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Commander's Report

Fellow Color Guardsmen,

The Decade of the American Revolution (1773 to 1783) is upon once as we close in on the 250th Anniversary of many of the battles and events that brought about this great nation.

The color guard is many times the "Face of the SAR" as we are out front and in the public eye. By being the "Face" many of our activities find their way onto various form of social media which is great for publicity but not so much when items in the Color Guard handbook are not being followed. There are several articles in this issue of the magazine that deal with the issues that have come up over the last year. Safety is the primary topic whether it be dealing with the heat and other health related items or with the safety surrounding black powder and weapon handling.

Please take the time to review the articles in this magazine and to refresh yourself on the color guard handbook and safety videos. This information is available on the National Society SAR website (sar.org). Once you go to the website, please login. Once you have done this then click on "Members", then "Committees", and then scroll down to "Color Guard Committee" web page. Once on this page there are links for the Color Guard Handbook and three Training videos.

Each color guard member should know the material in the handbook and color guard training videos as well as "NSSAR's Youth Protection Training" which is under the eLearning tab of the main SAR website. The Youth Protection Training needs to be updated every three years and many who originally took the training when it first came out need to complete the new training course. The color guard works with and around children and thus guardsmen fall under the National SAR policy that requires this training.

The three new color guard videos that have been referred to in prior articles have been finished and authorized to go onto the color guard webpage. Hopefully this will happen shortly after the conclusion of the NSSAR Congress.

During this quarter two members of the color guard support staff have stepped down.

Artillery Commander Dr. Rudy Byrd from Arizona
Fife Major David Embry from Maryland.

On behalf of the staff, we wish to thank these compatriots for their service and hope they can stay involved with the color guard.

An updated draft of the Color Guard handbook will be ready for Congress, and we also have several motions that will be put in front of the committee.

During the past few months, it has been my honor to serve as your National Commander while participating at the

- 1) Frederica Naval Action Commemoration on Saint Simons Island, Georgia
- 2) Battle of Pensacola Commemoration – Galvez Days in Pensacola, Florida
- 3) George Rogers Clark Commemoration in Vincennes, Indiana
- 4) Fort San Carlos Commemoration in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri
- 5) National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC
- 6) Battle of Ramsour's Mill Commemoration in Lincolnton, NC

Please consider participating in the Vigil at George and Martha Washington's Tomb at Mount Vernon on Saturday 14 Sep 2024. The Signup Genius link is below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094CAA92DABFD0-50246546-mount>

I realize that the Gathering at Sycamore Shoals in Tennessee is on the same date so a guardsman will need to make a choice. If this is your first-time serving vigil as a tomb guard you will be given the Tomb Vigil Pin. Serving on this detail is the only way to acquire this pin.

Every time the magazine at least one person complains about the dates on the National Event schedule. Please note that the "National Color Guard Events" schedule is published with "HISTORIC DATES" with large print notation to verify the date of the event with the hosting society, chapter, or the SAR website.

I have located the dates of many of the events and they are in a chart at the end of this article or further into the magazine as spacing allows. Again, you always need to verify ~~to make sure that there have not been any changes since this list was compiled.~~



Please make sure that an invitation is sent to all members of the National Society SAR Color Guard Command staff as soon as possible once a date for a national event is set. It is extremely difficult to locate the when, where, and time of many SAR events.

Please also follow up after the event with the After-Action Reports as requested by the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee with a copy to the National Color Guard Commander.

In regard to medal applications as of 30 June 2024, the following color guard medal applications have been approved:

Silver Color Guard Medals - 66
Von Steuben Color Guard Medals - 18
Molly Pitcher Medals - 4

A few more have been received since then but I will include them in next year's count.

We are the face of the Sons of the American Revolution at the national, state, and chapter levels. Accordingly, as we further the Patriotic, Historic, and Educational Goals of the SAR let us have fun, enjoy the comradery, and practice safety for yourself and others.

I look forward to serving as your National Color Guard Commander for another year.

Yours in Patriotism

K. Scott Collins,
National Society SAR Color Guard Commander

Vice-Commander's Report

Compatriots,

As we get ready for our upcoming Congress.

Please bring your Uniforms.

Remember that you cannot wear any medals while in uniform.

Please keep a record of all events that you do.

Remember Spring, Fall, leadership meetings are National events as is Congress.

And remember you only get 20 points for Congress no matter how many times you put on your uniform.

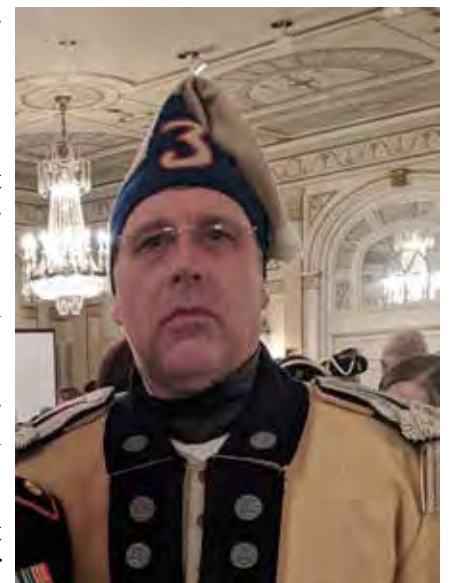
Please stay hydrated, and hydrate before coming to Congress.

Look forward to seeing you all.

At our upcoming Congress.

Respectfully submitted.
Robert Meyer.

Vice Commander, National Color Guard



Medal Clarification

For future publications of this magazine please remember that it is the policy of the National Color Guard Committee that no medals or other decorations will be worn on uniforms. If a picture is submitted that is not in compliance with this policy the Color Guard Committee reserves the right to not use the picture in any publication.

The following is from the National Society SAR Color Guard handbook:

- ***Wearing Medals. If a Color Guardsman insists on wearing SAR medals on his uniform because he would not otherwise have an opportunity to wear them, then they may be worn only during SAR internal events such as chapter, state and national meetings where the general public is not present. In any case, the Color Guard Commander in charge makes the final decision on the permission to wear medals on the Color Guard uniform during SAR internal events. It is the policy of the National Color Guard Committee that no medals or other decorations will be worn at official National Society events.***

Submitted at the request of the Color Guard Commander

Upcoming 2024 Events

Upcoming National SAR events *per state society calendars:*

18-Jul-24	Thurs-Sat	Fairfax Resolves	Virginia
17-Aug-24	Saturday	Blue Licks	Kentucky
31-Aug-24	Saturday	Eutaw Springs	South Carolina
07-Sep-24	Saturday	Battle of the Capes (new)	Virginia
14-Sep-24	Saturday	Washington Tomb Vigil	Virginia
14-Sep-24	Saturday	Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Tennessee
07-Oct-24	Monday	Kings Mountain	South Carolina
10-Oct-24	Saturday	Battle of Point Pleasant	West Virginia
12-Oct-24	Monday	Battle of Chestnut Neck	New Jersey
19-Oct-24	Saturday	Nelson Tomb - Yorktown	Virginia
20-Oct-24	Sunday	Battle of Red Bank	New Jersey
11-Nov-24	Monday	Veterans Day	
23-Nov-24	Saturday	Fort Morris - Come and Take It	Georgia
07-Dec-24	Saturday	Great Bridge	Virginia
28-Dec-24	Saturday	Ten Crucial Days - Trenton	New Jersey
05-Jan-25	Sunday	Ten Crucial Days - Princeton	New Jersey
17-Jan-25	Friday	Cowpens	South Carolina
25-Jan-25	Saturday	Cowans Ford	North Carolina
08-Feb-25	Saturday	Kettle Creek	Georgia
15-Feb-25	Saturday	Crossing the Dan	Virginia
15-Mar-25	Saturday	Guilford Courthouse	North Carolina
15-Mar-25	Saturday	Last Naval Battle	Florida
29-Mar-25	Saturday	Thomas Creek	Florida
12-Apr-25 ?	Saturday	Frederica Naval Action	Georgia
19-Apr-25	Saturday	Patriots' Day	
19-Apr-25 ?	Saturday	Lexington	Massachusetts
09-May-25 ?	Friday	Pensacola - Galvez Day	Florida
18-May-25	Saturday	Armed Forces Day	
24-May-25 ?	Saturday	Waxhaw's - Buford's Massacre	SC
24-May-25 ?	Saturday	George Rogers Clark	Indiana
25-May-25 ?	Sunday	Fort San Carlos	Missouri
26-May-25 ?	Monday	National Memorial Day Parade	DC
26-May-25	Monday	Memorial Day	
14-Jun-25	Saturday	Monmouth	New Jersey
21-Jun-25	Saturday	Springfield	New Jersey



Increasing Participation in Color Guard

Prologue

It's fall of 2022, the pandemic is subsiding, and people are actually getting back to conversing with one another face to face. An idea is floated during parting conversations after the completion of an OKC chapter meeting about taking the Color Guard unit to the next level. "Guys and Guns" is the catchy phrase being bantered about. What's not to like? So, at the next scheduled event this recruit to the Color Guard shows up at Colonial Days at the Capitol in a hastily prepared minute man uniform to be part of a team demonstrating to 5th Graders the Von Steuben musket loading and firing drill. He's hooked. This is what he wants to do.

Part 1: Formation of Honor Guard Musketry Team

What propelled the membership and increased the activity level for the OKC Color Guard (CG) was the formation of an Honor Guard musketry team. Drills and practices were held where safety and proper adherence to the Loading and Firing Drill were stressed. Now we can do much more than carry flags in parades. With guidance from CG Commander Joe Sieber in marching and proper protocol, much was accomplished in a short amount of time and soon we were scheduled for our first Patriot Grave Marking (PGM) live fire salute. The weather was good, the muskets all fired and before long the Honor Guard was in great demand. A Guidance and Safety Manual was adopted by the Chapter along with proper levels of liability insurance to extend to all members of the musket team. Captain Steve Miller currently commands the Honor Guard musketry team.

Part 2: Growth & Recognition

As our ranks grew, so did our recognition and invitations. We have good relationships with the OKC area Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapters, and several professional sports associations. A highlight was the Color Guard presenting Colors at the OKC Thunder professional basketball team game on two occasions. The Oklahoma Society was the recipient of 1st Place in the Stark Awards at the State Level for 2023 with 52,000 points. The OKC Chapter alone supplied 44,000 of these points. We have been able to supplement Color Guards with other Chapters in Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Missouri for Honor Guards, Patriot Grave Markings, and Veteran activities such as the Wounded Warrior (WW) Program.

Epilogue

It has been said that the Color Guard is the face of the SAR. It is what people see at public events who are not members or may not have even heard of The Sons of the American Revolution. We run into this more often than not. The SAR Mission Statement contains the words ".....educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country." We feel that our activities are more than just a presentation; it is an opportunity to educate and enlighten a general public too far removed from our American History. While we all bring different skill sets to the table, one thing our Color Guard Members have in common is a strong desire to honor and respect those Patriot Ancestors that gave so much for our Freedom and way of life.

Oklahoma City Chapter President Mark Reichardt

Editor's Notes



I am very happy to note that **26** states have submitted content for this issue.

Let me say that for the next issue, PLAN HEAD and get your report started well before the deadline.

I am aware that the deadlines for issues especially January, July and October involve a time crunch for the state commanders/submitters and for me. I can't start compiling the issue (putting articles on pages) until I get all of the state contents since I list the state articles alphabetically. It takes at least two whole days to compile and recheck the placement of text and photos.

To hopefully make it easier on you, the state submitters, and me, I will extend the delivery deadline to an extra 4-7 days into certain issues month, e.g., January (7th), July (5th), October (4th). The time frame for the activities/events is still the preceding 3 months. For the July 2025 issue, color guard activities from April 1st to June 30th inclusive should be what's submitted.

PLEASE NOTE:

I would ask all submitters to help me in processing those submissions. Items to note are:

1. Some submissions had photos that were time consuming in getting them ready to include. They were (1) small in resolution and thus had to be placed as tiny graphics, (2) too blurry/DARK and had to be manipulated to sharpen the photos to be easily viewed. SO - PLEASE send photos in largest resolution possible and make sure that the submissions are not blurry.
2. **DO NOT SUBMIT HEIC** graphics
3. **DO NOT** embed photos in documents or messages. Send them separately as file attachments e.e., **Parade1.jpg**
4. **DO NOT** send in content that does not have Color Guard involvement.
5. **DO NOT** send graphics/pictures from within IDrive/Google-Drive or other cloud based storage
6. Identify which photo goes with which event. e.g., **(event-name)1.jpg**

This issue took longer to format because submissions did not follow the guidelines listed above. Submissions will be reviewed upon receipt and if necessary I will send the submission back for correction.

Yours in Patriotism

Steve

State Color Guard Commanders

I send at least two messages to the known Color Guard Commanders for each issue, i.e., one to remind them to send content to me for the next issue; then to provide the link to that new issue for them to forward to all of their state's color guard members.

When commanders change, notification should be provided to the National Commander and myself within the shortest possible time by the state authority making the change. Such as the retiring commander, state officer, etc. Provide the following personal information on the new commander:

- Full name
- Phone number that he uses - landline or Cell
- Email address
- Street Address
- City
- State & Zip

If in passing content requests to your color guard members **PLEASE** make sure that they understand the guidelines to be used in submitting Content & Photos as explained in the column to the left. It takes too much time to have to re-format text into usable text and to try to open photos saved in a format that I have no application that will open the photo.

Some submissions are still using a Cloud source (e.g., Google Drive and/or Google Docs). These sources require several steps to actually get the photo or text into a usable format. Use WORD or text in message with Photos sent as file attachments to the message.

Some states are placing their events in Facebook - the SAR FB page. So far for the July events, the following have FB entries: OK, FL, MD, TX, WA, GA, WV, VA, MI. These events should be sent to me for the October Issue.

Acceptable Content

The color guard activities in the chapter, state, and National level are what should be submitted. These include activities where color guard units participate: parades, Grave markings, Flag retirements, posting/retiring colors at meetings (SAR and NON-SAR meetings), Presentation of Color Guard medals (Bronze/Silver, Von Steuben, Gold, Molly Pitcher, etc). Obviously, this includes the National Color Guard events as listed in this magazine.

There are times when submissions for the *SAR Colorguardsman Magazine* contain items that I would wish more chapters were participating in. Such as Eagle Scout awards and other youth award/presentations, Heroism, EMT, Law Enforcement, Liberty, and other medals. These are special moments and deserve to have them known to all SAR members. The proper medium for making these exemplary activities known is the **SAR Magazine** – **not** the *SAR Colorguardsman Magazine*. Therefore, please send them to the editor of the SAR Magazine.



SAFETY

Safety Officer - Brett Osborn

Summer Event Safety

SUMMER EVENT SAFETY

Compatriots, it's summertime and still hot! This is a reminder from last year's article. For all your color guard events, encourage plenty of hydration and use sunblock/sunscreen on exposed areas of your skin while outdoors.

I've attached two links to information I use as the Virginia Society SAR Color Guard Commander related to this topic. Please consider using these to plan your events. Be cool and stay cool!

Please use the following NOAA calculator: <http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/html/heatindex.shtml>

And the following for looking up 10-day weather schedule: <https://weather.com/> (just type in the city/location)

The National Weather Service has developed a new HeatRisk product, which evaluates the threat of predicted temperatures on a 0 to 4 scale.

The HeatRisk levels consider how unusual the heat is, its duration and its potential health effects. At levels 3 & 4, the heat will pose a threat to individuals without adequate cooling and hydration. The most vulnerable groups are typically outdoor workers, the homeless, older adults and anyone without access to air conditioning.

<https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/heatrisk/>

The NWS HeatRisk is an experimental color-numeric-based index that provides a forecast risk of heat-related impacts to occur over a 24-hour period. HeatRisk takes into consideration:

- How unusual the heat is for the time of the year
- The duration of the heat including both daytime and nighttime temperatures



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- If those temperatures pose an elevated risk of heat-related impacts based on data from the CDC

This index is supplementary to official NWS heat products and is meant to provide risk guidance for those decision makers and heat-sensitive populations who need to take actions at levels that may be below current NWS heat product levels.

SUMMER EVENT COLOR GUARD PLANNING

Be mindful of heat factors for upcoming outdoor summer events. Some things to consider as mitigating factors:

- Schedule the event early—like 10 a.m. instead of 11 or later. The 1–2-hour difference can really help. Avoid afternoon events if possible.
- Wear cooler hunting shirts—or issue “Orders to the Guard” that militia attire is acceptable.
- Ask event organizers to provide pop-up shelters (shaded areas) if possible. Provide a pop-up shelter just for the Guard.
- Ask event organizers to provide bottled water. Guardsmen should carry their own canteens or bottled water in their haversacks.
- Event organizers should ensure the program is limited to no more than 45 minutes. Saying we always did it this way is not risk analysis.
- o Try to limit long-winded speakers. Suggest 5–10-minute time limits.
- o Reduce the number of wreaths “Wreath-o-Rama. National event in

New Jersey, one giant wreath for all lineage societies and the Masons had a wreath (good call NJ). Everyone was recognized for participation. Consider other options for reducing time spent on wreaths.

- o Ensure that Guardsmen are not required to stand in the summer sun at attention for more than about ten minutes.

- o Consider alternate methods (all perfectly acceptable and consistent with Title 4 US Code in how the Colors are presented/displayed).

- o **Option A:** march in and present the Colors for the Pledge/national anthem, then march off with the Colors (not posted). This is preferred by the US Military at outdoor ceremonies.

- o **Option B:** same as above; but post the Colors and leave them in place (i.e., don't retire the colors). Best for photos.

- o **Option C:** present, post, and retire the colors. Hard for the Guard to relax when they must step back up at the end of the ceremony in uniform.

- o **Option D:** post the Colors before the ceremony (i.e., don't use a color guard). Many ceremonies use this.

- o All the above are correct, but the first two options ensure that the Guard can retire to the shade and remove jackets and gear for the duration of the event. The last option is the least stressful, and this should be the preferred option in really hot weather (i.e., heat indices in the high 90s to low 100s).

- o The event organizer should be aware of how to contact the local Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), particularly if the event is in a rural area. Consider cell phone coverage in remote areas.

- o Be mindful that we are not a youthful group, and our bodies become less heat tolerant and drop out quicker.

The above should be considered in a Summer Weather Risk Mitigation Analysis for each event. Conducting multiple summer outdoor events on the same day with the same attendees obviously presents challenges that could require adopting the mitigation measures noted above.

Be sure you are aware of the signs of sunstroke/heat exhaustion and the immediate steps to take to alleviate the situation.

Brett Osborn

NSSAR Color Guard Safety Officer

Black Powder Incidents

I am going to address three incidents involving black powder that require attention of all NSSAR Color Guard members.

The first I will call the Westford incident which occurred on 19 March 2023. No involvement of NSSAR members or Color Guard. A reenacting unit was conducting drill in Westford Museum in preparation for the April Battle Road re-enactment depicting the Revolutionary War battles at Lexington and Concord. During drilling, a reenactor put his musket at full cock, pulled the trigger and fired. Even though the gun had no powder in the pan, the spark from the flint ignited the main charge and fired a musket ball into the museum. It went through a 6x6 wood post, into the second floor, and lodged into a wall. There were children in the museum at the time. Another visitor was narrowly missed by the ball. The State Police came, confiscated the musket, and then the news media showed up. As stated by the reenacting unit I belong to, "This is a wake-up call to all of us. Safety, safety, safety! Muzzle control and knowledge of the status of your own weapon are paramount to what we do." My takeaway from this incident is the failure to do safety checks prior to the drilling. Second, when doing practice firing, remove the flint and replace with a wooden wedge. The unit had no Accident/Incident Plan and no Media Liaison or Media Plan. They had no response as the evening news cameras covered this incident. The Hillsborough Incident occurred on 6 April 2024 at a Revolutionary War Living History Day. A participant in this event did not remove his ramrod from his black powder rifle causing the ramrod to be propelled from the rifle and strike another participant resulting in a bruised leg.

Apparently, rumors were spread that this was a SAR Sanctioned event, and the shooter was a SAR member. This was not an NSSAR sanctioned event. Neither was the shooter an SAR member, this was some deflection by people attending this event. The individual shooting had no affiliation with any reenacting units, which is one question as to why he was permitted to shoot, he was ramming down cartridges which is not permitted at National Parks and many state historic sites, and it is not permitted in SAR Color Guard standards. From a photograph I was shown it appeared the shooter was also wearing a bullet board which I wrote about in the last issue with ball ammunition attached. The fact the site lets this individual walk on is questionable. The SAR State Color Guard Commander issued a stand down order till this situation was sorted out. Two things that would be useful to have assisted; there was no State Color Guard Accident/Incident Report available and there was no State Media Liaison or Media Plan. Something to consider as rumors spread quickly. Also having a Statewide training program that certifies and documents the State Color Guard black powder shooters is relevant for countering these incidents with a State Media response.

Having an Accident-Incident reporting procedure together with a Media Response Team (that can issue "holding statements"). This helps (1) to get info quickly (or at

least to know what is known and what is not known). (2) To mitigate negative Public Relations and misinformation.

If a State Color Guard does have a safety stand down, publishing lessons learned will be useful for the NSSAR Color Guard.

The third incident happened at a Memorial Day Parade, the Malvern incident. This involved an SAR Color Guard participating in a parade event. There was an apparent public complaint filed at National Headquarters regarding unprofessionalism where weapons were pointed towards the public while the unit was participating in musket firing and bayonet charges.

Important to note, at the NSSAR Color Guard Committee meeting at the Spring 2024 Leadership meeting it was voted to stop All firing in parades. This will be updated in the NSSAR Color Guard handbook that is being revised.

While there can be fixed bayonets in outdoor events and there can be demonstrations, which are done at historic sites, consider the public safety concerns.

This incident is being investigated by the NSSAR Commander, again the State Color Guard should do a Stand Down and review their color guard training standards. In this case no Accident/Incident Report was completed and there was no State Media response as this incident was reported directly to NSSAR Headquarters.

Let's be safe out there Guardsmen!

Update on Liability Insurance and Survey

Ever sent I have been active with the color guard at the national level there have been question on BLACK POWDER INSURANCE.

But what we must realize is that potential liability goes beyond the color guard and black powder weapons. A guardsman or a member of the public can trip and fall on speaker cables, electrical cables, our equipment, etc. We concentrate on issues at commemorations and grave marker dedication ceremonies but there is also potential liability exposure every time we gather for a meeting.

The risk is real. Incidents have happened at SAR events.

If you believe that no one would sue your chapter, your state society, or the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, or you personally then you need to look at the state of liability litigation occurring in this country.

Every state is unique and varies greatly in the coverage available and the cost of that coverage. In Georgia we carry our coverage at the state level which also covers our chapters. Our hope is that at some time in the future the coverage can be at the National level and would then flow down to the state societies and chapters.

Many times, it takes several conversations with the insurance broker to make sure they understand the type of events your society undertakes and that you understand exactly what the offered liability policy will cover.

In several states we have seen the renewal premium jump astronomically this year and this has also required conversations with the broker and the underwriter so that the renewal premium could be reduced to just a substantial jump.

Each state society makes their own decisions but if you decide not to have insurance then please talk with a knowledge attorney on what can be done to minimize exposure. If a National Society SAR event is being held in a state where the society does not have liability insurance, then there cannot be any black powder activities at the national event.

If your state society has insurance, then the National Society SAR needs to be named as an additional insured.

As the National Color Guard Commander, I have been requested by the national headquarters to gather the following information:

- 1) State Society Name
- 2) Do you carry liability insurance? If so carrier and policy year
- 3) Number of members in the Color Guard
- 4) Number of Compatriots that attend at least one meeting or event each year (best guess, include color guard members)
- 5) Do you allow black powder firing? Number of events at which a black powder firing occurs
- 6) Outside of chapter meetings the approximate number of events in the state
- 7) Are there any events at which anything is placed in the barrel other than black powder? If yes please explain
- 8) If you do not allow black powder firings, then do any guardsmen carry operable weapons?
- 9) Are artillery pieces used at any events? Are artillery crews certified?

Please answer using the Survey Monkey link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7JWZKYG>

The Fife And Drumm Corps

The Music in the Field

April 14 - The 8th annual Patriots Day Commemoration at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West, sponsored by the Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, with the help and support of compatriots from five states and representing numerous SAR, DAR chapters and other organizations. With Fifer Scott Giltner and drummer Chris Canine 'Leading the Line', Chris Canine sounds preparatory for Musket Salute, Scott Giltner 'Sounds Taps'.



April 24 - Coffman's Station School Day - This was truly like bringing historic Williamsburg to our hometown! These dedicated men really take pride in educating these kids about life during the American Revolution. Scott Giltner talks about the importance of military music in the American Revolution century Army



April 27 - Indiana War Memorial Downtown Indianapolis - The event dedicated a 250th anniversary bench and a grave marking for 5 Patriots buried in the area. Forward March with Scott Giltner and Chris Canine (pic 3-1) and Chris Canine sounds preparatory for Musket Salute (pic 3-2)



May 4 - Rev War weekend, George Washington's Mount Vernon - It's was great to finally get out in the field and knock the rust off and take the new knee out for a test drive - Fifer David Embrey and Drummer Noah

May 9 - Locust Grove - Scott Giltner engages a group from a local home school coop as he presents a fife and drum program at Locust Grove, the historic home in which George Rogers Clark died that was owned by his sister and her husband. It's all about engaging the public (pic 5-1, 5-2)



May 11 - Shelby County Arts & Music Festival - Scott Giltner supported the Shelby County Arts & Music Festival in Shelbyville, KY Scott played the fife in front of the Shelby County History Center to help promote the center and provide education on Revolutionary War music.



May 25 - George Roger's Clarke Commemoration in Vincennes, Indiana - Chris Canine and Scott Giltner were the drummer and fifer for this was a national color guard event. Scott Giltner sounds Taps



May 30 18th century Field Music presentation – Fifer Dave Embrey always enjoy engaging the public with Musick demos by including audience participation and this was no exception. I was invited by Charles Carroll chapter 1st VP Scott Jacobs to present a Field Music program for his Washington D.C. Mason Lodge with Scott Jacobs with Bud Michels



May 31 Sgt. Lawrence Everhart Chapter - with the cooperation of other Chapters, the DAR, and the combined MD-VA SAR Color Guard held a Commemoration of the Wayne's Crossing of the Potomac River at Noland's Ferry. Charlie Drenning Sounds Taps



June 1 Kentucky Historical Society – Scott Giltner and Chris Canine gave a presentation on the fife and drum music as part of the Kentucky History Day to commemorate the 232nd anniversary of Kentucky becoming a state. They performed on the front steps of the Old Capital Building in Frankfort, KY.

June 8 – 5 Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony Glade Cemetery - Sergeant Lawrence Everhart Chapter MDSSAR and the Walkersville Historical Society Patriot Grave Marking Service Honoring Five Revolutionary War Patriots at Glade Cemetery, Walkersville, MD - Color Guard participant Charles Drenning Sounds Taps (pic 11-1)



June 8 1:00 pm - Pemberton Hall - Color Guard members Jason Posey, Ronnie Howard and Drummer Noah joined the Samuel Chase, William P. Duvall, John Smoot Chapters, and the Pemberton Hall Foundation honored Ensign Henry Handy by placing a marker and informative kiosk. Built in 1741, Pemberton Hall was Henry's ancestral home. Rendering Honors - Drummer Noah sounds The Preparatory during the Musket Salute

June 8 - Separation Day, Delaware – It was a 'Great Day to be in Wool' as SAR 'Old Line' Color Guard member Fifer Dave Embrey, fell-in with the 1st Delaware for Separation Day Celebrations in New Castle, Delaware. It's always enjoyable to fall-in and play some tunes with Mary Torbey



June 14 - On Flag Day, SAR HQ hosted a Flag Day event at an urban park in downtown Louisville near HQ. Chris Canine and Scott Giltner were there to play the fife and drum. Before the ceremony they stood out on Main Street playing various tunes in order to draw attention to the event.

June 14 – Flag Day - VFW Flag Retirement Program – 'It was another Great Day to be in Wool' as Color Guard members David Embrey, Glenn Moss, Chris Schaffer and VFW Post 7472 participated in the quarterly Flag Retirement Program at the Howard County Alpha Ridge Landfill. Residents put their used flags in the metal containers, which are collected quarterly for proper disposal. Advance the Colors'





June 26 – Blackacre, historic farm, Jefferson County, KY. The Independence Day event where Chris Canine and Scott Giltner led a parade of children carrying flags and wooden muskets. Afterwards we did some photo ops with the children.

June 29 - The Shelby County History Center, Shelbyville, KY. This was the kickoff event for Shelby County's commemorations of the 250th Anniversary. Several events commemorating the 250th will occur over the next few years in Shelby County. Scott Giltner and Chris Canine provided fife and drum music to set the atmosphere and to attract people to our event.



134TH ANNUAL CONGRESS - 2024

Lancaster, Pennsylvania
July 10–July 16, 2024

IMPORTANT THE SCHEDULE HAS SHIFTED SO PLEASE PAY ATTENTION:

Wednesday, Jul 10 Excom/SARF

Thursday, Jul 11 Tours and Host Reception

Friday, Jul 12 CG Breakfast, Trustees Meeting, Memorial Service, First Lady's Tea, Rumbaugh Finals

Saturday, Jul 13 CoSP Breakfast, Opening Session, Youth Luncheon, Minuteman/Awards Session

Sunday, Jul 14 District Breakfasts, 2d Session, GWEF/VPGs Luncheon, Ladies Luncheon, Balloting, PGs Banquet

Monday, Jul 15 Donors Recognition, Final Session of Congress, Short Tours, Installation Banquet

Tuesday, Jul 16 Excom/SARF Add on Tours to Philadelphia or the Philadelphia Campaign are being offered but must have a minimum of interested parties or they will be cancelled.

Hotel Registration Link

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1694032062042&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

The hotel is the Lancaster Marriott, Penn Square, 25 S. Queen St., Lancaster PA. Ph. 717-239-1600

Give them the GROUP CODE of NSSAR

Rooms are \$149 plus tax per night with a 48 hour cancellation policy. These rates are good for the dates July 8 – 17, 2024

Room options are either a king or double. All suites have been allocated already. If you have problems please contact the NSSAR Congress Planning Chair, Paul Callanan, 704-756-0363 or LTCMRSC@aol.com.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Color Guard Event Flyers

The following section's pages contain submitted notices from various state color guards. Make every effort to attend these events to support these events and Forward this information to your fellow color guardsmen.



250th Anniversary of the Fairfax Resolves



SAR 250th National Event

You are cordially invited to the 250th Anniversary of the Fairfax Resolves. This is one of two national SAR 250th events this year. The SAR President General and other national officers will be in attendance. Registration is now open. The celebration will take place from July 18-20, located just a two-hour drive south to Fairfax County, Virginia, after the 2024 SAR Congress concludes in Lancaster, PA on July 16.

See the attached flyer for the 3-day schedule of commemorative events and activities. Make plans now to attend some or all of the activities following Congress. The primary SAR 250th event will take place at Historic Pohick Church on Thursday, July 18th, at 3pm. This is the home church of George Washington and George Mason, built in 1774, the year the resolves were signed.

Additional commemorative events will be held at George Mason's Gunston Hall, George Washington's Mount Vernon, Historic Christ Church and Market Square in Old Town Alexandria where the resolves were signed. The city of Alexandria will host its 250th event which will include the unveiling of a Fairfax Resolves Road to Revolution plaque near Market Square.

Dining events include meals at the Mount Vernon Inn and Historic Gadsby's Tavern, where Washington's birthday ball and Jefferson's inaugural banquet was held. The President General will host a reception at the Duvall House, where Washington was celebrated in December 1783, upon his return from the Revolutionary War. We will also enjoy a special Fairfax Resolves 250 craft brew and luncheon buffet at a local craft brewery.

Entertainment will include historical interpreters for signers George Washington, George Mason, Rev. Lee Massey and John Carlyle, a performance by the Old Guard Fife & Drum, a walking tour of Revolutionary Alexandria and a tour of the Tall Ship Providence, the Continental Navy ship commanded by John Paul Jones.

You may register for the Fairfax Resolves 250 events and activities at the following link: <https://www.virginiasar.org/ffx250>

The host hotel will be the Alexandrian, a Marriott Autograph Collection property, located adjacent to Market Square in Old Town Alexandria. Registration for the hotel is available at <https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1713368845821&key=GRP>.

In addition to the schedule of events, you can find more information about the Fairfax Resolves at fairfaxresolvessar.org/250.

Note that there is limited capacity for all Fairfax Resolves 250 paid events and for the hotel room block at the group rate. All paid events will be filled on a first come, first served basis, so take an opportunity to register at your earliest convenience. We do have an option to increase the room block at the hotel, so let us know if you experience any issues with registration.

We look forward to welcoming you at this SAR 250th event!

In Patriotism,
Jeff Thomas, Chairman, Fairfax Resolves 250 Committee

Thursday, July 18th, 2024

9:30 am "Author of the Fairfax Resolves" George Mason Plaque Dedication Ceremony George Mason's Gunston Hall, Lorton, VA
Home of American Rights

11:30 am "Chairman of the Fairfax Resolves" Wreath Laying and Program at George Washington's Tomb George Washington's Mount Vernon

12:30 pm "Dining with the Washingtons" Luncheon at the Mount Vernon Inn Hosted in the George Washington Room George Washington's Mount Vernon

3:00 pm "Home Church of Washington and Mason" 250th Program and Plaque Unveiling Historic Pohick Episcopal Church, Lorton, VA
Built in 1774 – Year the Resolves were Signed

6:00pm "Signing of the Fairfax Resolves" 250th Public Event & Plaque Unveiling Market Square, 300 King St., Alexandria. Where the Fairfax Resolves were Signed

7:30PM "President General's Reception" Duvall House, 305 Cameron St., Alexandria. Where Washington was celebrated in 1783 Upon his return from the Revolutionary War. Appetizers, Cocktails and a Madeira Toast

Friday, July 19th, 2024

9:30 am "Footsteps of the Signers" Tour of Revolutionary Alexandria and Sites Associated with the Signers Alexandria History Tours with Tim Rose

OR

"Seaport of the Signers" Tall Ship Providence Tour 1A Prince St., Alexandria Waterfront John Paul Jones and the Continental Navy

Noon "Portside with the Signers" Luncheon at the Fish Market 105 King St., Old Town Alexandria Heart of Alexandria's Waterfront District

3:00 pm "Memorial to the Signers" laque Dedication and Ceremony Historic Christ Church Built in 1773 118 N. Washington St., Alexandria

6:00 pm "Dinner with the Signers" Gadsby's Tavern – Fine Dining since 1770 . 138 N. Royal St., Old Town Alexandria Descendants 250th Reunion Dinner Hosted by George and Martha Washington

Saturday, July 20th, 2024

10:00 am George Washington Plaque Dedication Noon "Toast to the Signers" Settle Down Easy Brewing Co. 2822 Fairfax Dr., Falls Church, VA

Lunch Buffet and Special 250 Craft Brew



Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Ceremony



The Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter Kentucky Society

Sons of the American Revolution
invites you to attend the Memorial Service for the
242nd Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks

Saturday, 17 August, 2024 @ 10 a.m. EDT

**Blue Licks Battlefield State Park
10299 Maysville Road, Carlisle, KY
(Color Guard muster at 9:00 a.m.)**

Join us in this National Color Guard
event by presenting a wreath, carrying
your state flag or participating in the
flintlock gun salute

Contact Scott Giltner – stgilt@earthlink.net to register



The 244th Anniversary of The
Gathering at Sycamore Shoals

September 14, 2024

Sycamore Shoals State Park – Elizabethton,
TN

**Schedule – Friday, Sept. 13, 2024 – Three
Patriot Grave Markings**

Old Jonesborough City Cemetery - **1:00PM**
East Main Street – Park in 1st Baptist Church
(201 East Main Jonesborough, TN) parking lot
and walk on sidewalk up to the cemetery.

No parking at cemetery!

Patriots:

David Deadrick P-145904

Robert Patton P-266874

2:00PM

After marking these graves, we will travel
about 5 miles to 2362 Boones Creek Rd to
Johnson City Brewing at Boones Creek to
mark a patriot buried beside the building.

Patriot: **Capt. Joseph Crouch P-141703**

The Official Hotel this year is:

Holiday Inn Express, Johnson City, TN

2 Orr Court, Johnson City
(just off I-26 Exit 17)

SAR block of rooms: \$149/night plus taxes
We have rooms reserved for Sept. 12 & 13 at
this rate.

You may call the hotel direct at (423) 328-
0500 or use

Link:

https://www.hiexpress.com/redirect?path=hd&brand-Code=EX&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=-JNCJC&_PMID=99801505&GPC=SAR&cn=no&viewfull-site=true

Just put in your arrival and departure time
and it will pull up the rooms. Room Reser-
vations must be made by Aug 31.

Friday Evening Banquet

Depot Room – Food City Market
920 N State of Franklin Rd, Johnson City,
TN

2 Entre' Buffet Dinner with Carving Station
\$40/person (all inclusive except cash bar)

Reservations Only –

Please make reservations by
calling: David Carr – (423) 360-6090
or Joe Carter - (423) 276-7343

(Reservations must be made before Sept. 9, 2024)

**Saturday, Sept. 14 – 10:00AM
THE GATHERING AT SYCAMORE
SHOALS**

Celebrating the gathering of the patriots who marched across the
mountains to meet and defeat the Tory army of Maj. Patrick Ferguson
at the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park
1651 W Elk Street. Elizabethton, TN

National SAR Event

National SAR Color Guard

Wreaths will be presented

Please pre-register your wreath by emailing:
Choirboy44@live.com



National Color Guard Events - 2024 HISTORIC DATES

HISTORIC Date	Color Guard Event	Location	Host
January 3	Princeton, the Ten Crucial Days	Priceton, NJ	New Jersey
January 1?	Battle of Cowpens	Chesnee, SC	Daniel Morgan SAR
February 1	Battle of Cowans Ford	Huntersville, NC	Mecklenburg SAR
February 14	Battle of Kettle Creek	Washington, GA	Georgia
February 14	Crossing of the Dan	South Boston, VA	Virginia
February 22	Washington Birthday Parade	Laredo, TX	Texas
February 27	Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge	Currie, NC	North Carolina
March 10	Last Naval Battle of the Revolution	Merritt Island, FL	Florida
March 15	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC	North Carolina
April 12	Halifax Resolves	Halifax, NC	North Carolina
April 18	Patriot's Day	Nationally	
April	Frederica Naval Action -close 4/19	St. Simons Island, Georgia	
May 8	Battle of Pensacola	Pensacola, FL	Florida
May 11	Raid on Martin's Station	Ewing, VA	Virginia
May 16	Armed Forces Day		
May 17	Battle of Thomas Creek	Jacksonville, FL	Florida
May 28	Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous	Vincennes, IN	Indiana
May 30	Memorial Day events *	Various locations	
May 25	Battle of Fort San Carlos & Festival	Ste. Genevieve,	Missouri
May 29	Buford's Massacre	Lancaster, SC	General Francis Marion SAR
June 5	Battle of Ramsour's Mill	Lincolnton, NC	Catawba Valley SAR
June 11	Action at Machias	Machias, ME	Maine
June 17	Battle of Bunker Hill	Charlestown, MA	Massachusetts SAR
June 26	Battle of Springfield	Springfield, NJ	New Jersey SAR
June 28	Battle of Monmouth	Manalapan NJ	New Jersey SAR
July 4 every year	Let Freedom Ring / July 4th Events *	Various locations	
July 18	Fairfax Resolves	Pohick Episcopal Church, Alexandria, VA	Fairfax Resolves Chapter, VA Society
August 2	Siege at Fort Laurens	Bolivar, OH	
August 19	Battle of Blue Licks	Carlisle, KY	Kentucky
August 27	Battle of Long Island	Brooklyn	New York
September 3	Coochs Bridge	Pencader Historical Museum, Newark, NJ	DE Society
September 5	Battle of the Capes	Fort Story, Virginia Beach, VA	Norfolk Chapter, VA Society
September 6	Battle of Groton Heights	Groton, CT	Connecticut
September 8	Battle of Eutaw Springs	Eutawville, SC	South Carolina
September 25	Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Elizabethton, TN	Tennessee
September 18	Vigil at George Washington's Tomb	Mt Vernon, VA	
October 4-6	Point Pleasant Battle Days	Point Pleasant, WV	West Virginia
October 6	Chestnut Neck	Port Republic, NJ	NJ
October 7	Battle of Kings Mountain	Blacksburg, SC	Kings Mountain SAR (NC) / Daniel Morgan SAR (SC)
October 17	Battle of Saratoga	Stillwater, NY	Empire State
October 19	Yorktown Days	Yorktown, VA	Virginia
October 22	Red Bank Battlefield	National Park, NJ	NJ
November 11	Veterans Day Events *	Nationally	Various
November -	Siege of Fort Morris - 3rd Saturday	Sudbury, Georgia	
December 9	Battle of Great Bridge	Norfolk, VA	Virginia
December TBD	Wreaths Across America	Various Locations	
December 26	Battle of Trenton	Trenton, NJ	New Jersey
Events that can occur on random dates throughout the year			
	Massing of the Colors		
	Fields of Honor / Healing Field		
	Honor Flight		
	Liberty Tree Planting / Dedication		
	Washington's Birthday - February		
The following National Meetings are considered National events by Color Guard Policy due to the attendance of the President General:			
	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting		
	Annual NSSAR Congress		
	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting		

*A local event celebrating Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day may be counted as a National Color Guard event for the purposes of applying for a Color Guard Medal. Only a single event on each day may be counted. Multiple events on the same day cannot be counted multiple times. If the event is on a weekend nearest the actual holiday, that can be counted with respect to the single event limitation. For example, if a Veterans Day Parade occurs on a Saturday such as the 8th, then an event on the 11th does not count..

Note: As of the 2020 Spring SAR Leadership Meeting, a policy was adopted by both the National Color Guard and National Historic Sites & Celebrations Committees formally establishing that only the National Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee may designate National Historic Events based on that committee's established criteria. The only exception being that established Color Guard policy of recognizing President General, or his designated SAR General Officer representative, attendance at an otherwise unrecognized event will make that actual event a National Event.

Send event updates to [sarwilliamssa\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:sarwilliamssa@gmail.com) **and** Color Guard Commander

The National Events listed above count toward earning the SAR Silver Color Guard Medal and National Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement (See the NSSAR Color Guard Medals section). Dates published above are of the actual battle / commemoration date.

Guardsmen should confirm the actual date of the event listed above with published event invitations on the National Society SAR website or with the host state society.

State Society Color Guard Commanders

Welcome to the NSSAR Color Guard.

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

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

Changes are noted in RED text

Vendor List

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

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

Type the listed name of the vendor into your browser tab

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

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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 (10):** Alaska, Arkansas, Dakotas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Montana, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wyoming.

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Reports from The Field

State by State



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!



April...

- 4/3 - ATAGI DAR Navy 250th Commemorative Luncheon, Prattville, AL The ATAGI (Prattville) chapter of the DAR hosted a luncheon for Rear Admiral "Mike" Brown to honor the Navy's 250th Birthday anniversary and also commemorate the opening of the Prattaugan Navy exhibit. The Color Guard was Present-ed to do opening ceremonies. Photo at Left -- . Navy Luncheon



- 4/13 - Compatriot John Walker Grave Marking, Birmingham, AL ALSCG paid tribute to the passing of a fellow Compatriot John Walker. Honor Guard and Color Guard were present and paid respects with a flag ceremony and musket firing.

- 4/14 - Patriot Robert Davie Grave Marking with Historical Marker, Green, AL Revolutionary War Patriot Robert Davie was honored with the placing of a Pomeroy Historical Marker in his honor. The Alabama

Color Guard and Honor Guard was present to commemorate the historical marker.

- 4/14 - Patriot Richard Cavett Grave Marking with Historical Marker, Meridianville, AL Revolutionary War Patriot Richard Cavett was honored with the placing of a Pomeroy Historical Marker in his honor. The Alabama Color Guard and Honor Guard was present to commemorate the historical marker.

- 4/21 - Patriot William Walling Grave Marking with Historical Marker, Huntsville, AL Revolutionary War Patriot William Walling was honored with the placing of a Pomeroy Historical Marker in his honor. The Alabama Color Guard and Honor Guard was present to commemorate the historical marker.

- 4/21 - Grave Marking for Elizabeth Powell, Huntsville, AL The Alabama State Color Guard presented colors at the grave site of Elizabeth Powell. She was the Daughter of Revolutionary War Patriot Lieutenant John Peyton Powell Sr. This was in conjunction with the Alabama DAR.

Alabama -

- 4/30 - PFC Noah Crabel Reeves Burial (WW2, Blue Star), Moulton, AL Alabama State Color Guard participated in a Blue Star Grave Marking for PFC Noah Crabel Reeves. PFC Reeves was KIA in WW2 and his remains were recovered and moved to a proper grave site in Moulton, AL

May...

- 5/4 - Spring Board of Managers Meeting, Montevallo, AL Alabama State Color Guard conducted opening ceremonies for the Alabama State Chapter Board of Managers Meeting.

- 5/10 - Battle of Pensacola Anniversary, Pensacola, FL (2 events) Alabama State Color Guard Members were present in Pensacola, FL to help celebrate the anniversary of the Battle of Pensacola, FL. The Florida, and Georgia Color was also present. This marks the 243rd Anniversary of the battle. All members were present for 2 events.

- 5/18 - Grave Marking for Rebecca Lindsey Fulton, Alabaster, AL Alabama Color Guard conducted ceremonies for the Grave marking of Rebecca Lindsey Fulton. This event was organized by the David Lindsey DAR chapter of ALabama. Rebecca Lindsey was the daughter of a Revolutionary War Soldier.

- 5/24 - Alabama Poppy Project, Prattville, AL Alabama State Color Guard Members presented opening ceremonies at the Alabama Poppy Project in Prattville, AL. The Poppy Project is held annually to commemorate the military personnel who have since passed away during their time in the service and after.

Photo Below: Alabama Poppy Project



- 5/25 - Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony, Montevallo, AL Alabama State Color Guard was present and helped wit ceremonies for the Annual Memorial Day Wreath laying at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, AL
- 5/27 - Memorial Day Wreath Laying, Huntsville, AL Alabama State Color Guard was present and helped wit ceremonies for the Annual Memorial Day Wreath laying at the Alabama National Cemetery in Huntsville, AL
- 5/27 - Patriot John Ammonte Grave Marking, Madison, AL Alabama State Color Guard Members presented colors for the marking of Patriot John Ammonte. The Honor Guard was Present to show honors with a musket salute.
Photos below: Honor guard



June...

- 6/2 - Commemorative Marker for Patriot Stephen Penn, Danville, AL Revolutionary War Patriot Stephen Penn was honored with the placing of a Pomeroy Historical Marker in his honor. The Alabama Color Guard and Honor Guard was present to commemorate the historical marker.
- 6/15 - Patriot William Walton Jr. Grave Marking, Strawberry Hill, AL Alabama State Color Guard Members presented colors for the marking of Patriot William Walton.
- 6/23 - Pomeroy Marker for Patriot Election Thompson, Somerville, AL Revolutionary War Patriot Election Thompson was honored with the placing of a Pomeroy Historical Marker in his honor. The Alabama Color Guard and Honor Guard was present to commemorate the historical marker.
- 6/29 - Columbia Liberty Days, Columbia, AL Alabama State Color Guard Members were present at the Columbia, AL Liberty Days. CG members set up tents and informed visitors of the Alabama SAR. Members also marched in the afternoon parade, Shot a musket volley at a local winery, and kicked off the 5k race with a musket firing.
- 6/30 - Prattville Patriotic Concert, Prattville, AL Alabama State Color Guard Member Presented Color for the opening ceremony for Prattville, AL 4th of July Concert.
Photo Below: Prattville 4th of July Concert



Arizona

April 2024 BOM meeting at the Hassayampa Inn in historic Prescott Arizona.

Picture:

Back row
left to right
D o n
Dedrich of
S a g u a r o
Chapter,
Alan Fitch

of Prescott Chapter, Prescott Chapter Color Guard Captain Steve Monez of Prescott Chapter, Rob Berryman of Prescott Chapter, Bill Walters of Prescott Chapter, George White of Barry Goldwater Chapter, and Rob Welch of Barry Goldwater Chapter.

Front row left to right
Robert Filler of Prescott Chapter, Mark Seifert of Barry Goldwater Chapter, State Color Guard Commander Stan Marks, Stephen Miller of Phoenix Chapter, Ron Castle of Prescott Chapter and Steve Bigelow of Prescott Chapter.



Liberty Tree DAR Event in Fountain Hills Arizona in conjunction with the Four Peaks DAR.

Photo Right: left to right
Mark Seifert, Stu Morse, Rick Spargo, George White, Rob Welch, Donald Dedrick, Stan Marks



Memorial Day at the Phoenix National Cemetery:

Placing a wreath dedicated from the Barry M Goldwater chapter and participated in the parade of Flags

Photo Right: left to right:
Donald Dedrick, Stan Marks, Lynne Marks, Rick Spargo, Bob Welch, Mark Seifert



Submission Guidelines

As I continue to receive submissions that are not in conformance to the guidelines I will reiterate these in Large print. The most common submissions deal with photos - then text.

To Submit Photos:

- DO NOT embed in a text document - send as **file attachments** only.
- Send as JPG, GIF, PNG files. **Do NOT** send HEIC format.
- Send original resolution photo. A 33x39 pixel file is unusable.
- Name the files after the event, e.g., Parade1.jpg, Parade2. jpg and for multiple events ensure that you do not use the same file name twice!

To submit event text descriptions:

- Within the document use the proper photo file name(s) **for the specific event.**

- When listing the participants in the photo ***use this format only*** -
- “(Photo name)-(Event name) Color Guard members L-to R - John Jones, Sam Smith, David Daniels, Edward Evans, etc”

Do not do this - using tabs

(Event1) John Jones,	(Event2) John Jones,
Sam Smith, David Daniels,	Sam Smith, David Daniels,
	Edwards,
Edward Evans, Frank Fields	Edward Evans, Frank . .

Remember, this is for Color Guard events - not chapter events wherein a chapter member makes a presentation that does NOT include color guard participation. Such Chapter presentations are suitable for the SAR Magazine. It must be an activity that the **Color Guard UNIT** is doing.



California -

Point Vincente Chapter NSDAR America 250 Event

On Monday April 22 nd , a combined Harbor and South Coast Chapter Color Guard presented the colors for the Point Vincente NSDAR Chapter's America 250 event aboard the Battleship USS Iowa.

The event included the presentation of NSDAR JROTC Awards, and a presentation from VADM Brendan McLane, on the National Museum of the Surface Navy, scheduled for October13, 2025 opening.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Harbor Chapter & California State Color Guard Commander Brandon Villardi was presented with the DAR America 250 Commendation for

“Demonstration of Extraordinary Effort in Raising Awareness of Revolutionary Patriots and America’s 250 th Anniversary”

Photo Right: L-R: L-R: Jim Olds (H); Scott Whitman (SC); Jim Hernandez (SC); Kevin Bidenkap (H); Bob Maples (SC); Kevin Forrest (SC); Brandon Villardi (H)

Photo Left: Brandon Villardi (Harbor Chapter) NSDAR Award



Armed Forces Day

On May 18th, the California Society Color Guard participated in the 62nd Annual Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade. This Torrance parade is notable for being the longest-running military parade sponsored by a city in the nation. Additionally, it is among the select cities across the country that have been authorized by the Department of Defense to pay tribute to our Armed Forces with an annual parade and celebration, drawing over 100,000 participants to the weekend's events.

The Color Guard consisted of five Southern California Chapters: Harbor, South Coast, Orange County, Riverside, and General George S. Patton, Jr. Additionally, representatives from six local DAR Chapters and four C.A.R. Societies joined us, bringing the total to 53.

The muskets preceded the unit and entertained the onlookers by firing volleys at various intersections and were accompanied by Matt Noell and Kent Gregory on fife and drum following the Colors. Immediately following the Color Guard, the Harbor Chapter's parade trailer provided seating for those wishing to demonstrate their support.

We hope you can join us next year, Saturday May 17th, 2025, as we muster up for the 63rd running of the parade.

Photo Above Right: (Left to Right) - Nolan Forrest – South Coast, Kevin Forrest – South Coast, Brandon Villardi – CASSAR, Color Guard Commander / Harbor, Christopher Keene – Orange County, Brian Stephens – Riverside (hidden), Jon Burk – Orange County, Brian Merrell – Harbor, Luke Merrell – Harbor, Kyle Puro – Harbor, Michal Miller – Orange County, John Richardson – Harbor, Lucas Villardi – Harbor (hidden), Jim Hernandez – South Coast, Laurence, Stratton – Orange County, Jim Armstrong – Gen George S Patton Jr, Matt Noell – Orange County (hidden), Kent Gregory – Orange County, James Gill – Harbor Kevin Bidenkap – Harbor.

Photo at Right: Color Guard with local C.A.R chapter members. CAR members left to right, Kate F. - Lt George Nixon, Alexa V. – De Anza Trail, Julia H. – Juan Crespi & CSSCAR Vice President, Olivia H. – Juan Crespi, Emma H.- Juan Crespi, Elaina-Rose M – El Redondo, Color Guard - left to right, Brandon Villardi – CASSAR Color Guard Commander, Jon Burk, James Gill, Kevin Bidenkap, Luke Merrell (hidden)



Memorial Day Flag Placement,

On May 25th, members from the Harbor, South Coast, and OC Chapter presented colors and fired a musket salute at the Los Angeles National Cemetery in Westwood. The LA National Cemetery is the final resting place for nearly 90,000 veterans. The event saw participation from over 8,000 individuals placing flags, accompanied by news coverage. The Harbor Chapter also had the honor of meeting with the President of the Los Angeles-Eschscholtzia C.A.R. Society to assist in flag placement.

Photo Right: Kevin Forrest - South Coast, Brandon Villardi – Harbor / CASSAR Color Guard Commander, Jim Hernandez - South Coast, Kevin Bidenkap – Harbor, Christopher Keene - Orange County



Dakotas -

Memorial Day Wreath Presentation

The Dakota Society participated in the 2024 Memorial Day wreath presentation at Veterans Memorial Park in Rapid City, SD. The Dakota Society has been participating in the Memorial Service since 1998. James Clement laid the wreath, Color guard Don Kellogg, James Clement, Caleb Dustman and Keith Johnson. The color guard unit also received the Bronze Color Guard Medal after the ceremony. In picture left to right Don Kellogg-S/T; James Clement-President; Caleb Dustman and Keith Johnson-past S/T. (Attached Picture) the awards picture if you use it is Don Kellogg, Keith Johnson, James Clement and Caleb Dustman (Caleb earned the award after participating on Memorial Day).

Photo at Right: In picture left to right Don Kellogg-S/T; James Clement-President; Caleb Dustman and Keith Johnson-past S/T.to:
Photo Left: The awards Photo - - Don Kellogg, Keith Johnson, James Clement and Caleb Dustman (Caleb earned the award after participating on Memorial Day).



Memorial Day Wreath Presentation

On April 25, 2024 The Dakota Society Color Guard members Keith Johnson, James Clement, and Don Kellogg, were part of the dedication ceremony to install an American 250 Marker in Memorial Park in the afternoon.

We presented the colors and posted them at the evening dinner. The President General of DAR Pamela Wright and State of South Dakota Regent Kathy Tarrell were in attendance along with a lot of the states DAR members.

Picture At Right: left to right James Clement, President General of DAR Pamela Wright, Don Kellogg, South Dakota Regent Kathy Tarrell, and Keith Johnson.



Florida

Heritage Festival and Patriots Day Celebration, Pearce Homestead, Fort Basinger, FL, 3/13/2024.

Guardsmen (left to right): Dowling Watford, Brian Bray, Tim McLane, Kevin DePuy, Paul Moore, Chuck Adams, Shawn Stoffer, Steve DePaul.



President's Day Celebration,

Memorial Day, Ft Lauderdale Chapter, Pompano Beach Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 27, 2024



Guardsmen, Left to Right: Chuck Adams, Steve DePaul, Tim McLane, Braeden Shurte (C.A.R.), Kevin Shurte.

Memorial Day, Jacksonville Chapter, Veterans Memorial Wall, Jacksonville FL, Monday, May 27, 2024
Left to Right: Paul Tucker, Rick Sanders, Bill Ziegenfus, John Roberson, Barney Thornton, David McCuiston, David Ramseur, Scott Breckenridge.



Memorial Day, Okeechobee FL, Monday, May 27, 2024

Left to Right: Paul Houlihan, Dowling Watford, Brian Bray, and Shawn Stoffer. Pictured in front: Noal Zander founder of the non-profit Z's Hearts for Heroes.



Memorial Day, Tampa FL, American Legion Post #5 Veterans Cemetery, Tampa FL, Monday, May 27, 2024

Left to Right (from the back): Walter Arnold, David Bryant, Matthew Balance, Bill Swain, Dwight Hambrosky, Robbie Robinson, Richard Young.



Memorial Day, Withlacoochee FL, Floral City FL, Monday, May 27, 2024
Left to Right: Mark Johnson, Jack Twonsend, Nelson Peters, Bob Thomas.



Tampa Chapter

The Combined Color Guard of the Tampa and Clearwater Chapters are a regular presence among the Honor Guard escorting returning veterans on the West Central Florida Honor Flight to their Welcome Home gathering inside the St Pete-Clearwater airport.



They also combined at present the Colors at the opening of the Desoto DAR Chapter annual Flag Day meeting in Tampa. Pictured below as the Color Guard was introduced are VPG Rob Moore, Robbie Robinson, Walter Arnold, Bill Swain and Richard Young.



Commemoration of the Battle of Alligator Bridge, 9/29/2024, Callhan, FL

left to right:

Eli Maddox (C.A.R.), Scott Breckenridge, David Ramseur, Brad Marble, Wayne Peters, Scott Collins, David McCuiston, Benny Ratfield, Barney Thornton, William Edelman, Jim Gaskins, Ralph Galpin, Kevin Shurte, Mills Ramseur, Robert Gearing, Rick Sanders, Darryl Ingle, Charles Nuckolls, Fred Emery, Gray Chandler, Ken Norwood, Paul Tucker.

Georgia -

The Georgia Color Guard participated in a Patriotic Celebration, Sunday Service 4:00 PM, 30 June 2024, at the Gainesville First United Methodist Church. Leading the procession is Scott Collins, National and Georgia Color Guard Commander, following is Ed Rigel, Georgia SAR President, then Mike Tomme, past SAR President General 2016-17.

The Color Guard participating in the Presentation of the Colors at the church were invited to a Pulled Pork Luncheon at Joan and Ed Rigel Sr's home prior to the concert. Award Winning Smoker, Compatriot Tom Chamberlain's smoked and pulled Pork Butt, Ed Rigel's Brunswick Stew, Chips, and Joan's Slaw were all something not to be missed! Thanks to Bill and Janet Edelen for the great photos!



Presentation of Colors at the Commemoration of the Battle of Pensacola – Galvez Days by guardsmen from Florida, Georgia and Alabama on 10 May 2024. This National SAR event had to be moved inside due to a storm that hit just as the ceremony was supposed to start.



Flag Day – Gwinnett County Georgia – 06-15-2024

On 15 June 2024, the Georgia SAR Color Guard, under the command of Scott Collins, performed at the National Flag Day ceremony, sponsored by VFW Post 5255 in Lawrenceville, Georgia. The event was strongly supported by the Capt. John Collins Chapter, Bill Edelen, President, and the Button Gwinnett Chapter, Thomas Jacques, President. Thanks to Bill and Janet Edelen for the excellent photos! Missing from this photo: Rick Sanders

National and Georgia Color Guard Commander Scott Collins is awarded the Hannah White Annette Silver Award for long term outstanding service by the Georgia DAR



Militia firing off a volley toward the “British” ship just offshore.



Georgia Society SAR - Frederica Naval Action - Artillery - 04-20-2024

Georgia Society SAR - Frederica Naval Action - Color Bearers - 04-20-2024
Color Bearers presenting colors as the Militia and Artillery prepare to fire on a “British” sloop just off the coastline.



One of the six canons firing off a volley in sequence toward the “British” ship just offshore under the tree behind the plume of smoke. The “British” ship is being portrayed by the Tall Ship Lynx which is a square topsail schooner. She is an interpretation of an American letter of marque vessel of the same name from 1812. She is based in Nantucket, Massachusetts and winters in In St Simons Island, Georgia. After the Frederica Naval Action Commemoration, she heads back up the coast to Maine.



Iowa -

Isaac Rowley (SAR member 209158) became the first North Central District (maybe first in the country) recipient of the SAR Youth Color Guard Medal on June 8, 2024. He was presented with the award by North Central District VPG Chris Moberg after participating in the Abigail Adams Chapter (Iowa DAR) 250th Plaque dedication in Woodland Cemetery, Des Moines, Iowa.

Summary: The Youth Color Guard Medal is earned for participation in SAR Color Guard events (National, District, State or Chapter) by any youth in colonial uniform or attire.

Qualifications: This medal may be presented to any individual who, while under the age of 18 years old, participates in a minimum of three events per year for a minimum of three years. The years do not need to be continuous. Any SAR event that includes a Color Guard at National, District, State or Chapter may be counted towards the award. The youth must be in uniform or colonial dress and participate as a member of the color guard.





A color guard composed of SAR members participated in a 250th DAR Liberty Tree Dedication that was held on May 4, 2024. The Liberty Tree was planted near the Smith Building on a side of a hill that is located at the New Castle Indiana Memorial Park

A musket salute was given at the end of the program. L to R: musketeers were SAR Continental Chapter members Dennis Babbitt and Jim Shoptaw. Mark Kreps, was the commanding safety officer with a sword that is unseen.



The Major Hugh Dinwiddie Chapter DAR, conducted a 250th Liberty Tree Dedication in Henry County, IN. The county was named after Patrick Henry who gave the renowned "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" speech. At the DAR's invitation, the Paul Revere DAR Chapter and members of the SAR Continental Chapter presented a wreath during the ceremony that was held at the Memorial Park located in New Castle, IN on May 4, 2024. The tree was planted near the Smith Building on the side of a hill that overlooks a majestic body of water.

The following photograph depicts individuals from the Muncie, IN area L to R: 1812 Indiana Ladies Auxiliary member Barbara Adams, Paul Revere DAR Chapter member Janet Kreps, SAR member James A. Shoptaw, Mark Kreps and Dennis Babbitt. Janet Kreps presented a wreath on behalf of the Paul Revere DAR chapter while Mark Kreps presented a wreath representing the Historian of the Indiana Society of the SAR.

SSAR Colorguardsmen from Indiana and Kentucky participated at the annual DAR banquet by providing a sabre arch at the beginning of their evening. The event was held on 18 May 2024 at the Marriott East in Indianapolis, IN.

Wayne Eells lifts his sabre as DAR member Cynthia Frederick walks through the sabre arch with Katie Stephens, men on right are Indiana Compatriots Scott Adams, Mark Kreps, Kenneth Michael and Kentucky Compatriot John D. Doss. Those participating but not visible in this photo were: Commander T. Rex Legler II, Compatriots John Canine, and son Chris Canine both from Kentucky and from Indiana SAR Compatriots Bill Behnke and Steve Oberlin.



On April 27, the Indiana Society dedicated a 250th Anniversary Memorial bench in front of the Indiana War Memorial in Indianapolis [Photo on next page top left]. The culmination of a year-long effort by the Clarence A. Cook Chapter, the dedication was well attended with guardsmen and wreaths presented by Compatriots from four states. A plaque was placed on the bench honoring five patriots buried in lost or unknown locations in Marion County. The Color Guard was led by State Commander Randy Helderman and the musket firing detail was led by National Color Guard 2nd Adjutant Patrick Wesolosky.





The George Rogers Clark Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony, celebrating the 245th anniversary of the Capture of Fort Sackville, and Patriot Grave Marking were held May 25 outside the memorial in Vincennes, Indiana.

There was a fantastic turnout for the color guard and wreath presenters this year. Indiana SAR Trustee Jeffrey W. Jones served as the emcee and National Color Guard Commander Scott Collins led the color guard with Kentucky Compatriot Chris Canine as the drummer, and Scott Giltner from Kentucky playing the fife. Color guard participants included compatriots from Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee, Illinois, Ohio, West Virginia, Iowa, Kansas, Georgia, and North Carolina.

Welcome and opening remarks were made by Vance Noles, Acting Park Superintendent, George Rogers Clark National Historical Park. Central District Vice President General Steven Hinson on behalf of President General John Dodd, Indiana SAR President Jacob A. Vink, Indiana Ladies Auxiliary SAR Historian Joyce Behnke, Cynthia Frederick, State Organizing Secretary, Indiana DAR, Anthony Green, Indiana CAR President, and Joe Yocum, the Mayor of Vincennes, IN brought greetings and remarks.

A biography of George Rogers Clark was read by Richard Quire, Vice President of Kentucky SAR and John Fish read biographies of the five honored Patriots: Joseph Dubois, Louis Godere, Pierre Godere, Andre Languedoc, and Francois Pelletier. Wreath presenters included compatriots representing 30 SAR Chapters and 11 State Societies. Flag streamers were awarded to all who presented wreaths. The SAR hosted a tent on Saturday and Sunday at the 47th Annual Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous.

Compatriots dressed in Colonial attire and recruited prospective members. SAR members interested in participating in the Saturday, May 24, 2025, ceremony and Patriot grave marking may contact Robert P. Cunningham by email at rpcunnin@indiana.edu.



Kansas -

The Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard, and its neighbors to the east and north, Missouri and Nebraska, had a busy 2nd quarter. With the McLouth Patriots Parade being the first, the color guard was invited to lead the parade, though it is not a big town, it ranks right up there with big town enthusiasm, as are the Kansas Color guardsmen, all eight of them. (Photo Below)



The patriotic passion of the Kansas and Missouri color guard for its veterans is unmatched. The two come together to welcome home the veterans returning from honor flights that had been aid for by schools and other organizations. Though the flights return to Missouri, the Kansas guardsmen were there to welcome them home, even if it is after midnight. In the month of April, May and June, there were a total of seven Honor flights where guardsmen waited to show the veterans that their service is much appreciated. (Photos at Right Above)



As the participation between the KSDAR, and the KSSAR grows even stronger, Past commander Dewey Fry was awarded the first ever, Hannah White Arnett Silver Medal of Distinction. This medal was recently established by President General Pamela Wright to strengthen ties between the DAR and SAR. The Medal of Distinction was presented to Dewey by the State Regent Rebecca Kline. Congratulations Dewey, you



have truly earned it, and thank you for your leadership, and continued support. Photo Left

The Johnson County Community College was the sight of another large group of newly sworn in citizens. As usual, Past Commander Dewey Fry was in attendance to welcome hundreds of candidates to America. Dewey was assisted by six other Kansas guardsmen from other parts of the state, along with a new citizen who was anxious to be photographed with them. (Photo Below)



Vincennes, IN held their annual ceremony honoring George Rogers Clark on May 25th. Kansan Dr. Alan Martin, along with a couple of SAR members from Missouri, traveled together to help celebrate this well attended event. Alan is shown holding the Kansas flag. (photo no 8) The event is always well attended as you can see. (Photo Below)



Some of the same members from Vincennes traveled to Ste. Genevieve, MO where the Battle of St. Louis Commemoration event was held in Ste. Genevieve on May 26th. There were SAR members from 10 states including members from Kansas. Kansas Commander Bill Marshall led the celebration, with the Ste. Genevieve French Militia to the cemetery. (Photo below)



National Commander Scott Collins, Bill Marshall, Mark Parks, Missouri NW Adjutant, lead the guardsmen in preparation for retiring the colors. (Photo no 9A) South Central Vice President Bobbie Hulse, (Debbie), Bill Marshall, (Dee), Dr. Alan Martin, and Bruce Smith were the Kansan's attending the event. A big thank you to the Missouri SAR for the invitation to this great celebration. The Kansas SAR, Sons of the Plains Chapter was invited to Great Bend to celebrate in Memorial Day parade and town events. (photo no 10) A big thank you to West Adjutant John Hooker, Patrick Crawford, and David Parks, for helping VP Bobbie. It is always heartwarming to be present when a plane filled with veterans arrive home from a trip of our nation's capital.

On June 5th the Kansas mid-west SAR color guard welcomed veteran's home. Not only were there Korea, and Vietnam veterans, they were also escorted by two WWII vets, (Photo Below) and Rosie the Riveter. Welcoming them home were, John Hooker, Dean Bruns, Bit Roberts, Bobbie Hulse, Jim Ganyon, and Deb Hulse. (Photo below)



Nothing like a hot Kansas day to have an Old Shawnee Day's Parade. (Photo Left) Shortly after starting, several of the group had to drop out because of the heat, while the rest marched to the end. Sometimes you just must take a break. A huge thank you to all who participate in the hot summer events.

When you do not have a historical event going on, you go and support the communities that we live in. That is what the local SAR members did

in Lenexa, KS at the Lakeview Village on Flag Day. After folding the Nations Colors, (Photo) Dewey Fry and Clay Shropshire, with help from four other guardsmen, handed out miniature flags.



After a span of many years another MIA from WWII was laid to rest in Onaga, KS. Alan Martin, and John More stood watch over the remains of veteran Elmo Hartwick. (Photo Left) Rest in Peace sir.

Another WWII veteran passed away and laid to rest in Lenexa, KS. Those paying tribute to him was Alan Martin, Dewey Fry, Jeffrey Winters, and Craig Dillavou. (Photo Below) Rest in Peace sir.



Thanks to the Nebraska SAR for inviting the Kansas SAR, along with four other states, to march in the Beatrice, NE Homestead Parade. Afterwards guardsmen helped with the grave marking of Gilbert L. Cole, a founding compatriot of the NE SAR. After hearing from Nebraska SAR President John C. Brasted, and several other speakers, the SAR, DAR, and the C.A.R, as did ansas Commander Bill Marshall, placed wreaths near the grave. (Photo Right) In addition, the AR invited all to participate in the Rededication Ceremony of Lucy Wills Tibbetts, a Nebraska eal Daughter. A real daughter is a DAR member whose father served in the American Revolution. Commander Marshall, wife Dee, Patrick Crawford, and Brian Vazquez were the Kansan's who attended the events. A busy, but enjoyable day for all.



Thank you all,
Bill Marshall Kansas Color Guard Commander



Kentucky

Compatriots,

The Gov. Isaac Shelby chapter is pleased to announce that the 2024 Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Ceremony will be conducted on Saturday, 17 August at 10:00 a.m. in the Blue Licks Battlefield Resort Park near Carlisle, KY. Elsewhere in this issue is a flyer for the event plus a list of nearby accommodations. A small block of rooms is reserved at the resort park for SAR members.

Anyone interested in presenting a wreath or participating in the color guard should contact Scott Giltner at stgilt@earthlink.net. Please indicate if you will be bringing your state flag. Color guard participants are requested to muster at 9:00 a.m. at the monument on the day of the ceremony. Those carrying flintlock firearms will muster for a safety inspection near the lodge at 8:30 a.m. Detailed instructions on the mustering points will be provided closer to the date of the ceremony.

AUGUST

17th – 19th Annual Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Service. Location: Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park, 10299 Maysville Rd., Carlisle, KY. Time: 10:00 a.m. (color guard muster at 9:00 a.m.) (rifle/musket men muster at 8:30 a.m.). A reception will be held on Friday, 16 August and a Patriot Grave Marking will be held in Lexington on 18 August. More information on these events will be provided later.

The Gov. Isaac Shelby chapter looks forward to your presence at the Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Ceremony. Lunch will be available (on your own) in the resort restaurant after the ceremony.

In Patriotic Service, Scott Giltner, Secretary, Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter

SAR Participates in the 69th Annual Pegasus Parade

On 28 April, the Kentucky Society participated in the 69 th Annual Pegasus parade in Louisville, KY. The Pegasus parade is the official parade of the Kentucky Derby and a major event for the regional community. This was the 13 th consecutive year the SAR has had a color guard in the parade. This year was a special year for the parade as it was for the 150 th running of the Kentucky Derby. The 21 member color guard consisted of flagbearers, riflemen, a fifer, and a drummer. Participating in the color guard were four SAR and three DAR Chapters from Kentucky. The SAR chapters were Simon Kenton (KY), Gov. Isaac Shelby (KY), Lafayette (KY), Louisville Thruston (KY). The DAR chapters were Corn Island (KY), Fincastle (KY), and Lexington (KY). The Pegasus parade is one of the longest parades in the United States lasting approximately two hours with a 1.7 mile march down Broadway Street in Louisville. The parade this year featured equestrian units, marching bands

and more than 40 specialty units.. Typically, the parade attracts over 200,000 spectators. Due to the very nice weather on the day of the parade it is very likely that a record number of spectators was present. Photo Left. Members of the color guard preparing for the Pegasus Parade. Photo Below. The Kentucky Society color guard in action during the parade.



Louisiana -

Memorial Day 2024 Avenue of Flags Event

Orange Grove – Graceland Cemetery, Lake Charles, Louisiana



Compatriots Rodney McKelroy (left) and Leonard Rohrbough (Right) participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony at Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery on Camp Villere near Slidel, Louisiana this Memorial Day 2024. SAR has been invited to place a wreath for many years, along with several other patriotic organizations at the memorial pavilion during a very somber remembrance of the sacrifices made by those that protect our freedom every day. Three former service members interred over the last 12 months were chosen to have their illustrious carriers and their continued life-long public service read by administrative staff. One service member was represented by the presence of his widow and another family member. The area was under a heat advisory during the week of Memorial Day.

Maryland



IApril 6 –2024 Battle of St. George’s Island Commemoration with District Commanders Lawrence Price and Glenn Moss with Field Commander Jason Posey (pic 1-1) and The Thomas Stone Chapter Color Guard members Jason Posey Lawrence Price, Michael Morthland and Kevin Nietmann (pic-1-2) –Another ‘Great Day to be in Wool’ - HUZAZH! Drummer Noah



April 13 – Battle Road – The SAR ‘Old Line’ Color Guard Ladies Auxiliary plays an important part in representing the rolls of civilian women of the period. Ms Vicki Embrey of the Ladies Auxiliary and MDSDAR as one of two grandmothers looking for their families Evacuating the coming war Photo by Laurie Semple McCarthy HUZZAH to the Ladies -



April 20 - Another 250 event in the books as Color Guard members Gerry Harris and Rick Abbott Presented Colors at the MDSDAR’s Antietam Chapter dedicated an America 250 Revolutionary War Patriots marker at Town Square in Sharpsburg, MD. to commemorate the men and women who strove for the founding of the United States. Musket Salute Why we are here HUZZAH to the Ladies and all involved.



April 20 - VFW Flag Retirement – it was another ‘Great Day to be in Wool’ as Color Guard members Glenn Moss, April 13 – Marking for Patriot Robert Harrison – This Marking was at the historic All Saints Episcopal Church (where the Patriot worshipped) in Huntingtown, Maryland, by the Thomas Stone SAR chapter of southern Maryland. The event was moved to the church from the Harrison Family Cemetery due to inclement weather. The Color Guard was made up of members from the



Thomas Stone Chapter, Fairfax Resolves Chapter of Virginia, and the John Paul Jones Chapter of Annapolis. : RJ Pope, Kevin Nietmann, Jason Posey, Michael Morthland, Rick Abbott, Noah Posey, Lawrence Price, Dr. David Langford, and Norman Saunders (Thomas Stone Chapter President). Present/Post Colors Dr. David Langford, Michael Morthland, Rick Abbott, Noah Posey, Lawrence Price. Over 10 DAR and SAR chapters presented wreaths in honor of Robert Harrison as did the Maryland state SAR and DAR societies.



May 4 – Rev War weekend, George Washington’s Mount Vernon – It’s was great to finally get out in the field and knock the rust and take the new knee out for a test drive as Jason Posey, David Embrey and Drummer Noah (pic 7-2) fell in for Rev War weekend at Mount Vernon



May 16 Maryland DAR Conference – One of the highlights of every year has been Posting Colors for the 119 Annual Maryland Society DAR State Conference at Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City, Maryland. State Regent Mernie Crane started the evening off with a short welcome and then with the call ‘Color Guard Advance the Color’ and we were on our way. Present The Line David Hoover, David Embrey, John Davidson, Don Eberhardt and Gerald Harris,



May 24 – 250th Talbot Resolves – Throughout May and June 1774, committees of correspondence in Maryland counties met and resolved to stand with Boston beginning with Kent and Talbot and eventually leading to the Annapolis Convention on June 22, 1774 where delegates were selected to the First Continental Congress. The Talbot Resolves were signed 250 years ago today at the Easton Court House – Advance the Colors , Dismissed The Line – with Glenn Moss, David Embrey, J.D. Urbach Maryland State Present, Peggy Morey of the Talbot Historical Society, Rick Abbott and Don Eberhardt.



May 25/26 – Fort Fredrick 100th – Guardsmen Gerry Harris had a Good Time Recruiting for the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) during the Fort Frederick State Park 100th Anniversary and Across the Centuries Timeline Events on May 25 - 26, 2024,

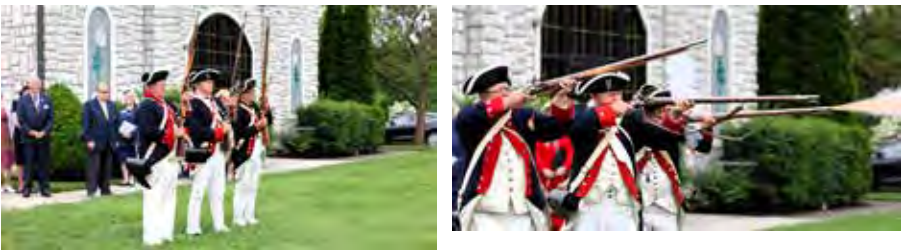


Memorial Day Weekend

May 26 – Sunday – It’s always an Honor to participate in any VFW ceremony and this year’s Memorial Day was no exception at Ellicott City’s Post 7472 as District Color Guard Commander Glen Moss and David Embrey rendered honors with a Musket Salute - “Take Aim” “Fire” “in solemn memory of our fallen comrades.”



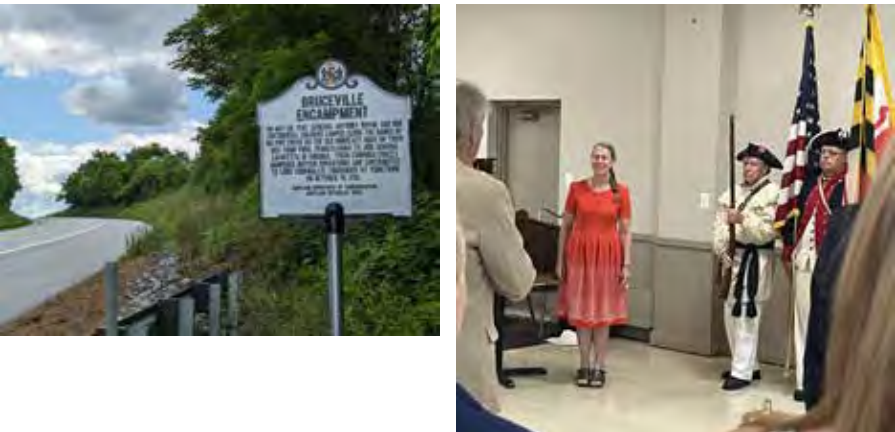
May 27 – Monday – DAR/SAR Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony - Mount Olivet Cemetery, Frederick, Maryland – Another ‘Fine Day to be in Wool’ as the Color Guard joined the Carrollton Manor and Frederick DAR and Sgt Lawrence Everhart SAR Chapters for their Annual Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony. Color Guard participants included David Embrey, Glenn Moss and Gerry Harris .Make Ready, Fire .



May 27 – Monday – National Memorial Day Parade, Washington D.C. – SAR Thomas Stone chapter President Michael Morthland representing Maryland. John Davidson and David Embrey joined the Charles Carroll Chapter and participated in the Yingling-Ridgelt VFW & Auxiliary Post 7472 Spring Flag Retirement Ceremony in Ellicott City by rendering Honors with a Musket Salute.



May 28 – Wayne’s Crossing - Carroll County - The Westminster Chapter and Sergeant Lawrence Everhart SAR Chapters dedicate a new Maryland Historic Marker recognizing the Bruceville Encampment of General Anthony Wayne and the Pennsylvania Line that occurred on May 28, 1781. Two hundred forty-three years ago today this Revolutionary War encampment took place here in Carroll County. The marker will be along State Route 194, once known as the Old Monocacy Road. – With Gerald Harris



May 29 Gathering of Eagles – It’s always a honor to Post Colors for the annual Gathering of Eagles dinner at Dutch’s Daughter restaurant in Frederick for all Eagles Scouts (pic 15-1) in County with the oldest receiving his in 1957. Guardsmen included with Gerald Harris and David Embrey. ‘Present Arms’ (pic 15-2), Post National Colors (pic 15-3), ‘Left counter March’ (pic 15-4)



May 30 - 18th century Field Music presentation – Fifer Dave Embrey always enjoy engaging the public with Musick demos by including audience participation and this was no exception. I was invited by Charles Carroll chapter 1st VP Scott Jacobs (pic 16-1) to present -Below Left with Bud Michels-Below Right)



May 31 - Wayne's Crossing, Nolan's Ferry – Sgt. Lawrence Everhart Chapter with the cooperation of other Virginia Chapters, the DAR, and the combined MD-VA SAR Color Guard held a Commemoration of the Wayne's Crossing of the Potomac River at Nolan's Ferry on May 31, 1781 'Advance the Colors' 'Present Arms Charlie Drenning sounds Taps



June 1 250 Hungerfords Resolves – It's was enjoyable to step back in time and participate in this Historical Interpretation of the Signing of the Hungerford Resolves at Hungerford's Tavern June 11, 1774 - with David Embrey (Henry Griffith moderator) , Glen Moss (Dr. William Baker) and Lynn Moss (Mrs. Baker) The Signing.



June 1 Wayne's Crossing Leesburg - This event commemorates the crossing of the Potomac River by General Anthony Wayne's army on May 31, 1781. The army passed through Leesburg on June 3, 1781, enroute to General Lafayette's Army – With Gerry Harris participating from the MDSSAR Color Guard (pic 19-1) 'Present Arms' (19-2) 'The Line' (19-3)



June 8 - Ensign Henry Handy Markings - The Color Guard participated in two markings honoring Patriot Ensign Henry Handy with the first being at Parsons Cemetery and the second at Pemberton Hall, Henry's ancestral home

10:30 a.m. – Parsons Cemetery - The first was the SAR, DAR dedication of a



marker honoring Revolutionary War Patriot Ensign Henry Handy at the Parsons Cemetery in Salisbury, MD. This marker was the collaborative efforts of the William P. Duvall FSS-DAR chapter in Winter Park, FL, the Captain John Smoot MSSAR chapter in Salisbury, MD, and Parsons Cemetery. Colors were Presented by Snow Hill JROTC Marine Color Guard and Color Guard members Jason Posey and Ronnie Howard The Line (Left)– with Jason Posey, Jim Adkins, Drummer Noah and Ronnie Howard

1:00 pm - Pemberton Hall - Color Guard members Jason Posey, Ronnie Howard and Drummer Noah joined the Samuel Chase, William P. Duvall, John Smoot Chapters, and the Pemberton Hall Foundation honored Ensign Henry Handy by placing a marker and informative kiosk. Built in 1741, Pemberton Hall was Henry's ancestral home. Colors were present by the Snow Hill JROTC Marine Color Guard – Prime and Load Make Ready - , Take Aim - , - Fire (Below)



June 8 - Separation Day, Delaware –It was a 'Great Day to be in Wool' as Ms. Vicki of the SAR 'Old Line' Color Guard Ladies Auxiliary and Color Guard member Fifer Dave, fell -in with the 1st Delaware for Separation Day Celebrations in New Castle, Delaware. It's always fun to fall-in and play some tunes with Mary Torbey and the crew. Fifers Mary Torbey and David Embrey - The Line- (BelowLeft) – Ms Vicki and her Mini Sutlery (Below Right)



June 8 – Col. John Eager Howard Memorial - It was a ‘Great Day to be in Wool’ from the annual Col. John Eager Howard Memorial Remembrance today at Gray Rock Mansion. Special thanks to the Monumental City Ancient Drum and Fife Corps (Below) and Color Guard members John Davidson and Don Eberhardt (pic 23-2) – SAR group photo – (Bottom)



June 8 – 5 Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony Glade Cemetery - - Sergeant Lawrence Everhart Chapter MDSSAR and the Walkersville Historical Society Patriot Grave Marking Service Honoring Five Revolutionary War Patriots at Glade Cemetery, Walkersville, MD - Color Guard participants included Gerry Harris, Gene Moyer and Charles Drenning – Present Arms (Left) Fire (Right), Charles Drenning Sounds Taps



June 15 – Valley Forge - Descendants of Washington’s Army at Valley Forge - Congratulation to Guardsman Rick Abbott, how was installed as DVF Color Guard Commander in a ceremony in front of the von Steuben monument today at Valley Forge. Passing Command (Right) Rick is a member of both the Maryland and Virginia Color Guards and is also Maryland’s 3rd VP - DVF color guard in Valley Forge cannon park (pic 26-2)



June 15 – Grave Marking - New Cathedral Cemetery – The Color Guard traded in their Regimentals as we marked two 1812 veterans – The first was Sailing Master Henry Worthington (1781-1848) of Joshua Barney’s Chesapeake Flotilla and PVT Michael Jenkins 5 Reg MD Militia. Advance the Colors , Musket Salute, Fire . The Line David Embrey, Glenn Moss, Chris Schafer and David Hoover.



June 20 - 250th Anniversary of the Frederick Resolves - Another 250th event on the date at the place where it happened, Frederick City Hall Park the site of the old Frederick County Court House, Frederick Maryland. Special thanks to the Virginia SAR Color Guard for crossing the Potomac to fill the Maryland Line of Gerry Harris, Rick Abbott, Gene Moyer, Wes Evens and Glenn Moss (pic 29-1) Note; Dipping “The Regimental Colors” to the ground is a standard 18th century military movement when Rendering Honors. Gerry Harris receiving his Bronze 250th medal.



June 22 - Historic London Town and Gardens - Color Guard members Geoffrey Wood, Glenn Moss along with SAR “Old Line” Color Guard Ladies Auxiliary VP Lynne Moss fell-in with the 1MR at Historic London Town and Gardens for a day Historical Interpretation. Ms Lynne braves the heat as she demonstrates 18th century laundry techniques while Geoff Woods and Glenn Moss engage interested visitors inside at the table display. Huzzah to all who braved the heat.



June 22 - 250th Annapolis Convention Commemoration – Another 250th event on the Date, in the City where it happened. With Color Guard members David Embrey, Glenn Moss, Rick Abbott and Mark Deeds

Michigan -

FIRST LADIES LUNCHEON

Friday April 26 in Grand Rapids Michigan a First Ladies Luncheon was held in honor of First Lady of the United States Betty Ford with guest speaker current First Lady Jill Biden. This annual event is held by the Gerald R. Ford Foundation and this year the Michigan Color Guard was invited to present the Colors by foundation Director Rachel Siglow. I reached out to our local scout leader and asked if we could count on two Eagle Scouts to join our Guard. Since it was a ladies event, with over 400 present, we requested a young lady and young man. She carried the Bestie Ross flag and he carried the Michigan flag. After presenting the Colors, members of the guard were invited to lunch and listen to our First Ladies speech.



The pictures were taken by Shaun Schuring, mother of Eagle Scout Kate Schuring pictured. The picture of Jill Biden was taken by Mlive.



From left to right:Eric Winters Guardsman West Mi Chapter, Ken Goodson NSSAR 1st Adjutant, Henry Hovinga Eagle Scout, Chip Stevers Guardsman West Mi Chapter
Kate Schuring Eagle Scout, John Lepisto Michigan Commander, Shaun Schuring photographeruring WWII!



GRAVE MARKINGS

On May 25th members of the Michigan Color Guard performed a grave marking for Claudius Britton II at the Pinckney Cemetery in Pinckney, Michigan.
from l to r, MISSAR Color Guard Commander John Lepisto, Vice Commander Robert Hawcroft, Guardsman Chris Blunt, Guardsman Harry Rinker
In service,

The MISSAR Color Guard presented the Colors at a grave/plaque dedication for Patriot Jeremiah Doty, on Saturday June 8th at the Alton Cemetery outside of Owosso, Michigan. (L to R) MISSAR Color Guard Commander John Lepisto, Guardsmen Harry Rinker, Mark Chamberlain, Chris Blunt, Aaron Wiles, Joe Conger, and Vice Commander Bob Hawcroft.



MEMORIAL DAY

The Holland, Michigan Memorial Day Parade on May 27th, on a cold windy day with heavy drizzle. Compatriots seeking shelter prior to getting their marching orders! (L to R) Guardsman Mark Chamberlain, Commander John Lepisto, Guardsman Harry Rinker.



This gathering highlighted the Boston Tea Party's historical significance and underscored SAR's mission to promote patriotic and educational programs. The Colorguard's participation was a big draw, bringing history to many people. The event demonstrated the Chapter's commitment to educational outreach and patriotic display, fostering historical awareness and honoring the legacy of our revolutionary forebears.



On June 15th 2024 the Grave of Patriot David DePue was dedicated at the Historic Highland Cemetery in Ypsilanti, Mi. We were fortunate to have the Honorable Consul of France in Detroit, Cedric Ballarin, offer a few remarks in regards to the alliance between France and the United States during the Revolutionary War.

After the photo, we were talking with him about various Revolutionary War armament and we mentioned some of us carried Charleville Muskets. He surprisingly mentioned with delight that he was from Charleville in France and told us about a museum in the town dedicated to the musket and other armament. (L to R) Commander John Lepisto, Guardsman Chris Blunt, Mr. Cedric Ballarin, Honorary Consul of France in Detroit, Guardsman Harry Rinker, Vice Commander Robert Hawcroft. Not pictured Guardsman Mark Chamberlain.

MICHIGAN COLORGUARD HIGHLIGHTS HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AT BOSTON TEA PARTY ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Michigan Colorguard members played a pivotal role in an educational event commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party, organized by the Paul Emery Chapter. Held at the Brandon Township Public Library in Oakland County on June 24th, the event attracted nearly 60 diverse community participants keen to delve into this historical moment.

The session began with a ceremonial presentation of colors by the Colorguard, led by Vice-Commander Bob Hawcroft and supported by notable members, including former Commander Gerald Burkland, Chapter Vice-President Aaron Wiles, and Former President Ronald Barnard, who also performed as a bagpiper. Their participation provided a vivid and symbolic glimpse into the past, enhancing the educational experience for all attendees.

Gerald Burkland shared insights into the historical importance of Colorguard uniforms and George Washington's influence on their design, enriching the audience's understanding of the attire. The event featured a presentation by Compatriot Jay R. Taylor and Outreach Librarian Fran Hotchkiss, who provided historical insights and a brief video recounting the events leading up to December 16, 1773.



Missouri -

PATRIOTS DAY

Saturday, April 20, 2024: Guardsmen from the Missouri Ozark Mountain and Ozark Patriot chapters commemorated Patriot's Day at Springfield's Phelps Grove Park. Chapter President pro-tem James Robbinette made introductions, led the pledge to the flag and Steven Perkins led guests in the singing of the national anthem. Bob Dixon spoke a few words about the great undertaking by the colonists, and then George Swales told attendees about the chronicled events of that historic day of April 19, 1775. As many know, British Regulars made their appearance in the towns of Lexington and Concord in their failed attempt to capture Sam Adams and John Hancock, and to recover arms and munitions suspected hidden away in Concord. Two hundred forty-nine years later, on a crisp and sunny morning Color Guard marched upon a much smaller arched stone bridge and symbolically fired three musket volleys. The bell was rung 14 times by chapter member David Carmichael to honor the original colonies and General Washington. Special guests included Greene County Commissioner Bob Dixon, and Pat Haas, Regent of the Rachel Donelson DAR chapter.



Bob Dixon with Pat Haas and guest

Sunday, April 21, 2024: Members of Missouri's Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard supported the DAR Rachel Donelson chapter with their America 250 Commemorative Tree and Historical Marker Dedication. The ceremony was held at the Historic Greene County Court House with many DAR Regents and members from nearby chapters, Past State Regent Sally Bueno, State Regent Renee Pace, and



Retiring after volleys are Steve Perkins, Don Higgerson, Gerald McCoy, Dan McMurray, Ben Edmonson, Gary Gift, and Brad Frazier.



State Chaplain Susan Hauf. Flags were presented by SAR & DAR for the Pledge to the Flag, and the National Anthem which was led out by the Honorable John Ashcroft, former Missouri Governor, and State Senator, and US Attorney General. Renee



Pace brought greetings, then Bob Dixon, Presiding Greene County Commissioner, and Springfield Mayor Ken McClure each spoke briefly about the significance of the historical events of 250 years ago. Mr. Ashcroft gave an inspiring talk about "liberty", and how it is critical for those who love it to preserve it, especially now. He touched on how the Justice system is in disarray and lost its way as it was designed and established by the founders of this nation.

The ceremony then moved to the south side of the Court House where the OMC Color Guard formed with flags. The DAR unveiled its new marker which stands before the America 250 tree and a single musket volley was fired.

Pictured L-R: MO State CG Commander Steve Perkins, DAR members Salley Bueno & Renee Pace, Charles McMillan, John Ashcroft, Pat Haas, Janet Perry, Ben Edmondson, and Dan McMurray.



May 2, 2024: Naturalization Ceremony
Color Guard and chapter members welcomed about 60 new US citizens at the Naturalization Ceremony held May 2 at Wilson's Creek Battlefield National Park. Judge Harpool stands with chapter members Steve Perkins, Darrol Hutton, and Gary Gift following the ceremony. Several new citizens passionately expressed personal thoughts about the importance that their new country cherish and preserve the freedoms we enjoy, yet some take for granted. Photo by Norm Knowlton.



emony was the unveiling of the new wayside historical marker, and the Patriot Board, the latter whose permanent home will be at the French Colonial Life Museum in Ste. Genevieve. Both will prominently convey to the community and tourists like, support from the early Ste. Genevieve French settlers toward independence from British rule.



SAR Color Guard under the Command of Scott Collins and 2nd Adjutant Patrick Wesolosky.

May 27, 2024: Memorial Day

The Ozark Mountain Chapter, MOSSAR, for the second year, organized and hosted a Memorial Day ceremony at the Springfield National Cemetery. Candidate for the 136th District of the Missouri House, James Robinette delivered the keynote speech. A procession of flags and organizations kicked off the ceremony which included OMC-SAR, DAR-Rachel Donelson chapter, Nathan Boone chapter 1812, Daughters of the 1812 Society, Daughters of Union Veterans, John Phelps Camp #66 Sons of Union Veterans, Mormon Tabernacle Choir. A military band provided music prior to the ceremony, and played the national anthem, and processional music. The Republic AFJROTC manned the US flag at the center of the cemetery, raised it to the top, then lowered to half-mast during the Star Spangled Banner. Following Mr. Robinette's message, and the benediction and taps, a triple musket-volley was executed by Compatriots Piedlow and Perkins. Participating SAR members: John Hathcock, Dan Piedlow, Charles McMillan, Kavan Stull, Norm Knowlton, Ken Lawrence, Cris Brayman, George Swales, Winston Burton, Dan Philbrick, Jim Robinette, Steve Perkins.



May 29, 2024, Honor Flight, Springfield

Roughly 80 veterans, including our own Dan McMurray, returned to the Springfield-Branson airport after a very long day of seeing the monuments and sights in Washington DC. Ozarks Honor Flights has for years been doing twice-yearly flights that transport area Veterans, at no cost to them, to take that DC trip. Charles McMillan and Steve Perkins welcomed home the veterans, while Norm Knowlton took photos. This is a moving welcome and the turnout of the general public usually numbers around 400-500 people, including representatives from nearby law enforcement, and other Veteran's groups. US Representative Eric Burlison was among the greeters, as well as representatives for Josh Hawley and Eric Schmidt. Mayor McClure was also present and led the veterans from the gate through the greeters.



May 26, 2024, French Patriot Grave Marking & Ft. San Carlos Commemoration

The Battle of Fort San Carlos Commemoration, and the recognition of five French Patriots was a great success with roughly 31 uniformed Color Guard representing 8 states. Many more non-Color Guard SAR members and spouse attended the ceremonies held at the Memorial Cemetery, and at the Ste. Genevieve Catholic Church. Bagpipes led the procession into the church where six flags were posted following the national anthem.



The event was organized by Executive Vice President Steve Biggs. The Milice de Ste Genevieve were integral to the ceremonies because they represent the very patriots who aided in the defense of Ft. San Carlos. Six members of the Milice joined and fired alternating volleys with the SAR Color Guard. Of great significance for this year's cer-



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June 1, 2024: Verona Pioneer Days

OMC-MOSSAR helped the city of Verona by officially kicking off the first annual Pioneer Days, in Cannon Park. Following a pancake feed, the opening ceremony centered around the presentation of flags by Color Guard. The event was chronicled by our pinch-hit photographer Derrol Hutton. Groups from a half-dozen nearby states came to participate in a celebration to remember days of yore when Lawrence (Greene) County was first settled in the 1830's and 40's. OMC members stayed for a few hours and cultivated several interested men to pursue membership. OMC members were Don Higgerson, Ken Lawrence, Dan Piedlow, Kavan Stull (Nims Chapter), Charles McMillan, Steve Perkins, and Mr. Hutton. AND! Kenneth Lawrence was presented his Southwest District Commander gorget, a traditional accoutrement the state color guard commanders are authorized to wear.



Flag Day June 14, 2024

The Ozark Mountain Chapter, Missouri SAR, conducted its annual Flag Day ceremony at the historic Greene County Courthouse, Friday, June 14, 2024. Many employees of the county, including representatives of the Greene County Commission and Greene County Sheriff's office attended. OMC presented a vexillology review of seven flags:

50-star, Betsy Ross, Missouri, and four regimental or Battle flags from the American Revolution. Pat Haas, Regent of the Rachel Donelson DAR chapter, read the American's Creed, which is a perfect complement to Flag Day. The Courthouse Chorale opened with the National Anthem, and throughout the ceremony sang patriotic songs, including the songs of the military branches. This moving ceremony honored our country and the flags that represent its 250 year history. Photos were taken by OMC member Dan Piedlow, and other participating members were (L-R in the photo) Steve Perkins, Charles McMillan, Don King, Dan McMurray, Don Higgerson, Norman Knowlton, Ken Lawrence, and George Swales.



Nebraska -



The Nebraska SAR Color Guard presented the colors at the 2024 Spring State Meeting of the Nebraska Society on April 21 at Mahoney State Park in Ashland, NE. On May 25, members of the Omaha Chapter Color Guard, along with other Chapter members, marched in the 4th annual Patriotic Productions Memorial Day Parade in Downtown Omaha.

On May 26, Color Guard Commander, Paul Burright, traveled to Ste. Genevieve, MO, to participate with the National SAR Color Guard for the celebration of the Battle of Fort San Carlos, and the Patriot Grave Marking ceremony for 7 patriots of the Revolutionary War. It

was a great event and Commander Burright met many of the guardsmen that were there to represent their respective state societies.

On June 6, the city of Papillion, NE, unveiled Nebraska's first state monument to Vietnam Veterans and the Nebraska DAR hosted a luncheon for the Vietnam Veterans in the area. The Nebraska SAR Color Guard presented the colors at this event, and we had some nice conversations with many of the Vietnam veterans in attendance, who were grateful for our participation in their honor.

On June 8, members from Nebraska traveled to Des Moines, IA, to participate with other color guard members from the North Central District, in dedicating a DAR America 250 marker in the GAR circle and veteran section of historic Woodland Cemetery. This is the 8th America 250 marker that the Nebraska color guard has helped dedicate in Nebraska and Iowa.



On June 22, the color guard had a full day of activity in Beatrice, NE. The day started with the Homestead Days Parade down Court Street in Beatrice at 10am. At 1pm, the Nebraska SAR hosted a Compatriot Grave Marking ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery in Beatrice, for Nebraska SAR founder, Gilbert Cole, who was NE #11 of 12 founding members when the Society was founded in 1890. Compatriot Cole was also a Civil War veteran, and we were joined by our Color Guard Compatriots in the Kansas SAR, the Nebraska DAR, as well as the Sons of Union Veterans [of the Civil War] and Daughters of Union Veterans [of the Civil War] to honor this Compatriot and his service. At 2:30pm, we traveled to Beatrice Cemetery to a DAR grave re-dedication of Real Daughter, Lucy Wills Tibbets, who was a member of the Nebraska DAR and whose father, James Wills, was a Revolutionary War veteran. It was a hot and muggy day, but a great day of patriotic celebration in Nebraska.





Flag Day

On Flag Day and the US Army Birthday, June 14, 2024 - the NVSSAR Battle Born Patriot (BBP) Chapter Color Guard performed an Honor Guard in support of the Nevada National Guard's presentation of colors at ceremonies held on the State Capitol Grounds in Carson City, NV. Brig. Gen. D. Rodger Waters of the Nevada Army National Guard was the keynote speaker for the event, and spoke on the US Army's 249th Birthday. Five BBP Chapter Color Guard members were in attendance.



While at the ceremony, CG member Rafael Ortiz, a certified Paramedic and retired Firefighter, saw an emergency and immediately responded to render first aid to an audience member who had lost his footing and fallen on cobblestones, breaking bones in both his arm and shoulder. Rafael quickly immobilized the victim and calmed the scene, and after arrival of EMS, accompanied the injured man to be transported by ambulance for further treatment. Well done, compatriot Ortiz!

PG Dodd Presents the Hunewill Ranch Family the SAR Certificate of Commendation for Display of the US Flag

On June 15, following the aforementioned flag ceremony at Smith Valley, PG Dodd and the combined California & Nevada color guard drove to Bridgeport, California, where the color guard and other members of both the CASSAR and NVSSAR all met at the historic Bridgeport Inn to enjoy lunch.



After lunch, the group caravanned to the nearby Hunewill Ranch, where PG Dodd had arranged to meet his longtime friends, the Hunewill family, and to present them with the SAR Certificate of Commendation for their display of the US Flag.

During this ceremony, PG Dodd presented Betsy Hunewill with the SAR Certificate of Commendation for the Display of the U.S. Flag, in sincere recognition for the Hunewill family's enduring patriotism and loyalty, shown within the community by their decades long year-round display of the U.S. Flag in the courtyard outside their ranch offices and main house. Following this presentation by PG Dodd, the combined color guard, led by CASSAR Color Guard Commander Brandon Villardi, honored the occasion by delivering a single volley musket salute.

PHOTO Left 2024 6-15 Hunewill Ranch Presentation by PG Dodd to Betsy Hunewill, of the SAR Commendation Certificate for the Display of the US Flag, with combined CA & NV color guard. L to R: Rafael Ortiz, Gerry Miller, John Ferris, Brandon Villardi, PG John Dodd, Betsy Hunewill, Donn Dalton, David Hess, Jay Dickey, Roger Linscott. Photo by Angela Haakinson



PHOTO :Right 2024 6-15 Hunewill Ranch, Combined CA & NV Color Guard Musket Salute, commemorating the award of the SAR Certificate of Commendation for the Display of the US Flag by PG Dodd to Betsy Hunewill. Photo by Randy Wright.

On June 15, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., PG John Dodd was the Master of Ceremonies at a flag ceremony in Wellington, NV, for the Smith Valley Historical Society. To open the event, a combined SAR color guard, comprised of members of both the Nevada and California Societies, marched forward to present the colors for the occasion. PG Dodd then greeted Dr. Robin Titus, president of the Smith Valley Historical Society, and on behalf of the SAR, he presented her with two new flags to fly over their museum, which is housed in the restored 1880's Smith Valley school house. To accompany these new flags, PG Dodd also awarded Dr. Titus with the SAR Certificate of Commendation for the Display of the U.S. Flag, in order to recognize the Smith Valley Historical Society's year-round patriotic display of the U.S. Flag outside their museum building. The framed certificate will be on permanent display in the museum. Following PG Dodd's presentation of the new flags and the flag certificate, the combined color guard performed a single musket volley salute to commemorate the occasion, led by NVSSAR Color Guard Cmdr. Roger Linscott. Following this ceremony, PG Dodd and the audience, accompanied by the combined color guard, traveled to Bridgeport, CA to participate in a similar presentation ceremony at the Hunewill Ranch headquarters.



PHOTO Left: 2024 6-15 Smith Valley Historical Society, Wellington, NV. Combined CA & NV Color Guard presenting colors, L to R: NVSSAR Color Guard Cmdr. Roger Linscott, CASSAR Color Guard Cmdr. Brandon Villardi, Jay Dickey, Donn Dalton, Rafael Ortiz, John Ferris, David Hess, Gerry Miller. Photo by S.Linscott

PHOTO Right: 2024 6-15 Smith Valley Historical Society, Wellington, NV. MUSKET SALUTE by Combined CA & NV Color Guard. Photo by S.Linscott

PHOTO Far Right): 2024 6-15 Smith Valley Historical Society, New Flags fly over museum schoolhouse, Wellington, NV. Photo by S.Linscott



New Hampshire -

Patriots Day – 15 April 2024

A combined unit of New Hampshire and Connecticut SAR members participated in the Patriots Day festivities in Concord, Massachusetts. Joining the group were Lois Hermann and Kirsten White of the Molly Stark Chapter DAR. The festivities included a parade to honor those who fought in the battle. Photographs by Lydia Cumbee.



Photos Left:

L-T: CT. Col. David Perkins, CT Sgt Derek Brockhoff, NH Guardsman Berry Lewis, NHSODAR member Lois Hermann, NH CG Commander Curtis Hermann, NH Guardsmen Russell Cumbee, Richard Wright and Paul Ford, CT Guardsmen Fred Rivard, MA Guardsman Jeffy Hazeldine, CT Major Dan Dudley and CT Guardsman Todd Gerlander. Not pictured, NH Guardsman Ron White.

Patriots Day Parade Right March through Concord, MA

Londonderry NH Historical Society Open House– 19 May 2024

Members of the NHSAR Color Guard braved cool and damp weather to muster at the historic Morrison House Museum during the Londonderry, NH Historical Society's open house. Color guard members outfitted themselves in various colonial dress to represent civilians, militia and the military. In addition to observing musket firing demonstrations, visitors had plenty of opportunities to ask questions and gain insight into the Revolutionary War period. Lydia Cumbee, photographer.



Photo Left: LHS Meeting: Pre-event meeting to discuss rolls and demonstrations. L-R: Commander Curtis Hermann; Guardsmen Russel Cumbee (obstructed), Dick Baynes, Dennis Walsh, Richard Wright, Bob Chesley (obstructed), Hans Jackson, and Barry Lewis. Guardsman Doug Wood at the display table.

LHS Firing Demonstration Right:

Commander Curtis Hermann explains the prime and load sequence to visitors. Firing Detail L-R: Bob Chesley, Ron White (hunting frock, partially obstructed), Barry Lewis (partially obstructed), Hans Jackson and Russell Cumbee.



NHSODAR Veterans Banquet – 4 May 2024

NHSAR Color Guardsmen Curtis Hermann, Barry Lewis and Doug Wood joined with NHSODAR members Linda Wood and Lois Hermann to present and retire the colors at the New Hampshire State Organization of the Daughters of the American Revolution's annual Veterans Banquet.

Photos:

NHSODAR Presenting Right: Vice Commander Barry Lewis and NHSODAR member Linda Wood (obstructed) presenting the colors.

NHSODAR Retiring Far Right: CG Commander Curtis Hermann, Vice Commander Barry Lewis, NHSODAR member Linda Wood, NHSODAR member Lois Hermann (obstructed) and Guardsman Doug Wood marching in to retire the colors.

NH Lafayette Day – 20 May 2024

New Hampshire SAR Color Guard presented the colors and fired a three volley musket salute on the Lafayette Day in Concord, NH..

Photos: Bottom Left Lafayette Day Presentation: NHSAR Presentation of the US and French Flags. L-R: Guardsmen Doug Wood, Richard Wright, John Ginsberg (obscured), Albert Lamson (obscured) and Commander Curtis Hermann.

Lafayette Day Salute Bottom Right: L-R: Richard Wright, Curtis Hermann (obscured), Doug Wood, Hans Jackson and Dennis Walsh Lafayette Day Honor: Three Charleville muskets in honor of the arms supplied by France.



Memorial Day – 27 May 2024

The NHSAR and Dunbarton, NH American Legion Post #116 conducted a combined Memorial Day ceremony to honor the service and sacrifices of all military service members. After placing wreaths at Dunbarton's four war memorials and the memorial for unknown soldiers, grave markers were placed to honor six Revolutionary War soldiers. The boys and girls of Boy Scout Troop 75 and Girl Scout Troop 59084 assisted in placing wreaths and unveiling the grave markers. Dick Baynes, photographer.

Top Left Memorial Day Musket Salute: L-R: Vice Commander Berry Lewis; Guardsmen Doug Wood, Hans Jackson, Paul Forrd (obstructed) and Dennis Walsh (obstructed).

Bottom Left Memorial Day Honor Guard: L-R: Guardsmen Ron White, Dennis Walsh, Paul Ford, Hans Jackson and Doug Wood; Vice Commander Barry Lewis; Guardsmen Albert Lamson and Richard Wright; Lois Hermann, Molly Stark Chapter, NHSODAR.

Memorial Day Unveiling Far Right: NHSAR Guardsman Albert Lamson with unidentified Scouts.

Student Patriotism Day – 6 June 2024

Members of NHSAR joined with members of the NH State Organization of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Cathedral of the Pines staff to host Student Patriotism Day. The 5th Grade class from a local Charter School spent the day learning about flag etiquette, the constitution, and the constitution. The students also enjoyed a presentation on colonial life during the Revolutionary War and learning the finer points of a Huzzah salute. Photos by Richard Baynes.

Photos: Gathering Left: Students gathered in the Cathedral of the Pines Sanctuary in Rindge, NH to begin the day by learning the presentation of the colors.



Presentation of the Colors Middle: NHSAR Guardsman Al Lamson, Doug Wood, Curtis Hermann and DAR Lois Hermann help the students put what they learned into practice.

Folding Right; NHSAR Guardsmen Al Lamson and Curtis Hermann guide a group of students learning the proper way to fold a flag.

Durham, NH Revolution 1774 – 15 June 2024

NHSAR performed a flag raising ceremony to kick off Revolution 1774, an event to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the raid on Fort William and Mary. Photo by Richard Baynes.

Photo: Durham 250th L – R: Guardsman Bob Chesley, Vice Commander Barry Lewis and Guardsman Doug Wood.



Bunker Hill – 17 June 2024

The NHSAR Color Guard joined with MASAR Color Guard, CTSAR Color Guard and the Charlestown Militia for the ceremony commemorating the 249th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill. The combined group joined in the ecumenical service, procession to the Bunker Hill Monument and provided a musket salute. Upon completion of the formal ceremony, the State Color Guards placed wreaths at each of the monument gates honoring the militia from each colony participating in the battle. Photos by Lydia Cumbee.

Photos: Bunker Hill Left - CTSAR and NHSAR Color Guardsmen L-R: Russel Cumbee, NHSAR, David Perkins, CTSAR, John Ginsberg, NHSAR, Curtis Hermann, NHSAR, Ron White, NHSAR, Jerry Hazeldine, CTSAR, Unknown, CTSAR and Todd Gerlander, CTSAR.

Bunker Hill Present Arms Left Combined militia unit at present arms.

Bunker Hill Group Right: Members of the CTSAR, MASAR and NHSAR Color Guards along with members of the Charlestown Militia in front of the statue of at the Bunker Hill Monument.





New Jersey -

247TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF BOUND BROOK

On April 13, the New Jersey Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard conducted a wreath laying to commemorate the Battle of Bound Brook, fought April 13, 1777, in Bound Brook, N.J. NJSSAR Color Guard Commander Jay Hershey led a detail consisting of Ed Glidden, Gary Beauregard, Jake Rue, Robert Gula and Tom Damico. Also in attendance, Catherine Parette from the New Jersey Daughters of the American Revolution. On Sunday, April 13, 1777, a four-column force of 4,000 British Crown troops led by Lord Charles Cornwallis attacked a small American garrison of about 500 commanded by General Benjamin Lincoln in the town of Bound Brook. The objective: capture the garrison and provisions. An advance column led by Hessian Jaeger scouts attacked too soon, spoiling the coordinated surprise attack, and were pinned down by Colonial soldiers who put up a spirited resistance at the Old Stone Arch Bridge. The skirmish bought precious time for the bulk of the American force in Bound Brook as British forces poured into the area. When a second column of 1,000 British soldiers attacked, the Colonials successfully retreated, escaping the trap.

Plaque Dedication for Militia Col. Bowes Reed

Also on April 13, on a day that saw the NJSSAR Color Guard split in two squads, South Jersey Color Guardsmen posted colors at the dedication of a plaque honoring Burlington County Militia Col. Bowes Reed, whose brother Joseph Reed was an aide-de-camp for General George Washington. The event was held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Burlington, NJ.

250 Sign Dedication in the Cemetery of a Signer of the Declaration

On May 5, NJSSAR State President Robert Meyer, NJDAR Regent Diane Oliver and the NJSSAR Color Guard had the honor of attending the unveiling of the Daughters of the American Revolution 250! Patriots Marker in Rahway Cemetery, at the First Presbyterian Church in Rahway, NJ. Abraham Clark, a New Jersey signer of the Declaration of Independence, is buried there, along with many Revolutionary War soldiers. The marker "commemorates the men and women who achieved American independence. These Patriots, believing in the noble cause of liberty, fought valiantly to found a new nation." The sign was presented by the Olde family and Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell Chapter of the DAR.

History Day/Training Day, at East Jersey Old Towne Village

The Color Guard took advantage of a daylong event at East Jersey Old Town Village in Piscataway, NJ, on May 18 to practice musket firing, marching drills and flag decorum. Color Guardsman Ed Glidden instructed his fellow guardsmen Earl Grondyke, Ken McGill, James Howard, Jay Hershey and Bob Anderson in the arts of powder-cartridge making and the performing of firing drills. Color Guardsman Gary Beauregard was also present displaying a selection of his muskets and swords.

Rededication of Abraham Clark Monument, Rahway, NJ - Photo Right

On May 30, the NJSSAR Color Guard attended a ceremony to rededicate the 1924 monument to Abraham Clark and his family in Rahway Cemetery. Clark was a New Jersey delegate to the Continental Congress and signer of the Declaration of Independence. He later served in the U.S. House of Representatives. During his career as a lawyer he was known for defending the poor free of charge. NJSSAR Color Guard attended a rededication of the monument to the family of Abraham Clark, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, 100 years after the monument was erected by the Matochshonig-Rebecca Cornell Chapter of the NJDAR.



Memorial Day Celebrations Around New Jersey - Photo Left

Color Guard were encouraged to participate in Memorial Day parades and ceremonies around the state, as they are every year. Among other events that day: Color Guardsmen Robert Gula and Robert Anderson attended a ceremony at Fairview Cemetery in Middletown, NJ. NJSSAR State President Robert Meyer attended a parade. NJSSAR State President Robert Meyer, State Secretary Ed Glidden and Gary Beauregard attended the Memorial Day parade in Matawan, NJ



NJSSAR Battle of Monmouth Memorial Luncheon and Board Meeting Photo Right

The NJSSAR on June 8 held its first annual meeting named in honor of the Battle of Monmouth. In attendance, President Robert Meyer and other NJSSAR officers from around the state. The Color Guard unveiled a new NJSSAR flag and posted the colors with the help of Princeton-Cranbury Chapter President Roger Williams, Color Guard Adjutant Richard Serfass and Mike Mangum. The speaker was Robert Schulte, a teacher, historian and soon-to-be Color Guard member. Rob, a longtime RevWar re-enactor, was the NJSSAR's 2023 Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher of the Year and winner of the 2022 Reverend John Witherspoon American History Teacher of the Year Award from NJSSAR. The Color Guard posted the colors at the inaugural Battle of Monmouth Lunch in Princeton on June 8. From Left, Jay Hershey, Roger Williams, who is Chair of the NJSSAR Education Outreach Committee and Vice Chair of the History Committee, Richard Serfass and Mike Mangum, who holds the new NJSSAR state flag.

Commemorating of the 246th Anniversary of the Battle of Monmouth

SAR Color Guardsmen from New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Connecticut and Florida performed a wreath laying at Battle of Monmouth Weekend, June 15, at Monmouth Battlefield State Park. Wreaths were placed by the NJSSAR, NJDAR and Sons of the Revolution honoring all who fought in the battle, June 28, 1778, and General Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben, the Drillmaster of Valley Forge, whose diligence and instruction helped turn the Continental Army into a disciplined and powerful force. The benefits of that training, imparted during the 1777-78 winter encampment at Valley Forge, were first seen on a major scale in the American victory at Monmouth.



Commemorating the Battles of Springfield and Connecticut Farms

Recognized last year as a National SAR Color Guard Event, the Battles of Connecticut Farms and Springfield, fought June 7 and 23, 1780, were commemorated on June 22 in Springfield, NJ. Severe heat and rain prevented the usual order of the joint ceremony, a wreath laying in Battleground Cemetery followed by a march to the First Presbyterian Church. Instead, wreaths were presented inside the church by New Jersey Daughters of the American Revolution and its Church and Cannon Chapter, led by Regent Heather Sanford, and NJSSAR represented by Color Guard Commander Jay Hershey, also president of the West Fields Chapter, containing both Springfield and Connecticut Farms.

When the weather broke, Color Guardsmen assembled at the Minuteman statue outside First Presbyterian where the immortal “Fighting Parson” Rev. James Caldwell uttered the famous line, “Give ‘em Watts, boys!” while tearing pages from hymnals to be used as wadding for the guns.

The Battles of Connecticut Farms and Springfield were fought in neighboring towns two weeks apart. Each battle featured thousands of troops, intense combat and a sound defeat of British and Hessian plans to capture George Washington and Continental stores at nearby Morristown.

The Arrest of Governor William Franklin

Every June, the 1762 New Jersey Proprietary House in Perth Amboy stages a reenactment of the arrest of Governor William Franklin with the help of the NJSSAR Color Guard. The Proprietary House was the home of the last royal governor of New Jersey, William Franklin, a devout loyalist despite being a son of Benjamin Franklin. The reenactment depicts the moment in June 1776 when Franklin was arrested by Colonial militia (played by members of the NJSSAR Color Guard) and sent to Connecticut for imprisonment. The Proprietary House is the only colonial governor’s mansion still standing in the U.S. This year, Jay Hershey participated in the show, while fellow Color Guardsmen Ed Glidden and Gary Beauregard performed demonstrations of the musket and long rifle.



The Battle of The Short Hills 247th Anniversary Commemoration

On the morning of June 26, NJSSAR Color Guard helped honor the 247th anniversary of The Battle of The Short Hills, fought June 26, 1777. The ceremony took place in Edison, NJ, in a preserved part of the battlefield designated as a city park, Oak Tree Pond Historic Park. A well-turned-out detail of eight from the NJSSAR Color Guard, led by Commander Jay Hershey, posted the colors. NSSAR Education Outreach Chair and History Vice-Chair Roger Williams was present. Present from the DAR, Susan Luczu, Jersey Blue Chapter Regent and NSDAR Insignia Committee, Karen Keithler and Janena Benjamin from the Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell Chapter; and Ken McKeever, President of the New Jersey Sons of the Revolution. Edison Councilman Joe Coyle led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sam Joshi and City Administrator Robert Diehl both gave welcoming remarks. The city’s chiefs of police and fire department attended as well. From the State of New Jersey, Carri Fellows, executive director of Cross-roads of the American Revolution was present, as were representatives of the Edison and Westfield historical societies. This battle, named for “the Short Hills” that once made up the area’s distinguishing feature, unfolded over a long summer’s day in 1777 during which British, Hessian and American troops engaged in a fight that began in the morning in Woodbridge and spread to Edison, Metuchen and Plainfield. The extended attack, an effort to capture General Washington, failed after a daylong fight when Washington and his combined force of Continentals and New Jersey Militia retreated to their stronghold in the Watchung Mountains. The retreating 14,000 British and Hessian soldiers, for their part, marched through Scotch Plains and West Fields in a notorious raid that ransacked numerous homes and lasted into the next day.

Military Honors for a Soldier Killed in 1950 in the Korean War

U.S. Army Pvt. Anthony John Lopa of North Arlington, NJ, died in Korea in August 1950 at the age of 17 while serving his country in the Korean War. His remains were unidentified when they were returned by North Korea to the U.S. several years ago. DNA analysis then was performed to identify Pvt. Lopa, and he was laid to rest on Friday, June 28, at the Doyle Veteran Memorial Cemetery in Wrightstown, NJ. Members of the NJSSAR Color Guard were proud to attend the full military service for Pvt. Lopa where members of the family, representatives of the U.S. Army and veterans groups including the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion attended.



Ohio



*Photo Left Homeschoolers CG Lewis Center: On Tuesday, April 2nd, Ohio Society Color Guard Commander Bob Hill led a small color guard contingent to post the colors for homeschoolers, kindergarten to fifth graders, parents and teachers, at Berlin Church in Lewis Center, Ohio. In the photo he is followed by Kevin Driesbach of the Camp Charlotte Chapter, Steve Conrad of the Hocking Valley Chapter, Elaina Potter of the Children of the American Revolution, and her father, Larry Potter of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter.

*Photo Right Homeschoolers CG 4: After posting the colors, Pledge of Allegiance and prayer, the compatriots gave a 20-minute presentation on the Revolutionary War, with comments on the Declaration of Independence, each of their uniforms, weapons, and ancestors, and answered any questions from the children.



*Photo Left Cincinnati Patriot Day 2024: On a beautiful spring day, Saturday, April 20th, compatriots Greg Ballman (L) of the Cincinnati Chapter, and Bob Hill (R) of the Hocking Valley Chapter shoulder firelocks at the command of Cincinnati Color Guard Commander Bob Bowers.

*Photo # Cincinnati Patriot Day 2024.2: Some of the compatriots gather for a photo after the Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony held at Washington Park in Cincinnati and hosted by the Cincinnati Chapter. L to R: Bob Bowers (Cincinnati Chapter), Steve Conrad (Hocking Valley Chapter), Patrick Wesolosky (Kentucky Society), Al Gummere (Hocking Valley Chapter), Bob Hill (Hocking Valley Chapter), Chris Canine (Kentucky Society).



*Photo # RMC Honor Flight: The Richard Montgomery Color Guard members joined with the local Jonathan Dayton Chapter DAR members to greet returning veterans from an Honor Flight to and from Washington DC on Saturday, April 20th. Pictured are the Richard Montgomery Chapter members with Chapter Color Guard Commander Alan See (6th from Left)



*Photo Below: Members of the Hocking Valley Chapter Color Guard stand with a host couple after presenting the colors for a fundraising event on behalf of the Ohio 250th US Anniversary Commission at the Columbus Club in downtown Columbus on Thursday, April 25th.



*Photo Below: NSSAR President General John Dodd (center, second row) stands with compatriots at the Old Colony Burying Ground after a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony in Granville, Ohio on Saturday, May 4th during the Ohio Society State Meeting.

*Photo # image (2): Compatriots fire a musket salute at Old Colony Burying Ground Patriot Grave Marking in Granville. This was the fourth and final volley. Three successive (3) volleys were fired earlier after the wreath presentations. The compatriots went to Present Arms as Taps played, and then to Mourn Muskets as a bagpipe played Amazing Grace. The compatriots then marched 50 yards west to lower the Grand Union flag, folded it, raised the National Colors and fired this final volley. The folded Grand Union flag was presented to a disabled descendant of one of the five patriots honored that day.



*Photo # IMG_5420: Members of the Cincinnati Chapter Color Guard were joined by two members of the Hocking Valley Chapter on Wednesday, May 8th, to present the colors and do a four (4)-hour long presentation on the Revolutionary War to 140 fourth graders at the Mariemont Experimental School in Cincinnati. The presentation began in the auditorium with all the children present, and then they were divided into three separate rotating classes.



*Photo # Decoursey Grave Marking: On Saturday, May 11th, color guard members pose by the grave of Patriot William DeCoursey in Eaton, Ohio. The Patriot Grave Marking was jointly sponsored by the Richard Montgomery Chapter (Ohio) and the Simon Kenton Chapter (Kentucky).



Photo Below: Compatriots of a combined State Color Guard stand together at a Patriot Jacob Nagle Historical Marker Dedication hosted by the John Stark and Mahoning Valley Chapters on Saturday, May 18th, in Canton, Ohio. Also involved were several DAR Chapters and the Fellowship of First Fleeters with representatives from Australia, England, and Canada. First Fleeters refers to those ancestors involved in bringing the first European settlers to the continent of Australia. Previous to serving in the British Navy as an impressed sailor, Nagle served in both the Continental Army and Navy.



Photo Below: The State Color Guard marches forward to post the colors at a Patriot Grave Marking sponsored by the Northeastern Ohio Chapter in Conneaut, Ohio on Sunday, May 26th.



Photo Below: The Musket Detail gets a safety inspection by State Color Guard Commander Bob Hill prior to the Memorial Service for Patriots of the Northwest Territory at Mound Cemetery in Marietta, Ohio on Thursday, May 23rd. Mound Cemetery holds the highest number (37) of Revolutionary War officers in America.



Photo Below: A combined State Color Guard stands at attention as the funeral procession for World War Two casualty 2nd Lt. James H. Marrah arrives at the cemetery in London, Ohio on Saturday, May 25th.



Photo Left Centennial Chapter: Members of the Centennial Chapter Color Guard rode in their parade wagon on Memorial Day in Buckland, Ohio.

Photo Below Granville Memorial Day: Compatriots of the Hocking Valley Chapter Color Guard marched in the Memorial Day Parade in Granville, Ohio behind the American Legion Color Guard leading the parade, and in front of the Granville Chapter DAR following close behind.



Oklahoma -

Tulsa Chapter Color Guard Activity

Floral Haven Cemetery in Broken Arrow, OK, celebrated its 52nd anniversary of the “Avenue of The Flags” Memorial Day Observance 2024. The Tulsa Chapter SAR Color Guard assisted members of Tulsa area JROTC units and American Legion Post 308 in raising casket flags donated by the surviving families of veterans buried at the cemetery since last year’s Memorial Day. Guardsman John Thompson raised the casket flag in honor of U.S. Navy veteran Ray W. Jenkins who served during the Vietnam War. After the ceremony, Compatriot Thompson emailed his photo of Mr. Jenkin’s flag being raised for the first time to the Jenkins family, who live in Houston. They were very pleased and touched to hear of Compatriot Thompson’s kindness in honoring their loved one.

PHOTO Right:
Tulsa Chapter SAR Color Guardsman John Thompson honors recently deceased U.S. Navy veteran Ray W. Jenkins



Oklahoma City Chapter Color Guard Activity

On Saturday, May 18th 2024, The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) Oklahoma Society, Oklahoma City (OKC) Chapter Number 1, Color Guard Team marched for the First time in the Nation’s Largest Armed Forces Day Parade. With over 100 Entries, this was the most Parade participants in several Decades. The 2024 ”Sound of Freedom”-themed Parade went well. The Armed Forces Day Parade’s First Parade began around 1957 and has been hosted by the City of Lawton and Fort Sill for all the Parades! SAR Chapter President Craig Crow organized the OKC Chapter Color Guard entry as part of his SAR “Growth and Expansion” Plan for Oklahoma.

The Color Guard was Commanded by Commander Mark Reichardt. Other Color Bearers were Color Sergeant Major Terry McClain, Chapter President Craig Crow. Oklahoma Society Color Guard Commander Joe Sieber and driving the “Safety” Truck with the SAR Banner was Honor Guard Commander Steve Miller, who was on the injured list due to Horseplay with Horses. Colors Carried were the American National Flag, the Betsey Ross Flag, the Oklahoma State Flag and the NSSAR America 250 Flag.

Commander Mark Reichardt has grown the Color Guard still further and morale is high due in large part to an aggressively organized Musketry Team being added to the Chapter. Some of the Chapter Members are actively involved solely due to the active use of Musketry in our Honor Guard. Two other SAR Chapters have augmented our Musketry Honor Guard for Major Events, which makes the event a “Society”-Level event, Commander Reichardt envisions Color and Honor Guard participation in over 70 Events this Coming Year. He is well on his way in achieving this Goal! Great Job Commander!

In Photo Left from Left to Right: Steve Miller, Joe Sieber, Mark Reichardt, Terry McClain and Craig Crow

In Photo Right Color Guard moving to Start Point in the Parade



Oklahoma City Chapter Color Guard Activity

Thunder Game 14 Apr 2024a:
Oklahoma City Color Guard at attention during the National Anthem
From Left to Right: Lt. Mark Reichardt, Eric Koonce, Capt Steve Miller, Trent England, Musician Abraham England
Place: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Event:Oklahoma City Thunder NBA Basketball game vs Dallas Mavericks
Approximate Public Attendance: 18,300
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On 20 April 2024, the NSSAR Oklahoma Society Congress convened in Bartlesville, Oklahoma at the Hillcrest Country Club. The Congress opened with the Raising of the National Colors and a Musket Volley performed by the Society Musket Team composed of the Chapter Musket Teams. The “Revolutionary Rangers” Musket Team was commanded by Commander Steve Miller and Color Sergeant Major, Past Chapter President, Chapter Trustee and Past Color Guard Commander Terry Handley. The Musket Salute Team was led by Past Society Color Guard Commander and Past Chapter President and Commander Henry Baer. The Musket Men were composed of Chapter Color Guard Commander Mark Reichardt, Chapter President Craig Crow, Color Sergeant Terry McClain, Society Chaplain Reverend Tom Rupert, Chapter President and Color Guard Commander Steve Domann and Compatriots Tom Windle and Tom Birkett.

The Congress was a success as many Compatriots attended. Society President Phil Hunt welcomed and introduced all with skill and adroitness. As he introduced the Guest Speakers, he provided their Backgrounds and Biographies seamlessly. One in particular was Vice President General for the South-Central District, The Honorable Bobbie Hulse. VPG Hulse brought Greetings from National to our Congress. The NSDAR Regent present also brought Greetings and introduced the new DAR Award Medal for Service to the DAR from outside the organization. It was the Hannah White Arnett Medal. The Regent then identified people in the Audience who had already received the Award. The Society Medal Awards were Lively as many awards to many Compatriots were awarded for significant work or accomplishments across the State and the Nation.

President Hunt and this year’s Host, the Bartlesville NSSAR Chapter are to be Com-mended for a “Congress Well Done!”



Norman Chapter

On Thursday May 23rd, the SAR Norman Chapter celebrated an Observation of the Memorial Day Holiday with a presentation of Awards and Flags to Veterans at the Norman Veterans Center, a home for Veterans who need the services provided there. This was followed up with a Musket Salute provided by a Team from the Oklahoma City Revolutionary Rangers Honor Guard, that is part of the Oklahoma Society Honor Guard to honor the Veterans and the Memorial Day Holiday. The Norman SAR Host Chapter was represented by Chapter President and Color Guard Commander Mark Atterson, Color Sergeant Tony Eastmond and Chapter Registrar Pete Wood. The Revolutionary Rangers, Commanded by Color Guard Commander Mark Reichardt, led the Team of Secretary/Treasurer Terry Handley and Chaplain Reverend Tom Rupert, also a representative of the Famous “Black Robe Regiment” of the Revolutionary War, performed the Musket Salute for the Ceremony.

Also in attendance were Distinguished Visitors Regent Janet Harris and Barbara Spellman from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Black Beaver Chapter of Norman, Oklahoma. This is the first time in recent history that a Musket Salute had been performed for the Veterans at the Center. The Veterans were very pleased with the Observation of the Holiday and their recognition as Valued Members of the Community. A Heartfelt Thank You and “Huzzah” for SAR Chapter President Mark Atterson for coordinating this much-appreciated event.

The Third Photo show Commander Mark Reichardt, President Mark Atterson, Secretary Terry Handley and Chaplain Reverend Tom Rupert marching after the Presentation and the First Photo shows Chaplain Reverend Tom Rupert, Commander Mark Reichardt and Treasurer Terry Hadley firing a Musket Volley. The Second Photo is of Color Sergeant Tony Eastmond and President Mark Atterson in Militia attire for this Event.



Oregon -

Oregon Society Lewis & Clark Chapter

On Saturday June 1 st , the Lewis & Clark Chapter Color Guard participated in a military funeral at Willamette National Cemetery. The unclaimed cremated remains of 33 veterans and one infant dependent were discovered languishing on the shelves of local funeral homes by the group Friends of Forgotten Veterans. This group teamed with the local chapter of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) to arrange interment at Willamette National Cemetery, with full military honors. The cremains included four Union Civil War veterans, eight Spanish American War Era veterans, seventeen World War I veterans (including a U.S. Army hospital nurse who had served in France), four World War II veterans, and the infant son of a Navy veteran. The program included a flyover of 15D Eagles by the 142nd Fighter Wing of the Oregon Air National Guard, a Procession by the Portland Firefighters Pipe & Drum Corps, and a release of white doves at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Members of the Lewis & Clark Chapter Color Guard participating were Mark Phillips, Terry Witter, Fred Heiserman, Mike Lebsock, chapter president David Witter, and Color Guard Capt. Joel Simmons. They were joined by Washington State Society members Paul Winter (president of Fort Vancouver Chapter), and WASSAR Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon, of the Seattle Chapter.

20240601_093410 Interment at Willamette- Color Guard members Mark Phillips, Terry Witter, Joel Simmons, Neil Vernon, Fred Heiserman, David Witter, Paul Winter, Mike Lebsock. Photo Credit to- Eric Olsen, George Rogers Clark Chapter, WASSAR



Pennsylvania -



Phila. Continental Chapter (PCC) presented the colors at the annual French Alliance Day Celebration. CPT Fred Fonseca, Chris Snyder, SGT Rich Lind, Bill Baker. Spencer Snyder and Glenn Tyson..



On Memorial Day the PCC presented the colors at the annual SAR/DAR/CAR Wreath Laying at the tomb of unknown soldiers at Washington Square in Philadelphia. President Steve Kopsick, Noah Lewis, Rich Lind, SGT Rich Lind, Bill Baker Larry Magdy, Glenn Tyson, Mike Carver and CPT Fred Fonseca



Tennessee -

The 140 members of the Tennessee state color guard supported numerous chapter, state, and national events across the state during the second quarter of 2024. Events where you could find us ranged from educational outreach support at the Pioneer Days Program of Wilson Co., TN, a BSA Camporee at the Hermitage, Fiddlers Grove Historic Village, and Dickson Co., TN School Days to support of a CAR and two DAR hosted events honoring Patriots. Our members traveled to participate in events in KY, NC, VA, LA, and MO. We made the annual trip to celebrate Patriots Day with the TN State Senate and with the Col. Benjamin Cleveland chapter event in Cleveland, TN. Members support the historical

marker dedication to the State of Franklin, the 75th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade in Chattanooga, and the Birth day salute to Col. Benjamin Cleveland namesake of one of our chapters and key leader at the battle of Kings Mountain. Memorial Day 2024 saw many of our members supporting activities in their local areas joining with scouts, CAR, and DAR members to place flags at the National Cemeteries and conduct ceremonies in honor of veterans at small cemeteries. Sadly we also supported the funeral for Compatriot Frank Gracey Childers, NSSAR # 147220. Patriot (P) and Compatriot (C/P) marking ceremonies kicked off with the Rector ceremony and followed with: Maxwell (P), Brown (C/P), Aikin (P), Biffle (P), Johnston (P), Goff (P), Roller (P), Monument dedication at Baker's Creek for revolutionary war Patriots and 1812 veterans and lastly Ransom Smith (P). The Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter partnered with their local Elks lodge to conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony. The state color guard support our quarterly state board of governors meeting where we were able to present Compatriot Johnny Head with the National von Stueben Medal.

Members of the TNSSAR Color Guard at the Patriots Day Celebration in the Tennessee State Capital Senate chambers 18 APR 24.

TNSSAR Color Guard members from the Col. Anthony Bledsoe Chapter turned out to join with Scouts to post US Flags at the Nashville National Cemetery for Memorial Day 2024.



TNSSAR Color Guard members from the Col. Benjamin Cleveland and John Sevier Chapters were joined by DARs & CAR members to honor Korean War Veteran Corporal Roy L. Whaley during a Memorial Day ceremony 29 MAY 24.



TNSSAR Color Guard members conduct firing detail safety check prior to the start of the Patriot Grave marking ceremony in honor of Patriots Aikin, Biffle and Johnston 20 APR 24.



TNSSAR Color Guard members turn out to support the funeral of Compatriot Frank Gracey Childers, NSSAR # 147220 15 JUN 24.



TNSSAR Color Guard members from the Col. Benjamin Cleveland, John Sevier, Stephen Holston, and Hiwassee Chapters conduct a Patriot Grave marking ceremony in honor of Patriot Maxmillian Rector 6 APR 24.

Virginia

On 1 June 2024, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Sons of the American Revolution presented the colors for the Honor Flight, Top of Virginia trip departing from Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA. The Honor Flight takes veterans who served 1975 or earlier on a tour of Washington, D.C. war memorials. The veterans meet at Shenandoah University for pictures, coffee and donuts and to receive a briefing on the trip.



When all are ready, the CJWII Color Guard presents the colors for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Dianne Klopp, followed by the National Anthem led by compatriot Dale Corey. The veterans are accompanied by a guardian who will stay with them throughout the trip. The veterans are then led to buses while walking past the Color Guard who come to present arms to honor them as they pass by. The trip then leaves for Washington, where they stop at the World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War Memorials before going to Arlington Cemetery. The group is taken to a front row view of the changing of the guard. They then board the buses for a return trip. They are greeted by supporters which include the Fort Loudoun Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and other organizations upon their arrival at Shenandoah University. Members from the CJWII Chapter include Dale Corey, Chip Daniel, Brett Osborn, Allan Phillips and Marc Robinson. They were joined by Michael Wilson from the Col William Grayson Chapter.

The first photo is the Color Guard preparing to march. 1. to r. Diane Klopp, (emcee), Brett Osborn, Richard Tyler, Chip Daniel, Marc Robinson, Michael Wilson and Allan Phillips.
 Second photo is the CG at Present Arms.
 Third Photo is the CG along the Honor Walk, 1. to r. Brett Osborn, Richard, Tyler, Chip Daniel, Marc Robinson, Micheal Wilson, Allan Phillips and Dale Corey. (Photos courtesy of Michelle Phillips.)



On 24 May 2024, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society participated with the American Red Cross, AmVets Auxiliary Post 18 and VFW Post 2123 in a ceremony to place flags on graves at National Cemetery, Winchester, VA. This was in preparation for commemoration of Memorial Day. The chapter presented colors to open the ceremony after which, a flag was solemnly placed at each headstone. On 27 May, a remembrance ceremony was held to honor all those who paid the ultimate price in service to the country. Opening remarks were provided by compatriot Dale Corey with a presentation of the colors by the CJWII Color Guard with assistance from Fairfax Resolves Chapter. CAPT, USCG (Ret) Kirsten R. Martin was the keynote speaker, speaking about the Coast Guards contributions to the service of the country. Members of the CJWII color guard performed a flag folding ceremony and a nine-man musket squad fired a three round salute to commemorate the occasion. The guard was commanded by Allan Phillips and consisted of Brian Bayliss, Bryan Buck, Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen, Dale Corey, Jim Cordes, Chip Daniel, Will Reynolds, Eric Robinson, Marc Robinson and Richard Tyler. A flag folding ceremony was conducted by Daniel, M. Robinson and Tyler. The first photo is the color guard at Present Arms. The second photo is the Flag Folding Ceremony. (Photos courtesy of Michelle Phillips.)



On 8 June 2024, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution conducted a 250th Anniversary Commemoration of the Frederick County (Virginia) Resolves. The ceremony honored the memory of the Frederick County men who signed a document condemning the actions of Parliament in closing the port of Boston in May 1774. They vowed to import no English goods nor export goods to England based on a letter from Paul Revere to the committee of Philadelphia on 21 May 1774. On 8 June 1774, Frederick County patriots gathered in a meeting chaired by Rev. Charles Mynn Thruston, rector of Frederick Parish and chairman of the revolutionary County Committee of Association. The resolves were adopted in Winchester, copied and then adopted by Shenandoah County at a meeting chaired by the Rev. Peter Muhlenberg on 16 June 1774 in Woodstock, Virginia. The commemoration was held at the Winchester Walking Mall in conjunction with Winchester's Kidzfest. Participating for CJWII in colonial attire were Brian Bayliss, Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen, Dale Corey, Chip Daniel, Phil Hunter, Brett Osborn, Allan Phillips, Eric Robinson, Marc Robinson, Will Reynolds, Jim Simmons and Richard Tyler. Compatriots in civilian attire included David Cress, Erick Koontz and Randy Turner from CJWII and Rhett Wade representing the Sgt Major John Champe Chapter. Susan Laurer of the Fort Loudoun DAR participated and assisted in the reading of the Resolves. Wreaths were presented and the Resolves were read in their entirety four times to members of the community who attended the festival.

The first photo is Marc Robinson giving presentation on the Resolves.

Second photo is l. to r. Allan Phillips, Paul Christensen, Dale Corey, Richard Tyler, Susan Laurer and Brian Bayliss.

Third photo is l. to r. Will Reynolds, Phil Hunter, Jim Simmons, Brett Osborn and Marc Robinson. (Photos courtesy of Chip Daniel.)



On 15 June 2024, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution, conducted a commemoration to Daniel Morgan and the Beeline March. The ceremony was conducted at Morgan's grave site, Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Winchester, Virginia. In June 1775, the Continental Congress ordered the formation of two companies of Virginia riflemen to march to the aid of General George Washington's forces in Boston. Hugh Stephenson and Daniel Morgan were recommended to raise the companies. Stephenson in the Shepherdstown area while Morgan was to raise his company from the Winchester area. After raising the companies, they were to rendezvous at Frederick, Maryland to march together to Boston. Stephenson arrived at Frederick to find that Morgan, wanting to arrive at Boston first, had already left on 15 July, one day prior to their arrival. Morgan and his company marched 600 miles to arrive in Massachusetts 6 August, 20 days after departing Frederick. When Washington saw the dust covered riflemen file into camp, he asked Captain Morgan where they came from. Morgan's response was "From the right bank of the Potomac, sir!" Washington inspected the ranks, shaking hands with each of the riflemen. This journey became known as the Bee Line March. The event was emceed by Dale Corey with the SAR Virginia State Color Guard presenting and posting the colors. Greetings were given by Virginia State President William Greaf followed by a presentation on the march by Corey. Wreaths were presented on behalf of four SAR chapters, Col James Wood II, Culpeper Minutemen, Fairfax Resolves and Fort Harrison. The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America (Doug Hall) presented a wreath as well as Michelle Phillips for the Pack House Ford WVDAR Chapter. Participating from the CJWII chapter were Biran Bayliss, Bryan Buck, Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen, Dale Corey, Chip Daniel, Kelly Ford, Doug Hall, Brett Osborn, Dennis Parmerter, Allan Phillips, Jim Simmons and Richard Tyler. Jim Cordes, Fairfax Resolves; Paul McComb, George Washington; and Bill Schwetke, Culpeper Minutemen completed the color guard. Also present were former Virginia President Jeff Thomas, Fairfax Resolves and Richard Rankin, George Washington Chapter.

The first photo is the color guard preparing to march.

The second photo is the musket squad firing a salute.

The third photo are Virginia State Color Guard participants. (Photos courtesy of Chip Daniel.)



On 10 June 2024, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter, Virginia Society combined with Warren County, Virginia to conduct a commemoration to honor Dr Joseph Warren, namesake of the county. The event was held at the Warren County Administrative Building in Front Royal with support from four SAR chapters. Col James Wood II, Culpeper Minutemen, Fairfax Resolves and Sgt Maj John Champe chapters had representatives present to present the colors and wreaths. A musket squad provided a three round salute to honor the memory of Dr Warren. Joseph Warren was a principal figure in the days leading up to the American Revolutionary War. In 1759, he became the youngest physician in the colonies which included his patients, Sam Adams, John Hancock, John Adams and John Quincy Adams. When the Stamp Act was passed in 1765, he became a member of the rebellion against the British rule. Warren became involved in most of the protests British policies in the Boston area leading up to the Boston Tea Party. He was a member of the provincial congresses held in Massachusetts, including being selected as president of the third. He was an active member of the Massachusetts Committee of Public Safety. As a result of the rebellious movement in Boston, the provincial government was dissolved. To quell the uprising, British troops were sent to Boston and then to march to Concord to capture Sam Adams and John Hancock and destroy military arms and equipment. On 18 April 1775, he sent Paul Revere and William Dawes along with William Prescott on the midnight ride to warn colonists at Lexington and Concord, the “Regulars are Coming”. After this, Warren was selected as a delegate from Suffolk County to develop protesting documentation against the British. He helped draft the “Suffolk Resolves”, which were adopted by a convention on 9 September 1776. The citizens were asked to cease paying taxes or trading with Britain and to undertake militia drills each week. After passing unanimously, Paul Revere carried them to Philadelphia where they were endorsed by the Continental Congress. He was offered a commission as a major general on 14 June 1775, but declined and joined the Battle of Bunker Hill. He was on Breed’s Hill at the front of the battle and was killed on 17 June when the colonists ran out of ammunition and the British were able to overrun the rebel defenses on the third assault. Fourteen states have counties named for him as well as numerous towns and streets. The US Navy named five ships in his honor. Joseph Warren was a medical doctor, public figure and soldier who fought heroically for American freedom. The ceremony was emceed by Marc Robinson with the Virginia SAR State Color Guard presenting the colors and firing a three-round salute. Dale Corey gave a presentation on Joseph Warren and wreaths were presented. CJWII was represented by Paul Christensen, Dale Corey, Chip Daniel, Dennis Parmerter, Marc Robinson, Jim Simmons and Richard Tyler. Other SAR compatriots included Jim Cordes (FR), Mike Dennis Charles Jameson and Bill Schwecke (CMM) and Barry Schwoerer (SMJC). The first photo is the color guard advancing the colors. The second photo is the musket squad firing a salute. (Photos courtesy of Chip Daniel.)



Washington -

Washington State SAR

Washington State has had a very busy quarter, with multiple patriot chest presentations, two WW II interments, Parades, Ceremonies, and State Conference. Prior to State Conference held in Ocean Shores, Washington, members of the Washington State Society participated in a “Patriot Week” for Gray’s Harbor County. This Patriot Week included a Burial at Sea Ceremony, Bench Dedication, Flag Presentation, Liberty Tree Ceremony, Vietnam Veteran’s Recognition Ceremony, Patriot Chest presentations to local schools and public, along with other public engagements.



Alexander Hamilton

Honor Flights

On April 15, 2024, members from the Alexander Hamilton, George Rogers Clark, and Seattle chapters greeted 74 veterans at the SeaTac airport. Members in attendance were: Dick Moody (GRC), Michael Moore (AH), Timothy Smith (AH), John Herr (AH), Neil Vernon (SE), Stan Granberg (SE), and Art Dolan (AH).



Members from the Alexander Hamilton, George Rogers Clark, and Seattle chapters greeted the veterans returning from the Honor Flight on May 20, 2024 at the SeaTac Airport. One of the returnees is a member of the George Rogers Clark chapter, Warner "Gib" Taylor, a 93 year-old Veteran of the Korean War. Gib is a charter member of the George Rogers Clark chapter and his patriot ancestor is Benjamin Harrison Sr, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Compatriot Taylor was escorted by Art Dolan and Dick Moody. SAR members that attended were: John Herr, Timothy Smith, Stan Granberg, Michael Moore, Neil Vernon, Dick Moody, and Art Dolan.



Veteran Internment

On May 23, 2024, members of the WASSAR Color Guard gathered to pay respects to George R Bishop, whose remains had recently been identified and brought home to his final resting place in Chehalis, Washington. Sgt George Bishop was a survivor of the Bataan Death March and died later in the prison camp. SAR members in attendance included: Neil Vernon, Eric Olsen, Michael Moore, Jim Carpenter, John Herr, Timothy Smith, Stan Granberg, Ken Roberts, Paul Winter, Joe Corrough, George Vernon, and Gregg Stewart.



Armed Forces Day

On May 18, 2024 members of the Alexander Hamilton and George Rogers Clark combined forces at the JBLM military installation in Dupont, Wa, representing the first veterans. Displayed in the photo is the trailer of historical flags. SAR members in attendance were: Dick Motz, Joe Corrough, Lew Maudsley, Dick Moody, Dennis Case, and Eric Olsen.



Memorial Day

Chapter Color Guard Captain John Herr, Michael Moore, Jerry Bordelon, Skip Stephen and Thomas Barham all took part in the Presentation of the Colors during the 55th Annual Memorial Day program at Fir Lane Memorial Park. Guest speakers were Colonel Brandon Teague and Ms. Arlene Murry Adams.

Ft Vancouver

School Presentations

We had originally scheduled a presentation for one fifth grade class of 25 students at Lauren Middle School in Battle Ground in March 2024. When the other fifth grade classes heard about it, they wanted to participate too. The challenge was that it brought the student headcount up to 185. So, it moved from a single classroom to using the entire student cafeteria.

We knew we had to modify our approach given it would no longer be an up close and personal delivery.

We incorporated a music video on the upcoming 250th celebration of our nation (the one we used to open our state SAR conference in Spokane); we enlisted several students to help us present and post the colors and we assigned several students (wearing Tricorn hats) to walk around replica flags of our nation and other memorabilia so fellow students could see items up close. We adapted, kept their attention and it went well.

On April 15, 2024, The Fort Vancouver Color Guard presented the "A Day in the Life" patriot chest at the VITA school in Vancouve to 40+ students. SAR members from Ft Vancouver in attendance were: Paul Winter, Michael Fitzpatrick, Jeff Lightburn, and Andrew Brewer. They were assisted by Dave Witter and Joel Simmons of the Oregon Lewis and Clark Chapter.



Veteran Internment

On May 5, 2024, members of the WASSAR Color Guard gathered to pay respects to Herbert F March, whose remains had recently been identified and brought home to his final resting place in Woodland, Washington. Herbert March was a survivor of the Bataan Death March and died later in the prison camp. SAR members in attendance included: Eric Olsen, Gregg Stewart, Michael Moore, Dave Witter, Neil Vernon, Paul Winter, John Herr, Lew Maudsley, and Carl Gray. Other SAR members not in uniform included Keith Weissinger, George Vernon, Joe Corrough.



Memorial Day

Ft Vancouver Color Guard and Eric Olsen participated in the Ridgefield Memorial Day tribute. As several of Ft Vancouver members are proud Veterans as well as Com-patriots, and Monday was a great way to collaborate in serving the community and honoring fallen heroes. Many of our community leaders were present for the ceremony and numerous compliments were received. SAR Members that attended were: Paul Winter, Allen Furlow, Jeff Lightburn, Rick Cline, George Vernon, and Eric Olsen



Marker Dedication

Ft. Vancouver Chapter, assisted by the George Rogers Clark Chapter and the local DAR chapter, presented the colors in Longview, Washington at the newly designed Monticello Society marker. The marker commemorates the descendants of those founding the Oregon Territory and its splinter "Columbia" territory north of the Columbia River. The "North Oregon Territory" became Washington State by a unanimous act of Congress in 1889. Our chapter and society, like many nationally, are experiencing Color Guardsman "aging out" and unable to participate in marching activities. Our visibility remains strong through inter chapter cooperation, sharing Color Guardsmen at significant events.



In the Picture L- R: Greg Stewart (FV), Paul Winter (FV, Senator Jeff Wilson 19th District, Calvin Fowler, dedication organizer from 23 Club, Larry Heckethorne (FV). Art Dolan (GRC) and Dick Moody(GRC).

George Rogers Clark

On April 7th and April 14th, 2024, the George Rogers Clark Color Guard posted colors for the opening of the National Award winning DAR traveling exhibit "The American Revolution Experience". The D.A.R. selected the Historic Schmidt House, Tumwater WA, for the two week display. The historic Schmidt House was built in 1904 for Leopold F.Schmidt, founder of the Olympia Brewing Company, his wife and their six children. The home is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Tumwater Register of Historic Places and is within the Tumwater Historic District.

The D.A.R. selected the following organizations for opening ceremonies: the "Children of American Colonists" on April 7th and "Children of the American Revolution" on April 14th, 2024 The George Rogers Clark Color Guard posted colors for both ceremonies. It is through our chapters close association with the D.A.R., Children of the American Revolution, Children of American Colonists, and Daughters of American Colonists, our chapter continually recruits new members and continues to increase membership.

In the photograph Top to bottom: Back Row L-R Lew Maudsley, Julien Bancroft-Connors, Dick Moody Shirley Stirling, Art Dolan, Eric Olsen



George Washington

Armed Forces Day

10 members of our chapter color guard presented the colors at this year's Armed Forces Day event at the Sedro-Woolley Museum on Saturday. This is a great little museum in the heart of Sedro-Woolley, WA and loaded with history! If you ever have the opportunity, pay them a visit!

Recruiting Booth



Getting the word out! George Washington Chapter and Color Guard members, Johnmark and Rodney Jenny Camp display set up at the Skagit Muzzleloaders Rendezvous Sedro Woolley WA May 16-19 2024. Spoke to a few interested people, provided brochures for both Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Honoring the military during the week of Armed Forces Day. Good time for all.



Memorial Day

The 6th annual Day of Remembrance Maple Leaf Cemetery, Oak Harbor WA. WAS-SAR Fife & Drum, George Washington Chapter leading the Color Guard, joined by Oak Harbor HS NJROTC & Orion Sea Cadets. The event included GWC's historic flag display, Life Flight Helicopter, Oak Harbor Fire with a Large US Flag suspended and ended with Navy SAR flyover. More than forty groups participated including, Patriot Guard Riders, several VSO's and local civic organizations. The event was sponsored this year by the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum and featured tributes by the local VSOs; VFW, American Legion, FRA, the Oak Harbor Mayor, the Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, and others.

Our George Washington Chapter was one of the co-sponsors this year and we have proudly presented the colors along with many other WASSAR Color Guard members including the WASSAR Fife and Drum Corp led by NSSAR Drum Major Viren Lemmer for five consecutive years so far. This year, we added the SAR America 250th flag to our presentation.

Miss Kelly Davidson organized, produced, and directed this great event over many months of planning meetings which we were involved in. Kelly was also a recipient of the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship medal in 2019 for her service to this community.

This event was broadcast live on the local tv station, as well as on many other venues.

SAR Members who attended: Bill Bentler, John Kraft, Marshall Anderson, Jim Carpenter, Viren Lemmer, Timothy Smith, Michael Bendictson, Michael Moore, Jan Lemmer, Mike Hutchins, Chris X, Chris Fridley



Other members of the George Washington Chapter Color Guard participated in the GreenAcres memorial Park event on Memorial Day. The Color Guard led the rest of the other service organizations and hoisted the colors over the ceremony. During the program Compatriot C. Marshall Eberhart presented a speech about the tradition of service in his family and about his patriot ancestor.



John Paul Jones

Armed Forces Day

Great turnout for the Armed Forces Parade in Bremerton. We were fortunate enough to have the heavy rain after the parade. Thank you WASSAR Fife and Drum Corps for joining us, also to the Commander of the WASSAR Color Guard, Neil Vernon for coming over to assist the John Paul Jones Chapter showing our nation's first Veterans.

John Paul Jones members present were Color Guard Captain Fred Gilbert, President

Perry Taylor, Vice President Mick Hersey, Treasurer Brian Dorr, members Noah Chase, Pat Burch, and Mark Whiteaker. We were followed by our Patriotic Sisters of the Daughters of the American Revolution Elizabeth Ellington Chapter and the newly elected Chapter Regent Amy Brooks and Washington State Regent Jacqueline Riddell.



Memorial Day

WASSAR Color Guard members from the John Paul Jones, George Washington, and Seattle chapters presented colors at the DAR 250th marker unveiling at the Mountain View Cemetery in Lakewood, Washington on May 25, 2024. This was the first ceremony of its kind in this cemetery. Preparation for this ceremony also included the restoration of the Veteran's Memorial by SAR and DAR members. This cemetery also is the home of one of two Liberty Bells in the Tacoma area. SAR members that attended were: Neil Vernon, Mick Hersey, Noah Chase, Perry Taylor, Ken Carlson, and Brian Dorr.



Mid-Columbia Chapter

Naturalization

Members of the Mid-Columbia chapter welcomed several new citizens at a Naturalization Ceremony at the Richland Federal Building on May 1, 2024.

Spokane Chapter

On May 1, 2024, members of the Spokane chapter attended the Naturalization Ceremony in Spokane, Washington where 38 new citizens from 13 countries took the Oath of Allegiance. SAR members in attendance were: Rob Scott, Tracey Prock, Dale Ryan, and Stan Wills.

Arm Forces Day – Spangled Parade

Members of the Spokane Chapter turned out for the Spangled Parade on Armed Forces Day. Members that participated were: Rob Scott, Jamison Valentine, Koa Barnes, Dale Ryan, Will Palmer, Denny Shaw, and Carl Durkoop.





Brian S. Barrett,

Age 82 of Waukesha, WI passed away peacefully on Tuesday morning May 7, 2024. Beloved husband of Vicki of 52 years. Father of Jeffrey, Stephen (Janet) and Cynthia (Todd). Proud grandfather of Jenny (Jason), Heather, Madeline, Shane, Rachel, Carly, Tyler Anne and Jace. Great grandfather to Marcus, Easton, Aiden and Sam. Preceded in death by parents Albert and Maryl Barrett, brothers Tom, Rob and sister Nancy. Survived by brothers Albert (Denise) and Michael and sisters Christine (Jack) and Joan (Dan).

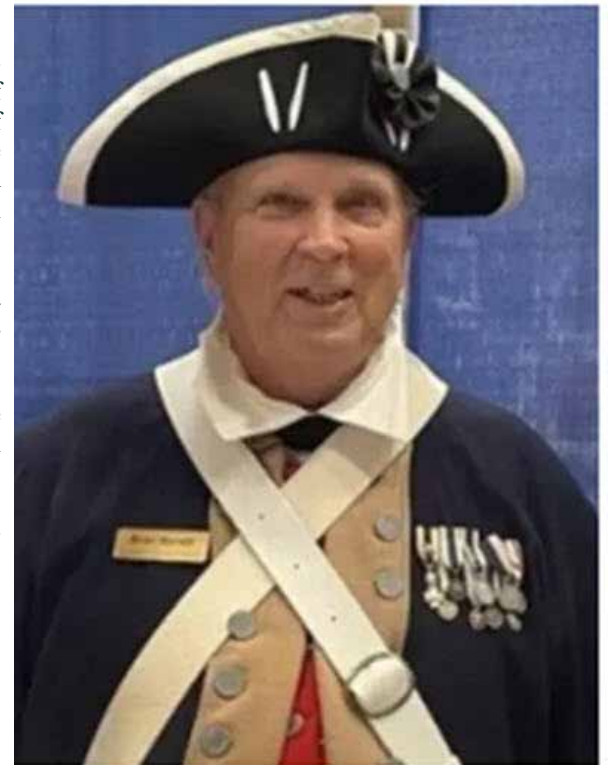
Brian was a proud member of the US Airforce. Upon the completion of his service, he went on to earn a BS in Engineering and MS in Management. He worked for the Waukesha Water Utility for over 37 years and retired as the General Manager.

Brian was a proud member of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and was the Commander of the Color guard for the Wisconsin Society of SAR. He was also an avid writer and published author of several historical Revolutionary Warbooks. He loved biking, kayaking, traveling, and gardening

Funeral service was held on Tuesday, May 14th at 11:00 AM at the SOUTHERN WISCONSIN VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY, 21731 Spring Street, Union Grove WI, 5318

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Son's of the American Revolution.

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Wisconsin State SAR

On Memorial Day, May 27, 2024, the Wisconsin Color Guard took part in a Memorial Day Ceremony at Oak Hill Cemetery in Brookfield, WI. It was held at the gravesite of Private Nathan Hatch, a Revolutionary War Veteran who moved to Wisconsin with his sons when he was 85 years old..

Pictured left to right are: Don Skarka, Mike Meador, Ben Meador, Bob Wylie, Greg Heal, Robert Plastine, Jim Greer, James Mills.



On May 11, 2024 the Wisconsin Color Guard took part in the dedication ceremony of the planting of a Liberty Tree at the Franklin Historical Society in Franklin, WI in honor of Benjamin Franklin for whom the city is named. The Liberty Tree can be seen just below the SAR flag being held by the Guardsman in the red vest.

Color Guard members left to right are Ben Meador, Jim Greer, Greg Heal, Robert Haglund, Mike Meador



On April 16, 2024, the Wisconsin Color Guard presented the colors during the singing of the National Anthem before the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball game. We are just on the outfield grass by 2nd base, being blocked by some Brewers players, but we can be seen on the Jumbo-Tron. We are being led by the Wisconsin SAR Color Guard Commander, the Late Brian S. Barrett, who passed away 3 weeks later on May 7, 2024,



Revolutionary War Days was held at the Old Falls Village in Menomonee Falls, WI on May 4-5, 2024. The Wisconsin Color Guard manned two tents. The event had a scavenger hunt for the children, our display was a treasure trove. The kids could check off 1- Colonial uniform 2- Colonial Flags 3-Musket 4- Bayonet 5- Fife and 6- Drum. We handed out over 100 Fifes for the children to keep. The Fifes were made out of 3/4 inch PEX tubing that is used in new home construction that conveniently comes in Red (for hot water), White and Blue (for cold water).

The drums were repurposed from an old drum set stained and painted to look like Revolutionary War Era drums. The kids really enjoyed playing the drums, much easier learning curve than the Fife. An informational sheet was handed out with the Fife's containing a Brief History of Fife's in the Revolutionary War, a fingering chart, and a short sheet music version of "Yankee Doodle".

We planted the seed of patriotism and recruited many to our Glorious Cause.

(Sadly, 2 days after this event, Brian S. Barrett, The Wisconsin Color Guard Commander passed away.)



Matt Sonnenburg of The Wisconsin Color Guard presented the SAR Bronze Citizenship Award to Mason Damaske. Mason is a snowplow driver for the City of Waukesha Public Works. In January of this year while plowing after a snowstorm he noticed a fire in a garage started by an overheated snowblower. He stopped, called in the fire, and took the fire extinguisher from his snowplow and started putting out the fire while the family got out the house. After he emptied his fire extinguisher, he grabbed a bucket and started putting snow on the fire. The Fire Department arrived in 5 minutes, put out the fire, and Mason returned to plowing snow. A very happy ending. Also in the photo are Color Guard members Robert Plastine (left) and the Late Brian Barrett (right)



The Wisconsin Color Guard took part in the annual celebration of Flag Day by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge #400, Waukesha, WI. The Elks were the first National Organization to officially celebrate Flag Day in 1907. The Color Guard presented 13 flags showing the evolution of America's flags from the Pine Tree and Sons of Liberty Flags to the Betsy Ross Flag and our current 50 Star Spangled Banner.

Left to Right are: Shane Barrett, Don Skarda, Exalted Ruler Mary Ellen Ruzga, Robert Plastine, Greg Heal, Matt Sonnenburg



The Wisconsin Color Guard participated in the 73rd Annual Flag Day Parade in Appleton, Wisconsin on June 8, 2024. This is claimed to be the longest continuing Flag Day Parade in the Country, typically drawing 50,000 spectators. The Color Guard had a float displaying the Flags of the American Revolution. Seen sitting on the Float between the Flags left to right are Robert Haglund and Matt Sonnenburg.



On June 22 the Wisconsin Color Guard attended the dedication of a Memorial Marker to Revolutionary War Veteran Aaron Smith who was buried in Burlington, WI in 1838. Aaron Smith served in Massachusetts 5th Regiment. The Memorial Marker is located at Cooper Elementary School. Pictured left to right are: Matt Sonnenburg, Robert Plastine, and Mike Meador

