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

Commander's Dispatch

I wish to thank the Color Guard Staff for the long hours that they put in for the SAR. I also want to send my thanks to the Color Guard itself. I look forward to having more to say in the October issue of the *SAR Colorguardsman*.

I wish that everyone have a safe and eventful Summer. See you at the Fall Leadership Conferene.

Your humble Servant,
Dave Hoover
National Color Guard Commander



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Vice Commander's Dispatch

The Color Guard was once again a major component of the Annual Congress held in June in Louisville, KY. There were approximately 150 color guardsmen and their ladies gathered at the Color Guard Breakfast on Sunday. Of these attendees, there were 16 color guardsmen attending the National Congress for the first time.



President General Lindsey Brock inspected approximately 90 Color Guardsmen, staff and musicians at 12:30 pm. The parade to the Cathedral of the Assumption for the National Memorial Service was impressive. The Color Guard marched in single file carrying all 50 state flags, the District of Columbia Flag, the French Flag, the Commander-in-Chief's flag and the United States Flag.

Safety Officer Robert Cunningham was awarded the Gold Color Guard Medal on Monday night in recognition of his selection as Color Guardsman of the Year. Congratulations, Robert. As additional recognition, Compatriot Cunningham will be the rifle escort for the United States Flag at the upcoming national meetings in 2015 and 2016.

The 2015 Congress also saw a changing of the guard with the Change of Command Ceremony at the beginning of the Tuesday night banquet. The Color Guard bid farewell to National Commander Mike Radcliff after two years of service in that role. In recognition of his tenure as National Commander, Compatriot Radcliff was presented with the Gold Color Guard Medal by President General Brock. Thank you for your dedication, Mike.

Also, Compatriot Jim Fosdyck of the California Society was introduced as the new adjutant. He will be joining Compatriot Russ DeVenney as the two adjutants of the National Color Guard. Welcome, Jim.

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From the Adjutant

James C Fosdyk



Compatriot James C. Fosdyk is the new NSSAR Color Guard Adjutant. He replaces Russell F. De-Venney, Jr. who has moved on to greater responsibilities.

Compatriot Fosdyk served in the US Army as a member of the prestigious 3rd Infantry Regiment "The Old Guard" (official escort to the President) in Washington, DC where he participated in the funeral of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower and the Inauguration of President Richard M. Nixon. The Old Guard conducts memorial affairs to honor fallen comrades, and ceremonies and special events to represent the Army, communicating its story to our Nation's citizens and the world. On order, the 3rd Infantry Regiment conducts defense support of civil authorities in the National Capital Region.

In 1970, following his discharge from the Army, Jim joined the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. He served the citizens of the County of Los Angeles for more than 35 years. Performing patrol, detective and special unit activities Jim policed the communities of Southcentral Los Angeles, Carson, East Los Angeles, Norwalk, La Mirada and Santa Fe Springs. He retired in 2004.

Jim was inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution in July, 2008. His mother was a member of the Daughters of the American. His wife Un Hui Yi is an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary at the chapter, state and national level.

His son Wesley was also a member of the SAR. His two grandchildren are members of the Children of the American Revolution.

Compatriot Fosdyk served in SAR leadership positions at the chapter and state level. Currently he is the CASSAR Vice President South and the CASSAR Color Guard Commander. Jim serves on four NSSAR committees; Color Guard Committee, Medals and Awards Committee, ROTC/JROTC & Military Service Academies Liaison Committee, and Public Service and Heroism Committee. Jim is also the Vice President of the Mexico Society. Jim has participated as a member of the color guard at five Congresses and five Leadership Meetings.

Jim earned the SAR Silver Color Guard Medal in November 2011. He plans to have participated in a sufficient number of national color guard events to have earned the NSSAR Von Stuben Color Guard Medal in 2016.

Compatriot Fosdyk is looking forward to working with the members of the SAR Color Guard, Commander David Hoover and his staff.

From the Editor



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

With our editions of the *SAR Colorguardsman* there is no such limitation - it's an electronic issue and whether there are 10 pages or 70 pages doesn't make a bit of difference in cost. So bear with me while I adjust my method to include more content than I would normally.

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

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

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

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

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Pictures should list those in the picture and who took it. Thank you for your help. Please forward this issue to your state's chapter color guard commanders for dissemination amongst the color guard members.





125th Annual Congress - Louisville, KY



Presentation of the assembled Color Guard for inspection by President General Brock prior to marching through Louisville to the Sunday Memorial Service.

This assembly was 5 rows deep, 16 men across. Following the Color Guard en route to the church were several ladies in colonial dress followed by other SAR members and spouses.

Photos: Un Hui Fosdyck



NSSAR Color Guard on parade, presenting at Memorial Service, and assembled following Memorial Service.

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President General Brock with Ladies assembled for Memorial Service parade.

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l to r: Paul Callanan, Outgoing Adjutant Russ DeVenney, Incoming Vice Commander Mark Anthony, Incoming Commander David Hoover, Quatermaster Charlie Scott, Outgoing Commander Mike Radcliff, Safety Officer Bob Cunningham, Mike Tomme, and Artillery Commandr Rudy Byrd at the Breakfast.

Photo: Penny Rogo - Mamarazzifoto



Color Guard at Tuesday Banquet Change of Command Ceremony with Commander Radcliff about to exit.

Photo: Penny Rogo - Mamarazzifoto



Incoming Adjutant Jim Fosdyck, Outgoing Adjutant Russ DeVenney

Photo: Un Hui Fosdyck



Color Guard at Wednesday Banquet

Photo: Un Hui Fosdyck



Compatriot J Michael Tomme with Cilla Tomme.
Photo: Un Hui Fosdyck



President General Brock presents the SAR Color Guardsman of the Year to Robert Cunningham. Compatriot Cunnighma also received the Gold Color Guard Medal.
Photo: Penny Rogo - Mamarazzifoto



President General Brock with (at left) Past Color Guard Commanders Mike Radcliffe and Mike Tomme, Cilla Tomme, Jim Jones, Dr Sam Powell, Anna K. Insprucker, and George Thurman.
Photo: Un Hui Fosdyck



(top l-r) NSSAR Color Guard Commander Radcliffe presenting Baron Von Steuben certificates/medals to Compatriots Cunningham and Hoover; (l) Compatriot Jones.

(below l-r) NSSAR Color Guard Commander Radcliffe and Adj Hoover presentingolly Pitcher certificates and medals to Ruth Cunningham and Brandy Rigel.

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At left is Dr Samuel and Karen Powell. Above is the Color Guard assembled for the Wednesday Banquet.
Photo: Un Hui Fosdyck

Minutemen and Color Guardsmen



Archway swordsmen are Compatriots Fosdyck and Howard Roberson. At upper right is Minuteman Charles Lampman. At right is Minuteman J Michael Tomme.

Photos: Un Hui Fosdyck

Leadership Conference and Congress Schedules

Fall Leadership -

Friday & Saturday,
September 25-26, 2015.
Brown Hotel Louisville KY

Spring Leadership -

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

126th Congress -

Thursday to Wednesday,
July 7 - 13, 2016
Boston, MA

127th Congress -

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



Above is Minuteman Peter Goebel. Below is Minuteman Joseph Dooley. Compatriots Dooley, Goebel, Lampman, and Tomme are Past Colorguard Commanders.

Photos: Un Hui Fosdyck



Knoxville

Boston



Vigil at the tomb of George and Martha Washington

Dear State Commanders and National Color Guard Staff,

I am writing to you, so that you can pass this information down to the Chapter Level Commanders about the upcoming vigil at George and Martha Washington's Tomb. This event will be held on 19 September 2015 at Mount Vernon. I will send out another email as we get closer to see who will be attending this year's event. Like we did last year, the watch will start at 9:00 am and the last shift will end at 5:30 pm. We will meet like we did last year at 8:00 am and walk down to tomb from the Administration Building behind the Hearst Gate entrance at 8:30 am sharp so that we have the first Color Guard in place at 9:00 am.

The Manager of the Special Events of Mount Vernon requests that:

- NO Muskets are allowed.
- No props allowed
- No reenactment of Historical figures
- The NSSAR is there to stand Guard at the tomb of George and Martha Washington only

You will enter at the Hearst Gate and let the staff know you are with the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard and are there to stand vigil at the tomb of George and Martha Washington. The map is attached for those who have never been before.



The watch is for 30 minutes at a time so that the guardsman will not over do. Please consider coming this year and join us. I will again be asking those who are attending to please give me a time or times that they would like to stand watch at the tomb. I will try to make sure that you get the times you request.

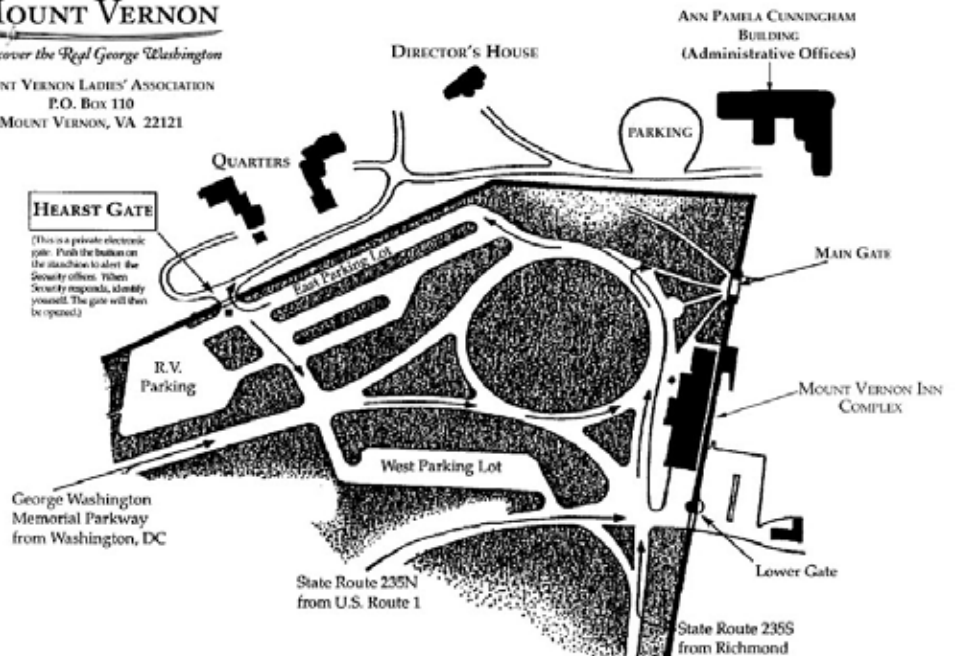
Michael (Mike) J Radcliff
NSSAR National Color Guard Commander



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ARIZONA



AZSSAR Color Guard flag raising ceremony at 123rd National George Washington's Birthday Rifle Match at Ben Avery Shooting Range, Phoenix, AZ, 22 Feb 2015. L-R Steve Miller, Ed Steinback, John Lyons, SAllen Nash, Chuck Howey, Wayne Hood, James Williamson, Mike Tubbs, Steve Monez, Jan Huber, Richard Perry, Rudy Byrd.

AZSSAR Color Guard at the 70th Anniversary Iwo Jima and Ira Hayes Parade in Sacaton, AZ 21 Feb 2015. L - R Mike Tubbs, Steve Monez, Ed Steinback, Chuck Howey, Jerry Davis, Steve Miller.



The 123rd George Washington Birthday Rifle Match at Ben Avery Shooting Range, Phoenix, AZ on 22 Feb 15. Names: muskets l - r Richard Perry, Steve Monez, Jan Huber, Rudy byrd, John Lyons, Mike Tubbs - flags l - r Allen Nash, Chuck Howey, Wayne Hood, Jim Williamson, Not shown - Ed Steinback, Steve Miller

AZSSAR Color Guard at the 50th Anniversary of Sagauo Chapter, Sun City, AZ 11 Apr 15. Names - l - r Tom Steinback, Jan Huber, Whit Revell, Ed Steinback, Loren Littlefield, Manual Rodriguez, Steve Monez, Bill Smith, John McDonald, Matt Scott.





This is the sixth year the CASSAR Color Guard has participated in the Field of Honor in Newport Beach, CA. The program is sponsored by the Exchange Club of Newport Beach. The Field of Honor is a SAR national color guard event. Sixteen compatriots, representing five CASSAR chapters, participated. Two members of the CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary (Un Hui Yi and Karen McKelvie of the OC Chapter) also participated in Colonial Era attire.



CASSAR Color Guard and George Key, descendant of Francis Scott Key. Compatriots in the "group photo are left to right:

Gary Jensen (Riverside), Dan McKelvie (OC), Kent Gregory (OC), Bob Taylor (Gen Geo Patton), Jim Blauer (OC), George Key (a descendant of Francis Scott Key and a member of the South Coast Chapter), John Dodd (OC), Jim Klingler (OC), John Ferris (OC), Karl Jacobs (Harbor), Dan Henry (OC), Henry Lucas (Riverside), Dick McMullen (Gen Geo Patton) and Jim Fosdyck (OC).



Right - CASSAR Firing Party; Gary Jensen, Dan McKelvie, Kent Gregory, Henry Lucas and Dan Henry prepare to fire a volley



CASSAR Color Guard presents the Color for the CASSAR 140th Annual Spring Meeting banquet

President General Brock congratulates Orange County Chapter Chaplain Richard Adams & CASSAR Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck following the Memorial Service .





General Washington and his guidon march with a contingent of Marines in the 2015 Field of Honor

LA Fife and Drum Corps march in the CASSAR Color Guard at the CASSAR 140th Annual Spring Meeting



Riverside Chapter, SAR compatriot Mark Kramer explains proper musket cleaning during a musket firing and safety class.



Un Hui Yi and Karen McKelvie at the Field of Honor; 16 May 2015



President General Brock thanks compatriot Doug Bergtholdt & other members of the CASSAR Honor Guard following the Memorial Service .

Living History/ Color Guard Unit of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution



The 240th Anniversary Patriot's Day Parade in Concord, Massachusetts. It was a GREAT show by the members present! The weather was better than expected, we were lucky, we had a little rain but no heavy rain during the parade. Unfortunately though, because of the weather, the public turnout was small in comparison to normal. But we still had a lot of fun!

The CTSSAR had 13 members marching in the parade, and we had 16 attending our Color Guard Luncheon at the Colonial Inn following the parade. Special thanks to Corporal Dan Dudley for organizing the Patriot's Day CTSSAR Color Guard Luncheon this year.

President General Lindsey C. Brock and his lovely wife Billie were in the parade, riding in an open carriage provided by the MASSAR Society. The MASSAR Color Guard marched in front of the carriage and the CTSSAR Color Guard marched behind the carriage.



Those members present were Derek Brockhoff, Dan Dudley, Lee Gerlander, Todd Gerlander, Randal Gerlander, Howard Greene, George Husted, John Keeney, Jack Manning, David Packard, David Perkins, Robert Rivard, Russell Wirtalla, Richard Wright, and Doug Wood (Vice President General, New England District).



VPG Doug Wood presented CTSSAR Color Guard Commander, Todd Gerlander with the SAR Silver Roger Sherman Medal from the New England District for his nearly 20 years as the CTSSAR Color Guard Commander. The presentation was made at the Colonial Inn during lunch.

Put your faith in God and keep your powder dry,

National Color Guard Event - 240th Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill

On June 17th, 10 members of the Connecticut Line CTSSAR participated in the Battle of Bunker Hill Com-

memoration Ceremonies at the Bunker Hill Monument in Charlestown, Massachusetts. Following a three volley musket salute to the Heroes of Bunker Hill, CTSSAR placed a wreath at the Connecticut Gate. Wreaths were also placed at the Massachusetts Gate (MASSAR), New Hampshire Gate (NHSSAR) and the United States Gate (SAR). Huzzah! The combined color guards of CT, MA, and NH posed for a photo in front of the Colonel William Prescott statue at the base of the Bunker Hill obelisk. Prior to the Bunker Hill Ceremonies, the members of all three color guards attended the Ecumenical service at the Church of St. Francis de Sales located on the top of Bunker Hill and then marched through the streets of Charlestown to the Bunker Hill Ceremonies over on Breed's Hill, the actual site of the battle.

Submitted by David Perkins



FLORIDA -



The SAR Cruise to the Bahamas stopped at Port Canaveral for a brief layover to travel to the Merritt Island Veterans Memorial Center. While there President General Lindsey Brock laid a wreath at the historic Marker and Cannon for the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution. Approximately 50 cruise attendees were bussed to the center and participated in the ceremony.

All attendees were encouraged to visit the Memorial Garden and take notice of the Monument dedicated to the American Revolution patriots erected by the Brevard SAR and DAR chapters. Everyone was also encouraged to visit the Veterans Center military museum (inside and air-conditioned).



Brevard County DAR members: From the Commodore John Barry DAR Chapter - Debbie Plaag, Jo Solley-Hansen, Constance Wetzel.

A different tour bus with approximately 40 people from the Graduates of West Point - from the same cruise ship - were also at the Veterans Center and most stayed outside to watch the proceedings. Additionally, a few local families were visiting the Veterans Center and stopped to watch the proceedings.

FLSSAR Color Guard members (above right):

Frank Nolte, Ralph Nelson, Jay Wise, Robert Humker, Ben DuBose, Commander Charlie Day, Steve Williams, Robert Chorney, Adj Hall Riediger, Charles McKinley, Billy Peters, Philip Wright (not shown), and Joe Regan (not shown)



President General Lindsey Brock seems to be enjoying his ship board experience.



Top Left are James Stallings, Roger Coursey, Tom Owen, Lindsey Brock III, President General Brock, Treasurer General J Michael Tomme, and Brevard Color Guard Commander Ben DuBose. Top Right-President General Brock begins the program.

Below is the Historic Marker placed in Brevard County in 2006 as a result of efforts by The Brevard SAR Chaptr, 5 DAR Chapters (at that time), and the Cape Canaveral Navy League. The first Commemoration took place in 2007.

South Atlantic District Vice President General Mark Anthony chats with Florida State Society President Steven Williams at the Florida Society's Spring Board of Management & Annual Meeting in OrlandoHeld on May 8 & 9.





MISSOURI



Annual Commemoration of the Battle of Fort San Carlos

**Missouri History Museum, St. Louis, Missouri
Sunday, May 24, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.**

This is the second year that the Annual Commemoration of the Battle of Fort San Carlos is recognized by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) as an Annual SAR Historic Event for Silver Color Guard Medal qualification.



National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) as an Annual SAR Historic Event for Silver Color Guard Medal qualification.



(clockwise from above) MOS-SAR Color Guard presenting the Colors; Pledge of Alligance by 3 Missouri C.A.R Societies; Attendees for the program "Fernando de Leyba and the Spanish

Connection" (based on the work of Kristine L. Sjostrom); Immediate Past President of the Missouri Society of the Sons of the



MOSSAR Color Guard Members

From Left to Right: John Rush, FDL Chapter; Doug Neff, SSL & FDL Chapters; Steve Baldwin, FDL, AMC, & ALO Chapters; Wayne Davis, SSL Chapter; Bill Groth, SSL Chapter; Milan Paddock, SSL OPC, FDL Chapters; Bill Grote, FDL Chapter; Harry Robert Brindell III, SSL Chapter; and Charles Lilly FDL & SSL Chapters.

FDL = Fernando de Leyba Chapter (St. Charles)
SSL = Spirit of St. Louis (St. Louis)
AMC = Alexander Majors Chapter (Kansas City)
ALO = Allen Laws Oliver Chapter (Cape Girardeau)
OPC: Ozark Patriots Chapter (Rolla)

NEVADA



The following photos highlight activities and events that the Signers Chapter and the Northern Nevada Chapter members have participated in the last several months. Although there is broad participation in many Chapter events, only those where a Continental /Militia style uniform or Period Correct clothing were worn are included in this report.

May 2015 - "Gary Parriott from Sons of the American Revolution was at the fire pit as retired flags were ceremoniously burned." Photo by Laura Hubel/Boulder City Review.

June 2015 Flag Day Celebration - Thanks to Vicky Maltman and VFW Post 3819 for a wonderful Flag Day celebration! With Sons of the American Revolution-Paul Hicks and Congressman Mark Amodei. — with Jill Dickman, Roger Linscott, Col. Edward Carson, USA Ret. and David Hess at California Bldg, Idlewild Park. Personal photo of Jill Dickman.



Dec 2014 - Dr. Gene Butler and Gary Parriott representing the Signers Chapter at the Wreaths Across America ceremony and wreath placement at the Southern Nevada Memorial Cemetery. Personal photo of Gary Parriott

Nov 2014 - Gary Parriott with Gail and Joe Harris enjoying a little walk down 4th street, for the Las Vegas Nevada Veterans Day Parade, the second largest Veterans Day Parade in the nation. Personal photo of Gary Parriott.



Nov 2014 - Members of the Northern Chapter F&DN were joined by Camp 25, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the Reno NV Veterans Day parade. Photo by Reno Gazette-Journal photographer Andy Barron.



Oct 2014 - Nevada Day Parade, Compatriots Parriott, de Beauchamp and Perry. Personal photo of Gary Parriott.



Sept 2014 - Gary Parriott taking a Watch at the tomb of Martha and George Washington. Personal photo of Gary Parriott.



April 2015 - Members of the Fifes & Drums of Nevada warming up for a DAR presentation. From left to right is Roger Linscott, Ed Carson, and David Hess. (Compatriot Ed Carson is a descendant of Kit Carson) Personal photo of Roger Linscott



April 2015 Signer's Chapter President Anthony Perry presiding at Boy Scouts Award Ceremony. Photo by Kris Perry

NORTH CAROLINA

Members of the 78-man Color Guard of North Carolina recently gathered at the 235th anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill. SAR members from South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia and Tennessee also participated in the event. The South Carolina President of the Children of the American Revolution (CAR) participated in the color guard and wreath presentations. There were also multiple chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) who rendered honors during the wreath presentations.

The Battle of Ramsour's Mill took place on June 20, 1780 near present-day Lincolnton, North Carolina, during the British campaign to gain control of the southern colonies in the American Revolutionary War. About 400 American militia defeated 1,300 Loyalist militiamen. The battle did not involve any regular army forces from either side, and was literally fought between neighbors. Despite being outnumbered, the Patriot militia defeated the Loyalists.

The battle was significant in that it lowered the morale of Loyalists in the south, weakening their support of the British.

Casualties were difficult to assign since almost no one was wearing any sort of uniform. Estimates of dead on each side were between 50 to 70, with about 100 wounded on each side. The battle, in which muskets were sometimes used as clubs because of little ammunition, was fought between "neighbors, near relations, and friends". Casualties were buried in a mass grave near Ramsour's Mill after the battle ended.



Color Guard members standing guard over the enclosed mass grave of the casualties of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill.

A musket volley was presented in honor of the casualties at Ramsour's Mill at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Below, Compatriot Dan Woodruff, South Carolina Militia Color Guard member, directs the safety inspection of the muskets used by compatriots preparing to salute the fallen.



OHIO



Hocking Valley Chapter SAR Honors Veterans

The Hocking Valley Chapter had a busy month in May honoring our veterans. Chapter members attended two honor flights at Port Columbus on May 9th and 30th, participating as a color guard and greeting veterans returning home from Washington DC. The chapter also participated in in the Armed Forces Day Parade on May 16th in Heath, Ohio, and in the Memorial Day Parade on May 25th in Newark, Ohio.

Pictured above-right at the Armed Forces Day Parade in Heath, Ohio are Hocking Valley Chapter Color Guard members (left to right): James Stoner, David Nessley, Bob Hill, Paul Irwin, Keith Kaufman. Pictured below in the left photo at the Newark Parade are (left to right): David Nessley, Bob Hill,



Bob Davis, Mark Darnell, Steve Darnell, Keith Kaufman, Tom Hankins. Not Shown: Paul Irwin. In the right photo (courtesy Sara C. Tobias/The Advocate), Hocking Valley compatriots "Mourn Arms" as Taps is played during ceremonies at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Newark.



Fields of Honor – North Kingsville

On June 13th members from the Northeast Ohio Chapter Color Guard participated in the 6th annual Fields of Honor program in North Kingsville Ohio. The Color Guard assisted with the "Lowering of the Flags" ceremony that occurs each evening from the 10th of June through the 14th of June. The Color Guard posted the Colors and rendered the playing of Taps. Several of the members wives participated and were in colonial dress. Members participating: Troy Bailey (CG Commander), Bob Howe (Drummer), Steve Hinson, John Opre, Don Taft, Dan Matheke, Jim Pildner, Jim Gilbert, and the Ladies:

Chris Bailey, Vennie Hinson, Sue Matheke, Kathy Pildner, and Dianne Gilbert.

SAR Welcomes Home Honor Flight Columbus

On Saturday May 30th, members of the Camp Charlotte, General Henry Knox, and Hocking Valley Chapters of the Ohio Society SAR all came together to welcome home "Honor Flight Columbus" with 82 World War II and Korean War veterans returning from their trip to Washington, D.C. at the Port Columbus International Airport in Columbus, Ohio.

Pictured are (LtoR): Steve Kelley of the General Henry Knox Chapter; James Dunn & Neil Dunn of the Camp Charlotte Chapter; Paul Irwin & Bob Hill of the Hocking Valley Chapter.



Marietta Chapter Honors Patriot With Grave Marking Ceremony in Waterford, Ohio

On June 14, 2015, at Waterford, Ohio, the Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution Marietta Chapter with the help of the Camp Charlotte Chapter, General Henry Knox Chapter, Ewings Chapter, Cincinnati Chapter, and Hocking Valley Chapter of the Ohio Society, and the Capt. James Neil Chapter of the West Virginia Society, conducted a SAR Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony for Revolutionary War Patriot John Paine at the Stanley Cemetery. Pictured are SAR members in attendance.



Flag Day and Naturalization Ceremonies – Cleveland, Ohio

Courtesy of Betty Franklin

On Friday, June 12, the Western Reserve Society SAR Archibald Willard Color Guard, and Northeastern Ohio Chapter SAR Color Guard, participated in the combined 239th Flag Day Anniversary, the US Army’s 240th Birthday, and the Naturalization Ceremony hosted at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in downtown Cleveland. This program was sponsored by the Association of the U.S. Army, and the Joint Veterans’ Council of Cuyahoga County. This year the event took place on Friday, since the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service and US District Court do not have naturalization ceremonies on weekends. The program took place on the Plaza outside the R & R Hall of Fame, where the weather

was windy, warm and sunny.

The program started with the posting of the Colors by the U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion, Cleveland Post followed by the SAR Color Guard. There were greetings from a number of dignitaries and local groups, including the U. S. Army’s recognition of the Soldiers of the Year by Newton D. Baker, Greater Cleveland Chapter of AUSA, to SSG Matthew D. Shafer; PFC Mark A. Horton II; and SSG Warren E. Newton.

The guest Speaker was Chief Judge Solomon Oliver Jr. of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, who swore in 30 new citizens. SAR participants included John Franklin, Claude Custer, and Lee MacBride of the Western Reserve Society Archibald Willard Color Guard, and Jim Gilbert and Dan Matheke of the Northeastern Ohio Chapter Color Guard. After retirement of the colors to close out the ceremony, everyone congratulated the new citizens and were available for pictures. The Army’s birthday cake was enjoyed by all.

In the Saturday morning Cleveland Plain Dealer, there was a photo of the Western Reserve Society Archibald Willard, and Northeast Ohio Chapter Color Guard in front of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on the front page.



The Oklahoma Society 110th Congress May 2, 2015, in Oklahoma City, OK was the venue for a Change of Command within the Oklahoma Color Guard. Pictured, left to right in the attached photo: Fred Morris, new CG Commander; Stuart Denslow; Glenn Fast, retiring CG Commander; Terry Handley; Howard Ferrell. Not pictured Ron Schrouf, CG member.

Commander Glenn Kelvin Fast, ended his ten years of service as Oklahoma Color Guard Commander, with Compatriot Fred Arthur Morris, taking command of the Oklahoma Color Guard. Commander Morris, is a member of the Bartlesville Chapter of the Oklahoma Society. The color guardsmen present for the 106th State SAR congress pictured left to right are: Fred Morris – Bartlesville, Stuart Denslow – Tulsa, Glenn Fast – OKC, Terry Handley – OKC, Howard Ferrell – OKC. Ken Young did not participate last Saturday.

The picture is courtesy of Max Richardson.



There are currently two color guard units in the state of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City and Tulsa. The Ardmore chapter is interested in starting a third unit, and is currently exploring the purchase of uniforms. Three members in Bartlesville will soon have quite different uniforms, from General Washington's staff to a little drummer boy and could conceivably add another member or two to form a very different type of color guard consisting of these dissimilar uniforms.

Both of the existing units were active this quarter, with Tulsa participating at the Tulsa Medal of Honor Ceremony on April 25, the Memorial Day Ceremony at Stillwater on May 31, the Flag Day Dinner in Tulsa on June 6 and the Honor Flight Homecoming on June 10. Oklahoma City participated at the DAR annual meeting in Norman in April and the Memorial Day Ceremony at the 45th Infantry Division Museum in Oklahoma City. Members from both units presented the colors as a combined color guard at the OKSSAR 110th Annual State Congress in Tulsa on May 2. Members in the picture from the Congress are Fred Morris and Stuart Denslow from Tulsa, and Glen Fast, Ken Young and Howard Ferrell from Oklahoma City. Not pictured is Ron Schrouf who also participated in uniform but was attending to other duties when the picture was taken.



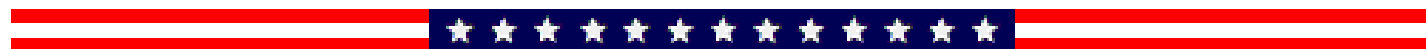
PENNSYLVANIA



Philadelphia Continental Chapter participated in the Radnor, PA Memorial Day Parade. The parade was followed by the Memorial Ceremony (at the corner of Runnymede and South Wayne Avenues). The Grand Marshal was Bob Hoyt, Speaker: Dennis Murphy, with the Invocation given by Reverend Christopher Bishop, St. Martin's Episcopal and the Benediction was given by Reverend Devin Moroney, Christ Church.

So far this year they have participated in 20 events





TENNESSEE



On Memorial Day, 25 May, 2015 the TNSSAR Color Guard participated in a ceremony at the Healing Field/Flags of Remembrance, hosted by the Noon Exchange Club in Murfreesboro, TN. There were over 800 3'x5' American flags arranged in straight rows, covering the field beside the First Methodist Church on West Thompson Lane. The idea behind the Healing Field originated as a way for the many people affected by the tragedy of September 11, 2001 to experience a spiritual and mental "healing". It is sponsored by the Colonial Flag Foundation. Over the years, it has evolved into a Field of Honor, honoring fallen members of the American Armed Forces and a Field of Remembrance, honoring all who

have served the United States, whether military, firefighters, police officers or first responders.

Because of inclement weather, David Miles Vaughn, our Color Guard Commander, was notified at 2:00 that the 5:00 event on Monday evening had been cancelled. His response was that "we're not being cancelled. Our color guard will participate, no matter the weather". We had a procession of several of the Revolutionary War period flags escorted by Continentals and militiamen with their flintlocks. As always, we were well-received

by the spectators, especially the children as we did our part in honoring all who have served and are serving. The cameras were clicking as we were at "Present Arms" during the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. We were not scheduled to fire our flintlocks, so several did not have black powder with them. However, once we found out we could fire them, we got together and those that brought cartridges aided those that didn't and we fired several volleys. As always, the loud reports and the black powder smoke were a big hit.

TNSSAR Color Guard: Steve Gaines, Jim McKinney, Larry Pool. TNSSAR State Color Guard Commander David Miles Vaughn, David Eagan, Fred Ryan, John Clark, Allen Poteete, Bob George, Sanford Payton, James Hobbs, Mark Cox, Frank Schafer, Dennis Harris and TNSSAR East Tennessee Tanasi River Brigade Commander John Clines.



On the 25th of April 2015, The Stones River Chapter, Tennessee Society Sons of the American Revolution and the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, TN Stones River Chapter hosted a Grave Marking for Revolutionary War Patriot Maj. John Nash Read in Smyrna, TN at the Templeton Grove Cemetery. There were many Descendants and Family members of Patriot Maj. Read in attendance.



On the 24th of May 2015, The Tennessee Society Sons of the American Revolution, Andrew Crockett Chapter had a Double Grave Marking for Revolutionary War Patriots Capt. Anthony Sharpe and Pvt. George Hulme in Franklin, Tennessee at 2 pm.

TNSSAR Color Guard: Mark Cox, James Hobbs, Steve Gaines, Dennis Harris, Jim McKinney, Larry Pool and Fred Ryan. Back Row L to R: French Lick Company Commander Edward Phillips, David Eagan, Sanford Payton, Bob Hughes, John Clark, Allen Poteete, Claude Hardison, Tennessee Valley Chapter, Alabama Bob Anderson and TNSSAR State Color Guard Commander David Miles Vaughn.

[Right] On May 9th, 2015 the Martin's Station and Overmountain Men Chapters of the VASSAR had a Ceremony at 10 am for the 15th Anniversary Raid at Martin's Station at the Wilderness Road State Park in Ewing, Virginia. Our TNSSAR State Color Guard joined in with the VA Color Guard and one member from the KYSSAR Color Guard. The main speaker was PG Lindsey Brock and our TNSSAR President Dr. Darryl Addington gave greetings from our Tennessee Society. Color Guard Members Front Row L to R: Steve Gaines, Dennis Harris, Ronnie Lail, Fred Ryan, John Clines, Jim McKinney and Larry Pool. Back Row L to R: Michael Mankin, Ron Jones, Lynn Fox, TNSSAR President Darryl Addington, NSSAR President General Lindsey Brock, TNSSAR State Commander David Miles Vaughn, Wayne Croley, Paul Jordan and Bob Hughes.



[Next page left/right] On the 17th of May 2015, The Rachel Stockley Donelson Chapter, Tennessee Society Daughters of the American Revolution had a Grave Marking for a Revolutionary War Patriot Captain Joshua Hadley in Thompson's Station, Tennessee at 2 pm. The Tennessee Society State Color Guard presented the Colors for this Ceremony. David Eagan, President-Elect of the TNSSAR gave Greeting's from our Society. TNSSAR State Commander David Miles Vaughn commanded the presentation of the Colors and French Lick Company Commander Edward Phillips commanded the Firing of the Flintlocks. John Clark played Taps. It was an Excellent turnout with around 100 in attendance including numerous Descendants.

Color Guard: Steve Gaines, Fred Ryan, Larry Pool, and State Commander David Miles Vaughn, Roger Tenney, French Lick Company Commander Edward Phillips, David Eagan, Johnny Head, Allen Poteete, John Clark, Sanford Payton and James Hobbs.



On the 20th of June 2015 in small church graveyard in Calhoun, TN members of the TNSSAR and DAR paid tribute to a Rev War Veteran of the American Revolution. Joseph McMinn was born in Pennsylvania to a family of Quakers yet enlisted in the continental Army during the Revolutionary War. After the war Joseph moved to Tennessee and became involved in politics. Joseph served in the territorial legislature representing Hawkins Coun-



ty. He was a member of the State Constitutional Convention and after Tennessee earned statehood, He served 3 terms as Speaker of the Senate. In 1815 Joseph McMinn was elected Governor of Tennessee and served 3 terms. After his political career ended Joseph was appointed U.S. Agent to the Cherokee Nation.



Members of the SAR & DAR placed a small marker at the foot of the monument honoring Joseph McMinn naming him simply a "Patriot". A combined Color Guard from "TNSSAR" and "TNSSR" under the command of Tanasi River Brigade Commander John Clines presented the colors and fired a three volley salute in honor of the Revolutionary soldier, Politician, and former Governor of Tennessee. Guardsmen TNSSAR- Jim McKinney, Claude Hardison, Bob George, Lynn Fox, Paul Jorden, Robert Woods, Sam Allen. TNSSR - Roy Melton, Jr., Roy Melton III.

On June 20th, 2015 at 2:30 pm the Joseph Greer and Col. Anthony Bledsoe Chapters had a Revolutionary War Patriot Grave Marking for Benjamin Lentz in Shelbyville, TN. At Crowell's Chapel Church. Benjamin served three terms in the war, the first being as a substitute for his father Benjamin Lentz, Sr. in South Carolina.

There were about 120 in attendance including the Color Guard. Joseph Greer Chapter President Mark Cox was the Master of Ceremonies and Col. Anthony Bledsoe Chapter member Direct Descendant Dennis Harris gave the History of this Patriot. Southern District VPG Rick Hollis gave Greetings and President-Elect David Eagan gave greetings from our State Society. After the 3 Shot Volley was fired to honor this Patriot, a Cannon was fired by Compatriots Bill Massey and Colin Wakefield then John Clark played Taps. It was an Awesome and Moving Ceremony.

The TNSSAR Color Guard was joined in with Alabama and Georgia Color Guard.



The TNSSAR Color Guard Members in attendance were: TNSSAR State Commander David Miles Vaughn and guardsmen Jim McKinney, Colin Wakefield, Steve Gaines, Mark Cox, James Stone, David Eagan, Bob Hughes, Sanford Payton, Roy Harrell Phillips, Allen Poteete, John Clark, Claude Hardison, Dennis Harris, Fred Ryan, Larry Pool and James Hobbs. The Alabama members were: Bob Anderson, Jim Maples, and Skeet Vaughan. Georgia member Tom Crowell who was also a Direct Descendant of Benjamin Lentz.



WASHINGTON



Official Portrait of ye Pacific District Color Guarde.

Our Pacific District Color Guardsmen (From Left front row): President General Lindsey Brock, Ken Roberts, Drum Major Viren Lemmer (kneeling), Pacific District (WASSAR) Commander Lt. Col. Bob O’Neal (kneeling), Fifer David Irons (kneeling), ORSSAR Color Guard Commander Mark Robertson (kneeling), Treasurer General Mike Tomme. Back row: Rifleman Will Palmer , Lt. Paul Adan, Larry Flint, Barry Moravek, Fred Gilbert, WASSAR Vice Commander Major Stan Wills, Lt. Gale Palmer, Bennet Wight.

Not Shown: WASSAR President Col. Doug Nelson, Drummer Dan Weedin, Art Dolan (absent), Captain Lee Thomasson (absent), Captain Greg Emerson (absent), Dave Gaddis (absent).

Our National President General Lindsey Brock and Treauer General Mike Tomme and spouses attended the Pacific District Conference in Redmond WA, April 24-25, 2015. The Meeting was hosted by the

Washington State Society, SAR. At Saturday’s gala Banquet, Washington Commander Bob O’Neal and Vice Commander Stan Wills arched crossed swords while Oregon Commander Mark Robertson headed a line of 12 guardsmen armed with muskets as the Ladies were escorted to dinner by Naval JROTC cadets from nearby Liberty High School. A spark of Revolutionary fervor was provided by Drum Major Viren Lemmer who beat the dinner march and is organizing our new WASSAR Fife & Drum Corps.

The Washington Society Color Guard has 30 very active guardsmen who conducted 167 uniformed events in 2014. Living history outreach comprised 73 of these events.

WSSDAR State Conference, May 1 & 2: State President Carol Jean Gaffney and the Ladies of the Washington State DAR very graciously invited our Color Guard to present & post Colors at the national Defense banquet at their Annual Conference held in Redmond Washington. The event was made special by the presence of Lynn Forney Young, DAR National President.



National DAR President Lynn Forney Young with WSSDAR Regent Carol Jean Gaffney. They are being ably protected by the WASSAR Color Guard (l. to r.) Drum Major Viren Lemmer, Sgt. Fred Gilbert, CG Commander Lt. Col. Bob O’Neal, and at right Lt. Paul Adan and Drummer Jan Lemmer.



Marching with our SAR-DAR Color Guard in her blue mess uniform and presenting the DAR Flag was Major Gail Firman Porter (USA Ret.) of Elizabeth Ellington Chapter in Bremerton. Attending in Scots regalia were Lt. Col. Bob Parrish (USA Ret.) and wife Muriel, Regent of Elizabeth Forey Chapter DAR. CG Sgt. Fred Gilbert (Col. USAF Ret.) at left.



KILTS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The question has been raised about whether Kilts should be allowed as a uniform for the National Society Color Guard. Some of us with Scottish ancestry/heritage see no problem with this being a uniform suitable for Color Guard members to wear while carrying our Revolutionary War era flags in ceremony, etc. Others feel that this is not an authentic/period uniform to be worn by our Color Guard members.

At the Spring Leadership/Trustees meeting in Louisville in March, a vote was taken on whether members would be allowed to wear Kilts and march with the Color Guard at the Friday Night Banquet. (Let's keep in mind that the past few President Generals have made the Friday Night Banquet—"Kilt Night". Some of the PGs have even worn their Kilts on Friday night.) The motion was defeated by a vote of 18 to 17 with some not voting. Some wanted proof that the Kilt was worn by any Patriot units during the Revolutionary War. This article seeks to provide such proof for those who brought up the issue.

Thanks to Compatriot Col Chuck Sweeney, USMC (ret), who did some research on this, evidence was found to show that indeed Kilts were worn by Patriot units during the Revolutionary War. The following is taken from his research efforts.

A Brief History Of Military Piping Abroad And In America

by Richard Scott Blair, PhD

Source : members.purespeed.com/~pipetune/PipingHistory.html

"---Pipers also came to the new world with the horde of Scottish immigrants following the 1745 defeat. There were mentions of pipers in descriptions of the Virginia Militia from the Shenandoah Valley, fighting the Indians near what is now Charleston, WVA, in Lord Dunsmore's War of 1774.

In the American Revolution the bagpipe and the kilt were present on both sides. In addition to the five British Army and at least two Loyalist Highland regiments, the Continental Army had its share of Scots with their pipes. General Lachlan MacIntosh's Georgia Brigade of the Line was largely kilted, particularly the 2nd Georgia, and of course marched to the pipes.

DARIEN, GEORGIA The Scottish Plymouth Rock

By Emmet Bondurant

Source: home.sprintmail.com/~ejb/Darien.htm

"At Fort Morris near Sunbury, Georgia, November 25, 1778 Lieutenant Colonel John MacIntosh responded to a British demand for surrender with the spirit which exemplified Georgia's Highlanders throughout the decades; "We would rather perish in a vigorous defense than accept your proposal sir," wrote MacIntosh. "We sir, are fighting the battle of America and therefore disdain to remain neutral til its fate is determined. As to surrendering the Fort receive this reply, Come and take it!" The British declined his generous offer, but returned 45 days later with a much larger force, and bombarded the fort into submission. During the American Revolution, the kilted Highlanders of Darien would fight for American independence from Britain as 3rd Company (John MacIntosh, Captain; Lachlan MacIntosh, 1st Lieutenant) of the 1st Georgia Regiment under the command of John 'Mohr' MacIntosh's son Colonel Lachlan MacIntosh (who would rise to the rank of Major General, in command of all Georgia troops). Still wearing their traditional Highland dress and arms, they were poorly supplied and ill equipped, mostly with weapons left over from the old Highland Independent Company of Foot, despite Lachlan MacIntosh's repeated requests of a divisive and vacillating provisional government. Like the Highland Independent Company of Foot, they were known to march with pipers. Following their abortive attack on the British lines during the siege of Savannah on October 8, 1779, the Highlanders of Darien would face the redcoated Highlanders of the 42nd Regiment of Foot; the Black Watch, at the siege of Charleston in 1780, where they would be forced to surrender on May 9th with the rest of Charleston and it's defenders,---"



In doing further research, additional evidence was found to corroborate the wearing of kilts by our patriot forces, particularly in Georgia. I provide the additional research below to prove that this was indeed happening during that period by our patriot forces.

SCOTTISH MILITARY DRESS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

By Marko Zlatich

Source: <http://www.scottishmilitaryresearch.org.uk/page30.htm>

“Scottish Clothing in use by Continental and State forces:

GEORGIA:

With native-born or immigrant Scots forming the bulk of the population, the early appearance of Georgia’s Continental troops in Scottish dress is attested to by engravings on the state currency issued in 1777 showing an armed soldier wearing a round wool Kilmarnock style cap complete with a tuff on the top, a simple straight bodied sleeved jacket or waistcoat, a wide kilt, and moccasins. During 1778 and 1779, issues to the Georgia brigade operating in the field against St. Augustine, West Florida, indicate that kilts were issued at various times to the individual units in the brigade. From the issues, it appears that overalls were worn with the kilts. On 6 June 1778, the 4 Georgia battalions plus the Light Dragoons were issued 174 shirts, 140 pair of shoes, and 190 “kelts”. In 1779, the Georgia Line was reduced to a single battalion that also may have been dressed in kilts, fur bonnets and short jackets.”

Source: Order Book of Samuel Elbert, in Collections of the Georgia Historical Society, Vol V, Part 2, 1902.

Roger W. Coursey
CAPT USCG(ret), Past President, GASSAR

Helpful Hints

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

From Dan Woodruff (SC Society): Here are the links for the cleaning supplies I use: Black Powder Bore Cleaner

<http://www.trackofthewolf.com/Categories/PartDetail.aspx/560/1/BORE-CLEAN EEZOX>

<http://www.warrencustomoutdoor.com/pl-eezox.html>

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



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

National Color Guard Events

Date	Event	Location
January 16, 2016	Battle of Cowpens	Chesnee, SC
February 13, 2016	Battle of Kettle Creek	Washington, GA
February 20, 2016	Crossing of the Dan	South Boston, VA
February 20, 2016	California Massing of Colors	Burbank, CA
February 20, 2016	Washington Birthday Parade	Laredo, TX
February , 2016	Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge	Currie, NC
February 26-27, 2016	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY
March 12, 2016	Last Naval Battle of the Revolution	Merritt Island, FL
March 19, 2016	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC
April 11, 2015	Halifax Resolves	Halifax, NC
April 19, 2015	Patriot's Day	Concord, MA
April 30, 2015	Kentucky Derby Pegasus Parade	Louisville, KY
May 9, 2015	Raid on Martin's Station	Ewing, VA
May 9, 2015	Battle of Pensacola	Pensacola, FL
May, 2015	Fields of Honor / Healing Field	Various
May 23-24, 2015	Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous	Vincennes, IN
May 25, 2015	National Memorial Day Parade	Washington DC
May 30, 2015	Battle of Fort San Carlos	St Louis, MO
June 20, 2015	Battle of Ramseur's Mill	Lincolnton, NC
June 20 , 2015	Battle of Bunker Hill	Bunker Hill, MA
June 26-July 1, 2015	NSSAR National Congress	Louisville, KY
July 4 every year	Let Freedom Ring	Various locations
July 22, 2015	Battle of Fort Laurens	Bolivar, OH
September 5, 2015	Battle of Groton Heights	Groton, CT
September 19, 2015	Vigil at George Washington's Tomb	Mt Vernon, VA
September 19, 2015	Battle of Saratoga	Stillwater, NY
September 19, 2015	Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Elizabethton, TN
September 24-26, 2015	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY
October 2-4, 2015	Point Pleasant Battle Days	Point Pleasant, WV
October 7, 2015	Battle of Kings Mountain	Blacksburg, SC
October 19, 2015	Yorktown Days	Yorktown, VA
Dec 5-6, 2015	Battle of Great Bridge	Norfolk, VA
December 12, 2015	Wreaths Across America	Various

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

Send event updates to swilliams16(at)cfl.rr.com.

Colorguardsman of the Year

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

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

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

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

NSSAR Color Guard Commanders

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

Coming Activities

OHIO

On June 13th, the Hocking Valley Chapter will begin a restoration project at a long-neglected cemetery on private property in south Lancaster, not far from old Route 33, known as the Carpenter-Koontz Cemetery. Up to 57 early settlers of Fairfield County may be buried there. Three Revolutionary War patriots are known to rest there, and possibly a fourth. The project will take months and the chapter plans a commemorative stone and grave-marking ceremony once the work is complete.



How Von Steuben did it

How did the men at Valley Forge become an ARMY? Steuben began with a "model company," a group of 100 chosen men and trained them...they in turn successively worked outward into each brigade. Steuben's eclectic personality greatly enhanced his mystique. He trained the soldiers, who at this point were greatly lacking in proper clothing themselves, in full military dress uniform, swearing and yelling at them up and down in German and French. When that was no longer successful, he recruited Captain Benjamin Walker, his French speaking aide to curse at them FOR HIM in English. His instructions and methods have a familiar ring, nor is this strange when we consider that much of what is done today stems from his teachings. To correct the existing policy of placing recruits in a unit before they had received training, Von Steuben introduced a system of progressive training, beginning with the school of the soldier, with and without arms, and going through the school of the regiment. Each company commander was made responsible for the training of new men, but actually instruction was done by selected sergeants, the best obtainable.

Warfare in the Eighteenth Century was a comparatively simple matter, once the battle was joined. Combat was at close range, massed-fire melee, where rapidity of firing was of primary importance. Accuracy was little more than firing faster than the opposing line. Much of the Regulations dealt with the manual of arms and firing drills. But battle was close-order drill, and speed of firing could only be obtained by drilling men in the handling of their firearms until the motions of loading and firing were mechanical. Firing was done in eight counts and fifteen motions.

Fire! **One Motion.**

Half-Cock — Firelock! **One Motion.**

Handle — Cartridge! **One Motion.**

Prime! **One Motion.**

Shut — Pan! **One Motion.**

Charge with Cartridge! **Two motions.**

Draw — Rammer! **Two motions.**

Ram down — Cartridge! **One Motion.**

Return — Rammer! **Two motions.**

Complicated as they seem, the new firing regulations were much simpler than those used by foreign armies and they speeded up firing considerably. The bulk of the fighting in the Revolutionary War was a stand up and slug match. The winning side was the one that could get in a good first volley, take a return fire and re-load faster than its foes. Once the individual could handle himself and his musket he was placed in groups of three, then in groups of twelve, and taught to wheel, to dress to the right and to the left. Alignment and dressing the ranks was emphasized but only because proper alignment was necessary for smooth firing.

He wrote *Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States*, the book that served as the standard United States drill manual until the War of 1812.

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Courtesy National Center for the American Revolution/Valley Forge Historical Society

Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States (page 140)*

"Instructions for the private Soldier.

You say to your soldier, 'Do this' and he does it. But I am obliged to say to the American, 'This is why you ought to do this' and then he does it.

- Baron von Steuben

THE recruit having received his necessaries, should in the first place learn to dress himself with a foldier-like air; to place his effects properly in his knapfack, so as to carry them with ease and convenience; how to salute his officers when he meets them; to clean his arms, wash his linen and cook his provisions.

He should early accustom himself to dress in the night; and for that purpose always have his effects in his knapfack, and that placed where he can put his hand on it in a moment, that in case of alarm he may repair with the greatest alertness to the parade.

When learning to march, he must take the greatest pains to acquire a firm step and a proper balance, practicing himself at all his leisure hours. He must accustom himself to the greatest steadiness under arms, to pay attention to the commands of his officers, and exercise himself continually with his firelock, in order to acquire vivacity in his motions. He must acquaint himself with the usual beats and signals of the drum, and instantly obey them.

When in the ranks, he must always learn the names of his right and left hand men and fileleader that he may be able to find his place readily in case of separation. He must cover his file-leader and dress well in his rank, which he may be assured of doing when he can just perceive

the breast of the third man from him. Having joined his company, he must no longer consider himself as a recruit, but as a foldier; and whenever he is ordered under arms, must appear well dressed, with his arjis and accoutrements clean and in good order, and his knapfack, blanket, &c. ready to throw on his back in case he should be ordered to take them."

Note the use of the letter 'f' for the letter 's'

*Source: <http://collections.nlm.nih.gov/bookviewer?PID=nlm:nlmuid-2575060R-bk>

Lemuel Cook - Oldest Survivor of the Revolution

While he lived, Lemuel Cook of Clarendon, New York, was the Oldest Survivor of the Revolution. He died on May 20, 1866 at the age of 107 years and was laid to rest with military and Masonic honors. The last year of his life he was also the Last Full Pensioner on the rolls of his country's deliverers, his name appearing there with his comrades from 1818.

In 1862 there were 12 men on the pension rolls of a grateful nation, widely accepted as the only true and accurate record of the last survivors. Eleven of them had lived to be a 100 years old or better; the one who did not is so close that he should be classed a centurion as well. The last roll of our Revolutionary soldiers in the order of their decease and their age is as follows:

Amaziah Goodwin, Alfred, Maine, died 22 June, 1863; 105. Benjamin Miller, Albany, New York, died 24 September, 1863; 100. John Goodnow, Boston, Massachusetts, died 22 October, 1863; 102. James Borman, Missouri, died 10 January, 1864; 102. Samuel Downing, Edinburg, New York, died 16 March, 1864; 102. Jonas Gates, Chelsea, Vermont, died 18 March, 1864; 101. John Pettingill, Henderson, New York, died 23 April, 1864; 99. Rev. Daniel Waldo, Syracuse, New York, died 30 July, 1864; 103. Adam Link, Sulphur Springs, Ohio, died 15 August, 1864; 103. Alexander Milliner, Adams Basin, New York, died 15 March, 1865; 105. William Hutchins, York, Maine, died 6 May 1866; 102. Lemuel Cook, Clarendon, New York, died 20 May, 1866; 107.

Two more names must be added to this list. On February 14, 1867 the 39th Congress passed Special Act Pensions for Daniel Frederick Bakeman and John Gray. "Special Acts" in their behalf were required because neither man could meet the criteria for acceptance of pensions under the previous Pension Laws of Congress: John Gray because he served less than six months, in the Virginia Troops; and Daniel Bakeman because he could not produce records of his service in the New York Troops. Their pensions were made retroactive from June 1st, 1866.

John Gray of Brookfield, Ohio, died 29 March, 1868, aged 104 years.

Daniel Frederick Bakeman, of Freedom, New York, died 5 April 1869, 109 years. This then is the roll of the Last Survivors and Pensioners for whom there are precise, well-documented records for the vital dates of birth and death as well as their service. It is conceivable that there may be others; if there are, no records of them exist.



SAR Descendants of Lemuel Cook

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

John Charles Cook
Terry Dewitt Cook
Charles Howard Baker
Richard Lee Ehram
Gordon Lee Waterman

More Helpful Hints

Two sources that are instructive and demonstrate different methods of adding a Flash Guard to your musket can be found at these two Internet links. One is a U-Tube video that also shows the process for disassembly of the Frizzen to add the Flash Guard.

U-tube link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6R0hMyIAtP8>

Comercial web site - <http://www.middlesexvillagetrading.com/installaflashguard.shtml>

Before firing your musket with Black Powder be sure that you follow all safety rules to protect yourself, your fellow color guardsmen and the public.

Another U-Tube video sources for loading, firing, and cleaning Muskets is by Mike Beliveau.

Firing and Cleaning a 1766 Charleville [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wYu03XUbAyY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wYu03XUbAyY;);

Firing <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0BEg-xdabHs>;

Pt 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C8AtaQGYQDk>;

Pt 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2gqxhoXegSc>;

A Man for the Ages

John Francis Haws, Jr. has 6 patriot ancestors registered at SAR. Besides being a steadfast member of the Sons of the American Revolution, his ancestors' service has qualified him for membership in the Sons of American Colonists and the Descendants of George Washington's Army at Valley Forge.

John was born on September 10, 1914 near Rainy Mountain Indian School, close to Gotebo, Oklahoma. His father was an agent for what is now the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Due to his father's work, he moved several times as a young child, including Carnegie, Oklahoma where he graduated from high school. While in Carnegie, John had many interesting jobs including picking cotton for a living during the Great Depression!

John attended Hills Business University in Oklahoma City. It was there that he met his future wife, Ruth Wanda Bookout. The two met in class and eventually went out on a date. At the end of the date, Ruth told John that she had a wonderful time and although he didn't know it, they were celebrating her birthday while out on that date. John quickly replied, "Hey, it's my birthday, too!" Of course, Ruth thought that was "just a line", and didn't believe him until meeting his mother several months later. Ruth jumped out of the car, ran up to John's mother to confirm his birth date (this was before the driver's license, if you can believe that). His mother confirmed it, and the truth is they were born on the same day, one year apart. After graduating from Hills Business School, they both obtained work in the Oklahoma City area. They were married on September 5, 1936, and celebrated their birthday by attending the Texas Centennial in Dallas for their honeymoon over the long Labor Day weekend.

John was transferred to Tulsa with a new job at National Tank Company. He was a founding member of the Friendly Class in January 1937 at Boston Avenue United Methodist Church, where he has been a member ever since. John was also involved with the Boy Scouts Program as a Scoutmaster with Troop 20.

John and Ruth Haws had one child, John Philip Haws on August 4, 1941. Later that year while preparing to move into their new home, John learned that the Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor.

John was drafted into World War II. He was initially selected by the U.S. Army, but the Navy chimed up that he was on their list, so officially, he was drafted by the U.S. Navy. Although Ruth was exceptionally nervous as they had a newborn son, John took his physical and was ready to do his part for the country. However, John worked for National Tank Company (subsequently CE-NATCO) which provided essential and in some cases, proprietary equipment to oil production which was so critical to the troops. As a result, his job was declared "essential to the war effort", and his draft enlistment was deferred. Congress later passed a law that fathers over 29 years old having small children were exempted, but were reclassified as I-A. John worked at CE-Natco until he retired in 1981. He saw a lot of changes while helping the petroleum industry, which ultimately supported not only the troops, but our country and Oklahoma.

In 1989, when his grandson Bryan Haws earned the Eagle Scout Award, John discovered an Oklahoma Society SAR Eagle Scout scholarship program application in the award documents. The Haws weren't even sure what the SAR was, but John contacted the individual named on the invitation. Bryan earned the SAR Eagle Scout Award and the rest, as they say, is history.

John's application to the Sons of the American Revolution was accepted and he quickly became involved in the Tulsa Chapter's activities. He was the second member in the Tulsa Chapter Color Guard which was started by former Chapter and State President Fred Fulkerson. John too became a chapter president in 1993. John's son Phillip and grandson Bryan are SAR Tulsa Chapter members. John's love of genealogy has helped many people get accepted into various lineage organizations. He feels one of the SAR most important missions is the recovery and preservation of history.

Today John is still excited to attend the monthly SAR Tulsa Chapter meetings and to participate in the Color Guard. He is perhaps the oldest active Color Guardsman in the SAR! On July 4th 2014, he rang the Statehood Bell at the University of Tulsa during the the Let Freedom Ring Ceremony. John turned 100 years old on September 10, 2014. With his unwavering dedication, giving spirit and unparalleled motivation, John is an inspiration to us all!

