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Commander's Report

COMPATRIOTS,

Un Hui and I hope all our SAR Colorguardsmen and their families enjoyed a wonderful Christmas AND that you have a healthy and prosperous 2020.

I have been busy approving color guard awards: 22 Silver Color Guard Medals, 4 National Von Steuben Medals for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard and 7 Molly Pitcher Medals. Color guard medal applications were submitted from 13 state societies (AL, AZ, CA, GA, IN, KS, KY, MI, NY, OH, TX, VA, and WA). Keep up the great work while representing the Sons of the American Revolution.

Some of you may know I'm currently wearing two SAR hats. In addition to the Color Guard Commander I am the Vice President General of the Western District. This dual responsibility resulted in me missing a few national color guard events here on the west coast.

For example, on Veterans' Day I attended a luncheon celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Riverside (CA) Chapter. The event was held at the historic Mission Inn in Riverside. The master of ceremonies was our SAR Color Guard Safety Officer Mark Kramer who is the President of the Riverside Chapter. It was a wonderful luncheon attended by compatriots from all around California.

On Veterans' Day, while I was in Riverside, my home chapter (Orange County) and members of the Harbor Chapter participated in a plaque presentation by the DAR. The CASSAR Color Guard presented the Colors for the Patience Wright Chapter DAR Plaque Dedication at Laguna Beach's historic American Legion Hall, the home of American Legion Post 222.

Like many of you on Saturday, December 14, 2019, I participated in Wreaths Across America. We laid wreaths on the graves of veterans at Memory Garden Memorial Park & Mortuary in Brea, CA. The California Society, SAR Color Guard was comprised of colorguardsmen from the Orange County and Harbor Chapters. The Color Guard was joined by General George Washington (portrayed by Compatriot Dan Shippey) and his guidon carrier Compatriot James Gill of the Harbor Chapter. You may read more about Dan Shippey's portrayals of George Washington in an article, "George Washington Bids Farewell to his Officers" published in this issue of the SAR Colorguardsman.

Also participating in Wreaths Across America was a cadre of Sonora High School Army JROTC Cadets. Sonora High School is in La Habra, CA. The Senior Military Instructor is Lt. Col. Hans F. Hunt. Col. Hunt is a member of the Orange County Chapter. He read President General John "Jack" Manning's Wreath Across America Proclamation.

Twelve of the 24 California Society, SAR chapters participated in Wreaths Across America. I expect most state societies had similar participation.



One final note, hopefully our Artillery Commander Dr. Rudy Byrd and Dr. M. Kent Gregory EdD of the SAR Educational Center and Museum Committee will coordinate the presentation of a cannonry class at SAR Headquarters. Tentatively the class will be presented in conjunction with the 2020 spring Leadership Meeting. Unfortunately, there will not be a live fire demonstration.

Keep up the great work.

James Fosdyck
Commander,
2019-2020

Color Guard Adjutant Search

It is time to begin the search for a new NSSAR Color Guard Adjutant

On July 14, 2020 there will be a Change of Command for the National Society SAR Color Guard. The current Color Guard Commander will step down at the 130th Annual SAR Congress in Richmond, Virginia. The outgoing Commander shall be succeeded by the Vice Commander and the First Adjutant shall become Vice Commander. The Second Adjutant shall become the First Adjutant.

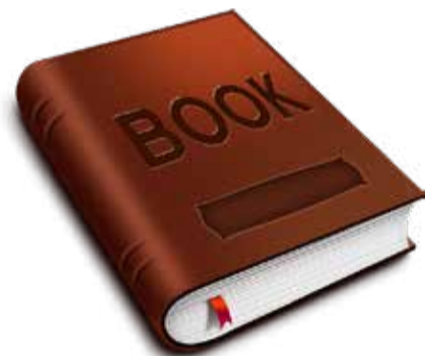
At the 129th Annual Congress in Costa Mesa, California the Color Guard Committee voted to amend the standard term of service as the National Color Guard Commander as one or two years. The current Vice Commander and two Adjutants have agreed to serve one-year terms as Commander.



Please contact Commander James Fosdyck if you are interested in being considered for the position of SAR Color Guard Second Adjutant. This is a minimum four-year commitment. Although not mandatory, it is preferable candidates have a strong background as a member of their local chapter, state society and the National Society SAR Color Guard.

National Society SAR Color Guard.

You may review the Color Guard Handbook; Pages 3 and 4, for additional details about the Command Structure of the National Society SAR Color Guard. Please be aware that there have been amendments of the Handbook and those changes may not be in the version published November 8, 2016.



James C. Fosdyck, Commander
NSSAR Color Guard Change of Command for the National Society SAR Color Guard.



National Color Guard Events - 2020 -

Approximate 2020 Date	Color Guard Event	Location	Host
January 18	Battle of Cowpens	Chesnee, SC	Daniel Morgan SAR
February 16	Battle of Cowans Ford	Huntersville, NC	Mecklenburg SAR
February 8	Battle of Kettle Creek	Washington, GA	Georgia
February 15	Crossing of the Dan	South Boston, VA	Virginia
February 22	Washington Birthday Parade	Laredo, TX	Texas
February 22	Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge	Currie, NC	North Carolina
February 28-30	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY	
March 7	Last Naval Battle of the Revolution	Merritt Island, FL	Florida
March 14	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC	North Carolina
April 18	Halifax Resolves	Halifax, NC	North Carolina
April 18	Patriot's Day	Nationally	
April 30	Kentucky Derby Pegasus Parade	Louisville, KY	Kentucky
May 2	Battle of Pensacola	Pensacola, FL	Florida
May 9	Raid on Martin's Station	Ewing, VA	Virginia
May 16	Armed Forces Day		
May 23	Battle of Fort San Carlos	St Louis, MO	Missouri
May 23	Buford's Massacre	Lancaster, SC	General Francis Marion SAR
May 22-24	Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous	Vincennes, IN	Indiana
May 25	National Memorial Day Parade	Washington DC	District of Columbia
May 25	Memorial Day events *	Various locations	
June 6	Action at Machias	Machias, ME	Maine
June 13	Battle of Ramseur's Mill	Lincolnton, NC	Catawba Valley SAR
June 15	Battle of Bunker Hill	Charlestown, MA	Massachusetts SAR
June 27	Battle of Monmouth	Monmouth Cty, NJ	New Jersey SAR
July 4 every year	Let Freedom Ring / July 4th Events *	Various locations	
July 9-15	NSSAR National Congress	Costa Mesa, CA	
July 25	Siege of Fort Laurens	Bolivar, OH	Ohio
August 15	Battle of Blue Licks	Carlisle, KY	Kentucky
August 28 - Sept 3	National American Legion Parade	Various	
August 29	Battle of Groton Heights	Groton, CT	Connecticut
September 19	Battle of Saratoga	Stillwater, NY	Empire State
September 19	Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Elizabethton, TN	Tennessee
September 19	Vigil at George Washington's Tomb	Mt Vernon, VA	
September 24-26	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY	
October 2-4	Point Pleasant Battle Days	Point Pleasant, WV	West Virginia
October 7	Battle of Kings Mountain	Blacksburg, SC	Kings Mountain SAR (NC) / Daniel Morgan SAR (SC)
October 19	Yorktown Days	Yorktown, VA	Virginia
November 11	Veterans Day Events *	Nationally	Various
December 5	Battle of Great Bridge	Norfolk, VA	Virginia
December 12	Wreaths Across America	Various Locations	
Events that can occur on random dates throughout the year			
	Massing of the Colors		
	Fields of Honor / Healing Field		
	Honor Flight		

THE CALENDAR DATES ARE MOSTLY APPROXIMATE IN NATURE. PLEASE VERIFY ANY DATE WITH THE HOST STATE/CHAPTER. ALSO, THERE MAY BE ONE OR TWO EVENTS THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED THAT SHOULD BE. IF THERE ARE ANY EXCLUSIONS, THEY ARE UNINTENTIONAL. ANY EVENTS THAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMANDER FOR LATER ADDITION.



* 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.

** Date Added refers to first appearance in Color Guard Handbook after approval by National Color Guard Committee. Those national events that do not have a date, were listed in the first edition dated 9/24/2000 thus signifying approval prior to that date. Events with Date Added next to them cannot be counted for Color Guard Medals prior to the earlier of the date added or the actual date the event would have occurred after it was added.

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 [sarwilliamssa\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:sarwilliamssa@gmail.com)



State Society Color Guard Commanders

Welcome to the NSSAR Color Guard.

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

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

Changes are noted in **RED** text

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

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Vendor List

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

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

Type the listed name of the vendor into your browser tab

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

GEORGE WASHINGTON BIDS FAREWELL TO HIS OFFICERS

On November

25th, 1783 after eight years of war and more than six years of occupation New York was finally liberated from British control. The remaining American Army and officers paraded in and regained control physically demonstrating the end of the War for Independence. By the 4th of December General Washington was ready to depart from the Army and travel to Maryland where the Congress awaited his resignation as Commander in Chief of the Continental Army. Before he left, he had one last duty to perform, a gathering of his remaining officers one last time to say fare-

well. In the eighteenth century most people didn't travel more than fifty miles from their home in their lifetime and the odds were that after all the years of war and struggle they saw together he would never see these men again. The scene was described by Colonel Benjamin Talmadge in his memoirs.

At 12 o'clock the officers repaired to Fraunces Tavern in Pearl Street where General Washington had appointed to meet them and to take his final leave of them. We had been assembled but a few moments when his excellency entered the room. His emotions were too strong to be concealed which seemed to be reciprocated by every officer present. After partaking of a slight refreshment in almost breathless silence the General filled his glass with wine and turning to the officers said, 'With a heart full of love and gratitude I now take leave of you. I most devoutly wish that your latter days may be as prosperous and happy as your former ones have been glorious and honorable.'

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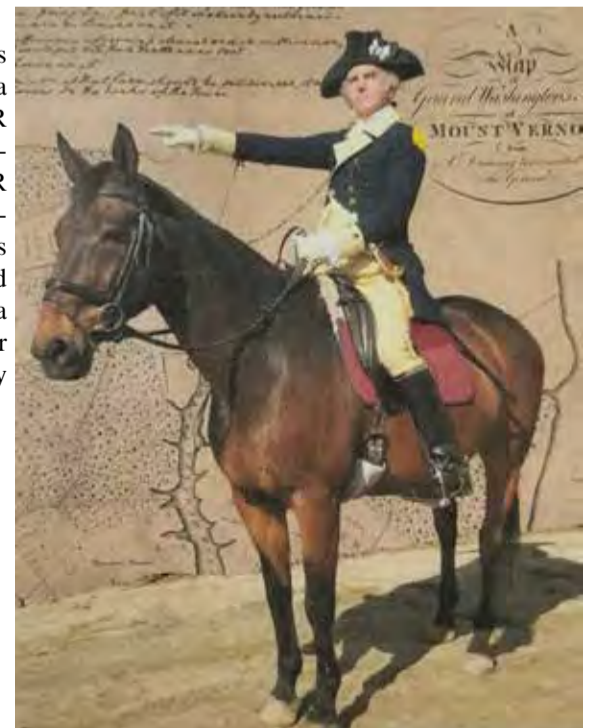
come to each of you but shall feel obliged if each of you will come and take me by the hand." General Knox being the nearest to him turned to the Commander-in-chief who, suffused in tears, was incapable of utterance but grasped his hand when they embraced each other in silence. In the same affectionate manner, every officer in the room marched up and parted with his general in chief. As they conclude the performance portion of the event Compatriot Shippey moves to the gallery to shake hands with each person, looking them in the eye in silence and remembering what this moment had cost those men. Often there are tears.

Portraying General Washington is something Compatriot Shippey has done for a decade now. According to Compatriot Shippey, "If I should have the good fortune to return to Fraunces Tavern next year I will be the same age as Washington was when this event occurred. It is always an honor to stand in place for the General and I always work hard to make sure that I do everything in my power to bring his persona to the public. It's always my desire that people should walk away feeling they have encountered the man."

After a long time of not being able to talk about it, Compatriot Shippey can now say that he has signed a contract to study, expand and continue to develop his interpretation of General Washington with the good people of Mount Vernon. Dan will get to work during this year with a man whom he has long respected for what he has brought to this role, Mr. Dean Malissa.

Dan said, "I'm very glad to finally be able to share this with my friends and fellow compatriots. We will be continuing to live in Southern California, and I will be commuting to work. This opportunity is a blessing, an honor, a challenge and an adventure."

Compatriot Shippey is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution - California Society - Orange County Chapter. Dan is the founder / owner of The Breed's Hill Institute, @Breeds.Hill.Institute on Facebook. Daniel is a former president of the OC Chapter and a member of the CASSAR Color Guard. He is the recipient of the SAR Bronze and Silver Color Guard Medals and the CASSAR Bronze and Silver von Steuben Color Guard Medals.



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Compatriot Daniel H. T. Shippey portraying General Washington; Fraunces Tavern Museum.

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In this picture from 2019 are SAR members Daniel Shippey and Christopher Keane. Compatriot Keane had the opportunity to act as the bartender during the performances this year. Compatriot Keane is also a member of the Orange County (CA) Chapter Color Guard.

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Take Notice

241st Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek Revolutionary Days

A National Society SAR Historic Sites & Celebrations Event
Sponsored by the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution
www.GaSocietySAR.org

Elijah Clark State Park – 2959 McCormick Highway, Lincolnton, GA 30817

10:00 A.M. - Living history at restored cabin and Elijah Clark Museum - Colonial lifestyle demonstrations, period music, musket and cannon firings, traveling trunk display, book signings

12:00 P.M. - Free chili luncheon and dessert buffet

1:30 P.M. - Heroes of the Hornets' Nest Wreath Ceremony

Featured speaker this year is noted author, genealogist, and amateur archeologist Dr. David Noble with updated information on the newly discovered Revolutionary War fort, located on what is now Elijah Clark Park land, and commanded by Kettle Creek hero and original Wilkes County Militia Commander Colonel John Dooly. A wreath ceremony at Elijah Clarke's grave follows, and regional color guard and militia units will combine to bring pomp and circumstance to the occasion. Wreath request forms will be sent at a later date - This is separate from the Saturday registration.

Park entry fees will be waived for attendees. www.GaStateParks.org/ElijahClark

Kettle Creek Battlefield, War Hill Road, Washington, GA 30673

Take a self-guided walking tour of the Kettle Creek Battlefield site and enjoy the marked trails and interpretive signs. The ceremony at the site is scheduled for the next day - Saturday at 2:30 PM

Washington, GA 30673

If you have available time consider visiting the Washington Historical Museum and the Robert Toombs House to enjoy 18th century history and Battlefield Relics. For more information visit - www.washingtonwilkes.org

6:00 P.M. - The Kettle Creek Battlefield Association, Inc. (KCBA), Georgia Society SAR and Kettle Creek NSDAR will host a dinner and Revolutionary War program in honor of the Kettle Creek Patriots. Reservations are required and are to be made directly with KCBA.

Please see the Friday Dinner Invitation. The event is hosted at the Pope Center, 48 Lexington Ave., Washington, GA 30673. KCBA's website is – www.kettlecreekbattlefield.com (Do not use the .org site)

Washington, GA 30673

10:00 - 4:00 P.M. - The Robert Toombs Historic Site, the Washington Historical Museum, and the Mary Willis Library will remain open for visitors. (Museum is open to 5:00 PM)

A National Society SAR Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee Event

Washington Square in Historic Downtown Washington, GA 30673

9:50 A.M. - The Georgia Society SAR Elijah Clarke Militia Honor Guard with Musket Salutes will raise the 1776 Colors of the Revolutionary War on the Wilkes County Courthouse Flag pole.

9:50 A.M.- 12 Noon - Historical performers in the City Square, Georgia Society SAR Living History building with demonstrations located in a historic building just off the Square. Just follow the signs. The Mary Willis Library will host a film about the Kettle Creek battle. The Robert Toombs House Historic site features period performers and a special programs. The Washington Historical Museum features the Kettle Creek Artifact Room.

10:10 A.M. - The Georgia Society SAR combined Color Guard & Militia will gather at the Revolutionary War monument on the Washington City square to Salute and Honor the Wilkes County Militia - (the Heroes of the Hornets' Nest) and all Revolutionary War Patriots.

10:30 A.M. – Color Guard and parade participants gather behind the Courthouse for the assembly of the Revolutionary War Parade— ALL the public (Children & Grownups) are welcome to participate in the event as our National Colors and re-enactors lead us around Washington Square. Parade STARTS at 10:45 A.M.

10:45 A.M. – The parade will start and will march two complete times around Washington Square and will end behind the courthouse at Fort Washington Park.

11:00 A.M. - Georgia Society SAR Elijah Clarke Militia and other re-enactors with black-powder muskets will present a dramatic portrayal of the Battle of Kettle Creek in Fort Washington Park behind the Wilkes County Courthouse.

11:45 A.M. - The Georgia Society SAR Color Guard--Elijah Clarke Militia and others, will present arms and fire a thunderous musket salute as the Revolutionary War Colors are lowered and our Present-day National Colors are raised on the Wilkes County Courthouse Flag pole.

Kettle Creek Battlefield, War Hill Road, Washington, GA 30673

2:30 P.M. - Pageantry at the Kettle Creek Battlefield includes, Continental Army, Georgia Militia, Musket volley salutes, Wreath Presentations, SAR/DAR/CAR, Hereditary Organizations, Local, State & National officials, High School JROTC, students and public, place wreaths to honor the Heroes of the Hornets' Nest--the Wilkes County Militia for their 1779 Victory at Kettle Creek. Please see "Wreath Registration Form for Saturday" and send to Ed Rigel, Jr.

9:00 A.M. – Memorial Service - Join the Georgia Society SAR and the Kettle Creek Chapter, NSDAR in a Colonial Worship Service honoring the Wilkes County Militia (Heroes of the Hornets' Nest) and the SC Upper 96 Militia who together defeated the Loyalists at the Battle of Kettle Creek. As in the past this Colonial Service is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to participate. The service will be held at The Episcopal Church of the Mediator in downtown Washington.

"Revolutionary Days"

Celebrating the 241st Anniversary of the

Battle of Kettle Creek

Kettle Creek Battlefield Memorial Ceremony

Saturday, February 8, 2020 at

2:30pm

War Hill Road

Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia

All Societies and Chapters of the C.A.R., DAR, SAR, other hereditary Societies and patriotic or historical organizations are invited to attend. Descendants and the public are especially welcome.

Submit request to participate in the Wreath Presentation no later than January 20, 2020, to assure listing in the Ceremony Program

Organization: _____

Name of Presenter: _____

Office or Title of Presenter: _____

Will Participate in the Color Guard: Y N Musket: Y N

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Due to rocky soil conditions and winds we do NOT use wreath stands at War Hill.

Mail to: Ed Rigel, Jr., 1608 Indian Way, Cumming, GA 30040

or

Email: edrigel@gmail.com

The Kettle Creek Battlefield Association

Invites you to join in celebrating the Battle of Kettle Creek at the annual banquet to be held on

Friday, February 7th, 2020

Pope Center
48 Lexington Ave
Washington, GA 30673

Speaker: Caroline Faz

"How a Few Hours Changed Ordinary Eighteenth Century Men into Icons and Villians"

Dinner Cost: \$35.00 per individual

Please make your checks payable to the KCBA

Cash Bar & Reception 5:00 P.M.

Dinner at 6:30 P.M.

Mail to:

KCBA

P. O. Box 729

Washington, GA 30673

Please include your email address

Dinner reservation must be received by January 31, 2020

For questions contact: Walker Chewning

Cell: 678-409-4644

NOTE: Those wishing to sit as a group or family please designate on your RSVP—Tables seat "6" and will be assigned by number



Elijah Clarke and Heroes of the Hornets' Nest

Remembrance Day

Friday, February 7, 2020

10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Elijah Clark State Park

2959 McCormick Highway (East of Downtown) Lincolnton, GA. 30817

(706) 359-3458 www.GaStateParks.org/ElijahClark

Come when you can.

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12:00 p.m. Free chili luncheon and dessert buffet

1:30 p.m. Heroes of the Hornets' Nest Wreath Ceremony

Featured speaker this year is noted author, genealogist, and amateur archeologist Dr. David Noble with updated information on the newly discovered Revolutionary War fort, located on what is now Elijah Clark Park land, and commanded by Kettle Creek hero and original Wilkes County Militia Commander Colonel John Dooly. A wreath ceremony at Elijah Clarke's grave follows, and regional color guard and militia units will combine to bring pomp and circumstance to the occasion. Wreath request forms will be sent at a later date.

Indoor facilities are available in the event of inclement weather.

Park entry fees will be waived for attendees and special discounts will be offered for 2-night cabin rentals at the park.

Elijah Clark Park is an easy half hour drive to Washington, GA and to the Kettle Creek Battlefield.

*Please see the **TAKE NOTICE** for all of the additional weekend Revolutionary War Days activities sponsored by the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution.*

BATTLE OF THOMAS CREEK

243RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THOMAS CREEK

SATURDAY 10:00 AM, MARCH 28, 2020 IN JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

The Florida Society SAR commemorates the 243rd anniversary for the Battle of Thomas Creek (the Southernmost Battle of the American Revolutionary War). The ceremony will be held at Seaton Creek Historic Preserve Park at 10:00 AM. If placing a wreath and/or participating in the color guard, please arrive no later than 9:30AM to register your wreath. The park is located off I-95 at Exit 366 then head west 2.5 miles on Pecan Park Road to 2145 Arnold Road, Jacksonville, FL (3 miles North of the airport). The bad weather location event will take place at Sheltair, 14600 Whirlwind Ave.(3.5 miles west).

We will have a social and orientation meeting Friday evening at 5 p.m. on March 27th at the Marriott Spring Hill Suites, 13550 Airport Court, Jacksonville, FL 32218 (904-741-8002). Identify yourself with the SAR (discount code SOR) for a discounted rate of \$119 (includes breakfast) or use your Marriott reward points. A block of rooms will be reserved up to March 15th. Organizations and participants will be announced during the ceremony. Our speaker will again be Dr. Roger Smith of Colonial Research Associates, Inc. We will also have again the Patriotic Choral Group "Let Freedom Sing" plus various Patriotic and Civic Organizations bringing greetings. We are especially honored this year to have SAR, South Atlantic District, Vice President General Allen Greenly, attending and bringing greeting.



To assure your organization's recognition and to receive a flag streamer, please complete the following by March 1, 2020 and forward to:

David H. Ramseur (FLSSAR President 2011-12)
3733 River Hall Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32217
(904)-502-4819; Davidramseur12@gmail.com

Society Name: _____

Chapter or Organization Name: _____

Will present Wreath: Yes _____ No _____

Wreath Dedicated to: _____

Presenter (s) Name (s): _____

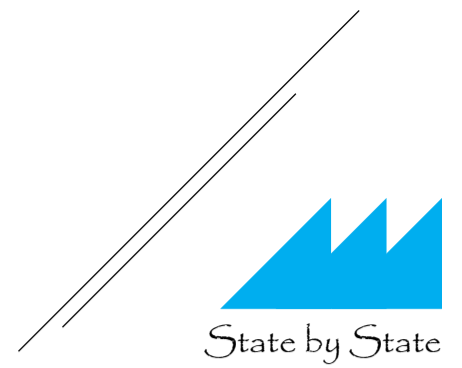
Title (s) (if applicable) _____

Will bring SAR flag for the Color Guard? Yes _____ No _____

Number of members from your group: _____

In Uniform /Militia or Colonial Attire _____

Reports from The Field



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

Color Guard Units' Highlights!

From the Editor

The previous high water mark was 27 state societies' color guard reports. **This issue has 25!**

There are some things about submitting content, especially for state Color Guard Commanders or their designee, that need to be explained and understood in order to reduce any future controversy.

- The color guard events or activities must be from only the three months immediately prior to the issue's publication date.
- **Please do not send PDF files.** Send the native document: WORD, Text, etc.
- Submit events when color guard units participate in designated chapter color guard events, designated state color guard events, and/or designated District/National color guard events. **State Color guard commanders should pass on these guidelines when communicating with his state's color guard members.**
- **The deadline for submission of content is the end of the month prior to the Issue date:** December 31 for the January Issue, March 31 for the April issue, June 30 for the July Issue, and September 30 for the October issue.
- The state Color Guard Commanders should be sending that message to all of their state's chapter color guard members/commanders.
- Please use the chain-of-command when submitting content. Chapter Color Guard Commanders should submit to their state's Color Guard Commander who then uses his judgement to submit to this Editor.
- **IMPORTANT** - When submitting photos, **please do NOT embed them into any document** (PDF or WORD) but send them in the original resolution.
- **IMPORTANT** - When submitting photos, **for any event please submit no more than two photos for any single event.** When submitting text to explain the event using photos please accurately label which photo goes with what text. I get a photos titled IMG-12345, IMG 45678 and the text will say photo 1 and photo 2. Which is photo 1 and which is photo 2?

I look forward to the issue that has all state color guard units with something in the issue. Missing in this issue are: **Alabama, Colorado, Georgia, Louisiana, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, & Washington.**

Thank you, one and all, for making this section showcase and shine a light on **your** color guard units' activities and community involvement.

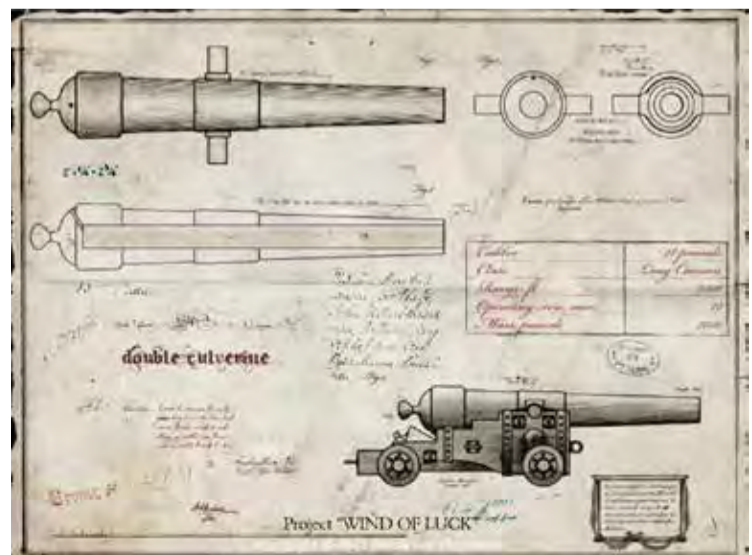


CANNON

TRAINING



Artillery Command Dr. Rudy Byrd will hold a Cannon Training session at the Spring Leadership Conference. Contact Dr Byrd for details.





Left: The Prescott Color Guard Commanded by Dr. William Baran participated in the program at the Prescott National Cemetery.

Right: The Coast Guard Wreath was presented by Thomas Chittenden an Air Force Veteran and Edward Lipphardt a Navy Veteran carried and placed the Coast Guard Wreath



Wreathes Across America Evergreen Cemetery Tucson AZ

On Saturday, December 14th, 2019 the Tucson Chapter Color Guard joined with all of America in a solemn tribute to our fallen veterans in the Wreaths across America project at Evergreen Cemetery. A six-man Color Guard team fired an opening ceremony salute to our fallen soldiers. Then the entire Color Guard, commanded by Richard Collins accompanied by the DAR and Ladies Auxiliary, carried in the colors. The program ended with attendees placing wreaths on the veteran's tombstones.

Pictures and story by Albert Niemeyer





Coachella Valley Chapter (CA) Color Guard at Veterans' Day Parade in Coachella Valley.

Left to right: Chris Cerillo, Ben Hobbins, Bill Hanes, Curt Lane, Aaron Wilkinson and Ed Dehler



Yosemite Chapter Registrar, Randy Dhindsa, wearing his Continental Officer's uniform at the 2019 Veteran's Day Parade in Fresno.



(L-R) Brian Claxton, Arnie Burr, Rick Meridth, Mike Davis. 10 members of the Kern Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution marched in 2019 Veterans Day. (Photo Credit Alex Horvath/ The Californian)



(L-R) Jeff Sylvan, John Humphrey, and Gary Overby. Delta Chapter (CA) Color Guard posted the colors in an opening ceremony.

During the opening ceremony in observance of the DAR Major Hugh Moss Chapter (Modesto, CA), 100th anniversary, the Delta Chapter Color Guard was invited to post the colors.

On Thursday, 31 October South Coast Chapter (CA) Color Guard Commander Kevin Forrest made a Revolutionary War Historical Presentation to Grades 5 thru 8 at the Inspire Charter School in Mission Viejo, CA. As part of the presentation, students were invited to try on a uniform. In addition, they learned about the Revolutionary War Soldier's daily life. Because of the success of Kevin's presentation, he has been invited to give a similar presentation at the schools' other location.



Colonial Era flags being presented and described.



The students were given a chance to see several historical replica items (drum, musket-ball, flint & steel fire starter, mess kit, etc.).



Wreaths Across America - - Sacramento Valley National Cemetery Dixon, CA. (L-R) NSSAR Genealogist General Jim Faulkinbury, Sacramento CG Commander David Beach, CASSAR CG Adjutant North, Russ Kaiser, Compatriot Weston Brown, CASSAR VP North Craig Anderson.



Wreaths Across America - - Riverside Chapter, Riverside National Cemetery Riverside, CA (L-R) President Mark Kramer (CASSAR CG Commander), Charlie Gentis, Benny White, and Brian Stephens (CASSAR VP South) firing a salute



Wreaths Across America - - Santa Barbara Chapter, Santa Barbara Cemetery Santa Barbara, CA (L-R) Fran Rosenberg (daughter of Manor Thorpe, former SAR member and veteran on whose grave they laid a wreath), Santa Barbara Chapter Compatriots Robert Luppi, Jeff Weinbender, Bob Perlis and Robert Niehaus.





Wreaths Across America - - - Kern Chapter, Bakersfield National Cemetery, Arvin, CA. Kern Chapter Color Guard at assembly area listening to the 9 AM program. L-R: Kerry Adams, Bruce Wearda, Arnie Burr, Brian Claxton, Mike Davis, and Wil Flickinger who is holding the wreath that will be placed at the POW/MIA flagpole.



Leading everyone from the assembly area to the POW/MIA flag pole is Ben Haydon and Jack Haydon, members of the Betsy Ross Society C.A.R. Behind them are Kern Chapter Compatriots Kerry Adams, Arnie Burr, Brian Claxton, Mike Davis and Wil Flickinger carrying the POW/MIA Wreath.



Wreaths Across America - - - Gold Country Chapter, Auburn Cemetery, Auburn, CA (L-R) Gold Country Chapter Compatriots Dale Ross, Dave Gilliard, Ron Barker, Tony Chakurian, and U.S. Representative Doug LaMalfa.



Wreaths Across America - - - Gold Country Chapter, St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery Grass Valley, CA. (L-R) Gold Country Chapter Compatriots Dale Ross, Steve Hoss, and Ron Barker.



City of Sacramento Veterans Day Parade - - The Sacramento Chapter Color Guard marched in the city of Sacramento Veterans Day Parade on November 11, 2019. (L-R) CASSAR Color Guard Adjutant North Russ Kaiser, CASSAR Executive Vice President Don Littlefield, NSSAR Genealogist General Jim Faulkinbury. Also participating from the Sacramento Chapter but not shown were: CG Commander David Beach, Phil Noble, and Dennis Deck.



Wreaths Across America - - - Coachella Valley Chapter, Desert Memorial Park Cemetery, Cathedral City, CA. Coachella Valley Chapter President William Haines prepares to place the POW-MIA Wreath during WWA at Desert Memorial Park Cemetery, Cathedral City, CA.

The Santa Barbara Chapter (CA) Color Guard immensely enjoyed the camaraderie, patriotism, interaction with fellow parade participants, yells of support from the spectators and hundreds of photographs during the 2019 Santa Barbara Veterans Day Parade.

Michael Hardwick, CASSAR President Bob Taylor, Robert Luppi, Gavin Garrison, Gregg Garrison, Neil Crockett, Robert Niehaus.



Wreaths Across America at Memory Garden Memorial Park & Mortuary in Brea, CA. The Color Guard was comprised of colorguardsmen from the Orange County and Harbor Chapters. L to R: James Gill (guidon bearer), General Washington (Dan Shippey), Dan McKelvie, Larry Hansen, Christopher Keene, Jim Olds, Mark Torres, Jim Klingler, Spencer Torres, John Blake, John Ferris, Jim Fosdyck (commander), Dan McMillan, Jon Burk, Luke and Brandon Villardi and Kent Gregory (drummer).

PHOTOS BY UN HUI YI



Wreaths Across America at Memory Garden Memorial Park & Mortuary in Brea, CA. Also participating in Wreaths Across America was a cadre of Sonora High School Army JROTC Cadets. Sonora High School is in La Habra, CA. The Senior Military Instructor is Lt. Col. Hans F. Hunt. Col. Hunt is a member of the Orange County Chapter. He read President General John "Jack" Manning's Wreath Across America Proclamation.

PHOTOS BY UN HUI YI



Wreaths Across America at Memory Garden Memorial Park & Mortuary in Brea, CA. General Washington (Dan Shippey) presents a wreath and salutes the fallen veterans while guidon bearer James Gill stands by.

PHOTOS BY UN HUI YI



CONNECTICUT



5 October 2019 - 250th Anniversary of the Appointment of Jonathan Trumbull, Sr to Governor - Lebanon, CT.

On about this date in 1769, Jonathan Trumbull, Sr. was appointed the Governor of the Colony of Connecticut following the sudden death of the current Governor and would remain in office until 1784. His office in Lebanon became known as the War Office where Gen. Washington and others would meet with the Governor during the American Revolution. President-General John T. "Jack" Manning attended this event and presented the new branch charter to the officers of the Gov. Jonathan Trumbull, Sr. Branch #13. Following the signing of the charter and the swearing-in of the officers, a wreath was placed at the base of the stone plaque honoring the Governor and his 250th anniversary. A tour of the historic home of Governor Trumbull now owed by the local DAR chapter was made and then the day was completed with a visit to the Gov. Trumbull cemetery where Gov. Trumbull and two other patriots were commemorated with a 3-volley salute and the placing of a wreath by PG John T. "Jack" Manning and State President Damien M. Cregeau.





19 October 2019 - Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony for Private Jeff Liberty - Washington, CT.

The Gov. Oliver Wolcott, Sr. Branch #10 conducted a grave marking for African-American patriot Private Jeff Liberty at the Old Judea Cemetery in Washington, CT. Jeff Liberty was born into Slavery in 1725 and was offered his freedom if he would enlist, so at age 55 he did just that, joining the all black 2nd Company of the 4th Connecticut Regiment of the Continental Line and served until November of 1782. Following the war, Jeff was granted land in

Washington, CT and farmed there until his death in 1797. He was survived by his wife and 2 daughters. Proclamations were read by CT State Senator Eric Berthel, and CT State Representative Pat Wilson Pheanious. Following an unveiling of the new headstone supported by the GWEF and a wreath laying, the Connecticut Line gave a 3-volley musket salute, which was followed by taps.



14 December 2019 - Wreaths Across America in Milford, CT.

Every December, DAR member Barbara Stewart gets a little closer to honoring all the veterans buried in the Veterans Circle of Kings Highway Cemetery. Stewart chairs the Wreaths Across America effort for the Free-love Baldwin Stow chapter of the Daughters of the America Revolution, based in Milford. Each year around the holidays, she and others involved in the project raise money to buy wreaths to place on the 370 graves in the Veterans Circle. The project has been around since 2008, and each year more money is raised, and more wreaths

are bought. This year, on Saturday Dec. 14, the chapter was able to place wreaths on 210 of the graves in the circle. "This (project) is getting more and more popular," said Stewart, 67, of Stratford. "And it should be. This is for the vets, to honor all the sacrifices they've made for us so that we can live in freedom."

The forecast called for rain all day, but two members of the Connecticut Line (Chris Bandecchia and Dave Perkins) were there to honor the veterans and fire a 3-volley musket salute.

Additional events were held in Bantam and Lebanon, CT by the local SAR and DAR chapters.



Honor Flight #21 at Southwest International Airport (Fort Myers) on Nov. 2nd

Honor Flight #21 at Southwest International Airport (Fort Myers) on Nov. 2nd with color guard members from Florida Chapters



Veterans Day

November 11th, 2019.

Eric Newman dedicated our chapter wreath at the Kanapaha veteran's park in Gainesville, FL, placing it at the part of the Memorial dedicated to the American Revolution. There is a monument in a line, each dedicated to a conflict America has been in.

Gainesville Chapter members were leading the Milton Lewis young marines chapter of Fort Clark middle school.

Eric just got his naval officer uniform in late September so this was his first time wearing it.

Eric is dual enrolled with the Indiana state society and is one of our newest members.



Wreaths Across America

Lake-Sumter Chapter participation in Wreaths at Shiloh Cemetery, Fruitland Park, FL. Color Guardsmen are Compatriots Jim Carl, George Chaffee, Ron Grove and Allan Lane. One photo depicts wreath placed at grave of Compatriot Robert Moody's parents. Bob Moody served as Chapter President of Lake-Sumter Chapter for seven terms.





Wreaths Across America here in Gainesville FL

December 14th, 2019 at Forest Meadows Cemetary East.

The Wal-Mart truck is led by a bagpiper. Below, left to right are Sean Tonnelier, Eric Newman, and Dave Thomas, chapter president.

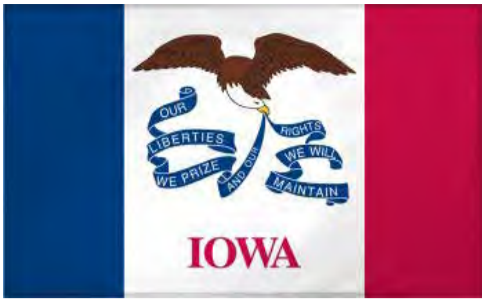


Veterans Day - Jacksonville FL



Honor Flight





IOWA -

Iowa SAR Color Guard Wreaths Across America

Left photo - left to right- Iowa members Mike Rowley, David Rowley and Rick Hickman at the Wreaths Across America program at Historic Woodland Cemetery in Des Moines, Iowa.

Right Photo - Past President Doug Frazer and Color Guard member David Rowley trying to stay warm before program



IDAHO -

Iowa SAR Color Guard Wreaths Across America

Left photo - Flag retirement Ceremony at Eagle, Idaho by American Legion Post 127. The Ft. Boise SAR Chapter was invited to attend. The event was November 9, 2019 and honored Veterans with a pancake breakfast.

Right Photo - Compatriots James McClain, JD Poss & James Wellman attend in period dress. (L to R order in photos is the same as above). Our Northwest Trustee Dr, Gary Pettett said it best. "Nothing like a Continental Army uniform soldier to draw a crowd." Draw a crowd we did. Past out several interest cards & applications.





ILLINOIS -

Fox Valley Chapter ILSSAR at the John Denny Grave dedication in Modena.
Credit Fox Valley Compatriot John Lansing for the photos.



INDIANA -

The Indiana State Color Guard participated in a Patriot's memorial with the DAR and Boy Scouts on Oct. 5, 2019 in Knightstown, IN "Garden of Memories Veterans Memorial."

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-- Dennis Babbitt, guardsman is shown here with the Boy Scouts and Indiana SAR President Kevin Waldroup, who is salute, as he is a veteran.



Mark Kreps, Vice Commander of the Northern Command of the Indiana Color Guard as well as Historian for the Indiana SAR, gives the biographical sketch of the military service of Rev. War soldier Henry Williamson on October 5, 2019. It was preceded by a powerful performance by the Indiana SAR Color Guard in cooperation with the Boy Scouts Troop 333 shown here. Participating Color Guard members, however primarily unseen include, L to R: Compatriots James Arnold, James Shoptaw, John Sheets, Randy Helderman, Ed Hitchcock, Jacob Vink, Rob Pfaff, TRex Legler II and Ron Darrah.

The occasion occurred Oct. 5, 2019, at the Knightstown, IN Garden of Memories Veteran Memorial to honor the previously unrecognized service of Private Henry Williamson - SAR Patriot #P-336856.

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The South Central Color Guard presented the Colors at the Scottish Festival in the Bartholomew County Fairgrounds on Sept 14, 2019. This Color Guard was made up by the Daniel Guthrie, David Benton and George Rogers Clark Chapters.

KANSAS -



The last quarter of 2019 was a busy period. 2 November Color Guard members had three events. The Color Guard at the Board of Governors meeting in Andover, KS was comprised of Compatriots, Dewey Fry, John Schwartz, John Forbes, Brooks Lyles, Kirk Rush, Pat Crawford, Dennis Nelson and Vernon Welkner. At the same time a State Color Guard comprised of Ken Ludwig, Alan Martin, Doug Brabb, Bruce Bowman and Michael Chychota, (left to right Photo) Presented the Colors and participated in the Flag Day Ceremony at Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas that was part of their two week Veterans Recognition. Emporia, Kansas is where the Armistice Day was initiated in 1918. Armistice Day later became Veterans Day.

Additionally, following the two events cited above on 2 November, at Maple Grove Cemetery in Wichita 16 Kansas Society Color Guardsmen aided the Washington Chapter in the grave marking of Compatriot James R. Read. There were 15 in the Color Guard Commanded by Compatriot Don Lemen of the Washington Chapter. Color Guardsmen from left to right in Photo are Don Lemen, Brooks Lyles, John Schwartz, Michael Mattox, Bobbie Hulse, Dennis Nelson, Robert Wandel, Bruce Bowman, Alan Martin, John Forbes, Pat Crawford, Kirk Rush, Stan Jantz, Steve Hamlin and Dewey Fry. Color Guardsmen were from 6 different chapter of the Kansas Society

Compatriot Joe Warne was in uniform and participated in the program but not the Color Guard.



On 11 November the following Color Guardsmen participated in the 100th Leavenworth County Veterans Day Parade in Leavenworth Kansas. The temperate was 26°F. The wind gusting to 30 mph and it was snowing. The streets along most of the parade route had not been treated and became a glaze of ice. It gave us a very small taste of what our Patriot Ancestors underwent at Valley Forge. Color Guardsmen participating were in Photo LEFT, Vernon Welkner, in front and left to right Dewey Fry, Michael Chycholta, Steven French, Bruce Bowman, and Robert Wandel. Later in the evening four members of the Kansas Society Color Guard Presented the Colors at a Veterans Day Ceremony at the Shawnee, Kansas Community Center. They were, left to right in Photo BELOW, Dewey Fry, Alan Martin, Bruce Bowman and Craig Dilavou. On 15 November, Dewey Fry, John Schwartz, Don Lemen and Steven French presented the Colors at the Final Program of the two week recognition of Veterans Day in Emporia at Emporia State University as shown in Photo BOTTOM LEFT





The Kansas Society Continued their participation in Naturalization Ceremonies conducted by the Kansas District Court on Friday 25 October at the Robert J. Dole US Courthouse in Kansas City, Kansas the colors were presented by Dewey Fry, Bruce Bowman, Steven French and Jerry Vest. 89 petitioners took their Oath of Citizenship at this ceremony. On Wednesday 5 November 332 petitioners from 67 countries took their oath at the Lied Center on the campus of the University of Kansas. Presenting the Colors at the ceremony were Color Guardsmen Dewey Fry, Michael Meisinger, Robert Wandel and Bruce Bowman appearing in Photo ABOVE. On 15 November Color Guardsmen Dewey Fry, Bruce Bowman and Jerry Vest Presented the Colors at Robert Dole US Court House in KCK at which 72 petitioners took the Oath of Citizenship. On 13 December, 88 petitioners from 47 countries took their Oath of Citizenship, Color Guardsmen Presenting the Colors were Dewey Fry, Jerry Vest and Bruce Bowman.



On 14 December the Kansas Society Color Guard participated in Wreaths Across America. A Color Guard participated at Johnson County Memorial Gardens in Overland Park, Kansas; this was the first Wreath Across America event at that location. The Delaware Crossing Chapter and the Kansas Society Color Guard were instrumental in making it a successful debut. Color Guardsmen Presented the Colors and distributed the wreaths to participants laying them. The Presentation of the Colors, ceremonial laying of wreaths by the Color Guard and participating Color Guardsmen are shown in photos ABOVE, BELOW LEFT and BELOW, left to right in Photo BELOW are Bruce Bowman, Alan Martin, Dewey Fry, Kenneth Ludwig, Jr. Member Gavin Kurtz, Dennis Nelson, Kirk Rush, John Forbes, Robert Wandel, and Stephen French.

Color Guardsmen Don Lemon, Randy Colby, Joe Warne, John Schwartz and Steve Hamlin participated in the Wreaths Across America event at Kansas Veteran at Winfield, Kansas. Color Guardsmen from the Henry Leavenworth Chapter participated at the Wreaths Across America event at Ft. Leavenworth National Cemetery.



TWO EVENTS COMING UP. SEE THE INFORMATION FOR BOTH ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE

Battle of Kettle Creek

AND

Thomas Creek



Wreaths Across America Ceremony

The Kentucky Central Brigade Color Guard supported the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Zachary Taylor National Cemetery in Louisville, Kentucky on 14 December.

The Zachary Taylor National Cemetery contains 11,032 veteran interments and is also the final resting place for our 12th president, Zachary Taylor, and members of his family. The burials in the cemetery includes members of the Taylor family who served in the American Revolution, War of 1812, and the American Civil War along with veterans who served in the Spanish-America War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the Persian Gulf War.

Members of the Louisville Thruston, Gov. Isaac Shelby, and Lafayette SAR chapters participated in the color guard for the Wreaths Across America ceremony. Also participating in the color guard was the Jack Jouett Society CAR and the Peter Foree Chapter DAR. The remainder of the color guard consisted of active duty military, JROTC cadets, veterans, and members of various youth and civic organizations. In total there were 42

color guard members including four SAR riflemen carrying flint-lock firearms. The color guard for the ceremony was organized and supervised by the Color Guard Commander for the Kentucky Central Brigade.

The invocation and benediction were provided by Chaplain William Draper, the Senior State Support Chaplain for the Kentucky Army National Guard. The speaker for the ceremony was Brigadier General Benjamin Adams III, Former Commissioner for the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs.



SAR Rifleman Rod Smothers converses with another member of the color guard prior to the ceremony (photos by JC Barnett)

Members of the Kentucky Society also participated in the planning committee for the ceremony. In addition, many of the volunteers supporting the event were from the Gov. Isaac Shelby SAR, the John Marshall chapter and Peter Foree chapters of the DAR.

A total of 2,448 wreaths were laid on the graves of the veterans after the ceremony, twice the number in the 2018 event. Although this represents only a small percentage of the total graves, the event continues to grow each year.

MARYLAND

Oct 5 - It was a great day to be in wool as the Delaware and Maryland SAR Color Guards participated in the DESSAR - Caesar Rodney Chapter, Grave Marking Celebration for Patriot Pvt. John McCabe by Presenting / Posting Colors with Musket Salute – Color Guard included David Hoover, David Embrey, William Smithson and Gene Moyer. (below) with Special many thanks to Allen Greenly - HUZ-ZAH! Photos by Steve Embrey





Oct 17 - The MDSSAR Color Guard participated with a Musket Salute for the 57th Annual French Monument Wreath Laying Ceremony in remembrance to the brave soldiers and sailors of France who are buried in Annapolis on the now St. John's College Campus which was held, by the Sons of the Revolution. Participating Color Guard members included David Hoover, David Embrey, and Gene Moyer. (above) Photos by Christos Christou, Jr.



Oct 26 - It was a honor to be part of the 200th Anniversary of the death of Thomas Johnson, delegate to the Continental Congress and First Governor of Maryland, as the Color Guard Presented and Posted Colors as well as a Musket Salute.

The Celebration was a combined effort of the Frederick and Carrollton Manor Chapters of the NSDAR along with the Sgt. Everhart Chapter of the MDSSAR. Color Guard members included Jim Tucker, David Embrey, Ron Harbaugh, Gerald Harris and Karl Woodcock. (Above/Right) Photos by Cindy Harbaugh



Oct 26 - Each year, the Aquila Hall Chapter of the MDSSAR finds a person or organization to honor for their patriotic display of the United States of America Flag. This year's honoree was Eisenhauer's Chesapeake Harley-Davidson located in Darlington. Pictured (l to r): David Hoover, Glenn Ross (Chapter Flag Chairman, Ramsey Eisenhauer (Owner, Eisenhauer's Chesapeake Harley-Davidson) and Chris Smithson Photo by Debbie Ross





Nov. 23 The Color Guard had the honor of Presenting and Posting the Colors as we participated in the Commodore Joshua Barney - John Eager Howard Chapter DAR "Honor Our Veterans Celebration" as 5 Veterans Honored. A 93yr old WWII, 2 Korean War, 1 Vietnam and 1 piece time Veteran. Color Guard members included David Embrey, David Hoover and William Johnson.

HUZZAH to all that serve and thank you for your service.



Dec 5 - Commander David Embrey traded in his Blue Regimental for a Red Musician's as he was part of the program for the annual Holiday Party with the Director of Defense Intelligence Agency, LTG Ashley and about 100 defense attaches at Oxon Hill Manor near National Harbor, MD. (Left - Lt-Rt Edward Brown, David and Vicki Embrey, Doug McCreight and LTG Ahley) - (Right - Lt - Rt Edward and George Brown, Jason Newman, Doug McCreight and David Embrey)



Dec 7 - Color Guard members Drummer Joey Kaye and Fifer David Embrey fell-in with Claude Bauer and the 1st Virginia Regiment Fife and Drum to play 18th century Fife and Drum tunes for the Annual Soldier's Christmas at the Carlye House in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia. (pic 3 Lt to Rt - Claude Bauer, David Embrey and Joey Kaye - pic 4) Photos by Vicki Embrey



Dec 11 – Color Guard members David Embrey (fifer) and Joey Kaye (Drummer) played some tunes during Wednesday night’s 2 nd Annual Old Ellicott City Cookie Crawl in Eliccott City Maryland. No better way to talk SAR then with cookies F&D Music. WHAT A GREAT NIGHT TO BE IN WOOL! photo from Pam Long



Dec 21 – Color Guard member David Embrey was back again playing those hit Fife and Drum tunes with the 1 st Virginia Regiment Musick for the “Christmas Illuminations at Mount Vernon” with Drummer Daniel Wilson and fifers Claude Bauer and David Embrey - Photo by Michelle Wilson - Town Alexandria, Virginia.



Dec 14 - Wreath Across America - Some gave All, All gave Some, we just got wet. It was a wet day in Maryland this year for Wreaths Across America as the MDSSAR Color Guard participated 3 separate ceremonies though out the state. Color Guard Commander David Embrey and Com-patriot James Schaub were at the Cheltenham Veteran’s Cemetery Left, Right with Embrey and Schaub), James Kelly Jr. was at the Annapolis National Cemetery and David Hoover, Bill and Chris Smithson and Lou Raborg were at Bell Air Memorial Garden, Bell Air MD.





WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA – Worcester

Saturday, December 14, 2019 - For 10 years now, beginning with a small turnout organized by Steve Perkins (current Missouri Color Guard Commander) members of the Massachusetts Color Guard have been involved with laying Christmas wreaths on veterans' graves at the Hope Cemetery in the city of Worcester. It was only three years before this tradition started that the National Wreaths Across America program was founded and volunteers began covering the graves of soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery with surplus holiday wreaths from Harrington, ME.



Today, the Wreaths Across America program at Hope Cemetery is administered by the Worcester Cadet Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol and continues with members of our Color Guard (Col. Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard) participating in a supporting role. This year nearly 200 wreaths were trucked in and members of the MDAR and MSCAR were also on hand to help cover all the veteran's graves here.

Bigelow an 18th century native of the city. Three miles North of Hope Cemetery is a monument erected in his honor which still stands in Worcester Common. Captain Bigelow led the town's "Minute Men," who marched from Worcester Common to Cambridge in response to the Lexington alarm on April 19th, 1775. The Color Guard packed up at Hope Cemetery and made their way through traffic to the busy downtown park where a brief ceremony and musket salute was made. Photos by: Caroline Bigelow DAR

The day is never complete until honors are also rendered to Col. Timothy



AMERICA'S HOMETOWN PARADE – Plymouth

Saturday, November 23, 2019 - Now in its 23rd year, the week-end of festivities and celebration is capped by a huge 1.5-mile parade down Main Street which concludes near the site of the Mayflower II. This year, an estimated 200,000 spectators lined both sides of the street along the route for an event that is covered by the local ABC television affiliate for re-broadcast on Thanksgiving morning.



This is a unique event in that it serves as a "chronological picture story" with floats and marching groups arranged in historical sequence. Twelve members of the Col. Henry Knox Color Guard paraded in tight formation and were cheered along the way.

Next year promises an even larger event with an anticipation of National coverage celebrating the 400th anniversary of the pilgrims, the Mayflower and the first Thanksgiving. Photos by: Amanda Jarvis



Compatriot Jerry Hazeldine prepares to lay a wreath at the Statue of Robert Treat Paine

cloud with alternate volleys. Compatriot and former Knox Color Guard Commander Jerry Hazeldine serves as a key organizer of the Liberty and Union Festival and was impressed with the turn-out and was very appreciative of our participation. Apparently, this was the largest turn-out of historical units to this event in at least the last 7 years, perhaps ever.

Photos by: Patti Hubbell



A portion of the 4 colonial units on hand to commemorate the raising of the Liberty and Union Flag 245 years ago.

283rd VICTORY AT YORKTOWN CELEBRATION - Raynham

Saturday, October 19 – The annual Massachusetts Society event celebrating the victory at Yorktown (October 19, 1781) was held in Raynham this year with all arrangements made by members of the Robert Treat Paine Chapter. This particular event rotates throughout the Commonwealth which is intended to give every Chapter an opportunity to select a local venue and offer their form of hospitality. Eighty-one members and guests were on hand for the meal and function which was held at the Stoneforge Tavern.

The Liberty and Union Festival occurs on this same week-end each year and is celebrated only a few miles away in town of Taunton. In October of 1774 the words “Liberty and Union” were sewn onto a red ensign and raised to the top of a liberty pole in front of the Taunton courthouse when local Loyalist were thrown out of town. This flag has long been considered the first symbol of defiance against British rule and its raising has been celebrated by Tauntonians for decades.

The Col. Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard participated in the morning activities in Taunton and a shuttle van made several trips for members to witness the ceremony. The Rehoboth Minutemen, Hingham Militia, Wareham Minutemen, Bristol County Fife and Drum, William Diamond Fife and Drum Corps were all represented. In all 23 muskets contributed to the smoke

cloud with alternate volleys. Compatriot and former Knox Color Guard Commander Jerry Hazeldine serves as a key organizer of the Liberty and Union Festival and was impressed with the turn-out and was very appreciative of our participation. Apparently, this was the largest turn-out of historical units to this event in at least the last 7 years, perhaps ever.

MICHIGAN



Grave dedication, Patriot Pvt. Richard Jersey,

September 15, 2019 Washington Cemetery, Washington Township, Macomb County.



The MISSAR Color Guard members attended the grave re dedication of Patriot Richard Jersey. Private Richard Jersey was in Captain Henry Dodge’s Company and Colonel Frederick Weissenfels’s Regiment at New York and Levies during the Revolutionary War. This event took place on Sunday September 15, 2019. He is buried in Washington Cemetery centered in Macomb County, Michigan.

Along with our Commander Burkland and Musketeer Aaron Wiles, our SAR bag piper Ron Barnard marched with the events group. Full military honors were executed along with our MISSAR sword salute. Many groups also remembered this revolutionary war soldier with family members also in attendance. The DAR and SAR both laid wreaths in honor of this soldiers war service.



G. Burkland (Commander), K. Goodson, R. Barnard (bagpipes), G. Pastiva, A. Wiles, D. Moore (drums)



Blue Water Chapter President Gary Pastiva, Vice Commander Palmer, Commander Burkland, Ronald Barnard, Aaron Wiles

St. Paul Episcopal Diocese "Veterans Day of Remembrance"

November 10, 2019

The Paul Emery Chapter helped represent the NSSAR Great Lakes District Color Guard at the Saint Paul Cathedral Episcopal Diocese in Detroit Mi.

November 10, 2019 is their annual "Day of Remembrance" for all veterans who served in the armed forces. Several groups, societies, law enforcement, and religious officials marched in attendance. The program included several inspiring speeches, the wonderful



Reverend Bishop Scott Hunter, Dean, Commander Burkland, Vice Commander Palmer, Reverend Bishop Connie Perry, Ronald Barnard, Aaron Wiles, Gary Pastiva

church choir and a program procession of all participants displaying their organizational flags.

Members of the MISSAR Paul Emery, Blue Water, and Detroit Metro Chapters attended the celebration. This is one our chapter's favorite events of the year.

The attached photos give beauty to this holy church and it's leaders. It is our honor to respond and celebrate their invitation every year.
"THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE"



"Covered for Honor"

MISSAR Wreaths Across America Event at Great Lakes National Cemetery

The Michigan Sons of the American Revolution Society Color Guard members participated in the annual "Wreaths Across America." It took place at the Great Lakes National Cemetery on December 14, 2019. Located in Holly, Michigan hundreds of people gathered to lay wreaths on the fallen veterans headstones. A ceremony began the event with the posting of the Stars and Stripes,



a keynote speaker and a wreath put on a stand commemorating all the armed forces of the United States. Organizer Deb Rackozy did a wonderful job setting up this years event. MISSAR Color Guard had 4 events across the state remembering veterans. There was over 2,000 celebrations across the country doing the same. We do this for their sacrifices.

L/R ; Vice Commander Norman Palmer, Commander Gerald Burkland, Jerry Conger, Aaron Wiles, Bob Hawcroft, Larry Blackett.



MISSAR Wreaths Across America Event at Grand Rapids Veterans Home

Michigan SAR Chapter, West Michigan, participated in the Wreaths Across America (WAA) event last Saturday, December 14, at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.

It included a reading of the SAR President General's Proclamation regarding the WAA (attached), presentation of a Flag Award to the Home, and the MISSAR Color Guard leading the march to the Veterans Cemetary. Compatriots Chip Stevers, Steve Williams, and Jason Gideon participated.



MISSAR Wreaths Across America Event

On December 14, 2019, MISSAR Color Guard members that are within the Oaks Chapter and Blue Water Chapter of the Michigan Society, S.A.R., visited three different cemeteries in Macomb County, Michigan. They traveled to lay wreaths at each of the graves , Patriots Richard Jersey, Levi Collins, and Nathaniel Squire. Oaks Chapter President John Raya read a brief review of each Patriot's war record and Oaks Chaplain and Color Guard drummer David Moore led the group in a short prayer at every grave.



Pictured L to R: Major Den Slattery, (retired) Guardsmen John Raya, Gary Pastiva, John Crissman, Jack Pastiva, David Moore. Not pictured Harold Lamkin





Constitution Day Proclamation by the Independence, Missouri City Council

On September 17, 2019 the Harry S Truman Chapter received a 35th Anniversary Proclamation from the City of Independence, Missouri signed by Mayor Eileen N. Weir. The Proclamation was received by Colorguardsman Robert Grover of the Harry S Truman Chapter. Independence is known for being the hometown of former U.S. President and Compatriot Harry S Truman and the Truman Presidential Library & Museum.

Colorguardsman Robert L. Grover (HST) receiving Constitution Day Proclamation from Independence, Missouri Mayor Eileen N. Weir.
Photo provided by Compatriot Robert L. Grover (HST).



POW/MIA Recognition Day & Watchfire Ceremony held at the Veterans Memorial in the City of St. Charles, Missouri

On Friday, September 20, 2019 the Saint Charles Veterans Commission conducted the annual POW/MIA Watchfire ceremony at the Veterans Memorial at Bishop's Landing located in St. Charles, Missouri to commemorate all active military, veterans, and all POW/MIA's. Compatriots Rick Morton (FDL) and Terry Grogan (SSL) participated in the ceremony. The ceremony includes a procession led by the Patriot Guard Riders, and concludes with the lighting of the Watchfire. The Watchfire itself is lit at Bishop's Landing on the bank of the Missouri River following the ceremony. The Watchfire is a long-standing tradition to build large fires to guide returning soldiers and militia back to their camp or village. The modern-day watch fire is a symbolic event; a fire lit in hopes that all of America's soldiers held as prisoners of war and those missing in action will find their way home. These symbolic fires are lit to provide hope to family members that the missing may yet be found and brought home. The ceremony was conducted from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.



Above LEFT - Left to right: Colorguardsmen Rick Morton (FDL) and Terry Grogan (SSL). Above RIGHT - The Watchfire on the banks fo the Missouri River where Lewis & Clark kickoff their western trip in 1804. Photos provided by Compatriot Greg Landrum (FDL)



The Lake Lotawana - Adam Yeager DAR Chapter Celebrated the Chapter's 25th Anniversary Celebration

On Saturday, October 19, 2019 Missouri Society, SAR Colorguardsmen participated in the celebration of the Lake Lotawana - Adam Yeager DAR Chapter's 25th Anniversary Celebration. The celebration was held at the Oakwood Baptist Church in Kansas City, Missouri. Missouri Society Colorguardsmen along with DAR members provided the presentation of the Colors for the celebration ceremony. MOSSAR Colorguardsmen from the Harry S Truman Chapter, the Independence Patriots Chapter, and the Alexander Majors Chapter participated in the celebration.

Left to right: Roy Hutchinson (HST), Stephen Sullins (IPC), Peter Reynolds (IPC), Regent Rebecca Reynolds (Adam Yeager DAR Chapter), Richard Matthews (AMC), Kathy Hutchinson (Blue Springs DAR Chapter), Regent Cathy Owens (Kansas City DAR Chapter)

Photo provided by Compatriot Stephen Sullins (IPC).



Fernando de Leyba and Spirit of St. Louis SAR Chapters participated in the DAR Veterans Program field on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at Bellefontaine Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri

On Sunday, November 3, 2019, a "DAR Veterans Day Ceremony" was held at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Bellefontaine Cemetery located at 4947 W. Florissant Avenue, St. Louis, MO. It was approved to include a musket salute. Colorguardsmen from

the Fernando de Leyba (FDL) and Spirit of St. Louis (SSL) SAR Chapters participated in the ceremony. Present was the MSSDAR State Regent Cindy Suich. Bellefontaine Cemetery is the final resting place for over 87,000 men and women whose lives contributed significantly to the westward expansion of the United States. Above LEFT - Left to right: Steve White (FDL); Rick Morton (FDL); Terry Grogan (SSL); Bill Grote (FDL), MOSSAR Eastern District Color Guard Commander; and Greg Watkins (SSL). Above RIGHT - Left to right: Jim Borgman (FDL); Charles Lilly (FDL); Greg Watkins (SSL); Bill Grote (FDL), MOSSAR Eastern District Color Guard Commander; Terry Grogan (SSL); Rick Morton (FDL); and Steve White (FDL). Photos taken and provided by Compatriot Robert Ackley (SSL).



A Flag Etiquette presentation was presented to the residents of the Missouri Veterans Retirement Home, Warrensburg, Missouri

On November 6, 2019 the Independence Patriots (IPC) SAR Chapter provided a Flag Etiquette presentation to the residents of the Missouri Veterans Retirement Home in Warrensburg, Missouri. It is part of the week-long Service Week. Each day is dedicated to a branch of the Armed Services - a salute to Veterans Day. Left to right: Jeffrey Penfield USN (Ret), Stephen Sullins, President of Independence Patriots SAR Chapter, Latisha Koetting (Supervisor of Volunteer Services, State of Missouri Department of Public Safety, and Ward Cook (USS Kansas City Commission Committee).

Photo provided by Compatriot Stephen Sullins (IPC).



Missouri and Kansas Society Colorguardsmen Welcome Home Honor Flight WWII Veterans

On November 8, 2019 Missouri & Kansas SAR Societies Colorguardsmen welcomed home 24 WWII veterans and handlers from Southern Coffee County Kansas at Kansas City, Missouri International Airport. Left to right: James Scott (Alexander Majors); Chapter President Stephen Sullins (Independence Patriots), Peter Reynolds (Independence Patriots), and Dewey Frye (Kansas Society).

Photos provided by Compatriot Stephen Sullins (IPC).



Presentation of Martha Washington Medal to Blue Springs DAR Chapter Member Susan Rew

On November 9, 2019 Independence Patriots SAR Chapter President, Stephen Sullins, presented Blue Springs DAR Chapter Member Susan Rew the Martha Washington Medal for her unselfish devotion through her projects which had a positive impact on her community which enhance the ideals of the SAR. The presentation was made during the Blue Springs DAR Chapter November meeting held at Clancy's Pub in Blue Springs, Missouri. RIGHT - Left to right: Stephen Sullins, President of Independence Patriots SAR Chapter; Paula Clyma, Regent of Blue Springs DAR Chapter; Susan Rew, Member of Blue Springs DAR Chapter; and James Scott, Member of Alexander Majors SAR Chapter.



Photo provided by Compatriot Stephen Sullins (IPC).



SAR and DAR Veterans Day Salute to All Veterans at Lee's Summit Historical Cemetery, Lee's Summit, Missouri

On November 11, 2019 the Independence Patriots SAR Chapter President Stephen Sullins, assisted by Loretta Paris (Adam Yeager DAR Chapter) performed a Veterans Day Salute to All Veterans, over the graves of Major Lowell W Walter & Ruth Walker, United States Marine Corp. Lee's Summit Historical Cemetery, Lee's Summit, Missouri. LEFT - Left to right: Loretta Paris (DAR) and Stephen Sullins (SAR)

Photo Provided by Compatriot Ron Paris (IPC).

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Roslyn Heights - Headquarters of the Missouri Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.



On Saturday, December 7, 2019 members of the Independence Patriots Chapter of the Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard participated in the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Roslyn Heights – Headquarters of the Missouri Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Over 20 Christmas trees are decorated and on display in the historic mansion. A tree in the front yard is decorated with lights and is called the Lights of Love Tree. It features thousands of red, white and blue lights to signify the patriotic tune of the organization.

Each year, Missouri Daughters purchase lights for patriots, active duty military or veterans and loved ones. The trees are always dedicated to individuals who have served the country. The Missouri Daughters have a history of service to veterans and service members. They recognize and appreciate their service and sacrifices and commitment to our great nation. Tours are conducted inside the mansion for all to view the decorated Christmas trees. Left to right: Twyla Olson-Hahn (DAR), IPC VP Michael Hahn, MSSDAR Regent Cindy Suich, Adam Yeager DAR Regent Rebecca Reynolds, Peter Reynolds (IPC), and IPC President Stephen Sullins. In foreground is Annika Koppe. Photo provided by Compatriot Stephen Sullins (IPC)



Wreaths Across American - 2019 Swan Lake Memorial Gardens, Grain Valley, Missouri

On Saturday, December 14, 2019 Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard Members from the Independence Patriots (IPC), Harry Truman (HST), and Alexander Majors (AMC) Chapters participated in the Wreaths Across America program held at Swan Lake Memorial Gardens, Grain Valley, Missouri. Pat Stewart with the Independence Pioneers DAR Chapter also participated. Left to right: Robert Grover (HST), Roy Hutchinson (HST), Tom Barden (HST), Jack Quint (AMC), Michael Hahn (IPC), John Stewart (HST), Stephen Sullins (IPC), and Pat Stewart (Independence Pioneers DAR Chapter)

Photo provided by Compatriot Stephen Sullins (IPC).

Wreaths Across American - 2019
Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery -
St. Louis, Missouri
Spirit of St. Louis and Fernando de Leyba Chapters



On December 14, 2019, members from the Spirit of St. Louis (SSL) and Fernando de Leyba (FDL) Chapters participated in Wreaths Across America at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis. Wreaths were laid at the graves of four (4) Patriots, eight (8) Fernando de Leyba Chapter Compatriots, and five (5) Spirit of St. Louis Chapter Compatriots. In addition, wreaths were laid at graves of eight (8) Congressional Medal of Honor recipients buried at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. There were several families attending the ceremony that requested to have their picture taken with the Colorguardsmen. MOSSAR prepared Broadsheets of George Mason were given to attendees. Left to right: Terry Grogan (SSL); Steve White (FDL); John Bedell (SSL); MOSSAR President, James Osbourn (SSL), and Steve Biggs (SSL).

Photos provided by Compatriots Steven Biggs (SSL) and Robert Ackley (SSL).

Graves of American Revolution Patriots at Jefferson barracks National Cemetery

Pvt. Samuel Kennerly Pvt. Richard Gentry Col. Thomas Hunt Maj. Russell Bissell (Pvt. Richard Gentry was present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown.)

Graves of Compatriots at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

Fernando de Leyba Chapter Compatriots

Compatriot Robert (Bob) B. Baldwin
 Compatriot Stuart (Stu) L. Ballou
 Compatriot David H. Bell
 Compatriot James (Jim) B. Elliott
 Compatriot James (Jim) L. McPherson
 Compatriot Ray Edward (Ed) Morris
 Compatriot Martin (Marty) E. White
 Compatriot Michael (Mike) Zimmer

Spirit of St. Louis Chapter Compatriots

Compatriot William (Bill) R. Beswick (Dual with FDL)
 Compatriot Rodwell M. Dilthey
 Compatriot John "Jack" W. Hillemeier
 Compatriot Rogers A. Hunter
 Compatriot Wallace E. Leard



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

Graves of Medal of Honor Recipients at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

Major Ralph Cheli (World War II)	Sergeant David Ryan (Indian Wars)
Private George Hobday (Indian Wars)	First Lieutenant Martin Schubert (Civil War)
First Lieutenant Lorenzo D. Immell (Civil War)	First Sergeant Alonzo Stokes (Indian Wars)
First Lieutenant Donald D. Pucket (World War II)	Lt. Commander Bruce Avery Van Voorhis (World War II)



Wreaths Across American - 2019
Springfield National Cemetery - Springfield, Missouri
Ozark Mountain Chapter

On Saturday, December 14, 2019 the Ozark Mountain Chapter (OMC) participated in the "Wreaths Across America" at the Springfield National Cemetery – Springfield, Missouri. A wreath was placed at the grave of American Revolution Patriot William Freeman. The Chapter passed out MOSSAR prepared Broadsheets of George Mason to attendees at the event. This is a MOSSAR event that the Chapter has agreed to participate in in conjunction with the NSSAR 250th Anniversary Program. More than 13,500 wreaths were placed on veterans' graves.



From Left to right: Compatriots James Mason, MOSSAR Surgeon Norman Knowlton, MOSSAR Sgt-at-Arms Charles McMillan, MOSSAR 1st Vice President George Swales, OMC President Ken Lawrence, John Hume, MOSSAR Color Guard

Commander Steven Perkins, and Patrick Jeffery. Photos provided by Margaret Swales and Compatriots Charles McMillan and Tom Sentman

Presentation of Award to Naval Sea Cadet
by Fernando de Leyba Chapter
Battleship Missouri Division of the Naval Sea Cadets

On Saturday, December 14, 2019 Colorguardsmen Compatriot Marvin Koechig, President of the Fernando de Leyba Chapter, and Compatriot Charles Lilly, Honorary Vice President of the Missouri Society, SAR, presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate to Cadet Petty Officer First Class Brady Evans at the Annual Awards Luncheon of the Battleship Missouri Division of the Naval Sea Cadets. Cadet Evans was also awarded a check for \$200.00 from the Fernando de Leyba Chapter. Cadet Evans was selected as the Outstanding Cadet based upon Academic achievement as well as Leadership qualities. Cadet Evans is in his Junior year of High School. Left to right: Marvin Koechig, Bill Evans, Brady Evans, Marilyn Evans and Charles Lilly. Photo provided by Compatriot Charles Lilly (FDL).



Missouri Society Colorguardsmen Presented the Colors in a Wedding

For the wedding of Matt and Laura, they requested to have Missouri Society Colorguardsmen present the Colors at their wedding. Missouri Society Colorguardsmen Stephen Sullins (Independence Patriots Chapter) and Robert Grover (Harry S Truman Chapter) accommodated the request and conducted Flag Ceremonies at the wedding held on November 17, 2019 at the Edison Building in Kansas City, Missouri. Left to right: Stephen Sullins (IPC), Laura Lee, Matt Lee, and Robert Grover (HST)

Photo provided by Compatriot Stephen Sullins (IPC).



SAR and DAR Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Veterans Way Memorial at Pink Hill Park, Blue Springs, Missouri

On December 21, 2019 the Independence Patriots Chapter in conjunction with the Blue Springs DAR Chapter performed a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Veterans Way Memorial at Pink Hill Park, Blue Springs, Missouri. Left to right: President Stephen Sullins and Vice President Michael Hahn with Independence Patriots Chapter (IPC) and Susan Rew with the Blue Springs DAR Chapter.

Photo provided by Compatriot Ron Paris (IPC).



SAR and DAR Flag Commendation Certificates Presented to the Walmart Supercenter in St. Charles, Missouri

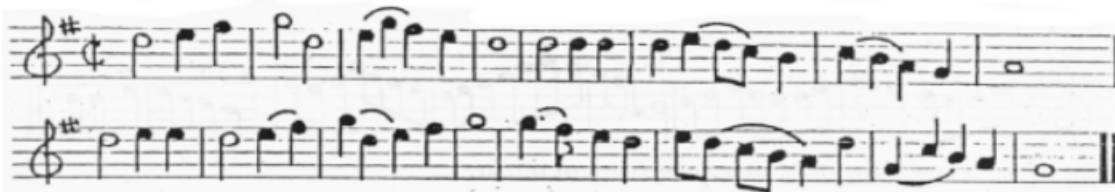
On Saturday, December 28, 2019 the Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapter of St. Charles, Missouri and the Saint Charles DAR Chapter presented an SAR Flag Commendation Certificate and a DAR Flag Certificate of Award to the Walmart Supercenter in St. Charles, Missouri. Receiving the Certificates was Store Manager, Jeff Hinds. ABOVE - Left to right: Marvin Koechig (SAR); Walmart Supercenter Manager Jeff Hinds; Joan Koechig (DAR); and Charles Lilly (SAR). RIGHT - U.S. Flags on display in the grocery section of the Walmart Supercenter in St. Charles, Missouri.

Photos provided by Compatriot Marvin Koechig





CHESTER



COUNTRY DANCE



The Fifer's Corner

In the last issue we talked about "Duty Calls" with Drum's Call being the first Call of the day, the next Call is "The Reveilly" – Is played at daybreak and is the signal for the soldiers to rise. The Duty Drummer and Fifer would chose a number of other tunes to play along with "The Reveilly" as the musick marched up and down the camp playing. When the army was to move as a whole – "The General" was played instead of "The Reveilly"

This issue will include the musick for The Reveilly, The General, Chester, Country Dance and Queen of Harts.

Please email me at (fiferdave@comcast.net) or like (Fifer Dave) on fb and message me with any questions you may have, topics you would like covered and any feedback you have.

HUZZAH and Happy Fifing,
Fifer Dave
aka David Embrey



THE QUEEN OF HEARTS



CAMP DUTIES

The English Duty

The REVEILLY - FIFE THOMPSON p. 7

The GENERAL - FIFE THOMPSON p.



Lincoln Nebraska Veterans Day Parade

The Nebraska SAR Color Guard participated in the Lincoln Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November 9th. This is the first year our Color Guard participated in a Veterans Day event, which has been a goal of ours to undertake.

The weather was pleasant and we had a good showing of attendance from the public. There were 8 Nebraska Color Guard members marching in the parade, including Chris Moberg (North Central Vice President General) who drove down from Minnesota to attend. Our parade banner was carried by members of the Nebraska Children of the American Revolution (CAR) who were also in colonial attire, and our parade entry followed the Nebraska DAR entry.

The parade route concluded at the State Capital Building, and there was good media coverage of the event. We were honored to march with our nation's flags in honor of our veterans.



NEBRASKA -

"From left to right: State Commander Chad Sherrets, Lincoln Lieutenant John Braisted, Terry Springer, State President Shawn Stoner, James Sly, VPG Chris Moberg, Omaha Captain Paul Burrignt, and Tom Upton pose in front of the State Capital Building."



“State President Shawn Stoner, Omaha Captain Paul Burrigh, James Sly, Ronald Stites, and Tom Upton pose in front of the new memorial at Omaha National Cemetery.”

DAR Monument Dedication

On Friday afternoon, 01 Nov 2019, the Nebraska SAR Color Guard presented the colors, at a ceremony dedicating a monument, installed by the DAR, at Omaha National Cemetery.

The ceremony was a culmination of 3 years of work by the DAR, beginning when the Omaha National Cemetery was opened in 2016. The monument is dedicated to all members of the armed forces who have served our country, for all wars, going back to the Revolution.

Lincoln Captain Shawn Stoner, Omaha Captain Paul Burrigh, and Omaha Compatriots Jim Sly, Tom Upton, and Ron Stites, all participated in the honor guard for this ceremony. The ceremony began at the stage, in the middle of the cemetery, then the Color Guard led those in attendance down the north path to the monument location, for the dedication and unveiling of the marker.

It was an honor to be of service for this event, and we hope to be able to support our sisters in the DAR at more events in the future.



NEW HAMPSHIRE -

Honor Our Veterans Celebration

On Sunday, 10 Nov 2019, the New Hampshire Color Guard started the Manchester City Marathon with a musket volley. From left to right are Compatriots Sean Walsh; Dennis Walsh; Andrew Akers; Russell Cumbee; Doug Wood and Paul Ford. HUZDAH to all that serve and thank you for your service



NHSSAR Color Guard Wreaths Across Troy

On Saturday December 7th, Compatriots Richard Wright; Russell Cumbee; Andrew Akers and Doug Wood, of the New Hampshire Society Color Guard, participated in “Wreaths Across Troy” in Troy, New Hampshire, helping place more than 200 wreaths on veteran graves at three cemeteries.

LEFT, left to right are: Richard Wright; Russell Cumbee; Andrew Akers and Doug Wood.

RIGHT, left to right are: Richard Wright; Russell Cumbee; Andrew Akers and Doug Wood.

NHSSAR Color Guard = Wreaths Across Dunbarton 14 Dec 2019

On 14 Dec 2019, members of the New Hampshire Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard participated in "Wreaths Across Dunbarton" in Dunbarton, New Hampshire. More than 200 wreaths were placed upon veteran graves.

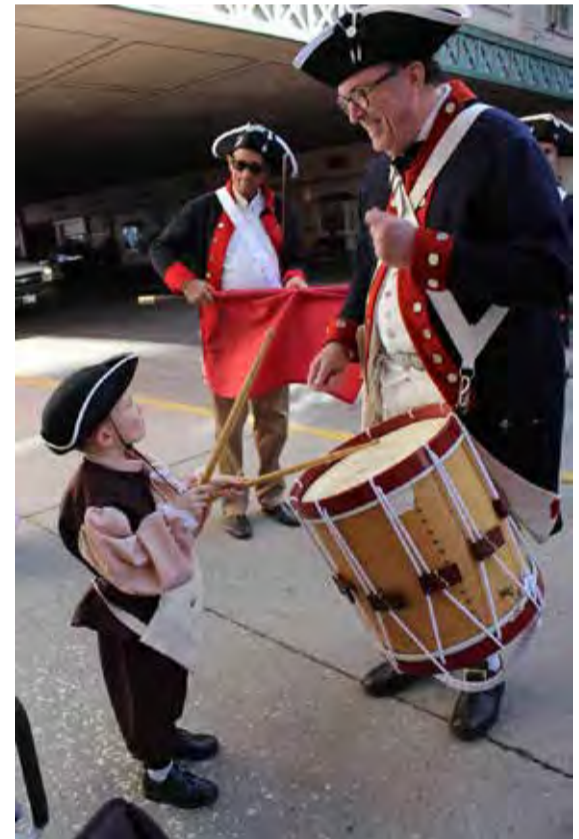
First Photo: Left to right, Compatriots Russell B. Cumbee; Dennis Walsh; Sean Walsh and Richard Wright, firing a musket salute near the statue of Major Caleb Stark on the Village Green.

Second Photo: Left to right, Compatriots Thomas Rogers; John Lighthall; Richard Wright; Russell B. Cumbee; Dennis Walsh; Sean Walsh; Daniel Rinden and James Veach, posing in the Gazebo on the Village Green.



Nevada Color Guard in the Reno, NV Veterans Day parade.

NEVADA -



NEW JERSEY -

October 5, 2019 - Gravestone plaque replaced honoring General Robert Erskine

In 2018 the bronze plaque honoring Surveyor Brigadier General Robert Erskine was stolen. On Saturday October 5, a rededication in honor of B/G Erskine was conducted by the Jockey Hollow Chapter (JHC) of the New Jersey Society SAR. Honors were provided by members the NJSSAR Color Guard, members of Heard's Brigade and Jockey Hollow Chapter (JHC) members. The Unveiling was conducted at Ringwood State Park with Historian Susan Schutte and Jockey Hollow President Roger Loomis.

LEFT Photo - The Unveiling - Ringwood State Park Historian Susan Schutte and Jockey Hollow President Roger Loomis

RIGHT Photo - L-R (Front Row): JHC Secretary Phillip Oddo, JHC Sergeant-at-Arms Richard Perry, NJSSAR Color Guardsmen

South Jersey Chapter James Howard, and JHC Larrison Jackson, JHC Compatriot David Peretti, Piper, JHC Chaplain James Naisby. Back Row members of Heard's Brigade, and Jockey Hollow President Roger Loomis



October 12-13 Artillery: Somerset County's Weekend Journey Through The Past

The Van Veghten House was used by the Continental Army and served as headquarters for Quartermaster Nathanael Greene during the Middlebrook Encampment in 1778-1779, when 10,000 Continental officers, troops, followers and their animals descended on the county. Because they were late getting to the site, there was no room for them in the Watchung hills with the other units. So portions of the Pennsylvania Continental troops under "Mad" Anthony Wayne encamped on Derrick's fields, which encompassed the present town of Manville, during the winter layover.

The New Jersey Society SAR Color Guardsman Ed Glidden and Jim Howard supported this event.



NJSSAR Meeting

The October 26 New Jersey Society SAR meeting at the Princeton Marriott in Princeton NJ



Left photo: Past NJSSAR Presidents David Christoffersen, Clark McCullough, John Moller and Frank McGonigle are recognized for their service by President Robert Meyer.

Right Photo: NJSSAR Color Guardsmen past president Clark McCullough and Secretary Ed Glidden speak with the North Atlantic District Vice President General Peter K. Goebel during the October NJSSAR meeting

Right Photo: Color Guard Captain Richard Blundin receiving the "Liberty Medal" from NJSSAR President Robert Meyer



November 23, 2019:
243rd Commemoration
of the Retreat from Fort Lee at
Fort Lee Historic Park

This event commemorates General George Washington's retreat from Fort Lee with the Continental troops which took place in November of 1776. It starts with a parade from the Fort Lee Historic Park, following Washington's Retreat Route of 1776, to Monument Park. Members of the NJSSAR Color Guard participated in the Wreath Laying ceremony.



*NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial
Wreath Laying Ceremony*

December 11, 2019 This year's WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA program got underway on December 9 with the caravan of wreath-filled trucks traveling from Maine to Arlington National Cemetery in Washington DC for the December 14 national WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA program. The truck caravan stopped at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial (NJVVMF) in Holmdel for this ceremony.

A ceremony was conducted to remember those New Jersey veterans lost during military service, and honor Gold Star Families who have lost loved ones in the military. NJSSAR Color Guard participated.



At the Fairview Cemetery in Westfield NJSSAR Color Guard members Jake Rue, Ed Glidden and Gary Walling from the Monmouth Chapter SAR show reverence as they lay wreaths on military graves



Wreaths Across America

On December 14, 2019, at the Beverly National Military Cemetery, Beverly, NJ, members of

the South Jersey Chapter of the SAR participated in the WAA ceremonies. Approximately 2000 wreaths were laid on graves. There are over 49,000 graves in the cemetery.

Rich Serfass, NJSSAR Color Guard Member and retired Air Force Lt Col, was selected to represent the Air Force in laying a wreath on one of the 5 military branches as part of the WAA opening ceremony



(L-R) Larry Nelson, Jim Howard and Rich Serfass



(L-R) Jim Requa, Rich Serfass, Larry Nelson, and Jim Howard NJ Colorguardsmen from the South Jersey Chapter SAR

Trenton Battle Monument - Color Guard Wreath Laying Ceremonies on December 27, 2019

The Trenton Battle Monument commemorates the American victory at the first battle of Trenton, NJ, which occurred on December 26, 1776. The monument is located in an area that the American artillery was placed. From this vantage point, the artillery dominated the streets of Trenton, preventing the Hessian troops from organizing an effective counter attack. The Trenton Monument: Designed by John H. Duncan, the architect of Grant's Tomb, The design is based on "The Monument", a 1671 structure built to commemorate the Great Fire of London, on the London street where the 1666 fire started. The height of the Trenton monument is intentionally the same height as the London monument. On the base of the pedestal are two bronze relief panels by Thomas Eakins depicting "The Continental Army Crossing the Delaware River" and "The Opening of the Battle." The latter panel depicts the battery of Alexander Hamilton about to fire down King Street. (see picture) A third bronze relief panel, "The Surrender of the Hessians," was modeled by Charles Henry Niehaus.

A movement to erect a monument commemorating the victory at Trenton began in 1843. About forty years later in 1886, the property for the monument was acquired by the Trenton Monument Association.



Left Photo: Washington is depicted as he appeared at the opening of the engagement and, with his extended right hand, directs the fire of the Continental artillery down King (now Warren) Street.

Right Photo: L-R Front: Billy Locke, 14NYCAR; Rear 14NYCAR, Col Larry Maxwell, 14NYCAR, Jim Howard, Past P/G Joe Dooley, Sam Adams, NSAR Color Guard Adjutant Brooks Lyles, Ed Glidden, Gary Beauregard, Rich Serfass, Rob Meyer.



**Princeton Battlefield -
Color Guard Wreath Laying Ceremonies on December 28, 2019**

The New Jersey Society SAR Color Guard participated in a memorial service to honor Brigadier General Hugh Mercer at a location on the Princeton Battlefield known as the Mercer Tree. It is at this spot that B/G Mercer was killed at the Battle of Princeton on January 3, 1777 at Battle of Princeton.

Left Photo: NSSAR Colorguardsmen Brooks Lyles, NJSSAR members Rich Serfass, Billy Locke, and Jim Howard.

Bottom Right Photo: Continental soldiers fire a memorial musket volley as the wreaths are laid.



NEW YORK -



Saratoga Battle Chapter Color Guard in the Turning Point Parade August 4th 2019



August 16th 2019 Wreath laying at Walloomsac, NY for the battle of Bennington commemoration with Presidents of the Saratoga Battle Chapter, Walloomsac Battle Chapter, and Vermont SAR.



September 15th 2019 annual SAR/DAR ceremony and wreath laying at Saratoga Battlefield



October 17th 2019 Saratoga Battle Chapter Color Guard firing a salute at the dedication of the 1777 Sword Surrender site in Schuylerville NY and the addition of that site in the Saratoga National Historical park.

Left to right Past President Doug Gallant, Bradley Allen, Walloomsac Battle Chapter President Peter Hormell, Saratoga Battle Chapter First Vice President Michael Skelly, Mary Skelly (hidden behind), and Saratoga Battle Chapter President Michael Companion.



September 15th 2019 Saratoga Battle Chapter President Michael Companion recognizing Past President and compatriot Doug Gallant, Mary Skelly, and Tim Butler for their contributions to our color guard

Grave Marking and Cemetery Restoration Ceremony - Briggs Ground Cemetery, Stanfordville, New York 16 Nov 2019

“Over twenty stalwart historians gathered at the Briggs Family Cemetery in Stanford on Saturday afternoon, November 16th, braving freezing temperatures to commemorate Private Caleb Briggs’s service during the American Revolution”. (From the Dutchess History Newsletter) This past summer, Kathie Spiers, Stanford Town Historian and past president of the Stanford Historical Society led a team that cleared the plots and restored the stone markers in this small family plot. Kathie acting as MC for the Ceremony recounted the efforts of the many volunteers that contributed to this challenging restoration effort. Julie Diddell, who leads the Friends of Griffin’s Tavern preservation project, placed a magnolia wreath at the headstone of Caleb Briggs, a soldier in Colonel Jacob Griffin’s Dutchess County 2nd Regiment. Caleb Briggs’ service record includes guarding the Fishkill Supply Depot’s North River landing during the American Revolution in Colonel Brinckerhoff’s Regiment of Militia in Dutchess County New York. Tim Middlebrook, President of the New York Society led the Grave marking Ceremony honoring Patriot Briggs. Thomas Johannessen Sr and Bill Wienecke of the 5th New York Regiment provided a three volley musket salute. Gary B Parriott, a descendant of Caleb Briggs, organized the Ceremony and recounted his research and difficulty in obtaining copies of documents for Kathie’s successful effort to obtain a blue and gold road side marker for the cemetery. The New York State and Federal Listings of Historical Places will follow. Congratulations to Kathie, her husband Jeff and all the volunteers that participated to make this Ceremony possible to preserve our precious heritage.

Thomas Johannessen Sr., Bill Wienecke both of of the 5th New York Regiment and Compatriot Gary B Parriott



Left to right, Kathie Spiers, Gary B Parriott, Tim Middlebrook and Julie Diddell



Tim Middlebrook conducting the Grave Marking Service

The Saratoga Battle Chapter Color Guard participated in a Veterans day ceremony at the Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery at 11 A.M. on 11/11/2019 which was the exact centennial anniversary of the end of World War One.

At the close of the ceremony, the color guard fired cannon salutes to honor all veterans living and dead.

Members of the Color Guard present included Saratoga Battle Chapter President Michael Companion, First Vice President Michael Skelly, compatriot Brian Companion, compatriot Peter Hormell, Timothy Butler, Alfred Bartlett, Bradley Allen, Mary Skelly, and Fran Bartlett.

Credit and our thanks for the attached photograph should go to President of the Walloomsac Battle Chapter Peter Hormell.



NORTH CAROLINA



Kings Mountain and NC Color Guard participants with PG Manning at Yorktown



Left: NC Color Guard Commander George Strunk, SAR Color Guard First Adjutant Brooks Lyles and South Atlantic VPG Allen Greenly prepare to lead the Color Guard at the Kings Mountain Commemoration, October 7, 2019

Right: National Color Guard photo at Kings Mountain 2019



Left: NC Color Guard attendees at 2019 Yorktown Victory Parade. Left to right: Robert Tate, PG Manning, David Mann, Josh Tate, George Strunk, and Danny Hilton.

OHIO



Camp Charlotte Treaty Commemoration

In October 1774, the Royal Governor of Virginia with 2,500 soldiers pursued the Native Tribes into the Ohio Country along Scippo Creek. Shawnee War Chief Cornstalk agreed to the Treaty that opened the Ohio River and all land on its Southern Border which we know today as Kentucky.

On Saturday, October 12, 2019, the Ohio Society Color Guard of ten from the Camp Charlotte Chapter, the Hocking Valley Chapter, and the Benjamin Franklin Chapter, and led by State Society Commander Steve Frash processed in with the National Flag. All were wearing Militia kits as they were representing 1774.

Camp Charlotte Chapter President, Rick Hartinger spoke to the group of 75 individuals telling them the history of the Treaty and revealing that the Treaty had been uncovered in the American Archives in Pennsylvania. William Tony Robinson, Past Central District

VPG presented the Invocation and Benediction, while Ohio Society President told the story of the Logan Elm, which the Ohio Society Gavel is Made from.

The Commemoration and a Historic Exhibit on the Camp Charlotte Treaty was part of the 250th celebration of the American Revolution Activities of the SAR and carried the special SAR Logo identifying it as part of the celebration.



October 18, 2019 the Ohio Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard met with the Grand Lodge of the Free & Accepted Masons of Ohio in Marietta, Ohio. The Marietta Chapter along with the Northeastern Ohio, Arthur St. Clair, Mahoning Valley, Western Reserve Society, Lt George Ewing, the West Virginia Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard Captain James Neil Chapter, the Pennsylvania Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard, George Washington Chapter and the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Muskingum Chapter lead a procession of approximately one thousand Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Ohio to Mound Cemetery to the Grave Site of Revolutionary War Patriot Brigadier General Rufus Putnam to place a wreath in his honor.

Freemasonry entered the Northwest Territory in 1788 which would later become Ohio. The Grand Lodge was formed in 1808 when Brigadier General Rufus Putnam was elected the first Grand Master of Lodge Number One.

(Photo by Wanda Frash)

Molly Pitcher presentation

On November 9, 2019 a special, joint SAR/DAR/C.A.R. meeting was held by the Ohio Society SAR Firelands Bicentennial Chapter at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2743, 140 Milan Avenue, Norwalk, Ohio. All veterans of all branches of the military were honored for their service. During the meeting Steve Frash, Ohio State Color Guard Commander presented the Molly Pitcher award to Ms. Connie Beebe for her continued support of the SAR Color Guard. Ms. Beebe is the State DAR/SAR Liaison Chairman, Sally De Forest Chapter Vice Regent and past Chapter Registrar.

Photo by Jami King



OKLAHOMA



Oklahoma City Chapter presenting Colors at the Oklahoma Veterans Memorial with the Oklahoma City DAR Chapter for Wreaths Across America, Gary Jensen, Terry Handley, Bob Thomas, Joe L Sieber, Ken Young



Oklahoma City Chapter Presenting Colors at Fort Reno with the Fort Reno Chapter of the DAR for Wreaths Across America; First row L to R Al Lankford, Bob Thomas, Terry Handley, Ken Young, Joe L Sieber, Top row Henry Baer, Martin Reynolds and Gary Jensen. Photo by Joe K Sieber



Medal of Honor Museum coming to Arlington, TX BY STU HOYT

At the Color Guard meeting of the TX SAR at the Fall BOM 2019, it was announced that the future site of the National Medal of Honor Museum would be in Arlington,

TX. The site of the museum will be in the vicinity of the new TX Ranger Baseball Stadium and is expected to be in operation by 2024. The TX SAR Color Guard participates in the Annual Medal of Honor Parade, in Gainesville, TX, the first weekend in April. We mustered 42 members in uniform from 15 chapters at this BOM. We have 21 Color Guardsmen available for this photo.



From left to right front: Ted Wilson (Edmond Terrill), John Hamlin (Bernado de Galvez), Tom Green (Alexander Hodges), Stu Hoyt (Wm. Hightower), Jim Clements (Patrick Henry), Tom Jackson (Robert Rankin), Ken Tooke (Patrick Henry), Sam Massey (Paul Carrington), and Blair Rudy (Wm. Hightower). Left to right in the rear: Robert Hites (Patrick Henry), Walt Thomas (East Fork Trinity), David Kinsey (McKinney), Bill Sekel (Athens), Alan Greene (Robert Rankin), Tom Jones (Wm. Hightower), Wayne Courreges (Patrick Henry), Bobby Gresham (Van Zandt), Tom Van Fossen (Dallas), John K. Thompson (Freedom), Michael Greco (Hill Country), Mel Oller (Freedom).



Vietnam Veterans - Remembering the Forgotten War BY TED WILSON

For many of the Baby Boomers growing up was a simple and happy time. Many saw war movies of WW II and Korea, each with their heroes. There were fond and sad memories of the returning heroes and those that made the ultimate sacrifice. When it came time for them to service their country, the country did not recognize them with the same enthusiasm. In fact, the media presented them in a negative way. This was the war, which occurred in Southeast Asia, in a place called Vietnam.

Now fifty years later, after a long and slow healing process, an effort is being made to say thank you to the men, women and families of those who served during the Vietnam Era. In 2012, a presidential proclamation was issued to produce a lapel pin. It would have an eagle to represent courage, honor, and dedicated service to our nation; a blue circle to match the canton of the American flag and signifies vigilance, perseverance, and justice; a laurel wreath representing victory, integrity, and strength with six stars represent the six allies who served along side each other. On the back read "A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors You". All who served in the War Zone or gave support to it from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, may receive this lapel pin. President Donald J. Trump also signed a similar proclamation in 2017.

The Sons of the American Revolution partnered with the Vietnam War Commemoration Staff to make this recognition. During the TX State Fair, the Jane Douglas Chapter (DAR) invited the SAR in the Dallas area to join them at their booth to allow this recognition. They invited MSG Matthew Sampson and MSG Lesley Moore of the Nat'l Comm. support staff, in Wash. D.C., to assist them. The event ran five days and was on the local NBC stations. There were 445 Vietnam War Veterans and 18 surviving spouses recognized with a lapel pin.

On Oct. 19, 2019, the members of the TX SAR Color Guard posted the colors at the Vietnam Veterans Convention in Allen, TX. 40 more pins were presented there.

Pictured are from left to right: T.L. Holden, MSG Sampson, Sonny Replogle, MSG Moore, Ted Wilson, and Tom Whitelock.

TXSAR Color Guard in the San Marcos Parade 9 Nov 2019. BY STU HOYT

On Saturday, 9 Nov 2019 Color Guardsmen from the William Hightower Chapter and the Patrick Henry Chapter joined to represent the TX SAR in the annual San Marcos Veterans Day Parade. While awaiting the start of the parade, Gary Cutler. The Hays County Sheriff, had to stop and have his picture taken with us. From left to right are Cliff Caskey (WH), Jim Clements (PH), Stu Hoyt (WH), Joe Cox (WH), Sheriff Gary Cutler, Bob Jordan (PH), Jim Horton (PH) and Stan Trull (WH)..



TX SAR Color Guardsmen gather at TX State Cemetery to Honor WWA on 14 Dec 2019.

BY STU HOYT

On Monday, 14 Dec 2019 members of the TX SAR, Patrick Henry and William Hightower Chapters, joined together at the TX State Cemetery in Austin, TX to honor veterans with a wreath laying for Wreathes Across America. At the grave of Patriot Robert Rankin are Ken Tooke (PH), Stu Hoyt (WH), Jim Clements (PH), Wayne Courreges (PH and descendant of Robert Rankin), Gary White, (PH) and Tom Jones (WH).

We also placed a wreath at the grave of Patriot Sgt. Stephen Williams.



TX SAR Color Guardsmen gathered at the TX State Capitol for WAA Ceremony
BY STU HOYT

TX SAR Color Guardsmen gathered at the TX State Capitol to participate in the Annual Wreathes Across America Ceremony on the floor of the House Chamber. Participating in the Honor Guard is (Below left) L to R: Ken Tooke, Wayne Courreges, and Robert Hites (of the Patrick Henry Chapter), Blair Rudy and Stu Hoyt (of the William Hightower Chapter), and Bob Jordan and Jim Clements (of Patrick Henry).



After the ceremony on the House Floor, the contingent paraded out to the Veterans Memorial where a wreath was lain. Members of the DPS Honor Guard, the TX SAR Honor Guard and the Austin Police Bagpipes join with State Senator Dr. Donna Campbell for a photoshoot.



TX SAR makes a presents at the Field of Honor in Georgetown for Veterans Day on 10 NOV 2019
BY STU HOYT

On the 10th of Nov 2019, Color Guardsmen from around central Texas joined together in Georgetown, TX for a Veterans Day Celebration called the Field of Honor. The town invites Military and Veteran organization from around the Central Texas Region to set up a display to honor veterans from the different services. We had four chapters send representatives to represent the TX SAR. At our display next to the VFW Booth are from L to R: Ken Tooke, (Patrick Henry) Stu Hoyt and Tom Jones (William Hightower), Mike Greco (Bluebonnet), Ron Moulton. (Patrick Henry), Ron Walcik, (Heart of TX), Wayne Courreges (Patrick Henry), Robert Duckworth (William Hightower), and Jim Clements (Patrick Henry).



At 2pm each of the represented groups lined up for a Pass-in-Review. The TX SAR Color Guard was represented by L to R: Wayne Courreges, Jim Clements, Ron Walcik, Robert Duckworth, Stu Hoyt and Ken Tooke. Ron Moulton, our drummer was asked to come forward and set the pace for all marching groups. The 1600 flags in the background are Central Texas Veteran who sacrifices his life in battle.

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TXSAR Compatriots join in a Veterans Chili Cook-off on 26 Oct 2019
 BY STU HOYT

On Saturday, 26 Oct 2019 Compatriots Stu Hoyt, Jim Clements, and Robert Hites, Jr., all veterans, gathered to compete in the Amvets Post 115 of Kyle TX Veterans Chili Cook-off. Our team was Team SAR and our entry was called the SAR Porridge. Our Chili was the overall winner of the competition. From left to right are Stu Hoyt, Robert Hites, Ron Batten (our cook with his granddaughter holding the trophy) and Jim Clements. Our booth with an American Revolution Artifact display is behind..



WISCONSIN -



Veterans Day

Wisconsin's Nathan Ames Chapter commemorates Veterans Day with other veterans at the state capital building in Madsion (l to r Bill Austin, Mark Nelson and Mike Nelson).



Veterans Day

The M-K Chapter shivered at Veterans Park in Waukesha (l to r Brian Barrett, Mike Meador, Logan Brengoez, Aiden Verhalen and Shane Barrett).



Holidays Celebration

M-K Color Guards celebrate the Holidays at the Wisconsin Club in Milwaukee (l to r Brian Barrett, Shane Barrett, Mike Meador, Ben Meador, WISSAR President William Austin and Pamela A. Mattke).



Wreaths Across America

WISSAR Color Guards laid wreaths on December 15, 2019 at Woods National Cemetery in Milwaukee (l to r Brian Barrett, Mike Meador, Shane Barrett and Ben Meador).



Wreaths Across America

The Nathan Ames Chapter appeared at Forrest Hill Cemetery in Madison (Bill Austin and Mike Nelson obstructed behind flag).

WEST VIRGINIA -



Veterans Day

The West Virginia Society Color Guard served as the color guard for the Ripley WV Veterans Day Parade.



Battle of Point Pleasant Celebration

Combined Central District NSSAR color guard for the Battle of Point Pleasant parade. October 5th 2019. Twenty-eight members strong.





GRAVE MARKING FOR JAMES NALLE

by Abraham R Byrd III

Thanks to superb planning and assistance by Scott Giltner and the Color Guard of the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter of the Kentucky Society (KSSAR), along with facilitator Paul Callanan and NSSAR Color Guard Commander James Fosdyck and wife Un Hui Yi, we had a spectacular Grave Marking for Revolutionary War soldier James Nalle on September 22, 2019, at the Mill Creek Baptist Church in Bardstown, Kentucky.

James Nalle was my 4th great grandfather. He was born in Orange (later Culpeper) County Virginia about 1745, was in the Culpeper militia lists for 1781 (the only year they are extant) under his brother, CPT Francis Nalle, received a land grant and moved to “the New Country” (Kentucky) in about 1786 and died in 1814.



There is no record of the Culpeper Militia’s engagements but another member of that militia unit wrote in his pension application that they were marched to the hills before Richmond and stationed there, so he may have been part of the American militia that engaged the British Army troops commanded by Benedict Arnold in their attack on Richmond in 1781.

How the grave marking took place may be of interest: His grave site was unknown and had never been marked. His land was in Nelson County and by using a topo map and the original 1785 land grant description (signed by Patrick Henry, Governor of Virginia), I was able to find where it was. But also, on behalf of the Mill Creek Baptist Church, he had bought the property on which the Church was located. There are of course a lot of “Mill Creeks” but I was able to find out that this specific Church still existed, and had not moved. On con-

tacting them I found that most of the early records for the Church were lost and most of the early gravestones also gone, but on visiting the Church I found that one was for his son in law and dated to the 1840s. As he bought the land for the Church in 1810 and died in 1814, and his land was only about 5 miles away, I

figured he was likely buried at the church he helped found.

I contacted the Church and received permission to have a grave stone and a grave marking done, found out from them who had done most of the gravestones there and with the assistance of Kentucky cousins arranged to have a stone made and placed.

And then it started to snowball: cousins contacted the Cox’s Station Chapter of the DAR and they spearheaded getting it also approved for DAR certification. Scott Giltner suggested timing it for the end of Leadership Conference as

more would be able to attend, Commander Fosdyck recommended I announce it through SAR Officer, and ultimately it combined for a truly amazing event: 19 wreathes, 15 flags, multiple current and prior national officers of the SAR and some DAR – it was spectacular! Ultimately over 100 people were in attendance!

I am deeply appreciative for the presence and participation of PG and Mrs. Manning, Registrar General Douglas and Mrs. Collins, Chaplain General David Felts, Chancellor General Peter Davenport, Color Guard Commander James Fosdyck and Un Hui, PG 2018-2019 Warren and Mrs. Alter, Surgeon General (2016) Larry Leslie, Chaplain General (multiple times!) Louis and Mrs. Carlson, KY State President Michael Sullivan, Master of Ceremonies Chairman Richard Brockway, Executive Director Don Shaw and Magazine Editor Steve and Mrs. Vest, National Color Guard members Gregg Osborne, Lee Popham and others of our SAR brothers and sisters; and for the Cox’s Station Chapter of the DAR and DAR VPG Barbara Zink; and for the gracious assistance and participation of the Mill Creek Baptist Church and Evangelism Minister Brother Danny Haynes; and especially for Scott Giltner (and son!) and the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter Color Guard.



The SAR's 250th Anniversary Flag

By Brooks Lyles

As we approach 2026, the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States we find ourselves already recognizing the 250th Anniversaries of the events that led to our independence. The Stamp Act; The Sugar Act, The Townshend Acts have already occurred; and in March of 2020 the Boston Massacre will be recognized. It is incumbent on us, and in keeping with our Educational Mission, to do everything we can to raise people's awareness of our Colonial American history and the founding of this country. The 250th Anniversary Celebration runs from now through 2033 and there will be more and more events coming up.

One of the first actions of the 250th Anniversary Committee was to hold a contest to select a 250th Logo for the NSSAR. Last year we designed a 250th Anniversary flag that incorporates that logo and the prototype for the flag was procured by Troy Bailey (OH) and presented to the 250th Anniversary and Color Guard Committees at the Fall Leadership Meeting. President General Jack Manning approved the carrying of the 250th Flag in all National, State and Chapter events and directed the 250th flag be placed on the podium at National events, next in precedence after the SAR Flag.

We have not received enough input from the field to order the flags yet! We need your input on the types of flags and indications of intent to order before we can make that initial investment. It is our intent that you be able to order your flag in either a sleeve version or with grommets to meet you state or chapter requirements. The more flags we order the less expensive they will be so we need to get an idea of how many flags by type to order. In order to get a ballpark count for placing the order we'd like folks to send an email to national-colorguard250flag@gmail.com and let us know grommets or sleeves and the number of flags you want. This will be the same email address for ordering the



flags later on. POC: Brooks Lyles (KS)
First Adjutant, National Color Guard.



SONS of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION
Patriotic ★ Historical ★ Educational



Adjutants Call

By Brooks Lyles

If not us, who?
If not now, when?

What is the role of the National Color Guard? What is our role as members of the National Color Guard? If you look in the Color Guard Hand Book it states: *The National Society SAR Color Guard is made up of those Compatriots who participate in SAR meetings and events properly uniformed as either Continental Soldiers or Militiamen, or attired as Revolution-era clergymen. These men seek to visibly promote the stated objectives of the SAR which are declared to be Historical, Patriotic and Educational. Therefore, it is important that a Revolutionary War uniformed Color Guard fielded by the SAR to be historically correct so as to not compromise these objectives. Every time an SAR Color Guard makes a public appearance, the members are fulfilling all three objectives. In fact, the Color Guard is one of the most visible and effective public relations tools available to the SAR.*



This addresses the broader mission, but not how we as Color Guardsmen expand our footprint and spread the good word about the SAR and what the SAR does. There are opportunities in all our home towns to promote the stated objectives of the SAR. They are in our schools, with Historical Societies, with Veteran's Organizations and at public libraries. We have tools to help us with our outreach mission like The Patriot Chest Program, if people want to participate. The only thing that keeps us from getting out there and doing more is us.

I attended two events in New Jersey a couple weeks ago that are examples of what motivated Color Guardsmen and local SAR chapter and state leadership can do when they set their minds to it. The Ten Crucial Days is a program built around Washington's Crossing, the Battle(s) of Trenton and the Battle of Princeton. There are reenactments, speakers, a pub crawl and other fun and educational activities that take place between Christmas and New Years annually, but there was no formal SAR involvement in any of these events. New Jersey President Rob Meyers started the process with the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee to get the Battles of Princeton and Trenton added to the approved list of National Events. Over the last several years color guard members from as far away as California have participated in Ten Crucial Days tours and fundraising efforts to save the Princeton Battlefield. This year they went a step further and held a Wreath Laying Ceremony at both battlefields, sponsored by the Princeton-Cranberry Chapter of the NJSAR on back to back days.

This is an opportunity for color guardsmen throughout the region to participate in a National Event, earn Americanism Points and earn credit towards Color Guard medals, but more importantly it is a chance to get out there in front of the public and show them who the Sons of the American Revolution are, and what the SAR does. All it takes is that first step!
If not us, who? If not now, when?





SAFETY

Before an event is the time when we should begin thinking about safety.

Are you ready?



By Mark Kramer

With the year 2020 beginning and a new year of patriotic events it is a good time to review your chapter's safety standards and procedures. As stated in previous articles "Safety is Everyone's Responsibility" and conducting ourselves in a safe manner is for our protection as well as the protection of our fellow compatriots and those spec-

tators around us.

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ARE YOU READY?

Are we physically able to accomplish the task or tasks presented at the event in which we are about to participate? You may need to ask yourself if you are capable of marching the distance required in a parade or climb the steps or the hill to the event? Knowing the route, you will be walking prior to the event will certainly help you in making your decision.

WHAT WILL THE WEATHER BE THAT DAY?

I was fortunate to participate in the Vigil at Washington's tomb in 2019, and we were blessed with good weather. However, in talking to my fellow compatriots this has not

always been the case. On a hot humid Virginia day, as described by those veterans of the vigil, we would have needed to find shade and drink plenty of water. Knowing what to expect we can prepare ourselves to complete the tasks presented and represent our chapter, state society and national society well.

WHAT OBSTACLES WILL WE ENCOUNTER DURING THE EVENT?

We have all presented our National Colors within a hotel banquet room only to find the chandelier is too low for our flags to pass underneath without altering our path or the way we carried the Colors. Is the door frame low in the banquet room we will be entering and at outdoor events are there low hung wires along the path we will be marching; how about trip hazards?

ARE YOU GOING TO FIRE YOUR RIFLE OR MUSKET?

If you are going to fire your period rifle or musket do a simple precheck at home before arriving at the event:

- o Firearm is clean and is unloaded
- o Flint is secure and producing a quality spark
- o Firearm has flask protector and frizzen cover/hammer stall
- o Firearm stays in half-cock when you pull the trigger

Once at the event participate in a firearm safety check with all members who will carry and or fire their rifle or musket. I always recommend that one person is responsible for bringing and distributing the powder that will be used at the event. Using one source of powder will increase the probability that the powder is fresh, properly measured if using cartridges and the proper type of powder for the firearm you are firing. The National Parks Service's standards for historical weapons has ffg (2F) powder as the standard for all 18th century firearms. The NRA states that ffffg (4f) is "NEVER" used as the main charge and only for flintlocks in the pan.



Be aware of where your barrel is pointed and never have your finger on the trigger until ready to fire. I have found



over the years of firing, even the most experienced members inadvertently have their barrels pointed in an unsafe manner when handling their firearm.

Last but not least after you have fired and before you load up and leave the event make sure that your firearm is unloaded by performing a safety check. If you find a load in the barrel, clear it in the presence of your safety officer to ensure that it is cleared in a safe manner. If available, finish by swabbing the barrel with a damp swab for the caliber of your firearm.

Be Safe Compatriots and have a great 2020.

