



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

During the weekend of 8 December 2012 many state society Color Guards participated in the local Wreaths Across America ceremonies. This issue of *The SAR Colorguardsman* will showcase the various units that participated.

From their website (WreathsAcrossAmerica.org):

“Wreaths Across America is a non-profit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman, Morrill Worcester, in 1992. Our mission, Remember, Honor, Teach, is carried out in part by coordinating wreath laying ceremonies on a specified Saturday in December at Arlington, as well as veterans’ cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.”



Colorguardsmen from the San Diego Chapter participate at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery. Phil Hinshaw, Ernie McCullough, Tom Kubow and Will Tisch (bagpipes) presented colors. Former National Chaplain General Rev. Dr. Stan DeLong read a letter from President General Steve Leishman. Photos provided by Will Tisch



Kansas Society Color Guard led by Commander Bob Capps leads the participants marching off the field at the conclusion of the ceremony. After passing out 800 wreaths, the uniforms smell like Christmas trees for a couple of months.

Photograph provided by Bob Capps



Rendering honors for the first wreath. Glen Oaks Memorial Park, Chico, CA. Photo provided by Owen Stiles, President, General George Washington Chapter.

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THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO PROVIDE INTERESTING ARTICLES ABOUT THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR AND INFORMATION REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF YOUR CHAPTER AND/OR STATE COLOR GUARDS

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Commander's Dispatch



NSSAR COLOR GUARD COMMANDER J MICHAEL TOMME

I hope each had a Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday and a great New Year's Day. Thank you to all who have contributed making this newsletter a success. Since the last edition, we have held ceremonies at Yorktown and the Battle of Great Bridge in Norfolk, VA with the President General in attendance at both. I would like to thank him for his support.

My wife Cilla, the Color Guard "Den Mother" as you have fondly named her, has traveled with me to take part in many Color Guard activities, meeting many new Color Guardsman. I would like to thank each of you for your dedication, support and friendship. You have made us feel welcome where ever we have attended. To those I have known many years, you continue to amaze me with your support. The growth of your State Color Guard units and the National Color Guard

has shown with more turning out for new and existing national events.

At Congress more new faces joined us for the first time even with the challenge of the heat. I am proud of such a large turnout and would like to thank you for attending. We had a once a life time event - the 225th Anniversary of the Signing of the Constitution with 109 guardsman from around the country participate and, for the first time, our ladies dressed in Colonial attire joined us. What a sight to see all the flags blowing in the wind with all of the ladies marching with us on the green in front of Independence Hall. Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend and to Jim Willis, Bob Bowen and the Philadelphia Continental SAR Chapter for making this happen.

We again held the vigil at the Washington Tomb at Mount Vernon. Everything started peacefully with groups of folks and children being amazed at the Color Guard in uniform. Many pictures and questions were taken. However our time was cut short when a tornado came through and all were sent home. A few minutes later, the President General and several color guardsmen saw the same thing just prior to laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington.

Kings Mountain and Battle of Point Pleasant fell on the same weekend. Turn out at each was great even with the division of troops. Color Guard units took part in Veterans Day events around the country and I know that the veterans and their families were appreciative. President General Leishman and First Lady Janet joined us at Great Bridge in Norfolk, VA. Fox TV videoed us marching at this event. A week or two later chapter and state color guard units took part in Wreaths Across America.

I find it hard to list everything. Remember you are the most visible part of the NSSAR. I know that each of you swell up with pride when someone walks up to you and says thank you for being here and making this event special.

I would again like to thank everyone from the newest color guard member to the most seasoned one. You have made my job as commander easy because each of you not only honor your Patriot, but someone else's Patriot that you did not even know.

Yours in Patriotism, J. Michael Tomme, Sr. J. Michael "Mike" Tomme, Sr. NSSAR, Color Guard Commander

From the Editor



EDITOR MARK C ANTHONY

With the busy holiday season behind us, I am left to wonder why that particular time of year is considered "busy" when compared to the number of activities and events that the NSSAR Color Guard con-

tinues to participate in throughout the entire year.

This issue of The SAR Colorguardsman features many pictures of one of the newest events that we participate in - Wreaths Across America.

Coming shortly on the heels of Veterans Day, this event provides each of us with an opportunity to remember those who continued the example set by our patriot ancestors.

Now we begin to turn our attention to another year of events, commemorations, celebrations

and fellowship with Cowpens leading the way.

While many of these events have become "traditions", I would like to challenge those chapters and state societies outside of Washington State, California, North Carolina, South Carolina and Arizona to let your fellow Color Guardsmen see what you are doing in honor of our patriot ancestors.

I look forward to having even tougher choices to make about what to include in this publication.

Mark C Anthony Editor



Handling Black Powder for Small Arms

By: Robert Cunningham, NSSAR Color Guard Safety Officer

First, I would like to address a question which has been forwarded to me regarding how many grains of black powder should be used in your flintlock when firing blank rounds.

The following information is recommended in The National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association, Artillery Safety & Drill Course, Student Handbook, 2005 Edition, Appendices, Table of Maximum Blank Loads for 18th Century Small Arms.

Muskets & Fowlers	66 - 80 Cal.	90 grains FFG
Rifles & small bore Fowlers	45 - 65 Cal.	60 grains FFG
	40 Cal. or less	30 grains FFFG

The Handbook states if using a powder granulation one grade finer than above, lower the blank load amounts by 10 or 20 grains.

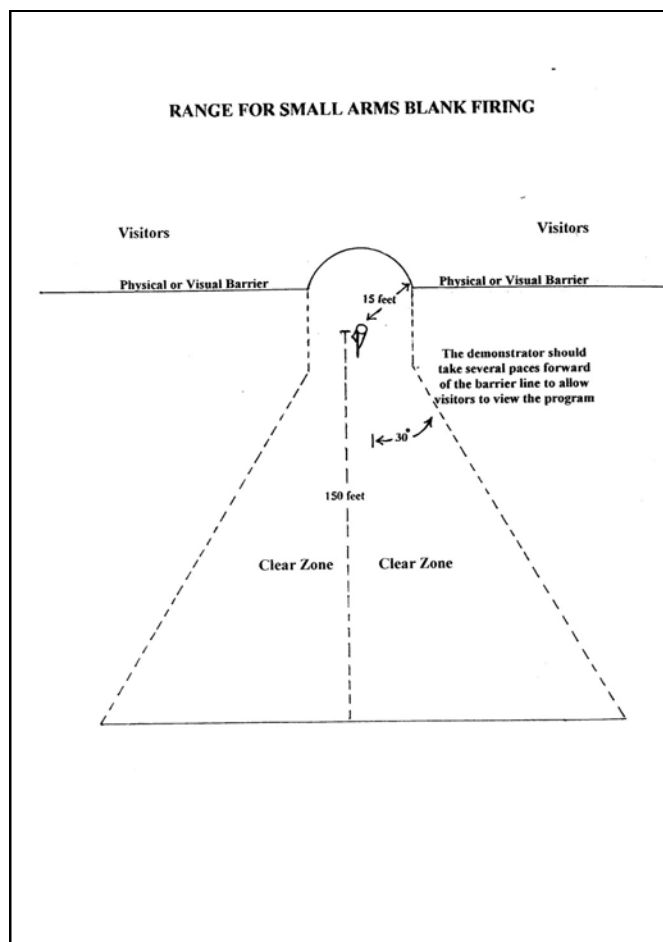
Now I will begin my article about handling black powder. Black powder is highly susceptible to any kind of spark. Sparks can be created by metal to metal, static or impact. The only means of handling black powder for use in flintlocks should be by paper cartridge. You should never load your flintlock from a powder horn. Only carry the number of paper cartridges which you plan to use, normally one. It is preferable that whoever is in charge of the firing squad will carry the cartridges and hand them out to the members of the Color Guard. I do know, however, that some Color Guard members prefer to load their own cartridges.

Basically Color Guard firing squads participate in such events as memorial services, grave dedications, ceremonies honoring deceased SAR members and demonstrations. I do not recommend firing in parades because there is no way to have the cleared distances which are recommended. While on that subject, the recommended safe distance for spectators is 15 feet from the side, 150 feet in front and 30 degrees right and left should be cleared. See the "Range for Small Arms Diagram" to the right.

The person in charge of the Color Guard firing squad should announce there will be a loud noise so spectators, especially those with hearing aids and small children, can protect their ears. Also, the firing squad should be using earplugs.

If Compatriots who will be attending the Spring Leadership meeting in Louisville bring their flintlocks, we will have a Manual of Arms training which will include the commands for loading and firing. We will have this training Friday evening at 5:00 pm where the Color Guard assembles in the hallway outside of the Crystal Ballroom. Please do **not** bring live paper cartridges.

My next article will discuss how to make and load paper cartridges. I look forward to hearing your questions.



Helpful Hints

From George Lipphardt (AZ Society): In packing my tricorn for travel I found that a round, soft Nerf ball fits nicely inside my tricorn. Then I place the hat into one of those "carry-on, size" pieces of luggage. It takes up the majority of the space. I have a little space on either side of my hat for small, soft articles for my trip. I then place a wide piece of foam across the top of my tricorn, before closing the suitcase. The Nerf ball inside the hat so far has kept my tricorn from getting squished; however I should mention that I carry this piece of luggage on the airplane with me. I have yet to check it in at the airline counter, and subject it to the baggage handlers.

From Dan Woodruff (SC Society): Here are the links for the cleaning supplies I use: Black Powder Bore Cleaner <http://www.trackofthewolf.com/Categories/PartDetail.aspx/560/1/BORE-CLEAN> EEZOX <http://www.warrencustomoutdoor.com/pl-eezox.html>

At the price of shipping for EEZOX, I suggest an 18 oz spray can. I still have almost a half a can left and got this one about two months after I got my rifle over a year ago.



So you're going to fire a flintlock—a response

By: Robert B Andrews

I read the article in the SAR Colorguardsman with great interest. As a practicing re-enactor with the 1st Virginia Regiment, I regularly receive training in and practice Von Steuben's Manual of Arms. Also, as past Commander of the Virginia Society Colorguard, I have also had experience in dealing with rules and regulations of various organizations that also address safety concerns.

The most important omission that I noticed from the article is that no guardsman wearing a polyester uniform should ever fire a flintlock, EVER. Polyester, once it catches fire will be nearly impossible to put out in time to avoid severe burns. The National Park Service requires that all firing parties be in non-synthetic garb from head to toe and have a frizzzen cover.

Second, many places will require that when not on the firing line, that all cartridge boxes be secured, i.e., the cover buttoned closed. This will prevent a cartridge from falling out and being found by an unsuspecting child. When the firing is concluded the unspent cartridges should be gathered and returned to the main unit cartridge box and secured by the officers. The final step of any firing party is to police the area and pick up all paper from spent cartridges.

As a practical matter, statements of these policies and enforcement addresses insurance liability concerns and helps protect the Society from damaging litigation.

The Youngest Colorguardsmen



On October 19th 2012 Delaware Crossing inducted its newest member to the ranks of it's Jr. Members. Pictured Left to Right: Delaware Crossing Secretary Scott Larson, inductee Jacob Henry Larson and Chapter President Richard Cox. It's noted that Master Larson is also a participant in Color Guard Activities at Chapter Meetings, toting his musket and keeping in step with the more senior members of the Color Guard.

Photo provided by Scott Larson

The Utah SAR is in the process of creating a Boy Scout Venturing Crew centered around Rev. War history, patriotism, and re-enactment. I need to speak with someone knowledgeable in 18th Century military command/formations/maneuvering—platoon, company, regiment, battalions etc.. If there is a person willing to share his/her expertise with me so I can present it to the Venturing Crew., please contact me.

Thank you,
Lyle Gingery
Commander UTSSAR Color Guard



Color Guardsman Jim Faulkinbury of the Sacramento Chapter (CA) Color Guard participates in the 2nd Annual Sacramento Veterans Day Parade with his grandson Kai Rex (age 5), the newest member of the color guard, in his first parade.

Photo provided by Jim Faulkinbury


State Society Color Guard Commander Contact Information

The following is the current listing of state society color guard commanders. Those that are confirmed are in **BOLD TEXT**. Those state societies that are not confirmed are asked to send updated information to the editor. No Color Guards: Alaska, Dakotas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Montana, Nebraska, Rhode Island, and Wyoming

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2013 National Color Guard Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 19	Battle of Cowpens	Chesnee, SC
February 9	Battle of Kettle Creek	Washington, GA
February 16	Crossing of the Dan	South Boston, VA
February 17	California Massing of Colors	Burbank, CA
February 23	Washington Birthday Parade	Laredo, TX
February 23	Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge	Currie, NC
March 1-2	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY
March 9	Last Naval Battle of the Revolution	Cape Canaveral, FL
March 16	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC
April 6	Halifax Resolves	Halifax, NC
April 16-18	Patriot's Day	Concord, MA
May 2	Kentucky Derby Pegasus Parade	Louisville, KY
May 11	Battle of Pensacola	Pensacola, FL
May 18-19	Fields of Honor / Healing Field	Various
May 26	Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous	Vincennes, IN
May 27	National Memorial Day Parade	Washington DC
June 8	Battle of Ramseur's Mill	Lincolnton, NC
June 16	Battle of Bunker Hill	Bunker Hill, MA
July 6-10	NSSAR National Congress	Kansas City, MO
July 27	Battle of Fort Laurens	Bolivar, OH
September 7	Vigil at George Washington's Tomb	Mt Vernon, VA
September 14	Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Elizabethton, TN
September 27-28	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY
October 4-6	Point Pleasant Battle Days	Point Pleasant, WV
October 7	Battle of Kings Mountain	Blacksburg, SC
October 19	Yorktown Days	Yorktown, VA
Nov 30 - Dec 1	Battle of Great Bridge	Norfolk, VA
December 7	Wreaths Across America	Various

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.

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

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-present

The table above lists the events that have been designated as National events for the NSSAR Color Guard. Per the Color Guard Handbook, these events generate twenty (20) points each for Color Guard Medal consideration.

Dates are mostly approximate. Guardsmen should consult the national website or appropriate state society website for the most current information and contact points.

As a reminder, any event where the President General is in attendance is automatically considered a national event.



REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

225th Anniversary of the Signing of the Constitution of the United States

By: Steve Leishman, NSSAR President General

Compatriot Jack Sholl of the California Society called it correctly when he said in his talk before the crowds that warm sunny afternoon that we were on sacred ground standing in front of Independence Hall. My thoughts as I tried to stay in step went wild trying to name all the founding fathers and mothers that had walked in the area 236 years ago to write the Declaration of Independence and 225 years ago for the signing of the U.S. Constitution. I thought of being in a crowd and listening to the Declaration of Independence being read for the first time in public—I guess much like they reenact in Williamsburg. The Who's Who of America at that time had been there to cause to be written our important documents forming the United States of America. My Country. No. No. Use the first words from the preamble of the Constitution, "We the People," it was OUR country. I was aware that our 108 uniformed guardsmen from many states and some 40 ladies dressed in Colonial attire were attracting attention. It was an honor to lead the parade with National Park Service Superintendent Cindy MacLeod and Mike Tomme, NSSAR Color Guard Commander. You all make me proud to be a member of the SAR. I thank you, and ladies included, for making this event a very memorable one for us all.



NSSAR Color Guard marching in Philadelphia. Photos by: Un Hui Yi

Vigil at Washington's Tomb



By Steve Leishman, NSSAR President General

George Washington was a man that determined his era in the Americas. Great men, either by their intelligence, wisdom, personal charisma, or political skill, use their power in a way to have a decisive historical impact. I had been to Mt. Vernon several times in the past few years so I knew the general layout of Washington's home. We gathered early in the morning and began our march to his tomb entering the drive way where visitors from years past would have ridden up on horseback or in carriages. I wondered what activity we would have seen years ago if George Washington was at home. We marched down-hill some more and made a right turn leading to the tomb. The iron gates were being opened for an unobstructed view of the sarcophagi of Martha and George Washington. As we approached I thought that here was laid to eternal rest the leader of our founding fathers. His leadership, statesmanship and personal example set the tone for this country now more than two centuries old. We were here to stand vigil at his grave for just a few hours. I thought that the public does not get this view and I was honored.



REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Where do the "hearts" come from

By George Lipphardt, Arizona Society

We frequently get asked about the red hearts on our turn backs, especially in the schools. I've been looking for the answer for a long time. I asked this question of J. L. Bell, a Massachusetts writer who specializes in the start of the American Revolution in and around Boston. Mr. Bell writes at "www.boston1775.net". His response is as follows:

I've never looked into this before, so you can tell that I'm not a reenactor.

Bennett Cutbertson's 1776 manual for British officers says:

"As the tucking back the skirts of a soldier's coat, contributes to his marching light, and adds considerably to the smartness of his air, he should be obliged to keep them always in that position, which may readily be done, by sewing the binding lace of the front and back part of the skirts, upon the lining, instead of the cloth; this will also be an ornament to the coat, as that lace must otherwise be hid: and to render it still more out of his power to let them down (a kind of slovenlyness, in which soldiers are happy to indulge themselves, when from under the immediate eye of their Officers) the corners of the skirts should be closed by a laced cloth-loop, or some other fancied ornament, firmly sewed across them; unless a Regiment be on service, in which case, that must be changed for a hook and eye, occasionally to let loose the skirts upon the thighs, for the sake of warmth to the soldiers in their tents, and on all night-duties, which are the only times, they should ever be allowed to unbook them."

<http://books.google.com/books?id=1SxEAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA69#v=onepage&q&f=false>

The heart was just one sort of "fancied ornament" applied to British regimental coats, and then adopted in America because that was the professional standard. I suspect that shape wasn't meant to be a heart or to symbolize anything, but simply the best shape for covering and reinforcing the two sides of the fastening.

With many decades of Valentine's Day marketing behind us, we're quick to see that shape and think it symbolizes something. But it may have been there mostly for practical reasons. Hope this helps!

National Society

By: Mark C Anthony

Adjutant, NSSAR Color Guard

Former NSSAR Color Guard Commander Peter Goebel was (finally) presented the Gold Color Guard Medal for his service as National Commander at the 2012 Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville. Making the presentation is NSSAR Color Guard Commander Mike Tomme (left).

Picture by Mark C Anthony



Correction:

Dear Mr. Editor,
Great publication, it is always good to see oneself in a photo. Thank you for printing the mention of our completing jump school. I have one correction, on page 8 concerning Bo Hill and Pat Kelly, I am 65, not 51 and Bo is 57 if I am not mistaken.
Please keep up on the great work on the Color Guardsman, I look forward to each new publication.
Wishing you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving,
Pat Kelly, CAPT, USN, Ret., Past President, Thomas Jefferson Chapter VSSAR



REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Pennsylvania Society

By: Larry Stevens

Forty to sixty soldiers of Washington's Army are buried in the Washington Crossing State Park, the site of the historic Crossing of the Delaware, at McConkey's Ferry in Bucks County, PA. Of these soldiers the identity of only one man is known with certainty. Capt. James Moore's grave was marked, probably by his family, soon after his death. The tombstone, erected at that time read, "To ye memory of Capt. James Moore of ye N. Y. Artillery Sq. Son of Benj & Cornelia Moore of N.Y. He died Dec 25 A.D. 1776; age 24 yrs and 8 mos." He was known to have died from camp fever in the Thompson house on the day of the crossing. He was commissioned a Capt Lt. on February 10, 1776, upon a recommendation of Thomas Jefferson and served in Alexander Hamilton's Artillery Company.

Today there is a graveyard in the Park which has a simple tombstone for Capt Moore and 21 others to represent the many unknown soldiers. When the Delaware Canal came through in the early 1800's the ground disturbance surfaced many partial remains at that time. It is speculated that the remains of 40 to 60 unknowns are buried throughout the Park. The Thompson house served as a military hospital both before and after the Battle of Trenton. Capt. Alexander Hamilton was abed there before the crossing.

James Mitchell and his wife Anne organized a Wreath's of Remembrance ceremony commemorating Capt Lt. James Moore and those other unnamed soldiers of the Revolution. On the morning of September 14, 2012 members the following compatriots and wives conducted the ceremony: TXSSAR Piney Woods Chapter - James Mitchell and wife Anne, Larry Stevens and wife Barbara (James Tull Chapter DAR); James T. Jones and wife Dianne (James Tull Chapter DAR); CASSAR Gold Country Chapter/TXSSAR Piney Woods Chapter - Ron Barker and wife Conni; and of the CASSAR Orange County Chapter - James C. Fosdyck and his wife Un Hui Yi. All ladies are members of the SAR Ladies Auxiliary.



(L-R): Conni & Ron Barker (CA), Dianne & Jim Jones (TX), Jim Mitchell (TX), Larry Stevens (TX) and Jim Fosdyck & Un Hui Yi (CA)

Photo provided by Larry Stevens

North Carolina Society



By: Ken Wilson
President, Halifax Resolves Chapter

For the fourth consecutive year members of the Combined NCSSAR led the December 2nd Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade. Participating were Halifax Resolves Chapter members Compatriot Geoff Pittard & Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent who carried the Chapter banner. Chapter President Ken Wilson was the Color Guard Commander and rifleman. Past NSSAR SE VPG Dr. Samuel C. Powell carried the National colors, NSSAR VPG G. Steven Pittard carried the NC flag and Past NCSSAR Pres. John Thornhill carried the SAR flag.

Photo provided by Ken Wilson



REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Massachusetts Society

MA Society SAR celebrated the victory and end of the War of Revolution with its annual Yorktown Celebration Victory meeting held 20 Oct 2012 at the Museum of Our National Heritage, Lexington, MA. The Old Middlesex Chapter, host of the meeting, presented a posthumous Heroism Award to the mother of Navy Seal Glen Doherty who was among those servicemen killed at the US Embassy in Benghazi, Libya. The Color Guard served as the Honor Guard for this presentation.

Members and guest were then shuttled to the Old Burying Grounds in Lexington where the Color Guard conducted a memorial service and wreath laying at the headstone of Major Samuel Hastings Jr. The Color Guard were joined by Col Dan Meenan of the Sudbury Co's of Militia who symbolically led the march to the grave site and then to the Lexington Green. At the Green, the words inscribed on the monument's tablet commemorating the events that occurred there in the early morning hours of 19 April 1775 were read aloud by Patriot Pastor Garrett Lear, NHSSAR, to those who gathered. The Guard fired a musket salute at each location.

Photo to right:: Color Guard marching to the Lexington Green Monument
Photo courtesy of Glenys Gustin

Photo below (left): The Old Burying Ground at the grave of Major Samuel Hasting Jr
Photo courtesy of Judy Van Wert



NSSAR Color Guard Commander Mike Tomme (left) and Vice Commander Mike Radcliffe lead the color guard as it presents colors at the 2012 Fall Leadership Meeting.

Photograph by Un Hui Yi.



REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

South Carolina Society



By: Mark C Anthony

The South Carolina Society Color Guard participated in the marking of the grave of the Rev. Ellis Cannon on Veterans Day. Rev Cannon was a private in the Third Virginia Regiment, Continental Line service an 18-month enlistment from March 1781 to September 1752.

After the Revolution, the Cannon family moved to upstate South Carolina where they help found what is now Cannon’s Camp Ground Methodist Church outside of Spartanburg.

The grave marking was the concluding event of the church’s Veterans Day service which included a musical salute to veterans and the colors presented by the Broome High School JROTC.

SC Society Color Guard retires the colors as Mark Anthony and Rev Mac Kinnett observe. Photo by: Kathy Johnson, Church Historian

California Society



Photo to Right: US Air Force and the San Diego Chapter Color Guard render honors for Compatriot Colonel Bob Dodge.

Photo provided by: Will Tisch



By: Will Tisch, Commander, San Diego Chapter Color Guard

On 18 November 2012 Colonel Robert L Dodge, USAR (Ret) passed away. As a B-17 pilot in the 306th Bomb Group in WWII, he flew 30 missions in Europe. He was lead aircraft on the last 20 missions and said that he had the “supposed” honor of leading the last mission over Berlin.

Colonel Dodge served as San Diego Chapter President in 1989 and was the chairman of the ROTC Awards and Boy Scouts programs for many years.

A tribute to Col. Dodge and his wife Hilda stated, “ Bob loved the Color Guard and would always pat me on the shoulder with a smile and say ‘keep up the good work’. He loved to fire our chapter’s flintlocks.... Never have I met a man with such courage and ability to guide his fellow compatriots in their goals with genuine inspiration.”

Above, President General Steve Leishman is surrounded by members of the CA Society SAR Color Guard at the society’s Fall Board of Managers meeting.

Photo by: Un Hui Yi



REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Connecticut Society



By: Dave Perkins, President, Connecticut Society SAR

Members of Wolcott's 6th Militia Brigade Color Guard participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the All Wars Memorial in Bantam, CT and performed a musket salute. Members included: Archie Bardwell, Ken Buckbee, Chris Elliott, Doug Grove, Dave Perkins, Charlie Schirmer, Paul Selnau, and Martin Spring.

The event was sponsored by the Mary Floyd Tallmadge (Litchfield) Chapter DAR. Also participating in the ceremony were: The Charles Merriman Society (Watertown) C.A.R.; First Litchfield Artillery Regiment; The American Legion Tyler-Seward-Kubish Post 44 (Bantam); American Veterans Post 24 (Torrington); and a bugler from the Marine Corps League Northwest Detachment #042 (Canaan) played "Taps".

Photo provided by Litchfield Chapter DAR

California Society

By Will Tisch

The 2012 "It's a Wonderful World" program was an exciting day for 550 students and members of the community. Teacher and event coordinator Diana Rude-Kulhanek said "the event was planned to promote goodwill, education , cultural awareness and understanding."

The San Diego SAR Chapter partnered with Casa de España (aka House of Spain) to help explain Spain's involvement in the American Revolution. Numerous students visited our displays, curious to learn about SAR and our country's early history. Compatriot Richard Barck, Chapter photographer, was camera ready for those students interested in having their photos taken with our Color Guard in Continental Line and Soldado uniforms.

(l-r): Compatriots Robert Smith, Robert Fagaly, Stephen Ludwiczak, Tacher James Westlund, Diana Rude-Kulhanek, Casa de Espana President Jesus Benayas, Alfred Moch-Cota, Casa de Espana Board Member Oscar Romo
Photo provided by: Will Tisch





REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Arizona Society

By: Albert Niemeyer, Commander, Tucson Chapter Color Guard

An Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held on December 8th, 2012 for Marco Hernandez-Romero with six members of the Tucson Chapter Color Guard in attendance. After the Color Guard assisted the Scouts in Presenting the Colors, Tucson Chapter President James Williamson presented Eagle Scout Hernandez-Romero with an "Outstanding Achievement and Citizenship" certificate.

The Color Guard, in turn, was given a thankful "Participation Award" which was accepted by President Williamson.

Photo right: Color Guard with Eagle Scout Hernandez-Romero. Shown left to right: George Lipphardt, James Williamson, James Kimbrough, John Lyons, Eagle Scout Hernandez-Romero, Albert Neimeyer and John Neimeyer

Photo provided by Albert Niemeyer



Washington Society

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Yesterday, Sept 22, 2012, your WASSAR Color Guards, Lieut. John Herr & myself, participated in a Naturalization and Welcome ceremony for 102 New Citizens of the United States of America!

102 people from 32 countries were being sworn in by USCIS. They brought their families with total attendance at about 450 people, many children. Five were active duty soldiers.

We met and talked to people from Ukraine, Philippines, Korea, Cambodia, Uganda, Israel, Russia, Vietnam, El Salvador, Ecuador, Mexico, etc.

We set up a table next to the Mary Ball Chapter of the DAR to greet the new citizens and their families. John Herr and I handed out the WASSAR "Citizenship Week" brochures, flag display handouts and copies of the *Constitution* and *Declaration* on parchment suitable for framing.

It was a major thrill for John and me as we stood high up on the stage holding the National Emblem at "present colors" for the Nat'l Anthem and looking down into the faces of the 102 new citizens - what a sight to see!!!

We had a period of about two hours while the families waited in the lobby as the new citizens lined up to register and receive their packets before going into the ceremony. During that time I visited their tables, met them and told the story of Betsy Ross and the first flag and did the "one-cut-star" for the children and adults.

We could have used more help to talk with the families and families there.

Afterwards they all wanted to take pictures with us. They lined up



Article and photo provided by Bob O'Neal

holding their certificates with John and with me. They took many, many pictures of us before during and afterwards.

TV Channel 12 had four large cameras set for the ceremony and recorded the entire event. The Tacoma Tribune and Tacoma Weekly were taking pictures also. I believe the event will be broadcast on COMCAST Cable Channel 12 this coming week - look for it

We presented the Colors in uniform for the National Anthem and then posted the Colors. Another key point was when they had their hands raised taking their *Oath of Citizenship!* Very moving.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



Swan Lake Cemetery, Grain Valley, MO. Members of the combined chapters MOSSAR Color Guard of Harry S. Truman, Independence Patriots, Alexander Majors, MO Society of War of 1812, MO DAR Society.

The Silicon Valley Chapter, SAR participated in TWO (2) WAA programs today; at Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno, and Madronia Cemetery in Saratoga. We had three (3) members in uniform at GGNC in the persons of Chapter President Douglas Bergtholdt, Color Guard Commander Chris Palmer and Compatriot John Kolhi (member of the GGNC WAA board). President Bergtholdt read the PG's proclamation. At the end of the ceremony he three of us placed a wreath on the grave of the father and mother of one of our chapter members, and placed two other wreaths at the graves of two specified veterans.

L-R: Brain Smaker; Major Gen Robert L Grover, MOSSAR Color Guard Commander; Dirk Stapleton; Col Don "Doc" Ballard, Congressional Medal of Honor; Alvin L. Paris; Jack Quint; Lorretta Paris; Fred Kaffenberger; James L Scott; Keith Zimmerman.



John Paul Jones Chapter (Bremerton, WA) Color Guard Captain Doug Nelson & Mick Hersey honor veterans at the Anchor Memorial for the USS Bremerton CA-130 during Wreaths Across America.



Former Mayor of Brea, CA, Ron Garcia, invited member to check out the Brea Veterans Memorial. Reflected in the memorial are Dan McKelvie, David Siler, Sharon & Larry Wood and Jim Blauer.



National Events

NSSAR Color Guard Commander Mike Tomme instructs the massed color guard before the start of the 2nd annual commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge in Norfolk, VA.

Photograph provided by Mike Tomme



NSSAR massed color guard marches through Yorktown village during the 231st Anniversary of the Siege of Yorktown. This is commemorated annually during Yorktown Days.

Photos provided by Mike Tomme

“One of these things is not like the others, one of these things is not the same...”
Either it is Former NSSAR Color Guard commander Chuck Lampman (center) who is out of his customary Continental uniform or it is Former NSSAR Color Guard commander Joe Dooley (far right) who is noticeably clean shaven.
Also pictured is NSSAR Color Guard commander Mike Tomme with wife Cilla (left) and Compatriot Lampman’s daughter Tara (2nd from the right)

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Ladies at the 225th
Anniversary of the
Signing of the US
Constitution.

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A Salute to Our Ladies - The Camp Followers

Provided by Compatriot George Thurmond (GA Society, 2007 Color Guardsman of the Year) is the following poem written by his wife, the late Sarah Lindsey "Marty" Thurmond. The poem was written in 2006.

In weather, mayhap foul or fair,
There ladies always will be there.
They brave the painful cold or heat,
And never think to sound retreat.

They travel many tiring miles
And, using wits and all their wiles,
Find vantage points at which to stand
With high-tech cameras in hand.

Their haversacks they always fill
With Deep Woods OFF and headache pill,
And snacks and drinks and that and this,
To compensate for meals they miss.

A few lug comfy folding chairs
To even the most august affairs,
For they will stay until the end
To celebrate all they attend.

They tramp through woods and stony field
And to no hill nor vale will yield.
They face the scorpions, chiggers and fleas
With poise, with grace and genteel ease.

These are not meek nor timid girls,
But brave and patriotic pearls,
All born and bred for what may come,
The proud, the few who follow the drum.