doubtful that he ever received Military Honors at the time of his death and burial in the Soldier Creek Cemetery in rural Marshal County, Kentucky. This past October 23rd, Sons of the American Revolution from three States gathered to honor his tributes to The Cause. The Memorial Service included Presentation of the Colors, Pledge of Allegiance, Prayers, SAR Pledge, floral tribe, Musical tribute of “My Country Tis of Thee” and Flag Folding. A cannon Salute was offered by the Col. Trigg Chapter, KY SAR. Seven Color Guard members of the Long Knives Chapter joined with the Compatriots from Col. Trigg and MacCracken from Kentucky, as well as the Bledsoe Chapter from Tennessee to offer up a Twenty-One Gun Salute for Jesse Henson. The Comradery experienced between Compatriots of three States was a most memorable experience in itself.



Saluting Our Veterans.

The Long Knives Chapter Color Guard was again proud to Present the Colors during Southern Illinois largest Veterans Day Parade. This parade is known as the “premier parade” for Veterans south of Interstate 64 in Illinois. Every year the Parade is sponsored by VFW Carrol P. Foster Post 3455 located in Anna, Illinois. This year’s parade included five bands, Civic Groups, Boy and Girl Scouts, Veterans from the Anna VA Residence Home, and dozens of floats. Long Knives’ Color Guard consisted for Compatriots Jim Wallace, Tom Edmonson, Jack Cramer, Jim Whitt, Steven Haldeman, Allan Lang, and Everett Rhine.



Patriot Grave Marking

Prior to Indiana SAR's House of Delegates Meeting on 09 October 2021, the Indiana SAR Color Guard along with guardsmen from Kentucky and Illinois presented the colors and provided a musket salute at a Patriot Grave Marking for five Patriots buried at Upper Indiana Cemetery in Vincennes, IN.



Defeat of Col. Augustín de la Balme

The Indiana SAR Color Guard presented the colors and provided a musket salute at the commemoration of the 241st anniversary of the defeat of Col. Augustín de la Balme by Miami Indians lead by Little Turtle.



Traveling Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

The Indiana Society SAR Color Guard presented the colors at the program for the Traveling Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the Armory at Salem, IN on Thursday, 18 Nov 2021. L to R: Wm Behmke of the John Martin Chapter, Randy Helderman of the George Rogers Clark Chapter, Ed Hitchcock of the Daniel Guthrie Chapter, Wilbur Decker of the John Martin Chapter, and Richard Hill of the Daniel Guthrie Chapter.





Christmas Parade

The Indiana Society SAR Color Guard leading the Medora Christmas Parade in Medora, IN on Saturday, 4 Dec 2021. L to R: James Arnold of the Daniel Guthrie Chapter, Randy Helder- man of the George Rogers Clark Chapter and Ed Hitchcock of the Daniel Guthrie Chapter.



Veterans Day Parade

The rain didn't stop the Color Guard from turning out for the Veterans Day Parade in Terre Haute, IN. Pic- tured from left to right. Front Row, Brent Denny, Randy Helder- man, William Behnke Sr, Edward Hitchcock, and Luke Jackson. Second row, David Decker and Joseph Behnke. Not pictured William Behnke Jr. and Wilbur Decker.



The Traveling Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

On November 19th The Traveling Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was at Salem IN. The John Hay Chapter invited members of the Color Guard to present colors. Pictured left to right (IN Tomb 1), William E Behnke Sr., Randy Helder- man, Edward Hitchcock, Wilbur Decker, and Richard Hill. Pictured left to right (IN Tomb 2), William E Behnke Sr., Edward Hitchcock, Randy Helder- man, Wilbur Decker, Richard Hill. Photos by Joyce Behnke



KANSAS -

Kansas ColorGuard activity



Chapter, John Sherman of Prairie Minutemen Chapter, Bobbie Hulse of the Sons of the Plains Chapter and Steven Hamblin of the Washington Chapter.

On Saturday November 6 the KSSSAR Color Guard participated in the Flag Ceremony at Emporia State University in Emporia, KS. The Flag Ceremony is the opening event for Veterans Week at Emporia State, Emporia is the home of the first Veterans Day, then called Armistice Day, event. The participants were as follows, (Photo Right) in period preachers clothing in front was Dr. Reverend Vern Welkner, KSSSAR President and Color Guardsman. In line behind Vernon Welkner were, from left to right, Commander Dewey Fry, Kirk Rush, John Schwartz, Dennis Nelson, Kenneth Ludwig, Steven Hamblin, Jeffery Winters and Alan Martin.

On October 7, 2021, in Ellsworth, Kansas, the Kansas Society Color Guard Color Guard participated in the reinterment ceremony of the remains of United States Navy Fireman First Class Walter S. Belt, Jr of Cleveland, KS who was killed during attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941. His remains had been identified in March of 2021 and returned to Ellsworth, the home town of Walter S. Belt, Jr. for reinterment at the Old Ellsworth Cemetery. There were numerous organization and flags in the events, so many that traffic on the nearby highway stopped to attempt to observe the occasion.

Color Guardsmen participating were from left to right (Photo Left.) John Schwartz of the Washington Chapter, Patrick Crawford of the Bennington Chapter, Leonard "Bit" Roberts of the Sons of the Plains



Veterans Day, November 11, two units of the KSSAR Color Guard participated in two different locations, one in McPherson, KS and one in Leavenworth KS. It was a cold and very windy day in both cities, but that did not stop deter the attendance as the streets with lined with observers. Bobbie Hulse, Dean Bruns and Leonard Roberts, of the Sons of the Plains Chapter participated in the parade in McPherson. Those participating in the Leavenworth County Veterans Day Parade were leading in front (Photo Right) Dr. Reverend Vernon Welkner of the Henry Leavenworth Chapter, following in line from left to right in the photo were Alan Martin of the Monticello Chapter, Dewey Fry and then Dennis Nelson of the Delaware Crossing Chapter, and Michael “Tom” Chychota of the Henry Leavenworth Chapter.

The Kansas Society held its first Muster event the evening of Tuesday December 7, KSSAR Color Guardsmen participated in the event by Presenting the standard color guard colors at the opening and Retiring the Colors at the Closing. During the program Color Guardsmen presented each of the state flag one at a time for each of the 13 Colonies that became the first 13 state, in addition the flag of the France, Spain and The Netherlands were presented when Patriot Ancestors from those countries were announced. Color Guardsmen who participated are shown in the photo (Photo Below) from left to right.



The final event of the year was Wreaths Across America on December 18, 2021. Color Guardsmen from the Kansas Society participated in events across the state, with the main contingent participating at Johnson County Memorial Gardens in Overland Park, KS. There the Color Guard Presented the Colors during the ceremony and did a ceremonial laying of the wreaths before the others in attendance dispersed to various sections for laying of wreaths. Left to right, (Photo Below Left) during the ceremony were Commander Dewey Fry, Alan Martin, Kirk Rush, Dennis Nelson, Steven French, Kenneth Ludwig, Bruce Bowman, Jeffery Winters, and John Forbes. All participated in the ceremonial laying of wreaths. (Photo Below Right).



Grave Marking at Old Mulkey Meetinghouse

The Old Mulkey Meetinghouse near Tompkinsville, KY was built in 1804 and is the oldest log meetinghouse in Kentucky. Many Patriots from the American Revolution are buried in its cemetery. One such Patriot is Abraham Hestand. A grave marking ceremony for Abraham was initially planned for April 2020, however the COVID-19 pandemic caused the grave marking to be postponed first to September of 2020 and then to the spring of 2021. Finally, after nearly two years of delays, the grave marking was finally held on 31 October 2021. The weather for the ceremony was a perfect fall day which to a limited degree made up for the two year wait. The Central Kentucky Brigade Color Guard was on hand to support the long-awaited ceremony. Kentucky State President Steve Mallory was present and participated in the color guard. Several descendants of the Patriot attended the ceremony coming from as far away as central Illinois. Six SAR chapters were represented in the color guard. Four from Kentucky (Col .Stephen Trigg, Lt. Robert Moseley, Gov. Isaac Shelby, and Lafayette), one from Indiana (Clifty Creek) and one from Tennessee. Also in the color guard was Isabella Bastien, State President for the Kentucky CAR Society. The complete color guard consisted of 9 flag bearers, six riflemen, and two fifers. Photo Right. Members of the color guard pose next to the marker for Abraham Hestand.



KENTUCKY



Veterans Day Ceremony – Mission BBQ

Mission BBQ in St. Matthews, KY held a Veterans Day Ceremony on 11 November to honor those men and women who have served our country in the military. Various Veterans Organizations participated in the ceremony which was well attended by the community. A special display of World War II era vehicles was provided by the Kilroy Chapter of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association.

Mission BBQ requested the Central Kentucky Brigade to provide the color guard for the event. Eight members from the Lafayette and Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter made up the color guard along with one DAR member from the Corn Island Chapter.

An incoming weather front created rain right before the ceremony began, but it did not hamper the spirits of those in attendance.

Photo Left. Members of the Central Kentucky Brigade after the ceremony

Wreaths Across America Ceremony

The Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Zachary Taylor National Cemetery in Louisville, KY was back to its pre-pandemic format after having to greatly curtail the ceremony in 2020. The Central Kentucky Brigade Color Guard once again supported this Wreaths Across America ceremony held on 18 December.

The Zachary Taylor National Cemetery contains 11,032 Veteran interments and is also the final resting place for our 12th president, Zachary Taylor, and members of his family. The burials in the cemetery include members of the Taylor family who served in the American Revolution, War of 1812, and the American Civil War along with Veterans who served in the Spanish-America War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the Persian Gulf War.

Members of the Louisville Thruston, Gov. Isaac Shelby, and Lafayette SAR chapters participated in the color guard for the Wreaths Across America ceremony. Also participating in the color guard was the Jack Jouett Society CAR and the Corn Island Chapter DAR. The remainder of the color guard consisted of active-duty military, JROTC cadets (Lee Corps, Civil Air Patrol, and Sea Cadets), Vietnam Veterans of America, and Trail Life USA. In total there were 49 color guard members including three SAR riflemen carrying flintlock firearms and five Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War carrying percussion cap muzzle loaders. The color guard for the ceremony was organized and supervised by the Color Guard Commander for the Central Kentucky Brigade. The speaker for the ceremony was Major General Robert Silverthorn, US Army, retired, and past Chairman of the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs. Major General Silverthorn is also a SAR member and President of the Louisville Thruston Chapter.

A special moment for the day was the laying of a wreath at the tomb of President Zachary Taylor. Major General Silverthorn was given the honor of placing this wreath. The honor guard for this presentation included members of the Central Kentucky Brigade.

Members of the Kentucky Society also participated in the planning committee for the ceremony. In addition, many of the volunteers supporting the event were from the Gov. Isaac Shelby, Louisville Thruston, and Lafayette chapters of the SAR and the Corn Island, John Marshal, and Peter Foree chapters of the DAR.

A total of 3,825 wreaths were laid on the graves of the Veterans after the ceremony, a 50% increase in the number of wreaths from previous years. Although this represents only 35% of the total graves, the event continues to grow each year. Approximately 700 people attended the ceremony and placed wreaths on the graves in the cemetery.



Members of the Central Kentucky Brigade lead the Color Guard. (Photo by John Nation)



The Central Kentucky Brigade in the Color Guard. (Photo by John Nation)



Major General Silverthorn presents the wreath at the tomb of President Zachary Taylor. (Photo by John Nation)



Historical Marker Opelousas Militia

October, 2021 – Louisiana Society Sons of American Revolution Color Guard presented the colors at the memorial held by the town of Opelousas at the unveiling of an historic marker for the locally recruited Opelousas Militia which fought with General Galvez in his 1779 campaign wresting the Mississippi River from British domination from Natchez (Miss.) to Baton Rouge (La.) The guardsmen from Left to right are Paul Bergeron, Ted Brode, Robert Hess, and Jim Morock each depicting his ancestor in Patriot military attire.



Salute to the Veterans Concert

November 6, 2021 – Sons of American Revolution Color Guard presents the colors at the Northshore Community Orchestra's Salute to the Veterans Concert at Heritage Park in Slidell. Compatriots Rodney McKelroy and Leonard Rohrbough from the Louisiana Color Guard and Pierre George Rousseau Chapter of the SAR present the colors during performance of the National Anthem while depicting their ancestors in Colonial Militia attire



Bunkie, Louisiana Christmas Parade

December 6, 2021 – Sometimes it is quality not quantity, especially on short notice. The Louisiana Society Sons of American Revolution Color Guard was represented in the Bunkie, Louisiana Christmas Parade by Chis Achee wearing the uniform of his ancestor, an officer in the Louisiana Infantry Regiment. That regiment was commanded by Governor Galvez in his operations against the British up the Mississippi River and along the Gulf coast.

MASSACHUSETTS -

Taunton, Massachusetts 247th anniversary commemoration

October 16, 2021 – Taunton, Massachusetts 247th anniversary commemoration 1st raising of the Liberty and Union flag by the Sons of Liberty.

An annual celebration is the Liberty & Union Weekend by the town of Taunton, Massachusetts. The event commemorates October 21, 1774, when Taunton became the first community in the 13 British American colonies to raise a flag – the “Liberty and Union Flag” – to express dissension against the British crown.

The flag was first proposed by Reverend Caleb Barnum, the seventh minister of the town’s First Congregational church, and one of the town’s Revolutionary War heroes. He was an outspoken advocate for the Whig cause in the years leading up to American independence. Whigs supported the primacy of British Parliament over the Crown and the belief Parliament’s constitution provided the right of British citizens in the colonies to have elected representation in Parliament. Among his congregation were several of the town’s most prominent patriot families, including those of Robert Treat Paine (1776 Declaration of Independence signatory) and David Cobb (Lt. Colonel Continental Army and Aide-de-Camp to General Washington).

Attending the October 16, 2021, commemoration, were the Colonel Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard of Massachusetts Society of S.A.R., the Robert Treat Paine Chapter of MASSAR, the Hingham Militia, the Rehoboth Minutemen, the Wareham Minutemen and the Taunton High School JROTC.



To the accompaniment of fife and drum, the procession of MASSAR Color Guard, Militia Companies and JROTC to reassemble at the Robert Treat Paine statue at Taunton town center. The Col Henry Knox Color Guard, the Militia and the JROTC proceeded from the Old Colony History Museum, past the Church of Reverend Caleb Barnum, to the statue of Robert Treat Paine in town center. Edward Hoak, President of Massachusetts Society SAR delivered the commemoration address.

At the Robert Treat Paine town monument. The Commemoration and wreath laying was led by MASSAR President Edward Hoak, accompanied by MASSAR Robert Treat Paine Chapter representative Jerry Hazeldine. Following MASSAR President Edward Hoak’s spoken remarks, a rolling musket fire volley was delivered by each militia unit and the Colonel Henry Knox Color Guard. All units then reassembled back at the Old Colony Museum flagpole. The JROTC raised 1774 Liberty Union flag, then together the Militia’s and MASSAR Color Guard delivered their musket volley salute. Chronical of the event contributed by: Reporter – Brad Bittenbender Photographer – Patricia Hubbell



Veterans Day Cemetery Grave Marking

November 9, 2021 – Sturbridge, Massachusetts Veterans Day Cemetery Grave Marking and Honoring of a Participant, December 16, 1773 Boston Tea Party Son of Liberty. As a Commemoration on this year’s Veteran’s Day in Sturbridge, the graves of 64 Revolutionary War veterans in residence were honored with American flags. A new historic chapter took place at The Old Burying Ground. Beginning with the 250th anniversary of the 1770 Boston Massacre the 250th year milestones are coming due leading up to and thru the American Revolution and establishment of the United States. This year a new grave marker was put in place to recognize a veteran of the December 16, 1773, event at Boston Harbor, Sons of Liberty Tea Party veteran Samuel Hobbs, “Mohawk”. The history behind the grave marking: In the Year 1773, in response to a buildup of grievances that included British Parliament placing a series of taxes on the American Colonies and excluding the British citizen Colonists from having elected representation in Parliament, it came to a head in Massachusetts. In Boston, on the night of December 16th, approximately 100 to 130 men, some disguised as Mohawk Indians, boarded 3 American merchantmen ships at Griffin’s Wharf and dumped 92,000 pounds of China-sourced tea owned by the British East India Company into the harbor. Dressing as Mohawk warriors was a specific and symbolic choice. It showed that the Sons of Liberty identified with America, over their official status as subjects of Great Britain. Similar protests followed in the colonial towns New York, New York, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Charlestown, South Carolina.

In Britain, even those politicians considered friends of the colonies were appalled. The British government felt this action could not remain unpunished. It responded with punishing the Massachusetts Colony. It passed the “Intolerable Acts”, closed the port of Boston, ended local self-government and provided the barracking of British soldiers in private citizens homes. The other colonies recognized the threat to their own sovereignty. The event put in motion what led to the Battle of Lexington and Concord.



The Sons of Liberty had sworn themselves to silence and to not reveal the names of the members. By the 1830’s, in the retelling of the story of the event, it became known as the “Boston Tea Party” and the identities of many of the participants became known.

Attending the November 9, 2021 grave marking were the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum presenters Shawn Ford, Executive Director, Evan O’Brien, Creative Manager and Jonathan Lane, Revolution 250 Coordinator, the Colonel Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard of Massachusetts Society S.A.R., Daughters of the American Revolution past and present Regents Adelina Healy, Helen Porier and Anne Marie Saface, the Sturbridge Militia and Captain Timothy Parker, Town Administrator Jeff Bridges, Sturbridge Historical Commissioner Richard Volpe, Veterans Agent Michael Struppa and Elected State House Representative Todd Smola. Following the grave marker dedication, the Col. Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard honored veteran Samuel Hobbs with a 3-volley musket fire salute. Guard members (L to R) Steve Cochrane, Scott Tourtellot, George Podmore, John Cunningham, Kenneth Sterling, and Commander Christopher Tourtellot

Chronical of the event contributed by:
Reporter – Brad Bittenbender
Photographer – Patricia Hubbell



MARYLAND -

Grave Marking

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



Oct 1st – It was a ‘Fine Day to be in Wool’ as David Hoover, William Smithson and Michael Price represented the Maryland Color Guard as they participated in the Port Tobacco DAR Chapter’s marking of Thomas Hanson Marshall and his son Dr. Thomas Marshall at Piscataway Park in Btyan Rd. Maryland over looking the Potomac across from Mount Vernon. The site is managed by the National Park Service



Grave Marking

Oct 2nd The MDSSAR Westminster Chapter Marked Patriot Lt. John Fowler at St. John Cemetery in Westminster, Maryland, with Guardsmen David Hoover, Lou Raborg and Gene Moyer participating with Colors and Musket Salute.



Marker Dedication for Westminster Chapter Compatriot

Oct 9 Marker Dedication for Westminster Chapter Compatriot Memorial Member George Raymond Sauble at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery in Taneytown, MD. Family members from as far as Florida – participants included David Hoover, David Embrey, Gene Moyer and Rick Abbott,



Dedication of Interpretive Marker

Oct 23 Such a event that including three DAR Chapters, the Sgt. Everhart SAR Chapter and the Thomas Johnson Society CAR for the Dedication of Interpretive Marker for Thomas Johnson for First Governor of Maryland at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Frederick. Participants included David Embrey, Gene Moyer, Rick Abbott, Gerald Harris, Michael Price and David Hoover





Delaware Society Marker

Oct 30 - The Color Guard embarked on a Road Trip to support the Delaware Society

Marking of Patriot Major John Patten and James Bellach at the Old Presbyterian Church in Dover Delaware.

-David Embrey, David Hoover, William Smithson and Michael Price



Christian Ardinger Chapter

11/6 - It was a busy start to the month as we divided our Forces to participated in multiple Markings in multiple locations throughout the state from Washington County to the Southern Eastern Shore.

10:00 am The Christian Ardinger Chapter Marked Patriot Johann Conradus Lauderbach in small cemetery in Washington County. Lauderbach came to America to fight for the British but when taken prisoner he got a taste of the New World and enlisted to fight with the Americans. The event was attend by John Turner, Chapter VP, Property owner Stephanie Clute and Color Guard member Wes Evans



10:00 am Snow Hill - Southern Eastern Shore

We started off the day in support of the combined SAR John Smoot and DAR General Levin Winder Chapters by Marking two of Worcester County Revolutionary War Patriots

The first was for Capt. Levin Handy of the 5th MD. at Makemie Memorial at Presbyterian Church Cemetery

10:45 am then a short walk to All Hallows



Episcopal Church Cemetery for our second Marking for Col. Samuel Handy followed by the first DAR reception of the day at the All Hallows Hall. Following the reception it was back in the cars to travel the 45 minutes to Crisfield in Sumerset County, the southern most part of Maryland.



2:30 – We made our way along with 50 others to the road side burial site of Thomas “King” Nelson, for the combined DAR Kanticoke and SAR John Smoot Chapters Marking. We Posted the Colors and then moved to the road for the Ceremony. Musket Salute Lt to Rt. Gerald Harris, William Smithson, David Embrey and David Hoover

11/7 It’s always a honor to participate in Veterans Day events and again this year the Charles Carroll of Carrollton Chapter fell-in with American Legion Post 156 for the annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the Lake Front in Columbia Maryland.



Chapter President and Veteran Paul Turlington stops for a photo during the parade. Legion Post 156, with Guardsmen Gerald Harris and David Embrey - Hey Ken Collins, remember my hat isn’t backwards it’s a cocked hat.



11/13 ‘Such a fine day to be in Wool’ as we ended the month with a combined SAR and 1812 Society Marking of General Tobias Stansbury in Essex, Maryland. We do two to three of these Duel Markings a year being so close to Baltimore. Guardsmen included Past NS-SAR Color Guard Commander David Hoover, Past Maryland State President Gene Moyer, Color Guard Commander David Embrey (aka Fifer Dave) and Past State President William Smithson. (Left) Musket Salute (Below) and everyone in attendance (Bottom Left)





12/11 **Wreath Laying** -
Crypt of John Paul Jones
- Naval Academy Chapel -
Annapolis, Maryland - Color
Guard included - David Em-
brey, Rick Abbott, David
Hoover, John Davidson and
Lawrence Price - photos by
Lucas Ginn

The one we Honor far left,
Forward March Top left,
Attendees Bottom Left



12/12 **Washington Crossing** – The MD Color
Guard had three members who participated in
the 69th Annual Washington Crossing Dress
Rehearsal in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Ger-
ald Harris fell in with the 1st New York Regi-
ment – (Right) Gerald with ‘His Excellency
George Washington as Michael Price (Left) and
Jason Posey (far right) 36 fell-in with the 1st
Delaware HUZAH!



Wreaths Across America

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery - It's always an honor
to participate in any Veteran Ceremony and Wreaths
Across America is the highlight of the year. This year
we were able to represent both the SAR and the 1812
Society. – Fire - Taps with and photos by Myra Wood

Bel Air Memorial Gardens Cemetery – With Guards-
men David Hoover, Don Eberhardt, Lou Raborg and Christopher Smithson (pic 40)

Monocacy Cemetery – There was great weather for the Inaugural Wreaths Across Amer-
ica Ceremony at Monocacy Cemetery in Beallsville, MD but with such short notice we
were only able to have Guardsmen Gerald Harris of the Sgt. Everhart Chapter in support.
Great Job – (pic 41) Fire (pic 42) – The crowd – (pic 43)



Wreaths Across America

Bel Air Memorial Gardens Cemetery – With Guardsmen David Hoover, Don Eberhardt, Lou Raborg and Christopher Smithson (Right)



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12/23 - On the Date, At the Time, In the Room Where it Happened – December 23, 1783, Noon, in the ‘Old Senate Chamber’ Annapolis, Maryland - The Maryland Society Commemorated ‘His Excellency George Washington’s Military Resignation’ with State President Mark Deeds opening the program with a brief history of events of late, that bring us here today. At noon Major General Jim Adkins, USA Retired was escorted into the Chamber and read General Washington’s Resignation then withdrew from the room, As it was 238 years ago. (pic Above Right) photo by Edward Spammaus, Ms. Vicki Embrey read a short excerpt from the letter Moll Ridout wrote to her mother describing what she experienced that day as a visitor in the gallery. This is the only known account left by a private citizen (pic Above

Left) photo by Sandra

Deeds. The program was concluded with President Deeds making note of the ‘Historical Importance’ of what we just Commemorated not only moving forward as a country but the tone that was set to the rest of the world. After which Congress was adjourned. Special thanks our Color Guard who represented the States that were in attendances and to all who participated. Lt to Rt – President Mark Deeds, Guardsmen (Rick Abbott, Don Eberhardt, Geoff Wood,) Vicki Embrey, His Excellency, Compatriot Gen Adkins, Guardsmen (Gerald Harris, David Hoover,) Mid Atlantic GPG Troy Foxwell and State Color Guard Commander David Embrey (pic Below) Such a ‘Fine Day to be in Wool’ it was.



12/18 Evening - Mt Vernon – Commander Embrey traded in his coatee for a Red Regimental as he fell-in in with the 1st Virginia Musick at ‘His Excellency George Washington’s Estate – Claude Bauer, His Excellency George Washington and David Embrey



COMMEMORATION: 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER



HOWELL, MICHIGAN: On November 11, 2021, at 2pm, the Philip Livingston Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Kensington Valley Chapter, Michigan Society Sons of the American Revolution will lay a wreath at the Brighton District Library in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Photo Right: L/R Michigan color guardsman Bob Hawcroft, Michigan SAR state president David VanHoof, Michigan color guardsman Dennis VanWormer

Photo Left: Guardsman Dennis VanWormer performed Michigan Societies Color Guard "Sword Salute" honoring Unknown Soldier.

In the background ceremony speakers look on.



CAR / DAR Dedication of POW / MIA granite marker

September 25, 2021 Labor Day, the Michigan Color Guard Commander, the Battle Creek DAR Chapter in conjunction with the state CAR gathered at the Fort Custer National Cemetery. They honored the POW / MIA by memorializing the event with a granite permanent stone marker in memory of each and every soldier in this category.

State CAR Senior President Deborah Davis, organized the event with State CAR President Moria Brady, Sons of the Revolution President Geoffery Hickock, State DAR Regent Kelly Van Wormer, and the Honorary State CAR president James Krantz, MISSAR 2nd Vice President spoke words of condolences to the audience on behalf of the Michigan society. Other speakers and dignitaries included National CAR President, Jacob Shadinger, the Fort Custer National Rifle Squad.

The permanent marker wasn't shipped in time for the ceremony but maintenance is at the ready when it is here for placement. Michigan Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard Commander Norman Palmer lead the CAR color guard in the posting and the retiring of the "Colors".

There was a wonderful attendance and a beautiful day for the ceremony.

Wreaths Across America

Grand Rapids Home for Veterans 12/18/2021 Com-patriot Ken Goodson



A temporary placement where the granite marker remembering all POW MIA military service members will be placed.



At podium; Children of the American Revolution, State President James Krantz. Behind; CAR color guard, right MISSAR Color Guard Commander, Norman Palmer.

Michigan Sons of the American Revolution Board of Managers meeting

October 31st, 2021 with the “Mighty Mac” in the background, the Missar color guard stood south of the Mackinaw Bridge in Mackinaw City, Mi. This bridge spanning 5 miles was designated “The Eight Wonder of the World.” early in 1953.

Our Board of Managers meeting was held within the Best Western Waterfront Dockside Inn Accommodations ceremony.



L/R Missar 2nd Vice President Joe Williams, Guardsman Dennis VanWormer, NSSAR International VPG Ken Goodson, Guardsman Aaron Wiles, Guardsman Ron Barnard, Guardsman Mark Chamberlain, Missar Color Guard Commander Norman Palmer, Missar State President David VanHoof.



The MISSAR Color Guard stood proudly at attention for the presentation of the NSSAR Color Guard Silver Medal to Guardsman Dennis VanWormer. The medal and certificate were given by Commander Palmer aided by the State President David VanHoof.

Guardsman Vanwormer served the guard sufficiently to earn points toward the silver service guard award



Proudly she waves in the Michigan “Great Lakes” breeze as the guard ends their ceremony.



Our Commander is proud of our state’s color guard involvement. They are always standing together at all types of events and patriot grave dedications. Another active member Aaron Wiles served the guard and earned his NSSAR Color Guard Bronze Medal. It was a proud day for our state awarding 3 color guard medals in one day.



We had a special opportunity to award another color guardsman of Paul Emery Chapter chapter. Guardsman and color guard “Bag Pipper” Ron Barnard was awarded the NSSAR Color Guard Bronze Medal.

These medals were proudly awarded by the color guard commander aided by state president David VanHoof.

MINNESOTA -



Veteran Day

Vice President General Chris Moberg and Minnesota SAR Living History team leader Rich Howey represent the Minnesota SAR Color Guard, at the Veterans Day program at the International Event Center in Rochester, MN. The MNSAR Color Guard was honored to march alongside a number of other local honor guards in this event honoring both veterans and law enforcement. The photo is courtesy of SAR member and photographer Bryan Evarts.

MISSOURI -



Grave Marking Ceremony for Patriot Pvt. James Keaton

On October 16th, 2021 descendants of Pvt. James Keaton, a soldier in the American Revolutionary War, gathered to place a headstone for him next to his wife's headstone (Anky Ballard Keaton) in the Keaton Cemetery in Greenville, Monroe County, West Virginia. Pvt. Keaton was a soldier in 7th Virginia Regiment of Foot in the Continental Line serving under Captain Thomas Hill. The regiment saw action at the Battle of Brandywine, Battle of Germantown (after wintering at Valley Forge), Battle of Monmouth and the Siege of Charleston. Most of the regiment was captured by the British at Charlestown, South Carolina on May 12, 1780.

Members of two State Societies of the Sons of the American Revolution coordinated their efforts to honor Pvt. James Keaton. Compatriot Bill Lester, Past President of WVSSAR and Compatriot Charles Lilly, Past President of MOSSAR spent one year to make this event happen. Compatriot Lilly is a member of the Fernando de Leyba Chapter of St. Charles, Missouri and a Dual Member of the Greenbrier Valley Chapter. The Greenbrier Valley Chapter of WVSSAR hosted the event. Numerous descendants of Pvt. Keaton attended which included Elder Norval Mann of the Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Deacon Harold Dickson of the same church who supported this event through coordination with the cemetery trustees, and Forrest Lilly member of the Greenbrier Valley Chapter and brother of Charles Lilly. Craig Mohler (Editor of the Monroe Watchman) was in attendance.



The WVSSAR Color Guard with a MOSSAR Color Guard member posted the Colors for the ceremony. Ms. Maggie Jusiel played "Amazing Grace" on the bag pipes. Due to heavy rain the Color Guard was not able to fire a musket salute. Elder Norval Mann with the Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church gave the invocation. WVSSAR First Vice president Rhendal C. Butler led the introduction with local DAR regents Debra Phillips and Caroline Klezli. Rhendal Butler, made comments about James Keaton. WVSSAR Historian Wayne Harvey gave the Benediction.

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The Daughters of the American Revolution supported the Ceremony. Members of the Peters Mountain DAR Chapter with Regent Caroline Klezli and members of the General Andrew Lewis DAR Chapter with Regent Debra Phillips attended and placed flowers by the headstone. In all around 40 descendants of Pvt. James Keaton gathered to honor their Patriot Ancestor.



Left to right: Zack Phillips of the John Beckley Chapter, Calvin Hannah of the Capt. Ralph Stewart Chapter, Charles Lilly Dual Member of the Greenbrier Valley Chapter, Bill Lester of the Capt. Ralph Stewart Chapter and Past WVSSAR President, Ken Vannoy of the Daniel Boone Chapter, and Ed Cromley, IV of the Point Pleasant Chapter and WVSSAR State Color Guard Commander.

Photos provided by Compatriot Charles Lilly (MOSSAR).

Colorguardsmen presented the Colors

On September 21, 2021 the Independence Patriots Chapter Colorguardsmen presented the Colors at the September meeting of the Blue Springs DAR Chapter – Blue Springs, Missouri. The IPC Chapter also presented Vicky Hodges the Martha Washington Medal for her assistance in genealogy for SAR prospective members.

Left to right: Stephen Sullins, Ronald Paris, Vicky Hodges, Regent Renee Windle, Jill Frazer(background), and Adrienne Kubin.

Photo provided by Susan Rew (DAR)/Compatriot Stephen Sullins (IPC).



Independence Patriots Chapter Colorguardsmen presented the Colors

On October 2, 2021 the Independence Patriots Chapter Colorguardsmen presented the Colors in conjunction with Hannah Cole DAR Chapter Members Carol Norman, Kathy Wilkerson, and Cindy Mallory, at the October meeting of the Hannah Cole DAR Chapter held at Roselyn Heights, Boonville, Missouri. Compatriot Stephen Sullins was guest speaker with the program “The Hello Girls”.

Left to right: Stephen Sullins, Regent Maryellen McVicker, and Ronald Paris.

Photo provided by Compatriot Stephen Sullins (IPC).

Reclamation of a nearly lost cemetery

On October 2, 2021, the Color Guard from Ozark Mountain Chapter and Ozark Patriot Chapter supported the DAR in a ceremony for the reclamation of a nearly lost cemetery near Aurora, Missouri. What is now renamed the Samuel and Catherine Phariss Memorial Cemetery, was at its founding around 1840 referred to as the Old Settler’s and Indian Cemetery.

A common migration pattern for early Missouri settlers was through Tennessee. In this case 45 or so people, many Virginians, moved in 1838 from Tennessee to what would become Lawrence County. Descendants four generations later located the burying ground and it became their life’s passion to learn more about their ancestors, and to reclaim the cemetery.

Missouri Society, SAR Colorguardsmen were honored to participate in the ceremony, and to mark with a medallion a First Son Samuel Phariss (1771-1858). Attending color guard: Ozark Patriot Chapter Colorguardsman Don Turner; Ozark Mountain Chapter Colorguardsmen Gary Gift, Ken Lawrence and State Color Guard Commander Steve Perkins. Also attending was Ozark Mountain Chapter President Curtis Trent and Ben Edmondson.

Left to right: Gary Gift (OMC); Don Turner (OPC); Ken Lawrence (OMC); and Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard Commander Steve Perkins (OMC).

Photos provided by CompatriotSteve Perkins (omC).



Tombstones of Samuel and Catherine Phariss

Grave Marking for Patriot Nathan Clifton

On October 9, 2021 an array of flags was carried by MOSSAR Color Guard, Branson AFJROTC, and Scouts into the Clifton Family Cemetery, south of Marshfield. Guests included 21 descendants, the local state representative, Sons of Union Veterans and Ozark Mountain Chapter members to celebrate the first official marking in honor of Nathan Clifton's gravesite with a granite SAR marker.

The patriarch Patriot at nearly the age of 80 settled the area in 1840 with sons and a daughter about 5 miles due south of Marshfield along the James River. Nathan died aged 105. Children from his first marriage settled in Texas and several other states. At least one son from his first marriage fought with the confederates. His daughter Eveline Clifton is buried in the Clifton Family Cemetery.

On October 7, 1928 (nearly 98 years ago) more than 200 people from across Missouri gathered in the Clifton family burying ground to honor the life of Eveline Clifton, an "Original Daughter" or "Real Daughter" of the American Revolution, and to dedicate a monument and a bronze marker for her. A "Real Daughter" was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution who was also a daughter of a American Revolution soldier, Nathan Clifton. A grand-nephew of Eveline Clifton's, Maj. Robert William Lindenstruth, served as master of ceremonies. He noted that she was loyal, having given up the beaux of her girlhood to remain loyal to her father when he needed her. She also raised her brother's children after his death.

For Patriot Clifton's grave marking the anthem and pledges were followed by recognition of guests and a condensed history of Nathan Clifton's life, delivered by Compatriot Dr. Norman Knowlton. Missouri District 141 State Representative Hannah Kelly delivered the proclamation and recognized the hallowed ground in her district where Nathan and his numerous descendants are buried. Greetings were brought by the Agnes Hill DAR Chapter of Phillipsburg, one of several DAR Chapters represented, as well as a newly established HaHa Tonka CAR Chapter from Camdenton. A triple musket volley followed the unveiling at Nathan's grave after which the ceremony transitioned to a recognition of Patriot Sons and a Daughter. Single musket shots were fired at the unveiling of the Patriot Sons/Daughters medallion placed on Eveline Clifton's gravestone, and on Civil War Veterans Madison Clifton and Allison Clifton. Members of the Phelps Camp Sons of Union Veterans attended, and Jeff Patrick read a summary of the war service of four of Nathan's sons.

250th Anniversary streamers were presented to the Agnes Hill DAR Chapter, HaHa Tonka CAR Chapter, Rachel Donelson DAR Chapter, Scout Troop 143 from Clever, Phelps Camp Sons of Union Veterans, Pamela Clifton Cole, and to Branson's AFJROTC Colonial Color Guard.

Those who until then never attended an event such as this were truly inspired - a testimony by their own words.



Compatriot Jim Baker leads CAR children in drill and ceremony, assisted by Russell DeVenney. In the background are John Coutts and J. Wayne Merrill.

DAR Chapter, Columbia, Missouri presented each child with a certificate documenting their compatriot's name.

Back roll left to right: Bruce Hillis (MGC); Russell DeVenney (MGC); Jim Baker (CCC); John Coutts (MGC); Kathryn Roberts (DAR). Photos provided by Compatriot Jim Baker (CCC).



Left to right: Cadet Gabriel Sanchez (Branson High School AFJROTC Honor Guard Commander), Dan McMurray (OMC), Cadet Sage Friend (BHS AFJROTC Cadet Corps Commander), Daniel Piedlow (OMC), Don Turner (OPC), Steve Perkins (OMC) (Missouri Color Guard Commander); Pamela Clifton Cole, Cadet Joandra Wiggins; Cadet Irelyn Mosandl; and Gary Gift, Past President Ozark Mountain Chapter. Not pictured is Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Honor Guard sponsor and mentor Master Sergeant Quezon Atwood

Left to right: Dr. Norman Knowlton (OMC), Pamela Clifton Cole, MOSSAR State President, Dr. George Swales (OMC), and OMC Chapter, President Curtis Trent standing at newly marked Real Son Madison Clifton and Real Daughter Eveline Clifton

Photos provided by Mitsy Shumaker. .



C.A.R. Participated in an Educational Service Day

On October 16, 2021, at the Boone County Historical Society, Columbia, Missouri eight children from the C.A.R. participated in an educational service day. Costumes were provided by the M. Graham Clark SAR Chapter to include tricorn hats, weskits and wooden muskets, as well as a drum. After saying the Pledge of Allegiance, children were issued wooden muskets and instructed on how to hold them and march with them. After a few marching drills, children were instructed on how to fire their muskets. SAR Color Guard Compatriots from the M. Graham Clark and Christopher Casey SAR Chapters talked about their uniforms and accoutrements,

and what a soldier might have with them, to include their tent. The Columbian



Grave marking for Patriot Grandson Dr. Joel H. Warren Grandson of Patriot Martin Warren

On October 16, 2021 the Martin Warren Chapter, Missouri Society conducted a descendant grave marking for Patriot Grandson Dr. Joel H. Warren (1818-1905). The ceremony took place at the Knob Noster Cemetery, Knob Noster, Johnson County, Missouri. Joel was the grandson of Patriot Martin Warren (1763-1852). The SAR chapter is named in honor of Martin Warren. Joel entered the Union Army in 1861 as surgeon of the 5th Missouri State Militia and served until 1863. Missouri Society Colorguardsmen that participated were Compatriots Mark Parks (Martin Warren Chapter), James Scott (Alexander Majors Chapter), and Michael Powers (Martin Warren Chapter). His grandfather Martin Warren in 1781 at age 18 joined the company of Capt. John Daugherty under General George Rogers Clark. He served in the Lincoln County, Virginia Militia until the War ended. The Warren family moved to Missouri in 1816. Patriot Martin Warren died on August 19, 1852 and was initially buried in the Old Warrensburg Cemetery in Warrensburg, Missouri. In 1915 his body was moved to Sunset Hill Cemetery in Warrensburg, Johnson County, Missouri. A tombstone for him remains in the Old Warrensburg Cemetery



Left to right: Mark Parks (MWC), James Scott (AMC), and Mike Powers (MWC).



Tombstone of Patriot Grandson Dr. Joel H. Warren. Photos provided by Compatriot Michael Powers (MWC)

Grave marking for Patriot Son Peter Thornton, Son of Patriot Lieutenant George Thornton

On October 16, 2021 the Martin Warren Chapter, Missouri Society conducted a descendant grave marking for Patriot Son Peter Thornton (1779-1860). Peter was the son of Patriot Lieutenant George Thornton (1752-1853) and grandson of Patriot Captain Anthony Thornton, Jr. The ceremony took place at the Nelson Cemetery located in Nelson, Saline County, Missouri. Present at the ceremony was descendant Compatriot Robert Thornton Wiley. There were 7 other family members present, none of whom Compatriot Wiley knew prior to the grave marking.



Left to right: Compatriots Mark Parks (MWC), James Scott (AMC), Stephen Sullins (IPC), Michael Powers (MWC), and President Gene Henry (MWC)



Tombstone of Patriot Son Peter Thornton
Photos provided by Compatriots Gene Henry (MWC) and Michael Powers (MWC).

Grave Marking of Five Patriots Buried at Fee Fee Cemetery – Bridgeton, Missouri

On October 23, 2021 the grave marking ceremony for five Patriots was held on at the Fee Fee Cemetery located at 11210 Old Saint Charles Road, St. Louis County, Bridgeton, Missouri. It was hosted by the Spirit of St. Louis (SSL) Chapter of the Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. SSL Chapter President Steven Biggs called the meeting to order and members of Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard presented the Colors. The Star-Spangled Banner was sung by Pam Davis, Honorary Senior State President, MSSCAR. The Invocation was conducted by Ray Killebrew, Chaplain of the SSL Chapter and Sylvia Stoll, Chaplain of the Webster Groves DAR Chapter. The Pledge of Allegiance, the SAR Pledge, and the American Creed were recited. SSL Chapter President Steven Biggs extended a welcome and introduced guests. A commemoration was conducted by Compatriot Steven Nichols and the Grave Marking Committee. A dedication of the grave marker was conducted by Compatriot Steven Nichols. A tribute was conducted by Marcus Sammons, State President, MSSCAR. Amazing Grace was played on the Bagpipes by Compatriot Wayne Davis, Honorary Senior State President, MSSCAR. The Benediction was conducted by SSL Chapter Chaplain Ray Killebrew. Taps was played by Bugler William Hershey. The Colors were retired by the members of Missouri Society, SAR.

Also in attendance were Honorable Terry Briggs, Mayor of Bridgeton, Missouri; Jeanne Keirle, Chairman of the Bridgeton Historical Commission; Anita Motz, Regent Webster Groves DAR Chapter; Nicole Sammons, Senior State President, MSSCAR; Abraham Musick (1722- 1795) descendants Colonel Jesse C. Hathcock, III, U.S. Army (Ret.) and Col. John D. Hathcock, U.S. Army (Ret.) (OMC); other descendants of the Musicks, and many others.

The Colorguardsmen were from six chapters of the Missouri Society, SAR: Represented were the Spirit of St. Louis (SSL), Fernand de Leyba (FDL), Ozark Mountain (OMC), Ozark Patriot (OPC), M. Graham Clark (MGC), and Warren (MWC) chapters.

The five Patriots are as follows.

Abraham Musick was born about 1722 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia. He was the father of David Musick. During the Revolutionary War, he was a spy in the frontier areas of North Carolina. He accompanied his son David to present day Missouri in 1795. He died in 1800 in St. Louis County, Missouri.

Abraham Musick was born was born in 1746 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia. He was the son of Ephraim Musick who was the brother of Abraham Musick (1722-1795). He is the cousin of David Musick and brother of Rev. Thomas Roy Musick. He served in the Revolutionary War with the rank of Cornet in the North Carolina Militia and also served as a bugler in the Battle of Kings Mountain in South Carolina. He died in St. Louis County, Missouri in 1832.

Capt. James Sullivan was born in 1748 in Jefferson County, Virginia (now West Virginia). He served in the 13th Virginia Regiment, 5th Company from December 16, 1776 to September 30, 1778. In 1777 he was at Fort McIntosh under the command Brigadier General Edward Hand with the duty to protect the western lands from Indian attacks aligned with the British. This service was from July 10, 1778 when he marched with a company of regulars from Darlington, Fort Pitt, until the settlement of the Cherokee Treaty in July 1779. In 1780 he was in General George Rogers Clark's command and acted as Master of Horses. In April 1781 he was sent under General Clark command to Beargrass to supervise the building of boats for Clark's expedition. He remained in military service as Captain under General Clark until 1790. In December 1779 he helped organize the 9th VA Regiment. He died in St. Louis County, Missouri in 1815.

Col. David Musick was born March 13, 1763 near Charlottesville, Virginia. He was the son of Abraham Musick (1722-1795). He served in both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. He enlisted in the army and fought under Major General Nathanael Greene at Guilford Court House, North Carolina. As a militiaman, he also was engaged in fighting Indians on the Carolina frontier. During the Revolutionary War, he was in the North Carolina Militia and fought in the Battle of Cowpens. He led a wagon train of 100 people from North Carolina to Illinois in 1794. He crossed the Mississippi to Spanish Louisiana (now Missouri) in 1795. He attained the rank of Lt. Colonel while fighting in the War of 1812. He was a prominent planter and politician. He served in the Missouri State Legislature and was one of the State's first Presidential Electors. He died in St Louis County Missouri in 1837.

Rev. Thomas Roy Musick was born in 1757 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia. He was the son of Ephraim Musick who was the brother of Abraham Musick (1722-1795). He is the cousin of David Musick and brother of Abraham Musick (1746-1832). When he was 17, he had a falling out with his father over region and became a preacher in North Carolina. During the Revolutionary War he served as a Private in 1776 in Major Richard Johnson's Regiment. From 1778-79 he served in Capt. William Neville's Company. He was captured twice and escaped once and was exchanged once in time to be at Lord Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown. He became a minister in the Baptist Church but the date of his ordination is unknown. He and his family moved to St. Louis County, Missouri in 1801. He began the Fee Fee Baptist Church in 1807, which has been in existence to this date. He died in St. Louis County, Missouri in 1842.



Left to right: Colorguardsmen Don Turner (OPC); Rick Morton (FDL); Brad Frazier (OPC); (Kneeling) Missouri Color Guard Commander Steve Perkins (OMC); Greg Watkins (SSL); James Osbourn (SSL); Terry Grogan (SSL); J. Wayne Merrill (MGC); (behind J. Wayne Merrill) John Bedell (SSL); Steve Baldwin (FDL); Jim Jackson (FDL); (behind Jim Jackson) Wayne Davis (SSL); Mark Parks (MWC); (behind Mark Parks) Eastern District Missouri Color Guard Commander Bill Grote (FDL); Dan Piedlow (OMC); C.A.R. flag carrier Jojo Sammons-Smith; Bugler William Hershey who played Taps; and Steve Biggs (SSL).



Left to right: Dan Piedlow (OMC); Mark Parks (MWC); Brad Frazier (OPC); Rick Morton (FDL); Greg Watkins (SSL); and Don Turner (OPC).

Photos provided by Robert Ackley (SSL) and Greg Watkins (SSL).



Dedication of the Oak Grove Veterans Memorial Oak Grove Cemetery, 2700 West Clay Street, St. Charles, Missouri November 6, 2021

On November 6, 2021 a Veterans Memorial was dedicated at the Oak Grove Cemetery located in St. Charles, Missouri. Colorguardsmen from the Fernando de Leyba Chapter and Spirit of St. Louis Chapter presented the Colors. The Memorial Stone was provided by several organizations and individuals



including the Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapter and the Saint Charles DAR Chapter.

Others participating in the dedication program were members of the Saint Charles DAR Chapter;

American Legion Post 313 of St. Peters, Missouri; American Legion Post 312 of St. Charles, and the pastor of Calvary Temple Church. Over 100 people attended the dedication. Over 600 Veterans have been laid to rest in Oak Grove Cemetery. There are veterans from all wars buried in Oak Grove starting with Warren Cottle, Sr. from the American Revolution up to present day in Afghanistan.

Oak Grove Veterans Memorial



Left to right; Bill Grote, Missouri Eastern District Color Guard Commander (FDL); Jim Jackson (FDL); Casey Brizendine (FDL); Marvin Koechig (FDL); and Terry Grogan (SSL). Photos taken by Compatriot Dennis J. Hahn (FDL).

Presenting the Colors at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Centennial Commemoration

On November 7, 2021 the Ozark Mount Chapter SAR Color Guard was honored to present the Colors at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Centennial Commemoration hosted by the Rachel Donelson Chapter, DAR at Maple Park Cemetery in Springfield, Missouri.

Colorguardsmen, left to right: Charles McMillan, Dan McMurray, Gary Gift, Ken Lawrence, and Missouri Color Guard Commander Steve Perkins.
Photo provided by Compatriot Dan Piedlow (OMC).



Event at Catts-Crawford Cemetery, South of Mt. Vernon, Missouri

On November 11, 2021 the Missouri Society Ozark Mountain Chapter and Ozark Patriots Chapter kicked off the day's events at the Fulton Farm just south of Mr. Vernon Missouri. Catts-Crawford Cemetery is situated in a pasture shaded by trees and surrounded by a fence. Early Missouri settlers once owned this land and land nearby, some are permanently resting in this small family cemetery. Here lies Patriot children and grandchildren: from Patriot John Neal are daughter Frances Neal Catts, and grandchildren George Neal Catts, Thomas Love Catts, and Jane Ann Catts Crawford. From Patriot Robert Crawford is grandson Robert Wells Crawford. Girls Scout troop 10334 from Mount Vernon raised the US Flag starting the ceremony, followed by the National Anthem. Curtis Trent shared the Patriot ancestry of those buried there, and a history of the pioneer generation. The girl scout troop was presented with a 250th Anniversary SAR streamer for their participation. This was capped off with a triple musket volley.

Color Guard and chapter members attending were: Ozark Patriot Chapter - Don Turner and Brad Frazier; Ozark Mountain Chapter - Ken Lawrence, Gary Gift, and State Commander Steven Perkins. Other Ozark Mountain Chapter members in attendance were Curtis Trent, Ben Edmundson, James Robinette, and MOSSAR Chaplain Dan Philbrick.



Colorguardsmen left to right: State Commander Steven Perkins (OMC), Ken Lawrence (OMC), Gary Gift (OMC), Brad Frazier (OPC), and Don Turner (OPC).

Photo provided by Compatriot Dan Piedlow (OMC).

Presentation of the Martha Washington Medal

On November 16, 2021 the Missouri Society Colorguardsmen presented the colors at the November 16th meeting of the Blue Springs DAR Chapter. The Independence Patriots Chapter recognized Jill Frasier with the Martha Washington Medal. Colorguardsmen Stephen Sullins and Ronald Paris with the Independence Patriots Chapter and Robert Grover with the Harry S Truman participated.

Left to right: Stephen Sullins (IPC), Ronald Paris (IPC), Kathy Hutchinson, Eleanor Frasier, Phyllis Wilkins (Parliamentarian), Jill Frasier, Regent Renee Windle, Robert Grover (HST).

Photo Provided by Stephen Sullins



Left to right: Stephen Sullins (IPC), Ronald Paris (IPC), Kathy Hutchinson, Eleanor Frasier, Phyllis Wilkins (Parliamentarian), Jill Frasier, Regent Renee Windle, Robert Grover (HST).

Photo Provided by Stephen Sullins

Grave marking for Patriot James DeMasters



Left to right: Stephen Sullins (IPC), Ronald Paris (IPC), Kathy Hutchinson, Eleanor Frasier, Phyllis Wilkins (Parliamentarian), Jill Frasier, Regent Renee Windle, Robert Grover (HST).

Photo Provided by Stephen Sullins

On November 20, 2021 the Martin Warren Chapter, Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution (MOSSAR) conducted a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony for James DeMasters, a Patriot of the American Revolution, at the Machpelah Cemetery, Lafayette County, Lexington, Missouri. There is no headstone, so the Martin Warren Chapter installed a marker in the ground with the Patriot's name and birth and death years along with the SAR Patriot grave marker. Chapter officers read various parts in the ceremony, which was followed by a musket salute by four of the eleven Missouri Color Guard members present. Those eleven Color Guard members represented five different Missouri Society Chapters; Martin Warren Chapter, Ozark Mountain Chapter, Alexander Majors Chapter, Independence Patriots Chapter, and Harry S. Truman Chapter. The marking was attended by three descendants of Patriot DeMasters; Patty DeMasters Ellington, and her children, Lisa Ellington Nevels and Mark Ellington. This is the second in a



series of seven Patriot Grave Marking ceremonies conducted by the Martin Warren Chapter to fulfill the chapter's commitment to honoring at least one Patriot each year through 2026 as part of its participation in America 250, an SAR program to celebrate America's 250th birthday anniversary..

Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony



On December 4, 2021 MOSSAR Colorguardsmen from six chapters gathered at DAR state headquarters Roslyn Heights in Boonville, Missouri to open the Lights of Love Ceremony. This DAR annual ceremony lights a tree, dedicates to, and recognizes all military, first responders, and police for their duty and service to the country. The Lights of Love Christmas Tree was turned on, and featured thousands of red, white and blue lights to signify the patriotic tune of the organization. Lights are donated by DAR chapters from across the State. This year their donations were targeted for a Kansas City project to assist Homeless Veterans with housing needs. DAR Pages who carried their flags were Laura Beeson (Missouri flag) and Elisa Leighton (DAR flag). Ten Color Guard participants included Alexander Majors chapter James Scott (district commander) and Richards Mathews; Independence Patriot chapter-Stephen Sullins, Peter Reynolds, Ron Paris and

Michael Hahn; M Graham Clark chapter Wayne Merrill; Martin Warren chapter Mark Parks; Harry Truman chapter Roy Hutchinson; Ozark Patriot chapter Brad Frazier.



Stephen Sullins (IPC); Peter Reynolds (IPC); J. Wayne Merrill (MGC); Ron Paris (IPC); Michael Hahn (IPC); DAR Page Laura Beeson; DAR Page Elisa Leighton; Richards Mathews (AMC); Mark Parks (MWC); Roy Hutchinson (HST); Brad Frazier (OPC); and Western District Commander James Scott (AMC). Photo provided by Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard Commander Steven Perkins (OMC).



Left to right: Compatriots Tom Holt, Terry Sontag, Dale Schmidt, Joe Coy, Jim Baker, Jay Niemeyer, and Stephen Stark. Photos provided by Compatriot James Baker (CCC).

Wreaths for Heroes Ceremony

On December 11, 2021 members of the Christopher Casey SAR Chapter and the Jane Randolph Jefferson DAR Chapter placed a wreath at the grave of Patriot Christopher Casey at the Old City Cemetery, Jefferson City, Missouri. The Old City Cemetery was set aside as a graveyard during the early days of Jefferson City and, and includes the Clark Mausoleum. This cemetery is not active with new burials but has a rich history of interesting residents of Jefferson City who are buried here.



Left to right: Penny Gottschalk, Regent Tina Seliner, Compatriot Jim Baker, and Esther Rosner.

Wreaths Across America

December 18, 2021 - Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery – St. Louis County, Missouri Spirit of St. Louis and Fernando de Leyba Chapters. Memorial for Unknown Soldiers who died at Fort Bellefontaine (St. Louis, Missouri) during 1808 and 1828.

Left to right: Buz McCullough (SSL), Joe Burke (SSL), Doug Anderson (SSL), Jim Terry (SSL), Larry LeClair (SSL), Steve Biggs (SSL), Keith Morris (FDL), Terry Grogan (SSL), Marvin Koechig (FDL), John Bedell (SSL), Steve Baldwin (FDL), and Jeff Donaldson (SSL).



Graves of American Revolution Patriots

On December 18, 2021, members from the Spirit of St. Louis (SSL) and Fernando de Leyba (FDL) Chapters participated in Wreaths Across America at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis. Wreaths were laid at the graves of four (4) Patriots, eleven (11) Fernando de Leyba Chapter Compatriots, and seven (7) Spirit of St. Louis Chapter Compatriots. In addition, wreaths were laid at graves of eight (8) Congressional Medal of Honor recipients buried at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. About 240,000 service members are buried at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in south St. Louis County.



Col. Thomas Hunt



Maj. Russell Bissell



Pvt. Richard Gentry



Pvt. Samuel Kennerly

Graves of Compatriots at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

Fernando de Leyba Chapter Compatriots
Compatriot John F. Attaway
Compatriot Robert (Bob) B. Baldwin
Compatriot Stuart (Stu) L. Ballou
Compatriot David H. Bell
Compatriot David P. DePew
Compatriot James (Jim) B. Elliott
Charles R. Fitzgerald
Compatriot James (Jim) L. McPherson
Compatriot Ray Edward (Ed) Morris
Compatriot Martin (Marty) E. White
Compatriot Michael (Mike) L. Zimmer

Spirit of St. Louis Chapter Compatriots
Compatriot William (Bill) R. Beswick
Compatriot Rodwell M. Dilthey
William Groth
Compatriot John "Jack" W. Hillemeier
Compatriot Rogers A. Hunter
Compatriot Wallace E. Leard
Gregory Stone

Graves of Medal of Honor Recipients at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

Major Ralph Cheli (World War II)
Private George Hobday (Indian Wars)
First Lieutenant Lorenzo D. Immell (Civil War)
First Lieutenant Donald D. Pucket (World War II)
Lieutenant Commander Bruce Avery Van Voorhis (World War II)
Sergeant David Ryan (Indian Wars)
First Lieutenant Martin Schubert (Civil War)
First Sergeant Alonzo Stokes (Indian Wars)

Photos provided by Compatriot Keith Morris (FDL), and Compatriot Marvin Koechig (FDL).

Wreaths Across America

On December 18, 2021, members from the Christopher Casey Chapter attended Wreaths Across America at the Jefferson City National Cemetery, Jefferson City, Missouri. Colorguardsman Jim Baker attended in uniform and with a Betsy Ross flag. Burials in Jefferson City National Cemetery date to summer 1861; its original purpose was for the burial of Civil War soldiers from the surrounding area. The site of the cemetery, which local residents Israel and Mary Read sold to the government, was surveyed for classification as a national cemetery during the war. However, its official designation did not occur until 1867, after the war and approximately 350 interments were completed. Jefferson City National Cemetery is closed to new interments. The cemetery encompasses 2 acres, and, as of the end of 2005, had 1,792 interments.



Compatriot Jim Baker. Photo provided by Compatriot Jim Baker (CCC)

Wreaths Across America

On December 18, 2021 the William C. Corum Chapter Colorguardsman Michael Robertson and JROTC Cadets Color Guard from Lee's Summit High School, Lee's Summit, Missouri presented the Colors at the opening ceremony for Wreaths Across America at the Peculiar Cemetery in Peculiar, Cass County, Missouri. After the program the attendees laid 100 wreaths on the veterans' graves. The program was coordinated by the Prairie Chapter MSDAR.



Compatriot Michael Robertson presened the Colors with Lee's Summit High School JROTC Cadets



Compatriot Michael Robertson at Veteran David L. Hestand's grave

Wreaths Across America

On December 18, 2021 the Independence Patriots Chapter Colorguardsman presented the Colors at the opening ceremony for Wreaths Across America at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Higginsville, Missouri. They also assisted Rebecca (Becky) Queener (nee Zimmerman) lay a wreath at the grave of her father and IPC Compatriot, Keith Zimmerman, who was a WWII Army Veteran in the European Theater and passed away on May 10, 2021 at age 96



Left to right: Stephen Sullins, Rebecca Queener (nee Zimmerman), and Michael Hahn. Photo Provided by Compatriot Stephen Sullins (IPC)

Wreaths Across America

On December 18, 2021 the Ozark Mountain Chapter commemorated Wreaths Across America by presenting a proclamation, a benediction, and ringing Washington's Bell in front of Revolutionary War Patriot William Freeman grave site. Present in uniform were Compatriot's Charles McMillan, J. Howard Fisk, Dan McMurray, Ken Lawrence, Gary Gift, Steve Perkins, and Dan Piedlow (photographer).



Left to right: Charles McMillan, J. Howard Fisk, Dan McMurray, Ken Lawrence, Gary Gift, and Missouri Society Color Guard Commander Steve Perkins.

Photo provided by Compatriot Dan Piedlow (OMC).

Wreaths Across America

On December 18, 2021 Colorguardsmen from Harry S Truman Chapter and Martin Warren Chapter participated at the ceremony for Wreaths Across America at the Swan Lake Memorial Park Cemetery, Grain Valley, Jackson County, Missouri. Daughters of the American Revolution members participated in the event. The program included the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer, a Musket Salute, and Taps. Compatriot John Stewart carried a Betsy Ross flag in the ceremony. Hundreds of veterans are buried at the cemetery. Don Ballard, a retired Army Colonel and Medal of Honor recipient, stepped up to take over the bankrupt cemetery several years ago. The owner provides free burial plots and grave markers to veterans like larger national cemeteries without Veterans Commission or other government funding



Left to right: Compatriots Robert Grover (HST), John Stewart (HST), Mark Parks (MWC), Roy Hutchinson (HST), Yom Neal (HST), and Patricia Ann Stewart (DAR).

Photo provided by Kathy Hutchinson



Left to right: Margaret Henderson, Chapter Regent, Susan Dowden, Chaplain, Compatriot Roy Hutchinson, (HST) and Compatriot Mark Parks (MWC). Photo provided by Kathy Hutchinson

Wreaths Across America

On December 18, 2021 the William Boydston DAR Chapter held a Weaths Across America wreath laying ceremony at the grave of their Patriot William Boydston. Missouri Society Colorguardsman Roy Hutchinson of the Harry S Truman Chapter and Colorguardsman Mark Powers of the Martin Warren Chapter served as an honor guard for the ceremony. The William Boydston DAR Chapter marked the grave of Patriot Boydston on March 24, 2002 with the assistance of the members of the Missouri Society Color Guard. The grave is located at the Faubion Cemetery, Gladstone, Clay County, Missouri. William Boydston was a private in militia units at various times in Virginia and North Carolina during the Revolutionary War.



Presentation of the Lydia Darragh Medal and Certificates to DAR Members

On December 21, 2021 the Independence Patriots Chapter and Harry S Truman Chapter participated in a Missouri Society, SAR presentation of the Colors at the December meeting of the Blue Springs DAR. The Independence Patriots Chapter presented the Lydia Darragh Medal and Certificate to Cerise Ivey and Kathleen Ivey for their contributions to the Independence Patriots Chapter.

Left to right: Stephen Sullins (IPC), Ron Paris (IPC), Cerise Ivey, Kathleen Hutchinson, Regent Renee Windle, Roy Hutchinson (HST)), and Jill Frasier. Photo provided by Compatriot Stephen Sullins (IPC).





NEBRASKA -

Lincoln Veterans Day Parade

The Nebraska SAR Color Guard was mustered on the afternoon of November 7, in Lincoln, Nebraska, for participation in the Lincoln Veterans Day Parade. It was another beautiful, sunny, early November day. The parade route is quite an easy, flat walk from 21st Street, up K St. to 14th Street, ending in front of the Capitol Building. There were a lot of spectators, lining both sides of the street, especially as the route got closer to the State Capitol.

We were short in the ranks for this event, so we had to conscript a couple of enlistees to fill out the ranks so that we had a minimum complement in attendance. The muster roll shows Commander Chad Sherrets, and Omaha members Capt. Paul Burright, Lt. Jim Sly, Tom Upton in attendance. To fill in our ranks, we drafted

Omaha member Dallas Burright, to give us another flag bearer, and Cmdr. Sherrets nephew, Jackson Novacek, to carry our banner. Tom Upton drove his convertible, decorated with patriotic bunting, and waved to the crowd behind the flags.



Omaha DAR 125th Anniversary Tea

The Omaha Chapter Color Guard was mustered on the morning of December 14, in Omaha, Nebraska, in support of the Nebraska DAR, Omaha Chapter. The Color Guard posted the colors at the Omaha DAR's 125th Anniversary Tea. Mustered that morning was Omaha Captain Paul Burright, Lt. Jim Sly, Tom Upton, and Ron Stites. The ladies thoroughly enjoyed having the Compatriots in uniform and many pictures were taken by the DAR members. We greatly appreciate being able to support the ladies of the Nebraska DAR and hope to be able to support them at more events in the future.



NEW HAMPSHIRE -

NHSSAR

New Hampshire was quite active in the last quarter of 2021. We represented NHSSAR on 14 occasions, in varying roles. A synopsis includes two Lafayette Trail markings; two grave rededications, one being Matthew Thornton, a Declaration of Independence signer; one grave marking; Yorktown celebration; a parade; two Veterans Day events; a Wreaths Across America; and four other sundry events, finishing on 18 Dec at Ft. Constitution (the colonial Ft. William and Mary). We are working hard to keep history alive in our colony, and we really need new members as we approach the opening of the next campaign season.



Hugh Sterling Grave Marking

Matthew Thornton Grave Rededication





October 2021 - Englewood, NJ "Liberty Pole" Dedication

The Englewood "Liberty Pole" dedication was planned to bring attention to the Liberty pole that was erected in Englewood in 1763. The Englewood Liberty Pole was erected at this site, to commemorate the repeal of the Stamp Act. Liberty Poles were tall wooden poles, often topped with a cap. The Stamp Act imposed a tax on a wide range of paper items in the thirteen British colonies in America. The Stamp Act was very unpopular throughout the colonies. The colonists' protests against the Stamp Act was an early event on the path which led to the Revolutionary War in 1775. The original 1766 Liberty Pole has been replaced several times. A replica was put up in 1963. This event is designed to bring attention to the Liberty Pole, especially leading up to 2026.



The site of this Liberty Pole was the town square that saw Washington's retreat from Fort Lee and saw the pursuing British army arrive only a few moments after. I believe they fought a rear-guard action nearby. That exact liberty pole also saw Washington and his general staff camped underneath in that square when the army returned in 1780 while contemplating an invasion of New York. So that Liberty Pole spot is of special importance, though a general history of liberty poles is certainly warranted. I hope that helps and if there is anything else I can assist with please let me know.

L-R George Wright (President, Godwin Chapter), George Davis (Grandson in front), Doug Thompson, Michael Cervine, Paul Ossou (VP, Godwin Chapter), Eric Baal (State Chancellor)



L-R Dave Nelson (West Fields Chapter), Doug Thompson in front of the Liberty Pole

October 2021 - The 241th Commemoration of the Battle of Chestnut Neck and Memorial Service

The 241th Commemoration of the Battle of Chestnut Neck and Memorial Service was held at the Chestnut Neck Memorial Park in Port Republic, NJ. This is a National SAR level hosted by Somers Point Chapter SAR. The Battle of Chestnut Neck was fought on October 6, 1778, in southern New Jersey during the American Revolutionary War at Chestnut Neck, a settlement on the Little Egg Harbor River (now known as the Mullica River) near the present-day city of Port Republic, New Jersey, which was used as a base by privateers.



Members of the General Lafayette Chapter DAR led by Regent Jeannine Ingenito participated with the SAR at this event. DAR Chapter members stand in front of the DAR monument recognizing "The Brave Patriots of the Revolutionary War," which stands next to the SAR monument.



L-R Mike Mangum (Secretary, Somers Chapter), Rev. Norm Goss (President, Somers Chapter), Rich Serfass (NJSSAR CG Commander & South Jersey Ch.), Larry Nelson (Secretary, So. Jersey Ch.), Charlie Morgan (President, NJSSAR), Jake Rue (Monmouth Ch.)

October 2021. 244th Battle of Red Bank

The commemoration and memorial of the 244th Battle of Red Bank was held at the Red Bank Battlefield in National Park, NJ. The Battle of Red Bank (October 22, 1777) began when British Major General William Howe, now occupying a recently captured Philadelphia, was prevented from supplying his forces in Philadelphia. He ordered a 1500-man Hessian force, under the command of recently defeated Colonel Carl Emil Kurt von Donop (the in-absentia commander of the Hessian forces from the Battle of Trenton), to attack Fort Mercer, the fort on the New Jersey side of the Delaware River just south of Philadelphia. On the Philadelphia (PA) side, a stone Fort Mifflin was considered to harden to attack first. Between the two forts the Continentals commanded a blockade (chevaux-de-frise) of the Delaware. The Battle ensued and was over in 42 minutes! The Hessians were decisively defeated by a far inferior force of four hundred colonial defenders from the 1st and 2nd

Rhode Island Regiments. The Hessians suffered over five hundred casualties with the Americans losing fourteen soldiers. These fourteen soldiers were remembered at this event.

The event was attended by SAR members SAR President General Wright, Sam Davis (Monmouth Ch.), Gary Beauregard (Monmouth), Roger Williams (Princeton-Cranberry) Rob Meyer (North Atlantic District VP/G) blocked, Larry Jackson (Jockey Hallow) , Jim Howard (South Jersey), Larry Nelson South Jersey) blocked), Charlie Morgan (President, NJSSAR), Ed Glidden (NJSSAR Secretary, Monmouth Ch.) and DAR members Debbie J. Wilkins, Red Bank Chapter DAR Regent and Susan Novalsky, Ann Whitall Chapter Regent.

New Jersey Color Guard members preparing for the ceremony were L-R Davis, Beauregard, Williams, Meyer(blocked), Jackson, Howard, Nelson blocked), Charlie Morgan (President, NJSSAR), with Glidden in front.



President Morgan, SAR President General Wright observing Debbie Wilkins laying the wreath.



October 2021 - NJSSAR Meeting at Princeton Marriott

A NJSSAR Meeting was held at the Princeton Marriott with the following Color Guard members attending: President Charles Morgan, Secretary Ed Glidden, Treasurer Warren Fristensky, Vice Pres Rich Serfass, Registrar Jim Howard, Past President Robert Meyer, Gary Beauregard and Sam Davis.



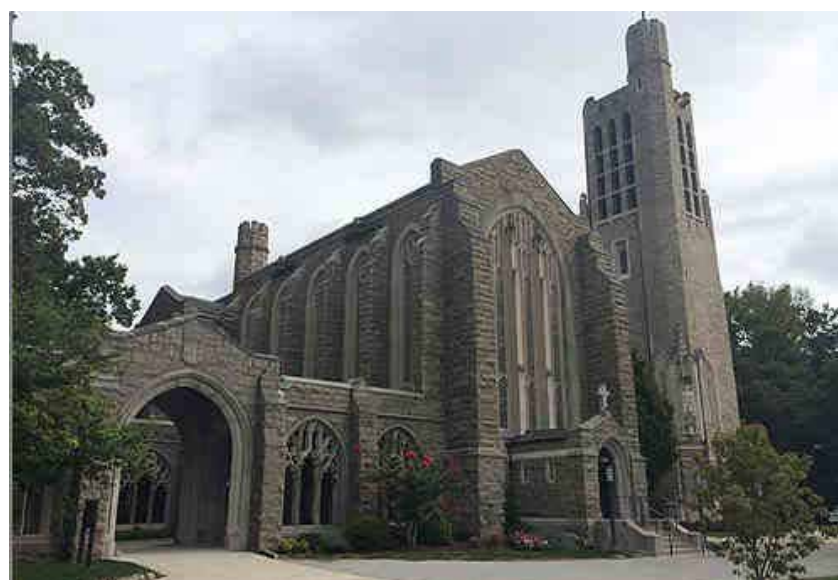
Color Guard members L-R top: Glidden, Williams; middle: Jackson, Beauregard, ; bottom: Serfass, Morgan, Raborg.

November 2021. New Jersey DAR Sunday at Valley Forge

NJDAR Sunday at Valley Forge takes place annually at the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge and is organized by the New Jersey DAR. The Chapel's cornerstone was laid on 1903, the 125th anniversary of the evacuation of the Continental Army from Valley Forge. The Chapel's exterior was completed in 1917 and its interior in 1921.

The National Patriots Bell Tower was a later addition to the Chapel and houses its carillon. The 102 ft (31 m) tower was built entirely with funds raised by members of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) over a period of more than a decade. Construction began in 1941, but was suspended due to World War II, and restarted in 1949. The bell tower was completed and dedicated in 1953..

Attending were DAR members from throughout New Jersey including Jeannine Ingenito, NJDAR Valley Forge Chairwoman and General Lafayette Chapter Regent, and Bonnie Matthews, NJDAR State Regent. SAR Color Guard included National Color Guard Commander Lou Raborg, North Atlantic District Vice President General Robert Meyer, NJSSAR President Charles, NJSSAR Secretary Ed Glidden, NJSSAR VP and NJ Color Guard Commander Rich Serfass, Gary Beauregard, Roger Williams, and Larry Jackson



The Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge with National Bell Tower at the right.

November 2021–Ocean County Revolutionary War 250 Kickoff and Veterans Recognition.

July 4, 2026 marks 250 years of American independence and Ocean County in New Jersey was the first County kicking off a 250th event at the historical 1850 Ocean County Courthouse in downtown Toms River. The plan is to host a series of events through 2033 commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution.

From the Lakewood Scoop (Nov. 17, 2021):

“Up the road from where the Toms River Blockhouse Fight lead to the capture of Captain Joshua Huddy during the American Revolution in 1782, Ocean County officials recently gathered with members of the community on the grounds of the historic Ocean County Courthouse to kick off the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution.

“Ocean County joins a national movement to commemorate this important milestone in our history as we approach many 250th anniversaries including the American Revolution and the birth of our nation in 2026,” said Ocean County Commissioner Virginia E. Haines, Chairwoman to the Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation. “Ocean County is so very proud of its heritage and history and while Ocean County may not have been an independent county 250 years ago we still played a role in the Revolutionary War.”

Guest speakers at the Nov. 10 event included Lynda Nolan, Regent of Joshua Huddy National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and Charlie Morgan, President of the New Jersey Society of Sons of the American Revolution (NJSSAR) who spoke about the dedication the organizations have to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America’s future through better education for children.”

Attending were local dignitaries from Ocean County, including, Ocean County Commissioner Virginia E. Haines, Chairwoman of the Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation, Lynda Nolan, Regent of the Joshua Huddy Daughters of the American Revolution, Jeff Shanker, President of the Ocean County Historical Society, Ocean County Clerk Scott M. Colabella and Michael T. Mangum, Director of the Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation. Also students from the Toms River High School South, the NJ Fifes and Drums, the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, the First NJ Loyalists unit, and the NJSSAR Color Guard members NJSSAR President C. Morgan, NJSSAR CG Cmdr. R. Serfass, Dave Nelson (West Fields), (Pinelands) Joe Hankins (Pinelands), L. Jackson (Jockey Hollow), and E. Glidden (Monmouth)



L-R Back Row: Serfass, Glidden, Morgan, Jackson, Nelson, Hankins pictured in front of the Ocean County Courthouse in Toms River, NJ draped with the “Ocean County 250th Anniversary American Revolutionary War” flag. Front Row were NJ Loyalists, Fife & Drummers, Haines, Huddy, Colabella, Fife & Drum, and Mangum.



NJSSAR President Charles Morgan presenting a speech to the audience at the 250th Day in Toms River, Ocean County, NJ



NJSSAR Color Guard members Serfass, Glidden, Morgan, Jackson, Nelson, and Hankins marching into the ceremony.

December 2021 The Battle of Iron Works Hill Monument Site Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Battle of Iron Works Hill Monument Site Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held at the Saint Andrews Graveyard in Mount Holly, Burlington County.

The Battle of Iron Works Hill (December 1776) was a significant factor in securing American independence. The battle would allow Washington’s infamous crossing of the Delaware and ultimately gain a victory at the Battle of Trenton..

St Andrew’s Graveyard was established in 1742 and received its royal charter from King George III in 1765, while Benjamin Franklin’s son, William, was Governor of New Jersey. The original Church of St. Andrew’s was located on the land that is now the site of the cemetery. Also on this site was the Battle of Iron Works Hill (12/22-23/1776).

On Saturday, The Iron Works Day, will also feature children’s colonial crafts and a 2pm debate on “Who was the Widow of Mount Holly?” at the Burlington County Lyceum at 307 High Street, Mt Holly. (1 mile from the Graveyard)

The Monument of the Battle of Iron Works Hill



New Jersey Color Guard members Posting the Colors: L-R: Rich Serfass (NJ CG Commander), Jim Howard (NJSSAR Registrar), Sam Davis (Monmouth), Roger Williams (President, Princeton), Ken McGill (South Jersey), and Larry Nelson (South Jersey)



November 2021 – The New Jersey Color Guard recognizes the Monument commemorating the Battle of Fort Lee

Fort Lee, originally Fort Constitution, was an American Revolutionary War fort located on the crest of the Hudson Palisades in what was then Hackensack Township, New Jersey opposite Fort Washington at the northern end of Manhattan Island.

The SAR event was held at the Fort Lee Monument Park, which was dedicated by the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1908 and is the only park dedicated to American Revolutionary soldiers and is the only park of its kind in the U.S. A 727-acre park, Monument Park was part of Fort Constitution of the Continental Army under George Washington.

After stopping a British siege in Boston, Massachusetts in 1776, General George Washington wanted to defend New York City and the Hudson River Valley. The British intended to control the Hudson River to bring its Royal Navy in to split the Colonies and end the rebellion. In 1776, soldiers fortified a site called Fort Constitution, which would be renamed Fort Lee to honor General Charles Lee. Lee achieved a victory in Charleston, South Carolina. Opposite of Fort Lee was Fort Washington. The British brought the Rose and the Phoenix, two ships, into the Hudson River. Since firing from Fort Washington did little to halt the ships, work continued faster on Fort Lee.

The British continued to encroach on American territory, taking New York City and Manhattan. In November 1776, the British also took Fort Washington and captured 3,000 American troops. After losing Fort Washington, Washington ordered the commander of Fort Lee, Nathaniel Greene, to evacuate. George Washington heard that the British army was advancing and ordered an immediate retreat of Fort Lee, leaving supplies and artillery behind.



NJSSAR Color Guardsmen at Fort Lee: L-R Gary Beauregard (Monmouth Chapter), Jay Hershey (West Field Chapter), Ed Glidden (Monmouth Chapter) and Jim Howard (South Jersey Chapter)



The Fort Lee Monument at Monument Park

December 2021, WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA Throughout New Jersey

Three separate NJSSAR Color Guard Units participated in WAA events this year



Fair View Cemetery in Middletown

A wreath was laid upon the grave of Revolutionary War soldier John Stillwell and others at the WAA event at the Fair View Cemetery in Middletown

New Jersey Color Guard members, Clark McCullough, Gary Beauregard, Jake Rue and Brendon Williams with DAR members.



African Methodist Church Cemetery:

Past President Robert Meyer laid wreaths at Matawan's Saint James African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Zion Church Cemetery, a historically black burial ground. Earlier in the year Meyer, also an active member of the New Jersey Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and American Legion Matawan Post 176, organized and hosted a ceremony new flagpole and American flag. The new flagpole and American flag

The Presbyterian Church Cemetery at Shrewsbury was attended by close to 100 opened with the presentation of the colors by the Boys and Girl Scouts led by a bagpiper playing hymns. Color guard members of the NJ Society of the Sons of the Revolution explained the meaning of the day and reminded every one of the great sacrifices made by, not only the fallen war dead, but all who have served our country. Jake Rue (Monmouth Chapter SAR) of the multi-generational Rue family shared that his cousin, Pvt. Robert Campbell, the son of Bruce and Margaret Rue Campbell was one of the veterans being honored at the ceremony. Pvt. Campbell was killed in action in Anzio, Italy on May 23, 1944. NJ Colorguardsman Jake Rue addressed the crowd with Gary Beauregard and Clark McCullough in the background.



Beverly National Cemetery



NJSSAR Color Guardsmen Ken McGill, Carl Hausmann, Rich Serfass, Sam Davis and Larry Nelson, all from the South Jersey Chapter except for Davis who was from the Monmouth Chapter,

The Beverly National Cemetery is a United States National Cemetery located in the city of Beverly, in Burlington County, New Jersey. Administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, it encompasses 64.6 acres and as 2021 had over 50,000 interments.

The original cemetery was only a single acre off of Beverly's Monument Cemetery, purchased from a local resident in 1863 for the purpose of interring Union Army casualties who died in the Beverly United States Army hospital (run for the duration of the Civil War). Additional land was acquired in 1936, 1937, 1948, and 1951. It served as a burial ground only for those veterans who died in nearby hospitals, until space in the nearby Philadelphia National Cemetery became limited, and many interments that would have been made there were made at Beverly instead. Beverly National Cemetery was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1997.

Research into the interments revealed that there is a Revolutionary War soldier buried here, William Hoyt, a SAR/DAR Patriot Ancestor. He died in a 1777 battle and his grave was moved here in later years. Additionally, a grave of seven unknown Revolutionary War soldiers can be found in the cemetery. The NJSSAR Color Guard laid a wreath on both gravestones as well assisting with 4000 donated wreaths throughout the cemetery.



The lone Revolutionary War soldier William Hoyt.

December 2021 – Washington Crossing Historic Park, PA Wreath Ceremony

At this Washington Crossing event, which was a joint effort of the NJ and PA SAR, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Sons of the Revolution, the Society of the Cincinnati, and the Society of Colonial Wars laid wreaths to commemorate the heroic actions of the Continental Army and local militia that defeated Hessian and British Troops during the “Ten Crucial Days” of America's War for Independence from Great Britain, December 25, 1776 to January 3, 1777. Color Guard units from the Sons of the American Revolution were also present.

Key speakers at this ceremony were SAR PG Davis Wright, PA President Andrew Lick and NJ President Charles Morgan. Moderator of the event was Roger Williams, NJSSAR Historian and Princeton-Cranbury President

SAR PG Davis Wright and Moderator Roger Williams speak before those gathered at the memorial service.

Participant in the Washington Crossing Wreath Ceremony gather at the Washington Statue for a group picture



December 2021- Battle of Trenton Monument Wreath Laying Ceremony

The Trenton Battle Monument commemorates the American victory at the first battle of Trenton, NJ, which occurred on December 26, 1776. It is located in an area of the city known as ‘Five Points.’ It was here, at the intersection of North Broad Street, Warren Street, and Brunswick, Pennington and Princeton Avenue, that the American artillery was placed. From this vantage point, the artillery dominated the streets of Trenton, preventing the Hessian troops from organizing an effective counterattack

Attendees: Serfass, Williams, Meyer, Andrew Lick, President, PASSAR

Members of the NJSSAR Color Guard Post the Colors in front of the Battle of Trenton Memorial

SAR PG Davis Wright addresses the attendees at the Trenton Memorial





NEW YORK -



Wreath Laying

On September 19th the Saratoga Battle Chapter Color Guard participated in the 127th consecutive annual wreath laying ceremony at the Saratoga National Historical Park.

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

Members of the Color Guard present included Saratoga Battle Chapter President Michael Companion, First Vice President Michael Skelly, Walloomsac chapter president Peter Hormell, compatriots Peter Goebel, Bob Wesser, Michael Golden, and Mary Skelly.



244th anniversary of the 1777 Surrender of Burgoyne's army at Saratoga

On October 18th the Saratoga Battle Chapter Color Guard participated in the ceremony to mark the 244th anniversary of the 1777 Surrender of Burgoyne's army at Saratoga on the grounds of Fort Hardy park where the British forces grounded their arms. The ceremony included 5 cannon salutes and 13 cider toasts both of which can be traced back to the victory celebrations of 1777.

The members of the Color Guard present included Saratoga Battle Chapter President Michael Companion, Saratoga Battle Chapter First Vice President Michael Skelly, Walloomsac chapter president Peter Hormell, compatriots Bob Wesser, Michael Golden; Bob Wesser and Bradley Allen.

Also pictured is compatriot Tim Mabee. Photo credit goes to Heather Mabee.





NORTH CAROLINA -



Colors for the Annual NC Elks State Convention

On October 31, the NC Color Guard presented the Colors for the Annual NC Elks State Convention and State President Jay Deloach addressed the convention regarding SAR efforts to enhance celebrations leading up to the 250th Anniversary.



General William Caswell NC

On November 13th the General George Washington Chapter marked the grave of General William Caswell in Kinston NC and Compatriot Robin Wooten (a descendant) with DAR and CAR officers present. Caswell Site Manager, Morris Bass gave a spirited account of the General's life.



General Grave Marking for Compatriot Grady Hall

On November 20th the NC Color Guard participated in the Compatriot Grave Marking for Compatriot Grady Hall in Cleveland, NC





OHSSAR/Tennessee and Ohio Compatriots Raise Flag at Rogersville (TN) Heritage Days Festival

On Saturday morning, October 9th, Ohio Society compatriot Bob Hill was visiting with Tennessee Society (Kings Mountain Chapter) compatriot John Neth who is also a dual member of the Ohio Society (Hocking Valley Chapter). John asked Bob to participate with TNSSAR members in raising the National Colors to start the beginning of the Heritage Days Festival in Rogersville, TN. The Tennessee compatriots were gracious guests and asked Bob to be Honor Guard Commander for the event. It was both a surprise and honor to Bob. After a quick review of the Von Steuben manual-of-arms, the honor guard marched in double columns down the narrow street to the town's Veterans Memorial and raised the colors for a patriotic crowd. Photo 1: Tennessee compatriot Don Hills renders a Continental salute after raising the colors and Ohio compatriot Bob Hill comes to Present Arms as the National Anthem is sung. Photo 2: The combined honor guard begins its march, L to R: John Neth, Bob Hill, Don Hills, David Carr.



Wreath-Laying Ceremony

Group photo of SAR compatriots from several states who participated in the Wreath-Laying Ceremony at Governor / General Thomas Nelson's grave in Yorktown, Virginia on Tuesday, October 19th. Representing Ohio were Tom Hankins, top row 1st on left who presented a wreath on behalf of the Hocking Valley Chapter, and Bob Hill, second row from top, 4th from left, who presented a wreath on behalf of the Ohio Society. Lou Raborg, the National Color Guard Commander, is kneeling on the left.



Veterans Day event

On Saturday, November 13th, the Cincinnati Chapter SAR joined with the John Reilly Chapter DAR in a Veterans Day event in Middletown, Ohio that celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The keynote speaker was Congressman Warren Davidson of Ohio's 8th Congressional District who stands centered in the group photo of Cincinnati SAR compatriots. Congressman Davidson served in the Army Rangers and the Old Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



Western Reserve Veterans Day

A combined Color Guard of the Northeast Ohio and Western Reserve Society Chapters provided a Color Guard for the Western Reserve Veterans Day program held on Saturday, November 6th. Standing in front, Western Reserve Society President Will Ross and Key-note Speaker Dr. Edward Horvath. Standing in the Color Guard, L to R: Lee MacBride, Greg Arnold, Zack Hoon, Stand Thomas, Steve Hinson, Galen Swab, and OHSSAR President Troy Bailey.

Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard

As Taps is played, the Cincinnati Chapter's Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard pose at "Mourn Muskets" under their commander, Brad Jarard, in remembrance of our fallen veterans.



Grave Marking

Four (4) patriots of the American Revolution were honored in a grave marking ceremony in Blue Ash, Ohio on Saturday, November 6th. The Cincinnati Chapter hosted the event on a beautiful autumn day well-attended by the public at Carpenter's Run Pioneer Cemetery. The program began with a demonstration on period linear warfare, uniforms, equipment, weapons, and firing with excellent narration by Chapter Color Guard Commander Brad Jarard as SAR members marched, followed commands, and then interacted with the crowd answering their questions. The second half of the program was a traditional posting of the colors, wreath-laying, musket salute, and biographies of the patriots as markers were unveiled. Honored were patriots John Emans (New Jersey Line), Nicholas Johnston (New York Line), Francis Nichols (New Hampshire Line), Price Thompson (New Jersey Line).

Photo Below: During the linear warfare demonstration, compatriots "Charge Bayonets!" with enthusiasm.

Photo Bottom: Compatriots fire a musket salute toward the end of ceremonies.

Veterans Day presentation

The Hocking Valley Chapter Color Guard met at compatriot Al Gummere's residence outside of Lancaster, Ohio on Sunday, November 7th to post the Colors and do a presentation on the SAR while being filmed by Pataskala teacher Brian Wilkinson for a Veterans Day presentation at the Licking Heights South Intermediate School. The Hocking Valley Chapter has visited the school for Veterans Day since 2012, but last year and this year could not due to Covid virus concerns. Brian also filmed the Chapter Color Guard last year, and both years the Color Guard fired a musket salute, something the kids wouldn't see on a regular school visit.



Veteran Graveside Ceremony

On Thursday, December 2nd in the small rural town of Mt. Orab, (Brown County) Ohio a soldier finally came home after being missing and presumed dead for exactly 71 years. Corporal Kenneth R. Foreman was killed in North Korea during the fighting around the Chosin Reservoir against Chinese communist forces. He was a member of Company A, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. Veterans of the battle remember it as the "Frozen Chosin" because temperatures averaged 36 degrees below zero.



Kenneth's remains were identified in June of this year. At the funeral, the Freedom Riders



(motorcycles) escorted the hearse, and Color Guards from the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and US Army were present. The SAR Color Guard contingent was made up mostly of the Cincinnati Chapter with 10 members present, joined by two (2) compatriots of the Kentucky Society, and commanded by Ohio Society Color Guard Commander Bob Hill. As the rifle salute was fired and Taps played, the SAR Color Guard came to Present Arms then Mourn Muskets.

PhotoLeft: Army Photo of Corporal Kenneth R. Foreman.

Photo Below Left: The casket of Corporal Kenneth R. Foreman at Mt. Orab Cemetery.

Photo Below Right: The Ohio Society SAR Color Guard comes to attention when the funeral procession arrives. As the casket was removed from the hearse and taken to the gravesite, the Color Guard came to Present Arms.



Small Town Christmas Parade

The Hocking Valley Chapter had a small Color Guard present at the Small Town Christmas Parade in Somerset, (Perry County) Ohio on Saturday, December 4th. L to R: Bob Hill, Al Gummere, Chuck Bundy. The compatriots marched behind the American Legion Color Guard, and behind the SAR contingent was a Boy Scout Color Guard. The weather was warm and the crowd large and enthusiastic. Afterwards, a traditional supper at the historic Clay Haus was enjoyed with other compatriots and their wives.



65th ceremony of Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

On Sunday, December 5th, members of the Cincinnati Chapter's Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard took part in the 65th ceremony of Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on the Ohio River in Cincinnati, Ohio. It was the 80th Anniversary of the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on December 7th, 1941 that ushered the United States into World War Two. The event was hosted by American Legion Post 534 of Cincinnati and other veteran's groups.

Photo Below: At left, the Cincinnati Color Guard comes to a halt as the Hamilton County Sheriff's Pipes & Drums passes, marching towards the barge awaiting on the Ohio River.



Photo Below: Event participants board a barge provided by Anderson Ferry which proceeded onto the Ohio River. There a bugler plays Taps echoed by another bugler on shore. A rifle salute was fired and (biodegradable) Hawaiian leis of red, white, and blue were tossed into the Ohio River, mimicking the ceremony at Pearl Harbor.



Taylor Middle School

Five (5) members of the Cincinnati Chapter Color Guard visited Taylor Middle School for a day-long presentation to six (6) fifth grade classes, on Tuesday, December 7th in Cincinnati, Ohio. Each compatriot had a classroom in which students rotated to hear a specific subject taught about the American Revolution by compatriots, L to R: Jack Bredenfoerder, Mike Gunn, Bob Bowers, Ed Bonniwell, and Dan Schmitz.



Wreaths Across America

On Saturday, December 18th, members of the Richard Montgomery Chapter Color Guard participated in the wreath-laying ceremony at the Veterans Administration National Cemetery in Dayton. Members also participated in a WAA ceremony at Union Cemetery in Greenville, Darke County, Ohio.



Wreaths Across America

Members of the Hocking Valley Chapter Color Guard participated in a Wreaths Across America ceremony December 18th hosted by the Granville Chapter DAR at Maple Grove Cemetery in Granville, Ohio.



Wreaths Across America

Gary Duffield of the Highlanders Chapter and Jack Bredenfoerder of the Cincinnati Chapter and German Society pose at General Grant's statue with a veterans representative at the Ohio Veterans Home in Georgetown, Ohio. A large ceremonial wreath was presented to the Ohio Veterans Home, a wreath placed at Grant's statue, and 45 wreaths placed at memorial stones at the home's Walk of Honor.



Wreaths Across America

: Also on December 18th, compatriots Gary Duffield of the Highlanders Chapter, Dan Schmitz and Mike Blum of the Cincinnati Chapter participated in a WAA ceremony at the Greenwood Cemetery, Hamilton, Butler County, Ohio, hosted by the John Reily Chapter DAR. Pictured L to R are compatriots Mike Blum and Dan Schmitz at the grave of patriot John Reily.





OKLAHOMA -

Wreaths Across America

The Oklahoma City Chapter, Oklahoma Society, SAR Color Guard participated in the opening ceremony and Oklahoma state capitol wreath laying for Wreaths Across America at the Oklahoma Veteran's Memorial on December 13, 2021. This annual event is held in conjunction with the Oklahoma City Chapter, DAR, and begins a week of events culminating in the laying of wreaths at the Oklahoma Veteran's Cemetery by the Regent's Council of the DAR.

The Color Guard members are from left to right Terry Handley, Joseph Sieber, Bob Thomas, and Kenneth Young.



SOUTH CAROLINA -

The South Coast Chapter Color Guard Gets a New Name

After a hiatus, of a couple years, the South Coast Chapter Color Guard was re-activated in September of 2019. Since then, the Color Guard has had the honor of participating in several events on our own as well as with the Orange County Chapter Color Guard.

Unlike our compatriots in the OC chapter's "Lee's Legion", the South Coast Chapter had not adopted an official name beyond South Coast Continental Marines. To better honor the history of the Continental Marines we have chosen the new name:

"Mullan's Marines"

Named for Captain Robert Mullan, proprietor of the Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, the "birthplace" of the United States Marines, and an officer in the first expedition, to the Bahamas, of the newly formed Continental Marines, the name is a suitable fit for our Continental Marine Color Guard. Tun Tavern was erected in 1686 by settler Joshua Carpenter, a Quaker merchant who made a fortune trading in Barbados. Joshua Carpenter built the Tun on the caraway that led to Carpenter's Wharf.



Tun Tavern became a meeting place for many famous individuals and groups. In 1756, Benjamin Franklin used the inn as a recruitment gathering point for the Pennsylvania militia as it prepared to fight Native American uprisings. Later, the tavern hosted meetings of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and the Continental Congress. In October 1775, a seven-man Naval Committee including John Adams appointed by Congress crafted articles of war to build America's first naval fleet. And according to tradition, Tun Tavern was where the Continental Marines held their first recruitment drive.

On November 10, 1775, the Second Continental Congress commissioned the Robert Mullan, to raise two battalions of Marines to serve under Samuel Nicholas. Newly commissioned as a Lieutenant, Robert Mullan took part in the March 3, 1776 invasion of New Providence, Bahamas. The 220 Marines had sailed as part of the Continental Navy flotilla searching for Military supplies to aid the Continental Army. Later promoted to Captain, Mullan lead a detachment of Marines, assigned to Washington's Army, at the battle of Princeton.



VIRGINIA

Commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the Opening of Mt. Vernon's Gristmill

By David E. Cook

The Fairfax Resolves Chapter, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), had the honor to host the commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the opening of Mt. Vernon's gristmill. Our celebration was held at 1PM on 30 October in conjunction with Mt. Vernon's own commemoration of the event. We set up near the fence line with the property's distillery as a backdrop near the public's access to both the gift shop and the gristmill. We were pleased to note that some of the public stopped and watched our program, thus achieving some of the objectives of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Recognition Program.

Special guests Jeff Thomas, Virginia SAR President and Richard Rattan, Registrar for the Virginia Society Organization of the Founders and Patriots of America gave greetings after the opening of the program.

Tim Dioquino, Chairman of Virginia's SAR 250th Anniversary Committee, spoke of the National Society's America 250 Committee's efforts at the national, state, and local levels to promote the commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution and the establishment of the United States. Celebrations are to include 250th events which began from the conclusion of the French and Indian War in 1764 to the signing of the Treaty of Paris in 1783, a span in the modern era from 2014 – 2033. Activities to support this great celebration will include the publicizing and raising awareness of these historical events in partnership with organizations such as Scouting, veterans, civic clubs, and other patriotic lineage societies.

Jeff Thomas spoke next and gave an excellent presentation on the history and significance of Mt. Vernon's gristmill. The pres-

ent gristmill is a reconstruction of the mill completed in 1771. The 1771 mill was a replacement of an earlier mill as the older mill was incapable of producing sufficient high-grade flour. The increased production of the new mill enabled Washington to begin to transition from tobacco to wheat. The new mill also allowed Washington to become less dependent upon tobacco prices set in England as his grain was exported to a wider market.

With the onset of the war in 1775, long standing channels of trade were suddenly closed to merchants, farmers, and fishermen. However, grain farmers fared relatively well as their products were in great demand. When the Continental Army moved to New York in the spring of 1776, it found that New England could not provide sufficient wheat, so the Army began to import flour from Maryland and Virginia, which was contracted from mills on the James, York, Rappahannock, and Potomac rivers.



(L to R) Marc Robinson, Sean Carrigan, Darrin Schmidt, Brett Osborne, Tim Dioquino, Charles Jameson, David Cook, Larry McKinley, Jeff Thomas, Ken Morris, John Thomas, Paul Christensen, and Dale Corey. Photograph provided with the permission of Compatriot Charles Jameson.

It is probable that Mount Vernon's gristmill provided flour for this effort. During the Virginia military campaign of 1781, Washington's need for increased supplies was conveyed to Virginia's Governor Thomas Nelson, Jr. The Governor subsequently issued a requisition system requiring all farms to provide a quarter of their wheat crop to the mills which in turn supported the Army.

The success of this anniversary's commemoration was due in large part to the contribution of compatriots from the Col James Wood II, George Washington, George Mason, and Culpeper Minutemen Chapters. Following the ceremony, all had the opportunity to tour both the gristmill and distillery. Many of us also sampled 18th century baked goods from the Half Crown Bakehouse which uses grains ground in Washington's Gristmill, the latter was a part of Mt. Vernon's commemoration.

Flag Retirement

On 25 October 2021, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution participated in a Flag Retirement Ceremony conducted by the Ketocin Chapter, Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution. The United States Flag Code states "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." The Flag Code does not actually give specifics on how to destroy the flag. However, one should use common sense making sure the procedure is in good taste and shows no disrespect for the flag. During a burning ceremony, a flag that is worn, is presented and it is verified that it has served and is to be retired with respect and honorably. For some ceremonies, the flag is cut up to facilitate the burning. When the blue field is removed, it remains in one piece to show unity of the country. The emcee for this event was Kecia Brown, Regent of the Ketocin Chapter of the DAR. After calling the gathering to order, an invocation was presented and

the Colonel James Wood II Chapter Color Guard presented the colors. Loudoun Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Commander led the Pledge of Allegiance and Joan White-

mer led the singing of God Bless America. The colors were then posted by the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard. Flags were presented and then retired followed by the playing of Taps. Participating for the Colonel James Wood II Chapter were Sean Carrigan, Dale Corey, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Barry Schwoerer and Jacob Schwoerer. First picture is the CJWII Color Guard l. to r. Dale Corey, Barry Schwoerer, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Sean Carrigan and Jacob Schwoerer. Second picture is Dale Corey playing Taps. Photos courtesy of Thomas "Chip" Daniel.



CJWII at Clarke County Heritage Day

The Clark County Historical Association held it's 10th Annual Heritage Day at the Burwell-Morgan Mill in Millwood, Va. on Saturday, 6 November 2021. Heritage Day offered demonstrations on how individuals in the colonial era performed fundamental activities such as food production, milling, woodworking, hands-on sewing demonstrations, cooking, medicine, and military demonstrations. Compatriots from the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution presented colonial flags, how to properly care and use a musket, exhibition on musket firing, demonstration on how to build musket cartridges and talked about colonial life in the colonies. Participating from the Sons of the American Revolution were Paul Christensen, Dale Corey, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Erick Moore, Brett Osborn, Will Reynolds, Eric Robinson, Barry Schwoerer, Jacob Schwoerer and Mike St Jacques. Below Left is Mike St Jacques, Will Reynolds and Thomas "Chip" Daniel at a table presenting the proper care and use of muskets. (Photo courtesy of Dale Corey). At Right is a display of colonial flags with Anne Simmons. (Photo courtesy of Thomas "Chip" Daniel). Below is Eric Robinson as a sentinel at the entrance to the mill. (Photo courtesy of Dale Corey).



Veterans Day at National Cemetery, Winchester

On 11 November 2021, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution and the American Red Cross of Greater Shenandoah Valley (ARCGSV) sponsored a commemoration of Veterans Day at National Cemetery, Winchester, Virginia. Eric Anderson, Executive Director of ARCGSV welcomed a gathering of veterans, family members and citizens to honor veterans of all wars. The CJWII Color Guard presented colors followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a stirring version of the National Anthem by De' Angelo Wynn, US Navy veteran. Flags were presented including the Stars and Stripes, Virginia State, 250th Anniversary of the Revolutionary War, CJWII Chapter, POW/MIA, U.S. Military Service (Army, Marine, Navy, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard) and the American Red Cross. A meaning of the various flags was provided with a salute to all veterans from the Revolutionary War to those serving today. The keynote speaker was Ed Helphinstine, Jr, Regional Program Officer of the American Red Cross of Central Appalachia. He spoke of veterans and what it meant for him to serve his country. After this presentation, veterans and families were recognized by Nancy Braswell, Col, USAR (Ret) and a musket salute from the CJWII Musket Squad. Participating from CJWII were Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen, Dale Corey, Doug Hall, Erick Moore, Brett Osborn, Dennis Parmerter, Allan Phillips, Eric Robinson, Marc Robinson and Guy Young. Left photo is the Colonel James Wood II Color Guard presenting colors. (Photo courtesy of Leslie Caliva) Bottom Left photo is Dale Corey presenting the meaning of the flags with assistance from l. to r. Eric Robinson, Dennis Parmerter, Erick Moore, Guy Young, Paul Christensen, Sean Carrigan, Allan Phillips and Dan Hesse. (Photo courtesy of Leslie Caliva) Below Photo is the CJWII musket squad firing a salute to all veterans. (Photo courtesy of Larry Webb)



CJWII Veterans Day Middletown

On 11 November 2021, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter (CJWII), Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution participated in Middletown, Virginia's Veterans Day Commemoration at their Veterans Memorial Park. Ray Steele of Middletown emceed the program with the CJWII Color Guard presenting the colors. Guest speaker was William "Bill" Schwetke, Trustee for Virginia Society at the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, member of the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter and dual member of CJWII. After his presentation about veterans from the Revolutionary War to today's serving military, a wreath was presented by Mayor Charles Harbaugh, IV and Schwetke. A rifle salute was fired by VFW Post 2123 followed by Taps played by Andrew Paul. Participating for CJWII were Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen, Dale Corey, Doug Hall, Erick Moore, Brett Osborn, Dennis Parmerter, Allan Phillips, Eric Robinson, Marc Robinson and Guy Young. Below photo is CJWII l. to r. Dennis Parmerter, Anne Simmons, Doug Hall, Brett Osborn, Paul Christensen, Jim Simmons, Erick Moore, Sean Carrigan, Dale Corey, Allan Phillips and Doug Hall (photo courtesy of Michelle Phillips) Far Right photo is Sentinels at the entrance to Middletown Veterans Memorial l. to r. Brett Osborn, Eric Robinson and Paul Christensen (photo courtesy of Larry Webb) At Right photo is Brett Osborn leading the Color Guard retiring the colors. (photo courtesy of Michelle Phillips)



DAR National Defense Day

On 13 November 2021, the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution State Color Guard provided a presentation of colors for a Daughters of the American Revolution National Defense Day. The event was sponsored by the Culpeper Minutemen, Fauquier Court House, Montpelier and Susannah Chandler Chapters of the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution. It was conducted at Graves Mountain Lodge, Syria, Virginia and emceed by Kathryn

Campbell, Regent, Fauquier Court House. An invocation was provided by Marilyn Ottevaere, Chaplain, Fauquier Court House. With the presentation of the colors by the SAR, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Patricia Wilczek, Regent, Montpelier, The DAR American Creed by Carol Simpson, Regeant, Culpeper Minute Men, Preamble to the Constitution by Marty Hartmann, First Vice Regent, Susannah Chandler and the National Anthem led by Kathryn Campbell. Recognition of Service Members, Veterans, Gold and Blue Star Families was presented by Cat Schwetke, Honorary Regent, Fauquier Court House. The keynote speaker was Nancy Braswell, Colonel, USAF (Ret) on "Womens Airforce Service



Pilots (WASP) of World War II and their impact on the war effort. Participating for the Virginia Society were Dale Corey, Colonel James Wood II Chapter (dual member Culpeper Minutemen); Charles Jameson, President Culpeper Minutemen Chapter (dual member Colonel James Wood II)/ Pat Kelly, Past President Virginia Society and Trustee, French Society, Thomas Jefferson Chapter (dual member Colonel James Wood II & Culpeper Minutemen) and Bill Schwetke, Trustee Virginia Society, Past President Virginia Society, Culpeper Minutemen (dual member Colonel James Wood II & Thomas Jefferson). Right photo is the Virginia Society State Color Guard l. to r. Bill Schwetke, Dale Corey, Charles Jameson and Pat Kelly (Photo courtesy of Bill Schwetke) Left photo is Charles Jameson, Melinda Colassard (DAR), Dale Corey, Patricia Wilczek (Regent, Montpelier Chapter DAR) and Pat Kelly (Photo courtesy of Mel Cola)

CJWII Flag Retirement

On 20 November 2021, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution conducted a Flag Retirement Ceremony at Wayside Inn, Middletown, Virginia. President Marc Robinson opened the event with narration by David Burks. The Reverend Jim Simmons provided Chaplain duties with the Color Guard presenting the colors. The United States Code stipulates, "When a U.S. Flag is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." Flags were gathered that were determined to be no longer serviceable. They reached their condition in a proper service of respect, tribute and in the memory of all who have served America. A Flag Detail led by Dale Corey presented a worn flag symbolic of all those to be retired during the ceremony. President Robinson inspected the flag and condemned it as unserviceable. It was returned to the Flag Detail who marched to the fire and placed the flag on the flames. All compatriots came to present arms at this point as a sign of respect for the flags service to the country. A musket salute was fired, followed by the playing of Taps to honor the retired flags. Forty flags were retired to be replaced by bright new flags to fly proudly as the symbol of the United States of America. The Color Guard and Musket Squad were led by Virginia Society Color Guard Commander Ken Bonner (Fairfax Resolves Chapter and dual member of CJWII). Members included Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen, Dale Corey, Doug Hall, Erick Moore, Patrick Moore, Nathan Poe, Will Reynolds, and Mike St Jacques. Virginia Society Chapters represented included Colonel James Wood II, Culpeper Minutemen, Colonel William Grayson and Fairfax Resolves. Below Right photo is the musket squad l. to r. Ken Bonner, Mike St Jacques, Paul Christensen, Sean Carrigan, Will Reynolds and Doug Hall. Below Left photo is the Color Guard l. to r. Erick Moore, Ken Bonner, Jim Simmons, Mike St Jacques, Dale Corey, Paul Christensen, Marc Robinson, Sean Carrigan, Patrick Moore, Will Reynolds, Nathan Poe and Doug Hall.



CJWII SAR Chapter Wreaths Across America

On 18 December 2021, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution participated in Wreaths Across America in a program sponsored by the Ketocin DAR Chapter in Loudoun County and at a program sponsored by the Beverly Manor DAR Chapter and General Daniel Morgan SAR Chapter in Ft Defiance. This program began in 1992 when the Worcester Wreath Company in Maine found they had a surplus of wreaths during the holiday season. Morrill Worcester and his wife decided to take these wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery to honor the Nations veterans in an older section that had been receiving fewer visitors with each passing year. This endeavor continued to grow with a goal of covering every grave in Arlington with a wreath. It became apparent this desire to honor our veterans was bigger than Arlington. In 2007, Wreaths Across America was formed with a simple mission of "Remember, Honor, Teach". In 2008, over 300 locations held wreath-laying ceremonies in every state, Puerto Rico and 24 overseas cemeteries. Over 100,000 wreaths were placed by over 60,000 volunteers. That year, December 13, 2008 was unanimously voted by the US Congress as "Wreaths Across America Day". In 2014, Wreaths Across America and its national network of volunteers laid over 700,000 memorial wreaths at 1,000 locations in the United States and beyond, including ceremonies at the Pearl Harbor Memorial, as well as Bunker Hill, Valley Forge and the sites of the September 11 tragedies. This was accomplished with help from 2,047 sponsorship groups, corporate contributions, and donations of trucking, shipping, and thousands of helping hands. The organization's goal of covering Arlington National Cemetery was met in 2014 with



the placement of 226,525 wreaths. The program has grown to over 2,200 locations with millions of Americans participating in the ceremony to honor the countries veterans. During the ceremony, ceremonial wreaths with American Flags are placed, representing the branches of the military and Prisoners of War and Missing in Action. After that, individual live balsam fir wreaths, which symbolize our honor to those who served and serve, are placed with the veterans name being read out loud. Through this simple act, we show gratitude and respect as we "Remember" the fallen, "Honor" those who serve and "Teach" the next generation the value of freedom. The wreath-laying is held annually, on the second or third Saturday of December. In Loudoun County, the program was conducted by the Ketocin Daughters of the American Revolution with Kecia Brown emceeding ceremonies at two cemeteries. 76 wreaths were placed at Ketocin Baptist Church and 43 at North Fork Baptist Church. The group then moved to North Hill Cemetery in Clarke County to place two wreaths. The Viking Division of the Naval Sea Cadets presented colors supported by the Colonel James Wood II Chapter Color Guard. Participating for the SAR were Marc Robinson, Paul Christensen, Kelly Ford, Doug Hall, Brett Osborn, Eric Robinson, Barry

Schworer, Mike St Jacques and dual member Dave Cook from Fairfax Resolves Chapter. A ceremony was conducted at Augusta Old Stone Church Cemetery, Ft Defiance, emceed by Betty Wade of Beverly Manor DAR and Edmund Davidson of the General Daniel Morgan SAR. Colonel James Wood II Color Guard presented the colors. This was followed the the placement of seven ceremonial military



service wreaths. Members of the DAR, SAR and the community placed 67 individual wreaths on the graves of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 veterans. A musket squad honored the veterans with a three round salute. Participating for CJWII were Dale Corey, Sean Carrigan, Chip Daniel, Erick Moore, Patrick Moore and Nathan Poe. Above photo is CJWII Color Guard at Ketocin Baptist Church, l. to r. Brett Osborn, Marc Robinson, Eric Robinson, Barry Schworer, Dave Cook, Kelly Ford, Mike St. Jacques, Paul Christensen and Doug Hall. (Photo courtesy of Marc Robinson.) Below photo is CJWII Color Guard, Viking Division, Naval Sea Cadets with Bagpiper Deputy 1st Class Sean McCurtan, Loudoun Sheriff's Office and Kecia Brown, Regent, Ketocin DAR. (Photo courtesy of Marc Robinson.) Left photo is the CJWII Color Guard at Augusta Old Stone Church, Ft Defiance, VA l. to r. Dale Corey, Sean Carrigan, Erick Moore, Patrick Moore, Nathan Poe and Thomas "Chip" Daniel. (Photo courtesy of Deborah Corey)



CJWII Wreaths Across America Front Royal

On 19 December 2021, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution participated in a Wreaths Across America Ceremony held at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Front Royal. The ceremony was one of over 2,200 conducted over the weekend across the country to honor our Nation's veterans. The goals of the WAA organization are to "Remember" our veterans, to "Honor" their service and to "Teach" our younger generations of the sacrifices taken so we can enjoy freedom in a democratic republic. Boy Scout Troop #4 from Front Royal was the primary sponsor of this event. Scoutmaster James Naccash emceed the event with Senior Patrol Leader Miles Knapik commanding the presentation and posting of the colors. Scouts Henry Knapik and Jack Gillespie carried the American and Troop 4 flags, supported by the Colonel James Wood II Chapter Color Guard. During the ceremony, veterans were called to present a wreath to each military service, the Merchant Marines and POW/MIAs. This was followed by a musket salute by CJWII and Taps being played by Philip Asper. Peter Hibl provided a closing prayer to end the formal service. After the ceremony, over 400+ wreaths were placed on veterans gravesites throughout the cemetery. Participating for the SAR were Sean Carrigan, Dave Cook (Dual Member from Fairfax Resolves), Dale Corey, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Mike Dennis (Dual Member from Culpeper Minutemen), Charles Jameson (Dual Member from Culpeper Minutemen), Erick Moore, Patrick Moore, Will Reynolds and Bill Schwetke (Dual Member from Culpeper Minutemen). Above Right picture is CJWII compatriots l. to r. standing Will Reynolds, Erick Moore, Charles Jameson, Chip Daniel, Dave Cook, Mike Dennis, Bill Schwetke; kneeling Patrick Moore, Dale Corey, Sean Carrigan (Photo courtesy of Thomas "Chip" Daniel.) At Right picture is the Musket Squad l. to r. Sean Carrigan, Erick Moore, Will Reynolds, Mike Dennis, Dave Cook, Bill Schwetke, Chip Daniel (Photo courtesy of Thomas "Chip" Daniel.) Left photo is Henry Knapik and Jack Gillespie post the colors. (Photo courtesy of Jim Naccash).



WASHINGTON -



Annual Auburn, WA Veterans Day Parade

The Annual Auburn, Washington Veterans Day Parade was held on November 13. SAR members from Alexander Hamilton, George Rogers Clark, John Paul Jones, and Seattle Chapters participated. The Washington State Fife and Drum Corp accompanied the procession along with local DAR members.



Wreaths Across America what held in Orting, Washington at the Old Soldiers Home on December 18, 2021. It is reported that 2,265 wreaths were placed on Veterans graves. The Color Guard participants included (L-R): Jan Lemmer (AH), Skip Stephan (AH), John Herr (AH), Michael Bendictson (AH), Michael Moore (AH), Keith Weissinger (WASSAR President - AH), Ralph Leining (HODAR), Viren Lemmer (AH).

Ann Washington DAR Chapter 100th Anniversary

On October 16, 2021 members of the George Washington Chapter Color Guard posted colors for the Ann Washington DAR Chapter 100th Anniversary held at the Skyline Beach Club in Anacortes, Washington. Approximately 100 guests celebrated with the DAR Ladies. The George Washington Color Guard had just presented the Ann Washington DAR Chapter with their own Chapter flag on October 11, 2021 as a token of appreciation for the cooperative partnership. In November the Concrete Herald published the photo taken at the 100th Anniversary event.

Pictured here (L-R) CG Capt. Mike Hutchins, Hugh Jonson, Patricia Francisco, Cpl Marshall Eberhart, Sgt John Kraft Sr, Chris Fridley (Drummer), Russ Oliver, Bob Wall, and Cpl Bruce Bock.



Left: Sons of the American Revolution members dressed in colonial garb and presented a fife and drum color guard procession to kick off the 100th anniversary of the Ann Washington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution celebration in Anacortes on Oct. 16. For more on the event, see p. 35. Submitted photo.



Anacortes "Walk with Santa" parade

Proudly carrying the 250th Anniversary with Betsy Ross colors the George Washington Color Guard lead by WA SAR Color Commander Neil Vernon and joined by Pacific District VPG Keith Weissinger, Color Guardsmen Kenny Marshall (Sea Chapter) and Richard Whittemere (Cascade Chapter) participated in the Anacortes Lions sponsored Anacortes "Walk with Santa" parade. We joined with members of the Ann Washington Chapter DAR who had a seasonally decorated vehicle with a Christmas tree festooned with red, white and blue ornaments, and proudly flying the Ann Washington DAR Chapter flag. Although the weather forecast was dismal, the rain mostly stopped before the parade started. The 38-degree temperature and the brisk pace made for a quick event. Many of us retreated to a local deli for a welcome warm lunch and lively post parade discussion. A pleasant chance to catch up, share and chat with each other.

Above Left - Left to right; Patricia Francisco, Fifer GWC, Neil Vernon, WASSAR Color Guard Commander, Keith Wiessinger, WASSAR President, John Kraft Sr (GW), Bruce Bock (GW), Dick Whittemore (CC), Kenny Marshall (SE), Mike Hutchins (GW), Karen Manatt, Ann Washington Chapter DAR Regent. (Not shown, Marshall Eberhart (GW))



Kitsap County Veterans Day

The JPJ chapter supported the Kitsap County Veterans Day largest singular event, the Veterans Recognition Day with members in period uniforms and a large SAR display of period items, educational materials, uniformed members and the representatives describe the SAR Goals and our educational programs to various county dignitaries. Our SAR members were honored to represent their ancestors and the First United States Veterans. (Members: Fred Gilbert, Perry Taylor, Mick Hersey)



Wreaths Across America

On December 18, 2021 at Ivy Green Cemetery, over 300 volunteers came out in the wind and rain to honor and remember our Veterans and the lives they had. Wreaths Across America location coordinator and Master of Ceremony Mick Hersey of the John Paul Jones Chapter WASSAR led the event. Chapter President David Irons as the Tomb of Unknowns honor Guard. Compatriots Perry Taylor (USA), Bob Schneider (USMC), Conrad Plyler (USN), Fred Gilbert (USAF) placed Service Wreaths. Behind the scenes help was provided by Noah Chase.

At noon a second ceremony was held at Bethel Cemetery with the ceremony being held in the Grace Bible Church gym. Color Guard Captain Fred Gilbert, David Irons, Chapter President and Noah Chase brought in the colors presented to active duty Marines and Sailors for Salute. Mick Hersey was again the Master of Ceremony. Over 100 volunteers participated.

Compatriots Fred Gilbert and Noah Chase escorted Chapter President David Irons to raise the Spanish American War Veteran's Burial Flag on the flag pole in the Cemetery.

Compatriots in photo (L-R) Fred Gilber, Mick Hersey, Noah Chase





Wreaths Across America

The Mid-Columbia SAR Chapter joined with the Columbia River DAR and the Columbia Basin Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, on December 18th, to participate in the Wreaths Across America Program. In 2053 cemeteries around the country and others around the world, let by Arlington Cemetery, we had a ceremony and laid wreaths on the graves of our Nations veterans. The Ceremony was opened by Laura Nunnelle, Regent of the Columbia River DAR. Chris Crowder, Washington State DAR Regent and wife of our Harvey Crowder, spoke.

Commander Brad Klippert, of the State Legislature, 8th District was the keynote speaker. Dan Newhouse, our Congressman also spoke. The Civil Air Patrol presented Wreaths for each of the service branches, including the Space Force.

We gave the pledge of allegiance and Hank Cramer sang the National Anthem. We all then went outside to lay over 600 wreaths on the graves of servicemen.

After this was completed, a few of us adjourned to Resthaven Cemetery where we honored, Civil War Veteran Willian Johnston. Incoming Chapter President, Richard Roddy read the Bio of Pvt. William H. Johnston. Dan Newhouse placed the wreath, Luke Sowieralski played taps on his trumpet and Hank Cramer sang a verse of the Battle Cry of Freedom.

Conn Clark, Mike Tesky, Dan Newhouse, Art Kelly, Randal Roach

Flag Placement

On December 17, 2021 Neil Vernon along with two other members of the Seattle Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution placed over 400 flags at Veteran graves and other Dignitaries at Lakeview Cemetery on Seattle's Capitol Hill. Two other members from the public supported this effort. This was in preparation for the annual Wreaths Across America ceremony to be held on December 18.



Wreaths Across America ceremony

On December 18, 2021, 34 community members were greeted with the drive lined with historical flags as they gathered for the Wreaths Across America ceremony. This included representatives from of the Seattle Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Rainier Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Ballard VFW Post 3063, Girl Scouts Troop 46953, Veterans and current active duty service personnel and the general public.

Seattle SAR VP Tim Zenk provided the opening remarks followed by Washington State SAR Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon reading the ceremonial script. This was followed by the placement of Wreaths for each Branch of Service and POW/MIA, Rifle Salute provided by the Ballard VFW along with Taps.

When the ceremony was concluded, the participants placed wreaths on the graves of Veterans and dignitaries throughout the cemetery.

This same ceremony is took place in more than 2,700 cemeteries across our Nation and at the National Cemetery in Arlington at the very same moment. Lakeview is the oldest cemetery in the City of Seattle and is believed to have over 500 veterans buried there ranging from the Civil War to present day conflicts.

The Wreaths Across America remembers veterans from the Revolutionary War to present day conflicts, our veterans are devoted sons and daughters, fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters. They come from all backgrounds of life to place those lives on the line for our freedoms.

This year we also recognized and honored the 20th Anniversary of the September 11, 2001 the 2977 victims and over 6000 injured, their families, and first responders along with the 100th anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor that threw our nation into World War II.



WISCONSIN -

Wisconsin Veterans Riverwalk

At Wisconsin Veterans Riverwalk in Delafield Commander Brian S. Barrett, Peter Grant, Scott Burk and Mike Meador walked the mile long path and paid tribute at several monuments to veterans of each war beginning with the American Revolution and ending with Afghanistan. (photo by Karen Meador)



Great Lakes District Meeting

The Great Lakes District Meeting was held at the Capital Rotunda in Madison on October 29-30, 2021.

Members of the Oneida Nation joined Color Guards from Wisconsin, Illinois, and Michigan to present and retrieve the Colors. Pictured are Commander Barrett, Eliot Held, Oneida Christine Danforth

Mark Nelson, ILSSAR President Mike Campagnolo, Oneida Nation Christopher Powers's (6th generation of Patriot James Powless) carried the Oneida Eagle Flag, Joe Delgado who carried the Oneida Flag, Guardsman Bill Muether, Oneida Nation Tsyoshaht C. Delgado, Mike Nelson, Don Skarda, Bob Haglund, VPG Bill Austin and NSSAR PG Davis Lee Wright. (photo courtesy Bill Wheeler ILSSAR)



Wisconsin Club in Milwaukee

M-K Chapter color guards presented and retrieved the colors at a holiday celebration at the Wisconsin Club in Milwaukee on December 4, 2021. DAR and members of other heraldic societies were also in attendance. Pictured are Auxiliary member Marcus Barrett, Commander Brian Barrett, Don Skarda, Shane Barrett, Attorneys Eric Searing and Lucas Vebber from Wisconsin Institute of Law and Liberty, and guardsman Mike Meador and his son Ben Meador (photo courtesy WILL)



The Wauwatosa Annis Avery Chapter of WISDAR assembled for a photo with guards after the luncheon. Pictured (l to r) are Mary Baszynski, Mike Meador, Regent Lisa Davis, Gene Schnagl, Commander Barrett, Don Skarda, Wanda Tetlan and Ben Meador. Regent Davis pinned six Vietnam veterans after the holiday luncheon.



Wreaths Across America

M-K guards placed wreaths at Woods cemetery in Milwaukee. Pictured Lisa Davis and three members of DAR Annis Avery Chapter, Mike Meador, bugler Bill Seaman and Ben Meador. (photo courtesy Karen Meador). Ames Chapter and GLD VPG Bill Austin placed wreaths at Forest Hill Cemetery in Madison and was accompanied by WISDAR Regent Brenda Majewski at Ft Winnebago Cemetery in Portage. Aupaumet Chapter guardsman Bob Haglund and Roy Johnson of the Legion Riders placed wreaths at CWVMC Cemetery in King.



WEST VIRGINIA -

Battle Days Memorial

Combined color guard at the Battle Days Memorial at Point Pleasant WV. Ohio color guard commander Bob Hill commanding.



Wreaths Across America

The Point Pleasant West Virginia Chapter SAR color guard supported the Colonial Charles Lewis DAR in their Wreaths Across American ceremony. Pictured are Ed Cromley, Randy McGill, and Joe Supple.

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.