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*Cover Photo* -Jan Lemmer (WA) is the drummer on the cover photo. This is an old cover from 2019, that we are reusing because he is the father of our new Drum Major Viren Lemmer. Send more Father-Son Color Guard pictures for next quarter's edition.

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# Commander's Report

## Fellow color guardsmen,

This summer at National Congress in Savannah I was honored to take command of the National Color Guard. The Vice Commander is Scott Collins (GA), First Adjutant is Robert Meyer (NJ) and Second Adjutant is Ken Goodson (MI). I have added four new positions to the Staff. Two will be assistants: Assistant Quartermaster Patrick Wesolosky (KY) and Assistant Safety Officer Jacob Vink (IN). The others are related to "The Music", the positions are Fife Major David Embrey (MD) and Drum Major Viren Lemmer (WA). They will join the current staff of Quartermaster Charlie Scott (KY), Safety Officer Brett Osborn (VA), and Artillery Commander Dr. Rudy Byrd (AZ).

The Fife & Drum Majors will be responsible for developing an SAR Fife & Drum Corps Program, recruiting and training new musicians, and with developing a National SAR sponsored Fife and Drum competition or award. Look for their articles in future editions of this newsletter, more to follow.

The Safety Training Officers have been tasked with developing a series of safety and training videos that we will post on our sar.org webpage, Facebook and YouTube for color guard commanders at all levels to use. Look for more soon from Brett Osborn.

Another thing we are looking into is revisiting the Virtual Participation Policy. It was prematurely cancelled with little regard for the good thing happening that would be lost. We want to see how we can intelligently bring it back for the purpose of increasing participation in National Color Guard events for all our compatriots across the entire globe.

Did you know that the SAR National Color Guard officially consists of nothing more than the National Color Guard Staff and the Color Guard Committee? State Color Guards are like State National Guards, they work for, and respond to their State Presidents and State Color Guard Commanders. There is no formal "National" Color Guard, beyond the staff and the members of the committee, until color guardsmen from the various states gather at an approved National Event, then and only then, do they fall under the operational command of the National Color Guard Commander or a National Command Staff representative.

Did you know that all Color Guardsmen are members of the Color Guard Committee? Any color guardsmen attending a National Congress or a National Trustees' Meeting can vote at that Color Guard Committee meeting as a fully accredited member of the committee. The National Color Guard Commander and his staff, like the Chief of Staff of the US Army and his staff with the National Guard Bureau, are responsible for policies and standards that effect all color guardsmen. I and my staff, through the National Color Guard Handbook provide the policies that govern the Color Guards, but you the color guardsmen have a voice and a vote in approving those policies.

As I stated earlier, the activities and processes of the National Color Guard are governed by the National Color Guard Handbook. The handbook is a pretty good document, but it is overdue for a front to back review and that will be led by Vice Commander Scott Collins and the staff. We will be looking for input from the field and the revised handbook will be presented to the committee at a future Leadership Meeting for approval. In the meantime, the current handbook remains in effect. However, this handbook is only useful if you bother to read it, and if your color guardsmen comply with what is written there. It is not binding or really enforceable by the National Color Guard Staff beyond those things that are distinctly National responsibilities like establishing the criteria for and approving the award of National Color Guard Medals. It is inherent on you the State Color Guard Commanders to work with your State Presidents on his vision for you and your color guardsmen and to ensure they are complying with the policies and guidance set forth in the National Color Guard Handbook.

As we execute our SAR 2026 Strategic Vision and grow the SAR, we should be positioning ourselves for the expected opportunities the 250th Anniversary will present, we want the Face of the SAR to be both historically accurate and representative of the organization. I'm not a fan of folks wearing tricorns with their blazers, jeans under a hunting frock with tennis shoes, or SAR medals on their regimental coats, but many folks seem to do so and enjoy themselves, so who are we at National to tell them they cannot do as they please at state or chapter events. But the National Policy is very clear on what is and is not allowed at National Color Guard events. It is your responsibility as State Color Guard Commanders, along with your State Society Presidents, to direct and police the activities of your Color Guardsmen. The Color Guard is a great tool for your State Society, use them well.

And while it is very true that, "The Color Guard is the Face of the SAR", Color Guards are a component of SAR State Societies and Chapters. They are locally based and locally led. Some states and chapters are really good at what they do, they have written guidance, conduct training and certification programs, they have black powder insurance policies, and they enforce standards within their organizations. They are

loosely run like military organizations with chains of command that report to their state presidents, support state and local events, participate in National approved Color Guard events, and share their activities and photos in the SAR Magazine, and in the CG Newsletter. Many State Societies have formal incentive programs where they offer rebates to new Color Guardsmen as they outfit and equip themselves, and some even have Color Guard "Supply Rooms" where they hold uniforms, weapons, and flags that older compatriots have turned in that new Color Guardsmen or new chapters can use. These states are the ones where the Color Guards are growing, expanding their outreach and their impact. Not surprisingly these are also the state societies that are thriving and growing.

Other Color Guards are more like social clubs that get together occasionally, come to chapter meetings to post the colors, wear a mixed bag of period uniforms, costumes, and civilian clothing, and they do things they like doing, in the way things have always been done, within their distinct groups. There is room for both types of Color Guards within the national organization, but as we strive to become Past President General Wright's, "Nationally recognized voice on the American Revolution", we would all prefer the former to the latter.

It is also our responsibility to provide guidance and assistance to state Color Guard Commanders as they develop their Color Guards. A little coaching while setting the proper example with dress and commands goes a long way. But we the National CG Staff must always keep in mind that the Color Guards and Color Guardsmen are your State Color Guards, not ours.

The National Color Guard is the Staff, the Committee, and temporarily those Color Guardsmen who participate in any of the three sanctioned annual meetings: Spring and Fall Leadership, and the Annual Congress; as well as those attending the list of approved Historic Sites and Celebrations which serve as National Color Guard Events. These are the events where your State Society Color Guardsmen earn credit towards their National Color Guard Medals. The National CG Command Staff is encouraged to have a representative attend each of these geographically dispersed events. We will strive to support as many as we can.

Below is an extract from the Color Guard Handbook regarding the protocol for National Color Guard Command Staff when they are attending a National Events you may be the sponsor of:

By protocol, the Commander, followed by the Vice Commander and each Adjutant in order of seniority, will have command of any Color Guard participating at any designated National Event (See section on National Events) or any event where the President General is in attendance. The Commander, or other ranking national color guard officer shall have the right to defer command to a State Society or local Color Guard Commander, but this is not automatically assumed. In the event command is deferred, the ranking national color guard officer(s) shall march at the head of the color guard along with the acting commander. If command is not deferred, the State Society Commander shall be allowed to march at the head of the color guard with the National Commander or other command staff.

We on the National Color Guard Staff are here to help you with growing and expanding your Color Guards, and we are never more than an email or phone call away. Please feel free to reach out and we will be more than happy to help you develop the Face of Your State Society.

Thank you one and all,  
Pro Patria,

Safe travels,

Yours In Patriotism,  
Brooks NSSAR, National Color Guard Commander



# Vice-Commander's Report

## Editorial

FREE CONTINENTAL UNIFORM, SURE I WILL WEAR IT.  
THAT'S HOW IT STARTED.

Back in 2014 one of my wife's NSDAR chapter members found a continental uniform in her husband's closet after he passed away. It had been gathering dust for years so my wife said that was sure that I would wear it and a few days later it shows up at my office. A bright red coat with buff trim and buff vest and breeches. Definitely not what I had expected.

Anyway, it was decided to call it a musician or artillery uniform and that is how this journey started. I still come out in that uniform at the reenactment of the Battle of Kettle Creek where I portray the British Commander, Colonel Boyd, who is shot on the Battlefield each year.

I had been in the SAR since September 2009 but basically only went to the chapter meetings and was not really involved with the organization. On Memorial Day 2014 all of that changed. Not sure if my wife really realized what was to come.



In the Fall of 2014, I became active in the state color guard and in January 2022 took over as Commander of the Georgia Society Color Guard after having served as stat President and National Trustee. At the recent National Society SAR Congress in Savannah, Georgia I became the Vice-Commander of the National Society SAR Color Guard after serving two years as 1st Adjutant and one year as 2nd Adjutant.

I look forward to supporting our National Society SAR Commander Brooks Lyles and the entire staff of the National Society SAR Color Guard.

As Vice-Commander I have been charged with a complete review of the National Society SAR Handbook and have received several emails with comments or concerns about the Handbook. If you have any information that you would like to put forward, please email it to ScottCollins1775 at Gmail dot com. All information sent will be considered.

Since becoming Vice-Commander at the Savannah Congress, I have participated in the National Society SAR Commemorations for the Battle of Blue Licks (KY), Battle of Eutaw Springs (SC), Gathering at Sycamore Shoals (TN), George Washington Tomb Vigil (VA), National Society SAR Fall Leadership (KY), and the Battle of King's Mountain (NC/SC).

Please get out and support you local and state color guards. Hopefully you will also be able to support the National Society SAR Color Guard events.

As we look forward to the upcoming year. Remember we are the Face of the SAR. We are how much of the public sees this organization.

Our activities should further the goals of the SAR

- By honoring those who served or assisted the colonies during the Revolutionary War
- By Protecting our Constitution and perpetuating American ideals and traditions
- By Educating our youth about the constitution and those who developed the American ideals and traditions.

As we go forward, please have fun and be safe.

Kenneth Collins

I am pleased that 25 states have submitted content for this issue. You should note that there are several additional Articles/Photos fro national events i.e., Congress, Fall Leadership, Battles, and a new series for the Fife and Drum Corps, as well as a report by te Color uard adjutant on state commanders reports.

I am aware that the deadlines for issuesspecially 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 25 States included. Missing are notably **FL, GA, PA, MA, SC**
- I want to compliment Texas on their text and photo submissions. They were very helpful.
- 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. Sned them separately as attachments
- DO NOT end in content that does not have Color Guard involvement.

Yours in Patriotism

Steve



# THE 2022 WASHINGTON TOMB VIGIL

*17 September at Mount Vernon*

You feel something very special marching across the grounds of Mount Vernon, a light mist on the Potomac River and an early fall chill on the morning air. You are in formation, a fife and drum accompanying you and your fellow Compatriots, descendants of the very men who once marched to war in similar formations commanded then by the man we come to honor, our first Commander and Chief, General George Washington. As you cross his property and make your way down to the Washington Family Tomb, where he and First Lady Martha lay you can't help but realize these are same fields and vistas, he once saw on his morning rides around the property. You stand your guard mount in front of the tomb, silently, in a replica continental uniform, or the dress of the militia, or a frontiersman, holding a period weapon, honoring the man most responsible for our victory over the British in the war and later the man who presided over the Constitutional Convention, and became the first President of these United States. It is a sacred duty, and you hope you are up to the task...

This year, over the course of the day, close to Forty Color Guardsmen joined the National Color Guard Staff at our annual Tomb Vigil. The men paraded across the grounds and down to the tomb at 8:45, stood four man 15 minute guard mounts from 9:00am until 4:00pm and paraded back past the manor house to end the day. This year and going forward, every Compatriot who stood the Vigil received a Certificate and a Tomb Guard Pin. It is truly a special event and one that every color guardsman ought to do at least once in their color guard career. You will remember it for the rest of your life.



National CG at Mount Vernon



The First Post



The Final Post



Honors



The New Jersey contingent



Marylanders



Compatriot Don Eberhardt



Compatriot Greg Ohanesian

# CONGRESS



Becky Raborg Molly Pitcher Award



CG Staff at Ft Morris



CG Lineup



Fort Morris



CG Lineup 2



Lyles Takes Command



Memorial Service



Midway Cemetery



Nat'l CG at Sergeant Jasper Statue

## COLOR GUARD STAFF MEETING AUGUST 29, 2022

Color Guard Committee Meeting August 29, 2022

\*Meeting called to order at 8 PM ET by Commander Lyles.

\*Role call-members present-Commander Brooks Lyles, VC Scott Collins, 1st Adjutant Rob Meyers, 2nd Adjutant Ken Goodson, Artillery Commander Rudy Byrd, Color Guard Mag Editor Steve Williams, Drum Major Viren Lemmer, Fife Major Dave Embrey, Quartermaster Charles Scott, Assistant Quartermaster Pat Wesolosky, Training Officer Brett Osborn, Assistant Training Officer Jacob Vink

\*Discussed the need for more participation for the Vigil at Washington's Tomb. VC Collins will send out another notification to the State Commanders asking for their participation and volunteers to fill in the time slots open.

\*Newsletter articles are due to Editor Williams by Leadership and all leaders were asked to get their submissions in by that time.

\*Commander Lyles advised the group that he has approved 5 Von Steuben, 2 Silver and 1 Molly Pitcher award since Congress. VC Collins advised that he would be submitting several additional requests.

\*Commander Lyles advised that he is working on a Color Guard recruiting video (with Jim Griffith) and as it is completed will share with the group to be used on Social Media by the staff and all State Commanders. Currently in first draft.

\*Quartermaster Scott advised the group of the status of the flags and poles, the extra units we have in stock and the start of a Color Guard fund.

\*VC Collins advised the group that the handbook needs to be reviewed and changes made to bring it up to date. He will be forwarding a word document of the handbook for review by the staff for updates and or corrections.

\*Command Staff Schedule of national Events

- 10 Sept the Gathering at Sycamore Shoals, Ft Watauga, TN-Brooks & Dave Embrey
- 10 Sep Battle of Groton Heights, Groton, CT-
- 10 Sep Battle of Eutaw Springs, SC-Scott
- 17 Sep Washington Tomb Vigil, Mt Vernon, VA-Brooks, Scott, Dave, Rob
- 29-31 Sep Fall Leadership, Louisville, KY-All Hands
- 7 Oct Kings Mt, SC- Brooks
- 15 Oct Battle of Chestnut Neck, NJ- Rob
- 8 Oct Battle of Days, Point Pleasant, WV-
- 15 Oct Battle of Saratoga, NY-
- 19 Oct Yorktown Days, Yorktown, VA- Brooks
- 22 Oct Red Bank Battle Days, HJ- Rob, Brooks
- 11 Nov Veterans Day
- 19 Nov Fort Morris, Sunbury, GA-Scott
- 10 Dec The Battle of Great Bridge, Chesapeake VA-
- 11 Dec Washingtons Crossing and Battle of Trenton, PA & NJ- Brooks
- 17 Dec Wreaths Across America

\*Discussed the definition of "Massing of the Colors".

\*The agenda for Fall leadership will be distributed shortly.

\*There were no new business items.

\*Meeting adjourned 9:30 PM ET

## STATUE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

100 year anniversary of the dedication of the statue of George Washington, Ft Le Boeuf, Waterford, Pa



# BATTLE OF BLUE LICKS

I was honored to join President General Bruce Pickette and his First Lady Rita, Former PG David Sympton, VPG Central District John Turley President Scott Giltner and other members of the Host Society, Kentucky as well as the officers of the National Color Guard Staff, Vice Commander Scott Collins (GA), Quartermaster Charlie Scott (KY), Assistant Quartermaster Patrick Wesolosky (KY) and Assistant Safety Officer Jacob Vink (IN) at the Memorial Ceremony commemorating the 240th Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks. There were well over 100 people in attendance including 51 Color Guardsmen representing 11 States. Seventy-one Wreaths were presented.



## War of the Frontier

Although the main British army under Lord Cornwallis had surrendered at Yorktown in October 1781, virtually ending the war in the east, fighting on the western frontiers of Georgia, the Carolinas, Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York continued. Aided by the British garrison at Fort Detroit, Indians north of the Ohio River redoubled their efforts to drive the American settlers out of western Virginia (now Kentucky and West Virginia) to strengthen the British position in the ongoing peace negotiations. In July 1782 a meeting took place at the Shawnee villages near the headwaters of the Mad River in the Ohio Country, with Shawnee, Delawares, Mingo, Wyandot, Huron, Miami, Ottawa, Ojibwa, and Potawatomi representatives in attendance. As a result, 150 British rangers under Captain William Caldwell (of Butler's Rangers) and some 1,100 Indian warriors supported by Pennsylvania Loyalists Alexander McKee, Simon Girty, and Matthew Elliott set out to attack Wheeling, on the upper Ohio River. This was one of the largest forces sent against American settlements during the war. The expedition was called off, however, when scouts reported that a force under George Rogers Clark, whom the Indians feared more than any other commander, was about to invade the Ohio Country from Kentucky. Caldwell's army returned to the Mad River to oppose the invasion, but the attack never came. Most of the Indian warriors returned to their homes.

## The Siege of Bryan Station

Caldwell and about 50 Loyalists, supported by 300 Indians, crossed the Ohio River into Kentucky. They meant to surprise and destroy the settlement of Bryan Station, but the settlers discovered them and took shelter within their stockade. Caldwell and McKee's force laid siege to Bryan Station on August 15, killing all of the settlers' livestock and destroying their crops, but withdrew after two days when they learned that Kentucky militiamen were on the way. Five Indians were killed and two wounded during this short siege.

The militia arrived at Bryan Station on August 18. The force included about 47 men from Fayette County and another 135 from Lincoln County. The highest-ranking officer, Colonel John Todd of Fayette County, was in overall command, assisted by Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Boone, the famed frontiersman. Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Trigg and Major Hugh McGary led the Lincoln County contingent. Benjamin Logan, colonel of the Lincoln militia, was gathering men and had not yet arrived. The militiamen could pursue the raiders immediately, to keep them from escaping, or they could wait for Logan to arrive with reinforcements. Daniel Boone advised waiting for Logan, who was only a day away, but others urged immediate action, pointing out that the enemy force had a 40-mile (60 km) lead on them. Boone felt compelled to go along, so the Kentuckians set out on horseback over an old buffalo trail before making camp at sunset.

## The Fight at Blue Licks

On the morning of August 19, the Kentuckians reached the Licking River, near a spring and salt lick known as the Lower Blue Licks (today within Nicholas County). A few Indian scouts were seen watching them from across the river. Behind the scouts was a hill around which the river looped. Todd called a council and asked Daniel Boone, the most experienced woodsman, what he thought. Boone said he had been growing increasingly suspicious because of the obvious trail the Indians left. He felt the Indians were trying to lead them into an ambush.

Hugh McGary, known as both a fierce Indian fighter and an unstable hothead, urged immediate attack. When no one listened, he mounted his horse and rode across the ford, calling out, "Them that ain't cowards, follow me." The men immediately followed McGary, as did the officers, who hoped to restore order. Boone remarked, "We are all slaughtered men," and crossed the river.

Most of the men dismounted and formed a line of battle several rows deep. They advanced up the hill, Todd and McGary in the center, Trigg on the right, Boone on the left and a thin line of skirmishers to the front. As Boone had suspected, Caldwell's force was waiting on the other side, concealed in ravines with Caldwell's Ranger in a blocking position to the front and the Indians arrayed to the right of the advancing force. When the Kentuckians reached the summit, the Indians opened fire at close range with devastating accuracy. After only five minutes, the center and right of the Kentuckians' line fell back. Only Boone's men on the left managed to push forward. Todd and Trigg, easy targets on horseback, were shot dead.

The Kentuckians began to flee down the hill, fighting hand-to-hand with Indians who had flanked them. McGary rode up to Boone's company and told him everyone was retreating, and that Boone was now surrounded. Boone ordered his men to retreat. He grabbed a riderless horse and ordered his 23-year-old son, Israel Boone, to mount it. Israel suddenly fell to the ground, shot through the neck. Boone realized his son was dead, mounted the horse and joined in the retreat. Caldwell had lost seven killed and ten wounded during ambush.

## Aftermath

The largest Revolutionary War battle fought in Kentucky lasted 15 minutes and was a resounding British victory. The Patriot force suffered 100 casualties or roughly 54% of their force. Roughly 70 men from both sides were killed and some were buried in a mass grave on the site. Others remain today where they fell. The Treaty of Paris was signed eleven months later officially ending the war.

Although he had not taken part in the battle, George Rogers Clark, as senior commander, was widely condemned in Kentucky for allowing the Loyalist-Indian force to cross the river and court disaster at Blue Licks. In response, Clark launched a retaliatory raid across the Ohio River in November. His force consisted of more than 1,000 men, including Benjamin Logan and Daniel Boone. The Kentuckians destroyed five unoccupied Shawnee villages on the Great Miami River in the last major offensive of the American Revolution. No battles took place since the Shawnees refused to stand and fell back to their villages on the Mad River.

The base article is from Wikipedia, edited and added to by me. The pictures are provided by Diane Ungvasky.







The Silver Color Guard Medal is being awarded to Allan Manning of Indiana.



# BATTLE OF BROOKLYN

Compatriots.

After spring leadership at Louisville Kentucky. I worked with President Joseph Fitzpatrick and Peter Gobel. We were determined to make the Battle of Brooklyn happen in August of 2022.

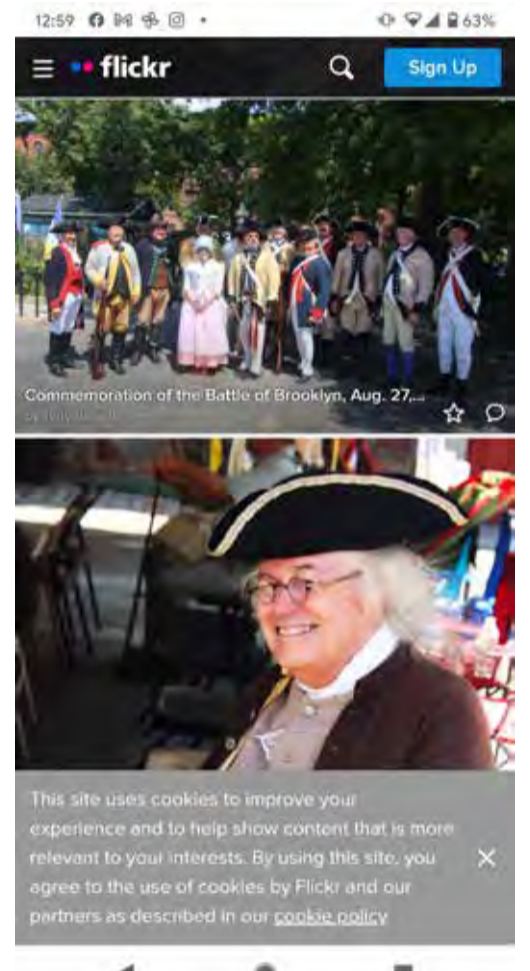
I reached out to the Stone House and was connected with Kim Meier. She is the curator of the Stone House in Brooklyn. I told her that I would like to see the SAR help her with the planning of the Battle of Brooklyn in August of 2022. She was very optimistic about this happening. We were right to work on the planning and preparations to make this happen.

In July in Savannah Georgia at Congress I reached out to many and asked them to participate if they could with the Battle of Brooklyn. The Battle of Brooklyn had not happened in 5 years. This is a national event and also a very historic event in our nation's history and needs to be supported.

We were quite fortunate to get color Guardsmen from Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Virginia, & the DC society. We were also joined by the DAR state regent of New Jersey, Three chapter regents from New York, Members of the Sons of the Revolution, Members of the Sons of Cincinnatus, Many local politicians as well as the NYC Park Director who also does open hearth cooking. The event was a success.

We look forward to doing it again next year. And continuing this year after year .

Respectfully submitted.  
Robert Meyer 1st Adjutant.  
National Color Guard



# SYCAMORE SHOALS

The Grave Marking in Greenville on Friday was beautiful, but the Gathering at Sycamore Shoals was a washout so we had the ceremony in the auditorium of the Museum Thirty-Seven Compatriots and 6 CAR including Color Guardsmen from as far away as Texas and Kansas.



# ATLANTIC MIDDLE STATES CONFERENCE

Atlantic Middle States Conference, Princeton, New Jersey





# SAFETY

## New Safety Officer - Brett Osborn

Safety Complacency and Training opportunities.



I'm honored to have been selected as your new National Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard Safety Officer.

Following the excellent work and articles Compatriot Mark Kramer has provided as my predecessor, I want to echo some statements Mark has made in the past. "Safety is everyone's responsibility. Practice safety and represent the Sons of the American Revolution well."

When I provide Color Guard workshops and safety briefings I state, "Do not take corrective action or statements personally. All of us should be diligent and observant of potential hazards. Make corrective action, say "I understand", or "I stand corrected" and don't repeat something that has been pointed out as a safety issue.

My focus on musket or firelock safety is all should be treated and handled as loaded, until confirmed safe. Whether indoors or outdoors, when walking in

for an event with a musket, one should confirm it is safe whether it a firing event or presentation of colors. I'm not from Missouri, but my father was, so "Show Me" is the best check. A quick safety check is a good calibration and way to confirm the Color Guardsman are up to speed on their Manual of Arms, handling a firearm safely and their weapon is both unloaded and safe.

The quick way to run a Safety Check is as one or more-Color Guardsman are milling around prior to the event, tell him or them to line up. Call them to Attention; next have them Shoulder Firelocks or Carry Arms, the next command is Secure Firelock (I also

add after this Open Pan); next command is Shoulder Firelock. This is followed by Search Firelock where the ramrod is drawn out and each Color Guardsman waits until he is designated to do the ping test with the ramrod. As the inspector goes down the line, each Color Guardsman should return his ramrod to the guides holding his finger over the ramrod but not the muzzle until given the command, Return Rammers. The next command is Shoulder Firelocks. The third part of the Firelock inspection comes after the command Poise Firelock. The pan should be shut, the hammer at half cock, the firelock is checked for serviceability, hammer stall (frizzen cover), flash guard and that the trigger holds on half cock. After all are inspected the Color Guardsmen are commanded to go to Shoulder Firelocks, and when there are no further instructions, they are commanded to go to Order Arms and dismissed.

Here are some of the life lessons I've learned with inspections. We were at a Color Guard Workshop during a State annual meeting. In the hotel conference room when demonstrating the Secure Firelock procedure to the Color Guardsmen attending, black powder poured out the end of his barrel. A good demonstration by a dismayed instructor but all who attended remembered this. All firearms should be treated as loaded until confirmed otherwise.

For the Search Firelock Command, in one of my early Patriot Grave Marking events in Fairfax County. I conducted a safety check and the fourth Color Guardsman's ramrod stuck firmly in the barrel about three quarters of the way. He could not pull it out, nor could two of us trying to draw the ramrod out. I got a pair of vice grips from my vehicle, and we finally got the ramrod out. I had the compatriot make some further probes with his ramrod and large chunks of hardened powder residue and what looked like limescale fell out. When asked if the compatriot ever cleaned his musket, he said he did, but he had a short shotgun cleaning rod, and it did not go all the way down the barrel. I'm assuming he's never done a Search Firelock check before and over time there was enough gunpowder to get down the barrel to fire. Much like a fireplace chimney the build up in the barrel was accumulative. This made three of us watching this, believers in doing the Search Firelock as part of a Safety Check. Who knows what else lurks in those gun barrels? I've seen old cleaning patches show up in other Safety Checks.

Let me comment on the 132nd National Society Annual Congress in Savannah, Georgia.

These are my safety observations and not to be taken personally. When there were weapons brought to the events and I did attend the Church Memorial Service and the other events with the posting of Colors. I never observed any Safety Inspection of anyone carrying a firelock. It may have been done; I did not observe any. A great opportunity to show other NSSAR Color Guardsman from across the country how its done and that we have confidence and confirmation that all weapons were checked. Were they?

One of the host society Color Guardsman was carrying a firelock without a hammerstall (frizzen cover) and this was also pointed out to me by another Guardsman. Let's go to Compatriot Mark Kramer's Safety Officer Report in the April 2018 Issue of the SAR Color Guardsman page 35, "Color Guardsmen without this safety equipment (frizzen cover) will not be permitted to carry their firelock (muzzleloader in any SAR event: local, state, or national. It is the obligation and duty of each Color Guards to provide a safe environment for all participants." Also mentioned in the SAR Color Guard Handbook on page 24 under Firearm Inspection, Pre-Event. I'm of the opinion that no safety check was done.

Another incident that I did not observe but saw on a posted video was the host society conducted two excellent dedications of stone benches during the Congress. One was at the Spring Hill Redoubt near the Savannah Visitor Center. The dedications were attended by the host Society with a few National Society guests. The Spring Hill Redoubt service included a Georgia State Park Service employee serving both as a the firing party for a musket salute. He fired his three musket salutes with crisp precision standing on what was the original part of the redoubt. What is observable in the video is the demonstrator is ramming down his cartridges. This is also not in accordance with the NSSAR Color Guard manual page 23, paragraphs D 3. a "Wadding/patches are never to be used for Color Guard purposes. Paragraph E 3. B "Ramrods and/or other objects shall not be inserted into charged barrels." So don't use this demonstration as the proper NSSAR Color Guard procedure.

I know we write manuals, safety procedures and they become forgotten or ignored. That is the concern that we don't become complacent about standards we have documented. If someone is recognized with a short coming on firelock safety, it is a training opportunity for all. I've been corrected and continue to learn and share information. I started firing with the Congress Host Society State Color Guard in 2003. I was one of the early Guardsman firing salutes at Fourth of July and grave marking events. In what will be two decades the numbers have grown substantially with Guardsmen both carrying and shooting firelocks. As Compatriot Kramer said before, practice safety and represent the Sons of the American Revolution well.

Very Respectfully,  
Brett Osborn



## WELCOME THE MUSIC TO THE NATIONAL COLOR GUARD

George Washington took a personal interest in the fife and drum. On June 4th, 1777 he said, "Nothing is more agreeable, and ornamental, than good music...every officer, for the credit of his corps, should take care to provide it." The SAR has had fifes and drums involved at the chapter and state levels probably as far back as the beginning of the SAR. But, they have never been a part of the National Color Guard... until now.

Brooks Lyles, National Color Guard Commander, has taken the same interest as General Washington. He has named the very first National Color Guard Drum Major, Viren Lemmer and National Color Guard Fife Major, David Embrey. Compatriot Lemmer is the founder of the Washington State SAR/DAR Fife and Drum Corps. Compatriot Embrey is the author of the Fifer's Corner column in the Colorguardsman Magazine. Together they are forging a path forward for music on the national level.



Why start this now? The simple answer is America 250 is fast approaching. The National Color Guard will be involved with several events to commemorate this historical occasion. Adding music to these events will take the proceedings to a higher level. Music draws attention to an event. It draws a crowd. The complicated answer is that we are correcting an oversight. Music should have been an official part many years ago.

Drum Major Viren Lemmer commented, "In Washington State we found that when our color guard marched in a

parade it was often overlooked. But, when we added the beat of a drum, suddenly people took notice. They now look to the Color Guard with anticipation and excitement. This also makes our Color Guard stand a little bit taller, march with a little bit more pride, and let's not forget that it's easier to stay in step. This has garnered several first place awards at numerous parades."

Commander Brooks Lyles has noted, "The Music was the Heart and Soul of the Army and has been missing in the SAR's Color Guard for way too long. Fifes and drums regulated the soldier's day, kept them in step, conveyed orders and entertained the troops, and will soon be coming to a State and Chapter Color Guard near you."

Included Pictures: Drum Major Viren Lemmer and Fife Major Dave Embrey with Commander Lyles



## National Color Guard Events - 2021 - 2022

HISTORIC Date	Color Guard Event	Location	Host
January 3	Princeton, the Ten Crucial Days	Priceton, NJ	New Jersey
January 17	Battle of Cowpens	Chesnee, SC	Daniel Morgan SAR
February 1	Battle of Cowans Ford	Huntersville, NC	Mecklenburg SAR
February 14	Battle of Kettle Creek	Washington, GA	Georgia
February 14	Crossing of the Dan	South Boston, VA	Virginia
February 22	Washington Birthday Parade	Laredo, TX	Texas
February 27	Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge	Currie, NC	North Carolina
March 10	Last Naval Battle of the Revolution	Merritt Island, FL	Florida
March 15	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC	North Carolina
April 12	Halifax Resolves	Halifax, NC	North Carolina
April 18	Patriot's Day	Nationally	
April	Frederica Naval Action -close 4/19	St. Simons Island, Georgia	
May 8	Battle of Pensacola	Pensacola, FL	Florida
May 11	Raid on Martin's Station	Ewing, VA	Virginia
May 16	Armed Forces Day		
May 17	Battle of Thomas Creek	Jacksonville, FL	Florida
May 28	Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous	Vincennes, IN	Indiana
May 30	Memorial Day events *	Various locations	
May 29	Battle of Fort San Carlos	Ste. Genevieve,	Missouri
May 29	Buford's Massacre	Lancaster, SC	General Francis Marion SAR
June 5	Battle of Ramsour's Mill	Lincolnton, NC	Catawba Valley SAR
June 11	Action at Machias	Machias, ME	Maine
June 17	Battle of Bunker Hill	Charlestown, MA	Massachusetts SAR
June 28	Battle of Monmouth	Monmouth Cty, NJ	New Jersey SAR
July 4 every year	Let Freedom Ring / July 4th Events *	Various locations	
August 2	Siege at Fort Laurens	Bolivar, OH	
August 20	Battle of Blue Licks	Carlisle, KY	Kentucky
August 27	Battle of Long Island	Brooklyn	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](mailto:sarwilliamssa@gmail.com) and [Color Guard Commander](#)



# State Society Color Guard Commanders

Welcome to the NSSAR Color Guard.

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

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

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## Vendor List

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

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

Type the listed name of the vendor into your browser tab

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# The Fife And Drumm Corps



I started this column in October of 2019 to offer insight into the uses of fifes and drums in the Colonial Army and to offer historically correct Duty and Tune Music, trying to create interest on the Chapter and State level. I have been informed that there is finally interest in promoting Fifes & Drums as part of the National, State and Chapter Color Guards with the encouragement and support of the incoming National Color Guard administration.

***We want you for the National Color Guard Fife & Drum Corps! The Music was the Heart and Soul of the Army and has been missing in the SAR's Color Guard for way too long. There's a reason 'The Music' was paid more than the Infantry and it's time to give it the place in our organization it deserves. Fifes and drums regulated the soldier's day, kept them in step, conveyed orders and entertained the troops, and will soon be coming to a State and Chapter Color Guard near you. If interested please comment below to be added to distribution. More information to follow after our National Congress***

July 4 – Like many State Societies, The Music covered multiple Events –



Independence Day at James White's Fort Knoxville, TN - Musicians, Julius Hitt and Tracy Wilson (Left) fell in to celebrate the 4th of July with fellow SAR compatriots, DAR and



CAR members. Thanks to the Stephan Holston Chapter for hosting and to Commander John Clines for the sharp Color Guard. Drummer Julius Hitt - Present Arms (Above) and after the Musket Salute, Tracy Wilson sounded Taps. (Left)



Mount Vernon – Fifer David Embrey was part of the 'An American Celebration' at George Washington's Mount Vernon for the 4th as the 1st Virginia Music along with Old Line Fife & Drum played for the crowds and conducted Field Music demonstrations on the Bowling Green. With temps in the mid 80's, it was a fine day to be in wool and all had a good time. Inspection by The General (Left top) Music

Demo before fireworks (Left Bottom) - Afternoon music demo on the East Lawn.



August 6 Atlantic Middle State Conference, Princeton, New Jersey - For the first time, Drummer Micah Goldsberry and Fife Major David Embrey fell-in together as part of the SAR National Color Guard Fife and Drum Corps performing various 18th Century Tunes during the Saturday evening reception, Photo op with the man behind the vi-



sion of a National Fife & Drum Corps, National Color Guard Commander, Brooks Lyles (Left Top) For the first in many years, Music, led the way when Marching in the Color Guard. (Right)

Aug 20, 240th Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks was



commemorated by the Kentucky Central Brigade on 20 August 2022. The color guard for the ceremony consisted of two fifers, 17 riflemen, and 34 flag bearers. The fifers were Compatriot Charlie Scott and Kentucky Society President Scott Giltner. The two fifers played Chester as the color guard marched in for the posting

of the colors.(Above) Later in the ceremony, the fifers played Amazing Grace as the musical tribute. During the musical tribute a detail of riflemen performed the drill 'mourn on arms'. The ceremony concluded with the sounding of Taps performed by Kentucky Society President Scott Giltner.



Aug 20 Claysville, PA Multi Patriot Grave Rededication. Fife Major David Embrey traveled to Claysville, PA to join Drummer/Fifer and George Washington Chapter Color Guard

Commander, Chip Zelch, to have 'The Combined



Music' join this 9 Patriot rededication. Stepping off (Above Left) Drummer Chip and Fifer Dave (Right)



Sept 14/15 - 'School Days' Versailles, KY. 'The Music' does more than keep us in step for Grave Markings, Ceremonies and Parades, we EN-



GAGE the Public. Fifer and Kentucky Society President, Scott Giltner had a busy two days with 'School Days' presentations on 'Military Music during the American Revolution' at the Jack Jouett house near Versailles, KY. There were 8 presentations each day with about 200 students on the first day and 170 on the second day. HUZ-ZAH! Left )

Sept 24 - 245th of Brandywine – Like many other State Color Guards, the Fife & Drum Corps has a number of members that participate in Re-enactments and the 245th of Brandywine was no exception as



Drummer Micah Goldsberry and Fifer David Embrey fell-in with the Washington Crossing Fife & Drum Corps for performances at the VIP tent, (Left) photo op with PCCSAR 2nd VP Larry Magdy and 1st VP Steven Kopsickthough (Below Left), a gathering of 'Mass Musick' from both camps. (Bottom Right)



Sept 16 Proclamation Day Ceremony - Guardsman David Embrey traded in his Blue Regimental for Red as he opened the DAR Annual Constitution Week Proclamation Signing Program in Alexandria, Virginia with Yankee Doodle (Left) with 5 DAR Chapters participated along with the George Washington Chapter of the VASSAR. David gave a talk on the Fife, Drum and the importance of the Field Musick in camp life and the War and was accompanied by Ms. Vicki (Embrey) who gave a talk



Sept 30 Leadership – For the first time in recent memory, the Music was part of the Color Guard as Fifer and KY State President, Scott Guilner and Drummer Major Viren Lemmer followed Commander Brooks Lyles and Vice Commander Scott Collins (Left) as they escorted the Color Guard for the Friday evening

on working women during the War. Group photo with Mayor Justin Wilson and the 4th graders from Lyles-Crouch (Right)



Sept 17 SAR Tomb Vigil At Mount Vernon – What a 'Great Day to be in Wool' for the Annual Vigil at the tomb of 'His Excellency' George Washington, as National Commander Brooks Lyles greeted Fifer David Embrey and compatriot Fifer/Drummer Don Francisco (Left). To quote Commander Lyles, "There is something very special about marching in formation with a Fife&Drum accompanied by other descendants of patriots on the very same grounds that General George Washington, the Father of our

banquet. (Right) KY State President, Scott Guilner, Commander Brooks Lyles and Vice Commander Scott Collins and Drummer Major Viren Lemmer.



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Nation, walked" and with over 40 compatriots from multiple states participating, this was truly a day to remember. (Right)



# The Fifer's Corner

Like many in the SAR, I participate in reenactments and the 245th of Brandywine was one of the best I've been involved in. I've tried to find photos from the event showing the 'The Music' in the field of during the Battle.

Enjoy

Please email me at [Fiferdave@comcast.net](mailto:Fiferdave@comcast.net) or like ( Fifer Dave) on fb and message me with any questions you may have or topics you would like to cover.

HUZZAH.  
Fifer Dave  
aka David Embrey  
MDSSAR Color Guard Commander  
SAR National Fife Major







# Meeting Minutes

## Minutes of the Fall Color Guard Meeting

2:00 pm 30 September 2022 Citation A/B, Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY

1. Meeting called to order 2 PM September 30, 2022 in Citation Rooms A/B at the Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY by Commander Brooks Lyles (NC).

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Commander Lyles.

3. A moment of silence was observed for Col Peter Goebel past Color Guard Commander.

4. Recognition of past Color Guard Commanders. Commander Lou Raborg (MD) was in attendance and recognized.

5. Commander Lyles made opening statements welcoming the group.

6. Introduction of Staff, Vice Commander Scott Collins (GA), First Adjutant Rob Meyers (NJ), Second Adjutant Ken Goodson (MI) who were asked to make a few comments about their area responsibilities.

7. The NSSAR Fife & Drum Corps Program was announced and the staff introduced:  
 a. Fife Major Dave Embrey (MD) (not in attendance) and Drum Major Viren Lemmer (WA) who made several comments to the group.  
 b. Commander Lyles made a few comments about the impact of Music and the impact it had on those those who stood the Vigil at the Washington Tomb.

8. Rudy Byrd (AZ) was introduced as the Artillery Commander and advised the group that we do not have a cannon.

9. Charlie Scott (KY) was introduced as the Quartermaster. He advised that he had excess inventory that with the group's permission would be sold to the members present at the end of the meeting. He advised the group that the money will be used for Color Guard educational programs. He discussed the excess inventory and Commander Lyles listed the items. Below is the list of items QM Scott and AQM Wesolosky declared excess with proposed prices. We have sufficient items on hand to sustain us through normal replacement operations caused by wear and tear for some time.

- a. 14 new plastic flag stands. At \$20 each they would be a quick sale and net \$280.
- b. Three flag cases with different degrees of damage that we don't need. I feel they

would sell for \$25, \$50, and \$100. To buy new they would each probably cost around \$300 and selling them would net us about \$175.

c. 12 new adjustable flag poles. This leaves 5 new flag poles for potential use. Suggested selling price \$40 each---totalling \$480.

d. 32 new Spear style Finials, keeping 10 for future use. Suggested discount selling price of \$10 each--totalling \$320.

e. We also have an assortment of 8 Eagle finials and 2 cross finials that we can sell for \$15 each--totalling \$120.

f. Flag harnesses that have not been used for a long time: 5 single and 10 double. We can offer for sale 5 of the doubles at \$25 each totalling \$125.

g. The following used flags have been in a cardboard box for at least ten years. We suggest these be offered for sale for \$10 each. Some are current and some may be outdated flags. Proceeds from sale of flags--approximately \$150.

- 1) SAR flag--not pole-headed nor does it have fringe
- 2) Indiana flag--pole-headed & fringe
- 3) Oregon flag--pole-headed & fringe
- 4) Two Rhode Island flags-- pole-headed & fringe
- 5) Missouri flag--not pole-headed with grommets
- 6) France flag---Grommets & fringe
- 7) Mexico flag---Grommets
- 8) Delaware flag---Grommets
- 9) Texas flag---Grommets
- 10) Maine flag-- pole-headed & fringe
- 11) California flag-- pole-headed & fringe
- 12) Kansas flag-- pole-headed & fringe
- 13) Colorado flag---Grommets
- 14) Conn. flag---Grommets
- 15) Australia flag--Grommets

Commander Lyles advised that the motivation for selling the items was the need for contingency funds for future Color Guard expenses, discovered when we looked for money to contract the Training and Safety Videos to be discussed by Safety Training Officer Osborn later, and found we only had \$685 in the account.

Commander Lyles asked the group to consider a motion to sell the excess materials. Gene Moyer moved the issue and was seconded by Greg Ohanesian. The vote was

unanimous to accept the motion and sell the inventory.

10. Patrick Wesolosky (KY) was introduced as the assistant Quartermaster.

11. Brett Osbourn (VA) was introduced as the Safety Officer and discussed several the issues that he felt important for the group to know. He discussed the videos he would be making involving a number of those safety procedures, along with other issues, that will be made available to the group. He advised that he is working with a group of videography students at Shenandoah University and Color Guard and Reenactors for the cast from his home state of VA. He indicated he will be using several sites within the state to film the effort. The end game is to standardize our National safety practices. The filming will take place in October 2022. The GWEF provided ½ the cost of the video or \$2,750. A donation covered the remaining costs

12. Jacob Vink (IN) introduced as the Assistant Safety Officer.

13. Commander Lyles advised the group that the Color Guard committee meeting minutes were in the last issue of the Color Guard Newsletter and the Staff Meeting Minutes in the submitted Fall Leadership Book report on Sharefile.

14. Upcoming National Events: Commander Lyles listed the upcoming National events and their dates-the Battle of Great Bridge lists two dates in different locations which needs to be firmed:

- King's Mountain October 7
- Point Pleasant Battle Days October 8
- Battle of Chestnut Neck October 15
- Battle of Saratoga October 15
- Yorktown Days October 19
- Battle of Red Bank October 22
- Ft. Mores November 19
- Battle of Great Bridge December 3 or 10
- Washingtons Crossing Trial December 11
- Wreaths Across America December 17

Commander Lyles requested that each State Commander advise Bill Sharp of the actual date of each National Event hosted in their State along with the particulars of who attends along with the date of the event the next year.

15. Several Awards were issued by Commander Lyles assisted by Vice Commander Scott Collins.

- Bobby Hulse** (KS) was awarded the Von Steuben Medal
- Harold Cox** (WV) (not in attendance) was awarded the Von Steuben Medal
- Steven Gahafer** (KY) was awarded the Silver Color Guard Medal
- David Perkins** (CT) received a certificate and pin for standing the Washington Tomb Vigil
- Greg Ohanesian** (SC) received a certificate and pin for standing the Washington Tomb Vigil
- Dan Hilton** (NC) and **Mark Young** (TN) (not present) were awarded a certificate and pin for standing the Washington Tomb Vigil.

16. VC Scott Collins discussed the revisions of the Color Guard Handbook advising that the last revision was done three years ago. The Staff is attempting to work on National standards and that is what will be put in the handbook. He advised the assembly that it will take at least a year and asked the group to send him any revisions to his email address at scottcollins1775@gmail.com by Thanksgiving.

17. Commander Lyles reminded the group that there was not a National Color Guard, but there is a National Color Guard Command Staff. Each State has their own Color Guard that works for the State Color Guard Commander and the State Society President. They only participate in National Color Guard Events. He also reviewed protocol for when one of the National Color Guard Command Staff come to a State Event. That event remains the responsibility of the State Commander. If it is a National Event per the approved National Sites and Celebrations List, sponsored by the state or a chapter of that state, the state is still responsible for the event, but protocol is that command of the Color Guard is offered to the National Color Guard Staff representative for the event.

18. New Business:

19. Joel Parker (AL) made the following motion which was seconded by Bob Anderson (AL).

The Motion:

*“That the Color Guard Committee approach the Grave Marking Committee and urge them in the strongest possible terms that any Color Guardsman who takes an active part in a grave Marking ceremony be allowed to count these events for Grave Marking points once they have achieved their Bronze medal”.*

This was removed from consideration, until the Spring BOM, by Commander Lyles who offered to help coordinate the issue with the Grave Marking and Medals and Awards Committees.

20. A second motion was proposed by Joel Parker that Vice Commander Scott Collins recommended to defer until the Spring Leadership Meeting before it was able to be brought to the floor. Commander Collins indicated that he would rework the motion and bring it before the group in Spring, per the comments on the first motion.

Several comments about the motion brought to the floor were made by members Dave Jones (AL) and Michael Gunn (OH).

21. Commander Lyles announced that the Staff would be available in the flag room at 5:30 PM and he advised the group to pick up their flags at 6 PM.

22. First Adjutant Rob Meyer announced that there would be a gathering of Veterans for a group picture at 6:15 PM in the corner of the Banquet room. He advised that there would be another picture taken Saturday.

23. Jack Bredenfoerder (OH) announced that there was a grave marking at 2 PM Sunday in the Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati with a muster at 1 PM for those wanting to attend.

24. Meeting adjourned at 3:01 PM.

25. Postscripts:

- a. \$1000 was raised through the excess equipment sale and QM Scott reports he has pledged for an additional \$400.
- b. QM Charlie Scott is having back surgery this week, please keep him in your prayers.

Ken Goodson Second Adjutant



Bobbie Hulse receiving his Von Steuben Medal



Steve Gahafer receiving his Silver Color Guard Medal



Dave Perkins receiving his Tomb Vigil Cert and Pin

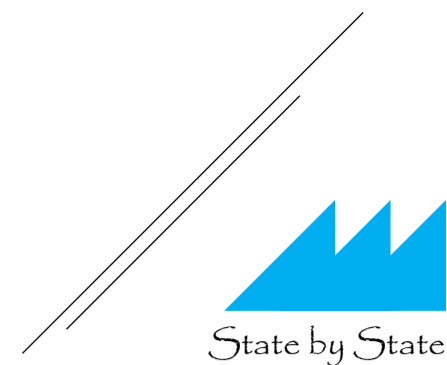


Greg Ohanesian receiving his Tomb Cert and Pin

QM Charlie Scott



# Reports from The Field



State Society's color guard activities *in the previous three months* as reported by the State Society's Color Guard Commander

## Color Guard Units' Highlights!

### UPCOMING COLOR GUARD EVENTS

Battle of Saratoga October 17 Stillwater NY- Empire State
Yorktown Days October 19 Yorktown, VA - VASSAR
Redbank Battlefield October 22 National Park NJ - NJSSAR
Veterans Day Events November 11 Nationally - Various
Siege of Ft Morris November 3rd Saturday Sudbury GA
Battle of Great Bridge, December 9, Norfolk VA, VASAR
Battle of Trenton, December 26, Trenton, NJ NJSSAR
Events listed are after publication date

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

## STATE COMMANDERS' REPORTING SECTION

*This is a section dedicated to unique comments from the State Commanders, not a repeat of what is normally submitted to be included in the Magazine. I asked some basic questions to get it started and thought to set up a "Letters to the Editor" section for lack of a better term. If you find this useful and would like to submit a question or comment, send a note to me at ken\_goodson1952@gmail.com.*

From the OHSSAR Color Guard Commander Bob Hill:

Ohio's largest Color Guard Chapters are in the Cleveland and Cincinnati. The States Color Guard roster ranges between 80-100 members with 2-3 drummers.

Our Color Guard formally supports 10 to 12 events a year, mostly Patriot Grave Markings, and a few selected events out of state. For the last five October's members of our Guard have made pilgrimages to Yorktown, VA. Our biggest event is a National event, Siege at Fort Laurens, in Bolivar, OH each July, and is very well attended by the SAR of the Central District, DAR, and CAR. A Tomb Guard of the Unknown Patriot was recently added to the Siege at Fort Laurens weekend. Please view our most recent event there just last week: <https://youtu.be/aej88zaX6L0>. A fifer joined the event from the KY Society.

We post these events in the State e-magazine, The Ohio Country Bulletin, the National e-magazine, and The SAR Color Guardsman.

From the VASSAR Color Guard Commander Chris Melhuish

Virginia's Color Guard current numbers about 85, organized into four semi-au-

tonomous Regions with one drummer and one bagpiper. The VASSAR Color Guard supports 120 events during the year, of which 36 include musket/long rifle volley firing. In 2022, VASSAR Guardsmen will have participated in 20 in-state and 13 out of state National and District level events. National events that VASSAR will host include the Crossing of the Dan, Commemoration of Gen. Martin (formerly Raid on Martin's Station), the National Memorial Day Parade in DC, the July 4th march at Mt. Vernon, the Victory Day Parade and Thomas Nelson Wreath Laying at Yorktown, and the commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge. VASSAR routinely submits articles for publication in the SAR Color Guardsman Magazine, and occasionally the SAR Magazine.

Here are a few questions and suggestions from the Commander:

What advice on Native Indian Nation flag protocol (i.e., precedence)-The protocol-An American Indian Reservation is a sovereign nation. On reservation soil the tribal flag takes precedence over the American flag. The color guard would look like this: Right Rifle Guard, Tribal Flag Bearer, US Flag Bearer, State Bearer, Left Rifle Guard. If the color guard were to march in a local parade off the reservation, then the US and tribal colors would switch.

What general liability insurance lessons learned across the entire society (the good and bad experiences), accident/incident reporting to the National Staff, accident/incident training procedures, etc.? But perhaps the most useful thing would be to establish a "best practices" blog for CG Commanders to exchange ideas and discuss challenges and opportunities or consider 2-3 Zoom meetings with all the State Color Guard Commanders to discuss a handful of mutually beneficial topics. One topic could be the 250th; another might be General Liabil-

ity Insurance and accident/incident procedures; another might be the NSSAR CG Cdr's vision/priorities.

From the MI Color Guard Commander Norm Palmer

The Michigan color guard roster stands at 31 guardsmen listed. We have two drummers and one SAR certified bagpiper. In 2021 we attended 15 events and in 2022 so far have attended 6. The MI Society this year hosted the Great Lakes District meeting. National and holiday events are always on our event roster. I have listed all our national events to the color guard magazine. As for a suggestion I would like the ability to have our guardsmen earn medal points via zoom for national events in parts of the country over a certain distance. I personally enjoyed the ability to join in several zoom events during covid days. Just seeing our SAR in the event field made me feel more a part of the society.

From the NC Color Guard Commander George Strunk (Color Guardsman of the Year)

We stand at 131 Compatriot Guardsman with five or six drummers and three or four fifers. There is a fife and drum corps in Greensboro that was associated with the Guilford Courthouse National Park and has participated in our event there every year. We support 6 NC National events, 8 NC State events, and 6 NC Chapter events. There are 31 other events in nearby states or National that we support as well as 12-20 Grave marking events each year. I submit our District and National events to the Color Guard Magazine.

I would be helpful if to post the National event list in the SAR Magazine. Many of our members are new and this would be a helpful guide

From the IA Color Guard Commander Mike Rowley

We have 6 members but no musicians. We support more than 30 events each year both National and District. We have submitted pictures to the National Color Guard Magazine.

From the KY Color Guard Commander Scott Giltner

Our membership runs between 60-70 members with 3 fifers and 3 drummers. In 2022 we supported 120 events. We host the Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Ceremony each year which is a National event and submit our photos to the Color Guard Magazine and have it posted on the National Website.

From the WV Color Guard Commander Ed Cromley

We have 20 members in our Color Guard with 3 drummers. We have attended 8 events this year supporting our sisters in the DAR. Our Point Pleasant Chapter

hosts the Battle Days National Event, and we send those pictures into the Color Guard Magazine.

From the MD Color Guard Commander David Embrey

Maryland has 23 Guardsmen with 1 fifer. We support 35 to 40 events per year and host the AMS Conference when it is our turn which we share with PA and NJ. We submit our events to the Color Guard Magazine.

From the MO Color Guard Commander Steven Perkins

Missouri's color guard operate as Chapter units within 3 districts, each having a District Commander subordinate to the State Color Guard Commander. The State Commander determines if an event should be classified as a state event and issues a state-wide muster call. We have just a few default state events: annual conference, State Fair Parade, and State DAR conference, and the DAR Lights of Love ceremony. If we locate and complete a first-time new patriot grave marking, that is a state muster call event. There are several drummers, and the St. Louis chapter have an associate member who plays bagpipe at occasional events.

Missouri hosts one national event: in May - Commemoration of the Battle of Ft. San Carlos, held in St. Genevieve Missouri. We have a very nice turnout this past May, which was covered in the latest Color Guards magazine.

Our Districts are very busy. The Kansas City (NW District) does 4 to 6 honor flight events, they hold ceremonies for Washington's birthday celebration, which is a joint KS-MO event. The Eastern District has a number of annual Memorial Day and veterans day events, as do the other districts. Through the year they will have 2 to 3 dozen events, many with DAR chapters.

The Southwest District does a lot with education, patriot grave memorial and re-dedications, ceremonies at the county historic courthouse for Flag Day and Nathaniel Greene's birthday, flag retirement ceremonies with the Scouts and JROTC. In 2019 the Ozark Mountain chapter CG participated in about 75 events, in 2020 25 and in 2021 we had 34.

From the NJ Color Guard Commander Richard W. Serfass

Our roster lists 23 members, we have access to 2 fifers and a drum corp for special events that charge a fee. We have supported as many as 34 events with 18 so far in 2022. We post 5 National Events in the Color Guard Magazine, Princeton, Trenton, Monmouth, Chestnet Neck and Red Bank. We are looking to add Bound Brook, Fort Lee and Springfield.

We are hopeful to get some ideas to help us with Recruitment, Retention and especially how to enlist Fifers and Drummers.



ALSSAR and DAR Flag Retirement

On July 2nd, the DAR, along with the Alabama Society SAR, the Girl Scouts, and the American Legion, met at the Girl Scouts Kanawahala Program Center in Chelsea, Alabama to perform flag retirement and flag folding ceremonies. The Alabama Color Guard presented colors and the Honor Guard performed a musket volley salute to not only conclude the program but also to begin the 4th of July weekend with a bang.

ALABAMA



### Independence Day at the American Village

What is better than fireworks on the 4th of July? How about a full day of colonial fare with historical buildings, music, living historians portraying colonial and Revolutionary War figures, and military demonstrations? Many individuals from the Alabama Society Color Guard were there to help out and keep the British at bay.



### Prattville Parade

What better way to celebrate the birth of our nation than to have a parade? The Alabama Color Guard, along with members of the DAR and CAR, were out and about in Prattville, Alabama to help share a little love of country and show their patriotism.



### Take Me Out to the Ballpark

Joining forces with the Georgia SAR, members of the Alabama Society Color Guard helped kick off the Independence Day baseball game in Atlanta, Georgia Revolutionary War style.





Alabama Colorguard and the National Congress

Members of the Alabama State Color Guard participated in numerous activities at the National SAR Congress in Savannah, Georgia July 10 - 14, 2022. Sunday, started of the event with posting of colors and musket fire at Fort Morris and the day concluded with a Five (5) Patriot

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



Biscuits Bonanza

The General John Archer Elmore Chapter organized a chapter colorguard event with the Montgomery Biscuits baseball team to post color and kick-off the game on August 6, 2022. Fun was had by all and a little bit of teaching of patriotism and history went hand in hand with a little bit of nine inning fun.



## Alabama Genealogy Convention

On Saturday, August 13th, the Alabama State Genealogy Society met at the Alabama State Archives building for their annual convention. The Alabama Society Color Guard was there to help open the proceedings with a posting of the colors, pledge, and national anthem.



## John Peyton Powell Grave Marking

The Tennessee Valley Chapter SAR helped with graveyard restoration and a grave marking service for Patriot John Peyton Powell on August 20th. The Alabama Society Color Guard was there to help with posting and retirement of color and a tribute musket volley concluded the service with the Alabama Honor Guard.



## Sharing Lessons with the Mississippi Society SAR

On August 27, 2022, several members of the Alabama Society Color / Honor Guards traveled to Star, Mississippi to join forces with their compatriots to the West for fellowship and a day of learning of Von Steuben drill and blackpowder training. It is this sort of comradere that makes SAR the great organization that is today.



## Flag Folding and Patriotism of Today's Youth

Meeting at the flag pole on 9/9/2022 at the University of Montevallo (UM), members of the DAR, SAR, American Legion, and UM Police worked with the local Girls Scouts to demonstrate a flag folding and to teach what each fold means as we enter in a remembrance weekend to honor the tragedy of 9/11/2001.



## Dothan Bluegrass Festival

The Alabama Society Color Guard traveled to Dothan, Alabama to help the Daughters of the American Revolution as the performed a Day of Honor at local Bluegrass Festival. The colorguard posted and retirement of the colors to open and close the service, the local American Legion performed a flag retirement ceremony, and a living historian played the part of Patrick Henry and performed his "Give me liberty, or give me death!" speech..



### Ella Marie Hagan Burns Grave Marking

DAR and Alabama Society SAR gathered in Cullman, Alabama on September 25, 2022 for the grave marking of Ella Marie Burns.



### Patriot's Day

Remembering the 21st anniversary of the attack on the United States on 9/11, the Wiregrass Chapter hosted a special service at the courthouse in Elba, Alabama. Presentations were made by local officials, first responders, and colorguard services were provided by the Alabama Society SAR.



### Ring of the Bells

Tennessee Valley Chapter SAR presented the colors for today's Constitution Day event, "Ring of the Bells". This was the combined event for Constitution Day by all the DAR chapters of Madison County.



### Patriot Michael McCarty

In a joint effort between the Alabama Society and the Georgia Society SAR, a grave marking that was more than two years in development came together in Quinton, Alabama on September 24, 2022. Family members from as far away as California were in attendance and both Alabama and Georgia color guards were in attendance with the Alabama Honor Guard concluding services with a musket firing salute.



## ARKANSAS -



On August 26 & 27, 2022 the South Central District gathered in Bentonville, Arkansas to conduct its annual business.

Twenty Two Guardsmen from the district rallied together to present and retire the colors for the meeting.

Late Friday afternoon guardsmen from Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and Texas (MOKAT) rallied in front of the hotel to fly our 250 Anniversary flag on the hotel flag pole. PG Pickette noted that as far as he knew the SCD was the only district to routinely fly an SAR flag in front of the hotel during the meeting.

VPG Charles McLemore (hatless), PG Bruce Pickette with CG Cmdr Blair Rudy (kneeling).



## ARIZONA -



The Fourth of July Parade was held in Prescott Arizona.

Arizona Society Color Guard Members attended.

This parade was recognized as a national parade in 2015. Two pictures are included. The members participating were: Left, L=R Stephen Miller, Tom Chittenden,, Robbie Berryman, Steve Monez, Bill Baron, Christopher Frances, Wayne Hood, and Stan Marks. Bottom, Left to right, Steve Monez, Stephen Miller, Robbie Berryman, Blake, Stan Marks, Christopher Frances, Tom Chittenden, Michael Morgan, Wayne Hood, Bill Baron.



On Saturday, September 17, 2022 A celebration of 235th Anniversary Constitution day was held at the Palmbrook Country Club at Sun City AZ. The luncheon was hosted by the Saguaro Chapter of SAR in partnership with the Estrella Chapter and Aqua Fria Chapter DAR, and the Halle Orme Thomas CAR. There were about 120 people attending. See luncheon png

Students from Canyon Ridge School portrayed the signers of the Constitution. Led by SAR Teacher of the Year 2020, Christopher Raso, they presented their biographies during the program. (see Canyon Ridge Students attachment). The founders were portrayed by: Abigail Bennett, Shia Chancellor, Tiffany Proctor, Grace Rogers,

Jackson Que, Isabella Nieto, Brody Tullis, Charlotte McNeil, Rebecca Smith, Ellee Lahn, Ray Rodriquez, Max Mollica, Emily Coffman, and Austin Bowen.

Presenting and retiring the colors for the AZSSAR Color Guard were: (left to right) Steve Monez, Bill Baran, Don Dedrick, Brad Hopkins, David Bonnett, Stan Marks, Matt Scott, Ed Dalley, and Jack Berry (see Color Guard.png).

Ed Dalley and Don Dedrick were also honored for their efforts to increase the number of Color Guard members in the Saguaro Chapter of AZSSAR.



## CALIFORNIA -



Huntington Beach Independence Day Parade

L to R: Kevin Bidenkap, Kent Gregory, Jim Klinger, Kelly and CASSAR Color Guard Commander Brandon Villardi.



On September 11, members of the color guard of both the Orange County Chapter and South Coast Chapter presented the colors at American Legion Post 291 in Newport Beach.

From left to right: Dan McKelvie, Commander, OC Chapter; Nolan Forrest, SC Chapter; Mike Miller, OC Chapter; Larry Hansen, OC Chapter; Kevin Forrest, SC Chapter.



California Society

On the Fourth of July weekend, The San Diego Chapter Color Guard set up a display for the public highlighting the upcoming semi-quincentennial of the founding of the United States (America 250). The San Diego Chapter was invited by the House of the USA, located within Balboa Park in San Diego. Besides the Booth, which was staffed by members and Color Guardsmen in Uniform, The House of the USA also sponsored a Lawn Party on the 3rd of July with the Color Guard Posting the Colors, Speeches by the Daughters of the American Revolution followed by

Dancing on the stage. The Chapter booth was set up on all three days and had about 500 people visiting per day. (left to right) Color Guardsmen Andrew and Peter Fagen pose for a picture with some visitors, along with Carolyn Campbell (Ladies Auxiliary) and Color Guard Commander Duncan Campbell. a picture of the booth setup. Carolyn Campbell watches as Duncan Campbell discusses how John Locke's works influenced the early Americans, while members Gary and Judy Newton converse with another visitor. Color Guardsman Jim Mcadory holds a Spanish Musket at the entrance to the international houses with the flags of the 13 colonies lining the walkway. Pictures by Jim Mcadory and Sarah Fagen.



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.

Right Left to right: Jackson Dhindsa, Randy Dhindsa (Yosemite Chapter President)

Left Left to right are Scott Nichols, (Color Guard Commander), Jim Riley, and Jon Russell, (Yosemite Chapter Executive VP)



July 4th, 2022, The Harbor Chapter and Orange County Chapter march Independence Day Parade in Huntington Beach, CA

At Left - Left to Right: Kevin Bidenkap, Kent Gregory, Jim Klingler, Kelly Villardi, Brandon Villardi

Flag Certificate and 250 Flag Presentation

On September 17th, Color Guard members from the Orange County Chapter and the South Coast Chapter presented Colors at the Mojave Chapter DAR meeting. At that meeting, the Mojave Chapter was presented with a Flag Certificate and a SAR Flag, pole, and base.

Pictured from left to right: Dan McKelvie, OC; Larry Hansen, OC; Jim Klingler, OC; John Blake, OC; Kent Gregory, OC; John Ferris, OC; Nolan Forrest, SC; Kevin Forrest, SC.





## CONNECTICUT

### 241st Anniversary of the Battle of Groton Heights – September 4, 2022

On Sunday the Connecticut Line along with other members of the Connecticut SAR, as well as SAR members from New Hampshire and Massachusetts, participated in a grave marking of 4 patriots at the Col. Ledyard Cemetery in Groton. After the grave marking the final event of the day was 241st Anniversary of the Battle of Groton Heights which included unveiling the stone marker, dedicated to Jordan Freeman, a former slave and aide to Col. Ledyard, who was commanding the fort. The laying of a wreath by CTSSAR State President, Stephen Z. Taylor and New Hampshire State President, Andrew Akers at the site inside the fort where Col. Ledyard was killed. There was the reading of the “88 Defenders” who were killed in the battle, along with a short speech by State Color Guard Commander Dave Perkins on why we commemorate this battle and then it concluded with a 3-volley musket salute from the raised platform overlooking the Thames River. Other color guardsmen present in uniform: Major Dan Dudley, 1st Sgt Derek Brockhoff; Fred Rivard; Tyler Smith; Bill Spring, Russ Cumbee and Jim Rothgeb. Pictures provided by Lydia Cumbee



### Samuel Smith Farmstead Encampment – Saturday September 10, 2022

On Saturday September 10th, an encampment at the Samuel Smith Farmstead c.1685 in East Lyme. The highlight for us was the terrific lunch served up by our own Howard Greene! The members of the Connecticut Line setup an encampment and preformed drilling and musket firing demonstrations during the day. Color guardsmen present: Dave Perkins, Derek Brockhoff, Bruce Donald, Fred Rivard; Bill Spring, Howard Greene and Jim Rothgeb. We were also joined at the event by the Browns' Company of Artillery of Voluntown, CT with both a mortar and howitzer. The artillery also encamped and performed both drilling and firing of both weapons several times during the day.





## LET FREEDOM RING Ceremony - Monday July 4, 2022

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

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

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

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

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

On INDEPENDENCE DAY (Monday, July 4th), starting at 12:00 Noon, the Mary Floyd Tallmadge Chapter DAR hosted a ceremony that honors Gov. Oliver Wolcott, Sr. and Col. Benjamin Tallmadge at their graves in East Cemetery (on East St. / Rte. 118, just west of the Litchfield Locker meat processing building). The SAR, the C.A.R., and the First Litchfield Artillery Regiment participated. Gov. Oliver Wolcott, Sr. was the 19th Governor of Connecticut and a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He was the second of three generations of Wolcotts to serve as Governor of Connecticut.

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

In addition five patriots graves were marked: Reuben Webster, Benjamin Webster, Richard Wallace, John Hosford, and Ruth Welch Marvin.



## Grave Marking for Boston Tea Party participant Elisha Ward - Saturday July 9, 2022

The Connecticut Line CTSSAR Color Guard participated in a grave marking of American Revolutionary Patriot and Boston Tea Party participant Elisha Ward. When it comes to acknowledging Litchfield's revolutionary War Heroes, Elisha Horton's name is seldom mentioned. It's unfortunate because he had a war record that ranked with the best of them, including being an acknowledged participant in the Boston Tea Party. This great act of civil disobedience occurring on the night of December 16, 1773, saw Elisha as a sixteen-year old patriot helping dump over 300 chests of tea into Boston Harbor in protest of an arbitrary tax placed on the tea by the British Parliament. The result of this act was an oppressive Boston Port bill, one of the measures eventually contributing to the organization of the First Continental Congress.



Following the Tea Party incident, he served with several local militias until February 1777 when he enlisted in Colonel Thomas Nixon's 6th Massachusetts Regiment. He would eventually participate in most of the battles and skirmishes in the Hudson Highlands. When Elisha's term of enlistment expired in early 1780, he re-enlisted, this time as a Sergeant Major. In April 1782 he was commissioned as an Ensign in the Continental Army. For the next three years he served in regiments commanded by Colonels Joseph Tupper, Joseph Vose, and Henry Jackson; all were involved in active engagements with the British forces. He may well have been with Colonel Vose when he led his regiment into New York City on Evacuation Day, November 25, 1783

**THE BOSTON TEA PARTY SHIPS & MUSEUM TO HONOR A CONNECTICUT MAN FOR TAKING PART IN THE BOSTON TEA PARTY WITH COMMEMORATIVE GRANITE PLAQUE**

**FIRST TIME IN HISTORY OF BOSTON, CT, BOSTON TEA PARTY COULD MARK GRANITE AT A BANTAM, CT, GRAVE MARKING CEREMONY ON SAT. JULY 9, 2022**

813 Connecticut Military Placed at Cemetery of Boston Tea Party Participant in Bantam, CT. (All Dates Concerning Boston Tea Party in 1773 unless otherwise noted.)

**WHAT:** The Boston Tea Party Ship B. M. Mason is currently in Bantam, CT. It is being used as a museum and is being used to honor the Boston Tea Party. The ship is being used to honor the Boston Tea Party. The ship is being used to honor the Boston Tea Party. The ship is being used to honor the Boston Tea Party.

**WHEN:** SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2022 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**WHERE:** BANTAM, CONNECTICUT

**WHY:** To honor the Boston Tea Party participant Elisha Ward.

**DETAILS:** The ceremony will be held at the Bantam Cemetery. The ceremony will be held at the Bantam Cemetery. The ceremony will be held at the Bantam Cemetery. The ceremony will be held at the Bantam Cemetery.



## IOWA -



### Activity from Iowa Society SAR & Central Iowa Chapter Color Guard

Right - IA SAR members lead a historic march in the 4th of July Parade in Urbandale, Iowa. Pictured left to right are Doug Frazer, Randy Lyon, Tom Ochylski, David Rowley, Michael Donahue, Tom Clegg, Steve Kopf, Dave Nation & Mike Rowley

Left- Central IA chapter members Isaac # 209158 and his father David Rowley #167874 prepare for 4th of July parade



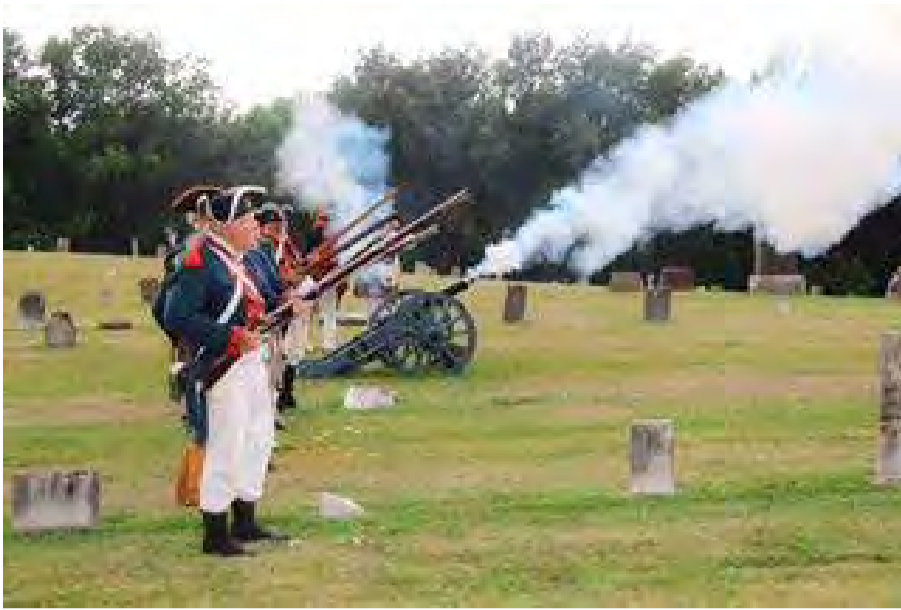
## ILLINOIS -

### Declaration of Independence

Little Arlington Cemetery (Sunset Lawn Cemetery), is a well known Memorial Cemetery located in Harrisburg, Illinois. Through the efforts of Don Cooper and a troop of Community support, it has become a Veteran's Tribute, filled with hundreds of neatly arranged Crosses and Memorial Statues. This is why the Long Knives Chapter of Southern Illinois chose the site for a special 4th of July Service for the Community. Participating in the morning's event were the Daughters of the American Revolution and Civic leaders. Chapter President Tom Edmondson presented opening and closing remarks, while Chaplain Steven Haldeman gave the Invocation. "Town Crier" Lance Newman addressed the crowd, reading the Declaration of Independence in a commanding voice of jubilation and authority. The "reading" was accompanied by the ringing of the Chapter's Bell, a twenty-one gun musket Salute, and a three shot; twenty-one gun Salute by the Long Knives Cannon Crew.

Although the morning was very hot and humid, it was well attended by the public and local newspaper and Television media. The Long Knives greatly appreciated the chance to remind the American People of the true significance of our celebrated 4th of July.





## Honoring Patriot Reuben Bramlett

The Long Knives Chapter recently had the honor of marking the grave site of Revolutionary War Patriot Reuben Bramlett. In conjunction with the D.A.R., the Long Knives, relatives, and spectators met in the old Wolf Creek Cemetery, located in Eldorado, Illinois. Honorary speeches, Prayers, and a Twenty-one Gun salute were rendered by the S.A.R. and the D.A.R.. Taps was provided at the appropriate moment by a local high school musician.

Private Bramlett served for three enlistments in the Continental Army. He served first in the Third Virginia Regiment in Pennsylvania, then the Colonel Williamson Regiment in South Carolina, and then re-enlisted and served for the remainder of the way serving in Virginia. Between the second and third enlistment, Reuben Bramlett was a P.O.W., captured by the Tories in South Carolina. After his Parole, he snuck back to Virginia where he enlisted for his third time. If any soldier deserves the title of American Hero, surely Reuben Bramlett sits among them.

## Remember September 11

Each year since the terrorist attacks of 9/11, Marion, Illinois has held a Parade to remember this tragedy. The Parade is always held on the Saturday that is closest to the date of September 11. The parade is always huge, and this year's parade had one hundred twenty-four Color Guards, Floats, Bands, Military Units, and Civic Groups Participating. The Long Knives Chapter has traditionally led the procession with its sharp Color Guard Unit. This year was no exception. The parade is long and grueling, but the effort reminds us of the sacrifices made by the victims, first responders, and families on that fateful day.



## INDIANA-

## Independence Day

The Indiana SAR Color Guard participated with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra for four nights of patriotic music around Independence Day. With crowds of thousands each night, the Color

Guard presented the colors for the National Anthem and marched historical flags on the path through the audience to the theme from The Patriot by conductor John Williams. Guardsmen from all around Indiana participated in this annual event.



# KANSAS -



4th of July

The Kansas Society Color Guard began the third quarter of 2022 on a positive note. They won an award for Best Representation Parade Theme in the Lenexa Kansas Community Days Parade on the 4th of July. It was a very hot 1 ½ mile march; but we made it. In the photo (Left ) from left to right are Jr. Member Gavin Kurt and Dewey Fry of the Delaware Crossing Chapter, Jeffrey Winters of the Monticello Chapter and Tom Chychota. of the Henry Leavenworth Chapter.

4th of July

Also on the 4th of July, Bill Marshall of the Konza Prairie Chapter, Leonard "Bit" Roberts and Bobbie Hulse of the Sons of the Plains Chapter, in order in the photo (Photo #2), marched in parades in Hutchison and Abilene, Kansas.



Naturalization Ceremony

On July 15 a Naturalization Ceremony at the Robert J. Dole United States Courthouse in Kansas City, Kansas was opened to the public for the first time since the COVID19 pandemic began. The Kansas Society Color Guard was asked by the US District Clerk's Office to attend, we gladly complied to the request. The Color Guard Presented the Colors during the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem. It was the pleasure of Dewey Fry to lead all in the courtroom in the Pledge of Allegiance. Due to the original special nature of ceremony, only 45 petitioners, took their Oath of Allegiance. At a reception following the ceremony, the new citizens desire to have their pictures taken with the Judge and the Color Guard. (Photo # 3). One new citizen is standing to the Judges right and his family before him. Color Guardsmen and Judges left to right are Robert Grover, Jerry Vest, Dewey Fry, US District Court Judge Julie A. Robinson, Dennis Nelson and Wyandotte County District Court Chief Judge Robert P. Burns.



Board of Governors Meeting of the Kansas Society

On August 6, a combined Color Guard of Kansas Society and Missouri Society Color Guardsmen presented the Colors during a Veterans Recognition Ceremony at the 55th Reunion of East High School of Kansas City, MO. The ceremony was conducted by Compatriot Robert Capps, Past President of the Kansas Society and Past VPG of the South Central District. In the photo (Photo #4) of the Color Guardsmen preparing to Advance the Colors are from right to left were, Alan Martin, Dewey Fry, Roy Hutchinson, Mark Parks, Steven French, Jeffrey Winters, Stephen Sullins, Kirk Rush and Rick Alley. Color Guardsmen from the Kansas Society were Alan Martin, Dewey Fry, Steven French, Jeffrey Winters, Kirk Rush and Rick Alley. Color Guardsmen from the Missouri Society were Roy Hutchinson, Mark Parks and Stephen Sullins.

Thirty-eight veterans from the class were recognized, 16 are deceased, 9 were present to receive a Veterans Certificate of Appreciation and a SAR 250th Anniversary of the USA Challenge Coin.

Also on August 6, another contingent of Kansas Society Color Guardsmen Presented the Colors at the Board of Governors Meeting of the Kansas Society in Emporia, KS. They were commanded by Adjutant Bill Marshall of the Konza Prairie Chapter with participation of Color Guardsmen, Bobbie Hulse, and Dean Bruns of Sons of the Plains Chapter and Kenneth Ludwig of Delaware Crossing Chapter





## Naturalization Ceremony

On August 19, The Kansas Society Color Guard Presented the Colors and led in the Pledge of Allegiance at a Naturalization Ceremony at the Robert J. Dole US Court House in Kansas City, KS. 90 petitioners were administered their Oath of Allegiance. Those in the photo from left to right are Rick Alley, Dennis Nelson, Dewey Fry Judge Judith Robinson, J. Vernon Welkner III (newly elected Chaplain General of NSSAR and President of the Kansas Society), Robert Grover and Steven French. President Welkner is from the Henry Leavenworth Chapter; all other Color Guardsmen represented the Delaware Crossing Chapter.

A photo shows how the new citizens and their families lined up to have their pictures taken with the Color Guard and Judge.

## Johnson County Old Settlers Day Parade

On September 10, the Kansas Society Color Guard marched in the Johnson County Old Settlers Day Parade in Olathe, Kansas. A crowd estimated in excess of 10,000 lined the streets of the parade route. The Color Guard was judged to be First Place of the Marching Groups in the parade. They were presented an award consisting of a Ribbon and a check in the amount of \$125.00 In the photos from left to right are Dewey Fry, Dennis Nelson, Rich Alley, Kirk Rush of the Delaware Crossing Chapter and Robert Wandel of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter.



## Naturalization Ceremony at the Lied Center

On September 13, The Kansas Society Color Guard Presented to Colors at a Naturalization Ceremony at the Lied Center on the campus of the University of Kansas and conducted by the US District Court of Kansas. 356 petitioners were administered their Oath of Allegiance. Color Guardsmen were, left to right, were Dewey Fry of the Delaware Crossing Chapter, Robert Wandel of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter and Tom Chychota of the Henry Leavenworth Chapter presented the colors during the reciting of Pledge of Allegiance and singing of the National Anthem during the proceedings. Dewey Fry had the distinct honor of leading the 356 new citizens in their first reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance as a new United States citizen and several hundreds of their family and friends in attendance. After the ceremony the Color Guard stood in the foyer of the Lied Center for more than an hour permitting the new citizens and their families to have pictures taken with them.





## Independence Day

The Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter has sponsored an Independence Day program for a local community for each of the past 13 years. To increase Patriotic outreach, children from the community are given roles in the ceremony, such as reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The chapter reviewed the timeline and events leading up to and following the signing of the Declaration of Independence as well as a reading of excerpts from the Declaration of Independence. In order to make the program more interactive for the children, questions were asked during

the program with prizes provided for those who could provide the correct answer.

The program also included a flag folding ceremony and a gun salute. The highlight for the children was a parade led by the SAR through the neighborhood. Nineteen flags were available for the children to carry in the parade with the assistance of their parents. The flags consisted of the current National flag of the United States, the first five National flags of the United States, the Kentucky State flag, and various battle flags of the Revolutionary War. Also, in the parade where children riding bicycles that had been decorated for the event. After the parade a "Let Freedom Ring" ceremony was held where each child had an opportunity to ring the bell in commemoration of Independence Day.

Nine members from the Gov. Isaac Shelby and Louisville Thruston SAR chapters made up the color guard for this event. The SAR members also provided riflemen, a fifer, and additional flag bearers for the parade.



## Blackberry Festival Parade

The Blackberry Festival in Carlisle, Kentucky began in 1946 as a homecoming celebration for soldiers returning from World War II. Now in its 76th year, the festival has become the longest continuous festival in Kentucky.

This year the Blackberry Festival Parade included a color guard from the Kentucky Society. Along with the color guard was a float commemorating the 240th Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks. The key feature of the float was a 9 ft high replica of the monument dedicated to the American Patriots killed in the battle. The float was constructed by the Friends of Blue Licks State Park. The Kentucky Society SAR and the Friends of Blue Licks State Park collaborated in the 2021 memorial ceremony for the Battle of Blue Licks and continue in mutual support of the Blue Licks State Park.

The Kentucky Society Color Guard consisted of eight members from the Simon Kenton, Lafayette, Blue Licks, and Gov. Isaac Shelby chapters. The SAR members provided four riflemen, a fifer, and three flag bearers for the parade.

A member of the Friends of Blue Licks State Park joins the Kentucky Color Guard.



Members of the Kentucky Society Color Guard pose with the parade float displaying the replica of the Battle of Blue Licks monument



## Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Ceremony

The 240th Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks was commemorated by the Kentucky Central Brigade on 20 August 2022. The Battle of Blue Licks, one of the last battles in the American Revolution, occurred on 19 August 1782 on a hill next to the Licking River in present day Kentucky. American Militia under the command of Colonel John Todd with subordinate officers Lt. Col. Stephen Trigg and Lt. Col. Daniel Boone were led into an ambush and defeated by a combined force of American Indians and British Rangers. The vastly outnumbered American force of approximately 182 suffered casualties of approximately 72 killed and 11 captured.

Participating in the memorial ceremony were President General Bruce Pickette, First Lady Rita Pickette, John Turley (Central District Vice-President General), Peter Davenport (Mid-Atlantic District Vice-President General), Brooks Lyle (National Color Guard Commander) and Kenneth Scott Collins (National Color Guard Vice Commander). Taking part in the ceremony were 37 SAR chapters, 18 DAR chapters, and 2 CAR chapters. Eleven SAR state societies were also represented. Kentucky Society President Scott Giltner served as the master of ceremonies.





The color guard for the ceremony consisted of two fifers, 17 riflemen, and 34 flag bearers. During the memorial ceremony, State Chaplain Don Drewry read the Honor Roll of those Patriots killed in the battle accompanied by the tolling of a bell after each name. During the Honor Roll, members of the rifle/musket team performed the drill 'mourn on arms'. The Patriots were also honored with 71 wreaths laid at the monument and a flag folding ceremony. The ceremony concluded with a flintlock gun salute followed by the sounding of Taps.



Left - Members of the color guard preparing to post the colors

Above - SAR members from 11 state societies participated in the memorial ceremony

## MARYLAND -



### July 2 Cridfield's Stars & Stripes Fest

The Color Guard is always the Hook, when doing these Major SAR/DAR Community Celebrations with the Music and Musket Drill /Firing Demos. We brought them in, and Lloyd Whitehead and Maria Dorman Maroon, worked them. 'The Line' included, Jason Posey, drummer Noah, Lawrence Price and David Embrey



### July 4 Mount Vernon

CG Commander David Embrey was in Red with his wife at the 'An American Celebration' at Mount Vernon for the 4th as the 1st Virginia Music along with Old Line Fife & Drum played for the crowd and conducted a Field Music demonstration on the Bowling Green. With temps in the mid 80's, it was a fine day to be in wool and all had a good time. Inspection by The General, Music Demo before fireworks (Right) - Afternoon music demo





### July 4 Thomas Stone Independence Day Celebration

To honor Maryland's youngest signer of the Declaration of Independence – Guardsman Jason Posey, fell-in for the celebration, Wreath Laying and unveiling of the 1818 copy of the Declaration of Independence in the Visitor Center.



### July 10 - St. George Society, Polo Match

It was another Great Day to be in Wool for Presenting the Colors for the annual St. George's Society of Baltimore Polo Cup to benefit the INVICTUS GAMES and HELP FOR HEROES. Color Guards of the SAR/ RM/ SC with MDSSAR Color Guard members David Embrey, and Glenn Moss in attendance.



### August 6 Atlantic Middle State Conference, Princeton, New Jersey

Commander David Embrey, traded in his Blue Regimental for Red, and fell-in with Drummer Micah Goldsberry as part of the SAR National Color Guard Fife and Drum Corps performing various 18th Century Tunes during the reception, Photo op with the man behind the vision of a National Fife & Drum Corps, National Color Guard Commander, Brooks Lyles. For the first time in many years, Music, led the way when Marching in the Color Guard.



### Aug 27 - Battle of North Point

Color Guard members, William Smithson, David Embrey, Christopher Smithson, Lawrence Price and Jason Posey traded in their Regimental for 1812 Dress and participated in the Battle of North Point Commemoration. After a two year Covid brake/ The Smithson's manned the table as David Embrey fell in with 5th MD and Lawrence Price, Jason Posey and Noah joined in as part of the Gun Crew with Hector Diaz .



## Sept 9 and 10 – Defenders’ Day Weekend

Friday Sept 9 – pm - The Annually ‘Defenders’ Day Paraded through the local neighborhood of Locust Point to kick off Defenders’ Day weekend, is always a highlight of the year. Guardsmen David Embrey, Jason Posey, Glenn Moss, Lawrence Price and Drummer Noah pose by Fort McHenry. (Left) A little instruction to Drummer Noah before we step off. (Right) On The March with David Embrey, Jason Posey, Lawrence Price, Drummer Noah and Glenn Moss.



Saturday Sept 10 - am – We started the morning of Defenders’ Day with the Annual 1812 Society Wreath Laying at Battle Monument in Baltimore - Construction was begun on September 12, 1815 and completed in 1825, the Battle Monument is said to have been the first significant war memorial built in the United States and quickly became an emblem of the City of Baltimore, its image used both for the city’s seal and flag. – The Battle Monument (Left) Forward (Middle) Guardsmen David Embrey, Jason Posey, Lawrence Price and Drummer Noah (Right)



Saturday Sept 10 - pm – We started the evening at 4:30 with the Annual Mens’ 1812 Society Wreath Laying at the Statue of George Armistead at Fort McHenry – attendees also included the Maryland Daughters of 1812. Color Guard included, David Embrey, James Schaub and Christopher Smithson with MC Chris Christou (Left) David Embrey, James Schaub and Christopher Smithson in front of the Armistead Monument (Right)





## Sept 17 SAR Tomb Vigil At Mount Vernon



What a 'Great Day to be in Wool' for the Annual Vigil at the tomb of 'His Excellency' George Washington, as Commander Embrey dressed in Red with compatriot Don Francisco (Left and led with Fife and Drum for the first time in many years. (Center). Maryland Color Guard members Gerald Harris, Gene Moyer, David Embrey, Lawrence Price, Glenn Moss and Don Eberhardt with Commander Brooks Lyles were in attendance. (Right) With over 50 compatriots from multiple states participating, this was truly a day to remember.



## Sept 18 John Stricker Monument Dedication

There was a great turnout today for the dedication of the John Stricker Monument at the Zion Lutheran Church in Baltimore who served in both the American Revolution and the War of 1812. The event was attended by representatives from the German Society of Maryland, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Society of the War of 1812, the National Society United States Daughters of 1812 and a reception followed in the church garden. Since he served in both Wars, the Color Guard was dressed to represent both Wars, David Embrey, David Hoover and Rick Abbott.



## Sept 24 - 245th of Brandywine

– Like many other State Societies, Maryland has a number of members that participate in Re-enactments and Brandywine was no exception with Lawrence Price, Jason Posey, David Embrey, Geoffrey Wood and Drummer Noah. (Left, David Embrey fell-in with the Washington Crossing Fifes and Drums (Right) and Geoffrey Wood mans the enlistment table for the IMR



## MISSOURI -

### Honor Flight send-off for WWII veteran Jack Hamlin to France to attend D-Day ceremonies

On Tuesday, May 31, 2022, Ozark Mountain Chapter (OMC) Color Guard members joined the DAR and several other veteran organizations in the Honor Flight send-off for WWII veteran Jack Hamlin. The ceremony was held at the Montclair Senior Center in Springfield Missouri where Jack departed for the 7th time to France to attend D-Day ceremonies. Essential to the core mission of the SAR: honor our veterans; provide education.

His visit June 2022, accompanied by OMC member Dr. Norman Knowlton, took him to locations in Normandy. Dr. Knowlton has accompanied Jack Hamlin on most if not all of Jack's Honor Flight events, as he served as his personal physician for many years before Norm retired. They became close friends, and Jack Hamlin always asks Norm to be his chaperone. Jack Hamlin, born October 1921 and now 100 years old, has an amazing story. He becomes emotional at times when describing the different actions he was directly involved with. He is sharp in memory and in conversation when he talks about his experiences. Today, he is ever so grateful for his service, and reflection on what small part he served, along with hundreds of thousands of other soldiers, in June 1944. Jack joined the OMC for their chapter meeting July 16 and was quick to point out that he is never addressed as an "American" when approached by a Frenchman, but rather...a Liberator. For it was indeed liberation that the US Armed Forces delivered.



#### *His Story:*

Jack Hamlin participated in Operation Overlord on D-Day on June 6th, 1944. As a Member of the Coast Guard Rescue Flotilla his assigned duty, with a rope tied around his waist, wearing duty pants and tennis shoes, dove into the cold waters of the English Channel to pull out the wounded, shot, dying, and dead from the waters on Omaha Beach. Mind you, no such thing as a wet suit existed then. He personally retrieved dozens.



Foreground: Norman Knowlton with Jack Hamlin. Background L-R: Charles McMillan, Ken Lawrence, Steven Perkins, Daniel McMurray, & Howard Fisk. Not in picture is photographer Dan Piedlow

Jack Hamlin in an emotional moment during the send-off ceremony. He is wearing the French Medal of Honor. Photos provided by Compatriot Dan Piedlow (OMC).

176,000 soldiers participated in D-Day with 79,000 being Americans. They landed on Utah and Omaha Beaches while other nations participated on the Beaches of Gold, Sword, and Juno. Of those that participated there are less than 2,500 still alive, and only 100 who are capable of travelling to Normandy for its annual celebration. This year Jack was one of the 50 that went to Normandy for its celebration. This time, Jack was escorted by Norm and one of Jack's daughters, Julie. Jack is treated like royalty every time he visits France. Women of all ages press their way to him to

give the two-cheek kiss. He said he must have been kissed well over 500 times. He said the people of Normandy are among the most wonderful in the world.

### Annual Branson Landing 4th of July Fireworks Display - "Liberty Light Up" Held on July 3, 2022 in Branson Missouri

For the 4th year running, the Color Guard of the Ozark Mountain Chapter of the Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution joined with the Branson High School Air Force JROTC in presenting Colors prior to the start of the Annual Branson Landing 4th of July Fireworks Display. The National Anthem was sung by a Branson native who has had a wide-ranging singing career with Branson musical acts. The Color Guard was led by the AFJROTC cadets in their colonial attire followed by five members of the OMC Color Guard: musketeers Dan Piedlow and Danny Piedlow, Don Higgeson with the Culpepper flag, Ken Lawrence with the Bennington flag, and State Color Guard Commander Steve Perkins calling the firing commands immediately following the National Anthem. A choreographed Fireworks Display filled the skies over Lake Taneycomo. The crowd of thousands were filled with patriotic fervor lasting throughout the fireworks display.



July 3, 2022 Branson Landing, Branson Missouri Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard Members left to right: Dan Piedlow, Danny Piedlow, Ken Lawrence, Don Higgeson, and Steve Perkins. Photo provided by Compatriot Dan Piedlow (OMC).



. Promotion photo provided by Branson Landing

## Missouri State Fair Opening Day Parade on August 11, 2022

On August 11, 2022 MOSSAR Colorguardsmen from four chapters were honored to participate in the Opening Day Parade at the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia, Pettis County, Missouri. MOSSAR Colorguardsmen that participated were Eastern District Color Guard Commander Mark Parks (MWC), Don Turner (OPC), Stephen Sullins (IPC), and Jack Quint (AMC). Attendance was over 320,000 (final number not yet announced).



Left to Right: Stephen Sullins (IPC), Mark Parks (MWC), Jack Quint (AMC), and Don Turner (OPC).

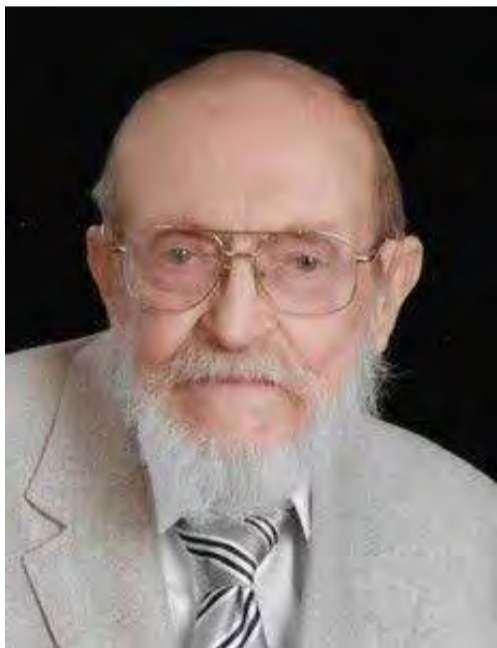
Missouri State Fair Opening Day Parade with USA Flag Photos provided by Compatriot Mark Parks (MWC) and Patrick Hosty (AMC).



## Compatriot George Leslie DeLapp, Jr. Grave Marking Service

On September 10, 2022, the members of the Northwest District of the MOSSAR Color Guard were honored to participate in the Grave Marking Service of Compatriot George Leslie DeLapp, Jr., at Woodlawn Cemetery in Independence, Missouri. Compatriot DeLapp was a Charter Member of the Harry S Truman Chapter of the Missouri Society. George's first Patriot, Ebenezer West, was approved in 1985. He went on to honor two more patriots with supplemental submissions and approval. The three Patriots he proved in his lineage fought under five different flags: Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

All five of these colors were presented in the ceremony. Compatriot DeLapp served the Harry S Truman Chapter in the capacities of Secretary, Registrar, Chancellor, and President. Colorguardsmen from the Harry S Truman Chapter, Martin Warren Chapter and Independence Patriots Chapter participated in the service.



Left to Right: Robert Grover (HST), Roy Hutchinson (HST), Compatriot Stephen Sullins (IPC), Mark Parks (MWC), John Stewart (HST), George Leslie DeLapp, Jr. and Christy Marsh (MSSDAR). Photos provided by Kathy Buddendeck Hutchinson



## James McGee Grave Dedication

On September 4, 2022, approximately 20 people gathered at the Elmwood Cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri to mark the grave of War of 1812 Patriot James H. McGee. The event was planned by the Captain Daniel Morgan Boone Chapter of the Society of the War of 1812 in Missouri. Patriot McGee was the first titled landowner in Kansas City owning over 1000 acres in the downtown area. The family is also credited as building the first brick house in the area from bricks fired on their own land. Initially buried in the family cemetery in what is now the Freight District, the McGee family burials were one by one moved to Elmwood Cemetery as the district enlarged. As one of her last wishes, James McGee's wife asked that this be done. The Missouri Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard was honored to participate in this event with guardsmen from four different chapters in the Northwest District. Family members who attended expressed their appreciation for the event and all those who participated.

Left to Right: Robert Grover (HST); Stephen Sullins (IPC); Mark Parks (MWC); Roy Hutchinson (HST); James Scott (AMC); Brian Smarker (HST); and Dawson Ballard Jr (HST). Photos provided by Kathy Buddendeck Hutchinson.

Tombstone of James H. McGee with Brian Smarker (HST).



## Constitution Day Ceremony at Raymore, Missouri – September 16, 2022

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



Left to Right - Fifer, Roy Hutchinson (HST), James Scott (AMC), Robert Grover (HST), Cherise Walker (LBR, MSSDAR), Stephen Sullins (IPC), and Mark Parks (MWC). Photo provided by Kathy Buddendeck Hutchinson



Left to Right - Honorable Christopher Turnbow (Mayor), Honorable Annette Turnbaugh (Mo House of Representatives Dist. 36), Chief Jim Wilson (Raymore Chief of Police), and Mrs. Vera Glenn (Regent, Little Blue River Chapter, MSSDAR).

## Constitution Week Proclamation September 17, 2022 through 23, 2022 City of Independence, Missouri

On September 19, 2022 at the City of Independence, Missouri City Hall the City Council commended the Harry S Truman and Independence Patriots Chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution for lending leadership to promoting the historic and patriotic observance of Constitution Week and preserving our cherished American heritage.

Left to right: Robert L. Grover, Harry S Truman Chapter; Steven Sullins, Independence Patriotic Chapter; and Roy R. Rowland, Mayor of City of Independence, Missouri.

Photo provided by Becky Behrens, City Clerk, City of Independence, Missouri



## Grave Marking Ceremony for Patriot John McLaughlin

On October 17, 2022 the Martin Warren Chapter, Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution in conjunction with the Lafayette-Lexington Chapter, Missouri State Society DAR and the Martin Warren Chapter, Missouri State Society DAR conducted a grave marking ceremony for John McLaughlin, a Patriot of the American Revolution. The ceremony was conducted in the Machpelah Cemetery in Lexington, Lafayette County, Missouri. Patriot McLaughlin served in the Fifth Virginia Regiment of Foot on the Continental Line at Bedford County Virginia. McLaughlin fought in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse and Private McLaughlin suffered through Valley Forge. After the War for Independence, John and his family migrated west and in 1827 moved to Lafayette County Missouri. He died in 1828, leaving a widow and seven children. Dignitaries present at the Grave Marker Dedication Ceremony included Vicki Stinson, the 4th Great Granddaughter of John McLaughlin; Mary Lynn Tolle, Honorary State Regent and Past Vice President General, National Society DAR; Joan Magee, Honorary State Regent, Missouri Society DAR; W. E. Henry, 1st Vice President, Missouri Society SAR; Francis Billings, Regent, Warrensburg Chapter, Missouri State Society DAR; LaDonna Scott, Recording Secretary Lafayette-Lexington Chapter, Missouri Society DAR; and Judy Frerking, President, Confederate Home 203 Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy. The Missouri Society SAR Color Guard of the Northwest District presented, posted and retired the Colors and conducted a three-volley musket salute. Participating in the Color Guard were James Scott, Alexander Majors Chapter; Don Turner, Ozark Patriots Chapter; Robert Grover, Harry S. Truman Chapter; Stephen Sullins and Pete Reynolds both of the Independence Patriots Chapter; and Dean Murphy, Bruce McNeel and Color Guard Commander, Mark Parks, all three from the Martin Warren Chapter.



Left to right are: Roy Hutchinson (HST); Mark Parks (MWC); Bruce McNeel (MWC); Pete Reynolds (IPC); Stephen Sullins (IPC); Doug Christie (MWC) President; Robert Grover (HST); James Scott (AMC); and Dean Murphy (MWC).



Photo provided by Compatriot Michael Powers (MWC)

Gary Gorline was inducted by the Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapter after three years working on documentation.

On September 12, 2022 Gary Gorline was inducted by the Fernando de Leyba Chapter after three years of working with Chapter Genealogist Doug Neff and DAR Member Diane Borgman. Chapter Colorguardsman posed with Compatriot Gorline for a remembrance photo.

Left to right: Casey Brizendine, Dan Evans, Lynda Gorline, Gary Gorline, Charles Lilly, and Chapter President Jim Jackson. Photo provided by Roget A. Ackley (FDL).



## NEW HAMPSHIRE -

The third quarter of the year opened with an Independence Day Parade and Flag Raising Ceremony in Ashland, NH. We quickly followed up with a drill session on 10 July.

We posted and retired colors at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, NH for DAR on 6 Aug. We welcomed three members from the MA Knox Color Guard who also participated. 13 Aug had us in Dunbarton, NH, for their Old Home Days, where we marched in their parade and set up a booth with displays and information on SAR. The following day was drill again.

A small detachment of us landed at the historic Muster Field Farm in Sutton, NH, on 27 Aug, setting up our booth again, speaking with the public, and giving firing demonstrations. The next day, our Color Guard had a good showing to render honors to Gen'l John Stark at Stark Park in Manchester, NH. This is where he and family members are buried, land which was part of his farm.

Sep gave us a break with drill in Sutton the week after our Fall meeting. We have been fortunate in acquiring a couple of new Color Guard members. Two is not many, but it is a significant number for us. We look ahead to growth and improvement.



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## Monday, July 4, 2022. Part I -Perth Amboy “Let Freedom Ring” Independence Day Bell Ringing Ceremony

The NJSSAR Color Guard again celebrated July 4 this year in the history city of Perth Amboy, N.J., in a well-attended ceremony at which the city’s Liberty Bell replica was rung and the NJS-SAR cannon was fired repeatedly in salute to our nation’s independence. NJSSAR President Charles Morgan, Atlantic Middle States Regional Vice President Robert Meyer and NJSSAR Color Guard and Cannon Crew members Edward Glidden, Frank McGonigle, Gary Beauregard, Jay Hershey and Bob Meyer were in attendance. As were the Mayor of Perth Amboy and other city and Union County dignitaries.

The day began with a morning reception at the Proprietary House, the only proprietary governor’s mansion of the original Thirteen Colonies still standing. Overseen by architect and builder John Edward Pryor, construction began in 1762 and was completed in 1764.

(2022-07-04-liberty) Next the ceremony moved to Liberty Bell Park in City Hall Circle for the traditional ringing of bell at 2 pm. The bell is one of 55 full size replicas of the Liberty Bell cast in 1950 by the US Department of the Treasury to give out to US states, territories of the US and the District of Columbia. Perth Amboy was chosen as the home for the New Jersey Liberty Bell because of its historical significance as the East Jersey Capital during the Revolutionary War. The bell is rung 13 times at 2 pm, one ring for each of the 13 colonies. In addition to the cannon firings, highly spirited colonial music was provided by New Jersey Fifes and Drums



## Monday, July 4, 2022. Part II, East Jersey Old Town Village

After the Perth Amboy event, the cannon crew moved to East Jersey Old Town Village on the banks of the Raritan River in Piscataway, NJ, where celebrations of our National Independence Day were also under way. One of the highlights of the day, in which the NJSSAR cannon crew played a key role, was the live reenactment with cannon fire and a musket salute just like the one that took place nearby on July 4th, 1778, in celebration of the second anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In addition to the 6-pounder provided by the NJSSAR, Lamb’s Artillery and West Jersey Artillery participated in the firing, as did various other units firing muskets as part of the feu de joie, or “fire of joy.” ( A celebratory salute made by firing guns into the air sequentially along a line.) (Excerpt of “General Orders, 4 July 1778,” Founders Online, National Archives, [Original source: The Papers of George Washington, Revolutionary War Series, vol. 16, 1 July–14 September 1778, ed. David R. Hoth. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2006, pp. 19–20.]

At three o’clock the feu de joie began with the Cannon fired at the Park as a signal for the troops to be put under Arms and formed ready to march. This was concluded by order of the Commander in Chief, with thirteen Pieces of Cannon being discharged, after which a single Cannon was the signal for a running fire to begin on the right of the Army and be continued to the left with Musketry and Cannon. At the Conclusion of which, on a signal three Cheers will be given, “Perpetual and undisturbed Independence to the United States of America.”-

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(Left) As Bob Meyer prepares to search the barrel for embers with “the worm,” fellow cannon crew members Frank McGonigle, Edward Glidden and Jay Hershey stand by.

(Right) NJSSAR Color Guard Cannon Crew members Frank McGonigle, Bob Meyer and Ed Glidden enjoy some well-earned rest in the shade.



## August 5-7, 2022 Atlantic Middle States Association Conference

The SAR Atlantic Middle States Conference was held in Princeton, NJ, the weekend of Aug. 6-7. Distinguished attendees included SAR President General C. Bruce Pickette, former President General Davis Wright and officers, representatives, and color guards from the state societies of New Jersey, Delaware, New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

(2022-08-05-Ams-1) President General Pickette and his wife, Rita; and at right, AMS 2022-08-05-Ams-1 Regional Vice President Robert Meyer, and at the podium NJSSAR President Charles Morgan Jr.

(2022-08-05-Ams-2) Members of the Color Guard, below, led by National Commander Brooks Lyles, front row, center, posted the colors for the banquet on Saturday night at the Forrester Marriott Hotel in Princeton.

President General Pickette and his wife, Rita; and at right, AMS Regional Vice President Robert Meyer, and at the podium NJSSAR President Charles Morgan Jr.



Members of the Color Guard, below, led by National Commander Brooks Lyles, front row, center, posted the colors for the banquet on Saturday night at the Forrester Marriott Hotel in Princeton.



## August 13, 2022: A Tribute to Two American Revolution Patriots

NJSSAR Color Guard members were proud to join the extended family of Robert I. Butler, Treasurer of the Rhode Island SAR, for a ceremony honoring his family's ancestors Capt. Edmund Munroe and Pvt. George Munroe of the Massachusetts 15th, who fell at the Battle of Monmouth, June 28, 1778. The ceremony was held at Old Tennent Cemetery in Manalapan Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey. Descendants of the Munroes laid wreaths, read an invocation and benediction, and Jay Hershey led those assembled in the SAR pledge. Compatriot Butler shared the following details of the Munroes' lives.

Edmund Munroe was born in 1736 in Lexington Mass. He entered the provincial service at an early age. He was promoted to ensign in a corps of Major Rogers Rangers and served in the French and Indian War. During that time, he was acting adjutant in Colonel Hoar's regiment at Crown Point in 1761, received a commission from Governor Bernard in 1762, and as lieutenant in His Majesty's service, he was engaged at Crown Point, Ticonderoga and vicinity until the end of the war in 1763.

Later Edmund was enrolled in the company of the Lexington Minute Men and was with them on April 19th 1775. Edmund then served in the Revolution with Rogers Rangers under Rogers and Hoar. He was commissioned lieutenant in July 1776 in Captain Mile's company and Colonel Reed's regiment. In January 1777, Edmund received his commission in Colonel Bigelow's 15th Massachusetts regiment; he served in the northern army at Stillwater, Saratoga and Bennington.

Edmund so distinguished himself that, after the capture of Burgoyne, he was presented with General Burgoyne's candle sticks. Edmund's wife, Rebecca, left the candle sticks to her son, Edmund, along with a sword the Edmund used in the French and Indian War. We have no idea where they may be today but would love to see them.

After the capture of Burgoyne, Captain Munroe joined the army under George Washington and spent the winter at Valley Forge; this was followed by engagements in Philadelphia and Trenton. On June 28, 1778 Edmund was slain at the Battle of Monmouth. His second cousin, George, was killed by the same cannon ball. This information was found in the memoir of Joseph Plumb Martin who was present during the battle. Additionally, there is a detailed account coauthored by Mark Edward Lender and Garry Wheeler Stone in "Fatal Sunday", a 624 page account of the Battle at Monmouth Court House.

George Munroe was born 1732 in Lexington Mass. He was a Private in the 15th Massachusetts Regiment serving with his second cousin, Edmund; he was present at the 1777/1778 winter encampment at Valley Forge. He served in the Revolution from March 1777 until his death on June 28th, 1778, in the Battle of Monmouth; he was 46 years old. He was among the Minute Men of Lexington Massachusetts in John Parker's Company who responded to the midnight alarm of April 19, 1775. (Right) Gravestones honoring Capt. Edmund Munroe and Pvt. George Munroe of the Massachusetts 15th. (Left) NJ Color Guard members Ken McGill, Jay Hershey, Richard Serfass, Robert Butler and Sam Davis.



## Saturday August 27, 2022 -- Battle of Brooklyn

Saturday, Aug. 27, marked the 246th anniversary of the 1776 Battle of Brooklyn, also known as the Battle of Long Island, the largest engagement of the Revolutionary War. On this anniversary of such a momentous battle, the NJSSAR Color Guard crossed the Hudson to be with their fellow SAR members of New York, Maryland, and other states, convening for a ceremony at the Old Stone House in Washington Park in the heart of Brooklyn, NY.

Members of the NJSSAR, Maryland SAR and Society of the Cincinnati, New York SAR, Virginia SAR, Ohio SAR, SAR in Germany, New York DAR, New Jersey DAR, Pennsylvania Reenactors and Indian Nations representatives all took part in the ceremony. Other key members of the day's commemoration included Nancy Rosenberg, board chair of the Old Stone House & Washington Park, Kimberly Maier, executive director, and Martin Maher, commissioner Brooklyn NYC Parks. Attending from New Jersey were NJSSAR President Charles Morgan, Robert Meyer, Edward Glidden, Jay Hershey, Gary Beauregard and David Nelson.

Foremost in the day's honors was the remembrance of the Maryland 400, whose story and sacrifice in the battle is familiar to all who have studied the Battle of Long Island. From the account provided by the Old Stone House, 3,000 soldiers were surrounded by 25,000 British and Hessian soldiers intent on quickly ending the American rebellion. After a swift attack by the British, many Americans in the hills of what would later become Prospect Park and along the Gowanus Road near today's Green-Wood cemetery were trapped enemy lines. They came under fire from British cannons at the Old Stone House. To save them, General William Alexander led about 400 young soldiers from Maryland and Delaware to cover the retreat. They attacked the 2,000 British soldiers five times at the Old Stone House. They captured the house twice but with heavy casualties they had to give way. Their comrades had safely escaped and the remaining soldiers of the American army, some 8,000 men watching from Brooklyn Heights, including General Washington himself, were inspired by the Marylanders' sacrifice. There were 256 captured, missing or killed at the Old Stone House, part of the more than 1,000 casualties the Americans suffered during the battle.

(Top) Attending from New Jersey were NJSSAR President Charles Morgan, Robert Meyer, Edward Glidden, Jay Hershey, Gary Beauregard and David Nelson  
Bottom ) Brooklyn Parks Commissioner Martin Maher preparing authentic colonial-era food for guests and participants at the Old Stone House.



## Sunday August 28, 2022, 241 st of the MARCH TO YORKTOWN

Each year at the end of August, the NJSSAR Color Guard joins in a parade through Westfield, N.J., honoring the day in 1781 when Continental and French regiments marched through the town en route to Virginia where they would join in the siege and ultimate defeat of the British at Yorktown.



DAR member Julie Diddell representing the New Jersey section of the National Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association, also known as W3R.

The mayor of Westfield, Shelly Brindle, a Democrat, gave some remarks as did New Jersey State Sen. John Bramnick, a Republican.

The larger trail these regiments and many others followed, in what was the biggest allied troop movement of the Revolutionary War, make up what is known today as the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route, parts of which pass through New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia (carved out of Virginia and Maryland in 1790). The land route marched by the American and French armies to Yorktown was roughly 680 miles.

In the vanguard of this year's parade, in addition to George Washington, as portrayed by Sam Davis, were French Generals Rochambeau and Chastellux, and several African-American reenactors representing the historic 1st Rhode Island Regiment. This regiment has been noted often for its gallantry in many battles and for its including a large number of African-American soldiers, an early example of a racially integrated regiment in the American Army. The 1st Rhode Island reenactors in Westfield were led by Algernon Ward and the regiment's standard was carried by Kevin Chapman. New Jersey Fifes and Drums lent a hand as well. Members of the NJSSAR Color Guard in attendance included Atlantic Middle States Regional Vice President Robert Meyer, State Color Guard Commander Richard Serfass, Jay Hershey, James Sanford and Robert D'Amico.

The parade in Westfield is organized and chiefly sponsored by W3R-NJ, a nonprofit organization chaired by Westfield





## Saturday September 3, 2022. Battle of Cooch's Bridge Memorial Service

The Delaware Society, Sons of the American Revolution, hosted a service honoring and remembering the soldiers who fell at the Battle of Cooch's Bridge. President Larry Josefowski, DESSAR President laid a wreath at the battlefield. The Delaware Board of Managers has destinated this ceremony as an annual event. It was held at Pencader Heritage Museum, 2029 Sunset Lake Rd. Newark, DE 19702, which is located at the battlefield.

The Battle of Cooch's Bridge was the only American Revolutionary War battle in Delaware and was the first battle to see the flying of the American Flag Peter Moller, Cooch's Bridge Battlefield DESSAR Coordinator and NJSSAR Trustee and Color Guard member and Roger Williams was in attendance.

## Saturday, September 17, 2022, SAR Vigil at Washington's Tomb

The National - level event, commanded by the National Color Guard Commander Brooks Lyles was held at George Washington's Mount Vernon. Attending for the New Jersey Society SAR Color Guard were National Color Guard First Adjutant Robert Meyer and NJSSAR Color Guard Commander Richard Serfass.

(Left) National Color Guard First Adjutant Robert Meyer stands guard at the Mt Vernon Gravesite of General George Washington. The Gravesite is under reconstruction

(Right) L-R: Meyer, Lyles and Serfass pose for a picture at Mount Vernon National Color Guard First Adjutant Robert Meyer



## Sunday, September 18, 2022: Young Patriot' Day at Princeton Battlefield

The NJSSAR Color Guard placed a Mortuary Cannon Commemorative Plaque at Princeton Battlefield's Thomas Clarke House during the Princeton Battlefield Society Young Patriot's Day Celebrations. This Commemorative Plaque honors General Hugh Mercer, who died from his wounds in the Clarke House nine days after the Battle of Princeton,



Attending for the New Jersey Society Color Guard were Roger Williams (NJSSAR Historian), Richard Serfass (NJSSAR Vice President and Color Guard Commander), Sam Davis (Monmouth Chapter), Charles Morgan (NJSSAR President)



The Honor Guard, standing in front of the Thomas Clark House were members of the NJSSAR Color Guard, the Third New Jersey Regiment, and the New Jersey Fife and Drum Corp.



Standing at the front of the Clark House are two Musketeers from the Third New Jersey Regiment and L-R Davis, Morgan, Howard and Serfass. (Roger Williams not pictured.)

## Sunday, September 25, 2022, Springfield Township Community Day

The Springfield Township Community Day was held at the Springfield Township Veterans Park in Jobstown, NJ "Celebrating Our Agricultural Heritage and Revolutionary War History."

The event featuring a Town Tractor Parade, Old Time Agricultural Equipment, Local Farm Market, Speakers, Crafts, Field Day activities, speakers recognizing the Revolutionary War battles of Petticoat Bridge and Iron Works Hill. The New Jersey Society SAR Color Guard presented the Colors before the speakers Mayor Anthony Marinello, and the Mt Holly Historical Society chair. Attending were members of the NJSSAR Color Guard Sam Davis (Monmouth Chapter, Gen Washington Character Interpreter), Richard Serfass (NJSSAR VP and Color Guard Commander), Jim Howard (NJSSAR Genealogist and South Jersey Chapter Genealogist, registrar, VP) and Larry Nelson (South Jersey Secretary)



General Washington Character Impersonator Sam Davis poses with one of the many farm animals as the fair. This steer happens to be 500 pounds overweight.)



Color Guard Members L-R Howard, Nelson, Serfass, Davis and Native American horse (The rider, a Lenapi Indian took the picture)



## Combined CG GROUND BREAKING

On Saturday, July 2nd, guardsmen from AZ, CA, NV & UT joined together in Hurricane UT to perform at the ground breaking ceremony for the Liberty Village (previously known as America's Village West). The Liberty Village will be built over the next four years to become a patriotic education campus, scheduled to open to coincide with the nation's 250th anniversary of 1776.

At the ceremony, UTSSAR Red Cliffs of Zion chapter President Jeff McKenna presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Tom Jones (not the singer), who ran 76 consecutive marathons across the country to raise funds for the project. Mr. Jones was also presented with an SAR American250 commemorative coin. The presentation was concluded with 4-man musket volley, followed by the ceremonial Ground breaking.



(R to L) shows: Trenton Grandy, Alan Fitch, Brandon Villardi, Frank Gagliardi, Jay Chapman, Jay Dickey, Jim Linscott, Sam Prather, Rog Linscott, Jeff McKenna Photo by Kelly Villardi



(R to L): Brandon Villardi (CA), Jay Dickey (NV), Alan Fitch (AZ), Rog Linscott (NV), Trenton Grandy (UT) Photos by E. George Goold St George

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Compatriot Jay Dickey, President of the Nevada Society SAR and also a Charter Member of the Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter, was instrumental in locating a source for Grant money to assist in paying for two, hand tailored, Continental Army period correct uniforms and other Chapter members donated enough to complete the uniforms. Compatriot Dickey was joined in his support of the Red Cliffs of Zion chapter by Roger Linscott, NVSSAR Color Guard Commander, and Brandon Villardi, CASSAR Color Guard Commander, who helped the chapter's color guard represent the SAR at the weekend's events.

Several additional compatriots from NV, CA, and AZ, hearing of this worthy cause, volunteered to drive hundreds of miles each in order to bolster our necessary numbers and experience in order to provide an accomplished Color Guard to appear for each of the events. These members were helpful in loaning muskets and other gear in order to make us look good.

The end result of all of the combined efforts was that on July 2nd, 2022, the Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter, UTSSAR, reinforced by compatriots of California, Nevada, and Arizona, was able to provide an eleven-man Color Guard, including our drummer, Utah Society President Trent Grandy, to present and post the colors at the Groundbreaking ceremony at the future site of Liberty Village in Hurricane, UT.

A four-man musket firing detail, under the command of California Color Guard Commander Brandon Villardi, fired a volley salute in front of over 400 people attending the Groundbreaking.

On 3 July 2022, a non-denominational Prayer for Freedom was held at the St George, Utah, Tabernacle.

We provided Host duties for this in full uniform, welcoming guests at the door, and ushering.

The weekend events culminated on 4 July 2022 with the Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter, again augmented with Color Guardsmen from NV and AZ, providing the SAR Color Guard for the 4th of July parade in downtown St George, UT; then later that evening the chapter with Nevada compatriots, presented the colors at the Tribute to America Concert opening ceremony in front of 14,000 spectators in the Utah Technical University Stadium in St George.

All of this was an amazing accomplishment considering the Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter had only been Chartered five months prior to the 4 July weekend festivities and was still getting organized.

This also shows what can be accomplished when Compatriots from various States and Districts band together in support of a common goal. Our sincere thanks go out to the Compatriots from CA, AZ, and NV who willingly gave of their time and talents to support the Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter in our efforts to be visible in our local community.



Left to Right: PHOTO 1: Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter Compatriot Frank Gagliardi posts the Colors with fellow compatriot Jay Chapman, at the ground breaking ceremony for Liberty Village, Hurricane, UT. Photo by E. GEORGE GOOLD, St. George News



Left to Right: PHOTO 2: Combined Color Guard, Roger Linscott (NV), Jim Linscott (NV), Sam Prather (AZ), Frank Gagliardi (UT), Jay Chapman (UT), Brandon Villardi (CA), Jay Dickey (NV), Alan Fitch (CA), Trenton Grandy (UT), Jeff McKenna (UT)

## STADIUM TRIBUTE TO FREEDOM ARTCLE

A combined color guard of UTSSAR and NVSSAR compatriots joined to present the colors at the United We Pledge's Tribute to Freedom concert and fireworks display at the Greater Zion Stadium, in St. George, Utah, on July 4th, 2022.

The national emblem was presented by Frank Gagliardi, and the Utah state flag was carried by Jay Chapman, both compatriots of the newest chapter in Utah, the Red Cliffs of Zion chapter. The musket men for the color guard were Jim and Roger Linscott, both of Reno's Battle Born Patriots chapter.

The National Anthem was performed by 13 year old Kalister Hutchins, and was followed by the introduction of Tom Jones, who spoke before the 14,000 attendees about the completion and purpose of his 76 daily marathons to publicize the unveiling of Liberty Village in nearby Hurricane, Utah. He began the marathons in Montevallo, Alabama on April 19, and entered the site of the future Liberty Village on July 2nd after running over 1,998 miles. The Liberty Village will be constructed as a patriotic educational campus, and will replicate the patriotic educational American Village campus in Montevallo, Alabama. Montevallo's American Village hosts re-enactments from colonial and revolutionary war times, featuring prominent historical figures like George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and Abigail Adams. Liberty Village, at the Balance of Nature world campus in Hurricane, will be a similar facility that will teach American history from its original perspective to children and families.

Mr. Jones' talk was followed by musical selections from singer Pia Toscano, highlighted with her performance of God Bless America and the unfurling of a huge American flag by dozens of volunteers across the stadium's east bleachers to a cheering crowd.



## Independence Day Parade, July 4th, 2022

The SAR was represented in St. George, Utah's 4th of July Parade with a Color Guard comprised of compatriots from 4 western states (AZ, UT, NV, and CA). The guardsmen were Alan Fitch, Frank Gagliardi, Jim Linscott, Roger Linscott, and Jay Dickey, who marched with Utah's Red Cliffs of Zion chapter.

The Ladies Auxiliary (LASSAR) was well represented in the parade by Carol Gagliardi, who entered alongside her grandson Oliver French.

This was a great SAR America250 opportunity for all of us



Color Guard R-to-L: Alan Fitch, Frank Gagliardi, Jim Linscott, Rog Linscott, Jay Dickey Photo by Chris Caldwell Spectrum/St. George News



NVSSAR Battle Born Patriots chapter compatriots Jim Linscott & Roger Linscott. Photo by Chris Caldwell Spectrum/St. George News



### Bennington Battlefield

On August 16th 2022 the Saratoga Battle Chapter Color Guard participated in the wreath laying ceremony at the Bennington Battlefield historic site in Walloomsac, NY on the 245th anniversary date of the Battle for Bennington.

SAR members pictured in uniform below are Saratoga Battle chapter 1st Vice President Michael Skelly, compatriot Michael Golden, dual chapter member and President of the Walloomsac battle chapter president Peter Hormel, and compatriot Bob Wesser.



### NEW YORK -



### Saratoga Battlefield

On September 18th 2022 the Saratoga Battle Chapter Color Guard participated in the wreath laying ceremony at the Saratoga Battlefield to commemorate our patriot ancestors and those who fought in the battles of Saratoga in 1777.

Color Guard members in uniform include Saratoga Battle Chapter past president Michael Companion, 1st Vice President Mike Skelly, Compatriots Michael Golden, Bob Wesser, and Andrew Companion; and compatriots from Ohio Jack Bredenfoerder, and Bob Hill.



Patriot David Vance Grave Marking



Compatriot Robert Vance, Gadsden Chapter, New Mexico Society and his wife Cheryl stopped in Charlotte, NC on their way home from Congress in Savannah, GA. Robert participated with members of the Mecklenburg, Catawba Valley, Salisbury, Battle of Kings Mountain, and General George Washington Chapters of the North Carolina Society to mark the Grave of his ancestor, Patriot David Vance at the Steele Creek Presbyterian Cemetery on 16 July 2022.



241st Battle of Rockfish

The Colonel Alexander Lillington Chapter, NC SAR hosted the Commemoration of the 241st Battle of Rockfish on 31 July 2022. Visiting chapters were: New Bern, Lower Cape Fear, and General George Washington.



Battle of House in the Horseshoe

The Sandhills Chapter, NC SAR hosted the 241st Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of the House in the Horseshoe on 6 August 2022. Chapters present were New Bern, Alamance Battleground, General George Washington, Le Marquise de Lafayette, and Raleigh

## 248th Anniversary of the New Bern Resolves and 1st NC Provincial Congress

The New Bern Chapter hosted a wonderful event that included the NC Chapters of Alamance Battleground, General George Washington, Le Marquise de Lafayette, Mecklenburg, and Raleigh. The presence of the Tryon Palace Fife and Drum Corps added to the short Parade to the ceremony at Christ Episcopal Church in New Bern.



Color Guard Change of Command

NC Society President, Jay DeLoach (Center) Officiates the Change of Color Guard Command from George Strunk (Left) to Stephen McKee (Right) at the NC Board of Managers Meeting on August 20, 2022.

## Blue Ridge Color Guard at Naturalization Ceremony

Pictured (L-R) Hon. Albert Diaz, Lance Dickinson, Tom Pflieger, Garry Linton, Craig Isaacson, Steve McKee (Civilian Unknown)



# OHIO



The Hocking Valley Chapter and Ohio Society lost dedicated member Matt Hardman on June 10th. Matt had served as State Associate Chaplain for two (2) years, Chapter Chaplain for five (5) years, and Chapter President for two (2) years. At his funeral in Logan, Ohio on June 17th, color guard members posted the colors and stood vigil by his casket for an hour prior to the service. The pastor for the funeral was past State Chaplain Ed Bonniwell and presiding over the SAR service was past State President Lee Wilkerson, both of Cincinnati. At the graveside a 3-volley musket salute was fired. L to R: Jeff Walt, Al Gummere, Tom Hankins, Chuck Bundy, Paul Irwin, Lee Wilkerson, Ed Bonniwell, Bob Hill.

On Independence Day the Cincinnati Chapter's Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard participated in a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony hosted by their chapter at the Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum in Cincinnati. Five (5) patriots were honored of the sixty (60) named on the Bronze SAR/DAR Monument. OHS-SAR President Jack Bredenfoerder was in attendance, as well as members of the Kentucky Society SAR and DAR, Indiana Society SAR, and other Ohio Society members of the SAR, DAR, and CAR. Color Guard members attending: George Stewart, Robert Bowers, Michael Blum, Timothy Madden, Michael Gunn.



Also on July 4th at the Granville Independence Day Parade (Licking County, Ohio), L to R: Don Ferguson, Al Gummere, Tom Hankins, Bob Hill, of the Hocking Valley Chapter, and Don Miller of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter. The compatriots all carried muskets and marched behind the main Color Guard of the American Legion leading the parade.

At the Annual Siege at Fort Laurens event on Saturday, July 23rd in Bolivar, Ohio, the OHSSAR Combined Color Guard retrieves the colors around the wreath-decorated Tomb of the Unknown Patriot. The day before, eighteen (18) compatriots representing three (3) states and ten (10) different chapters guarded the tomb for six (6) hours, mimicking the guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.





The OHSSAR Combined Color Guard prepares to march at the end of the well-attended Fort Laurens ceremony. Over thirty (30) SAR color guardsmen representing six (6) states participated in the color guard and musket salute detail. On this occasion, the Kentucky Society provided a fifer, and a chapter from the Ohio Society provided a drummer, the music adding much to the historical ambiance.

Children at the Liberty Camp for Kids in Logan, Ohio plant a Liberty Tree on July 30th, after a week of learning three (3) hours each evening, of early American history, the Revolutionary War, and the structure of US government. Each year since 2015, the Hocking Valley Chapter has helped the camp with teaching and ceremonies. This year Ohio Society President Jack Bredenfoerder visited and the keynote speaker was Pastor Ed Bonniwell of the Cincinnati Chapter.

SAR compatriots fire a 3-volley musket salute for the kids and staffers after the planting of this year's Liberty Tree.



In Columbus, Ohio on August 13th at the Old Franklinton Cemetery near downtown Columbus, three (3) patriots were honored by the Benjamin Franklin Chapter in a Patriot Grave Marking ceremony, emceed by Chapter President Don Miller. Also present was Ohio Society President Jack Bredenfoerder. Fifteen (15) color guardsmen representing eight (8) Ohio Chapters were present, and a large number of DAR chapters presented wreaths as well.

Photo Right: Compatriots "Mourn Muskets" after firing a 3-volley musket salute at Old Franklinton Cemetery.







On August 20th, a few members of the OHSSAR Color Guard ventured down to Carlisle, Kentucky for the annual Battle of Blue Licks ceremony. In the group picture are Al Gummere of the Hocking Valley Chapter, Don Miller of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter, Shawn Cox of the Arthur St. Clair Chapter, OHSSAR President Jack Bredenfoerder and Greg Ballman of the Cincinnati Chapter, and Steve Kaplan of the Richard Montgomery Chapter.



Members of the Northeastern Ohio Chapter led the Annual Austinburg Country Days Parade and posted the colors on Saturday, August 27th. L to R: Kirk and Cathy Bacon, Dan Matheke, Chris Bailey, Jim Gilbert, Steve Hinson, Larry Koval. Back row: Ryan and Patrick Bailey. Not pictured: Paul Bailey.



Ohio Society Color Guard members ventured to Brooklyn, New York to commemorate the 246th Anniversary of the Battle of Brooklyn on August 27th. Pictured L to R: First Lady Laurie Bredenfoerder, President Jack Bredenfoerder, State Color Guard Commander Bob Hill, State Color Guard Adjutant Mike Gunn with his wife, Carole Gunn.

The musket salute in Brooklyn, near the Old Stone House where 400 courageous Marylanders sacrificed themselves holding back nearly 25,000 British and Hessian troops as Washington's Army made its escape to fight another day.





## NSDAR Edmond Chapter, Celebration Saturday, 10 September 2022

The Oklahoma City Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (OKCSAR) Color Guard participated in the Edmond Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Celebration on Saturday the 10th of September 2022. The OKC chapter Color Guard members who attended are: State Society (OKSSAR)

President Ken Young, Chapter Color Guard Commander Joe Sieber, Color Sergeant Bob Thomas and Chapter Militia Commander Steve Miller.

The high point of the Event for the Color Guard was having a Scottish-attired Bagpiper pipe us in and out of the Event. Very Memorable! The presence of numerous National and State NSDAR Officers made this Celebration all the more significant. The DAR State Regent was very pleased with our performance at their Celebration Event. The Regent's praise was magnified by the presence of the Outstanding and talented keynote speakers whose presentations got the Mind Thinking and toes Tapping!.

The Oklahoma City Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution have an excellent working relationship with the Daughters of the American Revolution that has spanned many years. It speaks well of that interrelationship that we work together virtually seamlessly. it is truly a pleasure and a benefit to have such a good working relationship with a partner organization. Currently, a significant source of new members to our Chapter come from the local DAR! We are grateful for the opportunity to provide the Continental Color and Glint of Military Steel of the American Revolution for the Daughters . After All, in our efforts to help explain and save the history of the American Revolution for our Nation, the DAR is our closest Ally! Submitted By: Joe Sieber, OKCSAR Chapter Color Guard Commander.



## City of Mustang Western Days Parade

The Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) Oklahoma City (OKC) Chapter Color Guard participated in the City of Mustang Western Days Parade on Saturday the 10th of September 2022.

The OKC Chapter Color Guard members who attended were OKSAR State Society President Ken Young, State Society Color Guard Commander Henry Baer III, OKC Chapter President Craig Crow, Color Guard Commander Joe Sieber, Chapter Militia Commander Steve Miller serving as Safety Officer, Senior Color Guardsman Martin Reynolds, Senior Color Guardsman Al Lankford and Senior Color Guardsman Gary Jensen as Banner and Safety Truck Operator.

The high point of the Parade for the Color Guard was the "Pass in Review" performed before the Grandstand and the Grand Marshal who is also the State Governor, Kevin Stitt. In Step with the Governor's Vision for the State, The OKC Chapter Color Guard is in the "Top Ten" NSSAR Color Guards in Oklahoma!

Of Course, the Color Guard also enjoyed providing those in attendance with numerous Personalized Photos with the Color Guard!

The Sons of the American Revolution have participated in the Mustang Western Days Parade for nearly 20 years. Photos of the Color Guard are prominently displayed in the Mustang Chamber of Commerce Internet Information Page.

We are grateful for the opportunity to show Flesh and Blood examples of the American Revolution from the standpoint of History as well as representing the Sons of the American Revolution to our local Community's and Neighbors.

Submitted By: Joe Sieber, OKSAR Chapter Color Guard Commander.





## Gathering at Sycamore Shoals

## TENNESSEE -

The most significant event to date in 2022 for the TNSSAR was the Gathering at Sycamore Shoals, an event commanded by the National Color Guard Commander, Brooks Lyles. The event was held indoors this year due to inclement weather. A part of the ceremonies included color guard awards and medals:

- Doug Dickerson- Bronze and Silver
- Steve Millhollin- Bronze and Silver
- Steve Gaines- Von Steuben
- Melinda Gaines- Molly Pritchard
- Joel Davenport- Bronze

The awards were presented both by Brooks Lyles and the TNSSAR President, Fred Underdown.



Bronze for Joel Davenport, State President, Doug Evans



Steve Millhollin Silver



Doug Dickerson and National Commander



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Gathering at Sycamore Shoals



## TEXAS -

### 2022 George Washington Chapter of DAR Constitution Week Luncheon.



In September, the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1, Texas SAR, provided a Color Guard to post the Colors at the George Washington Chapter of the DAR Constitution Luncheon at the San Luis Resort in Galveston. Bernardo de Galvez members serving as Color Guards were Chapter President Billy Mayo, Past President William Adriance, First Vice President Hugh Ferguson and Secretary John Loper. This has been an annual event for the past several years. After posting the colors, the color guard members along with Com-patriot Robert Adams, enjoyed an excellent meal with the DAR members..



### Sons of the American Revolution Commemorate the 209th Anniversary of the Battle of Medina

The Battle of Medina is known as “the Bloodiest Battle on Texas soil”. To understand what happened, we know Spain owned Texas as well as all of Mexico in 1812 but did little to settle the land. The inhabitants in 1812 were native American Indians, people from other Mexican states and the United States. The settlers were not happy with the oppression of the Spanish control, and they were encouraged by the recent revolution in Louisiana, so they planned their own revolution. Jose Bernardo Gutierrez de Lara and Augustus Magee, encouraged by the US, organized an expedition to take Texas from Spain. They came into Texas on August 7, 1812, and captured Nacogdoches, Trinidad de Salcedo, La Bahia, and San Antonio, where a Declaration of Independence for Texas, under the Republic of Mexico, was proclaimed on April 6, 1813. This, however, was short lived. The Spanish commandant general, organized an army of 1,830 men and marched from Laredo towards San Antonio to quell this rebellion. The Republican Army (Texas Army) consisted of about 1,400 men made up of Anglos, Tejanos, Indians, and former royalists. The Battle of Medina ensued on August 18, 1813. Most of the Republican Army was killed by the Spanish Army and their remains were left on the battlefield for several years. Finally in 1822, the remains of those in this battle were placed in a mass grave.

Members of the Freedom, San Antonio, Peter Sides, and William Hightower Chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution, commemorated the 209th Anniversary of the Battle of Medina sponsored by the Atascosa County and Medina County Historical Commissions, with a Color Guard, invocation and a musket volley for those that gave their lives for striving for the Independence of Texas from Spain. David Hamaker, a member of the SAR Freedom Chapter performed an SAR Patriot Ceremony Grave marker Re-dedication for his 6th great-grandfather, Peter Sides, who is the only known and proven soldier of the American Revolution, in the Battle of Medina. Other groups that gave re-dedications were the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons and Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Sons and Daughters of the War of 1812, and representatives of the Mescalero Apache Native Americans. We need to remember and thank those that fought for our liberties and freedoms that we have today!



## The Freedom Chapter Of The Sons Of The American Revolution Performs As Color Guard

A naturalization ceremony was held Thursday, August 4, 2022, at the Brazos County Administration Building in downtown Bryan, Texas. There were more than 90 people from many countries that became new U.S. citizens. It was an honor for our chapter, along with the SAR Independence Chapter, to be able to present our Nation's Flags. To see the smiles on the faces as these people were sworn in, took their oath of allegiance, and heard the judge say, "You are now a citizen of the United States of America!" was remarkable.

Kyle Hawthorne, State District Judge for the 85th Court, said, "You just see the brightness that lights up in their eyes." It is not only the beginning of a new chapter and opportunities for these new citizens but also for their families as well.

Pictured in the photo left to right are: John Thompson, Ed Sellards, Judge Kyle Hawthorne, Art Byram, Bob Cohen (Independence Chapter), and David Hamaker.



## Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter Color Guard Participates in Naturalization Ceremony

On Wednesday, September 28th, five members of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter Color Guard posted the Colors at an outdoor Oath of Allegiance Ceremony in Grapevine, Texas. This is the second year that the Captain Molly Corbin Chapter DAR, in conjunction with the U.S. Customs and Immigration Service, has hosted the ceremony at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens. A large crowd enjoyed the fall-like weather in the outdoor environment. Following the ceremony, Guardsmen posed proudly as many new citizens and their guests wanted photo opportunities with them.

(l to r) Bob Jacobs, Bobby Gresham, Vann Cunningham, Commander James Alderman, and Mark Parkison



## Texas SAR Color Guard participates in Patriot James Carter Grave Marking

On Sunday afternoon, September 11th, members of the Texas Color Guard gathered in Bonham, Texas, at Russell Cemetery to mark the recently discovered grave of Revolutionary War Patriot James Carter. Members of Edmund Terrill Chapter, along with members from various chapters in North Texas, spent months preparing for the ceremony. This included researching and documenting the service of James Carter, cleaning the cemetery, repairing his broken tombstone, ordering a memorial stone, and coordinating with DAR Chapters throughout North Texas that also participated. At 2:00pm, Texas SAR Jim Kuykendall welcomed everyone, including a group of descendants of James Carter. The Color Guard was comprised of 26 Texas guardsmen, one from Kansas, and one who drove 10 hours from Ruidoso, NM. The Color Guard posted the Colors, followed by Texas President-elect Sam Massey and his wife placing a wreath and unveiling the SAR marker. The Guardsmen then passed individually by the grave and stopped to offer a hat salute. Next, everyone in attendance offered their respect by placing red carnations on the grave. Finally, a musket squad fired their muskets for a salute and Taps was played..



The Color Guard comprised of Texas, New Mexico, and Kansas guardsmen





## UTAH -

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The Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter was requested to provide a Color Guard for various events over the 4th of July 2022 weekend in and around St George, Utah. The Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter, having just been Chartered in January 2022, is one of the newest SAR Chapters, so organizing a Color Guard on such short notice with almost no funds was to be a significant challenge.

The weekend's events were in support of the announcement by the United We Pledge organization of the future opening of Liberty Village, in Hurricane, Utah. The Liberty Village is a project patterned after the American Village in Montevallo, Alabama, which is a replica colonial village campus designed to promote education of America's Founding and values.

Compatriot Jay Dickey, President of the Nevada Society SAR and also a Charter Member of the Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter, helped create the color guard and was instrumental in locating a source for grant money to assist in buying two, hand tailored, Continental Army period correct uniforms; other Chapter members donated enough to complete the uniforms. Compatriot Dickey was joined in his support of the Red Cliffs of Zion chapter by Roger Linscott, NVSSAR Color Guard Commander, and Brandon Villardi, CASSAR Color Guard Commander, who assisted the chapter's color guard in representing the SAR at the 3-day weekend's events.

Several additional compatriots from NV, CA, and AZ, hearing of the worthy cause of United We Pledge, each volunteered to drive hundreds of miles, in order to bolster our necessary numbers and enabling us to provide an accomplished Color Guard to appear for each of the events. These members were also helpful in loaning muskets and other gear in order to make us look good.

The end result of all of the combined efforts was that on July 2nd, 2022, the Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter, UTSSAR, reinforced by compatriots of California, Nevada, and Arizona, was able to provide an eleven-man Color Guard, including our drummer, Utah Society President Trent Grandy, to present and post the colors for the Groundbreaking ceremony at the future site of Liberty Village in Hurricane, UT.

A four-man musket firing detail, under the command of California Color Guard Commander Brandon Villardi, fired a single volley salute in front of over 400 people attending the Groundbreaking.

On 3 July 2022, a non-denominational Prayer for Freedom was held at the St George, Utah, Tabernacle.

We provided Host duties for this occasion in full uniform, welcoming guests at the door, and ushering.

The weekend events culminated on 4 July 2022, with the Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter, again augmented with Color Guardsmen from NV and AZ, providing the SAR Color Guard for the 4th of July parade in downtown St George, UT; then later that evening the chapter, along with Nevada compatriots, presented the colors at the Tribute to America Concert opening ceremony in front of 14,000 spectators in the Utah Technical University Stadium in St George.

All of this was an amazing accomplishment considering the Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter had only been Chartered five months prior to the 4 July weekend festivities and was still getting organized.

This also shows what can be accomplished when Compatriots from various States and Districts band together in support of a common goal. Our sincere thanks go out to the Compatriots from CA, AZ, and NV who willingly gave of their time and talents to support the Red Cliffs of Zion Chapter in our efforts to be visible in our local community.



Liberty Village Groundbreaking Jul 2, 2022 L to R: Trenton Grandy, Alan Fitch, Brandon Villardi, Frank Gagliardi, Jay Chapman, Jonathan Dickey, Jim Linscott, Sam Prather, Roger Linscott, Jeff McKenna. photo by Kelly Villardi



St. George 4th of July Parade: Alan Fitch, Frank Gagliardi, Jim Linscott, Roger Linscott, Jay Chapman. Photo by Chris Caldwell - The Spectrum & Daily News



Tribute For Freedom Opening Ceremony, Greater Zion Stadium, St George, UT. L to R: Jay Chapman, Jim Linscott, Photo by George Gould.



Liberty Village Firing Detail: Brandon Villardi, Jonathan Dickey, Alan Fitch, Roger Linscott, Trenton Grandy. Photo by Chris Caldwell - The Spectrum & Daily News

# VIRGINIA



Chip, Sean (Dale)

Reading Declaration at Old Courthouse (Dale)



The Color Guards form in front of the Culpeper Fire Station. Virginia SAR Color Guardsmen from close to far: Sean Carrigan, Dave Cook, Richard Tyler, Marc Robinson, Ken Bonner, Bill Schwetke, Brett Osborn, Charles Jameson, Dale Corey, Tom Hamill, and Michael Dennis.

## SAR Reads Declaration of Independence in Winchester



On 4 July 2022, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution read the Declaration of Independence on the Walking Mall in Winchester, Virginia. They marched on the mall to the front of the Old Courthouse where they posted the flags before reading the document. It was on July 4, 1776, Congress declared the following: “The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America, when in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.”

After the end of the French and Indian War in 1763, Britain needed to pay for the war and began taxing the American colonies. The colonists felt their rights as Englishmen were being abused. This resulted in armed conflict with Great Britain which began on 19 April 1775 with the Battles of Lexington and Concord. At this time, few of the colonists wanted to separate from Britain. However, as the fighting continued, Britain asserted itself by means of large armed forces and did not make strong gestures towards reconciliation with the colonies. Americans increasingly believed they must secure their rights. A Continental Congress advised each of the colonies to establish their own governments. At the Second Continental Congress on 11 June, a committee consisting of Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman and Robert R. Livingston was chosen to prepare a statement of independence. Jefferson wrote the initial draft with slight changes made by the committee. It’s main points include people having guaranteed rights: rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The document was approved by the Continental Congress on 4 July 1776, announcing the separation of 13 North American British colonies from Great Britain. The Declaration of Independence outlines the history of abuses the colonists suffered under British rule since 1763 and officially records the proclamation that the United States is an independent country from Great Britain. The signers pledged “For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes and our sacred Honor.” The actual signing of the document began on 2 Aug with seven additional signatures added later. Participating in the reading from the Colonel James Wood II Chapter were Brian Bayliss, Sean Carrigan, Dale Corey, Thomas “Chip” Daniel, Brett Osborn, Will Reynolds, Marc Robinson, Mike St Jacques and Richard Tyler.

## Culpeper Minute Men Chapter - VA -

In 2008 Bugles Across America and the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter started an annual ceremony to remember the tragedy of 9/11, in which local citizens died, by gathering at four locations at the four times aircraft crashed into the World Trade Center Towers, the Pentagon, and a field in Pennsylvania. At each location, taps was played and salutes were rendered. Over the years this has grown to include much of the community of Culpeper, VA. In 2017, the NSSAR Color Guard recognized this ceremony as a “Massing of Colors”. This year 76 active participants represented thirteen organizations: the American Legion, Bugles Across America, Col James Wood II Chapter, Culpeper County Volunteer Fire Department, Culpeper Minutemen Chapter, Culpeper Police Department, Culpeper Sheriff’s Office, Daughters of the American Revolution, Fairfax Resolves Chapter, Heritage Girls, Salem Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company, Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Over fifty local citizens also came out to pay their respects. And all came out in pouring rain, to honor and remember our fallen.

## Middletown Independence Day Parade

On 4 July 2022, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) participated in the Middletown Independence Day Parade. The parade route began at Laurel Ridge Community College going south on Main Street. They turned on 5th Street, going 1 block to Church Street. It concluded at 1st Street. There were 121 entries including the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) who invited the Colonel James Wood II Chapter to join with them in the parade. Five compatriots from the SAR marched with a group of Boy Scouts carrying the National Flag. They were followed by the KWVA and SAR members in a military truck and trailer. At the conclusion of the parade, Middletown conducted their annual 4th of July Festival at the town park.

The SAR was represented by compatriots from four chapters. As well as Colonel James Wood II, members from Culpeper Minutemen, Fairfax Resolves and George Washington Chapter were present, all of which are dual members of CJWII. Participating for the SAR were Bryan Bayliss, Sean Carrigan, Ernie Coggins (GW), Dave Cook (FR), Dale Corey, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Marshall DeHaven (KWVA member), Patrick Moore, Brett Osborn (KWVA member), John Petrie, Will Reynolds, Marc Robinson, Bill Schwetke (CMM), Doug Schwetke (CMM), Jim Simmons, Mike St Jacques and Richard Tyler.

At Left are the participants from CJWII, 1st row l. to r. Patrick Moore, Mike St Jacques, Marshall DeHaven, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Jim Simmons, Sean Carrigan and Dale Corey. 2nd row l. to r. Dave Cook, Bill Schwetke, Doug Schwetke, Will Reynolds, Marc Robinson, Richard Tyler, Ernie Coggins and Brett Osborn. (Photo courtesy of Thomas "Chip" Daniel.) Also attending are members of KWVA and SAR. At Right are SAR banner/flag carriers l. to r. John Petrie, Richard Tyler, Will Reynolds, Brian Bayliss and Thomas "Chip" Daniel. (Photo courtesy of Dale Corey)



## Warren Heritage Society

On 2 July 2022, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter conducted a ceremony to commemorate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. The event was held at the Warren Heritage Society, Front Royal, Virginia. It included presentations on the 250th Anniversary of the Revolutionary War, the causes and buildup to the war, the signers of the document and a reading of the Declaration of Independence. Dale Corey as emcee opened the meeting with Reverend Jim Simmons providing an invocation. The color guard led by Marc Robinson presented the colors and compatriot Nathan Poe led the Pledge of Allegiance. Marc Robinson gave a presentation on Who are the SAR and the 250th Anniversary of the war. He was followed by Corey who told of Great Britain asking the American colonies to pay for the French and Indian War through various taxes and the lead up to the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The members of the color guard then read the document prior to a wreath presentations by Chip Daniel (CJWII), Dave Cook (Germany Society), Jim Cordes (Fairfax Resolves) and Bill Schwetke (Culpeper Minutemen) to commemorate the adoption of the Declaration. A musket salute was fired by a musket squad comprised of members from Colonel James Wood II, Culpeper Minutemen and Fairfax Resolves chapters. The color guard included Sean Carrigan (CJWII), Paul Christensen (CJWII), Dave Cook (FR), Jim Cordes (FR), Chip Daniel (CJWII), Marc Robinson (CJWII), Bill Schwetke (CMM) and Mike St Jacques (CJWII). At Right is the musket squad l. to r. Jim Cordes, Dave Cook, Chip Daniel, Sean Carrigan, Mike St Jacques, Bill Schwetke, Paul Christensen and Marc Robinson. (Photo courtesy of Thomas "Chip" Daniel.) At Left is the color guard at Present Arms. (Photo courtesy of Thomas "Chip" Daniel.)





## Rockin' Independence Eve

On 3 July 2022, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution participated in Rockin' Independence Eve, held at the Walking Mall, Winchester, Virginia. This event is an annual celebration held by the city of Winchester to honor and commemorate the birthday of the United States. Numerous vendors were present with live bands playing throughout the day. The Colonel James Wood II Chapter had a vendor tent to tell participants "Who are the Sons of the American Revolution". Between band sets, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter Color Guard presented the National Colors at the bandstand for the playing of the National Anthem. The city ended the evening with a spectacular fireworks show. Participating for CJWII were Brian Bayliss, Paul Christensen, Dale Corey, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Brett Osborn, Eric Robinson, Marc Robinson and Richard Tyler. At Right is the CJWII participants l. to r. Brett Osborn, Dale Corey, Richard Tyler, Brian Bayliss, Chip Daniel, Eric Robinson, Paul Christensen and chapter compatriot Marshall DeHaven. At Left is the CJWII color guard preparing to march.



## Sgt Maj John Champe Sponsors 246th Anniversary of the Reading of the Declaration of Independence

13 August 2022, Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, VA

On 12 August 1776, two-hundred and forty-six years ago plus one day, the Declaration of Independence was read, for the first time in Virginia, from the door of the original Loudoun County Courthouse by Sheriff Philip Noland. The reading on 12 August 1776 was in response to an order by Virginia Governor Patrick Henry that the Declaration must be read in every Virginia county and town. The order by Governor Patrick Henry and repeated by Loudoun County officials is recorded in a Court Order Book in the Historic Documents section of the Loudoun County Courthouse. Copies of that Order Book entry, and other historic Revolutionary War era documents were displayed by Loudoun County Historical Archivist Eric Larsen besides the stairs of the Old Courthouse.

The Sgt Maj John Champe (SMJC) Chapter sponsored a re-enactment of the Reading of the Declaration of Independence with multiple Virginia SAR Compatriots in militia uniform, similar to the uniforms worn by the majority of Loudoun County men who marched off to the Revolutionary War. Representatives of Daughters and Children of the American Revolution joined SMJC SAR and shared in the reading of sections of the Declaration. A one-third size liberty bell brought by an SMJC applicant, and Loudoun County resident, was rung after each section was read and the bell was rung multiple times as the reading completed. "LET FREEDOM RING" and three "HUZZAH's" were spoken loudly along with multiple rings as the ceremony closed. Children from the Reverend John Marks Society Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R) and their acting Senior President led the Pledge of Allegiance and handed out small American Flags and booklets of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence. Col. William Grayson C.A.R member Jacob Schwoerer was bell ringer, and carried his Society flag in Color Guard. Leesburg Mayor Kelly Burk brought greetings on behalf of Leesburg residents, and was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for her participation in the 18 June 2022 Commemoration of the Loudoun Resolves.

A combined Honor and Color Guard presented the Flags of the United States, Commonwealth of Virginia, 250th Anniversary of the USA, and chapter flags for SMJC, Colonel James Wood II (CJW-II), Fairfax Resolves, George Mason, Daughters of the American Revolution, Elizabeth McIntosh Hammill DAR, and Colonel William Grayson Society C.A.R. Barry Schwoerer acted as Color Guard Commander, Darrin Schmidt was Honor Guard Commander, Clay Robinson and Richard Tyler both from CJW-II were sentries for the Liberty Bell replica and the Spirit of Loudoun memorial statue

Wreaths to honor the Declaration of Independence were presented by Ken Bonner for SMJC, Vice President General Peter Davenport for the mid-Atlantic Assn. SAR, Ken Morris for George Mason, Dave Cook for Fairfax Resolves, Jeff Sterling for Col Wm Grayson, Dale Corey for Col James Wood II, Ed Spannaus Sgt Lawrence Everhart MD SAR, Nancy Watford Ketocin DAR, Paula Schwoerer Elizabeth McIntosh Hammill DAR, Anita Bonner Lanes Mill DAR, Anne Ballenger Mary Hemings Bell DAR, and Jacob Schwoerer CWG C.A.R.



## SAR Conducts Successful Color Guard Workshop

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



## Veterans Tribute in Clarke County

On 18 August 2022, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution participated in the Clarke County Fair's tribute to veterans. The event was held at the Clarke County Fairgrounds in Berryville. A combined color guard from compatriots representing three chapters from the northern region of the Virginia Society presented the colors and stood in line with veterans from the Korean War Veterans Association, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and other veterans for the presentation of the National Anthem. After parading off the field, Chris Shipe, Clarke County Veteran of the Year in 2019 was the keynote speaker. A veteran who served in the 2nd Armored Division during the 1980's. Shipe honored all area veterans and those who had fallen. He thanked veterans past and present, ending with the following quotation, "No military is better than its veterans and its service members. The reason that the U.S. military has no peer in the world is because of the citizen soldier who willingly serves their country." Chaplain services were provided by Chaplain Al Johnson, Clarke County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 41. Compatriots from the SAR included Color Guard Commander Brett Osborn, drummer Doug Hall, Dale Corey, Allan Phillips and Richard Tyler from the Colonel James Wood II Chapter; Barry Schwoerer from Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter and Dave Cook from Fairfax Resolves Chapter. At Left is the color guard advancing the colors l. to r. Brett Osborn, Doug Hall, Allan Phillips, Richard Tyler, Barry Schwoerer and Dale Corey. (Photo courtesy of Debbie Young.) At Right is the color guard with the veterans who participated in the tribute. (Photo courtesy of Debbie Young.)



## SAR Conducts Grave Marking Ceremony For Gary Fletcher

On 10 September 2022, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) conducted a compatriot grave marking ceremony for Gary Leo Fletcher. When a member of the SAR passes, the family can request a ceremony to honor the compatriot. This ceremony was held at the Salem Church of the Brethren, Stephens City, Virginia. Dale Corey emcee'd the event with the Right Reverend Larry Johnson providing chaplain duties. Gary Fletcher was born 1 November 1932 in Rock Oak, West Virginia. Eventually, the family moved to Bayfield, Wisconsin where he graduated from Bayfield High School in 1951. Shortly after, Gary joined the US Navy, proudly serving his country from 1951 - 1955, including time in the Korean War. He became a bricklayer/stonemason, receiving journeyman status in 1957. He taught masonry at Dowel J. Howard Vocational School and worked for Brick Institute of America as head of manpower development. He left there to work at Frederick Block Company until his retirement. He married Neva Yates on 26 December 1953 at the Salem Church of the Brethren. Their marriage lasted 63 years. They are the parents of six children and grandparents to 13 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren. An active member of the church, he served as a deacon, a delegate and participated in many mission and disaster relief projects. He was an active member of the Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 313, instrumental in the organization and construction of the Korean War Memorial in Jim Barnett Part in Winchester, as well as Veteran Memorials in Stephens City and Middletown. He was a member of the American Legion Post 21, FOE 4186, Moose Lodge 2483 and a compatriot of the Colonel James Wood II Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. A proud veteran who served his family, community and country with distinction. Members of the Korean War Foundation were present and provided honors to a fallen comrade. These included Paul Bombadier, Lew Ewing, Ray Ewing, Marshall



DeHaven, Doug Hall, Brett Osborn, Rob Shirley and Herb Taylor. The ceremony included the combined color guard of the Colonel James Wood II (CJWII) and Sgt Maj John Champe (SMJC) Chapters for the Virginia Society SAR. The color guard was commanded by Brett Osborn (CJWII) and included Ken Bonner (SMJC), Sean Carrigan (CJWII), Paul Christensen (CJWII), Kelly Ford (CJWII), Doug Hall (CJWII), Dennis Permerter (CJWII), Marc Robinson (CJWII), Barry Schwoerer (SMJC), Mark Sink (CMJC), Richard Tyler (CJWII) and Charles Harbaugh, Mayor of Middletown. Presentations on Gary were given by Dale Corey and Ray Steele, with wreath presentations by Marc Robinson (CJWII), Ken Bonner (CMJC) and Lew Ewing, Korean War Veterans Association. Luke Boles played "Flowers of the Forest" and "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipe. The Daughters of the American Revolution were represented by Kecia Brown, Virginia State DAR/SAR Liaison from the Kectoctin DAR Chapter. At Left is the color guard posting the colors l. to r. Brett Osborn, Dale Corey, Marc Robinson, Richard Tyler, Ken Bonner, Mark Sink, Paul Christensen and Charles Harbaugh. At Right is the musket squad marching to fire a salute to Gary Fletcher. l. to r. Brett Osborn, Ken Bonner, Marc Robinson, Mark Sink, Charles Harbaugh, Barry Schwoerer, Dennis Parmerter, Sean Carrigan, Kelly Ford and Paul Christensen. (Photos courtesy of Deborah Corey.)



# SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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

### To Submit Photos:

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

### To submit event text descriptions:

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

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

### Do not do this - using tabs

(Event1) John Jones, (Event2) John Jones,  
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Remember, this is for Color Guard events - not chapter events wherein a chapter member makes a presentation that does NOT include color guard participation. Such Chapter presentations are suitable for the SAR Magazine. It must be an activity that the **Color Guard UNIT** is doing.

## SAR Commemorates Adoption of the U.S. Constitution

On 17 September 2022, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) co-sponsored a program to commemorate the signing of the United States Constitution. The SAR combined with the Shenandoah Christian Alliance, Boy Scouts of America and other organizations at Mount Hebron Cemetery to honor the 235th anniversary of the adoption of the document that is basis for our government. The subject of the commemoration was the "History and Importance of our Constitution in These Turbulent Times". Speakers included Col. (R) Mark Quimby, the Reverend Doctor Larry W. Johnson, Compatriot Tom Reed and members of the Boys Scouts of America. After opening remarks and the presentation of historic flags, the Colonel James Wood II Color Guard presented the colors for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Continental Congress met in May of 1787 to revise the Articles of Confederation, which had been adopted in November 1777 as a means to provide a Federal government for the States who had declared themselves a free and independent nation. These went into effect in 1781 and governed the States until 1789 when the Constitution took effect. The Articles provided a weak and ineffective government. The articles left the States as sovereign and independent and a Congress which served as the last resort on appeal of disputes. The Articles of Confederation named the new nation "The United States of America" and Congress was given the authority to make treaties and alliances, maintain armed forces and coin money. The document contained a preamble, 13 articles and a conclusion. The Congress was unicameral with one house. There was no executive or judicial branch and no checks and balances. The president of the Congress was the



president of the country. However, the Congress lacked the ability to levy taxes and regulate commerce. This led to the Constitutional Convention in 1787. It was originally chaired to revise the articles but after several discussions, it was determined a new document was needed. The States selected 70 delegates to participate with 55 showing up. After 100 days of discussion and arbitration, the Constitution was adopted and 39 of 42 delegates present signed the document. It would need nine States to ratify and on 21 June 1788, New Hampshire became the ninth State to make the Constitution the law of the land. On 29 May 1790, Rhode Island became the 13th State to approve and accept the document. The issues that made the approval process long and arduous were finally settled with the adoption of the first 10 amendments to the Constitution, known as the Bill of Rights which was adopted 15 December 1791.

After the program, a three round musket salute was fired by the SAR musket squad to commemorate the signing of the Constitution. Participating for the Colonel James Wood II Chapter were Brian Bayliss, Dale Carpenter, Sean Carrigan, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Kelly Ford, Rev Larry Johnson Allan Phillips, Tom Reed, Mike St Jacques and Richard Tyler. At Left is the musket squad l. to r. Sean Carrigan, Mike St Jacques, Allan Phillips, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Kelly Ford. At Right is the muskets firing a salute l. to r. Sean Carrigan, Mike St Jacques, Allan Phillips, Thomas "Chip" Daniel and Kelly Ford. (Photos courtesy of Thomas "Chip" Daniel.)



## WASHINGTON -

### Washington State SAR

It has been a very eventful quarter for the WASSAR Color Guard. Events ranging from Veteran activities and new citizenship to Parades and festivals. Just during the 4th of July the WASSAR participated in at least 5 separate locations across the state. Sometimes other communities also make requests that we could not fulfill. This is a good thing. We are being noticed. We are known as the public face of the SAR. The Washington State Society is honored with these opportunities to represent the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.



### Alexander Hamilton

4th July Parade - We had a terrific turnout for our Nation's birthday! It was great to have a chance to get together again in this beautiful town. The people really appreciate our group with their applause. You can see the moms and dads explaining the uniforms, music, and flags to their children and it is really moving.

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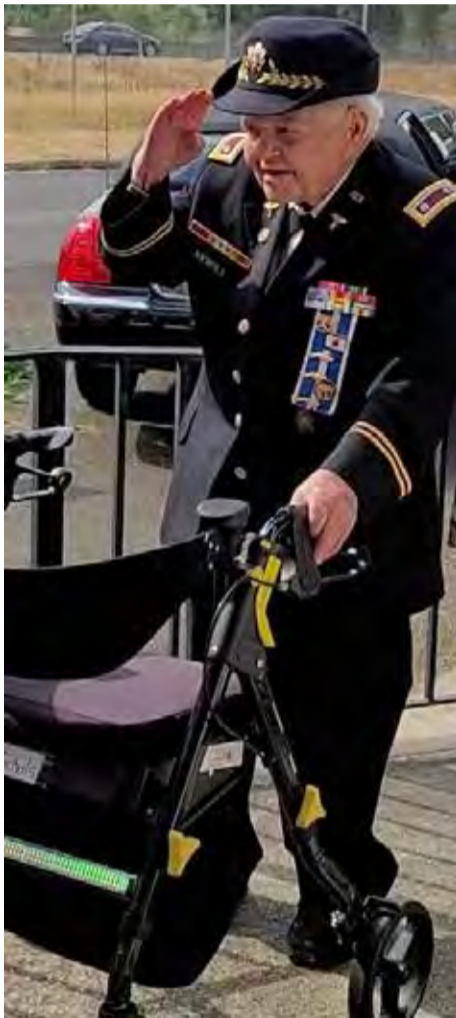
1st row: Jan Lemmer, Drum Major Viren Lemmer, Skip Stephan, Michael Bendickson; 2nd row: Jeannine Stephan, Alonde Droege, Terry Barker, Stephanie Conway; 3rd row: Harold Lee Steenberg, Ken Roberts, Jim Carpenter, Robert Korn, Olson, Dick Moody, WASSAR Commander Neil Vernon, Michael Moore, WASSAR President Keith Weissinger, Dennis Case, Dick Motz, Kent Troy



## Black diamond

This year the weather was perfect! Black Diamond is a great venue for us as they have a delicious pancake breakfast before the parade, ample parking, an appreciative audience, and for us old folks, a short trip from start to finish! The SAR Color Guard and Drum and Fife Corps were very well represented. Our Drum and Fife member, Danika Bendickson, helped decorate the CAR car. Neil Vernon led the troops and Dick Motz's trailer followed with flags flying.

1st row: Michael Bendickson, Terry Barker, Drum Major Viren Lemmer, Skip Stephen, Jan Lemmer; 2nd row: 1st Lady Cindy Weissinger, WASSAR President Keith Weisinger, Dany Bendickson, Kenneth Roberts, John Herr, Jerry Bordelon, Melissa Liening; 3rd row: Dick Motz, Bruce Bock, Michael Moore, Jim Carpenter, Ralph Liening, Greg Emerson, Matt Bendickson, Stephanie Conway; Back: WASSAR Commander Neil Vernon.



## George Rogers Clark

On August 19, members of the George Rogers Clark and Alexander Hamilton chapters teamed together with the local DAR chapters in honoring Lt Col. Barbara Nichols at the JBLM Museum. This was a celebration of her 100th birthday. There was a JBLM Colonel in attendance who stood in uniform for the Army song. Because of other commitments she left shortly thereafter. Her parting comments were "Of all the events for Barbara this year, the DAR with the color guard was the best on base".



## George Washington

4th July Parade - The George Washington SAR Color Guard marched as an individual unit in the Annual Anacortes 4th of July parade. Marching in the Chapter's first appearance in the parade Captain Bill Bentler, Drummer Christopher Fridley, Fifer Patricia Francisco, Compatriots Mike Hutchins, John Kraft, Ken Carlson, and Chapter member Marshall Anderson.





## Vietnam Ceremony

The Vietnam Veterans of America, Sedro Woolley Chapter invited the George Washington Chapter SAR Color Guard to post colors for their annual picnic. More than 600 US Military veterans and families were in attendance. This was second year we were honored by receiving an invitation to post colors for the event. The Color Guard was led by Compatriot Hugh Jonson, accomplices be Drummer Christopher Fridley. Bruce Bock, Mike Hutchins, Ken Carlson and Captain Bill Bentler.

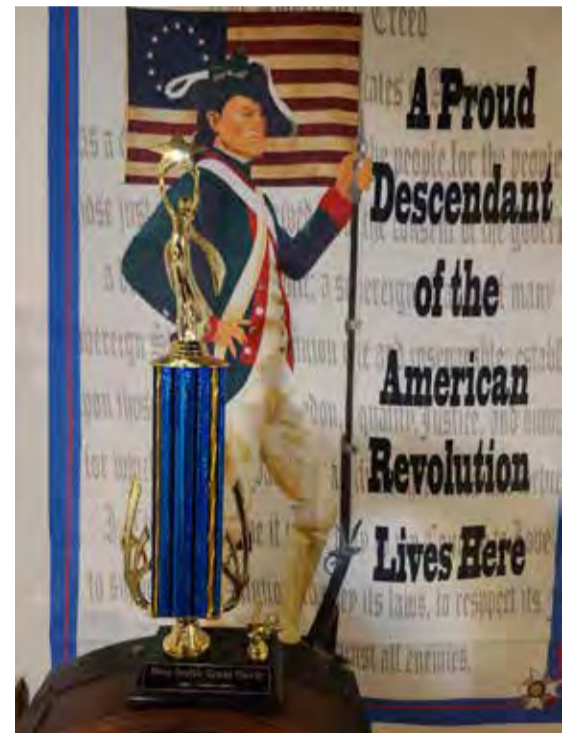
## Seattle Chapter

On July 23, 2022 the Seattle Chapter hosted the ## Annual West Seattle Parade. Members from the John Paul Jones and Alexander Hamilton helped to fill the ranks. The Fife and Drum Corp announced our advancement. This was augmented by the boom of the SeaFair Pirates cannon which was positioned 2 blocks behind us. The event was a great success with many thanks to all who participated.



For the efforts put forth, the WASSAR Color Guard and Fife and Drum were awarded first place in the Community Group category.

L-F: Back Row Stephen Clayton(SE); Christopher Clayton(SE); Fred Gilbert(JPJ); Robert Korn (SE); Jerry Bordelon(AH); Chris Grabowski (SE); Neil Vernon (SE); Jim Carpenter (SE); Dick Motz (AH); Front Row: Skip Stephen (AH); Viren Lemmer (AH); Jan Lemmer (AH); Not Pictured: Mick Hersey (JPJ)



## Spokane Chapter



Ret. Tomb Guard  
Craig Fallon - Keynote Speaker

Memorials – On July 23 the Spokane Chapter attended the Reparation Memorial Service for 2nd Lt Eugene Chauvin who was a pilot in WWII during the Operation Market Garden and was shot down over Belgium. His body was recovered last year (2021). He was given full military honors.

On 29 July with the temperature approaching 100 degrees the SAR Spokane Chapter #1 assisted the Spokane DAR chapters in dedicating another Never Forget Me Garden at Manito Park in Spokane Wa. SAR members Stan Wills, Dale Ryan and Rob Scott assisted by posting colors and flags from the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier provided by the Spokane flag Musuem.

“Through an initiative in 2018, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier never Forget Garden is a nationwide invitation to all Americans and Freedom loving people to plant gardens as a visual way to represent America’s unwavering commitment to our sacred duty to recognize, remember, and honor our veterans, many who continued to serve as first responders, and their families now and for many years to come.”





Celebrating Independence day in Waukesha our Color Guards passed thousands of patriotic cheering, saluting spectators. Out of concern for participant security, the route was shortened this year to 0.8 miles with spiked barriers and public works equipment blocking intersecting streets. Our guards were mindful of freedom and independence. Pictured in Cutler Park are color guards (l to r) Ben Meador, Shane Barrett, Aiden Verhalen, Jason Verhalen, Quartermaster Bill Austin, Mike Nelson and Commander Brian S. Barrett. (photo by Jennifer Verhalen)



Our guards also presented the Colors at the Milwaukee Brewers vs. Chicago Cubs baseball game at American Family Field in Milwaukee on August 28, 2022. Fans and players proudly stood and saluted for our wonderful National Anthem. Team event planning staff and management people were attentive and accommodating. Brewers, color guards and 37,000 fans were all winners on this day. Pictured behind home plate are Commander Barrett, Ben Meador, GLD-VP Bob Haglund, Mike Nelson, Don Skarda, Mark Nelson, Aiden Verhalen, Marcus Barrett, and Shane Barrett. Also pictured with guards in background are several Brewers in a respectful pose during the singing of the National Anthem. (photos courtesy Gena Selby)



We celebrated Constitution Week with students and faculty at Carroll University in Waukesha. It was our third appearance on this campus and hundreds of students gave us a second glance. Several students stopped at our tabletop display and some answered our questions about our fantastic-durable Constitution. It was also an opportunity to answer questions about our uniforms and SAR membership. Pictured are (l to r) Alex Smith, Assistant Director of Student Activities, guardsmen Marcus Barrett, Don Skarda and Commander Barrett. (photo courtesy Carroll University)

On September 17, 2022, in the run-up to our 250th anniversary, our guards performed a solemn salute at the equestrian statue of Baron Von Steuben in Milwaukee's Washington Park. Also in attendance were members of WIDAR and WISSAR. Guards then posted the colors at a seminar in the adjacent Washington Park Library community room. Pictured at the statue (l to r) Haglund, B. Meador, M. Meador, Marcus Barrett, Don Sharda and Peter Grant. Commander Barrett gave a presentation about early flags. Lastly (l to r) Barrett, Haglund, Ben and Mike Meador, Marcus Barrett, Don Skarda, and Peter Grant saluted the colors and seminar attendees. (Photos by Lisa Davis)

