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Commander's Report

It's been a long and good 8 years to be in the Color Guard. Looking back over the pass two years I have given out over 38 Silver Color Guard Medals and over 21 Von Steuben Medals and close to 20 Molly Pitcher awards. At Congress we hope to give out more Medals to the Men and Women at the Sunday Meeting.

I have been traveling to the sunny South and the Snow filled North. We have been to Moore's Creek in NC and to Guilford Courthouse in NC. This past week we went to Yorktown to open the new Museum ONE YOU ALL HAVE SEE. My next stop is the New Museum in Philadelphia PA. The new American Revolution Museum on April 19th.

It's been a great time for me and my wife Susan to be the Color Guard Commander. So in ending this I hope to see you all at Congress.

David Wayne Hoover, National Color Guard Commander, Maryland Society



Vice Commander's Dispatch

I hope that this issue finds each member of the Color Guard hale & hearty. The Color Guard has been very active at the events that I have had the pleasure to attend with large numbers attending Cowpens (SC), Cowan's Ford (NC), Kettle Creek (GA), Moore's Creek Bridge (NC), Spring Leadership (KY) and Guilford Courthouse (NC).



In fact, there was such a large turnout at the Spring Leadership Meeting that the entire unit could not all get inside the Crystal Ballroom. For those who were there and did not make it in, let me reassure you that this will be addressed at the Fall Leadership Meeting by making the column a double file column instead of single file. This is not expected to be an issue at the National Congress in Knoxville as the banquet room is much larger.

On that note, let me encourage those members of the Color Guard who can make it to consider attending the National Congress. The Congress provides the Color Guard with multiple opportunities to present the colors and be active participants.

We begin our activities with a breakfast on the Sunday of Congress where awards are presented to members and their ladies. Later on Sunday, the combined Color Guard is reviewed by the President General before presenting colors at the Memorial Service.

The Color Guard then presents the colors again at the Opening Session and the Tuesday night banquet. We will then retire the colors at the Wednesday Installation Banquet. In between these events, smaller units participate in presenting colors at other meetings and events.

Another item of interest at the 2017 Congress will be the transfer of command ceremony which will take place on Tuesday night. This currently occurs every odd numbered year.

I hope to see many of you at Congress and other events in the coming months.

Mark C Anthony, Vice Commander

New National Event recognized

By: Mark C Anthony, Vice Commander

At the meeting of the National Color Guard Committee at the 2017 Spring Leadership Meeting in Louisville, an existing National Color Guard event was modified from occurring at a single location to being applicable across the nation.

The Massing of Colors, which originated with the California SAR, has been expanded to an equal footing with other national events that are not location specific. This proposal was brought by the Washington SAR with the concurrence of the California SAR.

Now, just like the Fields of Honor/Healing Fields, Memorial Day, July 4th/Let Freedom Ring, Veterans Day and Wreaths Across America, the Massing of Colors can occur at any location across the country and be considered a National Color Guard event.

In other words, with this addition there are now 6 annual events that count toward the Silver Color Guard Medal and the Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement that are not location specific.

As a reminder, participation in any of the above cited events can only be counted once each year. For example, participation in a Memorial Day parade on a Saturday and then again on the Monday of Memorial Day does not count as two separate events.

This is in line with the same consideration given to the attendance at a National Congress or other national meeting where the Color Guard participates in multiple events over the course of the meeting but only the single meeting is counted toward the medals.

To reflect this new status, the Master Calendar published elsewhere in this issue has been updated.

NSSAR Color Guard Commanders

Donald N Moran (CA)	1989-1990
David J Gray (MA)	1990-2000
Garrett Jackson (CA)	2000-2002
Edgar Grover (KS)	2002-2004
Peter K Goebel (NY)	2004-2006
Charles Lampman (CA)	2006-2007
Larry Perkins (OH)	2007-2009
Joseph Dooley (VA)	2009-2011
J Michael Tomme (GA)	2011-2013
Michael Radcliff (TX)	2013-2015
David Hoover	2015 - 2017
See July 2017 Issue	2017 -

Colorguardsman of the Year

The Gold Color Guard Medal was authorized in 1998. It may only be worn by the National Color Guard Commander (usually presented at the end of his term as commander) and those guardsmen selected as Color Guardsman of the Year.

The Color Guardsman of the Year is elected by the Guardsmen present at the Spring Leadership Meeting.

The following is a listing of those guardsmen who have been honored by their compatriots as Color Guardsman of the Year.

Lowell Nichols (IN)	1998
Edgar E Grover (KS)	1999
Robert L Grover (MO)	2000
Bernard G Lamp Sr (WV)	2001
Raymond Zimmerman (MD)	2002
Charles Lampman (CA))	2003
James McCafferty (MD)	2004
Lester A Foster (MD)	2005
Andrew M Johnson (VA)	2006
George Thurmond (GA)	2007
Charles F Bragg (IN)	2008
Charlie A Newcomer (GA)	2009
John H Franklin Jr (OH)	2010
Paul Prescott (GA)	2011
Tom Green (TX)	2012
Gerald McCoy (MO)	2013
Samuel Powell (NC)	2014
Robert Cunningham (IN)	2015
Karl Jacobs (CA)	2016
See July 2017 Issue	2017

Cover Illustrations

Illustration and photos of Buford's Massacre/Battle of Waxhaws. The Sketch of the Waxhaw Massacre thought to be for a 19th century lithograph

Correction

In the January Issue I left off the attribution to the Article title "**How to Create a State or Chapter Color Guard**" submitted by Compatriot Bob O'Neal. My sincere apologies to Compatriot O'Neal and all readers.

- Editor



From the Editor

Welcome compatriots.

I want to thank all of the color guard Commanders and members who took the time to submit photos and content for this issue.

This issue has **10 state societies** submitting color guard activity from the last 3 months. I'm sure that every state with a color guard, either at the state level or the chapter level, will have some **Spring** activities to report for the Summer issue. These **Spring** activities could include **Memorial Day parades, battle site commemorations, or any of the other events listed elsewhere in this issue.** I will look forward to having those state color guard commander absent from this issue submitting something for the Summer issue.

I was pleased to have content from some states submitting duplicate copies of the same content from different SAR members. This is a good thing in that members feel comfortable enough to send something in.

So that it will be easier for me to collect, compile, and format the issues in the future, let's review the preferred steps:

- Chapter color guard commanders, or a chapter officer, should submit their content **to the state color guard commander** for him to review and forward to me. This ensures

that the state color guard commander is kept informed of chapter activities - Chain of command issue.

- The preferred method of submissions is by e-mail with attachments.
- Please do not embed photos into any document** (WORD, e-mail, or PDF) - submit photos separately from accompanying document. Embedding a photo reduces the resolution and limits the photo size that I can use in this publication.
- Pictures should have accompanying them a list of those in the picture and who took it. Ex: 'Photo-img-1234 is of event X, with members X,Y, & Z. Photo by ABC'

When submitting content (photos and text) please consider this: **The Colorguardsman** is for spreading the news about color guard activities. Whenever your state or chapter color guard does something, that event information is what should be submitted. State or chapter presentations **not** involving the color guard are more appropriately submitted to the **SAR Magazine**. When compiling the issue, I look for and select those color guard activities over chapter non-color guard presentations.

Thank you for your help. Please forward this issue to your state's chapter color guard commanders for dissemination amongst their color guard members.



COLOR GUARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

2017 Spring Leadership - March 3, 2017

NSSAR Commander David W. Hoover / James Fosdyck

Agenda:

Election of Color Guardsman of the Year: Nominated: Rudy Byrd AZ, Bob Capps KS, Ken Luckey NC, Ed Reigel Sr. GA, Paul Wilke OH, Don Woodruff- SC .

Steve Miller AZ spoke on behalf of Rudy. George Thurmond spoke on behalf of Ed. Tony Robinson spoke on behalf of Paul Wilke. Peter Davenport spoke on behalf of Dan.

After election, Paul Wilke will be Color Guardsman of the year.

Leadership chain of the National Color Guard- Russ DeVenney (MOSSAR) has decided to step down as Adjutant and Lou Raborg (MDSSAR) will take his place. With this change and at this time, do we want to consider bringing officer terms down to 1 year ? Do we still want 2 Adjutants? No further discussion ensued.

Dave Hoover -Presentation of the National Von Steuben Medals to:

- John Franklin Jr.
- Scott Giltner
- James Fosdyck
- M. Kent Gregory
- Charles R. Scott
- Robert H. Krause

Safety issues and insurance issues.

Mark Anthony read the following resolution: The Washington Society proposes that the National Society designate that

the Washington State Patriot Day, in Tacoma-Massing of the Colors, held February 22nd be listed as a National Color Guard Event. Ft. San Carlos, Washington Parade, Field of Honor CA. Wreaths Across America. Steve: Is this sponsored by or chaired by SAR ? Sons of Liberty in CA does sponsor, Washington is a co-sponsor. Bill Smithson. Can we just call any Massing of Colors event be considered National Color Guard Event?

Can we get credit for Honor Flights?, Mark Anthony responded- Draft a proposal for Congress.

Safety issues: Charlie Scott National Quartermaster Color guard commander for the state of Kentucky. Have held over 200 grave markings. Color guardsman will not be able to participate in events if they do not have flash protection.

Mark Kramer California Society color guard commander; dealing with same issues with black powder. Had standard liability insurance. Re inactors insurance \$350 a year.

Must have written policies and procedures for firing black powder. Will use our current documentation as a guide line for National Policy and Procedures.

NRA black powder instructor

Brett Osbourne VA- National Parks require you to follow Federal guidelines, which include safety procedures.

Dave –appoint Subcommittee – Robert Cunningham and Mark Kramer.

Molly Pitcher Award, - Dan Woodruff, Alan Greely, Extend Requirements for Molly Pitcher Award- Gold Medal, write into the Von Steuben Award. -5 tears of extended service.... Cannot have oak leaf clusters. Lou Raborg- Ladies would like broach or pin. How are you going to pay for it?

Forest Chilton KY- Recognize author Jeff Shohara (sic - Shaara)- Killer Angels, son wrote Rise to Rebellion. Referring to safety issue.*[Editor note: Michael Shaara wrote Killer Angels]*

Dave read days for states recognition days-in Yorktown. Also asked for Support of the new Museum in Philadelphia. Open house is 13th-14th April. Parade on 19th. Starts at 8:30 am at Independence Hall.

Editor of Color guardsman- April 1st is the deadline to submit articles for the magazine. Requested only state color guard commanders submit articles. Need Article on 6 recipients of the National Von Steuben medal. Choice for ladies for SAR support of SAR activities.

Mark Anthony's instructions : Tonight's banquet: Form at 6:30 We are only carrying in the US, SAR, PG and 13 Colonies Flags, We will march in and retire the colors tomorrow night.

Karl Jacobs was color guardsman of the year, has stepped down. Jarard McCoy will take his place.

Need to add Steve Monez and Bill Baran to Color Guard Roster

Faithfully submitted:

C. Louis Raborg Jr, MD



Deadline
for July Issue
June 30

They Wore Red, We Wore Blue

By: Bob O'Neal

Just a few observations on Washington's uniform in this 1772 painting by Charles Willson Peale, for SAR Color Guardsmen and Veterans out there. Col. Washington wears the uniform of the Virginia Militia. Having been, somewhat rudely rebuffed by the English from seeking a commission in the King's Army, he donned the blue coat designated by the King for the American militia units. Washington probably wore such a uniform when he accompanied Gen. Braddock in 1755 as an aide on his ill-fated march to Fort Pitt. The English wore their redcoats. Many American militia units had worn their blue coats during the French and Indian War 1756-1763.



When the Revolution broke out in 1775, Washington, along with many other American militia officers, sergeants and men, went to their closets and fitted themselves out again in their old blue coats and, 'jined up fer ye duration'. Early on the patriots had boycotted English imports and had to scratch around for uniform cloth. Weaving looms were scarce in the Colonies. So early uniforms were of whatever color cloth was available - brown, gray, green, red and not enough blue. Unpopular, red cloth was often dyed blue with indigo and came out a shade of purple!

Later on, by 1779, much blue cloth was able to be imported from our French allies. Gen. Washington's Regulations of 1779 prescribed coats of blue, faced (collar, lapels & cuffs) in white (New England), red (PA, MD, DE, VA), buff (NY, RI, NJ), or royal blue (NC, SC, GA) for each of the new states. These blue coats, having been worn by our victorious Army and Navy over the years, were retained by ALL our armed forces so that today every branch of our U.S. military wears a blue dress uniform, albeit of various shades, long now a symbol of our victory over the hated redcoats.



One more point on this painting of Washington. On his breast Col. Washington wears a metal gorget. A remnant of the metal neckpiece that protected the throat of the armored knight, the gorget became an English class symbol signifying the wearer as the descendant of a knight in their family. It became also a badge of rank in 17th century, worn mostly by English officers, but fell out of favor along with feudalism as individual Liberty swept the United States during the Revolution.

NOTE: The gorget I wear is emblematic of the Washington SAR Color Guard Commander, and will be passed on to the next commander at our annual State Society meeting April 22nd, 2017. It is engraved, as a tribute to the General, with the Washington coat of arms and names successive commanders on the reverse.



NOTE: My uniform is representative (not a replica) of a field officer in the Continental artillery, 1778. A life I lived for real in 21 years as an artillery officer in the U.S. Army. The artillery was an elite unit and were well uniformed. Red is the color of artillery for all European armies as well as ours, so the uniform is lined and faced in red, with the ubiquitous red plume.

NOTE: The crimson sash of silk is the mark of an officer. It goes around the body twice so that when stretched out like a hammock it serves as a quick stretcher to carry the wounded officer from the field. Sergeants wore a red wool sash. Col.



Washington is shown wearing his on the shoulder, as some did, and later he went without.

I do Remain,

Y'r most humbl' & Obed't Servant,

Bob O'Neal

Lt. Col. U.S. Army Ret.

Commander Washington SAR Color Guard



2017 Cowpens Celebration



Leadership Conference and
Congress Schedules

127th Congress -

Thursday to Wednesday

July 6 - 12, 2017

Holiday Inn and Knoxville
Convention Center, Knoxville,
TN

Fall Leadership -

September 2017 Brown Hotel
Louisville KY



Knoxville, TN



CALIFORNIA -



All Photos by Un Hui unless otherwise noted



Here is a photograph of the combined Northern California SAR Color Guard taken at the 2017 DAR California Society conference in San Ramon this evening (March 16, 2017). Left to right - Color Guard Commander Terry Briggs (Silicon Valley Chapter), Jeff Sylvan (Delta Chapter), Sally Holcombe (DAR Coordinator for SAR Color Guard), John Humphrey (Delta Chapter), and Gary Overby (Delta Chapter). This is the second year this combined color guard has posted the colors for the DAR.

Massing of the Colors & Salute to Our Armed Forces

Celebrated on the Sunday nearest the birth of George Washington, the Massing of the Colors & Salute to Our Armed Forces is the largest celebration of its kind in the western United States. February 19, 2017 was the 35th annual celebration of George Washington's birth. The event is sponsored by the Sons of Liberty Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

More than 40 compatriots and Ladies Auxiliary members from 8 chapters participated in the event.

Participation streamers were presented to the following California Society Chapters:

Sons of Liberty Chapter - SOL is the host chapter of the Massing of the Colors
General George Patton Chapter, Harbor Chapter, Kern Chapter, Orange County Chapter, Redlands Chapter, Riverside Chapter, Silicon Valley Chapter



California Society, SAR Color Guard and the Los Angeles Fifes and Drums



Lead group Orange County Chapter Color Guard followed by the Riverside Color Guard



Los Angeles Fifes and Drums



Huntington Beach, California reenactment revisits American Revolution

The American Revolutionary War has been over for more than 200 years, but you wouldn't know it if you visited Central Park in Huntington Beach, CA over the weekend of February 11 and 12, 2017.

The colonists and the redcoats were back at it as the Huntington Beach Historical Society presented a reenactment of the revolution, complete with battle scenes and period apparel.

Compatriots from the Harbor and Orange County Chapters participated in the event.

The Los Angeles Fifes and Drums move toward the battle



The Continentals and British engage one another



General Washington - Compatriot Dan Shippey - confers with his aides



The Continentals return from the battle field



CONNECTICUT

Ken Buckbee has been awarded the SAR Silver Color Guard Medal for his participation in the Connecticut Line (CTSSAR's Color Guard). The Silver Color Guard Medal is awarded for at least three years of service. An SAR Color Guardsman must have already been awarded the Bronze Color Guard Medal before he can be awarded the Silver Color Guard Medal.

Qualifications for the Silver Color Guard Medal must be submitted to the State or District Color Guard Commander for review and recommendation, and to the National Color Guard Commander for final authorization.

CTSSAR State Color Guard Commander, Dave Perkins (on left), presented the Silver Color Guard Medal to Ken Buckbee (on right), at the annual meeting of the Connecticut Line, which was held on February 4th, at J. Timothy's Taverne in Plainville, CT.



Ken's wife, Judey Sawyer Buckbee, has been awarded the Molly Pitcher Medal in recognition of her support and dedication to the Connecticut Line (CTSSAR's Color Guard).

This was the first time that the SAR Molly Pitcher Medal has been awarded in Connecticut.

To earn the Molly Pitcher Medal, a woman must be present at, and support, the SAR Color Guard at qualifying SAR Color Guard events. The same events that count toward earning the SAR Silver Color Guard Medal for SAR Color Guardsmen also count toward earning the Molly Pitcher Medal. Also, the woman's significant other Color Guardsman must have earned his Silver Color Guard Medal before she can earn the Molly Pitcher Medal.

Awarding of the Molly Pitcher Medal must be approved by both the State Color Guard Commander and the National Color Guard Commander. The certificate that accompanied the medal was signed by the President General of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, J. Michael Tomme, Sr.

CTSSAR State Color Guard Commander, Dave Perkins, presented the Molly Pitcher Medal to Judey at the annual meeting of the Connecticut Line, which was held on February 4th, at J. Timothy's Taverne in Plainville, CT.

In the photograph above, Judey is wearing an outfit that she designed, cut and hand stitched all by herself.



Group photo of the Connecticut Line taken by Jim Klaneski

Annual Meeting of the Color Guard – Feb 4th, 2017 at J. Timothy's in Plainville

About 25 members of the Connecticut Line met for their annual Color Guard luncheon on Feb 4th at J. Timothy's Tavern in Plainville. Compatriots Ken Buckbee, Doug Wood, and Dave Packard were awarded the Silver Color Guard medal; Compatriots Derek Brockhoff, George Husted, and Harry Clarke were awarded the Bronze Color Guard medal; and for the first time we awarded Molly Pitcher medals to camp followers Judey Sawyer Buckbee and Pat Wilson-Perkins.

For Color Guardsmen of the Year, we selected past Color Guard Commander, Todd Gerlander, for his outstanding service to the Connecticut Line and his volunteer time supporting the Real Property committee as docent at the War Office during 2016.

Elections were held and the following were reelected for the 2017:

Col. David J. Perkins, Lt. Col. Paul H. Selau; Major Tyler D. Smith and Adjutant Russell W. Wirtalla.

We had a special guest and award presentation at the beginning of our meeting. Sea Cadet and Chief Petty Officer First Class, Chloe C. Caso of the Barque Eagle Division, received the Bronze Good Citizenship medal and ribbon bar for her leadership as the top cadet in the unit. The unit meets in the Navy Marine Reserve Center in Plainville, CT and is one of four units located across the state. (New London, New Haven, Stamford, and Plainville). The Naval Sea Cadet Corp awards are part of the SAR National JROTC awards program.



Sea Cadet photo taken by Todd Gerlander



Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony Honoring 46 Revolutionary Soldiers At Milford Cemetery, Milford, CT.

On Saturday August 13, 2016; the Connecticut Society held a state grave marking ceremony to honor 46 revolutionary soldiers who died in January of 1777. The Connecticut Color Guard, along the 6th Connecticut Regiment provided honors and rendered a 3 volley salute to these fallen warriors. The ceremony was conducted by the Connecticut SAR along with support by the Freeloze Baldwin Stow chapter of the DAR.

A large granite SAR marker was placed at the base of the 1852 Soldiers Monument.

The battle of Long Island in 1776, at that time was the largest ever fought in North America. The American losses were about 300 killed and over 1,000 captured. As few as half of the prisoner's survived. Kept on prison ships and in their weakened condition, many succumbed to small pox.

In December of 1776 British occupied New York had their main prison camp and prisoner ships there. A Prisoner Ship set sail in Mid December with 225 American Prisoners of War, but in two weeks 25 of those Prisoners had died and the ship had only gotten as far as Milford, on a trip to New London. The British Captain, used the fog as cover and stranded the 200 Prisoners on the Milford shore of Long Island Sound and went back to New York.



Photos taken by Richard Kendall

The 200 Revolutionary War Prisoners were all desperately ill with Small Pox. The people of Milford made accommodations to shelter them, using the Town

Hall as an emergency Hospital. Dr. Elias Carrington with the assistance of Captain Stephen Stow tended to these prisoners. Captain Stow already had 4 of his 6 sons fighting for our independence, so he felt this was the least he could do for the Soldiers.

Some of the Soldiers that still had some strength had moved on struggling to find their way home. After 30 days, 46 of the 200 men put ashore have died along with Captain Stow.



Of these 46 soldiers, the majority were from Connecticut, others were from Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania. One soldier, Antonio Gomez, is listed as being from Spain.

A Soldiers Monument was erected in 1852 to honor these men. It is made from Portland, CT. Brownstone. It is 35 feet tall and was carved and constructed in two pieces, floated down the CT. River and along the Sound. From there sixteen yoke of Oxen were used to haul it to this spot, where it was reassembled.

In 1976 a stone was placed at the foot of the Soldiers Monument which lists all the Milford residents who fought in the Revolutionary War, there are 135 Soldiers. Six of them are African Americans.



Aug 2016 Volley Fire taken by Richard Kendall



Aug 2016 Proclamation City of Milford taken by Barbara Stewart



Aug 2016 Shade on a Hot August Day taken by Barbara Stewart

FLORIDA -

The Bronze SAR Color Guard Medal was awarded to Chapter President Larry Sturgeon during the December Meeting of the Withlacoochee Chapter. Presenting the award were, Richard Sumner, a Chapter Past President and organizer of the Withlacoochee Chapter Color Guard, and Charlie Day, a Chapter Past President and current Florida FLSSAR Color Guard Commander.

Guardsmen Pictured LR Richard Sumner, Larry Sturgeon and Charlie Day



The Clover Leaf Farms – St Patrick's Day Parade Brooksville, Florida 34601

LR Larry Sturgeon, Jack Townsend, Bill Ferguson, Charlie Day and Commander Russ Gibson



The Photos of SAR Marker at Patriot Ansel Ferrell's Grave Site in Leon County FL.

Marker cemented in on 10 March 2017 by Compatriot DeCody Brad Marble





The Caloosa Chapter color guard has recently been participating in USCIS Naturalization Ceremonies in Ft. Myers, and all of us who have joined in these find it one of the most rewarding public activities that we engage in. The Compatriots who engage in these events have 8 or 10 generations of ancestors who have given us our birthright citizenship. These new citizens (in this case from 15 different countries) have worked for 3 to 5 years learning the heritage and history that most Americans take for granted or are oblivious to. They have renounced their birth citizenship to become Americans. There were 31 new citizens as a result of this ceremony on March 23rd, and every single one of them asked to have their pictures taken with us in our Revolutionary uniforms. This event epitomizes our underlying SAR objects of historical, educational, and patriotic. I would urge the NSSAR Color Guard Committee to add naturalization ceremonies to the list of National Events for earning points for the Silver Color Guard Medal. This would encourage and support chapters around the nation to seek out and participate in these events.

Robert W. McGuire, Jr.

Commander, Light Horse Harry Lee Camp, Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade



The Florida Color Guard Liberty Brigade leads the procession at the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution ceremony held on March 11th at the Veterans Memorial Center on Merritt Island FL. Also shown is Florida SAR member, Dr Roger Smith speaking to the assembly.

ILLINOIS



The Long Knives Chapter Color guard had the honor of participating in two very notable events during this past year. First was the 5/21/16 Patriot grave marking at Drake Cemetery in Southern Illinois. Two patriots are buried there, John Damron and Benajah Gill. Color guardsmen present were Jim Wallace, Steve Haldeman, Jim Whitt, Lance Newman and John Cramer

The second event was the 200th birthday of Monroe County, IL. On 9/25/16. The color guardsmen participated in a flag ceremony and trail march on the Old Kaskaskia Trail. Those participating were Jim Wallace, Steve Haldeman, Lance Newman and John Cramer.



In October of 2016, members of the Genl George Rogers Clark Chapter were asked to participate in a grave marking ceremony honoring Real Daughter Eveline Paddock. The St. Louis-Jefferson Chapter DAR sponsored the marking. Eveline Paddock (1803-1900) was the daughter of Patriot Gaius Paddock (Vermont).



Members of the SAR attending were (l-r): Milan Paddock (St. Louis Chapter SAR), Bob Kilzer, Jim DeGroff, Bob Ridenour, and Dennis Lybarger, (all of the GGRC Chapter), and Dan Crafton (Lewis & Clark Chapter)



On February 23, 2017, The Genl George Rogers Clark Chapter held their Annual Awards Dinner. There were fourteen members of the GGRC Chapter and two members of the Ewington Chapter in uniform (l-r): Back Row: Joe Harris, Bob Lybarger (both of the Ewington Chapter), Phil Bailey, Bob Ridenour, Justin Ottolini, John Stanton, Marv Meng, Steve Hyatt, and Dennis Lybarger. Front Row: Jim DeGroff, Jerry Oglesby, Bob Kilzer, Chuck Dobias, Eric Reelitz, Rich Reudin, and Tom Beavers.

On November 6, 2016, several members of the Genl George Rogers Clark Chapter took part in the Pre-Veterans' Day Parade in Glen Carbon, Illinois. Those attending were (l-r): Jim DeGroff, Phil Bailey, Walt Harris, Chuck Dobias, John Stanton, Justin Ottolini, and Ronny Hicks



MASSACHUSETTS

The Harvard club. CG member Henry Curtis and CG commander John Zafiris Jr. carry in the flag



The Harvard club. Brian Thomson, MASSAR vice president, Old Middlesex chapter president and color guard member carrying in the flag to the meeting



The Harvard club. CG members L-R Jeffery Zeamer, Ed Hoak and George Podmore, Clark Loth presenting.

Evacuation Day - On March 17, 1776, General George Washington had fortifications and cannons placed on Dorchester Heights, in what is now South Boston. The British troops occupying Boston at the time realized they were outgunned.

The fortifications at Fort Hill were built under the supervision of Major General Henry Knox, who brought up large cannons captured at Fort Ticonderoga, New York, which his troops had dragged all the way across New England in the snow. Fort Hill commanded the only land exit from Boston — the narrow Roxbury Neck.

Realizing their position was now indefensible, 11,000 British troops and some 1,000 Loyalists departed Boston by ship on March 17, sailing to the safety of Halifax, Nova Scotia. The bloodless liberation of Boston by the Patriots brought an end to a hated eight-year British occupation of the city.

Getting the British to evacuate from Boston was a major victory for the Continental Army. Only a few weeks later, the colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia.

Boston established Evacuation Day in 1901.



The Harvard club CG members L-R George Podmore and Ed Hoak



Evacuation Day Marching up the hill to Dorchester heights (were the cannons were placed) Commander John Zafaris Jr., Sean Conley, David Conkling, John Cunningham, Alan Van Wert, Robert Bossart



Evacuation day Same group going up the hill to Dorchester heights



Ceremonies on the hill, Sean Conley, David Conkling



Ceremonies on the hill, Commander John Zafiris Jr., Sean Conley, David Conkling



Ceremonies on the Hill - Henry Knox color guard and the Lexington minute men doing a musket firing



Henry Knox color guard and Lexington minute men firing.

In front of the Monument on Dorchester heights L-R John Cunningham MASSAR president, Sean Conley, Robert Bossart, David Conkling, Alan Van Wert, Commander John Zafiris Jr.



MISSOURI

Event #1:

On December 4, 2016 the MOSSAR Color Guard participated in the MSSDAR Annual Christmas Tree Lighting held at the MSSDAR headquarters in Boonville, Missouri.



Left to right: Mrs. John Stewart, DAR; Russell DeVenney, NSSAR Registrar General; Susan Russ, DAR; Compatriot John Stewart (HST); Susan Bowen, MSSDAR Regent; Compatriot James Scott, Chapter President (IPC) & Missouri Western District Color Guard Commander; and Compatriot J. Wayne Merrill.



Left to right: Compatriot Roy Hutchinson, Chapter President (HST); Susan Russ (DAR); Susan Bowman, MSSDAR Regent; Compatriot Jack Quint (IPC); Compatriot Bill Grote, Missouri Eastern District Color Guard Commander (FDL); Compatriot Doug Neff (FDL).

On December 7, 2016 the Ozark Mountain Chapter (OMC) laid a wreath at the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association Monument in Springfield, Missouri commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. USN Commander James F. Griffin, Senior Officer of the Naval Reserve Center in Springfield, Missouri, participated in the ceremony. During the ceremony, a bell was rung 8 times, commemorating the fallen. Compatriot Todd Wilkerson presented the bell ceremony.



Left to right: Compatriots Gerald McCoy; Glenn Gohr; Kenneth Lawrence; USN Commander James F. Griffin; Dan Philbrick, Chapter President; J. Howard Fisk; Steve Perkins; and Todd Wilkerson.

The top of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association Monument.



On December 17, 2016 the Ozark Mountain Chapter (OMC) Color Guard participated in the Wreaths Across America at the Springfield National Cemetery in Springfield, Missouri. A wreath was laid at the grave of Patriot William Freeman. USN Commander James F. Griffin, Senior Officer of the Naval Reserve Center in Springfield, Missouri participated in the ceremony. During the ceremony, a bell was rung 14 times; once for each of the 13 colonies and once for General George Washington.

Left to right: Compatriots Steve Perkins; Dan Philbrick, Chapter President; Kenneth Lawrence; Glenn Gohr; Gerald McCoy; USN Commander James F. Griffin; J. Howard Fisk; and Jan Fisk, Springfield Councilwoman (DAR).

On December 17, 2016 the Fernando de Leyba Chapter Color Guard participated in Wreaths Across America at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, Missouri. Wreaths were laid at 14 graves of deceased members of the Fernando de Leyba and Spirit of St. Louis Chapters, at graves of 4 Patriots, and at a common marker for multiple Patriots.



Photo Above right Left to right: Compatriots Marvin Koechig, Chapter President; Michael Shea; Steve White; Steve Baldwin; Keith Morris; and Bill Grote, Missouri Eastern District Color Guard Commander.



Left - Left to right: Compatriots Keith Morris; Steve Baldwin; John Swanson; Marvin Koechig, Chapter President; Doug Neff; Steve White; and Michael Shea.



On January 9, 2017 the Fernando de Leyba Chapter (FDL) Color Guard participated in the presentation of the NSSAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificate to two fireman who rescued a person trapped in swift water in a creek.

Left - - Left to right: Compatriot Bill Grote, Missouri Eastern District Color Guard Commander; Rick Morton; Michael Shea; Captain Dan Casey.; Deputy Chief Mike Grzyb; Awardee. Firefighter Michael McCarthy; Marvin Koechig, Chapter President; Awardee Captain Jamie Young; and Dale Schmidt, Missouri Society President.

On January

9, 2017 the Fernando de Leyba Chapter (FDL) Color Guard participated in the presentation of a certificate and check to the Chapter Americanism Poster Contest winner, Lucy Kheine.

Right - - Left to right: Compatriots Bill Grote, Missouri Eastern District Color Guard Commander; Charles Lilly; Matt Swanson; Lucy Kheine; Matt Kheine; Jamie Kheine; sister Addison Kheine; Dale Schmidt, Missouri Society, SAR President; Marvin Koechig, Chapter President; Rick Morton; Michael Shea (seated); and Doug Neff.



On January 28, 2017 the Harry S. Truman Chapter (HST) Color Guard presented a 13 star flag to the Missouri Society, SAR.

Left: Left to right: Compatriot Robert Grover (HST) and Dale Schmidt, President of Missouri Society, SAR.



benefit children to assist in communication through speech, language, and literacy.

Right: Left to right: Gerald McCoy; Russell DeVenney (MGC), Registrar General; David Appleby, President General (2008-2009); and J. Howard Fisk, Chapter President.

On February 12, 2017 the Independence Patriots Chapter (IPC) and the Harry S. Truman Chapter (HST) participated in the Independence Patriots DAR Chapter Bess Truman Tea.



Left: Left to right: Compatriot Richard Mathews (IPC); Mrs. John Stewart (DAR); Robert Grover (HST); John Stewart (HST); James Scott, Chapter President (IPC); and Roy Hutchinson, Chapter President (HST).

Right: Left to right: Roy Hutchinson, Chapter President (HST); James Scott, Chapter President (IPC); John Stewart (HST); Linda Dimon, DAR Chapter Regent; Robert Grover (HST); and Richard Mathews (IPC).





On February 13, 2017 Junior SAR Members participated with the Chapter Color Guard in the presentation of the Colors during the meeting of the Fernando de Leyba Chapter (FDL).

Left: Compatriots Charles Lilly and Junior Member grandson William David.

Right: Grandpa and grandson Compatriots - On the left: Compatriot Charles Lilly and grandson Compatriot Junior Member William David. On the right: Compatriot David Hoffman and grandson Compatriot Junior Member Cole Barry.



Event #11

On February 18, 2017 the Missouri Society, SAR (MOSSAR) Color Guard participated along with Color Guard members of the Kansas Society, SAR (KSSAR) in the Annual George Washington Birthday Celebration that was planned by the Missouri and Kansas Societies of the DAR. The Celebration was held at the Ritz Charles in Overland Park, Kansas.



Left: HL = HST = Harry S. Truman Chapter, MOSSAR, IPC = Independence Patriots Chapter, MOSSAR, OMC = Ozark Mountain Chapter, MOSSAR, HL = Henry Leavenworth Chapter, KSSAR, MC = Monticello Chapter, KSSAR, DX = Delaware Chapter, KSSAR

Left to right: Rob Williams (HL); Craig Dillavou (MC); John Forbes (DX); Brian Revard (DX); Harry Wilklow (HL); Kirk Rush (DX); Richard Cox (DX); Dirk Stapleton (HST); Richard Mathews (IPC); Robert Grover (HST); Roy Hutchinson HST); J. Howard Fisk (OMC); and Lyman Miller (MC).

On February 18, 2017 the Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard celebrated George Washington's Birthday at Washington Park in Springfield, Missouri. Springfield Mayor Pro Tem Ken McClure read City of Springfield Proclamation and Springfield Councilwoman

presented a memorial wreath.

Right: Left to right: Compatriots Glenn Gohr; J. Howard Fisk, Chapter President; Jan Fisk, Springfield Councilwoman; Ken Lawrence; Ken McClure, Springfield Mayor Pro Tem; Charles McMillan; and Dan McMurray.



On February 19, 2017 the Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard participated in Annual Blue and Gold Banquet held by Cub Scout Pack 116 at the Darr Agricultural Center in Springfield, Missouri. Cub Master Mark Coble was presented with an NNSAR Flag Commendation Certificate by Compatriot George Swales.

Left: Color Guard presenting the Colors.

Right: Left to right: Compatriots Dan McMurray; Ken Lawrence; Charles McMillan; Cub Master Mark Coble; and J. Howard Fisk, Chapter President; and George Swales.





On February 20, 2017 the Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard participated in the Annual DAR President's Day Wreath Laying at the George Washington Statue in the George Washington Park in Kansas City, Missouri. The George Washington Statue was dedicated in 1932 during the George Washington Bicentennial. Participants were members of the Missouri Society, SAR; members of the Kansas City area DAR; members of the Kansas City Police S.W.A.T. Team; and members of the Kansas City Mounted Police.

Left: SAR Members, DAR Members, Kansas City Police S.W.A.T., and Kansas City Mounted Police.



Right: Left to right:

Compatriots Dick Bryant (HST); James Scott, Chapter President (IPC); Robert Grover (HST); John Stewart; Roy Hutchinson, Chapter President (HST); Loretta Paris (DAR); Stephen Sullins (IPC); Al Paris (IPC); and Lyman Miller (KSSAR).

On February 29, 2017 the Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard participated in the Cornelia Greene DAR Chapter's President Day Ceremony at Lafayette Park in St. Louis, Missouri at the George Washington Statue.

Below Left: Left to right: Compatriot Wayne Davis (SSL); Two members of the Masons; Compatriots Bob Brindell (SSL); Charles Lilly (FDL); Bill Grote, Missouri Eastern District Color Guard Commander (FDL); Doug Neff (FDL); Don Palmer, Chapter President (SSL); and Milan Paddock (FDL & SSL).

Below Right: Left to right: Compatriots Wayne Davis (SSL); Doug Neff (FDL); Don Palmer, Chapter President (SSL); Bill Grote, Missouri Eastern District Color Guard Commander (FDL); Charles Lilly (FDL); Bob Brindell (SSL); and Milan Paddock (FDL).



NORTH CAROLINA

A new year is on hand and the North Carolina Color Guard is starting off the year fast. On January 13, 2017, members of the North Carolina Color Guard traveled to Spartansburg, SC, and participated in the Celebration of the Battle of the Cowpens.

The Battle at Cowan's Ford was celebrated on January 28, 2017. Members of the North Carolina Color Guard were joined by members from Kansas, Tennessee, Ohio and Virginia to honor the men

that fought to delay the British pursuit of Gen. N. Greene's army after the Battle of the Cowpens.

February found members scattered to ceremonies from Kettle Creek to the Crossing of the Dan. On February 25, President General and Mrs. J. Mike Tomme attended the celebration of the Battle of Moore's Creek in Currie, NC.

Members of the Color Guard represented the North Carolina Society at a variety of events in March. Some members went to the C.A.R. meeting to present Colors at their annual meeting. Others passed out information and presented Colors at the annual NC Social Studies Conference.

On March 18, 26 members of the CG plus members from Georgia, Maryland, Virginia, Florida, South Carolina and Ohio presented Colors and celebrated the Battle of Guilford Courthouse.



NEVADA

Northern Nevada Chapter's 2nd Annual Revolutionary War Presentation

The Northern Nevada Color Guard gave a timely presentation on February 5th at the Dayton Middle School (Dayton, NV) as the 180 six grade students were studying the American Revolutionary War and the US Declaration of Independence this semester. Each of the six 8th grade classes was designated as a regiment and had the responsibility to research and design their respective regimental flag. On the day of the presentation, each of the six SAR compatriots were introduced and assigned as leaders to one of the regiments. These leaders were greeted with enthusiasm and competitive "Huzzahs!" The Declaration of Independence was then read in rounds.



(L to R) R. Linscott, G. Miller, D. Hess, M. Fitzpatrick, John Ryland, Brian Worcester, Kevin Kranjcec (Principal), Christine Koch (8th grade SS teacher).

In addition to the tenets of the Declaration, a discussion on each of our nine colonial flags, uniforms and militia outfits, and some general history followed. With permission from the school's administration, three of the Color Guard muskets were passed among the students to allow them to feel the cumbersome weight of the long guns. The students seemed to especially enjoy



Principal Kevin Kranjcec, Northern Nevada Chapter President David Hess, and Compatriot Mike Fitzpatrick getting set up.



Regiment leaders R. Linscott and M. Fitzpatrick.

this aspect of the program. (Revolutionary War Presentation photos by Claire Hess)

Principal Kevin Kranjcec, Northern Nevada Chapter President David Hess, and Compatriot Mike Fitzpatrick getting set up.



R. Linscott holding his Regiment's colors as John Ryland and Brian Worcester look on.

Nevada Society Color Guard Fundraising Raffle



At the NVSSAR Annual meeting Joe Harris (donor) is left, Charles Smith (winner), Roger Linscott, and Gary Parriott (photo by Valerie)

At last year's George Washington Dinner Compatriot Joe Harris donated a beautifully framed Friberg Fine Art lithograph of "The Prayer at Valley Forge" to the Nevada Society SAR to benefit the Society's Color Guard. Raffle ticket sales for this inspiring piece of art commenced and the Society's 2017 Annual meeting was set as the date for a drawing.

NV Society Color Guard Commander Gary Parriott led the effort to promote the sale of raffle tickets and solicitation of donations for the raffle. NV Society members and friends were very generous with their financial support. Special thanks extended to Compatriot Roger Linscott and Mrs. Jan Butler for their support and aid in raffle ticket sales.

At the Societies Annual meeting, on March 18th, Compatriot Charles Smith won the



Promotional artwork used for fundraising raffle. (photo and artwork by Gary Parriott)

lithograph. According to Charles the setting of this fine piece of art has special meaning to him as one of his Patriot ancestor's connection to Valley Forge.

As a small measure of appreciation for Compatriot Joe Harris' generous donation Commander Gary Parriott presented Joe with a framed photo of the promotional poster used during raffle ticket sales.



shown) on 15 Mar 2017

Lois Allen Elementary (Sun Valley, NV) Revolutionary War Program by David Hess, Roger Linscott and Brian Worcester (not



Revolutionary War Flags.

At the Revolutionary War Program for 4 classes of First Graders David Hess & Roger Linscott discuss the various Colonial and



Rob & Lisa Stoecklin of the Northern NV Chapter at the George Washington Birthday Luncheon at Tamarack Junction, Reno, NV (19 Feb 2017).



David Hess & Roger Linscott played "Yankee Doodle" with the fife & drum, then later explained the meaning of the song at the for Lois Allen Elementary students.



NVSSAR National Trustee Brian Worcester and Compatriot Rob Stoecklin at the Northern NV Chapter's George Washington Birthday Lunch at Reno NV (19 Feb 2017).

WASHINGTON

18 March 2017 - The SAR-DAR Color Guard received the Pierce County "Outstanding Group Award" for their participation in the annual Citizenship Celebration where some 100 new citizens are sworn in as Americans!



Every September some 400 families and friends of the 100 new citizens get a "Meet & Greet" here from DAR Regent Muriel Parrish (Elizabeth Forey Chapter) and Marlana Geisler & her niece (Mary Ball Chapter) and Fifer Stephanie Conroy (Susan Woodin Chapter) in period dress and SAR ColorGuardsmen Doug Nelson, Bob O'Neal, Viren Lemmer, Art Dolan, and Greg Emerson from John Paul Jones, Alexander Hamilton, and Cascade SAR Chapters in regimental and militia uniforms.



The SAR & DAR celebrate this U.S. Soldier's new citizenship. (l.to r.) Back row, SAR State President Doug Nelson; our new citizen soldier; Greg Emerson (Cascade Chapter); front row, Regent Muriel Parrish, (Eliz. Forey Chapter); Bob O'Neal, SAR Color Guard Commander; and Marlana Geisler and her niece (Mary Ball Chapter).

We greet them all cordially as they arrive, handing out small American flags and copies of the Constitution, and asking each one to place a pin in a big map to show where in the world they came from. We then escort them into the waiting room where Pierce County Auditor Julie Anderson's folks have seating and refreshments for the families and a playroom for the infants while the new citizens process their final paperwork.

When they are all seated in the auditorium, the SAR Color Guard presents the U. S. and Washington State Colors, for the National Anthem and then posts the Colors to the beat of Fife & Drum..

This ceremony was organized by Auditor Julie Anderson on her own initiative five years ago last September. Washington's new citizens are now given the option of attending this

beautiful ceremony rather than doing it in Seattle on July 4th. And they love it.

After the swearing-in ceremonies each new citizen & family takes a picture with the SAR & DAR and our Betsy Ross Colors. These pictures rocket around the entire world. Typically some 40 countries are represented among these Citizens.



SAR at the Pierce County Citizenship Celebration: (l.to r.) State President Doug Nelson, Fifer Stephanie Conroy (Susan Woodin Chapter); Color Guard Captain Greg Emerson (Cascade Centennial Ch.); kneeling: Color Guard Commander Bob O'Neal, ; Drum Major Viren Lemmer Fife & Drum Corps.

This is one of the most satisfying events of the year for the SAR & DAR Color Guard.



(left to right) CG Captain Fred Gilbert; Skip Stephan (Face only); Jim Lindley; Greg Emerson (face only); Paul Adan; Brandt Gibson; Dick Motz; Deputy Commander Art Dolan.



(left to right) Drummer Alex Lemmer; Drummer Jan Lemmer, Fifer David Irons; Fifer Jeannine Stephan; Fifer Roxane Hreha; Drum Major Viren Lemmer; Fifer Stephanie Conroy



"Our SAR-DAR Fife and Drum Corps led the posting of Colors at the Massing of Colors - Five Fifers and three Drummers playing smartly to announce the National Emblem and five U.S. military branch colors!"



(left to right) Paul Adan; Brandt Gibson; Deputy CG Commander Art Dolan; new member Dick Motz; all from Alexander Hamilton Chapter.



(l. to r.) Washington DAR Leaders at Massing of Colors: Regent Lee Gentemann, Mary Ball Chapter; 1st Vice Regent Pam Gassman - Mary Ball; Regent Muriel Parrish - Elizabeth Forey Chapter; Barbara Waid - Elizabeth Forey Chapter



Washington DAR Ladies, smartly dressed as usual, preparing to Mass Colors: (l. to r.) Barbara Waid and Regent Muriel Parrish, Eliz. Forey Chapter; unknown lady and Regent Shirley Stirling of Sacajawea Chapter, and 1st Vice Regent Pam Gassman, Mary Ball Chapter. (Regent Lee Gentemann not pictured).



WEST VIRGINIA

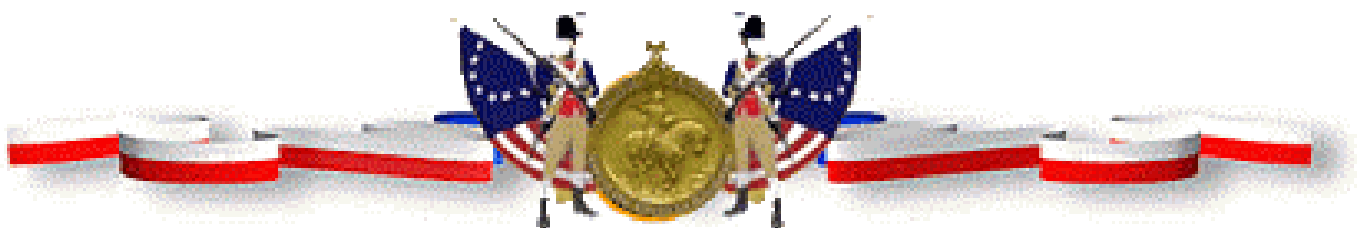
The Point Pleasant WVSSAR awarded Miss Jocelynn Wilson the SAR Good Citizen Pin and Certificate on Jan. 28, 2017. Ms. Wilson, 2016 Battle Days Queen, has been selected West Virginia Fairs Queen to represent the great state of West Virginia during 2017. Joce was honored at a well attended reception. The WVSSAR Color Guard posted colors and provided event invocation.

Compatriots : Bob Grumbling, Ed Cromley, Jack Coles, Cary Campbell, with Jocelynn Wilson



WVSSAR POINT PLEASANT, WV presents flag collection retirement boxes to Mason County Libraries and Mason County Courthouse. The boxes were provided by The National Association of Counties to the Mason County Clerk Office. The WVSSAR Color Guard will collect flags no longer in service for proper disposal during Flag Day ceremonies June 14, 2017 at Fort Randolph, Point Pleasant, WV. Over 400 flags no longer fit for service were disposed in 2016.

Compatriots Ed Cromley, Randy McGill with Librarian Sheila Roush



Harvard Club in Boston

The Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
Organized April 19, 1889

The Annual Meeting and Luncheon of the Massachusetts Society

Please join us for the 127th Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. The meeting will be held on the 2nd floor at the Harvard Club in Boston on Saturday February 25th, 2017. The meeting will bring together an exceptional set of events across all aspects of our state society.

Our Annual Meeting sets the direction for the organization through an election of state officers, confirming our yearly calendar, and recognizing outstanding work of the year. It is a forum for all members from across the state to meet each other and to see what is happening throughout our organization. You will come to appreciate the many efforts of our society as assembled and reviewed in presentations throughout the day.



National Historic Site & Celebration Events - 2017

Currently 27 recognized events by the National Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee

The calenders below list the events recognized by the National SAR Historic Sites & Celebrations and National SAR Color Guard Committees. The official events appear in the regular cells. Annual state society and chapter events that have been requested to ap-

2017 Date	Historic Sites Event	Location	Host
January 14	Battle of Cowpens	Chesnee, SC	Daniel Morgan SAR
January 28	Battle of Cowan's Ford	Huntersville, NC	Mecklenburg SAR
February 11	Battle of Kettle Creek	Washington, GA	Georgia
February 18	Crossing of the Dan	South Boston, VA	Virginia
February 19	Massing of the Colors	Burbank, CA	California
February 21	Washington's Birthday Parade	Laredo, TX	Texas
February 25	Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge	Currie, NC	North Carolina
March 2-4	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY	
March 11	Last Naval Battle of the Revolution	Cape Canaveral, FL	Florida
March 18	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC	North Carolina
April 12	Halifax Resolves	Halifax, NC	North Carolina
April 13	Thomas Jefferson's Birthday	Washington DC	District of Columbia
April 18	Patriots Day	Nationally	
April 22	Ft Frederica Days	St Simons Island, GA	Georgia
May 6	Battle of Pensacola	Pensacola, FL	Florida
May 13	Battle of Thomas Creek	Jacksonville, FL	Florida
May 13	Raid on Martin's Station	Ewing, VA	Virginia
May 13	Alamance Patriots Day	Alamance, NC	North Carolina
May 20	Fields of Honor / Healing Field	Nationally	
May 21	Fort St Carlos	St Louis, MO	Missouri
May 27	Buford's Massacre	Lancaster, SC	Gen Francis Marion SAR
May 27-28	Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous	Vincennes, IN	Indiana
June 17	Battle of Ramseur's Mill	Lincolnton, NC	Catawba Valley SAR
June 17	Battle of Bunker Hill	Bunker Hill, MA	Massachusetts
June 28	Carolina Day	Charleston, SC	South Carolina
July 8-13	126th Annual NSSAR Congress	Knoxville, TN	
July 15	Battle of Colson's Mill	Norwood, NC	North Carolina
July 22	Siege at Fort Laurens	Bolivar, OH	Ohio
August 19	Battle of Blue Licks	Carlisle, KY	Kentucky
August 19	Battle of Musgrove's Mill	Clinton, SC	Gen James Williams SAR / Cambridge SAR
September 2	Battle of Eutaw Springs	Eutawville, SC	Battle of Eutaw Springs SAR
September 2-3	Ft Henry Days	Wheeling, WV	Ebenezer Zane SAR
September 3	Battle of Groton Heights	Groton, CT	Connecticut
September 16	Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Elizabethton, TN	Tennessee
September 16	Battle of Saratoga (American)	Stillwater, NY	Empire State
September 28-30	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY	
October 6-8	Point Pleasant Battle Days	Point Pleasant, WV	West Virginia
October 7	Battle of Kings Mountain	Blacksburg, SC	Kings Mountain SAR (NC) / Daniel Morgan SAR (SC)
October 7	Battle of Saratoga (British tentative)	Stillwater, NY	Empire State
October 9	Battle of Savannah	Savannah, GA	Georgia
October 19	Yorktown Days	Yorktown, VA	Virginia
November 18	Battle of Ft Morris	Midway, GA	Georgia
December 2	Battle of Great Bridge	Norfolk, VA	Virginia
December 2	Battle of Vann's Creek	Elberton, GA	Georgia
December 2	Battle of Great Cane Break	Simpsonville, SC	Col Robert Anderson SAR

pear on the calendars are included in the rows that are greyed out. Since the specific contact person can change frequently, the hosting state society or chapter is listed as the contact point. Compatriots wishing to get more details about a specific event are directed to contact the hosting state society or chapter. If a state or chapter wishes to have an annual event added, they need to contact the chairman of either committee.

Please note that dates are subject to change, so compatriots are encouraged to confirm the actual date with the hosting entity. This is especially the case with the Battle of Saratoga as the National Park Service has indicated that it is considering holding two separate events with one focusing on the American side and the other focusing on the British. This plan may change into just a single event. Please confirm with the Empire Society and/or NPS for final details as the initial September event date approaches.

The following criteria must be met to be considered as a National Historic Site & Celebration:

- A recognized battle or event of the Revolution must have occurred at or near the proposed location
- Established history of an event being held by a NSSAR Chapter or State Society
- Evidence of participation by multiple NSSAR State Societies or Chapters and other organizations at the event
- The history of the event that indicates that it will continue into the future
- A written packet of information prepared for distribution to the Committee in advance and to contain:
 - o Information about the battle or event
 - o Evidence as to why it is important that the event be considered of national significance
- In a state with no Revolutionary War battle or event sites, an explanation as to why the proposed event should be considered of national significance

As a note, the National SAR Color Guard Committee recognizes additional holidays and events so that individual members can more easily qualify for certain Color Guard medals.

*** The Massing of Colors is now applicable to any such event held in any location across the nation. As such, a Massing of Colors can be held on any date and still be considered a National Color Guard event. The date for the original Massing of Colors in Burbank, CA is used above. With the new designation of the Massing of Colors, this event along with Fields of Honor/Healing Field, Memorial Day, July 4th, Veterans Day and Wreaths Across America are considered National Color Guard events without a single location at which the event occurs.

*** As of 24 March 2017 ***

National Color Guard Events - 2017

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March 2-4	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY	
March 11	Last Naval Battle of the Revolution	Merritt Island, FL	Florida
March 18	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC	North Carolina
April 12	Halifax Resolves	Halifax, NC	North Carolina
April 13	Thomas Jefferson's Birthday	Washington DC	District of Columbia
April 18	Patriot's Day	Concord, MA	
April 22	Ft Frederica Days	St Simons Island,	Georgia
May 4	Kentucky Derby Pegasus Parade	Louisville, KY	Kentucky
May 6 Canceled	Battle of Pensacola	Pensacola, FL	Florida
May 13	Raid on Martin's Station	Ewing, VA	Virginia
May 13	Battle of Thomas Creek	Jacksonville, FL	Florida
May 13	Alamance Patriots Day	Alamance, NC	North Carolina
May 20	Fields of Honor / Healing Field	Nationally -Various	
May 21	Battle of Fort San Carlos	St Louis, MO	Missouri
May 27	Buford's Massacre	Lancaster, SC	South Carolina
May 27-28	Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous	Vincennes, IN	Indiana
May 29	National Memorial Day Parade	Washington DC	District of Columbia

May 29	Memorial Day events *	Various locations	
June 10	Action at Machias	Machias, ME	Maine
June 17	Battle of Bunker Hill	Bunker Hill, MA	Massachusetts
June 17	Battle of Ramseur's Mill	Lincolnton, NC	Mecklenburg SAR / Catawba Valley SAR
June 28	Carolina Day	Charleston, SC	South Carolina
July 4 every year	Let Freedom Ring / July 4th Events *	Various locations	
July 8-13	NSSAR National Congress	Knoxville, TN	
July 15	Battle of Colson's Mill	Norwood, NC	North Carolina
July 22	Siege of Fort Laurens	Bolivar, OH	Ohio
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September 23	Vigil at George Washington's Tomb	Mt Vernon, VA	
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October 6-8	Point Pleasant Battle Days	Point Pleasant, WV	West Virginia
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October 7	Battle of Kings Mountain	Blacksburg, SC	Kings Mountain SAR (NC) / Daniel Morgan SAR (SC)
October 9	Battle of Savannah	Savannah, GA	Georgia
October 19	Yorktown Days	Yorktown, VA	Virginia
November 11	Veterans Day Events *	Nationally	Various
November 18	Battle of Ft Morris	Midway, GA	Georgia
December 2	Battle of Great Bridge	Norfolk, VA	Virginia
December 2	Battle of Vann's Creek	Elberton, GA	Georgia
December 2	Battle of Great Cane Break	Simpsonville, SC	Col Robert Anderson SAR
December 16	Wreaths Across America	Various Locations	

Currently 38 recognized events by the National Color Guard Committee

* SAR color guardsmen who participate in a local event on the actual day or the weekend closest to **July 4th, Memorial Day or Veterans Day** can count that event toward the Silver Color Guard Medal and the Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Color Guard Service. This is limited to a single event. Multiple events on these days cannot be counted multiple times.

**Items that are shaded are state or chapter events. All other events are considered national events by either the National Color Guard or National Historic Sites & Celebrations Committees.

N.B.: Dates and times are subject to change and interested parties should refer to the respective state society web sites closer to the actual event.

Send event updates to [swilliams16\(at\)cfl.rr.com](mailto:swilliams16(at)cfl.rr.com).



State Society Color Guard Commanders

Welcome to the NSSAR Color Guard.

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

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

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

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Pictured clockwise from above: The US Naval Ordnance Test Unit presenting the National Flag; Pnc of the 6 Brevard DAR Chapters attending; The Courageous Division Sea Cadets; Another Brevard DAR Chapter presenting their colors



Pictured (left) - The Courageous Division Sea Cadets; American Legion Post 163





Pictured clockwise from above: The Colonial Research table, The Florida Brigade at the end of the march, and the representative of the Veterans Center with the Sons of the Confederate Veterans in the rear.

Pictured clockwise from above and below: Representative photos of the 24 groups and individuals who laid a wreath at the memorial cannon honoring veterans of all American conflicts.



Spring Leadership Color Guard

Bob Taylor, Jim Fosdyck and Russell De Venney



Color Guard Adjutant Russell De Venney

Color Guard Vice Cmdr Mark Anthony and
Color Guard Cmdr David Hoover

Ed Steinbach in the middle - AZ



Jim Faulkinbury - CA - on the right



Kent Gregory - CA - in the middle



Lou Raborg



Mark Kramer - CA



PG Mike Tomme' and Color Guard Cmdr David Hoover



Rev. Randy Moody - FL



Sam Powell carrying the United States flag



Sam Powell, David Hoover and Peter Goebel



Von Steuben Medal Presentations

Color Guard Cmdr David Hoover presents a NSSAR Von Steuben Medal to Jim Fosdyck



Color Guard Cmdr David Hoover presents a NSSAR Von Steuben Medal to Kent Gregory



Color Guard Cmdr David Hoover presents a NSSAR Von Steuben Medal to Charles Scott



Color Guard Cmdr David Hoover presents a NSSAR Von Steuben Medal to John Franklin



Color Guard Cmdr David Hoover presents a NSSAR Von Steuben Medal to Robert Krause - accept by Dan Woodruff



Color Guard Cmdr David Hoover presents a NSSAR Von Steuben Medal to Scott Giltner

