

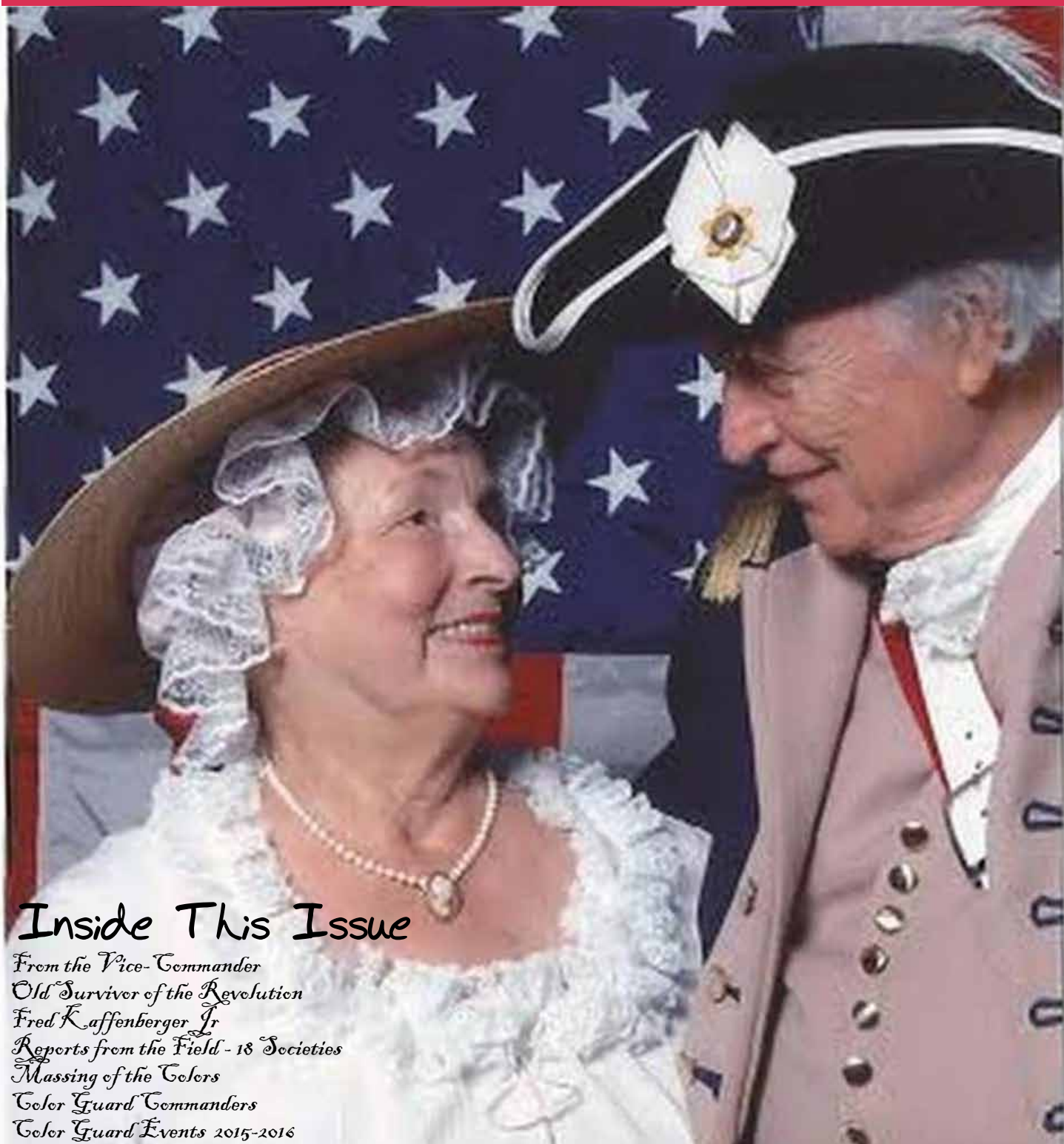


# The SAR Colorguardsman

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The purpose of this Magazine is to provide interesting articles about the Revolutionary War and information regarding the activities of your chapter and/or state color guards

### THE SAR COLORGUARDSMAN

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## Vice Commander's Dispatch

The recent end of 2015 has given me time to reflect on the accomplishments of the National SAR Color Guard.

- At the 125<sup>th</sup> Congress in Louisville a new Color Guardsman of the Year was recognized – congratulations Compatriot Bob Cunningham (IN).
- National Color Guard Commander Mike Radcliff concluded his 2-year term and was awarded the Gold Color Guard Medal.
- Compatriot David Hoover was installed as the 11<sup>th</sup> National Color Guard Commander.
- A Committee was formed at the Fall Leadership Committee Meeting to explore and bring a possible recommendation on allowing kilts to be worn as color guard attire.
- The addition of Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Veterans Day as officially recognized National Color Guard events.
- Increased Color Guard participation with almost 20 first time participants at the National Congress.

The National SAR Color Guard has much to be proud of in 2015 and much to aspire to in 2016.

While you may have already heard about the very busy schedule planned for the 2016 Spring Leadership Meeting in Louisville from 25 February to 28 February, let me extend an invitation to each Color Guardsman to attend this meeting.

You will not only have the opportunity to learn how the National SAR works, you will also have the opportunity to participate in the Color Guard Committee meeting which will vote on a proposal to allow kilts as official color guard attire as well as for the next Color Guardsman of the Year.

If you cannot make this meeting, I would draw your attention to the list of official Color Guard events published elsewhere in this issue. Please plan to attend the events that you can.

You are the reason the National SAR Color Guard is the success it is.

Mark C Anthony, Vice Commander



### From the Editor

Welcome compatriots. I'm still in the transition mode from editing a chapter newsletter and having edited a state magazine. Both of these publications have space limitations - costs associated with postage and printing. Those considerations require an editor to restrict how much can be included to keep the page count to an acceptable budget limit.

A consideration of mine will be to review the content submitted by state commanders in that some states are very active and might submit 20 or 30 photos of the many events while other submissions may have only one or two. If the 20 or 30 photos contain multiple photos of the same event but from different vantage points, I may choose the best photo to illustrate that event and not publish the other three or four similar photos. Likewise, if an event has the participation of many organizations besides the state, I will use the photo that shows the state's participants and just mention the other organizations instead of publishing the photos of each organization.

The *SAR Colorguardsman* will contain articles of interest to the Color Guard including, but not limited to the following:

- Uniforms – history, where to get replicas made, etc
- "How To" Articles – establishing a color guard, drill manuals, handling weapons, etc
- Events – what should be expected of color guards, pictures and articles



of color guard participation, etc

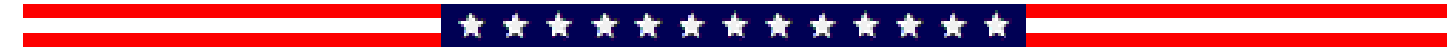
- Announcements – what upcoming events need color guard participation, etc

I am considering a 'Letters to the Editor' section for color guardsmen to submit topics for discussion or questions concerning color guard activities/events, protocol, outfits, or other related subject matter. For such questions, I will pass them on to our leadership for an appropriate answer. It should be understood that these submissions should maintain decorum. Each edition is submitted to our leadership for review before publication.

The preferred method of submissions is by e-mail with attachments but I will accept USPS submissions, too.

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## From the Adjutant

**James C Fosdyk**

I hope you and your family enjoyed a wonderful Christmas.

Although I am a NSSAR Color Guard adjutant I will give my report for the January 2016 issue of the *SAR Colorguardsman* magazine from the perspective of the California Society Color Guard Commander.

December 13, 2008 was unanimously voted by the United States Congress as Wreaths Across America Day. This is the seventh year of Wreaths Across America, and the 23rd year that the Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine, has sent holiday wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery.

On Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 12:00 PM, Arlington National Cemetery time, Wreaths Across America ceremonies were held at more than 1,000 cemeteries throughout the nation. The mission of Wreaths Across America is Remember, Honor, and Teach. It is carried out in part by coordinating wreath laying ceremonies each December at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and several international locations. Included are Revolutionary War historical sites like Bunker Hill and Valley Forge.

At 9:00 AM west coast time, the California Society, SAR and Ladies Auxiliary participated in this event at twelve cemeteries throughout the state. Compatriots from the eleven participating chapters read either the proclamation by National Society President General Tom Lawrence or the proclamation by California Society President Dr. Kent Gregory. California Society Color Guard units presented the Colors and fired volleys from their muskets. Military service representatives placed wreaths recognizing the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, POW/MIA and the Merchant Marine Service. By placing wreaths on veteran's grave markers we honored the men and women, some who gave their all, to maintain the freedoms we enjoy.

The following are the California Society, SAR Color Guard units that participated in 2015 Wreaths Across America events:

- Delta Chapter – San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery, Justine
- General George Washington – Glen Oaks Cemetery, Chico
- Gold Country – New Auburn Cemetery and Old Auburn Cemetery, Auburn
- Harbor – Memory Garden Memorial Park, Brea
- Kern – Bakersfield National Cemetery, Bakersfield
- Orange County – Memory Garden Memorial Park, Brea
- Redwood Empire – Sonoma Veterans Memorial Park, Sonoma
- Riverside – Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside
- Sacramento – Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon
- San Diego – Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego
- Silicon Valley – Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno and Memory Garden Memorial Park, Brea.

Wishing you and yours a healthy and prosperous 2016,  
Jim Fosdyk, NSSAR Color Guard Adjutant





## In Memoriam

Fred Kaffenberger Jr., 80, a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, while wearing the colonial attire and tri-corner hat of society members, died last week in Leavenworth National Cemetery while laying Christmas wreaths at the graves of veterans; one being that of his late son-in-law, John DiGiovanni. "When he didn't come back, the other gentlemen went looking for him," his daughter said. "One of the those who found Pop later picked up the fallen wreath and placed it on John's grave for him."

"He went exactly the way he would have chosen to go," said daughter Amber DiGiovanni. "When he walked into a room wearing that uniform, he looked like George

Washington," DiGiovanni said.

His son Fred said, 'It's just like Dad to drop dead in the middle of the cemetery and cut out the middleman.'

Daughter Shannon Kaffenberger said "The way her father died while in service to others has been inspirational; He somehow found a way to raise us up, to elevate us, even in his passing."



## Massing of the Colors & Salute to Our Armed Forces

The largest celebration of its kind in the western United States, 2016 will be the 34th annual celebration of George Washington's birth sponsored by the California Society, SAR Sons of Liberty Chapter. This upcoming event will be held at 3:00 PM, Sunday, February 14, 2016, at Hall of Liberty, Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, 6300 Forest Lawn Drive, Los Angeles. All participants are requested to arrive at least an hour early.

Previous Massing of the Colors events have been a great success. Over 600 people and fifty color guards participate each year, including California Society, SAR Chapters. Many greater Los Angeles area high school and college color guards take part in this celebration. If you would like to be part of this event, contact us for details on how you can participate.

In previous years we have been joined by former President General and former NSSAR Color Guard Commander Joseph W. Dooley, current Secretary General and former NSSAR Color Guard Commander J. Michael Tomme, Sr., Dr. Sam Powell and compatriots from Arizona and Texas.



Forest Lawn might initially seem a strange place for our event, but it offers an area that showcases a collection of American architecture and artworks that honor our country. There's the world's largest historical mosaic, The Birth of Liberty, a faithful reproduction of Boston's Old North Church, and larger-than-life-sized bronze statues of Washington and Jefferson. You can watch a free 26-minute movie about the American Revolution as well.

For more information, including a link to register your participation see:

<http://www.sons-of-liberty-sar.org/index.php/events/massing-of-the-colors>

## Adam Link - Old Survivor of the Revolution

He was born in Washington county, near Hagerstown, Maryland, November 14, 1761. He died at Sulphur Springs, Crawford County, Ohio, August 15, 1864. His age was one hundred and two years, nine months, and one day.

The circumstances of Mr. Link's life were humble, and his part in the war unimportant. He enlisted at the age of sixteen, in Wheeling, Virginia, for the frontier service, and spent five years in that service, most in the vicinity of Wheeling. During this time, his father, Jacob Link, was murdered by the Indians in his own house. Mr. Link was in no important battle of the war. The only interesting circumstance of his soldier life was his companionship with Poe, the famous Indian hunter, the incident of whose meeting with the Indian chief upon the shore of the lake whither both had withdrawn from the fight, to wash out their guns, (become foul through use) - Poe completing first the cleansing of his, and so gaining the first shot, which brought down the Indian, and saved his own life, is familiar.

At the age of twenty-eight years, he married Elizabeth Link, a distant relative of his, her age being seventeen. After this event, being fond of change, he roamed about from place to place, living but a short time in each; and so spent the earlier part of his life. At the age of sixty, he walked from his home in Pennsylvania to Ohio, a distance of one hundred and forty-one miles, accomplishing it in three days, an average of forty-seven miles a day. When seventy years of age, he set about clearing a farm, living the while in a house the main wall of which was formed by the flat roots of an upturned tree. Although always a hard worker, he was always poor, the account of which his habits, which were always irregular, partly furnishing, and part may be set down to the score of that ill luck which seems to dog the steps of some men through life. However, he cleared quite a farm after passing the limit of three score years and ten, and remained for some time on it. Finally, he went to live with his son-in-law in Crawford county, Ohio, where he resided until his death.

Perpetuating the habits of the frontier service, Mr. Link roughed it through life. His constitution must have been of iron to have endured his irregularities and excesses. He paid no attention to his manner of eating, either in quantity, quality, or time; and He was addicted to strong drink. He labored severely and constantly. Notwithstanding all, his health was good till near the very close of his life. A few years before, during a severe thunder storm, his sight was strangely affected by the lightning. For a long time, everything appeared distorted and askew; men had bent legs and bodies, chickens were twisted out of shape, and the keyhole of his trunk tormented him by the figures which it assumed. From this affection, however, he recovered, though never so as again to read. A short time before his death, he suffered a stroke of paralysis, which deprived him of the use of his limbs to some extent, and made his utterance difficult. However, it left his hearing good and his intellect unimpaired. Upon the artist (at his visit for the purpose of procuring his picture) telling him that he had come a long way to see him, he replied, "You can see me cheap now. Whatever else," he continued, "they may say of me, no man ever could call me a coward." He has persistently refused to have his picture taken - that given in this series being secured without his knowledge; the family fearing the proposal would provoke him, and thus defeat the attempt. In politics, Mr. Link declared himself a "Jeffersonian Democrat;" though his last vote was Republican. He said but little about the present war, frequently forgetting that one was in progress, and when reminded of it, he failed altogether to comprehend it. One of his great-grand-sons is in the army.



### SAR Descendants of Adam Link

As searched in the 2015 Membership Directory and the online NSSAR Patriot Lineage, the following are SAR members who have joined under Adam Link or have him as a supplemental Patriot Ancestor.

Christopher Edwin Washler

Source: [http://www.americanrevolution.org/last\\_men/lastmen6.php](http://www.americanrevolution.org/last_men/lastmen6.php)





## Leadership Conference and Congress Schedules

### ***Spring Leadership -***

Friday & Saturday,  
February 26-27, 2016  
Brown Hotel Louisville KY

### ***126<sup>th</sup> Congress -***

Thursday to Wednesday,  
July 7 - 13, 2016  
Westin Copley Hotel, Boston,  
MA

### ***127<sup>th</sup> Congress -***

Thursday to Wednesday  
July 6 - 12, 2017  
Holiday Inn and Knoxville Con-  
vention Center, Knoxville, TN

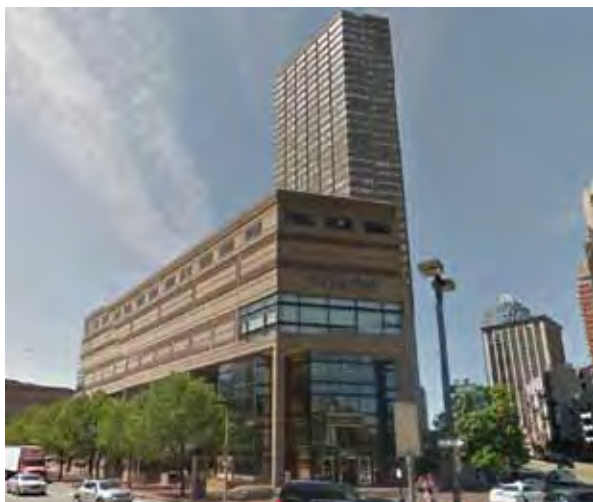


## NSSAR Color Guard Handbook

The purpose of this handbook is to provide general information about Color Guards, and especially for the Color Guard of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Much of the information in this handbook was published in various issues of The SAR Guardsman magazine, beginning in the year 2000. Some material has been obtained from the NSSAR Handbook, the NSSAR History, Volume III (1983-2000). Some material has been borrowed from Color Guard handbooks prepared by various SAR state societies and chapters across the country.

The NSSAR Color Guard Committee is pleased to announce that the updated version of The NSSAR Color Guard Handbook. The handbook has been updated with information regarding the new Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement and the Molly Pitcher Medal for service to the Color Guard by ladies.

**Boston**



**Knoxville**



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## Reports from the field

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L – R Stephen Miller, Phoenix Chapter, Capt Albert W. Thomas, Army ret.; William Smith, Prescott Chapter

The Arizona Society SAR members placed a wreath at the USS Arizona Memorial in Phoenix on 7 Dec 2015, the 74th anniversary of the Japanese attack in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Captain Albert W. Thomas at age 94 is one of the few survivors of this attack. Compatriot William Smith's uncle, Water Tender 2nd Class Michael J. Giovenazzo was aboard the USS Arizona and is entombed in the sunken hull.



## ARIZONA

Arizona Color Guardsmen march in the inaugural Veterans Day Parade in Surprise, AZ on 11 Nov 2015. From the Sagurao Chapter were Jan Huber, John McDonald, Eddie Zuleger, Whit Revell, Allen Nash and Manuel Rodriguez. Others joining were Bob Gilbert, Stephen Miller and Mike Tubbs (IL).



The AZSSAR Color Guard were invited to present the colors, including all service flags, at a Veterans Day Memorial held on 11 Nov 15 in the Pebble Creek community's Tuscany Club theater. This afternoon event was attended by over 400 people who came to show their appreciation for our nation's veterans. The Color Guard marched the colors in to the music of its fifer, Jan Huber. After the National flag was posted each service flag was then posted.

At the end of the program all colors were retired to a drum and fife chorus. Arizona SAR members included: Stephen Miller, Commander; Manuel Rodriguez; Steven Monez; Tom Steinback, drummer; Jan Huber, fifer; William Hearter, pike; Matt Scott; Eddie Zuleger; William Smith; Bob Gilbert; Allen Nash; Mike Tubbs; Ed Steinback; Chuck Howey; Art Cantrall, pike.



Arizona's SAR color guardsmen from the Tucson Chapter along with Stephen Miller (State Commander) from Phoenix participated in the Wreaths Across America Ceremony on 12 Dec 2015 at the Evergreen Cemetery in Tucson. The members were led by Rick Collins, Tucson Captain of the Guard, and drummer, Jim Patla. A squad of six musketeers (Rudy Byrd, John Lyons, John Niemeyer, Gerry Lawford, Brett Kooistra, Doug Breedlove) escorted a riderless/caparisoned horse and fired a salute during the ceremony in honor of the Veterans buried in the veterans section. Other Color Guard members presented and posted colors during the event which included Jim Williamson, James Bly, John Bird and Ash Lyons. The entire group performed the "Mourn Arms" tribute to our Nation's Veterans.



AZSSAR Tucson Color Guard musketeers escorting riderless horse during Wreaths Across America ceremony, at Evergreen Cemetery on 12 December 2015.

AZSSAR Tucson colorguardsmen first squad firing salute at Wreaths Across America 12 Dec 2015. Musketeers included: John Niemeyer, Gerry Lawford, John Lyons, Brett Kooistra, Rudy Byrd.



AZSSAR Tucson Color Guard line at Mourn Arms during Wreaths Across America 12 December 2015.







## CALIFORNIA -



CASSAR Color Guard and members of the DAR Santa Monica Chapter celebrate the 125th anniversary of the DAR



La Jolla Christmas Parade 2015



Commander Tisch



Santa Barbara Veterans' Day Parade. Michael Hardwick, Jeff Weinbender, Gavin Garrison, Gregg Garrison, Bob Niehaus, Stu Morse (Commander), Steve Sawin.







Lieutenant Colonel Hans Hunt presents a SAR Flag Certificate to Steve Hardy, Teacher and Associated Student Body Supervisor. With NSSAR Color Guard Adjutant Jim Fosdyck. At Sonora High School



Above - Kent Gregory, Ambassador Vallaure, Consul General of Spain in Los Angeles & Ed Butler. Below - Leroy Martinez carrying the Spain flag in honor of Ambassador Vallaure, Consul General of Spain in Los Angeles



Above - Silicon Valley Chapter  
Below - Sacramento Chapter, SAR participates in the Sacramento Veterans' Day Parade; 11 Nov 2015



Silicon Valley Chapter, SAR Color Guard for marching in the San Jose Veteran's Day Parade





*Sonora High School Army JROTC Raider Battalion Commander Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Chad Kim and NSSAR Color Guard Adjutant Jim Fosdyck place a wreath.*



*The Sacramento Chapter, SAR Color Guard participated in Wreaths Across America at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery - shown here Russ Kaiser, Jim Faulkinbury & Sacramento Valley National Cemetery Honor Guard which performed a rifle salute during the ceremony.*



*The Silicon Valley Chapter, SAR Color Guard participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Golden Gate National Cemetery. The participants were compatriots Chris Palmer, Doug Bergholdt, John Kohli, Terry Briggs and associate Ranney Thayer. The Silicon Valley Chapter Color Guard marched with the Daly City Police Honor Guard who carried and posted the flags for the ceremony. A wreath was laid by members of the Silicon Valley Chapter at the grave of Franklin Knock, father of compatriot Richard Knock and grandfather of compatriot Spencer Knock.*

Many Photos taken by Un Hui Yi, Other photos by event participants.



*The Gold Country Chapter, SAR Color Guard participated at two different cemeteries in Auburn. In the new cemetery, Gold Country members Dale Ross, Gordon Clark, Ron Barker, Barry Hopkins, Keith Bigbee and Dave Gilliard presented the Colors. In the old cemetery, Ron Barker laid a wreath on the monument for all services and the balance of the Gold Country Chapter Color Guard presented the Colors. This was the first Wreaths Across America Ceremony in Auburn and the American Legion Honor Guard fired a 21 gun salute at both ceremonies with the Auburn Concert Band providing patriotic music at the new cemetery. This first year 567 wreaths were laid and the goal next year is to put wreaths on all 2100+ veteran graves.*







[Above left] -L to R; Matt Noell (fifer), Leo Carlin (drummer), Jim Fosdyck (OC), Dan McKelvie (OC), Karl Jacobs (Harbor Chapter), Jim Olds (Harbor), John Dodd (OC), Spencer Knock (Silicon Valley Chapter), John Ferris (OC), Luke Merrell (Harbor), Dan Henry (OC), Brian Merrell (Harbor) and General George Washington (portrayed by Dan Shippey [OC]).

This is the seventh annual Wreaths Across America Day ceremony held at the Veterans' Field of Honor at the Memorial Garden Memorial Park & Mortuary, Brea, CA. The ceremony is cosponsored by Veterans' of Foreign Wars (VFW), American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) and the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Orange County Chapter. Today our sponsors will place more than 1000 wreaths.

The ceremony today would not be possible without the assistance and cooperation of the Memorial Garden Memorial Park & Mortuary and site coordinators, Autumn O'Morrow, Kelly Ford and Jim Tucker.

THANK YOU TO OUR WREATH SPONSORS: Representatives of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard & Coast Guard Auxiliary, Air Force, Merchant Marines and POW/MIA, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp #17, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Elizabeth Hill Mills Tent #88, California Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Orange County Chapter, Harbor (Los Angeles) Chapter, California Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Ladies Auxiliary, Veterans' of Foreign Wars, Post 5384, Brea, Girl Scouts of America, Troop 5493, Norwalk, American Legion & American Legion Riders MC, American Gold Star Mothers, Saddleback Valley Chapter, Vietnam Veterans of America & Auxiliary, Chapter 1024, Civil Air Patrol, Long Beach Senior Squadron 150, North Orange County Veterans Club, Brea, Sonora High School Army JROTC Cadets



The crowd at the Riverside National Cemetery (CA) was estimated to be more than 100. L to R; Mark Kramer, David Leonard, Brian Stephens, Henry Lucas, Gary Jensen, Charlie Gentis and Christopher Keene. All seven compatriots fired three times making a 21 musket salute.



The San Diego Color Guard did participate in Wreaths Across America at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery. Members participating were Color Guard Commander Will Tisch on the pipes, color guardsmen L to R; Ray Raser, Ernie McCullough, Philip Hinshaw, and Richard Palmer, Lt Cdr USN Ret. Ernie McCullough and SD President Ray Raser were interviewed about the SAR by San Diego KUSI TV Channel 9 Reporter Dave Scott and the interview was on Channel 9 for several newscasts that day.



Kern County Chapter. L to R; Kerry Adams, Jon Keith, Will Flickinger, Arnie Burr, and I C.A.R., named Ben. Picture was taken before the ceremony. After the opening ceremony the color guard marched to the POW/MIA flag pole and presented a wreath. Arnie Burr read the SAR Proclamation to a crowd that had gathered at the POW/MIA flag pole



Los Angeles Fifes and Drums; Matt Noell (fifer), Leo Carlin (drummer).





The Color Guard in Colorado consists of 21 members available for call up and a Quartermaster's store of extra uniforms and equipment to provision five Guardsmen; encouraging additional participation by our Compatriots. Activity in 2015 included 18 separate events from parades to community and school programs, involving over 20,000 onlookers. Guardsmen Tom Wellborn, Jan Housley, George Smith and Steve DeBoer were awarded the Bronze Color Guard Medal this year.



## CONNECTICUT



General Oliver Wolcott was captured by British and Loyalist troops when they raided the Hurd House in Woodbury, Connecticut. Fortunately, the American patriot forces rallied and they were able to rescue the general and save the town. The General, Oliver Wolcott Sr., is a Congressman and a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He will go on to become the 19th Governor of Connecticut and be the second of three generations of Wolcotts to serve as the Governor of Connecticut.

Later that day Joseph Bierce, an Ensign in the Connecticut Militia, had second thoughts when he learned that his visit with Dr. Dan might possibly cost him an arm and a leg.

The aforementioned scenarios took place at the Hurd House in Woodbury, Connecticut during the Woodbury Colonial Fair & Muster Day on September 20th. Twenty SAR members were present, and thirteen of them participated wearing their Color Guard attire. General Oliver Wolcott was portrayed by SAR member Russ Wirtalla. Joseph Bierce was portrayed by SAR member John Lilley. Doctor Dan was portrayed by Daniel E. Newman, R.N.



## FLORIDA -



Brevard Chapter color guard at Constitution Week joint SAR/DAR meeting.



Veteran's Day Parade 2015 - From left to right: David H Ramseur; D. Mills Ramseur; Ken Norwood; Steve Owens; Mere Schwartz DAR; Darrell Goss; Dick Cardell; Martin Schwartz (Assoc.Mbr.) Gray Chandler all Jacksonville Chapter.



Commander and Vice Commander received the Silver Color Guard Award from State President Fehrenbaker at October BOM

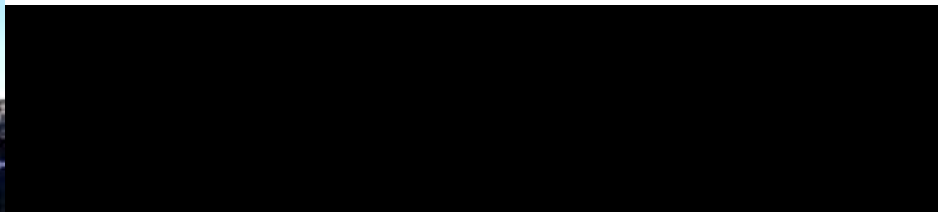


[Left] Massing of the Colors - First United Methodist Church, Homosassa, FL. L - R: Mark Idle, Bill Brobst, Bill Teater, Larry Sturgeon, Clyde Johnson. Compatriots present but are not pictured: Ron Dunwoodie, Charlie Day, Harley Nelson, Jack Townsend. Withlacoochee Compatriot Jack Townsend was present and did his usual great job as MC for Massing of the Colors. Picture attached. [Right] Inverness Veterans Day Parade - L - R: Dan Hans, Larry Sturgeon, Dick Young (president Tampa Chapter), Clyde Johnson, Charlie Day, Jimmie Barnes, Mark Idle, Harley Nelson and William Teater. The pictures of SAR members were taken during preparation for the Inverness Veterans Day Preparation. The Parade was sponsored by the Veteran's Appreciation Week Committee of Citrus County. Other member of the SAR that took part in the parade but are not pictured, included Jim Echlin and George Edge. After the parade - Charlie Day, Dick Young, Larry Sturgeon, Clyde Johnson, Mark Idle joined Fort Cooper DAR Ladies to provide Color Guard and participate in Wreath Laying at the County Court House at Vietnam Veterans Monument. This program was also sponsored by a coalition of veterans groups and





The 10th Annual Wreaths Across America - Florida National Cemetery Bushnell, Posting and Florida. Our Master of Ceremonies noted that there were 900,000 Wreaths laid today at our National Cemetery's and 12,000 of them laid here today at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell Florida. Posting and Retirement of Colors was done by a Joint Service Color Guard and the Withlacoochee Chapter of The Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard. Posting was right and left of center speaker area. Like previous years there was a big demand for the SAR color Guard to stand for about 40 minutes to allow a requesting public to take pictures and ask questions before the program started. I think it is safe to say that over 200 different people took pictures. There was also many request made to allow children to come and stand with us for picture taking. Many large contingents of youth were included in today's program. The program Missions, Remember, Honor and Teach were mentioned often throughout the program. It was a day of clear weather, sunshine, a few puffy clouds and large crowds of citizens gathered to honor our fallen veterans. Those Pictured above left are L to R Larry Sturgeon - Withlacoochee Commander, Leonard Crawford, Charlie Day, and Mark Idle.



ILLINOIS

Here are some activities of the Illinois Society Color Guard in 2015.

### **The Chapters in the Southern Illinois Region participated in the following events**

1. Memorial Day Ceremony at Mounds City National Cemetery - We annually participate in the ceremony and parade held Memorial Day weekend at the National Cemetery at Mounds City IL.
2. Constitution Day activity at Morthland College - In September we assisted the staff and the students of Morthland College in West Frankfort IL. with a program on the Constitution
3. Patriots Parade at Marion Illinois - Each year the City of Marion IL has a parade recognizing all Veterans past and present. Since we represent the Revolutionary War, we get to head the parade.
4. Grave Marking ceremony at Shiloh Illinois / Grave Marking ceremony at Preston Illinois - In October and November we assisted the Lewis and Clark Chapter in two grave markings. We fired a volley at each of the ceremonies which adds a lot to it.

### **Chapters in the Central Illinois Region participated in the following events:**

Springfield Chapter & other Chapters through out the State:  
 Eagle Scout Recognition at State Capitol on February 23rd.  
 Good Citizenship Luncheon on February 28th.  
 Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade on August 13th in Springfield, IL

General George Joseph Bartholomew Chapter  
 Outstanding Citizenship luncheon on April 9th.  
 Fourth of July Parade in Downs, IL.  
 Honor Flight greeters.  
 Wreaths Across America on December 13th.

Captain Zeally Moss Chapter  
 Parade in Brimfield, IL on August 15th.  
 Parade in Williamsfield, IL on October 17th.

### **Chapters in the Northern Illinois Region participated in the following events:**

- Fox Valley Chapter Color Guard 2015, report from Mike Campagnolo
- 1.) Fort Dearborn Luncheon, Chicago, IL, January 15, 2015
  - 2.) Du Page Genealogical Convention, Naperville, IL, March 14, 2015
  - 3.) Carson W. Yeager Memorial Service, Stockton, IL, April 4, 2015
  - 4.) Grande Park Elementary School, Plainfield, IL, April 17, 2015
  - 5.) ILSSAR BOM Dinner & Awards Night, Springfield, IL, May 15, 2015
  - 6.) Chicago Memorial Day Parade, Chicago, IL, May 23, 2015
  - 7.) Wheaton Memorial Day Parade, Wheaton, IL, May 25, 2015
  - 8.) Wheaton Independence Day Parade, Wheaton, IL, July 4, 2015
  - 9.) ILSSAR BOM Twilight Parade, Springfield, IL, August 13, 2015
  - 10.) Cantigny Revolutionary War Days, Winfield, IL, September 12, 2015
  - 11.) John Dudley Grave Marking Ceremony, Naperville, IL, September 19, 2015
  - 12.) Great Lakes Meeting, Lisle, IL, October 30, 2015
  - 13.) Woodstock Christmas Parade, Woodstock, IL, November 29, 2015

- Kishwaukee Chapter Color Guard 2015, report from Ray Beets
- 1.) April – school children education day at Macktown Gathering, Rockton, IL
  - 2.) July – 4th of July Parade in Cherry Valley, IL
  - 3.) September – Attended Cantigny's Revolutionary War annual reenactment
  - 4.) September – Attended Fox Valley Chapter's Cemetery Plaque Marker dedication at Naperville Cemetery
  - 5.) September – Attended Chapter meeting with 3 members plus guest speaker in uniforms.
  - 6.) November – Attended Woodstock Christmas Parade with Fox Valley Chapter.



KENTUCKY

Saturday, October 24, marked a historic first for the Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter in Cadiz, Kentucky. Four individuals from three generations of a single family served in the color guard for the grave marking of Patriot John Ramey in Lyon County, Kentucky.

Robert Ward (left), Ryon Ward (center), Miles Ward (right) and L.J. Ward (front) served in the ceremony. They also pledged their oaths and received their SAR rosettes at the event. Robert and son, Miles, are experienced living historians and re-enactors. They have taken part in French and Indian War re-enacting for many years as members of 1st Virginia - Hoggs Company. They decided to join the SAR as a family. Robert was thrilled to have his grandsons taking part in such an important memorial event.

Robert and grandson, Ryon, fired their muskets in the gun salute. Miles, an accomplished drummer, provided his drumming skills for the ceremony. L.J. accompanied his dad and brother throughout the event.



The Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter, joined by Compatriots from other chapters in Kentucky, Indiana, and Tennessee, marked the grave of two very special Revolutionary War Patriots in rural Caldwell County, Kentucky, on Saturday, November 14.

Sgt. William Blackburn of the Virginia 5th Regiment and later the Western frontier army under Gen. George Rogers Clark, and Pvt. William Asherst of the Virginia Militia, were best friends in life and buried near one another in death. They settled the same area of Caldwell County, a community known as Farmersville, and their lives were intertwined over decades. Some of their children married one another.

Saturday's ceremony was attended by a large uniformed Color Guard of 24 Compatriots, and approximately fifty descendants and interested local residents. Many of the descendants were "double descended" from both Patriots. Ten different SAR and DAR chapters presented wreaths as part of the floral tribute, and six riflemen/musketeers fired in the gun salute.

This event marked the final Grave Marking Ceremony for the Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter in 2015.







At Left are Kentucky Compatriots at the recent Parade for our new Governor of Kentucky— Matt Bevin. You will notice we also had two DAR members with us. From left to right are: Tommy Jones, Laura Jones, Bonnie Allison, Tom Higgins, KYSSAR President Chuck Scott, Robert Brooks, Charlie

Scott and Scott Giltner.

The second picture is of a group of Kentucky Compatriots and NSSAR Color Guard Commander Dave Hoover that made up the Color Guard at the recent unveiling of the “Sons of Liberty - 1775” statue that now stands in front of our NSSAR Library and headquarters.



The third picture is of the statue with Compatriots. The 8 1/2 foot statue weighs 700 pounds and is mounted on a eight foot tall Kentucky limestone base that weighs about 19,000 pounds. A video of the ceremony, headed by President General Tom Lawrence, can be viewed on the NSSAR web site.





MARYLAND

On October 3 The MDSSAR Color Guard had the honor of participating in a ceremony honoring Viet Nam veterans sponsored by American Legion Post 66 and the Mary Carroll Caton Chapter of the MDSDAR  
Pictured- Color Guard Commander David Embrey, Ron Gibson and Neal Johnson- photo by Vicki Embrey



MICHIGAN

Michigan Society Sons of the American Revolution  
MISSAR at Great Lakes Nat'l Cemetery, Holly, MI for  
Wreaths Across America, helping place over 14,000



wreaths in this Cemetery alone.

MISSAR Color Guard is now at about 22 active members and growing. They have attended about 25 different events in 2015.

MISSAR Color guard Members are Honored and actively serving at MISSAR, GLD and the NSSAR events.

MISSOURI

**Independent Patriots and Harry S Truman SAR Chapter** Color Guard Members participated on October 3, 2015 in the "Wheeling for Healing" Wounded Warrior Bike Ride sponsored by the Missouri State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was held along the KATY Trail Bike Park.

Compatriots Roy Hutchinson (HST), SAR Color Guard Members and DAR Members with and James Scott (IPC) and DAR Members Janean Mills, Veterans from WWII, Korea and Vietnam and Kathy Hutchinson.



Color Guard Members of the **Independence Patriots SAR Chapter** on October 10, 2015 marked the grave of deceased SAR Chapter Member Glenn Paul Lamb, Sr. (02/02/1913 – 07/09/1983). The ceremony was conducted at the Sunny Slope Cemetery in Richmond, Missouri. Missouri Society, SAR President Robert (Bob) Corum served as Master of Ceremonies and read the biography of Compatriot Lamb. A musket salute was conducted.

From left to right: Compatriot Al Paris; Missouri Society, SAR President Bob Corum; Compatriot and Independence Patriots Chapter President and Western Color Guard Commander James Scott, Robert Corum, Compatriot Mike Schmidt; and Compatriot Bill Iminger



On October 11, 2015 **Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapter** and **Spirit of St. Louis SAR Chapter** Color Guard Members participated in the Saint Charles Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) with planting a red oak tree on the campus of the St. Charles County Community College to Honor the 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War. The event coincided with the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution's 125th Anniversary. Also participating were Mr. Steve Ehlmann, St. Charles County Executive; Dr. Ron Chesbrough, President of St. Charles Community College; and Mr. Bill Hennessy, Mayor of O'Fallon, Missouri.

From left to right: Mrs. Patti Dickherber, Mrs. Lorna Jones, Mrs. Beth Herbst, Compatriot Doug Neff, Mrs. Susan Russ RonChesbrough



The remains of a Civil War soldier that were illegally removed from Wilson's Creek National Battlefield near Springfield, MO were laid to rest Saturday, October 17, 2015. "They removed them which is against the law," says Park Ranger Ted Hillmer. It's been 154 years since the soldier died; no one knows which side of the war he was fighting for, but his remains will finally be laid to rest at the Springfield National Cemetery, Springfield, MO. "They served their cause and we want to show honor for that veteran," says Hillmer. **Ozark Mountain SAR Chapter** Color Guard Members participated in the ceremonies.

Photo Courtesy KY3 Television Springfield, MO

Members of the **Harry S. Truman SAR Chapter** Color Guard participated in the Veteran's program held by the Independence Pioneers DAR Chapter honoring 19 Vietnam Veterans on November 3, 2015.

Photo courtesy of The Examiner of Jackson County, Missouri. Harry S. Truman SAR Chapter Compatriots are Carlin Talcott on the far left standing and John Stewart and Robert L. Grover in Color Guard uniform.



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**The William C. Corum SAR Chapter** and the Alexander Doniphan DAR Chapter held a luncheon on November 11, 2015 to commemorate Veteran's Day. The Chapter Color Guard participated.





**Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapter** and **Spirit of St. Louis SAR Chapter** Color Guard Members participated in the Annual Veteran's Day Ceremonies held by the City of St. Peters, Missouri on November 11, 2015. US Navy Rear Admiral Lee Metcalf (Ret.) was the featured speaker. The Honor Guard consisted of members from the Marine Corps League, Patriot Guard Riders, American Legion Riders, Ancient Order of the Hibernians and Sons of American Revolutionary War - Fernando de Leyba Chapter. Photos courtesy of Compatriot Michael Shea.



Top Right - - From left to right: Compatriot Charles Lilly, Compatriot Milan Paddock, Marine WWII Veteran Bill Rupp, and Compatriot & St. Peters Alderman Michael Shea.



Bottom Right - - From left to right: Knights of Columbus Members, Compatriots Charles Lilly; Bill Brindel; Bill Grote, Missouri Eastern District Color Guard Commander; and Milan Paddock



**Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapter** and **Spirit of St. Louis SAR Chapter** Color Guard Members participated in the Veteran's Day Ceremonies held by Delmar Gardens of Meramec Valley, A Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, in Fenton, Missouri.

Left to right: Compatriot Bill Grote, Eastern Missouri Color Guard Commander, and Bill Groth, Missouri Color Guard Commander

Members of the **Ozark Mountain SAR Chapter** Color Guard participated in the Veteran's Day Ceremonies held by the Ozark Technical College, Springfield, Missouri on November 11, 2015. The event was broadcast live from KSPR TV



in Springfield, Missouri [Photo courtesy of KSPR -TV, Springfield, Missouri]

Keynote Speaker: The keynote speaker was David N. Appleby, Past AR President General. His moving presentation addressed the 1,000+ veteran students who attend the Ozark Technical College and other veterans as well. He encouraged all to complete their education and become an economic force in the Springfield community.

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield presented the 12th Annual Memorial Illumination Ceremony, featuring over 2,539 luminaries, representing those killed, wounded, or missing at the Battle of Wilson's Creek, August 10, 1861. The **Ozark Mountain Chapter** (SAR) Color Guard and other compatriots participated and presented a SAR Flag Award to Ted Hillmer, Superintendent. The event and award was held Saturday, December 12, 2015





The **Independence Patriots SAR Chapter** and **Harry S Truman SAR Chapter** SAR Color Guard participated in Wreaths Across America on December 12, 2015 at Swan Lake Memorial Park Cemetery in Grain Valley, Missouri. *From left to right:* Compatriots Robert Grover, Roy Hutchinson, John Stewart, Al Paris (and wife Loretta Paris – DAR), Col. Don Ballard (Medal Of Honor recipient), Jack Quint, Dianna Ritter - DAR, Keith Zimmerman WW II veteran, James Scott, and Richard Mathews.



The **Ozark Mountain SAR Chapter (OMC)** of the Sons of the American Revolution supported this national program. Wreaths were displayed on the graves of William Freeman, Revolutionary War Veteran and James B. Mason, Charter Member of the OMC. William Freeman is the only veteran of the Revolutionary War buried in the Springfield National Cemetery. The event was held at the Springfield National Cemetery Saturday, December 12, 2015.

The **Fernando de Leyba (FDL) SAR Chapter** and the **Spirit of St. Louis (SSL) SAR Chapter** joined together and placed wreaths at the graves of Revolutionary War soldiers and deceased Compatriots of the two (2) Chapters on December 12, 2015. Unknown Revolutionary War Soldiers' Grave Marker and Plaque dedicated in 1904 mounted on a large red Missouri granite boulder with a plaque in memory of 26 unknown Revolutionary War soldiers who died between 1808 and 1828 while serving at Fort Belle Fontaine in north St. Louis County, Missouri. The remains were moved to Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in 1904. In 2003, the DAR St. Louis-Jefferson Chapter rededicated the marker. - Compatriot Doug Neff placed a wreath at the memorial.



The Compatriots that went to each grave site. *From left to right kneeling:* Keith Morris & Dennis Hahn.

*From left to right standing:* Steve White, Bill Grote, Doug Neff, Rick Strelinger, & Steve Baldwin.

Wreaths at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery – St. Louis, Missouri



NEW MEXICO

## NMSSAR Color Guard Activities 2015



**Jan. 28th;** Flag Presentation at the "Palace of the Governors" in Santa Fe became a National Treasure. A letter of appreciation was received in honor of our Color Guard by Regional HQ in Denver, Colorado in expression of gratitude by the Spanish uniforms worn during that time.

**Feb. 16th;** Our NMSSAR Color Guard presented colors with reference to a banquet in honor of NSSAR President General Lindsey C. Brock along with his wife Betty Brock at the Hyatt Plaza. Approx. 34 members and guests in attendance. Prior to the banquet a lunch was held at the Indian Pueblo Culture Center. Afterwards we toured the exhibit of Don Juan de Onate display at the Albuquerque History Museum, there, photos were taken.

**Feb. 25th;** NMSSAR Power point presentation of the "Spanish Presidio Soldiers as well as Spain's Contribution to the American Revolution" was presented to the Military Officers Association of America. Approx. 28-30 people in attendance.

**Apr. 11th;** NMSSAR Power point presentation was presented at the San Ysidro old Spanish Colonial Home in Corrales, NM with approx. 49 people in attendance sponsored by CARTA (El Camino Real Tierra Adentro Trail Association as well as the Albuquerque Museum). A question and answer session was held, post the presentation.

**May 25th;** NMSSAR Color Guard, compatriots; Rael, Thornton, Arhlen and Garcia, performed at a Memorial Day parade in Bernalillo, NM. Approx. 300 people attended the parade beginning at 11am to 12pm. Following the parade at 1 pm, compatriots Rael and Garcia were invited to speak at a Memorial Day celebration held at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial; approx. 200 people in attendance.

**July 4th;** NMSSAR Color Guard Compatriots: Rael, Thornton, and Garcia presented Colors at the Santa Fe "4th of July Pancake Breakfast", with Governor Susana Martinez and husband Frank and US Senator Udall with 600 to 800 attendees.

**Sept. 16th-18th;** Compatriots Thornton and Garcia presented Colors for the NM Three Trails conference at both the "Palace of Governors" on Wednesday afternoon at 3pm. On Friday, September 18th, colors were presented at 8:30 am. A honorarium of \$50.00 was donated to our Color Guard. Following with 350 members present.

**Oct. 12th-15th;** Compatriots Rael, Adams, Smith and Garcia, presented colors for the United States National Forest Convention, held at the Marriott Pyramid. A honorarium of \$100.00 was donated to our NMSSAR Color guard. With 550 US Forest members in attendance.

**Nov. 11th;** Compatriots Anger, Rael, Adams, Thornton and Garcia wore Color Guard Uniforms for annual PG Thomas E. Lawrence Banquet hosted by the NMSSAR at the Tanoan Country Club.

**Nov. 17th;** Compatriots Adams, Rael and Garcia presented colors for the NM Cancer Survivors, at The Albuquerque Hotel Old Town Plaza, with 325 members in attendance.

NEVADA

## Veterans Day Parades 2015



This last November both chapters of the Nevada Society of the Sons of the American Revolution participated in Veterans Day Parades. In the southern part of the state Compatriots from the *Signers Chapter* joined the Daughters of the American Revolution along with members of the Children of the American Revolution for the Las Vegas Veterans Day Parade (billed as the largest Veterans Day Parade west of the Mississippi River). Seeing the Children dressed in their PC attire was a real treat. Kudos to the kids and their family. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again next year. Leading the Signers Chapter group was NV Society Color Guard Commander Gary Parriott. First time participant John Maloney wore a Continental Style uniform which was appropriate as he is a descendant of Dr John Cochran, the First Surgeon General of the Continental Army. Friend and neighbor James Prezewoznik (US Army Corp of Engineers Retired) accepted the challenge to participate in the parade by wearing a Militia Style outfit. By the time he had put on the fringed hunting shirt, a cocked hat and large belt with a sheathed hunting knife he really looked the part. Thanks James As we walked to the staging area we received numerous request to stop and let folks take a photo of us. It was good fun to mingle and talk with the crowd. When Mr Gaetana Benza was spotted it was our turn to request a photo with him. Mr Benza is a WWII Veteran who participated in the Normandy invasion. He also does speaking engagements in the Las Vegas area. So it was a real honor to talk with again. All in all every one had a great time and the Las Vegas crowd is always very supportive and enthusiastic for this parade.



WWII Veteran Mr. Gaetana Benza and Gary Parriott. Personal photo of Gary Parriott



Adults L to R John Maloney (SAR), Gary Parriott (SAR), Sharon Lopez (DAR) and Jim Prezewoznik. Children of the American Revolution in their Colonial era attire. Personal photo of Gary Parriott.

Combined group of participants from DAR, SAR and CAR. Personal photo of Gary Parriott.



Left to right Jim Prezewoznik, Gary Parriott (SAR) and John Maloney (SAR). Personal photo of Gary Parriott.



Gary Parriott and John Maloney marching down 4th Street. Personal photo of Gary Parriott.



Group of marchers heading down 4th Street. Left to right, Gary Parriott (SAR), John Maloney (SAR), Sharon Lopez (DAR) and Jim Prezewoznik. Personal photo of Gary Parriott.

## Wreaths Across America Ceremony

For the past several years the Signers Chapter members have donated to the WAA fund raiser and assisted with wreath placement. Not only does our financial help ensure that as many Graves as possible receive a wreath, the Chapter also receives a portion of the donations which is added to the Chapter's Scholar scholarship fund. In this age of extremely low interest rates these WAA rebates are very welcome.

The Wreaths Across America program at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery is hosted by the Nevada Department of Veterans Services. And sponsored by the Civil Air Patrol and the SNVMC Volunteer Support Group. Victor Thomas, Lt Col ASAF (Retired) has played a leading role in this annual event.

Placement of Ceremonial Wreaths. Personal photo of Gary Parriott



Pipers Post -Scottish American Military Society Post 777. Personal photo of Gary Parriott.



Veteran volunteers helping to place wreaths. Personal photo of Gary Parriott.

Post Chapel Program photo of Gary Parriott (SAR) and Victor Thomas, Lt Col ASAF (Retired). Personal photo of Gary Parriott.



Completed section with wreaths at every grave site. Personal photo of Gary Parriott.



Unique monument near the South entrance to the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Personal photo of Gary Parriott.





NORTH CAROLINA

The Southeastern District 2 VP, David Mann, lead a remembrance Grave Marking for Lt Col Thomas Brown in Council, NC. Members of the **Lumber River, Lower Cape Fear, le Marquis de Lafayette, Halifax Resolves, Gen George Washington** and **Kings Mountain** chapters participated in the activities.

The color guard was led by Ken Smith, Gen George Washington chapter Color Guard commander. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. A. Clark Wiser, North Carolina SAR chaplain. A subsequent visit to the home built by General Thomas Brown, Oakland Plantation, followed the grave marking.



*Renown historian, author and storyteller Randell Jones    Bethabara chapter president Fred Learned*



The **Bethabara Chapter** hosted the 235th Anniversary of the Battle of Shallow Ford on the Yadkin River in Huntsville, NC, on October 10, 2015. Color guardsmen in colonial uniforms came from around the state to attend the ceremony. On October 14th, 1780, “about 350 Patriot militiamen from North Carolina and Virginia, commanded by Maj. Joseph Cloyd, defeated a large band of Tories numbering between 400 and 900,” said Bethabara Chapter President Fred Learned. This large Tory force had gathered in Surry County where they had killed the Sheriff and plundered the countryside for weeks. They had just crossed the Yadkin River attempting to join up with Cornwallis’ army in Charlotte when the battle ensued. News of the victory at the Shallow Ford spread quickly and greatly encouraged the Patriots. The Tories never again gathered in such numbers. “The Battle of Shallow Ford has long been overlooked by historians,” added Learned. “Recent research shows that, at the time, it was a significant victory for the Patriot forces.” Occurring exactly one week after the more famous Patriot victory at Kings Mountain, combined, these two battles helped turn the tide of the War for Independence in North Carolina to the Patriots’ advantage.

Following the Patriot victory at Kings Mountain on October 7th, 1780, Lord Cornwallis decided to retreat from Charlotte. Six months later on February 9th, 1781, the same Shallow Ford was used by the British Army led by Lord Cornwallis to cross the Yadkin River on the famous “Race to the Dan” in his failed attempt to catch the American Army led by General Nathanael Greene.

The speaker for the event was Randell Jones, the popular historical author, storyteller and Road Scholar who spoke of “The march of the prisoners after Kings Mountain.” “Randell is a phenomenal researcher and speaker about Revolutionary War events and people across North Carolina,” said Learned. “He has served as the past President of the Overmountain Victory Trail Association and is a much sought after expert for the accurate history of Kings Mountain, Daniel Boone, the Overmountain Men and just about every battle in North Carolina.”



*Historic Huntsville Methodist Church in Yadkinville, NC, circa 1802.*

OHIO

The **Hocking Valley Chapter** honored Martin “Marty” Byron, one of its deceased charter members, at a grave-marking ceremony on Saturday, October 31st. The ceremony took place at Sunset Cemetery near Galloway, just west of Columbus. Marty was active in the Hocking Valley color guard, and is remembered for his soft-spoken kindness and dedication to veterans and history. Marty passed away on Dec. 21st, 2014 after several months of illness.

Marty was married for 47 years to wife, Meredith (Miller) and a proud veteran of the US Navy. The ceremony was attended by many members of his family who traveled from across the country; and included words from his childhood

friend and compatriot, Paul Irwin. After the ceremony, everyone was treated to a nice luncheon courtesy of Meredith, at Ann & Tony’s Restaurant in West Jefferson.

In the photo above, the Hocking Valley Chapter Color Guard during the opening prayer with closed eyes and slightly- bowed heads. Left to Right: Color Guard Adjutant Bob Davis, Chapter President Dave Nessley, John Dye, Jeff Walt, Paul Irwin, Keith Kaufman, and Bob Hill. Unseen is Ohio Society SAR Color Guard Commander Tony Robinson.



L to R: Guard Commander, Tony Robinson; Hocking Valley Chapter members Bob Davis, Keith Kaufman, Bob Hill, John Dye, Paul Irwin; **Camp Charlotte** member Neil Dunn; Hocking Valley member Jeff Walt; Camp Charlotte member James Dunn.

On Sunday, October 18th, the Hocking Valley Chapter assisted the Ohio Society SAR Color Guard in the first anniversary commemoration of the John Hoover Chapter DAR in Grove City, Ohio at a wreath-laying ceremony in honor of Private John Hoover, the only known Revolutionary War patriot buried in Jackson Township, Franklin County. The weather was sunny, but windy, and well-attended by local citizens and politicians, state and local DAR members, and four descendants of John Hoover, including two from Arizona.

The “Westerville Irregulars” provided fife and drum music, and a reception was held at the Jackson Township Administration Building after the ceremony concluded.

On September 10, 2015, Compatriots John Franklin, Lee MacBride, Galen Swab, and Claude Custer of the **Western Reserve Society** SAR Color Guard participated in the Early Settlers Association (ESA) remembrance ceremony of Commodore Perry’s Victory on Lake Erie during the War of 1812. This program was held at the Perry Monument at Ft. Huntington Park at Lakeside and West 4th St, Cleveland Ohio.

The event took place at the original location of Fort Huntington, where Perry, after the battle, sent his famous message: “Dear General, We have met the enemy and they are ours. Two ships, two brigs, one schooner and one sloop. Yours with great respect and esteem, O.H. Perry.”





ESA Chaplin Paul Glenn asked everyone to join him in prayer for the organization, and to remember all veterans. President John Cimperman thanked everyone for coming, and told of Perry's victory. Wreaths were placed by Deb Marisch of the Peter Navarre Chapter of the War of 1812, Joan Trefts of The Early Settlers Association, and Bill Trefts placed the Western Reserve Society Sons of the American Revolution wreath. A nice group was in attendance, and afterwards traveled to Shooters in the Flats for a delicious lunch.



The **Northeastern Ohio Chapter** of the Sons of the American Revolution marked the graves of three Revolutionary War Soldiers buried at Edgewood Cemetery in Ashtabula on Sunday, August 9th. The event was held at the invitation of the Ashtabula County Historical Society, recognizing three of the more than 120 Revolutionary War Soldiers buried in Ashtabula County.

Markers were placed at the graves of: Amasa Castle Sr (1755-1826), Peleg Sweet Sr (1758-1825), and Noah Warner (1760-1831).

NEO Color Guardsmen at Washington's Tomb. L to R: John Opre; Tim Ward; Troy Bailey; Jim Pildner; and Dan Matheke.

On September 19th, 2015, five members of the Northeastern Ohio Chapter Sons of the American Revolution traveled to Mount Vernon, Virginia, where they participated with the National Society SAR Color Guard in a day-long vigil at the Tomb of George and Martha Washington. John Opre, Tim Ward, Troy Bailey, Jim Pildner, and Dan Matheke participated in the watch which began at 9:00 am, and continued in 30 minute shifts until 5:30 pm. While there, the guardsmen were able to tour much of the historic site.



On their journey to Mount Vernon, four of the members stopped at the Fort Necessity National Battlefield in Farmington, Pennsylvania. The group participated in a guided tour with a U.S. Park Ranger. This National Park serves to commemorate the battle which took place there on July 3, 1754. An early battle of the French and Indian War, it resulted in the surrender of British colonial forces, under Colonel George Washington, to French and Indian forces. The group also stopped at the grave of Major General Edward Braddock at Jumonville Glen, where the first battle of the French and Indian War occurred.



On the return leg of the trip, the group visited Washington DC, seeing many of the buildings and monuments along the way.

## Wreaths Across America in Painesville Ohio

On December 12th, 2015 the joint Color Guard from Northeast Ohio, **Samuel Huntington**, Western Reserve and **Lafayette Chapters** participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Evergreen cemetery in Painesville Ohio.

The event was sponsored by the New Connecticut Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution and included the American Legion Post 336 Color Guard, Anthony Carson Painesville City Manager and many local Boy Scout and Cub Scout Troops and Packs.

Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Johnson, Professor of Military Science at John Carroll University was the keynote speaker and Compatriot Troy Bailey brought greetings and read the Proclamation from President General Lawrence. Ms Heidi Skok sang the National Anthem and later God Bless America. Debby Kocis, Regent for the New Connecticut Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution was the Master of Ceremonies. Lorelee Hill of the DAR delivered the Invocation and Benediction.





This was the first year this event was held at Evergreen cemetery where over 1000 Veterans are interred including 10 Patriots from the Revolution.

The following Compatriots participated, Troy Bailey, Tim Ward, Jim Gilbert, Jim Pildner, Steve Hinson, Kirk Bacon and Dan Matheke from Northeast Ohio, Robert Parvin and Robert Bradt from Samuel Huntington, Claude Custer and Galen Swab from Western Reserve and John Franklin from Lafayette Chapters.

## OKLAHOMA



The Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution constructed and decorated a 53 foot float provided by Melton Truck Lines and driven by veteran James Monclair. Riding aboard the float in addition to SAR **Tulsa Chapter** President and Color Guard member Ron Painter were members Bill Johnson, John Parris, Phil Haws, Guardsman Stuart Denslow, Guardsman Bill Graham, Dallas Fortney, Larry Roth and Dan Fortman. DAR members from several Tulsa area chapters rode aboard the float. DAR member Nancy Sevenoaks provided and drove the

lead car which was an eye-catching red Mustang convertible. Riding in the Mustang were Oklahoma DAR State Regent Dr. Orriene Denslow and SAR Tulsa Chapter Honorary President, 101 year old compatriot John Haws!



101 year old SAR Tulsa Chapter Color Guardsman John Haws and Tulsa Chapter President Ron Painter



SAR members Stuart Denslow (on ground,) Ron Painter (on float left,) and Bill Graham (on float far right.) on Veterans Day Float

## Let Freedom Ring, July 4, 2015

Members of the Tulsa area chapters of the Sons, Daughters and Children of the American Revolution celebrated the national Let Freedom Ring ceremony on the campus of the University of Tulsa. Pipe Major William Tetrick of the City of Tulsa Pipes and Drums Corps opened the ceremony with patriotic pipe music. Singer Susannah Brooks performed "The Star

Spangled Banner" and "My Country Tis of Thee." SAR Tulsa Chapter President Ron Painter led the program. SAR and DAR members rang the Pergola Bell, one toll for each of the original 13 colonies. The bell ringing procession was led by Oklahoma DAR State Regent Orriene Denslow. Other ringers included Past Oklahoma SAR State President Stuart Denslow, DAR Tulsa Chapter Regent Debbie Barnes. DAR Capt



SAR Tulsa Chapter member Color Guard members (l to r) Bill Graham, Stuart Denslow, Ron Painter



SAR Tulsa Chapter Color Guard with Oklahoma DAR State Regent Dr. Orriene Denslow





SAR Tulsa Chapter and DAR Tulsa area members

Peter Ankeny Chapter Regent Lorie Vilbert and DAR Reverend John Robinson Chapter Regent Sarah McGuire. Sharon Champlin and Janice Mcghee of the Green Country Society of the Children of the American also rang the bell. Janice's daughter, Brianna, of the CAR was in attendance. The event was well attended by the public and received local TV coverage.



DAR Tulsa Regent Debbie Barnes & SAR Tulsa President Ron Painter



## TENNESSEE

### TNSSAR Grave Marking - Capt James Gaines

On Saturday October 17, 2015 The TNSSAR Color Guard presented the Colors and helped the **Long Island Chapter** of the TSDAR mark the grave of Revolutionary war soldier, Capt James Gaines at the Bloomingdale Terrace Apartments Grounds at 10 am in Kingsport, TN.

Capt. Gaines served in a Virginia militia unit. Later He moved to North Carolina and commanded a N.C. company at Cowpens Battlefield and at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. After the war He moved to Tennessee and became a prosperous farmer. The ceremony included an address from Kingsport Mayor John Clark and Greetings from Dr Darryl Addington President of the TNS-SAR. A three shot volley of muskets was fired followed by morning of arms as taps was played.



Color Guard L to R: John Kubenka, James Birddell, Bob George, Tim Massey, John Clines Jr, Tanasi River Brigade District Commander John Clines, Mountain Brigade District Commander Ronnie Lail, TNSSAR President Darryl Addington and Mike Mankin.



### TNSSAR Grave Marking - William Sparkman

It was a Rainy Fall afternoon on October the 25th, 2015 at 2:30 pm when the TNSSAR Lt. Andrew Crockett had a Revolutionary War Patriot Grave Marking for William Sparkman at the Sparkman Cemetery in Leiper's Fork, TN. **Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter** President James Hobbs was the Master of Ceremonies and TNSSAR President-Elect David Eagan gave Greetings for our State Society. Williamson County Mayor Rogers Anderson also gave Greetings. TNSSAR Genealogist Dick Spencer presented the Genealogy and History of Patriot William Sparkman. The TNSSAR Color Guard presented the Colors and fired a Musket Salute to Honor this Patriot and Com-patriot John Clark played Taps. This was an Excellent Ceremony with many Descendants and Guests in Attendance. At the end of the Ceremony the Lt.

Andrew Crockett Chapter inducted three new members into the Sons of the American Revolution.





William Reid Sparkman was a Revolutionary War Veteran. He served, along with his twin brother, William Jesse Sparkman Jr. William was born on Feb. 9, 1764 in Beaufort County, North Carolina. Even though his headstone indicates he was born in 1761, His family bible, written in his own hand, says he was born on Feb. 9, 1764. Died March 15, 1832 in Boston, Williamson

Co., TN. William was a Private in the Colonial Army of North Carolina. He served under Col. William Polk and after the struggle, he moved his family to Williamson Co, TN.



Color Guard Members in Attendance: TNSSAR State Commander David Miles Vaughn, TNSSAR French Lick Company District Commander Edward Phillips, Jim McKinney, Roger Tenney, Jim Johnson, Dennis Harris, David Eagan, Allen Poteete, Fred Ryan, John Clark, Larry Pool, Steve Gaines, George Miller and **KYSSAR Stephen Trigg Chapter** Guardsmen Steve Mallory also joined in with us.



## Clarksville, TN Veterans Day Parade

On Saturday the 7th of November 2015 the TNSSAR **Valentine Sevier Chapter** participated in the Veterans Day parade in Clarksville, TN at 10 am. The TNSSAR Color Guard members in Attendance: Valentine Sevier Chapter Commander James Thweatt, Johnny Head, Roger Tenney, Donald Horton, Jim Johnson, Don Batterson and George Miller with his Grandson in Militia.







## Veterans Day Parade - Franklin, TN

On Tuesday November 10th, 2015 the TNSSAR Andrew Crockett Chapter participated in the Veterans Day parade in Franklin, TN at 11 am. The TNS-SAR Color Guard members in Attendance: Tennessee State Commander David Miles Vaughn, David Eagan, Colin Wakefield, Roger Tenney, Jim Johnson, Jim McKinney, George Miller, Larry Pool, James Hobbs and Bob Hughes as Benjamin Franklin.

## 2015 Wreaths Across America

On December 12th 2015 the Tennessee Society Sons of the American Revolution celebrated at 12 Noon Eastern Time the annual Wreaths Across America event. It was held at various cemeteries across our great state from Nashville, Knoxville and Chattanooga. Our TNSSAR Color Guard members from their local chapters participated in honoring the Veterans and placing wreaths at their graves.





## TEXAS



Christmas Parade in Conroe, Texas, with **Freedom Chapter No 38 Texas SAR** in primary lead Color Guard for this relatively large event this Christmas, December 12, 2015. The crowd attendance was a bit surprising given the rainy weather. Special thank you to Compatriots Dave Morton, Jim Kuykendall, Mel Oller, and John Meredith for their participation. Compatriot John Meredith and John Kenton Thompson also participated in the Tomball Parade the week before.



## VIRGINIA

### Wreaths Across America at Culpeper National Cemetery Culpeper, VA



Fifer Alan Lacey and drummer Lon Lacey, III

On December 12th seven, uniformed Virginia SAR colorguardsmen helped place wreaths and participated in the ceremony for Wreaths Across America at Culpeper National Cemetery. They included: Paul Chase of the **Col William Grayson Chapter**; Don Jennings, Lon Lacey, Jr., Lon Lacey III, Alan Lacey, Lance Lyngar, and Bill Schwetke of the **Culpeper Minutemen Chapter**. The ceremony also included participation by the Culpeper Minutemen Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, the Culpeper VFW, Bugles Across America, the Boy Scouts, the

All-American Color Guard, and the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club. Over 1700 wreaths were distributed across graves in the cemetery and a crowd of over 200 gathered for the occasion.



From left to right, Paul Chase, Bill Schwetke, Don Jennings, Lance Lyngar, and Lon Lacey, Jr.



SAR Compatriots, left to right: Lon Lacey, Jr., Lance Lyngar, Alan Lacey, Lon Lacey III, Paul Chase, Lindsay Schaff, Don Jennings, Bill Schwetke, Bill Mutziger. Paul Chase is from the Col William Grayson Chapter, all others are from the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter.





## WASHINGTON

### SAR & DAR Wins in 50th Auburn Veterans Day Parade!



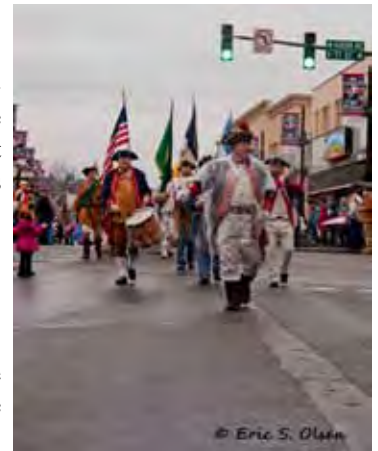
WASSAR & WSSDAR Combined Color Guard: (l to r) Skip Stephan, Capt. Greg Emerson, Col. Doug Nelson (WASSAR Pres.), Capt. Fred Gilbert, Art Dolan, Maj. Jim James M Lindley (Adjt.), Regent Muriel Parrish with DAR Flag, Bass drummer Dan Weedon, Lt. Paul Adan, Drum Major Viren Lemmer, Drummer Jay Lemmer and Fifer Dave Irons. All representing three SAR Chapters and the WSSDAR. SAR Chapters: **Alexander Hamilton; John Paul Jones; Cascade Centennial.**

IT's OFFICIAL: The "Sons of the American Revolution", represented by BOTH the WASSAR & WSSDAR Color Guard & unit has won the City of Auburn's "VETERAN's AWARD" !

Our patriot ancestors, The First Veterans, would be so proud.

Picked by the City of Auburn judges as the "Best Non-Motorized Marching Unit" in the Parade!

The 50th Auburn Veterans Day Parade had 208 entries, 5,000 participants and probably some 25,000 spectators in the rain! The largest Veterans Day parade on the West Coast.



In its fifth appearance at the 50th Auburn Veterans Day Parade, the WASSAR Color Guard was honored with the City of Auburn's "Veterans Award" as the best marching unit. This Parade, the largest of its kind on the West Coast, includes 208 units, over 5,000 participants and 30,000 onlookers. Our Color Guard turned out with a record 13 uniformed continentals & militiamen representing three chapters. Combined with DAR representatives from five chapters, our unit was flush. We also fielded for the first time a full complement of Fife & Drum Corps, including our new bass drum to keep us all in step.

**NOTE:** We were a combined unit of SAR & DAR, both represented and announced as the "Sons & Daughters of the American Revolution", in the Color Guard and the body of the unit. The only reason the DAR was not officially credited was because we marched without their banner out front as it usually is. This Award belongs to both the WASSAR & the WSSDAR.



WSSDAR President Carol Jean Gaffney with WASSAR Color Guard Commander Bob O'Neal at Auburn Veterans Day Parade. Leaders of their combined SAR-DAR marching unit that won the "Veterans Award".





# City of Auburn's 50<sup>th</sup> annual Veterans Day Parade and Observance Saturday, November 7, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

## General's Award – Best in Parade

#176 – Brothers in Arms Motorcycle Club

## Admiral's Award – Best Military Entry

#25 – E.E. Van Valkenberg

## Memorial Award to Harold Page – Best Veteran Service Organization Entry

#66 – United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.

## Colonel's Award – Best Motorized Entry

#64 – Military Order of the Purple Heart / American Lake Golf Course

## Veteran's Award – Best Non-Motorized Entry

#167 – Sons of the American Revolution

## Mayor's Award – Best Musical or Drill Entry

#76 – North Mason High School Marching Band

## 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Award – Most Patriotic

#21 – Gold Star Mothers of Washington State – Fallen Hero Banners

## Curb Competition

Best Curb Appeal – Wesley Homes

Most Patriotic – Knights of Columbus

Best Salute to Veterans – Price Helton Funeral Home

Congratulations winners!

Thank you to all entries for your support and participation.

See you next year – Saturday, November 5, 2016





WASSAR Color Guard - Veterans Day  
at Kitsap Fairgrounds

Bremerton WA - to meet & greet 3,000 veterans. (l to r) WASSAR Pres. & CG Brigade Col. Doug Nelson; CG Drum Major Viren Lemmer; CG Commander Lt.Col. Bob O'Neal; Vern Frykholm as persona General Washington & honorary WASSAR Color Guardsman; CG 1st Lt Mick Hersey. These from **Alexander Hamilton Chapter** and **John Paul Jones Chapter SAR**.



## National Color Guard Events

Date	Event	Location
January 15-17, 2016	Battle of Cowpens	Chesnee, SC
February 13, 2016	Battle of Kettle Creek	Washington, GA
February 20, 2016	Crossing of the Dan	South Boston, VA
February 20, 2016	California Massing of Colors	Burbank, CA
February 20, 2016	Washington Birthday Parade	Laredo, TX
February 27, 2016	Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge	Currie, NC
February 26-27, 2016	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY
March 5, 2016	Last Naval Battle of the Revolution	Merritt Island, FL
March 19, 2016	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC
April 9, 2016	Halifax Resolves	Halifax, NC
April 16, 2016	Patriot's Day	Concord, MA
May 5 2016	Kentucky Derby Pegasus Parade	Louisville, KY
May 14, 2016	Raid on Martin's Station	Ewing, VA
May 9, 2015	Battle of Pensacola	Pensacola, FL
May, 2016	Fields of Honor / Healing Field	Various
May 26-27, 2016	Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous	Vincennes, IN
May 29, 2016	Battle of Fort San Carlos	St Louis, MO
May 30, 2016	National Memorial Day Parade	Washington DC
May 2016	Memorial Day events *	Various locations
June 17, 2016	Battle of Bunker Hill	Bunker Hill, MA
June 18, 2016	Battle of Ramseur's Mill	Lincolnton, NC
July 4 every year	Let Freedom Ring	Various locations
July 2016	July 4th Events *	Various locations
July 7-13, 2016	NSSAR National Congress	Boston, MA
July 23, 2016	Battle of Fort Laurens	Bolivar, OH
September 5, 2015	Battle of Groton Heights	Groton, CT
September 19, 2015	Vigil at George Washington's Tomb	Mt Vernon, VA
September 19, 2015	Battle of Saratoga	Stillwater, NY
September 19, 2015	Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Elizabethton, TN
September 24-26, 2015	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY
October 2-4, 2015	Point Pleasant Battle Days	Point Pleasant, WV
October 7, 2015	Battle of Kings Mountain	Blacksburg, SC
October 19, 2015	Yorktown Days	Yorktown, VA
November 2015 & 2016	Veterans Day Events *	Various Locations
Dec 5-6, 2015	Battle of Great Bridge	Norfolk, VA
December 12, 2015	Wreaths Across America	Various Locations

\* 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.

**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).

## 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

## 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 - Present



# 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.

State	Color Guard Commander	Primary Phone	Cell Number	Email Address	City
Alabama	George Thomas Smith, III	334 215-8432		tomsmith12(at)charter.net.	Montgomery
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California	James C Fosdyck	714-530-0767	714-932-4097	jfosdyck(at)sbcglobal.net	Garden Grove
Colorado	Steven DeBoer	303-972-9310	303-475-6757	steved(at)i-pro-online.com	Littleton
Connecticut	David Perkins	203-797-1967	203-948-7974	DPerkins8@att.net	Bethel
Florida	Charles Day	352-799-5335		dmdaycdy(at)aol.com	Brooksville
Georgia	Dr Ed Rigel Sr	770-534-7043	678-617-4331	compatriotrigel(at)charter.net	Gainesville
Illinois	Thomas D Ashby	309-897-8483	309-202-4067	tdashby(at)me.com	Bradford
Idaho	Nathan Pyles	208-412-4344		nathan.pyles(at)gmail.com	Nampa
Indiana	Robert Cunningham	812-336-7131	812-272-5373	rpcunnin(at)indiana.edu	Bloomington
Kansas	Dennis Nelson	913-888-0131	913-522-3867	dnfromkc(at)swbell.net	Overland Park
Kentucky	Forest Chilton	502-245-8718		fchilton737(at)att.net	Louisville
Louisiana	Ted Brode	318-323-3961		tbrode(at)comcast.net	West Monroe
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Maryland	David H. Embrey	301-776-0235		dembrey(at)comcast.net	Savage
Michigan	Gerald Burkland	989-871-9569		bftb(at)tds.net	Millington
Minnesota	Hon. Paul Kent Theisen	320-351-6221		pstheis36(at)mainstreetcom.com	Sauk Centre
Mississippi	John R Taylor Jr	601-733-9475	601-941-2977	taylorj1947(at)yahoo.com	Mize
Missouri	Bill Groth	314-843-7440		Birdbill(at)aol.com	St. Louis
Nevada	Gary Parriott			garyparriott(at)gmail.com	
New Hampshire	Jack Manning			jack(at)manning.net	
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New York	Peter K. Goebel	518-774-9740		goebelpk(at)gmail.com	
North Carolina	Gary Green	(910) 612-3676		garyogreen(at)gmail.com	
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Wisconsin	Aaron Krebs	608-663-1652		lmkack(at)charter.net	Madison

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, Massachusetts, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wyoming.



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CELEBRATION OF  
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15-17 JANUARY 2016  
SPARTANBURG & CHESNEE, SC**

The Courtyard by Marriott at 110 Mobile Dr, Spartanburg, SC (864-585-2400) will serve as the host hotel for Cowpens participants. A block of rooms is reserved at a price of \$99.00 plus tax which includes breakfast on Saturday morning. The group name for the room block is "SAR". Reservations can be made at the following link:

[http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=The%20Sons%20of%20the%20American%20Revolution%20Room%20Block%20Jan2016%5Espach%60sonsona%7Csonsonb%6099.00%60USD%60false%601%601/1-5/16%601/18/16%6012/23/15&app=resvlink&stop\\_mobi=yes](http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=The%20Sons%20of%20the%20American%20Revolution%20Room%20Block%20Jan2016%5Espach%60sonsona%7Csonsonb%6099.00%60USD%60false%601%601/1-5/16%601/18/16%6012/23/15&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes)

***The reservation deadline is 23 December 2015.***

Those wishing to present a wreath at the battlefield on Saturday, 16 January should send the following information to John Hoyle. Compatriot Hoyle can be contacted at: 18 Shannon Ridge Ct, Greenville, SC 29615, [johoyle@rocketmail.com](mailto:johoyle@rocketmail.com) or 864-263-3644.

***Wreath registration deadline is 11 January 2016.***

Organization & Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Presentor: \_\_\_\_\_

Color Guard: YES NO

Attending:

Daniel Morgan Statues Ceremony: YES NO

Cowpens Battelfield Ceremony: YES NO

**Schedule of Events:**

**Friday, 15 January 2016**

**TBA** Order of Founders of North America Meeting - Courtyard by Marriott  
**2:30 pm** General Daniel Morgan Statue Ceremony - Morgan Square (corner of Main Street and Church Street), Downtown Spartanburg. Participants will be invited to place a flower at the base of the statue.  
**4:00 pm** South Atlantic District SAR Annual Meeting - Courtyard by Marriott  
**5:30 pm** Cowpens Reception - Courtyard by Mariott  
**7:00 pm** Dr Bobby Moss Cowpens Lecture Series - Montgomery Room, Burwell Building, Wofford College, 429 N Church St. Admission is \$5.00.

**Saturday, 16 January 2016**

**9:30 am** Deadline for wreath registration at Cowpens National Battlefield  
**10:00 am** Wreath Laying Ceremony - U.S. Monument, Visitors Center, Cowpens National Battlefield  
**10:45 am** March to the Washington Light Infantry Monument with National Society SAR wreath laying  
**12:00 pm** Lunch - Fatz Cafe, Peachoid Rd, Gaffney, SC

**Sunday, 17 January 2016**

**TBA** SAR Genealogy Seminar - Cowpens National Battlefield

*The SAR will have an information tent set up at the battlefield on both Saturday and Sunday.*

***The Marquis de LaFayette, portrayed by Mark Schneider of Colonial Williamsburg, will be the Guest of Honor at the Dr Bobby Gilmer Moss Cowpens Lecture Series on Friday, 15 January 2016 at Wofford College***

Fill out form and click -