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Commander's Report

Compatriots,

Fellow color guardsmen,

We have come to the end of a long winter and hopefully the conclusion of the pandemic that has plagued us these last two years. Thankfully as the plague has abated this season has seen more events return with increased live participation. With such, more guardsmen have fulfilled their medal requirements. I approved the following medals for our hard working guardsmen and the support they have received from the ladies. Silver Color guard medals were approved and earned by: Julian Hershey (NJ), James L. Howard Jr. (NJ), Jay A. DeLoach (NC) and Leamon D. Ducan. Von Steuben Medals were approved for William Schwetke (VA), Robert "Bob" L. Anderson (AL), Darryl Addington (TN), David Rasmear (FL) and Dennis H. Harris (TN). Finally, Molly Pitcher awards for approved for Anita Bonner (VA), Elizabeth J. Collins (SC) and Marika Jane Wesolosky (KY).

In the field:

To start the year, on Sunday Jan.2 I attended the commemoration of the Battle of Princeton with PG Davis Wright, Vice commander Brooks Lyles and Second Adjutant and VPG of the North Atlantic District Robert Meyer. Roger Williams did an outstanding job as MC. Due to an impending storm, commemoration of the Battle of Cowpens had to be moved to Saturday Jan 15th. All four of the command staff, Brooks, Scott, Rob and myself attended. Even though we had a last-minute change of date, over 35 guardsmen from Georgia, North and South Carolina attended. On Feb. 12th I attended the Virginia Societies Annual meeting and presented past Virginia commander Bill Schwetke his Von Steuben Medal, Virginia commander Ken Bonner his Silver Medal and Anita Bonner the Molly Pitcher medal. On Feb 19th, I was with the Philadelphia Continental Chapter for their George Washington commemoration. The guard presented the Colors at Washington Square, Independence Hall and marched to the Museum of the Revolution two blocks south. After a very enjoyable lunch I marched over to Independence Square and spent time with many tourists, posing for photos and telling stories of our founding father and patriots of the period. On Feb 26th I attended the commemoration of Battle of Moores Creek Bridge with North Carolina Commander George Strunk along with VC Brooks Lyles, Adjutant Scott Collins and guardsmen of the NC, VA, GA, KY, MD, IN Societies. While there I Presented Marika Weslosky her Molly Pitcher award. On March 3rd-6th I attended the Spring Leadership Louisville, KY. Unfortunately, due to strong storms coming through the east coast, The Battle of Guilford Court house commemoration had to be cancelled. On March 26th my wife and I attended the commemoration of the Battle of Thomas Creek in Jacksonville, Florida. I Lead Color guard with VC T. Brooks Lyles Jr. and Florida commander Steve Fields. Although the ground was very swampy, the weather was pleasant and all went well. I presented David Rasmear his Von Steuben medal.

In Louisville, North Carolina Commander George Strunk was voted color guardsmen of the Year. On Friday night we were honored to have World War II veteran and past Color guardsmen of the Year Robert Sapp, who celebrated his 95th birthday that evening, join us in leading the color guard. Mark Kramer(CA) proposed a new "Patriot Day - National Day of Service and Remembrance" As a National Color Guard Event on September 11 th. The motion passed, although there was considerable debate on a second Patriot Day event in the years calendar.

Upcoming events.

- Battle of Bound Brook: Saturday, April 9: – Wreath Laying event, April 9 & 10
- Medal of Honor Parade for April 23, 2022 in Gainesville, TX.
- Battle of Fort San Carlos, St Louis, MO Sun, May 29th, 2022
- Battle of Ramsour's Mill Lincolnton, NC, Fri-Sat June 3-4, 2022
- Battle of Monmouth, Monmouth, NJ- Wreath Laying, Saturday, June 18, 2022.
- Congress, Savannah, Georgia July 10-14,2022

Hope to see you in the field or at our annual Congress.
Safe travels,

Yours in Patriotism,

C. Louis Raborg Jr. NSSAR, National Color Guard Commander



Cowpens 2022, National SAR Color Guard Commander Lou Raborg Jr., his Maryland State Flag with flag carrier GASSAR Bruce Maney



Commander Raborg on General



It was a beautiful spring day as national commander C. Louis Raborg Jr, Florida commander Steve Fields and national vice commander T. Brooks Lyles Jr. lead guardsmen from Florida and Georgia to commemorate the Battle of Thomas Creek north of Jacksonville, Florida



Commanders Raborg, Lyles and Collins present Marika Jane Wesolosky (KY) her Molly Pitcher award for her support of the national color guard at the Battle of Moores Creek commemoration.

STAYING IN THE RANKS, OUR SENIOR GUARDSMEN

Throughout my tenure as our national commander, I have been asked many questions about the performance of our guard and its participation in our events. Many seek interpretation of our handbook rules and guidelines, to confirm or clarify its many points. Many of the questions deal with the organization of an event and the guards participation including concern for our older guardsmen.

As far as interpretation of participation, standing in the crowd even in uniform and watching an event is observation. I consider any man that is in uniform and marches with the color guard, participating. Although the typical duties for our guardsmen consist of the presentation of the colors, carrying a flag, a musket, or playing an instrument, fife or drum, I still give credit to a guardsman that marches with the guard, without such. He will typically march behind the flag bearers, although the commander may see a better position for him depending upon the space at the event. I also believe, like the rest of the guard, he has an obligation to stay for photos. I take this position based on how we perform in Louisville and Congress. In Louisville we are limited to the number of flags we can post in the ballroom, so we only use the national flags and the first thirteen colonies. At Congress we use all the national and state flags. In both cases there are times when we have more men than flags. Since many of our men fly into these events, not everyone can bring a musket. We allow all men to march, and if we have the space we create a cordon of extra guardsmen, which makes a nice display. We make it work and we thank all men that march with us. Recently, We added drummers and fifers at the Congress in Seattle and in Louisville. Because of the indoor space and safety concerns I purposely kept them in the back of the room when inside. A typical drumbeat can exceed 120dBA and can be painful to some, especially those with hearing aids. An indoor space can also amplify this effect and the harm that may be done.

In many instances I have commanders and guardsmen themselves looking for ways that our eldest guardsmen can still participate. These questions focus on the ability of a guardsmen to stand for a length of time, to march with a flag or carry and raise a musket. As far as not being able to stand for a long period, I stress to many of our senior guardsmen to take their personal health and abilities into consideration. If you need to bring a chair, bring one, sit in the shade, make sure you have eaten and bring water if it is hot. Wait to get in line until you have to. Discuss with the commander beforehand how long you may need to stand. Discuss with the organizer what the guard's duty will be. I am very adamant about organizers using guardsmen as a backdrop for a speaker. The time needed and the weather are critical factors in this. If you have a long-winded speaker that believes the event is an extension of his Sunday service then you want to make sure your guardsmen do their duty and then retire. When it comes to an event that may be extremely hot or cold you want your speakers to have an optional short program and let them know which will be used.

With guardsmen that may be a little unsteady on their feet to march with a flag, I would suggest posting the colors in place and only lead off carrying the American Flag. When the guard gets into position with the posted colors, have the guardsmen do a quick turn to retrieve the colors and present them for the Pledge, National Anthem, America's Creed, etc. and then have them turn to

re-post them. I think in small venues, especially in tight rooms or rooms with platforms and stairs or cemeteries where the ground is uneven, this is a good option. You also do not have to retrieve the colors. Many times, it's advantageous for the taking of photos after the event.

There will however eventually come a time when even the hardest of us must take a seat and watch the parade go by. We must be content to sit and cheer on the young men as they perform.

After working with OSHA and MOSHA in an industrial environment for the past four decades, I always look to minimize risk to my co-workers. I challenge all guardsmen to look out for their comrades and keep them safe. Keeping our guardsmen safe is my primary concern.

Pro patria,

C. Louis Raborg Jr., NSSAR National color guard commander



VICE-COMMANDER'S REPORT

The Face of the SAR

How many of you have heard or even used the phrase, "The Color Guard is the Face of the SAR"? Whether you have heard it, used it, or even believe it, it is very true to the public. When we appear in public, we are the SAR. When the public is asked about the SAR what they have seen, remember and talk about is us, The Color Guard. This is truer now than it has been for some time, and while we are trying to raise the public profile of the entire organization, we the Color Guard are at the forefront of that effort.

At this Spring's Leadership Meeting the Executive Committee approved, and the Trustees presented **SAR 2026**, the NSSAR Strategic Planning Committee's Five Year Operational Plan for the organization. This plan is an addendum to the SAR's Strategic Plan which was approved by the Trustees in 2017. The plan states the SAR's Mission for our 250th Anniversary is: "**To Become a Major Recognized Voice of the American Revolution by Educating America about our Patriotic and Historic past**". It includes seven major goals, the second of which is Patriotic Programs. Below is an extract from the base document:

Goal #2 – Patriotic Programs

Raise awareness of the SAR as a Patriotic Organization and Reenergize America's Sense of Patriotism

Objective 2A: Increase local profile by **showing the SAR's Colors**.

- 1) Increase state society **Color Guard** membership by 10% annually.
- 2) Participate in at least one new public event each year.
- 3) Lead by example in your local communities, by Society and Chapter visibility and actions.
- 4) **SAR Color Guards** will participate in local events and parades
- 5) Present **SAR 250th Flags** to local schools and local organizations at a flag raising ceremonies.
- 6) Present **SAR Flag Certificates** to local organizations and local citizens **in uniform**.
- 7) Establish a Media and Social Media presence in each chapter's community.

There is a lot we can do with this mission; nothing is unrealistic or unobtainable. We need to grow our Color Guard by 10% annually. If a Chapter has 5 Color Guardsmen and they add one that is a 20% growth and you have met the objective. If a Society has 20 members and adds two, that is a 10% growth and they have met the objective. If you participate in one new event each year you have met the objective. If you participate in one school flag raising ceremony and present the school with an SAR 250th Flag you have met the objective (maybe two objectives). These are minimum standards and are meant to establish achievable goals and a road map for the future for those chapters and societies that are looking for guidance or wondering what they ought to be working on. The 250th Anniversary does not start nor end on 4 July 2026. It has already started, and it runs through September 2033, the anniversary of the Paris Peace Accord and the departure of the last British soldier from American soil.

The other thing I would like State Society Color Guard Commanders to start working on is related to the phrase, **The Face of the SAR**. My intent is to put a graphic together that incorporates a map of the United States with an actual image of a Color Guard member, from each state within the outline of their state. It would be a graphic representation of the **Actual Faces of the SAR Color Guard**. But to make it work I need .jpg images from you of a CG Member from your units, in uniform, with at a minimum the state society and the compatriot's names included in the email. Please submit your images to me and Steve Williams. I'm not going to tell you who's picture to submit, it is up to you to choose who best represents your Color Guard.

Are you The Face of the SAR in your community?

Fraternally,
Brooks Lyles



Photos: 2021 Color Guardsman of the Year Bob Sapp (GA); [Below] Darryl S. Addington (TN) receiving his Von Steuben Medal



National Color Guard Events - 2021 - 2022

HISTORIC Date	Color Guard Event	Location	Host
January 3	Princeton, the Ten Crucial Days	Priceton, NJ	New Jersey
January 17	Battle of Cowpens	Chesnee, SC	Daniel Morgan SAR
February 1	Battle of Cowans Ford	Huntersville, NC	Mecklenburg SAR
February 14	Battle of Kettle Creek	Washington, GA	Georgia
February 14	Crossing of the Dan	South Boston, VA	Virginia
February 22	Washington Birthday Parade	Laredo, TX	Texas
February 27	Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge	Currie, NC	North Carolina
March 10	Last Naval Battle of the Revolution	Merritt Island, FL	Florida
March 15	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC	North Carolina
April 12	Halifax Resolves	Halifax, NC	North Carolina
April 18	Patriot's Day	Nationally	
April	Frederica Naval Action -close 4/19	St. Simons Island, Georgia	
May 8	Battle of Pensacola	Pensacola, FL	Florida
May 11	Raid on Martin's Station	Ewing, VA	Virginia
May 16	Armed Forces Day		
May 17	Battle of Thomas Creek	Jacksonville, FL	Florida
May 28	Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous	Vincennes, IN	Indiana
May 30	Memorial Day events *	Various locations	
May 29	Battle of Fort San Carlos	Ste. Genevieve,	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 20	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\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:sarwilliamssa@gmail.com) and [Color Guard Commander](#)



State Society Color Guard Commanders

Welcome to the NSSAR Color Guard.

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

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

Changes are noted in **RED** text

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

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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
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- Ft. Downing Trading Co.
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- International Guns
- Joe's Leather Works, LLC
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- 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
- Townsends
- Track of the Wolf
- Turkey Foot Trading Company
- VA Flintlocks
- Clearwater Hats
- Ye Armes Shoppe

*Sons of the American Revolution, Texas Society Color
Guard National Event
Gainesville, TX Medal of Honor Parade
April 23, 2022*

ARMY Air Force Navy



Date: Saturday April 23, 2022
Time: 10 a.m. (step off)

Muster: 9 a.m.

Location: 100 West Broadway Gainesville, TX. Distance: About one mile, flat easy walking.

Registration: Confirm your attendance to the point of contact, Gary Barker. Please note in your email if this is your first time to participate in this event. First time participants will receive the Texas Color Guard Bronze Bernardo de Galvez Medal unless they already have one. When made available, the specific rally location and the parade entry number will be provided to registered participants.

Point of Contact: Gary Barker: garybarker619@gmail.com or 903-819-4862

Attire:

All participants must be in complete colonial dress.

Flags/Muskets:

Bring your chapter/society flags, carriers and muskets. Limited trailer space may be available to you.

Health Alert: Bring water and/or electrolytes to carry in your haversack. It is important to stay-hydrated.

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The Fifer's Corner



In this issue we have three Tunes that are not AWI Fife & Drum tunes but tunes that I have played at a number of different SAR Ceremonies. They're not used often but they are good to know.

The first tune is the **Star Spangled Banner** or "To Anacreon in Heaven" which first appeared about 1776 and written by British composer John Stafford Smith. It's not requested often but it is a good tune too know. Adopted: March 3, 1931 as Our National Anthem .



The next tune is **Taps**. Starting as a French Bugle call, it was used prior to and in the early part of the Civil War - 'General Call 12' - To Extinguish Lights. Union General Daniel Butterfield, thought the call was too formal to be used for 'Lights Out', so he rearranged it by changing some of the notes and their timing, and on a summer night in late July of 1862 in Virginia, those 24 notes were played by brigade bugler Oliver Norton for the first time. The following morning, Norton was visited by several brigade buglers for the music and the call was gradually taken up through the Army of the Potomac. Taps was made an official bugle call after the war and was formally adopted the tune for use at military funerals and memorial services In the late 1800s.

Our third tune is "**The President's March**" which was composed by Philip Phile to welcome George Washington as he rode through Trenton New Jersey in 1789 on his way to New York for his first inauguration and became the song "Hail, Columbia" when it was arranged with lyrics by Joseph Hopkinson in 1798. By the 1830's, Hail to the Chief was being used more and more for the President and Hail Columbia started to be used for the Vice President as well as being used as a National Anthem.

Note: Hail Columbia was considered one of the first tunes thought to be Our National Anthem from around the world.

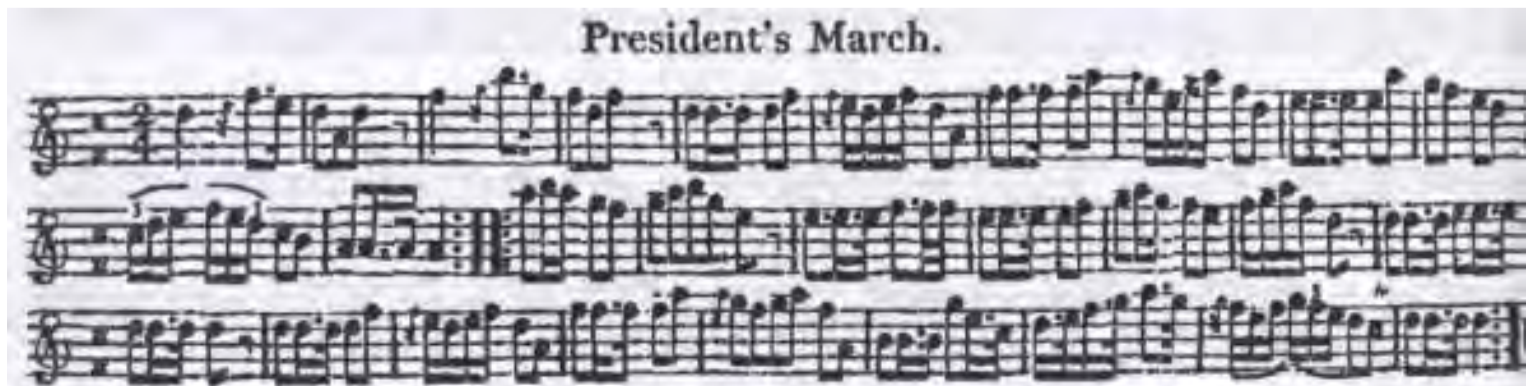
STAR SPANGLED BANNER.



Taps



President's March.





SAFETY

Environment and Environmental issues

“We are getting older and the injuries we sustain can cause life changing repercussions”.



No, this quarterly safety message isn't going to address climate change. But the environmental issues and the environment in which we find ourselves while representing the Son of the American Revolution. Last month I received an email from our National Color Guard Commander Lou Raborg, prior to the leadership meeting in Louisville, asking me to address the weather issues as it relates to the safety of our Color Guard members. Seemed odd to me as the weather on the west coast wasn't an issue; however, at the time those on the east coast were being impacted by severe winter weather and slips and falls were our commanders' main concern.

Each region within SAR's sphere of influence has different issues relating to weather; our environmental issues. These environmental issues differ greatly between the regions covered by our chapters and state societies.

However, there are a lot of commonalities with each of our environments, the physical areas in which we participate. Environmental issues (weather) and our environment (physical area) affect each of us differently. We have all experienced slip and trip hazards, low obstructions, someone who commits a safety violation by not paying attention to their environment. If we as individuals, our safety officers and commanders identify the environmental issues and the hazards in the physical environment. We can prepare, and reduce injury to the compatriots participating.

There no way to say this delicately. *“We are getting older and the injuries we sustain can cause life changing repercussions”.* In our younger years we had greater toleration of weather changes. Marching in 105-degree heat with 5 percent humidity or 95-degree heat with 90 percent humidity might have been uncomfortable in our teens or early twenties or thirties but not as hazardous as it is now that we are older. As young men if we stumbled while walking, we were able to catch ourselves without a second thought, or if we fell, we would simply get up brush ourselves off and continue. Now as we are older our ability to react to our environment has been diminished; however, situational awareness of our environment and associated hazards allows us to prepare and reduce accidents.

Normally, we all can prepare for some of the environmental issues we face in ad-

vanced of the event based on the expected weather. Identifying weather related hazards in advance of the function such as ice in the winter. And in warm weather realize the necessity to hydrate prior to the event and provide an area for cooling down with water to hydrate after the event.

Although we cannot discount the effect of the weather conditions to our fellow compatriots. It was the slip and fall hazard that Color Guard Commander Raborg was concerned about prior to the Leadership meeting in Louisville. This concern is well founded. Although, slips and falls occur in normal life our participation in events can increase the likeliness of an accident. The following information comes directly from the CDC; <https://www.cdc.gov/falls/facts.html>.

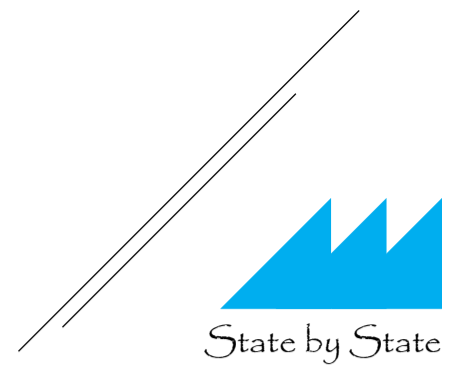
Fall Facts:

- Those 65 and older, more than one in four will fall
- One out of five falls will cause serious injury
- Falls among adults 65 and older caused over 34,000 deaths in 2019
- Each year over 300,000 adults 65 and older are hospitalized for hip fractures.

The facts sound grim; however, preparation on our part can reduce our being one of these statistics. As we get older our bones become more brittle, our eyesight diminishes, and we don't have the balance we did as when we were younger. Our personal issues can be discussed with our physicians and with their counsel maybe help reduce or compensate for the effects of aging. Although, aging is not within our control, how we adapt to the environmental issues and our environment certainly is. We can identify the hazards and make them known to all of our member prior to the event. These hazards identified are issues we can prepare for and possibly prevent. Dressing for the event based on the expected weather and hydrate if necessary. Walking the route that we will be taking prior to the event looking for hazards. Realize the hazard may be those above our heads; lighting, trees and wires. If you see a fellow compatriot performing an unsafe act or about to enter an unsafe environment – *“SAY SOMETHING”*. We may have identified one individual as the safety officer; however, safety is everyone's responsibility. These are things that are definitely within our control. As patriot Benjamin Franklin said: *“If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail.”*

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
(Event2) John Jones, Sam Smith, David Daniels, Edward Evans, Frank . .

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.



ALABAMA

SAR Alabama CG News 2022 Q1

From one end of the state to other, the Alabama Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) have been starting the 2022 year with dedication, devotion, and desire to fulfill the SAR goals of history, education, and patriotism.



January...

On January 29, the state Honor and Color Guards braved the cold weather to join forces with the Oak Mountain Chapter DAR to perform a grave marking in a small family cemetery in Wilsonville, Alabama for Patriot Moses Johnson. In addition to posting and retrieving colors for the ceremony, a 21-gun salute.





February...

February activities included working with the Twickenham Town DAR with a grave marking of Reuben Stone in Madison County on 2/14 and host a duties including posting of colors, assisting with meetings, and bringing together compatriots from all over the state planning of activities and training for the 2022 year at the Alabama Society SAR Convention in Hoover, Alabama on 2/26.

Together we are mighty... The DAR and SAR work hand-in-hand to celebrate another of America's First Veterans with



the grave marking of Reuben Stone on 2/14/2022

Celebrating today and planning the future, the Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution came together in Hoover, Alabama on the weekend of February 25th and 26th for their state convention to carry out business, present educational awards, and do the work necessary to make 2022 another successful year.



March...

For the third month in a row, the number of events doubled from the previous month with activities in Alabama's Gulf Coast area in the south, the Tennessee Valley in the north, and also in the geographic center of the state.

On March 4th, a contingency from Alabama State Color Guard worked with a host of veterans organizations to bring US Army Private Bill Morrison, who was assigned to Company G, 2nd Battalion, 110th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division during World War II, home to be buried in Spanish Fort in south Alabama. His unit was engaged in battle with German forces in the Raffelsbrand sector of the Hürtgen Forest in Germany, when he was reported killed in action on Nov. 8, 1944. At that time, his body could not be recovered. His remains were identified in July 2021 and interred at Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery.



After having to be postponed due to inclement weather, a "double header" grave marking was performed in Somerville, Alabama on March 19, 2022 in the Tennessee Valley region of north Alabama.

First up, was a celebration for Patriot Electious Thompson at the Russell Cemetery maintained by Pines Church in Madison County, Alabama. Again, not only was the Alabama Society Color Guard on hand but also the Honor Guard was able to pay fitting tribute with a gun salute as bugler played at the closing of the ceremony.



Winding up the day, festivities were able to bring an almost year-long project of tender loving care to the Crawford Ryan Cemetery. Through grants and other donations of time and money, the cemetery was cleared of brush, gravestones were repaired and new life was given a historical landmark which played tribute to not only Patriot William Ryan but also his descendants.



Finishing up the month, guardsmen from all over the state came to the center of Alabama in Montevallo to meet at the American Village. Classes were held in the colonial courthouse to discuss the drill, marching, and color guard standards developed from the historical Manuals of Exercise of Pickering and Von Steubens. After classes, the guardsmen met on the green surrounded by Washington Hall and Independence Hall West Wing and the Colonial Chapel in the distance as maneuvers were put to practice.

All-in-all, the first quarter of 2022 has shown to be a wonderful start to what is shaping up to be a wonderful year.



ARIZONA



Members of the Arizona Society SAR Color Guard participated in the 68th Annual Parada del Sol in Scottsdale AZ. The Parada del Sol Historic Parade has been a Scottsdale, Arizona tradition since 1952. Scottsdale welcomes over 30,000 spectators to Old Town Scottsdale. There were nearly 150 Parade entries that marched down Scottsdale Road. This year the parade committee voted the AZSSAR Color Guard the Most Patriotic entry.

Color Guard participants are (left to right): David Bonnett, Stan Marks, BT Fredericks, Eddie Dalley, Paul Wescott, Bill Barans, and Steve Miller.

CALIFORNIA -



The Orange County Chapter Color Guard presented the Colors for the January OC Chapter meeting.

Left to right in formation:

Larry Hansen, Mark Torres, Dan McMillan, Matt Noel (fifer in rear), John Blake, Jim Fosdyck, Duncan Campbell (CAS-SAR Color Guard Adjutant South) and John Ferris (Orange County Chapter Color Guard Commander).

Photo by Un Hui Yi



Here is a picture that appeared in the OC Register today (Sun. 3/6/2022.) Left to right. Larry Hansen, Mark & Spencer Torres, John Blake, Carolyn & Duncan Campbell. You may note that the OC Chapter took 2nd Place in the "Military Color Guard" category and South Coast Chapter Continental Marine Color Guard unit took 3rd.



Orange County, Harbor, and South Coast chapters join together to present Colors for the California Society Daughters of the American Revolution State meeting. March 19th, 2022



Harbor Chapter

Presenting Colors at DAR. Butterfield Stage Chapter at the California Society DAR headquarters in Glendora California. (February 27th, 2022)

Left to right: CASSAR President Brian Stephens, Lucas Villardi, Logan Lanfranco, CASSAR Commander Brandon Villardi



Orange County Chapter

Guardsman Spencer Torres receives the Bronze Color Guard Medal flanked by 4 commanders. Left to right Duncan Campbell CASSAR Commander Adjutant South, Brandon Villardi CASSAR Commander, John Ferris Orange County Chapter Commander, Spencer Torres, Jim Fosdyck NSSAR National Color Guard Commander.



Laguna Beach Patriots Day Parade (March 5th, 2022)

Left to right. Larry Hansen, Mark & Spencer Torres, John Blake, Carolyn & Duncan Campbell



Sacramento Chapter

Present Colors at California State Society DAR California Heritage Tea (November 13th, 2021)

From left to right: Don Littlefield, Jim Faulkenberry, Russ Kaiser CASSAR Commander Adjutant North, Executive Vice President Craig Anderson



South Coast Chapter

Huntington Beach, CA Living History Event (Feb 13, 2022)

Images:

Above left: Kevin Forrest; Nolan Forrest; Kate Forrest (C.A.R.); Middle: Kevin Forrest, Nolan Forrest & Brandon Villardi CASSAR Commander; Above Right: Nolan Forrest & CASSAR Commander Brandon Villardi; Kevin Forrest



Laguna Beach Patriots Day Parade (March 5th, 2022)

Left: Nolan Forrest; Tim Glatfelter; Scott Whitman; Kevin Forrest; Shane Gates right: Mark Torres, Kent Gregory, Jim Olds, John Ferris, Jim Olds, Brian Merrill & Brandon Villardi (CASSAR Color Guard Commander).

Colonial Dames XVII Century Annual Meeting

Right: From left to right: Tim Glatfelter; Scott Whitman; Kevin Forrest





Florida Color Guard

In March 2022, the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade participated in two National Color Guard events in Florida. [Photos at Bottom]

On March 12, 2022, the Commemoration of the Last Naval Battle was held at Merritt Island, FL. Participation was lower than usual, due to bad weather canceling many folks' travel plans. The Color Guard was led by Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade Commander Steve Fields.

On March 26, 2022, the Commemoration of the 245th Anniversary of the **Battle of Thomas Creek** was held at Jacksonville, FL. More than 20 guardsmen from FL and GA participated [BelowRight]. The Color Guard was led by NSSAR Color Guard Commander Lou Raborg. A black powder musket salute [Below Left] was supervised by Vice-Commander Brooks Lyle. In addition, Commander Lou Raborg presented the Von Steuben Medal to Compatriot David H. Ramseur. [Right]



Florida Color Guard

The Florida Society of the Children of the American Revolution held its Annual Conference in Melbourne, Florida on February 18-20. The Brevard Chapter Color Guard provided Nicholas Mihora and Brian Jensen and they were joined by Richard Young of the Tampa Chapter to provide the “guard” for the Presentation of the Colors at the opening of the Business Session on Saturday morning. The C.A.R. members carried and presented the Colors for the opening of the meeting while the SAR members carried muskets to guard the National Colors. Pictured below are the three SAR Color Guardsmen checking out the room to determine their movements and Compatriot Mihora leading the National Colors at the front of the C.A.R. Procession. Compatriot Mihora also came to the Hilton on Friday evening to assist the C.A.R. members in stuffing personal toiletry items into back packs to

be delivered to homeless veterans. Compatriots Jensen and Young are Senior Members of their respective local C.A.R. Societies.

Left: SAR Color Guardsmen Young, Jensen and Mihora

Right: Compatriot Mihora leading the C.A.R. Procession



IOWA -



Central Iowa Chapter

Dave Nation of the Central Iowa Chapter, IA SAR, presented a flag certificate to Jerry Harris, Chief Operating Officer of Western Home Communities in Cedar Falls, Iowa on the morning of February 22, 2022. The organization was very proud to receive the flag certificate and posted a picture on their Facebook and Instagram accounts.

Iowa Society SAR

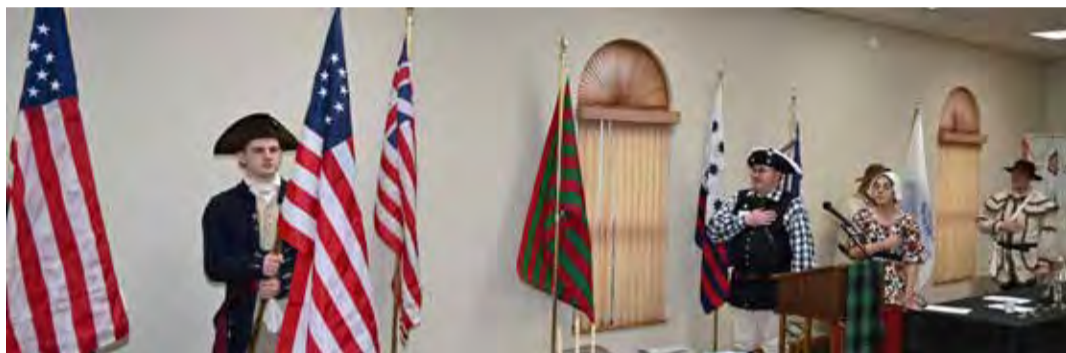
The March meeting of COYOPLE (Congregational Young People) met IA SAR member Randy Lyon as a presenter. The presentation began a spirited discussion among those present. It sounds like there may be more than a few new applications coming soon.





Indiana SAR

The Indiana SAR color guard participated in "The Spirit of Freedom in Early Vincennes" on March 12, 2022 at the St. Frances Xavier Center located in Vincennes, Indiana. Those participating were Mark Kreps, Mercator Bell, Gordon Bell and Luke Jackson as Randy Helderman commanded from the podium. Luke Jackson performed the National Anthem and Mercator Bell gave a living history presentation on George Rogers Clark.



GEORGE ROGERS CLARK MEMORIAL WREATH LAYING CEREMONY



May 28, 2022 @ 11:00 – 11:45 am EDT
Free admission and open to the public

George Rogers Clark Memorial 401 S 2nd St
Vincennes, IN 47591

Robert Cunningham, Event Coordinator
812-327-5114

Email: rpcunnin@indiana.edu

Event website: <https://www.spiritofvincennes.org/>
Color Guard, Indiana Society, National – District – Chapter

The George Rogers Clark Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony, a National Sons of the American Revolution event, will take place on Saturday, May 28, 2022, at 11:00 am EDT outside the Clark Memorial at the George Rogers Clark National Historical Park in Vincennes, IN. Ribbons will be awarded to SAR, DAR, and CAR chapters; states; districts and national officers presenting a wreath (one ribbon per wreath).

Wreath Presenters: If you would like to present a wreath at this ceremony, please send Robert Cunningham the name of the wreath presenter, the title (office) of the wreath presenter if applicable, chapter, organization, email address and phone. **To be listed in the program, please send the information requested above by May 21 by filling out the attached registration form.** Wreath presenters are not required to wear colonial attire. Wreath presenters supply their own wreath and stand. All chapter Compatriots, their families and guests are invited and encouraged to attend this ceremony. Feel free to bring lawn chairs as this ceremony will be held outdoors; we will move indoors if it rains.

Color Guard: The George Rogers Clark Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony is a National Color Guard event. All participating Color Guard will muster at 10:00 am EDT outside of the Clark Memorial. Please send Robert Cunningham the names, organization, and state of those who will participate in the Color Guard by filling out the attached registration form by May 21. Color Guard participants are welcome to bring state or chapter flags.

Friday Evening Dinner: SAR Compatriots, wives, and family are cordially invited to Procopio's Pizza and Pasta restaurant on Friday evening May 27 at 6:00 pm EDT for dinner. If you plan to attend, please send Robert Cunningham your name and guest(s) names by filling out the attached registration form by May 21. Reservations will be made in advance for our group. Procopio's address is 127 N 2nd St, Vincennes, IN 47591, phone 812-882-0914. Dinner is Dutch treat.

Hotel Reservations: Some of our SAR Compatriots enjoy staying at the Towneplace Suites Vincennes Marriott, 1320 Willow St, Vincennes, IN 47591, phone 812-255-1500. A block of rooms has been reserved there for Friday, May 27 under Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) at \$114/night plus tax for a king or two queen beds. Mention SAR when making your reservation which must be made by April 27. This hotel is close to the George Rogers Clark National Historical Park. This hotel and other hotels in Vincennes fill up quickly. Make your reservations soon since our ceremony is during the Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous held on May 28 and 29 which hundreds of people attend.

Parking: Parking for the Wreath Laying Ceremony and the Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous is available down the road from the George Rogers Clark National Historical Park Visitor Center at 401 S. 2nd St. There are a limited number of parking spaces in front of the visitor center. Parking is also available on the neighborhood streets but is not permitted along yellow curbs. The earlier you arrive, the closer to the memorial your parking space will be.



Dinner Registration

Friday, May 27, 2022 at 6:00 pm EDT
Procopio's Pizza and Pasta
127 N 2nd Street, Vincennes, IN 47591
Dinner is Dutch treat.

Compatriot's Name: _____

Guest Name(s): _____

Wreath Presenter Registration

George Rogers Clark Memorial
Saturday, May 28, 2022 at 11:00 am EDT
401 S 2nd St
Vincennes, IN 47591

Name of Wreath Presenter: _____

Title (office) of Wreath Presenter (if applicable): _____

Chapter of Wreath Presenter: _____

Organization (SAR, DAR, CAR) and State of Wreath Presenter: _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

Wreath presenters are not required to wear colonial attire and they supply their own wreath and stand.

Color Guard Registration

The Color Guard musters at 10:00 am outside of the Clark Memorial.

Name of Color Guard Participant(s): _____

Organization (SAR, CAR) and State of Color Guard Participant(s): _____

*Save form & email
or print and mail:*

Robert P. Cunningham
3831 S Laura Way
Bloomington, IN 47401-8827

Questions?
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Phone: 812-327-5114

KANSAS -

Kansas Color Guard activity

The first quarter of 2022 was rather slow in Kansas. There were very few meetings in the communities and cities of Kansas desirous of having events during the winter months. We did attend chapter meetings but as chapter color guard members rather than state functions. The Kansas Society SAR did have its Annual Conference in Abilene, Kansas on March 19, 2022. The Color Guard Presented the Colors at the Business Meeting, Youth Awards Luncheon and evening Banquet. Additionally, we had a training session in which photos were taken in preparation of creating a KSSSAR Color Guard Training Manual.



We in the Color Guard know that we always must go through a short practice, especially, when the event is in a facility which we have never performed as a Color Guard. (KSSSAR Color Guard Photo Left)

As a part of the Kansas Society's Annual Conference there is a Memorial Service to honor those compatriots who have passed in the past year. The Memorial Service performed in a local church. The Color Guard marched about one block from the meeting site of the Greyhound Hall of Fame to St. Andrew Catholic Church for the Memorial Service. That



some observation by passersby. (KSSSAR Color Guard Photo No. 2)

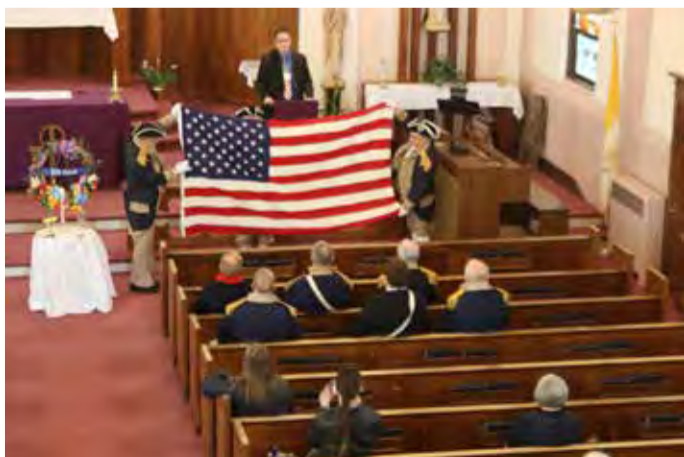


Many people desire to have there photos taken with the Color Guard, it was a mutual privilege this year for the Kansas Society Children of the American Revolution President Annabelle Diebolt to have her picture taken with the Color Guard following the Luncheon that emphasizes our Youth Programs. Color Guardsmen from left to right in the photo are Dewey Fry, William Marshall, Alan Martin, Kirk Rush, Brian Vazquez, Bobbie Hulse, Jeffrey Winters, Dean Bruns, Ken Ludwig and Steven Hamlin. (KSSSAR Color Guard Photo Below)



Since 1993 the Kansas Society has recognized the outstanding Color Guardsman of the year by a points system. The award presented was titled Colonial Soldier of the Year Award. Edgar Euing Grover passed on September 29th 2021. Edgar a past Kansas Society Color Guard Commander and the National Society Color Guard Commander in 1999. Edgar was a 4-time

recipient of the Kansas Society SAR Colonial Soldier of the Year. In May of 2022 the Kansas Society renamed the award the Edgar E. Grover Colonial Soldier of the Year Award in his honor. The recipient awarded on March 19, 2022, was Alan Jeffrey Martin of the Monticello Chapter received the 29th presentation of the award and the first under its new title. (KSSSAR Color Guard Photo at Right) Not only did Alan participate in the Kansas Society Color Guard, he vis-





Commemoration of George Washington's Birthday

The 290th Anniversary of the birthday of President George Washington was commemorated by members of the Gov. Isaac Shelby chapter on 19 February in Middletown, Kentucky. Presiding over the ceremony was chapter President Patrick Wesolosky. Also participating in the event were SAR members from the Lafayette, Daniel Boone, Louisville Thruston, and Col. Stephen Trigg chapters. Joining the SAR were several DAR members from the Corn Island, John Marshall, Fincastle, Lexington, Piankeshaw, and Hoosier Elm chapters.

The colors and standards were presented by a color guard consisting of 16 flag bearers and one rifleman. Later in the commemoration, four riflemen executed 'Mourn Arms' as George Washington's Circular Letter to the States of 1783 was read.

A presentation on George Washington was provided by David Kirkpatrick of the Mercer County Historical Society. Mr. Kirkpatrick spoke on how George Washington was a mentor and father figure to several key leaders in the American Revolution, such as Henry Knox, Alexander Hamilton, and the Marquis de Lafayette.

Later in the evening, the SAR members honored their Patriot Ancestors for their contributions in the American Revolution. Each SAR member recognized his Patriot Ancestor(s) by reading aloud his Patriot Ancestor(s) name and service provided in the American Revolution. A white carnation was then placed on a ceremonial table for each Patriot. At the end, a total of 53 carnations had been presented in remembrance of those who helped found our nation.



Members of the SAR attending the commemoration



Members of the rifle squad prepare to perform 'Mourn Arms'.

MASSACHUSETTS -



252nd anniversary of the 1770 Boston Massacre, and 246th anniversary of the Siege of Boston.

March 4, 2022 represents 2-anniversaries in the story of the American revolution. It is the 252nd anniversary of the 1770 Boston Massacre, and 246th anniversary of the Siege of Boston. On March 4, 1776 American troops under orders from General George Washington, under the cover of darkness out maneuvered the British Regulars, secured Dorchester Heights overlooking Boston and the harbor. 2,000 men prepared the hilltop for receipt of the cannon delivered from Fort Ticonderoga, NY. The expedition was led by Boston native, Henry Knox.

On the evening of March 4th, the anniversaries were marked by MASSAR Col. Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard with 3-events.

The first venue was Framingham town's old burying ground where the first meeting house stood in 1698 and is the final resting place of 89 Revolutionary War Veterans. They include family members of the Col. Henry Knox Color Guard. The Color Guard laid a wreath and delivered a prayer to the remembrance of the Veterans, followed by a 3-volley musket salute.



Framingham Town Old Burying Ground. Present in the photo: (L to R) Guardsmen Jim Holmes, Ken Sterling, Berry Lyle, Steven Watts, Brad Bittenbender, Jack Cunningham, Scott Tourtellot, Rodney Ventura, John Ginsberg and Commander Chris Tourtellot.

For the second venue, the Color Guard marched ¼ of mile to Framingham’s Buckminster Square, the location of the Patriot Blacksmith Minuteman statue, complete with anvil. On April 19, 1776, in the early morning mists of that new day, Framingham’s Minutemen responded to the alarm and mustered at the Buckminster Tavern, then marched off to meet the British Regulars in what turned out to be a 22-mile-long battle between Lexington and Boston. The statue faces towards Lexington. It commemorates a special less known story in the roll up to the Battle of Lexington and Concord that in turn set off the chain of events ending with the founding of the American Republic.

Author historian, Ray Raphael, wrote of the pivotal role played by Blacksmiths in Massachusetts in the American Revolution. From his book published in 2011 titled “Revolutionary Founders, Rebels, Radicals, and Reformers in the Making of the Nation” describes how in Worcester, MA, Timothy Bigelow a 33-year-old blacksmith in 1774, organized a trade convention for blacksmiths from the surrounding towns. From this meeting, 43 blacksmiths pledged to no longer do any work for those named as “Tories” whom they labelled as enemies of this country, and to refrain from doing any business with any laborer, mechanic, tradesman or others who did business with these enemies of the country. Further, they encouraged all others including farmers to call meetings in their towns to devise sanctions against their local “Tories.” The result was that ordinary citizens began taking leadership roles away from the Tories in their respective local towns. And, by the later part of 1774, these local blacksmiths were preparing for war, turning their shops into armament factories, dividing up powder, mending guns and casting bullets.

At Buckminster Square, the Col. Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard formed a defensive circle around the statue of the Patriot Minuteman Blacksmith. Facing outward, the Guardsmen fired 3 musket volleys in memory of the Minutemen.



Buckminster Square and Minuteman Blacksmith Statue: (L to R) Guardsmen Ken Sterling, Jim Holmes, Brad Bittenbender, Berry Lyle, Steve Cochrane, Jack Cunningham, Commander Chris Tourtellot, Zack Lobel, John Ginsberg and Rodney Ventura

March 5, 2022 Boston, MA

The venue was the headquarters of the New England Historical Genealogy Society. Members of the Col. Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard provided a welcome to the event for guest attendees to the Revolution-250 Speakers Series sponsored by the Dr. Joseph Warren Foundation, the Massachusetts Freemasons, the Massachusetts Society Sons of the American Revolution and the New England Historical Genealogy Society.

Content Contributed by:
Brad Bittenbender – Reporter
Patricia Hubbell - Photographer



Street side welcome to attendees at the NEHGS (L to R) Guardsmen John Ginsberg, Brad Bittenbender, Taryn Holmes, Jim Holmes and Ken Sterling



NEHGS opening session of the Massachusetts Revolution 250 Speakers Series.

MARYLAND -



Grave Marking

Feb 6 – There's nothing better than starting the month with a combined Maryland and Virginia Grave Marking for the Fairfax Resolves Chapter VASSAR and the General William Smallwood Chapter, MDSSAR of the Rev. Townsend Dade, Jr. at Monocacy Cemetery in Beallsville, MD (Middle) Combined Color Guard members included Commanders Ken Bonner VASSAR, David H Embrey MDSSAR, (Right Dave Cook, Gerald Harris, Bill Schwetke, Rick Abbott, Allan Phillips, Paul Christensen, David Hoover, Barry Schworer, Dale Corey, Lawrence Price, Mike Weyler, Jacob Schworer, Forrest Crain, Marc Robinson, Leamon Duncan Ken Morris, Chip Daniel, Sean Carrigan, Geoff Wood. (Left) Ceremony video including a musket salute – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TpFJqGAPI10>



Annual George Washington Luncheon

Feb 19 – This year's event was held at the Eagle's Nest Country Club in Phoenix, Maryland - the program included, awarding of the Maryland 400 Distinguished Service Medals to members of the Maryland National Guard, Donors to the Maryland 400 Honorary Regiment were recognized for their contributions. We were also honored by Dr. Patricia Maclay with a talk on Lafayette's Farewell Tour -Color Guard members included David Hoover, Gerald Harris, Gene Moyer, John Davidson, Geoff Wood, Rich Abbott and David Embrey,



Escort of the Liberty Tree/Wye Oak Gavel

March 25 – What better way to celebrate Maryland Day than to have a little face time on WJZ Annapolis, as we escorted the Liberty Tree/Wye Oak Gavel from the city dock to the State House and on to the Senate Floor for the presentation. The Morning started with a little TV face time with Wm Smithson, Wes Evvens, Gerald Harris, John Howard, Marty Bass - WJZ, Michael Price, David Embrey, Joohn Davidson, Rick Abbott and David Hoover an a great big HUZZH as we wait to form up for the March to the State House for the presetaation.

Left - On the March with the State House in our sights.

Right - Arriving at our destination, The Capitol Steps.



Escort of the Liberty Tree/Wye Oak Gavel

March 25 – To quote Tom Petty, ‘The waitong is the hardest part’ as final instructions were given and we waited for our time to enter the Senate Chamber. We were lucky that everyone made it into the Chamber with [Bottom Right] David Embrey, John Howard, Gerald Harris, Wes Evvens, Rick Abbott, John Davidson, Michael Price and past NSSAR National Commander, David Hoover. The reason why we are here. [Bottom Left] The Presentation. [Below] The Group - ‘All present and accounted for from the SRMD, MDSSAR, Old Guard, The Fourth Continental Dragoons, and The Crew of the *Baltimore Pride*. - HUZZAH.



George Washington Parade –

Feb 21 – Old Town Alexandria, VA – Guardsmen, Gerald Harris and David Embrey fell-in with the 1st Virginia Regiment, and participated in this year's Annual Parade that Celebrated the 290th Birthday of 'His Excellency: George Washington. Commander Embrey traded in his blue regimental for red, to fall-in with The Musick, and Compatriot Harris remained in his blue. The Regiment was in the Historical Unit of the Parade along with the VASSAR and I was able to visit with Compatriot Andrew Mill (Middle The Formation (Left) There is always a gathering of the participants at the Old Town American Legion and you never know who you will be there. Gerald Harris and His Excellency. (Right)



Dedication Ceremony of The Liberty Tree Wye Oak Senate Gavel, Baltimore Basilica

March 19 – Morning - - It's always an honor for the MDSSAR Color Guard to part of a Scott Watkins production when the participants and guest include, Maryland State Senate President Bill Ferguson, Archbishop William E. Lori, Adjutant General Timothy E. Gowen, The Consul Generals of France and Great Britain, US 3rd Infantry The Old Guard. The gavel set, a gift to the People and Senate of Maryland, Sponsored by the Society of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of Maryland, is made from the roots of the Maryland Liberty Tree and the limbs of the Wye Oak, and presented by the SRMD for the 250th anniversary of the State House to the People and Senate of Maryland in memory of George Washington's Old Line- The Maryland 400. (Right)



When we have lead in an event with multiple units, we always have at least one walk through for spacing and placement of units. This was made more difficult since we were required to leave room on the floor for The Old Guard - The Musick was to enter from the right and The Color Guard the center. (Below Left). Participants include members of the Old Guard Fifes and Drums, Ship's Company, The Maryland Forces, The First Maryland Regiment and the MDSSAR Color Guard members David Embrey, David Hoover, Gerald Harris, Wes Evans, John Davidson, Kevin Carr, Geoff Wood and Michael Price (Below Right)



March 19 –Evening – The Gavel Dedication was culminated with the Annual Black –Tie Dinner/Meeting of The Society of Sons of the Revolution at the Maryland Club in Baltimore. Commander Embrey traded in his Blue Regimental for his Red as he fell in with drummer Jim Rogers to escort the Colors. (Left). When you're the fifer, sometimes the Star Spangled Banner is required. (Right)





50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration

Time: 1:00 pm
 Date: March 29, 2022
 Location: Village Hope Church, Jackson, Michigan

March 29, 2022 marked the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War era. The last day of combat occurred this day in 1973. NS-SDAR Michigan Chapter Sarah Prudent with co-sponsor Missar Pvt. Ephriam Wheaton Chapter gathered to recognize these war era veterans.

Attending and participating in the host's honoring and pinning program were Jackson Mi., American Legion post 29, Knights of Columbus Council 109, and the MISSAR Color Guard.

Pictured are Missar Color Guard Commander and Army, Vietnam War era veteran (center), Norman Palmer. He was pinned by NSSDAR State Regent Kelly VanWormer, assisted by an outshaken hand of Missar State President David VanHoof. This event gave recognition and honored all that served and sacrificed in that war.



DAR And SAR Honor Macon Patriot

Revolutionary War Patriot Christopher White was honored at a recent public service with a grave marking by the Dancing Rabbit Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. The dedication service was

conducted at the Salem Memorial Church Cemetery in Macon. Highlighting the occasion were representatives from the Mississippi Society Sons of the American Revolution Society Color Guard dressed in period uniforms.

The grave was marked with a distinctive bronze marker. An American flag was appropriately placed at the front of the marker. After presenting a wreath at the grave site, Chapter Regent Ann Miller Ingalls and Judith Ewing offered remarks and gave a brief biography of the patriot. Presenting the colors were Jerry Lilly of Oxford as the Marquis de Lafayette, Ron Humphrey of Pearl, John McBride of Jackson, Erik Norman of Petal, Color Guard Commander Dr. Bryant Boswell of Star, and Detail Commander John Taylor of Mize.



Over 200 years have passed since the Revolutionary War Patriots were successful in their fight for independence from Great Britain. The Sons of the American Revolution and Daughters of the American Revolution are national patriotic, historical and educational societies whose members perpetuate the memory and sacrifices of their ancestors who fought or aided in the American Revolution. One ongoing program is to locate and mark the final resting place of those who participated in the struggle for freedom.

Figure 1: (L-R) Jerry Lilly, Ron Humphrey, John McBride, Erik Norman, Bryant Boswell, & John Taylor

MS SAR Color Guard Gives Impressive Performance

This evening, the Mississippi SAR Color Guard stunned attendees at the 2022 Annual Meeting Mississippi Society Daughters of the American Revolution in Jackson. Members gathered from across the state with drummer Julius Hite traveling from Tennessee. Three Generals were in attendance: His Excellency George Washington (Rex Jones), the Marquis de Lafayette (Jerry Lilly), and Tadeusz Kosciuszko (John Price). Under the command of Compatriot Bill Horne, State Color Guard Commander Bryant Boswell ordered the detachment's performance.

Along with State DAR Regent Hellen Polk and distinguished guests, the ladies were duly impressed and complimented the performance throughout their two-day meeting. Several ladies commented that it was the best they had ever seen and the group received invitations to attend events in sister states. The detachment will be well-rehearsed and ready for the upcoming Mississippi SAR Convention in Oxford in late March.

L-R (Front): Ron Humphrey, Bill Horne, Lyn Herron, John Taylor, and Mike Tischer; (Rear) Tommy Thompson, Commander Bryant Boswell, Erik Norman, Jerry Lilly (Lafayette), Rex Jones (Washington), John Price (Kosciuszko), Buddy Irving, John McBride, Michael Schenk, and Julius Hite. Photo courtesy of Charla Jordan.





MS SAR Color Guard Wreath Laying Ceremony Honors Fallen Heroes

The third Saturday of December is National Wreaths Across America Day, a time for people all across the country to pay respects to those who lost their lives fighting for freedom. The movement encourages placing a wreath on the grave of a veteran as a way to pay tribute to their sacrifice this holiday season.

This year the Dancing Rabbit Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution produced and conducted services at Soule Chapel Cemetery in Macon with representatives from the Mississippi Society Sons of the American Revolution Society Color Guard in period uniforms.

After posting the colors, Mrs. Judith Ewing, Chair of the MS DAR Wreaths Across America Committee gave a brief presentation. Color Guard members acted as Honor Guard for the family of each service member as a wreath stand was placed at each of the five graves. It is tradition to say the name of

the fallen soldier out loud during the presentation of the wreath.

The five veterans were chosen represent of a service member for each branch of service and one POW. This year, the Dancing Rabbit Chapter chose the following: Pvt. James Edward Kinard (USA); PO3 William Earl Williams (USN); Sgt. Michael Gene Varner (USMC); Robert Chester Bell (MM-WWII); Tech Sgt. John Quitman Triplett (USAF); and Tech Sgt. John L. Dugan (USAAC POW).

The story of John Dugan was particularly interesting. He served in the European Theatre during WWII. He was shot down on bombing mission in 1943. He remained a POW until 1945 when he was liberated from Stalag 17B Braunau in Austria.

The tenets of Wreaths Across America Day are to “remember, honor and teach.” The aim is to remember the lives lost while honoring their memories and sharing their stories with a younger generation in order to keep their legacies alive and the cost of freedoms they experience every day.

Presenting the colors and providing honor guard services were Jerry Lilly of Oxford as the Marquis de Lafayette, Ron Humphrey of Pearl, John McBride of Jackson, Erik Norman of Petal, Color Guard Commander Dr. Bryant Boswell of Star, and Detail Commander John Taylor of Mize.



Robert Chester Bell Honor Guard (L-R):
Jerry Lilly & Ron Humphrey



Michael Gene Varner Honor Guard
(L-R): John Taylor & John McBride



William Earl Williams Honor Guard . L-R): Jerry Lilly
& Erik Norman

MISSOURI -



Independence Patriots Chapter presented the Colors at the January meeting of the Little Blue River DAR Chapter.



On January 8, 2022 the Independence Patriots Chapter presented the Colors at the January meeting of the Little Blue River DAR Chapter. Chapter President Stephen Sullins was guest speaker and spoke about “The Hello Girls”. He was presented a DAR Certificate of Appreciation. The chapter meets at the VFW Post 8220, Belton Missouri.

Photo provided by Regent Vera Glenn and Compatriot Stephen Sullins (IPC). Left to right: Ronald Paris, Stephen Sullins, and Regent Vera Glenn

Annual Sue Foley Tea and Awards

On March 14, 2021 the Fernando de Leyba Chapter Junior Color Guard Commander Boaz Grimstead reported on his activities in recruiting members for the Chapter Junior Color Guard.

The Chapter has 13 Junior Members. Compatriot Grimstead is recruiting some of the Junior Members to participate in the Chapter’s Junior Color Guard. He will be attending local DAR chapter meetings to explain his duties and solicit the sons of DAR members to become Junior Members for the Chapter and the Junior Color Guard. Photo provided by Compatriot Dennis Hahn (FDL). Left to right: Chapter Junior Color Guard Commander Boaz Grimstead, Casey Brizendine, Marvin Koechig, Ezra Grimstead, Ezekiel Grimstead, and Chapter Color Guard Commander Charles Lilly



President's Day Wreath-Laying Ceremony

On Monday, February 21, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. members of the Missouri Society Color Guard participated in the Annual President's Day Wreath Laying Ceremony at the George Washington Statue in Lafayette Park, St. Louis, Missouri. The Cornelia Greene DAR Chapter of St. Louis organized and hosted the event; and held a reception afterwards. Photos submitted by Compatriot Jim Jackson (FDL).



Left to Right: John Bedell (SSL), Terry Grogan (SSL), Jim Jackson (FDL), Bill Grote (FDL), Casey Brizendine (FDL), Bob Brindell (SSL), Marvin Koechig (FDL) and Don Turner (OPC).



Left to Right: John Bedell (SSL), Marvin Koechig (FDL), Jim Jackson (FDL), Don Turner (OPC), Bill Grote (FDL), Bob Brindell (SSL), and Terry Grogan (SSL).



Christopher Casey Chapter SAR Attendees Left to right: Compatriot James Baker, Compatriot/ Cole County Presiding Commissioner Sam Bushman, Chapter President Terry Sontag, and Compatriot Steve Newman.

The Jane Randolph Jefferson Chapter, NSDAR, Jefferson City, Missouri 125th Anniversary Tea

On March 6, 2022 the Jane Randolph Jefferson Chapter, NSDAR, Jefferson City, Missouri held their 125th Anniversary Tea celebrating their Charter which dates back to March 12, 1897. On January 6, 1897, 14 women met in Jefferson City to organize the third DAR chapter in Missouri. They chose the name Jane Randolph Jefferson as the chapter name in honor of the mother of Thomas Jefferson and a nod to chapter charter member, Miss Margaret Julia Eppes, a lineal descendant of President Thomas Jefferson

Compatriot James Baker, Christopher Casey Chapter, Jefferson City, MO led the Color Guard to post and retrieve the Colors during the ceremony, assisted by DAR pages Angie Stonner of the Jane Randolph Jefferson DAR Chapter and Megan Ribelin of the Colum-



Left to right: DAR Page Angie Stonner, DAR Page Megan Ribelin, and Compatriot James Baker.

bian DAR Chapter. More than 70 people attended the event, which featured speeches, tea and sandwiches, and a presentation by local historian Michelle Brooks on "Interesting Women of Jefferson City." Many members and guests were in period dress to celebrate their ancestors. Other guests included Cole County Presiding Commissioner Sam Bushman and state Representative David Griffith. The ceremony included Proclamations presented by Carrie Tergin, Mayor of the City of Jefferson, and Sam Bushman, Cole County Presiding Commissioner, detailing the many achievements the Chapter has accomplished over the past 125 years. Many State DAR officials were in attendance as well as DAR members from around the State. Christopher Casey SAR Chapter attendees were Compatriot James Baker, Compatriot Sam Bushman, President Terry Sontag, and Compatriot Steve Newman. Photos provided by Compatriot James Baker (CCC).

Northwestern Missouri District Color Guard presented the Colors at the Annual Sue Foley Tea and Awards Ceremony

On March 12, 2022 members of the Northwestern Missouri District Color Guard presented the Colors at the Annual Sue Foley Tea and Awards Ceremony hosted by the Little Blue River DAR Chapter. The ceremony included MSSDAR Patriot of the Month, Walter Glenn, a WWII & Korean Veteran. He was presented a Quilt of Valor by Raylene Mason, President of the Quilt of Valor Foundation. Phillip Duncan was presented a DAR Medal of Honor by Little Blue River DAR Chapter Regent Vera Glenn. The ceremony also included Vietnam Veteran Awards, NSDAR Good Citizen Awards, and NSDAR Youth Citizenship Awards. The meeting was held at VFW Post 8220, Belton, Missouri. Photo provided by Compatriot Stephen Sullins (IPC) and Mark Parks (MWC).



Muster photo - Left to Right - Front Row Seated - Walt Glenn, WWII and Korean Veteran - received Quilt of Valor. Back Row - Roy Hutchinson (HST); Mark Parks (MWC); Ron Paris (IPC); Stephen Sullins (IPC); Vera Glenn, Regent, Little Blue River DAR Chapter; Paige - Cherise Walker (daughter of Vera and Walt Glenn); and Michael Hahn (IPC).

NEVADA -

Nevada Society Annual State Meeting

This weekend we had the pleasure of participating in the Nevada Society Annual State Meeting and Officer installation.

2022 Nevada Society Annual State Meeting and Officer installation

Pictured (Below) : Arthur L. Salt, - Battle Born Patriots Chapter, Reno, NV, Brandon Villardi - CASSAR State Commander, John Ferris - CASSAR 250 Committee Chair and OC Chapter Commander, Charles B. Smith - VPG-Western District, Jonathan C. "Jay" Dickey, - NVSSAR President, Lee Nishimoto - Professional Genealogist and Guest Speaker, David F. Hess - NVSSAR Secretary, and Battle Born Patriots Chapter President, Roger E. Linscott - NVSSAR State Commander.



NEW JERSEY -

Ten Crucial Days Wreath Laying Events December 26, 2021 and January, 2 2022

By Roger Williams,
NJSSAR Historian

The Princeton Chapter NJSSAR and the Washington Crossing Chapter PASSAR organized four wreath-laying commemorations during the "Ten Crucial Days" - December 25th to January 3rd. Adjacent to the re-enactments of Washington Crossing the Delaware, the battles of Trenton, Assunpink, and Princeton, the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Color Guard Units were joined by members of Color Guard units from the Delaware, Virginia, and Maryland societies.



What are "The Ten Crucial Days?" In December 1776, a mere six months after the signing of the Declaration of Independence, General George Washington's fledgling American Army and the cause of liberty were on the verge of being extinguished. A disastrous New York campaign that fall had resulted in the loss of more than half of Washington's troops, as well as the confidence of Congress and his fellow citizens. Retreating through "the Jerseys" with the remnants of his ragtag Continentals, Washington, and his soldiers sought refuge on the west bank of the Delaware River, having narrowly escaped King George III's British troops and their Hessian auxiliaries. Doubling as peace commissioners, British General William Howe and his brother, Royal Navy Admiral Sir Richard Howe, reasoned that further bloodshed was unnecessary. They assumed that the rebellious American soldiers—many of whose enlistments were scheduled to expire at year's end—would no longer be able to offer any significant resistance. Settling into winter quarters, General Howe ordered his regiments to set up a string of cantonments posted through the Jerseys.

George Washington saw something very different... Taking stock of his army's desperate situation, the rebel commander-in-chief would launch his forces into a series of victorious engagements, of which British historian Sir George Otto Trevelyan later wrote, "It may be doubted whether so small a number of men ever employed so short a space of time with greater and more lasting effects upon the history of the world." That space of time—December 25, 1776 to January 3, 1777—encompassed "Ten Crucial Days" that changed the course of history.



The four wreath-laying events commemorating these actions were a tour de force, with multiple hereditary organizations, the military, and local officials represented. Joining the SAR were officers and members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Society of the Cincinnati, the Sons of the Revolution, local dignitaries, and officers of the military units with lineage to the Battle of Princeton including:

- 2nd Battalion Royal Anglian Regiment B Leicester Company (UK), representing the 17th Regiment of Foot,
- 1st Infantry Division, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery (Fort Reilly, KS), representing the New York Provincial Company of Artillery (aka "Alexander Hamilton's Own"),
- Pennsylvania Army National Guard, 1st Division, representing the Philadelphia Associators, 111th Infantry Battalion,
- Pennsylvania Army National Guard, representing the Philadelphia Artillery Battalion, 103 Engineer Battalion (aka "The Dandy First"),
- Delaware Army National Guard, representing Haslet's 1st Delaware Regiment, the 198th Signal Battalion,
- New Jersey National Guard, representing Neil's Battery, East New Jersey Artillery, the 112th Field Artillery Battalion.

Following the re-enactments were wreath-laying ceremonies at the Washington Crossing Monument, the Trenton Battle Monument, the site of the Battle of Assunpink Creek, and at the Memorial Grove at the Princeton Battlefield. President General Davis Wright,

Vice President General Robert Meyer, and Color Guard Vice Commander, Brooks Lyles, were present for all four events. Color Guard Commander C. Lou Raborg was present for the events on 2 January.

Stay tuned...much bigger plans are in place to commemorate the Ten Crucial Days each year leading up to America250. This year, there will be wreath-laying events on Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022, after the re-enactment of Washington Crossing the Delaware,



January 2, 2022, The Battle of Princeton

On the morning of January 3, 1777, there was an important victory for General Washington's Continental Army. The battle came one week after the famous Crossing of the Delaware and victorious Battle of Trenton, and a day after the Second Battle of Trenton (also known as the Battle of Assunpink Creek) at which Washington and Cornwallis and their men fought to a bloody stalemate from the opposing banks of Assunpink Creek. Under cover of darkness on the night following the battle, General Washington stole a march on Cornwallis, leaving Trenton with 4,600 men to attack the British at Princeton. Soon after sunrise, American and British troops clashed in the fields and orchards just west of Princeton, yielding yet another victory for the newly resurgent Continental Army.

Honoring those who fought in the battle, and especially those who gave their lives, the NJSSAR Color Guard were part of an impressive group of compatriots from the Sons of the American Revolution who gathered from a number of states, with SAR President General Davis L Wright presiding. Other SAR officials playing important parts in the day's observances included National Color Guard Commander Lou Raborg and Vice Commander Brooks Lyles, North Atlantic District Vice President General Robert Meyer and NJSSAR President Charles Morgan. Adding to the pageantry and importance of the occasion, active U.S. servicemen from the legacy units that fought at the Battle of Princeton attended, including from Britain, an officer representing the 17th Regiment of foot. Dignitaries from the Society of the Cincinnati in New Jersey, the Princeton Battlefield Society and others attended as well.

The NJSSAR Color Guard's own Roger Williams, president of the Princeton-Cranbury Chapter, served as master of ceremonies for the day. Other members of the Color Guard present from New Jersey included Color Guard Commander Rich Serfass and Jim Howard (both from the South Jersey Chapter), Jay Hershey and Dave Nelson (West Fields), and Mike Magnum (Somers), Color Guard members from Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia SAR Societies. Also attending were Pennsylvania's SAR President Andrew Lick and Beth Watkins, Regent for the Pennsylvania Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution; Virginia SAR President Jeff Thomas; and T Jeffery Clarke, of the NJ Society Sons of the Revolution.



and Saturday, January 7, 2023, after the re-enactment of the Battle of Princeton. Compatriots who attend will be able to come to the Ten Crucial Days Historic Area for Ten Crucial Days Tours on the days prior to the re-enactments. Details to come for Color Guardsmen who wish to participate in the re-enactments. For more information about the Ten Crucial Days, and traveling to Washington Crossing and Princeton, go to TenCrucialDays.org.



The Memorial Plaque reads: "Near Here Lie Buried The American And British Officers And Soldiers who Fell In The Battle Of Princeton. January 3RD 1777." "Here Freedom Stood By Slaughtered Friend And Foe. And, Ere The Wrath Paled Or That Sunset Died. Looked Through The Ages, Then, With Eyes Aglow, Laid Them To Wait That Future, Side By Side." ALFRED NOYES 1880-1958

L-R Dave Nelson (West Fields Chapter), Doug Thompson i

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.)

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.

January 2, 2022, The Battle of Assunpink Creek

The Battle of Assunpink Creek, also known as the Second Battle of Trenton, was a battle between American and British troops that took place in and around Trenton, New Jersey, on January 2, 1777, and resulted in an American victory. Representatives of units who participated in the Battle of Princeton earlier in the day from the Continental Army and the British Army were invited with the following units attending:

1. B "Leicester Company" 2nd Battalion Royal Anglian Regiment Rutland, England - representing the 17th Regiment of Foot
2. 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, "Alexander Hamilton's Own", FT Reilly KS-representing the New York Provincial Company of Artillery,
3. 1st Battalion 111th Infantry. Pennsylvania Army National Guard - representing the Philadelphia Associators,

4. 103 Engineer Battalion, "The Dandy First". Pennsylvania Army National Guard - representing Philadelphia Artillery Battalion
5. 175 IN Regiment Association and 1st Battalion 175th Maryland Army National Guard - representing Smallwood's Maryland Regiment.
6. 198th Signal Battalion. Delaware Army National Guard - representing Haslet's 1st Delaware Regiment,
7. 112th Field Artillery Battalion New Jersey National Guard - representing Neil's Battery, East New Jersey Artillery



February 19, 2022, NJSSAR Annual Washington's Birthday

This was an exceptional meeting with the SAR President General Davis Wright in attendance. He had also honored us by attending our last 4 Color Guard events: Washington's Crossing, Trenton, Princeton, and Assunpink Creek. P/G Davis spoke on the emphasis on July 4, 1776, and the SAR 250th Program

My focus at the meeting, as the New Jersey Color Guard Commander, was to recognize the New Jersey Society SAR Color Guard for an outstanding year 2021. In my report I highlighted that there were 37 members (7 new), that 3 of the 13 State Chapters were designated as Chapter Color Guard units, and that Color Guard Members participated in 29 events statewide (1 in PA).

Additionally, we awarded 3 SAR Bronze CG medals (Sam Davis, Jake Rue, and Roger Williams, 2 SAR Silver Medals (Jay Hershey and James Howard) and initiated a New Jersey Color Guardsman of the Year recognition going retroactively to 2019 (2019 – Richard Blundin, 2020 – Robert Meyer, 2021 – Richard Serfass, and 2022 – Ed Glidden, who also was our nominee for the SAR Color Guardsman of the Year). Jay Hershey and Jim Howard were also promoted to Lieutenant in the NJSSAR Color Guard with responsibilities in the Northern and Southern sections of New Jersey.

Our guest speaker was New Jersey's premier author of the Revolutionary War Larry Kidder. His new book, THE REVOLUTIONARY WORLD OF A FREE BLACK MAN, the story of a free Black man Jacob Francis of Amwell Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey who was indentured out by his free Black mother to age 21. Jacob enlisted in a Massachusetts Continental regiment in October 1775 and served through the siege of Boston, the New York campaign, and the Battle of Trenton. When his enlistment expired on January 1, 1777, he left the army and went back to his birthplace to find his mother and learn his family surname.

Other items on the agenda of importance were:

- P/G Davis Wright was presented with a "Gentlemen's Cuttoe," a replica of the American Revolution George Washington's Hunting Sword, circa 1775
- The Scouting USA State SAR Eagle Scout award was presented to our first female Eagle Scout, Heidi Kiss. Her brother took the award last year.
- The Board of Managers approved the placing of Grave Markers on the cemetery where Jacob Francis is buried.
- State Chapters were notified of State Funds that selected Revolutionary War sites in their area are receiving leading up to the 250th.
- BOM approved and encouraged recognizing the Navy Sea Cadet and Civil Air Patrol unit of NJ with Bronze Good Citizenship Medals.
- William Schultz was recognized for years of service as the State Boy Scout Coordinator.

Serfass, Gary Beauregard, Roger Williams, and Larry Jackson



SAR President General Davis Wright with NJSSAR Color Guard Commander Rich Serfass inspected the NJSSAR Color Guard L-R: Edward Glidden, Julian Hershey, David Nelson, Robert Meyer, Roger Williams, Gary Beauregard, and James Howard.



Special recognitions (see above) were administered to Color Guard Members by Color Guard Commander Rich Serfass (far right) with PG Wright and NJSSAR President Charles Morgan (far left). (L-R) NJSSAR Past President and VPG North Atlantic District Meyer, State Registrar and South Jersey Chapter Geologist and 1st VP Howard, West Fields Chapter President Hershey, Princeton-Cranbury Chapter President, AMS Web Tech and State Historian Williams, State Secretary Glidden.



NJSSAR Past President and VPG North Atlantic District Robert Meyer attended the 2022 SPRING LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE/ TRUSTEES MEETING at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky on March 3 - 5, 2022. VPG Meyer regularly arranges for a group picture of SAR members who are Veterans at National SAR conferences. He was given the seat of honor (1st row center) at this event centered among retired generals and admirals.



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Crossing of the Dan

Members of six NC Chapters were present at the 241st Anniversary of the Crossing of the Dan in South Boston, Virginia on 19 February. Left to right: John Elliot, Treasurer and Color Guard Commander Le Marquise de Lafayette Chapter; George Strunk, State Color Guard Commander and member General George Washington Chapter; Tom Davis, Raleigh Chapter; John Meisenheimer, President Lt. Col John Phifer Chapter; Jay DeLoach, President NC Society and member New Bern Chapter; Fred Learned, Bethabara Chapter; and Kenny Smith, Treasurer General George Washington Chapter.



Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge

The 246th Anniversary of the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge drew members of eleven of the 27 Chapters of the NC Society, led by the National Color Guard Commander, Lou Raborg and his staff: Brooks Lyles and Scott Collins. Members of other state Societies were present and their participation is always appreciated.



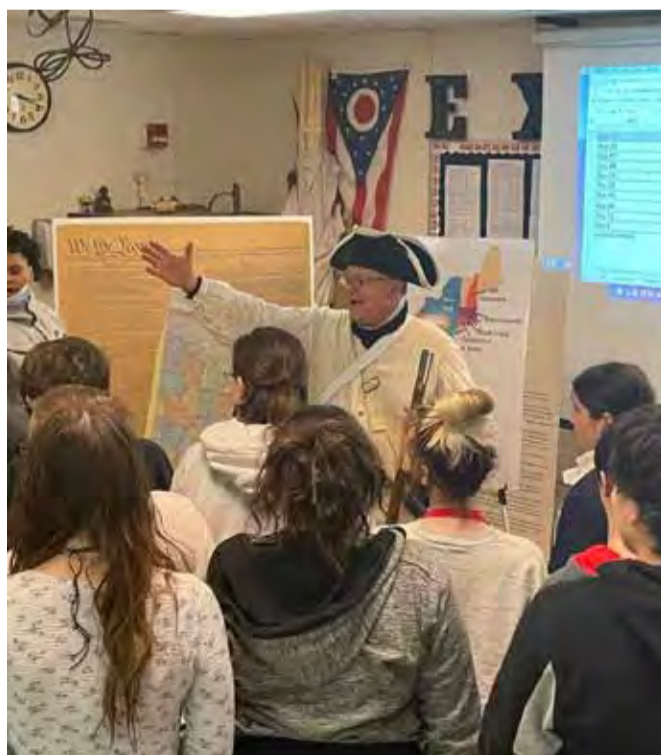
Fall Leadership

The Friday evening banquet at Fall Leadership on the 4th of March was a very special event, with much to celebrate. National Colorguardsman of the year 2020, Robert Sapp (GA - 2nd from left) celebrated his 95th Birthday with George Thurmond (GA) 2007 National Colorguardsman of the Year (left), George Strunk (NC), newly elected 2022 National Colorguardsman of the Year (3rd from left) and Gary Green (NC - right) 2019 National Colorguardsman of the Year. All four have participated at Cowpens, Kings Mountain and Ramsour's Mill regularly over the years.



On a chilly Friday morning on February 1st, five (5) members of the Cincinnati Chapter Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard joined with three (3) compatriots from the Simon Kenton Chapter KYSSAR at the Tomb and Memorial of President William H. Harrison in North Bend, Ohio. The annual wreath-laying event this year celebrated Harrison's 247th Birthday and included VPG Jesse G. Moore of the National Society Central District SAR. The mayor of North Bend, Doug Sammons, introduced the guest speaker, Brigadier General John M. Dreska, Commander of the 311th Sustainment Command of the US Army Expeditionary Forces. The SAR Color Guard was commanded by State CG Adjutant Michael Gunn, and the Cincinnati members included Gregg Ballman, Gary Duffield, Ed Bonniwell, and Tim Madden.

Members of the Richard Montgomery Chapter provided five (5) compatriots for a color guard at a George Washington Birthday Joint Celebration on Saturday, February 19th in Dayton, Ohio. Chapter President Steve Kaplan participated in the color guard and presided over the celebration luncheon that included members from several DAR and CAR chapters. Richard Montgomery Chapter members who were present: Philip Sears, Kevin Riley, Rob Ison, Gene Lease, Lee Emerick, Alan See, and Steve Kaplan.



On Tuesday, February 8th, Cincinnati compatriots Jack Breidenfoerder and Michael Gunn attended the Taylor Middle School Board Meeting in uniform and expressed the Chapter's gratitude for being allowed entry into schools for the past five (5) years to do Revolutionary War presentations to students. Superintendent Mark Ault was presented a challenge coin and the board was very positive in continuing future SAR presentations. On Thursday, February 24th, five (5) Cincinnati Color Guard compatriots (including Ed Bonniwell pictured) gave 16 lectures to over 500 students who rotated into five (5) different rooms for presentations by each compatriot. Members of the Richard Montgomery Chapter provided five (5) compatriots for a color guard at a George Washington Birthday Joint Celebration on Saturday, February 19th in Dayton, Ohio. Chapter President Steve Kaplan participated in the color guard and presided over the celebration luncheon that included members from several DAR and CAR chapters. Richard Montgomery Chapter members who were present: Philip Sears, Kevin Riley, Rob Ison, Gene Lease, Lee Emerick, Alan See, and Steve Kaplan.



[Above Left] Compatriot Michael Gunn of the Cincinnati Chapter. [Above Right] On left, Compatriot Elwin Spray of the Richard Montgomery Chapter. Both pictured as part of the Color Guard at the Friday and Saturday evening dinners.

The Ohio Society was well-represented at the National Spring Leadership Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky held March 3rd - 6th. Attendees included current OHSSAR President Troy Bailey, 1st Vice President Jack Bredenfoerder, past presidents Lee Wilkerson, Don McGraw, Tim Ward, Stephen Hinson, Tony Robinson, Steve Kelley, and compatriots Alan See, Mike Gunn, Steve Kaplan, and Elwin Spray. Alan See was appointed National Chairman of the Social Media Committee, and Tony Robinson was announced as one (1) of six (6) recipients for the National Society's Minuteman Awards this summer, the highest award bestowed by the National Society honoring SAR service.



Compatriots Jack Bredenfoerder and Jerry Knight stand with a new American citizen. On Tuesday, March 1st, the Cincinnati SAR Color Guard compatriots attended a Naturalization Ceremony held at the Irish Heritage Center in Cincinnati where 45 immigrants from 29 countries became citizens of the United States.



Silver Color Guard Medal Awarded

After the Hocking Valley Chapter monthly meeting ended on Saturday, March 19th, in Lancaster, Ohio, Color Guard Commander Bob Hill and Color Guardsman Paul Irwin drove to Logan, Ohio to the home of ailing compatriot Matt Hardman to present him with the Silver Color Guard medal and Patriot Grave Marking medal. Matt is struggling with several health issues and suffered a mild stroke about three weeks ago. Still resting and slowly recovering, Matt Hardman is shown at center in the photo, with Bob Hill on left and Paul Irwin on right. Congratulations, Matt!

PENNSYLVANIA -

Washington's birthday

On Sat, Feb 19th The Philadelphia Continentals Chapter met at the eternal flame in Washington Square in Philadelphia to celebrate Washington's birthday. Commander Fred Fonseca lead the guard as President Bill Baker conducted the ceremony. After the ceremony the guard marched to Independence Hall and president Baker laid a wreath. The guard then marched two blocks to the Museum of the American Revolution.



Content submitted by NSSAR-Color Guard Commander Raborg



TENNESSEE -

The Gathering at Sycamore Shoals

The Gathering at Sycamore Shoals celebrates the 242nd Anniversary of the Overmountain Men mustering for their march across the mountains to meet and defeat the large Tory army led by Maj. Patrick Ferguson at the Battle of Kings Mountain. The celebration takes place at the Sycamore Shoals State Park in Elizabethton, TN on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022 at 10am. This is a National SAR Color Guard Event with wreath presentations and musket volleys.

On Friday, we plan a four Patriot Grave Marking in downtown Greenville, TN at the Old Harmony Cemetery. There is also a Real Daughter to be honored by the DAR buried here.

We have made arrangements with the historic General Morgan Inn in downtown Greenville for a block of rooms at a discounted rate. The Grave Marking is only two blocks from the hotel. The GM will be on Friday morning at 10am. The rest of the day, you will be free to tour the Andrew Johnson Homestead and Tailor Shop; the historic Dickson-Williams Mansion; the historic DAR house, home of Johnson's great grand-daughter; the City Garage Car Museum; and the Greene County Museum. All these are within a two block walk of the hotel, plus beautiful downtown Greenville offers quaint shops and restaurants.

Friday evening, we plan to have a two-meat buffet dinner in the beautiful Convention Center Dining Room of the Gen. Morgan Inn. Reservations are required. We will have a special guest speaker and plenty of opportunities to meet and greet.



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will mark four patriot graves in the downtown area, n the Gen. Morgan Inn.. Afterward, the President Home and Tailor Shop are open, just a few steps Behind the Inn stands the historic Dickson-n, also open for tours. For the auto buffs, City um is only two blocks away, offering a variety of autos displayed. Visit the Greene County historic Nolichucky Chapter DAR House, former t-granddaughter of President Andrew Johnson. o drive to the Andrew Johnson National e he is interred.

ing, we will have a two-entrée buffet in the nter Ballroom of the Gen. Morgan Inn, cash bar and wonderful amenities.

ing, we will make the 45 minute drive to ls State Park in Elizabethton, TN for the /camore Shoals SAR National Event. This 10AM.



resident Andrew Johnson Homestead

TEXAS -

Texas Color Guard at Texas C.A.R. State Conference

Texas DAR and CAR Conferences where the Texas Society Color Guard was asked to present the colors. L-R: John Thompson, Ed Sellards, Don Hayes, Blair Rudy, Bill Myers, David Hamaker, Hiram Dunlap, Art Byram and Bob Kubin



Texas Color Guard at Texas DAR presenting the colors

Friday 18 March 2022

Above Right Standing left-to-right: John Thompson, Loren Johnston, Bob Cohen, Sam Massey, Zack Adriance, Mel Oller, Hugh Ferguson, David Hamaker, Ed Sellards, Don Hayes, Hiram Dunlap, Ron Walcik, Art Bryam, Kneeling: Bill Myers, Blair Rudy

Above Left Thursday 17 March 2022- Not in photo: Chuck Wagner, Frank Rohrbough, Boyd Breyer

VIRGINIA

Holker Grave Marking attended by three senior French military officers, so a little unusual



Grave Marking Stephens City

On 19 March 2022, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution cosponsored a grave marking ceremony with the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Stephens City. The ceremony commemorated the memory of the five Revolutionary War Patriots buried in the church cemetery. John Nicholas DeLong was born 19 Jul 1756 at Bowers, Berks, Pennsylvania, the son of Johannes DeLong and Maria Katherina Dussinger. He was married to Elizabeth Margaret Goose about 1778. He was listed in the census of Frederick County in 1782 and was taxed in Winchester in 1785. He and Elizabeth had 10 children. John Nicholas served as a Private in Captain Smeck's 5th Company, 2nd Battalion, Berks County Militia, Pennsylvania. He died 21 Feb 1823. John Grim/Krim was born October 1755 and died 19 April 1840. He was married to Juliana Mainzer. In 1776, he volunteered as a rifleman in Andrew Bare's Company in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He fought in the Battles of Staten Island, Trenton and Ft Washington. He was among the troops who marched captured Hessians from Trenton to Philadelphia. He then joined the "Flying Camp", a unit created to reinforce the Continental Army on an emergency or temporary basis. He lived in Rockingham County until finally settling in Frederick County around 1811. Jacob Kline was born 23 August 1736 in Zweibrucken, Germany. He was the son of Nickolaus Klein and Maria Eva Klein. He came to this country when he was sixteen years old with his parents and settled in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. In 1759, he married Anna Eva Dyusong in Lancaster. In 1764, they joined several other families and moved to Frederick County, Virginia, where he was a farmer. In 1773 he bought a farm on Spring Run and with Eva had 11 children. Eva died in 1815 followed by Jacob who died on 27 August 1816. During the Revolutionary War, he served as a Private in the German Regiment of the Continental Forces. John Krider, Jr was born 1754 and died 1814. He was married to Mary Krider and served as a Private in the German Battalion. Nicholas Samsel was born 2 May 1749 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, the son of Johann Paul Samsel and Catharina Borm. He married Anna Elizabeth Ott, 26 August 1770 in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of nine children. During the Revolutionary War, he served as a Private in the 7th Company, 2nd Battalion of the Northampton County, Pennsylvania Mili-



tia. At some point after the end of the war, he migrated to Frederick County, Virginia. Nicholas died in Frederick on 4 November 1817 followed by Anne in 1827. The ceremony was conducted at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery, emceed by Dale Corey. The Virginia State SAR Color Guard commanded by Brett Osborn presented the colors, followed by greetings given by Virginia Society SAR President Bruce Meyer, Virginia Society Children of the American Revolution Sara Cox, Virginia Order of Founders and Patriots of America Governor Michael Weyler, Stephens City Mayor Michael Diaz and Pastor Janice Marie Lowden. A dedication to the graves was presented by Corey and Pastor Lowden with the monument uncovered by compatriots Marc Robinson and Will Reynolds. Family presentations were given by Kathy Nibley accompanied by her husband Reed Nibley and her brother Rob Preston accompanied by his wife Kathryn Preston, descendants of John Krim. Mary Ann Vaughn, accompanied by her daughter Laurie Bassler and grandson Nicholas Bassler, descendants of Jacob Kline. Wreaths were presented by President Meyer, President Cox, Governor Weyler. Additional chapter wreaths were presented by President Thomas "Chip" Daniel (Colonel James Wood II), Vice President John Thomas (Fairfax Resolves), compatriot Paul Cox (Colonel Fielding Lewis), Vice President Leamon Duncan (Colonel William Grayson), Past President Ken Morris (George Mason), VASSAR 1st Vice President Ernie Coggins (George Washington), Vice President Barry Schwoerer (Sgt Maj John Champe), Deborah Corey (DAR John Alexander), Anita Bonner (DAR Lanes Mill), Anna Cox (C.A.R. Colonel Spotswood Alexander Society) and Kathy Nielsen for the family. A three volley musket salute was provided by the Virginia State Color Guard Musket Squad prior to the retirement of the colors. Additional color guardsmen participating included Rick Abbott (FR), Ken Bonner (SJC), Sean Carrigan (CJWII), Paul Christensen (CJWII), David Cook (FR), Jim Cordes (FR), Gary Dunaway (Williamsburg), Kelly Ford (CJWII), Chris Melhuish (Jamestown), Erick Moore (CJWII), John Petrie (CJWII), Paul Parish (General Daniel Morgan), Dennis Parmerter (CJWII), Allan Phillips (CJWII), Nathan Poe (CJWII), Eric Robinson (CJWII) and Mike St Jacques (CJWII). Additional compatriots attending the ceremony were David Burks, Jim Heflin, Peter Himmelberger and Rick Tyler. The ladies of the church provided refreshments after the ceremony ended.

The Above photo is the Virginia State Color Guard presenting the colors.

Below Left photo is the Virginia State Musket Squad firing a salute to the Patriots.

Below Right is of the event participants. (Photos courtesy of Deborah Corey)



Wreath Laying

Winchester 2022 - Brett Osborn, Sean Carrigan, John Petrie, Dale Corey, Marc Robinson (Chip Daniel)



Wreath Laying

Winchester 2022 - Color Guard, Brett, Sean, John, Marc, Eric, Chip, Dale (Chip Daniel)

WASHINGTON -



George Washington Birthday / President's Day

On February 21, 2022 The DAR and SAR joined together for the annual event on the University of Washington campus to celebrate George Washington's Birthday. The WASSAR Color Guard paraded in the flags prior to the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approximately 40 members and guest joined for the celebration and wreath laying ceremony.

Seattle Color Guard was represented by Cmdr Neil Vernon, President Grant Rauzi, and Robert Korn. The WASSAR Color Guard included members from the Alexander Hamilton, Cascade Centennial, George Rogers Clark, and Seattle Chapters.

Washington State Patriotic Day

5 Mar: Massing of the Colors: The WA State Patriotic day, one of the major events for the state, was able to take place once again, only this time in Dupont WA. It had not been held for the past two years due to the pandemic. Many of the past participants turned out in force. The WA State Color guard was one of them. Units represented were:



WA State Color Guard
Neil Vernon/Dick Motz



Alexander Hamilton Ch
Mike Moore/Jerry Bordelon



George Rogers Clark Ch
Eric Olsen/Dick Moody



Seattle Ch
Robert Korn/Dennis Case



George Rogers Clark Chapter

(Submitted by: Arthur Dolan, George Rogers Clark Chapter President)

George Rogers Clark Chapter, Olympia, Washington, has been experiencing continued growth over the past 12 months with increasing opportunities for Color Guard events. At the Washington State Patriotic Day celebration our chapter provided 56% of the Color Guard participants at this National event in DuPont, WA. We are coordinating our efforts with the local DAR, Tumwater Falls and Sacajawea chapters for a balanced male/female perspective on "Colonial Life" Patriot Chest Presentations.

In February the WA Secretary of State addressed the Legislature regarding the Washington State 250th initiative (Senate Bill 5756) to celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Our hope is to combine his desire and with our experience and expertise in a united cooperative effort toward the 250th anniversary.

Our chapter's future appears strong and promising.
L-R dick Moody, Art Dolan, Eric Olsen, Lee Thomasson, Dennis Case

Seattle Chapter

On February 6, 2022 members of the Seattle Chapter Color Guard presented Petty Officer Catalina Kim the Sons of the American Revolution Sea Cadet Medal and Certificate. Petty Officer Kim is a member of the Blue Angel Squadron Sea Cadets in Seattle, Wa. The award was presented for superior performance from January 2021 to December 2021. Petty Officer KIM is recognized for demonstrating a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing, and excellence in the performance of duties. Petty Officer KIM routinely applies her keen organizational and problem solving skills to improve unit processes, and helps on all recruiting days. Petty Officer KIM's steadfast commitment is heartily commended and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

L-R Daniel Costello, Cmdr Neil Vernon, Petty Officer Kim, Chris Grabowshi, Robert Korn



Spokane Chapter

Ten years ago, the Spokane #1 SAR Chapter had a booth at the Spokane Sports Show called the Big Horn Show. It was arranged to have a booth to familiarize the Spokane area with the SAR, the SAR goals and to find new members. Revolutionary War Flags were set up and some red, white, and blue items were purchased to give out as gifts.

If they could answer a simple history question, they would win a prize. One day a group of home school kids and their parents approached. One of the mothers said "We are studying the Revolutionary War this week so ask the kids anything and they better get it right".

"O.K. kids here we go. Who was the first President of the United States? Before you answer let me give you a little more information.

George Washington was elected President in 1789 and the Revolutionary War ended in 1783. Who was the President from 1783-1789? George Washington was elected Commanding Officer of the Army in 1775 and he reported to the President on all matters about the Army. Who were the Presidents from 1775 to 1783."

The kids looked at me with a puzzled look and turned to their parents to ask for the answer. The parents said we will get back to you. The next year they came back with the answer on who the "Forgotten Presidents" are.

Of course, I had another question for them. They have come back every year since. Some have gone on to college. Those kids are studying history. I get a Christmas card from them every year. Besides the usual they always end it with "What's the next history question?"



Wisconsin color guards mostly laid low during our mild winter. We presented the Colors at a flag award ceremony at the Military Veterans Museum and Education Center near the EAA Grounds in Oshkosh. The ceremony was attended by museum employees and veterans alike. Pictured are Commander Brian Barrett, Aiden Verhalen, Marcus Barrett, Mike Nelson, Great Lakes District VPG Bill Austin and Jason Verhalen. Not shown but present in

uniform were Aupaumet Chapter President Bob Haglund and Secretary Dave Grover. We enjoyed a tour of military equipment and weaponry dating back to the American Revolution. At the WISSAR/WIDAR Washington's Birthday luncheon in Plover we presented and retrieved the Colors. Pictured are Aupaumet Chapter President Bob Haglund, Captain-of-the-Guard Russ Buhr and Bill Austin. There were 80 people in attendance



WISCONSIN -



WEST VIRGINIA -



History Day at the Legislature

The West Virginia State Colorguard attended History Day at the Legislature. Posting Colors and recruiting prospective members at the West Virginia Capitol. Pictured from left to right are Andrew Bragg, Randy McGill, Dave Siders, State President John Turley, and State Colorguard Commander Ed Cromley.

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.

UPCOMING COLOR GUARD EVENTS

Battle of Bound Brook: Saturday, April 9: - Wreath Laying event, April 9 & 10
Medal of Honor Parade for April 23, 2022 in Gainesville, TX
Battle of Fort San Carlos, St Louis, MO Sun, May 29th, 2022
Battle of Ramsour's Mill Lincolnton, NC, Fri-Sat June 3-4, 2022
Battle of Monmouth, Monmouth, NJ- Wreath Laying, Saturday, June 18, 2022
Congress, Savannah, Georgia July 10-14, 2022
Events listed are after publication date

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