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Commander's Report

Fellow color guardsmen,

Yours in Patriotism

22 September 2023

Meeting will be forthcoming, but the following is a recap of the meeting:

Opening ceremonies followed by an introduction of the National Society SAR staff as listed below:

- a. Commander Scott Collins
- b. Vice Commander Rob Meyers
- c. 1st Adjutant Ken Goodson
- d. 2nd Adjutant Patrick Wesolosky
- e. Fife Major Dave Embrey
- f. Drum Major Viren Lemmer
- g. Artillery Commander Rudy Byrd
- h. Quartermaster Patrick Wesolosky
- i. Assistant Quartermaster Christopher Canine
- j. Safety & Training Officer Brett Osborn
- k. Assistant Safety & Training Officer Jacob Vink
- l. Color Guard Magazine Editor Steve Williams



We had 26 guardsmen for the Washington Tomb Vigil. All new guardsmen were awarded the Washington Tomb Guard Pin. The only way to obtain this pin is to stand guard at the tomb.

New reporting forms for the Bronze, Silver, Von Steuben, and Molly Pritchard medals have been sent to the Medal and Awards Committee. No change in information but the forms have active calculation fields.

Items from Congress

The Badge of Merit was approved by the Color Guard Committee at the breakfast meeting held in Orlando, Florida to be worn on the uniform of the National Society SAR Color Guardsman of the year. This item went to Medals and Awards and was approved. The final approval that was needed was by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee did NOT approve the Badge of Merit proposal.

Training videos are on the SAR.org Color Guard Committee webpage.

Handbook review is one going with a projected draft for year expected in January 2024.

Discussion on liability insurance and the need to make sure that all national events are covered and that on a state society policy the National Society is named an additional insured.

Submission deadlines for The Color Guardsmen are as follows:

January issue – No Later Than January 5th for publication in Mid-January

April issue – No Later Than March 31st

July issues – No Later Than July 10th for publication in Mid-July

October issue – No Later Than September 30th

This year will be the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party. The celebrations will be on the weekend of the 16 December 2023. The PG will be in attendance, which will make this a national event.

The Youth Color Guard Medal is available. Application forms are still in development. Basically, for any youth with three years of service and three events per year with a look back to 2018. Must be under 18 to receive the medal. More details will be in the minutes.

Call for National Color Guardsman of the Year submissions are due No Later Than 31 DECEMBER 2023 to Vice Commander Robert Meyers (robert.meyer29@gmail.com) with a copy to Commander Scott Collins.

Motion from the Alabama Society to look at the potential development of a new medal for chapter and state color guard service. Motion was discussed and passed.

Started review of upcoming events. FIRE ALARM sounds.

Quick SAR Recessional and then vacated building.

K. Scott Collins, National Society SAR Color Guard Commander

FACIAL HAIR – YES OR NO ?

By Brian S. Barrett, WISSAR Color Guard Commander

While serving at Valley Forge, Captain John Davis recorded in his journal that Washington ordered, "...the soldier may always shave his beard...." This implied that, even during their worst suffering, beards were not allowed in the Continental Army. Officers set the example. Look closely at the portrait of General Washington and his generals shown below. How many had beards, sideburns or mustaches? None of them. Why? There are several probable reasons but chief among them was style. Simply stated, it was just not in style at that time.



General Washington and his Generals by Alexander Hay Ritchie (courtesy The Army and Navy Club Library Trust Fund)

Only a few renderings or sketches depict facial hair during the Revolutionary War. In those rare examples, the subjects were destitute, clergymen or mentally ill. Prisoners on the hulk, Jersey, wore beards but not by choice.



These condemned souls were denied all comforts, the least of which were razors or shears. Some religious leaders wore beards out of tradition. Society's forgotten and poor generally suffered from all forms of neglect including shaved facial hair. Recall that many continental soldiers were young and couldn't even grow facial hair so its absence on them comes as no surprise.

Today, beards and facial hair continue to be depicted in 18th century movies, television, and video games. Even some reenactors have hair on their faces. But then, the main objective in these venues is to entertain. Historical accuracy is secondary.

What does this mean for our modern day color guards? Mox-nix. In Wisconsin we have left it up to the individuals. The majority of our members choose not to wear facial hair. Not so for long hair. That was quite in style during the Revolutionary War. In the end, long hair is more period correct than facial hair.



Vice-Commander's Report

Compatriots,

Just returning from Fall Leadership. Our Color Guard has been expanded quite a bit by extra members joining it from different states.

The addition of musicians is a wonderful new aspect of our National Color Guard on a National level of participating in National Events.



Outgoing Commander Brooks Lyles, and incoming Commander Scott Collins have done an outstanding job visiting different sites throughout the United States.

As for myself here in New Jersey where we have five National Events we have participated in, not only in our home state, but also in Delaware and Pennsylvania

The Battle of Brooklyn gets bigger and bigger every year since being stagnant since COVID. This year saw the largest contingent of Color Guard Men that we've had in quite a while with representatives from New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Virginia and a large contingent of Maryland men. We also changed the scene a little bit, by having a Canon that did live firing, also our Color Guard firing, and a contingent of the American legion also firing their weapons. I must say the Brooklyn Neighborhood was alive with so many people participating they lined the park and also in the street to witness the excitement.

A lot of young children came out and asked questions. And a couple of young children also showed up in Revolutionary War clothing how exciting is that?

Here in October New Jersey we have 2 events coming up the Battle of Chestnut Neck & The Battle of Red Bank. and also the Battle of Princeton and Trenton. In December and January.

Dates for those events are on the New Jersey website. And we hope that many Compatriots will come out and join us.

Respectfully submitted.

Robert Meyer,

Vice Commander National Color Guard

Editorial

I am pleased that 25 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. This issue was seriously delayed due to a LATE submission.

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 content 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 7 days into the issue month, e.g., January 7th. The time frame for the activities/events is till the preceding 3 months. For the January 2024 issue, color guard activities from October 1st to December 31st should be what's submitted.

PLEASE NOTE:

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

- This issue has States included. Missing are notably, **GA, LA, AL, MA, MS**
- 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/small 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.
- **DO NOT SUBMIT HEIC** graphics
- **DO NOT** embed photos in documents or messages. Send them separately as attachments
- **DO NOT** send in content that does not have Color Guard involvement.
- **DO NOT** send graphics/pictures from within IDrive/Google-Drive or other cloud based storage
- Identify which photo goes with which event

This issue took 14 days longer to format because submissions did not follow the guidelines listed above. Next issue's submissions will be reviewed upon receipt and if necessary I will send the submission back for correction.

Yours in Patriotism

Steve



National Color Guard Events during the Second Quarter

CONGRESS 2023

LNB Bench Dedication, during Congress, July 19, 2023.

During Congress 2023, a tour was provided to the Veterans Memorial Center in Merritt Island, FL, site of the annual commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution. At the site, a short ceremony was held, where PG Pickette dedicated a bench honoring the sailors who fought in the Revolution. The bench was donated by the Florida Society, with a grant from the George Washington Endowment Fund. A 23-man color guard was led by Scott Collins in his first event as the National Color Guard Commander.



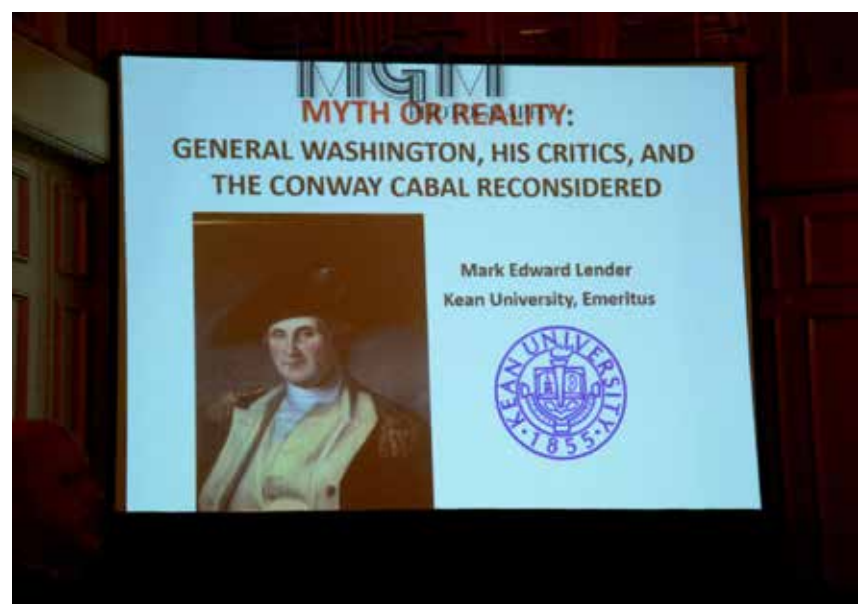
Roger Scruggs (photographer)

FALL LEADERSHIP 2023

134TH ANNUAL CONGRESS - 2024



Lancaster, Pennsylvania
July 10-July 16, 2024 134TH ANNUAL CONGRESS - 2024
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SAFETY

New Safety Officer - Brett Osborn

Summer Event Safety and Heat Related Illnesses

WATCH FOR THE LOW HANGING STUFF

This summer my Virginia Chapter Color Guard was asked to perform Color Guard duties for a Veterans event in a neighboring county fair. They wanted the route of march for the Color Guard and all the veterans' organizations to come from the opposite direction around the reviewing stand. I went to review the speaking area on the grandstand, while the Chapter Color Guard commander was getting the Color Guard assembled. The Color Guard Commander observed that the new route of march had an electric cable to a food vendor about nine to ten feet from the ground. A definite issue with our Color Guard flags. We changed the entry position of the Color Guard to avoid this potential hazard. Good observation by the Color Guard commander.



No extra points for hitting light fixtures or chandeliers at indoor events.

For outdoor events it's always the flag eating trees, closely related to the "kite eating trees" that seem to await the unwary color guardsmen marching unattentively by and snagging their flag. I have warned guardsmen to observe low branches and some still seem to be lured to getting hung up in the branches. When I have time to inspect events sites earlier, I have trimmed low branches or asked the facility to do so to improve the route of march and safety of color guardsman by pruning these obstacles.

Everyone needs to be aware of these safety issues and assist your Color Guard unit to, **Stay Alert, Stay Alive!**

At our NSSAR National Congress in Orlando, Florida, when our Color Guard entered the main ballroom with all the National and State flags, we had to observe the height limitations of the door frames to enter the ballroom. I stood there cautioning each guardsman to watch his flag for clearance. The only incident was one of the two musket men with the color guard raised his musket to fast on walking thru the doorway and got a good thump with the barrel tip hitting the door frame. A safety concern is the finial point of the flags and/or carrying a pole arm at indoor events through a doorway or in a hallway; and to be observant that sharp points need to be carried in a safe manner.



The Gathering at Sycamore Shoals – Tennessee

Sept 8 & 9, 2023

The 243th anniversary of the gathering of the Overmountain Men to form an army and march across the Blue Ridge Mountains to engage British Major Patrick Ferguson and his Tory army at the Battle of Kings Mountain, occurred on September 9, 2023. This gathering was held on the very ground the patriots met on in 1780. The celebration began on Friday, Sept. 8 with a five patriot Grave Marking in Greene County at the historic Kidwell Cemetery just outside the town of Greeneville. Patriots Matthew Cox (P-340977), David Brown (P-122381), Joshua Kidwell (P-259748), John Harmon (P-345426), and Zopher Johnson (P-225654) were remembered and honored by descendants and a large audience.

SAR National Color Guard Commander Scott Collins was assisted by 1st Adjutant Ken Goodson, 2nd Adjutant Patrick Wesloskey and Acting Tennessee Commander Cliff Kent. A multi-state Color Guard of ~35 members presented the Colors and gave a three shot volley to honor the patriots.



Color Guard at Kidwell Cemetery

Compatriot David Carr hosted the ceremony and Compatriot/historian Tim Massey gave a bio of each of the patriots' service.

Friday was capped off with a banquet at the Historic General Morgan Inn in Greeneville. Tim Massey hosted the banquet with the keynote speaker Dan McMichael in character as Gen. Nathanael Greene.

On Saturday morning, Fort Watauga in the beautiful Sycamore Shoals State Park in Elizabethton, TN was abuzz with activity just as it had been in 1780 with the original gathering. SAR, DAR and CAR organizations were represented as wreaths were presented and the large Color Guard presented the colors and salute volleys. Keynote speaker was Dr. Carrol Van West, Tennessee State Historian, who pre



Color Guard Volley at Fort Watauga, Sycamore Shoals State Park

sented a look back to the original gathering.

Secretary General Dr. Darryl Addington represented the PG. Chancellor General Edmon McKinley was also present. Eight state SAR societies were represented by attendees.

This year's gathering was the largest in modern times, but still not rivaling those brave men and women who met there 243 years ago with the resolve to overcome the many hardships and help win the independence of our nation in what Thomas Jefferson called "the turning of the tide of the Revolution".



Color Guard Commanders leading the march in

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.

The Fife And Drumm Corps

THE MUSIC IN THE FIELD

July 1 - Drummer Chris Canine and Fifer Scott Giltner led the way as the Governor Isaac Shelby chapter Posted Colors at the Beargrass Christian Church in St. Matthews, KY The Louisville Chorus provided a patriotic concert titled "A Fanfare for the 4th". It was nice to actually have an indoor event with air conditioning given that all our other Independence Day events were outside in the heat and humidity!



July 2 - Another great day to be alive. SAR State Color Guard supported the Prattville Patriotic Concert, held at the Doster Center, Prattville AL. We had a great turnout of both patrons and SAR guardsmen participating. 100 degree heat made it "fun" to wear Regimentals. HUZAH!! Drummer Travis Parker



July 4 - The Music had a busy 4th with Roger Vincent leading off the Russellville, KY Parade, (pic 3.1) Drummer Chris Canine and Fifer Scott Giltner led the way for the Governor Isaac Shelby chapter's local community parade, (3.2) Doug Evans - TNSSAR- Franklin, TN Parade (3.3) Greg Strouse Lafayette Chapter Lexington Parade,(3.4) Don Francisco and David Embrey at Mount Vernon, VA (pic 3.5) - Travis Parker, Prattville, , AL Parade, (pic 3.6) Micah Goldsberry was at Washington Crossing, PA, (pic 3.7) Richard Howey, On the March to Yankee Doodle, Wayzata, MN, (pic 3.8) Charles Mc Millan MO. (pic 3.9)







July 6 - Scott Giltner was The Lone Musician for the Annual Blackberry Festival Parade in Carlisle, KY



July 8 - Scott Giltner playing fife at the memorial service for one of our deceased chapter members. The family requested that the song "The Parting Glass" be played



on the fife during the service. The venue was the historic Cane Ridge Meetinghouse outside Paris, KY. The Cane Ridge Meetinghouse is where the Second Great Awakening occurred in the early 1800s.



July 16 – 133rd Congress - National Drum Major Viren Lemmer receives his Silver National Color Guard Staff Gorget. Kentucky State Color Guard Commander and Fifer Scott Giltner with Drum Major Viren Lemmer

July 16 - Drummer Roger Vincent's new Loyal Drum - HUZZAH!



July 19 - Drummer Chris Canine and Fifer Scott Giltner participated in the 250th Bench Dedication at the Merritt Island Veterans Memorial Park.

THE MUSIC IN THE FIELD

Aug/12 Historic London Town, MD - The MDSSAR Color Guard had another Great Training Day at Historic London Town as David Embrey and Benjamin Robertson practice a few tunes Left



Aug/19 The 241st Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks - The Color Guard for the ceremony consisted of two fifers, three drummers, 31 riflemen, and 40 flag bearers. The fifers were Compatriots Charlie Scott (KY) and Scott Giltner (KY) and the drummers were Greg Strouse (KY), Chris Canine (KY), and Charles McMillan (MO). (Right) 'British Grenadiers' was played as the color guard marched in for the posting of the colors while 'The Girl I Left Behind Me' was played when the color guard retired. Later in the ceremony, the musicians played 'Amazing Grace' as the musical tribute. During the musical tribute a detail of riflemen performed the drill 'Mourn On Arms'. The ceremony concluded with the sounding of Taps performed by Compatriot Scott Giltner (KY) (Above)



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Sept 14 - 'School Days' Versailles, KY. 'The Music' does more than keep us in step for Grave Markings, Ceremonies and Parades, we ENGAGE the Public. Fifer and Kentucky Society President, Scott Giltner had a busy two days with 'School Days' presentations on 'Military Music during the American Revolution' at the Jack Jouett house near Versailles, KY. There were 8 presentations each day with about 200 students on the first day and 170 on the second day. HUZZAH!



Sept 16 240th Signing of the Treaty of Paris - Annapolis, MD. Color Guard members David Embrey, Glenn Moss and Rick Abbott (pic 12.1) had the honor of presenting and posting Colors for this Historic annual commemoration sponsored by the USNA History Department.



Sept 16 Patriot Grave Marking for Jeremiah Nickell - The location was the Nickell Family Cemetery in Land Between the Lakes in Kentucky with Drummer Geoff Bagget and Fifer/Bugler Scott Giltner (pic 13.1) Scott Giltner Sounds Taps (pic 13.2) listen to Don Edwards video <https://www.facebook.com/100093430323131/videos/867188547842356>

9/19 Proclamation Day Ceremony - It's always a pleasure for David Embrey to be part of the DAR's Annual Alexandria City Constitution Week Proclamation with Mayor Justin Wilson, City Council Members, The Police & Sheriff Honor Guard, ACPS Superintendent, choirs from four city schools, members of SAR, CAR (including the Virginia State President), DAR District V Director, and members of several local chapters. Guardsman David Embrey traded in his Blue Regimental for Red as he opened the Program with Yankee Doodle and gave a talk on the Fife, Drum and the importance of the Field Musick in camp life and the War



9/14 Patriot Grave Marking - Scott Gilyner sounds Taps for the Patriots Edward Payne and his brother-in-law Lewis Turner Marking



9/30 - 250th of Historic Belmont Hall, Smyrna, Delaware – The Color Guard) fell in with other historical groups to commemorate the 1777 shooting of a Smyrna Militia Sentry posted on the widow's walk by a Loyalist party attempting to capture the owner Thomas Collins, - Fife and Drum Demo

National Color Guard Events - 2022 - 2023

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 29	Battle of Fort San Carlos	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	Monmouth Cty, NJ	New Jersey SAR
June 28	Battle of Monmouth	Monmouth Cty, NJ	New Jersey SAR
July 4 every year	Let Freedom Ring / July 4th Events *	Various locations	
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 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 Color Guard Commander & [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

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Vendor List

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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.

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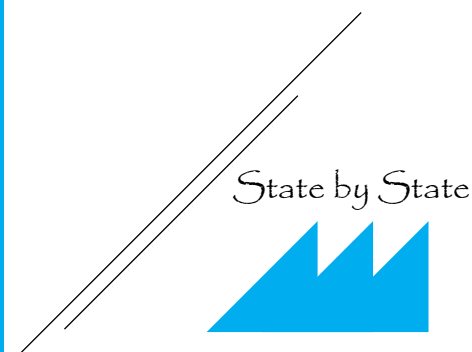
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Reports from The Field



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

Color Guard Units' Highlights!

Upcoming Color Guard Events

Pt Pleasant Days October - WVSSAR
Chestnut Neck October - NJSSAR
Battle of Kings Mountain October - NCSSAR/SCSSAR
Battle of Saratoga October Stillwater NY - Empire State
Yorktown Days October Yorktown, VA - VASSAR
Redbank Battlefield October National Park NJ - NJSSAR
Veterans Day Events November Nationally Various
Siege of Fort Morris (3rd Saturday) November Sudbury GA
Battle of Great Bridge December Norfolk VA
Wreaths Across America December 16 Various
Battle of Trenton December Trenton NJ
Events listed are after publication date

To confirm date and time of these events contact the Host society



Arizona

The Prescott Parade

The SAR Arizona Society led the parade in Prescott this year



The Constitution Day Ceremony

AZSSAR Color Guard members Dr. William Baran, Donald Dedrick, Stephen Miller, Matt Scott, and Color Guard Commander Brad Hopkins. Taken during the SAR/DAR Constitution Luncheon in Sun City, AZ on September 16, 2023



California -

Independence Day Parade

Corona, CA 4th of July Parade

Color Guard members from Riverside and Harbor Chapters join the Butterfield Trail DAR Chapter and De Anza Trail CAR Chapter in the Corona 4th of July Parade. SAR Members Left to right - Brandon Villardi -Harbor Chapter & CASSAR Color Guard Commander, Mark Kramer -Riverside Chapter, Brian Stephens -Riverside Chapter, Henry Lucas -Riverside Chapter, David Leonard -Riverside Chapter, Lucas Villardi -Harbor Chapter
DAR Members Left to right - Carla Enriquez, Andrea Briones, Kelly Villardi, Alexa Villardi - De Anza Trail CAR, Kathleen Dever, Diane Stephens



Lake Forest Independence Day Parade 7/4/2023

On the morning of July 4th, members of the Orange County & South Coast color guards participated in the Lake Forest, California Independence Day Parade. South Coast Color Guard members Scott Whitman; Jim Hernandez and Kevin Forrest joined Orange County Color Guardsman Dan McKelvie; John Ferris; John Blake and Mike Miller. Photos (some members obscured by flags) LF Parade 2023.jpg (L-R: D.McKelvie; J.Blake; J.Ferris; M.Miller; J.Hernandez; S.Whitman; K.Forrest)



Independence Day Parade

On July 4th, the Harbor Chapter participated in the 119th Annual Huntington Beach Parade. The 2.5-mile parade is said to be the biggest Fourth of July Parade west of the Mississippi River. The event is televised and said to attract over 500,000 attendees during its 5-day event.



Harbor Chapter (Left) Left to right. Brian Merrell, James Klingler - CASSAR President, Kevin Bidenkap, Jim Olds, Kyle Puro

James Klingler CASSAR President and Harbor Chapter Color Guard members take time show the local cub scouts the muskets and uniforms and of course pose for pictures. Harbor Chapter (Right) Kevin Bidenkap, James Klingler CASSAR President, Jim Olds



Connecticut



July 4 – LET FREEDOM RING Ceremony

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

Starting promptly at 1:45 PM, the First Litchfield Artillery Regiment performed a Let Freedom Ring ceremony at the All Wars Memorial in Bantam, Connecticut. During the ceremony, using two cannons, the First Litchfield Artillery Regiment fired cannon salutes for each of the original 13 States in the order that they ratified the Constitution of the United States of America. Connecticut SAR Color Guard members carried and presented each flag of the thirteen original states at the same time that a cannon fires a salute to each state. At precisely 2:00 PM Eastern Daylight Savings Time, just as the smoke clears from the last cannon salute, nearby church bells began to ring. This is timed so that bells throughout the United States of America ring simultaneously to celebrate Independence Day. Members of the Connecticut Line carried each of the 13 flags when announced.



Ceremony honoring Gov. Oliver Wolcott, Sr. and Col. Benjamin Tallmadge



July 4th - Starting at 12:00 Noon, the Mary Floyd Tallmadge Chapter DAR hosted a ceremony that honors Gov. Oliver Wolcott, Sr. and Col. Benjamin Tallmadge at their graves in East Cemetery, Litchfield. The SAR, the C.A.R., and the First Litchfield Artillery Regiment participated. The Connecticut Line had 10 muskets and provided 3 separate musket salutes. To the Governor, the Colonel and the 5 patriots mentioned below.

Gov. Oliver Wolcott, Sr. was the 19th Governor of Connecticut and a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He was the second of three generations of Wolcotts to serve as Governor of Connecticut.

Col. Benjamin Tallmadge was a senior intelligence officer under General George Washington and the leader of the Culper Spy Ring. Upon learning that Maj. John André had been arrested with a pass for getting through the American lines and a set of papers detailing West Point's defenses hidden in his stocking, Tallmadge suspected Benedict Arnold to be André's accomplice. Tallmadge's actions led to the exposure of Benedict Arnold's treason. Maj. John André was found guilty of being a spy and was sentenced to hang.

In addition five patriots graves were marked: Pvt Elisha Mason, Ozias Lewis, Archibald McNeill, Capt. Archibald McNeill Jr. and Pvt. James Baldwin:



The Dakota Society Color Guard participated in the LTC Gordon J. Lippman Bridge Naming Ceremony, Saturday, August 26, 2023, at Hill City, SD.

Color guard Don Kellogg, James Clement, Keith Johnson, presented and posted the colors, lead the Pledge of Allegiance and retired the colors.

In picture left to right Don Kellogg-S/T; Keith Johnson-past S/T; James Clement-President.

LTC Gordon J. Lippman served in WWII, Korean and Vietnam Wars. He was Killed in Action in Vietnam. Also attached is the dedicated sign.



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, Sam Smith, David Daniels, Edward Evans, Frank Fields
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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.



NSSAR Silver Color Guard Medal

On Sunday Morning, July 16, 2023, at the Color Guard Breakfast, in Salon 11/12 at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando, Florida, during the National Society SAR 133rd Annual Congress, the NSSAR Silver Color Guard Medal was presented to Florida Society SAR Compatriot, DeCody Brad Marble. The presentation of the medal was done jointly by the 2022 -2023 NSSAR President General C. Bruce Pickette and Historian General T. Brooks Lyles II.

DeCody Marble is the 2023 – 2025 FLSSAR Panama City Chapter President, and has been the (former), FLSSAR Northwest Regional Vice President twice. Marble has received the following Florida Society SAR medals: State Meritorious Service and the State Roger Sherman with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters. In addition, he is the recipient of 3 Chapter medals: Distinguished Service, Meritorious Service and the Roger Sherman.

A Disabled Veteran, Marble served 10 years in the United States Air Force and then 10 more years in the United States Army. On 24 February 1991, G-Day, Ground Forces Day of Desert Storm in Iraq, Staff Sergeant Marble, NCOIC of the M2 Browning 50 Caliber Machine Gun was the first gun in the Logistic Support Group Convoy that followed the 24th Infantry of Fort Stewart, Georgia.



Constitution Day Meeting of the Fort Gatlin Society, CAR,

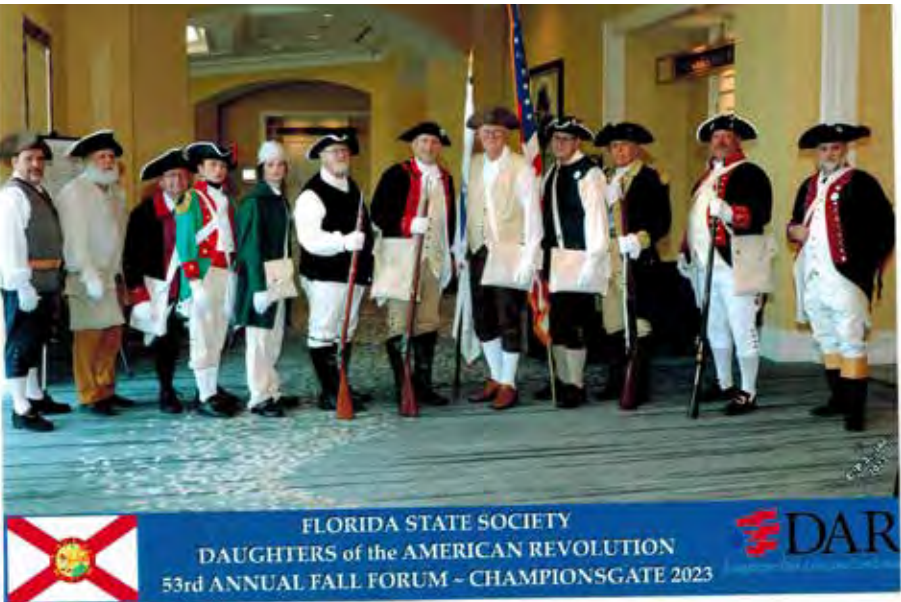
The Central Florida Chapter Camp #10 (Danial Morgan) Color Guard, FLSSAR Sons of Liberty Brigade posted the colors, including the SAR 250th Flag, for the Constitution Day Meeting of the Fort Gatlin Society, CAR, held at the Orlando American Legion Post, located at 520 Fair Lane Avenue, Orlando.

Left to right: Richard Lester, Harry L. Rinker, Robin Preston, Phil Markoe (commander), and Scott Cook.



FSDAR Fall Forum, Orlando FL,
9/9/2023

left to right:
Kevin Shurte, Brian Jensen, Dwight Elam, Eli Maddox, James Hamilton, Scott Cook, Phil Markoe, Harry Rinker, Hamp Allen, Bill Elder, Patrick Thomas, Steve Fields.





Iowa Society SAR gathered members from across Iowa to lead the 2023 Urbandale, Iowa Independence Day, 4th of July Parade. Attending - Tom Odolski, Tom Clegg, Mike Rowley, Randy Lyon, Michael Donahue, David Rowley and Justin Blood

Central Iowa Chapter of the Iowa Society of S.A.R. joined with Iowa DAR for the DAR 250th plaque dedication at the Gold Star Museum at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa **Above** Left -right is Mark Beyers, NEB SAR, Mike Rowley, Iowa Color Guard Commander, Edith Brunia, Iowa Society of DAR and Randy Lyon IA SAR



Vietnam Veterans Vigil

At the end of the 45 hour Vietnam Veterans Vigil at the Black Hawk County Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Waterloo September 17th, there was a ceremony with a 21 gun salute, taps, and a balloon release on the shore of the Cedar River. IASSAR member David Nation "Our Revolutionary War Representative" was asked to lead the procession to the balloon release. At the reception afterwards across the river at Waterloo Veterans Memorial Hall, David joined men in the uniforms of the Civil War, World War I and World War II for a portrait.



North Central District activity Sept 10 2022.

North Central District members from Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska joined with members of DAR, Boy Scouts and invited the public in ceremonies to honor past presidents of the Iowa Society at grave markings on September 10, 2023 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Many of these same members will continue to work toward the Compatriot Grave marking medal with more upcoming programs in Nebraska and throughout the District. Left to right: Paul Burright (NE), Justin Blood (IA), Mike Rowley (IA), Allyn Sheldon (NE), Dave Nation (IA), Chris Moberg (VPG), John Braisted (NE), Randy Lyon (IA), Mark Byars (NE), Jim Sly (NE), and Larry Hoelscher (IA)



Illinois -

Salute at Dusk

This past Fourth of July, The Long Knives Chapter of Southern Illinois was invited by the City of Murphysboro, Illinois to initiate the City's celebration of America's Birthday. The Long Knives read the "Declaration of Independence" to a crowd of about two hundred residents that were gathering in preparation of the evening's fireworks display. The event was held in Riverside Park along the Big Muddy River. At the end of the "Declaration" reading, a Bell was sounded as the name of each Colony and its Signers were read. The crowd size had now risen to about three hundred. Children, Students, and Adults were given the opportunity so sign a replica Constitution. At the Conclusion of this Ceremony, the Long Knives Cannon Crew rendered a 21 Gun Salute for our Country. After hearing the cannon's reports, people flocked into the Park in anticipation of the fireworks' display. The crowd was now too numerous to count. The residents and the City of Murphysboro all felt quite appreciative of the Long Knives effort to educate the citizens about our founding history.





Constitution Day

The Long Knives Chapter of Southern Illinois has had the privilege of celebrating our U.S. Constitution for the past three years. This year was no exception. Union County, Illinois goes “all out” when honoring our Constitution. This year was the 165th year of the signing of the Document and the ceremony was exceptionally special. The site of the event was at the Jonesboro Lincoln/Douglas Park. This was the actual site of one of the famous Lincoln-Douglas debates in Illinois. Constitution Week was first established by President Eisenhower in 1956.

This year’s program included: Presentation of the Colors by VFW Post 3455, National Anthem by the Anna/Jonesboro Chorus, “Pledge of Allegiance” by the UPAC Girl Scouts, and the “Flag Folding Ceremony performed by the VFW Post. Mixed into this program, were the Invocation by the Long Knives Chaplain, and the singing of “My Country Tis of Thee” and “God Bless America”. A Constitutional Essay Contest was held for local Junior High and High School Students. The winners of the Contests read their Essays to the crowd gathered. The keynote speaker was by Abraham Lincoln, (Randy Duncan, Illinois Looking for Lincoln Association) who read his speech to Congress at the onset of the Civil War. This Speech outlined the importance of the Constitution and the un-severability of it by any member State. The speech was very significant in its historical relevance.

Ending the Program; there was a Bell Ring Ceremony and Benediction by the D.A.R.. The Long Knives Color Guard then presented a Twenty-one Gun Musket Salute, while the Long Knives Color Guard also presented a three shot (21 Gun) Cannon Salute.

After the event, there were refreshments, period games for the children, and a Meet and Greet with “President Lincoln”. A good time was had by all.



Indiana -

Independence Day

The Indiana SAR Color Guard drew guardsmen from four chapters for their 20th annual appearance with the Indiana Symphony Orchestra. The event, held at Conner Prairie in Fishers, IN, features a night of patriotic music to celebrate Independence Day. The Indiana SAR Color Guard presented the colors for the National Anthem and marched to John Williams’ theme to the movie The Patriot. This unique event puts the SAR in front of thousands of guests each of four nights



Dana Festival in Dana, IN

This is the “first time” that the John Martin Chapter had its first member only Color Guard. This was for the Dana Festival in Dana, IN. on August 13th, 2023

L to R. Joseph Behnke, Norton Newcomb III, Wilbur Decker, William E Behnke Sr., Roland Wayne Cox, Kent Salitros. Not shown William E Behnke Jr.



Kansas -

KANSAS SOCIETY COLOR GUARD



The Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (also known as KSSAR) Color Guard started the 3rd quarter with a well-earned surprise. Compatriots Alans Martin, Dan Dryer, past commander Dewey Fry, and Jeffrey Winters. Well-deserved on a hot summer day in Kansas. (Photo below) They were awarded the “Special Judges” Choice while marching in the Lenexa Community Days 4th of July parade. Dewey Fry had never heard of this award and when asked the Judges what it meant and this was their reply. The judges chose Sons of the American Revolution: Kansas Society Color Guard for the Special Judges’ Choice Award in recognition of the group’s dedication in honoring the flag and for celebrating the theme of Independence Day. They reminded all of us why we love our country and where we started from. When they came by, we all were so proud to share the American Flag and what it stands for...Freedom.



While the eastern division was accepting the award, Bobbie Hulse, Bit Roberts, and Dean Bruns were marching in the Hutchinson parade. Although they never received an award, they did the SAR proud. (Photo Left)





Only two days later, July 6th found compatriots Bobbie Hulse and Dean Bruns proudly helping Great Bend, KS by attending their annual Patriotic celebration. (Photo Left)



Doing what he loves best, Dewey Fry along with compatriots Dan Dryer, Larry Tatum and Steven French welcomed several new American. (Photo Left) Dewey has now led the Pledge of Allegiance for seven thousand new citizens. Way to go Dewey! (Photo Left bottom)



Newly elected South- Central District Vice President Bobbie Hulse, along with the Kansas color guard hosted the August 25th annual SCD meeting in Wichita, KS. We had a great turn out of color guardsmen from four of the five states. (Photo Right) We were honored with the presence of the newly elected NSAR PG John Dodd all the way from California. After the PG inspected the color guard, which passed with flying colors, it was full steam ahead with social hour and dinner. The event lasted two days with several speakers who had a lot of great ideas about moving the NSAR forward.



With all the celebrating of Independence Day behind us the Kansas Color Guard was asked to present the Colors for an MIA WWII veteran in Plains KS. Robert Elliot was laid to rest exactly 80 years after being shot down in Romia. Not only was August 1st the day he was KIA and laid to rest, but it was also his birthday. The bomber squadron that Robert Elliot was assigned to is still active and operates out of Louisiana. The commander of the squadron had a B-52 do a low-level fly over in Roberts honor. It was an amazing sight to behold. There was approximately 100 people in attendance. a lot which was family. Though the VFW and American Legion were present, the SAR was the only organization which presented the colors. (Photo Right The 1st Army Div. provided the 21gun salute and presented the American flag to the family.



On a hot sunny day at the Old Settlers Day parade, in Olathe the members Dewey Fry, Kirk Rush, Brian Vazquez, Jeffrey Winters, and Bit Roberts showed everyone how it is done. They were awarded 1st place in the marching category. Congratulations' compatriots.



With a population of only 6,500, Abilene had over 4,000 in attendance for the CKFF and rodeo parade. The SAR color guard led by Commander Bill Marshall, with compatriots Alan Martin, Brian Vazquez, Bit Roberts, Bobbie Hulse, and Doug Brabb was well represented as usual. (Photo Left The color guard was escorted by Frank Hottman and Devin Gray who displayed the Staunton flag in the back of their truck. The hot day ended with some hard lemonade being consumed on commander Bill Marshall's front porch.

On September 18th Deb Hulse along with husband Bobbie Hulse did a bell ringing for the 5th graders at Lincoln and Roosevelt school. The 5th graders had readings and were given a packet that was provided by Glennice Musselwhite of the Smoky Hills DAR Chapter. The event concluded with Bobbie reading the Preamble of the Constitution and the Ringing of the Bells. (Photo Right)





Even a rainy day did not dampen the spirits of the St. Benedictine Ravens, as Commander Bill Marshall, compatriots Alan Martin, and John Schatzel presented the colors of our Nation and their college. (Photo Left) Though we did this on September 23rd I could not pass up the opportunity of showing the college's patriotic zeal. What a show of Americanism with the remembering of 911 2001

Near the end of a very busy 3rd quarter, Dennis Nelson, Dewey Fry, Gary Hicks, and Kirk Rush (Photo Below) helped the Gardner Historical Museum celebrate their 20th anniversary in Gardner, KS. Gary Hicks portrayed an entrepreneur from the early 1900's in the Kansas City area. Great job compatriots.



Blackberry Festival Parade

The Blackberry Festival in Carlisle, Kentucky began in 1946 as a homecoming celebration for soldiers returning from World War II. Now in its 77th year, the festival has become the longest continuous festival in Kentucky.

This year the Blackberry Festival Parade included a color guard from the Kentucky Society. The color guard marched in conjunction with the Friends of Blue Licks State Park to promote the 241st Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Ceremony. The

Gov. Isaac Shelby chapter and the Friends of Blue Licks State Park have collaborated the past two years to promote the memorial ceremony and continue in mutual support of the Blue Licks State Park.

The Kentucky Society Color Guard consisted of seven members from the Gov. Isaac Shelby, Lafayette, Louisville Thruston, and Big Sandy chapters. The SAR members provided two riflemen, a fifer, and four flag bearers for the parade.



Independence Day

For the second year in a row, the Lafayette Chapter – KYSSAR was asked to be the lead unit in Lexington Kentucky's the Independence Day Parade. As with the pervious year, our Chapter extended an invitation to the members of the six local DAR chapters to walk with us. Our group had lots of fun setting the tone for the parade.



Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Ceremony

The 241st Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks was commemorated by the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter of the Kentucky Society on 19 August 2023. The event was blessed with exceptionally pleasant weather for Kentucky in the middle of August as the temperature at the beginning of the ceremony was 69 °F and only reached 74 °F by the end.

The color guard for the ceremony consisted of one fifer, three drummers, 31 riflemen, and 40 flag bearers. During the memorial ceremony, the Honor Roll of those Patriots killed in the battle was read and accompanied by the tolling of a bell after each name. Amazing Grace was played on fife and drum as the musical tribute while members of the rifle/musket detail performed the drill 'mourn on arms'. The Patriots were also honored with 89 wreaths laid at the monument and a flag folding ceremony. The ceremony concluded with a flintlock gun salute followed by the sounding of Taps.

Participating in the memorial ceremony were Secretary General Darryl Addington, Steve Hinson (Central District Vice-President General), David Van Hoof (Great Lakes District Vice-President General), K. Scott Collins (National Color Guard Commander) and Ken Goodson (National Color Guard Vice Commander). Taking part in the ceremony were 51 SAR chapters, 15 DAR chapters, and 4 CAR societies. Fourteen SAR state societies were also represented. Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter President John Doss served as the master of ceremonies.

The Battle of Blue Licks, one of the last battles in the American Revolution, occurred on 19 August 1782 on a hill next to the Licking River in present day Kentucky. American Militia under the command of Colonel John Todd with subordinate officers Lt. Col. Stephen Trigg and Lt. Col. Daniel Boone were led into an ambush and defeated by a combined force of American Indians and British Rangers. The vastly outnumbered American force of approximately 182 suffered casualties of approximately 72 killed and 11 captured.



Grave Marking Service

On Sunday Aug 20, 2023, the Lafayette Chapter – KYSSAR hosted a five Patriot Grave Marking Service at Lexington Cemetery. The Lafayette Chapter has located 34 Patriots buried in the Cemetery. Due to the number of Compatriots still in town from the Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Service the day before, the chapter felt this would be an excellent day to Honor and Remember these five Patriots. Over 40 wreaths were presented at the service. The Lafayette Chapter hopes to recognize five more Patriots next August.

Photo Credit to Marika Wesolosky



Lafayette Trail Markers

On Saturday September 23, 2023, a statewide Color Guard gathered in Shelby County Kentucky to support Kentucky DAR State Regent Linda Conrad's project of installing Lafayette Trail Markers. This marker commemorates Lafayette's visit to Shelbyville on May 13, 1825. The combined Color Guard was made up of members from Capt. Virgil McCracken, Col Daniel Boone, Governor Isaac Shelby, Lafayette, Louisville-Thruston, and Simon Kenton Chapters.

The photo around the sign shows KY DAR State Regent Linda Conrad and KY Society President Tim Brown with the combined Color Guard Members.



Grave Marking Service

In the spring of 2023, the Jeff Thomas of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter from Virginia reached out to the Lafayette Chapter in Kentucky about locating the graves of three Patriots that signed the Fairfax Resolves document. Two of the cemeteries were located and the third is considered lost. These two chapters worked together along with the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter to plan three grave marking services for four Patriots spread out over 50 miles. The services took place the Sunday after SAR Fall Leadership. The first Patriot Grave Marking Service (PGMS) was held in Peasureville Kentucky for Fairfax Resolves signer Thomas Pollard. The second PGMS was held in Lexington Kentucky for Fairfax Resolves signer Edward Payne and his Patriot Brother In-law Lewis Turner. The last PGMS was held for signer Thomas Lewis, father In-law of Patriots Payne and Turner. Four SAR Societies, eleven SAR Chapters, five DAR Chapters, and two C.A.R. Societies participated in the three services that spanned over five hours. The Louisville-Thruston Chapter provided an extra set of flags so at each PGMS a fresh set of flags was being set up instead of waiting for the flags from the pervious service to arrive. This saved over 30 minutes of time during the afternoon.



Maryland -



Chooch's Bridge

9/2 Chooch's Bridge – Since this was 1777 Commemoration, we traded in our Regimentals for Frocks as Lawrence Price, David Hoover, Don Eberhardt and David Embrey (pic Left) traveled to Delaware to participate in this Annual Event with other SAR Color Guards. Past MD Color Guard Commander David Embrey with Past National Commander David Hoover and 2023 SAR Color Guardsmen of the year Allen Greenly All in Attendance – (pic Above)

9/16 Col Wolte, Williams Port



The Christian Ardinger Chapter assisted the Anna Maria Lane Chapter of the DAR with the grave marking of George Woltz in Williamsport, MD. as Wes Evans, the Color Guard Area Commander for western Maryland and John Turner presented the colors as well as to provide a musket salute. SAR members Wes Evans, Paul Banister, and John Turner were surprised by the DAR when presented with the Hannah White Arnett Bronze Medal of Distinction for their participation in past and current events by DAR member Shelly Wells, From left; Wes Evans, Paul Banister, Shelly Wells (Iowa DAR), John Turner (pic Left) The musket salute was provided Wes Evans against a background of flags of the early Revolutionary War, the Grand Union and the Maryland Calvert while the DAR members unveiled the marker. (pic Right)



9/19 Proclamation Day Ceremony

It's always a pleasure for David Embrey and Ms. Vicki to be part of the DAR's Annual Alexandria City Constitution Week Proclamation with Mayor Justin Wilson, City Council Members, The Police & Sheriff Honor Guard, ACPS Superintendent, choirs from four city schools, members of SAR, CAR (including the Virginia State President), DAR District V Director, and members of several local chapters. Guardsman David Embrey traded in his Blue Regimental for Red as he opened the Program with Yankee Doodle. Fifer Dave gave a talk on the Fife, Drum and the importance of the Field Musick in camp life and the War and was accompanied by Ms. Vicki of the 'Old Line' Color Guard Ladies Auxiliary, who portrayed Mrs. Jolley who owned a Milliner's Shop on Fairfax St. in 1784 Alexandria. (pic Left) Group Photo with DAR and SAR (pic Right)





240th Signing of the Treaty of Paris Annapolis, MD

Color Guard members David Embrey, Glenn Moss and Rick Abbott (pic 1 Left) had the honor of presenting and posting Colors for this Historic annual commemoration sponsored by the USNA History Department. Guest lecturer Mark Croatti with Glenn Moss. (pic Right)



Franco-American Alliance Memorial Commemoration, US Naval Academy, Annapolis



Several military organizations and lineage societies joined to honor the French Soldiers that encamped here on their way to the battle of Yorktown. Why we are here (pic Left). This ceremony marked 242 years since those brave soldiers and sailors camped at what is now the US Naval Academy. The Naval, SAR and ROTC Color Guards (pic Bottom Left). SAR 'Old Line' Color Guard members Rick Abbott, Gerald Harris, David Embrey and Glenn Moss. (pic Bottom Right)



250th of Historic Belmont Hall, Smyrna, Delaware

Color Guard members Drummer Noah, Jason Posey, David Embrey and Lawrence Price (pic Left) fell in with other historical groups to commemorate the 1777 shooting of a Smyrna Militia Sentry posted on the widow's walk (pic Middle) by a Loyalist party attempting to capture the owner Thomas Collins. Fife and Drum Demo (pic Right)





Independence Day in Fenton



On Independence Day in Fenton, Mi. the Michigan Color Guard marched with the NSDAR ,Genesee County Chapter both home based in Flint, MI. The feeling of independence rang through the applause and cheers they gave us. As we road toward the finish ABC 12 news reporter filmed us along with others in the parade.

Most of all was the fabulous welcome we received from the more than 10,000 people that lined the streets from start to finish.



Cass River Colonial Encampment

The Michigan Sons of the American Revolution are always searching for new SAR members. July 15 - 16 we erected a recruiting tent in correlation with the Cass River Colonial Encampment. added many new member contacts within the 2 day of recruitment. Public awareness of our society is always found a interesting topic in this tourist town. We talked to many about their ancestors and the revolutionary war. Leading: Colonial Camp Commander & Michigan Color Guardsman, Brett Kemmer L/R directly behind the first three: Gerry Burkland, Missar Color Guard Commander Norman Palmer, Bob Hawcroft



Patriot grave dedication - Color Guard Silver Medal Presentation

The Paul Emery Chapter once again has a color guard member that achieves the highest of accolades. Color guardsman and bagpiper Ronald Barnard received the NSSAR color guard Silver Medal. Every chapter guardsman members has rose to this Silver Medal level with exception of one.

While attending a grave dedication in Saline, Michigan the color guard gave honors to him for his work in the guard and wonderful addition of his music that accompanies our marches.

The dedication was held on Saturday, September 24, 2023. A tremendous turnout of dignitaries and public viewers were especially enticed by the musical march provided by Ron and guardsman drummer Caden Palmer.

"Huzzah"!



NSSAR Color Guard Challenge Coin presentation

Newly appointed Color Guard Vice Commander John Lepisto, received a NSSAR Color Guard Challenge Coin from Commander Palmer. John is a veteran and has already proven his worth in the Michigan Color guard. Vice Commander Lepisto is a member of the West Michigan Chapter, MISSAR



June Grave dedication of two Patriots

On Sunday, Sept 24, 2023 at 2 PM the Huron Valley Chapter NSSAR, Ypsilanti Chapter NSDAR, and Sarah Caswell Angell Chapter NSDAR held a Joint Dual Grave Dedication for two Revolutionary War Veterans Drummer Archibald Armstrong and Lt. Samuel Waldron. This was the DAR chapter's third America 250 Sesquicentennial Event.

The MISSAR Color guard in full regalia, made for a fine ceremony complete with a 3 volley cannon salute. Each detonation was for "Honor" "Duty" and "Country". The color guard also honored the two soldiers with the Michigan color guard sword salute. Many state dignitaries were there to present city, state, and congressional declarations of honor. The event was a great success.



Missouri -

Patriot grave dedication

The Spirit of St. Louis Chapter and the Ozark Patriot Chapter of the Missouri Sons of the American Revolution jointly hosted a first-time grave marking ceremony for patriot Peter Matthews in Steelville on July 8, 2023, with about 50 members and family present.

Peter Matthews was born July 1763 in Montgomery County, PA. He joined the Capt. Kegger's Company of Col. Mark Bird's Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, as a fifer at age 13. He served in the New York battles on Staten Island and Hackensack, NJ. He was wounded, taken prisoner, and transported to England. In 1781 while on a British merchant ship bound for the West Indies, he was taken by a privateer ship and released June 1781. In 1809 he moved to Kentucky. Eventually he moved to Crawford County, Missouri where he died and is buried. Participating chapters were Ozark Patriots, Spirit of St. Louis, Fernando de Leyba, Independence Patriots, Alan Laws Oliver, Harry S Truman, and Ozark Mountain.

Participating MoSAR members were Brad Frazier (OPC), Steve Sullins (IPC), Terry Gowan (SSL), Mike Hahn (IPC), Ivan Stull (HST), Charles Mc Millan (OMC), Gary LeClaire, John Rice (ALO), Matthew Toeniskoetter (ALO), Don Turner (OPC), Steven Biggs (SSL), and Kevin Hulsey (SSL).

Musket volley: L-R Brad Frazier, Steve Sullins, Kevin Hulsey, Gary LeClaire, drummer Charles McMillan, Eastern District Commander Terry Grogan.



“First Son” Grave Medallion Installation Ceremony

On August 19, Ozark Mountain Chapter members and color guardsmen conducted a “first son” grave medallion installation ceremony for Joseph Rinker (1800-1855), son of patriot George Rinker. Honored guest was chapter member and several-times grand-nephew Stephen Rinker. DAR members from several chapters in the area also attended to honor first son Joseph and his patriot father. Joseph’s story deserves recognition because he was an immediate descendant. Straight from the patriot’s lips to the son’s ears was heard the story of sacrifice.

George Rinker served as an officer in the Shenandoah County, Virginia Militia during the Revolutionary War. George served several tours of duty, with the rank as a lieutenant and later captain. His longest tour was with General Nathaniel Greene in Cheraw, South Carolina and the most memorable being at Yorktown for the surrender of Cornwallis.

Sacrifice by those named Rinker did not end with George. Joseph and his family were among the earliest settlers to what is now Aurora, Lawrence County Missouri. He finished building the very first home in Aurora, where now sits the Aurora Hospital. Marriage record/license 2235, dated 11 January 1821 reveals Joseph Rinker and Hannah Burrier were wed in Green County, Tennessee. Joseph Rinker filed his claim in the US General Land Office, Springfield Missouri, 1 September 1848, situate SW quarter of the NE quarter, and SW quarter of the SE quarter of section seven in township twenty-six, range twenty-five west (80 acres), subject to the final sale at Springfield.

Joseph Rinker appears in the 1850 census, district 47, Lawrence County Missouri. The household consisted of wife Hannah at 49, Rebecca daughter age 17, George W son age 13. The birth state for both children is listed Indiana; Joseph lists birth state as Virginia, and for wife Hannah, born in Kentucky.

An obituary for Joseph’s daughter Rebecca White, published 31 August 1916 in The Neosho Times, page 2, states Rebecca was the widow of John White who died 27 years prior. She died at her home in Verona, Missouri. Rebecca’s father Joseph, was described as being a member of the first county court, appointed by the governor in 1845. All were described as early settlers of the area.

Many first sons, daughters, and grandchildren make small cemeteries such as Spring River Cemetery near Verona, Missouri, their final resting place. Very few passing by reflect on how those early settlers were the fabric of which the present is made of. For a few moments, OMC was honored to highlight this family and its contribution to the founding of the county.

Left .GS with Steven Rinker by the ancestor’s grave.
2 RightGuard at Rinker marker..



New Hampshire -

4th of July Parade and Veterans Salute

Compatriots of the New Hampshire Society were joined by members from DAR to participate in the Ashland, NH 4th of July Parade and Veterans Salute.

Ashland 4th Parade Back Row L-R: Ronald White, Linda Wood (DAR), Lois Hermann (DAR), Adele Bausor (DAR), Barry Lewis, Russel Cumbee, and Doug Wood. Front Row L-R: James Veach, Curtis Hermann, Andrew Akers and Dennis Walsh



2023 Ashland 4th Musket Salute

L-R: DAR members, unidentified VFW, NHSSAR Color Guardsmen, Curtis Hermann, Russel Cumbee, Doug Wood, Barry Lewis and Dennis Walsh



Living Classroom Demonstration

New Hampshire Color Guardsmen and DAR Members provided a living classroom demonstration on colonial clothing, militia drills, and Revolutionary War history at the Franconia, New Hampshire 250th town celebration on July 7th. The next day, New Hampshire SAR Compatriots participated in the parade.

Franconia 250th Demonstration L-R: Russel Cumbee, Doug Wood, Curtis Hermann (hidden), Dennis Walsh and Barry Lewis

Franconia 250th Parade L-R: Kevin Stewart, Lois Hermann (DAR), Russell Cumbee, Doug Wood, Al Lamson, Curtis Hermann, James Veach



The Birthday of General Henry Knox

NHSSAR Color Guardsmen Curtis Hermann, Barry Lewis and Dennis Walsh joined members of the MASSAR and MESSAR Color Guards to post Colors and provide a musket salute at the annual wreath laying ceremony commemorating the birthday of General Henry Knox..



Celebration of Life

NHSSAR Compatriots participated in a Celebration of Life for the late Paul Miskki, a New Hampshire state representative at Hill Haven Farm in Belmont, NH. Hill Haven Farm was the homestead of Revolutionary War Patriot Dudley Gilman.

L-R: Andrew Akers, Chaplain, Guardsmen Curtis Hermann, Russel Cumbee and Doug Wood



Muster Field Museum Farm Days

Compatriots of the New Hampshire Society participated in the Muster Field Museum Farm Days event with SAR & Revolutionary War information booths. They also provided musket volley demonstrations throughout the day.

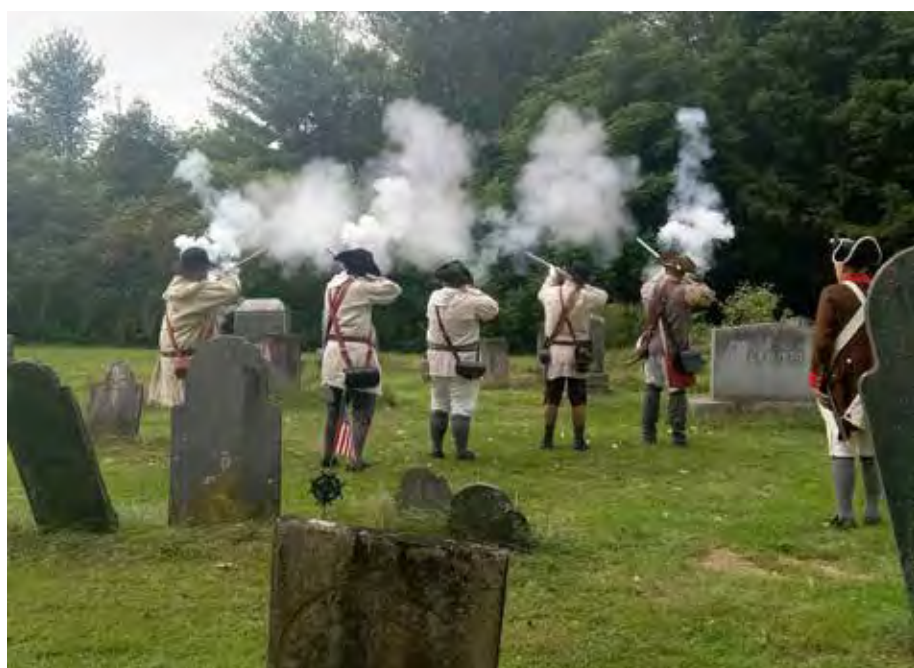
2023 Muster Field Farm Days Demonstration - L-R: Musketmen Barry Lewis, Al Lamson, Doug Wood, Curtis Hermann and Russel Cumbee

2023 Muster Field Farm Days Group - L-R: Al Lamson, Dick Baynes, Russ Cumbee, Doug Wood, Barry Lewis, Richard Wright, Curtis Hermann, Dennis Walsh



Grave Marking Ceremony

The New Hampshire Society and Vermont Society performed a grave marking ceremony honoring Revolutionary War Patriots Jacob Gilson, Benjamin Howard, Atherton Chaffee, Deacon Ephraim Ranney, Sr. and Joseph Willard. Descendants of Patriots Chaffee, Gilson and Howard were present to unveil SAR markets and place wreaths. The NHSSAR Color Guard presented the Colors and provided a musket salute. VT Grave Marking Safety Check - L-R: Hans Jackson, Doug Wood, Barry Lewis, Daniel Dudley (CTSSAR), Paul Ford and Curtis Hermann (back to camera). VT Grave Marking Musket Salute - L-R: NHSSAR Guardsmen Hans Jackson, Doug Wood, Barry Lewis, Daniel Dudley (CTSSAR), Paul Ford and Curtis Hermann



Specil Cathedral of the Pines Service

The New Hampshire and Massachusetts Color Guards joined forces to Present the Colors for the annual Cathedral of the Pines Memorial Service sponsored by the New Hampshire Society of DAR.. The Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire, is a national memorial dedicated to the memory and honor of all Americans who serve the nation. NHSODAR has hosted an annual Memorial Service at the majestic outdoor chapel since 1947. The Cathedral of the Pines event offers people from around the state, and across the country, the opportunity to come together for a time of fellowship and inspiration. Each year, a National Society DAR officer or other distinguished guest, brings an inspiring message for guests to contemplate.

Right - General Stark, portrayed by Richard Wright (NHCG), leading the presentation

Left - Back Row L-R: Scott Tourtellot (MACG), Dennis Walsh (NHCG), Russ Cumbee (NHCG), Sean Walsh (NHCG), Doug Wood (NHCG), Lois Hermann (DAR), First VP General, Virginia Sebastian Storage (DAR), NH State Chaplain, Shannon Croteau, (DAR), NH State Regent Kathleen Sternenberg (DAR), Richard Wright (NHCG), Taryn Holmes (MACG Drummer), Barry Lewis (NHCG) and Al Lamson (NHCG)



Front Row (kneeling) L-R: Hans Jackson (NHCG), Jim Holmes (MACG), Curtis Hermann (NHCG) and Chris Tourellot (MACG)





New Jersey -

Battle of Cooch's Bridge

Let Freedom Ring ceremony

On the morning of July 4, the New Jersey Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard and Cannon Crew assembled in Perth-Amboy for the city's Let Freedom Ring ceremony. The NJSSAR's 6-pound cannon roared on the city's historic town square while town and state officials also rang the Liberty Bell replica on the square and read the Declaration of Independence. At the close of the celebration in Perth Amboy, a nice lunch was served, after which the Cannon Crew redeployed to East Jersey Olde Town Village in Piscataway where they honored our nation's birthday once again.

Battle of Brooklyn

On August 26, members of the NJSSAR Color Guard travelled to Brooklyn, NY, to help commemorate the Aug. 28, 1776, Battle of Brooklyn, the largest battle of the Revolutionary War. This ceremony, hosted by Empire State's Battle of Brooklyn Chapter and the Society of the Cincinnati, drew color guard members from New York, New Jersey, the Nansemond Indian Patriots Chapter of the SAR from Suffolk, Va., Pennsylvania, Kentucky. Drawing special attention were the sacrifices of the Maryland 400, many of whom gave their lives covering the retreat of the main body of the Continental Army that day to Brooklyn Heights

On Sept. 2, NJSSAR Color Guard members travelled to Iron Hill, Delaware to take part in the Commemoration of The Battle of Cooch's Bridge, Sept. 3, 1777. The annual event was held at the Pencader Heritage Museum, which is located on part of the battlefield. More than 130 people gathered to pay tribute to the colonial soldiers killed at the Battle of Cooch's Bridge.



New York -

TURNING POINT PARADE

On August 6th, 2023 the Saratoga Battle Chapter Color Guard participated in the Turning Point parade in Schuylerville, NY which terminated at the home of Revolutionary War General Phillip Schuyler (background).

Color Guard members include: Mary Skelly, Bradley Allen, Jake Verhayden, Saratoga Battle Chapter Vice President Michael Skelly, Kyle Verhayden, New York State Color Guard Commander Michael Companion, Timothy Butler, and David Wren.

Photo credit for the Turning Point parade photo should go to Colleen Day-Verhayden.



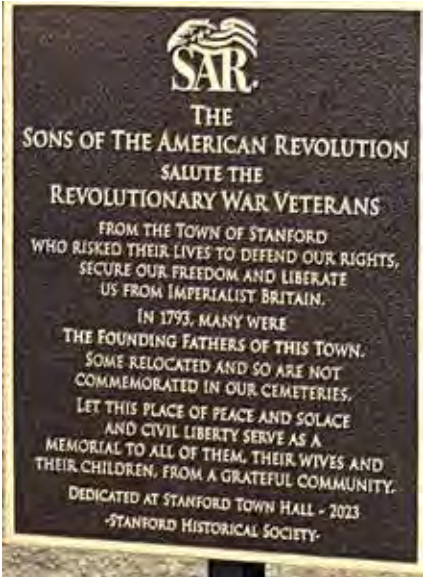
BATTLE FOR BENNINGTON .

On August 16th , 2023 the Saratoga Battle Chapter Color Guard and the Walloomsac battle Chapter Color Guard participated in the commemoration of the 1777 Battle for Bennington at the battlefield in Walloomsac, NY.

Color Guard members participating included dual chapter Vice President Michael Skelly, New York State Color Guard Commander Michael Companion, Compatriot Brian Companion, Bradley Allen, and Mary Skelly

GRAVESIDE MARKER DEDICATION CEREMONY

On August 19th , 2023 the Saratoga Battle Chapter Color Guard participated in the graveside marker dedication ceremony for General Peter Gansevoort at the Albany Rural Cemetery in Menands, NY. Pictured is Capital District Color Guard Commander and Saratoga Battle Chapter 1st Vice President Michael Skelly. Other Color Guard members who participated included State Color Guard Commander Michael Companion, Mary Skelly, Bradley Allen, and compatriot Maj. Michael Golden.



STANFORD TOWN HALL DEDICATION

On September 16, 2023 the New York State Color Guard participated in the marker dedication at the Stanford Town Hall, Stanford NY.

The marker reads in part “The Sons of the American Revolution salute the Revolutionary War Veterans from the Town of Stanford”

The Color Guard was lead by New York State Color Guard Commander Michael Companion.

Also attending in uniform were Compatriots Andrew Pierce, Michael Golden, Michael Skelly; Mary Skelly, Bill Wierecke, and Rob Buccheri.



Nevada -

Bell Ringing Ceremony Day, April 17th

Independence Day saw the BBP Chapter Color Guard at the annual Bell Ringing Ceremony in Carson City at the Nevada State Museum, celebrating the July 4th 1776 adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

The chapter hosted the event, and was supported by the Douglas County High School's JROTC Tiger Battalion Color Guard which posted the National Colors.

Cadet First Sergeant Ian McDonald, the JROTC Tiger Battalion bagpiper, provided music for the occasion by playing several patriotic selections, including America the Beautiful and Amazing Grace. His presentation was followed by the BBP Color Guard reading the Declaration of Independence aloud, and then to symbolically honor the patriots from each of the original thirteen states, past president David Hess tolled the Nevada Liberty Bell 13 times. Audience members were involved by calling out each of the 13 states, and later took turns ringing the bell as well.

Six BBP Color Guard members supported the JROTC cadets at the ceremony: Jay Dickey, Rob Stoecklin, Roger Linscott, Donn Dalton, Paul Hicks, and David Hess, who performed M.C. duties. Aside from Piper C/1SG Ian McDonald, the four Tiger Battalion cadets posting the Colors were C/CPL Keaton Murphy, C/CPT Autumn Mays, C/SGT Aiden Martinez, C/CPT Logan Miller.

L-R: BBP CG: Jay Dickey, Rob Stoecklin, R.Lincott, Donn Dalton, Paul Hicks, David Hess; also L-R: JROTC Tiger Bn. CG: Piper C/1SG Ian McDonald (L. backgrnd); Posting Colors were: C/CPL Keaton Murphy, C/CPT Autumn Mays, C/SGT Aiden Martinez, C/CPT Logan Miller.



Ohio

4th of July Americana Parade

Members of the Richard Montgomery Chapter had an outstanding showing of color guardsmen at the Centerville, Ohio 4th of July Americana Parade



Liberty Camp for Kids

Hocking Valley Chapter members Tom Hankins, Al Gummere, Tom Morris, and Bob Hill fire a musket salute after posting the colors for the children attending the Hocking Hills Liberty Camp for Kids in Logan, Ohio, as part of a ceremony for a Liberty Tree Planting on July 27th. Afterwards, the compatriots would also teach three (3) rotating classes on Continental Army surgeons and medicine, White captives adopted into Native American Indian tribes, and Continental Army soldiers and militia.



4th of July Americana Parade

Participating in beautiful Granville, Ohio for the Independence Day Parade were the combined color guard and camp followers of the Hocking Valley Chapter and Benjamin Franklin Chapter. L to R: Clara Potter, Elaina Potter, Larry Potter, Tom Hankins, Bob Shetrone, Don Miller (Ohio Society President), and Commander Bob Hill



Fort Laurens Tomb Guard

: On Friday, July 28th, 17 compatriots from 11 different chapters and three (3) state societies participated in the 5th Annual Tomb Guard of the Unknown Patriot held at Fort Laurens in Bolivar, Ohio. Compatriots mimicked the soldiers guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia using a 21-count in their facing movements and steps, and changing

Shoulder Arms in their direction of march. The guards were ceremonially inspected and relieved every 15 minutes by Tomb Guard Commanders Tom Hankins and Bob Hill. In the photo, Commander Hill inspects Ohio Society President Don Miller prior to Don's duty as relief guard.



The combined Color Guard marches to the Tomb of the Unknown Patriot at the Annual Siege at Fort Laurens Memorial Ceremony, on Saturday, July 29th. The drummer is 90 year old Bill Maling of the Lafayette Chapter, an excellent drummer!





Patriot Grave Marking

Compatriots fire a musket salute at the Old Colony Burying Ground in Granville, Ohio on August 5th at a Patriot Grave Marking hosted by the Hocking Valley Chapter. Near the end of ceremonies in Granville, emcee Tom Hankins and State Color Guard Commander Bob Hill lowered the Grand Union flag, folded and presented it to a descendant of one of the patriots honored that day, patriot David Messenger, and then raised the National Colors followed by a musket salute.



Patriot Grave Marking

The Ohio Society Combined Color Guard prepares to march into position to post the colors at the beginning of a Patriot Grave Marking at Seceder Cemetery in Reynoldsburg, Ohio on August 26th, hosted by the Benjamin Franklin Chapter and emceed by State President Don Miller. Fife music was provided by Richard Montgomery Chapter member Robert Pruitt.

September 9th and 16th & 17th

The Richard Montgomery Chapter Color Guard, led by Commander Alan See, presented the colors at the opening of a professional baseball game for the Dayton Dragons on September 9th. In the past year the Richard Montgomery Chapter Color Guard has been among the fastest growing in the state of Ohio in terms of size and activity.

On September 16th the Camp Charlotte Chapter hosted a Patriot Grave Marking at Forest Cemetery in Circleville, Ohio. Compatriots gather for a group photo after the ceremony. The color guard was fortunate to have compatriot Robert Pruitt of the Richard Montgomery Chapter as a fifer, and Chris Canine of the Kentucky Society as a drummer. Chapter President Richard Hartinger emceed the event.

Right - - The combined Ohio Society Color Guard participated in a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony at North Royalton Cemetery in North Royalton, Ohio, on September 17th, hosted by the Western Reserve Society SAR. Again, the color guard was accompanied by fifer Robert Pruitt of the Richard Montgomery Chapter. After the SAR musket salute, a Veterans Rifle Squad fired a salute followed by a bugler playing Taps, then a bagpiper playing Amazing Grace.



Pennsylvania -

July 4th

On July 4th the Phila Continental Chapter presented the Colors and decorated Patriot markers at the resting place of unknown soldiers from the Battle of Brandywine. In white hunting frock is Pennsylvania and PCC color guard commander Fred Fonseca. To his right are Spencer Snyder, Mark Lanyon, PCC Pres. Bill Baker, Dave Mizel former chapter Pres. and Chris Snyder.



DAR Constitution Week Prayer Service

The Phila. Continental Chapter presented the colors for the DAR Constitution Week Prayer Service September 17th at Washington Chapel in Valley Forge. Infront of the Justice Bell is Chris Snyder under arms, then Spencer Snyder, Richard Lind and Fred Fonseca



Battle of Paoli

On September 20th the 246th anniversary of the Battle of Paoli the Phila. Continental Chapter held it's 2nd Annual Paoli Remembrance Ceremony. Musketeer on the left is Chris Snyder, Fred Fonseca with the National Colors, Richard Lind with the 1st Pa Rg't colors and Spencer Snyder with musket.



South Carolina -



July 4th

On the 4th of July, the South Carolina Color Guard presented at a America 250th Marker in Barnwell, SC. The event was organized by the Moultrie-Eutaw Chapter of the South Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution. The event was held at the Barnwell Veterans Park. The marker memorialized 21 Revolutionary War veterans.

Battle of Eutaw Springs Anniversary

The South Carolina Color Guard attended the 242nd Battle of Eutaw Springs Anniversary on Saturday Sept 9th. The Color Guard presented at the historic Church of the Epiphany. Afterwards, the event moved to the battlefield marker where the South Carolina Color Guard fired off volleys with the cannon crew from the South Carolina Battleground Trust and the historic Washington Lights Infantry Color Guard from Charleston, SC presenting the colors. The Washington Lights ties to the Battle of Eutaw Springs is that General Greene's wife presented the company her husband's flag that flew at the battle. They still have this valuable relic in their possession.





Tennessee -

Tennessee State Fair

On August 17, 2023, the TNSSAR participated in the Grand Opening Parade at the 2023 Wilson County State Fair, which had over 38,000 attending! Members from the Stones River, Andrew Jackson, Lt. William P. Quarles & Stephen Holston Chapters of the TNSSAR, as well as from the Margaret Gaston & Dawn Blessing Chapters, TNDAR, committed to having booths in the Town Hall of Fiddler’s Grove section of the 2023 Wilson County State Fair through the 26th. In 2022, attendance at the Fair was over 720,000 and this year is expected to set new records.

We hope to maintain a presence at the TN State Fairs every year. The 3rd & 4th Grade State Fair Essay Contest was proposed by Rob Clifton, President-Elect of the Stones River Chapter, TNSSAR, last year and given an approved budget at the State Meeting in March of \$1,500.



Texas -

Battle of Medina Memorial Event

The 210th Anniversary of the Battle of Medina Memorial Ceremony was held on Saturday morning, August 12, 2023, at the Old Leming Elementary School located 5 miles north of Pleasanton, Texas, in remembrance of those Texians who fought the Spanish Army on August 18, 1813. According to writings of Judge Robert H. Thonhoff, author, historian, and former Karnes County Judge, the Battle of Medina was fought between approximately 1,800 men in the Royal Spanish Army and approximately 1,400 men in the Republican Army of the North, which included about 400 Spaniards, 400 Tejanos, 200 Native Americans, and about 400 men from the Eastern States of the newly established United States of America. Peter Sides, the only proven casualty who also fought in the American Revolution, was honored by his descendent, Southern Region Color Guard Commander, David Hamaker.

The Color Guard presented the colors at the event and participated in a musket volley. Following the event, the Color Guard proceeded to the Applewhite site a few miles away to silently remember the fallen (fire ban prevented a musket volley). Participating in the Color Guard were the State Commander, Regional Commanders, and members of multiple chapters across the state

. Front row: Bill Sekel, Shiidon Hawley, and Frank Kebelman. Back row: Ralph Reed, John Thompson, (unknown), Edwin Sellards, Robert Duckworth, Drummer Gavin Pless, David Hamaker, Blair Rudy, (Unknown), Ron Farris, and Frank Rohrbough.



Color Guard Participates in Oath of Allegiance Ceremony

On Tuesday, September 26th, five members of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt (Fort Worth) Chapter Color Guard posted the Colors at an outdoor Oath of Allegiance Ceremony in Grapevine, Texas. This is the third year that the Captain Molly Corbin Chapter DAR, in conjunction with the U.S. Customs and Immigration Service, has hosted the ceremony at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens. A large, but enthusiastic, crowd endured hot temperatures and a blazing sun in the outdoor environment. Following the ceremony, Guardsmen posed proudly as many new citizens and their guests wanted photo opportunities with them.

(l to r) Color Guard Commander Vann Cunningham, Steven Hole, Bob Jacobs, Ron Turner, and Bobby Gresham.



Reinternment of Sgt. Willie J Baty

Korean War Missing In Action, Sgt. Willie J Baty of Mexia, Texas, has been identified. Sgt. Baty was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action with the 25th Division in Korea.

In the fall of 1950, Baty was a member of L Company, 3rd Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on September 14th when his unit was forced to withdraw from the Masan area of the Pusan Perimeter, South Korea. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered and there is no evidence that he was ever a prisoner of war. The Army issued a presumptive finding of death on December 31, 1953, and his remains were determined to be non-recoverable on January 15, 1956.

Remains designated as Unknown X-159 discovered near Masan were buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific with other Korean War Unknowns. X-159 was dis-interred with 652 other Korean War Unknowns and was sent for DNA analysis. X-159 was identified as W J Baty of Mexia, Texas.

On September 15th, 2023, the remains of Sgt. Baty were reinterred at Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery in an 11:00 am service.

The Texas SAR Color Guard formed a Flag Line at the cemetery.





CJWII July 4th

The Colonel James Wood II Chapter (CJWII) of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) participated in three events over the weekend leading up to the celebration of Independence Day. On 1 July, they, along with the Warren Heritage Society (WHS) sponsored a reading of the Declaration of Independence at the WHS Archives. This included a reading of the document, a presentations of wreaths to commemorate the occasion and a three round musket salute. Participating from the SAR were Paul Christensen, David Cook, Dale Corey, Jim Cridge, Chip Daniel, Mike Dennis, Charles Jameson, Eric Robinson, Marc Robinson, Bill Schwetke, Mark Sink and Michael Wilson. They represented the Col James Wood II, Culpeper Minutemen, Fairfax Resolves, Col William Grayson and Sgt Maj John Champe Chapters (SMJC). Jocelyn Wilson represented the Providence Society Children of the American Revolution with Anne Simmons representing the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

On 2 July, CJWII compatriots Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen, Dale Corey and Chip Daniel joined SMJC compatriots Ken Bonner, Barry Schwoerer, Steve Van Deusen and Mark Sink to present the colors and fire a three round musket salute to begin an Independence Day celebration at the Purcellville Cannons Baseball Game. Valerie Sink represented the DAR.

On 3 July, CJWII participated in the annual Rockin’ Independence Day on the Winchester Walking Mall. The event included numerous vendors and radio station 95.3, “The River”. Two bands provided music throughout the afternoon and evening, leading up to a fireworks display at nearby Jim Barnett Park. CJWII provided a color guard that marched down the mall to the music stand, presenting the National Colors for a performance of the National Anthem. Participating for the SAR were Brian Bayliss, Dale Corey, Chip Daniel, Erick Moore, Eric Robinson, Mark Robinson, Jim Simmons and Richard Tyler.

First photo is the Musket Squad at Warren Heritage Society l. to r. Marc Robinson, Bill Schwetke, Chip Daniel, Mike Wilson, Paul Christensen, Mark Sink, Michael Wilson, Dave Cook and Eric Robinson. (Photo courtesy of Chip Daniel) Second photo is the participants at the Purcellville Cannons Baseball Game l. to r. Ken Bonner, Richard Tyler, Valerie Sink, Mark Sink, Chip Daniel, Sean Carrigan, Barry Schwoerer, Paul Christensen and Steve Van Deusen. (Photo courtesy of Barry Schwoerer.) Third photo is the color guard at Rockin’ Independence Eve l. to r. Eric Robinson, Erick Moore, Brian Bayliss, Richard Tyler, and Chip Daniel. (Photo courtesy of Chip Daniel.)

These activities set the stage for a celebration of America’s birthday to be held throughout the country on 4 July. Hopefully you can use this article in the next edition of the magazine.

Musket Squad at Warren Heritage Society



Baseball game Above;
Rockin’ Independence Eve Below.



FRENCH MILITARY PARTICIPATION IN SAR COLOR GUARDS

Christopher Melhuish, CAPT USN (ret.),
Virginia SAR Color Guard Commander

The Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution reached out to the French military in 2021 to explore the possibility of forming an integrated Color Guard (i.e., composed of SAR Compatriots and French active-duty military) to support the annual celebration of the Revolutionary War 1781 Battle of the Virginia Capes at Vice Admiral de Grasse's statue. This was agreed, but due to COVID restrictions, the Battle of the Capes commemorative event was canceled by the base commander (the statue is in Fort Story, VA).

In 2022 the French military agreed to form an integrated Color Guard, and the event went ahead as planned in September. Notably, where previous attendance at the Battle of the Capes commemoration averaged about 20-25 attendees, last year there were almost 150 attendees, with about half that number being French nationals, including several active-duty French military members. A French Navy Rear Admiral was the guest of honor.



photo is the VASSAR-French Color Guard at Yorktown (l. to r. Peter Davenport, Scott Collins, Lieutenant Colonel Marc Gilles, French Air Force, Chris Melhuish, Bill Schwetke). Photo courtesy Ranger Ty Karlovetz, National Park Service

Lieutenant Colonel marched at the head of the SAR formation and laid a tribute at George Washington's Tomb. The French Officer was in period attire. This particular participation at the Tomb Ceremony marked another SAR "first."

The past year has seen increased French support to various American Revolutionary War commemorations. This probably reflects a desire to connect with Americans at a most foundational level – our Revolutionary War. Given next year's focus on the Bicentennial of the Marquis de Lafayette's 1824 triumphal return to the US, and the ramp up to "America 250," these collaborative efforts with France reaffirm the deep and long-standing relations between our two nations – l'amitié franco-américaine.

First photo is the VASSAR-French Color Guard at Fort Story (l.to r. Bill Schwetke, Ken Bonner, Premier Maître Aline Oger, Brett Osborn). Photo courtesy Tim Ahlgrim. Second photo is the VASSAR-French Color Guard at Yorktown (l. to r. Peter Davenport, Scott Collins, Lieutenant Colonel Marc Gilles, French Air Force, Chris Melhuish, Bill Schwetke). Photo courtesy Ranger Ty Karlovetz, National Park Service. Third photo is the VASSAR-French Tomb Guard at Washington's Tomb, Mt. Vernon (Lieutenant Colonel Mathieu Brulais, French Army). Photo courtesy Tom Roth.

- It is believed this marked the first time the French Navy participated in an SAR Color Guard.

The following month, the French military provided two active-duty Lieutenant Colonels to march with the SAR at Yorktown for the annual Victory Day Parade. This was also a first.

- Building on the sound relationship with the SAR, the French military purchased period Revolutionary War French uniforms (as we personally know, a significant financial investment) to enhance future Revolutionary War Franco-American commemorative engagements in the US.

In mid-June this year, the VASSAR Color Guard Commander invited the French military to participate in its annual July 4th March to George Washington's Tomb at Mount Vernon. The French agreed, and an active-duty French



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Below photo is the VASSAR-French Tomb Guard at Washington's Tomb, Mt. Vernon (Lieutenant Colonel Mathieu Brulais, French Army). Photo courtesy Tom Roth





SAR REMEMBERS 9-11

On 9 September 2023, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) participated in commemorations of the 9/11 events. They began the day at a Massing of the Colors sponsored by the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2524. The chapters combined with Fairfax Resolves, George Mason and Sgt Maj John Champe SAR Chapters as members of the Virginia Society State Color Guard. A commemoration was held to honor the 2,977 individuals who lost their lives during the attacks on the World Trade Center (WTC), the Pentagon and the plane that went down in western Pennsylvania before reaching its targeted destination. The ceremonies began at the Culpeper Fire Station to honor the victims of American Airlines flight 11 attacking floors 93-99 at WTC Building #1. Included in the ceremony were color guards from the Culpeper Fire Department, Culpeper Sheriff's Office, Culpeper Police Department and Culpeper Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2524. The color guards were aligned and brought to Present Arms. A reading of the incident was conducted, a moment of silence and Taps played at 8:46 a.m. to honor those who lost their lives. The contingent then moved to the Culpeper Sheriff's Office for to commemorate American Airlines Flight #175 hitting floors 77-85 of WTC Building #2. After a reading of that event, Taps was played at 9:03. They then moved to Wine Veterans Park in Culpeper to commemorate the loss of United Airlines Flight #93 when passengers fought back against the hijackers and the plane went down near Stoney Creek Township in western Pennsylvania. Again, a reading was followed by Taps played at 9:37. Color guards then went to the intersection of Main Street and Davis Street, Culpeper. A reading of the final event was conducted and Taps played at 10:03. This has become an annual event supported by the Culpeper Minutemen SAR Chapter, VFW Post 2524, Culpeper Fire Department, Culpeper Sheriff's Office and the Culpeper Police Department, along with the Sons of the American Revolution Chapters from surrounding areas. SAR guardsmen participating were Jim Bish (CMM), Sean Carrigan (CJW), Paul Christensen (CJW), Jim Cordes (FR), Dale Corey (CJWII), Mark Crain (CMM), Thomas "Chip" Daniel (CJW), Mike Dennis (CMM), Charles Jameson (CMM), Ken Morris (GM), Brett Osborn (CJW), Bill Schwetke (CMM), Doug Schwetke (CMM), Barry Schwoerer (SMJC), Mark Sink (SMJC) and Richard Tyler (CJW).

Members from Col James Wood II Chapter then proceeded to meet with their partner organizations the American Red Cross and VFW Post 2153 at Sarah's Glenn, Shenandoah University, Winchester, Virginia. The chapter provided a color guard for a remembrance ceremony to commemorate the losses on 9/11. The colors were presented followed by a reading of the events that transpired on 9/11 by Niccole Gatliff, Associate Registrar of Veterans and Technology. John Winn, Professor of Law and Army Veteran, was the keynote speaker. This was followed by a three round salute and the playing of Taps by VFW Post 2153. Participating for the Col James Wood II Chapter were Sean Carrigan, Dale Corey, Chip Daniel, Brett Osborn and Richard Tyler. First photo is the Virginia SAR State Color Guard at Culpeper Fire Station I. to r. Mike Dennis, Bill Schwetke, Jim Cordes, Doug Schwetke, Charles Jameson, Chip Daniel, Paul Christensen, Barry Schwoerer, Ken Morris, Brett Osborn and Mark Sink. Second photos is the Color Guard at Culpeper Sheriff's Office I. to r. Doug Schwetke, Bill Schwetke, Jim Bish, Mike Dennis, Charles Jameson, Brett Osborn, Paul Christensen, Ken Morris and Chip Daniel. Third photo is the CJWII Color Guard at Shenandoah University I. to r. Chip Daniel, Brett Osborn, Richard Tyler and Sean Carrigan. (Photos courtesy of Dale Corey.)

GRAVE MARKING ROBERT WOOD

On 15 September 2023, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) conducted a grave marking ceremony to honor Revolutionary War patriot Robert Wood. The ceremony was conducted at the Wood Family Cemetery at Glen Burnie, the Wood Family estate at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley. Robert Wood was born in Frederick County in 1747, the son of Colonel James A. Wood, Sr. (the founder of Winchester) and Mary Rutherford. Robert became a farmer and eventually became the owner/operator of the Glen Burnie Estate. In 1774, he married Mary Rutherford and they had five children. During the Revolutionary War, he served as the paymaster for the 12th Virginia Regiment under the command of his brother, Colonel James Wood II. Later in the war, he provided 2000 lbs of hay for the Continental Army and 28 gallons of Brandy which was issued to Maj Charles Magill of the Virginia State Garrison Regiment. During the last decade of the 18th century, Glen Burnie burned to the ground. In 1794, Robert rebuilt the mansion and it survives to this day as part of the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley with gardens and outbuildings. This was a highly successful estate and the Woods were leaders in the community social life. At the time of his death in 1801, the Glen Burnie plantation was a large farm that was one of the wealthiest households in Frederick County at that time. His wife, Comfort continued to manage the property until she passed away in 1840. Both were buried in the family cemetery located on the property of the plantation. The ceremony was emceed by Paul Christensen with Paul McComb as chaplain. Greetings were presented by Virginia State President Ernie Coggins; Mid Atlantic District Vice President General James Engler, Sr; Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Vice Chair DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations Anita Bonner and Virginia Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) Past President Will Elston. A tribute to Robert Wood was presented by Dale Corey with Grave Dedication by Chris Melhuish and Bob Bruce. C.A.R. compatriots Will Elston and Jocelynn Wilson unveiled the headstone. Wreaths were presented by compatriots from 18 SAR Chapters, four DAR Chapters and the Providence Society of the C.A.R. Chris Yohn and Jocelynn Wilson led the singing of "God Bless America" prior to the closing remarks. Additional participants from the Col James Wood II Chapter included Brian Bayliss, Sean Carrigan, Chip Daniel, Doug Hall, Patrick Moore, Brett Osborn, Allan Phillips, Will Reynolds, Jim Simmons and Richard Tyler. Other SAR participants included William Lee Popham (Florida Society), Pat Kelly (French Society and Thomas Jefferson), Dave Cook (German Society), Forrest Crain and Larry McKinley (Fairfax Resolves), Ken Bonner, Barry Schwoerer and Mark Sink (Sgt Maj John Champe), Gary Dunaway, Robert Laubach, John Lynch and David Westenberger (Williamsburg), Gary Hodges (Thomas Nelson, Jr), National Treasurer General Mike Elston, Mark Jackson, Rand Pixa and Tom Roth (George Washington), John Hamilton U Jeremy Utt (Col Fielding Lewis), Ken Morris (George Mason), Edmund Davidson and Paul Parish (General Daniel Morgan), Bill Schwetke, Doug Schwetke (Culpeper Minutemen), Mike Weyler and Mike Wilson (Col William Grayson), Robert Bruce (Norfolk), Philip Barnard and Chris Yohn (Richmond). Jarred Marlowe (Col George Waller). Randy Atkins (Fort Harrison). First photo is the Virginia State Color Guard presenting the colors, l. to r. Brett Osborn, Bill Schwetke and Allan Phillips. Second photo is the Virginia State Honor Guard at Order Arms, l. to r. Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Gary Hodges, Ken Morris, Forrest Crain, David Westenberger, Michael Wilson and Chris Melhuish. Chris Yohn and Jocelyn Wilson sang.. (Photos courtesy of Brian Bayliss.)



SAR DEDICATES PLAQUE TO DANIEL MORGAN

On 15 September 2023, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution conducted a dedication ceremony to honor General Daniel Morgan. The event was held at the Burwell-Morgan Mill, Millwood, Clarke County, Virginia. A bronze plaque highlighting Morgan's life was dedicated in the meadow at the mill. Morgan was born in New Jersey and as a teenager, left home and found his way to Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley. When he arrived in Virginia, he could barely read and write. He was a crude, hardworking, fighting man who enjoyed cards and a good drink. He eventually became a teamster, driving a wagon during the French and Indian War. He was part of the British Army led by General Edward Braddock who marched in a campaign to chase the French out of the Ohio Valley. While on the expedition, Morgan had a run in with a superior officer who struck him with the flat of his sword. Morgan knocked him down and was punished with 500 lashes. When telling the story, he would claim the only gave him 499 and was still owed one. The French forces with Native Americans defeated the British force and mortally wounded General Braddock at the Battle of the Monongahela. He then joined a company of Rangers and outside Fort Edward, Morgan

and his companion were ambushed by Indians. He took a musket ball through the back of his neck that crushed his left jaw and exited his cheek, taking all his teeth on that side of his mouth. He survived the encounter but carried the scars the rest of his life. At the beginning of the American Revolution, Captain Morgan was asked to form a company of riflemen to meet with George Washington and his patriot force at the siege of Boston. He recruited a force of 86 sharpshooters with rifles and march to 600 miles to Cambridge in 21 days. He was sent to Quebec where he became a prisoner of war after fighting his way into the city. After his release from captivity, he was appointed to colonel and took charge of a light infantry unit of troops from Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland. They distinguished themselves throughout 1777 in New York and New Jersey. It was at the Battle of Saratoga, he and his riflemen helped turn the tide of the battle. He was passed over for promotion and resigned. In 1780, Morgan was persuaded to return to the Army as a brigadier general. General Nathanael Greene split his army, sending Morgan to the South Carolina backcountry. He was pursued by British Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton and on 17 January 1781, made a stand at Cowpens, South Carolina. Morgan secured a complete victory and a turning point in the campaign in the south. His victory was the beginning of the end for General Lord Cornwallis' Army when they eventually went to Yorktown

to replenish supplies, ammunition and reinforcements. The support never materialized and Cornwallis' defeat was the final major battle of the War for Independence. After the Battle of Cowpens, Morgan returned to Winchester to recover from a sciatica injury that became too painful for him to sit on a horse. Morgan retired to what is now Clarke County and built a house he named Saratoga. In 1794, as a Brigadier General, he led a force against the Whiskey Rebellion. In 1797 he was elected to a term in the House of Representatives. He died 6 July 1802 and was buried at the Old Stone Presbyterian Church in Winchester, with the grave being moved to Mt Hebron Cemetery after the Civil War. Daniel Morgan worked hard to improve himself and proved to be a master tactician and a prime reason for the colonial victory. His biographer James Graham stated, "His strength and spirit, his frank and manly bearing, his intelligence and good-humor, set off by a rich fund of natural wit, which he kept in constant exercise, rendered him a favorite among the people, and contributed to give him a great influence over his associates."

Marc Robinson emceed the commemoration with Paul McComb providing chaplain duties. The Virginia SAR State Color Guard presented the colors to open the event. Greetings were presented by Mid-Atlantic District Vice President General James Engler, Sr; Virginia Society SAR President Ernie Coggins; Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution Vice Chair DAR/SAR Relations Committee Anita Bonner and Virginia Children of the American Revolution Past President Will Elston. The plaque was dedicated by the Reverend Jim Simmons and President Coggins as it was unveiled by Bill Schwetke.

Dale Corey provided a presentation on Daniel Morgan followed by a presentation of wreaths led by Marc Robinson. Wreaths were presented by four SAR Societies, 19 SAR Chapters, four DAR Chapters and one Children of the American Revolution Society. Presenters included Vice President General Engler, President Coggins, Florida Society Past President William Popham, German Society Dave Cook, French Society Pat Kelly, and SAR chapters Col James Wood II by President Chip Daniel,

Richmond by President Chris Yohn, Norfolk by President Robert Bruce, Thomas Nelson, Jr by Past President Gary Hodges, Thomas Jefferson by Pat Kelly, George Mason by Past President Ken Morris, George Washington by President Rand Pixa, Col George Waller by President Jarred Marlowe, Williamsburg by President Robert Laubach, Culpeper Minutemen by Past President Bill Schwetke, Fairfax Resolves by President Forrest Crain, Fort Harrison by Past President Randy Atkins, Col Fielding Lewis by President Jeremy Utt, General Daniel Morgan by President Edmund Davidson, Col William Grayson by President Michael Wilson, Nansemond Indian Patriots by President Thomas Badamo, Sgt Maj John Champe by President Ken Bonner and Van Zant, Texas by Doug Schwetke. DAR chapters were presented by Paula Schwoerer, Elizabeth MacIntosh Chapter; Anita Bonner, Lanes Mill Chapter; John Alexander Chapter, Deborah Corey and Pack Horse Ford Chapter by Michelle Phillips. The Providence Society C.A.R. was presented by Jocelynn Wilson.

After the wreaths, Anita Bonner and Jocelynn Wilson lead the singing of "God Bless America" followed by a musket salute by the Virginia State Color Guard. Additional guardsmen were from Col James Wood II - Brian Bayliss, Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen, Doug Hall, Patrick Moore, Brett Osborn, Allan Phillips, Will Reynolds, Richard Tyler and Ryan Williams. Others were Dave Cook, Fairfax Resolves; Gary Dunaway and John Lynch, Williamsburg; John Hamilton, Col Fielding Lewis; Mark

Jackson, George Washington; Paul Parish, Gen Daniel Morgan; Barry Schwoerer and Mark Sink, Sgt Maj John Champe and Mike Weyler, Col William Grayson. First photo is the Virginia State SAR Honor Guard at present arms. Second photo is the Virginia State SAR Musket Squad. Third photo is the Virginia State Color Guard posting the colors. (Photos courtesy of Brian Bayliss.)



SAR COMMEMORATES DANIEL MORGAN'S BEE-LINE MARCH



On 16 September 2023, the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) created a reenactment of Captain Daniel Morgan's Beeline March. The ceremony was sponsored by the Colonel James Wood II Chapter with participation from four SAR societies, 18 SAR Chapters, four Daughters of the American Revolution Chapters and two Children of the American Revolution Societies. In

1775, the Second Continental Congress authorized the establishment of 10 rifle companies recruited from the local militia. Gathering Continental troops in preparation for the Revolutionary War, General Washington called upon the men of the mountains to supplement the army with fighting men. Virginia responded by forming the Frederick County Riflemen commanded by Captain Daniel Morgan and the Berkeley County Riflemen Commanded by Captain Hugh Stephenson. The original plan was for the two companies to travel together with Stephenson's command in the lead. Morgan made the decision to leave the day prior to the Berkeley Company arrived at the designated meeting point. They were to come together at "Morgan's Spring" near Shepherdstown to begin the march to Cambridge. On 15 Jul, Morgan and his men left the camp and marched 600 miles in 21 days, reporting to General Washington on 6 August

1775. 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.



The reenactment was a march from the George Washington Hotel on Piccadilly Street to the Old Stone on Piccadilly Street. The church is where Daniel Morgan was originally buried in 1802 and a statue currently stands depicting Morgan in his back country outfit. In the churchyard, a camp had been constructed with General George Washington (Phil Williams) meeting his staff as the marchers were led up the hill by Daniel Morgan (Brett Osborn) with bagpipe playing and a drummer carrying the beat. The General's staff were depicted by Dave Cook, Dale Corey, Mike Elston, Chris Melhuish, Ken Morris and Darrin Schmidt. After arrival of the riflemen, Washington inspected the troops followed by a wreath presentation ceremony to commemorate the occasion. A musket squad fired a three round salute and Chris Yohn lead the singing of "God Bless America". Morgan's men were then formed to a return march to the Hotel. 43 color guard compatriots from the following SAR Chapters included Col James Wood II (Brian Bayliss, Bryan Buck, Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen, Richard Collins, Dale Corey, Chip Daniel, Kelly Ford, Doug Hall, Erick Moore, Patrick Moore, Allan Phillips, Will Reynolds, Eric Robinson, Marc Robinson, Chase Tyler, Richard Tyler, Walker Tyler); Nansemond Indian Patriots (Tom Badamo); Sgt Maj John Champe (Ken Bonner, Barry Schwoerer, Mark Sink); Fairfax Resolves (Dave Cook, Forrest Crain, Larry McKinley, Darrin Schmidt, Jeff Thomas); Patrick Henry (Mark Day); Williamsburg (Gary Dunaway, John Lynch, David Westenberg); George Washington (NSSAR Treasurer General Mike Elston, Mark Jackson); Col Field-

ing Lewis (John Hamilton, Steve Boulton); Thomas Nelson, Jr (Gary Hodges); Thomas Jefferson (Pat Kelly); George Mason (Ken Morris); Gen Daniel Morgan (Paul Parish); Culpeper Minutemen (Mark Crain, Bill Schwetke, Doug Schwetke); and Col William Grayson (Michael Weyler, Michael Wilson). Virginia Society President Ernie Coggins, Mid Atlantic Vice President General James Engler and Children of the American Revolution Past President Will Elston were honored guests presenting a wreath. Present as camp followers were Rachel Bayliss, Georgeanna Moore and Michelle Phillips (Daughter of the American Revolution). First



photo is Daniel Morgan's Company

marching to meet General George Washington. Second photo is the Virginia SAR Musket Squad firing a musket salute. Third photo is General Washington with his staff and Honor Guard. (Photos courtesy of Brian Bayliss.)

Washington -



George Rogers Clark

The 2023 Tumwater parade highlighted the SAR/DAR bond as our chapters shared a combined presence in this years “Christmas in July” event. Both chapter banners proudly marching side by side followed by the SAR/DAR color guard. The group leaders, Franida Maudsley (DAR) and Art Dolan (SAR) shouted out “Merry 4th of July” and “Happy Birthday America” much to the enjoyment of the spectators. For the first time DAR’s Jesai Bancroft-Connors proudly carried the Betsy Ross flag. As the temperature rose, our C.A.R. compatriot, Julien Bancroft-Connors, seamlessly fell back from his banner post to carry the Washington State Flag as the heat caused one of our flag bearers to take a seat in the trailing limousine. The best part of being parade entry #50 was we preceded the horses at entry #52. Rule #1 in the Washington State Color Guard is to “Have Fun” and we complied completely for the entire parade route



WASHINGTON STATE SAR

Alexander Hamilton

Black Diamond Parade

Members of the WASSAR Color Guard attended the annual Black Diamond Labor Day Parade on Sept. 4. (Standing) Eric Olsen, Mat Bendickson, Jim Carpenter, Mike Moore, John Herr, Chris Grabowski, Danica Bendickson (DAR), Bill Bentler, Stephan Clayton, Katherine Bendickson (DAR), Cris Clayton, Melonie Leaning (DAR), Bruce Bock, and Alonde Droege. (In front) Viren Lemmer, Ralph Leaning (HODAR), Neil Vernon, Dick Motz, Mike Bendickson



over a year ago on Aug 19, 2022 members of the George Rogers Clark chapter color guard and WASSAR fife and drum corps had gathered on Joint Base Lewis-McChord to honor her on her 100th birthday. Barbara Nichols started her service to her country as a teenager during WW II helping to build the Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress and was one of the signers of the 5,000th B-17 known as “5 Grand”. She went on to join the Nurse corps and served as a US Army nurse from WW II to the Vietnam War, finally retiring in 1969. Barbara was a member of the Mary Ball chapter of the D.A.R before transferring to the Sacajawea Chapter in 2016. She had 4 proven Patriot ancestors and was the 1st researcher to prove their service.

George Rogers Clark

GRC color guard gathered to honor LT Col Barbara Nichols
Submitted by Eric Olsen

On September 2, 2023 members of the George Rogers Clark Color Guard gathered to pay final respects to Lt Col Barbara Nichols who passed away on June 16, 2023. Just

The Color Guard consisted of rifle men Dick Moody and Joe Coorough, acting CG Captain Eric Olsen, with Lew Maudsley carrying the US flag and Ramona Olsen of the Sacajawea Chapter of the DAR carrying the DAR flag. The WASSAR Fife and Drum corps had in attendance Viren Lemmer, Stephanie Conroy & Terry Baker. Also in attendance were Lee Thomasson, William Hurley and Lawrence Bowman all of the George Rogers Clark Chapter along with many D.A.R members. Many attendees of Barbara’s memorial service commented afterwards what a great job everyone had

done with some even saying it was the best one that they had seen in sometime.
For more information on the life of Barbara Nichols please go to the following web-site:
www.thejoltnews.com/stories/ltc-barbara-nichols-august-19-1922-june-16-2023,11357

George Washington

The George Washington Chapter Color Guard WASSAR was honored for the 4th consecutive year to parade colors and open the ceremonies of the annual Vietnam Veterans of America picnic held by the Sedro Woolley Chapter of the VVA. More than 300 veterans and attendees enjoyed the program and food provided by the VVA Chapter. Color Guard members flanked the keynote speaker, retired US Marine Lee Sherman who move the entire assemblage with “Old Glory”. George Washington member Hugh Jonson presented VVA Sedro Woolley Chapter President Ande Mitchell with a NSSAR Certificate of Appreciation for his significant contributions to Vietnam Veterans.



L-R: Johnmark Jenny, Rodney Jenny, James Carpenter (SE), Ken Carlson, Hugh Jonson, Bruce Bock, Mike Hutchins, Bill Bentler, Marshall Eberhart, John Kraft not pictured.

John Paul Jones

The John Paul Jones Chapter of the WASSAR participate in the four (4) day 2023 North West Colonial Festival (NWCF) on the grounds of the George Washington Inn in Port Angeles, WA. This year’s festival set new attendance records with many visiting the SAR booth. The festival, a living history, make us in the SAR more aware of the sacrifices of our patriot ancestors, a very memorable four days.



Mike Hutchins (GW Chapter President), Mick Hersey (JPJ Chapter VP), Fred Gilbert (JPJ CG Captain and festival SAR coordinator), and a thank you to our fellow SAR

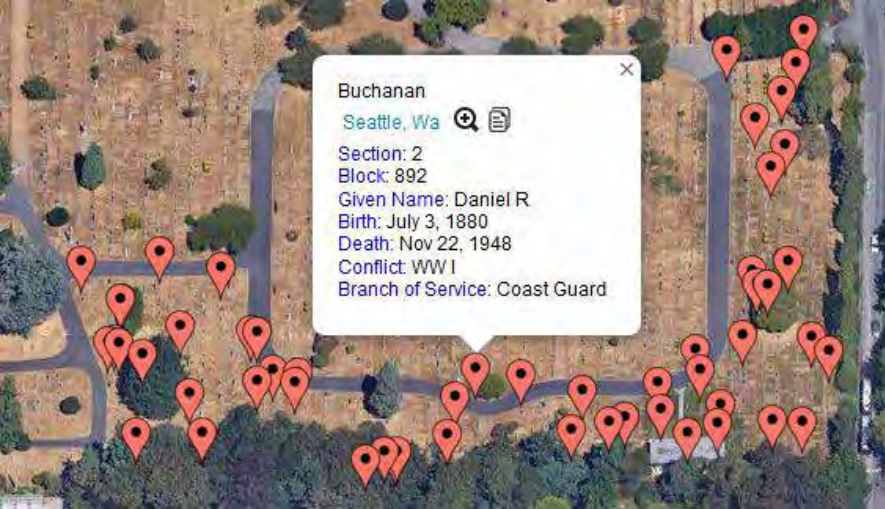
The JPJ Chapter sponsored presentation speakers from two fellow chapters discussing topics like: The history of the US flag; the first 14 presidents, Washington’s spies in the revolution, why does a young boy goes to war, and the early history of the US Navy.

SAR members who participated in the festival are: Perry Taylor (JPJ President), Neil Vernon (WAS-SAR Color Guard Cmdr),

members who manned the booth; Mark Dunham, Noah Chase, Patrick Kane, Brian Dorr, SAR members who participated in the re-enacting of Lexington and Concord. Also huge special thank you to JPJ Chapter member Dan Abbott for allowing the festival to use his property

Seattle Chapter

Locating Veteran Graves
Over the course of the summer members from the Seattle Chapter canvassed the 40 acre Lakeview Cemetery in Seattle to locate and document Veteran graves. The documentation of the graves is very important so that all veterans are properly recognized for their service to this country. This effort was prompted by the need to streamline the identification and marking of the graves in preparation to the annual Wreaths Across America Ceremony. Over 500 veteran graves were identified and GPS coordinates mapped. Also, within this cemetery are the remains of seven (7) WASSAR President. Seattle Chapter members that participated in this effort we Tim Zenk (President), Stan Granberg (VP), Neil Vernon (Registrar / Historian), and Stephen Clayton.



Cemetery.jpg Canvassing.jpg

West Seattle Parade

The annual (since 1935) West Seattle Grand Parade was attended by the SAR/DAR on July 22, 2023. The parade is a member of the Seafair community of events which includes the pirates, clowns, marching bands, drill teams, floats, pageantry and excitement that leads up to the Seafair Torchlight Parade the following weekend.



L-R Standing: James Carpenter (SE), Stan Granberg (SE), Tim Zenk (SE), Matt Benedictson (AH), Michael Benedictson (AH), David Horsley (SE), Stephen Clayton (SE), Michael Moore (AH); Kneeling: Eric Olsen (GRC), Neil Vernon (SE), Dick Motz (AH).

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Woodinville Parade

On Aug 12, 2023, the annual Woodinville parade was well manned by 4 chapters of the SAR Color Guard. In attendance were Stan Granberg (SE), Ralph Liening (HODAR), ill Bentler (GW), Eric Olsen (GRC), Dennis Case (GRC), Jerry Bordelon (AH), Lew Maudsley (GRC), Rob Nofsinger (SE), Melanie Liening (F&D), Neil Vernon (SE), Dick Motz (AH); Kneeling: Alonde Droege (F&D), Miss Nofsinger (CAR), Stepanie Connor (F&D), David Horsley (SE), Viren Lemmer (AH), Jan Lemmer (AH), Skip Stephen (AH), Miss Nofsinger (CAR), not pictured Grant Rauzi (SE).



Spokane Chapter

New Citizen Ceremonies

On July 24 Dale Ryan, Doug Jonas, Stan Wills with his grandson in Uniform assisted the DAR in presenting flag pins to 88 new citizens from 33 countries. Over 200 people were in attendance.



On August 23, Stan Wills, Miss Spokane, Dale Ryan, Doug Jonas participated in the New Citizens ceremony, welcoming 58 citizens from 28 countries.. Also present was Robert Korn.



DAR Award to Stan Wills



Stan Wills was awarded the Hannah White Arnette Bronze Medal of Distinction by the Esther Reed DAR Chapter in Spokane on September 9. It was the first such award given to a non-DAR member and the first in Washington State.

Award citation:
This award is presented to Stan Wills of the Spokane #1 Chapter of the Washington State Sons of the American Revolution for his unselfish devotion, tireless efforts and assistance to the DAR: and who has dedicated his time, energy, talents, and outstanding service to the NSDAR.



Wisconsin -

Celebrating Independence Day

Celebrating Independence Day in Waukesha, our color guards marched by thousands of patriotic cheering and saluting spectators. Out of concern for participant security, the route was shortened to 0.8 miles with spiked barriers and public works equipment blocking intersecting streets. Our guards presented themselves with honor and respect for liberty and independence. Pictured in formation and led by commander Brian S. Barrett are (l to r) musket man Eddie Safford, Quartermaster Bill Austin, Shane Barrett, Bob Haglund, Bob Wylie, Marcus Barrett and musket man Terry Sater. In 90+ degree heat and 85 % humidity, Sater and commander Barrett discuss the day's events while Wylie looks on. We enjoyed a picnic after the parade.

We also celebrated Constitution Day with students and faculty at Carroll University in



Waukesha. It was our forth annual appearance on the campus and many students gave us a second glance. Several students stopped at our tabletop and some asked questions about our fantastic-durable Constitution. It was also an opportunity to answer questions about our uniforms and SAR membership.

During July, Bob Haglund participated in the assembly and memorial service at the NSSAR Congress in Orlando, FL. He also attended Fort Winnebago opening festivities for the refurbished surgeons quarters. During September, color guards Bill Austin and Bob Haglund presented the Colors at the NSSAR Leadership Conference.



West Virginia -



Compatriots:

A memorial service for the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Point Pleasant will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2024. For those of you who have been there before, this is a change from the usual practice of having the memorial on Sunday so that it will occur on the actual date of the battle. The service will be held at Tu-Endie-Wei State Park, Pt. Pleasant, WV. Further detail will be provided as they become available.

Respectfully,

John Turley
VPG Central District 2022-2023
President WVSSAR 2020-2022

