



## Color Guard Active at 123rd NSSAR Annual Congress



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Adjutant, NSSAR Color Guard

Kansas City - Nearly 90 Guardsmen from around the United States for the 123rd Annual Congress. Events began Friday, July 5th with a wreath laying ceremony at the statue of Gen George Washington in Washington Square Park. This event served as an introduction of the SAR to the citizens of Kansas City.

The Color Guard gathered officially on Sunday morning July 7th for its traditional breakfast. NSSAR Color Guard Commander Mike Tomme welcomed the attendees which included President General Steve Leishman, five former NSSAR Color Guard Commanders and a number of Guardsmen wives.

Commander Tomme introduced the members of the NSSAR Color Guard staff and Color Guardsman of the Year Gerald McCoy of the Missouri Society. Next, first time attendees were asked to stand and introduce themselves.

After breakfast, President General Leishman addressed the body thanking them for their service and spoke of his pride in the Color Guard.

Commander Tomme then presented the inaugural recipients of the Molly Pitcher Medal. The first presentation was made posthumously to Marty Thurmond

which was graciously accepted by her husband Compatriot George Thurmond. Additional presentations were made to April Legler, Valerie Wilke, Anna Insprucker, Dianne Jones, Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Barbara Stephens, Carol Radcliff, Constance Barker, Billie Brock and Cilla Leed Tomme. Others receiving the award, but not present, were Sharon Wood, Lisa Gregory and Jo Thornhill.

Compatriot Russ DeVenney of the Missouri Society was then introduced as the new Adjutant of the NSSAR.

Former Commander Joe Dooley was recognized to speak on the issue of retroactive effectives with respect to the Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Color Guard Activity.

The committee voted to set the retroactive effectiveness from the time the medal was approved by the Color Guard Committee (July 2011) as opposed to when the Medals & Awards and Executive Committees approved

Massed NSSAR Color Guard after the National Memorial Service

Photo by Un Hui Yi

it (March 2012).

This clarification allows more time for activity to be counted as part of the retroactive look back for the medal.

The committee then considered another area of potential confusion with respect to the retroactive effectiveness applying to just earning points / attending events or whether it applied to the number of years of activity. In this case, the committee voted to state that the retroactive effectiveness applied solely to the counting of points and not the timeframe within which they were earned.

Following the votes, Commander Tomme presented the first Von  
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Commander's Dispatch



NSSAR COLOR GUARD COMMANDER MICHAEL RADCLIFF

I would like to thank all of the Guardsmen who participated at the National Congress in Kansas City and to our Ladies who supported us and gave us encouragement behind the scenes for our activities.

During the National Congress in Kansas City the Color Guard presented and retired the Colors in a very good manner.

We need to remember every time the National Society conducts a massing of the Colors it's a new Color Guard. As usual we only have a short time to prepare for the event which leads to confusion and misunderstanding. During the Fall Leadership Color Guard meeting I'll be introducing some changes to enhance the way we currently perform.

I feel that if we improve the communications from the top down we'll have a better chance at a more enjoyable event. Hopefully everyone who participates

at the National level will return to their Chapters to encourage more activity. We are blessed to add new members to the Color Guard, so I ask that you seasoned members be patient with them as it is the only way we can develop confident Guardsmen.

When our Color Guard appears in public it's a reminder to our fellow citizens of our Country's history and Revolutionary War origins. We must stress the importance of these events to all Color Guardsmen.

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

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The honor to serve as the Commander of the National Color Guard for the next two years is a humbling thought. Looking back on the year of 1997 when I became a member of our society, it never dawned on me that one day I would hold the position of National Color Guard Commander.

From the Editor



EDITOR MARK C ANTHONY

That being said, this issue focuses on a lot of activities from the 123rd National Congress. At this Congress a lot of change was noted—primarily the change in command from Compatriot Mike Tomme to Michael Radcliff.

Please allow me a moment to say thank you to Mike for allowing me to edit this newsletter and serve the National Color Guard.

A few other things of note: (1) please take the time to review the national staff and state society color guard commanders listing for all the new leaders and (2) please note that this issue is 2 pages smaller than in

the past. This is due to not having enough material to place in the newsletter even with the delay in publication. Please send any articles or pictures to me so that this publication can continue to showcase the most visible aspect of the SAR — YOU. The next deadline is September 30th, just a few short weeks away.

Until next time (which I hope will be closer to the normal publication time of the end of October), I wish you all the best.

Mark C Anthony Editor



## *Color Guard Musket Firing Detail*

By: Robert Cunningham  
NSSAR Color Guard Safety Officer

For those who are in a firing detail, here are the commands. Assuming we start at **Shoulder Arms**, the commands are as follows.

A special note: prior to firing, the Commander of the detail or a designated person, should announce to the crowd that there will be a loud report and they should protect their ears accordingly.

**Poise your Firelock**, hold in a poised position and half cock, the safety position. The next command is **Make Ready**, bring from the poised position to about a 45 degree angle positioning up along your right side. The next command is **Prime and Load**, retrieve a paper cartridge, bite off the end of the paper and spit the paper out of your mouth (black powder does not taste good), pour the powder in the pan. You do not have to fill the pan level. Close the pan and remove the frizzen cover. With your left hand swing your musket around to the left side of your body making the muzzle centered in front of you. (Note: during the Revolutionary War they did not ground their weapon during loading.) Pour the powder in the barrel and toss the paper on the ground. (Note: always remember to come back to the firing line and retrieve all of your discarded paper and dispose of it in a proper trash container.)



The next order is **Poise your Firelock**. In this position bring it to a full cock. The next order is **Present** (I don't like to use the command, Make Aim, because it takes away from the moment.) After everyone is at Present, at a 45 degree angle toward the sky away from people, the next order is **Fire**. After firing, hold for a couple of seconds in case of a hang fire. Next order is **Secure your Firelock**. This is dropping the muzzle toward the ground, about 60 degrees with everyone at about the same angle, hold for a couple of seconds (this allows a misfire to drain the powder out of the barrel.) (See picture). The next order is **Advance your Firelock**. This move is easy from Secure your Firelock, just bring the barrel up and the butt down into the advance position. For repeated firing, order Poise your Firelock and follow the same sequence.

This sequence works. Just last month I had a young man in a firing detail who had not fired before. He executed perfectly under these commands.

Here are the commands without commentary.

**Poise your Firelock**  
**Make Ready**  
**Prime and Load**  
**Poise your Firelock**  
**Present**  
**Fire**  
**Secure your Firelock**  
**Advance your Firelock**

As we did this past spring, I will have a firing detail command training session at the Fall Leadership Meeting prior to the Friday evening banquet.

Please remember to always practice safety first.





**COLOR GUARD ACTIVITY AT THE 123RD CONGRESS (continued from page 1)**

Steuben Medal for Sustained Color Guard Activity to inaugural recipients Mark Anthony, Richard Bishop, Russell DeVenney, Robert Grover, Andrew Johnson and George Thurmond.

Streamer presentations were made to the state societies that participated in the 225th Anniversary of the United States Constitution.

Following these presentations, Commander Tomme briefed the assembled guardsmen on the various activities and needs throughout the remaining week.

The first event where the color guard took the stage was shortly after lunch when the guardsmen assembled in ranks to be inspected by President General Leishman and his wife Janet. After the inspection, President General Leishman led the Color Guard in a parade to the church where the National Memorial Service was conducted.

On Monday morning, the Color Guard presented the Colors at the beginning of the first business session of the Congress.



Commander Tomme is either briefing the Color Guard on the Washington Square wreath laying or telling them about the one that got away the day before in the Missouri river. Photo provided by Mike Tomme

The next call to duty was on Tuesday night where the Color Guard once again presented the Colors at the beginning of the President General's Banquet. After exiting the banquet hall, the Color Guard returned to witness the Change in Command Ceremony presided over by President General Leishman.



Inaugural Molly Pitcher Recipients: (from left) Commander Mike Tomme, Anna Insprucker, Valerie Wilke, Adjutant Mark Anthony, April Legler, Dianne Jones, Barbara Stephens, George Thurmond, President General Steve Leishman, Carol Radcliff, Vice Commander Mike Radcliff, Constance Barker, Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Adjutant Dave Hoover, Billie Brock, Secretary General Joe Dooley and Cilla Leed Tomme.

Photo by Penny Rogo Bailes of MamaRazzi Foto

During this ceremony, Commander Mike Tomme ceremonially passed a spontoon to the President General who then passed it to new NSSAR Color Guard Commander Mike Radcliff. Commander Tomme then offered a final sword salute to the President General before retiring through the assembled Color Guard Ranks. A round of Huzzahs were then led by Compatriot Ed Rigel Sr of the Georgia Society.

The final activity of the Color Guard was the retirement of the Colors at the conclusion of the Induction Banquet on Wednesday evening after Former Color Guard Commander Joseph Dooley was sworn in as the 110th President General of the NSSAR.



## State Society Color Guard Commander

Confirmed state society color guard commanders are listed in the **BOLD TEXT**. Those state societies that are not confirmed are asked to submit updated data to the editor. State Societies with no Color Guard: Alaska, Dakotas, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Montana, Nebraska, Rhode Island, and Wyoming. It is with great pleasure that the NSSAR Color Guard announces that the Delaware Society has formed a Color Guard unit. 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 emailed each new issue of *The SAR Colorguardsman* for distribution to the guardsmen within each state society. Any questions about the distribution of the new issue should be directed to the respective state commander.

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**2013 National Color Guard Events**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 19	Battle of Cowpens	Chesnee, SC
February 9	Battle of Kettle Creek	Washington, GA
February 16	Crossing of the Dan	South Boston, VA
February 17	California Massing of Colors	Burbank, CA
February 23	Washington Birthday Parade	Laredo, TX
February 23	Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge	Currie, NC
March 1-2	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY
March 9	Last Naval Battle of the Revolution	Cape Canaveral, FL
March 16	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC
April 6	Halifax Resolves	Halifax, NC
April 16-18	Patriot's Day	Concord, MA
May 2	Kentucky Derby Pegasus Parade	Louisville, KY
May 11	Battle of Pensacola	Pensacola, FL
May 18-19	Fields of Honor / Healing Field	Various
May 26	Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous	Vincennes, IN
May 27	National Memorial Day Parade	Washington DC
June 8	Battle of Ramseur's Mill	Lincolnton, NC
June 16	Battle of Bunker Hill	Bunker Hill, MA
July 6-10	NSSAR National Congress	Kansas City, MO
July 27	Battle of Fort Laurens	Bolivar, OH
September 14	Vigil at George Washington's Tomb	Mt Vernon, VA
September 21	Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Elizabethton, TN
September 27-28	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY
October 4-6	Point Pleasant Battle Days	Point Pleasant, WV
October 7	Battle of Kings Mountain	Blacksburg, SC
October 19	Yorktown Days	Yorktown, VA
Dec 6-7	Battle of Great Bridge	Norfolk, VA
December 7	Wreaths Across America	Various

*Colorguardsman of the Year*

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

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

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

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

**NSSAR Color Guard Commanders**

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

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

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

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





## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### *North Carolina Society*

The NCSSAR Color Guard under the leadership of State Color Guard Commander Richard D. Bishop participated in marking the grave of Revolutionary War Patriot Col. John Hardee in Greenville, NC. The ceremony was sponsored by the General George Washington Chapter. Other chapters represented were: Alamance Battleground, Halifax Resolves, le Marquis de Lafayette, Lower Caper Fear and Mecklenburg.

Photo left (L-R): Senior VP Chuck Yard, SAR Foundation President Dr Samuel Powell, Ron Jones, NCSSAR Past President John Thornhill, Guy Higgins, NCSSAR President James Wood, SE District VP Gary Greene, NE District VP Ken Wilson and Commander Richard D Bishop.



The Mecklenburg Chapter, NCSSAR, sponsored a dual Patriot grave marking to honor the graves of Patriots Abraham Alexander and Hezekiah Alexander with a SAR marker at the historic Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church cemetery in Charlotte, North Carolina on May 4th.

Abraham moved from Maryland to North Carolina in 1746. He was one of the original founders and an elder of Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church in 1755. His age kept him from actively participating in the Revolutionary War, but he did serve on the Mecklenburg County Committee of Safety where he was one of the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence on May 3, 1775. Abraham was also a member of the Colonial General Assembly from 1769 to 1777 where he worked for the establishment of Charlotte as the county seat.

Hezekiah immigrated to North Carolina after 1754. In 1774 he built a stone house to accommodate his growing family. The house still stands in Mecklenburg County and is often open for tours by the historical association. He played an active role as an elder in the Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church. Hezekiah was a participant in the Mecklenburg convention and a signer of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence as a member of the Mecklenburg County Committee of Safety for the district of Salisbury. Hezekiah was elected as a state delegate to the Fifth Provincial Congress in Halifax and served on the committee appointed to draft the first state constitution and Bill of Rights.

The ceremony took place in the historical Sugaw Presbyterian Church cemetery number 2 where the Alexanders' original headstones still stand. The Colors were posted by the combined Color Guard of NC and SC led by NCSSAR Commander Dick Bishop. Dr. Tony Zeiss, local college president and Mecklenburg SAR chapter member, gave a presentation on "The Lives of Hezekiah and Abraham Alexander," which discussed the men's contribution to the cause of freedom in American. Ken Luckey, Mecklenburg SAR chapter member and descendant of Hezekiah Alexander, unveiled the markers.

Wreaths were presented by representatives from the SAR, DAR, Colonial Dames XVII Century, Daughters of the American Colonists, Order of Founders & Patriots of America and the Veterans Services Department of County of Mecklenburg. The County presented a wreath in recognition of the contribution of the Patriots in the founding of the county and the 250<sup>th</sup> year of Mecklenburg County.

James Wood, NCCSAR State President







### REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

#### California Society



Photo top left: Piper James Beatty & Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck prepare to lead the CASSAR Color Guard. Clearly visible color guardsmen; Dan McKelvie, Kent Gregory, Ernie McCullough and Dave Siler. Photo top right: The retirement of the Colors led by Commander Fosdyck.

Photos by: Un Hui Yi

At the California Field of Honor, present on Friday was CASSAR Color Guardsmen from Harbor Chapter (Karl Jacobs & James Gill), Orange County Chapter (Dan Shippey, Larry Wood & Jim Fosdyck), Riverside Chapter (Charlie Gentis) and Silicon Valley Chapter (Richard Knock). The Color Guard presented the Colors in front of a crowd of more than 300; including elementary to middle school students and their teachers, Field of Honor staff and park guests. Dan Shippey (General George Washington) was a popular addition to the group.

Larry Wood manned the recruitment/information table where he took on the duty of educating students by demonstrating the ins and outs of firearms and related materials of the Revolutionary War era. Un Hui Yi set up a display of common items of the era; tin cups, padlock, compass, magnifying glass, currency and coins, fire starting materials (flint, steel striker & charred cloth), children's toys (dolls, top and a cup and ball toss) and a fife. She located one potential future fifer among all the children.

On Saturday the CASSAR was represented by color guardsmen and ladies from four chapters; General George Patton (Bob Taylor), Harbor (Karl Jacobs), Orange County (Kent Gregory, Dan & Karen McKelvie, Larry & Sharon Wood, Jim Fosdyck & Un Hui Yi) and Silicon Valley (Richard, Spencer & Linda Knock). The CASSAR Color Guardsmen formed a musket and flag bearing honor guard for a USMC Color Guard and the OC Fire Authority Pipes and Drum Corps.

Once again Larry Wood manned the recruitment/information table. He was joined by Linda Knock and in Colonial Era attire; Karen McKelvie, Sharon Wood and Un Hui Yi.

Jim Fosdyck, CASSAR Color Guard Commander



L to R - Dan McKelvie (OC Chapter), Spencer Knock (Simi Valley Chapter), Bob Taylor (Gen Geo Patton Chapter), Richard Knock (Simi Valley Chapter), Karl Jacobs (Harbor Chapter) and Kent Gregory (OC Chapter).

Photo by: Un Hui Yi





## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### *California Society*

A joint Color Guard comprised of members of the Orange County, Harbor and Simi Valley Chapters of the California Society was given the honor of presenting and retiring the Colors for the Memorial Day Service, Sunday, May 26, 2013 at the world famous Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California. The program was televised worldwide on July 7, 2013.

During the service a giant American Flag was raised as the Hour of Power Choir and volunteer orchestra presented inspirational and patriotic hymns and anthems. Special guest, retired US Air Force fighter and test pilot and SAR member, Danny Cox was interviewed about his patriotic lineage and fighter pilot experiences.



Members of the CASSAR Color Guard (left to right); Jim Fosdyck (OC), Kent Gregory (OC), Karl Jacobs (Harbor), Spencer Knock (Simi Valley), Richard Knock (Simi Valley), Dan McKelvie (OC), Larry Wood (OC).

Photos by: Un Hui Yi

For the second consecutive year the Orange County Chapter Lee's Legion Color Guard presented the Colors at the Let Freedom Ring celebration in the City of Cerritos. The color guard was joined by a drummer and fifer.

Also, for the second year, a special guest; General George Washington and his wife Martha (portrayed by compatriot Daniel H.T. Shippey and his wife Kelly) were in attendance. Compatriot Shippey performed his first-person living history characterization of General Washington reading to the crowd from the Declaration of Independence.

July 4, 2013 marked the 40th anniversary of the city's Let Freedom Ring celebration, a cherished annual tradition for generations of Cerritos families.



**REPORTS FROM THE FIELD**

*Washington Society*

From: Commander Bob O'Neal

One of the most important goals of our Society is to bring the living history of our forefathers to the young students in our elementary schools. In February, Captain Doug Nelson in regimentals and Rifleman Bob Smalser in his fighting gear, presented a *Day in the Life of a Continental Soldier* to 30 Fifth-grade students in Poulsbo Elementary School. At the end of the presentation, they challenged the students to write an essay on what they had seen and heard. Thirty good essays were sent in to be judged by the chapter education coordinator and former educator Compatriot Al Pinkham. Some were hand-printed, some in cursive and some typed.



On April 13th, Compatriot Mike Hersey was canvassing his neighborhood to identify potential Flag Certificate recipients to be presented in honor of Patriots Day. After identifying about 13 home owners, he had decided to stop for the day and just happened to notice a flag on a pole as he was driving down Sylvan Way in Bremerton. When he asked at the door about awarding a certificate, the lady asked how much it cost. When told it was an honor presented gratis by the SAR, she asked a man sitting in the chair if he would like one. When she turned, Compatriot Hersey happened to look on the wall and saw a Medal of Honor Citation of photographs of John Druse (Bud) Hawk having the Medal of Honor placed around his neck by President Harry Truman, who was a member of the SAR. On April 20th, Compatriots Hersey and Doug Nelson presented the Flag Certificate to Sgt Hawk along with NSSAR and WASSAR challenge coins. They received a Medal of Honor Challenge Coin in return.



*Rank and organization:* Sergeant, US Army, Co E, 359th Infantry, 90th Infantry Division. *Place and date:* Near Chambois, France, 20 August 1944

*Citation:* He manned a light machinegun on 20 August 1944 near Chambois, France, a key point in the encirclement which created the Falaise Pocket. During an enemy counterattack, his position was menaced by a strong force of tanks and infantry. His fire forced the infantry to withdraw, but an artillery shell knocked out his gun and wounded him in the right thigh. Securing a bazooka, he and another man stalked the tanks and forced them to retire to a wooded section. In the lull which followed, Sgt. Hawk reorganized two machinegun squads and, in the face of intense enemy fire, directed the assembly of one workable weapon from two damaged guns. When another enemy assault developed, he was forced to pull back from the pressure of spearheading armor. Two of our tank destroyers were brought up. Their shots were ineffective because of the terrain until Sgt. Hawk, despite his wound, boldly climbed to an exposed position on a knoll where, unmoved by fusillades from the enemy, he became a human aiming stake for the destroyers. Realizing that his shouted fire directions could not be heard above the noise of battle, he ran back to the destroyers through a concentration of bullets and shrapnel to correct the range. He returned to his exposed position, repeating this performance until two of the tanks were knocked out and a third driven off. Still at great risk, he continued to direct the destroyers' fire into the Germans' wooded position until the enemy came out and surrendered. Sgt. Hawk's fearless initiative and heroic conduct, even while suffering from a painful wound, was in large measure responsible for crushing two desperate attempts of the enemy to escape from the Falaise Pocket and for taking more than 500 prisoners.







## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### *Iowa Society*

The Sons of the American Revolution awarded the JROTC Medal on April 29, 2013 to Cadet Jamie Antonio Guizar a student at East Waterloo High School. The award is given to foster the principle of the "citizen-soldier", exemplified by the Minutemen of Revolutionary War days. This award was presented by the Iowa State Society, JROTC cadet who was selected for having a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing and general excellence. The recipient was selected by the Commanding Officer of the JROTC unit, who was given full latitude in making the selection.

Pictured to the right is Mike Rowley, Past President of the IASSAR and award recipient Jamie Guizar at the ceremonies.

Photograph and story supplied by Mike Rowley.



### *Pacific District*

Official Color Guard Photo at Kennewick WA on 27 April 2013 by Com-patriot Jerry Hull, Alexander Hamilton Chapter, WASSAR

Standing L-R: Commander Mark Robertson (ORSSAR Color Guard Commander), 1st Lt Mick Hersey (WASSAR), Lt Col Bob O'Neal (WASSAR / Pacific District 2013 CG Commander), President General Stephen Leishman, Major Stan Wills (WASSAR Color Guard Vice Commander), Lt Gale Palmer (WASSAR), Bill Reynolds (ORSSAR)  
Kneeling L-R: Grier Ingebretson (ORSSAR), Paul Adan (WASSAR) Will Palmer (WASSAR)

Not in the photo: Captain Doug Nelson, WASSAR Vice President and Pacific District Conference Chairman



### *Helpful Hints*

From George Lipphardt, Tucson (AZ) Chapter

If the top of your SAR Flag Pole has the appearance of a bunch of loose-end strings, knotted together, due to the fact that you have been awarded a few Award Streamers, a streamer holder is designed to straighten out /organize all of these to make the flag pole much neater in appearance.

Holders are used by the military, the Scouts and other organizations that award streamers. It's basically a round, metal device that sets on top of your flag pole underneath the ornament. It has a round opening in the center to allow it to fit over the flag pole and openings around the outside edge to attach the Streamers in a nice, neat fashion.

Here are a few examples:

<http://www.paradestore.com/detail.aspx?ID=502>

<http://www.scoutstuff.org/bsa/gifts-gift-cards/flags/accessories/streamer-holder.html>

<http://www.flagsandemblems.com/aipr.html>

The more Streamers that need to be attached, the higher the price tag. A way to mitigate the cost is to attach multiple Streamers on each chain/attachment device. This allows for the purchase of holders with fewer slots which is cheaper. Since different Steamer Holders have different diameter mounting, center holes and different ways to attach them to poles, or if a specific-type pole is required, look for the "universal"-type mount that can fit different pole types.

Another issue is when there are streamers without a cord or chain to attach it to the holder. The Fair Publishing House, in Norwalk, OH (800-824-3247), where many societies purchase streamers, has gold cords that can be used for this. Ask for the **28", Gold Cord & Tassel** which retails for \$0.50 each plus shipping cost. Please be advised that these are not offered on their website.





## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### *Kentucky Society*

On Friday, May 3rd, compatriots from the Kentucky and South Carolina Society marked the grave of Colonel John Harden who is buried in Grove Hill Cemetery located in Shelbyville, KY. This was the third year in which the Kentucky Society marked a patriot's grave on the Friday following the Pegasus Parade in Louisville. The parade is always held on the Thursday preceding the Kentucky Derby.



Photos provided by Charlie Scott. Top Left: Compatriots conduct a Flag Folding Ceremony for presentation to the descendants of Colonel Harden. Top Right: The monument to Colonel John Harden. Bottom: The Honor Guard fires a musket volley.







## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### *National Society*

By: Mark C Anthony, NSSAR Color Guard Adjutant

Compatriots and members of the Ladies Auxiliary from the Indiana, Kentucky and South Carolina Societies participated in the annual Pegasus Parade in Louisville, KY on May 2nd.



Photographs supplied by Charlie Scott.

Above: Participants gather for a group photo prior to the parade.

Left: The NSSAR Color Guard marching in the parade.



### *123rd National Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution*



Commander Tomme says "We are going over yonder" prior to the wreath laying at the Statue of George Washington prior to Congress. This exemplifies one of the more complex maneuvers of the NSSAR Color Guard. Photo provided by Mike Tomme



At the Awards & Recognition night, NSSAR Color Guard Commander Mike Tomme was inducted as a Minuteman. Following the ceremony, all of the NSSAR Color Guard Commanders in attendance gathered for a photo.

L-R: Edgar Grover (KS) - Commander 2002-2004/Minuteman 2004; Peter Goebel (NY) - Commander 2004-2006/Minuteman 2009; Chuck Lampman (CA) - Commander 2006-2007/Minuteman 2006; Larry Perkins (OH) - Commander 2007-2009/Minuteman 2008; Joe Dooley (VA) - Commander 2009-2011/Minuteman 2009; Mike Tomme (GA) - Commander 2011-2013/Minuteman 2013

Photo by: Mark C Anthony

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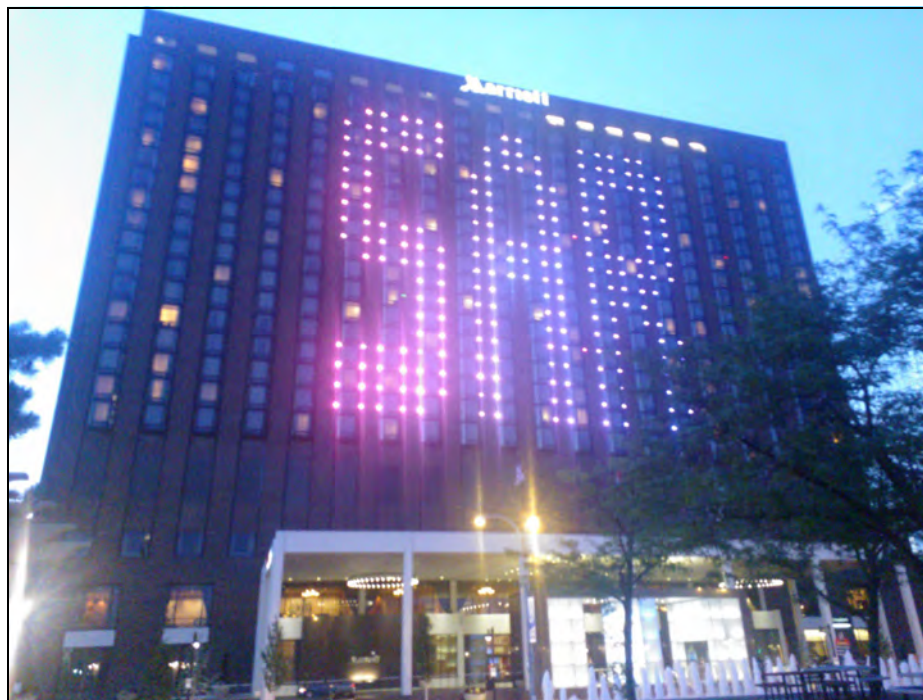
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The photograph (by Mark C Anthony) above is of the Marriott Hotel in Kansas City illuminated to welcome the NSSAR to the 123rd National Congress.

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