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Commander's Report

Fellow color guardsmen, Roll Call

Greetings fellow Color Guardsmen! I hope your holidays were good and the big Ranger in the sky fulfilled all your requests for new uniforms, accoutrements, firelocks, flints, and plenty of black powder! My new acquisition was a black watch cape



that made its debut at the Princeton Battlefield National Event last week-end. Good to have it on those cold mornings up north.

I want everyone to know how much what you do for your local chapter, state, district, and national organization are appreciated by the President General, me, and our national staff. You truly are the face of the SAR and when you wear your uniforms in public you are making a significant contribution to the fulfillment of the National Society's three Congressionally mandated missions: To instill Patriotism in your fellow citizens; To Educate the public about the Revolu-

tionary War era and the founding of this nation; and To preserve our Revolutionary War History and Historic Sites. You are making a difference in your communities. With the 250th Anniversary of the founding of our nation rapidly approaching and the build-out of our Education Center and Museum in Louisville the opportunities to make a difference are only going to increase.

To support you we have developed and posted the first three programs in our Color Guard Training series. National Safety Officer Brett Osborn working with film students at Shenandoah University, Color Guardsmen from the Virginia Society, and funding from the George Washington Endowment Fund, went to historic sites around Winchester and filmed three programs: 1) Safety Inspections, 2) Firing Drills, and 3) Escort and Flag Duty. These videos are excellent examples of how to execute our Color Guard Missions correctly and safely, and what the period correct, proper movements, actions and commands are. I encourage every one of you to go to the SAR Website, login and go to the Color Guard Page at <https://www.sar.org/committees/color-guard-committee/> You will find links to The Color Guard Handbook, The Von Steuben and Molly Pitcher Medal applications, the form for tracking your Color Guard events, the three training videos, and at the bottom of the page back issues of all the Color Guardsman Magazine, going back to October of 2011. There is a lot of information that many folks do not know about. Please share this with your local color guard members and watch these excellent videos.

The last thing I want to do is to challenge each of you to recruit one new Color Guard member this year. One of the specified tasks in **SAR 2026**, the SAR's Five Year Operational Plan, approved by the Trustees last year and developed in support of the SAR's Strategic Plan, is to grow the Color Guard 10% annually. Now, I was a history major in school and a tanker in the Army, so math was never my strong suit, and as for establishing a baseline to measure the 10% growth from I'll tell you I really don't know how many Color Guardsmen we have out there today. But I do know that if each of us recruit at least one new color guardsman this year we'll more than exceed the 10% annual growth target, and if even half of you fail me, we'll still far exceed National Leadership's expectations and the Operational Plan's 10% target!

Move Out and I'll See You at the Next Event! Thank you one and all,
Pro Patria,

Safe travels,

Yours In Patriotism,
Brooks NSSAR, National Color Guard Commander

NATIONAL COLOR GUARD EVENTS DURING THE QUARTER

The Battle of Kings Mountain 7 October 2022

Hosted by the Battle of Kings Mountain Chapter, North Carolina Society

Representatives of the SAR, DAR, CAR, Overmountain Victory Trail Association (OVTA) and descendants of the Heroes of Kings Mountain gathered on that sacred ground to honor those Americans, Patriots and Loyalists alike, who fought and died there for their cause, 242 years ago. The victory of the Overmountain Men against Cornwallis' left wing unhinged his plans for the invasion of North Carolina and was the beginning of the end of the War in the south. One Year later Lord Cornwallis and his troops would find themselves under siege at Yorktown, Virginia. There was only one British Soldier at Kings Mountain and that was Major Patrick Ferguson, the commander of British Militia in the south. He lays there still, killed in action and buried on the field. In attendance today we had the Vice President General of the South Atlantic District George Strunk, Treasurer General Darryl Addington, Chancellor General Mike Elston, Genealogist General Gary Green, Historian General and National Color Guard Commander Brooks Lyles, Vice Commander Scott Collins, and Assistant QM Patrick Wesolosky, State Society Presidents from NC, SC, GA, VA and KY, and Color Guardsmen from as far away as Texas. Kudos to our hosts, the Battle of Kings Mountain Chapter and the National Park Service for a great event.



Yorktown Day Victory Parade and General Thomas Nelson Wreath Laying 19 October 2022

Hosted by the Virginia Society

The Virginia Society hosted President General Bruce Pickette and Color Guardsmen from as far away as Texas for the Yorktown Day Victory Parade commemorating the 242nd Anniversary of the surrender of the British Army under Lt Gen Lord Cornwallis to the Allied American and French forces under General George Washington following the Siege of Yorktown. One of the unique features of this event was the presence of two active duty French officers carrying the historic and current French National Colors in the parade. Yorktown was, for all intents and purposes, the end of the war in North America. Prior to the parade there was a Wreath Lay-



ing Ceremony at the grave of General Thomas Nelson, Commander of Virginia Militia Forces during the war and the Governor of Virginia during the Yorktown Campaign. His home still stands in Yorktown and it has several cannon balls stuck in the wall from the siege. He is one of the relatively unknown founding fathers and a key contributor to the success of the revolution, especially in Virginia.

The Ten Crucial Days Campaign Washington's Crossing and The Battle of Trenton 11 December 2022

Hosted by the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Societies

The Pennsylvania and New Jersey Societies co-hosted the 246th Anniversary Recognition of General George Washington's Christmas Day Crossing of the Delaware River, the first event in the Ten Crucial Days Campaign and the subsequent Battle of Trenton. The Campaign is made up of the Crossing, the Battle of Trenton, The Battle of Assunpink Creek (Second Trenton), and the Battle of Princeton. The ten days that saved Washington's Army and the Revolution. This year it rained heavily during the rehearsal of The Crossing by reenactors from all over the country, but the weather was clear in the morning for the Battle of Trenton Battle Monument Wreath Laying and it broke in the afternoon for our Wreath Laying Event at Washington Crossing State Park. The Two events were attended by representatives of the SAR, DAR, Sons of the Revolution, and the Society of Cincinnati. The Color Guard was made up of men from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina, and musicians from the Washington Crossing Fife and Drum Corps.

The Ten Crucial Days Campaign The Battle of Assunpink Creek and The Battle of Princeton 8 January 2023

Hosted by the New Jersey Society

Sunday January 8 was a great day to be in wool as members of the SAR Color Guard joined Revolutionary War reenactors, The Washington Crossing Fife and Drum Corps, Military Service Members from the US Army, US Marine Corps and even 3 members of the Royal Lancers of the British Army, representing current units that trace their lineage to historic units that fought here, and close to 800 hundred spectators, for the Princeton Battlefield Society's annual re-enactment of the Battle of Princeton. It was spectacular, and is always special because this re-enactment is on the actual ground that the battle was fought on. The temperatures were close to the ones our ancestors experienced that cold January day when General Washington said, "Parade with me my brave fellows" as he led two brigades of General Sullivan's Division to within 50 yards of the the British forces led by Lt Col Mawhood and the 55th Regiment of Foot. They had been in a bloody fight with the brigades of General Mercer and Col Cadwalder



Assunpink Creek Presenting the Colors

since first contact 20 minutes earlier, mortally wounding Mercer and killing Col Hazlet of the 1st Delaware. The British fired a volley and miraculously Washington was unharmed. Seeing that and the arrival of fresh troops, the British broke and ran west and northward towards the town of Princeton where the lead units of Sullivan's Division were already beginning their attack on the British Logistics Base. This battle led General Howe to withdraw his forces back towards New York where Washington was able to keep an eye on them from his winter camp in Morristown, NJ.

Following the re-enactment the SAR Color Guard was joined by the reenactors, military, musicians and the public for a wreath laying at the Colonnade near where British and American soldiers were buried in an unmarked mass grave, as was the practice of the day.

Following a great Italian buffet lunch at Leonardo II's we went to Trenton and the site of the Battle of Assunpink Creek. Also known as the Second Battle of Trenton, this battle took place the day before the Battle of Princeton in Trenton where Washington had defeated the Hessians on Christmas day. However Washington had learned from the mistakes of COL Rall and the Hessians nine days before and instead of out posting the town and occupying the houses, he dug in on the south side of the deep and fast Assunpink Creek and positioned his artillery over watching the bridge. When Lt Gen Lord Cornwallis arrived and attacked, his forces were severely bloodied in three separate assaults to try and cross the bridge. It is reported that he said, "Stand the



Assunpink Creek Wreath Presentation



Trenton Posting Colors

men down and rest, we'll bag the old fox in the morning". However Washington did not wait to be bagged, he had the men stoke the fires and local New Jersey militia continue digging in around the positions to make the British think they were preparing their defences and he stole a march on them, moving his forces by the Saw Mill road to Princeton, the fight we had seen in the morning. If you ever get the opportunity to participate in any of the Ten Crucial Days events I cannot recommend it enough. This is one of those Color Guard Bucket List items



King Mtn Color Guard Group



Kings Mtn OVTA Musket Salute



Mercers brigade volley fire Princeton



Presenting the Colors Princeton



The Washington Crossing Fife and Drum Princeton



The Washington Cross marching in



Yorktown Nelson Wreath Laying CG



Yorktown, PG and CG CDR Present National Wreath



Yorktown Victory Parade.

Editorial

I am pleased that 25 states have submitted content for this issue. You should note that there are several additional Articles/Photos from national events i.e.,

I am aware that the deadlines for issues especially January, July and October involve a time crunch for the state commanders/submitters and for me. I can't start compiling the issue (putting articles on pages) until I get all of the state content since I list the state articles alphabetically. It takes a minimum of three whole days and sometimes much longer depending on how well submitters follow the submission guidelines to compile and recheck the placement of text and photos.



To hopefully make it easier on you, the state submitters and me, I will extend the delivery deadline to an extra 7 days into the issue month, e.g., January 7th. The time frame for the activities/events is till the preceding 3 months. For the April 2023 issue, color guard activities **from January 1st to March 31st** should be what's submitted.

PLEASE NOTE:

I would ask all submitters to help me in processing those submissions. Items to note are:

- This issue has 25 States included. Missing are notably **GA, LA, MA, MS, NY, SC**
- Some submissions had photos that were time consuming in getting them ready to include. They were (1) small in resolution and thus had to be placed as tiny graphics, (2) too blurry/small and had to be manipulated to sharpen the photos to be easily viewed. SO - PLEASE send photos in largest resolution possible and make sure that the submissions are not blurry.

• DO NOT SUBMIT HEIC graphics

- DO NOT embed photos in documents or messages. Send them separately as attachments
- DO NOT send in content that does not have Color Guard involvement.

Yours in Patriotism

Steve



HAND SALUTES

“Hand Salutes. As with current military custom, only the Commander of the Color Guard and those members carrying muskets will Present Arms when called to salute. No Color Bearer ever renders a hand salute, unless specifically ordered immediately after the posting of colors, since the Commander is understood to present the salute for the entire unit. The policy of the National Society Color Guard is that if a Guardsman is to render a hand salute, such as when presenting a wreath at an event or grave marking, the Guardsman shall only lift and dip their hat slightly. This more closely conforms with salutes during the Revolutionary Era when there was no accepted form of hand salute used by the Continental Army.”

Page 13. (Color Guard Handbook, 2020)

The various training manuals used by the American forces prior to and during the American Revolution are well summarized by an article done for the Continental Line Organization, by Gustav Person. (Person, 2010)

<https://www.continentalline.org/CL/american-european-training-manuals-in-the-era-of-the-american-revolution-part-i/>

I came across a reference from the reenacting Crown Forces unit in Massachusetts, the 10th Regiment of Foot, which appears to have incorporated several period manuals, both American and British to cover several drills and maneuvers. I'm focusing on the soldier hand salute, and they also have different directions for saluting with a cocked (tricorn) hat which is another topic. What was of interest was grenadiers, light infantry, dragoons, musicians, had caps, which were not easy to pull off and handle for a salute. This brought about the hand salute.

<http://www.redcoat.org/docs/exercise01.pdf>

Page 34. (H.M. 10th Regiment of Foot, 2006)

“IV. Grenadiers, Drummers, and all Soldiers who wear Caps, must pay their Compliments to an Officer on passing, by bringing up the Back of the Hand (the farthest from him) to the Front of the Cap, with a graceful Motion, and keeping it in that Position, as long as they would remain with their Hats off, observing at the same Time, the other Directions given in the III.”

This has been attributed to a manual by Bennett Cuthbertson.

Page 107. (Cuthbertson, 1779)

But this was not the final word or source on hand Salutes. I found the American drill manual “An Easy Plan of Discipline for a Militia”, by Timothy Pickering, 1775 (Pickering, 1775) used several period drill manual sources. He gives credit to General Humphrey Bland on the Grenadier Exercise.

Page 22. (Pickering, 1775)

“Granadiers, Take Care! The motions are as follow: first the granadiers bring up their right hands briskly, to the front of their caps: then tell one, two, and bring them down with a slap upon their pouches, with all the life imaginable; in which motions, neither their heads, bodies, nor firelocks, are to move.” (Note this mentions they are under arms, shouldered firelocks & rendering a hand salute).

Page 35. (Bland, 1727)

“This furnishes a hint, and ground for proposing a new method of complimenting a reviewing officer. Let the General, or reviewing officer, first appear in the front, before the center of the battalion: When he is within a suitable distance, and where the whole battalion may see him, let the Major give the word, Battalion, Take Care, then throw the point of his sword up high, (that every man may easily discern the signal;) on which, let the whole battalion raise up their hands briskly before their hats, or caps, with the palms to the front: In a second or two, the Major suddenly dropping the point of his sword, let them “bring down their hands with a slap upon their

pouches, with all the life imaginable.” At his instant the drummers may beat one, two, or three ruffles, according to the rank of the reviewing officer.”

Page 23. (Pickering, 1775)

Pickering was impressed with recommending the hand salute taken from earlier French and Indian War manuals. Whether this was adopted or practiced is questionable. His manual was adopted by Massachusetts in May 1776 and referenced by General Washington. The Crown Forces had The Manual Exercise of 1764 by Adjutant General Edward Harvey (Harvey, 1766), which was adopted by Connecticut, North Carolina and Virginia for their militia and Continentals. It appears each state adopted their own drill manuals. There was no standardized training manual for the American Continental forces until General von Steuben and staff provided a new manual adopted on 19 March 1779. (Steuben, 1779) Hand salutes and other drill items are omitted.

Now this is documented that hand salutes were rendered in that period or at least referenced in period manuals, further research into period soldier journals or unit reports may reference additional guidance on this practice.

Brett Osborn
NSSAR Color Guard-Safety Officer

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REVOLUTIONARY WAR-ERA DRUM

TIM MCCALL'S LABOR OF LOVE

Tim McCall loves history, and he also loves art. So, he combined the two passions in an unusual project – creating a replica of a pre-Revolutionary War drum, which he played during the Manhattan Veterans Day parade to help his Sons of the American Revolution chapter march in cadence.

“I love artistic challenges,” said McCall, the pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Junction City. The drum project began about three weeks before the Nov. 11 parade when McCall stumbled upon a drum for sale online that was advertised as being like those used in the Revolutionary War. The drum caught his attention and he said: “I went down a rabbit hole.” Eventually, he found a video on YouTube from the U.S. Army Museum that showed a Revolutionary War snare drum that looked like the one online.



What most intrigued him in the video was that the drum, made around 1750, had a pine tree motif painted on it, a symbol of the Massachusetts Bay colony, and below the motif, written in Latin, was the phrase: “It is sweet and proper to die for one’s country.” McCall thought that if he bought the drum online, he could paint the same motif and create a replica of the Revolutionary War-era drum.

“I thought, ‘that could be kind of a cool project,’” McCall said. He purchased the drum and began the intricate process of painting the motif. The attention to detail required would overwhelm most people, but McCall has a fine arts degree and said he has a talent for painting.

The hardest part, he said, was figuring out the design itself. He took a screen shot of the drum in the video and enhanced the image to see the details of the motif. Using acrylic paints, he patiently reconstructed the motif along with the Latin phrase.



“It took a while for each painting session to dry. So, I worked late at night while my young kids and wife slept,” McCall said. Once he finished the painting, McCall still wasn’t satisfied.



“I wanted to make it look like it had gone through some battles,” McCall said. “I had to strategically put in nicks and bumps. I smeared coffee grounds onto it and scratched it up.” The result was a drum that is remarkably like the museum piece.

“I don’t know that it is an exact reproduction, but it doesn’t really matter,” said McCall. In the 18th century, drums were used on the battlefield not only for music but as a means of communication. On a noisy battlefield, it was difficult for soldiers to hear commands, so certain drumbeats indicated commands such as “attack” or “retreat.”

Drummers were often young boys or older men, which is why the term “Drummer Boy” came into use. The drummers were often on the frontlines, exposing themselves to enemy fire.

McCall joined SAR along with his father George because of his love of history and, as a way to share something with his father. He researched his family history and confirmed stories from his father that he had an ancestor involved in the Revolutionary War, Captain Michael Dayton of the Connecticut militia. The genealogist for Kansas SAR researched the ancestry of McCall’s 6-year-old adopted son Kaleb and found that he also had a Revolutionary War ancestor, Samuel Doxey of New York.

“I was so very happy to discover that,” said McCall, because it means he can share the SAR experience with his son. McCall and his wife Jennifer also have a 3-year-old daughter Amira. In preparation for the Veterans Day parade, he researched the clothes that militia wore during the Revolutionary War period and even looked at the last will and testament of his ancestor for clues. He wore a brown coat with buff pants and white, knee-length socks along with a tri-corned hat. McCall isn’t sure how many hours he spent on the drum project but considered it a labor of love.



“It made me feel connected to the past,” McCall said.



KETTLE CREEK – NATIONAL SAR EVENT – SATURDAY AFTERNOON EVENT

February 11 @ 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

A National Society SAR Historic Sites & Celebrations Event continues

Kettle Creek Battlefield, War Hill Road, Washington, GA 30673

2:30 P.M. – Pageantry at the Kettle Creek Battlefield includes, Continental Army, Georgia Militia, Musket volley salutes, Wreath Presentations, SAR/DAR/CAR, Hereditary Organizations, Local, State & National officials, High School JROTC, students and public, place wreaths to honor the Heroes of the Hornets' Nest — the Wilkes County Militia for their 1779 Victory at Kettle Creek. Please see "Wreath Registration Form for Saturday" and send to Ed Rigel, Jr.

"Revolutionary Days" Celebrating the 244th Anniversary of The Battle of Kettle Creek

Kettle Creek Battlefield Memorial Ceremony, Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 2:30pm, War Hill Road, Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia

All Societies and Chapters of the C.A.R., DAR, SAR, other hereditary Societies and patriotic or historical organizations are invited to attend. Descendants and the public are especially welcome.

Submit request to participate in the Wreath Presentation no later than January 31, 2023, to assure listing in the Ceremony Program

Organization:
Name of Presenter:
Office or Title of Presenter:
Email Address:
Phone:

Due to rocky soil conditions and winds we do NOT use wreath stands at War Hill.

Mail to: Ed Rigel, Jr., 1608 Indian Way, Cumming, GA 30040
or Email: edrigel@gmail.com

[Add to calendar](#)

DETAILS

Date: February 11
Time: 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Event Categories:
DAR Events,
GA Society Events,
GASSAR Color Guard,
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National Events



246TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THOMAS CREEK SATURDAY 10:00 AM, MARCH 25, 2023 IN JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

The Florida Society SAR commemorates the 246th anniversary for the Battle of Thomas Creek (the Southernmost Battle of the American Revolutionary War). The ceremony will be held at Seaton Creek Historic Preserve Park at 10:00 AM. If placing a wreath and/or participating in the color guard, please arrive no later than 9:30AM to register your wreath. The park is located off I-95 at Exit 366 then head west 2.5 miles on Pecan Park Rd. to 2145 Gold Star Family Parkway / Arnold Rd.). This new 3.4 mile road accesses the Jacksonville National Cemetery that connects with to the Lem Turner Road (US#1).

We will have a social and orientation meeting Friday evening at 5 p.m. on March 24th at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 13551 Airport Court, \$126 current rate for the 24th. We will then walk over, as we have done in the past, to the Long Horn Steak House for dinner together. During our ceremony on the 25th, we will recognize organizations and participants. We are again honored to have our intriguing Compatriotic speaker Dr. Roger Smith of Colonial Research Associates, Inc. and our Patriotic Choral Group "Let Freedom Sing" plus various Patriotic and Civic Organizations. We are especially honored this year to have our friend and our South Atlantic District, NSSAR Vice President General from NC, George Strunk (SMSgt USAF Ret.) We are again honored to have our FLSSAR President Matt Mathews bringing greeting and Florida DAR Vice Regent Cindy Addison bringing greeting from FL State Regent Debbie Duay. To assure your organization's recognition and to receive a flag streamer, please complete the following by February 15, 2023 and forward to:

David H. Ramseur (FLSSAR President 2011-12)
3733 River Hall Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32217
(904)-502-4819; Davidramseur12@gmail.com

Society Name:

Chapter or Organization Name:

Will present Wreath: Yes No

Wreath Dedicated to:

Presenter (s) Name (s):

Title (s) (if applicable)

Will bring SAR flag for the Color Guard? Yes No

Number of members from your group:

In Uniform /Militia or Colonial Attire

242TH ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF COWPENS

17 JANUARY 2023

Thirty-four Color Guardsmen from Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia joined the public at the Cowpens Battlefield National Park to honor General Daniel Morgan and those patriots who fought there under his command 242 Years ago today. It was a rainy day, but Head Ranger Diana Bramble and her crew had a large tent set up for the contingency and we moved it under canvas, but within sight of the monument for the ceremony. Vice President General South Atlantic District George Strunk (NC) presented greetings from President General Bruce Pickette and Historian General Brooks Lyles (NC) provide Historical context for the event in his comments. Thanks to the South Carolina Society President Lawrence Peebles and Vice President Ted Walker for their hospitality and Daniel Morgan



Chapter President Grantham Wood and Secretary John Hoyle for their work in hosting the event.

Historian General's Comments

The Battle of Cowpens is important, not only because it was an American Victory in a time when there were not many, but because it was a continuation of the turning of the tide of the revolution in the south. A wave that started at the Battle of Kings Mountain in October and would culminate at the Battle of Guilford Court House in March. But it was no sure thing when General Daniel Morgan selected this spot for his Flying Army to stop, turn and wait for LtCol Banastre Tarleton and his British Legion.

In his seminal work, **The Road to Guilford Courthouse**, author John Buchanan says this about Daniel Morgan, The Old Wagoner at The Battle of Cowpens –

“This untutored son of the frontier was the only general in the American Revolution, on either side, to produce a significant original tactical thought.”

So, what was that thought and where did it come from? Morgan had been with the British at Braddock's Defeat during the Seven Years War, he had fought with Arnold during the Invasion of Canada and the Battle of Quebec, and with Gates and Arnold at the Battle of Saratoga. This was not his first rodeo. He had seen good and bad leadership, he had seen men at their collective best and worst, and he knew the frontiersman, the militiaman and the Continental soldier, their strengths, and their weaknesses. He also knew the British having served with them, fought against them, and been their prisoner for a time. He knew himself; he knew his men and most importantly, he knew the enemy and the arrogant nature of the enemy commander.

The Battle of The Cowpens

Morgan knew that the militia had a tendency to run so he selected the ground for this fight very carefully. On the morning of 17 January 1781, he deployed his men in three main lines of defense, positioned with creeks and cane breaks to their flanks and the river behind them. He divided his militia into two groups and placed his sharpshooters on the top of a gentle rise in the first line and ordered them to fire twice and then retreat behind the second line. The second line of militia, commanded by the popular Col Pickens, were positioned just behind the crest of the hill and were to fire twice and then retreat behind the Continentals who were about 150 yards behind them and hidden by another small rise. Morgan knew he could count on Col John Eager Howard's Continentals to take the hardest part of the fighting and that they would not run. He had his cavalry, LtCol Washington's Light Dragoons, and the irregulars on one flank and directed the militia from the first 2 lines to gather and reform on the other.

Morgan's original tactical thought was a **“Defense in Depth”** to be culminated by a **“Double Envelopment”**. And the British Legion, commanded by the arrogant Tarleton played their part perfectly, taking the bait offered by each line of defense when they fired and withdrew. Tarleton knew the tendency of the American militia to run, so what Morgan's men offered was what he expected, and so they charged headlong

in pursuit thinking all they had to do was catch the rebels. What he did not expect was a line of seasoned Continentals behind that last rise in the ground, standing firm with bayonets with cavalry and the reformed militia swarming his flanks. By then it was too late and the rest, as they say, is history.

Tarleton escaped, but much of his legion was killed or captured, including a part of his baggage train. Morgan's Flying Army rejoined the main Army of General Nathaniel Green, the militia were dismissed and sent home, and the American Army's ***Race to the Dan*** River in Virginia began in earnest with Cornwallis and his British Southern Army in pursuit. It ended when Greene crossed to rest and refit, later recrossing the Dan River to fight Cornwallis to a bloody draw at Guilford Courthouse. Cornwallis moved to the coast for resupply and then to Virginia where he would end the year in October, surrendering his Army at Yorktown to the combined Franco-American Army. Greene reoccupied the Carolinas, relieved Charleston and drove the remaining British to the Georgia coast and Savannah. The war in the south was over.





SAFETY

What safety standardization means

Safety and Training opportunities.



We are approaching the 250th Anniversary with less than two and a half years till 19 April 2025 (Lexington/Concord). This will be the start of many large events with federal and state events and major umbrella re-enacting organizations that the NSSAR Color Guard will be interacting with. As an organization we can improve our support with standardizing some of the procedures the Color Guard uses in handling weapons. Currently the NSSAR does not have insurance covering the Color Guard. I worked to get coverage for my Chapter's Color Guard, and this evolved into the Commonwealth of Virginia getting coverage for all the Color Guard. Part of this effort included having safety procedures that met the standards of insurance company that also insures reenacting units that fire black powder weapons.

What we encounter at many events that when we see NSSAR Guardsman doing something outside the NSSAR Color Guard Handbook, there have been responses like, that's not how we

do it in our Chapter or State. This is where we are going to look at some standardization.

When we do certain drills and there is a question as to why, it's good to have documentation or a reference to validate the practice. For the NSSAR it's also important to be as historically accurate as possible when we are participating in public events.

Let's start with the drill standards of the 18th century. There were more than half a dozen manuals being used by the various colonies prior to and during the American

Revolution. There was Bland's Discipline (1727), Winham's Discipline for the Norfolk Militia (1758), The Manual Exercise of 1764, Pickering's an easy plan of discipline for a militia and then von Steubens Revolutionary War Manual (1779).

"The Manual Exercise, 1764 wording was used in 78% of von Steuben's Drill Manual; Pickering's Discipline, 1775 was used 16% and Norfolk Discipline, 1759 was used 4%. Smaller contributors included Prussian Regulations, 1759; Bland's Discipline, 1740 and Ordonnance du Roy, 1755. The predominance of the '64 Manual may reflect von Steuben's willingness to avoid a change in discipline familiar to many of the troops in the Valley Forge army. A mélange of old and new disciplines, von Steuben's new manual exercise provided the common discipline to fulfill one of Washington's important goals for the Army." 1

This is what safety standardization means. It applied to the Revolutionary War with the American success in arms.

"The officers will than inspect the men to see that they are properly sized, armed, and accoutered; and above all, that their firelocks are unloaded. So many fatal accidents have happened in the militia by neglecting this precaution that it demands the most careful attention of the officers." (Pickering, 1775). 2

For the American Revolution, while inspections are mentioned, there was little detailed instructions in the drill manuals with these exceptions.

The French had a detailed inspection of arms in 1759. Then in 1775 Pickering made several suggestions which in his Discipline that were not initially incorporated in von Steuben's Drill Manual but were added back in by the War of 1812.

Here are the three important safety inspections we will demonstrate:

Secure Firelock: All the Disciplines or Drills had this command, but the purpose as defined by Pickering is "to keep the lock from wet in rainy weather." Now it is done to ensure no loose powder is in the barrel. I add the command Open Pans with this, to ensure powder is not in the Pan. There is an Open Pans drill but done at the Shoulder Arms which will drop any powder in the pan on the sleeve and shoe of the guardsman. Doing this in succession of the secure is a quick safety check on a firelock.

Search Firelock: This command was only mentioned by Pickering who followed the French manuals in doing what we now call the ping test. Verifying there is nothing in the barrel.

Poise Firelock: Not mentioned in Norfolk or Pickering Discipline's. It offers the quick safety check to verify serviceability of arms and equipment. Checking that muskets are on half cock and that this is working, hammer stalls (frizzen guards) are on the firelock as are flash guards. Hammer stalls were documented in the Crown Forces use in the French and Indian War and the American Revolution, including a painting in 1751. Flash guards were not documented. Flints were checked and the cleanliness of the weapon. A quick observation on anyone carrying a rifle if it has dual or set triggers. This will be important to note later in firing detail.

There is a safety check done by re-enactors and some historic sites like the Alamo where the firelock is held upside down by the trigger to verify if the half cock works. Not a documented resource has been found to date to show this as a Revolutionary War check.

That is the big three safety checks for firelocks. All weapons will be checked at all events, indoors or outdoors. Assume all weapons are loaded until verified. Don't take corrections personal, safety is everyone's priority. What the public see's is we take safety seriously and know our business. It's obvious when we start these checks who needs improvement on drill. That is okay, it becomes a training opportunity as well as a history lesson.

At larger events we provide stickers to place on the firelock stocks, some events use colored string on the trigger guards to identify whose weapon has been cleared by safety inspection. We've had some smiles in the ranks as late comers that invariably show up get pink stickers.

The same checks are recommended, excluding the Poise Firelock after firing. Never leave the firing site or face the public until the weapons are cleared. If it is a firing detail for a grave marking or special ceremony, get with the program speaker to allow two minutes for the safety check. Have a guardsman or the speaker with a script, explain what is happening, the Secure and Search sequence. This has been a popular addition to events in Virginia when we take the time to explain what we are doing.

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Very Respectfully,
Brett Osborn

GREAT LAKES DISTRICT GATHERING

the Great Lakes District gathering with a wreath dedication at Lincoln's tomb.



National Color Guard Events - 2022 - 2023

HISTORIC Date	Color Guard Event	Location	Host
January 3	Princeton, the Ten Crucial Days	Priceton, NJ	New Jersey
January 1?	Battle of Cowpens	Chesnee, SC	Daniel Morgan SAR
February 1	Battle of Cowans Ford	Huntersville, NC	Mecklenburg SAR
February 14	Battle of Kettle Creek	Washington, GA	Georgia
February 14	Crossing of the Dan	South Boston, VA	Virginia
February 22	Washington Birthday Parade	Laredo, TX	Texas
February 27	Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge	Currie, NC	North Carolina
March 10	Last Naval Battle of the Revolution	Merritt Island, FL	Florida
March 15	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC	North Carolina
April 12	Halifax Resolves	Halifax, NC	North Carolina
April 18	Patriot's Day	Nationally	
April	Frederica Naval Action -close 4/19	St. Simons Island, Georgia	
May 8	Battle of Pensacola	Pensacola, FL	Florida
May 11	Raid on Martin's Station	Ewing, VA	Virginia
May 16	Armed Forces Day		
May 17	Battle of Thomas Creek	Jacksonville, FL	Florida
May 27	Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous	Vincennes, IN	Indiana
May 30	Memorial Day events *	Various locations	
May 27-28	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 19	Battle of Blue Licks	Carlisle, KY	Kentucky
August 27	Battle of Long Island	Brokklyn	New York
September 6	Battle of Groton Heights	Groton, CT	Connecticut
September 8	Battle of Eutaw Springs	Eutawville, SC	South Carolina
September 9	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 actual event a National Event.

Send event updates to Color Guard Commander & 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.

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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

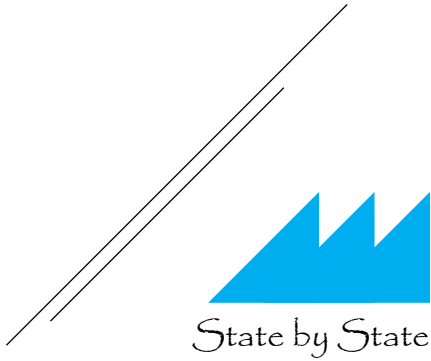
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- Panther Primitives -
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- Smoke&FireStore
- Spring Valley Lodges
- Sutlers of Fort Frederick Market Fair (2015 listing)
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Reports from The Field



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!

UPCOMING COLOR GUARD EVENTS

Battle of Cowans Ford February 1 - Mecklenberg Chapter
Battle of Kettle Creek February 14 - GASSAR
Crossing of the Dan February 14 - VASSAR
Washingtons' Birthday Parade February 22 - TXSSAR
Battle of Moores Creek Bridge February 27 - NCSSAR
Last Naval Battle of Revolutionary War , March 10, - FISSAR
Battle of Guilfors Court House, March 15, - NCSSAR
Events listed are after publication date

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

STATE COMMANDERS' REPORTING SECTION

This is a section dedicated to unique comments from the State Commanders, not a repeat of what is normally submitted to be included in the Magazine. I asked some basic questions to get it started and thought to set up a "Letters to the Editor" section for lack of a better term. If you find this useful and would like to submit a question or comment, send a note to me at ken_goodson1952@gmail.com.

From the MI Color Guard Commander Norm Palmer

The Michigan Color Guard, although a small group of just 24 members, have taken on many projects this past year. The most significant is the recognition and grave dedications of our Patriot Ancestors buried in Michigan.

President David VanHoof began a plaque project to commemorate the cemeteries where Patriots are buried. It was not an original idea since it began in Wisconsin and gravitated to Illinois but sometimes the best ideas are simply stolen. But good ideas are to be shared and copied as we did here.

There are 13 Chapters in our State and so far, we have erected 4 to honor those Patriots. The cost of the plaques is about \$3000.00. The State pays for a third, the Chapter a third and we have benefited from the GWEF with funds for the remaining third. The goal is to have each of the Chapters sponsor a dedication.

At each dedication dignitaries were invited to speak



along with some family members of those Patriots. Representatives from State Legislators, Mayors and Local Council members have attended.

Our Guard takes its traditional role marching in with our Colors, presenting and posting. We have one or two Guardsmen with rifles, but our officers carry swords and rather than a gun salute we honor the Patriots with a sword salute (which was started by our past Commander Gerald Burkland). At the command sword carrying members leave their flag post and march to the grave forming a line or half circle but always facing the spectators. Our Commander then addresses the gathering and describes the salute.

We stand at attention and draw our sword at command, the Commander then states by the Charter given to us by Congress we offer the honor of a sword salute to Patriot. We remove our hats (to honor his family) and bow (to honor his service) and swinging our swords to the right and a few inches above the ground in an ancient warrior's salute (to honor his bravery). We are directed to order arms and return our sword and return to our posts.

Unlike other guards whose numbers are greater and have several musket carrying members we have improvised here in Michigan and each time we have honored a Patriot, family members have had to take a moment to dry their eyes.

If you would like to know more, you can give me a shout or contact our State Commander Norm Palmer.

Ken Goodson, 2nd Adjutant NSSAR

National Events

FEBRUARY 3, 2023 PENNSYLVANIA SAR WINTER MEETING, ALLOY HOTEL

MARCH 2, 2023 SPRING LEADERSHIP MEETING DATES THE BROWN HOTEL

MARCH 24, 2023 246TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THOMAS CREEK
HOLIDAY INN & SUITES JACKSONVILLE FL

JULY 15, 2023 133RD CONGRESS - ORLANDO, FLORIDA

AUGUST 11, 2023 ATLANTIC MIDDLE STATES CONFERENCE SLEEPY HOLLOW
HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

AUGUST 19, 2023 241ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF BLUE LICKS BLUE
LICK BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 FALL LEADERSHIP MEETING DATES THE BROWN HOTEL

JULY 10, 2024 134TH CONGRESS - LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA DATES



ALABAMA

United States Citizenship Naturalization Ceremony

Would you be able to give up your past life to learn and start anew and learn an obtain your citizenship in another country? That is what more than thirty individuals from seven countries did on October 5, 2022 and the Federal Courthouse Building in Montgomery, Alabama. The Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution presented colors at the momentous occasion.



Alabama Society Fall Board of Managers

On October 22nd, Sons of the American Revolution members from all over the state came to the Alabama Society's Fall Board of Managers meeting. In addition to regular business, President General Bruce Pickette was there to address the membership and also received his twenty (20) year membership SAR pin.



New Pavers for Spain Park

The Alabama State Society Color Guard came to Spain Park High School on November 9th for the dedication of student veteran pavers at the school's Patriots Point.



Patriot William Hughes Grave Marking

American Legion Post 131 from Columbiana joined forces with the Cahaba-Coosa Chapter On October 29, 2022 to mark the grave of Revolutionary War Patriot William Hughes who served in the North Carolina militia. In addition to marking the grave, a flag pole was raised and the celebration was started by the Alabama Society State Color Guard posting colors and concluded with a musket salute by the Alabama SAR Honor Guard.



A Tale of Two Patriots

Two Revolutionary War patriots moved, to what was then Autauga County, Alabama in the early 1800s. Now, the area is called Dallas County and they were both buried in a long-forgotten graveyard. Thanks to lots of hard work, the General John Archer Elmore Chapter has now helped revitalize this graveyard and with the help of the Cahaba-Coosa Chapter, helped sponsor a grave marking for William Kirkland (South Carolina Continental Line) and James Porter (North Carolina Militia) on November 5th. Both the Alabama Society State Color Guard and Honor Guard were present to celebrate the lives of these forgotten heroes.



Liberty Lane...May the Spirit of Liberty Forever Grow Here

A project over two years in the making came to fruition when Montevallo High School developed an area of tribute to students who entered the United States Armed Forces after their school career. As a centerpiece, a seedling tree from one of the colonies' original Liberty Trees at St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland was planted and encircled with benches that illustrate the Preamble of the Constitution and the immortal words of the Declaration of Independence that start out with "We hold these truths to be self-evident...". All-in-all, the paver area consisted of engraved bricks with the name, year of graduation, and branch of service of 55 former students and the area will have others installed on an annual basis for future and past generations. Most importantly, this area was made by students for students.

Additionally, as part of their commemoration of Veterans Day, student organizations raised \$850 for Wreaths Across America, making them a major corporate sponsor with the Blue Start Foundation, and also set up a "Remembrance Table" for those POWs and MIAs that never came home. This entire project was a joint effort between the school and the Sons of the American Revolution, who also brought out the Alabama State Color Guard to present colors, the SAR State President Bill Daniel to give a flag that had flown over Mount Vernon, and the State Honor Guard to conclude the ceremony with the musket salute. In addition to SAR, local Daughters of the American Revolution, American Legion, Girls Scouts, the Alabama Department of



Education, and other local officials participated. Marking at the Midway Cemetery. July 11th marked the day of a solemn tribute to those compatriots whom we have lost over the past year with a Memorial service at St. John's Church. Throughout the week, Alabama guard members assisted with opening and closing of meetings and banquets. There is even representation from Alabama at bench dedication at Savannah's Johnson Square.



Raymond Weeks Banquet

Do you know where Veterans Day started? Well, it started in Birmingham, Alabama through the hard work of Raymond Weeks. Commemorating his hard work to honor our country's veterans, a banquet is held annually the night before the Veterans Day parade, November 10th, and members of the Alabama SAR who are in the 1st Pennsylvania Reenactment group, based out of the American Village, were there to honor the Weeks' family and to present colors at the event.



THE Veterans Day Parade

The oldest Veterans Day Parade is in Birmingham, Alabama. Helping celebrate the 75th Anniversary of this parade was several Sons of the American Revolution and Daughters of the American Revolution members



Prattville Courthouse Wreath Laying

In Prattville on November 11th, the Alabama State SAR Color Guard, along with local DAR chapters, laid a wreath to honor our nation's heroes.



Rocket City Remembers Its Vets

In the northern part of Alabama, the Tennessee Valley Chapter SAR, along with local DAR chapters, join forces for the Huntsville Veterans Day Parade on November 11, 2022.



Grave Marking in Meridianville

On November 13, 2022 in Meridianville, AL, the Alabama State Society Color Guard and Honor Guard honored another of the United States' first veterans, Patriot Richard Cavett.



Robert Davie Grave Marking

On December 4, 2022, the Alabama Society SAR assisted the Twickenham Town Chapter, NSDAR in a Grave Marking for Patriot Robert Davie and his wife, Levice Wellborne Davie in Hazel Green, Alabama.



ARIZONA -

The new Commander of the Color Guard Brad Hopkins taking Command on October 15, 2022



Third picture is the CG in the Prescott, Arizona Frontier Days Parade. Prescott is the World's Oldest Rodeo Town.

Members in Parade are (L to R) Stephen Miller, Robbie Berryman, Brad Hopkins, Stan Marks, Chris Francis and Paul Wescott.



Members of the Color Guard



CALIFORNIA -



Harbor Chapter Celebrates Navy's 247 Birthday on Board the USS IOWA

The Harbor Chapter hosted a dinner event and patriotic celebration of the United States Navy's 247 birthday on October 13 on board the Battleship USS IOWA. The USS IOWA served our country proudly in WWII, Korea, and the Cold War. Today the historic U.S. Navy Ship is an iconic Los Angeles landmark and considered one of the region's best outdoor museums for families and visitors of all ages.

Color guard representatives were present from Harbor, Orange, and San Diego County chapters as they mustered in the USS Iowa Officers' Wardroom. The highlight of the evening was recognition of World War II veteran, William Dillion, who was the radio and radar operator on the USS Sailfish that sank the Japanese Aircraft Carrier Chuyo during a typhoon. The Chuyo was the only aircraft carrier sunk by allied forces during WWII. Retired Army Col. Darryl Hensley, who received the Bronze Star for his service in Afghanistan in 2003, was also formally recognized. David Canfield, vice president and chief information officer for the Iowa Foundation, spoke on the years he served on the ship and its coming to transformation as the National Museum of the Surface Navy. Vice President South, John Ferris also received a certificate of appreciation for his contributions to encourage promotion of America 250 in the California Society and at the chapter level. Harbor President, James Bunker, in keeping with the evening's theme, gave an America 250 presentation on the formation of the Continental Navy and the struggles they faced during the Revolutionary War. Turnout for the event was excellent with 43 chapter members and guests in attendance including the Western District Vice President General, Derek Brown and several regents from local DAR chapters.



Yosemite Chapter presents Colors at the opening ceremonies for the Veterans Day dinner for the Clovis Veterans memorial district

"Yosemite Chapter 1" Picture left to right - John Ferris
Jon Russell, CA Assemblyman Jim Patterson, Scott Nichols, Jim Riley, Randy Dhindsa



On Veterans Day, 11/11/22 at 11 am, a joint ceremony with El Redondo and Point Vicente Chapters, NSDAR, and the SAR Color Guard was held at Green Hills Cemetery in Palos Verdes.

Pictures from Left to right ; Kevin Bidenkap, Regent Jackie Luca (El Redondo), Francine Bostrom , El Redondo), Jim Olds, Kelly Villardi, ent Gregory



The Yosemite Chapter marching in the 103rd Annual Veterans day in Fresno, CA. The Veterans day parade in Fresno is said to be the largest Veterans Day parade in the United States. The parade first began in 1919 and only took a break during World War II.

Picture: Fresno Veterans Day Parade 1 - Left to right: Jon Russell, Brandon Villardi, Scott Nichols, Randy Dhindsa, John Ferris, Jim Riley, Stan Day



On Friday, November 11th, a combined Color Guard from the South Coast and Orange County Chapters provided the Color presentation at the El Toro Memorial Park. Below is a photo of the group:

From left to right: Larry Wood (OC) , John Blake (OC), Nolan Forrest (SC) , Dan McKelvie (OC), Jim Klingler (OC), Mat Noell (OC), Shane Gates (SC), Mike Miller (OC), Kevin Forrest (SC)

David Beach, Russ Kaiser, Don Littlefield, and Jim Faulkinbury from Sacramento CASSAR presenting the colors at the Folsom Veterans Hall today for Wreaths Across America



On Saturday, December 17th the South Coast Chapter Color Guard took part in the Wreaths Across America event at the El Toro Memorial Park in Lake Forest, California. In addition to the color presentation, the Color Guard led the procession, of Veterans and attendees to the Military Memorial. Organized by the American Heritage Girls, over 1,200 wreaths were placed by volunteers from numerous groups

Color Guard members: Kevin Forrest; Scott Whitman; Shane Gates; Nolan Forrest





On Saturday, December 17th the San Diego Chapter CASSAR participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at For Rosecrans National Cemetery. Picture Right: , Michael Hirman, Jim McAdory, Roy Welsh



Coachella Chapter CASSAR at the Wreath Laying Ceremony at Forrest Lawn Cathedral City.

Picture: Christopher J Cerillo (Chapter President) , Kris Mitchell-Doutt , Curt Lane , Ed Oehler , William Haines , Ray Allen

Harbor Chapter CASSAR participate in Wreaths Across America event at Los Angeles National Cemetery.

Picture: (Pictured from left to Right):Kevin Bidencap, Nancy Richardson (El Redondo DAR), Jim Olds, John Richardson, Cmdr Blair Rudy (kneeling).



The SAR Redwood Empire Chapter supported by the California Society Color Guard Commander Brandon Villardi and joined by VPG Derek Brown participated in the Wreaths Across America program at the Sonoma Veteran's Cemetery. We ventured up into the Mountain Cemetery and placed a Wreath at the Memorial to Captain William Smith and the grave of General Vallejo.

Picture (Below Left): Brandon Villardi CASSAR Colorguard Commander, Lucas Villardi, John Schempf, Jonathan Mann - Redwood Empire VP, James Mann, Mike Nay, Janet Brown, Bill Van Valkenburg, Stanley Laughlin, Dick Kuykendall, William Nay - Redwood Empire President, Derick Brown - VPG Western District



The Kern Chapter Color Guard has been very busy since November 2022. On November 5th the color guard and the South High School ROTC did a flag retirement and presentation of a new flag for an adult community club house. On Veterans Day the color guard was in the local downtown Bakersfield parade and following the parade several members went to Kern Family Medical Center to present a Flag Certificate to their new facility. Pictured from left to right. Bruce Wearda, Mike Davis, Rick Meridith. Arnie Burr, Scott Davis, Wil Flickinger



On December 3rd the Kern Chapter and Color Guard participated in the joint Christmas meeting with DAR, CAR and SAR by presenting the colors and part of the program. The picture taken below was taken at Stockdale Country Club with the SAR Color Guard and CAR members.



On December 13th the Army National Guard celebrated its 386 birthday. Kern Chapter Color Guard helped celebrate and presented the wreath as part of the ceremony. In the picture below are left to right. Mike Davis, Larry Carroll, Arnie Burr, Rick Meridith, Wil Flickinger



The best thing I would like to report is that we are going to be back at 5th grade classes doing out presentation on the American Revolution starting in January. For two years we were unable to go to schools because of COVID 119 restrictions. We now have 8 schools lined up already this December for next springs programs. Arnie Burr, Education Liaison, Kern Chapter



CONNECTICUT

312th Birthday of Governor Jonathan Trumbull, Sr. – October 9th, 2022

War Office, Lebanon, Connecticut

Tribute to Governor Jonathan Trumbull, Sr. (1710-1785) by Todd Gerlander, Past State President.

We, the members of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution gather here today to commemorate and remember the 312th Birthday of Governor Jonathan Trumbull, Sr., Revolutionary War Governor of Connecticut, Commander-in-Chief of the Connecticut Militia and Connecticut Naval Forces. A Patriot who bore the honored title of “Rebel Governor” in England, a term the British called Governor Jonathan Trumbull. He was the rebel governor whose proclamation dated, March 22, 1775, providentially picked April 19, 1775, the day they “fired the shot heard round the world,” the start of the American Revolution, as a “Day of publick Fasting and Prayer, throughout this Colony, by all Christian Churches and Societies in it; . . .” He was the rebel governor who penned Connecticut’s own “Declaration of Independence”, June 18, 1776, and he was the rebel governor, a friend and supporter of the rebel general George Washington. A “Rebel Governor” whom the British would have hanged, as they would any signer of our nation’s Declaration of Independence.

Gov. Trumbull was the only patriot governor to serve prior to, during, and after the American Revolution. This gave Connecticut a steady government leading up to, and throughout the Revolutionary War, which helped earn Connecticut the title of “The Provision State.” Although unsourced, George Washington is believed to have said, “But for Jonathan Trumbull, the war would not have been won.”

It is interesting to note that several Revolutionary War naval ships were named after Gov. Trumbull. One specifically referred to as the audacious Privateer “Governor Trumbull,” which bore on its pennant the Trumbull family motto, “Fortuna Favet Audaci” (fortune favors the bold).

Gov. Trumbull, a Patriot that, “When the news of Lexington reached Connecticut, the Governor hastily converted his Lebanon store into a supply depot, and for days worked feverishly, coatless and hatless, his gray locks loose in the breeze, giving tents and rations to the train-bands that came through, and packing wagons with munitions, provisions, and clothing for the camps about Boston. This little shop throughout the war was one of the government centers of Connecticut. Hundreds of

meetings of the Governor and Council were held there, and within its walls at various times stood Washington, John Adams, Hancock, Jefferson, Greene, and Rochambeau." States Nevins in his 1924 book, "The American States during and after the Revolution 1775-1789."

The citizens of the State of Connecticut thought so highly of Trumbull, that when the State dedicated two statues in the United States Capitol, Governor Jonathan Trumbull and Roger Sherman were chosen.

George Washington, upon hearing of the Governor's death in 1785 stated, "A long and well spent life in the service of his country, justly entitled him to the first place among patriots."

Following the tribute to Gov. Trumbull, there was a moment of silence, after which a wreath was placed, and followed by a musket salute from the Connecticut Line CTS-SAR.



Sunday October 23 - Native American veteran properly honored for service

Adam Sobuck, a member of the Nehantic Tribe, was killed in action while serving in a Connecticut regiment at the age of 19. His final resting place was lost in the thickets of Lyme, until Beth Avery and her husband, David, moved into their home seven years ago.

While surveying their new property on Beaver Brook Road, Beth Avery noticed a gravestone that was nearly flat on the ground. She started researching whose resting place it may be and worked with the town's cemetery committee to dig out the stone and fix it. John Pfeiffer, the historian and genealogist for the Nehantic Tribe in the state helped to identify whom the burial site belonged to. From there, Pfeiffer, who is not of native descent, was able to connect Averys to Chief Ray Tatten of the Nehantics, tribal council member Marc Strickland and Stephen Taylor, President of the Connecticut SAR.

Pfeiffer explained that there is proof of Nehantics serving in every American-fought war, dating back to 1637, with the exception of the Mexican war. He said the tribe had

been declared extinct by the country in the 1870s, in part because of their 50% mortality rate during wars, but this was further proof that, "we're really here."

The Averys hosted the ceremony at Sobuck's burial site, roughly 100 yards in the woods behind their home. They had worked to clear an opening for the ceremony, where a small fire could burn and hay bales could be placed for seating. Avery addressed the crowd of 40 or so first, and thanked all for coming. Tribal council member David Brule followed by leading the group in a prayer.

Adam Sobuck was one of 23 Connecticut Nehantics to serve in the Revolution. It is believed this was the first grave marking ceremony done by the SAR to honor an indigenous person.

Chief Tatten placed flags by the grave before Thomas Badamo, a member of the Nansemond Indian Patriots and the president of the Nansemond Indian chapter Sons of the American Revolution, the only native American chapter of the SAR placed a wreath next to Sobuck. Badamo implored the Nehantics to create their own SAR chapter to continue honoring those ancestors who served as we approach the 250th birthday of the nation. To close the grave marking ceremony the Connecticut Line provided a 3-volley musket salute.



Saturday October 22, 2022 - Patriot Grave Marking for Captain Daniel Allen Jr

General Israel Putnam Branch #4 CTSSAR held a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony for Captain Daniel Allen Jr., who served in General Israel Putnam's 3rd Connecticut Regiment 1775, the 20th Continental Regiment 1776, and the 3rd Connecticut Regiment Continental Line 1777-1779. He is buried in North Ashford Cemetery in Eastford, Connecticut. An article appeared in the Winter 2018-19 SAR Magazine, pages 18-20.

Six members of the General Israel Putnam Branch #4 participated in the event; Mark Sheldon, Bruce Lyon, Donald Spencer, Michael Juhase with two in uniform: Dan Dudley and Todd Gerlander.



Veteran's Day in Waterbury City Hall

Inside the Veterans' Memorial Hall of the Waterbury City Hall, members of the Connecticut Line participated in the annual veteran's day event and were dressed to represent soldiers from the Revolutionary War, Civil War and World War I. The event included recognizing a Korean War veteran and a Vietnam War veteran with their medals. Following the event was a lunch for Gold Star families. The SAR 250th Anniversary lapel pins were handed out to veterans.

Wreaths Across America 2022

On December 17th, The Connecticut Line Color Guard participated in three WAA events across the state.

In Bantam, CT – The Wolcott detachment provided a 3-volley musket salute following the seven ceremonial wreaths that were placed at the All Wars Memorial, to remember all soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines who served; honor their sacrifices; and teach our younger generations about the high cost of our freedoms. The Mary Floyd Tallmadge Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution annually sponsors this event.

In Lebanon, CT - Members of the Nathan Hale Branch and the 7th CT Regiments of the Connecticut Line participated in Wreaths Across American hosted by Lebanon's American Legion Post in which 3 volleys of musket fire were executed. Following that event, wreaths were laid at the nearby Trumbull Cemetery along the front wall and a 3-volley musket salute to Revolutionary War Patriots buried there was done.

In Milford, CT (Below Right)– The Humphreys detachment provided a 3-volley musket salute following the placing of over 250 wreaths at the Kings Highways Cemetery. For 14-years the Freeloze Baldwin Stow Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has sponsored this event.





FLORIDA -

Remembering Color Guardsman Chuck Farmer

Nice Words are not adequate enough to really define a person like Chuck. We SAR members knew Chuck was not as a person to glorify himself above others. Chuck's leadership qualities were outstanding in serving the SAR and as well as in serving his country in the Navy, the Coast Guard and a number volunteer organizations that he and Laura participated in. Also, Chuck showed real leadership in making sure others that might come after him were trained in how to make the project even more successful than ever before.

Fifteen years ago, Chuck became a member of the Jacksonville Chapter Sons of the American Revolution and with five Revolutionary War Ancestors. In May, Chuck had just finishing faithfully serving two years as our chapter president and had served in our other chapter offices. Chuck had also served faithfully on several Florida Society Committees as well as the State Sgt-at-Arms.

One thing you could always count on for Chuck was whenever there was a color guard event you could count on his participation whether it was Chapter, State or South Atlantic District or National Color Guard event. Chuck also, received a number of honorable SAR awards from Distinguished Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Silver and Bronze Roger Sherman, and Silver & Bronze Color Guard Medals. Chuck was also interested in helping young men grow in wisdom by becoming active in Scouting, and served several times as an Assistant Scoutmaster and was a Woodbadge Leader. Chuck encouraged many a scout to earn Eagle Scout Rank and helped our chapter to find and encourage scouts to participate in our Chapter Eagle

Scout Contests.

Marjorie, Mills and I were blessed to be able to visit with Chuck and his sweet wife Laura the day before Chuck passed on 22 August. Chuck was very coherent and even congratulated Mills on earning his Bronze Color Guard Medal. Laura led all of us in a Scottish prayer and Chuck repeated several of the lines along with us in his bed.

Chuck was also interested in helping future generations grow in wisdom by becoming active in Boy Scouting and served several times as an Assistant Scoutmaster and a Woodbadge Leader. Chuck encouraged many a scout to earn Eagle Scout and therefore helped our chapter to find and encourage scouts to participate in our Chapter Eagle Scout Contests.



It has been quite an honor to serve with Chuck during his 15 years in our chapter and helped our Jacksonville Chapter to be recognized not only #1 in the State in membership but by supporting youth programs, color guard opportunities, Revolutionary War presentations in schools and supporting DAR and C.A.R. activities.

One event at this service that is taking place after our memorial service is our Chapter Musket Salute.

You all know Chuck's famous saying taken from Psalm 100 is "Make a Joyful noise" that is referring to is our Black Powder Musket salute taking place at the end of this service outside. We can hear Chuck calling down from Heaven – Well done faithful compatriots!

David Ramseur



Belleair Holiday Parade

The Sons of the American Revolution, Clearwater Chapter, with members of the Ladies Auxiliary, participated in the annual Belleair Holiday Parade on December 4, 2022.



IOWA -



Charters of freedom Dedication

The Iowa Society participated in the Dedication of the Charters of Freedom in Manning, Iowa. This is the first in Iowa and the 2nd west of the Mississippi River. Central Iowa Chapter of Iowa Society Color Guard member Mike Rowley at the Charters of freedom Dedication in Manning, Iowa 14 OCT 2022 Pictured John Gordon Kevin Brus- flag bearer, Sherri Lingle, Duane Otto, Lt. Governor Adam Gregg SAR Mike Rowley Chuck Ehlers Dale Schlichte, Dave Bohman

Wreaths Across America

On Saturday 17 December 2022 nearly 100 volunteers arrived to take part in the Wreaths Across America 2022 program at Woodland Cemetery in Des Moines, Iowa.

Veterans, active service members and families of the military placed a wreath for each branch of the service and the POW/MIA. from left to right they are...

Marshall Linn, Mike Rowley, Jody Firestine, Laurie DeHai, Ron Rittel, David Kr-cil, Donald Pugsley, Brad Harryman and Marilyn Rittel.

Following the Ceremony a 2nd program marked the lone grave in Harvey Cemetery (in Delaware Township, Polk county) of War of 1812 veteran Elisha B. Lee.





ILLINOIS -

Honor Flight Welcome

Veterans' Honor Flights carrying American Heroes to the Memorials in Washington D.C. have been taking place for several years now. It is a wonderful way to honor those men and women that have devoted part of their lives to defend our great Country. The Long Knives Chapter of Southern Illinois has been privileged to honor these returning veterans at the Veterans' Memorial Airport in Marion, Illinois. From the very first Honor Flight from this airport, the Long Knives have participated in greeting the returning Veterans and leading the Parade through the spectators with the SAR Color Guard. This is the eleventh flight that the Long Knives have welcomed home. This year, one of our own Compatriots, Gerald Whitson was aboard the flight, making the event extra special.

In this photo, Jim Whitt, Steven Haldeman, Patrick Haskell, Ed Oliver, Allan Lang, Tom Edmondson, John Cramer, and Jim Wallace take a few moments while waiting for the flight to arrive from Washington, D.C.. Although it was a very late night for everyone, the returning Veterans, "one and all", expressed sincere gratitude for the tributes that were offered. If you qualify and have the opportunity, you should experience this fantastic form of acknowledgement and camaraderie.



Veterans' Day Parade

The Annual Veterans' Day Parade, sponsored by the Carrol P. Foster VFW Post 3455, is held in Anna, Illinois every year. For at least fifty years, this Parade has been the largest and best attended Veterans' Day celebration in Illinois' lower twenty Counties. This year's event had over one hundred entries. Color Guards, fire trucks, police vehicles, bands, floats, tractors, Civic Organizations, Church Groups, School teams, clubs, and horses made up a spectacular Parade that lasted over an hour. The Long Knives Chapter Color Guard has a tradition of participating in this tribute to honor all United States Veterans. The Long Knives have been acknowledged for several years by being positioned near the front of the Parade. Marching after the host VFW Color Guard (and fire trucks, police, and EMS vehicles), the Long Knives Color Guard steps lively, just ahead of the cars and floats carrying the Veterans from the Anna Veterans' Home and the Marion Veterans' Hospital. The entire membership of the Long Knives Chapter is very proud of the support that we give to all of Southern Illinois Veterans' activities and events.



INDIANA -

On October 08, the Indiana SAR Color Guard with Randy Helderman and Daryl Hensley from George Rogers Clark Chapter and Daniel Guthrie Chapter member Ed Hitchcock, participated in the Medora Goes Pink parade. The parade organizers recognized the Indiana SAR Color Guard with the 1st Place Award for best parade Color Guard



On October 09, Indiana SAR Color Guardsmen Randy Helderma, Daryl Hensley, and Ed Hitchcock marched in the Bloomfield, IN Apple Festival Parade.



The Indiana SAR Color Guard took 3rd place at the Medora Christmas Parade on December 03. Randy Helderma, Tony Wray, and Ed Hitchcock represented the Indiana Society.



Color guardsmen from the Clarence A. Cook Chapter presented the colors at Wreaths Across America on December 17. Scott Sholty, Scott Adams, Kenneth Michael, Douglas Gallant, Doug Roush, and Jacob Vink fought the cold and helped to present over 1,400 wreaths at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis, IN.



KANSAS

Naturalization Ceremony

The Kansas Society Color Guard began the last quarter of 2022 by Presenting the Colors and leading in the Pledge of Allegiance at a Naturalization ceremony by the US District Court of Kansas at Monarch Field, the Legends, in Kansas City, Kansas on October 12. This was the first ceremony that the Color Guard participated since the inception of COVID19. 90 new citizens took their Oath of Allegiance. Three Color Guardsmen were led by Commander Dewey Fry, followed by Rick Alley and Dennis Nelson, all of the Delaware Crossing Chapter.



Honor Flight

Activity continued in October with an Honor Flight at Kansas City International Airport with a return flight arriving on Thursday October 20 at 5:15 pm, the flight was sponsored by Wamego, Kansas High School and had 26 veterans. The SAR Color Guard for the Honor Flights are a composite of Missouri and Kansas SAR Color Guardsmen and one of more DAR members from either Kansas, Missouri Societies or both. The Commander of the Honor Flight SAR Color Guard is Mark Parks NW District Color Guard Commander of MOSSAR. That particular evening the participants were, from left of right in the photo, Stephen Sullins, Peter Reynolds, Mark Parks (the 3 from MOSSAR), Dewey Fry (KSSAR), Robert Grover (MOSSAR), Melissa Precht (KSDAR), Larry Tatum and Kirk Rush (both from KSSAR). This was the first event for Compatriot Larry Tatum, he received his new uniform 2 days prior. This Honor Flight was special in that there were a 94-year-old veteran and a 99-year-old veteran aboard.). An increasing number of DAR ladies from both the Missouri and Kansas Societies are participating in the welcoming home of the veterans





Another Honor Flight

Another Honor Flight arrived at 5:45 pm on Tuesday November 1. It was sponsored by Southern Lyon County High School in Kansas and had 28 veterans participating. The Color Guard was composed of the following from left to right in the photo.

Alan Martin (KSSSAR), Jerre Robertson (MSSDAR), Dewey Fry (KSSSAR), Mark Parks, Stephen Sullins, Junior Member Jimmy Durigan, and Michael Robertson (all 5 of MOSSAR). (Photo Left) In addition to the SAR Color Guardsmen, Patriot Guard Riders always participate in welcoming the veterans returning home.

Third and final Honor Flight

The third and final Honor Flight arriving at Kansas City International for 2022 arrived at 10:30 pm on Thursday November 10.; this Honor Flight had 48 veterans. That flight was sponsored by Southern Coffey County High School in Kansas. The SAR Color Guard was comprised of, from left to right in the photo, Stephen Sullins, Mark Parks (both of MOSSAR, Dewey Fry, Jeffrey Winters (both of KSSSAR), Katana Ewbank of KSDAR and Roy Hutchison of MOSSAR.

It should be noted that each veteran has an escort on the Honor Flights, nearly all the escort from the high school sponsored flights were students. Those young people are to be commended for their participation.



Veterans Day

On Veterans Day, November 11, the Kansas Society SAR Color Guard marched in the Leavenworth County Veterans Day Parade. This is the oldest and largest Veterans Day Parade west of the Mississippi River. This year the Color Guard was led by Chaplain General and KSSSAR President J. Vernon Welkner. He was followed by, left to right in the photo, Alan Martin of Monticello Chapter, Dewey Fry of Delaware Crossing Chapter, Tom Chychota of Henry Leavenworth Chapter, Jeffrey Winters of Monticello Chapter and Dennis Nelson of Delaware Crossing Chapter. Despite the weather having turned very cold for the date, it was reported there were 160 entries in the parade and a large number of observers lining the streets. The last entry to the parade did not get to the starting point of the 1 ½ mile parade route until 1 ½ hours after the parade had started. Many of the entries were high school bands.



Veterans Day

The Charles Robinson Chapter of the Kansas Society participated in the Veterans Parade in Lawrence, Kansas on Sunday November 12. Chapter Charles Robinson Chapter Color Guard Commander Robert Wandell rode in the back of a decorated pickup. He not only celebrated Veterans Day but was celebrating ringing the bell after his last treatment for cancer a few days earlier.



Naturalization

On Friday November 18, the Kansas Society Color Guard Presented the Colors and led in the Pledge of Allegiance at a naturalization proceeding at the Robert J. Dole US Court House in Kansas City, Kansas. The courtroom capacity was utilized by 115 petitioners and a few accompanying translators, family members and friends could observe by You Tube. Pictures were taken in the hall outside of the courtroom as the reception room had been booked for another purpose. Color Guardsmen were from left to right, Allen Martin, Dewey Fry, Larry Tatum and Jeffrey Winter with a new citizen in the center. This was the first naturalization proceeding attended by Com-patriots Tatum and Winters



Naturalization

The Kansas Society Color Guardsmen Presented the Colors and led in the Pledge of Allegiance at two naturalization proceedings at the Robert J. Dole US Courthouse on Thursday December 15. It was unusual to have two proceedings on the same day. Both had 90 petitioners who took their Oath of Allegiance. After each court proceeding there was a reception in a separate room in the Courthouse; at the reception many of the new citizens wish to have their pictures taken with the Color Guard. In the photo are shown two new citizens and Color Guardsmen, from left to right, Larry Tatum, Jeffrey Winters, Dewey Fry, Steven French and Jerry Vest.



Wreaths Across America

On Saturday December 17, the Kansas Society Color Guard Presented the Colors and ceremonial wreaths at the Wreaths Across America event at Johnson County Memorial Gardens in Overland Park, Kansas. From left to right in the first photo is Commander Dewey Fry of Delaware Crossing Chapter, Alan Martin of Monticello Chapter, Junior Member Gavin Kurtz of Delaware Crossing Chapter, Kirk Rush of Delaware Crossing Chapter, John Forbes of Delaware Crossing Chapter, Larry Tatum of Delaware Crossing Chapter, Jeffery Winters of Monticello Chapter, and Steve French of Delaware Crossing Chapter. Youth lay eight wreaths during the ceremony one for each branch of the United States which are as follows: US Army, US Marine Corps, US Navy, US Air Force, US Space Force, US Coast Guard, US Merchant Marines and a final wreath for POW/MIA



Wreaths Across America

The final event of the ceremony before the volunteers laid the wreath at graves of veterans in the cemetery was a wreath laying ceremony by the Kansas Society Color Guard which was done to demonstrate to the public volunteers the procedure to respectfully lay the wreath in remembrance of the service of the United States Veteran buried at the gravesite. After laying the wreath, each Color Guardsman stood, read the name and service of the veteran on the grave marker and then displayed their respect with a salute



General Richard Butler Grave Marking

KENTUCKY

Six chapters of the Kentucky Society came together during a beautiful fall afternoon on 29 October to participate in a Patriot grave marking sponsored by the General Richard Butler Chapter. This was the first grave marking sponsored by the chapter. Chapter Vice President Donald Webster led the ceremony which was well attended by the local community to honor Patriots Enoch Berry and Moses Read. Based on the support of the Kentucky Society and the local community, the General Richard Butler Chapter plans for many more grave markings in the future.



The Kentucky SAR chapters participating in the grave marking were: the Gen. Richard Butler, Col. Stephen Trigg, Gov. Isaac Shelby, Lt Robert Moseley, Louisville Thruston, and Col. Benjamin Logan. In addition to the Kentucky Society SAR chapters, the Clifty Creek SAR chapter from the Indiana Society was also represented. Kentucky DAR chapters participating were the Green River, Butler County, and Capt. William Rowan.

The color guard consisted of 6 riflemen, 13 flag bearers, a drummer, and a fifer. In addition to the gun salute at the end of the ceremony, an added feature was the firing of a cannon

Members of the Gen. Richard Butler Chapter who participated in the ceremony.

Gen Richard Butler Chapter members Boyd Truelove, Terry Southerland, Donnie Webster, and Gary Southerland fold the American Flag.

Group photo of the SAR members attending the ceremony



Wreaths Across America Ceremony

The Zachary Taylor National Cemetery in Louisville, KY was the site of a Wreaths Across America ceremony held on 17 December. The Central Kentucky Brigade was on hand to participate in the color guard for this event to honor our Veterans.

The Zachary Taylor National Cemetery contains 11,400 Veteran interments and is also the final resting place for our 12th president, Zachary Taylor, and members of his family. The burials in the cemetery include members of the Taylor family who served in the American Revolution, War of 1812, and the American Civil War along with Veterans who served in the Spanish-America War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the Persian Gulf War.

Members of the Gov. Isaac Shelby and Louisville Thruston Chapters from the Kentucky Society and the George Rogers Clark Chapter from the Indiana Society participated in the color guard for the Wreaths Across America ceremony. Also participating in the color guard was the Corn Island Chapter DAR. The remainder of the color guard consisted of active-duty military, JROTC cadets (Lee Corps, Civil Air Patrol, and Sea Cadets), Colonial Dames, and Trail Life USA. There was a total of 53 color guard members which included six SAR riflemen carrying flintlock firearms and three Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War carrying percussion cap muzzle loaders. The gun salute was provided by the VFW Post 1170 Honor Guard. The color guard for the ceremony was organized and supervised by the Color Guard Commander for the Central Kentucky Brigade.

The speaker for the ceremony was Marj Graves, former Captain - Army Nurse Corps and member of the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame. In her speech she recounted her experiences as a nurse in the Vietnam War and encouraged everyone to find a way to serve.

A special moment for the day was the laying of a wreath at the tomb of President Zachary Taylor. The honor guard for this presentation were members of the Central Kentucky Brigade. Many of the volunteers supporting the event were from the Gov. Isaac Shelby chapter of the SAR and the Corn Island, John Marshal, and Peter Foree chapters of the DAR.

A total of 5,940 wreaths were placed on the graves of the Veterans after the ceremony, a 55% increase in the number of wreaths from previous years. Although this represents only 52% of the total graves, the event continues to grow each year. Approximately 1,100 people attended the ceremony and placed wreaths on the graves in the cemetery.



Members of the Kentucky Society present a wreath at the tomb of President Zachary Taylor.

Members of the Central Kentucky Brigade before the ceremony



The Central Kentucky Brigade leads in the Color Guard



MARYLAND -



DAR Peggy Stewart Tea Party Chapter

Oct 9 Sun - It's was an honor to participate with Colors and Musket Salute for the DAR Peggy Stewart Tea Party Chapter marking of Thomas Harwood, Agent in the Continental Army for the Maryland Line, at All Hallow's Church Cemetery, in Edgewater, MD. 50-60 people were in attendance from various groups including local dignitaries and politicians. And as always, this was followed by a wonderful reception. Color Guards included, David Embrey, Drummer Noah, Jason Posey, Rick Abbott, Glenn Moss, Michael Fryer and Geoffrey Wood,





DAR/SAR Marking in Crisfield - Somerset Cove

Oct 22 - Guardsmen, David Embrey and Glenn Moss, traveled to the Southern most part of Maryland, to provide Honors with 'Colors' and 'Musket Salute', in the combined Nanticoke Chapter, NSDAR and the Capt. John Smoot Chapter, MDSAR. " We made history!! Revolutionary War Patriot & Somerset Co. resident John Somers (1750-1833) was honored at the old Somers Family Gravesite.



Nov 5 - 7th Classic Car and Truck Show, Historic Stevensville, MD.- What better way to spend a Saturday than to hang out at the Car Show and inter act with the public with music Demos, Musket Drills and picking the winner of the Patriot's Choice Award. Participants included Tony Zecca,



Veterans Day Ceremony

Nov 13 - Columbia - It's always a honor to participate in Veterans Day events and again this year the Charles Carroll of Carrollton Chapter fell-in with American Legion Post 156 for the annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the Lake Front in Columbia Maryland. Guardsmen included Geoffery Wood, Gerald Harris, David Embrey and Glenn Moss



250 DAR Patriots Marker

The Color guard had the Honor of posting Colors and render a Musket Salute, as the Port Tobacco chapter became the second Maryland chapter to have a 250 DAR Patriots Marker dedicated which is located on the historic Port Tobacco Courthouse! "These Patriot Markers are being placed across the country to honor those who supported the Revolutionary War. The new marker placed in Port Tobacco is the second marker in Maryland. The Port Tobacco Chapter's dedication ceremony focused on the memory of "Our Patriots," the brave men and women from Charles County who achieved American Independence and aided the cause of liberty and freedom.'



Special guest State Regent Mernie Crane assisted Chapter Regent Connie Uy in unveiling the plaque. A three-gun salute from the Thomas Stone Chapter SAR and MDSAR color guard followed. State Regent Mernie Crane stopped by the Revolutionary War reenactment camp was set up on the courthouse grounds. (pic 16) The Line include Jason Posey, Glenn Moss, Tom Belote, Daivd Nelson, David Embrey, Larwence Price and Drummer Noah





John Paul Jones, Wreath Laying

It's a fine day on the Academy grounds as the Color Guard formed to support the John Paul Jones Chapter Wreath Laying at the Crypt of John Paul Jones - Naval Academy Chapel - Annapolis. Maryland - Color Guard included - David Embrey, Glenn Moss, Rick Abbott, and Lawrence Price



Wreath Across America

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery - It's always an honor to participate in any Veteran Ceremony, and Wreaths Across America is the highlight of the year. We have been participating here for over 10 years this year we were able to represent both the SAR and the 1812 Society. The Line included,



Wreath Across America

Bel Air Memorial Gardens Cemetery - The Aquila Hall Chapter with Lou Raborg,, with William and Christopher Smithson and David Hoover





Wreath Across America

Monocacy Cemetery – There was great weather for the Second Annual, Wreaths Across America Ceremony at Monocacy Cemetery in Beallsville, MD. as the Color Guard rendered Colors and Musket Salute - support included Michael Fryar of the Gen. Smallwood and Gerald Harris and Gene Moyer of the Sgt. Everhart Chapters,



Wreath Across America

Parsons Cemetery, Salisbury - Major General Jim Adkins, USA Retired, joined the Captain John Smoot Chapter with the Samuel Chase DAR Chapter to help lay remembrance wreaths to honor the more than 1300 veterans buried at this cemetery



Patriots Celebration

We had another Great Color Guard turnout for this MDSSAR annual event – Guardsmen included David Hoover, David Embrey, Christopher Smithson, Rick Abbott, John Davidson, Michael Fryar, Glen Moss and Gerald Harris



Dec 23 - 'His Excellency George Washington's Military Resignation'

On the Date, At the Time, In the Room Where it Happened – December 23, 1783, Noon, in the 'Old Senate Chamber' Annapolis, Maryland - The Maryland Society Commemorated 'His Excellency George Washington's Military Resignation' with past President, Mark Deeds opening the program with a brief history of events of late, that bring us here today. At noon, Major General Jim Adkins, USA Retired, (as George Washington), entered the Chamber and read General Washington's Resignation speech then handed his commission, along with a copy of his address over to the President of the Senate, Thomas Mifflin, then withdrew from the room, As it was 239 years ago. Ms. Vicki Embrey read a short excerpt from the letter Moll Ridout wrote to her mother describing what she experienced that day as a visitor in the gallery. This is the only known account left by a private citizen. The program was concluded with Mark Deeds making note of the 'Historical Importance' of what we just Commemorated not only moving forward as a country but the tone that was set to the rest of the world. After which Congress was adjourned. Special thanks our Color Guard who represented the States that were in attendances and to all who participated. Lt to Rt – SAR members Chris Christou, Guardsmen (David Cook, Rick Abbott,) State President Chris May, Guardsmen (Gen Jim Adkins, Glenn Moss, State Color Guard Commander, David Embrey) and Mark Deeds Such a 'Fine Day to be in Wool' it was.



MICHIGAN –

Commemorative Roadside Plaque

The Michigan Huron Valley chapter escorted by the state's color guard honored two revolutionary war patriots with a commemorative roadside plaque. These plaques are but one of many now being placed in Michigan by the MISSAR.

Michigan state president Mickey McGuire spoke of our plaque accomplishments and how they influence our state's history..

In conjunction with the Sarah Caswell Angeli NSDAR Chapter the sign was dedicated and celebrated by all



Wreaths Across America

Ken Goodson at the Grand Rapids Veterans Cemetery for the Wreaths Across America Dedication 12/17/2022. Of the 5500 Veterans buried there 3700 wreaths were placed



MINNESOTA

Members of the Minnesota SAR Color Guard giving a “Patriot Chest” presentation to Schaeffer Academy in Rochester, MN on November 3rd 2022. Demonstrations included a book reading of Johnny Tremain, musket assembly, and a discussion of Revolutionary War history.

Pictured are Chris Moberg (left), Rich Howey (center), and Phil Christiansen (right). (Middle) Guardsmen David Embrey, Jason Posey, Lawrence Price and Drummer Noah (Right)



MISSOURI -



Carrying the NSSAR 250th Anniversary Flag at the NSSAR Fall Leadership Conference

Steven Biggs, Missouri Society 2nd Vice President, carried the NSSAR 250th Anniversary Flag at the September 30, 2022 NSSAR Fall Leadership Conference banquet in held from September 30 through October 1, 2022. The 250th Anniversary Committee Chairman, Clifford Olsen, appointed Steven Biggs to be responsible for gathering a list of 250th Anniversary activities being done by NSSAR committees.

Photo: Steven Biggs, Missouri Society 2nd Vice President, carrying the NSSAR 250th Anniversary Flag. The second Colorguardsman shown in the photo is Steven Biggs.
Photo provided by Compatriot Steve Biggs (SSL).



Left to right – Mark Parks (Martin Warren Chapter), and Stephen Sullins (Independence Patriots Chapter).



The 34th Annual Applefest Opening Day Parade in Weston, Platte County, Missouri. Photos provided by Compatriot Mark Parks (MWC) and the Weston Chamber of Commerce

The 34th Annual Applefest Opening Day Parade in Weston, Platte County, Missouri

On October 1, 2022 the MOSSAR Color Guard was honored to carry the colors for the 34th Annual Applefest Opening Day Parade in Weston, Platte County, Missouri. The Applefest Celebration is one of Missouri’s most popular fall festivals. Sponsored by the Weston Chamber of Commerce, the event features everything apple, from apple pies to apple dumplings, and includes over 80 arts and crafts booths lined up and down Main Street. Dozens of local shops were open all weekend. A kid friendly festival with something for everyone. .

Chautauqua at The Fulton Farm south of Mt. Vernon, Missouri

On October 15, 2022 gracious hosts and contemporary patriots John and Billie Fulton assembled another terrific Chautauqua at The Fulton Farm just south of Mt. Vernon, Missouri. This is the 5th year (4th event) that the Ozark Mountain Chapter has been an integral part in kicking off the day’s events in which about 200 people attended.

This year the Ozark Mountain Chapter’s tasks for the day’s events began with a Flag History of the American colonies and United States. Past Missouri State President George Swales narrated the history of each flag as it was brought forward by a Chapter or Color Guard member. Thereafter scout members of a local troop, and area school students participated in a flag retirement ceremony, each having a stripe or canton to place into the fire. This was followed by a Color Guard demonstration and a musket triple-volley.

As an observer wrote he was “impressed with how the Chapter presented a fact-filled study of historic flags in which everyone learned new information, and the sharp appearance of the Color Guard in so doing the events”. Ashley Beard Fosnow from the Missouri Humanities Council came from Kansas City just to witness the program, was highly complementary saying she has observed many presentations, but found this event masterfully done and very informative.

Honored Guests included Ashley Beard Fosnow, Director of the Missouri Humanities Council; Dan McMurray representing the Major Nathan Boone Chapter of the General Society of the War of 1812; and J. Howard Fisk, President of the Families of Antebellum Missouri. OMC member Compatriot James Robinette presented the 50-star. The National Anthem was sung by members of the Mt. Vernon High School choir. The Color Guard was commanded by Compatriot Don Turner of the Ozark Patriot Chapter. Not the least of importance is the graciousness of the hosts, John and Billie Fulton.



Left to right: OMC & OPC Members: Norm Knowlton, John Angst, Kavan Stull, James Robinette, Dan Peidlow Jr., Charles McMillan (with drum), Dan Piedlow, Mel McNeal, Don Turner, Gary Gift, Ben Edmondson, George Swales, and Howard Fisk



. Participates in the flag retirement ceremony. Photos provided by Compatriot Steve Perkins (OMC)

Grave Making of Patriot PVT. James Caldwell

On October 15, 2022 the Spirit of St. Louis Chapter of St. Louis County, Missouri conducted a Grave Marking Ceremony for Patriot PVT. James Caldwell who served with the Virginia Militia. The grave marking was held at the Parkview Cemetery, St. Francois County, Farmington, Missouri located about 75 miles southwest of St. Louis, Missouri. James Caldwell was born on July 4, 1836 and died on September 6, 1836 in St. Francois County. In 1786 he married Meeke Perrin in Lincoln County, Kentucky. He served in the Kentucky General Assembly from Harrison County from 1800 to 1807. In 1810 he moved to Libertyville, Missouri near Farmington, Missouri. He was elected to the Missouri Territorial Legislature in 1820. He was elected to the first Missouri House of Representatives and was named Speaker. In 1822 he was elected to the Missouri State Senate but lost re-election in 1824 to his son-in-law Lanes Kerr. Participating in the grave marking ceremony were Hon. Larry Forsythe, Mayor of Farmington, Missouri; Hon. Dale Wright, Missouri State Representative; Hon. Mike Henderson, Missouri State Representative; Missouri SAR Officers HVP James Osbourn (SSL), 2nd VP Steve Biggs (SSL), Treas. John Bedell (SSL), Chl. Ronald Hack (SSL), Hist. Doug Anderson (SSL), Secretary Dan Evans; Missouri Eastern District Color Guard Commander Jim Jackson (FDL), Allen Laws Oliver Chp. President James Bizzell; and VP MOSSAR Ladies Auxiliary Vicki Biggs. Also



Left to right: Spirit of St. Louis Colorguardsmen and Members Doug Anderson, Dr. Steve Nichols Ray Killebrew, Kevin Hulsey, John Bedell, Terry Grogan, Steven Biggs, Dennis Feldkamp, Gary Le Claire, Bob Ackley, James Osbourn, and Buz McCullough.

Naturalization Ceremony Held at the United States District Court, Western District of Missouri - Kansas City, Missouri

On October 19, 2022 Colorguardsmen Stephen Sullins of the Independence Patriots Chapter and Robert L. Grover of the Harry S Truman Chapter participated in the Naturalization Ceremony held at the United States District Court, Western District of Missouri - Kansas City, Missouri.

Left to right: Stephen Sullins (IPC) and Robert L. Grover (HST) Photo provided by Compatriot Robert L. Grover (HST).



participating were VP NSSAR Ladies Auxiliary Becky Osbourn; MSSDAR Treas. Christina Maring; MSSCAR State Pres. Jack Adel; Senior Pres. Alexander McNair C.A.R. Society; and Sarah Barton Murphy DAR Chapter Regent Karen Kleinberg, Chaplain Jean Trask, and Past regent Patricia Coyer. A commemoration was given by Steve Nichols (SSL); a biography was given by Joan Dostal, Sarah Barton Murphy DAR Chapter; the dedication and tribute was given by Lana Wampler of the Sarah Barton Murphy DAR Chapter and Jojo Sammons-Smith of the Alexander McNair CAR Society. Members of the Spirit of St. Louis and Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapters, the Sarah Barton Murphy DAR Chapter, and the Alexander McNair CAR Society were in attendance. The Benediction was led by Spirit of St. Louis Chaplain Ray Killebrew. Taps were played by friend of the SAR Harold Rose, III.



Grave Making of Patriot PVT. James Caldwell with tombstone, flag, and SAR marker James Caldwell VA Mil., Rev. War

Barry School's Veteran's Day Assembly - Platte County R-3 Missouri School District

On September 16, 2022, the Northwest District Color Guard, MOSSAR, were honored to present the colors for the Little Blue River Chapter, MSSDAR's annual Constitution Day Ceremony at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Raymore, Missouri. This event commemorates the signing of our newly drafted Constitution in Philadelphia by our thirty-nine brave founding fathers. Included in the ceremony were addresses by the Hon. Annette Turnbaugh, Missouri State Representative and the Hon. Kristofer Turnbow, Mayor of Raymore. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Raymore Police Chief Jim Wilson with Rep. Turnbaugh and Mayor Turnbow, rang the bell 13 times.

Left to Right: J. Michael Robertson (WCC); Stephen Sullins (IPC); Mark Parks (MWC); Brody Hawk (BS 8th Grade); Devin Lumm (BS 8th Grade); Brody Garbelman (BS 8th Grade); and Agum Nak (BS 8th Grade). Photo provided by Compatriot



Interment of World War II Veteran S.Sgt. Moses Tate who was killed on August 1, 1943

On October 27, 2022, the Ozark Mountain Chapter attended the interment of World War II veteran S.Sgt. Moses Tate who served with the 415th Bombardment Squadron, 98th Bombardment Group, 9th Air Force as a tail gunner on a B-24 bomber. On August 1, 1943, his plane was shot down over Romania, all on board losing their life as part of Operation Tidal Wave (OTW). This was a strategic bombing raid against the oil refineries around Ploiesti, Romania. Over 50 bombers and planes were shot down during the raid. Many of the airmen who were killed were buried by Romanian citizens in the Bolovan Cemetery in Ploiesti.

In 2013, historians and anthropologists at the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command initiated a project to exhume the “Unknowns” recovered from Romania. It was part of an emerging organizational strategy to begin disinterring the remains of



Patriot Guard folding the flag that draped S.Sgt. Moses Tate’s coffin. Photos provided by Compatriot Steve Perkins (OMC).



Annual Military History Appreciation Weekend at the Museum of Missouri Military History

On November 5 and 6, 2022, Compatriot Jim Baker, Christopher Casey Chapter, and wife Debbie, attended the Annual Military Appreciation Weekend at the Museum of Missouri Military History at Missouri’s Capitol. Compatriot Baker and over 50 others set up booths to exhibit period weapons, uniforms, tents, vehicles, and military gear to the public. Outside the museum, more than a dozen military vehicles and aircraft were on display. Military history periods covered include the Revolutionary War through the Vietnam War. The Museum of Missouri Military History is located at 2405 Logistics Road, Jefferson City, Missouri. The museum hosts the appreciation weekend twice a year: once in November to celebrate Veterans Day and once in May to celebrate Memorial Day. The event was well attended.

Boy Scout Webelo Woods Flag Retirement at Camp Arrowhead.

On November 5, 2022, Ozark Mountain Chapter President Ben Edmondson and several Chapter Color Guard Members participated in the annual Webelo Woods encampment at Camp Arrowhead in Marshfield, Missouri. This year we conducted a flag retirement for the young scouts wherein fourteen scouts from different troops placed either a stripe or canton on the fire once Compatriot Gary Gift read the symbolic meaning for each. A total of thirty-six flag certificates were presented to the scouts and twenty-one flag retirement certificates for leaders and participants. At the conclusion of the retirement, a musket salute was given by Compatriot Steve Perkins, Missouri Color Guard Commander, followed by a scout who bugled taps. Scouts, leaders, and parents alike were impressed with and appreciative of the moving ceremony. There were about 200 scouts who attended the annual weekend camp. For many of the young scouts, this was their first flag retirement as it is presented by the SAR. Camp Arrowhead is Missouri’s longest running Boy Scout Camp founded in 1924.

Ozark Mountain Chapter Compatriot Gary Gift read the symbolic meaning for each stripe or canton placed on the fire at the flag retirement



large groups of Unknowns for examination and identification.

From this effort, in 2016 a historian was assigned to construct a comprehensive proposal to disinter the Unknowns associated with OTW. DNA testing and dental analysis was performed at the Armed Forces DNA Identification in Dover AFB, DE. Remains were transferred to the DPAA Laboratory at Offutt Air Force Base, at Omaha, Nebraska. Positive DNA proof confirmed the remains of Staff Sergeant Moses Frank Tate have been located. A full documentation of his journey has been provided by the Defense POW/MIA Agency to the Tate family. In this document is detailed information, family correspondence from when he went missing to the current date, DNA proof, Forensic report, and photos.

79 years later, October 27, 2022, Moses Tate was moved to Branson, MO where his funeral with full Military Honors was held, then his remains were escorted by the Patriot Guard and reinterred at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery south of Springfield, Missouri.



Left to right: OMC Color Charles McMillan, Dan Don Higerson

Guardsmen Piedlow, and



Steve Perkins, MOSSAR Color Guard Commander, firing a musket salute at the flag retirement.

Photos provided by Compatriot Steve Perkins (OMC).

Veterans Day Memorial Service at Bellefontaine Cemetery

On November 6, 2022 the St. Louis-Jefferson DAR Chapter hosted a Veterans Day Memorial Service with a Wreath Laying Ceremony and Patriot Grave Marking Dedication at Bellefontaine Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri. Members of the Fernando de Leyba and Spirit of St. Louis SAR Chapters attended and Colorguardsman participated in the services. Lewis & Clark Fife and Drum Corps of St. Charles participated in the ceremony. Attendees included members from several DAR Chapters. The St. Louis-Jefferson DAR Chapter marked the grave of American Revolution Patriot Pvt. John Stamps, Fauquier Co., Militia, Virginia. Bellefontaine Cemetery is the resting place of military heroes going back from the Revolutionary War through Vietnam

Lewis & Clark Fife and Drum Corps followed by unknown man in Civil War uniform, Terry Grogan (SSL), Dan Evans (FDL), and MOSSAR Eastern Missouri District Color Guard Commander Jim Jackson (FDL).

Left to right: MOSSAR Eastern Missouri District Color Guard Commander Jim Jackson (FDL) and Terry Grogan (SSL). Photos were provided by Compatriot Robert Ackley (SSL/FDL).



Barry School's Veteran's Day Assembly - Platte County R-3 Missouri School District

On November 11, 2022 the Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution were honored to participate in the Barry School's Veteran's Day Assembly. Barry School is a unique elementary and middle school in the Platte County R-3 Missouri School District serving grades 5 through 8. With over 400 students in attendance, accompanied by a band and choir singing patriotic music, the school honored over 35 veterans in attendance. Included in the program were handwritten notes from students thanking the veterans for their service. The keynote speaker for the assembly was an Air Force veteran with over 20 years of service.

Left to Right: J. Michael Robertson (WCC); Stephen Sullins (IPC); Mark Parks (MWC); Brody Hawk (BS 8th Grade); Devin Lumm (BS 8th Grade); Brody Garbelman (BS 8th Grade); and Agum Nak (BS 8th Grade). Photo provided by Compatriot Mark Parks (MWC).



Veterans Day Ceremony at Swan Lake Memorial Park, Grain Valley, Missouri

On November 11, 2022 members of the Harry S Truman and Alexander Majors SAR Chapters and Independence DAR Chapters held a Veterans Day Ceremony at the Swan Lake Memorial Park, Grain Valley, Jackson County, Missouri. The temperature was 27 with a wind chill of 17. It is believed it was the only outdoor ceremony held in the Kansas City area. Swan Lake Memorial Park is a private cemetery that was set up in someone's Last Will and Testament to give Veterans a free burial plot. All other burial services must be paid for.

Left to right: Robert L. Grover (HST); John K. Stewart (HST); Tom A. Neal (HST); John I. Putnam (HST); President Dawson R. Ballard (HST); James L. Scott (AMC); and Patricia A. Stewart, Independence DAR Regent. Photos taken and provided by Carolyn S. Grover, Independence Pioneers DAR Chapter





Left to right: Cadets Jacob Fleiderer, Misty Julian, Zachary Shoemaker, Treven Strong, Shelby Matnia, and Rylie Gary – with the Clinton High School JROTC; James Scott, Alexander Majors Chapter SAR; Stephen Sullins, Independence Patriots Chapter SAR; and Mark Parks, Martin Warren Chapter SAR



Jefferson City, Missouri Annual Christmas Parade

On December 3, 2022 the 83rd Jefferson City Annual Christmas Parade was held in Jefferson City, Missouri. This parade kicked off the holiday season in downtown Jefferson City featuring dozens of floats made by Jefferson City locals. This year's theme is "A Musical Christmas." The Jane Randolph Jefferson DAR Chapter sponsored a float. Christopher Casey SAR Chapter Colorguardsman and members participated in the parade.



Jane Randolph Jefferson DAR Chapter Members in the Float. Man on the left is Compatriot Travis Bauer and the man on the right is Colorguardsman James Baker. Photo provided by Compatriot James Baker (CCC).



Left to right: Mark Parks (MWC), John Stewart (HST), Robert Grover (HST), Tom Neal (HST), and Carolyn Grover (IPC, MSSDAR)

Grave Marking Ceremony for Patriot Grandson, Reuben Parks Grandson of Patriot Reuben Paine

On November 19, 2022 the Martin Warren Chapter, Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution in conjunction with the Henry County Chapter, Missouri State Society DAR conducted a grave marking ceremony for Reuben Parks, a Patriot Grandson of the American Patriot Reuben Paine. The ceremony was conducted in the Parks Chapel Cemetery in Henry County, Missouri. Patriot Reuben Paine was a lieutenant of a company of militia established in 1775 by the Committee of Safety for Pittsylvania County, Virginia. Court records show that Lieutenant Paine was promoted to Captain and later was named a Justice of the Peace in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. After the Revolutionary War, Reuben moved to Lincoln County, Kentucky. Catherine Paine, daughter of Reuben Paine, married William Parks. William and Catherine Parks son, Reuben Parks, and his brothers, John, William, and Peyton left Lincoln County, Kentucky, and came to what was then called Rives County, now Henry County, Missouri. Reuben, John and William Parks were farmers and Peyton was an attorney who laid out and the platted the courthouse square in Clinton, Henry County, Missouri.

Dignitaries present at the Grave Marker Dedication Ceremony included Olin L. Parks, 3rd Great Grandson of Patriot Grandson Reuben Parks and Past Supreme Commander, Military Order of the Cootie (VFW) and Past State Commander Missouri Veterans of Foreign Wars; Lemira Parks, Honorary State Regent and Past Vice President General, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution; Lisa Kay Bryant Parks, Vice Regent, Missouri State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution; Larry M. Parks, 3rd Great Grandson of Reuben Parks; W.E. "Gene" Henry, 1st Vice President, Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution; Shelia Wilson, Regent, Henry County Chapter, Missouri State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution; and Lana Whitworth, Vice Regent, Henry County Chapter and West Central Director, Missouri State Society, Daughters of the America Revolution.

The Missouri Society SAR Color Guard of the Northwest District presented, posted and retired the Colors and conducted a musket salute. Participating in the Color Guard were six members of the Clinton High School Army JROTC Unit; James Scott, Alexander Majors Chapter; Stephen Sullins Independence Patriots Chapter; and Northwest District Color Guard Commander, Mark Parks, of the Martin Warren Chapter. Mark Parks is the 3rd Great Grandson of the Patriot Grandson Reuben Parks.

Left to right: Aria Pruett, 5th great granddaughter; Summer (Parks) Pruett, 4th great granddaughter; Mia Pruet, 5th great granddaughter; Gunner Pruett, 5th great granddaughter; and Larry M. Parks, 3rd great grandson of Reuben Parks. Reuben Parks is the grandson of Patriot Reuben Paine.. Photos provided by Compatriot Michael Powers (MWC)

Wreaths Across America – December 17, 2022 Woodlawn Cemetery

On December 17, 2022 the Northwest District, Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard was honored to participate in the Woodlawn Cemetery Wreaths Across America Ceremony at Independence, Missouri. Two of the districts S.A.R. chapters participated in the Color Guard. The Independence Pioneer's Chapter of the Missouri Society, Daughters of the American Revolution presided over the ceremony. The VFW Post 1000 Honor Guard also participated in the ceremony. Over 300 Wreaths were placed on Veterans' graves and the name of each and every veteran was read aloud. This is the second year of holding a WAA event at Woodlawn Cemetery.



Mark Parks (MWC) Musket Salute. Photos provided by Compatriot Mark Parks (MWC).

December Joint Meeting of the Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapter and the Saint Charles DAR Chapter.

On December 17, 2022 the Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapter and the Saint Charles DAR Chapter held a joint meeting at the Community Council Room at the Spencer Road Branch Library in St. Peters, Missouri.

Kathleen Nadeau of the "Of the Creators Hand" shop, who completed the uniforms at the St. Charles County Heritage Museum's exhibit of the American Revolution in the West, gave a presentation. Kathy described many of her painstaking procedures in producing exacting period clothing and received a Certificate of Appreciation from Fernando de Leyba Chapter for her creative genius and the Patriot of the Month Award from Saint Charles DAR Chapter as well as the National DAR American Heritage Committee of Women in the Arts.

Stephen J. Kling, Attorney and Historian, was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from The Fernando de Leyba Chapter for his outstanding efforts. Joan Koechig reported that on a recent trip she had the opportunity to visit Cartagena Spain and spoke with their city executive regarding setting up a sister city relationship with St. Charles. Mr. Kling then presented a proposal regarding a tentative American History Conference focusing on the American Revolution in the West to be held at the Embassy Suites, St. Charles in October 2023. The España DAR Chapter has been considering sending a historian from Spain to attend and perhaps be the Friday evening speaker and a panelist. He asked for support from both Chapters in sponsorship, volunteers, and potential attendees.



Left to right: Casey Brizendine, -----, -----, Marvin Koechig, and Bill Grote



Left to right: Bill Grote, Dan Evans, Casey Brizendine, _____, and Marvin Koechig,



Wreaths Across America ~ December 17, 2022 Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

On December 17, 2022, members from the Spirit of St. Louis (SSL) and Fernando de Leyba (FDL) Chapters participated in Wreaths Across America at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis. Wreaths were laid at the graves of four (4) Patriots, twelve (12) Fernando de Leyba Chapter Compatriots, and seven (7) Spirit of St. Louis Chapter Compatriots. In addition, wreaths were laid at graves of eight (8) Congressional Medal of Honor recipients buried at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. About 240,000 service members are buried at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in south St. Louis County. 30,000 wreaths were laid at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery to honor fallen veterans.

Left to right, front row: Doug Anderson (SSL), Steve Baldwin (FDL), Keith Morris (FDL), and John Bedell (SSL). Left to right, back row: Bob Midyett (SSL), Terry Trucks (SSL), Kevin Hulsey (SSL), Steve Biggs, and Terry Grogan (SSL).

One of the sections at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Photos provided by Compatriots Steve Biggs (SSL) and Keith Morris (FDL).



NEW HAMPSHIRE -

The final quarter of the year is a wind down, and this year held true. Our first event was 22 October in New Hampton, where we did two Grave Markings for Revolutionary War patriots.

Next we had a full Veterans Day weekend. On 11 November we participated in a ceremony in Dunbarton, and concluded with firing three volleys. Our November meeting was held on the 12th, followed by a combined SAR, DAR, and CAR luncheon honoring veterans. Many local veterans are treated to this luncheon by way of member sponsored meals. A detail from the NHSSAR Color Guard posted and retired the assembled Colors. Early next morning on 13 November had us in downtown Manchester to fire starting volleys for the annual Manchester Marathon and an associated 5K race. We completed November with an appearance in the Littleton Christmas Parade on the 25th. Our unit consisted of a very prominent and expertly assembled mobile display of historical Colonial and Continental flags, with our current US Color, and banners identifying us as the Sons of the American Revolution. We had Color Guard members riding on this display as well as walking Color Guard members.

December finished our year with our participation in Wreaths Across Dunbarton on 10 December. We fired volleys to complete the ceremony, and then assisted in placing wreaths on Veterans graves.

We are now preparing for the new year. Spring should see us all in the same uniform, which is something that has been in the works for a couple of years.



On Saturday, November 25, 2022, Compatriots Curtis Hermann; James Veach; Sean Walsh; Dennis Walsh and Russell Cumbee participated in the Annual Littleton Christmas Parade. Lois Hermann, who is a member of the DAR, also participated. Compatriot Kevin Stewart appears in one of the photos as a shepherd from a different parade entry.



On Sunday, November 13, 2022, New Hampshire Compatriots, Dennis Walsh; Curtis Hermann and Russell Cumbee signaled the start of the Manchester City Marathon in Manchester, NH by firing musket volleys



On October 22, 2022, New Hampshire Compatriots, Albert Lamson; Dennis Walsh; Paul Ford; Douglas Wood; Russell Cumbee; Sean Walsh and Curtis Hermann provided the Color Guard for a Grave Marking Ceremony honoring Revolutionary War Patriots, Private Josiah Magoon and Ensign William Bennett in New Hampton, NH



Wreaths Across Dunbarton

On Saturday, December 10, 2022, Compatriots James Veach; Curtis Hermann; Doug Wood; Sean Walsh; Dennis Walsh; Richard Wright and Russell Cumbee participated in a "Wreaths Across America" event in Dunbarton, NH. The ceremony and wreath laying were followed by a reception at the "Mollie Stark House" in Dunbarton.



NEW JERSEY -

Saturday, October 15 National SAR Color Guard Event: 244th Commemoration 1778 Battle of Chestnut Neck

The 244th Commemoration of the Battle of Chestnut Neck was held on October 15, 2022, at Chestnut Neck Memorial Park in Port Republic, N.J. The event holds National SAR Color Guard level status and was hosted by the Col. Richard Somers Chapter of the NJSSAR.

Chestnut Neck, where the battle was fought on October 6, 1778, was a settlement in southern New Jersey near the present-day city of Port Republic. The village sat on the Little Egg Harbor River and was used as a base by privateers. When American pirates on behalf of the Revolution captured enemy ships and brought them to Chestnut Neck, and other towns, their cargoes were shipped overland to George Washington at Valley Forge, while the ships themselves were added to the privateering fleet.

Between June and September of 1778, some 18 ships were captured by privateers from Chestnut Neck, much to the frustration of British General Henry Clinton, who decided to launch an expedition to "clean out that nest of Rebel Pirates." The British attacked on October 6, led by Capt. Patrick Ferguson, burning homes, destroying 10 captured ships and whatever confiscated goods they could not carry off. About a week later, in a separate engagement, known as the Little Egg Harbor Massacre, some 400 British soldiers returned early on the morning of October 15, again led by Capt. Ferguson. Ferguson's men attacked an outpost of 50 men as they slept, killing nearly everyone with bayonets before withdrawing. The British failed to stop the privateering. But the residents of Chestnut Neck never rebuilt, most moving to nearby Port Republic.



Saturday, October 15, 2022, Port Republic Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony

On October 15, 2022, the NJSSAR honored four revolutionary war heroes (Micajah Smith, Capt. John Van Sant, Jonas Morse, and James Bell) by placing SAR grave markers on their final resting places in the Smith Meeting House Cemetery. We were joined by the Gen. Lafayette Chapter, NJDAR, the NJSSAR Color Guard, Port Republic Mayor Nikki Giberson and Vittoria Flick, NJ Senior State President of the Children of the American Revolution.

Below Left - - (NJSSAR Color Guard members L-R: Nelson, Serfass, McGill, Higbee, Morgan, Williams.)

Below Right - - In front of the 25 ft painting of the Battle of Chestnut Neck stand the participants of the ceremony. Back row: Larry Nelson (South Jersey Chapter Secretary), Ken McGill (SJC Boy Scout), Rich Serfass (NJSSAR Color Guard Commander), Jeanine Ingenito- (Regent Gen Lafayette Chapter DAR), Charles Morgan (NJSSAR President), Vittoria Flick (Senior State President NJ CAR), Mike Magnum (Colonel Somers Chapter President), Don Higbee (CSCSAR Chaplain), Roger Williams (NJSSAR Historian); Seated: Joy Tucci (Gen Lafayette DAR), Paul Tucci (CSCSAR Secretary), Steve McBrearty (CSCSAR Quartermaster), Cheryl Knabe (DAR), Suzanne Smith (Gen. Lafayette DAR), Jason Halliday (CSCSAR)



Sunday, October 23, 2022 - National SAR Color Guard Event: Battle of Red Bank - October 22, 1777 (245th year)

The 18th Century Field Days, celebrating the 245th Anniversary of the Battle of Red Bank, were exceptional this year. Presented by Gloucester County Parks and Recreation, the event was expanded to two days. Saturday featured performances by reenactors who, among other important activities, demonstrated the rebuilding of Fort Mercer after the battle, preparing Continental Army rations and local foods, and educating the crowd about the critical roles played in the battle by the largely African-American 1st and 2nd Rhode Island Regiments and the Pennsylvania Navy. Sunday's activities were just as extensive with the Battle of Red Bank reenactment, a cannon demonstration by the West Jersey Artillery Company, a Soldier's Life program, a Memorial Service by Sons of the American Revolution, an Archaeology Tour and numerous hands-on activities such as cider making, war medicine, hearth cooking and the Whitall House tours.

The Battle of Red Bank, on October 22, 1777, began when British Major General William Howe, after recently capturing and occupying Philadelphia, could not supply his forces there due to an American blockade on the Delaware River. This blockade consisted mainly of Fort Mercer on the New Jersey side of the river, just south of Philadelphia, the stone Fort Mifflin on the Philadelphia side, and, on the bottom of the river between the two forts, a chevaux-de-frise, consisting of sunken spikes and other obstacles meant to entangle and sink any ships that attempted to cross it. Gen. Howe first ordered a 1,500-man Hessian force, under the command of recently defeated Colonel Carl Emil Kurt von Donop (the in-absentia commander of the Hessian forces from the Battle of Trenton) to attack Fort Mercer. The Hessians were decisively defeated in less than an hour by 400 colonial defenders made up of the 1st and 2nd Rhode Island Regiments. The Hessians suffered over 500 casualties,

while the Americans lost 14 soldiers. These fourteen soldiers were remembered at this event.

Remains of Hessian Soldiers Found: In the northern end of the battlefield where Fort Mercer was, an archaeological dig in June of this year discovered the remains of Hessian soldiers from the Battle of Red Bank. (See Picture) An article from the American History magazine, page 7 states:

"On June 26, 2022, archaeologists at the site of the Battle of Red Bank in National Park, NJ, found a human femur. The thighbone upended expectations for the dig according to the New York Times. Excavating a trench at Fort Mercer, where Continental Soldiers held off Hessian mercenaries, the team expected to find a midden of 18th century rubbish but uncovered the skulls of 14 Hessian soldiers bearing graphic reminders of the October 22, 1777, fight. ... The researchers hope analysis of the remains deepens understanding of the battle and perhaps leads to identification of the soldiers whose remains were found." American History Magazine, p.7 The American Revolution Institute of the Society of the Cincinnati, Inc

The Legacy Marker Program and Heritage Flag

Part of the ceremonies at Red Bank this year included the Legacy Marker Monument Education Program, which brings attention to efforts made to preserve and protect communities' historic cemeteries, monuments, and plaques. Program participants are encouraged to share the unique historical narratives of their communities. A key part of the Legacy Marker Program is the Heritage Flag, a 20' x 30' American Flag unfolded and folded again by participants in the event. At Red Bank, a group of 40-plus people all wearing white gloves unfolded the flag to its full display and refolded it again in carefully choreographed moves. Prior to conducting the ceremony, all participants reached across the folded flag to their counterparts and shook hands ... performing the all important and respectful greeting of the day. Counting this ceremony, the traveling Heritage Flag has traveled to 11 states, and more than 6,500 people have participated in the ceremony.



(L-R: Larry Nelson (South Jersey Chapter Secretary) Fred Fonseca (PA Society Color Guard), Reenactor Volunteer, Charles Morgan (NJSSAR President), Tim Oglie (SJC President), Ken McGill (SJC Scout Advisor), Glenn Tyson (PASSAR CG), Larry Magdy (PASSAR CG), Eugene Hough (Legacy Marker Program), West Jersey Artillery soldier, 1st Rhode Island soldier. With Rich



Larry Nelson (South Jersey Chapter Secretary) Fred Fonseca (PA Society Color Guard) lead a regiment of Hessian soldiers from the parade grounds. SerfAss (NJS-SAR CG Commander in fRont) and 18 Hessian Soldiers in foreground, right



At the end of the Red Bank Memorial service over the past years, the event concluded with a Legacy Marker program. .

Saturday, November 5, 2022 - Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley 65th Anniversary. National Constitution Center, Old City, Philadelphia

On November 5, the New Jersey SAR Color Guard was invited to open and present the Colors at the Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley 65th Anniversary at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia.

In 2019 the Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley started planning a gala dinner to honor four women who were advocates for the eye bank. The originally planned event was delayed by Covid restrictions. The Lions Eye Bank is a nonprofit organization to obtain, process and deliver donated eye corneas to eye surgeons for transplantation. The incoming chairman of the Board of Trustees, an SAR compatriot, invited the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guardsmen from Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania representing the areas the eye bank serves, to present the Colors. Attending from Delaware was Peter Moeller, from Pennsylvania Fred Fonseca (PASSAR Color Guard Commander), and from New Jersey Rich Serfass (NJSSAR Color Guard Commander & VP), Edward Glidden (NJSSAR Secretary), Gary Beauregard and Earl Groendyke (both of the Monmouth Chapter). The President & CEO of the Lions Bank commented “Everyone was impressed by the U.S. Honorary Color Guard from the Sons of the American Revolution.”



Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley 65th Anniversary at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia opening after the flag posting



The formation marching to present the colors was led by Rich Serfass (NJSSAR Color Guard Commander and VP), Peter Moeller (DESSAR Secretary and NJS-SAR Trustee), Earl Groendyke (Monmouth Chapter) and Fred Foncesa (PASSAR Color Guard Commander) and NJSSAR Colorguardsmen Ed Glidden and Gary Beauregard..

Sunday, 12 noon, November 6, 2021 - NJ DAR Sunday at Valley Forge.

Each year the New Jersey DAR arranges for a visit and memorial service at the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge. The New Jersey SAR Color Guard posted the colors prior to the Evensong service performed by the minister and choir. The Chapel sits on private land and is not managed by the National Park Service. This impressive building was constructed between 1903 and 1917, and features a Gothic Revival style. The bell tower is home to a replica of the Liberty Bell, known as the Justice Bell, which was used by organizers in the early part of the 20th century in support of the Women's Suffrage movement. The Veterans Wall of Honor honors all veterans of the United States Armed Services. The chapel was erected in tribute to the service of George Washington and the soldiers of the Continental Army and is home to an active Episcopal parish. The Chapel's cornerstone was laid on 1903, the 125th anniversary of the evacuation of the Continental Army from Valley Forge. The Chapel's exterior was completed in 1917 and its interior in 1921. The National Patriots Bell Tower was a later addition to the Chapel and houses its carillon. The 102-foot tower was built entirely with funds raised by members of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) over a period of more than a decade. Construction began in 1941, but was suspended due to World War II.

Participating for the New Jersey SAR Color Guard were Robert Meyer, Vice President General Middle Atlantic Region SAR; Charles Morgan, President NJSSAR; Richard Serfass, NJSSAR Color Guard Commander and State VP; Jay Hershey, President West Fields Chapter; Sam Davis, Monmouth; Roger Williams, State Historian; Ed Glidden, State Secretary; and Gary Beauregard, Monmouth



NJSSAR President Charles Morgan addressed the audience in a Courtroom at the Ocean County Court House in Toms River, NJ. President Morgan congratulated the Ocean County community for their initiatives in preparing for the 250 Celebration for 2026.

Wednesday, Nov 9, 2022- Ocean County 250th Revolutionary War

Ocean County was the first County kicking off a 250th event last year. This year the event was held in the historical 1850 Ocean County Courthouse in downtown Toms River. The plan is to host a series of events through 2033 commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. "Ocean County joins a national movement to commemorate this important milestone in our history as we approach many 250th anniversaries including the American Revolution and the birth of our nation in 2026," said Ocean County Commissioner Virginia E. Haines, Chairwoman to the Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation. "Ocean County is so very proud of its heritage and history and while Ocean County may not have been an independent county 250 years ago, we still played a role in the Revolutionary War." Guest speakers at the Nov. 9 event included Lynda Nolan, Regent of Joshua Huddy National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and Charles Morgan, President of the New Jersey Society of Sons of the American Revolution, who spoke about the dedication the organizations have to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and securing America's future through better education for children.

Ocean County has been awarded a grant from the National Park Service to establish over the next two years an American Revolution Ocean County Trail featuring short documentaries and on-site interpretive signs for six sites of conflict. An additional documentary will be produced to define the themes of the Revolutionary experience in Ocean County. As the Revolutionary War's 250th anniversary (1775-1783) approaches, Ocean County welcomes this opportunity to participate in a more diverse understanding of the nation's shared history and is committed to sustaining these efforts for future generations

Attending the event and pictured are Jeff Moran, Ocean county Surrogate, Commissioner Virginia E. Haines; Students from Toms River High School, South; NJ Fifes and Drums; Lynda Nolan, Regent Joshua Huddy DAR; Charles Morgan, President NJSSAR; Tim Hart, Ocean County Historical Society; Jeffrey Schenker – president; First NJ Loyalists; Mike Magnum - Director, Ocean County Department of Parks & Recreation; Nicole Tamburro, Ocean County Sheriff's Office; Commission Director – Gary Quinn; Hon Marlene Lynch Ford, Ocean County Assignment Judge; Scott M. Colabella, Ocean County Clerk; and members of the NJSSAR Color Guard: Commander Richard Serfass, Dave Nelson (West Fields), Edward Glidden, Earl Groendyke and Gary Beauregard (all of the Monmouth Chapter), and Charles Morgan (NJSSAR President).



Wednesday November 11, 2022 - Veterans Day Wreath Laying - National Constitution Center.

The New Jersey Color Guard was invited by The Philadelphia Continental Chapter Color Guard to participate in the annual Veterans Day wreath laying at the National Constitution Center. This is an annual event and is usually held outdoors, but because of the weather it was held on the second floor of the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. Fred Fonseca, PASSAR Color Guard Commander led the ceremony with NJSSR Color Guard Commander Rich Serfass participating with other members of the PASSAR Color Guard

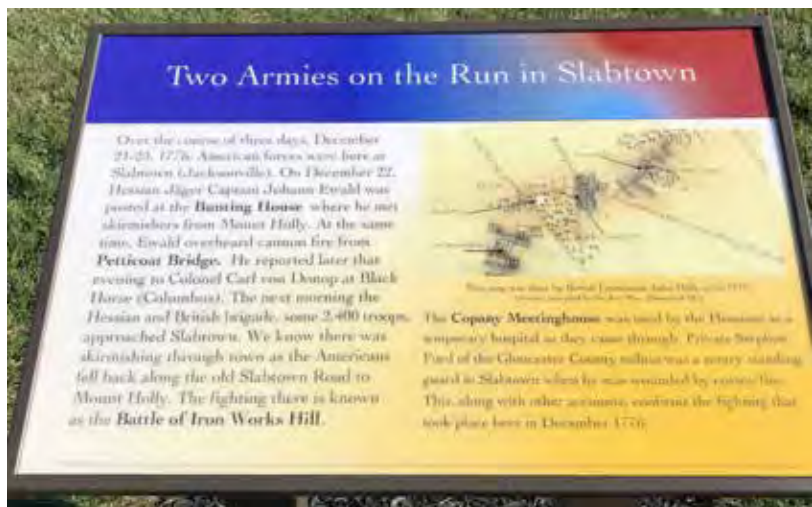


Saturday, November 20, 2022 - Fort Lee Monument
Park, Fort Lee, NJ

An annual SAR ceremony marking the surrender of Fort Lee in November 1776 was held at Monument Park, a site in downtown Fort Lee, N.J., dedicated by the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1908. The original site of Fort Lee, nearby, is now a 727-acre park that sits atop the Palisades with stunning views of Manhattan. The Continental Army's Fort Lee was located on the crest of the Hudson Palisades in what was then Hackensack Township, New Jersey, on the western side of the Hudson River opposite Fort Washington at the northern end of Manhattan Island. The Army originally called the site Fort Constitution, but it was quickly renamed Fort Lee to honor General Charles Lee for his recent victory in Charleston, S.C.

Fort Lee and Washington, were created with the intention of thwarting British plans to control the Hudson River and so isolate New England from the rest of the Colonies. But during the British occupation of New York City, beginning in the summer of 1776, the Royal Navy sailed up and down the Hudson without significant interference from either fort.

On November 16, 1776, the British took Fort Washington and captured 3,000 American troops. After losing Fort Washington, Washington ordered the Fort Lee commander, Nathaniel Greene, to evacuate. On Nov. 20, in the face of the advancing British army, an immediate retreat from Fort Lee was ordered, leaving supplies and artillery behind. The abandonment of the fort on the heels of the disastrous effort to defend New York City marked the beginning of the Continental Army's retreat across New Jersey, the so-called "retreat to victory," which led ultimately to Washington's Crossing and the American victory at Trenton roughly one month later.



Saturday, December 10, 2022 – Iron Works Hill
Celebration

A full day of celebrations and sign dedications were conducted in Jacksonville and Mount Holly throughout the day. The NJSSAR Color Guard participated in the sign dedication at Jacksonville Park. The community is committed to placing signs throughout the areas where battles/skirmishes took place from December 21-24, 1776. These engagements were vital to the success of General Washington's victory at Trenton. Hessian Commander Colonel von Dunop's troops were expected to be the backup for his Hessians in Trenton. However, the Americans under Colonel Samuel Griffin kept drawing the Hessians away from Trenton with several skirmishes at Burlington, Petticoat Bridge, Mt Holly and other locations

Sunday, December 11, 2022 - 10:00 - 1045 - Wreath Laying at Trenton Battle Monument

There is no more famous battle from the Revolutionary War than the Battle of Trenton, fought December 26, 1776. Every year, the NJSSAR leads a wreath-laying ceremony at the Trenton Battle Monument. At Trenton, the beleaguered but determined Continental Army, after a nighttime crossing of the Delaware River and a nine-mile march through snow and ice, overwhelmed the Hessian forces encamped there. The monument is located in an area of the city known as "Five Points." It was here, at the intersection of North Broad Street, Warren Street, and Brunswick, Pennington and Princeton Avenue, that the American artillery was placed. From this vantage point, the artillery dominated the streets of Trenton, preventing the Hessian troops from organizing an effective counterattack. This year's wreath laying was attended not only by the NJSSAR Color Guard but by representatives of the Daughters of the American Revolution of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey Sons of the Revolution and a descendent of the Hessian forces who fought at Trenton.

On the top step (right to left) are SR-NJ Secretary Ned Reinhard, Princeton Chapter Member Earl Groendyke, and SR-NJ Color Guard Commander Jon Mclean. Standing behind me is SR-NJ VP and Princeton Chapter member Ken McKeever. Standing at my right is the President of Colonel William Grayson Chapter Virginia Society and President of the Johannes Schwalm Historical Association, Ross Schwalm. Standing next to Brooks is SR-NJ President Ben Strong. Standing to the left of the wreath is PA DAR Regent, Margarite Fritsch. To the right of the wreath is NJ DAR Regent Diane Oliver.



Sunday, December 11, 2022, 3 pm Washington Crossing Park, PA, Wreath Laying

Washington's Crossing of the Delaware on the night of December 25, 1776, is a cornerstone event in American history. The heroic nighttime crossing in the freezing temperatures and howling winds of a nor'easter allowed General Washington and his Continental Army to catch the Hessians by surprise in Trenton the following morning. The defeat of the Hessians was swift and total. The annual wreath laying at Washington Crossing Park is a joint effort of the SARs of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, the Daughters of the American Revolution of both states, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Sons of the Revolution, the Society of the Cincinnati, and the Society of Colonial Wars...

Participants in the Washington Crossing Wreath Laying Ceremony on December 11, 2022, included the SARs of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, the Daughters of the American Revolution of both states, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Sons of the Revolution, the Society of the Cincinnati, and the Society of Colonial Wars.

Sat Dec 17, 2022 - SAR WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA - Beverly National Cemetery

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

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

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

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Larry Nelson and Ken McGill (South Jersey Chapter) and Sam Davis (Monmouth Chapter) participated in the Wreaths Across America program at the Beverly National Cemetery.

Sat Dec 18, National SAR Color Guard Event WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA -Boehm Church

Boehm Church Cemetery, Blue Bell PA - Rich Serfass, NJSSAR VP and Color Guard Commander was invited by the PASSAR Color Guard to attend a Wreath Across America ceremony at the Boehm Cemetery on Sunday December 18, 2022. The founder of the church, John Philip Boehm, my 6th great grandfather and my patriot ancestor's grandfather founded this church and is buried beneath it. Boehm's United Church of Christ in Blue Bell, PA celebrated its 279th birthday this year. The history committee of Boehm's church endeavored through months



of extensive research and preparations, to obtain a historical marker for the church honoring John Philip Boehm.

John Philip Boehm, a young schoolmaster from Horschstadt, Germany, boarded a ship on Nov. 24, 1683. Driven by persecution from his homeland, he went to America seeking religious freedom. Arriving in Philadelphia in August 1720, Boehm chose the land of the Penns and settled his family in Whitpain on a 200-acre farm. He gained title in 1736. Trained to be a teacher in Worms, Germany, Boehm taught religion, math and reading; gave organ lessons; and led choirs. Over the next 20 years traveling, Boehm continued his work and created 12 new churches. In his own words and by his own estimation, he rode some 25,000 miles on horseback to serve churches of large German populations where there were few roads.

In 1740, Boehm’s neighbors petitioned him to found a local congregation. This church became his namesake church in Whitpain, now known as Boehm’s United Church of Christ. In 1747, Boehm met with three churches in Skippack, Falkners Swamp and Whitmarsh to establish a governing body for their faith. This was the first Coetus of the German Evangelical and Reformed Church in America. This Coetus unanimously adopted Boehm’s constitution as it governing principal requiring it to be used in the 12 churches he founded.

On April 29, 1749, Boehm died in Hellertown, Pa. Boehm’s body was returned to Whitpain and was buried under the altar of his namesake church.



Participating in the Wreath Across America ceremony at Boehm Church were L-R : Fred Foncesa, PASSAR Color Guard Commander, Rich Serfass NJSSAR Color Guard Commander and VP, and Steven Kopsic Phila Continental Chapter 1st VP

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA -Shrewsbury

After two solid days of rain, the sun shined brightly on Dec. 17 on the army of volunteers out to participate in the annual Wreaths Across America wreath laying at the Presbyterian Church in Shrewsbury. This year, as before, the historic Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury welcomed a crowd over 200 families and individuals to be a part of this reverential ceremony.

The ceremony began with a procession and the presentation of the colors by the Boys Scouts. Next Rev. Katja Gruening, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury gave a beautiful benediction. Color guard members of the Sons of the Revolution in period attire explained the meaning of the day and reminded every one of the great sacrifices made by, not only the fallen war dead, but all who have served our coun-

try. Jake Rue of the multi-generational Rue family shared that is uncle, Pvt. Robert Campbell, the son of Bruce and Margaret Rue Campbell was one of the veterans being honored at the ceremony. Pvt. Campbell was killed in action in Anzio, Italy on May 23, 1944.

Mr. Rue instructed the volunteers that each person laying a wreath should speak the name and thank the soldier and their families for their great contribution in preserving the freedoms enjoyed in this nation. “By speaking their names, we are re-affirming the important service each has played.”

Finally, the dedicated attendees began the noble work of honoring the fallen war dead by placing the wreaths on each headstone



Mark Otto, USMC Force Recon (retired) and Jake Rue (Monmouth Chapter President)



Jake Rue reading the eulogy of his veteran relatives



Nathan Alexander Stedman III - Revolutionary War Patriot Grave Marking & Dedication

On November 19, 2023, The Sandhills SAR Chapter conducted a Sons of the American Revolution Patriot grave dedication for Nathan Stedman III. Patriot Nathan Stedman joined the Continental Army at age 14 in Connecticut and later served our young Country as a Privateer by disrupting British shipping. Later captured by the British and was held in a prison on the Island of St. Georges, Bermuda until peace was negotiated.

After his Revolutionary War service, Patriot Stedman settled in what is now Pittsboro, NC. He continued serving his Country by participating in planning of the Pittsboro community and continued his service in the North Carolina Senate and many other community leadership positions.

Nathan Stedman III is the Revolutionary War Patriot for the family of Sandhills SAR Chapter Compatriot – Victor Burns of Carthage, NC. He presented the life biography of Nathan Stedman III.

Sandhills Chapter President, Bruce Fensley served as master of the ceremony. NCSAR, Piedmont Region - Vice President, Compatriot Steve Van Pelt led the The National Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem. Sandhills Chapter Vice President (elect), Col Michael Saulnier led the SAR Pledge and North Carolina State Senator and Sandhills Compatriot – Thomas McInnis delivered the SAR Dedication and Blessing at the grave site.

Participants: Members of the Sandhills Chapter Color Guard, Victor Burns, Bruce Fensley, Stephen Gent, Rod Herbig, Jack Laffin, NCSSAR Secretary – Bob Sigmond (Raleigh Chapter), NCSSAR Color Guard Adjutant – Gary Spencer (Raleigh Chapter) and Bagpiper – Terry Myers of Vass, NC.

Members of the Alfred Moore DAR Chapter, Past Regent Harriet Riley, and Registrar – Debbie McMurry attended with members of the Deep River DAR Chapter.



Members of the Color Guard at the Patriot Gravesite

All participants. SAR, DAR, Family and dignitaries.)



OHIO



Kentucky and Ohio Collaborate in a Patriot Grave Marking & History Presentation



On October 16, 2022 after a brief Revolutionary War History Presentation, OHSSAR President John H. Bredenfoerder Emceed the Grave Marking Ceremony for John Barnes & George Lewis Wolfe at the Barnes Family Cemetery, 11020 KY Rte 36, Berry, Harrison County, KY. Dr. Michael Gunn with the Cincinnati SAR had culminated 15 years of research to locate the gravesites for his two Patriot ancestors, being unsuccessful received permission to place SAR Marked granite Memorials at the Barnes Cemetery, located less than a mile from both of these Patriot's Land Warrants from there Revolutionary War service.

The Kentucky Society agreed to enable the event and participated heavily in the planning and presentation. More than 80 were in attendance including a Vice President General. Among the attendees were 19 Barnes Descendants, 16 Wolfe Descendants, 5 DAR and one CAR member and 27 SAR members, including 12 in the Musket Salute. Dignitaries present: KYSSAR President Dr. Scott Giltner; John H. Bredenfoerder, OHSSAR President & Encee; Jesse Moore, VPG (John Turley, CDSSARVPG); Turner Lee Wilkerson, Past OHSSAR Pres. & acting Chaplain; Tom Geimeier, Simon Kenton Chapter Pres.; Patrick Wesolosky, President Gov. Issac Shelby Chapter, KY; Laurie Bredenfoerder, LAOHSSAR President; Marika Wesolosky, Lexington DAR Chapter; Regent Donna Moore, Cynthia Chapter. NSDAR & Jane Whitehead, Vice Regent; Wilma Bonar, Cynthia Chapter; Dr. William Giemeier, Delaware Society SAR; Gregg Ballman, Past President Cincinnati SAR; Dr. Michael Gunn, Past President Cincinnati SAR.



Barnes Family



Wolf Family

Each of the 35 descendants were delighted to receive a SAR Grave Marking Pin presented by the Cincinnati SAR Revolutionary War Sites and Patriot Graves

Ft. Laurens Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier Changing of the Guard

Overview

Ft. Laurens was built by General Lachian McIntosh in early December, 1778, on the west bank of the Tuscarawas River, Now in Tuscarawas County near the town of Bolivar, Ohio. It was named after Henry Laurens, a President of the Continental Congress from South Carolina. The fort was used as a reference point in defining the boundary line in the Treaty of Greenville, although the text of the treaty misspells the name as Fort Lawrence.



The fort was intended to be a staging point for an attack against the British Garrison at Detroit. However, the conditions at the fort were harsh during the winter, and McIntosh removed most of the American forces to Fort Pitt, leaving only about 150 men (from the 8th Pennsylvania Regiment and the 13th Virginia Regiment) under the command of Colonel John Gibson. Fort Laurens was the only fort built in the Ohio country during the Revolutionary War. The fort was abandoned on August 2, 1779.

The British learned of the miserable conditions at the fort, and on February 22, 1779, Captain Henry Bird of the British 8th Regiment of Foot with a handful of British soldiers and a couple of hundred Wyandot, Mingo, Munsee, and Delaware war-

riors laid siege to the fort. The siege continued until mid-March, and the men inside the fort reportedly were reduced to making stew of boiled moccasins.

The British forces were also weakened by the long siege and lifted the siege on March 20, 1779. American relief forces from Fort Pitt arrived 3 days later, leaving a force of 106 men behind under the command of Major Frederick Vernon. Colonel Daniel Brodhead had replaced McIntosh as commander at Fort Pitt and felt the fort was inadequate for mounting an attack on Fort Detroit.

During the siege of Fort Laurens 21 soldiers lost their lives in the ensuing attacks. 15 of the 21 who lost their lives have been identified. 6 who lost their lives remain unknown. Of the 6 one of the remains was chosen to occupy the Granite Tomb on the grounds of Fort Laurens. The other 5 unknown soldiers are interred in the crypt within the fort Museum.

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List of those Killed in action at Ft. Laurens: Private John Simpson Aldridge, Private Thomas Brittle Ensign John Clark, Private William Cleaveland, Sgt. Andrew Dunlap, Private Charles Evins, Lt. James Parks, Private George Osborn, Private John Nash, Private Hugh McCurden, Private Timothy Hays, Private William Gibson, Private Greenbury Shores, Private Peter Simmons, Private William Simmons, Private John Smith III, Captain Samuel Taylor

In 2018 the Hocking Valley Chapter, Ohio Society, established the first guard duty honoring the Unknown Revolutionary Soldier who was killed at Ft. Laurens. This honor has occurred every year since with the exception of 2020 because of Covid. The Guard Duty is in conjunction with the annual SAR Wreath Laying Ceremony held every July. This ceremony is not a vigil like at the Tomb of George Washington. The Guard Duty is performed very similar to the ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown in the National Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery. The guard is changed every 15 minutes which includes a complete inspection of the Brown Bess muskets with bayonets being used. The ceremony takes place from 9:00am until 3:00pm unless it needs extended according to the number of participants. Muster is at 8:15am. Appropriate attire is a Continental uniform with white gloves and no accessories. Militia attire is with white gloves and without any accessories like hatchets, haversacks, canteens, knives, etc. If you go to the Ft. Laurens Museum website you can see the Changing of the Guard Ceremony being performed. We would like to extend an invitation to all NSSAR members who would like to participate. If you are interested you can contact:

Thomas Hankins: email: thankinsjr@roadrunner.com or Bob Hill: email: leeslegion-dragon@gmail.com



Ohio Society President Bredenfoerder presents a wreath on behalf of the German Society of Cincinnati as Ohio Society Color Guard Commander Bob Hill stands with the National Colors as part of the Empire State SAR Color Guard.



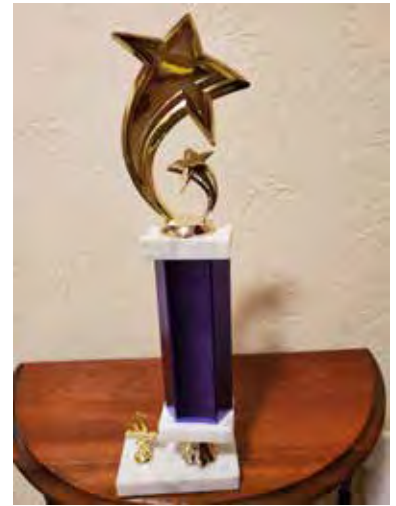
Eighteen (18) compatriots of the Ohio Society Color Guard participated in a Patriot Grave Marking ceremony hosted by the Arthur St. Clair Chapter at Grandview Cemetery in Chillicothe, Ohio on Saturday, September 24th. Over 60 people were in attendance including Vice President General John Turley of the Central District NSSAR.



Eight (8) compatriots of the color guard fired a musket salute at the Grandview Cemetery ceremony that honored five (5) patriots. The color guard was commanded by OHSSAR CG Adjutant Mike Gunn of the Cincinnati Chapter.



On the weekend of September 24th and 25th, the Northeast Ohio Chapter Color Guard marched in the parade at the 57th Annual Grape Jamboree in Geneva, Ohio. The Chapter won a First Place trophy and \$100 for their stellar performance as a color guard in the parade. The judges were quite impressed with the Color Guard's "eyes left" as they marched past the reviewing stand.



SAR Color Guard members who marched in the 248th Anniversary Point Pleasant Battle Days Parade on Saturday, October 8th, gathered at the battle monument for this photo at Tu-Endie-Wei State Park in Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Ohio compatriots who took part were OHSSAR President Jack Breidenfoerder, past presidents Troy Bailey, Steve Hinson, and compatriots Rich Minshaw, Steve Kaplan, Lee Emrick, Elwin Spray, Alan See, and Doug Pettit.



SAR Color Guard members prepare to fire a musket salute during the Point Pleasant Battle Days Memorial Service on Sunday, October 9th. Three (3) of the five (5) musketmen were Ohio compatriots: Al Gummere, Don Miller, and Bob Hill.



Several Ohio Society Color Guard members travelled to Williamsburg / Yorktown, Virginia to participate in the Yorktown Days Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony at Governor Thomas Nelson's grave on Wednesday, October 19th. Among the Ohio members pictured with the combined National SAR Color Guard in Yorktown: Ed Bonniwell, Troy Bailey, Bob Hill, Steve Kaplan, Gregg Ballman, Gary Duffield, Steve Hinson, Bruce Bennett.



Ohio Society Color Guard Commander Bob Hill is awarded his National Von Steuben Color Guard Medal by a bed-ridden Ohio Society President Jack Breidenfoerder in Williamsburg, Virginia on October 19th. Jack was going to join his Ohio contingent in the Yorktown Days events, but upon arriving in Williamsburg only two nights before, took a bad fall during a rainstorm and broke his right arm.



Compatriots of the Hocking Valley Chapter Color Guard visited Licking Heights South Elementary School in Pataskala, Ohio for its annual Veterans Day Program on Thursday, November 10th. The color guard posted the colors in two (2) separate assemblies honoring family veterans of the children present in the packed auditorium. In between programs the compatriots visited a combined class of 4th graders and gave an hour-long presentation on the American Revolution. Pictured L to R: Tom Hankins, Bob Hill, Don Miller (Benjamin Franklin Chapter), Chuck Bundy.



: On Friday, November 11th, the Northeast Ohio Chapter and Western Reserve Society Combined Color Guard posted the colors for the annual Veterans Day Program at the Cleveland City Hall. In the photo posed in front of the painting, Spirit of '76 by Archibald Willard, are L to R: Troy Bailey and Dan Matheke (of NE Ohio Chapter); Galen Swab and Lee MacBride (of WR Society Chapter).



L to R: Past President Jim Smith of the Lt. George Ewing Chapter, current President Scott Moody, and Marietta Chapter President Doug Pettit participated in a Wreaths Across America event on Saturday, December 17th organized by the Return Jonathan Meigs Chapter DAR at Miles Cemetery in Meigs County, Ohio.



Compatriots Bob May and Jim Cooper of the Centennial Chapter SAR prepare to fire a musket salute at the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Benton Ridge Cemetery in Hancock County, Ohio on December 17th. The event was organized by the Fort Findlay Chapter DAR.

Also on December 17th, members of the Hocking Valley Chapter SAR Color Guard combined with members of local American Legion Post 398 for Wreaths Across America at the Maple Grove Cemetery in Granville, Ohio. The event was organized by the Granville Chapter DAR. Compatriots participating in the color guard were Commander Bob Hill, Tom Hankins, Paul Irwin, Chuck Bundy, Al Gummere, and Don Ferguson.



PENNSYLVANIA -



Plaque Dedication

On November 12, the Philadelphia Continental Chapter Color Guard participated in a Plaque Dedication honoring 37 patriots at Old Goschenhoppen Church, two of whom were ancestors of PASSAR Color Guard Commander Fred Fonseca. L to R Chris Snyder, PASSAR President Michael Seibert, Fred Fonseca, Larry Magdy, Rich Lind, Glenn Tyson, and Spencer Snyder.

On December 11, members of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter Color Guard took part in the Annual Reenactment of Washington Crossing the Delaware at Washington Crossing Historic Park in Pennsylvania. L to R Chris Snyder, Steve Kopsick, Fred Fonseca and Spencer Snyder.



Philadelphia Continental Chapter was invited back after two years of covid cancellations to be part of Old Swedes Church Bridgeport Pa. St Lucia Day on December 13. Tradition has it that General Washington happened upon Old Swedes Church's celebration of St Lucia Day after the American army crossed the Schuylkill River at Swedesford. His Excellency asked if he could attend the service and his wish was granted. L to R Spencer Snyder, Larry Magdy, Steve Kopsick as General Washington, Fred Fonseca, Chris Snyder, and Glenn Tyson.



F2022-11-11 FUMC Salute to Veterans, Stones River Chapter 2

Hello Compatriots!

It was a busy and enjoyable quarter with the Tennessee Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard!
Here are some of the highlights of our quarter-

- a.October 1, 2022- Beck Family (TN) Compatriots Grave Marking (GM)- Gadsen, AL (with State of AL)
- b.October 7 Battle of Kings Mountain (National) – we had about five color guard participate with NC (TN was once a part of NC)
- c.October 15, Five Compatriot GM in Chattanooga, TN
- d.October 22, GM Anthony Bledsoe and Isaac Bledsoe, Bledsoe's Fort Historic Park
- e.November 5, Large Monument Dedication Ceremony for 42 Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 Patriots in Maryville, TN (see below for additional details)
- f.November 11, Parade- Veterans Day- (many locations throughout the State- the State Commander was in the parade in Franklin, TN- see below for additional details)
- g.December 17, Wreaths across America (3 locations just in Central TN- the State Commander was at Nashville, TN).

Awards:
Bronze Color Guard medal was awarded to Compatriot Colby Morgan
The Chapter Medal (Thomas Kilgore Chapter) of Distinguished Service was awarded to Compatriot Fred Rand for his work with the Color Guard.



Franklin Veteran's day parade-
Fred Rand commanding



New Providence Monument Dedication.



TEXAS -



Martha Jefferson Randolph DAR 95th Anniversary Tea

The Edmund Terrill Chapter Color Guard had the privilege to present the Colors for the Martha Jefferson Randolph DAR 95th Anniversary Tea on November 10th at the Prothro Center at Lake Texoma. Pictured are (l to r) Bill Watts, Gary Barker, Ted Wilson, and Terry L. Holden

Massing of the Colors

North Texas SAR members participated in the 42nd Annual Massing of the Colors at Birchman Baptist Church in Fort Worth on Sunday afternoon, November 13th. Massing of the Colors is an Interfaith Patriotic Service co-hosted by the Fort Worth Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) and the Fort Worth ISD Junior ROTC.

SAR chapters represented included Maj. K.M. Van Zandt, Arlington, Dallas, and East Fork Trinity. Members represented Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Confederate Veterans (Col. E.W. Taylor Camp), and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (Gen. James J. Byrne Camp). C.A.R. members also participated.

Maj. K.M. Van Zandt members were: James Alderman, Don Woodworth, Ron Turner, Bobby Gresham, Kevin Shellman, Mark Parkison, and prospective member Joe Wade. Dallas members were Mark Harrison and Brent Harshman. Arlington member was Dan Hamilton. East Fork Trinity members were Bill Watts, Randall Van Heyst, and Reagan Van Heyst.

Lt. Lawrence "Mike" Connelley, a member of MOWW and Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, introduced America the Beautiful, prayed for our country, and gave the benediction.



Naturalization Ceremony

November 8, 2022, the Texas Society Northern Region Color Guard presented Colors at the Naturalization Ceremony at the invitation of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. The ceremony was held on the University of North Texas Campus in Denton, Texas. This was a significant date coinciding with the 2022 mid-term elections. Originally from 17 other countries, participants were sworn in as new US citizens, were given the opportunity to register to vote, and will be able to exercise their new rights at the next election.

Presenting colors were (r to l): T. L. Holden, Gary Barker, Texas Northern Region Commander, Jerry Pinkerton, Bill Watts, and Michael Goode. Accompanying the Color Guard is King's Fort Chapter DAR Vice Regent, Cynthia Goode.

Dickens on the Strand Parade

The annual Dickens on the Strand Parade, a Texas SAR Color Guard Event, was held on 3 December in Galveston. The following color guard members participated in the parade: Texas SAR President-Elect Sam Massey, Texas SAR Immediate-Past President Drake Peddie, Texas SAR Past-President Tom Jackson, Texas SAR State Color Guard Commander Robert Kubin, Bernardo de Galvez Chapter President Hugh Ferguson, Jr., Bernardo de Galvez Chapter Past-President Billy Mayo, and Bernardo de Galvez Chapter Secretary John Loper.



Blanco Veterans Day Parade

Members of the Texas South Regional Color Guard participated in the Blanco, Texas, Veterans Day Parade for the first time on Saturday, November 12th. Dale Tidwell's boat won Second Place in the Parade!

Wreaths Across America

Numerous chapters throughout Texas participated in Wreaths Across America ceremonies on December 17, 2022.



Texas SAR members participating at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin are (left to right): James Clements of the PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER, Vernon Eubanks, Darrin Hutchinson, and Darrell Hutchinson, all of the ALEXANDER HAMILTON CHAPTER, and Jason Bourgeois of the SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER.

Van Zandt Color Guard

Members of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter Color Guard posted the Colors at the Captain Nathaniel Mills Chapter DAR 60th Anniversary Banquet on November 15th at the Texas Star Convention Center in Euless, TX. From left to right are President Bobby Gresham, Secretary Mark Parkison, Past President James Alderman, and Vice President District 5 and Immediate Past Chapter President Ron Turner.



The BERNARDO DE GALVEZ CHAPTER Color Guard participated at the La Marque Cemetery in La Marque, Texas. Posting the Colors were President Hugh Ferguson, Jr., Past-President Billy Mayo, and Secretary John Loper.



Texas SAR FREEDOM CHAPTER hosted their 2nd Wreaths Across America observance at the New Montgomery Cemetery in Montgomery. With the assistance of the Boy Scouts, Lions Club, the Mayor of Montgomery, and many local friends, they paid their respects to 130 souls who have fought for our Country.



ROBERT RANKIN CHAPTER members Tom Jackson and Michael Bierman represented Texas SAR FREEDOM CHAPTER at Woodlawn Funeral Home and Cemetery



Michael Goode, Sr., and Texas SAR Color Guard Commander Bob Kubin, members of EAST FORK TRINITY CHAPTER, at the Kaufman Veteran's



Veterans Day, November 11, 2022

Veterans were honored at SunRiver Veterans Honor Park. Major General William Gorton (US Airforce Retired) was the keynote speaker and said, "Veterans sign a blank check that they are prepared to sacrifice their lives to defend the freedoms won by those who have gone before them." SAR Color Guard members were Steve Dixon, Bob Dalton, Mel McCoy, and Steve Sorensen. Various veteran organizations were also involved in the program.



L-R Steve Dixon, Mel McCoy, Steve Sorensen, Bob Dalton

L-R Steve Dixon, Mel McCoy



UTAH -

Wreaths Across America, December 17, 2022

SAR Color Guard was invited by the Daughters of the American Revolution to participate with the Dixie JROTC in the Colors Presentation at the opening ceremony of the Wreaths Across America. Valerie King (DAR), chaired the event. Jeffery McKenna (SAR) was the keynote speaker. The SAR Color Guard members were Steve Dixon and Bob Dalton.



L-R Bob Dalton, Steve Dixon,



L-R Jeff McKenna, Steve Dixon



Steve Dixon (column far left), Bob Doland (column far right)

VIRGINIA

Patriot Grave markers

SAR and C.A.R Patriot Grave markers were dedicated for Captain Thomas Logwood at his pre-Revolution home near Bedford, VA. The markers and a headstone are depicted in Headstone Photo with C.A.R and SAR markers. The event was co-sponsored by the Sgt Maj John Champe (SMJC) Chapter and the Seven Hills Society C.A.R. Forty people representing fifteen SAR, DAR and C.A.R organizations Participated. The Logwood home and 300 acres of the original farm are owned and occupied by a Logwood descendant. A 6th great granddaughter (NSDAR) and 8 times great grandson (SMJC SAR & C.A.R), participated. The Granddaughter read a biographical sketch and presented a wreath and the grandson participated in Presentation of Colors and the C.A.R marker dedication. A combined SAR & C.A.R team presented colors to open the ceremony. Photo of Color Guard after posting colors. The Color Guard consisted of L-R: Ken Bonner (SMJC), Jacob Schwoerer (CWG Society & SMJC), Sean Carrigan & Dale Corey (CJW-II), Mark Day (Patrick Henry), Barry Schwoerer MC (SMJC), Pat Kelly (Thomas Jefferson & French Society), Brett Osborn out of photo to left was CG Comander (CJW-II). C.A.R Societies included several members of the Seven Hills Society in Lynchburg, William Byrd Society of Richmond, Mill Mountain Society of Roanoke, Col. Wm. Grayson Society (Springfield). NSDAR Chapters participating included: Elizabeth McIntosh Hammill (Manassas), Peaks of Otter (Bedford), Poplar Forest (Lynchburg), Col. William Preston (Roanoke), and Blue Ridge (Lynchburg). The West of the Falls Chapter Colonial Dames of the 17th Century also participated with a wreath. A five-man combined SAR chapter squad led by Compatriot Brett Osborn executed a three-shot musket volley. Compatriots firing were: Ken Bonner (SMJC), Mark Day (Patrick Henry), Sean Carrigan and Dale Corey (Col James Wood II), and Pat Kelly (Thomas Jefferson). The Children of the American Revolution Societies assembled at the Logwood headstone and C.A.R. & SAR Patriot Grave Markers for a group photo and are shown in Above Photo Names of the children are withheld for privacy. Photos courtesy of Paula Schwoerer and Jeremy Gustafson





SAR Honors Rev War Patriot Casper Rinkerr

On 22 October 2022, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution conducted a patriot grave marking ceremony to honor Hans Casper Rinker. The ceremony was held at the Back Creek Quaker Cemetery in Gainesboro, Virginia. Rinker was born 1727 in Switzerland and immigrated to Pennsylvania in 1743. He married Maria Schultz 11 April 1757 in Germantown, Pennsylvania and started a family of seven children. Rinker joined the Virginia Militia prior to 1775, rising to the rank of Lieutenant. He was recommended to replace Robert White as Company Commander on 1 April 1777 and promoted to Captain. He died 17 April 1804 and along with Maria is buried at the Back Creek Quaker Cemetery.

The ceremony was emceed by Dale Corey with Chaplain duties performed by the Reverend Jim Simmons. The Colonel James Wood II Chapter Color Guard presented the colors and fired a musket salute under the command of Brett Osborn. Guard members included Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Doug Hall, Marc Robinson, Richard Tyler and dual member from the Culpeper Minutemen Bill Schwetke. Wreaths were presented by Thomas "Chip" Daniel (Colonel James Wood II), Doug Hall (Order of Founders and Patriots) and Bill Schwetke (Culpeper Minutemen) with the unveiling performed by descendant Marshall DeHaven. First picture is the color guard posting the colors, l. to r. Brett Osborn, Bill Schwetke, Thomas "Chip" Daniel (US Flag), Paul Christensen, Richard Tyler, Marc Robinson, Sean Carrigan and Doug Hall. Second picture is the wreath presentation, l. to r. Doug Hall, Bill Schwetke and Thomas "Chip" Daniel. Third picture is the musket squad firing a salute, l. to r. Bill Schwetke, Paul Christensen, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Brett Osborn, Marc Robinson and Sean Carrigan. (Photos courtesy of Deborah Corey.)



Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter Sponsors Grave Marking for Ezekiel Potts

Submitted by: Barry Schwoerer, VP SMJC Chapter

On 29 October the Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter sponsored the grave marking of Patriot Ezekiel Potts at the historic Potts Family Cemetery near Hillsboro. The event was attended by fifteen descendants of the patriot, a 4th great grand niece and a 6th great grand nephew. Edwin and Marty Potts, owners of the cemetery and owners of part of the original farm settled by David Potts in 1746, gave greetings on behalf of the Potts Family. Paula Schwoerer, 4th great grand niece of the Patriot gave a short biographical sketch. Patriot Ezekiel Potts served as a Private in Captain Burgess Ball's Company, 5th VA Regiment; 2) paid the 1783 Personal property Tax; and provided 350# of beef to Continental Forces.

A color guard commanded by Dave Cook with cadence provided by drummer Doug Hall presented Colors. The Color Guard included: Paul Christensen lead musket, Darrin Schmidt U.S. Flag, Jacob Schwoerer Virginia Flag, Sean Carrigan and Will Reynolds trail muskets. Dale Corey and Allen Phillips stood as sentries at the headstone of Patriot Potts.

Sgt Maj John Champe President Ken Bonner and Vice President Barry Schwoerer conducted the SAR Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony and Jacob Schwoerer, 6th great grand nephew of the Patriot, unveiled the marker. Eleven Revolutionary War lineage organizations attended and presented wreaths. Four Ladies represented NSDAR, including: Kimberly Scott Director District VIII Virginia NSDAR; Judith Shepard Vice Regent, Elizabeth McIntosh Hammill Chapter; Nancy Watford, Regent Katocin Chapter; and Anita Bonner, Lanes Mill Chapter. Five Compatriots represented Virginia SAR: Ernie Coggins, 1st Vice President Virginia SAR; Ken Bonner, President Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter; Dave Cook, past president Fairfax Resolves Chapter; Richard Rankin, President George Washington Chapter; and Paul Christensen, Vice President Col. James Wood II Chapter. Jacob Schwoerer represented the Col. William Grayson Society Children of the American Revolution and Doug Hall represented the Order of Founders and Patriots of America.

A seven-firelock squad commanded by Darrin Schmidt executed a three-shot volley in honor of the Patriot. Drummer Doug Hall provided cadence and musket signals. The squad included: Dale Corey, Sean Carrigan, Allen Phillips, Will Reynolds, Dave Cook and Ken Bonner.



Colorguardsmen from Two Chapters Combine for Halloween Parade

Colorguardsmen from the Sgt Maj John Champe and Col. James Wood II Chapters combined to march in the 66th annual Leesburg, VA Kiwanis Halloween Parade. Chip Daniel and Allen Phillips from the CJW-II Chapter marched with a banner in front of a float provided by Sgt Maj John Champe (SMJC) prospective member Warner Workman. The float was twenty-eight feet long and decorated in a Patriotic style, supplemented with Halloween decorations such as pumpkins, bales of straw, lighted lanterns, skeletons, and much more. The team of SAR Colorguardsmen and the float was awarded “MOST CREATIVE” by the Leesburg Kiwanis Club, sponsor of the event. SAR members in militia uniform dispersed approximately 150# of candy and two bushels of apples to children lining North King Street in Leesburg. A SAR Skeleton crew consisted of Dale Corey’s (CJW-II) face painted to look like a skull with Ken Bonner (SMJC) and Barry Schwoerer (SMJC) wearing skull masks. Six Colorguardsmen in uniform participated. Four members of the SMJC Chapter participated along with four members of the CJW-II chapter.



Mrs. Ken Bonner from Lanes Mill chapter NSDAR marched with the team wearing colonial attire. Participating SAR members donated canned goods and cereal to the Kiwanis for the Loudoun Interfaith Relief Food Pantry..

: Float Participants L-R. Tim Gillette Secretary Leesburg Kiwanis, Steve Van Deusen, Barry Schwoerer, Dale corey, Allen Phillips, Warner Workman (with “Most Creative” award), Chip Daniels, Anita Bonner, Ken Bonner, Richard Ryan, not pictured Paul Christensen



The Skeleton Crew L-R. Dale Corey, Barry Schwoerer, Ken Bonner

SMJC and CJW-II Chapters Participate in Brunswick, MD Veterans Parade

The 90th annual Brunswick MD Veterans Day Parade was held on Sunday, 6 November. More than 100 organizations, non-profits and businesses participated. The Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter and Col. James Wood II Chapter joined two MD NSDAR Chapters: Carrollton Manor and Frederick. SMJC Applicant Warner Workman provided a 28’ float decorated with multiple flags, graphics of founding fathers, foundational documents, and graphics of equipment and soldiers from multiple wars. A multi-chapter Color guard marched in front of the float. Color Guard members were: Chip Daniel (CJW-II), Ken Bonner (SMJC), and Kirk Robinson (CJW-II). SMJC Chapter member Steve Van Deusen handed out small American Flags while Barry Schwoerer (SMJC), Dale Corey (CJW-II) and Marc Robinson (CJW-II) rode the float.



L-R Chip Daniel (CJW-II), Ken Bonner (SMJC), Kirk Robinson (CJW-II). Photo courtesy Dale Corey



L-R: Barry Schwoerer (SMJC), Dale Corey (CJW-II), not pictured on opposite side Marc Robinson (CJW-II). Photo used with permission of The Frederick News-Post, Katina Zentz staff photographer

SAR Conducts Grave Marking to Honor Major Peter Helphenstine

On 12 November 2022, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution conducted a grave marking ceremony to honor Revolutionary War Patriot Major Peter Philip Helphenstine. The ceremony was held at Mount Hebron Cemetery, Winchester, Virginia. Helphenstine was born in Koln, Germany 17 Jun 1724. He married Catheryne Berger in 1750 and immigrated to the American colonies in 1754, landing in Cape Fear, North Carolina in October. They had seven children, the first being born during the voyage to the colonies. Legend has it that he became a friend to General George Washington after he was contracted to make shoes for the troops during the Braddock Campaign of the French and Indian War. Helphenstine then served in Lord Dunmore's War in 1774 and fought against the Shawnee in Kentucky. Because of this service, he was chosen to serve as an officer in the Continental Army. His service in the American Revolution was with the 8th Virginia Regiment, known as the German Regiment, commanded by Colonel Peter Muhlenberg. He was injured in battle in South Carolina in April 1778 and returned home to Frederick County, Virginia. He eventually died of repeated infections of the wounds sustained in battle, passing on 11 May 1779. He was one of the founding fathers of the German Lutheran Congregation in Winchester and buried in the cemetery that is now part of the Mount Hebron complex.

The ceremony was emceed by Dale Corey with the Virginia SAR combined color guard presenting colors and firing a musket volley to honor the patriot. Compatriots from the Colonel James Wood II, Culpeper Minutemen, Fairfax Resolves, Fort Harrison, George Mason and Sgt Maj John Champe Chapters along with the Lanes Mill DAR Chapter and the Order of Founders and Patriots of America paid homage to Helphenstine. Descendants of the patriot participated with Ed Helphinstine, Jr and his daughter Sarah unveiling the marker. Ed Helphinstine, Sr and his daughter Leah presented a wreath.

The color guard was commanded by Brett Osborn (CJWII) with the following compatriots participating in the presentation of the colors: Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen, Chip Daniel, Kelly Ford, Doug Hall, Dennis Parmerter, Allan Phillips, Will Reynolds, Marc Robinson and Richard Tyler from Colonel James Wood II Chapter; Ken Bonner, Barry Schwoerer and Steve Van Deusen from Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter; Dave Cook and Jim Cordes from Fairfax Resolves Chapter, Ken Morris from George Mason Chapter; Mark Crain from Culpeper Minutemen and Bryan Buck from Fort Harrison Chapter.

First photo is the Virginia State Color Guard at Present Arms 1. to r. Brett Osborn, Barry Schwoerer, Allan Phillips, Richard Tyler, Dennis Parmerter, Bryan Buck and Dave Cook. Second photo is the Musket Squad firing a salute 1. to r. Dennis Parmerter, Paul Christensen, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Marc Robinson, Barry Schwoerer, Kelly Ford, Dave Cook, Allan Phillips, Sean Carrigan, Ken Bonner, Will Reynolds and Jim Cordes. Third photo are members of CJWII Chapter standing 1. to r. Will Reynolds, Peter Himmelberger, Kelly Ford, Jim Simmons, Paul Christensen, Charles Jameson, Marc Robinson, Bryan Buck, Allan Phillips, Richard Tyler, Dennis Parmerter, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Jim Cordes, Ken Bonner, Dave Cook, Barry Schwoerer, Doug Hall. Kneeling 1. to r. Dale Corey, Sean Carrigan. (Photos courtesy of Anita Bonner.)



Dedication Ceremony to Rename Bridges Over the Shenandoah River

On 19 November 2022, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution co-sponsored with the Shenandoah Christian Alliance a ceremony to dedicate the renaming of the bridges over the Shenandoah Rivers. The bridges were renamed to honor Major General D. Joseph Warren and Brigadier General Daniel Morgan. The bridge over the South Fork was renamed for Warren, who was killed in the Battle of Bunker Hill (the Battle of Bunker Hill) on 17 June 1775, the battle that was the beginning of the Revolutionary War. Warren was instrumental in early efforts to organize rebellion against British actions leading up to the Revolution. He authored the Suffolk Resolves, which protested the Intolerable Acts. It became in large part, the basis for the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. The bridge over the North Fork was renamed for Morgan, who at the beginning of the Revolution, recruited Morgan's Rifles and fought at various times throughout the war. He was instrumental in patriot victories at the Battles of Saratoga and Cowpens. The Cowpens victory in January 1781 as a follow up to the patriot victory at Kings Mountain in October 1780, began the downfall of the British Southern Campaign. He died in Winchester and is buried in Mount Hebron Cemetery.

The ceremony was held at Riverton United Methodist Church in Front Royal and attended by multiple local, county and state representatives. Pastor Allan Morrison emceed with Pastor Marc Roberson providing an invocation. The colors were posted by the Virginia State Color Guard, led by Brett Osborn of the Colonel James Wood II Chapter. The Pledge of Allegiance and National anthem were led by members of the Dominion Ridge Academy. Greetings were presented by Colonel James Wood II Chapter President Thomas "Chip" Daniel and Virginia SAR President Bruce Meyer. Presentations on Daniel Morgan (Mike St Jacques) and Joseph Warren (Christian Di



Spigna) followed by recognition and awards given to individuals who were responsible for the dedication ceremony. A musket salute was provided by the Virginia State Musket Squad, followed by a rifle salute from the American Legion Post 77 of Strasburg, Virginia. Participants from the Virginia SAR included Dale Carpenter, Sean Carrigan, Dale Corey, Chip Daniel, Kelly Ford, Larry Johnson, Erick Moore, Patrick Moore, Tom Reed, Will Reynolds, Marc Robinson, Mike St Jacques and Richard Tyler from Colonel James Wood II Chapter, Dave Cook and Jim Cordes from Fairfax Resolves Chapter, Mike Dennis, Charles Jameson and Bill Schwetke from Culpeper Minutemen Chapter, and Ken Bonner and Barry Schwoerer from Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter. The Virginia Society was further represented by Ernie Coggins (1st Vice President) George Washington Chapter and Mike Weyler (3rd Vice President) Colonel William Grayson Chapter.

First photo is the members and dual members of the Colonel James Wood II Chapter standing l. to r. Brett Osborn, Will Reynolds, Erick Moore, Bill Schwetke, Mike Dennis, Larry Johnson, Marc Robinson, Jim Cordes, Dave Cook, Jim Simmons, Barry Schwoerer, Tom Reed, Patrick Moore, Dale Carpenter and Kelly Ford. Kneeling l. to r. Chip Daniel, Ken Bonner, Richard Tyler, Charles Jameson, Dale Corey, Sean Carrigan, Mike St Jacques and Ernie Coggins. (Photo courtesy of Anita Bonner.) Second photo is the color guard l. to r. Ken Bonner, Richard Tyler, Patrick Moore and Bill Schwetke. (Photo courtesy of Dale Corey.) Third photo is the Musket Squad firing a salute in front of the Strasburg American Legion Post 77 rifle squad.



SAR participates in Wreaths Across America at Ketocin Baptist Church Cemetery

On 20 August 2022, the Colonel James Wood II (CJWII) and Sgt Maj John Champe (SMJC) Chapters of the Northern Region Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution co-sponsored a successful Color Guard Training Workshop. The training was held at VFW Post 1177 in Leesburg and started with a reminder that safety is everyone's responsibility, whether the event is a workshop or a formal ceremony. Musket safety checks were conducted throughout the session. All attendees were briefed on hydration and heat safety, how to check the site of an event for ground, overhead and brush hazards and the importance of a complete and updated Virginia SAR emergency call card. Individuals were provided training in firing a black powder musket and given the opportunity to fire under command. They were instructed in the proper method of carrying and presenting the musket during ceremonies and safety at all times in carrying a weapon. The participants were given training in proper handling of black powder and the process to load and fire the musket. Sean Carrigan was the Color Guard Commander and Safety Officer with Dale Corey and Marc Robinson giving training presentations on safety and flag etiquette. Sean Carrigan and Robinson provided training on the proper procedures for firing black powder. Three SAR Chapters were represented. From Colonel James Wood II there were Sean Carrigan, Dale Corey, Paul Christensen, John Petrie, Richard Tyler and prospective member Bill Weiss. Representing Sgt Maj John Champe were Ken Bonner, Steve Riddle, Barry Schwoerer and Mark Sink. Colonel William Grayson Chapter had Andrew Mills and Jack Mills participating. (Photo courtesy of Will Reynolds.) At Rightis musket squad firing l. to . Marc Robinson, John Petrie, Richard Tyler, Mark Sink, Bill Weiss and Andrew Mills. (Photo courtesy of Dale Corey.)



SAR Participates in Wreaths Across America at Prospect Hill Cemetery

On 18 December 2022, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter participated in a Wreaths Across America Ceremony conducted by Troop 4 of the Front Royal Boy Scouts of America. The event was held at Prospect Hill Cemetery. The CJWII Chapter Color Guard provided sentinels and musketeers to combine with the Troop 4 Color Guard in presenting the colors. After the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem, wreaths were placed for each branch of the military, the Merchant Marines and MIA/POWs. Among other presenters, SAR compatriots Thomas "Chip" Daniel placed a wreath for the U.S. Navy, Patrick Moore for the Merchant Marines and Charles Jameson (Culpeper Minutemen) for the MIA/POW. A three round musket salute was fired by the Colonel James Wood II Chapter Musket Squad led by commander Dale Corey. Firing for the SAR were Sean Carrigan, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Will Reynolds and dual members from the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter Mike Dennis and Bill Schwetke.

Wreaths were then distributed and placed at veterans graves sites throughout the cemetery to honor the service of our veterans. When each wreath is placed, the service member's name is said out loud, ensuring their memory lives on. In 2022, over two million volunteers placed more than 2.7 million veterans wreaths on headstones at 3,702 locations to show our veterans and their families, we will not forget. Each participant played an important part in the mission to remember the fallen, honor those that serve and their families while teaching our children the value of freedom. Each wreath was a gift of respect and appreciation as a small gesture of gratitude for veterans service for the freedoms we enjoy. First photo is the members of the CJWII Chapter l. to r. Bill Schwetke, Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen, Richard Tyler, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Mike Dennis, Charles Jameson, Will Reynolds, Patrick Moore and Dale Corey. (Photo courtesy of Dale Corey.) Second photo is the musket squad firing. (Photo courtesy of Mary Fran Cherry.)



WASHINGTON -

Honoring our Veterans

During the week of November 5 through November 14 members of the WASSAR were engaged in Veteran's Day activities across the entire State. 8 of the 10 chapters reported in on one or more events.



Missing in America

On November 14, 2022 members of the WASSAR Color Guard joined other Civic and Military organizations to honor Veterans and their family members who have been identified through the Missing in America Project. The Ceremony was held at the Washelli-Evergreen Cemetery in Seattle for the unclaimed remains of nearly 100 veterans from all service branches along with a handful of spouses and dependents. The oldest unclaimed remains have been in storage for 110 years. All of those honored were interred at Washington State Veteran's Cemetery on November 16 except three that will be buried at sea and eight will go to Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Washington.

WASSAR President Keith Weissinger (Not Pictured), Cmdr Neil Vernon (SE), Bill Bentler (GW), Michael Moore (AH), JPJ Chapter President Perry Taylor in Military Dress, Robert Korn (SE)



Alexander Hamilton

WWII Veteran Internment

On September 30, the WASSAR Color Guard attended the re-interment ceremony for Army Tech Sgt. Ross H Thompson at the Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Washington. Below is the write up.

Army Tech. Sgt. Ross H. Thompson, 50, of Maryville, Tennessee, who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for on Nov, 10, 2021.

In late 1941, Thompson was a member of the Finance Department, U.S. Army Forces Far East (USAFE), when Japanese forces invaded the Philippine Islands in December. Intense fighting continued until the surrender of the Bataan peninsula on April 9, 1942, and of Corregidor Island May 6, 1942.

Thousands of U.S. and Filipino service members were captured and interned at POW camps. Thompson was among those reported captured when USAFE forces in Bataan surrendered to the Japanese. They were subjected to the 65-mile Bataan Death March and then held at Cabanatuan POW camp. More than 2,500 POWs perished in this camp during the war.

According to prison camp and other historical records, Thompson died Dec. 10, 1942, and was buried along with other deceased prisoners in the local Cabanatuan Camp Cemetery, in Common Grave # 917.

In March 2018, the remains associated with Common Grave # 917 were disinterred and sent to the DPAA laboratory at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickman, Hawaii, for analysis.

Although interred as an Unknown in MACM, Thompson's grave was meticulously cared for over the past 70 years by the American Battle Monuments Commission.

The Grandson and his descendants attended the service where he received the flag of honor and other Military recognition.

Military Honors were rendered by the Army. Several members of the local VFW were present. The WASSAR Color Guard honored this fallen Veteran by representing the country's First Veterans during the Ceremony.



Front Row (L-R) Bugler Bernie Moskowitz, Ken Roberts (AH), Cmdr Neil Vernon (SE); Back Row (L-R) Dick Motz (AH), Michael Moore (AH), John Herr (AH), Fred Gilbert (JPJ), Robert Korn (SE), Bruce Bock (GW), Bill Bentley (GW), Dan Costello (SE)



Alexander Hamilton

Wreath's Across America

17 Dec Wreaths Across America: The Alexander Hamilton Chapter Participated in the 2022 WAA event at the Orting Soldiers Home Cemetery. 2237 wreaths were placed and the names of the honored veterans were read.

Participants Were (l-r) Melonie Leining (DAR F&D), Skip Stephan (F&D), Dick Motz, Mike Moore, Jan Lemmer (F&D), John Herr, Viren lemmer (F&D), and Ralph Leining (HODAR). Posting the Colors are: Dick Motz, Michael Moore, John Herr, and Ralph Leining. Also in attendance was the WA



George Washington

Wreaths Across America

The George Washington Chapter (Mt. Vernon, WA) was proud to turn out at the Hawthorne Cemetery in Mt. Vernon to participate in the annual Wreaths Across America ceremonies today. One of the many living veterans in attendance was a 103 year old gentleman who was shot down over France in WWII and survived a Nazi prison camp.



John Paul Jones

Veterans Day

John Paul Jones Chapter celebrated Veteran's Day with the Kitsap County sponsored program; Honoring All Veterans Who Have Served. The event had over 1000 visitors and co-chaired by the Kitsap Navy Base commander, Captain Massey.

The John Paul Jones celebrated the 1st Veterans of the United States with uniformed members and chapter members manning a display booth with period artifacts showing what the Continental Soldiers and how they lived. Visitors had the opportunity to re-view and handle the artifacts, asking questions and learning more how the Continental Soldiers lived, fought and won the revolution.



The guest speaker was Command Master Chief US Navy retired, Rusty Staub. Chief Staub spoke on how there are 22 suicides a day by veterans and active-duty service members, a challenge this nation faces.

The JPJ Team was led by chapter president Perry Taylor, and from Left to Right: Noah Chase, Mick Hersey, Doug Nelson, Fred Gilbert, Perry Taylor and Brian Dorr (in photo) and Bob Scheider and Quinton Gilman. Mick Hersey our chapter Vice President and Wreaths Across American Coordinator stands with a 97-year-old surviving WW-II Navy veteran and a DAR representative.

George Rogers Clark

Veterans Day

The George Rogers Clark Chapter color guard honored Vietnam veterans on the Washington State, Capitol Campus, in cooperation with the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sacajawea Chapter.

Twenty-seven Vietnam veterans received their 50 year pin followed by the reading of all the fallen veterans on the Vietnam wall on the Olympia Capitol Campus, Washington. For many veterans it was the first time they acknowledged their war service. As the pins were attached to their lapels, National Guard Commander, Colonel Stevens shook their hands with a warm "Welcome Home". Both recognitions were deeply appreciated by formerly unappreciated returning vets.

Lt. Colonel Barbara Nichols, a veteran of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam was in attendance. Her participation in WWII, combined with her short stature, were perfectly suited to affix nose cones on B-17's

George Washington

Christmas Parade

The George Washington Chapter proudly represented the SAR during the Anacortes Christmas Parade on December 3 with their colorful display of their new flag trailer!



(L-R) John Kraft, Bruce Bock, Bill Bentler, Chris Fridley, with Mike Hutchins driving





John Paul Jones Wreath's Across America

Excellent ceremony at Ivy Green Cemetery in Bremerton, Washington. We honored our Veterans Graves with live Wreaths during the annual Wreaths Across America Ceremony. Almost 200 people braved the drizzle to honor our Veterans

Mid-Columbia Chapter Naturalization Ceremony

The Mid-Columbia Chapter was pleased to congratulate and honor new Americans at a September 14th Naturalization Ceremony at the Richland Federal Building. Luke Sowieralski, Randal Roach, Kelly Schultz and Larry Flint attended this event and handed out crossed flag pins (Betsy Ross & current flags) to the new citizens. The DAR was also there to congratulate these new Americans and offered cookies and punch. Some of the new citizens and families took pictures us as representing Americas First Veterans. Eighteen immigrants from several countries were sworn in as new citizens. In the photo the Color Guard welcomes a new American family from Germany.



Mid-Columbia Chapter Heritage Days

The Mid-Columbia Chapter was pleased to be able to participate for our first time with Heritage Days Celebration at Sacajawea Park in Pasco. Heritage Days, basically a two-day event on September 23 and 24, this year features a Lewis and Clark living history encampment, mountain man camps, Native American cultural displays, vintage steam engines and much more. We set up a period encampment with our display of Colonial artifacts. On Friday we met with 500 school children in small groups and Saturday we hosted primarily families and some local groups and passengers from the Snake and Columbia River tours. A couple of us stayed the night.

Brian McReynolds George Boice, Randal Roach, Kelly Schultz & Larry Flint (L to R



Mid-Columbia Chapter DAR State Meeting

The Mid-Columbia Color Guard Flag conducted the Flag Posting for a DAR State Meeting in Kennewick on September 17.

(L to R 1st Pic) Randal Roach, Brian Smith, Jerry Noor, Brian McReynolds, a DAR page, Conn Clark, Kelly Schultz and Larry Flint.



Mid-Columbia Chapter Wreaths Across America

The Mid-Columbia Chapter participated, at Sunset Gardens Cemetery, Richland, with the Columbia River DAR Chapter and the Civil Air Patrol in this year's Wreaths Across America Program on December 17th to honor our Veterans, in concert with numerous other volunteer groups across the country. Conn Clark, Brian McReynolds, Luke Sowieralski, Richard Roddy, Brian Smith, Randal Roach. Jerry Noor, Arthur Broady and Larry Flint were in attendance.





Seattle Chapter Chapter Veterans Day

The Seattle Color Guard turned out in support of the Veteran's Day Memorial hosted by the Lady Sterling DAR Chapter on November 11 at the Bothell Pioneer Cemetery. Three new Seattle Chapter Color Guardsmen were added to the ranks: Stan Granburg, David Horsley (Applicant), and Rob Nofsinger (Applicant). The ceremony also honored Vietnam Veterans. The Seattle Color Guard posted the Colors and Rob Nofsinger had the honor of Ringing the Bell after the list of honored individuals buried at the Bothell Pioneer Cemetery were read

(L-R) Stan Granburg, Robert Korn, David Horsley (Applicant), Liz Runkie (DAR), Rob Nofsinger (Applicant), Nancy Moreya (DAR), Cmdr Neil Vernon (SE)

Seattle Chapter Wreath's Across America

Brushing headstones and remembering our fallen, we were struck by how beautifully diverse the Veterans we hoped to memorialize were. As one of the VFW volunteers commented, "I was struck by how many AAPI family's names I recognized Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, Hispanic, Black, White, Native shared residency." Nearly 300 Wreaths were placed in one of Seattle's oldest cemeteries and the final resting place of the prominent pioneer families of the area.

Color Guard members: David Horsley, Stan Granberg, Neil Vernon, Grant Rauzi, Robert Korn



Spokane Chapter Naturalization

As part of Constitution Week, Spokane #1 attended the Naturalization ceremony of 50 new citizens from 28 Countries. This was held Friday 16 Sept at the Central Valley Spokane High School football field. The entire school turned out for it and "it was the best ceremony I have attended in 10 years" says Vice Color Guard Commander Stan Wills. Accompanying him were Dale Ryan and Rob Hill of Spokane #1 and members of three DAR Chapters. We present each with a US/Betsy Ross Flag Pin.

Spokane Chapter Valley Fest Parade

Friday at 7:30p.m. we marched in the Spokane Valley ValleyFest Parade. We were accompanied by ladies from the various Spokane DAR chapters. l/r Stan Wills, Will Palmer, Dennis Shaw, Rob Hill, Rob Scott, Carl Durkoop, not pictured was Dale Ryan and his daughter Patience Ryan. I do not have the names of the DAR Ladies.



Spokane Chapter
Wreaths Across America

Spokane #1 Members Stan Wills, Will Palmer and Doug Jonas (pictured) attend- ed the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Pines cemetery in Spokane. 100 people attended to help lay 460 wreaths on Veterans headstones in 25 degree weather with a foot of snow on the ground.



WISCONSIN -

Carrying the Torch of History

Shane Barrett, began attending living history events when he was a third grader at Whittier Elementary school in Waukesha. Dressed in colonial clothing and carrying one end of the banner of the Wisconsin Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (WISSAR), he marched in parades in Waukesha, Janesville and Waubeka. Fueled by bottled water in sweltering heat he marched for miles. At this date, he’s logged about fifteen miles marching and executing military commands in parades. Wearing a colonial tricorne cap wasn’t the style of most third grade boys but he proudly donned the hat of his colonial ancestors. After a few years, he was fully outfitted with his tricorne, workshirt, knee length pants and a vest. His friends called him a pirate in sneakers. To others he was “The Captain.”

At trade shows and history reenactments throughout Wisconsin, he was schooled by grizzled reenactors, vendors and blanket traders. They willingly demonstrated period lifestyles and implements of the day. Blacksmiths, shoemakers and the like willingly

explained colonial trades. They were anxious to share their knowledge. Shane listened attentively but hunting frogs in the tall grass or dining on a prairie dog sandwich (hot dog) often stole his interest.

Today, after eleven years of experience as a reenactor, Shane is a full fledged member of the WISSAR and dresses in the impressive uniform of General George Washington’s personnel guards. He participates at several patriotic and historical events when not busy with academics at UW – Masison. He is more than willing to share history with anyone who shows interest. Shane is pictured carrying the United States Grand Union flag. Also shown with him are other color guards at a recent luncheon at the Milwaukee Athletic Club. Shane’s colonial ancestors owned farms in western Massachusetts and Connecticut. Each ancestor also served in the American Revolution during 1775-77. These ancestors, Pvt Eleazer Barrett and Sgt William Fowler, set an enduring example for Shane. Almost 250 years later, Shane carries the torch of freedom and liberty on their behalf.

Photo courtesy Bill Wheeler ILSSAR)

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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 sub- missions deal with photos - then text.

To Submit Photos:

- DO NOT embed in a text document - send as file attach- ments 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**
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• “(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

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