

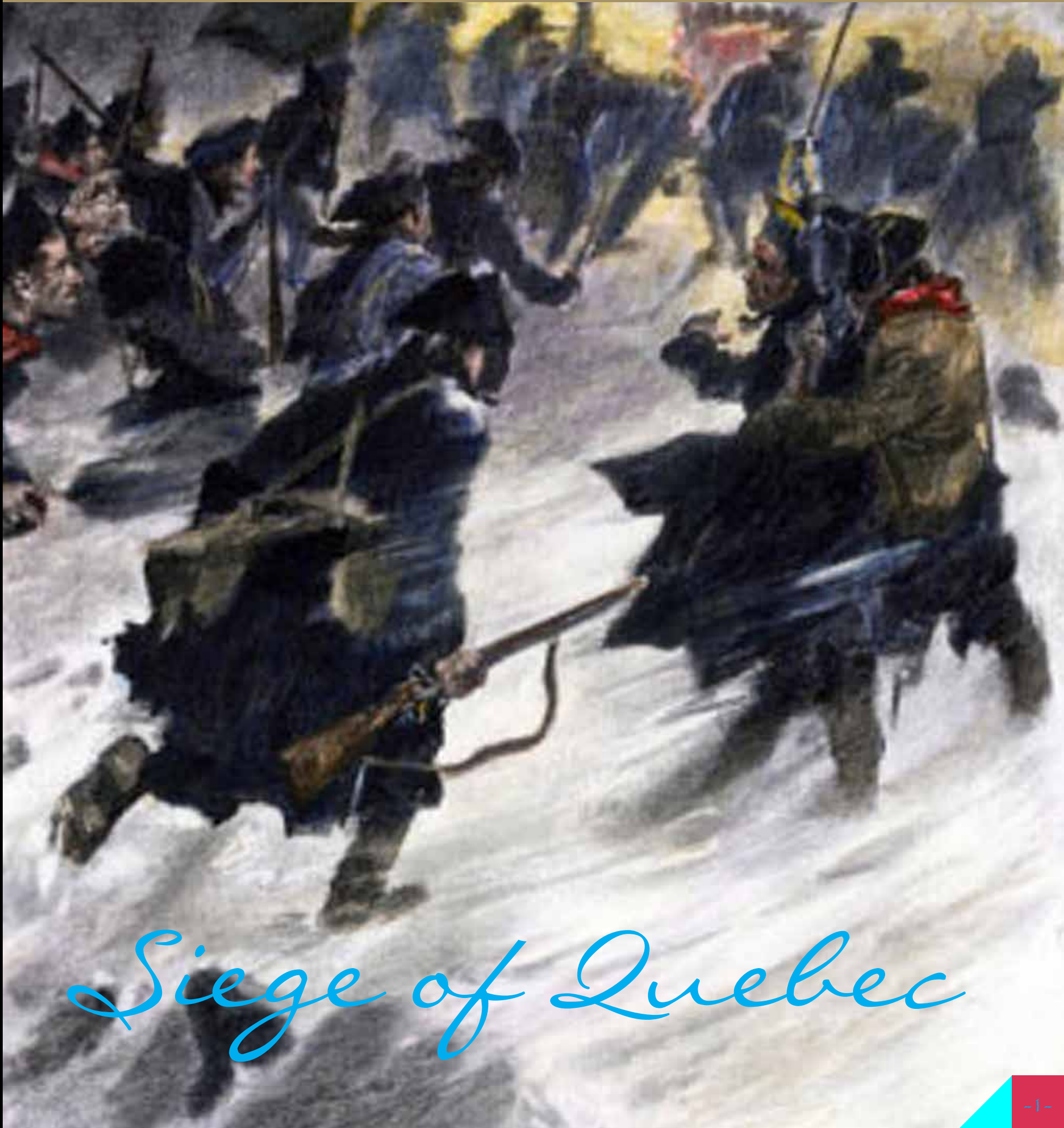
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# Commander's Report

## COMPATRIOTS,

The Fall Leadership Meeting has concluded and my thanks go out to all the Guardsmen who attended and participated.

The following is a summary of the committee meeting for those who could not attend:

- 1) The following awards were presented:
  - a. Molly Pitcher Medal to Kathy Pildner (OH)
  - b. Silver Color Guard Medal to Roy Hutchinson (MO)
  - c. Silver Color Guard Medal to Dr William Barren (AZ)
  - d. Von Steuben Medal to James Norris (SC)
  - e. Von Steuben Medal to Pat Kelly (VA)

2) The committee adopted a recommended hand salute for the Color Guard to be used at wreath presentations or grave markings based on the US Army Quartermaster Corps description of the salute used by the Continental Army. The salute that has been recommended is for Guardsmen who have exited the formation to render honors/present a wreath only at a National event. The salute is for the Guardsman to raise his cover slightly and render a slight bow of his head then replace his cover and return to formation. At the discretion of the State or Chapter Commander at a respective State or Chapter event, he can decide as to the usage of the recommended salute, a modern hand salute or other salute. Also, formal salutes using muskets or swords is still allowed. At no time will a formal bow be considered acceptable. As a note, one objection to this recommended salute was that the general public would not recognize this salute. However, this is seen as an opportunity to engage the general public to discuss the action in context of the Revolution.

3) A motion was approved to redefine the term necessary for an outgoing National Color Guard Commander to earn the Gold Color Guard Medal. The new definition calls for an outgoing commander to have served at least 4 years within the National Color Guard Command Staff. The expectation is that this period of time encompasses 1 year in each position defined as Adjutant 2, Adjutant 1, Vice Commander and Commander. The Commander has the discretion to serve a 2nd year as commander if he does not have the

required time due to only having served a single year as adjutant. In addition to the above, for a Guardsman to be considered for election into the Command Staff, he must have attended and participated in at least 3 National Congresses and 4 Leadership Meetings. As a note, subsequent to the committee meeting, I consulted with the Chairmen of the Medals & Awards and National Handbook Committees and confirmed that the Color Guard Committee has the discretion to make this change with no other committee's advisement or consent since the original terms for the award (a minimum term of service of 8 years) have not been expanded (new minimum term of service is 7 years).

4) The Safety Policy & Procedures document was discussed at length by the committee and was ultimately referred back to the subcommittee for further work in terms of making the document less detailed. The revised document will be considered at the Spring Leadership Meet-



# Mea Culpa

In the July issue I mistakenly placed A Nevada Society color guard event into the Arizona Society section. I have made sure that in this issue those two states reports are correctly listed.

ing. Among the items discussed was the training requirement. While training will be required, there has been some misconceptions as to what is exactly required. Since the original proposal 18 months ago, the training standard has been the training of the National Park Service or NRA/National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association. The misconception has been that this would be the only training accepted. This is not the case. Since these are the standards, if a state or chapter can locate training that meets these standards, then it would be accepted based on the certification provided by the State Color Guard Commander. With that being said, this would exclude any concealed carry, military or peace officer training since that training does not include black powder weapons. The other issue of concern is insurance coverage. To date, an individual policy has been identified through another organization. Likewise a few group policies have been identified but have yet to be formally reviewed by the National Insurance Committee. This committee is also pursuing the possibility of a single national policy through the National Society. At this time, if a State Society wishes to obtain insurance, it should do so. However, the National Insurance Committee highly recommends that any such coverage should include the National Society SAR as an additional insured.

Now we are entering what is arguably the most active time of the year with respect to national events, local commemorations and the holidays. I look forward to the reports that each State Society will submit for the next issue. [Commander to page 43](#)

Fellow Guardsmen,

The NSSAR Color Guard Command Staff is working on several events for Fourth of July before the 2019 Congress. More details to come as they are finalized.

If you plan to arrive in Orange County a day or two before Congress there are three local programs where you may participate by wearing your Revolutionary War uniform/attire.

The annual Fourth of July Parade in Huntington Beach, CA

Join us for the Annual Huntington Beach 4th of July Parade and Fireworks. The annual parade will march down the streets of downtown Huntington Beach beginning at 10 am on July 4th. After the parade, entertainment on the pier will continue until 9 pm, when the 4th of July fireworks show begins.

The Huntington Beach Parade has been held since 1904 and is the largest 4th of July parade west of the Mississippi. (The California Society, Orange County Chapter, first participated in the Huntington Beach Parade on July 4, 1988).

Lake Forest, CA 4th Of July Parade and Fun Run

The Lake Forest 4th of July Parade will start at 10 am and end at 12 pm. For those runners out there the El Toro High School 5K Run/Walk starts and finishes at the corner of Lake Forest Drive & Serrano Road, Lake Forest. The proceeds go to El Toro High School.

Cerritos, CA 4th Of July Let Freedom Ring Celebration

The 46th Annual Let Freedom Ring Celebration will take place Thursday, July 4 from 4 pm to 9 pm at the Cerritos Civic Center. The event includes rides, entertainment and a formal City Council bell-ringing ceremony at 6:30 pm. The evening will culminate with a fireworks show at Cerritos High School at 9 pm.

In 2012 members of the California Society Color Guard began providing a color guard for the Cerritos Let Freedom Ring program.

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National Color Guard Events - 2018

Approximate 2018 Date	Color Guard Event	Location	Host
January 13	Battle of Cowpens	Chesnee, SC	Daniel Morgan SAR
January 27	Battle of Cowans Ford	Huntersville, NC	Mecklenburg SAR
February 10	Battle of Kettle Creek	Washington, GA	Georgia
February 17	Crossing of the Dan	South Boston, VA	Virginia
February 18	Massing of Colors***	Burbank, CA	California
February 18	Washington Birthday Parade	Laredo, TX	Texas
February 24	Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge	Currie, NC	North Carolina
March 2-4	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY	
March 10	Last Naval Battle of the Revolution	Merritt Island, FL	Florida
March 17	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC	North Carolina
April 12	Halifax Resolves	Halifax, NC	Halifax Resolves SAR
April 16	Patriot's Day	Nationally	
May 3	Kentucky Derby Pegasus Parade	Louisville, KY	Kentucky
May 5	Battle of Pensacola	Pensacola, FL	Florida
May 12	Raid on Martin's Station	Ewing, VA	Virginia
May 5	Battle of Pensacola	Pensacola, FL	Florida
May 19	Fields of Honor / Healing Field	Nationally	
May 26	Battle of Fort San Carlos	St Louis, MO	Missouri
May 26	Buford's Massacre	Lancaster, SC	General Francis Marion SAR
May 26	Buford's Massacre	Lancaster, SC	South Carolina
May 26-27	Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous	Vincennes, IN	Indiana
May 28	National Memorial Day Parade	Washington DC	District of Columbia
May 28	Memorial Day events *	Various locations	
June 9	Action at Machias	Machias, ME	Maine
June 9	Battle of Ramseur's Mill	Lincolnton, NC	Catawba Valley SAR
July 4 every year	Let Freedom Ring / July 4th Events *	Various locations	
July 14-19	NSSAR National Congress	Houston, TX	
July 28	Siege of Fort Laurens	Bolivar, OH	Ohio
August 18	Battle of Blue Licks	Carlisle, KY	Kentucky
August 25	National American Legion Parade	Minneapolis, MN	
September 1	Battle of Groton Heights	Groton, CT	Connecticut
September 15	Battle of Saratoga	Stillwater, NY	Empire State
September 15	Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Elizabethton, TN	Tennessee
September 15	Vigil at George Washington's Tomb	Mt Vernon, VA	
September 28-30	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY	
October 5-7	Point Pleasant Battle Days	Point Pleasant, WV	West Virginia
October 7	Battle of Kings Mountain	Blacksburg, SC	Kings Mountain SAR (NC) / Daniel Morgan SAR (SC)
October 19	Yorktown Days	Yorktown, VA	Virginia
November 11	Veterans Day Events *	Nationally	Various
December 16	Battle of Great Bridge	Norfolk, VA	Virginia
December 15	Wreaths Across America	Various Locations	



HOUSTON, TEXAS - - JULY 13TH - JULY 18TH 2018



\* SAR color guardsmen who participate in a local event on the actual day or the weekend closest to **July 4th, Memorial Day or Veterans Day** can count that event toward the Silver Color Guard Medal and the Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Color Guard Service. This is limited to a single event. Multiple events on these days cannot be counted multiple times.

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

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

Send event updates to [sarwilliams-sa@gmail.com](mailto:sarwilliams-sa@gmail.com)



# State Society Color Guard Commanders

Welcome to the NSSAR Color Guard.

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

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

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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, Montana,, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wyoming .



## From the Editor

Welcome compatriots.

I want to thank all of the color guard Commanders and members who took the time to submit photos and content for this issue.

This issue has **20 state societies** submitting color guard activity from the last 3 months. I'm sure that every state with a color guard, either at the state level or the chapter level, will have some **Fall** activities to report for the Winter issue. These **Fall** activities could include **Veterans Day, battle site commemorations, or any of the other events listed elsewhere**



in this issue. I will look forward to having those state color guard commander absent from this issue submitting something for the Fall issue.

When submitting content for the Reports from the Field section please read and follow the guidelines for submitting your report. I continue to get graphics embedded in messages and in WORD or PDF documents. While I can generally retrieve those photos, too often they will be too small to be recognizable - enlarging them will create blurry or fuzzy photos. Not too attractive.

Another caveat would be that submissions should be from the state Color Guard Commander to ensure that he is aware of the activities taking place in his state.

The activities reported should be strictly of color guard activities.

Please consider submitting your chapter /state color guard activities that you submit to the SAR Magazine to me for inclusion here. Yes, this will be duplication of information and while our compatriot color guardsmen are a subset of the SAR membership, this magazine is for publicizing color guard activities.

You will note that there is a new sec-

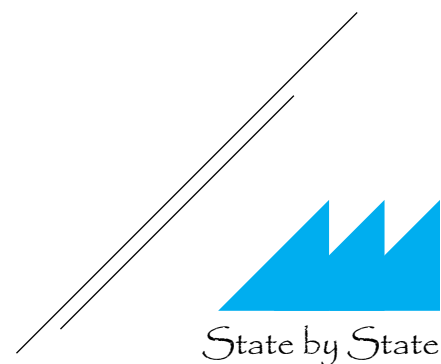
tion in this issue: Questions and Comments on page 27. The guidelines for submission are on that page.

I will always be on the lookout for submission of your state's Color Guard event for the particular coming quarter that you desire to publicize. Include the event information and any photographs of previous year's event. The more that our color guardsmen know of your event the larger the participation.

In the next issue I will compile a list of vendors for anyone needing such information. Understand that these vendors are **not** being recommended - just listed. Before purchasing anything from these vendors check with your fellow color guards men to their recommendations/endorsements.



# Reports from The Field



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

## Color Guard Units' Highlights!

The current high water mark is 21 state societies' color guard reports. This issue has 20 !

I look forward to the issue that has all 38 state color guard units with something in the issue. Missing in this issue are: **Alabama, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, South Carolina, & Utah.**

Thank you, one and all, for making this place to showcase your color guard units' activities and community involvement.

I would like to use this space to remind everyone, especially the various state commanders, of some important matters.

- When the notification that the issue is on the Color Guard Committee web page, the state Color Guard Commanders should be sending that message to all of their state's chapter color guard commanders. There are too many instances where chapter color guard members are not aware of this publication. So they are missing out on any news and

important information.

- Please use the chain-of-command when submitting content. Chapter Color Guard Commanders should submit to their state's Color Guard Commander who then uses his judgement to submit to this Editor. Doing this helps the state commander keep abreast of the activities in which his state's chapters are participating.
- **IMPORTANT** - When submitting photos, please do NOT embed them into any document (PDF or WORD) but send them in the original resolution. Do not send thumbnail photos, e.g., small photos (under 300 kb) as these are too small to be effective representations of any event or people. In any attached text for the photos please detail explicitly which text goes with which picture. Except in mass groupings, list the people in the photos and, if known, the photographer.

## Spring Leadership Color Guard Activities



Presentation of Silver Color, Von Steuben, and Molly Pitcher Guard medals at the Color Guard Meeting. Clockwise from above: Steve Frash, Ohio SAR Color Guard Commander, receiving the Molly Pitcher Medal on behalf of Kathy Pildner, A Missouri compatriot accepting the Silver Color Guard Medal on behalf of Roy Hutchinson of the Missouri SAR, an Arizona compatriot accepting the Silver Color Guard Medal awarded to William L Baran of the Arizona SAR, James Norris of the South Carolina SAR receiving the Von Steuben Medal, Pat Kelly of the Virginia SAR receiving the Von Steuben Medal



*Photos By Un Hui Yi unless otherwise labelled.*





Color Guard presenting and retiring the colors at the Friday and Saturday banquets







Color Guard retiring the colors at the Saturday banquets







Photos by Gary Parriott and Ken Hill

## Payson AZ Parade

The State CG marched in the Payson Arizona Parade on August 18, 2018. Payson is a town with a small chapter of only 18 members and we were asked to come and march in their Rodeo Parade. We felt this would help the community become aware of SAR. We drove from Phoenix 90 miles away and Prescott almost 100 miles to attend. We led the parade and tied for first place in our category.

Picture by Pia Wyer. Marching from left to right Dr. Bill Baran Palo Verde Chapter, Edward Lipphardt Prescott Chapter, , Dennis DeAtley Prescott Chapter, Dan Thompson Phoenix Chapter, and Steve Monez Prescott Chapter.



The Saguaro Chapter and 13 DAR Chapters met today for a special luncheon at the Briarwood Country club in Sun City West. One hundred and three people attended, and the color guard was commanded by AZ Adjutant Dr. Bill Baran. Nine flags were presented. The members from left to right, Dr. Baran Palo Verde Chapter, Richard Garsnett Prescott chapter, Jan Huber Saguaro Chapter, Seth Nevers Saguaro Chapter, James Cates Prescott Chapter, Steve Miller Phoenix Chapter, Matt Scott Palo Verde Chapter, Alan Nash Saguaro Chapter, Witt Revell Saguaro Chapter, Brandon Nevers Saguaro Chapter, Loren Littlefield Saguaro Chapter, Steve Monez Prescott Chapter. Christopher spoke about the great relationship Canyon Ridge had with the Saguaro Chapter and their role in promoting the founding of our country. Steve Monez spoke as George Washington about the Constitution and his farewell Speech. This was a wonderful meeting, and everyone had a great time.



## ARIZONA -

### Chino Valley Territorial Capital Days Parade September 1, 2018

Chino Valley is 14 miles north of Prescott. We have participated in this parade for many years. This year we were fortunate enough to have members from other chapters join us as well as a scout and young Marine to carry our banner. CG members from left to right Steve Miller Phoenix, Bill Smith Prescott, Wayne Hood Prescott, Steve Monez Prescott and Drummer Ed Lipphardt Prescott.







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## CALIFORNIA -



(Orange County [CA] Chapter Lee's Legion Color Guard)

L to R; Mark Torres carrying a Washington's Position Flag, General George Washington Portrayed by Compatriot Daniel Shippey, Jim Blauer, Jim Klingler, Larry Hansen, John Ferris, Larry Wood and Jim Fosdyck.



2018 Aug 30 - Costa Mesa School Bus opening day of school event (Orange County [CA] Chapter Lee's Legion Color Guard)

L to R: Jim Fosdyck, Larry Hansen, Jim Blauer, Mark Torres, John Blake and from the Harbor Chapter Karl Jacobs.



L to R: Dr. Kent Gregory (fifer), Jim Fosdyck (Commander), Dan McKelvie (musket), Jim Blauer (US Flag), Karl Jacobs (CA Flag), John Blake (SAR Flag), Mark Torres (Lee's Legion Flag), Larry Wood (musket) and Larry Hansen (musket).



Congress; L to R: Brooks Lyles (Adjutant), Jim Fosdyck (Vice Commander), President General Larry Guzy, Mark Anthony (Commander) and Lou Raborg (Adjutant).



(Orange County [CA] Chapter Lee's Legion Color Guard) General Washington addresses the 4th and 5th grade students. His guidon carrier (Mark Torres) with a Washington's Position Flag stands close by. Woodcrest Elem. School (Fullerton, CA) Constitution Day event



2018 Aug 30 - Costa Mesa School Bus opening day of school event (Orange County [CA] Chapter Lee's Legion Color Guard)

R to L: Karl Jacobs carrying a historical Bunker Hill Flag, John Blake carrying a SAR Flag and Mark Torres carrying California State Flag.





Lee's Legion presents the Colors

Left - Color Guardsman Dan McKelvie leads the way.

### Lake Forest, CA Independence Day Parade; July 4, 2018.



Left to right: Un Hui Yi, Dan McKelvie, Mark Torres, Spencer Torres, John Ferris and Liz Ferris.



### Cerritos, CA Let Freedom Ring Celebration; July 4, 2018



Larry Wood (California Society Color Guard Adjutant South), Larry Hansen in militia attire and Matt Noell (fifer) in background.



Bell ringing ceremony left to right Matt Noell, Larry Wood, Liz Ferris and John Ferris. way.



Flag bearers left to right: Jim Blauer, Jim Klingler, John Ferris, Mark Torres and John Blake.





## 237th Anniversary of the Battle of Groton Heights, CT and Grave Marking at Colonel Ledyard's Grave

On Sunday, September 2nd, 2018

Ten members of the Connecticut Line of the Connecticut SAR Color Guard/Living History Unit provided an honor guard for the ribbon-cutting on a new viewing platform built on the top of one of the corners of the old earthen walls. We then took part in the commemoration and memorial ceremony of those who died defending Fort Griswold on Sept. 6, 1781. In the battle 165 American Militia attempted to defend the fort against 800 British forces under the command of Benedict Arnold. The fort was overwhelmed and many were killed following the surrender by Col. Ledyard. A welcoming was given by the Mayor Keith Hedrick of Groton. Following the presentation of the colors by the color guard of the Connecticut Line, the 88 names of the slain defenders of Fort Griswold were read by the descendants of these patriots who gave all. Following the reading, CTSSAR State President Damien M. Cregeau along with Color Guardsmen Charlie Day of the Florida Society placed a wreath inside the fort at the site where Col. Ledyard died. The Connecticut Line provided a three-volley musket salute after the laying of the wreath from a top the new viewing platform as the sun set to the West. The ceremony was hosted by the Friends of Fort Griswold Battlefield State Park Foundation. Preceding the event inside Ft. Griswold the Connecticut Line had a short grave marking ceremony at the grave site of Col. Ledyard in the Ledyard Cemetery about ½ mile away.



Concluding the days activities was the firing of three Rounds by the Connecticut Line from the new Viewing Platform



LR- Shows Color Guard at Col. Ledyard Grave Marking and Wreath Laying. Pictured Left to Right.: Col. Dave Perkins - Commander, Tyler Smith, Harry Clarke, Dave Packard, Damien Cregeau - CT SAR President, Charlie Day - FLSSAR Color Guard Member, Derek Brockhoff, Mike Chuckta, Jim Rothgeb and William Baldwin.

## 5 August 2018 - ALL WARSTIME LINE EVENT in Woodbury, CT

Twelve members of the Gov. Oliver Wolcott detachment of the Connecticut Line under the command of Capt. Paul Selnau participated for the second year in this exciting encampment event. It took place on the Hollow Park grounds, the organizer was Ray Manzi of the 2nd Connecticut Heavy Artillery. The park is a perfect venue for this event with an open field, ample paved parking, rest room facilities, and food vendors. To identify each group, large "A" frame signs were setup in a semi circle around the field for each American War beginning with us - Revolutionary War We set up a complete encampment with a 5 wedge tents, officer tent, fire irons, seats and brought the historic flag display of the Gov. Oliver Wolcott, Sr. Branch. This open arrangement allowed for spectators to walk through our site and ask questions. Other military groups had encampments & vehicles but we had a good display given our educational outreach that we as compatriots do every day. Estimates were that about 500 spectators attended throughout the day. All of us would tell you that we had groups of people engaging each of us the entire time. We drilled and paraded several times during the day and fired our muskets periodically to draw in the crowds. SAR color guardsmen, Mike Miller, was there in his redcoat uniform of the royal regiment of the 23rd Foot.



## 15 September 2018 - Encampment at the New Milford Historical Society in honor of the 125th Anniversary of the DAR Roger Sherman Chapter

Nine members of the Gov. Oliver Wolcott detachment of the Connecticut Line participated in this event, setting up a small encampment. Other groups including the C.A.R. and the 6th Connecticut Regiment were there to celebrate the 125 years of the DAR Roger Sherman chapter. New Milford was the home of Roger Sherman and the Town Hall located across the street from the large town green was his home. The Connecticut Line under command of Capt. Paul Selnau marched down the green to his house and posed for a picture before giving a musket volley salute from the front stair balcony. Roger Sherman is the only person to have signed all four great state papers of the United States: the Continental Association, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the Constitution. One other highlight of the day was the blunderbuss brought by a member of the Connecticut Light and fired multiple times by different members of the guard. What a kick, literally!



Above: 6th Ct Recruits Attention



Blunderbuss





## Let Freedom Ring ceremony - Independence Day - Litchfield, Connecticut

On Independence Day, the Connecticut Society SAR Color Guard participated in the Let Freedom Ring ceremony in Litchfield, Connecticut. The ceremony started promptly at 1:45 PM on the Litchfield Green. Each of the original 13 states were recognized in the order that they ratified the Constitution of the United States of America. When each state was announced by Litchfield's First Selectman, a member of the CTSSAR Color Guard carried that state's flag forward so that it could be presented to the audience. After each flag was presented, the First Litchfield Artillery Regiment fired a cannon salute to each state. At precisely 2:00 PM Eastern Daylight Savings Time, just as the smoke cleared from the last cannon salute, the bells of four churches that surround the Litchfield Green began to ring. The bells ring 13 times and the ringing is timed so that bells throughout the United States ring simultaneously to celebrate Independence Day.

In 2015, Ken Buckbee, a Past President of the Connecticut Society SAR, wanted to bring more of a Revolutionary War presence to the ceremony. He came up with the idea to have SAR colorguardsmen carry the flags, so he asked each SAR State Society in the original 13 states to make a donation to cover the cost of their state flag. Compatriot Buckbee was able to get 11 of them to do so and he paid for the other two out of his own pocket. Since then, SAR colorguardsmen have participated each year with members coming from as far away as New Hampshire and New Jersey. The flags and colorguardsmen have enhanced the ceremony and served as a reminder that the holiday is Independence Day - not just the 4th of July.

Let Freedom Ring has meant a lot to Compatriot Buckbee ever since he learned about it in 1995. That year, 23 churches in Connecticut that he contacted agreed to ring their bells at 2:00 PM on Independence Day in observance of the national ceremony. In 1996, his goal was to get more than 100 churches in Connecticut to ring their bells. That year he was able to get 108 churches to do so.

Why Litchfield, Connecticut? The Let Freedom Ring ceremony has been performed by the First Litchfield Artillery Regiment on the Litchfield Green for more than 50 years. In 1963, two men from this area of Connecticut, Eric Hatch and Eric Sloane, proposed the idea that bells across the nation, including the Liberty Bell, ring

out at the same moment on Independence Day each year. Hatch and Sloane's idea was featured in an article entitled "Make Freedom Really Ring" which appeared in the February 17, 1963 issue of This Week magazine. The two Erics obtained the endorsement of Connecticut Governor John N. Dempsey and Abraham Ribicoff, a U.S. Senator from Connecticut. Senator Ribicoff took their idea to Congress and the nationwide ringing of bells, now known as "Let Freedom Ring," was adopted by Congress on June 26, 1963 and recorded as Senate Concurrent Resolution 25 [S. Con. Res. 25].

see: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/STATUTE-77/pdf/STATUTE-77-Pg944.pdf>

Also, Eric Hatch was a resident of Litchfield and one of the co-founders of the First Litchfield Artillery Regiment. It was chartered as a private military force of horse drawn artillery under Connecticut Statute Chapter 505, Section 27-102 in July of 1964. Coincidentally, in 1973, Eric Hatch died on Independence Day (as did John Adams and Thomas Jefferson), but not until after the regiment had finished his ceremony that day.

Eric Hatch - best known for his books 1101 Park Avenue, (which became a hit film under the title My Man Godfrey) and The Year of the Horse (which was adapted as a Disney comedy with the title, The Horse in the Gray Flannel Suit). He was a veteran of both WWI and WWII.

For more info on Eric Hatch see:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eric\\_S.\\_Hatch](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eric_S._Hatch)

Eric Sloane - a prolific artist, author and illustrator of over 30 books, a meteorologist, and avid collector of Americana. He was an expert on early American barns, covered bridges and tools.

For more info on Eric Sloane see:

<https://www.ct.gov/cct/cwp/view.asp?a=2127&q=302262>

*The ringing of bells celebrating Independence Day was foreseen by John Adams in July of 1776, when he wrote to his wife saying: "I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore."*







On September 22, Troop 197 in Port Saint John held a Eagle Scout Court of Honor with about 70 in attendance. Photo L-R: Chapter Color Guard Compatriot Bob Humker, Eagle Scouts Ryan McCain & Michael Bell, Chapter Color Guard and Rec. Sec. Ben DuBose

On September 22, Florida DAR Fall Forum on Saturday, with Florida SAR Sons of Liberty Brigade staffing the info/recruiting table. Compatriots, left to right, are: Dwight Elam, John Stewart, Bill Elder, Bob McGuire, and Bernard Wolff



Bartow DAR held their Constitution Week Luncheon on September 15th. The guest speaker was Clifton Lewis. The Lakeland SAR Chapters Color Guard presented the colors. Thanks to Mel Sellers, Richard Hagerman and Ken Wooden.



# FLORIDA -



On September 11, the combined Color Guard of the Tampa and St. Petersburg Chapters as well as number of ladies from at least three DAR Chapters greeted the West Central Florida Honor Flight Mission #34. Some 75 veterans of WWII, Korea and Vietnam, including six lady veterans, had spent the day in Washington DC visiting the many war memorials and other sites. It is always an honor to meet and greet these veterans as their Honor Flight returns and being on 9/11 made the day even more special. On the left, following the Honor Flight Honor Guard into the reception area are SAR Compatriots John Stewart, Dick Young (with Betsy Ross flag), David Bryant, followed by David Chestnut (with St Petersburg Camp Flag). Not pictured is Tampa Color Guard Commander Alan Bell. On the right is a group picture of all the SAR and DAR members and their guests who were there to meet the Honor Flight. At the far right is DAR Vanessa Talbot, of the Clearwater Chapter, who organized the DAR ladies.



Pictured at left are compatriots from the Tampa and St. Petersburg Chapters as they prepare to present to Colors at the opening of the August 3 Hillsborough County non-partisan Candidate Forum. Left to right are Tampa Pres. John Goolsby, St. Petersburg Color Guard Commander David Chestnut, Tampa Compatriot Dick Young and Tampa VP David Bryant. The Forum allowed each candidate a limited time to explain why he/she should be elected. There were no rebuttals, debates or endorsements. There was ample time prior to the Forum for attendees to meet the candidates as well as photo opportunities with the SAR Color Guard.





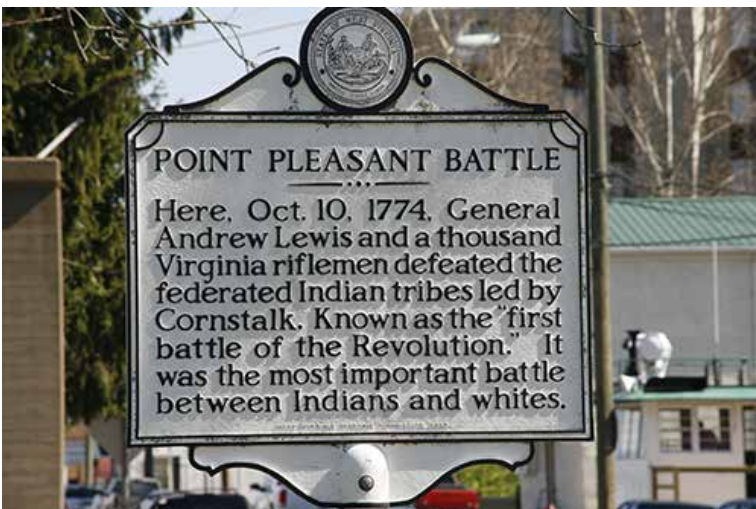
Georgia Color Guard and Militia Presenting Colors at the Marquis de Lafayette Birthday Program.



The Georgia Color Guard and Militia Presented Colors at Compatriot Billy Holcomb's Grave Marking. Both Compatriot Grave Markings were held at the Georgia National Cemetery.

The Georgia Color Guard and Militia Presented Colors at Compatriot Mike Ruff's Grave Marking. The family was presented a U.S. Flag that had flown over the Nations Capital, and a Georgia Flag that had flown over the State Capital. Both Compatriot Grave Markings were held at the Georgia National Cemetery.

## National Color Guard events in October







Activities of the Kansas Society Color Guard slowed somewhat for the months of July through September 2018.

On July 11, 2018, the Color Guard presented the Colors the C.A.R. Great Plains Regional Meeting which was attended by approximately 200 C.A.R. members and senior leaders and family of members. Compatriots Dennis Nelson, Dewey Fry, Junior Member Gavin Kurtz and Harry Wilklow comprised the Color Guard



Photo 2

On August 4, the Color Guard presented the colors at the Board of Governors Meeting of the Kansas Society. Participating were compatriots, Dewey Fry, Bobbie Hulse, Harry Wilklow, and Robert Grover. The KSSAR Color Guard presented the colors at three Naturalization Ceremonies, one on July 19 at the Lied Center on the West Campus of the University of Kansas at which 397 petitioners took the Oath of Citizenship. The second ceremony was August 17 at the Robert J. Dole US Courthouse in Kansas City, Kansas at which 87 petitioners became citizens of the United States of America. Compatriots participating at the ceremony were Bruce Bowman, Lyman Miller Jerry Vest, and Dewey Fry. The third Naturalization Ceremony was September 28, at the Dole Institute of Politics on the West Campus of the University of Kansas at which 62 petitioners became citizens of the USA. Color Guardsmen, (front to rear, Photo 2), were Dewey Fry, Lyman Miller, Gavin Kurtz, and Bruce Bowman.



## KANSAS



Photo 3

The final activity was marching in the Overland Park Fall Festival Parade in Overland Park Kansas on September 28. Color Guardsmen participating were (left to right Photo 3) Dewey Fry, Kirk Rush and Richard Cox.

Congratulations to Compatriot Dennis Dean Nelson, for earning the Von Steuben Medal. Dennis is the Kansas Society President as well as a Color Guardsman.



Representatives of the MI Color on duty at the State Board of Managers meeting in Flint. Back row left to right:

Ken Goodson, Dennis VanWormer, Aaron Wiles  
Third Row: Paul Callanan, Bill Vette  
2nd Row: Norm Palmer, Joe Conger  
1st Row: Commander Gerald Burkland, Bill Sharp, Don Reifert, and Dave Moore

## MICHIGAN







Thursday evening, June 28th SAR Compatriot Color Guard members from DeSoto County Patriots Chapter based in Horn Lake, Mississippi joined in with the Isaac Shelby Chapter of Memphis, Tennessee under direction of Color Guard Commander Colby Morgan to present



beginning with the National Anthem and Presentation of Colors by the combined efforts of both SAR local chapters. The MSO recognized each branch of service with their arrangement of the United States Armed Forces Medley. A couple of memorable jazz tunes were also featured by the MSO like In the Mood and Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy that were popular among the soldiers during the days of World War II. Styles of Dixieland and other genres made popular in early America were also performed. A special appearance was also made by Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass. The evening was concluded with the well known John Phillips Sousa piece Stars and Stripes Forever along with an eye-catching fireworks display for the finale.

Event report repeated at request of Mississippi State Color Guard Commander Hite.



Right - Colby Morgan (Isaac Shelby Memphis, TN); Julius Hite (DeSoto Patriots Horn Lake, MS); Richard Treharne (Isaac Shelby Memphis, TN); Gerry Brent (DeSoto Patriots Horn Lake, MS); Lynne Heron (DeSoto Patriots Horn Lake, MS); Kent McAden (Isaac Shelby Memphis, TN); and Kevin McDonald (DeSoto Patriots Horn Lake, MS)  
Photo taken by Anita Hite



## Missouri Society, SAR Members at the 128th NSSAR Congress

On July 13-18, 2018 Missouri Society Color Guard Members, Compatriots and spouses attended the NSSAR 128th Congress in Houston, Texas.

First Row, left to right: Mrs. Becky Osbourn; Mrs. Laura DeVenney; MOSSAR President and Central District Missouri Color Guard Commander J. Wayne Merrell (MGC); Mrs. Daniel Woodruff; and Stephen Sullins (IPC).

Second Row, left to right: Charles McMillan (OMC); Outgoing South-Central District Vice President General Robert (Bob) Capps (MOSSAR/HST & KSSSAR); James Osbourn (SSL); Incoming South-Central District Dan McMurray (OMC); Clifford Olsen (CCC), NSSAR Recording Secretary (2013-2014 & 2014-2015), NSSAR Registrar General (2015-2016 & 2016-2017), and Minuteman Russell (Russ) DeVenney (MGC); NSSAR Chancellor General (2018-2019) Richard (Dick) Bryant (AMC); Daniel Woodruff; David Shaul (CCC); NSSAR President General and Minuteman David Appleby (2008-2009) (OMC); and Minuteman Gerald McCoy (CCC).

Photo provided by Compatriot Tom Sentman



## MISSOURI



## July 4th Independence Day Celebration

Left to right: Boy Scout James Sanders; Dan McMurray (OMC); NSSAR Minuteman Gerald McCoy (OMC); J. Howard Fisk (OMC); Steven Perkins (OMC); Ken Lawrence (OMC); and Charles McMillan (OMC).

Photo provided by Compatriot Tom Sentman



## Missouri Society Color Guard presented the Colors at the Warren County Historical Society Museum

On July 14, 2018 the Missouri Society Color Guard presented the Colors at the Warren County Historical Society Museum for the induction of the new Thomas Kennedy NSDAR Chapter headquartered in Warrenton, Missouri. The Chapter chose the name of Thomas Kennedy, who settled in Warren County after the War. He is buried in Warren County. There are members in the Chapter who are descendants of Thomas Kennedy.

Missouri Society Color Guard Members led by Compatriot Charles Lilly (FDL).

Photos courtesy of Thomas Kennedy NSDAR Chapter



## Missouri Society Color Guard participated in the Mid-Continent Public Library ground-breaking ceremony

On Thursday, August 2, at 9:00 a.m., the Missouri Society Color Guard participated in the Mid-Continent Public Library ground-breaking ceremony for the new addition to its Midwest Genealogy Center (MGC) in Independence, Missouri. The project, which is scheduled to be complete by late spring of 2019, will include the construction of a new 400-seat community hall with an array of amenities including a foyer, divisible meeting space, state-of-the-art audio-visual capabilities, and an on-site catering kitchen. The Midwest Genealogy Center (MGC) is one of the



Left to right: Robert Grover (HST); James Scott (IPC), Eastern District Missouri Society Color Guard Commander; Roy Hutchinson (HST); Stephen Sullins (IPC), and Tom Neal (HST).

United States' pre-eminent resources for family history, providing access to almost three-quarters of a million on-site materials. MGC features 52,000 square feet of space that houses all of the free resources needed to research your family history. This expansion comes after the center recently celebrated 10 years of service and over 1 million visitors. This is the third time the SAR Color Guard has participated in a ground-breaking for the Center. Previous ones were the original ground-breaking for the facility and the first addition.

Photos courtesy of Mid-Continent Public Library and Compatriot Roy Hutchison



Left to right: Missouri State Rep. Bill E. Kidd; Eastern District Missouri Color Guard Commander James Scott (IPC); Roy Hutchinson (HST); Tom Neal (HST); Robert Grover (HST); and Stephen Sullins (IPC).

## Missouri Society Color Guard served as the opening unit of the Missouri State Fair

On August 9, 2018 the Missouri Society Color Guard served as the opening unit of the Missouri State Fair Parade behind the old classic Missouri State Highway Patrol car on a very hot evening in Sedalia, Missouri.

Photo courtesy of the Missouri State Fair



Left to right: Bruce R. Hillis (MGC); Jesse R. Lybarger (MGC); Stephen D. Sullins (IPC); J Wayne Merrill (MGC), MOSSAR President; and NSSAR Recording Secretary (2013-2014 & 2014-2015), NSSAR Registrar General (2015-2016 & 2016-2017), and Minuteman Russell (Russ) DeVenney (MGC).

Photo provided by J. Wayne Merrill, Missouri Society, SAR President





## Grave Marking Ceremony for Revolutionary War Patriot Thomas Ferrel

On August 18, 2018 the Ozark Mountain Chapter (OMC) performed a Grave Marking Cemetery for Revolutionary War Patriot Thomas Ferrel in the Macedonia Cemetery near Stella, Newton County, Missouri. OMC Compatriots, Color Guard members, and Scout Troops 34, 55, 98, and Webelos Pack 98 assisted. The Honorable Bill Reiboldt, Representative of District 160, presented a Missouri House of Representatives Congressional Proclamation at the Grave of Revolutionary War Patriot Thomas Ferrel. OMC Compatriot Mel McNeal accepted the Proclamation. OMC Colorguardsmen J. Howard Fisk and Ken Lawrence performed the SAR ceremony.

Ozark Mountain Chapter Colorguardsmen, left to right: J. Howard Fisk; Ken Lawrence; Charles Millan; and Thomas McNeal.

Photo provided by Compatriot Tom Sentman



## Grave Marking Ceremony for Compatriot Charles Calef

On August 18, 2018 the Ozark Mountain Chapter marked the grave of Compatriot Charles Calef. Charles Calef was the first president of the Ozark Mountain Chapter (1981) and later served as President of the Missouri Society SAR (1983). The Chapter honored him because of his leadership, spirit, and service to the Sons of the American Revolution.

Left to right: Ozark Mountain Chapter Colorguardsmen J. Howard Fisk; South-Central District Vice President General Dan McMurray, Ken Lawrence, Charles McMillan, and Steve Perkins.

Photo provided by Compatriot Tom Sentman

## Missouri Society Color Guard presented the Colors at the Annual Meeting of the International Wood Collectors Society

On August 22, 2018 the Missouri Society Color Guard presented the Colors at the Annual Meeting of the International Wood Collectors Society held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, St. Charles, MO on August 22, 2018. They met in the Windsor Room. There was wood turning and carving demonstrations, wood and craft auctions, instant gallery, vendor tables, projects for kids and lectures. Founded in 1947, the International Wood Collectors Society is a non-profit Society devoted to distributing information on collecting wood, correctly identifying and naming wood specimens, and using wood in creative crafts. The Society started with a strong emphasis on academic collecting of wood species, the availability of such a variety of wood and its inherent beauty quickly lead to crafting.

Left to Right: Doug Neff (FDL), Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard Commander; Charles Lilly (FDL); Terry Grogan (SSL); Rick Morton (FDL); Bill Grote (FDL), Eastern District Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard Commander; and Ed Geller, War of 1812 reenactor.

Photo provided by Compatriot Charles Lilly



## NSSAR South-Central District Annual Meeting

On August 24-25, 2018 the South-Central District held its Annual Meeting in Springfield, Missouri. President General and First Lady Warren and Nancy Alder, 45 compatriots and 16 guests (spouses) attended the convention. The South-Central District is comprised of the State Societies of Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, Arkansas, and Missouri. South-Central District Vice President General Dan McMurray (MO/OMC) presided at the meeting

Left to right: Western District Color Guard Commander James Scott (MO/IPC), Don Turner (MO/OPC); Corey Burns (AR); Ken Lawrence (MO/OMC); J. Howard Fisk (MO/OMC); Stephen Sullins (MO/IPC); Steven Perkins (MO/OMC); Charles McMillan (MO/OMC); Dennis Nelson (KS); Tom Jackson (TX); Brooks Lyle (KS); Bobbie Hulse (KS); Robert Grover (MO); Roy Hutchinson (MO/HST); and Terry Holden (TX)

Photo provided by Compatriot Tom Sentman





## Community Service Award presentation to Senator John C. Danforth at the President Harry S Truman Library and Museum

On September 11, 2018 the Missouri Color Guard participated in the Alexander W. Doniphan Community Service Award presentation to Senator John Danforth. This special award was created by the Alexander W. Doniphan Community Service and Leadership Foundation, Inc., to honor recipients who exemplify Gen. Doniphan's outstanding characteristics and personal commitments in education, jurisprudence, statesmanship, patriotism and business. Alexander W. Doniphan Committee Member Eric Zahnd conducted the ceremony. The ceremony was held at the President Harry S. Truman Library, Independence, Missouri. Senator Danforth spoke after receiving the award. Senator Danforth represented Missouri in the Senate from 1976 to 1995 and also served as United States Ambassador to the United Nations under President George W. Bush.

Photos provided by Compatriot Roy Hutchinson



Left to right: James Scott (IPC), Western District Missouri Color Guard Commander; Richard Mathews (IPC); Thomas Neal (HST); Mike Schmidt (WCC); Robert Grover (HST); Roy Hutchinson (HST); and Stephen Sullins (IPC).

Left to right: James Scott (IPC), Western District Missouri Color Guard Commander; Mike Schmidt (WCC); Richard Mathews (IPC); Alexander W. Doniphan Committee Member Eric Zahnd; Roy Hutchinson (HST); Stephen Sullins (IPC); Thomas Neal (HST) (can only see his hands); and Robert Grover (HST) (cannot be seen).



## Groundbreaking Ceremony for new Veterans Memorial

On September 15, 2018 the Missouri Color Guard participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for a new Veterans Memorial at the English Landing Park, Parkville, Missouri. The Veterans Memorial has been coordinated by the Parkville Veterans Memorial Committee. The musket firing was televised on KMBC Channel 9, Kansas City, Missouri.

Left to right: James Scott (IPC), Western District Missouri Color Guard Commander; Richard Mathews; (IPC); Stephen Sullins (IPC); and Roy Hutchinson (HST).

Photos provided by Compatriot Roy Hutchinson

## "Mi For Vets" sponsored by the Arnold Rifle and Pistol Club

On September 15, 2018 the Missouri Color Guard participated in the presentation of a historic M-1 "Garand" rifle by the Arnold Rifle and Pistol Club, Arnold, Missouri to Specialist Kyle Marshall. Specialist Marshall served with distinction having been awarded the Combat Action Badge while engaged with the enemy during deployment with the 1140th Engineers in Kuwait in February 2004 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Colorguardsmen, left to right: Doug Neff (FDL), Missouri Society Color Guard Commander; Don Turner (OPC); Bill Grote (FDL), Easter District Missouri Color Guard Commander; and Rick Morton (FDL). - Photo provided by Mrs. Milly Neff.



Left to right: Doug Neff (FDL), Missouri Society Color Guard Commander; Don Turner (OPC); Compatriot Specialist Kyle Marshall; Bill Grote (FDL), Easter District Missouri Color Guard Commander; and Rick Morton (FDL). - Photo provided by Mark Buckner.





## Constitution Day Celebrated with classes at St. Paul's United Methodist Church

On September 17, 2018 the Missouri Color Guard participated in a DAR bell ringing and presentation about the United States Constitution to children's classes at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Raymore, Missouri.

Left to right: Roy Hutchinson (HST); Richard Mathews (IPC); Stephen Sullins (IPC); and James Scott, Western District Missouri Color Guard Commander.

Photos provided by Compatriot Roy Hutchinson



## SAR received a Constitution Day Proclamation

On September 17, 2018 the SAR received a Constitution Day Proclamation from Independence, Missouri Mayor Eileen Weir. Independence is known for the Truman Library & Museum with exhibits detailing the life and career of the former U.S. President and hometown hero Harry S Truman

Colorguardsmen, left to right: Roy Hutchinson (HST) and Stephen Sullins (IPC). Behind the Colorguardsmen, left to right: Council member Curt Dougherty; Mayor Eileen Weir; Assistant City Clerk Becky Behrens; and At-Large Council Member Karen DeLuccie.

Photos provided by Compatriot Roy Hutchinson



Left to right: Left to right: Bill Brindell (SSL); Kenneth Bailey (HST) and Jim Baker (CCC).

Left to right: Don Turner (OPC); Frank Furman (OPC); Stephen Sullins (IPC); Jim Baker (CCC); Greg Watkins (SSL); and Roy Hutchinson (HST).



## DAR Marker Dedication for Patriot Enoch Jobe of the 8th Virginia Regiment

On September 23 the MOSSAR Color Guard participated in the new DAR grave marker on the grave of Patriot Enoch Jobe of the 8th Virginia Regiment. He served two terms as a private in 1776 – 1778. He fought in the battles of White Plains, Trenton, Brandywine, Germantown and White Marsh. Enoch Jobe was born in Virginia c 1758 and died in April 19, 1843 in Cole County Missouri (which became Moniteau Co. in 1846). The grave marking was done by the Rock Island Chapter, DAR. The grave is located in the Old Baptist Church Cemetery located north of California, Missouri. More than seventy attendees honored Enoch Jobe at the unveiling and dedication ceremony. Twenty-seven attendees were 4th, 5th, 6th and 7 times great grandchildren of Enoch Jobe, of which eight are DAR members. Twenty DAR members from four states and eleven chapters attended. The Missouri Society Sons of the American Revolution served as the Color Guard and performed a Musket Salute.

Photos provided by Compatriot Roy Hutchinson



Left to right: Roy Hutchinson (HST); Stephen Sullins (IPC); Bill Brindell (SSL); Kenneth Bailey (HST); Jim Baker (CCC); Greg Watkins (SSL); Frank Furman (OPC); and Don Turner (OPC).



## Annual POW/MIA Watch Fire Ceremony at Frontier Park in St. Charles, Missouri

On September 21, 2018 the Missouri Society Color Guard participated in the Annual POW/MIA Watch Fire Ceremony at Frontier Park in St. Charles, Missouri. The event is organized by the City of St. Charles Veterans Commission and the American Legion. The Missouri Society Color Guard formed up with the American Legion. After a brief ceremony the group retired back towards the Missouri River bank, and the "Watchfire" was set.

Left to right: Frank Furman (OPC); Patti Dickherber (Saint Charles DAR); Bill Grote (FDL) Eastern District Missouri Color Guard Commander; and Don Turner (OPC).

Photo provided by Frank Furman



Ralston Independence Day Parade 2018

## NEBRASKA

Compatriots, I'm happy to share with you some of the progress that's been made with the NESSAR Color Guard this Summer!

In May, the Lincoln Color Guard participated in the Wyuka Cemetery Memorial Day event. The Omaha Color Guard presented the Betsy Ross flag at the Omaha National Cemetery Memorial Day event at the same time. That's correct- our Color Guard has grown large enough to volunteer in more than one place simultaneously! This is a sign of progress for us as we only recently launched the Color Guard here in Nebraska.

In June, Shawn Stoner and Paul Burright wore their uniforms and represented Nebraska at the Eisenhower Grave Marking in Abilene, Kansas. This was a National SAR Color Guard event that had attendance from numerous states' CG members and National President Larry Guzy spoke. They laid wreaths at the grave of compatriot Eisenhower's grave.

In July, we had an entry in the Ralston Independence Day Parade for the Nebraska Society SAR! Chad Sherrets, Shawn Stoner, John Braisted, and Paul Burright carried the Betsy Ross flag and the Nebraska State flag in front of an audience of 42,000! We worked with the Children of the American Revolution (CAR) who helped us carry our new banner in front of all those members of the public. Some stats about this event- we were one of 100 parade entries, the parade route is 1 1/2 miles long, and this is the largest parade in the state of Nebraska. This truly gave our organization a great amount of exposure to the public and it was gratifying seeing members of the public rising and saluting the National Colors as we carried them.

Respectfully,  
Chad Sherrets  
Nebraska Society Sons of the American Revolution  
State Color Guard Commander



Omaha Color Guard Memorial Day 2018



Ralston Independence Day Parade 2018



## NEW HAMPSHIRE



General John Stark Day Observance - Manchester, NH April 9, 2018

Russell Cumbee, Richard Wright, and Doug Wood



Wyman Tavern 18th Century Festival, - Keene, NH June 16, 2018

Richard Wright, Douglas Wood, (Unknown Reenactor), John Glover, and Russell Cumbee



Independence Day Parade - Ashland, NH July 4th

Douglas Wood, Tejasinha Sivalingam, Russell Cumbee, John Glover, Andrew Akers, and Kevin Stewart



Support and photography for most of these events were provided by Linda Wood and Lydia Cumbee.



LMemorial Day Parade - Littleton, NH May 28, 2018

Kevin Stewart, Russell Cumbee, and White Mountain Chapter DAR



Bunker Hill Day Parade & Celebration - Charlestown, MA June 17, 2018

Russell Cumbee, Jack Manning, Dave Perkins, and The Connecticut Line



Old Home Day - Franconia, NH July 7, 2018

Russell Cumbee, John Glover, Douglas Wood, Kevin Stewart





American Independence Festival - Exeter, NH July 14, 2018

July 14, 2018: Compatriots John Glover, Cliff LaPlante, Richard Wright and Brian Anderson participated in the American Independence Festival in Exeter.



150th Anniversary Parade & Celebration - Ashland, NH July 28, 2018  
 July 28, 2018: Compatriots John Glover; Doug Wood; Tejasinha Sivalingam; Cliff LaPlante and Russell B. Cumbee marched in the Ashland 150th Anniversary Parade and/or helped out at the NHSSAR booth at this event. We also fired musket volleys in conjunction with the raising of the Flag and the singing of the National Anthem.



250th Anniversary Parade & Celebration - Rindge, NH August 11, 2018  
 August 11, 2018: Compatriots Stacy Saveall; Devin Saveall; Vaughn Saveall; Doug Wood; Richard Wright; Cliff LaPlante; Andrew Akers and I marched in the Rindge 250th Anniversary Parade and/or helped out at the NHS-SAR booth at this event. Musket volleys were rained out.

## NEW JERSEY



On June 30 2018, The New Jersey Society Color Guard participated in a ceremony at the Maclean House on the Princeton University campus to honor Pvt. Aaron Mattison, 1st New Jersey Regiment, who served as a quartermaster during the Revolutionary War. Retired Col. Walter R. Nall, Director of Veterans Services, The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs presented the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal to Will Tisch, California Society SAR, the fourth great grandson of Madison on his behalf.

Front row left to right.  
 Sam Davis, Monmouth Chapter, William Locke, Will Tisch California Society SAR, Colonel Nall, Clark McCullough, Robert Meyer, and Rich Serfass of the New Jersey Society SAR, and Sgt Nyzio, NJDVMA



Following the ceremony representatives of the New Jersey SAR Color Guard accompanied Compatriot Will Tisch to the Princeton Cemetery, where a plaque honoring Pvt Madison was installed.

Pictured here is Will Tish salute to a musket fire by Rich Serfass, South Jersey Chapter





The New Jersey Honor Guard participated in the South Plainfield Labor Day Parade on September 3, 2018. The Honor Guard's 6 pound Cannon was in the parade as a float and was followed by a recruitment booth at the end of the parade. The theme of this year's Labor Day Parade was "Our Heritage."

Picture: Front row l-r: Sam Davis Princeton cranberry chapter, William Locke, Monmouth chapter, Frank McGonigle Raritan Valley Chapter, Thomas D'Amico Raritan Valley Chapter. Back row L-r: Larrison Jackson Jockey Hollow chapter. Brian McGonigle Jockey Hollow chapter, Ed Glidden. Monmouth chapter & Color Guard sergeant., Robert Meyer. Westfield chapter. Monmouth chapter & NJSSAR President and Color Guard Commander.



NJSSAR Color guard for Citizenship Day September 22.

The New Jersey State Society of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution are holding their 2018 Fall State Meeting, hosted by the Southern District Chapters. On September 7, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency in Princeton NJ. Naturalization Ceremony.



The Battle of Monmouth June 17th and 18th 2018 with the Ohio Color Guard grave wreath laying ceremony



On July 4, 2018 members of the New Jersey Color Guard joined in the 4th of July celebration at Perth Amboy's Proprietary House. The House is one of the most historic buildings still standing in the United States. It is the only remaining Proprietary Governor's mansion from the 13 original colonies. Completed in 1764 and leased for a decade, Royal Governor William Franklin moved into the home in 1774. Governor Franklin was the illegitimate son of founding father and inventor, Benjamin Franklin.



Pictured are members of the New Jersey Society SAR Color Guard and others: Front l-r.: William Locke. Monmouth chapter and Mayor Diaz, Perth Amboy; back: Larry Jackson Jockey Hollow chapter, unidentified reenactor, Sam Davis Princeton Cranbury chapter, Robert Meyer. President NJS-SAR, Monmouth & Westfield chapter, Ben Franklin reenactor, Gary Beauregard Monmouth chapter, Jeff Edson honorary NJ Color Guard. Picture taken by L





## Las Vegas Bell ringing ceremony Centennial Park Las Vegas 4 July 2018

Good turnout for the annual Bell Ringing ceremony in Down Town Las Vegas at Centennial Park, next to the Historic 5th Street School. Members from SAR and DAR Chapters, friends and other Lineage societies attended. We even attracted a few curious bystanders. Thanks to the following for being apart of today's ceremony – Alexx Andra Theis Green blessed the gathering, DAR member Katie Brown Henzel extended greetings on behalf of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Janet Snyder made some interesting Observations on the Declaration of Independence and Compatriot Len Becker served as Honor Guard. Opening remarks made by Gary Parriott reflecting on the significance of the Bell Ringing Ceremony and the ongoing tradition of "Let Freedom Ring" events held across the nation on the 4th of July. WWII Veteran, Mr Ken Hill bought a Revolutionary War Costume so he could join in and show his support of Patriotic events. Thank you Ken. Photos by Gary Parriott unless otherwise noted.



## Honor Flight Southern Nevada Welcome Home - McCarran Airport 9 Sept 2018

*Honor Flight Southern Nevada* welcome home greeters included members from DAR, SAR, CAR, PGR, American Legion, WFW, and several Scouting Organizations. Large turnout that included current and past Senior Pageant winners and founders. Thank you all for supporting our Veterans. The next Southern Nevada Honor Flight Welcome Home is scheduled for April of next year. (Date and time will be posted on Face Book)



## Northwest Colonial Festival Port Angeles WA August 9-12, 2018

4th Annual Northwest Colonial Festival held in Port Angeles Washington on the beautiful grounds of the George Washington Inn with its huge expanse of Lavender Fields.

Event features.

- Colonial Village with Historic Trade Demonstrations & Displays
- Historical Interpreters: George and Martha Washington, John and Abigail Adams
- Colonial Music and Dance; Fife and Drum Corp
- Reenactments of the Skirmish at Lexington and Battle of Concord
- Activities for Kids and much much more



## Naturalization Ceremony held at Historic 5th Street School Las Vegas 13 Sept 2018

The Historic Fifth Street School provided a Historic setting for this important occasion as over a hundred individuals completed the requirements for US Citizenship and are ready to give their Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America. At the conclusion of the Ceremony members of the DAR and SAR (in Colonial era attire) were made available for photos with these new Citizens and this proved to be a very popular option for many that chose to create a unique souvenir of this important occasion.





## Joint SAR DAR Constitution Day Dinner 22 September 2018

Per Signers Chapter President Donald L. Hotchkiss Jr., "The Dinner was an overwhelming success. Our guest speaker Mark Hall-Patton from Pawn Stars was fantastic and a good time was had by all. We thank Michael Gravitt, our program chair, Al Conant (Treasurer), Bob Till (Secretary), Charles Smith (VP) and the staff at LV National Golf Course for all their help. Well done one and all!"



The August 4th event of the 237th Annv. of the Battle of the House in the Horseshoe. The Combined NC SAR Color Guard presents the Colors.

## NORTH CAROLINA

A group photo of the Combined NC SAR Color Guard at an August 25th grave marking for three Patriots: Capt. James Outlaw, Frederick Grady and Alexander Grady.



## Comments and Questions

**This** is a new magazine section set aside for color guardsmen to ask a question or post a comment. Questions received would be directed to the leadership command structure for necessary answers. Questions should work their way through the local/state command structure - to ensure that the command structure would have the chance to provide the answer and thus be aware of any issues within their command. Questions should be related to color guard procedures, obtaining vendor lists, or similar general subject matter questions.

**Q:**  
**Does one have to be listed in the Color Guard Committee Roster to attend a Color Guard meeting at any of the Leadership or Congress meetings?**

**A:**  
No. Any member of a chapter, or state color guard unit can attend and take part

in any of the Leadership or Congress color guard activities which include the meetings.

**Q:**  
**I am often asked when in public and dressed in regalia whether I am a re-enactor. Am I (we)?**

**A:**  
The answer to this question can be complicated and really depends on the situation. For the most part, the SAR Color Guard is a ceremonial unit that performs at meetings, civic events and parades. These types of events are not considered "re-enactments" since historical accuracy is not the primary consideration of those participating. This ceremonial function is acknowledged through various accommodations to allow for modern glasses, materials and shoes. On the other hand, a sizeable number of SAR Color Guard members are in fact re-enactors who strive for historical accuracy in terms of their clothing and

equipment. Since the SAR Color Guard serves as the face of an organization that strives to promote educational, patriotic and historical goals, both re-enactors and ceremonial participants are welcome.

**Q:**  
**If a Colorguardsnman goes to a parade in the morning which is declared a District Event by another State Society and the VPG is in the parade, then when the parade is over he attends the a Board of Management Meeting for his home state and is guest speaker, then the next day he attends a National Event and places a wreath. Can the colorguardsman receive credit for all three events, which only covers a total of two days but three different events?**

**A:**  
If an event is declared a District Event by the VPG (not the state president or state color guard commander), then it can be counted toward the Silver Color Guard or Von Steuben Medal regard-

less of which state the event occurs in. Thus, the "parade in the morning" would not count since it was "declared a district event by another State Society and the VPG is in the parade." The distinction is that VPG attendance does not automatically make an event a District Event unless the District Bylaws states that this is how a District Event is determined. (I would point out that the South Atlantic District specifically addresses what determines a district event - either a scheduled district meeting or an event where 3 of the 4 states are represented regardless of VPG attendance.

The second event you cite, attending a State Board of Management Meeting and is a guest speaker, would only count toward the Bronze Medal since this is state specific.

The third event which occurs on the 2nd day, would count toward the Silver or Von Steuben Medal since it is a recognized National Event.





Veteran Flyers Start New Tradition

The Ohio Society Color Guard presented the Colors at the 2018 Bomb Groups Joint Reunion held in Downtown Dayton, OH on Saturday, September 15, 2018. The Group of 300 represented ten Bombardment Groups in the European Theater during World War Two. There were fifty Army Corp Veterans who flew the Bombers present.

The oldest veteran present was Al Hintenach from Catonsville, Maryland. He was 103 years old. He flew with the 376th Bombardment Group. He thought there was a lot of fuss about his service but he appreciated the chance to talk with old friends and people who remembered the B-24.

The SAR Color Guard presentation started a year ago with Ed Clendenin, a new member of the Texas SAR. He and his wife Pat thought that the reunion needed to step up its patriotic display. Knowing that the reunion was going to be in Dayton, Ohio, Ed used the SAR Color Guard Contact list and asked the Ohio Color Guard Commander Steve Frash about availability. Commander Frash agreed immediately and Ed's wife, Pat began sewing Ed a uniform!

Ed Clendenin dressed in simple period clothing, his patriot was part of the minute-men of Massachusetts. From the Ohio Society, Steve Frash dressed in Pennsylvania 8th uniform leading the compliment. Steve Kelley of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter was in Continental line uniform and Bob Hill of Hocking Valley Chapter was in Dragoon Calvary uniform complete with bear fur helmet.

The reunion attendees were very pleased and excited by the presentation and were asking Ed to organize next year's Color Guard Presentation in Dallas Texas. A new tradition has started for the Bombardment Groups Veterans.



Names of Color guardsman from left to right in the photo .... Steve Frash, Steve Kelley, Ed Clendenin and Robert Hill Photo Taken by (Pat Clendenin)



Left to Right  
Steve Kelly, Robert Hill, Al Hintenach, Ed Clendenin, Steve Frash  
Photo by (Pat Clendenin)



Gone but not forgotten!

By Ted Wilson.

It is difficult to lose a loved one and even more difficult to not know where they are at rest because the family will never be at rest until that member is brought home. Members of the northern region of the Texas SAR Color Guard had the opportunity recently to be part of the family closure of two men who were serving their country when they lost their lives.

On July 9, 2018 the TX SAR was called to provide a salute to Army Private Kenneth Ferris, who lost his life in a battle in the Heurtgen Forest, while serving his country in Europe. His remains were located in Germany and recently returned to his family for proper disposition. In November of 1944, Kenneth's parents were notified that his status was MIA (Missing in Action). On his mother's deathbed, his sister made a promise never to rest until Kenneth was found. His remains were located and identification was completed so he could be reunited with his family on 6 Jun 2018, seventy years after Normandy. He was buried at DFW National Cemetery on 9 July 2018 and the Texas SAR Color Guard was asked to be part of that ceremony. Pictured below are: Left to right: Thomas Van Vossen, Walt Thomas, Bob Kittrell, John Greer, Jerry Pinkerton, Monte Monzingo, and Tom Whitelock.



Another WWII Veteran lost his life in a different way but his family had no knowledge of his death or whereabouts. John E Phinney survived WWII and was stationed somewhere near Dallas in Aug. 1954. He was hitchhiking from Dallas to Texarkana and given a lift by Mack Davidson in his new Ford. Mack was heading to Louisiana and would take him as far as Paris, TX. Mack got tired and asked the soldier to drive for a while. That soldier made a wrong turn and was passing through Sulphur Springs, TX when he struck a bridge abutment and was instantly killed. Mack survived but had never asked the young soldier his name. His identity was never determined, thus he was buried in a grave marked "Known to God only".

Ten years later, a Kenneth Wayne Phinney, Sr., hearing about this unknown soldier's death, in an accident, contacted the Sheriff of Sulphur Springs. It seems that he had lost a brother in 1954. His parents had both died at the end of the war and the children placed in an orphanage. With pictures, John was identified but nothing

further was done about the unknown soldier. Fast forward to 2017 when Rhonda Beckhold of the Hopkins County Genealogy Society, also an orphan and working on



another case, came across the story of the man “Known to God Only”. With a lot of effort, she was able to contact the remaining members of the family, plus working through mountains of “Red-Tape”, arranged for a military grave stone stating, “John E. Phinney, b. Sep 12, 1926, d. Aug 10, 1954, PVT U.S. Army, World War II”. A memorial service was conducted on Saturday, Jun 23, 2018 with full military honors. The TX SAR was asked to present a musket salute at the Veterans Wall Memorial next to the courthouse in the town square. From left to right: Bill Watts, Walt Thomas, Montie Monzingo, Tom Whitelock, Bob Kubin, Gary Lovell, Dave Rediger, T.L. Holden, and Ted Wilson.

## The Cannon that Wasn't as Grand Marshall!

By Stu Hoyt

When I first heard about this cannon, it brought back memories about my days flying reconnaissance in over the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Laos and Vietnam. We'd come back to base assured that we had found artillery only to be told that they were wooden poles painted black. That trick is not new and was used all the way back in the Revolutionary War. There are recorded instances of commanders using a little ingenuity, creating black poles on wheels to convince the British to surrender.



Fast-forward to the twenty-first century and folks are still using the skills that they have to create what they have not. Take the case of Tom Farrell of Meadows, Texas. He used his lathe and a log of wood to create a cannon barrel. He used specifications of a 1776 cannon found at Ft. Ticonderoga, NY. He located the wheels and axle made by Charles Laures of Osage, Iowa back in 1840. With the help of Plano Com-patriot Peter Rowley they constructed

the carriage for the cannon. Other chapter member Mike and Don Rector and Mike Radcliff were busy making cannon balls and other needed implements. In 2006, it was ready to be shown at the SAR National Congress being held in Dallas.

In 2007, the cannon made its debut in the Plano Lions Independence Day Parade being pulled behind Howard Roach's pickup. It was an instant hit and has appeared in many area parades since. In 2018, it and the chapter received special attention when they were asked to be the Grand Marshall for the Plano Lions Independence Day Parade. A local truck dealer provided brand new Dodge 1500 Ram Extended Cabs to pull the trailers housing the cannon and chapter members.



At left is the cannon that wasn't!

From left to right: Alan Roach, Don Sielert, Ted Wilson, Dan Reed, Don Babb, John Ray Plano Chapter President) and his grandson Tanner Wallace, plus the two provided drivers.

## Independence Day

by Stu Hoyt

Texas with the largest SAR Society covers the state of Texas on the 4th of July. Since I am a member of the William Hightower Chapter #35, I submitted a representation of the 46 Chapters the participate in events throughout the state on Independence Day.

Standing in front of our float with the DAR Ladies of the James Jack Chapter are Left to right: Charlie Hauptrief, John Booth, Cliff Caskey ( driver), Steve Polk (President), Joe Cox, Stu Hoyt (TX SAR CG Comm.), Lou Colantoni, Blair Rudy and Tom Jones. (Not shown Charles Motz IV and V, on horseback).



## Ring Barer at the 128th Congress in Houston

by Stu Hoyt

Each year before the National SAR Congress adjourns a ring ceremony is performed at the final dinner. This ring is one of seven known and date back to George Washington. This year the Congress was held in Houston and the Texas Color Guard had the honor of choosing four of its member to guard the ring. From left to right are: Stu Hoyt (TX SAR CG Comm.), Tom Green, Ron Walcik, and Blair Rudy.





# Naturalized

by Stu Hoyt

Each year the TX SAR Color Guard is asked to present the colors for the Naturalization Ceremonies in the Austin area. I have the opportunity to address the candidates before the ceremony and advise them that the members of the Sons of the American Revolution color Guard are direct blood line descendants of those that support the cause of freedom which they will swear allegiance to today. They all want to pose for pictures with us after the ceremony holding their new certificates. Even the judge got into the act.

On 31 Jul 2018, the TX SAR CG was asked to present the colors for a Naturalization Ceremony, in Austin at the LBJ Auditorium. A large group was on hand to be sworn in. The TX Army National Guard Band is on stage left playing prelude music. Stu Hoyt, TX SAR CG Comm. is stage right awaiting the start. After the ceremony, we pose with the new citizens Judge Mark Lane got in the Act and posed with us. From left to right: Wayne Courages (Patrick Henry), Jim Clements (Patrick Henry), Judge Lane, Ron Walcik (Heart of Texas), Shiidon Hawley, (Patrick Henry), Ray De Vries (Alexander Hamilton) and Stu Hoyt (Wm. Hightower).



## Culpeper, VA 9/11 Ceremony

In 2001 our country suffered a terrible attack that took thousands of lives, and thoroughly destroyed our sense of peace. But it also brought us together; it reminded us of the values we share

and how much our individual fates are united. In this way it was not unlike our terrible War Between the States. In the aftermath of each we came together and sought out what united us and diminished that which divided us. The Sons of the American Revolution was born as part of reminding us of our common ideals after that earlier tragedy.

Both tragedies struck not far from a small city in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Culpeper, Virginia. The 19th Century war swirled around it and the 21st century terror struck only a few miles away at the Pentagon. It's citizens died in both. Culpeper has strong memories of both tragedies, and a strong spirit of what keeps Americans united. This spirit was aroused, as the



The Color Guards at the Military Memorial in Wine Street Park at 09:37 am

years passed, by seeing division creep back into our country, and by 2008 it found a new expression for the memories that bring us together. Gerry Schuck, then Virginia State Director of Bugles Across America, decided that we must remind ourselves of these shared ideals. Gerry began to organize a ceremony to remember 9/11 in Culpeper.

That first year, Gerry's sole support was the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. The Culpeper Minutemen Chapter gathered around Gerry in front of the Culpeper Volunteer Fire Department at 08:46 on the morning of September 11, 2008, the seventh anniversary to the minute that the first plane struck the North Tower. Salutes were rendered as Gerry played taps in memory of the brave fire fighters who gave their lives to save others on that day. At 09:03, the time that the second plane hit the South Tower, the same group gathered in front of the Culpeper County Sheriff's Office and repeated the ceremony in honor of the law enforcement officers who had given their lives. At 09:37, the time that the third plane hit the Pentagon, the ceremony was repeated at Culpeper National Cemetery, in honor of those killed in that attack. Then at 10:03, the time that the last plane crashed into a field in Pennsylvania, the ceremony was repeated at the intersection of Main and Davis Streets, where the police had stopped traffic.



The Color Guards in front of the Culpeper Volunteer Fire Department at 08:46 am

Over the years the ceremony has grown, and the Pentagon ceremony has shifted to the new Military Memorial in Wine Street Park. This year Gerry and Bugles Across America were joined by, not only the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter, but color guardsmen from the Colonel William Grayson and Fairfax Resolves Chapters; and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Culpeper Volunteer Fire Department, the Culpeper Police Department, and the Culpeper Sheriff's Office, with their members and their color guards. Beginning in 2013 a second taps was added at Main and Davis to honor the heroes of Benghazi on September 11th 2012.

Through the years many other Virginia Society Chapters have contributed members for the Color Guard in this ceremony. In 2018 the National Society Color Guard Commander recognized this as a "Massing of the Colors" National Event. On this day our community comes together to forget our differences, unite around our shared ideals, and remember those modern patriots who lost their lives that we may live free. It is a goal of the Sons of the American Revolution that this spirit be shared and never fade.

## VIRGINIA





The Color Guards at the intersection of Main and Davis Streets at 10:03 am



Medal awarded by the George Washington Chapter to all first time participants in Independence Day at Mount Vernon.

## Virginia SAR Independence Day

The two main venues for the Virginia SAR Color Guard on Independence Day were Mount Vernon and Culpeper, VA. At Mount Vernon the Color Guard and the Frederick Town (MD) Fife and Drum led a group of about 100 SAR, DAR, and C.A.R. members in a march up the Bowling Green and then down to George Washington's Tomb for a wreath laying. A little later in Culpeper the Virginia SAR Color Guard marched to the music of fife and drum up Davis Street to the Court House where politicians and a large local crowd gathered to welcome the news of independence brought by Thomas Jefferson (portrayed by Marc Holma) with Huzzahs and Musket Volleys. Afterwards the color guard participated in the Main Street Parade and helped the DAR pass out over 500 US Flags.



Salute from the 1st Virginia 4th of July at Mt. Vernon copy: The 1st Virginia Regiment re-enactors and the Virginia SAR Color Guard exchange salutes on Mount Vernon's Bowling Green.



The Virginia SAR Color Guard on the Culpeper Courthouse Green, left to right: Lon Lacey, Jr, Brett Osborn, Becky Ebert, Alan Lacey, Lon Lacey, III, Charles Jameson, Craig Truskey, Eric Robinson, Marc Holma as Thomas Jefferson, Tom Hamill, Marc Robinson, Michael Dennis, Bill & Cat Schwetke.



Virginia SAR Color Guard with the Frederick Town Fife and Drum in the Grove by Washington's Tomb on Independence Day



## Atlantic Middle States Association Meeting

The Virginia Society hosted the Atlantic Middle States Association District Meeting in Newport News on August 10th-11th and the District Color Guard, under its newly elected commander, Dave Hoover, added appropriate color to the meetings.

Atlantic Middle States Association Color Guard at Newport News, left to right: Bill Schwetke (VA), Dr. Matthew Barlow, Jr. (DE), Warren Alter (AZ), Dave Cook (VA), Jim O'Kelley (VA), Paul Chase (VA), Gene Moyer (MD), unknown, Ron Harbaugh (MD), Dave Hoover (MD)



## WASHINGTON

Washington State, just like every other chapter, has had a very busy summer season.

Filled with parades, dedications, public appearances and membership drives. In this issue of the Colorguardsman, my focus is on Parades and having fun. This year was our inaugural appearance in the West Seattle Parade at the suggestion and under the direction of Neil Vernon, Seattle Chapter President. Also carrying the US flag in the picture above. The parade is conducted in conjunction with Seattle, SeaFair celebrations held throughout the city in July. We have the traditional color guard photo, however we also have a Fife and Drum Corps consisting of SAR, DAR and members from the community. It was the inspiration of Viren Lemmer, Washington State SAR/DAR Fife and Drum commander. Even after a long one and one quarter mile march in July heat, we were all smiling, having fun. The Color Guard is the Face of the Sons of the American Revolution while the meetings are the voice. Color Guard is strong in Washington and if you ever move to our state, JOIN US!



Fife and Drum L-R

Viren Lemmer, Stephanie Conroy, Mike Bendixson, Dick Motz (Rifleman), Terry Barker, Kent Stirling (USFlag), Alex Lemmer, Ralph Liening (WA State Flag) Jeannine Stephan, Howard (Skip) Stephan

Glad Bearers L-R

Dick Motz, Neil Vernon, Jim Lindley, , Ralph Liening



Members of the West Virginia State Color guard presented colors for the Lt. Col. Charles Washington Birthday Memorial at his home site in Charles Town WV on September 15th. The Color guard mustered at the request of the Bee Line Chapter DAR, and gave honor volleys as part of the ceremony.

## WEST VIRGINIA







## WISCONSIN



The 200th anniversary commemorating the site of the Civil War Surgeons Quarters at Fort Winnebago in Portage, WI was held on July 21, 2018. Five of our guards participated with the DAR and Civil War



rein-actors at this event. In the picture of people standing; l to r Gerald Helgeson (acting commander), William Austin, Mike Nelson, Mark Nelson, DAR representative and Russ Burr.



An Independence Day Parade was held in Waukesha, WI on July 4, 2018. It was hot as Hades and steaming humid so we shucked our regimental jackets and only lost three guards to heat exhaustion. The thousands who cheered us on made it all worthwhile. In the picture of men standing; l to r - Ben Meador (dragoon), Mike Nelson (guard),



Mark Nelson (guard), Tia Rivera (banner carrier), Mike Meador (obstructed guard), Peter Grant (drummer), Tyler Vukich (militiaman), Shane Barrett (militiaman), Marcus Barrett (militiaman), Brian Barrett (commander) and Bill Austin (dragoon) and Logan Brengoez (missing banner carrier).





# The Siege of Fort Laurens

## Fort Laurens, Ohio

Fort Laurens was constructed in the Ohio Country in 1778. During the American Revolution, most American Indians residing in the Ohio Country allied themselves with the British. While they were neutral in the conflicts, the Lenape (Delaware) who had converted to Christianity under the Moravian brethren's missionary efforts in Eastern Ohio were among the few local American Indian groups who were friendly to invading Anglo-American settlers. In the fall of 1778, Lachlan McIntosh served as the commander of an American army sent to the Ohio Country to defeat the Wyandot, strong allies of the British, as well launch an attack against the British garrison located at Detroit, Michigan. During the month of November, McIntosh decided not to carry out his orders due to the winter months that lay ahead. Rather he decided to wait until the warmer spring months before conducting his attacks. He ordered the construction of a fort along the Tuscarawas River (near modern-day Bolivar, Ohio) to help his men survive the harsh winter weather.

Named Fort Laurens, after the president of the Continental Congress, Henry Laurens of South Carolina, the Americans completed the structure by early December 1778. It was to serve three purposes. First, the Americans hoped to utilize Fort Laurens as a base to attack the British garrison located at Detroit. Second, it would hopefully deter American Indian nations loyal to the British from conducting raids against American settlers in eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania. Finally, by offering protection to the neutral Lenape -- the so-called "Christian Delawares" -- the Americans might convince them to forsake their neutrality and join the settlers' cause. Unfortunately for McIntosh, his men disliked living in such a hostile environment. Rather than have a mutiny on his hands, McIntosh decided to take the bulk of his men, just over one thousand of them, to the safer confines of Fort Pitt in western Pennsylvania. He did leave behind approximately 150 men under Colonel John Gibson's command. Less than two weeks after McIntosh's departure, the men at Fort Laurens rose up against Gibson, but he was able to restore order.

Fort Laurens quickly drew the attention of British soldiers and their American Indian allies in the Ohio Country. In January 1779, Simon Girty, a British agent and interpreter among the region's American Indians, led a small group of Seneca-Cayuga natives to reconnoiter the fort's defensive features. The men came upon sixteen militiamen from Fort Laurens. They attacked and killed two of the Americans and captured one other. The captive revealed the awful conditions in the fort and the resulting low morale among the Americans. Captain Henry Bird of the English army hoped to take advantage of the situation. With a handful of British soldiers and 180 American Indian allies, consisting of Wyandot, Mingo, Munsee and Delaware peoples, Bird laid

siege to Fort Laurens beginning on February 22, 1779. Gibson learned of the attack before it took place. Half King, a Wyandot chief, had sent messengers to the Moravian communities along the Tuscarawas. He told the "Christian Delawares" (Moravian Lenape) that they either had to assist the Wyandots in their attacks on the American settlers, or the Wyandots would attack the Lenape. Delaware chief Killbuck, immediately alerted David Zeisberger, the Moravians' leader, who warned the Americans at Fort Laurens. McIntosh, still at Fort Pitt, quickly sent 120 militiamen to assist the men at Fort Laurens. They arrived too late to be of help. The British had already surrounded the fort, and the American force, believing it would be destroyed if they tried to help the fort's garrison, returned to Fort Pitt.

Throughout late February and early March, conditions in Fort Laurens deteriorated quickly. To avoid starvation, the men became desperate enough to boil their moccasins to make stew. Two men snuck out of the fort to go hunting. They killed a deer. When they returned to their comrades with the carcass, many of the men, ravenous with hunger, ate their portion of the deer meat raw.



Southwest bastion outline in ground

Conditions outside of Fort Laurens were only slightly better. The British and the American Indian confederation, also facing starvation, lifted the siege of the fort on March 20, 1779. Three days later a relief force, consisting of seven hundred men from Fort Pitt, arrived. As soon as Gibson's men became able to travel, the bulk of the Americans returned to Fort Pitt. Only 106 men, under the command of Major Frederick Vernon, remained behind.

In the meantime, Colonel Daniel Brodhead replaced McIntosh as Fort Pitt's commander. He informed General George Washington of Fort Laurens' inadequacy. It was too far from Detroit to serve as a staging ground to attack the British garrison located there. It also was not close enough to protect the Lenape at the Moravian missions in Schoenbrunn, Gnadenhutzen, and Lichtenau. Washington ordered the fort's abandonment. The last soldiers left Fort Laurens on August 2, 1779.

Fort Laurens was the only fort that the Americans built in the Ohio Country during the Revolution. Once Fort Laurens was abandoned, the Continental Army had no real presence and played no major role in the area for the rest of the war. Militiamen became responsible for the defense of American settlers in eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania.

Today, the Ohio History Connection operates a museum at the site of Fort Laurens.



Siege of Fort Laurens Bolivar, Ohio July 28, 2018 Color Guard Commanded by Ohio Color Guard Commander Steven Frash. .NSSAR President General Warren Alter and OHSSAR President Shawn Cox were present. State Societies in attendance was Ohio Society, Kentucky Society and West Virginia Society

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# COLOR GUARD

## Is your Black Powder Firearm safe to fire?

“ Safety is everyone’s responsibility;  
the safety of your firearm is your responsibility. ”

Mark Kramer, SAR Color Guard Safety Officer

The first question regarding is your firearm safe to fire is the age and condition of your Black Powder firearm. Age is of particular importance as the age may have a direct bearing on the condition of the barrel. Although the outside of the barrel may appear to be in fine condition the internal area around the breach of the barrel maybe compromised undenounced to the current owner. The simple fact is black powder is corrosive and causes rust in the barrel if not kept clean. If the firearm was not purchased new by the current owner, they have no idea if the firearm was kept loaded for an extended period of time or was properly cleaned immediately after firing, both can cause rust build up within the barrel.

One simple check that does not require a gunsmith is to examine the barrel and find the statement that says “black powder only” or “Black Powder or Pyrodex only. Do not use Smokeless Powder”. This will indicate that the firearm was actually designed to

be fired and not an antique firearm. There was no reason to place this statement on the barrel when black powder was all that was being used. The benefit of firing a reproduction firearm from a known manufacturer that was designed to be fired is the metallurgy of the barrel is consistent. It is for this reason firing an antique or original firearm is not advisable, and why take a chance on injuring yourself, a bystander or damaging a firearm that may have been used in revolutionary war.

I recently received an Email from a compatriot regarding a black powder class I was teaching. In his Email he expressed a desire to fire a new musket he





had just purchased; all he had to do was drill out the vent hole. When I expressed reservations about altering his new purchase this compatriot sent me the web page link to the seller. I must admit the web page looked impressive and advertised several historical firearms. When I searched for Revolutionary War era there was a note that these firearms were sent without the vent hole drilled due to various local and state regulations. Although black firearms can sent through the mail this comment seemed reasonable. However, when you move through the website you find a disclaimer that states that these firearms are sold for display only and any modifications to them voids any warranty and owner accepts responsibility for such modifications. Such a disclaimer should raise a red-flag

If you are unsure of the condition of your firearm have it evaluated by a gunsmith that is knowledgeable in black powder firearms. They will most likely use a bore scope and examine the integrity of the inside of the barrel and give you the assurance that the firearm is safe to fire. Let me first say that I am not a gunsmith; however, through research I have been unable to determine, other than through ATF, what the licensing requirement is for a gunsmith. The ATF, licensing is called, FFL (Federal Firearms License), and is solely for the selling and transfer of firearms and does not evaluate the knowledge and skills of a gunsmith.

Although a gunsmith can provide a much more in-depth inspection of your firearm there are inspections you can perform for yourself and those you train with.

Inspecting the safety of your firearm for a SAR event:

1. Weapon shall be confirmed to have a stock with no cracks or splits and that the but plate and trigger guard are fitted tightly. Further confirmation shall be mad that there are no burrs on the but plate or trigger guard screw heads that will snag clothing or hands.
2. Barrel bands must be secure. If pin fastened, all pins are all present and hold the barrel securely to the stock with no visible cracks or splintering. The barrel should fin the stock properly.
3. The barrel is free from visible dings or cracks. If sights are present, they are complete and operable.
4. Weapon shall be confirmed to be equipped with a flash guard and frizzen cover/hammer stall. The frizzen is in



good condition, not gouged and functions smoothly.

5. The lock fits property into the stock and snugly against the barrel and no charring should be evident around the top of the lock. Two-piece locks will have sections securely joined.
6. The hammer or cock fits tightly on the tumbler and all positions are firm and solid.
7. The lock must not fail in the half-cock position. If the lock fails in the half-cock position the weapon will not be allowed to fire.
8. When the trigger is pulled, it lets off smoothly without catching on half-cock.
9. Trigger pull is proper, not too heavy and not a hair trigger. If a set trigger, it is adjusted properly and works smoothly.
10. The cock screw works smoothly, jaws use lead or leather to grip the flint securely.

11. The flint is in good condition, set at the proper angle, does not strike the barrel and produces adequate spark for firing the weapon.

12. The pan is clean and fits snugly against the barrel

13. The touchhole is clear and of acceptable size. There are no signs of heavy corrosion around the touchhole.

14. The ramrod is straight, fits the stock properly, and if equipped with threads at the lower end, threads are clean and free of burrs.

15. Weapons shall be confirmed to be unloaded by pinging the ramrod.

16. The ramrod shall be returned to its normal position after the pinging.

Safety is everyone's responsibility; however, the safety of your firearm is your responsibility.



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ty. At this time, if a State Society wishes to obtain insurance, it should do so. However, the National Insurance Committee highly recommends that any such coverage should include the National Society SAR as an additional insured.

Now we are entering what is arguably the most active time of the year with respect to national events, local commemorations and the holidays. I look forward to the reports that each State Society will submit for the next issue. This newsletter is only as successful as the input provided by the various State Societies. Please be sure to provide pictures and written reports so that your fellow Guardsmen can see the breadth and scope of the Color Guard's activities across this nation.

To that end, I commend the list of approved National Color Guard events found elsewhere in this issue. I would ask that each State Commander send me an email confirming the 2019 date of the approved events in your state so that the calendar can be updated for the next issue of this newsletter. The email that it should be sent to is [colorguard@sar.org](mailto:colorguard@sar.org).

In conclusion let me once again thank each of you for your service. You are the face of the SAR to the public. By actively participating in events locally and nationally, you are making your ancestors proud.

Mark C Anthony  
Commander



Vice Commander from page 3

Ladies wearing Colonial Era attire are welcome to join us.

The California Society invites you to come early to the 2019 Congress and participate in one of the local patriotic programs.

In Patriotism,  
James C. Fosdyck  
NSSAR Color Guard Vice Commander

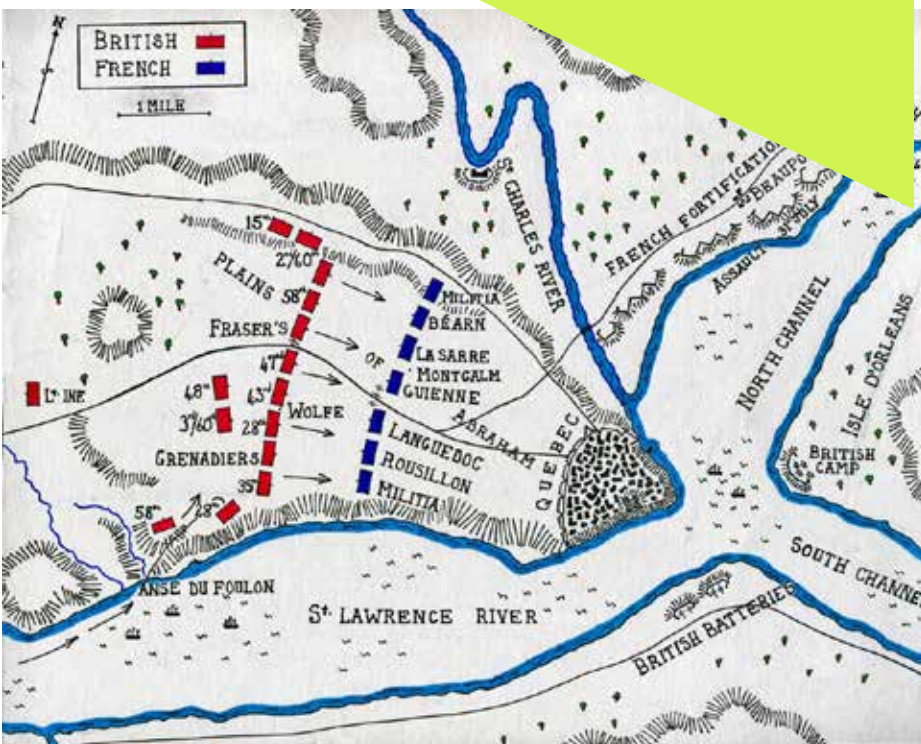


# Women Who Marched to Quebec With the Continental Army 1775

## *Those Indelible Camp Followers*

By Brett Osborn

“My mind was humbled yet astonished at the exertions of this good woman.” ~ John Henry



Why invade Canada? “The Continental Congress was looking for the knockout blow that would make their revolt against the British Crown a brief one.”<sup>1</sup>

This would prevent Canada from being used as a staging area for Crown Forces. Win over the French population residing in Canada. Include Quebec as part of the future United States.

At the time of the invasion there were approximately 600 Crown Force Regulars garrisoned in Quebec.

“General George Washington was impatient with the progress on invading Canada. He gave plans on invading Quebec to Colonel Benedict Arnold.”<sup>2</sup>

“Arnold thought he could get up the Kennebec River, portage across an area known as the ‘Great Carrying Place’ to the Chaudiere River, then on the Quebec. He estimated this as a three-week journey. Arnold gathered some 1,050 volunteers including Aaron Burr, Daniel Morgan and two ‘Mollies’ (camp followers) of Captain William Hendricks’ Rifle Company from Cumberland, Pennsylvania.”<sup>3</sup>

Due to the hardships of Benedict Arnold’s march, historians know of only four women who left Cambridge with

Arnold’s army. Only two are known to have reached Quebec, the others may have turned back early in the expedition or joined Colonel Roger Enos “who on October 25th, abandoned the enterprise with his division ignominiously taking the provisions, and returned to Cambridge.”<sup>4</sup>

The two successful women were “Jemima Warner, teenaged wife of James Warner, and Suzannah Grier, the wife of Sergeant Joseph Grier.”<sup>5</sup>

These two women marched along with their husbands. Sergeant Joseph Grier’s bride, six feet tall, was described by Rifleman Henry as a “large, virtuous and respectable woman. Jemima Warner went because she was worried about her husband’s health.”<sup>6</sup>

These women, were forced to struggle alongside the men, enduring the same privations (like the men of the Dutch Mess in an earlier article submitted by this author) and adversity that the rest of the army did.

The maps used to plan this endeavor were not accurate, nor was the rapids and waterfalls encountered anticipated. New England weather deteriorated. Food spoiled and was lost. “Jemima Warner and Suzannah Grier caught trout in the Kennebec River” but this



was not sufficient.<sup>7</sup>

Rations were so scarce that the men were forced to consume pet dogs and make gruel out of wax candles. “On October 31st some of Arnold’s companies were down to one pint of flour left for each man and no meat at all.”<sup>8</sup>

“The trek had taken six weeks twice what Arnold had estimated.”<sup>9</sup>

John Joseph Henry, a seventeen-year-old Lancaster, Pennsylvania youth who enlisted in Captain Matthew Smith’s Rifle Company was selected for the Quebec invasion; recorded in his journal: “Mrs. Grier has got before me,” while trudging through the swamps near Arnold River. “Her clothes more than waist high, she waded before me to firm ground. No one, so long as she was known to us, dared to intimate a disrespectful idea of her.” She kept up with her husband and endured the hardships stoically with all the others. “My mind was humbled, yet astonished, at the exertions of this good woman.”<sup>10</sup>

Jemima Warner inspired even more reverence than Mrs. Grier. Mr. James Warner was described by Henry as, “a man who lagged on every occasion.” Lost in the swamps near Arnold River and Lac Megantic, Warner became separated from the company. “He had sat down, sick, under a tree, a few miles back.” Distraught, “his wife begged us to wait a short time, and with tears of affection in her eyes, ran back to her husband.”<sup>11</sup>

“Finally, the company had to enter the pond, ‘breaking the ice here and there with the butts of our guns and feet’. They were once again waist-deep in water. Here they waited a little longer before Jemima Warner overtook them – alone. Her husband died sitting against a tree. The ground was frozen, she could not bury him, so she quickly covered his body with leaves and twigs.”<sup>12</sup>

From Abner Stocking’s journal he adds to this tale. “His affectionate wife tarried by him until he died, while the rest of the company proceeded on their way. Having no implements with which she could bury him she covered him with leaves and took his gun and other implements and left him with a heavy heart.” This caring woman, dedicated to her husband, returned to his side alone while the army marched on. Once he had died, with nothing left to do, she picked up his gun and



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The stories of Suzannah Grier and Jemima Warner did not end well. Both women made it to Quebec City, Suzannah Grier still in the company of her husband and Jemima Warner now alone.

“In December, Jemima Warner then dressed in a formal gown that someone obtained from one of the local residences and marched 800 yards through deep snows to deliver General Richard Montgomery’s surrender terms. She was admitted into the city and delivered the surrender demand to Governor Carlton, but he promptly tore it up and imprisoned her. Five days later he released her but made her march out the gate between two rows of drummers, a gesture to indicate that as a rebel, she was being drummed out of the empire.”<sup>14</sup>

“Soon after the siege of Quebec began, Jemima Warner was killed by a shot from the city (likely an artillery round).”<sup>15</sup>

“On daybreak December 18, there was one more American casualty. As she went to fetch water, a twenty-four-pound British cannon ball sheared off the head of Jemima Warner, who had lost her husband in the Chaudière swamps.”<sup>16</sup>

In December, “British guns managed to destroy a rebel artillery battery at St. Roch, killing a man and a woman. The latter was Jemima Warner, probably the first woman to die in combat for a country that still had yet to formally declare its independence.”<sup>17</sup>

“In April (1776) long after the desperate New Year’s Eve attack on the Quebec City and far into

the drawn-out stalemate between sides, Caleb Haskell recorded the death of Suzannah Grier. ‘A woman belonging to the Pennsylvania troops was killed to-day by accident – a soldier carelessly snapping his musket which proved to be loaded.’ Like so many men who made the march, the expedition proved fatal for these two women as well. The anecdotes passed down regarding their intrepid deeds during the march stand as a testament to their enduring strength and fortitude.”<sup>18</sup>

When we honor women, who support our National Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard with the Molly Pitcher Medal, they are following in the traditions forged by these two Patriot Women, Jemima Warner and Suzannah Grier.

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## Fall Leadership Meeting

Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY Friday  
28th September

The National Color Guard Committee approved the following two proposals at the Fall Leadership meeting.

**Hand Salute** – The policy of the National Color Guard is that the preferred hand salute at a grave marking or other event requiring an individual hand salute by a color guardsman shall be a slight raising of the hat and slight bend of the head. If the color guardsman is carrying a sword or musket, the appropriate weapon salute may be substituted for the hand salute.

**Staff term of Office:** To qualify for the Gold Color Guard Medal for service in a national leadership capacity the Color Guardsman must have served at least four years total service in the command staff of the SAR National Color Guard. Such service shall include at least two years as Adjutant, one as the Vice Commander and a year as Commander. The Commander may opt for a second term. To qualify for consideration to serve in the command staff, a color guardsman must have participated as a guardsman in three National Congresses and two National Leadership Meetings.

The Color Guard Safety Policy and Procedures was again tabled and sent back to the sub committee for additional amendments over concerns regarding training, insurance and powder.



# Dead and Gone

Stu Hoyt

William Hightower Chapter, Texas SAR

**None** of us want that as an epitaph. Most of us are not seeking any type of glory in this life but we would like to be remembered for accomplishing something. Someone once said, "Have an Undertaker as a friend because they will be the last person to let you down". Most of our lives are consumed with people to see, places to go, and things to do that we have little time for much else. Yes! Sooner or later we will all be dead and gone but let us hope, not forgotten.

As members of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution we have a heritage that we must not let die. There are not a lot of Patriot ancestors buried in our soil but we have a number of compatriots resting in peace in hallowed ground. There have been more than thirteen thousand members in the Texas Society since it was founded in 1896. A few have elected to allow their membership to lapse but about half are dead and gone. It is our responsibility to insure that they are not forgotten.

The price of SAR grave markers can become beyond the means of a small chapter but we should always try to work with the family of the deceased to make it happen. Because of the price of metals, grave robbing will always be with us so it behooves us to encourage the more permanent markers. Once marked with the proper ceremony, those sites should not be forgotten. It would be difficult to rededicate the more than six thousand graves across this great state but we can start with those that served as President-Generals and Texas Society Presidents and those whose lives made a mark on Texas and our nation as a whole.

On Saturday, 11 August 2018, we made a start by rededicating the graves of two of our past state presidents, George T. Jester (06-07) (former TX Lt. Gover-

nor) and Edward M. Polk (31) (cousin of President James Polk). Both are interred at the Oakwood Cemetery in Corsicana. SAR and DAR members from across the state braved rain to support the families that were in attendance. It rained in Corsicana the day before and the day after but held off for us to complete the ceremony. Mayor Don Denbow, represented the City of Corsicana.

Until 2017, grave dedication was limited to Patriot graves and some states don't have many of our Patriot Ancestors in their soil. A new medal is available allowing state society members to honor Compatriots. South Carolina will celebrate their 130th anniversary in 2019. They are marking it with 15 dedicated Compatriot markings. I believe that we should follow suit. Our state is a little more diverse but we could follow up with more dedicated statewide events for past President Generals and State Presidents and allow the regions and chapters to make up the rest. The important thing is not the medal but to perpetuate the memory of those who have gone before.



Jester family descendants from left to right: Jerry Cope, Kris Galloway, Corie Galloway, Marshall Cope, Carolyne Coker, Gloria Cope, and Kelly Coker.

We had a good representation of Color Guard Members throughout the state with twenty-three members representing 10 chapters. There may have been more that were turned back by the weather. In attendance,



Pictured below, from left to right: Dennis Vierling (East Fork Trinity), Stu Hoyt (Wm. Hightower)(TX SAR C.G. Comm.), Tom Jackson (Robert Rankin)(TX SAR Pres.), Ron Walcik (Heart of TX), Marshall Cope (Arlington) (Jester descendant), Don Babbs (Edmund Terrill), Jeff Meller (Drummer) (Arlington), Jerry Pinkerton (Dallas), T.L. Holden (Edmund Terrill), Tom Van Fossen (Dallas), Bobby Gresham (Van Zandt), James Alderman (Van Zandt), Jim Clements (Patrick Henry), Monte Monzingo (East Fork Trinity), Dave Davidson (Van Zandt), Ron Turner (Van Zandt), Sonny Replogie (Denton), Walt Thomas (East Fork Trinity), Jerry Cope (Arlington) (Jester descendant), Robert Kubin (East Fork Trinity), and John Greer (Edmund Terrill). Tom Whitelock (Dallas) and Ted Wilson (Edmund Terrill) (Not shown).

Polk family descendants left to right: Kathryn Ann Polk Lewisville, Adrienne Polk Colwill (McKinney), Emma Blair Polk, Hadley E. Polk, John Polk (Dallas), and Jim Taylor (N. Carolina).

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## CREDITS

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The ceremony was completed with a three rounds of musket salute followed by an unveiling of the SAR plaque of each of those honored, then their family members placed a wreath at the grave. The goal of the Texas Society is to continue this process for as many of our deceased past presidents as possible.