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Commander's Report

Fellow color guardsmen,

There I was, just minding my own business, making multiple trips to load the car, at the Brown Hotel after a National Society SAR Leadership meeting and then it happened.

I was stopped by Color Guard Commander Mark Anthony and asked if I would consider joining the National Color Guard Staff as the incoming adjutant. In my mind I am thinking, has he completely lost it? I told him I would think about it.

For someone who at that time had less than four years as a color guard participant and who had never served even as a chapter color guard commander this request came out of the blue. After a couple of months of not getting back with him Commander Anthony tracks me down and asks for a decision. Since he appears serious about the request, I agree to have my name put forward and that is how all of this started.

One year as Second Adjutant under Commander Fosdyck, two years as First Adjutant under Commander Raborg, during the COVID years, and now finishing up one year as Vice Commander under Commander Lyles.

As of this writing I have attended 151 National Events along with 129 Patriot and 15 Compatriot Grave Marker Dedications. But enough on the past it is time to look forward.

The change of command ceremony will happen at the President's General Banquet on Tuesday night at the National Society SAR Congress in Orlando, FL. Many thanks will need to be given to Commander Brooks Lyles for his excellent year as the National Society SAR Color Guard Commander.

During the Congress in Orlando, FL we will welcome Compatriot Allen Greenly as the National Society SAR Color Guardsman of the Year nominated by the Georgia Society SAR. Compatriot Greenly will receive the Gold Color Guard Medal and will carry the SAR Banner at all National Society SAR events that he attends until the next SAR Congress scheduled to be in Lancaster, PN. Yes, I did say SAR Banner as that is the proper name for what many refer to as the SAR flag but that is for a latter article.

Also, Compatriot Patrick Wesolosky of the Kentucky Society SAR will be joining the Command staff as Second Adjutant. Compatriot Kenneth Goodson of the International Society will move to First Adjutant and Compatriot Robert Meyer of the New Jersey Society will move to Vice Commander.

Over the next few months my current plans are to attend Battle of Blue Licks on 19 Aug, Gathering at Sycamore Shoals on 9 Aug, Vigil at Georgia and Martha Washington Tomb on 16 Sept, NSSAR Fall Leadership 22 and 23 Sept, Kings Mountain on 7 Oct. I look forward to seeing compatriots at these events and hopefully they will be in uniform. Unfortunately, this year Eutaw Springs is on the same weekend as the Gathering at Sycamore Shoals and Point Pleasant Battle Days is on the same weekend as Kings Mountain.

If you are hosting a National Event, please make sure that the National Society SAR Color Guard Command Staff have been sent an invitation. Our emails are contained in the magazine.

Let us try to get away from keeping SAR events a secret and please use all the various electronic methods available to you to publicize your event. After action publicity is great but pre-event publicity is better.

We are the face of the Sons of the American Revolution at the national, state, and chapter levels. Accordingly, as we further the Patriotic, Historic, and Educational Goals of the SAR let us have fun, enjoy the comradery, and practice safety for yourself and others.

Yours in Patriotism

K. Scott Collins
National Society SAR Color Guard Commander



Vice-Commander's Report

Well Congress is here. New Jersey has conducted many events.

- Battle of Bound Brook. April 2023.
- Battle of Monmouth June 2023.
- Battle of Springfield June 2023.
- Let freedom ring 4th of July 2023.



As we prepare for Congress, we also install a new Commander. Our old commander Brooks Lyles will be stepping down after his year of service.

The color guard has really transformed in the last couple of years. With reports and also safety videos.

The Videos are exceptional and quite helpful to All color guardsmen.

I look forward to serving with Scott Collins as the Commander of our National Color Guard.

And I look forward to fulfilling the role as Vice Commander.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Robert Meyer.

Vice Commander, National Color Guard.

Editorial

I am pleased that 28 states have submitted content for this issue.

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 at least two whole days 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 January 2023 issue, color guard activities from October 1st to December 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 States included. Missing are notably, **GA, LA, AL, MA, MS, 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.
- **DO NOT** send graphics/pictures from within IDrive/Google-Drive or other cloud based storage
- Identify which photo goes with which event

This issue took 4 days longer to format because submissions did not follow the guidelines listed above. Next issue's submissions will be reviewed upon receipt and if necessary I will send the submission back for correction. will

Yours in Patriotism

Steve



National Color Guard Events during the Second Quarter

The Halifax Resolves, Halifax, NC – 12 April 2023

Summary of Events: The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution hosted the 247th Anniversary Celebration of the signing of the Halifax Resolves. They were joined by Keynote Speaker NSSAR President General Bruce Pickette, Vice President General, South Atlantic District George Strunk, Historian General and National Color Guard Commander Brooks Lyles, and Genealogist General Gary Green, as well as the North Carolina and Virginia Society Presidents Steve Van Pelt and Ernie



Coggins. Greetings were presented by these gentlemen as well as SR, DAR, CAR, American Legion, and local government officials. Emcee Ken Wilson and the chapter did a wonderful job as usual, and they were happy to point out this was the largest crowd they had ever had.

Why Do we celebrate this event?

After the Patriot victory at Moore's Creek Bridge, the Fourth North Carolina Provincial Congress met in Halifax, NC. Members unanimously adopted the Halifax Resolves on April 12, 1776. The Resolves were simply entered into the Congressional minutes, and as such, are not "signed" documents. After adoption, the secretary of the Congress, James Green, sent copies of the Resolves to the North Carolina delegation assembled with the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia for execution. The Halifax Resolves and the Declaration of Independence: The colonial assemblies desired self-governing status within the British Empire in early 1776. However, North Carolina was an exception. The Halifax Resolves ordered North Carolina's delegation to the second Continental Congress in Philadelphia, not only to form foreign alliances, but also to seek and vote for independence from Great Britain. This action made North Carolina the first of the colonial governments to call for total independence. As such, it became a factor leading to the writing of the Declaration of Independence, which was adopted on July 4, 1776.

--National Park Service



Patriots Day, Concord, MA – 17 April 2023

Summary of Events: Prior to the Patriot's Day Parade in Concord, the Massachusetts Society, led by the Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard commanded by MASSAR CG Commander Chris Tourtellot, conducted a memorial service with a Musket Salute to honor the Patriots buried in the Old Hill Burying Ground, including Col Barrett who commanded the Concord Militia in 1775. National Color Guard Commander Lyles marched with the Color Guard and spoke to the guests. The ceremony was attended by Past President General Jack and First Lady Sheila Manning.



Next the Color Guard formed at the historic 1716 Concord Inn and joined the other units on the three mile Parade Route through Concord and the surrounding countryside to cross the Old North Bridge just as Colonel Barrett's Militia did on that April morning in 1775. There was a reenactment of the fight at the North Bridge, bands, and many speakers involved in the ceremony while the marchers waited and watched on the same hill the local Militia watched the British going about the business of searching for weapons 248 years ago.



After completing the Parade route, the Massachusetts Society held their annual Meeting and Luncheon led by Society President Jim Holmes. PG Manning was the Keynote Speaker and Historian General Lyles spoke on the SAR's Education Programs.

Why Do we celebrate this battle? This is where it all began, the famous "Shot Heard Round the World" and the drawing of British blood in the name of America's right to

representation in the British Parliament. Patriot's Day Commemorates the Battles of Lexington, Concord, and Menotomy and the combat along Battle Road between Boston and Concord. Following the actions of 19 April 1775, the die was cast and there was no going back to the way things were before. Before those actions General Gage and the British Army were enforcing the will of the British Government on the people of Massachusetts, they had freedom of movement, and were actively trying to seize Patriot powder and weapons from local armories and villages. After 19 April they were captives in the fortified town of Boston and surrounded by local militias numbering close to 20 thousand men.

– CG Commander Brooks Lyles

Frederica Naval Action, St. Simons Island, GA - 15 April 2023

Summary of Events: Vice Commander Scott Collins participated in 18th Annual Celebration of The Frederica Naval Action and "Patriots Day" at the Casino on Saint Simons Island. The event was hosted by the Georgia Society SAR and was spearheaded by the Marshes of Glynn Chapter. The Glynn Academy Marine Corps JROTC Saber Unit adds to the wreath presentation by provided an archway. After the formal ceremony the crowd moves to the lawn facing the harbor as the Tall Ship Lynx arrives in the to answer the volleys from the four cannon of the Brier Creek Artillery Unit. Musket fire is interspersed with cannon volleys to make a unique setting while colors are presented followed by Mourn Muskets and Taps. As usual a large crowd comes up from the village for the spectacle. President General Michael Tommee was on one of the cannon crew this year.

At noon the color guard and other guest form up to lead a parade thru the village. Local school children and Scouts all join in to celebrate the event. The event was attended by 22 Georgia guardsmen and a number of Florida guardsmen also participated.

Why Do we celebrate this battle? Patriots in the sparsely settled Georgia territory between the Altamaha and St. Marys Rivers were frequently harassed by raiders from British East Florida, who rounded what cattle they could find, and drove them back across the St. Marys River. Others pillaged rice and timber or took slaves from the plantations. In an effort to stop the depredations, Georgia had attempted unsuccessful military expeditions into East Florida in 1776 and 1777. The Third Florida Expedition was planned in 1778, when Colonel Samuel Elbert, in command of Georgia Continental Army and Navy forces, learned that the British vessels, HM frigate Galettea, HM brigantine Hinchinbrook, sloop Rebecca and an armed watering brig, were sailing in St. Simons Sound.

For harbor and river defense and to transport troops and supplies. Colonel Elbert was dependent upon the Georgia Navy galleys, four of which had been underwritten by the Continental Congress: Lee, Washington, Bulloch, and Congress. All were constructed, launched, and fitted out in Savannah during 1776 and 1777; and were under the command of Commodore Oliver Bowen. Although no drawings or specifications of the galleys exist, they were probably like those built by other states with two masts and triangular sails, and measured approximately seventy-foot keel, thirteen-foot beam, and four-one-half-foot depth amidships.

On 15 April 1778, when Colonel Elbert learned that four British vessels were sailing in St. Simons Sound, he detailed about 360 men from the Four Georgia Continental Battalions at Fort Howe to march to Darien. There, they embarked on three Georgia Navy galleys: Washington with Captain John Hardy in command, Lee under Captain John Cutler Braddock, and Bulloch under Captain Archibald Hatcher.

By mid-afternoon of 18 April, the flotilla entered the Frederica River and anchored at Pikes Bluff, about a mile and a half above Fort Frederica. First to land were the troops under the command of Colonel Robert Rae and Major Daniel Roberts. Colonel Elbert then ordered Captain George Young and the artillery detachment to land and set up the field piece. Officers were designated to command troops on board each galley: Colonel John White on Lee, Captain George Melvin on Washington, and Lieutenant Barnard Patty on Bulloch. Colonel Elbert then directed Colonel Rae with 100 men to march to Fort Frederica where British prisoners were taken. Other men in Hinchinbrook scouting party escaped by boat and rowed to Galatea in St. Simons Sound to alert British Captain Jordan, who then sent a ship loaded with soldiers, to assist Hinchinbrook and Rebecca.

By the time the intelligence about Hinchinbrook and Rebecca got back to Colonel Elbert, he deemed it too late in the evening to initiate an attack. Early the next morning, 19 April, the galleys sailed down the river to attack the British vessels, which were drawn up in their "order of battle." As Virginia Steele Wood, Specialist in Naval and Maritime History at the Library of Congress, describes the naval action: "It was probably soon after first light, nearly 5:30am, when Colonel Samuel Elbert preempted the British and commenced his attack on HM brigantine Hinchinbrook, the armed sloop Rebecca, and the watering brig. A strong ebb was running in its first quarter, and by a freak of nature the wind had died thereby favoring the Americans and making it impossible for the British to carry out their plan of sailing directly into the galleys for boarding. Initially the galleys executed a few random shots as they rowed toward the enemy, then anchored at a safe distance of half a mile and began a heavy cannonade, firing right on target for several hours.

"Since the limited range of Hinchinbrook's and Rebecca's 4-pounders were no match

for the galleys' heavier ordnance, all three British vessels began dropping down river. The officers fervently hoped they could find a place to maneuver and that a breeze would spring up to help them, but it was not to be. Believing they were in a deep channel they resumed moving downstream with the ebb when suddenly Rebecca grounded in a place the British called 'Raccoon Gut.' Almost immediately Hinchinbrook and the watering brig suffered the same fate. Meanwhile the galleys, still firing, were closing fast, by then about 10 a.m. Being faced with imprisonment or abandoning ship the British crowded into their ships' boats leaving behind some of the Hinchinbrook's crew. Six to seven miles distant, HM Galatea was awaiting them in St. Simons Sound, and all who escaped made it safely on board."

Colonel Elbert sent Brigade Major Joseph Habersham to inform General Howe of the capture of the British ships. The Frederica Naval Action was a tremendous boost to Georgians' morale for it put out of action two ships that had been interrupting trade by capturing American merchant vessels off the coast of South Carolina and Georgia. The victory helped delay for over eight months a major move by the British to capture Fort Morris and Sunbury. It was also an excellent demonstration of just how effective heavily armed galleys could be in confined waters when pitted against blue-water vessels. The tidal currents, lack of wind and underwater shoals certainly affected the outcome, but credit must be given to Colonel Samuel Elbert for his courage, his tactics, his determination, the quality of his leadership, and to each of the officers and men who served under his command. -- Prepared by Bill Ramsaur, Marshes of Glynn Chapter, GASSAR.

Battle of Pensacola, Pensacola, FL – 8 May 2023

Summary of Events: Vice Commander Scott Collins participated in the Battle of Pensacola which is locally called "Galvez Days". The Florida Society hosts the color guard for the event and the Alabama Society SAR takes an active role in providing guardsmen and assistance with the event. The guardsmen form up outside of Fort George which is within sight of the Galvez Monument in downtown Pensacola. With the assistance of local police officers, the unit marches the Colors down the middle of the street and then forms up on either side of the monument. Several local school groups add their flavor to the event and a single wreath is presented at the Galvez Monument. The Alabama Society Honor Guard provided a three round musket volley.

The event was attended by 18 guardsmen from Florida, Alabama, and Georgia.

Why Do we celebrate this battle? As supporters of the Patriot cause during the revolution, the Spanish took up arms to defend against the British and further their gains on a competitive world stage. They participated in an extensive campaign along the Gulf Coast, which culminated in the 1781 Siege of Pensacola. The siege began in March of that year and continued until May, with the Patriot-advocating Spanish facing off against the British for control of Pensacola.

The defenses of Pensacola had been improved in the years leading up to the siege. This effort was led by the British, who had taken control of Florida in 1763 following the French and Indian war. As a variety of military threats loomed on the horizon, the British built forts, stockades, and redoubts.

The Spanish were keeping the British on their toes, occupying nearby New Orleans, Natchez, and Baton Rouge. The Spanish General Don Bernardo de Gálvez aggressively sought to capture another British holding, leading him to pursue Pensacola.

On his way to Pensacola, Galvez led a force of 40 ships and 3,500 men west along the Gulf of Mexico to Mobile Bay. There Galvez laid siege to British Fort Charlotte, a stronghold in what is today's Mobile, Alabama. With a Spanish victory there, the fort was garrisoned with Spanish troops and a second fort was built across from Mobile Bay. Referred to as the "Spanish Fort," this locale became the spot for General Gálvez to regroup and strategize in preparation for an attack on Pensacola. Leaving behind a contingent of men to garrison the new forts, Gálvez sought out troops and fresh supplies in Havana, Cuba.

Gálvez finally mobilized his fleet toward Pensacola after attaining sufficient troops and supplies. On March 9th, 1781, the fleet arrived at Santa Rosa Island near the entrance of Pensacola Bay. The first attempt at entering the bay went awry when the Spanish flagship ran aground. Naval officers warned Gálvez against making a second try, but ever the determined and aggressive general, he sailed the flagship Galveztown into the bay himself, on March 18th, 1781. The remainder of the Spanish fleet followed behind.

The British Royal Navy Redoubt, a five-faced battery made from earth and logs, attempted to counteract the Spanish fleet's movement. While the British main army gathered in Fort George, to prepare for a siege, Gálvez was hard at work moving men and artillery into place from the west.

Putting a literal damper on Gálvez's plans, a hurricane halted conflict. The hurricane was a precursor to an even more treacherous storm, a storm of artillery and cannon fire on both Spanish and British sides!

The majority of April included many small-scale skirmishes, making way for incoming large-scale conflict. Reinforcements had arrived to enlarge the Spanish threat, leading to a total of approximately 7,800 men. In opposition, British forces stood at roughly 2,000 men. With reinvigorated forces, Gálvez positioned a battery on a hill within range of Fort George, and opened fire on May 5th, 1781. The British responded in kind, starting a chain of heavy fire.

The Spanish used trenches and batteries to wear down British defenses. The British answered by overrunning and destroying one of the batteries. Nevertheless, the siege continued.

After 4 days of ruthless firing, a Spanish shell hit a powder magazine in the Queen's Redoubt on May 8th, 1781, destroying the fort and killing approximately 100 British soldiers. Spanish troops moved to occupy the ruinous Queen's Redoubt and placed artillery at the location. With artillery in place, the Spanish opened fire on Fort George at short range. No longer capable of defending Fort George from unforgiving Spanish artillery, British General John Campbell raised the white flag of surrender on May 8th, 1781.

Pensacola officially came under control of the Spanish on May 10th, 1781. It would remain in control of the Spanish for the next 40 years.

The Vincennes Rendezvous, Vincennes, IN – 27 May 2023

Summary of Events: On 27 May 23, Assistant Safety Officer Jacob Vink, President of the Indiana Society and Assistant Quartermaster Patrick Wesolosky participated in the National Color Guard Vincennes Rendezvous and Reenactment at the George Rogers Clark National Monument in Vincennes, IN. President General Bruce Pickette and First Lady Rita were in attendance and Compatriot "T-Rex" Legler served as the Master of Ceremonies. The event was attended by 32 color guardsmen from throughout the central region.

Why do we celebrate this event? In the early stages of the American Revolution, British officials built Fort Vincennes, later named Sackville, along the Wabash River, at the modern border of Illinois and Indiana. British Lieutenant Governor Edward Abbott began construction in 1777. He was succeeded by Lieutenant Governor Henry Hamilton, who arrived in late 1778 with a force of 90 British Regulars and 200 Native allies. Hamilton was upset by the design and state of the fort and immediately began work on strengthening the defenses. The fort was roughly square, with blockhouses on the northeast and southwest corners, a barracks, a magazine, and a gatehouse. The strongest parts of the fort were the blockhouses, made of thick timbers rendering them musket-proof and each mounting a three-pound cannon. By February 1779, Hamilton had completed the major construction, but the stockades were still in poor condition. The Americans, fearing that every day they delayed, Hamilton's position became stronger, decided to launch a winter attack on the fort.

Stationed at Kaskaskia, about 180 miles west of the fort, was Lieutenant Colonel George Rogers Clark. Clark departed Kaskaskia on February 6, 1779, with 172 American and French militiamen. The 180-mile expedition proved to be extremely difficult, even by frontier standards. While the winter was not cold, it was exceedingly wet, forcing the men to endure wet conditions and wade through standing water in multiple places. By the time Clark arrived at Vincennes on February 23, food had run dangerously low.

On the afternoon of February 23rd, Clark's forces approached the garrison. The local population, many French, were sympathetic to the American cause and did not alert the fort or oppose Clark's approach. Despite a large commotion, Hamilton did not realize he was under attack until the fort came under direct fire. Clark ordered a barricade built facing the fort's gate, and both sides traded fire throughout the night. On the morning of the 24th, Clark demanded Hamilton's unconditional surrender, which was rejected, but Hamilton agreed to meet Clark to discuss terms.

In the interim, one of the frontier wars' most controversial and brutal episodes occurred. A war party of natives and French Canadians entered the town, unaware of the American occupation. After a short skirmish, Clark captured six and forced the rest to flee. Releasing the two French prisoners, Clark had the four Natives tomahawked to death in view of the fort and then scalped and thrown in the river. Clark intended to use the action as a psychological tactic against the British garrison; he never denied or apologized for the action.

At 10 a.m. on February 25th, Hamilton surrendered the fort, which the Americans renamed Patrick Henry. Clark's success secured the western frontier from attacks and served as a temporary deterrent to British and native incursions into Kentucky. -American Battlefield Trust

Battle of Fort San Carlos, Ste. Genevieve, MO - 27 May 2023

Summary of Events: The Battle of Fort St. Carlos in Saint Genevieve MO ceremony took place 5/27/2023. Forty-four members of the SAR Color guard along with 100 guests attended the event and was organized by the MO Society. The States represented included MO, OK, AR, MI and TN which included 14 SAR Chapters and members of the DAR, MO JROTC, South Central District VPG Charles McLemore and Ken Goodson 2nd Adjutant, National Color Guard Command Staff. The event honored these 10 Patriots with a wreath ceremony, plaque presentation and musket salute.

- *Francois Valle pere was Captain of the Ste. Genevieve Militia 1760-1783.
- *Francois Valle II he was second in command at the Battle, later Commandant and Captain of the Militia in Ste. Genevieve.
- *Charles Balle was present at the battle of Fort St. Carlos.
- *Jean Baptiste de Lafont he was a surgeon in Kaskaskia Militia and aided George Rogers Clark.

*J. B. St. Gemmed dit Bauvais was in Kaskaskia Militia and aided George Rogers Clark.

*Jean Baptiste Valle he was a cadet in the Ste. Genevieve Militia and later became captain of the militia for the neighboring district of New Bourbon and was the last Commandant and Captain of the Militia before the American takeover in 1804.

*Jacques Messier experienced many battles, including the failed Siege of Savannah and his final resting place remains in the Memorial Cemetery in Ste. Genevieve.

*Jean Baptiste Pratte Ste. Genevieve Militiaman on the Nov. 1779 roster.

*Nicholas Janis Captain of the 1st Co. of the Kaskaskia Militia in 1779 and assisted George Rogers Clark.

*Nicholas Calliot dit LaChance was the 1st Lt. in the 2nd Co. of the 1779 Kaskaskia Militia and assisted George Rogers Clark.

--2nd Adjutant Ken Goodson

Why Do we celebrate this battle? “The Battle of Fort San Carlos”, as it would be known, was named after a stone tower that played a key role in the engagement. The tower stood just beyond the current-day location of Busch Stadium’s center field wall. In fact, if Busch Stadium existed in 1780, attending spectators couldn’t ask for better seats from which to watch a war.

The key figure in St. Louis leading up to this event was the Spanish governor of Upper Louisiana, a military man named Don Fernando de Leyba. Arriving in St. Louis in 1778, he quickly initiated plans to fortify the village. With France entering the American Revolution on the side of the colonial government in 1788, Leyba knew that Spain would eventually be drawn into the fight. As the center of the profitable Missouri River fur trade, Leyba also knew the British coveted the village located at the confluence of North America’s two greatest rivers.

Leyba was right. When Spain finally declared war in 1779, the British plan to control the Mississippi Valley quickly went into action. In a nutshell, the British plan consisted of rolling back American military successes on the east bank of the Mississippi, while taking control of Spanish possessions on the west bank. If successful, the British would establish solid footing in lands west of the Appalachians.

A former fur trader and British officer named Emanuel Hesse was placed in charge of the campaign. With few British regulars available outside the eastern theater of war, Hesse enlisted Indian forces from tribes around the Great Lakes that were hostile towards colonial French interests. With promises of weapons, riches, and spoils of war, an army of Sioux, Chippewa, Winnebagoes, Menominees, and other tribes were recruited. In 1780, the British-led force began moving south towards St. Louis. Along the way, 250 additional Sauk and Fox Indians joined the ranks, bringing the total to just over 1,000 fighting men.

Informed that St. Louis would get no financial assistance from the colonial Spanish government in New Orleans, Leyba appealed to villagers to help pay for its own defense. To help the cause, Leyba donated more than a third of the necessary funds out of his own pocket. His plan consisted of building four stone towers around the village, starting with one on the vulnerable western side. He also ordered a large trench dug around the perimeter of the entire village. The trench would connect the four towers and provide a strong defensive position from attackers.



On April 17, 1780, the first stone in the foundation of the western tower was placed. When completed, the cylindrical fort stood about forty feet tall and thirty feet in diameter. It was named Fort San Carlos after the Spanish King Charles III.

But Leyba had underestimated the costs of fortification. Money ran out before the other towers could be built. Instead, felled trees, logs spiked into the ground, and parapets constructed at each end of the trench would have to suffice. Finally, Leyba ordered five cannon placed on top of Fort San Carlos.

With rudimentary defenses in place, word soon arrived from that the British force had gathered in the north and were preparing for attack. Despite defenses that fell short of expectations, this was significant. Unbeknownst to the British-led force, Leyba and the villagers fully expected a battle in the coming days.

The British and Indian force expected to surprise and overwhelm the small fur-trading

village. Hesse was so confident that he even decided to divide his force. A larger force of about 750 was sent across the Mississippi towards St. Louis, while a smaller force of 300 was directed south to attack the American-held outpost at Cahokia.

On May 26, 1780, the attacking force approached the village from the north and west. As Indian warriors crept from tree cover, they came upon villagers tending to crops and livestock in the common fields west of the village. One of the first to discover the day of attack had come was Jean Marie Cardinal, a French creole who had recently moved to St. Louis with his family. As Cardinal attempted to flee, an Indian warrior caught and killed him.

News of the attack spread, and farmers, field hands, and slaves suddenly rushed towards the village for safety. The Indians gave chase, catching villagers and slaughtering them before the eyes of loved ones who looked on. A few villagers managed to fight back. Pursued by an Indian warrior, a slave suddenly turned and confronted his attacker. The slave wrested a musket from the Indian and killed him with it before crossing to safety. Marie Josepha Rigauche, a school teacher, made several trips beyond the village gates armed with a pistol and knife in order to help people get to safety.

The Indians and British must have initially believed the rout was on, but the cannon atop the stone tower exploded with a booming reality check. Suddenly, it was apparent that the village was not only expecting the attack but prepared for it. In his book, *Lion of the Valley: St. Louis, Missouri, 1764-1980*, James Primm makes the case that the noise of the cannon was the key factor in the battle. Although far out of range, many Indians stopped in their tracks upon hearing cannon fire. Even the eastern attack on Cahokia lost momentum when the Indians realized the stone tower on the other side of the river had big guns on top of it.

When the Indians realized they had a fight on their hands, only two tribes, the Sioux and Winnebagoes, continued to press the attack.

Despite their bravery, Indian war tactics did not favor attacking stone forts and entrenched riflemen. The Fox and Sauks, already hesitant about attacking a bordering colonial power, halted after one cannon volley. The few British and Canadians remained far in the rear and did not enter the fray at all.

Unsuccessful in drawing the defenders into the open, the Indians shifted their attention. They vented their frustration by killing livestock, burning crops, and destroying outlying buildings. By late afternoon, with Leyba’s defenders staying put behind their defenses, the Indians recognized the futility of the engagement. Disbanding by late afternoon, the attacking forces broke up and headed home.

When the dust settled, the village had suffered over 100 casualties, with twenty-one killed. The defeated British reported four Indians killed and four wounded. The number is likely much higher.

While the number of casualties may not seem significant, it was a staggering blow to a village with a population of just 700. Strategically, the battle had an enormous impact. The Spanish victory ended any British hope for control of the Mississippi Valley. It also prevented the looting and razing of St. Louis by a foreign army. The villagers, however, did not revel in the result. Along with seeing many of their own slain and captured, the residents of St. Louis had to deal with the significant loss of livestock and crops destroyed by the frustrated retreating army.

-- posted on 5 June 2013, by Cameron Collins

Buford’s Massacre, Lancaster, SC - 27 May 2023

Summary of Events: Drs. Greg and Barbara Ohanesian of the General Francis Marion Chapter of the South Carolina Society hosted the 243rd Anniversary Commemoration of Buford’s Massacre, also known as the Battle of the Waxhaws, which was emceed by Compatriot Ohanesian for the 19th year in a row. It was a rainy day but the SAR, DAR, and CAR folks who remained got a break as the rain stopped long enough for the ceremony to take place. A large contingent of Virginian’s led by State President Ernie Coggins and Color Guard Commander Chris Melhuish replenished the dirt on the mass grave of the Virginian Troops killed there, spreading ceremonial dirt from Virginia over the grave site. Historian General Brooks Lyles provided Greetings from National and historical comments on the battle.



Why Do we celebrate this battle? On May 12, 1780, Charleston, South Carolina, and the defending American Forces under the command of Major General Benjamin Lincoln, fell to the British Forces under the command of Sir Henry Clinton.

General Cornwallis was left in charge and soon learned of a column of reinforcements under the command of Colonel Abraham Buford that had failed to reach the city before it fell. The Governor of South Carolina, John Rutledge and members of his Colonial Government had escaped Charleston before the fall and met up with Buford’s column, as had General Caswell and a group of North Carolina Troops and informed them of the loss of the Army and the futility of continuing to Charleston. Buford turned the column around and was now traveling back towards Charlotte Town, North Carolina with the North Carolina Militia and Governor Rutledge’s party in tow. Cornwallis

dispatched Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton to pursue and engage Buford.

Even though the Americans were several days ahead of him, Tarleton moved his men 150 miles catching up with Buford on the afternoon of May 29, 1780. Caswell and the North Carolina Militia had departed the column for home at Camden a day or two earlier. The area where the two forces caught sight of each other was here, which was known then as the Waxhaws.



Prior to reaching here, Tarleton sent a messenger ahead with a message to Buford, demanding the Patriots surrender. Colonel Buford, liking his odds and the ground he occupied refused. Governor Rutledge and his party took this chance to strike out on their

own for Charlotte, and Buford ordered his heavy baggage wagons and two 6 Pound artillery pieces to continue moving northward. He formed a line of battle across the route of march, his infantry in a single rank, and he ordered them not to fire until the British were within ten yards. Buford and his men were a new unit, not seasoned veterans. This was not the way the Infantry was taught to repel a cavalry charge and the decision would haunt him for the rest of his life.

The British attack commenced as soon as all of their troops were in position. The Patriots managed to get off a single volley before the hard charging dragoons were in and amongst them, turning to the left and right, hacking and slashing with their heavy sabers. Having no second rank and no reserve and having waited too long to fire their first volley, Buford's men were being overwhelmed. Officers ordered their men to surrender. Col Buford managed to escape from the slaughter with the Virginia Dragoons.

There is some debate as to whether or not this was a massacre or not, however, the evidence available indicates that Tarleton, whose horse was killed in the initial American volley pinning him beneath the dead horse, did lose control of his men, who thinking their commander had been killed, did kill Americans who were trying to surrender.

Whatever the cause, the effect was dramatic. News of Buford's Massacre in the Southern Theater stirred up anti-British sentiment throughout the colonies. Continental forces in the South turned this stunning loss into a propaganda victory with the engagement becoming a battle cry for Patriot forces. Citing "Remember The Waxhaws!" Patriot ranks swelled in response to the battle, and it served as a rallying point for the cause of independence. Just months later, as the Overmountain Men attacked Loyalist forces at King's Mountain, their battle cry was "Remember the Waxhaws" and "Give them Buford's play!" - WIKIPEDIA

Battle of Ramsour's Mill, Lincolnton, NC - 17 June 2023

Summary of Events: Vice Commander Scott Collins participated in this event hosted by the Catawba Valley Chapter of the North Carolina Society and President Ben Setser. George Strunk South Atlantic District Regional Vice President and National Society SAR Color Guardsmen of the Year participated in the event. This is always a well run event that takes part at the site of the mass grave located on the battlefield. This year there were 26 Guardsmen with nine militia participating in the musket volley. The event was graced by the presence of George and Martha Washington with parts in the program and wonderful crowd interaction. The community of Lincolnton supports the wreath ceremony to honor the patriots and all the events occurring during this weekend. This battle saw many families with family members on both sides of the battle.

Why Do we celebrate this battle? The Battle of Ramsour's Mill took place on 20 June 1780 in present-day Lincolnton, North Carolina, during the British campaign to gain control of the southern colonies in the American Revolutionary War. The number of fighters on each side of the battle is still an issue of contention, but Loyalist militiamen (many of them German Palatine emigrants and settlers in the local area) outnumbered Patriot militia and had captured a group of Patriots who they were planning to hang on the morning of June 20.

The one to two-hour battle during the foggy morning of June 20 did not involve any regular army forces from either side and was literally fought between family, friends, and neighbors with muskets sometimes being used as clubs because of a lack of ammunition. Some cases of fratricide occurred during the battle. Peter Costner, a loyalist, was killed by his brother Thomas who buried his sibling's corpse after the fight. William Simpson, a patriot scout, rushed to the battle desiring to kill his brother; but arrived after the battle was over. He never located his brother Reuben, who had suffered a serious, but non-fatal injury and departed the battlefield earlier. Despite being outnumbered, the Patriot militia defeated the Loyalists.

The battle was significant in that it lowered the morale of Loyalists in the south, weakening their support of the British.

The Battle of Monmouth, Freehold, NJ - 17 June 2023

Summary of Events: The 245th Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Monmouth and Reenactment took place over the weekend of 16-18 June 2023. It was



attended by Commander Lyles and 1st Adjutant Rob Meyer. There was a Color Guard gathering Friday night for dinner with the National Color Guard Commander and his wife at a local historic tavern. On Saturday Color Guardsmen from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Missouri, and North Carolina as well as representatives of the SAR, DAR and CAR took part in the Commemoration Ceremony and presented wreaths at the Statue of Major General Baron Von Steuben. Greetings were given by past state President

Charlie Morgan and short talks on the critical importance of Baron Von Steuben in training the Continental Army during the long Valley Forge winter were made by Historian General Brooks Lyles and the CAR Representative.

Why Do we celebrate this battle? The Battle of Monmouth was one of the most complicated engagements of the American Revolution. Fought on Sunday, 28 June 1778, Monmouth was critical to the success of the revolution and marked a decisive point in the military career of General George Washington and in the professional development of the Continental Army. If not for victory at Monmouth, Washington's critics may have been able to gather enough political support to replace the American Commander-in-Chief. And if not for the winter of hard training under Baron Von Steuben at Valley Forge Washington's Army may not have had victory at Monmouth. Washington's Army with the help of Von Steuben, Greene, Knox, and Lafayette had fought the British to a standstill and when the sun rose on 29 June he was in control of the field, and the British gone on their way to New York City where they remained for most of the rest of the war. This marked the end of major combat operations in the middle states and a shift in the British focus to raiding coastal cities in New England and to subjugating the Southern states. Simultaneously America began to look south and to developing relationships with our new French allies.

- CG Commander Brooks Lyles



Other Significant Color Guard Events

The Camden Burials, Camden Historic District, SC 11-22 April 2023

On 22 April 23, Commander Lyles, Vice Commander Collins, Safety Officer Osborne, and Assistant Quartermaster Wesolosky participated in the Ceremonies at Historic Camden honoring the 13 Soldiers found on the Battlefield at Camden and in the SC Society Wreath Laying Ceremony Sunday the 23 honoring the Maryland and Delaware Line at the Old Presbyterian Burying Ground. Both ceremonies were attended by PG Bruce Pickette.



After Lying in Rest at the Ker-shaw-Cornwallis House in Historic Camden District for 36 hours the bodies of the 12 American and 1 British Soldiers found and recovered from the Camden Battlefield were moved by Horse Drawn Caissons in a 1.3 mile Procession from Historic Camden to the Bethesda Presbyterian Church for Funeral Services. Marching in the Procession were the US 3rd Infantry Old Guard,

The Fort Jackson Army Band, South Carolina National Guard, Delaware National Guard, Washington Infantry Light Infantry Color Guard, Revolutionary War Reenactors led by Eric Nason, President General Bruce Pickette of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, The National Color Guard of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Sons of the Revolution; and the South Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution.

A formal 18th Century Funeral Service was held at Bethesda Presbyterian Church (in front of Baron de Kalb's Grave) for the Soldiers officiated by Reverend Josie Holler of the Williamsburg



Presbyterian Church of Kingstree, SC and the Reverend William F. Owens, Jr. of St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church of Camden, SC. All the readings and music were things these men would have recognized. Following a flyover of F-16s (something they would not have recognized) the bodies were moved from the church to the Camden Battlefield by Motor Transport for the afternoon Honors Ceremony.

Highlights of the Battlefield Honors Ceremony were: Welcome by Doug Bostick of the South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust, the sponsors of the Camden Bur-



ials. Comments by SC Governor Henry D. McMaster; Taps; a flyover by 3 Apache Gunships; a Battlefield Honors Ceremony by the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland; and the “Flowers of the Forest” played by Piper Grey Holler; Comments and an introduction of MG McCaffery, Secretary of SC Veterans Affairs by Congressman Ralph Norman; Comments by MG(R) Todd McCaffery and British Consul General Rachel Galloway; a Burial Tribute by Historian Rick Wise, “The Fate that Brings Us Here”; and a Pass & Review with salute of the coffins by the SAR National Color Guard.

Sunday morning the Col John Kershaw Chapter of the SC Society hosted a Wreath Laying at the Delaware Regiment Monument at the Presbyterian Burying Ground.
– CG Commander Brooks Lyles

A full story and photos can be found in the last edition of SAR Magazine. Daniel and Rebecca Boone Patriot Grave Marking, Frankfort, KY – 4 June 2023 I had the great honor to participate in the Patriot Grave Marking of Patriots Daniel and Rebecca Boone hosted by the Colonel Daniel Boone Chapter of the Kentucky Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. They and the Frankfort and Susannah Hart Shelby Chapters of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution sponsored a magnificent ceremony Sunday, June 4th at the Frankfort Cemetery. There were over 40 Color Guardsmen in attendance from several states, including myself, Vice Commander Scott Collins, Quartermaster Charlie Scott, and Assistant QM Patrick Wesolosky of the National Color Guard Staff. Also in attendance was former NSSAR President General Dr.

and Mrs. William Gist; Kentucky Society President Tim Brown; Patrick Parker and Richard Quire, President, and Vice President of the Col Daniel Boone Chapter (KY) and Robert Crum, President of the Col Daniel Boone Chapter, (NC). Other participants were Steve Vest, Editor of SAR Magazine, Leslie Miller VPG NSDAR, Linda Conrad, Regent Kentucky DAR, Carolyn Bond, Regent of the Susannah Hart Shelby Chapter and Brenda Hume, Regent of the Frankfort Chapter, Kentucky DAR. Music and Taps was provided by the Kentucky Army National Guard Heritage Brass Quartet led by SSG Ryan Fagan. This was truly a once in a lifetime event!
– CG Commander Brooks Lyles



Former President General Grave Marking, GA – 8 April 2023

The Georgia Society SAR and the Alabama Society SAR joined together to dedicate a Compatriot Marker to President General Ryall S. Morgan (1972-1973) in the Ryall Family Cemetery outside of Clio, Georgia. The event was attended by current President General Bruce Pickette and the Presidents of both the George Society and the Alabama Society. While the heavens had opened up all morning it cleared for the ceremony to take place.



Many thanks to the guardsmen who drove



for hours from sites in Georgia and Alabama in the pouring rain to attend. Special thank to the Artillery crew for hauling four cannon down a dirt road and then maneuvered them into the cemetery.



As always, many thanks and full credit to Diane Ungvasky for her photos. We would not have many of these pictures without her time, effort, and great eye for the shot!

THE DELAWARE SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
INVITES YOU TO THE ANNUAL CEREMONY COMMEMORATING
THE BATTLE OF COOCH'S BRIDGE
SEPTEMBER 2, 2023 AT 10:00 AM
at Pencader Heritage Museum, adjacent to the battlefield, 2029 Sunset Lake Road, Newark, Delaware. (Route 72, just south of Old Baltimore Pike)
On September 3, 1777, at Cooch's Bridge, the first battle of the Philadelphia Campaign and the only battle fought on Delaware soil during the Revolutionary War, took place. At least two-dozen Continental soldiers were killed during that battle and are believed to be buried in forgotten, unmarked graves somewhere on the battlefield.
Join us in honoring these fallen soldiers at the 246th Memorial Service.
Questions, please contact: Peter Moller (hobokenpete@gmail.com)
Participating organizations: Pencader Heritage Area Association, Friends of Cooch's Bridge Historic Site, Delaware Division of Historic and Cultural Affairs, Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, 1st Delaware Regiment and the W3R.



SAFETY

New Safety Officer - Brett Osborn

Summer Event Safety and Heat Related Illnesses

SUMMER EVENT SAFETY

Compatriots, it's summertime and hot! The NSSAR Congress is in Florida in July. Nothing like wool regimentals in Orlando. For all your color guard events, encourage plenty of hydration and use sunblock/sunscreen on exposed areas of your skin while outdoors.

I've attached two copies of information our Virginia Society SAR Color Guard Commander has posted to our Color Guard web page related to this topic, a Heat Index Chart, and a Heat Related Illness Information Card. Please consider using this for your events. Be cool and stay cool!

Very Respectfully,
Brett Osborn

HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES

WHAT TO LOOK FOR / WHAT TO DO

HEAT STROKE

- High body temperature (103°F or higher)
- Hot, red, dry, or damp skin
- Fast, strong pulse
- Headache
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Confusion
- Losing consciousness (passing out)
- Call 911 right away-heat stroke is a medical emergency
- Move the person to a cooler place
- Help lower the person's temperature with cool cloths or a cool bath
- Do not give the person anything to drink



HEAT EXHAUSTION

- Heavy sweating
- Cold, pale, and clammy skin
- Fast, weak pulse
- Nausea or vomiting
- Muscle cramps
- Tiredness or weakness
- Dizziness
- Headache
- Fainting (passing out)

- Move to a cool place
- Loosen your clothes
- Put cool, wet cloths on your body or take a cool bath
- Sip water

Get medical help right away if:

- You are throwing up
- Your symptoms get worse
- Your symptoms last longer than 1 hour

HEAT CRAMPS

- Heavy sweating during intense exercise
 - Muscle pain or spasms
 - Painful, red, and warm skin
 - Blisters on the skin
 - Stop physical activity and move to a cool place
 - Drink water or a sports drink
 - Wait for cramps to go away before you do any more physical activity
- Get medical help right away if:
- Cramps last longer than 1 hour
 - You're on a low-sodium diet
 - You have heart problems

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SUNBURN

- Stay out of the sun until your sunburn heals
- Put cool cloths on sunburned areas or take a cool bath
- Put moisturizing lotion on sunburned areas
- Do not break blisters

HEAT RASH

- Red clusters of small blisters that look like pimples on the skin (usually on the neck, chest, groin, or in elbow creases)
- Stay in a cool, dry place
- Keep the rash dry
- Use powder (like baby powder) to soothe the rash

GEORGE AND MARTHA WASHINGTON TOMB VIGIL

The National Color Guard staff cordially invites you to honor our patriot commander. J

Join us at Mt. Vernon for the annual George and Martha Washington Tomb Vigil on Saturday September 16, 2023.

We will meet at the Administration (Ann Pamela Cunningham) Building at 8:00 AM.

The March to the Tomb begins at 8:30 AM sharp.

The first guard rotation will start at 9:00 AM and will change every 15 minutes.

The March from the Tomb back to the Mansion will start at 4:00 PM

Please come join us to stand guard for one or more shifts. We also welcome participation in one or both marches as your schedule allows. A few Muskets/Rifles will be available for you to use while standing guard.

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

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

As we have done in the past several years the signup will be done electronically using the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094CAAA92DABFD0-mount2>

All needed information concerning items related to this day such as parking, hotels, contact information, shift assignments are posted on Sign Up Genius and can be viewed using the link.

I look forward to your participation in this unique event.

K. Scott Collins, Commander
National Society SAR Color Guard

Proposed Addition to the Color Guard and National Handbooks regarding the Gold Color Guard Medal

The National Color Guard Committee will be considering the following addition to the Color Guard and National Handbooks regarding the Gold NSSAR Color Guard Medal, as awarded to the National Color Guardsman of the Year. The addition, in Red below, authorizes the National Color Guardsman of the year, and all previous recipients of the Gold NSSAR Color Guard Medal as the National Color Guardsman of the Year, to wear the Badge of Military Merit, the original Purple Heart, on their Regimental uniform jacket. See attached image of the Badge of Military Merit.

Gold NSSAR Color Guard Medal

Precedence: 10

Year Authorized: 1998

Presented By: National Society

Approved By: National Color Guard Committee

Summary: The SAR Gold Color Guard Medal may be awarded for SAR Color Guard service at the National level. The National Color Guard Committee will be the final judge of who is qualified to be awarded the Gold Color Guard Medal. Waivers to these requirements will be granted only under very special circumstances, and requests for such waivers must be submitted in writing to the National Color Guard Commander for committee consideration.

Authorized Presentations: The Gold Color Guard Medal is awarded as follows:

A. To the SAR Color Guardsman of the Year. Each year, there shall be no more than one (1) SAR Color Guardsman of the Year. He shall be selected pursuant to procedures set forth by the National Color Guard Committee. An SAR Color Guardsman must have both the Bronze and Silver Color Guard Medals before he can be considered for SAR Color Guardsman of the Year.

The Gold Color Guard Medal should be presented by the President General during the Annual Congress Awards Night Program. To be considered for SAR Color Guardsman of the Year, a Color Guardsman must have completed three years of service at the National level. Each State Society and Chapter Color Guard may nominate one compatriot each year for the SAR Color Guardsman of the Year. State Societies and Chapters should consider that Compatriot who best exemplifies both the spirit of the Sons of the American Revolution and the use of Color Guards to display that spirit. The SAR Color Guardsman of the Year must attend the SAR National Congress at which he is awarded the Gold Color Guard Medal and is expected to attend the subsequent National Congress as well. For the year following his election, the Color Guardsman of the Year will carry the National SAR flag at all National events. *Compatriots who receive the Gold Color Guard Medal, as National Color Guardsman of the Year, are authorized the permanent wear of the Badge of Military Merit on the left breast of their Color Guard Uniform, as a historically accurate and period correct recognition of their accomplishment.*

Pole Arms

Halberds in early American colonies.

Fifty halberdiers arrived at Jamestown, Virginia in 1610 as the personal guard of the governor Thomas West, Lord De La Warr. Although De La Warr returned to England less than a year later, the halberd of one of his soldiers was left behind in the bottom of a James Fort well and found in 2006.¹

From the Mayflower settlers, a halberd was found in the cellar of John Alden's home circa 1653 in Duxbury, Massachusetts. Documentation shows that in Plymouth halberds were used largely as a sign of rank. John Alden served as Assistant Governor of Plymouth Colony.²

The halberd was one of the polearms sometimes carried by lower-ranking officers in European infantry units in the 16th through 18th centuries. Sergeants of British grenadier and light infantry companies carried fusils instead of halberds. But, in battalion companies, sergeants carried halberds until 1792. In that year, sergeants took up pikes or spontoons. The 18th century halberd had, however, simply become a symbol of rank. It served as an instrument for ensuring that infantrymen in ranks stood correctly aligned with each other and that their muskets were aimed at the correct level.³

Sergeants straightened their formations, set distances between the ranks, or prodded men into line with the halberd. François-Apolline de Guibert wrote of the Prussian Army in 1778, "The sergeants' halberds are sixteen feet long The divisions are closed at the right and left by sergeants, who, when there is occasion, hook their halberds together, and by this means enclose their platoons, so that the soldier cannot make his escape, but is obliged to fight."³

Note this portrait of French noncommissioned officers with pole arms dressing the rear ranks when the Regiment of Gardes were goaded by the British Guards Regiment in the Battle of Fontenoy as to who would fire first.

The Battle of Fontenoy 1745, by Henry Felix Emmanuel Philippoteaux, picture Public Domain

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Hay_%26_Enteroches.jpg/1280px-Fontenoy_Charles_Hay_%26_Enteroches.jpg Because they could serve as measuring rods, halberds were useful for surveying the layout of a new camp. A more gruesome function was to use halberds to drag the dead from the ranks during a battle.³

The Halbert Exercise was covered by William Windham's "A Plan of Discipline for the use of The Norfolk Militia" (1759) which was a reference used by military leaders of the American Revolution.⁴

The Manual Exercise as Ordered by His Majesty in 1764, has references in drills of Sergeants Advancing and Ordering their Halbards.⁵

George Washington asked to purchase Halberts for his unit.

Letter to George Washington from Fairfax Independent Company 19 October 1774. "Sir, Alexandria Octr 19th 1774 In compliance with an order made at a meeting of forty nine subscribers of the Fairfax Independent Company, we take the Liberty to request, (if it does not interfere with the more important business you are engaged in) that you will please to make some enquires with regard to the furnishing the company two Drums, two Fifes, and two Halberts, if they are to be had in Philadelphia; which may be sent round by the first Vessel for Alexandria."⁶

Polearms in the American Revolution.

The bayonet was developed to replace the pike and was the weapon of the professional soldier. At the start of the American Revolution, Americans used pikes and spears. 7 They were issued to American soldiers during the siege of Boston, sometimes called trench-spears, 8 and were still used at the Battle of White Plains by October 1776. Pikes were also used on naval vessels and privateers as a close quarters weapon.

One of the first weapons ever captured by American troops was a halberd. On July 1,

1775, a party from the new Continental Army made a predawn raid on the British lines outside Boston Neck. Driving away some redcoats, the patriots set fire to a guard house and carried off some spoils of war: two firearms, one drum, and one halberd. However, halberds otherwise are little mentioned during the American Revolutionary War. While spontoons found use among the Continentals, and the Americans never officially made use of halberds.³

Although the British serving in America put aside their pole weapons during the Revolutionary War, spontoons formed part of the equipment of the Continental Army. Captain Daniel Morgan led a portion of the Continental attack on Quebec on December 30, 1775. His men carried spontoons in addition to rifles and scaling ladders. While at Cambridge in 1775, General Washington ordered that "Every colonel will appoint thirty men that are bold, active, and resolute, to use spears in defense of the lines instead of guns; to form in the center of the rear of the regiments and to stand ready to push the enemy off the breastworks."⁷

For the mounted light dragoons, General Charles Lee in May 1776, asked that volunteers be armed with a "short, rifled carbine, a light pike of eight feet long, and a tomahawk."⁷

In May 1777, General Washington created a Corps of Rifle troops under Colonel Daniel Morgan. Washington was concerned with rifleman not having bayonets of being caught in the open by horsemen, so he commissioned 500 folding spears for Morgan's Rifles. They had a folding joint in the haft and a sling to carry, with slide plates 18 inches long at the base of the spearhead to protect the shaft and a spike at the end of the spear to post it in the ground. 8 I know a reenactor who has a reproduction of this spear, and it is seven feet long when unfolded.

In several surviving written orders, General George Washington insisted that Continental officers carry spontoons. At Valley Forge on December 22, 1777, Washington directed that each officer "provide himself with a half-pike or spear, as soon as possible." Washington did not want his officers to carry muskets, which he believed had a way of "drawing their attention too much from the men." He needed the officers focused on commanding their men, not distracted with loading, and firing a musket. Additionally, Washington believed that an officer with neither firearm nor spontoon had "a very awkward and unofficerlike appearance."³

General orders, Valley Forge, March 23, 1778, Espontoons made for the Officers, the Staff six feet and one half in length, and one inch and a quarter diameter in the largest part and the iron part be one foot long.

To Baron Steuben, Headquarters, February 26, 1779; Officers who receive their functions on horseback are to wear Swords. Platoon officers are to be armed with Swords and Espontoons.⁹

Washington's orders and correspondence corroborate the use of the espontoon by officers of the American infantry, but there is no reference made in the Regulations to the use of these weapons in maneuvers, ceremonies, or Combat.

In America, spontoons held on into the early Federal period. A North Carolina militia law of 1787 required infantry officers to carry "side arms or a spontoon." Because militia officers might well wear civilian clothing, a spontoon or sword served as an indication of superior rank.³

The U.S. War Department ordered 120 spontoons for its officers in 1800. Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark each carried one during their transcontinental expedition of 1804-1806.³

Lewis and Clark may have been the last American military officers to get any real use out of the spontoon. By the time of the War of 1812, they had essentially disappeared from United States military life. However, U.S. militia laws until revised in 1903 still on the books stated that "each commissioned officer shall be armed with a sword or hanger and spontoon."

The use of pole arms with the National Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard is much the same, the halberd and spontoon are symbols of rank. I just obtained a sheath for my halberd for safety purposes. Photograph enclosed. Watch out for those sharp pointy things!

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The Fife And Drumm Corps

THE MUSIC IN THE FIELD

4/1 - Color Guard Commander and Fifer Scott Giltner along with Drummer Chris Canine of the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter, Kentucky Society traveled to Nineveh, Indiana to support with Music the Grave Marking of Patriot Samuel Jacobs.



4/13 - Many of us not only play Fife and Drum with the SAR but also play



with Fife and Drum Corp and with temps in the mid 80's, Fifer David Embrey fell-in with The Old Line Fife and Drum Corps and performed several tunes throughout the day, including at the wreath-laying ceremony and before and after the Founder's Day celebration on the West Lawn of Monticello on Thursday, April 13. Happy 280th Mr. Jefferson. HUZZAH!

4/15 - Rick Smith, MN society treasurer (left), and Rich Howey, MN society fifer (pic 4) and living history team lead demonstrating Yankee Doodle for Scout Leaders at Northern Star Council BSA's University of Scouting adult leader training event in St Paul, MN This had the desired effect of surprising lots of people that the red uniform is American and not British.



4/15 - Patriots Day 2023. A wonderful event remembering the brave 60 Patriots of the American Revolution who are buried at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery in Christian County, Hopkinsville, Kentucky. The Music included Drummers Roger Vincent and Chris Canine and Fifer Scott Giltner



4/29 - State Color Guard Commander and Fifer Scott Giltner traded in his Red Regimental for Blue as he commanded The Line (Photo left) and Drummer Chris Canine kept them in step and Sounded the Calls (Photo right) as Five Patriots, one including Fifer Richard Lord Jones, were honored today at Fairview Cemetery New Albany, Indiana.



4/30 - A great day for the 68th annual Pegasus Parade the official parade for the Kentucky Derby in Louisville and the SAR Color Guard has been participating for over 16 years. With Drummer Chris Canine and Fifer and Color Guard Commander Scott Giltner.



April 28, The Minnesota Daughters of the American Revolution rededicated two newly restored historical plaques honoring the soldiers who founded what eventually became Fort Snelling. The MN Sons of the American Revolution color guard presented the flags at the ceremony and Fifer Richard Howey enjoys a stroll around the grounds.

May 13 - Marking of Patriot Jeremiah Gullion - Drummer Steve McCain of the Simon Kenton Chapter along with Fifer Scott Giltner and Drummer Chris Canine from the Gov. Isaac Shelby provided the music for the Marking of Patriot Jeremiah Gullion in New Liberty, KY - Fifer Scott Giltner and Drummer Steve McCain, Drummer Chris Canine, Scott Giltner Sounding Taps



May 20 – Old Cynthiana Cemetery Fifer Scott Giltner and Drummer Chris Canine lead the way playing Chester as the Color Guard Advanced the Colors for the Grave Marking of Patriot, Sgt Joseph Stephens at the Old Cynthiana Cemetery in Cynthiana KY —Scott and Chris playing a Tune.



May 28 - George Rogers Clark Wreath Laying There were bright sunny skies as Drummer Chris Canine and Fifer Scott Giltner of the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter KY, traveled to Vincennes IN. for the George Rogers Clark Wreath Laying Ceremony. Forming up A little warm up.



May 29 – National Memorial Day Parade, Retired, Old Guard Fifer, Don Francisco of the George Washington Chapter, fell on with both his Drum and Fife as he participated in this annual parade in the National Capitol. HUZAH!



June 3 – Dr. James Carson - The Color Guard traded in our Regimental for Coatees as we traveled to Alexandria, VA to support the Eliza Monroe Chapter, Virginia Society US Daughters of 1812 in the Grave Marking of Patriot Dr. James Carson. Color Guard members David Embrey, Glenn Moss and Lawrence Price Posted Colors



June 4 - Patriot Grave Marking of Patriots Daniel and Rebecca Boone - Over 40+ Color Guardsmen participated in this annual event including National Commander Brooks Lyles. The Music included, Drummers Roger Vincent, Chris Canine, Greg Strouse and Fifer Scott Giltner, On the move with the Boss On the March The Music with Commander Lyles, (l to r – Commander Brooks Lyles, Drummers Roger Vincent, Chris Canine, Greg Strouse and Fifer Scott Giltner.



June 14 – Flag Day – Flag Retirement Program CG member David Embrey and Charles Carroll Chapter Present Paul Turlington along with AL Post 156, 300 and VFW Post 7472 participated in the quarterly Flag Retirement Program



at the Howard County Alpha Ridge Landfill. Residents put their used flags in the metal containers, which are collected quarterly for proper disposal. The program started with the pledge and National Anthem and Musket Salute. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Alan Wilcon of the



Environmental Service Department and Flag Retirement containers



June 17 – Joseph Benton Marking – Maryland Society Chapters, General William Smallwood (Montgomery Co. Md) & SGT Lawrence Everhart (Frederick MD) provided a SAR Grave Marking for Father-Son Patriots Joseph Benton Sr. & Joseph Benton Jr. at the Benton Family Cemetery near Dickerson. We were joined by Gary Tunget, Kentucky Society Member who is a descendant of these Patriots and member of the Lt. Robt Moseley Chapter, The Line included David Embrey, Gary Tunget and Gerald Harris Fire



June 22 - Grand Opening of the Senator John Warner Maritime Heritage Center - Fifer Dave Embrey fell in and played a few tunes as the guests arrived for the Grand Opening of the Senator John Warner Maritime Heritage Center, home of the Tall Ship Providence, in Old Town Alexandria. This was one of the first ships of a new Continental Navy and Commanded by Captain John Paul Jones. And yes, there is always time for a photo with the guests. 1 to r – David Embrey, Jason Posey, Glenn Moss and Paul Turlington



June 24- Patriot Marking of Conrad Sydnor and Thomas Andrews. Drummer Chris Canine along with 25+ SAR/CAR Guardsmen form to Present the Colors at the Patriot Grave markings at the Old Union Christian Church near Lexington, KY. On the March for the Musket Salute



June 28 – Blackacre, a historic homestead in Jefferson County, KY. Held an Independence Day program with storytime, flag parade and a special drum and fife presentation by the Sons of the American Revolution. We were asked to provide a fifer and drummer to lead the parade; we let the children carry our chapter's flags and had 10 wooden muskets that we also had them carry in the parade. There were over 200 children that attended with many of the children in the photo are wearing tri-fold hats they made themselves before the parade. Drummer Chris Canine and Fifer Scott Giltner.



Everyone wants a photo (Middle) Chris Canine is always looking for new recruits. (Bottom)



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 28	Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous	Vincennes, IN	Indiana
May 30	Memorial Day events *	Various locations	
May 29	Battle of Fort San Carlos	Ste. Genevieve,	Missouri
May 29	Buford's Massacre	Lancaster, SC	General Francis Marion SAR
June 5	Battle of Ramsour's Mill	Lincolnton, NC	Catawba Valley SAR
June 11	Action at Machias	Machias, ME	Maine
June 17	Battle of Bunker Hill	Charlestown, MA	Massachusetts SAR
June 28	Battle of Monmouth	Monmouth Cty, NJ	New Jersey SAR
July 4 every year	Let Freedom Ring / July 4th Events *	Various locations	
August 2	Siege at Fort Laurens	Bolivar, OH	
August 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 25	Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Elizabethton, TN	Tennessee
September 18	Vigil at George Washington's Tomb	Mt Vernon, VA	
October 4-6	Point Pleasant Battle Days	Point Pleasant, WV	West Virginia
October 6	Chestnut Neck	Port Republic, NJ	NJ
October 7	Battle of Kings Mountain	Blacksburg, SC	Kings Mountain SAR (NC) / Daniel Morgan SAR (SC)
October 17	Battle of Saratoga	Stillwater, NY	Empire State
October 19	Yorktown Days	Yorktown, VA	Virginia
October 22	Red Bank Battlefield	National Park, NJ	NJ
November 11	Veterans Day Events *	Nationally	Various
November -	Siege of Fort Morris - 3rd Saturday	Sudbury, Georgia	
December 9	Battle of Great Bridge	Norfolk, VA	Virginia
December TBD	Wreaths Across America	Various Locations	
December 26	Battle of Trenton	Trenton, NJ	New Jersey
Events that can occur on random dates throughout the year			
	Massing of the Colors		
	Fields of Honor / Healing Field		
	Honor Flight		
	Liberty Tree Planting / Dedication		
	Washington's Birthday - February		
The following National Meetings are considered National events by Color Guard Policy due to the attendance of the President General:			
	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting		
	Annual NSSAR Congress		
	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting		

The National Events listed above count toward earning the SAR Silver Color Guard Medal and National Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement (See the NSSAR Color Guard Medals section). Dates published above are of the actual battle / commemoration date. Guardsmen should confirm the actual date of the event listed above with published event invitations on the National Society SAR website or with the host state society.

*A local event celebrating Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day may be counted as a National Color Guard event for the purposes of applying for a Color Guard Medal. Only a single event on each day may be counted. Multiple events on the same day cannot be counted multiple times. If the event is on a weekend nearest the actual holiday, that can be counted with respect to the single event limitation. For example, if a Veterans Day Parade occurs on a Saturday such as the 8th, then an event on the 11th does not count..

Note: As of the 2020 Spring SAR Leadership Meeting, a policy was adopted by both the National Color Guard and National Historic Sites & Celebrations Committees formally establishing that only the National Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee may designate National Historic Events based on that committee's established criteria. The only exception being that established Color Guard policy of recognizing President General, or his designated SAR General Officer representative, attendance at an otherwise unrecognized event will make that 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

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

Minutes of the Color Guard Staff Meeting

June 21, 8 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE COLOR GUARD GENERAL STAFF MEETING JUNE 21 8 PM

Members present: Commander Brooks Lyles, Vice Commander Scott Collins, Safety Officer Brett Osborn, Drum Major Viren Lemmer, Assistant Safety Officer Jacob Vink, Assistant Quartermaster Patrick Wesolosky, 2nd Adjutant Ken Goodson

*Each member discussed the events or activities they attended and are planning to attend.

-Goodson attended the St. Genevieve Ceremony, and is planning Siege at Fort Laurens, Battle of Blue Licks and The Gathering at Sycamore Shoals.

-Collins attended a grave marking in GA with the PG present, Frederica Naval Action, Buford's Massacre, Several Memorial Day Events, Daniel Boone Grave marking, Battle of Ramsour's Mill, and is planning 5 fourth of July events, Battle of Blue Licks, and The Gathering at Sycamore Shoals.

-Osborn attended the Bee Line March commemoration of Daniel Morgan, worked to film two training videos on sword drills and pole arms. Commander Brooks asked if the Bee Line March was going to be made into a National event and Osborn advised that it was now just a state event.

-Vink attended the Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous with the PG in attendance, advised that he has reached out to local DAR groups working to build better relations, during the 4th of July will present the colors at an event north of Indianapolis, and attend The Battle of Blue Licks.

-Wesolosky attended Camden, Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous, several grave markings in IN, plans to attend Siege at Fort Laurens, The Battle of Blue Licks, Point Pleasant Battle Days, and The Gathering at Sycamore Shoals. Advised that they now

have an official State Safety Officer.

-Lemmer attended the Oregon State conference as the keynote speaker, he was contacted by the Oregon State Color Guard Commander who wants to start a Fife and Drum Corp, was part of the Armed Forces Day Parade, he advised that he qualifies for the Von Steuben Medal July 4th, and in April was sworn in by the PG as the Washington State VP.

*Commander Lyles advised the staff to submit their article to Steve Williams for the Color Guard Magazine before the due date. **Advised that this issue is incoming Commander Scott's since it will publish after Congress. Meyers will write the VC section,** requested submissions from both Adjutants, Osborn's has submitted his report, Viren and Dave Embrey to submit as usual. Commander Lyles advised that he will submit all of the events he has attended with pictures.

*Commander Lyles discussed the agenda for the Congress Color Guard breakfast. To be held at 7 AM Sunday. Advised that there will be a running slide show. Advised that support will be needed from the FL Color Guard. Osborn asked what National flags were needed at the breakfast. It was determined that the Stars and Stripes, PG's colors, FL colors, the SAR Flag and the 250 Flag along with the AL flag for the PG are required. VC Collins advised that he will bring extra flags to the event. Wesolosky advised that he will mount and bring an extra AL and FL flag to the event.

*Commander Lyles discussed the Badge of Military Merit. And discussed this with chairman Callanan and advised him that it was not a new award nor a medal but a patch. That is presented to the National Color Guardsman of the year. That it is not an issue for the Medals and Awards Committee but up to the Color Guard to approve and make the award. It will be presented as a motion to the group during the breakfast. If approved one will presented to Alan Greenly and all past Color Guardsman of the year.

*Commander Lyles discussed the PG's inspection of the Guard. It has not been set and will be organized there.

*Commander Lyles discussed the Color Guard Handbook. VC Collins advised that

he was working on the changes and will discuss with the group during the breakfast meeting.

*Viren lead a discussion regarding the Goebel/Fosdyck National Color Guard C.A.R. Music Scholarship. The proposal (by Dave Loyal) is to develop a 4-part online seminar style learning series for the Fife and Drum. In addition, Dave Embry and Viren have selected 10 songs that they would like all members of the SAR Fife and Drum units to know, and this would be part of the seminar put on the SAR website for members to access. The cost of the series is \$2000.00 and may not include the cost of adding the Fife to the series-that piece is TBD.

Discussion then focused on the initial question of how to honor the late Commanders (Goebel/Fosdyck). Commander Lyles added that this effort should be self-sustaining supporting an annual scholarship which would drive donations to support the program. The video program is a good idea, but he noted that it does not honor these men.

Discussion continued Osborn added that the Shenandoah School has been running a music training program for 16 years. He is sending a link to Viren to review. Goodson recommended taking Virens training program and naming it the Goebels/ Fosdyck Training Program. Commander Lyles advised that the National website for the Color Guard is difficult to access. That he will contact Mike Pitzer to establish a Goebels/Fosdyck training tab on the National website under e learnings. On that site all Color Guard information will be posted, music videos, safety videos etc. The discussion ended with a direction to Viren to continue to work on the project and Commander Lyles will contact Pitzer about making those changes to the website.

*Awards: Von Steuben will be presented to Jackson, Molly Pitcher for Diane Ungvasky, Silver Gorget to Viren. After the presentation of the award Commander Lyles will make his farewell comments and turn it over to VC Collins who introduces Pat Wesolosky as the new 2nd Adjutant and Chris Canine as the new Assistant Quartermaster.

*Closing discussions: Commander Lyles indicated he would work with the Chaplain General on the script for the Memorial. In addition will determine how the Color Guard will process in during the opening ceremony once the room is scoped. He advised the group with respect to acting on independent command during the ceremonies.

Meeting adjourned 9:10 PM

Ken Goodson 2nd Adjutant

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

Siege of Ft Laurens August - OHSSAR
Battle of Blue Licks August - KYSSAR
Battle of Long Island August - NYSSAR
Battle of Groton Heights September - CTSSAR
Battle of Eutaw Springs September - SCSSAR
Gathering at Sycamore Shoals September - TNSSAR
Vigil at George Washington’s Tomb September - VASSAR
Pt Pleasant Days October - WVSSAR
Chestnut Neck October - NJSSAR
Battle of Kings Mountain October - NCSSAR/SCSSAR
Battle of Saratoga October Stillwater NY - Empire State
Yorktown Days October Yorktown, VA - VASSAR
Redbank Battlefield October National Park NJ - NJSSAR
Events listed are after publication date

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



Arizona

The Memorial Day Ceremony

The Memorial Day Ceremony at the Prescott National Cemetery was attended by the Prescott Chapter Color Guard. This was to Honor the more than 7500 Veterans laid to rest there. On that day from left to right were Edward Lipphardt Drummer, Steve Monez carrying the Federal Flag, Robert Filler carrying the Serapis Flag, Jack Berry Carrying the Gadsden Flag, in the background Tomb of the unknown Soldier, Paul Kerper carrying the Appeal to Heaven Flag and Ron Castle carrying the SAR Flag. Let us never forget those who have given their all that we may live in a country blessed with GODS grace. Freedom is Not Free.



California -

Armed Forces Day

CASSAR Color Guard from the Harbor, Orange County and South Coast Chapters join for the 61st Annual Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade held on May 20th, 2023. Torrance is one of the few cities nationwide sanctioned by the U.S. Department of Defense to honor armed forces through a parade and celebration and has the longest-running military parade sponsored by any city. The parade has been a community fixture for six decades, with about 60,000 people lining the streets of Torrance Boulevard annually to watch the passing display of military vehicles, marching active-duty troops, and veteran's groups, while classic warbirds fly low and slow over the mile-long route.



The SAR Color Guard was joined by the members of three local DAR chapters, Butterfield Trail, Point Vicente, El Redondo and the De Anza Trail CAR. Pictured: Guardsmen from Left to right, Luke Merrell (Harbor), Drummer (LA Fife and Drum), Brando, Villardi (CASSAR Color Guard Commander / Harbor), Mathew Noel (Orange County / LA Fife and Drum), James Gill (Harbor Chapter), Mike Miller (Orange County), Kevin Bidenkap (Harbor), John Richardson (Harbor), Jon Burk (Orange County), Nolan Forrest (South Coast), Kevin Forrest (South Coast), Lucas Villardi (Harbor), Christopher Keene (Orange County)

148th Annual Meeting of the California Society

in Costa Mesa, CA on April 14th and 15th 2023





James Fosdyck

May 9th, 2023. CASSAR Guardsmen from Eagle, Harbor, Orange County, Redwood Empire, Riverside, San Diego & South Coast Chapters and Ladies join to honor the memory of James Fosdyck at his interment at Riverside National Cemetery

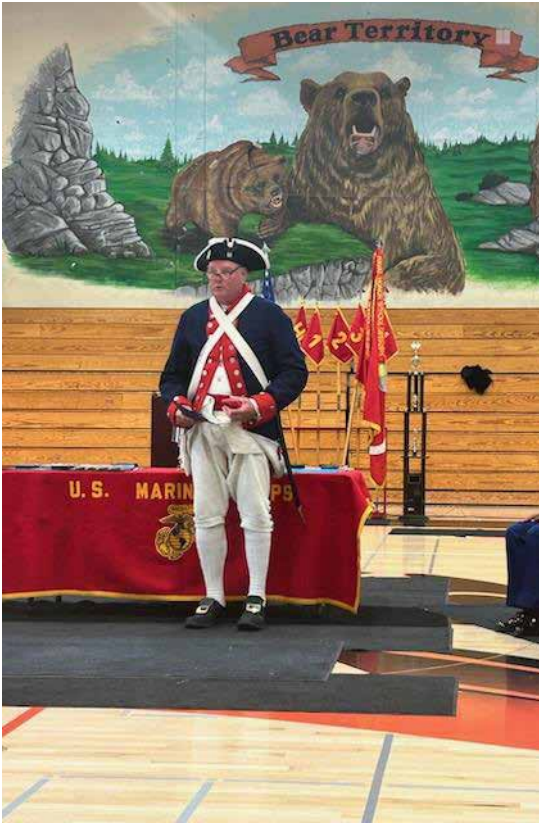
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April 8th. SAR Yosemite Chapter Color Guard Presented and Posted the Colors at a DAR Yosemite Chapter event, then we were honored by the DAR with a presentation of the DAR America 250 Commendation and Medal for demonstration of extraordinary effort in raising awareness of Revolutionary Patriots and America's 250th Anniversary. Present were (from left to right: Randy Dhindsa, Jackson Dhindsa, Jim Riley, Scott Nichols, Jon Russell).

April 19. Scott Nichols (on left) and Jim Riley (on right) in uniform, taught Revolutionary War history to 90 5th and 6th graders at Copper Hills Elementary in the Clovis USD.

Scott Nichols and Randy Dhindsa attended the CASSAR Annual Meeting in Costa Mesa





May 2023

May 4th. Yosemite Color Guard presented and posted colors with joint color guard from CSU Fresno, Air Force ROTC at their annual ball. We also presented a Silver SAR ROTC medal to Cadet Keith Johnson (Scott Nichols on left, Cadet Johnson on right).

May 6th: Scott Nichols presented bronze JROTC Medal to Selma HS JROTC Marine Cadet Sgt Vasquez. (Cadet did not turn in release form, so cant show his photo)

May 11. Scott Nichols presented bronze JROTC Medal to Clovis East HS JROTC Air Force Cadet Aiden Williams (no photo, no signed release form).

May 19. Scott Nichols presented ARMY JROTC Medal to McLane HS Cadet Brian Espinoza (no photo, did not sign release form)



May 23, Scott Nichols and Jim Riley taught American Rev War history to 90 5th and 6th graders at Webster Elementary School, Golden Valley USD, Madera, CA (photo attached Jim Riley on left, Scott on right)



May 28th. Color Guard presented Colors at a concert put on by the Fresno Community Concert Band's Memorial Day Service. (Pictured left to right: Jackson Dhindsa, Jon Russell, Scott Nichols, Randy Dhindsa, Jim Riley)

May 29th, Color Guard presented and posted colors at Liberty Veterans Cemetery, Fresno. This was for the American Legion Post 4 Memorial Day Ceremony (Left to Right: Randy Dhindsa, Scott Nichols, Jackson Dhindsa, Jim Riley).



JUNE 2023

June 30th. Flag Certificate presentation to William and Patricia Fenton, Fresno. (Pictured left to right: Scott Nichols, William Fenton, Patricia Fenton, Randy Dhindsa)



Prado Dam Mural Re-dedication 6/1/2023

On June 1st, multiple Color Guards were invited for a phot op at the newly repainted Prado Dam Bi-Centennial Mural. The official re-dedication was scheduled for June 2nd. In addition to the guardsmen in attendance, His Excellency General Washington (Dan Shippey – OC Chapter) was also in attendance.

South Coast Color Guard members Kevin Forrest and Jim Hernandez joined guardsmen from multiple chapters in the Southern California area.

PradoDam 06012023.jpg (Multiple Color Guard members)

Memorial Day 5/29/2023

For the 3rd year, the South Coast Color Guard was invited, by the Mission Viejo DAR Chapter, to Present the Colors for the Memorial Day services at the El Toro Memorial Park in Lake Forest, California.

Color Guard members Kevin Forrest, Jim Hernandez, Shane Gates & Nolan Forrest attended the event.

Photo left L-R: K.Forrest; N.Forrest; J.Hernandez; S.Gates

Photo Right L-R: MV DAR Member; S.Gates; N.Forrest



Torrance Armed Forces Day 5/20/2023

The South Coast Chapter took part in the Armed Forces Day Parade, in Torrance, California. Color Guard members from multiple Color Guard Chapters took part in the Parade honoring our Armed Forces.

South Coast Color Guard members Kevin Forrest & Nolan Forrest attended the event.



Flag Day – Flag Retirement Ceremony 6/14/2023

On June 14th the City of Rancho Santa Margarita held its 19th Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony. Organized by Boy Scout Troops 728 & 7272, and held at the Rancho Santa Margarita City Hall, Orange County Chapter President Phil Mitchell presented Flag certificates to the City Council as well as the Boy Scout Troops and the VFW Post 6024 Firing Squad.

South Coast Color Guard member Kevin Forrest joined Orange County Color Guardsman John Ferris in retiring one of the flags.

Photos (Possibly submitted by OC Chapter Color Guard) (L-R: J.Ferris; K.Forrest)

Lake Forest Independence Day Parade 7/4/2023

On the morning of July 4th, members of the Orange County & South Coast color guards participated in the Lake Forest, California Independence Day Parade.

South Coast Color Guard members Scott Whitman; Jim Hernandez and Kevin Forrest joined Orange County Color Guardsman Dan McKelvie; John Ferris; John Blake and Mike Miller.

Photos (some members obscured by flags) (L-R: D.McKelvie; J.Blake; J.Ferris; M.Miller; J.Hernandez; S.Whitman; K.Forrest).





Connecticut

The Connecticut Line participated in 18 colorguard events from April 1 through July 4, here are the highlights from several of them

Monday April 17th - 248th Patriots Day Parade in Concord, MA

Connecticut and New Hampshire Compatriots, Colonel David Perkins; Major Dan Dudley; Sergeant Derek Brockhoff; Curtis Herman; Howard Greene; Ron White; Fred Rivard and Russell Cumbee participated in the Patriots Day festivities in Concord, Massachusetts. Lois Herman, who is DAR, also participated with us.

By 8:30am we were all arriving at the Keyes Street public parking area and preparing to walk over to the muster location for the start of the parade. When we reached our spot in the parade formation area, the temperature was cool, and the sky was cloudy, but showers were expected, and so another Patriots Day parade was soon to begin. By the time we stepped off, we numbered eight compatriots from Connecticut, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. As we passed the Colonial Inn, we were greeted by past SAR President-General Jack Manning and his wife Sheila, as well as many other members of the SAR. Following the ceremony at Old North Bridge, which included speeches, a musket volley and cannon salutes, when we started our return march and then the rain started. So we cut our march short and stopped when we reached the Colonial Inn. Where we had our usual lunch before returning to our homes.



Sunday May 7 - 350th Anniversary History Walk for the Town of Southbury CT

The Connecticut Line established a small encampment along the route of the History Walk. The crowd was about 300 people and we explained the role of the early town militias, the equipment used and then performed drilling and musket volley firing. The event was part of the walk that the founders took after coming up the Housatonic River from the coast to settle the town Southbury in 1673. Militia encamped were Commander Dave Perkins, Fred Rivard, Bill Spring, Tim Hill and newest member Scott Collins, along with camp follower Pat Perkins.



Friday May 26 - Warren Elementary School Grave Marking and Memorial Day Parade

Members of the Wolcott detachment of the Connecticut Line participated. Branch President Mike Bird, 1st Sgt. Derek Brockhoff, Fred Rivard and Peter Stothart were at Warren Elementary School for the grave markings at the cemetery next to the school and then marched in the school sponsored Memorial Day parade event.



Monday May 29th – Naugatuck Memorial Day Parade

The Connecticut Line made the front page of the Waterbury Republican-American newspaper. This is one of the largest Memorial Day parades in the state held in the town of Naugatuck, an old mill town along the Naugatuck River. This year four members of the Connecticut Line were in the fourth division. The crowds were large and loud, with great applause with every musket volley we fired. As we passed under the steel overpasses for Route 8 of which there were several, we fired our muskets and the reverberations made for tremendous noise, pleasing the large crowds. By the end of the 2-mile parade route we had nearly emptied our cartridge boxes, about 25 rounds per man and our muskets were very hot and absolutely filthy. Following the parade, the host organization (Town of Naugatuck) provided free food and drink to all the participants. The Connecticut Line received a \$300 donation from the event organizers, which be used to offset the cost of our insurance. The four color guardmen were David Perkins, Dan Dudley, Martin Spring and Bill Spring. Camp follower Michaela Spring carried the SAR Color Guard guidon. Special thanks to Martin Spring for organizing our participation in the parade for the last five years.



Monday May 29 – Litchfield Parade

The Litchfield is now back after a few years being cancelled due to Covid. We had five colorguardsmen participate. They were Derek Brockhoff, Mike Bird, Peter Stothard, Jon King and Jim Klaneski. Judey Buckbee was of the local DAR chapter marched in front of us. She volunteered to carry our flag so we would all be able to fire. We did fire 4 times with varying degrees of success. The parade had the usual (as in the past) good turnout of residents.



Monday May 29 – Litchfield Parade

Starting at 12:00 Noon, the Mary Floyd Tallmadge Chapter DAR hosted a ceremony that honors Gov. Oliver Wolcott, Sr. and Col. Benjamin Tallmadge at their graves in East Cemetery, Litchfield. The SAR, the C.A.R., and the First Litchfield Artillery Regiment participated. The Connecticut Line had 10 muskets and provided 3 separate musket salutes. To the Governor, the Colonel and the 5 patriots mentioned below.

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

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

In addition five patriots graves were marked: Pvt Elisha Mason, Ozias Lewis, Archibald McNeill, Capt. Archibald McNeill Jr. and Pvt. James Baldwin:



The Dakota Society participated in the Memorial Day wreath presentation at Veterans Memorial Park in Rapid City, SD. The Dakota Society has been participating in the Memorial Service since 1998. This event was canceled in 2020 and 2021 because of COVID-19. James Clement laid the wreath, Color guard Don Kellogg, James Clement, Keith Johnson.

In picture left to right Don Kellogg-S/T; James Clement-President; Keith Johnson-past S/T.



Dakota Society

Florida

Memorial Day



Saramana Chapter Top
Memorial Day Parade, Sarasota, FL

l to r: Brad marble, Randy Randolph, Jenny Robbins, Unknown Lady, Jeff Robbins, John Fitzpatrick, Jill Fields, Steve Fields, Unknown Lady, Tim Milligan, Unknown girl, Preston Adams, Sharon Milligan, Craig Paige, Colleen Paige, Unknown Lady, Unknown Lady, Wally Hoppe

Tampa Chapter Bottom Left
American Legion Post #5, Tampa, FL

l to r: Rob Moore, Dick Young, Bill Swain, Matt Balencie, Robbie Robinson, Walter Arnold, Dave Bryant

Withlacoochee Bottom Center

Hills of Rest Cemetery, Floral City, FL

l to r: Bob Thomas, Dave Hitchcock, John Carey, Jack Townsend, Steve Holman, Doug Brock.

Jacksonville Chapter Bottom Right

Veterans Memorial Wall, Jacksonville, FL

l to r: Paul Tucker, Ken Norwood, Rick Sanders, John Robinson, Ike Thornton, Patrick Thomas, Dick Cardell, David Ramseur, Scott Breckenridge

The Battle of Alligator Bridge

The SAR Jacksonville Chapter held a special meeting at Callahan, FL. on June 17, 2023, to commemorate the Battle of Alligator Bridge that occurred on June 30, 1778 under the Patriot Command of Colonel Elijah Clarke. The incursion into Florida was the part of the effort to support George Washington's vision of Florida becoming the 14th Colony. The effort failed as Patriot forces were outmanned and outgunned. 13 Patriot lives were sacrificed in the effort and Co. Clarke was himself wounded and many more lives were lost during the retreat due to sickness and hunger as this part of Florida at that time was dense wilderness. Many THANKS to the city of Callahan, FL. and the West Nassau County, Florida Historical Society for hosting the event. This State Event was well attended by our Chapter Compatriots, DAR, SAR, Colonial Dames and local dignitaries with many presenting wreaths. Past NASSAR President Lindsey Brock was in attendance as was Past President FLSSAR Earl Matthews and many others. The Chapter Color Guard conducted a three-volley firing salute commanded by the Florida State Color Guard Commander Scott Breckenridge followed by taps played by our Compatriot Fred Emery. The location was at the West Nassau Historical Society Museum and Callahan, FL Community Center just three blocks from the SAR 1936 erected Commemorative sign along Hiway 301. The sign was refurbished recently by the Jacksonville Chapter and stands very close to the Battle location. This was the 2nd annual commemoration, and the Jacksonville Chapter is looking forward to organizing a bigger and better event in 2024.

Photos:

Top - - Firing Detail, left to right: Darry Ingle, Ken Norwood, Jimmy Grupposo, Josh Jolly, Dick Cardell, Scott Breckenridge.

Middle - - Guardsmen-2, left to right: Mills Ramseur, Ike Thornton, Darryl Ingle, Jimmy Grupposo, Josh Jolly, Fred Emery, Ken Norwood, Dick Cardell.

Bottom - - Presentation of Colors, left to right: David Ramseur, Ike Thornton, Gray Chandler, Mills Ramseur, Matt Mathews, Dale MacCumber, Tom Rankin.



December 17, 2022 Wreaths Across America Ceremony Veterans Memorial in Cambier Park, Naples, FL

The Naples Chapter Color Guard, Bernardo de Galvez Camp #13, supported the Big Cypress Chapter NSDAR Wreaths Across America Ceremony on December 17, 2022 at the Veterans Memorial in Cambier Park, Naples, FL.



On September 9th, The Yosemite Chapter Color Guard Participated in Freedom Elementary's Patriot Day, honoring the servicemen and servicewomen who had fallen on 9/11.

The 246th Anniversary of the Revolutionary War Battle of Thomas Creek

By: David Hardy Ramseur

The Battle of Thomas Creek's 246th Anniversary Ceremony was held o at Seaton Creek Historic Preserve in Jacksonville, Florida with over 100 in attendance. This National Color Guard commemorative event honored those 109 Patriots who fought, and those who died in this battle. The Patriot Militia forces were camped at this location waiting to rendezvous with 400 Continentals, who had been delayed in their inland water travels, when they were ambushed and defeated by a large British Force of British Regulars, Loyalists, and Creek Indians. General George Washington, by ordering these attacks, believed N.E. Florida (from the Apalachicola River to St. Augustine) would become our 14th Colony. This battle was the second of three failed attempts; and it is considered "The Southernmost Battle of the American Revolution".

The program began with a welcome from David Ramseur, followed by the Invocation given by Chaplain Revered Bob Hale. Following the Invocation, we were again honored to have the patriotic chorus group, Let Freedom Sing, perform "Pray for America" along with two other songs during the program. The presentation of colors was commanded by SAR National Color Guard Commander Brooks Lyles, assisted by Vice Commander Scott Collins, FLSSAR Commander Steven Fields and Vice Commander Scott Breckenridge. Scout Ethan Vogel led the "Pledge of Allegiance" followed by the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner". Colors were then posted.

Greetings were brought from the City of Jacksonville by Mr. Harrison Conyers, Supervisor of Military & Veteran Affairs and from the NSSAR, Vice President General George Strunk. Greetings also came from the Florida Society SAR President Matt Mathews, and from the Georgia Society State Registrar Dennis McIntire. We were also honored to have greetings given from the Florida Society DAR, State Regent Elect Cindy Addison, the N.E. Florida Regents Council DAR President Phyllis Baehrand, the Florida State Society, C.A.R. President James Hamilton.

Dr. Roger Smith, of Colonial Research Inc., St. Augustine, gave a brief and fascinating overview of the facts leading up to the battle. After his presentation, wreaths were presented by 42 organizations from the SAR, DAR, C.A.R., and other patriotic societies. At the conclusion of the wreath presentations a black powder salute was given honoring our fallen heroes of this battle. Compatriot Fred Emery sounded Taps. And the Benediction was given by Chaplain Reverend Bob Hale concluding the event.

We are looking forward to next year's 247th Anniversary Ceremony to be held on Saturday 30 March 2024 as well as to our Nations 250th anniversary in 2026.



Iowa -



America 250! Marker Dedication Service

The North Central District Color Guard brought members from 3 states, IA, MN & NE to assist the Nebraska Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution with their, America 250! Marker Dedication Service, on 30 Apr 2023 at Antelope Park in Lincoln, NE.

Back row L-R, Jim Sly, NCD VPG Chris Moberg, Adam Ensign, Paul Burright, Terry Springer, John Braisted, Chad Sherrets

Front row L-R, Ron Stites, Allyn Sheldon, Mike Rowley and Chad Callenius

Waterloo Veterans Way Banners .



David Nation, Randy Lyon and Larry Hoelscher represented the ISSAR on May 25th at the ribbon cutting of the inaugural Waterloo Veterans Way Banners. 42 veterans from the Cedar Valley are being honored with banners attached to light poles on several blocks of 4th street on the east and west sides of the river in Waterloo.

The Website including bios of veterans honored explains the project: "Banners honoring Veterans and members of the military proudly hang along 4th Street in downtown Waterloo from Memorial Day in the spring to Veterans Day in late fall. Banners are sponsored annually by family members, friends, businesses and organizations and are presented to them at the end of the season, making room for a new group of honorees."

There was an article in the Waterloo Courier May 28th about the ribbon cutting ceremony. The presentation of colors was by members of the Waterloo East High School Junior ROTC.

David Nation sponsored a banner for his uncle who served in the Army during WWII. (attached picture by Larry Hoelscher).



Illinois -



7th Annual Patriots' Day Commemoration

This year, the Long Knives Chapter was honored to participate in the Kentucky Central District S.A.R. Patriots' Day Commemoration. The event was held on April 15th at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. This is the National Cemetery that serves the Fort Campbell area. It is a beautifully manicured Cemetery that honors the thousands of Veterans buried there.

For seven years, the Kentucky Sons of the American Revolution have honored the Veterans buried here, especially acknowledging by name, the dozens of Revolutionary War Veterans interred there, or in small cemeteries close by. This Kentucky SAR District event has always been well attended, with Compatriots from Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee, and Illinois attending.

In the photo, Long Knives' members Michael Spinks, Allen Lang, Steven Haldeman, and Tom Edmonson stand next to the Monument inscribed with the names of Revolutionary Veterans that settled and are buried in this area of Kentucky. The D.A.R. assisted in the Laying of Wreaths Ceremony. There was a Flag Folding Ceremony, Prayers, SAR Opening Ceremony, and the entire Color Guard sang "America the Beautiful" along with the visitors, dignitaries, and spectators. The event was a remarkable Tribute to American Veterans.





Long Knives Welcome Honor Flight Vets

May 09, 2023 the Long Knives Chapter of Southern Illinois was very honored to welcome home the ninety-two Veterans that participated in the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. . This is the tenth Honor Flight that has left and returned to Veterans' Memorial Airport in Marion, Illinois. The Long Knives are proud of the fact that they have met every returning flight, leading the parade of disembarking veterans, with their accomplished Color Guard. Participating Color Guardsmen are Ed Oliver, Patrick Haskell, James Whitt, Steven Haldeman, Allen Land, Tom Edmonson, and Jack Cramer. Extreme gratitude and thanks were given to the S.A.R. for their active Veterans' support.

This is the latest Color Guard event by the Long Knives Chapter of Southern Illinois. It was a great event, with over 600 persons welcoming home the 92 Vets and their attendants. The Honor Flight is now accepting Viet Nam Veterans as well as Korean War Vets, and remaining WWII Vets. The returning Vets all seem to have really enjoyed the attention and emotional visit to Washington that was given to them.

Memorial Day at Mound City National Cemetery

The 2023 Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony was a very noteworthy Service of Remembrance for the thousands of Veterans interred at the Mound City, Illinois National Cemetery. Situated just North of the Ohio River, this National Cemetery began as the burying ground for the Union Soldier's Hospital located near the site. Both Union and Confederate soldiers were treated at the large hospital situated here. The hospital was quite close to the Union Naval shipyard that build ironclads for the river warfare campaigns. A huge supply depot was also located nearby. Today, many, many soldiers of the North and South are at rest here, along with Veterans of every war since then.

The Long Knives Chapter of Illinois traditionally participates in the Memorial Day services held here. They, along with several local dignitaries, musicians, historians, and Service Organizations presented a memorable dedication. This year, the Long Knives Color Guard worked in conjunction with the Villa Ridge VFW in giving Honors to the Veterans. At the conclusion of "TAPS", The VFW Rifle Squad gave their twenty-one gun salute, followed by a twenty-one gun cannon salute fire by the Long Knives' two cannons. It's an honor to provide this service to our Veterans that have pass on to the other side.



A Special Time

The Sons of the American Revolution have approximately 33,000 members tracing their ancestry to a Patriot Ancestor. Of this total membership, only eight percent of these members have the same last name as their Patriot Ancestor. To be in this small group of men gives a reward unto its own. Can you imagine actually locating the grave of your Patriot Ancestor, having the same surname as that Ancestor, and holding an official S.A.R. Grave Marking Ceremony for that Ancestor? For one Illinois Compatriot, this was a dream come true.

Brian Corder, of the Long Knives Chapter of the Illinois Sons of the American Revolution, his dream did become true. Compatriot Corder located the resting place of his Patriot Ancestor, Lewis Corder in an abandoned cemetery in Crab Orchard, Illinois. The cemetery is actually in town, now surrounded by urban development. Special permission was given by neighbors to access the site.

Patriot Lewis Corder was only fifteen years of age when he enlisted in the North Carolina Militia in August of 1782. It is known that he did participate in the Battle of

Guilford Courthouse and was a pensioner for his service. After the Revolution, Lewis Corder moved to the Nashville, Tennessee area, and later to Williamson County, Illinois. He was one of the founders of the town of Crab Orchard.

The Long Knives Chapter Compatriots helped Brian Corder honor his Patriot Ancestor. On Saturday, June 3rd. 2023. The Long Knives of Illinois gave Patriot Lewis Corder the proper S.A.R. Grave Marking Ceremony he deserved. The solemn, Ceremony was performed, as per the official manual, but a sense of joy and exhilaration was present at the same time. All that were present felt the respect and honor that was given Lewis Corder at his final resting place.



Indiana -

The 250th American Revolution Program to honor 6 patriots buried in Delaware County was held Thursday, April 13, 2023 in the Beech Grove Cemetery Chapel, Muncie, IN. Show, here are SAR guardsmen in Present Arms L to R: Tom Whiteman (behind flag) color guardsman, James Shoptaw, color bearer saluting, Dennis Babbitt, color guardsman, Mark Kreps, District Color Guard Commander. Below Right

Mark Kreps, District Color Guard Commander escorts 250th DAR Indiana Representative Charlotte Blair as they prepare to lay a wreath during a ceremony held at Beech Grove Cemetery for six patriots who were buried in Delaware County, IN. Below Left

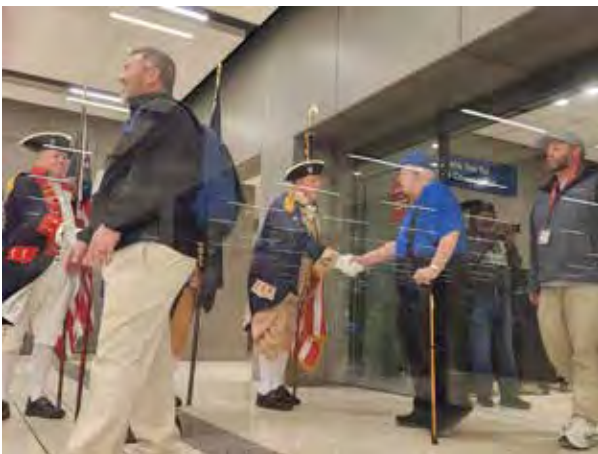


Kansas -

KANSAS SOCIETY COLOR GUARD

The Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (KSSSAR) Color Guard had the honor of presenting the colors at many events in the 2nd quarter of 2023. On April 15th the KSSSAR Color Guard presented the colors for the KSDAR convention in Wichita, KS. About 300 members and guests were in attendance. Kansas Color Guard Commander Bill Marshall had the pleasure of presenting several DAR chapters with certificates of appreciation for help in providing the Society with new members. Guardsmen present at the ceremony were Bill Marshall (color guard commander), Bobbie Hulse (western adjutant), Steve Hamlin, Bit Roberts, Randy Colby, Dean Bruns and Tim Baxter.

On April 15th members of the color guard participated in the Patriots Parade in McLouth, KS. Compatriots present were Alan Martin, Dewey Fry (Past Color Guard commander), Tom Chychota, Jeffrey Winters, Larry Tatum, and Brian Vazquez. (Photo Right)



April 18th found members welcoming home veterans returning from an Honor Flight at the KCI airport. KSSSAR members Dewey Fry, Steven French, Larry Tatum, Alan Martin, and Jeffrey Winters were present. (Photo Left)



Then on April 20th the Kansas Color Guard pulled double duty by attending two back-to-back Naturalization ceremonies in Kansas City, KS. Attending were Dewey Fry, Jerry Vest, Larry Tatum, and Dennis Nelson. (Photo Right)



On April 25th veterans returning from an Honor Flight were welcomed home at the Kansas City airport by Kansas Guardsmen, Dewey Fry, Alan Martin, Jeffrey Winters, and Steven French.

Another Honor Flight was welcomed home on April 27th by Kansas guardsmen Kirk Rush, Steven French, Dewey Fry, and Alan Martin.



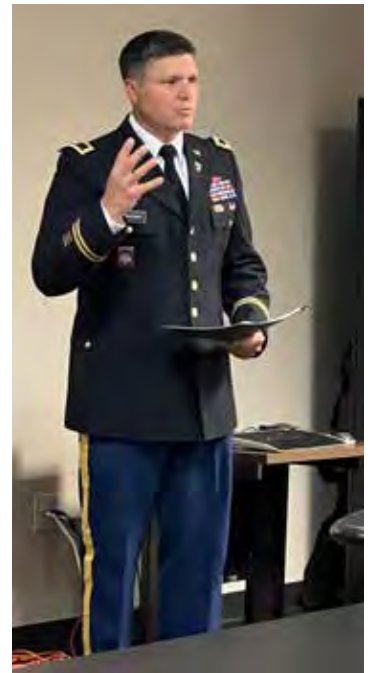
On May 6th not only did the Color Guard present the colors for the BOG meeting, but they also presented the colors for the grave marking of patriot Colby Creed, held at South Haven Kansas. Attending the grave marking were Kansas KSSSAR President Bryan Wampler, Kansas Vice President Tim Peterman, KSSSAR Chaplain Randy Colby, and SAR Chaplain General Vern Welkner. Chaplain Welkner led the grave marking with the opening prayer. Vice President Peterman led the participants in the Pledge of Allegiance. Debbie Hulse Regent, Smoky Hill Chapter DAR, Ellsworth, Kansas led the participants in the singing of the National Anthem. Valerie Bothell, Regent Mary Draper chapter DAR, presented a wreath for the DAR, (Photo Left Bill Marshall also presented a wreath for KSSSAR. (Photo Left) Bobbie Hulse and Randy Colby unveiled the head stone of Colby Creed. (Photo Right) Several members of the Creed family including Randy Colby of the Washington KSSSAR Chapter spoke about their Patriot. Presenting the colors were Bill Marshall, Alan Martin, Tim Baxter, Brian Vazquez, Jeffrey Winters, Dean Brun, Bobbie Hulse, Bit Roberts, Matt Mattox, and Glen Fast an KSSSAR member from Oklahoma. It was a typical 30 mph windy day in Kansas.



On May 18th members Brian Vazquez, Dewey Fry, Steven French, and Kirk Rush presented the colors for the Village West Rotary Memorial Service held in Kansas City, Kansas. Col. John Misenheimer was a guest speaker for the memorial. (Photo Right)



On May 20th the KSSSAR Color Guard presented the colors along with the USMC for the Armed Forces Day Celebration at the Wyandotte county fairgrounds. Bill Marshall and others were recognized for serving in Vietnam. KSSSAR members attending were Bill Marshall, Alan Martin, Dewey Fry, Doug Brabb, and Rick Gardner. Pat Fry (Mrs. Dewey Fry) and Deb Martin (Mrs. Alan Martin) enjoyed the day. (Photo Left) It was a great event and well attended by the public.



Also, on May 20th Bobbie Hulse, Bit Roberts, and Dean Bruns marched in the Abbeville Parade in Abbeville, Kansas. Scot Frye from the Sons of The Prairie Chapter marched as well. (Photo Left)

On May 24th the KSSSAR attended another Naturalization ceremony in Overland Park, Kansas. Present were Dewey Fry, Larry Tatum, and Steven French. (Photo Right)

While busy at Leavenworth on May 25th, other Color Guardsmen were at the KCI airport welcoming home an Honor Flight of veterans. The attending guardsmen were Dewey Fry, Jeffrey winters, and Alan Martin.

On May 27th members of the KSSSAR Color Guard supported the dedication for a Veterans Memorial Park in Minneapolis, Kansas. Guardsmen present were Patrick Crawford, Bit Roberts, Bobbie Hulse, and Frank Hottman.





On June 2nd four members of the KSSSAR Color Guard assisted with the Service for an MIA WWII veteran in Independence, Kansas. The veteran, Sgt. David Holdman, US Army, died in a prison camp in the Philippines. Sgt. Holdman was part of the Bataan Death March. KSSSAR members Bill Marshall, Frank Hottman, Alan Martin, and Brian Vazquez (Photo Left) helped bid him farewell.



What a day June 3rd was in Abilene, Kansas! The KSSSAR Color Guard was invited to present the Colors at the KSDAR Grave Marking Ceremony for Mamie Doud Eisenhower. Mamie's and President Eisenhower's granddaughter, Mary Jean Eisenhower (photo Left), Abilene Chapter DAR member, was a featured speaker. The KSDAR had several State Officers, National Chairwomen, and the National Historian General in attendance. SAR Chaplain General Vern Welkner also attended. The KSSSAR Color Guardsmen present were Bill Marshall, Steve Hamlin, Frank Hottman, Randy Colby (Kansas State Chaplain), Bobbie Hulse, Doug Brabb, Tim Baxter, Brian Vazquez, Dean Bruns, and Bit Roberts, who played To the Colors on his bugle. Awesome job Bit! (Photo Right)



Occurring on the same day, other KSSSAR Color Guard members were participating in the Old Shawnee Days Parade. Those Compatriots consisted of Alan Martin, Kirk Rush, Tom Chychota, Larry Tatum, Dewey Fry, and Dennis Nelson. (Photo Right)

On June 5th at the KCI airport the KSSSAR Color Guard welcomed home an Honor Flight of veterans of the Korean and Vietnam wars. Present were Larry Tatum, Jeffrey Winters, and Dewey Fry.

June 7th the KSSSAR Color Guard in Wichita, Kansas welcomed more Honor Flight veteran's home. This may have been the first time that the KSSSAR was involved in the flights at the Wichita airport. I hope it continues.

On June 16th the Honor Flight veterans were welcomed home by the KSSSAR Color Guard at the KCI airport. Veterans were welcomed by Kirk Rush, Alan martin, Dewey Fry, Larry Tatum, and Dennis Nelson.



SAR Participates in the 68th Annual Pegasus Parade

Kentucky

On 30 April, the Kentucky Society participated in the 68th Annual Pegasus parade in Louisville, KY. The Pegasus parade is the official parade of the Kentucky Derby and a major event for the regional community. This was the 12th consecutive year the SAR has had a color guard in the parade.

The 22 member color guard consisted of flagbearers, riflemen, a fifer, and a drummer. Participating in the color guard were six SAR and five DAR Chapters from Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio. The SAR chapters were Simon Kenton (KY), Gov. Isaac Shelby (KY), Lafayette (KY), Louisville Thruston (KY), Clifty Creek (IN), and Northeastern Ohio (OH). The DAR chapters were Corn Island (KY), Fincastle (KY), Lexington (KY), Piankeshaw (IN), and Stanley Redmond Harper (OH).

The Pegasus parade is one of the longest parades in the United States lasting approximately two hours with a 1.7 mile march down Broadway Street in Louisville. In this year's parade there were 114 units, 8 floats, 7 equestrian units, 6 inflatable balloons, 12 marching bands and over 30 specialty units. Typically, the parade attracts over 200,000 spectators, but due to rain during



the parade the number this year was lower. Despite the rain many of the color guard participants commented that it was a memorable event and that they look forward to coming back for the parade next year.

Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Ceremony



The Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter
Kentucky Society

Sons of the American Revolution
invites you to attend the Memorial Service for the
241th Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks

Saturday, 19 August, 2023 @ 10 a.m. EDT
Blue Licks Battlefield State Park
10299 Maysville Road, Carlisle, KY
(Color Guard muster at 9:00 a.m.)

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

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



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Patriot Grave Marking ~ Fairview Ceme- tery

On a nearly perfect spring day, color guard members from the Indiana and Kentucky Socie- ties joined together to honor five Patriots of the American Revolution buried in the Fairview Cemetery in New Albany, IN. The ceremony on 30 April was sponsored by the Piankeshaw (IN) DAR chapter along with the Clifty Creek (IN) and Gov. Isaac Shelby (KY) SAR chap- ters. The ceremony was well attended by approximately 140 people. The color guard consisted of ten SAR chapter, one DAR chapter, one CAR society, and mem-



bers of the Scout Troop 36. Specific SAR chapters were the Clifty Creek (IN), Ohio Valley (IN), Gov. Isaac Shelby (KY), Capt. Virgil McCracken (KY), Col. Daniel Boone (KY), Col. Stephen Trigg (KY), Col. John Hardin (KY), Lafayette (KY), and Louisville Thruston (KY). The DAR and CAR chapters were the Piankeshaw (IN) DAR chapter and the Richard Lord Jones (IN) CAR society. The color guard consisted of 21 flagbearers, ten riflemen, and a drummer. In addition to posting the colors, the members of the color guard also executed "mourn on arms" during the musical tribute and provided the gun salute.



Maryland -

Training/Drill Day ~ Baldwin Common, Savage, MD

We had a great turn out for our Spring Training/Drill Day, nothing like knocking off the rest. The Line included Lawrence Price, Glenn Moss, Gerald Harris, Rick Abbott, David Embrey, John Davidson, Jason Posey, Don Eberhardt and Drummer Noah, (Left) We practiced posting Colors advancing from the Right and the Left, Manual of Arms with the new additions of keeping the hammer stall until the 'Make Ready Command' and 'Cast About' being added once everyone is primed to our Firing movements. As a side note, we had the opportunity to present Don Eberhardt with the Bronze Color Guard Medal. (Right) We look forward to having another Training/Drill Day in the fall.





April 2 – Compatriot Ron Harbaugh

April 2 – Compatriot Ron Harbaugh - It was 'A Great Day to be in Wool' as we celebrated the SAR Marking for our good friend and Color Guard member Compatriot Ron Harbaugh - We were all deeply saddened with your untimely and sudden passing, HUZDAH my friend - with Gerald Harris, Michael Fryar, Gene Moyer, Jim Tucker, Glenn Moss and David Embrey (Left)) One finale HUZDAH! (Right)



April 14 - Mary Pickersgill

The Mother and Maker of the Star Spangled Banner. We traded in our Regimentals for our 1812 uniforms as we supported The Maryland State Society of the Daughters of 1812 for the rededication of the marker for Mary Young Pickersgill and the marking of her daughter Caroline Pickersgill Purdy, It was a wonderful turnout even though it was raining. Why we are here Left) – Fire (Right) Color Guard participants included Glenn Moss, David Hoover and David Embrey.



April 21 - Camden

It was an once and a lifetime couple of days as the remains of 13 Revolutionary War Soldiers, 12 being Continentals of which a number were from the 1st Maryland Regiment and one a British regular as they were honored with ceremonies planned by the military and civilians. We had three of our members make the drive to participate, those included Lawrence Price, Jason Posey and Drummer Noah. The Troops in camp (Below) Standing guard of the ones we Honor (Left) The ones we Honor (Right)



April 22 - Camden Re-Interments

Many ceremonies were held Friday and Saturday but non more important and solemn than the Re-interments of the Remembered soldiers. Guardsman Jason Posey and Drummer Noah had the Honor of being part of this moving moment on Saturday as they part of the pallbearer team more one of the 1st Maryland fallen.



May 6 Sat -- Family Freedom Festival

The Color Guard had the honor of Present Colors for the opening ceremony, a table display as well as providing Musket Demos for the annual Yingling-Ridgley VFW Post No. 7472 which bring the Howard County community together to celebrate our veterans. With Paul Turlington, Lawrence Price, William and Christopher Smithson



May 11 Gathering of Eagles

It's always a honor to Post and Retrieves Colors for the annual Gathering of Eagles dinner at Dutch's Daughter restaurant for all Eagles Scouts in Frederick County. Guardsmen included with John Davidson, Gerald Harris and David Embrey. .



May 13 - Fort McHenry

Guardsmen Gerald Harris, 4th to the right, taking the NPS & MPS Historic Small Arms certification test last Saturday at Ft. McHenry. written test And yes, he passed - HUZZAH!



May 19 Maryland DAR Conference

One of the highlights of this year has been Posting Colors for the 118 Annual Maryland Society DAR State Conference with President General Pamela Wright in attendance which was held at Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City, Maryland. State Regent Mernie Crane started the evening off with a short welcome and then with 'Color Guard Advance the Color' we were on our way. (pics 9-1 & 9-2) The Line (pic 9-3) Glenn Moss, Paul Turlington, Gene Moyer, Gerald Harris, State Regent Mernie Crane, David Hoover, William Smithson and David Embrey. .

May 27 - Veteran Wreath Laying

It was a Fine Day to be in Wool as the Color Guard supported VFW Post 7472 Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Old Ellicott City Court House joined by County Executive Calvin Ball; Lisa Terri, Manager, Howard County Office of Veterans and Military Families; Guest Speaker Colonel Reg Avery; and Wanda Riddle, Howard County Veteran's Foundation. The Line included, David Embrey, Glenn Moss, Lawrence Price and John Davidson , Musket Salute, Present Arms



May 29 Monday Memorial Day – Like many states, Maryland had multiple events.



8:00 Parade Westminster Memorial Day

156 Annual Memorial Day Remembrance Parade and Observance Ceremony in Westminster, Maryland is considered by many, to be the longest, consecutively run, parades in the country. Color Guard members included Kevin Nitemann, Blaine Young Drummer Noah, & and Jason Posey) On the March Chapter and Color Guard participants



10:30 - Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony

Mount Olivet Cemetery, Frederick, Maryland – Another 'Fine Day to be in Wool' as the Color Guard joined the Carrollton Manor and Frederick DAR and Sgt Lawrence Everhart SAR Chapters for their Annual Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony. Color Guard participants included Gerald Harris, Gene Moyer, James Tucker, Glenn Moss and David Embrey - Fire, The Line

June 22 - Grand Opening of the Senator John Warner Maritime Heritage Center

The Color Guard was the honor to Present Colors (Bottom Left) for the Grand Opening of the Senator John Warner Maritime Heritage Center which is home of the Tall Ship Providence, one of the first ships of a new Continental Navy and Commanded by Captain John Paul Jones, at the Old Town Alexandria Dock. Afterwards, we formed at the Dock (Right) with Captain Jones and his crew for the ribbon cutter ceremony, after which, we followed Caption Jones on the gangway to the 'Maritime Heritage Center' as Fifer Dave Embrey played Yankee Doodle. 1 to r- David Embrey, Jason Posey, Glenn Moss and Paul Turlington. The fife was playing as the first group of guest arrived with some stopping with questions and to have a photo. (Bottom Right).



Michigan -

Color Guard presentation of both Bronze and Silver medals

The Michigan SAR held their 2023 annual meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Many medals were presented and two special were presented to Missar Color Guardsman Robert Hawcroft. Guardsman Hawcroft worked diligently to be presented not only the Bronze color guard medal but also the Silver consecutively the same day.

Presenting the medals and certificates was Commander Emeritus Gerald Burkland (right) centered by Michigan SAR State President Mickey McQuire, holding medals and certificates, as presented. Color Guardsman Bob Hawcroft (left) receives his medals with an out shaken hand and smile. HUZZAH !!



Michigan Vietnam War Veterans Memorial

The Vietnam War Veterans Day Commemoration event took place on April 11, 2023 at the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial on Michigan's capital grounds in Lansing, Michigan. The Lansing chapter of the NSDAR and co-sponsor SAR Pvt. Ephraim Wheaton Chapter organized a special memorial program and the "pinning" of attending veterans.

Missar 1st Vice President Joe Williams along side DAR State Regent Kelly Vanwormer said prayers to the memorialized veterans listed on the walls. Missar color guard Vice Commander Ken Goodson stands left along Lansing's Boy Scout Troop 111 presenting our nations flags and banners



Mississippi-



Grave Marking

On April 8, 2023, The Desoto Patriots Chapter held a grave marking for Compatriot Wayne Oscar Renfro at the Forrest Hill South Funeral Home in Southaven. Compatriot Wayne was a long time and faithful member, serving as Sergeant at Arms, almost from the time The DeSoto Patriots Chapter was organized. Desoto Patriot President Mike Duddas and Charles Garrison presided over the ceremony.

{L to R} Color guard members Bill Horne, Randy Hailey, Tommy Thompson, Robert Bowman, Lynn Herron

Memorial Day Observance

Members of the MS Society North District Color Guard presented the colors at the Memorial Day observance at Ocher Cemetery in Olive Branch, MS. Color guard members participating were Jerry Lilly, Tommy Thompson Robert Bowman, Kevin McDonald, Randy Hailey and Lynn Herron. Compatriot Herron fired his cannon three times during the ceremony

Missouri -

(L to R): Dewey Fry (KS-DX); Alan Martin (KS-MC); Jeffrey Winters (KS-DX); Larry Tatum (KS-DX); Michael Hahn (IPC); Ivan Stull (HST); Denice Bullock (KS-NSDAR); Stephen Sullins (IPC), Mark Parks, NW District Cdr; and Roy Hutchinson (HST). Photo by Kathy Buddendeck Hutchinson.

NW District, Patriot Guard Riders. Pictured on far right is Rodney Bledsoe, State Captain. Photo by Kathy Buddendeck Hutchinson..



Veterans headed to Washington, DC with Rob Hughes, KMBC 9 News in center. Photo by KMBC 9 News.

Heartland Honor Flight

The Northwest District, Missouri Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard was honored to Welcome Home ninety (90) heroes at the Kansas City Airport on the 18th of April 2023. The veterans honored were: 1- WWII; 4- Korean War; 83- Viet Nam; and 2-Cold War participants. The only WWII Veteran, affectionately known as "Hey Ray", received a police escort to the airport the morning of the flight from the Independence, MO police department. In addition to visiting the Navy, Iwo Jima, Air Force and Viet Nam Memorials, the veterans participated in the laying of a wreath at Arlington National Ceremony during the changing of the guard. Welcoming them home were members of the Missouri and Kansas S.A.R. Color Guards, Missouri and Kansas D.A.R. members, Patriot Guard Riders, and hundreds of citizen Patriots. Heartland Honor Flight



Mount Vernon

Dr. Brad Frazier, Missouri SAR, Ozarks Patriot Chapter, stood vigil at President George & Martha Washington's tomb at Mount Vernon on May 7, 2023. This was part of the annual Revolutionary War Weekend event. Here the serene 12-Acre Field transforms into a battleground as Continentals, Redcoats, and Hessians conduct military drills, perform cavalry demonstrations, and engage in 18th-century tacticals. This event, now in its third year, also re-creates an encampment for the purists. More than 400 reenactors participated and thousands came to observe the events. The entire setting takes people back to the 18th century. He was the only person who stood vigil for about one hour while a docent explained the purpose of honoring George and Martha Washington entombed there, to the many who visited.

Dr. Frazier is an Air Force veteran and has a number of degrees, including an MBA and Doctorate in Business Administration. He was an adjunct professor at St. Louis University, and about a dozen years ago returned there in a student role and received a Masters Degree in Military History, with a specific focus on 18th century North America and the American Revolution. He has been a Living History participant for over 40 years in 18th and 19th century military units.



. Howard Fisk, Ken Lawrence, Steve Perkins, and Gary Gift visiting with a local interested in pursuing an application



Ozark Mountain Chapter

On Saturday May 6, Color Guard and members of the Ozark Mountain Chapter, Missouri SAR, visited the Colonial House, on the square in downtown Carthage. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. we invited passersby to learn a bit about some of the lesser-known details of the American Revolution and coax some interest among the men to explore possible pedigree lines to a patriot. From this meeting two strong prospects emerged. Several others will require deeper digging. Present for the event were Dan and Danny Piedlow, Kavan Stull (the great organizer), Gary Gift and Steve Perkins (working the notebook computers), Ken Lawrence, Jeremy Boes, and Howard Fisk. We were warmly welcomed by the store's proprietors for being an attraction to their store and possibly to the SAR. The objective is to draw potential new members for the Ariel Nims Chapter. Photos by Dan Piedlow.

Special Grave Marking Ceremony

On Sunday, April 23, 2023, Missouri SAR Color Guard participated in a special grave marking ceremony at the All Saints Catholic Church, St. Peters, Missouri. Eighteen Color Guard advanced colors under arms formed in a rank of four by four. This is a story rich in history that reaches back 250 years.



The All Saints Catholic Church in St. Peters, Missouri is celebrating their 200th Anniversary in 2023. As part of their church's celebrations, the DAR and SAR collaborated to memorialize and mark the grave of Etienne Bernard (1752-1831). He was one of the founders of the church, and was a member of the 1st Co., St. Louis Militia and had fought at the American Revolution Battle of Fort San Carlos (also known as the Battle of St. Louis) on 20 May 1780. Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapter Member Dennis Hahn and Saint Charles DAR Chapter Member Patti Dickherber worked with the All Saints Heritage and Archive Committee to coordinate this special occasion, which was tagged as "All Saints Parish Founder's Day". Upon arrival of colors and taking position, the national anthem and pledges were conducted. The Moderator was Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapter President Jim Jackson. Patti Dickherber researched the subject and delivered a comprehensive biography to the nearly 150 guests, about 1/3rd of them contemporary descendants of Etienne Bernard. The dedication and unveiling of the grave marker was conducted by Jim Jackson, Gail Rea, Father Donald Wester, Sherry Maher,



Mary Valentine and Trish Walther. (Mary and Trish contributed the funds to purchase the grave marker.) The DAR presented a wreath at the grave site. Five guardsmen formed up for a triple volley to honor Etienne Bernard. Etienne Bernard was born about 1755, probably at Quebec. Like many of that time he learned to trap and hunt furs. Eventually he was in the Fort Vincennes, Cahokia, Kaskaskia, St. Charles, Portage des Sioux, Ste. Genevieve, and St. Louis settlements. The hunter/trappers seldom had a fixed abode and often had Indian wives and wintered in Indian villages. He like many of his Frenchmen, were sympathetic to the colonies and the patriot cause. The fort at St. Louis was called Fort San Carlos, and was constructed and controlled by the Spanish, and commanded by Fernando de Leyba. When it became know the British were devising a plan to cross the Mississippi to seize control, many French trappers, rowers, traders, and friendly Indians came to the cause to defend St. Louis. Etienne Bernard served in the militia from December 1782 to February 1783, alongside many friends. Following his term he married Marguerite Lebeau in Cahokia August 1786 and move to St. Louis. Eventually they made their way up the Missouri River and was enumerate there in the 1790 census. His first wife died young and he married again May 1794. He received a land grant and signed a deed in January 1800 for his St. Charles property. At about age 60, he donated some of his land to All Saints Catholic Church. He died age 80 thereafter his estate and will went into probate in St. Charles 2 May 1835.



One of three volleys: Brad Frazier, Danny Piedlow, Gary LeClaire, Mark Parks, Don Turner. Photo by Dan Piedlow (OMC).

Front L-R: Charles Lilly, Steve Perkins, Gary LeClaire, David Riggs, Rylee Riggs, Marvin Koechig, Don Turner, Brad Frazier. Row 2: John Bedell, Mark Parks, Dan Evans, Terry Grogan. Row 3: Kevin Hulsey, Greg Watkins, Casey Brizendine, Danny Piedlow Jr., Rochelle Riggs (DAR). Back row: Bill Grote, Steve Baldwin.

Not pictured are photographer Dan Piedlow, Eastern District Commander Jim Jackson, Dr. Gregg Sartorius.





FCHF veterans at Washington D. C.



Marvin Koechig (FDL), Veteran Bill Rittinger and Guardian/Veteran Bill Rynecki (USAF), and Jim Jackson(FDL). Photo provided by Joanie Koechig

Franklin County Honor Flight - St. Louis Lambert International Airport

In their spare time these two veterans are busy at the Delaware North (concession stand) at Busch Stadium, home of the St. Louis Baseball Cardinals. But on Sunday April 23, 2023, they returned after participating in the Franklin County Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. Franklin County Honor Flight is a volunteer organization based in Union, Missouri that flies U.S. veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit national memorials that symbolize service in military actions around the world. On this trip, 24 Veterans (21 Vietnam, 3 Korean Veterans) took in the war memorial sights at the nation's capital. Nearly 100 people gathered to greet and welcome their return

The Battle of Fort San Carlos Commemoration James McGee Grave Dedication

The Battle of Fort San Carlos Commemoration, Sunday, May 28, 2023 was held in Ste. Genevieve Missouri. This annual event, hosted by the Commemoration Committee, which is presided over by Margaret Carr, commemorates the largest, most chronicled Revolutionary war battle west of the Mississippi. This year's commemoration was preceded by grave markings at the Memorial Cemetery Saturday, May 27, where no less than 40 color guardsmen from surrounding states, participated in a march into and at the cemetery. The DAR chapters of the area were well represented, as was the Missouri CAR, and the Branson Missouri AFJROTC who sent 4 cadets in period uniform. The commemoration on Sunday began with a short march to the Ste. Genevieve Catholic church and then inside bagpipes played as flags were advanced and posted. Following the commemoration ceremony, which is a national color guard event, the combined SAR Color Guard and Ste. Genevieve Malice performed a triple musket volley



Cemetery Ceremonies Group

Kneeling on the wall far right: Steve Perkins, Ken Goodson. Front-steps: James Osbourn, 2nd tier steps-Doug Nicholson, Craig Crow, Gary LeClaire, Joe Sieber. Right of steps front row standing: Wayne Merrill, Steve Biggs, Russ DeVenney, Wayne Shumake. Second row left of steps: Deb Cameron, Pat McLemore. Second row steps/standing: Wyatt Nicholson, Mark Parks, Mark Reicker, Dan Evans, Rev. John Rice, Kevin Hulsey, Bradford Waters, Jim Jackson, Scott Bruton, Steve King, Ken Lawrence, Matthew Toeniskoetter, Charles McLemore, David Schaul. Third row: Bill McKnight, Geoff Gigliarano, Charles McMillan, Gary Schell, Michael Gerintano, Mark Diamond. Back row: (4 Cadets & 5 guardsman) JFROTC- Irelyn Mosandl, Rebecca Friend, Darrius Dunnihoo, Christian Kemp, Terry Grogan, Jim Bizzell. Not pictured: Howard Fisk, Rochelle Riggs-DAR, David Riggs and Rylee Riggs-CAR, Daniel Riggs-videographer/CAR, photographer Debbie Perkins.



FSC group:

L-R kneeling: Steve Perkins, Russ Deveney, Ron Rayfield, Charles McMillan, Mark Diamond. 1st row standing: Bradford Waters, Mark Parks, Kevin Hulsey, Brad Frazier. 2nd row standing: John Bedell, Terry Grogan, Ken Lawrence, Geoff Giglierano, Justine Dorne, Bradley Moore, David Popp, Doug Nicholson, Michael Gerantano, Gary Schell.

New Hampshire -

Battle of Bunker Hill 248th Anniversary Commemorative Exercises 17 June 2023

Inclement weather forced the sponsors of the annual ceremony, (the J.W. Conway Bunker Hill Post No. 26 of the American Legion, in cooperation with the Boston National Historic Park, Bunker Hill Monument Association), to cancel the Commemorative Exercises schedule for the day.

Despite the inclement weather, SAR Color Guard members from Massachusetts, Tennessee and New Hampshire joined to honor the Patriots who fought on Breeds Hill. The combined unit braved the elements for a procession to each of the memorial gate to place wreaths and execute a salute in honor of all Patriots who gave their lives during the battle.



Bunker Hill_Color Guard Procession: 1st Rank L-R Brian St. Pierre – (obstructed) Scott Tourtellot, 2nd Rank L-R Russ Cumbee, Mark Young (obstructed, 3rd Rank L-R Curtis Hermann, Jim Holmes, Chris Tourtellot,



L-R. Brian St. Pierre – MASSAR Col Henry Knox Guardsman, Scott Tourtellot – MASSAR Col Henry Knox Guardsman, Chris Tourtellot- MASSAR Col Henry Knox Commander, Jim Holmes MASSAR Col Henry Knox Exec. Officer, Hon. Col. Mark Young – Tennessee State Color Guard, Russ Cumbee – New Hampshire State Color Guardsman, Curtis Hermann New Hampshire State Color Guard Commander

Memorial Day Activities

Events start late in New England and after our April and May drills were rained out we finally were able to kick off our 2023 Campaign on Memorial Day. The Color Guard was able to cover multiple events across the state with one team traveling to Littleton, NH and a second team to Acworth, NH,

A grave marking ceremony for Supply Reed was performed by the NHSSAR and descendants of Supply Reed. A SAR Patriot Grave Marker was dedicated and unveiled by the family and a wreath was placed at graveside in remembrance of the patriot. Compatriot Hans Jackson spoke on the life and service of Supply Reed.
Photo: L-R Douglas Wood, Hans Jackson, Sean Walsh and Dennis Walsh

Twenty-four descendants of Supply Reed were present for his grave marking ceremony. Ten Compatriots took the Oath of Membership for the SAR and 4 descendants were inducted to the DAR.



Compatriots: Curtis Hermann; Michael Blair; Kevin Stewart; Barry Lewis; Brad Bailey and Russell Cumbee participated in the Littleton Memorial Day Procession and Memorial Service. Also participating were Compatriot Hermann's wife, Lois, DAR; Compatriot Blair's wife, Cherie, DAR Applicant; and Compatriot Lewis' mother, also DAR.

2023 Memorial Day_Littleton Procession: L-R: Michael Blair, Cherie Blair, Curtis Hermann, Lois Hermann, Susan Lewis, Barry Lewis, Russell Cumbee and Brad Bailey.



Members of the New Hampshire Society, Sons of the American Revolution participated in an observance of Memorial Day and remembrance of Acworth's sons and daughters taken by war. The Memorial Day observance was performed in collaboration with Britton-Porter American Legion Post #57, Fall Mountain Regional High School JROTC, Town of Acworth, and Acworth Congregational Church. Linda Christie, Town of Acworth Zoning Board presided as emcee for the observance. The NHSSAR Color Guard members Dennis Walsh, Sean Walsh, Douglas Wood, and Hans Jackson fired a three round musket salute as a wreath provided by NHSSAR was placed at the Revolutionary War Memorial.



2023 Memorial Day_Acworth Ceremony Rev War Monument L-R: NHSSAR Guardsmen Hans Jackson, Sean Walsh and Dennis Walsh

2023 Memorial Day_Acworth Ceremony Group: Far Left, Douglas Wood; Kneeling, Hans Jackson; Third from Right: Dennis Walsh; Second from Right, Andrew Ackers; Far Right, Sean Walsh

Following the Memorial Day observance at the Acworth War Memorial on Town Hall Road, the New Hampshire SAR conducted a ceremony presided over by NHSSAR President Andy Akers at the Acworth Cemetery to honor all interred Revolutionary War veterans. Wreaths in honor of all Revolutionary War veterans were presented by SAR President Andy Akers, Honorary NHSODAR Regent Trish Jackson, and John Stark Society C.A.R. members Cooper and Bradley Akers. A history on Memorial Day remarks was given by Past NEDC Vice-President General Hans Jackson.



2023 Memorial Day Honored Interred Rev War Ceremony L-R: NHSSAR President Andrew Akers and NHSSAR Guardsman Hans Jackson



Memorial Day Honored Interred Rev War Color Guard L-R: Dennis Walsh, Sean Walsh and Douglas Wood

Patriots Day, April 17th

A combined unit of New Hampshire and Connecticut SAR members participated in the Patriots Day festivities in Concord, Massachusetts. Joining the group was Lois Hermann, Molly Stark Chapter DAR. The festivities included a parade through the town to the Lexington Park for the annual ceremony to honor those who fought in the battle. The march continued through the drizzling rain across the North Bridge and back to Concord



Major Dan Dudley, Howard Greene, Fred Rivard, Ron White, Curtis Hermann, Lois Hermann, Russell Cumbee, Sergeant Derek Brockhoff and Colonel David Perkins



North Bridge L-R: Major Dan Dudley, Curtis Hermann, Russell Cumbee, Fred Rivard (partially obstructed), Sergeant Derek Brockhoff, Ron White (obstructed), Colonel David Perkins, Howard Greene and Lois Hermann.



New Jersey -

NJSSAR ANNUAL LEXINGTON AND CONCORD LUNCHEON, April 15

The NJSSAR held its annual meeting and Lexington and Concord Luncheon on April 15 this year, at which former President Charles Morgan Jr. was succeeded by President Robert Meyer. The NJSSAR Color Guard posted the colors at the luncheon. Among the honors and medals presented, Color Guardsmen Roger Williams received the Color Guard Silver Medal and Sam Davis received the Color Guard Bronze Medal. Roger Williams and Color Guardsman Jim Howard also received the Patriot Medal. Also honored were this year's winner of the NJSSAR JROTC Outstanding Cadet Award, Cadet Cole Hamilton from Lenape High School, and Lt. Col. Ron Tuczak, senior instructor JROTC for Lenape High School.

From left to right, Lt. Col. Ron Tuczak, senior instructor JROTC for Lenape High School, NJSSAR Color Guard Adjutant Richard Serfass, Outstanding NJSSAR JROTC Cadet for 2023 Cole Hamilton from Lenape High School, NJSSAR JROTC Coordinator Chris Sands



Ensign Henry Young Patriot Grave Marking, May 6

The NJSSAR Color Guard attended Ensign Henry Young Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony on May 6 in the Young Family Burial Plot along the Cedar Swamp Trail in Cape May County, NJ. Ensign Young served with the 3rd NJ Militia during the Revolutionary War and died in 1795. The Color Guard posted the colors and were led by South Jersey Commander James Howard. The detail included NJSSAR State Commander Jay Hershey, Adjutant Richard Serfass, Charles Morgan Jr., Mike Mangum, Gary Beauregard and Don Higbee. Paul Sutton and the Richard Somers Chapter of NJSSAR, the New Jersey DAR, the American Legion, Boy Scout Troop 1079 Upper Township, NJ, and many others helped organize and make this event a great success. Several speakers noted that the event coincided with the crowning of a new king in England, which added historical poignancy to the day and to Ensign Young's service and sacrifices. They are not forgotten



From left, NJSSAR Color Guardsmen Richard Serfass, James Howard, Charles Morgan, Boy Scouts of Troop 79, Upper Township, Mike Mangum, Gary Beauregard and Don Higbee

Battle of Bound Brook Wreath Laying, April 16, 2023

On April 16, the NJSSAR Color Guard conducted a wreath laying to commemorate the Battle of Bound Brook, April 13, 1777. NJSSAR President and New York-New Jersey Regional Vice-President Robert Meyer, Color Guard Commander Jay Hershey and color guardsmen James Howard, Roger Williams and Earl Grondyke were present. Also in attendance, Bound Brook Town Councilwoman Linda Brnicevic and Mary Swarbrick, Vice President, CENTRAL, League of Historical Societies New Jersey, and from the New Jersey Daughters of the American Revolution, Diane McVey and Julie Diddell, who is also chair of the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association for New Jersey.

The following historical account of the Battle of Bound Brook is from the Abraham Staats House in South Bound Brook, which plays a key role in organizing a weekend of events commemorating the battle.

From: <https://www.staatshouse.org/events/battle-of-bound-brook/>

On Sunday, April 13, 1777, a four-column force of 4,000 British Crown troops led by Lord Charles Cornwallis attacked a small American garrison of about 500 commanded by General Benjamin Lincoln and located in the town of Bound Brook. The objective: surround the town, capture the garrison and provisions located at this patriot stronghold and gain a foothold in the war against the American Revolutionary army. In the surprise attack, an advance column led by Hessian Jaeger scouts fighting for the British were pinned down by Colonial soldiers who put up a spirited resistance at the Old Stone Arch Bridge located near the Queens' Bridge.

The skirmish bought precious time for the bulk of the American force in Bound Brook as British forces poured into the area. When a second column of 1,000 British soldiers charged over the Queen's Bridge to attack, the Colonials retreated, escaping the trap. The American army regrouped in the area later in 1777, in a larger encampment called First Middlebrook.



From left to right, NJSSAR Color Guardsmen Roger Williams, James Howard, Color Guard Commander Jay Hershey, Earl Grondyke, and chaplain

History Day, East Jersey Old Towne Village, May 13

The NJSSAR Cannon Crew joined several reenactor artillery crews for a day of celebrating early American History at East Jersey Old Town Village in Piscataway, N.J., on May 13. Cannon Crew Commander Frank McGonigle gave the orders and lit the charges as the crew fired on the hour for much of the day. Helping out on the crew were Color Guardsmen Ed Glidden and Jay Hershey, and a certain Molly Pitcher. The NJSSAR also sponsored an informational table for the event manned by Color Guardsman Gary Beauregard, who had the NJSSAR flag and a sampling of muskets and swords on display.



Patriot Grave Marking for Jabez Campfield

On Saturday May 27, the NJSSAR Color Guard helped honor a new gravestone and historic plaque for Dr. Jabez Campfield, a Morristown doctor, surgeon for Spencer's Regiment of the Continental Line and 2nd Regiment of Light Dragoons (Sheldon's Horse), and founding member of the Society of the Cincinnati. The beautiful ceremony was organized by the New Jersey Daughters of the American Revolution and was attended by a crowd of nearly 100 people including descendants of Dr. Campfield who came from as far away as California. A new headstone for Dr. Campfield was unveiled, sponsored by the Morristown Chapter of the DAR and the Society of the Cincinnati in New Jersey. Reenactors from Spencer's Additional Regiment, the Second Continental Light Dragoons New Jersey Fife and Drums all added to the splendor of the occasion.

Patriot Grave Markings in Manahakin, June 3

The NJSSAR Color Guard attended Patriot Grave Marking Ceremonies in Manahawkin, N.J., on June 3 for Patriots Silas Crane, in the Old Baptist Church Cemetery, and Samuel Bennett, in the Old Methodist Church Cemetery. The Color Guard posted the colors and were led by South Jersey Commander James Howard and included Adjutant Richard Serfass, Charles Morgan Jr., Ken McGill, Gary Beauregard, Don Higbee and Mike Mangum.

The ceremonies, which included a dedication of two signs from the Pomeroy Foundation marking the cemeteries as containing the remains of Revolutionary War Patriots, was also attended by representatives of the New Jersey Daughters of the American Revolution, Stafford Township Mayor Gregory E. Myhre, Ocean County Historian Tim Hart.

Battle of Monmouth Commemoration, June 17, National Event

National Color Guard Commander Brooks Lyles on June 17 joined Color Guardsmen from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia and other states for a wreath laying and commemoration at Battle of Monmouth Weekend, held annually each June at the Monmouth Battlefield State Park. The Color Guard honored both the battle, fought on June 28, 1778, and General Von Steuben, the Drillmaster of Valley Forge, without whose disciplined instruction the Continental Army might have fared poorly indeed. The effects of Von Steuben's training, instituted during the winter encampment at Valley Forge, are said to have first been seen on a major scale at the Battle of Monmouth



Battle of Bennett Island

The New Jersey SAR, color Guard participated in the Battle of Bennett's Island unveiling of a historic Marker commemorating the Battle. In attendance were NJSSAR Color Guard Adjutant Richard Serfass, NJSSAR President Robert Meyer and Color Guardsman Gary Beauregard.

On February 18, 1777, New Jersey militia colonel John Neilson led about 150 militiamen and 50 Pennsylvania riflemen on a surprise pre-dawn raid of Bennett's Island, located on the Raritan River to the southeast of the British-held New Brunswick. The raid resulted in the capture of Major Richard Stockton, renowned as the "land pilot" for guiding British forces across New Jersey, as well as three other officers and sixty soldiers of the New Jersey Volunteers, a Loyalist regiment. Four of Stockton's soldiers were killed in the raid, while Neilson lost only one man. The raid also permitted Colonel Neilson and his Middlesex County militia to impede British vessels attempting to supply New Brunswick.

Memorial Day, May 29

Memorial Day ceremonies were held throughout New Jersey on May 29 and were



attended individually by NJSSAR Color Guardsmen in their different communities. NJSSAR Color Guard Commander Jay Hershey and Brandon Fontanes, a new Color Guard member from the West Fields SAR Chapter, attended the official ceremony in the town of Westfield. The two presented a wreath on behalf of the NJSSAR as part of the ceremony, in which William F. Morris, the chief of joint staff for the New Jersey National Guard, spoke about supporting veterans and their legacy. The Grand Marshall of the town's parade was Wally Lawrence Brown, who was recognized for his service in the Korean War.

Battle of Springfield Commemoration, June 23, National Event

Recognized as a National Color Guard Event for the first time this year, the Battle of Springfield, fought 23, 1780, was commemorated on Friday evening June 23 with a pair of ceremonies in Springfield. The first, at Battleground Cemetery, where remains of both sides are interred, is a wreath laying organized by the New Jersey Daughters of the American Revolution and its Church and Cannon Chapter. The second, immediately following, and led by the NJSSAR Color Guard, involves a march from Battleground Cemetery to First Presbyterian Church to lay a wreath at the foot of the Minuteman statue in the churchyard. First Presbyterian was one scene of fighting in the battle and where the immortal "Fighting Parson" the Rev. James Caldwell, while dispensing hymnals to be used as wadding for the guns, uttered the famous line, "Give 'em Watts, boys!"

The Battle of Springfield is actually the second of two closely related battles. The battles of Connecticut Farms and Springfield in June 1780 were so closely related, they could be considered part of one larger engagement. Each of these battles, fought in neighboring towns, featured thousands of troops, intense fighting and hinged on British and Hessian plans to defeat and capture George Washington and Continental stores at the camp in nearby Morristown.

On June 7, 1780, Hessian and British troops marched for the Hobart Gap between Summit and Milburn, through which they hoped to reach Morristown. They ran into fierce resistance a few miles short of their objective, at Connecticut Farms, now Union, from regiments of the Continental Army and New Jersey militia. Upon failing to reach their objective, the British and Hessians unleashed their fury on the town, burning it to the ground. It was in this battle also that Hannah Caldwell, wife of the "Fighting Parson" James Caldwell, was shot and killed, giving the enraged people of New Jersey further cause to support the Revolution.

The Battle of Springfield, roughly two weeks later, was the last Revolutionary War battle to be fought in the North. Again the British and Hessians attempted to reach the Hobart Gap and force Gen. Washington into a vulnerable position where his army could be annihilated. They failed a second time, met by similar resistance as before, this time led by Nathanael Greene under the watch of Washington positioned not far away. It was this second failure that led the British command to turn their hopes for victory to a campaign in the Southern colonies.

Battle of The Short Hills Commemoration, June 27

On the evening of Tuesday, June 27, the NJSSAR Color Guard honored the 246th anniversary of The Battle of The Short Hills, fought on June 26, 1777. The ceremony took place at Oak Tree Pond Historic Park, at 2064 Oak Tree Road, Edison, N.J.

The NJSSAR Color Guard posted the colors and Vice President General for the Middle Atlantic States of New Jersey and New York and NJSSAR President Robert Meyer presented a wreath. Also present at the ceremony were the New Jersey DAR's Church and Cannon Chapter and Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell Chapter, Representatives of the NJSSAR West Fields, Monmouth, South Jersey and Princeton Cranbury chapters, the Society of the Cincinnati, Chief of Staff Robert Diehl of the Edison Mayor's Office and the presidents of the Edison-Metuchen, Somerset, Scotch Plains-Fanwood and

Westfield Historical Societies as well as members of other communities nearby.

This battle, sometimes mistakenly referred to as the "Battle of Short Hills," unfolded over a long summer's day, June 26, 1777. British, Hessian and American troops engaged in a fight that began in the morning in Woodbridge and quickly spread to Edison, Metuchen and Plainfield, in an area referred to as "the Short Hills." The attack, a chess game of sorts in which Generals Howe and Cornwallis attempted to capture General Washington, failed when Washington and his Continentals and New Jersey Militia retreated to their stronghold in the Watchung Mountains. Meanwhile, frustrated, retreating British and Hessian armies marched through Scotch Plains and West Fields in a raid that pillaged numerous farmhouses in both communities beginning June 26th and lasting into the next day



Members of the NJSSAR Color Guard at the Commemoration of the 246th Anniversary of The Battle of The Short Hills. From left, NJSSAR Color Guard Commander Jay Hershey, Color Guardsman James Sanford, Vice President General for the Middle Atlantic States of New Jersey and New York and NJSSAR President Robert Meyer, Color Guardsman Gary Beauregard, NJSSAR Color Guard Adjutant Richard Serfass and NJSSAR Historian Roger Williams



Nevada -

Battle Born Patriots Chapter, NVSSAR, Receives B.P. Training Class in Reno

On the weekend of April 29-30, fifteen members of the Nevada Society's Battle Born Patriot (BBP) chapter graduated, and were certified under the provisions of the NRA Muzzleloading Shooting course. The shooting course was given in Reno by Mark Kramer, past California Society Color Guard Commander and former National SAR Color Guard Safety Officer, and by Brandon Villardi, the current California Society Color Guard Commander. Both of these experienced men are nationally certified instructors for the NRA-NMLRA Muzzleloading Shooting Course, which is approved by the National SAR Color Guard committee.

Their certification in this course will allow chapter members to fully participate in SAR color guard activities while firing muskets at the chapter, state, and national level, and is therefore important and highly sought by SAR color guard members. Emphasizing firearm safety training as their goal, Compatriots Kramer and Villardi offered to conduct this class for the BBP chapter in Reno. This offer included a greatly reduced rate, and for their generosity the BBP chapter is extremely grateful. It is also especially noteworthy that these two instructors voluntarily paid their own expenses for travel and lodging, and then drove over a thousand miles to conduct the course in order to provide valuable training, and to promote the safe use of firearms for the NVSSAR BBP chapter members. Their quality instruction to the chapter included training and familiarization with all common types of muzzleloading ignition systems such as flintlock, percussion, and inline, but also included the handling and operation of various types of firearms such as pistol, rifle, shotgun and musket.

The first day's training for this two-day course was held at the Reno Elks Lodge classroom, and training for the second day's practical shooting instruction occurred at the range in Golden Eagle Valley, east of Reno. Congratulations to the 15 class graduates of this course:

Chet Buchanan, Donn Dalton, Jay Dickey, Cody Ehlers, Alan Fitch, Bernie Hamm, Steve Hook, Terry Hubert, Jim Linscott, Randall Lorenz, John Mandagaran, Pat McKean, Rafael Ortiz, David Perdue, and Ralph Strahan.

The Battle Born Patriots chapter is very appreciative of the time, efforts, expense and expertise that Instructors Mark Kramer and Brandon Villardi graciously gave to benefit the color guard members of the chapter. Thank You!



BBP Chapter Color Guard Presents the Colors at DAR Nevada Sagebrush Chapter's 100th Anniversary

On Saturday, Feb. 25, six members of the Nevada Society's Battle Born Patriot (BBP) chapter presented the colors during the opening ceremony for the DAR's Nevada Sagebrush Chapter 100th Anniversary Tea Party celebration, held in Sparks, NV. The Nevada Sagebrush Chapter is the DAR's oldest continuously operated chapter in Nevada.

BBP Color guard members present were: Rafael Ortiz, David Hess, Roger Linscott (NVSSAR CG Cdr), Donn Dalton, Brian Colonna, and Jay Dickey. Left to Right: Rafael Ortiz, David Hess, Roger Linscott, Donn Dalton, Brian Colonna, Jay Dickey. Photo by Randy Becker.



BBP Chapter Color Guard Presents the Colors at DAR Nevada 98th Anni- versary

The National - level event, commanded by the National Color Guard Commander Brooks Lyles was held at George Washington's Mount Vernon.

On Friday, Mar 24, six members of the NVSSAR Battle Born Patriot (BBP) chapter Color Guard were honored to present the colors during the opening ceremony of the Nevada DAR State Society's 98th Annual DAR State Conference, held at the Atlantis Spa & Casino, in Reno, NV.

BBP Chapter Color Guard members present: Roger Linscott (NVSSAR CG Cdr), Brian Colonna, Terry Hubert, Donn Dalton, David Hess, Jay Dickey.

L-R Roger Linscott, Brian Colonna, Terry Hubert, Donn Dalton, David Hess, Jay Dickey. Photo by Angela Haakinson.



NVSSAR Annual Conference Banquet

On Saturday, Apr 1, nine members of the Nevada Society's Battle Born Patriot (BBP) chapter Color Guard presented the Colors during the Nevada Society, SAR, opening ceremony for the NVSSAR Annual Conference Banquet at the Atlantis Spa & Casino, in Reno, NV.

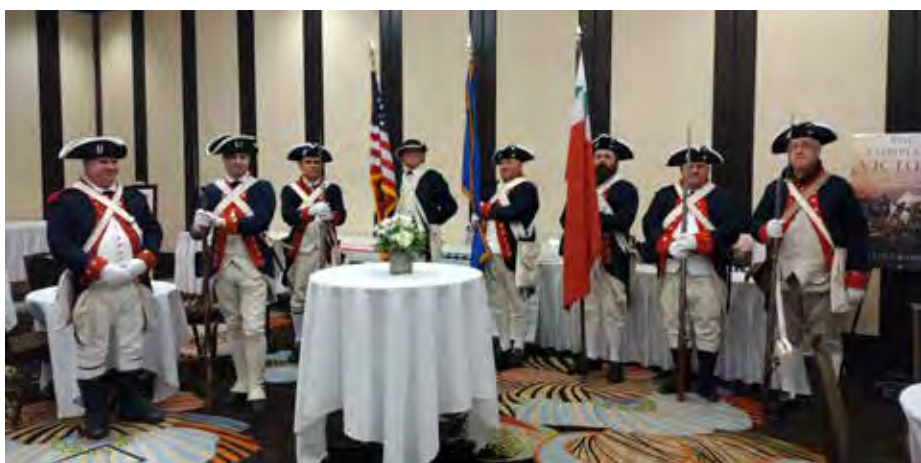
The featured speaker at the banquet was Kevin Weddle, historian and author of "A Compleat Victory" which was the title of his recent book and the subject of his talk, the Battles of Saratoga.

Another notable attraction of the evening's festivities was the appearance of the Sierra Nevada Highlanders Pipe Band, whose members entertained the banquet audience with numerous selections of bagpipe and drum music, before "piping in" the Color Guard's entrance bearing the National Colors.

BBP Color Guard members attending were: Roger Linscott (NVSSAR CG Cdr), Brian Colonna, Rafael Ortiz, Terry Hubert, Donn Dalton, Cody Ehlers, and Alan Fitch.

BBP Chapter Color Guard, NVSSAR Annual Meeting, Left to Right: Roger Linscott (NVSSAR CG Cdr), Brian Colonna, Rafael Ortiz, Terry Hubert, Donn Dalton, Cody Ehlers, Alan Fitch.

Photo by David Perdue (BBP Chapter).



Memorial Service

On Memorial Day, May 29th, the NVSSAR Battle Born Patriot (BBP) chapter Color Guard joined members of the Nevada American Legion (AL) Post 1, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Sons of Union Veterans (SUVCW) Camp 25, and members of the general public, in honoring Civil War Union veterans buried at Reno's G.A.R. cemetery. At the conclusion of the memorial service, conducted by American Legion Post 1 Commander Charles Trousdale, six of the SAR BBP chapter color guard members fired a 3-volley musket salute, which was followed by taps. The six color guard members attending were Rafael Ortiz, Roger Linscott, Jay Dickey, Art Salt, David Hess, and Rob Stoecklin. BBP chapter members Cody Ehlers and Donn Dalton, representing their dual membership in SUVCW Camp 25, also participated in the musket volleys while wearing their Civil War Union uniforms.

Following the memorial ceremony at the G.A.R. cemetery, the combined color guard later performed two additional 3-volley musket salutes for separate veteran memorial ceremonies at the nearby Knights of Pythias cemetery, and at the Reno Hillside Cemetery.

BBP Chapter Color Guard, Memorial Day at G.A.R. cemetery, Reno. L to R: Rafael Ortiz, Roger Linscott (CG Cmdr.), Jay Dickey, Art Salt, Cody Ehlers (Camp 25), David Hess, Donn Dalton (Camp 25), Jack Edstrom (AL Nev. Dist. 1 Cmdr.), Richard Dickerson (Past Cmdr., AL Post 1), and Rob Stoecklin. Photo by John Knott (AL Post 1).



Flag Day and the US Army Birthday

On Flag Day and the US Army Birthday, June 14, the NVSSAR Battle Born Patriot (BBP) chapter Color Guard performed an Honor Guard in support of the Nevada National Guard's presentation of colors at the ceremonies held on the State Capitol Grounds in Carson City, NV. Nevada Governor Joseph Lombardo was the keynote speaker for the event. Six color guard members in attendance were Roger Linscott, Brian Colonna, Art Salt, Donn Dalton, David Hess, and Terry Hubert.

BBP Chapter Color Guard, Flag Day at Veterans Memorial, Carson City, NV.
L to R: Roger Linscott (CG Cmdr.), Brian Colonna, Donn Dalton, Art Salt, David Hess, Terry Hubert. Photo by S.Linscott



New York -

Grave Marking

On April 29th 2023 the Saratoga Battle Chapter Color Guard participated in a grave marking service at the South Milton cemetery in Milton NY for revolutionary war veterans Asa Beach, John Curtis, and Ebenezer French.

New York State Color Guard Commander and Milton Town Historian Michael Companion presided over the ceremony assisted by The Milton Town Supervisor, The Saratoga Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Ballston Spa Cub Scout Pack 1, and descendants of John Curtis.

Photo credits should go to compatriot Tim Mabee and Heather Mabee.



North Carolina -

Halifax Resolves Day Celebrated by Halifax Resolves Chapter



Blue Ridge SAR Color Guard Salutes Honor Flight Vets

Hendersonville, N.C.—Members of the Blue Ridge SAR Color Guard were front and center in welcoming Military Veterans home to Asheville, North Carolina from the April 29th Honor Flight to our nation's capital. Making the presentation even more special was the honor of welcoming Blue Ridge Chapter's compatriot and Viet Nam veteran Lance Dickinson home from the trip. He was escorted by another Blue Ridge member Larry Chapman (USMC Col. Retired), who serves as the chapter's JROTC Committee Chairman.

On hand to present the Colors to over 400 family members and on-lookers were Color Guard Commander Garry Linton, compatriots Ken Weglarz, Dave Gunther, Blue Ridge Chapter President Steve Greene and Mountain Region Vice President Craig Isaacson.

The National Honor Flights were begun in 2005 by Hendersonville, NC native Jeff Miller and his friend Earl Morse. Miller's father was a World War II veteran and Morse's father served in Korea and Viet Nam. In the 18 years that Honor Flights have taken place, over 250,000 veterans of the American Armed Forces have traveled to Washington, D.C. to view the seat of freedom that they served to protect.



Ohio



Cincinnati color guardsmen fire a musket salute at the Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati on April 23rd during a Memorial Rededication honoring 58 patriots. Commanding is State Adjutant and Cincinnati Color Guard Commander Mike Gunn.



The Northeast Ohio Chapter provided a color guard at the Geauga County Maple Festival in Chardon, Ohio on April 29th. L to R: Dan Matheke, Troy Bailey, John Wooding, Steve Hinson.



Members of the Northeast Ohio Chapter and Western Reserve Society provided a color guard for the annual DAR, CAR, and Lafayette SAR Chapter Community Awards and Recognition held at the Akron Women's Club in Akron, Ohio on April 15th. SAR members L to R: Dan Matheke, Troy Bailey, Zack Hoon, Galen Swab





(On April 30th, the Northeast Ohio Chapter again provided a color guard for the Geauga County Maple Festival. L to R: John Wooding, Steve Hinson, Troy Bailey.



On the evening of Friday, May 5th, during the 134th Annual State Society Meeting in Cincinnati, the combined color guard of the Ohio Society lined up for inspection at the front entrance of the Peterloo Mansion in Montgomery, Ohio to greet NSSAR President General C. Bruce Pickette and First Lady Rita Pickette, and Ohio Society President Jack Bredenfoerder and First Lady Laurie Bredenfoerder. State Color Guard Commander Bob Hill is at left.



The following day on May 6th, the Cincinnati Chapter hosted a Patriot Grave Marking attended by President General Pickette. The ceremony was held at the Old Armstrong Chapel Cemetery in Indian Hills, a suburb of Cincinnati. In the photo, after a 3-volley musket salute was fired the musket detail went to Mourn Arms. To the left is Chapter Commander and Drill Master Brad Jarard.

The combined OHSSAR Color Guard prepares to march and post the colors at the Patriot Grave Marking at Old Armstrong Chapel Cemetery in Indian Hills, Ohio on May 6th.



On May 8th the Cincinnati Chapter's Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard assisted three representatives of the Boston Tea Party Museum in commemorating a bronze marker at the Veterans Administration headstone of patriot Joshua Wyeth at Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati. Wyeth was a participant in the famous 1773 event that was one of many events to precipitate the American Revolution, and coined the expression "Boston Tea Party" during a newspaper interview in the 1820's. Wyeth also served in the Massachusetts Line of the Continental Army during the war. The event was attended by members of the public, several chapters of the DAR and the Ohio DAR Vice Regent, Sons of Union Veterans, and chapters of the SAR including VPG Jesse Moore. The color guard and musket detail was commanded by State Adjutant and Chapter Commander Mike Gunn.





The Marietta Chapter hosted the annual Memorial Service for Patriots of the Northwest Territory on Thursday, May 25th. The day was absolutely beautiful and the event well-attended by members of the SAR, DAR, and public. The color guard and musket salute was commanded by State Color Guard Commander Bob Hill. The event took place in Mound Cemetery in Marietta, named after the ancient Adena Indian burial mound in its center. The founders of Marietta (founded in 1788) were veteran officers of the Continental Army and wished to preserve the historical significance of the mound, and established the city cemetery around it in 1801. Mound Cemetery is said to contain the highest number of Continental Army officers buried in one cemetery (37) in the United States.

The Hocking Valley Chapter Color Guard combined with members from the Benjamin Franklin Chapter, marched in the Memorial Day Parade in Granville, Ohio. The day began with a 3-volley musket salute at the Old Colony Burying Ground where 22 Revolutionary War patriots are buried. The guardsmen then joined the American Legion Color Guard leading the parade to Maple Grove Cemetery. The SAR Color Guard was privileged to end the very well-attended ceremony by raising the National Colors from half to full staff at noon. L to R: Commander Bob Hill, Ohio Society President Don Miller, Emma Potter, Larry Potter, Joseph Potter, Al Gummere, and Curt Radabaugh dressed as George Washington.



The Northeast Ohio Chapter Color Guard marched in the Memorial Day Parade in Jefferson, Ohio. L to R: Larry Koval, Troy Bailey, Gregg Gorzelle, Dan Matheke, Steve Hinson, and joined by a US sailor named Kathleen

On June 3rd the Northeast Ohio Chapter hosted a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony in Concord Township Cemetery and Huntoon Cemetery in Lake County, Ohio honoring six (6) patriots. The day was sunny, warm, with moderate wind, and well-attended by SAR, DAR, CAR members, and by a few descendants of the patriots. Steve Hinson, National Chairman of the Patriot Records Committee, emceed the ceremony. Flowers were also placed on the graves of the patriot wives and daughters by members of the DAR.



Two (2) members of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter Color Guard, Larry and Joseph Potter, joined with nine (9) scouts of BSA Troop 450 of New Albany and a few other volunteers in a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Sunday, June 11th, held at the Village Hall. Due to rain and threat of lightning, the event was moved indoors and the several hundred flags cut and quartered, to be burned and buried later, as illustrated in the US Scouting Service Project webpage <http://usscouts.org/ceremony/flagret1.asp>.

On Saturday, June 24th, a Patriot Grave Marking was hosted by the Arthur St. Clair Chapter at Grandview Cemetery in Chillicothe, Ohio honoring five (5) patriots. State Color Guard Commander Bob Hill presents a wreath on behalf of his Hocking Valley Chapter as its president.



The Combined Ohio Society Color Guard fires a musket salute near the end of ceremonies.



On June 10th several members of the Richard Montgomery Chapter Color Guard presented Beckel Insurance in Centerville, Ohio with a Flag Certificate and a Service to Veterans Award



Oklahoma City Chapter

Another wonderful opportunity for the Oklahoma City NSSAR Chapter!

The very First Professional Women's Fast Pitch Softball Game was held at Pinkston Stadium on the campus of the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) located in the city of Edmond, Oklahoma. This was the first time we had been invited to participate with their athletic organization. They were so happy with the performance that OKC SAR Color Guard has been invited back to perform at their games in the seasons to come. Job Well Done!

Participants: Henry Baer Color Guard Silver Awardee and Past Chapter President, Sean Drake Color Guard Bronze Bernardo De Galvez Awardee, Steve Miller Musket Team Commander, Mark Reichardt Color Guard Bronze Bernardo De Galvez Awardee, Joseph Sieber Distinguished Service Awardee and Current Color Guard Commander, Robert Thomas Color Guard Silver Awardee and Current Color Sergeant Major, Ken Young Color Guard Silver Awardee and Past State Society President.

The OKC NSSAR Color Guard team was invited to present the Colors at the inaugural Opening Ceremony of the First game of the OKC Spark Women's Professional Fast Pitch Soft Ball Team in Oklahoma City. This was a fantastic opportunity to give back to the community-at-large, as well as supporting the under-served in Professional Athletics. The crowd, team and management were all very pleased to have the SAR participate. This was also a very positive platform to demonstrate Patriotism to the Local American Citizens. Everyone present was very pleased. The OKC Spark Home Team even Won!!



Oklahoma -

Oklahoma City Chapter

With the recent addition of a musket section to the capabilities of the OKC Chapter Color Guard, interest in our use for event participation greatly increased! In the last three years, the number of Color Guard events went from 8 to 23 events serviced annually. Membership retention also measurably increased! We were able to meet the event's needs for more people and organizations. One event that was originated by a member of the local SAR Chapter had grown into a lively and meaningful productive effort. This is known locally as D-Dent. This is a fund-raising effort to collect money to buy dental treatment time and services to repair and improve the dental care of indigent and/or homeless veterans. Dental care is often overlooked and can discomfort and embarrass the veteran. The services paid for by D-Dent funds have helped hundreds of veterans thus far. This year, we provided the color guard Monday 19 June 2023. This was for the opening event for the D-Dent 2023 fundraising effort at Silverleaf Golf Course in Oklahoma City.

The participants were Steve Miller Team Commander; Terry McClain; Joseph Sieber Color Guard Commander; Robert Thomas Color Sergeant Major and LTC Ret. Ken Young, the originator of the D-Dent effort.

D-Dent is open to anyone who wants to donate funds to help with dental care to veterans in need.



Pennsylvania -

April - Fort Mifflin Color Guard Training - Michael Carver in hunting frock leading the Phila. Continental Chapter annual training session. Next is Fred Fonseca Chapter and Pennsylvania Society CG commander, Steve Kopsick 1st VP, Chris Snyder Secretary, Spencer Snyder and at pivot on the wheel maneuver is a Ft Mifflin volunteer. .

May - French Alliance Day Celebration at Washington Chapel in Valley Forge Nat. Park - Phila. Continental Chapter Color Guard holding colors high and proud. Fred Fonseca Commanding, Steve Kopsick under the National Colors, Rich Lind with French Colors, Spencer Snyder 1st Pa Reg't colors and Chris Snyder with the Chapter Colors



Memorial Day - After marching in the Radnor Pennsylvania Memorial Day Parade the "Life Guard" posed for a pic with His Excellency. Phila. Continental Chapter Color Guard Steve Kopsick, Fred Fonseca in hunting frock, Rich Lind, Mark Lanyon, Spencer Snyder, Larry Magdy "the General", Chris Snyder and carriage drover Mike Rados.





Tennessee -

The Tennessee Society of the Sons of the American Revolution have had a busy and fruitful first quarter though the 4th of July celebrations.

- TN Colorguard Highlights include:
- a. Supporting a children of the American Revolution (CAR) grave marking in Maryville, TN for a child soldier
 - b. Supporting the Tennessee Historical Society State History Annual Award Ceremony
 - c. Multiple grave markings- including one done jointly in North Carolina where we also took drone videos and pictures
 - d. Armed Forces Days parades in multiple cities

- e. Supporting an “old timer’s” day in Dickson, Tennessee
- f. Supporting multiple Daughters of the American Revolution events, including grave markings and a regents meeting
- g. We also participated in an Elk’s club flag retirement ceremony (many flags were retired!) in Franklin Tennessee as a part of Flag day celebrations as well as other Flag retirement ceremonies in other places in the State of Tennessee.

On 17 June 2023 the Stephen Holston Chapter, TNSSAR, hosted a Grave Marking Ceremony to honor Patriot John Doyle, at the Charter E. Doyle Park in Knoxville, TN. Ron Jones and his cousin, Judy Robertson, both descendants, attended with their spouses. Compatriots from the John Sevier & the Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapters, TNSSAR, also participated in the event, in which the TNSSAR District 3 Color Guard Commander Cliff Kent led the presentation of Colors and the Musket Salute. Ron Jones has served the Stephen Holston Chapter as Registrar for over 15 years and gave an insightful tribute to his 4th Great Grandfather. TNSSAR President Dr. David Chaffin attended, serving in the Color Guard and presenting a wreath.



Armed Forces Day Event: Lt. John Dabney Grave Marking

On May 6, TNSSAR Color Guard

took part in an event in Franklin, Tennessee that honored those who served in the United States Armed Forces. It was noted that from our country’s inception (represented by Lt. John Dabney) to present day, the men and women of the US Armed Forces have protected our freedom and liberties.



Navy veteran, Jim Sandman, accompanies Harlan Dabney (descendant of Lt. John Dabney and also recent Silver Color Guard Medal Awardee!) as he plays Shenandoah on the violin.



Armed Forces Day Event: Reese’s Chapel Event

Around 20 members of the TNSSAR supported an Armed Forces Day Event on rainy May 20 in Maury County. Despite the inclement weather, the event was well attended. One of the highlights of the event was when a Vietnam veteran shared the story of his ancestors.





On June 10, 2023, the color guard participated in the Patriot Samuel Blair grave marking, commanded by Doug Evans, TNS-SAR color guard commander, at Madisonville, TN. It was also attended by both the TNSSAR President Dr. David Chaffin) and recent past President, Fred Underdown.



Steve Millhollin, David Eagan, David Sening , Allen Poteete, Doug Evans (Drummer and State Color Guard Commander), Edward Phillips, Dennis Harris, and Fred Rand (Commander) participated in the very well attended 4th of July Declaration of Independence reading in Franklin, TN. The mayors of several cities were present, including the mayor of Franklin, TN.



Elk's club flag retirement, Franklin, TN- June 11, 2023- Commanded by Fred Rand.

Texas -

Blair Rudy was elected as the 2022 Texas Society Color Guardsman of the year. The award was presented during our Texas Society Spring annual conference Saturday April 1, 2023 in Spring, Texas. The guardsman to my right presenting the award was the incoming Texas Color Guard Commander Shiidon Hawley, my dear friend during the change of command ceremony. Photo by Paul Ridenour of the Texas Society.

I am honored by my Texas brothers for this recognition. I have decided not to have my name forwarded as a national candidate as I am not financially able to attend the otherwise required national attendance needed to have my presence so noted. I have and will continue to support my Texas Society as an active Guardsman and do all in can to promote fellow guardsmen and our mission as an ambassador of of national society missions.



Texas Color Guard, April 1 , 2023 at state conference





Texas Color Guard Supports U.S. Naturalization Ceremony

On Monday, April 17, 2023, at the Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center on the University of Texas Dallas campus in Richardson, Texas, 17 members of the Texas SAR Northern Command Color Guard posted and retrieved the Colors at a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Naturalization Ceremony in which 35 North Texans from 18 different countries took the oath of citizenship. Following the ceremony held on Patriot's Day, guardsmen congratulated and posed for pictures with many of America's newest citizens.

Students Enjoy "Revolutionary Era"

Guard members of Dallas & Arlington joined parents and teachers at Providence Christian School in Dallas on April 12th during an elementary student "Revolutionary Era" education program. They presented flags (explaining a brief history on each) and answered the youngsters' questions. All students in attendance were dressed in colonial attire and enjoyed a morning of American Revolution period games, crafts, food, & historical lessons.

(l to r): Bill Watts, Jerry Pinkerton, Brent Harshman, Tom Whitelock, Tom Van Fossen, J.D. Martin, Bill Covington, and Mark Harrison.



Memorial Day, Austin Texas. Patrick Henry Chapter

The Patrick Henry Chapter, along with the DAR hosted a Memorial Day Commemoration at the Texas State Cemetery. An inspiring talk by Mark Collins, "AKA George Washington" started things off. The keynote speaker was Lieutenant General Kenneth Eickmann. General Eickmann spoke on the history of Memorial Day. He shared with the audience his dedication to those who sacrificed their lives and those who are missing in action. Eulogies were read by the descendants of Lt. Robert Rankin and Sgt. Steven Williams who were both veterans of the Revolutionary War and buried at the Texas State Cemetery. The event was capped off by three volleys of musket fire followed by the playing of taps.

Color guardsmen from several central Texas chapters participated in posting and retrieving the colors and firing the muskets.

General Eickmann, Mark Collins, Shiidon Hawley Chapter President



Southern Adjutant Blair Rudy Commands the Color Guard





HOUSTON AREA DAR REGENTS COUNCIL FLAG DAY LUNCHEON 2023

10 June 2023

Ten Texas Color Guardsmen answered the call to serve as Color Guard for the DAR Houston Area Regents Council Flag Day Luncheon. Held at the Junior League in Houston Texas, Saturday, 10 June 2023, the sixteen local Chapters were represented by their Regents with over 200 DAR members in attendance. DAR President General Pamela Rouse Wright and Texas Society President Sam Massey were honored guests.

Led by Texas Southern Color Guard Commander David Hamaker, Compatriots from Freedom, Paul Carrington, and Bernardo de Galvez Chapters came together to present and retire the Colors for the Daughters. Color Guardsmen present included: Sam Massey (TX-SSAR President), John K. Thompson (past TXSSAR CG Commander), Art Byram (Freedom Chapter President), Don Hayes, William Meyers, Ed Sellards, David Peavy (Paul Carrington Chapter Past President), Wesley Vick, and Michael Bierman.

Mrs. Marcy-Carter-Lovick, State Regent for the Texas Society DAR and guest speaker for the Luncheon, chose as her topic "Stars and Stripes Forever: Honoring Old Glory". She spoke on the history of an early 19th Century American Flag variant of the Stars and Stripes, the Driver Flag, and was known affectionally by the name 'Old Glory' by its original owner. The flag was originally designed to unfurl grandly from a ship's mast. Driver received the homemade 17' x 10' flag with 24 stars in 1824, sewn for him by his mother and young Salem female admirers to celebrate his appointment, at the age of 21, as a master mariner and commander of his own ship, the Charles Doggett. The original flag now resides in the Smithsonian Museum of American History.

Thank you, Daughters, for this opportunity to serve and take part in this fine remembrance and celebration of our Nation's Flag



San Antonio Memorial Day



Left to Right: Larry Loop, Frank Rohrbough, Stephen Rohrbough, Marie Rohrbough, Kevin Kanter, Blair Rudy, Peter Baron, Frank Kebelman



The entire assembly.



First recipients in Texas of the Von Steuben medal that you approved this year .. I am not sure who to send it to for the Guardsman magazine.

Bill Watts Color Guardsman of the Year 2015 Dallas Chapter

Tom Whitelock Color Guardsman of the year 2021 Dallas Chapter

John Greer Color Guardsman of the year 2017 Edmund Terrill Chapter

Robert Kittrell SAR member 60 years Dallas Chapter

T L Holden Color Guardsman of the year 2020 Edmund Terrill Chapter



Virginia

CJWII Elks Flag Ceremony

On 14 June 2023, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) participated in a Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks Flag Ceremony. This ceremony was held on the Winchester Walking Mall in front of the Old Court House. The ceremony was conducted by Elks Lodge 867 and emcee'd by Dave Gardiner. Compatriots from the SAR and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2123 participated. The Elks is an organization dedicated to patriotic service and promotes the proper knowledge of and respect for, the American Flag. One of the activities is to conduct an annual service on 14 June, the anniversary of the birth of the American Flag. This service was first considered by the then Grand Exalted Ruler at the 1907 Grand Lodge Session in Philadelphia. June 14th was adopted and called "Elks Flag Day". The following year, the ritual for the Flag Day ceremony was approved. On 3 August 1949, President Harry S. Truman signed Public Law 203, designating 14 June as Flag Day. The Elks was the first fraternal organization to celebrate Flag with a formal ceremony which they had been observing since 1908.

During the ceremony, members of the VFW and SAR alternated presenting historical U.S. Flags while a short biography of that flag was read and appropriate music played. There were nine flags presented, beginning with the "Appeal to Heaven Flag" (presented by Steve Renner), followed by the "Don't Tread On Me Flag" (Brian Bayliss) and the "Grand Union Flag" (Matthew Williams). Seven stars and stripes flags beginning with the "Betsy Ross" (Kelly Ford), "15 Star" (Tony Ferrell), "20 Star" (Chip Daniel), "48 Star" (Larry Reynard) Flags and ending with the "50 Star Flag" (Brett Osborn) were presented. The "POW/MIA Flag" was then presented by VFW member and Vietnam Veteran Wayne Garner, appropriately to honor those who are still missing or in a POW status. After the final flag was brought forth, the assembly was asked to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance and then to sing "God Bless America". A rifle salute was fired by members of the VFW Post 2123 rifle squad. Participating for the SAR were Brian Bayliss, Dale Corey, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Kelly Ford, Brett Osborn and Jim Simmons. For the VFW were Wayne Garner, Larry Reynard, Tony Ferrell, Matthew Williams and Steve Renner. First photo is the participants for the Flag Ceremony. Second photo is the presenters preparing to bring the flags l. to r. Brett Osborn, Wayne Garner, Chip Daniel, Tony Ferrell, Kelly Ford, Matthew Williams and Brian Bayliss. Third photo is the flags as presented l. to r. Wayne Garner, Chip Daniel, Tony Ferrell, Brett Osborn, Kelly Ford, Matthew Williams, Brian Bayliss and Steve Renner. (Photos courtesy of Rachel Bayliss.)



Here once the embattled farmers stood
and fired the shot heard round the world."

Col James Wood II, Patriots Day

On 8 April 2023, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution participated in a Patriots Day celebration held at the Warren Heritage Society, Front Royal, Virginia. Patriots Day commemorates the day a confrontation between the British Army and colonist militia from Massachusetts began the American Revolutionary War. 248 Years ago, tensions in the American colonies had risen to a fevered pitch. King George and the British Parliament had determined the colonies needed to pay for the French and Indian War. They imposed numerous taxes and restrictions on the colonies for that purpose. This included restraining acts and sanctions along with abuses of personal liberties. The colony revolted to include the Boston Tea Party. In 1774, Thomas Gage was appointed Royal Governor of Massachusetts and given the task of stemming the tide of rebellion. He hoped to prevent violence by ordering the seizure of weapons and powder being stored in Concord, Massachusetts and capturing colonial leaders Sam Adams and John Hancock. About 5 a.m. on 18 April 1775, 700 British troops were sent to capture the patriot leaders and the arsenal of arms. Joseph Warren had learned of this plan and sent Paul Revere and William Dawes to warn the countryside and Adams and Hancock of the British intentions. The British troops marched into Lexington the morning of 19 April to find themselves facing a militia company of more than 70 men. At some point, a shot was fired, followed by a British volley that killed eight of the colonists. The British column then moved on to Concord, arriving about 8 a.m. 220 troops were sent to secure the North Bridge across the Concord River and on to Barrett Farm, where the cache of arms and powder were presumably located. Approximately 400 militiamen from the local area saw smoke rising from Concord and assumed the Redcoats were torching the town. The militia formed and marched towards the bridge, causing the British to retreat to the opposite shore and prepare a defensive posture. When the militia came within range, the Redcoats opened fire, killing two with the colonists returning fire, killing three and wounding nine. This exchange of fire became known as "the shot heard round the world" and sent the British into retreat. The British began a march to return to Boston along the route that has become known as Battle Road. The news of the bloodshed resulted in thousands of volunteers known as Minute Men to converge on the British as they marched to Boston. For the next 12 miles, the British are attacked from behind cover, continually being ambushed by Minute Men shooting from behind rock walls, trees and buildings. Reinforcements for the British arrived at Lexington, but the colonists continued pursuing the royal troops until they reached Charlestown Neck where they gained the support of the British Naval ships in the harbor. On 4 July 1837, Ralph Waldo Emerson published the "Concord Hymn", sung at the completion of the Battle Monument in Concord. The first stanza reads as follows:

"By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,

What started out as a mission to capture leaders and armaments turned into a rout that set off a war that would last until 1783, culminating in the Treaty of Paris and the creation of the United States of America. Warren Heritage Society sponsored the commemoration. Five chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution gave presentations on colonial living, Patriots Day, did a wreath presentation and fired a musket salute. Present for the SAR were Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen, Dale Corey, Chip Daniel, Jim Heflin, Will Reynolds, Marc Robinson, Richard Tyler (Colonel James Wood II), Bryan Buck (Fort Harrison), Bill Schwetke (Culpeper Minutemen), Dave Cook (Fairfax Resolves) and Robert Bruce (Norfolk). After a presentation by Dale Corey, wreaths were presented and then the musket salute. First photo is CJWII participants, kneeling l. to r. Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Dale Corey, Sean Carrigan. Standing l. to r. Paul Christensen, Bryan Buck, Bill Schwetke, Dave Cook, Will Reynolds, Jim Heflin and Marc Robinson. (Photo courtesy of Thomas "Chip" Daniel.) Second photo is members of the SAR at display tables l. to r. Marc Robinson, Richard Tyler, Dale Corey. (Photo courtesy of Thomas "Chip" Daniel.) Third photo is the musket squad firing a salute l. to r. Bill Schwetke, Dave Cook, Paul Christensen, Sean Carrigan, Bryan Buck and Dale Corey. (Photo courtesy of Jim Heflin.)



SAR and American Red Cross Conduct Memorial Day Ceremony

On 29 May 2023, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution combined with the American Red Cross to conduct a Memorial Day commemoration at Winchester's National Cemetery. The practice of decorating veterans graves with flowers is an ancient custom. Graves were decorated with flowers in the US during and following the Civil War. While numerous locations claim to be the originator of Memorial Day, then known as Decoration Day, the village of Waterloo, New York, is officially recognized as the birthplace of the observance as it was the first to have a formal village wide observance dedicated to honoring the war dead. The story begins in 1865 when Henry Welles mentioned to his friends that while praising the living veterans of the Civil War, those who died during the struggle should be remembered by placing flowers on their graves. The following spring, General John B. Murray (a civil war hero and patriot) supported the idea and soon gained veteran's support for a Decoration Day to honor those who died during the war. Plans were developed for a more complete celebration by a local citizens' committee headed by Welles and Murray. The village was decorated with flags at half mast, draped with evergreens and mourning black, on 5 May 1866 a formal ceremony was held throughout the town. General Murray led veterans, civic societies and residents in parades to the three village cemeteries to decorate the graves. The ceremony was repeated in 1867. It was in 1868 the Waterloo and other communities began holding their observance on 30 May. After World War I, observance of decorating Civil War graves on this day was changed to honor the fallen American military from all wars. Memorial Day began to supplant Decoration Day as the name of the holiday. In 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act which put major holidays on specific Mondays to give federal employees three-day weekends. Memorial Day was to be the last Monday in May and the name Memorial Day was codified into law, which went into effect in 1971.

On Friday 26 May, the American Red Cross (ARC), the Colonel James Wood II Chapter (CJWII), Cub Scout Den 45 and local citizens gathered to place flags on all the graves at National Cemetery in Winchester. A formal ceremony to honor those was held on Memorial Day, 29 May. The ceremony was emceed by Leslie Caliva of the ARC with a Color Guard led by Commander Brett Osborn and an Honor Guard led by Jim Cordes presenting colors. An invocation was provided by CJWII Chaplain Thomas Reed with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Charles Hunter, USA (Ret) from VFW Post 2123. The Keynote Speaker was Terry Stotler, Chief of Voluntary Services at the Martinsburg Veterans Administration Medical Center. He spoke of the services the VA provides to support the veteran population in northwest Virginia, northern West Virginia and western Maryland. Following this, a Folding of the Flag ceremony was conducted by the Colonel James Wood II Chapter. The American flag is the symbol of our nation's unity and represents who we are. It stands for the freedom, pride and patriotism we feel for our country. When a veteran has passed on, a flag is placed on the coffin and then carefully folded into the symbolic tri-cornered shape, emblematic of the hat worn by the Patriots of the American Revolution. It is folded 13 times, representing the 13 original colonies. When folded, no red or white stripe is to be evident, leaving only the blue field with stars. The ceremonial folding is a tribute to the fallen military of our nation. Following the ceremony, a musket salute was fired by the SAR Musket Squad. God Bless America was sung, followed by Taps played by Charles Hunter. SAR members participating were Brian Bayliss, Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen, Dale Corey, Chip Daniel, Erick Moore, Patrick Moore, Brett Osborn, Allan Phillips, Tom Reed, Marc Robinson, Will Reynolds, Jim Simmons and Richard Tyler. Dual members Bryan Buck (Fort Harrison), Dave Cook and Jim Cordes (Fairfax Resolves) were present for duty. First photo is the participants of the ceremony from the Sons of the American Revolution, the American Red Cross and the Disabled Veterans of America. Second photo is the completion of the Flag Folding l. to r. Richard Tyler, Patrick Moore and Thomas "Chip" Daniel. Third photo is the Musket Squad firing a salute l. to r. Doug Hall, Brett Osborn, Allan Phillips, Will Reynolds, Jim Cordes, Dave Cook, Chip Daniel, Brian Bayliss, Sean Carrigan and Paul Christensen. (Photos courtesy of Thomas "Chip" Daniel.)



Col James Wood II at Honor Flight

On 3 June 2023, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution participated in the Honor Flight Top of Virginia's Flight #17. They are a hub of the Honor Flight Network which was created to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices. The event began at Shenandoah University with a welcome ceremony where the SAR presented the colors for the signing of the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance. After a short briefing, the veterans who are accompanied by guardians are led to buses. They pass by an honor line of the color guard who present arms to honor them as they pass by. The veterans are transported to Washington, D. C. to visit and reflect at their memorials. Visits are made to the World War II Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Vietnam Memorial and end with a stop at Arlington National Cemetery to witness a changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Upon their return, they are greeted by family, friends and patriots to honor their sacrifices in defense of our country. Honor Flight Top of Virginia serves the Shenandoah Valley, Loudoun County and beyond to salute our heroes and inspire our youth. They make three flights a year with the next flight from Harrisonburg on 23 September. The Colonel James Wood II color guard was composed of Commander of the Guard Brett Osborn, Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen, Dale Corey, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Doug Hall, Will Reynolds, Marc Robinson and Richard Tyler from the Colonel James Wood II chapter, Bryan Buck, Fort Harrison chapter (dual member of CJWII) and Warner Workman from the Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter. First photo is the participants l. to r. Brett Osborn, Dale Corey, Richard Tyler, Sean Carrigan, Doug Hall, Warner Workman, Will Reynolds, Marc Robinson and Thomas "Chip" Daniel.



DAR/SAR Honor Revolutionary War Patriot

On 3 June 2023, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution participated in a Revolutionary War Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony with the Fort Loudoun Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The ceremony was conducted for Reverend Christian Streit at Mt Hebron Cemetery in Winchester. Reverend Streit was a Lutheran minister from New Jersey. He graduated from the College of Philadelphia and took a position at the Lutheran Church in Easton, Pennsylvania. When the Revolutionary War broke out, he became the Chaplain for the 3rd Virginia Regiment and eventually served as the pastor in Charleston, South Carolina. While serving in Charleston, he was captured by the British at the siege of that city because of his support for the colonists in the War for Independence. After his release from captivity, he returned to Pennsylvania and in 1785, accepted a position in Winchester. He assumed pastoral oversight of a large congregation of German and English speaking members. His church was the Reformed Lutheran Church that was located in what is now the Mt Hebron Cemetery. The church cornerstone was laid in 1764, but had remained unfinished until Reverend Streit organized the congregation to complete the building. His area of responsibility included a portion of the lower Shenandoah Valley. He laid the foundation of numerous congregations throughout the region for 27 years. He died 10 March 1812 and was buried beneath the brick pavement in the church he served. His remains were eventually moved to a location just outside the wall of the Lutheran Church. The wall remains inside the Mt Hebron complex.

The Fort Loudoun DAR Regent Susan Lauren emcee'd the event with Melissa Clevenger providing chaplain duties. During the dedication, Alexandra Collins, Lawrence Augustine Washington Society, Children of the American Revolution unveiled the marker. Wreaths were presented by Susan Lauren, Fort Loudoun DAR; Alexandra Collins, Lawrence Augustine Washington, C.A.R.; Peter Davenport, Mid Atlantic District, SAR; and Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Col James Wood II, SAR. A three round musket salute was fired by the SAR musket squad. The Virginia State SAR Color Guard was commanded by Marc Robinson and included Brian Bayliss, Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen, Dale Corey, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Allan Phillips and Will Reynolds (CJWII); Peter Davenport (George Mason); and Warner Workman (Sgt Maj John Champe). First photo is member of the SAR Color Guard. Second photo is the musket squad firing a salute. Third photo is the participants from the DAR and the SAR. (Photos courtesy of Rachel Bayliss.)



Virginia SAR Color Guard Muster

On 17 June 2023, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) conducted a Color Guard Muster at the Stonewall District Ruritan Club, Clear Brook, Virginia. Twenty three guardsmen from the SAR Virginia State Color Guard met for training in safety, flag presentations, musketry and proper conduct in a ceremony. This comprised seven chapters of the SAR, Colonel James Wood II (CJWII), Colonel William Grayson (CWG), Culpeper Minutemen (CMM), Fort Harrison (FH), George Washington (GW), Patrick Henry (PH) and Sgt Maj John Champe (SMJC) Chapters. Dale Corey (CJWII), Virginia State Adjutant and Marc Robinson (CJWII) Chapter Color Guard Commander gave a presentation on safety. This included the proper safety checks for handling the musket, concern for terrain and overhanging impediments, proper hydration and the weather. They then discussed the proper techniques for carrying flags in formation. The guardsmen were then separated into three groups for training. Ken Bonner (SMJC) and Barry Schwoerer (SMJC) took new guardsmen to learn and practice the proper techniques for handling a musket. Their group included Mark Crain (CMM), Jim Cridger (CJWII), Mark Jackson (GW) and Paul McComb (GW). Bill Schwetke (CMM) and Sean Carrigan (CJWII) conducted actual musket firing training with Brian Bayliss (CJWII), Bryan Buck (FH), Richard Tyler (CJWII), Brooks Wheeler (CMM) and Michael Wilson (CWG). The third group trained in leading a color guard during ceremonies. This was led by Dale Corey and Marc Robinson (CJWII). Doug Hall (CJWII) provided a drum cadence for the drills. The groups included Paul Christensen (CJWII), Mark Day (PH), Chip Daniel (CJWII), Kelly Ford (CJWII) and Mark Sink (SMJC). First photo is Musket Training I. to r. Ken Bonner, Mark Crain, Paul Christensen, Mark Jackson, Barry Schwoerer and Jim Cridge. Second photo is Firing of Muskets I. to r. Bill Schwetke, Brookes Wheeler, Brian Bayliss, Bryan Buck, Michael Wilson, Richard Tyler and Sean Carrigan. Third photo is Color Guard Commander Training I. to r. Mark Sink, Dale Corey, Doug Hall, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Paul Christensen, Allan Phillips, Kelly Ford and Mark Day. (Photos courtesy of Michelle Phillips.)



SAR Honors Daniel Morgan

On 17 June 2023, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution conducted a commemoration to Daniel Morgan and his Beeline March. The ceremony was conducted at the tomb of Morgan in Mount Hebron Cemetery, Winchester, Virginia. Nine Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Chapters, two Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Chapters and one Society from the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) participated along with the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America (OFPA).

In June 1775, the Continental Congress ordered the formation of two companies of Virginia riflemen to march to the aid of George Washington in Boston. Hugh Stephenson and Daniel Morgan were chosen to raise companies to support this mission. Stephenson raised his company in the Shepherdstown area, while Morgan raised his around Winchester. A rivalry developed between the two commanders, as each wanted to lead the way, an honor to be given to the first to fill his company. Stephenson mustered his company on 21 June and Morgan on 22 June. After six weeks of preparation, both were ready and eager to march to Boston. It was agreed the two companies would rendezvous near Frederick, Maryland and march together. When Stephenson arrived at Frederick on 17 July, he found Morgan had left a day earlier. Thus began the Beeline March. Morgan's company left on 16 July 1775 and arrived in Boston on 6 August 1775. The 600 mile march was concluded in 21 days, a grueling march that captured the passion of the colony to serve the larger cause. His unit of Frederick Militia gained the nickname "Morgan's Riflemen". This included a contingent of German soldiers from Winchester who became known as the "Dutch Mess". Morgan would go on to make a significant impact for the colonial cause in the Revolutionary War. After arriving in Boston, he was sent to Quebec where he was taken prisoner on 31 December 1775. He was paroled by the British in 1776. After returning to the military, he played a major role in the victory over the British at the Battle of Saratoga. He was the commander of American forces that defeated the British at the Battle of Cowpens in January 1781 and the beginning of the end of the British Southern Campaign. This led to the Siege of Yorktown and the American victory in the War of Independence.

The ceremony was emcee'd by Dale Corey. The Virginia State Color Guard led by Commander Brett Osborn which included 19 guardsmen from seven SAR Chapters, presented and posted the colors. Virginia Society President Ernie Coggins provided a greeting with a short summation of Morgan's impact on the Revolutionary War, followed by Marc Robinson's presentation on the Beeline March. Wreaths were presented by Pete Davenport, Vice President General of the Atlantic Middle States; VASSAR President Ernie Coggins; nine SAR Chapters, two DAR chapters, one C.A.R. society and the OFPA. After the wreath presentations, a 15 man squad of compatriots fired a musket salute to honor the memory of Daniel Morgan and the Beeline March. SAR compatriots from chapters listed above and George Washington Chapter, who participated include Brian Bayliss, Ken Bonner, Bryan Buck, Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen, Dave Cook, Dale Corey, Jim Cridge, Chip Daniel, Mark Day, Kelly Ford, Mark Jackson, Paul McComb, Chris Melhuish, Ken Morris, Allan Phillips, Marc Robinson, Bill Schwetke, Barry Schwoerer, Jim Simmons, Mark Sink and Richard Tyler. First photo is the participants from the DAR and SAR standing l. to r. Michelle Phillips, Brett Osborn, Ann Simmons, Jim Cridge, Jim Simmons, Mark Day, Bill Schwetke, Kelly Ford, Ken Bonner, Marc Robinson, Ernie Coggins, Bryan Buck, Pete Davenport, Brian Bayliss, Barry Schwoerer, Allan Phillips, Michael Wilson, Paul McComb, Mark Jackson, Ken Morris, Catherine Collins and Paul Christensen. Kneeling l. to r. Doug Hall, Chip Daniel, Chris Melhuish, Sean Carrigan, Dale Corey, Marc Crain and Mark Sink. (Photo courtesy of Brian Bayliss.) Second photo is wreath presenters l. to r. Pete Davenport, Ernie Coggins, Paul Christensen, Ken Morris, Mark Crain, Dave Cook, Bryan Buck, Michael Wilson, Mark Day, Katherine Collins, Michelle Phillips, Jocelyn Wilson and Ken Bonner. (Photo courtesy of Brian Bayliss.) Third photo is the musket squad firing a salute. (Photo courtesy of Dale Corey.)



Photo 1 Participants



Wreath presenters



Photo 3



Additional Honour Flight photo. - Page 59

SAR Honors Korean War Veterans With Korean War Veterans Association

On 24 June 2023, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution participated in two ceremonies to honor Korean War Veterans.

The chapter provided a musket squad and bugler at the bench dedication to fallen compatriot Gary Fletcher, a veteran of the Korean War. A patriotic master brick mason, Fletcher was instrumental in the construction of three veteran memorials. One at the Veterans Memorial Park in Middletown, Virginia, another at Stephens City, Virginia and the Korean War Memorial located at Jim Barnett Park, Winchester, Virginia. Compatriot Fletcher was born in 1932 in Rock Oak, West Virginia. He joined the U.S. Navy in July 1951, serving in the Korean War. He left the military in 1955 to begin his career as a bricklayer/stonemason. He was an active member of the Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 313, American Legion Post 21, FOE 4186, Moose Lodge 2483 and the Col James Wood II Chapter of the SAR. He passed away in March 2022 at the age of 89. He is buried at the Salem Church of the Brethren in Stephens City, Virginia. The ceremony was emceed by Doug Hall, President of the KWVA Chapter 313 and member of the SAR. Memorials were presented by Fred Haymaker and Larry Johnson. The bench was dedicated by Doug Hall and Scott Fletcher. A musket squad from the SAR led by Commander Marc Robinson included Bryan Buck, Dale Corey, Chip Daniel, Paul Parish, Allan Phillips and Will Reynolds fired a three round salute in honor of compatriot Fletcher. Richard Tyler played Taps prior to Reverend Paul Campbell closing out the ceremony.

The SAR then proceeded to Mount Hebron Cemetery to provide a color guard for the internment of ashes for Anthony Bucaloy, Korean War Veteran. The 88-year-old Korean War veteran was buried with full military honors Saturday afternoon in Mount Hebron Cemetery, nearly a year after he passed away on 23 July 2022, in Winchester Medical Center.

Bucaloy, a native of the Philippines, was a Winchester resident who had no local family. With no known next of kin, his remains were cremated and, on Oct. 7, 2022, turned over to Sheriff Lenny Millholland for safekeeping at the Frederick County Sheriff's Office. Millholland found Bucaloy was a Korean War veteran and contacted the KWVA. It was found Bucaloy had gone by the name of Tony and he had been working as a chef for most of his life. Born in the Philippines, he and his twin brother were part of the resistance to the Japanese. They both enlisted in the Army at were assigned to the 7th Infantry Division, serving in the Korean War. It was there, Tony was wounded twice and recognized with two Purple Hearts. He was a caring, patriotic individual who volunteered his time to provide free food and household supplies to his neighbors. Doug Hall, President of the KWVA decided Bucaloy deserved a patriotic, proper burial. It was found that Bucaloy had a niece in California, Karen Bucaloy who communicated occasionally with her uncle, especially at Thanksgiving and Christmas. She had decided to google his name and found an article written 9 Dec 2022 in the Winchester Star. She gave her blessing to the KWVA plan for a ceremony. The ceremony was held at Mount Hebron Cemetery's Michael M. Foreman Memorial Scatter Gardens, offered at no charge by cemetery Superintendent Jim Coots. A brief service was conducted by Doug Hall, with chaplain duties by Reverend Paul Campbell. The Col James Wood II Chapter presented the colors and stood guard over the ashes as the ceremony progressed. A memory was presented by Rob Shirley and his remains placed into a shared vault by Korean War veteran Narce Caliva. After Rev. Campbell offered a benediction, he led a singing of "Amazing Grace". The SAR color guard included Brian Buck, Dale Corey, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Allan Phillips, Paul Parish, Will Reynolds, Marc Robinson and Richard Tyler. First photo is the SAR Musket Squad with Bugle playing Taps. (Photo courtesy of Michelle Phillips.) 1. to. r. Allan Phillips, Dale Corey, Paul Parish, Chip Daniel, Will Reynolds and Richard Tyler. (Photo courtesy of Michelle Phillips.) Second photo is the Musket Squad firing a salute to Gary Fletcher. Third photo is the pouring of Bucaloy's ashes into the crypt. 1. to. r. Chip Daniel, Narce Caliva, Dale Corey and Doug Hall. (Photo courtesy of Charles Jameson.)



Recent Funeral - State Secretary, Compatriot Wayne Rose



On June 26, 2023, the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution conducted ceremonies to commemorate the passing of Compatriot R. Wayne Rouse. He was the Virginia Society's State Secretary for over ten years. In addition to his role as Secretary, he was the State's Awards Committee Chair. Compatriot Rouse and his wife, Cheryl (known as Wink) were fixtures in the Virginia Society for a number of years. He was an inspirational leader who worked tirelessly to ensure the Virginia Society was amongst the leaders in the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution. He was born October 6, 1942 in Washington, D.C. to Robert and Louise Rouse. He graduated from Suitland High School in Maryland and joined the United States Marine Corps in 1960, serving in the Reserves until 1968. Compatriot Rouse had a full career with the Potomac Electric Power Company, retiring in 1968, when he began his service as a volunteer firefighter at the Clinton, MD Volunteer Fire Department and then La Plata, MD Volunteer Fire Department, serving until 1978. He was a dedicated and well decorated member of the Colonel Fielding Lewis Chapter of the Virginia Society in Fredericksburg, VA, serving as an officer and committee member. Compatriot Rouse was a member of the Freemasons. He joined the Laurel Wreath Lodge 149 in Laurel, MD and then Stafford Masonic Lodge 279 following his move to Virginia. After relocating to Atlanta, Georgia in 2019, he joined the Sandy Springs Masonic Lodge 124. He was a member of the National Sojourners, Inc. with Fredericksburg Chapter 545 in Virginia and then Dobbins Chapter 434 in Marietta, GA. Rouse was outgoing, selfless and had the ability to make friends wherever he went.

To honor his memory, four events were held, beginning with a ceremony at the Register Chapel United Methodist Church in Stafford, VA where he had worshiped for years. This was presided over by Pastor Lyle Morton. The Virginia Society State Color Guard was led by Commander Chris Melhuish (Jamestown Chapter) who was the escort for Wink Rouse throughout the day. At the church services, State Color Guard Adjutant Dale Corey (Colonel James Wood II Chapter) presented an American Flag to honor the memory of a great compatriot and U. S. Marine Corps veteran. He was escorted by Sentinels William Schwetke (Culpeper Minutemen Chapter) and Ken Bonner (Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter), leading a procession of close friends Lisa Prosser, Joe Rezash and NSSAR Chancellor General Michael Elston (George Washington Chapter). They were followed by Wayne's son Paul carrying the urn with escort, NSSAR Vice President General, Mid-Atlantic District Colonel Peter Davenport, U.S. Army (Ret.) (George Mason Chapter) and Chris Melhuish escorting Wink Rouse to their positions of honor. Eulogies were presented by Prosser, Rezash and Elston, showing respect and adoration for the fallen compatriot. The service was attended by over 130 friends and family who showed up to pay their final respects. At the end of memorial service, a procession of the Virginia Society State Color Guard led the family and friends to a reception held to honor the memory of the compatriot.

Services then followed with a processional escorted by the Stafford County Sheriff's Department at the Old Andrew Chapel Cemetery a few miles away. A SAR Compatriot Grave Marking Ceremony was performed and led by State Secretary Tim Dioquino (Fairfax Resolves Chapter) to commemorate the passing of a brother compatriot. Virginia Society State President Ernie Coggins (George Washington Chapter) presented greetings and a brief presentation of the accomplishments of Compatriot Rouse. Additional Virginia Society State officers participating were First Vice President William Greaf (Williamsburg Chapter), State Chancellor Eric Monday, Esq. (Fincastle Resolutions Chapter) and National Trustee Jeff Thomas (Fairfax Resolves Chapter). During the ceremony, Coggins presented the widow with a pink rose and during the wreath presentation, individual red roses were presented to the urn by Davenport, Elston, Coggins, and Chapter Secretary John Carberry (Col Fielding Lewis Chapter). The Virginia Society State Color Guard Musket Squad then fired a three round salute followed by the playing of "Taps" by Chapter Past President Charles Jameson (Culpeper Minutemen Chapter). Virginia Society State Color Guardsmen participating in the ceremony included Chris Melhuish (State Color Guard Commander), Dale Corey (State Color Guard Adjutant), William Schwetke (Event Color Guard Commander), Gary Dunaway (Honor Guard Commander, Williamsburg Chapter), Barry Schwoerer (Musket Squad Commander, Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter), Ken Bonner, Paul Christensen (Colonel James Wood II Chapter), Dave Cook (Fairfax Resolves Chapter), Jim Cordes (Fairfax Resolves Chapter), Forest Crain (Fairfax Resolves Chapter), Chip Daniel (Colonel James Wood II Chapter), Mike Dennis (Culpeper Minutemen Chapter), John Hamilton (Col Fielding Lewis Chapter), Gary Hodges (Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter), Charles Jameson, Paul McComb (George Washington Chapter), Larry McKinley (Fairfax Resolves Chapter), Andrew Mills (Colonel William Grayson Chapter), Ken Morris (George Mason Chapter), Allan Phillips (Colonel James Wood II Chapter), Darrin Schmidt (Fairfax Resolves Chapter), Mark Sink (Sgt Major John Champe Chapter), Mike Weyler (Colonel William Grayson Chapter) and Michael Wilson (Colonel William Grayson Chapter). (Photographs courtesy of Virginia Society State Historian Thomas Roth III.)

General William Campbell SAR Chapter at Plumb Alley Day, Abingdon, Virginia

On 23 May 2023, the General William Campbell Chapter of the Frontier Region, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) along with the Black's Fort Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the Over Mountain Trail Association conducted Plumb Alley Day at the Yeary Cabin in Abingdon, Virginia. Plumb Alley Day is a street fair that promotes the health, education and welfare of children in Abingdon and Washington County, Virginia. The event is conducted in the town's historic district at a shaded alley that runs between Main and Valley Streets. The event features food, music, dance performances, children's activities and includes vendors that are beneficial to the support of the children. Demonstrations by the three organizations were seen by 1,000 visitors concerning the colonial era of the valley. John Britton, Rob Richmond, Lee Saunders, Michael Shaver, Emmitt Yearly and other compatriots talked about the life of long hunters and pioneers in the back country, retelling the history of the frontier. Activities include baking bread on outside brick ovens, spinning yarn and baking cookies from recipes of the colonial era and SAR guardsmen John Gullion, James Johnson and others, giving presentations on different types of firelocks to include their loading and care. The demonstration concluded with a live volley fire. Dr. Kevin Combs, (SAR compatriot) spoke about vaccinations for small pox, amputations and the often unsanitary conditions on the battlefield. It was noted that doctors would sometimes wash their hands, but it was not always possible due to the conditions at the time. There was a display of colonial flags along with maps, documents, coins and writing instruments to reflect the life of colonials during that period. Music was supplied by pipers, fifes and drums from the Appalachian Highlanders. J.W. Hornsby, event coordinator said "The Historical Committee for Festival Excellence has decreed that all Plumb Alley Day 2023 participants from the SAR, DAR and OVTA be herewith awarded the Golden Horseshoe." This award is given to worthy participants of the fair who provide outstanding support and participation in the event. The following is the proclamation provided by Hornsby.

"To the SAR, OVTA and DAR, Plumb Alley Day 2023, Abingdon, VA. Hear ye, Hear ye! The Historical Committee for Festival Excellence has decreed that all Plumb Alley Day 2023 participants from the SAR, DAR and OVTA be herewith awarded the Golden Horseshoe - the highest available level of recognition.

The Yeary Cabin was buzzing with your Revolutionary War re-enactors telling engaging stories to captivated attendees. Muskets were properly loaded and fired upon command, fifes and drums were played with precision and delicious sweet bread was cooked in a replicated period brick oven. In addition, delicious ginger and coconut cookies were available (along with cookbooks) and ladies in period costumes used foot pedal-driven spinning wheels to create authentic twisted yarn from local sheep's wool.

In the 13 years that I've been running Plumb Alley Day, I've never seen a more active and vibrant cluster of activities at the Yeary Cabin...It was all very exciting to see!"

The General William Campbell Chapter was well represented by compatriots John Britton, Kevin Combs, John Gullion, James Johnson, Robert Richmond, Lee Saunders, Michael Shaver, Emmitt Yearly with Michael Henningson, compatriot from the Tennessee SAR. First photo is compatriot Rob Richmond preparing to present a Patriots Chest. Second photo are DAR ladies Past Regent Lila Thurman, Beth Henningson, Regent and Joella Barbour at Yeary Cabin. Third photo is Richard Vogel, OVTA and Candy Walton, DAR baking bread. (Photos courtesy of John Gullion.)



Washington -

State Conference

The Washington State Society of SAR held their annual conference in Spokane on April 28-29. Above is the Annual color Guard photo. More than 40 Color Guard from 9 chapters were present!



Honor Flights

Monday, April 24th, Color Guard members from the Seattle Chapter, Alexander Hamilton and George Rogers Clark Chapters joined forces to greet the first, 2023, returning Honor Flight veterans. The 54 veterans were from WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Our organization was one of the largest group of greeters and as one returnee stated: "This reception is even better than the one in Baltimore last Friday!" There is no greater joy than representing the "First Veterans" thanking the current veterans for their service. Standing in SeaTac, shaking hands with the returning veterans who keep our freedom alive, polishes every letter of "Patriotism". If you have ever considered joining the Color Guard, this event, which occurs 4 times a year, is one you should not miss. (L-R: Stan Granbert (SE), Robert Korn (SE), John Herr (AH), Michael Moore (AH), Neil Vernon (SE), Art Dolan (GRC), Dick Moody (GRC).



Vietnam Memorial Wall

13 August 2022, Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, VA

On June 17, the George Rogers Clark with support from the Alexander Hamilton and Seattle Chapters presented wreaths at the traveling Vietnam Memorial. The event took place in Ocean Shores, Washington.

l-r: Lee Thomasson, Lew Maudsley, Dick Moody, Art Dolan, Michael Moore (AH), Eric Olsen, Dick Motz (AH), Neil Vernon (SE).

Submission Guidelines

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

To Submit Photos:

- DO NOT embed in a text document - send as **file attachments** only.
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- Name the files after the event, e.g., Parade1.jpg, Parade2.jpg and for multiple events ensure that you do not use the same file name twice!

To submit event text descriptions:

- Within the document use the proper photo file name(s) **for the specific event.**

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

Do not do this - using tabs

(Event1) John Jones, (Event2) John Jones,
Sam Smith, David Daniels, Sam Smith, David Daniels,
Edward Evans, Frank Fields Edward Evans, Frank . .

Remember, this is for Color Guard events - not chapter events wherein a chapter member makes a presentation that does NOT include color guard participation. Such Chapter presentations are suitable for the SAR Magazine. It must be an activity that the **Color Guard UNIT** is doing.

Honoring our Veterans and Fallen Compatriots

The Cascade Centennial chapter of the Washington Society lost two former chapter presidents this quarter. The WASSAR Color guard attended both of the ceremonies for Mark Marshall and Mark Shaffer.

One June 7, members of the WASSAR Color Guard attended the re-interment of Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Cecil E. Barncord, 24, Topeka, Kansas, killed during World War II. He was accounted for on Oct. 14, 2016.

On Dec. 7, 1941, 24 year-old Barncord was assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft. The USS Oklahoma sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Barncord.

Barncord will be laid to rest with full military honors on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 11:00 am at Swofford Cemetery in Mossyrock, Washington.

As the motorcade passed through this small community, the streets were lined with students and other town locals, presenting a sincere respect patriot service and sacrifice made by Cecil Barncord.

(L-R) Mike Moore, Jerry Bordelon, Allen Furlow, Paul Winter, Neil Vernon, Eric Olsen, Art Doland, Joe Coorough



George Rogers Clark

The second quarter of 2023 has been a busy time for our chapter. At the end of April we posted the colors in the Washington State House of Representatives, provided 8 Elementary School days of Colonial Chest and were privileged to greet returning Honor flights in Seattle. Our chapter continues to grow as our programs remain original and fresh resulting in strong membership retention. We are anticipating our busy summer outreach program sharing a community table with the Sacajawea D.A.R. chapter. Finally, we are reviewing our community expansion plan for 2023-2024 with the vision of a bright horizon ahead.



George Washington

For the third consecutive year, the Washington State Color Guard was invited to participate in the Oak Harbor Memorial Day "Service of Remembrance" held at Maple Leaf Cemetery.

Led by WA SAR State Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon, and NSSAR Drum Major Viren Lemmer, members of the George Washington Chapter, the Seattle Chapter, and the Alexander Hamilton Chapter marched together to lead the OHHS NJROTC and the Orion Sea Cadets to present the Colors to a crowd of about 400 including numerous local and state dignitaries, several Gold Star Families, many veterans, and local Veteran's Service Organizations. Always a favorite at this event is the Historic Flag Line provided by the George Washington Chapter.

Oak Harbor is a town of about 25,000 residents and is home to the Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, WA.



George Rogers Clark Flag Day

A flag day parade was held June 17th, in the beautiful ocean front city of Ocean Shores, WA. This was the first time the SAR was part of this annual event. Our assigned position in the parade was #4. However, once the motorcycles rapidly distance themselves, racing down the parade route, we became the lead marchers for the parade! The parade's leading colors were preceded by WASSAR Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon and flags carried by the George Rogers Clark Chapter with participation from the Alexander Hamilton and Seattle Chapters.

l-r: Lee Thomasson, Dick Moody, Lew Maudsley, Michael Moore (AH), Eric Olsen, Art Dolan. In front: Neil Vernon (SE) and Dick Motz (AH).



John Paul Jones West Hills Elementary

On March 22, 2023, The Education Outreach Team of the John Paul Jones Chapter, SAR, gave a two-hour presentation to the West Hills Elementary home school program students. The students were in grades 4th through 8th. Fred Gilbert, the JPJ Education Coordinator, discussed the history leading up to the revolutionary war to include Valley Forge, then Bob Smalser discussed and the Western Frontier life and Washington's sharp shooters. This was followed by Doug Nelson speaking on the day in the life on a colonial family. JPJ member Robert Smalaser, pictures, discussing his Germany patriot ancestors on the Pennsylvania frontier who became the sharp shooter for General Washington. Bob explained how the new technology of rifling came about and how the long rifles were made on the PA frontier, these rifles accuracy was up about 300yd, significantly farther than the British Brown Bess smooth bore muskets.



Silverdale Elementary

Friday April 14 was a major milestone for the John Paul Johns Education Team, Bremerton WA. On Friday the team gave their American Revolution presentation to 75, 5th Grader at the Silverdale Elementary School in Silverdale. WA. This presentation pushed the total number of students in the Kitsap County area who have seen this presentation over 1050 for the 2022-2023 school year.

The team has worked hard over the past ten years (two-year break due to COVID) updating and refining their talks about the various aspects of the American Revolution, weaving into the presentations how their patriotic ancestors contributed to the war effort. The presenters talked about: Reasons why the war began and why a farm boy from Connecticut become a Continental Soldier, then the Southern Campaign and how the local militias supporting General Green, followed by the Pennsylvania frontiersmen who were General Washington's sharpshooters, and what life was like for a typical colonist in 1776.

After the presentation, team lead Fred Gilbert thanked Silverdale Elementary School for inviting the John Paul Jones Chapter into their school and sharing a few moments honoring our patriotic ancestor who sacrificed so much.



At the conclusion the students gave a big round of applause and a holler of support. Time was remaining, so the students approached the displays to ask questions and try out a few display items and like flint and steel. Everyone had a great day.

Fred and the Education Team presented the teachers (Heathr Beasley, Cindy Patnode and Dana Avery) and the principle with a John Paul Jones Challenge Coin thanking them for the dedication as teachers to our community and future generations.

(L to R: Bob Smalser, Fred Gilbert, Principal Mackenzie Foley, Doug Nelson, Conrad Plyler, visiting guest Art Doland George Rogers Clark Chapter and Brian Dorr photographer and logistical support)

Armed Forces Day Parade

WASSAR members from the various state chapters participated in the May 20 Armed Forces Day Parade in Bremerton. Our State Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon and the Drum and Fife Corp Drum Major by Viren Lemmer were in attendance. With their support we had a very successful showing in the Armed Forces Day parade, very impressive. As we marched, the excitement by the parade viewers that lined the parade route was very rewarding, watching them stand as we approached and thanking us for being in the parade representing the First Veteran who sacrificed so much.





Mid-Columbia Naturalization Ceremony

Kelly Schultz, Randal Roach and Larry Flint from the Mid-Columbia Chapter on May 1st Naturalization Ceremony in Richland, along with the DAR Ladies. Following the ceremonies, we handed out crossed flag pins and took pictures with some of the twenty-four new citizens. The DAR, passed out punch and cookies.

Spokane Chapter

Compatriots Doug Jonas and Stan Wills presented to the Midway Elementary 5th grade classes (72 Students) in Spokane, Wa

On May 20, members of the Spokane #1 chapter marched in the Spangle parade for Armed Forces day. Carrying banner is Patience Ryan, l/r Dale Ryan, Stan Wills, Corder, Will Palmer, Rob Scott, Tracy Prock perspective member.



George Washington

Nine members of the GWC Color Guard represented the SAR with our historic flag trailer including the 250th flag at the annual Anacortes July 4th parade today. There was a huge turnout.

L to R, Rodney Jenny, Mike Hutchins, Marshall Eberhart, Bill Bentler, "Doc" Marshall Anderson, Bruce Bock, Ken Carlson, Terry Laxton, John Kraft.



Spokane Flag Day Parade

The Spokane #1 marched in the Fairfield Flag Day Parade. This is the longest running Flag Day Parade in America. The first parade as held in 1910 and the event has been held every year since.

l/r Tracy Prock, Denny Shaw, Stan Wills, Will Palmer, Carl Durkoop, Rob Scott, Vicki Pickett in the trailer. Dale Ryan and Patience Ryan not pictured.



New Citizens Ceremony

On June 26, 2023, the Spokane Chapter participated in the New Citizens Ceremony in which 120 new citizens from 44 countries were sworn in. To make the occasion special, the Spokane chapter recreated the original swearing in ceremony presented on February 3, 1778 at Valley Forge. The purpose was to demonstrate to the new citizens that the Oath has not changed very much for nearly 250 years. The ceremony was well received by over 200 guests and will be added to future ceremonies. It is one way to get more members involved in the programs. Below is the Oath presented.

I (state your name) do acknowledge the United States of America to be free, Independent and Sovereign States, and declare that the people thereof owe no allegiance or obedience to George the Third, King of Great Britain; and I renounce, refuse and abjure, any allegiance or obedience to him; and I do Swear that I will, to the utmost of my power, support and maintain and defend the said United States against the said King George the Third, his heirs and successors, his or their abettors, assistants and adherents, and will serve the said United States in the position for which I now hold, with fidelity, according to the best of my skill and understanding.

l-r Tracy Prock, Dale Ryan, Stan Wills, Rob Hill, Doug Jonas



Wisconsin -

Our Wisconsin color guards enjoyed participating in several worthy events these past few months. We presented the Colors at the Milwaukee Brewers vs Boston Red Sox game on April 23, 2023. The Brewers were wiped out but we patriotically enjoyed the slaughter nonetheless. Pictured l to r are Terry Sater, Greg Heal, Mike Meador, Marcus Barrett, Shane Barrett, Ben Meador, Bill Austin, Ed Safford and commander Brian S. Barrett.





On May 6, 2023 we helped lay to rest the recovered remains of WW II airmen Roy C. Harms at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Grafton. Pictured are Plastine, Mike Meador, Matt Sonnenburg, Heal, Sater and Commander Barrett

On May 13, 2023 we dedicated an engraved stone monument to the 43 Revolutionary War soldiers who are buried in Wisconsin. The monument is located at the Revolutionary War Flag Plaza in downtown Delafield. The event was attended by Delafield Mayor Kent Atwell. Pictured l to r are bugler Greg Heal, commander Barrett, M-K Chapter President Don Skarda and Bob Plastine. Taps was performed to honor our patriot ancestors

At Revolutionary War Days at Old Falls Village in Menominee Falls our guards manned a tabletop display showing period artifacts, books, flags and a battlefield map. Our display was a popular attraction over a pleasant two day weekend. Our display was visited by many onlookers. We were kept busy interacting with prospective members and curious children. The event was a good pond to fish! Pictured are Plastine, Mike Meador, WISSAR President Bob Haglund and Ben Meador. Not pictured but in attendance were Cmdr Barrett and Skarda



Wisconsin veterans were honored at a breezy outdoor concert in Glendale on June 21, 2023. We posted the Colors and set-up a community outreach table next to the local DAR chapter. We were visited by several vets and their family. Pictured are Sonnenburg, Mike Meador, Cmdr Barrett, Skarda and Plastine.

The solemnity of Memorial Day is an important part of our annual attendance at the graves of three Revolutionary War soldiers buried in the greater Milwaukee area. At the Pvt Nathan Hatch grave in Brookfield over 200 spectators paid their respects to our military dead. Pictured at the Hatch ceremony are Cmdr Barrett, Sater, Heal, Ben Meador, Marcus Barrett, Mike Meador and Shane Barrett. We also attended the graves of Pvt James Morgan in Wauwatosa. At the Morgan grave were Sater, Heal, Plastine, Marcus, Aiden Verhalen, Mike Meador and Shane Barrett. They heard a tribute by

Cmdr Barrett. Heal performed Taps. For Pvt David Janes at Little Prairie, Selena Milewski gave the invocation, Shane Barrett memorialized our soldiers and Heal performed Taps. Several other local residents participated in this Janes ceremony. At each grave, color guards performed a solemn salute.





For Flag Day President Haglund lead the Wisconsin Societies of the SAR, DAR and CAR in Appleton. It is the oldest and largest Flag Day Parade in the USA. The parade is two miles long and goes thru downtown. This year's theme was Courage and Valor. Pictured are DAR, M.Meador, Haglund, David Grover, Al Haglund and CAR members. M-K Chapter guards joined with Waukesha Elks Lodge 400 to honor our wonderful flags. Patriotism abounded. Pictured are Plastine, Exalted Ruler Dan Desjardin, Skarda, and Cmdr Barrett.

West Virginia -

The Point Pleasant Chapter West Virginia Society SAR Chapter presented colors prior to the annual flag retirement ceremony. This years event was held at the site where Battle Days is celebrated in October each year, Tu-Endie-Wei state park.

