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May 29, 1780
South Carolina*

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Commander's Report

Fellow color guardsmen,

The Commemoration of the Spring Revolutionary War Battle Season is winding down and so is my first year as your Commander of the National SAR Color Guard. The Decade of the American Revolution (1773 to 1783) is upon once as we close in on the 250th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence.

As the weather begins to warm the pace of Battle Season will slow down but the color guard will continue with various patriot and compatriot grave marker dedications, bench and other dedication ceremonies, commemorations, and other color guard events. We constantly emphasize safety with the black powder and edged weapons but we must also remember to emphasize the health and safety of the color guard members. While the weather was relatively cool for the Guilford Courthouse Commemoration, we had at least three guardsmen go down, principally due to lack of hydration and locking of their knees during the ceremony. In the coming months please make sure that all guardsmen stay hydrated and safe during the various ceremonies.

In the last Commander's report, it was noted that the vote for the upcoming National Society SAR Color Guardsman would be held at Spring Leadership in Louisville, Kentucky. It is with great pleasure that I announce that Compatriot Brett Osborn of Virginia was selected and will become our National SAR Color Guardsman of the Year at the National Society SAR Congress in July when Compatriot Allen Greenly completes his year.

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

- 1) Battle of Cowpens in South Carolina,
- 2) Georgia Society SAR Annual Meeting with the National SAR President General in Georgia
- 3) Battle of Kettle Creek in Washington, Georgia
- 4) Crossing of the Dan in South Boston, Virginia
- 5) George Washington Birthday event at the George Washington Monument in Gainesville, Georgia
- 6) Battle of Moore's Creek in Currie, North Carolina
- 7) National SAR Spring Leadership in Louisville, Kentucky
- 8) National SAR sign dedication at Andrew Jackson's Hermitage in Nashville, Tennessee with the President General.
- 9) Battle of Guilford Courthouse in Greensboro, North Carolina
- 10) Battle of Thomas Creek in Florida.

All in all, every event had excellent color guard turn out and crowd participation.

The Kettle Creek Commemoration had the largest firing line with 37 muskets/rifles participating in the three-round volley at the Monument to Black Patriots. Later that day some of number in the compatriot firing line decreased as some of these compatriots manned the five-cannon used to fire volleys as part of the commemoration.

Without the participation of our compatriots and the time and effort that goes into attending commemorations, grave markings, patriotic events, and other programs we would not have the level of visibility in our communities that we currently enjoy in our Chapter, State, District, and National events.

As discussed at Leadership revisions are being made to the National Society SAR Color Guard Handbook. The working draft was emailed out to the committee members at Spring Leadership. The formal comment time is over but to be honest it will be toward the end of April before this document is picked up as my full-time job as a CPA will get me business until then. So, if you have not sent your comments in, please go ahead and get them in.

Please take a look at the schedule of upcoming events and see how you can help us get the word out and to celebrate the Decade of the American Revolution.

Yours in Patriotism

K. Scott Collins,
National Society SAR Color Guard Commander



Medal Clarification

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

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

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

Submitted at the request of the Color Guard Commander



Upcoming 2024 Events

Upcoming National SAR events per state society calendars:

12 Apr 2024	Friday	Halifax Resolves	North Carolina
15 Apr 2024	Monday	Patriot's Day Celebration	Massachusetts
20 Apr 2024	Saturday	Frederica Naval Actions	Georgia
10 May 2024	Wednesday	Battle of Pensacola	Florida
16 May 2024	Thursday	Armed Forces Day	Various
25 May 2024	Saturday	Fort San Carlos	Missouri
25 May 2024	Saturday	Buford's Massacre	South Carolina
25 May 2024	Saturday	George Rogers Clark	Indiana
26 May 2024	Sunday	Battle of Fort San Carlos	Missouri
27 May 2024	Monday	National Memoria Day Parade	Washington, DC
15 June 2024	Saturday	Battle f Monmouth	New Jersey
22 June 2024	Saturday	Battle of Ramsour's Mill	Lincolnton, NC
04 July 2024	Thursday	Independence Day	Various
11 July 2024	Thursday	134th SAR Congress	Pennsylvania

Clarification

on acceptable content

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

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

Vice-Commander's Report Compatriots,

Sons of the American Revolution.

I thought spring leadership went very well.

The important work we get done and the reports we submitted to our National Society for compatriots to receive awards and state societies to receive awards at our Congress in July.

Early April brought me to the Connecticut Color Guard state meeting where I had a wonderful time with Color Guard members and the Connecticut Color Guard leadership.

New Jersey gears up for very active Color Guard season.

April brings us to the of Battle Bound Brook. Soon to be submitted to the National Historic Sites and Celebrations committee for National recognition. In the Fall.

May brings us to Woodbridge New Jersey's historic graveyard with the New Jersey Daughters of the American Revolution to support them in installing a plaque for one of their members ancestors.

June brings us many events. The Battle of Springfield. The Battle of Monmouth.

And July brings us in to let Freedom Ring at the proprietary House. The Royal Governor's Mansion (Home of William Franklin) in Perth Amboy New Jersey.

And then on our National Congress in Lancaster Pennsylvania.

The New Jersey Society continues to fight and save historic open space here in our state.

And we have been very successful in completing that task.

We also look forward to working with Pennsylvania, New York and Connecticut.

Respectfully submitted.
Robert Meyer.

Vice Commander, National Color Guard



Editor's Notes

I am very happy to note that **21** states have submitted content for this issue.

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

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



To hopefully make it easier on you, the state submitters, and me, I will extend the delivery deadline to an extra 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 2025 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:

- Some submissions had photos that were time consuming in getting them ready to include. They were (1) small in resolution and thus had to be placed as tiny graphics, (2) too blurry/DARK and had to be manipulated to sharpen the photos to be easily viewed. SO - PLEASE send photos in largest resolution possible and make sure that the submissions are not blurry.
- **DO NOT SUBMIT HEIC** graphics
- **DO NOT** embed photos in documents or messages. Send them separately as file attachments e.e., **Parade1.jpg**
- **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. e.g., **(event-name)1.jpg**

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

Yours in Patriotism

Steve

Forgotten Patriots of the Revolutionary War

On 3 February 2023, the Culpeper Minutemen, Virginia Society conducted a “Forgotten Patriots” of the Revolutionary War. It was a ceremony attended by four SAR and two DAR chapters to honor African-American and Native American Patriots who fought for the colonial side in the struggle for freedom. This fight was a civil war that pitted relatives, neighbors and communities against one another as they looked forward to their own wellbeing. The exact numbers are unknown, but a large number of African-Americans fled to the British lines to escape slavery. The first promise was made in November 1775 by Lord Dunmore, the last royal Governor of Virginia. He offered freedom to slaves and indentured servants who were able and willing to bear arms for the British. His offer included only those who were in servitude to the colonial rebels. Those who answered the call, suffered hunger, disease and bombardment. Eight times as many died of sickness as did of battle wounds. Those who fled to the British left widely varying histories behind them. Many went to Canada and others settled in the African colony of Sierra Leone. These are not those who are included as “Forgotten Patriots” of the war. It is noted, many Native Americans, such as the Cherokee, Shawnee, Creek and most of the Iroquois, fighting for the British was the lesser of two evils. Their goal was to stop the flow of settlers into the western frontier. Not all African-Americans and Native Americans held Loyalist sympathies. Thousands participated on the American side. Each individual judged their own circumstances and made decisions based on those and what they hoped for in life. At the beginning of the war, most colonies prohibited the enlistment of free blacks and slaves. Giving weapons to men, who might be tempted to use them against their oppressors, was frightening. However, as the need for soldiers became more desperate, colonies set up systems whereby slaves could earn their freedom by serving the military and free men would enlist. Some could serve as substitutes with the promise of emancipation at the end of the war. The majority of these came from the northern colonies. Some of those, who did fight in the American forces were denied their freedom after the war, resulting in lawsuits to claim the just do freedom. Those who could not afford to protest the actions disappeared back into slavery. The dream of personal freedom for fighting in the war, did not come to fruition for many. Although their patriotic efforts during the conflict were a step in the right direction, most, were terribly disappointed by reality after the war.

American Indians experience similar sentiments as they signed up to fight for the colonial ideals expressed to start the struggle for freedom. For those who joined the cause, were driven by the knowledge, they were Americans, living on land the British were looking to colonize and take away. Those were individuals who hoped for better lives for their families and communities based on the messages delivered by the American cause and their own personal beliefs and objectives.

For many African-Americans at the time, the sea was a logical way to escape their role in life on or near the seacoast. They signed up to gain freedom and a better life for their service. This included Native Americans, and all became involved in the significant contribution paid to the war through naval or maritime activities.

The delayed use of these men lasted throughout the early history of the country. From colonial times until the 20th century, African-Americans were bypassed in the early stages of conflict. As the need for more fighters grew, civilian authorities and military commanders turned to the one great remaining manpower pool. From this, the African American emerged from a status of rejection and inferiority to become a comrade in arms. During the Revolutionary War, most black soldiers were scattered throughout the integrated Continental Army. Several all black units, commanded by white officers were formed due to lack of white enlistments and substitutions. Rhode Island’s Black Battalion was established in 1778 when the state could not meet its quota for the Continental Army. The legislature agreed to set free slaves who volunteered for the duration and compensated their owners for their value. This regiment performed bravely throughout the war and was present at Yorktown where it was noted, “the most neatly dressed, the best under arms and the most precise in its maneuvers.” The Yorktown Victory Museum made note the majority of African-Americans had routine jobs such as building fortifications. Approximately 9,000 participated in the war with at least 5,000 serving on the lines. A few served as orderlies for well-known military leaders. There are many examples of these men who served bravely and heroically in the War of Independence. Included were Crispus Attucks, the 1st person killed in the Boston Massacre. William “Billy” Flora who heroically provided defensive cover at the Battle of Great Bridge while under heavy fire. “He stood his ground so that we could stand ours.” Salem Poor, who was cited for valor and intrepidity at Bunker Hill. James Armistead Lafayette, a friend to General Lafayette. He was a spy who gave intelligence information about approaching British reinforcements to General Washington and Lafayette. This resulted in a plan to block enemy advancements with a long term result, the victory at the siege of Yorktown in 1781. William Lee, servant and friend to General Washington. The General allowed that Lee had served him and followed his fortunes through the war with fidelity. Prince Whipple, bodyguard to General Whipple. These are examples of African-Americans in the Revolutionary War that responded well to the military and were noted as being well drilled and more apt to military service and following orders.

The Virginia State Color Guard presented the colors for the ceremony emceed by Tom Hamill with a presentation by Charles Jameson. A brief biography was read for 16 of the Forgotten Patriots with 2nd Vice President, Virginia Society Michael Wey-

ler bringing greetings and leading a procession of wreath presenters honoring the forgotten patriots. A three round musket salute was fired by the Virginia State Color Guard commanded by Ken Bonner. First photo is the members of the Col James Wood II Chapter both primary and dual. 1. to r. Barry Schwoerer, Allan Phillips, Charles Jameson, Mike Dennis, Chip Daniel, Mike Weyler, Jim Cordes, Dale Corey, Mark Day, Paul Christensen and Ken Bonner. Second photo is the musket squad firing a salute to honor the Forgotten Patriots. Third photo is the wreath presenters. (Photos courtesy of Chip Daniel)

Patriotically,
Dale Corey, Media Affairs, Col James Wood II Chapter, Virginia SAR



Battle of Guilford Courthouse

March 15th 1781 marked the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. 243 years later our SAR Color Guard mustered at the battle site in front of General Greene's statue. The National Command staff (photo at right) was present with Commander Scott Collins (left), 1st Adjutant Ken Goodson (center) and 2nd Adjutant Patrick Wesolosky (right). The second picture (below right) shows Commander Collins instructing nearly 50 troops supporting the day.

This National event was hosted by the North Carolina Society with the introductions made by Mark Mortensen President of the Nathanael Greene Chapter. Members of the SAR, DAR, C.A.R., SR placed wreaths.

The temperature was 70 degrees and the rain began to fall just as the last of the pledges were spoken. An event worth the time of every American to experience the largest land action of the Revolutionary War.

Battle of Guilford Courthouse, battle in the fought on March 15, 1781, a battlefield loss but strategic victory for the Americans in over the British, who soon afterward were obliged to abandon control of the Carolinas. After the American victory at the Battle of Cowpens (January 17, 1781), the American commander, General Nathanael Greene, united both wings of his 4,400-man southern army at Guilford Courthouse, near what is now Greensboro, North Carolina. There General Charles Cornwallis, with a force of about 2,400 British veterans, caught up with the Americans. Greene arranged his force in three battle lines with cavalry and riflemen on each flank, but kept no reserve. North Carolina militia and two cannon were in the first line, and Virginia militia in the second line, both with orders to fire, retreat, and reform; battle-tested regulars of the Continental Army manned the third line. Greene's force also contained at least 45 Black freemen, who fought with Cornwallis's troops, including a small detachment of loyalists, deployed immediately, light artillery in the center, grenadiers and Germans on the flanks. At about 1:30 p.m. they fired at the first American line and received a heavy volley in return. As ordered, the militia withdrew, but to Greene's dismay most of the North Carolinians left the battlefield. The British continued forward into thick woods where they encountered Greene's second line and a longer and much tougher fight, but the British regulars finally forced the Americans back. Separate fights took place on the flanks and units were drawn away from the center. The British left pushed against the main American line and was sharply repulsed. However, in the center, Cornwallis's troops fought the Americans in a fierce hand-to-hand melee. Counterattacks by American cavalry led by a hero of Cowpens, Lieutenant Colonel William Washington along with Light Horse Harry Lee's Virginia Legion and other Continentals stopped an assault by a guards regiment but were unable to break the determined British. In the end, British artillery fire—which killed many of Cornwallis's own troops while breaking up the American line—and a charge by Cornwallis's reserve cavalry carried the day. American casualties were light; British casualties were heavy. Wishing to avoid another

defeat such as the one suffered by General Horatio Gates at Camden, South Carolina, the previous August, Greene withdrew his forces intact. Declining to pursue the Americans into the backcountry, Cornwallis temporarily retired to Hillsboro, North Carolina. Acknowledging his failure to destroy patriot resistance in the South and having lost a quarter of his army at Guilford Courthouse alone, Cornwallis abandoned the heart of the state and his so-called southern strategy a few weeks later and marched to the coast at Wilmington to recruit and refit his command, which then moved on to Virginia and defeat at Yorktown. Greene's forces in turn moved on to eliminate the few remaining British and loyalist units remaining in the Carolinas.



The site of the battle is now preserved as Guilford Courthouse National Military Park, one of two such parks devoted to the Revolutionary War.

Losses: American, 70–80 dead, 183 wounded, 1,046 missing (mainly militia who dispersed after the battle); British, 93 dead, 413 wounded, 26 missing.

Ken Goodson
National Color Guard Adjutant





SAFETY

New Safety Officer - Brett Osborn

Watch Your Step Tips

WATCH YOUR STEP

I realized at our State SAR annual dinner in February, that after the Color Guard had placed four flags to the left of the stage and podium where the program was being conducted that people who walked close to the flags did not see the brown plastic flag stands with the dark carpet. I acknowledged that the flags were not in a traffic path, but yes, the stands were hard to see. We appreciate the ladies that shared their concerns.

At Spring Leadership Meeting in Louisville, we had to retire colors that had been placed in the back of the guests and VIPS on the stage area. There were no hand railings on the steps on either side of the stage, space was tight, and sixteen Color Guardsmen trying to retrieve the flags and march off was a challenge. A Color Guardsman stumbled on the stage. Those brown plastic flag stands were getting tangled up in the march to exit.

Sometimes access to the event banquet rooms is restricted or numerous changes have been made to the table arrangements that make it necessary to conduct a last-minute walk through for color guard commanders to plan the movements.

For outdoor settings, check the site for tripping hazards. In preparation for a grave marking event three years ago in a rural cemetery, I moved three wheelbarrow loads of walnut shells, branches, and rocks



from areas the Color Guard would be marching to eliminate tripping hazards. Probably didn't endear me to the resident squirrel population but kept our color guardsmen safe.

We had a NSSAR member at an event trip over an electric cord. He was severely injured from his fall. I know we put extension cords out for public address systems and one needs to look at these and see if some covering or marking is needed to eliminate the potential hazard of tripping.

I've slipped on wet grass at events with leather soled shoes. Use sensible treaded shoes or one can put a strip of duct tape on the bottom of leather soled shoes to reduce the opportunity of falling on your backside.

We often don't look down at our feet as we are walking, but taking time to review those potential hazards for falling or tripping at event sites is important, **Watch Your Step!**

Brett Osborn
NSSAR Color Guard Safety Officer

The Fife And Drumm Corps

The Music in the Field

Jan/26 – The Georgia SAR Annual Meeting as Commander Collins and drummer Caleb Kindard Leads the way (pic below)



Jan/27 –The Kentucky Society hosted Flintlock and Color Guard Training in Frankfort Kentucky. Twenty-three Compatriots from seven Kentucky Chapters and one Tennessee Chapter participated in the training held at The Frankfort Christian Academy. Training the Recruit – Drum and Fife - Not only were they trained in the Manual of Arms and other aspects of soldiering, but they had to learn the Drum and Fife Calls that regulated their daily activity in camp, on the battle field and on the March. Special thanks Patrick Wesolosky for the photos. Scott Giltner and Steve



Feb 10 - It was a great day of color guard training for members of the Kentucky Society in Middletown, KY. Chris Canine, Steve McCain, and Scott Giltner took the opportunity to get in some fife and drum practice. Steve is with the Simon Kenton Chapter, Chris and Scott are in the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter.



Feb 17 - Kansas Annual George Washington Birthday Celebration – The Color Guard is formed as fifer Roy Hutchinson prepares to Step Off. (pic right)



March 2 – Spring Leadership – The music, front and center with Viren Lemmer, Chris Caniane and Scott Giltner (pic below)



March 20 - Naturalization Ceremony – Fifer Roy Hutchinson made the local news as the Color Guard Advanced the Colors with Roy playing Yankee Doodle.



What's In Your Cartridge Box?

I attended the Spring Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY and prior to our NSSAR Color Guard posting colors I was standing in the lobby with guardsmen that were to carry flags. I looked down at one of the guardsman's cartridge boxes and saw white paper. I asked him if he had cartridges in his box. He didn't think so, he opened it up and there was one cartridge. It was rolled shut but appeared to have been used, no powder in it.

Let's inspect cartridge boxes and shot pouches as part of the safety inspection.

Things the National Park Service (NPS) has recommended: "When inspecting cartridge boxes, look for items that SHOULD NOT be there. (Cigarettes, lighters, matches, steel wool, extra cartridges, loose gunpowder, etc.) The only items that may be in the cartridge box are extra flints, flint caps (covers), a musket tool and a gun worm. There is no need to carry any other things in the cartridge box." I would add ball ammunition and if the person is portraying a rifleman, not to be carrying a bullet board with patched rifle balls on him. (photo of a bullet board).



One of our Color Guardsmen recalled an event at a National Park Site with another era, not Revolutionary War where a reenactor when inspected had a live cap, stuck in the wool of his cap pouch for a percussion firearm. The NPS staff was commencing to bring prosecution charges on this individual to the tune of \$500 for what was an apparent oversight. Apparently calm was restored to the intervention of others, but the lesson is with the rule, don't bring black powder to restricted sites.

What are the consequences of violating the National Park Service Act?

Violations of these regulations may subject individuals to penalties ranging from three months imprisonment, a \$100 fine, or both, see 16 U.S.C. § 9a; to 6 months imprisonment, a \$500 fine, or both, see 16 U.S.C. § § 3 and 551.

While the Spring Leadership was not on such a site, it was pointed out by another NSSAR Color Guardsmen that at our previous Fall Leadership Meeting the US Postmaster General was there with Secret Service and additional security detail. This is not a time for us to not be attentive to safety and doing inspections. It's for all of us. I learn as well and appreciate others helping me stay vigilant and attentive to these matters.

I recently had a Safety Officer from my State Color Guard ask what he should be looking for in a cartridge box. The list provided is not all inclusive but is a common-sense starting point. One might be surprised at what is stowed in those cartridge boxes!

Brett Osborn
NSSAR Color Guard Safety Officer

134TH ANNUAL CONGRESS - 2024

Lancaster, Pennsylvania
July 10–July 16, 2024

IMPORTANT THE SCHEDULE HAS SHIFTED SO PLEASE PAY ATTENTION:

Wednesday, Jul 10 Excom/SARF

Thursday, Jul 11 Tours and Host Reception

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

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

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

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

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

Hotel Registration Link

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

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

Give them the GROUP CODE of NSSAR

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

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

Look forward to seeing you there.

Color Guard Event Flyers

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



The Pensacola Chapter, Florida Society
Sons of the American Revolution
Invites your group to the



2024 Battle of Pensacola Commemoration and Galvez Day Celebration

Friday, **May 10**, 2024

On May 10, the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard will once again present the opening procession for the Galvez Day Celebration sponsored by the City of Pensacola. The Color Guard will muster at 08:00 AM (Central) at Fort George (501 N. Palafox Street) and march down Palafox Street to one of the largest monuments in the United States to General Bernardo de Galvez as the opening ceremony of Pensacola's Galvez Day celebration.

Additionally, this year, the Pensacola Chapter SAR will be hosting a wreath laying ceremony in the afternoon at the Minuteman Monument located in Veterans Memorial Park on Bayfront Parkway in Pensacola.

All participating Color Guard Units will receive a BATTLE OF PENSACOLA FLAG STREAMER. Additional information can be found at: <http://pensacolasar.org/chapter-programs/battle-of-pensacola-commemoration/>

Please use the form below to register your participation in the events. Color guard unit position will be based on the order in which reservations are received. For questions email: battle@pensacolasar.org

RESERVATION FORM

Society Name:

Chapter or Organization Name:

Contact Name:

Contact Phone Number:

Email Address:

How does the group wish to be announced?

Number attending each event:

Color Guard Procession (May 10th 9:00 Central – Muster at 08:00)

Wreath Laying Ceremony (May 10th at 3:00 pm Central)

Please send your completed form to battle@pensacolasar.org or mail to:

Pensacola SAR
c/o Chris Washler
3400 Connell Drive, Pensacola FL 32503

The Florida Society

Sons of the American Revolution, the City of Callahan,
and the West Nassau Historical Society celebrate the
Anniversary of the American Revolutionary War

Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge 30 June 1778

11:00 a.m. **Saturday June 29, 2024**

at the West Nassau Historical Society

45383 Dixie Ave, Callahan, FL 32011
RSVP to Darryl.jaxsar.sze@att.net



AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR BATTLE OF Alligator Creek Bridge

The 3rd Florida invasion took place on June 30th, 1778, led by Col. Elijah Clark. It is known as the Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge. Col. Clark led his mounted Georgia Militia against British Major Prevost's forces who were defending Alligator Creek Bridge.

As with the prior two expeditions, there was a serious leadership disagreement between the two leaders: Governor Houstoun and General William Howe. Even though there were 2,600 Continental and militia forces under the two leaders, they did not agree on how to proceed with the invasion into Florida.

General Howe (with one half of the forces) opted to stay and occupy Fort Tonyn located about 14 miles north of the Alligator Creek Battle site on the St. Mary's River, even though it had been burned by British Loyalists.

Governor Houstoun opted to attack the 500 British Regulars, 200 South Carolina Royalists and Seminoles at Alligator Creek Bridge. As Houstoun's forces under General Screven chased the Loyalist forces back to the bridge, the British Regulars thought Screven's forces were also Loyalist forces retreating from the burned Fort Tonyn.

Col. Elijah Clarke led his mounted militia against the British bridge entrenchments during the skirmish and Clarke was wounded. General Screven's main reserve force, seeing that Clarke was injured and being barely able to escape capture, ordered a retreat. This was the third failed expedition. It was primarily due to a lack of coordination that had also doomed the two previous assaults on the Florida-Georgia borderlands.

The third invasion into Florida swamp land was a disaster. Although American battle casualties were only 13, over 500 Patriots died of disease before they could be withdrawn from East Florida.

Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Ceremony



The Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter Kentucky Society

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

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

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

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

Contact Scott Giltner – stgilt@earthlink.net to register



The 244th Anniversary of The
Gathering at Sycamore Shoals

September 14, 2024

Sycamore Shoals State Park – Elizabethton,
TN

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

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

No parking at cemetery!

Patriots:

David Deadrick P-145904
Robert Patton P-266874

2:00PM

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

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

The Official Hotel this year is:

Holiday Inn Express, Johnson City, TN
2 Orr Court, Johnson City
(just off I-26 Exit 17)

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

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

Link:

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Friday Evening Banquet

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

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

Reservations Only –

Please make reservations by
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(Reservations must be made before Sept. 9, 2024)

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

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

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

National SAR Event

National SAR Color Guard

Wreaths will be presented

Please pre-register your wreath by emailing:
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National Color Guard Events - 2024

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

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

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

Send event updates to Color Guard Commander & sarwilliamssa@gmail.com and [Color Guard Commander](#)

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

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

State Society Color Guard Commanders

Welcome to the NSSAR Color Guard.

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

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

Changes are noted in **RED** text

Vendor List

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

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Type the listed name of the vendor into your browser tab

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- Barkertown Sutlers
- Burnley & Trowbridge Co.
- C & D Jarnagin Company,
- Cobb Creek - Fine Clothing
- Custom Wig Company
- Flintlocks, etc
- MyFlintlocks, LLC
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- Fort Vause Outfitters
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- International Guns
- Joe's Leather Works, LLC
- Livonia Smithery
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- Military Heritage
- Panther Primitives -
- Samson Historical
- Smoke&FireStore
- Spring Valley Lodges
- Sutlers of Fort Frederick Market Fair (2015 listing)
- The Quartermaster General
- Tennessee Valley Muzzleloading
- Townsends
- Track of the Wolf
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Reports from The Field

State by State



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

Color Guard Units' Highlights!



Alabama -

12/10 - Susannah Abercrombie Matthews Funeral Ceremony, Leesburg, AL

Alabama State Color Guard rendered Honors for DAR Member Susan Abercrombie Matthews with Assistance from the Alabama State DAR.

2/23-24 - Alabama Society SAR State Convention, Hoover, AL

The Alabama Society of the Sons of the American Revolution held its annual convention at the Hoover Embassy Suites. In addition to regular business, workshops, and installation of new officers, the society was proud to install David Michael Martin Jr. as state president. The ALSAR Color Guard presented colors during the opening ceremony.

3/16 - Alabama Genealogical Spring Seminar, Montgomery, AL

On March 16th, the Alabama Genealogical Society held its spring seminar in Montgomery, Alabama and the Alabama State Color Guard was there to open ceremonies with the presentation of colors.





Arizona

State BOM meeting

The color guard for the state BOM meeting on Feb 10th, 2024.

Left to right in the picture:
Stephen Miller
Donard DeDreck
George White
Stu Morse
Chrisopher Francis
Brad Hopkins (retiring CG Commander)
Bill Walters
Mark Seifert
Chuck Howey
Stan Marks (new CG Commander)



Parada Del Sol Parade

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

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

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



California -



Annual DAR District XIII Luncheon

CASSAR Guardsmen from Harbor, Orange County & South Coast Chapters combine to post color as the annual DAR District XIII Luncheon, February 24, 2024. Pic: Left to right: Kevin Forrest - South Coast, Brandon Villardi - Harbor / CASSAR Commander, Scott Whittman -- South Coast, John Blake - Orange County, John Richardson - Harbor, John Ferris - Orange County / CASSAR VP South



Massing of the Colors

In honor of George Washington's birthday and the Armed Forces of the United States, the Sons of Liberty Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution once again hosted the Massing of Colors and Salute to the Armed Forces. The event took place on February 18th, 2024, at Forst Lawn Cemetery Hollywood Hills.

The event featured a large parade of color and honor guard units from local schools, ROTC units, military branches, historical societies, as well as representatives from each branch of the military service. The event also featured a Warbirds fly-by with missing man formation.

2024 - Swallows Day Parade; San Juan Capistrano, CA

On Saturday March 23rd, a combined Southern California SAR Color Guard took part in the 64th Annual Swallows Day Parade. Despite the heavy rain, there was a large large crowd. In addition to the SAR Color Guard, members of the San Clemente Island, Mission Viejo, and Butterfield Trail DAR chapters and the De Anza and Lt. George Nixon CAR Societies braved the rains to take part in the annual Parade which passes the historic San Juan Capistrano Mission. The San Juan Capistrano Mission Cemetery contains the graves of 4 Patriots listed in the PRS system.



L-R - Kevin Forrest (South Coast); Nolan Forrest (South Coast); Brandon Villardi (Harbor); Bob Maples (South Coast); Mike Miller (Orange County); Lucas Villardi (Harbor); Jim Hernandez (South Coast) - Shane Gates (South Coast) Not shown.

Front Row
K.Forrest; B.Villard; M.Miller; N. Forrest; 2nd Row L.Villard; B.Maples; S.Gates; J.Hernandez



Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 6-2

On Wednesday February 28th, a combined Color Guard presented the colors for the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 6-2 in Huntington Harbor, California

L/R: Kevin Forrest(South Coast) Brandon Villardi (Harbor) Mike Miller (Orange County); Jim Hernandez (South Coast)



President's Day Celebration,

Sponsored by AUSA at the Clovis Senior Activity Center, Clovis, CA. Yosemite Chapter Color Guard leading the presentation of Colors. From Left to Right: Jim Riley, Scott Nichols, Harlie Smith, Randy Dhindsa and Jon Russell.

President's Day Celebration,

Presentation of Flag Certificate to the Clovis Senior Activity Center by the Yosemite Chapter Color Guard, Feb 19, 2024. Pictured from left to right are: Harlie Smith, Scott Nichols, Jim Riley, Amy Hance, General Services Manager, City of Clovis, CA, Jon Russell and Randy Dhindsa



President's Day Celebration,

Joint Color Guard Presented and Posted Colors at the CASDAR State Conference in San Ramon CA on March 14, 2024. Pictured left to right are: Jim Riley and Scott Nichols of the Yosemite Chapter, Bill Nay, President of the Redwood Chapter, Riley Smith, Yosemite Chapter and Glenn Martin, President of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter. Far Right, Sharon Maas, Regent, CASDAR.



Florida



Vietnam Veterans Commemoration, March 29, 2024, Cape Coral, FL.



Withlacoochee Chapter
Veterans Day Parade, Inverness FL
left to right: Compatriot and Chapter Color Guard commander Robert Thomas, Chapter President David Hitchcock, Compatriot John Wilder, Chapter Secretary Thomas Bowen, Chapter 1st VP Steve Hohman.

*C.A.R. Florida State Conference.
Saturday, Feb 17, 2024, Melbourne, FL*

Left to Right: (Kneeling) Kevin Shurte (Ft. Lauderdale), Steve Fields (Saramana), Phil Markoe (Central Florida) / (Standing) Brian Jenson (Brevard), Hans Hunt (Brevard), Landon Alexander (FL flag), Scott Cook (Central Florida), Eli Maddox (SAR 250th flag), Brandon Shurte (CAR flag), Dick Young (Tampa), James Hamilton (American flag), Harry L Rinker (Central Florida, FLSSAR Adjutant).
Missing from this photo: Rick Sanders



*Commemoration of the Last Naval Battle
of the American Revolution*

Saturday, March 16, 2024. Merritt Island, FL Guardsmen:
Bob Gearing – St. Augustine, Rick Sanders – Jacksonville, James Ward – Brevard, Ken Nunnelley – Daytona-Ormond, Nic Mihora – Brevard, Rich Lester – Central Florida, Hans Hunt – Brevard, Sean Tonnelier – St. Augustine, Robin Preston - Central Florida, Phil Markoe – Central Florida, Harry Rinker – Central Florida. Command: FLSSAR Color Guard Vice-Commander Jeff Brunelle and Commander Scott Breckenridge



*DARNE Florida Regents Council
George Washington Birthday Luncheon.*

Saturday, Feb 17, 2024, Jacksonville, FL Left to Right: Paul Tucker, David Ramseur, Scott Breckenridge, (three cast members from the play "Unmasked"), Patrick Thomas, Darryl Ingle, Ken Norwood, Bill Ziegenfus.



FSSDAR Spring Conference

March 8, 2024, Omni Orlando Resort at Championsgate, Orlando, FL

Left to Right: Scott Cook, Harry Rinker, Patrick Thomas, Brian Jensen, Kevin Shurte, Jeff Brunelle, Phil Markoe, Robin Preston, Rich Lester.

Battle of Thomas Creek

The 247th Anniversary of the Revolutionary War Battle of Thomas Creek (The Southmost Battle of the American Revolutionist War) was held on March 23, 2024. This ceremony is normally held at the battle location of Seaton Creek Historic Park in Jacksonville. However, due to the forecast of heavy rain and wet conditions at the park the location was changed to a large airport hotel meeting room.

Even though we thought the turnout would be low due to bad weather, we again had over 100 in attendance. For this National Color Guard Event, we were honored to have our National Color Guard Commander Scott Collins, who organized a large color guard of SAR compatriots and C.A.R members in presenting the colors. Greetings were given by the City of Jacksonville, NSSAR from VPG James Wyrosdick, Florida State President, Steve Fields and Georgia State President Ed. Rigel, Jr.. Greetings were given by FSSDAR Vice Regent Kim Zeman, N.E. Regents Council President Betty Reed and by FSSC.A.R. State President Sydney Wagnstrom. Compatriot Dr. Roger Smith gave us again an enthusiastic presentation on why General George Washington wanted to make N.E. Florida our 14th Colony.

We are looking forward to next years Thomas Creek Ceremony to be held at Seaton Creek Historic Preservation Park on Saturday 29 March 2025 as we march towards our Nations 250th Anniversary



Georgia -



Battle of Kettle Creek.

On 10 Feb 2024 as part of the National Society SAR Commemoration of the Battle of Kettle Creek a three-round volley (with 37 muskets) was fired at the site of the Black Patriots Monument on the square in downtown Washington, Georgia. Featured on the first row from left to right is National Society SAR Color Commander Scott Collins (GA), Second Adjutant Patrick Wesolosky (KY), Georgia Society SAR President Edward P. Rigel, Jr (GA), National Society SAR Secretary General Darryl Addington (NC), and South Atlantic District Vice President General James Wyrosdick (SC).

Heroes of the Hornets' Nest.

On 09 Feb 2024 during Elijah Clarke Day - Hornets' Nest Commemoration, the Georgia Color Guard and Militia educated a large group of local school on Revolutionary era lifestyles and history.

Heroes of the Hornets' Nest.

Steve Burke, Left, and the Georgia society SAR Brier Creek Militia performed at the 09 Feb 2024 Elijah Clarke Day - Hornets' Nest Commemoration



Battle of Brier Creek event

On 02 Mar 2024 the Georgia Society SAR Color Guard and Militia gave a rousing multi-cannon firing display at the Battle of Brier Creek event. Color Guard member Dan McMichael, portrayed George Washington during the program and gave inspiring insights into his "Southern Tour".





Indiana SAR Color Guard Commemoration - March 2, 2024

Indiana Color Guard members met and grouped at an Indiana Historical Marker



on March 2, 2024 that commemorated 245 years to the exact day March 2, 1779 where the last defeat of the British on occupied land that is now known as the State of Indiana. The marker is located in Carlisle, IN on highway 41/150 which is near the amphibious sight of the capture which occurred at night along the shores of the Wabash River. Photograph includes SAR Color Guard members left to right : James McNabb, Sr, Indiana State Color Guard Commander Randy Helderman, Colin McNabb, Mark Kreps and Thomas S Whiteman . On that historic day the designated leadership of GRC who fought against the tide of the Wabash River, capturing two British land based scouts, led to the evening shoreline surprise capture of British aligned soldiers and 7 boats containing primarily Native American trade goods on March 2, 1779. No casualties on either side with no shots fired. All goods were then hauled to Vincennes, IN and arrived March 6, 1779 to a jubilant Vincennes, IN.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Continental Chapter, Indiana Society Color Guard participated in the Muncie, IN St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 16, 2024. L to R: L to R: Thomas S Whiteman, Barbara Moore Adams, Mark Kreps, Travis LeMaster and Janet M Kreps



George Rogers Clark capturing Fort Sackville

February 23 at the George Rogers Clark National Historical Park commemorating the 245th anniversary of George Rogers Clark capturing Fort Sackville. Left to right: Un-named guy in the blazer with medal, Randy Helderman, William Behnke Sr., Chuck Clements, John Fish, Daryl Hensley.

Kansas -

Naturalization

The Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (KSSAR) Color Guard started 2024 off with the Naturalization of ninety-three (93) new citizens from forty-one (41) countries. In attendance were Past Color Guard commander Dewey Fry, along with Color Guard commander Bill Marshall, Dan Dryer, Alan Martin, Dennis Nelson, and Jerry Vest. This was a meaningful experience for me as I had never participated in one before.



"The 37th annual George Washington birthday"



The 37th annual George Washington birthday celebration was hosted by the Kansas SAR in Overland Park, was very well attended by both SAR, and DAR. The guest speaker was Ann Scott, Vice Regent, Missouri for the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association Board, who was awarded the SAR Martha Washington Medal of Appreciation. (Photo Left) The SAR Medal of Heroism was given to Jonah Oswald, deceased. Excepting the Medal of Heroism for his family was Fairway Kansas Chief of Police J. P. Thurl, and Lt. Mandi Bayles.

Pledge of Allegiance

On March 13th Past CGC Dewey Fry, led three hundred and thirty-one (331), from seventy-two (72) countries, in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dewey has led close to eighteen-thousand new citizens in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dewey was assisted by members of the Kansas SAR color guard.



Annual Kansas SAR Conference

At the 132nd Annual Kansas SAR Conference, Alan Martin was awarded Edgar Grover Colonial Soldier of the Year by, President Bryan Wampler. Though Alan is a full-time working dentist, he is quite active in the Kansas Color Guard. He and his wife, Debbie travel throughout Kansas and other states, attending ceremonies for compatriots and veterans.



National Junior College tournaments



The Kansas SAR color guard was invited to present the Colors at the National Junior College basketball tournaments held in Hutchinson. Commander Bill Marshall was assisted by compatriots, John Hooker, Patrick Crawford, Bobbie Hulse, Dean Bruns, and Bit Roberts.

Medal of Honor Ceremony

On March 25th the Missouri SAR hosted a Medal of Honor Ceremony for six (6) of WWII veterans, at the Harry S. Truman Library in The Kansas SAR color guard was invited to present the Colors at the National Junior College basketball tournaments held in Hutchinson. Commander Bill Marshall was assisted by compatriots, John Hooker, Patrick Crawford, Bobbie Hulse, Dean Bruns, and Bit Roberts. Independence, MO, The Kansas SAR, Missouri DAR, ROTC, Chaplain General Vern Welkner, Kansas SAR President Bryan Wampler, VP General SC District Bobbie Hulse, Commander Bill Marshall, along with Kirk Rush, Brian Vazquez, Jeffrey Winters, Dewey Fry, Steven French, and eight, (8) members of the Missouri color guard assisted with the ceremony. Mark Parks and John Stewart commanded the color guard and firing of the muskets by the Missouri color guard.



Honor Flight

March 29th the Kansas and Missouri color guard welcomed home veterans from an Honor Flight sponsored by a Kansas High School. Those attending were, Dewey Fry, Jeffrey Winters, Alan Martin, Clay Shropshire, Brian Vazquez, Kirk Rush, all from Kansas. Those from Missouri were, Stephen Sullins, Jerri Robertson, NW commander Mark Parks, Michael Hahn, Ivan Stull, Jimmy Durigan, J. Michael Robertson, and Roy Hutchinson.



National Vietnam War Veterans Day



On National Vietnam War Veterans Day, John Hooker, Bit Roberts, and Bobbie Hulse presented the colors for the Vietnam veterans. John Hooker was the main speaker for the Honor Flight organization.

My sincere thanks go out to all the men and women of the Kansas and Missouri, SAR, DAR, and all involved in the combined events of Kansas and Missouri.
Bill Marshall, Kansas SAR CGC



Kentucky DAR State Conference

Kentucky

The Kentucky Society, Daughters of the American Revolution held its state conference at the Hilton Hotel in Lexington, Kentucky on 23 March. The Kentucky State Color Guard was on hand to help the DAR celebrate this event by providing the color guard for the Saturday evening banquet.

SAR members from the Gov. Isaac Shelby, Simon Kenton, Lafayette, Col. Daniel Boone, Louisville Thruston, and Col. James Harrod chapters as well as one member of the Mary Ingles DAR chapter participated in the color guard. The color guard consisted of four riflemen and 16 flag bearers. During the opening ceremonies of the banquet the flag bearers formed a corridor for receiving the guests of honor for the banquet, which included State Regent Linda Conrad.

Color Guard Training

In preparation for an active event calendar in 2024, the Kentucky Society held two color guard training sessions: the first on 27 January in Frankfort and the second on 10 February in Middletown. This training has been conducted annually beginning in 2015, but this year it was expanded to include members of the DAR. The chapters who participated in the training were the Big Sandy, Col. Daniel Boone, Col. James Harrod, Col. Stephen Trigg, Gov. Isaac Shelby, Lafayette, Louisville-Thruston, Simon Kenton, one SAR member from the Tennessee Society, and two members of the Corn Island DAR chapter. Kentucky Society President-Elect Steve McCain was present to not only support the training but to participate as well.

The training was conducted in morning sessions and afternoon sessions. The morning sessions were for musket/rifle training. These sessions began with a review of the flintlock safety guidelines and procedure. The remainder of the session focused on the flintlock drills for houlder flintlocks, order flintlocks, present flintlocks, secure flintlocks, poise, and mourn on rms. Also included in the training was the loading and firing sequence for a gun salute. As this was an indoor training session, no black powder was used or allowed onsite. The afternoon sessions covered how to carry and post a flag, commands given to the color guard, dispositions of the color guard during a ceremony, giving of honors, saluting, wreath presentations, and flag folding. Particular attention was given to maneuvers in accordance with the 1764 Manual of Arms. A fifer and drummer were added to the afternoon sessions to provide music for marching and also to practice fife & drum calls and signals.

Everything learned in these training sessions will be applied numerous times in the coming months as the Kentucky Society Color Guard has a full schedule of events in 2024.

Photo Right Top Compatriots Rod Smothers and John Doss led the flintlock drills at the training in Frankfort.

Photo Right Center: Participants practice proper folding of the American flag at the training in Middletown.

Photo Right Bottem: Wreath presentations with a flintlock escort were part of the training.

Photo Below: Participants of the color guard training in Frankfort.



Maryland

Jackson Day Luncheon Etc.

Jan 6 - Jackson Day Luncheon - Our first event of the New Year was Posting Colors for the annual Jackson Day Luncheon and meeting for the War of 1812 Society in Maryland, at the Maryland Club in Baltimore. Guardsmen included Jason Posey, David Hoover, Christopher Smithson and David Embrey (Below), New officers were installed including



David Embrey as Color Guard Commander and Jason Posey as Vice Commander (pic 1-3)



Jan 13 - **Battle of Cowpens Commemoration** - Gerald Earl Harris, a Member of the Sergeant Lawrence Everhart Chapter, MDSSAR Color



Guard, (Below Left) participated with the Colonel James Wood II Chapter, VASSAR Color Guard, (Below Center) for a 250th Commemoration Event of the Battle of Cowpens at the Gravesite of General Daniel Morgan, (Right) in the Mount Hebron Cemetery, Winchester, Virginia



Feb 28 - Annual George Washington Luncheon - This year's event was held at the Eagle's Nest Country Club in Phoenix, Maryland - the program included, awarding of the Maryland 400 Distinguished Service Medals to members of the Maryland National Guard, Donors to the Maryland 400 Honorary Regiment were recognized for their contributions. - Color Guard members included John Davidson, Gene Moyer, David Hoover, Gerry Harris, Rick Abbott, Glen Moss and Don Eberhardt.

March 23 – Marking for Patriot Robert Harrison – This Marking was at the historic All Saints Episcopal Church (where the Patriot worshipped) in Huntingtown, Maryland, by the Thomas Stone SAR chapter of southern Maryland. The event was moved to the church from the Harrison Family Cemetery due to inclement weather. The Color Guard was made up of members from the Thomas Stone Chapter, Fairfax Resolves Chapter of Virginia, and the John Paul Jones Chapter of Annapolis. : RJ Pope, Kevin Nietmann, Jason Posey, Michael Morthland, Rick Abbott, Noah Posey, Lawrence Price, Dr. David Langford, and Norman Saunders (Thomas Stone Chapter President). Present/Post Colors Dr. David Langford, Michael Morthland, Rick Abbott, Noah Posey, Lawrence Price. Over 10 DAR and SAR chapters presented wreaths in honor of Robert Harrison as did the Maryland state SAR and DAR societies.



Missouri -

ABOVE & BEYOND

Monday, March 25, 2024, the Missouri Society SAR, presented “Above & Beyond”, which recognized six WWII soldiers who received the Medal of Honor. The event coincided with the national Congressional Medal of Honor Day, which falls on March 25, every year. This is the first annual event organized by Ivan Stull of the Harry S. Truman (HST) chapter, and hosted at the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum, Independence Missouri. Twenty-Seven Color Guard members, DAR, and half-a-dozen others participated in the ceremonies. The SCD VPG Bobbie Hulse, also in uniform, was one of six presenters who read the biography of one of the MOH recipients, and the SAR President General’s designee/representative Vern Welkner, NSSAR Chaplain General.



Participating Color Guard represented Missouri, Kansas, and South Dakota. The flags of six branches of the Armed Service were carried by Army JROTC from Truman High School: Cdt LTC Michael Cary, Army Flag; Cdt MAJ Jonathan Franco, Marine Corps Flag; Cdt CPT Brycen Mares, Navy Flag; Cdt ILT Gabriel Gall, Air Force Flag; Cdt CSM Parker Westling, Space Force Flag; Cdt 1SG Keith Nauman, Coast Guard Flag.

Medal of Honor Recipients and their SAR Societies were: Douglas McArthur, US Army, Empire State Society; Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., US Army, Empire State Society; Joseph Jacob “Joe” Foss, USMC, South Dakota Society; Robert Hugo Dunlap, USMC, Illinois Society; John Druse “Bud” Hawk, US Army, Washington Society; Hershel Woodrow Williams, USMC, West Virginia Society.

The ceremony began with a procession of flags under Missouri Northwest District Commander Mark Parks, then a stunningly beautiful National Anthem sung by Candace Fowler, Lead Pastor at First UMC Sedalia. A wreath was placed at the grave of 33rd President Harry S. Truman, himself a compatriot of the SAR. Biographies of the MOH recipients were read by W. Eugene Henry (EVP-MOSSAR), Brian Smarker (HST Chapter), Patricia Stewart (Regent-DAR Independence Pioneers Chapter), Bobbie Hulse (KSSAR & SCD VPG), Vern Welkner (Chaplain General NSSAR), and Ivan Stull President, HST Chapter.

A triple volley commanded by State Color Guard Commander Steven Perkins was a fitting tribute to the forementioned honors, and followed by taps by Gene Henry. All was done under the support and welcome by Museum Director Kurt Graham.



This initial event was special in that the MOH winners were all members of the Sons of the American Revolution. What an honor to their character, to have served and sacrificed as did their patriots, and now be honored for their bravery and courage during WWII!

Nebraska -

Nebraska SAR

The Nebraska SAR Color Guard presented the colors at the 11th Annual American Heritage Luncheon, hosted by the Lincoln Chapter on Feb 23. This is an annual banquet, held on the weekend closest to Washington's Birthday, and it brings together numerous lineage societies for fellowship and food and a great program provided through the Nebraska Humanities Society. This year's speaker was Joan Wells and her program was on Cattle Trail Tunes and Songs of the Old West. The program is open to the public.



On March 1, the Color Guard presented the colors at the start of the 1st Annual Nebraska Heritage Alliance in Omaha, which was hosted by the Nebraska DAR. This was a conference that brought together various lineage and heritage societies from around Nebraska, and western Iowa to discuss their respective organizations with others.

On March 9, the Color Guard marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Omaha. This is the 2nd year we have participated in this parade and the weather was great for early March.

Patriot Chest presentations have also been happening in numerous school districts around Nebraska this spring, spearheaded by color guard member Mark Byars. He has given presentations, in uniform, to schools in Beatrice, Bennington, Millard, and Elkhorn, NE.



New Hampshire -

Recruiting and Enlistments – 17 February 2024

The NHSAR Color Guard unveiled their new recruiting display and conducted their inaugural Color Guard Enlistment Ceremony during the NHSAR George Washington meeting. The enlistees took an oath to honor the history and traditions of Color Guards and serve honorable in support of the SAR mission. Enlistees were presented with the 2 flag lapel pin and a Certificate of Enlistment.



Left - - Recruiting:
Posters created by Color Guard members Dick Baynes, Curtis Hermann and Dennis Walsh.

Below - - Enlistment:
L-R: Curtis Hermann, Commander, enlistees, Barry Lewis, Shaun Smith, Daniel Rinden, John Ginsberg and Dick Baynes.



Musket Safety & Maintenance Workshop – 25 February 2024

The NHSAR Color Guard sponsored a Musket Safety and Maintenance Workshop, lead by gunsmith James Casco of Casco Historical Arms, LLC. Attendees were instructed on performing a detailed inspection, dismounting/remounting of the barrel and the complete disassembly/reassembly of the lock.

In addition to 9 Color Guard members, the workshop attracted 5 black powder enthusiasts.

Right - - - Musket Workshop 7
 Back Row L-R: Jack Baker (partially obstructed), Mike Baker (blue cap), James Casco (partially obstructed) and James Casco. Middle Row L-R: Curtis Hermann (looking down), Luke Pnault, Barry Lewis Front Row with back to camera L-R: Dennis Walsh and Sean Walsh



Musket Workshop 5
 Clockwise from front left: Elwin Spray, Luke Pnault, Barry Lewis, Al Lamson, Sean Walsh and Dennis Walsh

First Drill of the 2024 Campaign – 17 March 2024

Members of the NHSAR Color Guard braved the cold and wet weather to muster for the first drill of the season. The safety focused drill included a review of the new NHSAR Safety Manual and the commands and movements of the safety sequence: Secure, Poise and Search firelocks. Members have adopted the acronym DIP (dump, inspect and ping) to assist their recall of the sequence of inspection.

Safety Review:
 L-R: Curtis Hermann (standing), Hans Jackson, Barry Lewis, Daniel Rinden and Doug Wood. Dick Baynes, photographer.



Ranks:
 L-R: Barry Lewis, Doug Wood, Hans Jackson and Daniel Rinden. Dick Baynes, photographer.



BATTLE OF PRINCETON

The Battle of Princeton Wreath Laying in early January began the 2024 NJSAR Color Guard schedule. One of the most important battles of the Revolution, Princeton, fought on Jan. 3, 1777, was fittingly commemorated this year in poor winter weather. Despite the weather, this annual National SAR Color Guard event brings out not just our core Revolutionary War societies but also representatives of the current military units that descend from those who fought the battle, both Americans and British. Former NSSAR President General Davis Wright presented greetings from current PG John Dodd. Leading the Color Guard was NSSAR Color Guard Commander Scott Collins, whose presence and skill added greatly to the occasion. Special thanks as well to Robert Meyer, Deputy National Color Guard Commander as well as President of the New Jersey society. The multistate Color Guard was made up of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Georgia SAR as well as Color Guard of the Sons of the Revolution. Society of the Cincinnati, Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association and the Masons were also present. In the foreground, NSSAR Color Guard Commander Scott Collins.



Washington's Birthday Lunch

In February, The New Jersey Society Sons of the American Revolution held its annual Washington's Birthday Luncheon at the Forrestal Marriott near Princeton. The NSSAR President General, John Dodd, was the guest of honor, as is the custom at the New Jersey Washington lunch. PG Dodd paid special honors to military veterans and others present. The afternoon's speaker, too, was an honored guest: French General Vincent de Kytspotter, SAR France, a brigadier general and head of the French Permanent Defense Mission for the UN. The general, who gave a fascinating talk on the French perspective of the Revolutionary War, was presented with an honorary sword at the lunch by NJSSAR State Secretary Edward Glidden and Quartermaster Gary Beauregard. Afterwards, the general also received the French flag used at the luncheon, presented by Color Guard Commander Jay Hershey.



Proprietary House

New Jersey schools for several weeks in February brought students to visit The New Jersey royal governor's mansion, in Perth Amboy, and NJSSAR Color Guard were there to greet them. The building, constructed in 1762, was the home of Gov. William Franklin, the son of Benjamin Franklin and a notorious loyalist. The house was the scene of Franklin's arrest in 1776, an event whose reenactment the Color Guard assists in every year.



George Washington Birthday Luncheon

On Saturday, Feb 24, four members of the NVSSAR Battle Born Patriot (BBP) chapter Color Guard were honored to present the colors at the annual George Washington Birthday Luncheon, hosted by the BBP chapter at the Red Hawk Golf & Resort, in Sparks, Nevada.

PHOTO: BBP Chapter CG presented the Colors at the George Washington Birthday Luncheon. L-R: BBP CG Cdr Roger Linscott, Donn Dalton, Terry Hubert, Rob Stoecklin. Photo by Sharal Linscott

CG Presentation at Smith Valley Elementary School

On Friday, March 8, seven members of the Battle Born Patriot (BBP) chapter's Color Guard were joined by two ladies of the Nevada Society Ladies Auxiliary, to present historical information about the Revolutionary War and America's 250th Anniversary to the Smith Valley students, in grades K-through-6.

Charlotte Miller and Sharal Linscott were the ladies who portrayed colonial women as camp followers. They explained their various duties, and described conditions of camp life in following the Continental army during the war. They also spoke of their need to carry water to the camp, but also to the battlefield, and demonstrated the use of water buckets and the use of a yoke to carry them. Representing the women of the army and of the times, the Camp Followers were very well received by the students, grades K-through-6.

The BBP Color Guard members were introduced by CG member Gerry Miller, who organized the event with the school. The CG members then spoke directly to the students on topics such as the soldiers and militiamen types of uniforms, and displayed the use and contents of a haversack; they displayed the flintlock rifle and musket and discussed their operation and uses, and the need for soldiers to train in drill and to use edged weapons in battle.

The students were very attentive and inquisitive, and there were many questions fielded by the color guard members during our time with them. At the end of the presentation, the color guard gave a hearty three Huzzahs, and the crowd expressed their heartfelt appreciation. Everybody had a great time!



Ohio

OHSSAR COLOR GUARD



On Saturday, February 17th the Richard Montgomery Chapter with its Ladies Auxiliary gathered for its George Washington Birthday Banquet in Dayton, Ohio.



A combined color guard with members of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter, the Camp Charlotte Chapter, and CAR member Elaina Potter posted the colors at the Clintonville Ladies Club in Columbus, Ohio for George Washington's Birthday on Monday, February 12th.



The extensive Revolutionary War artifacts and replicas belonging to Cincinnati's Nolan Carson Color Guard Commander Mike Gunn was on display for three (3) hours and historical presentations for visitors were provided by Commander Gunn and other color guard members. The American Battlefield Trust's American Revolution Experience Exhibit was on display at the Harmon Museum for a month.

On Friday, January 19th, Cincinnati Colorguardsmen Jack Bredenfoerder (L) and Mike Gunn (R) stand with a new American citizen from Vietnam after attending a Naturalization Ceremony at the St. Dominic School in Cincinnati in which 46 people from 30 different countries became naturalized citizens.

An annual ceremony on the birthday of President William Henry Harrison was held at his tomb on Friday, February 9th, starting with a parade led by Cincinnati Color Guard members escorting two Eagle Scouts carrying the National Colors. At the end of the ceremony, a musket salute was fired by color guard members who then went to Mourn Muskets as a bugler played Taps.



Wednesday, February 7th, several members of the Cincinnati Color Guard visited Monroe Elementary School in Monroe, Ohio and gave presentations in separate classrooms to approximately 180 students on various subjects about the Revolutionary War period. Pictured are compatriots Mike Gunn and Mark Fields.

At a Cincinnati SAR/DAR President's Day Luncheon held on Saturday, February 17th at the Cincinnati Women's Club, the Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard prepares to post the colors. The color guardsmen also escorted General George Washington (chapter member Zachary Haines) and Lady Martha Washington (Heidi Wiedamann) into the dining hall.



Richard Montgomery Chapter Color Guard Commander Alan See and a fellow color guardsman participated in a Preble County Patriots Meeting in March.

On Saturday, March 16th, the Richard Montgomery Chapter Color Guard posted the colors and participated in the 26th Annual Routes For Roots Workshop sponsored by the Miami County Historical and Genealogical Society at the Fort Piqua Conference Center in Piqua, Ohio.

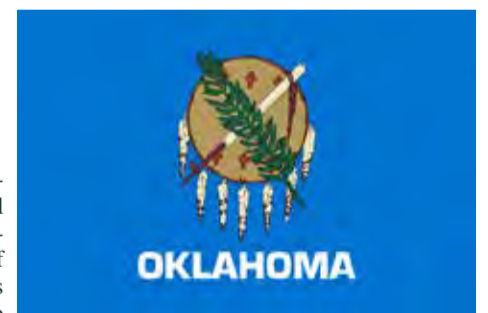


Also in March, Richard Montgomery Color Guardsmen participated in a DAR travelling exhibit in Dayton, Ohio



Oklahoma -

OKLAHOMA CITY CHAPTER



Friday, January 26th 2024, The Oklahoma State Capitol is open for Colonial Day at the State Capitol! This annual event is hosted by the National Society of the Colonial Dames and the Daughters of the American Revolution. After an invitation for the Oklahoma City Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution to assist in their endeavor last year was seen as an outstanding success, the Dames and Daughters were happy to invite the SAR to attend again this year! The SAR Chapter was glad to oblige their kindly request.

The Chapter was able to provide seven Color Guardsmen for the opening ceremony, which was performed in both Legislative Houses and then performed as a demonstration team on Colonial-era Musket drill for the students who were attending the event. Seen in the photo are the Oklahoma City SAR Chapter Color Guard with Muskets and a light mountain Howitzer that was shown to the students.

Shown in the photo from left to right: Color Guard Commander Joe Sieber, Lieutenant Sean Drake, Senior Color Sergeant Terry McClain, Color Corporal Eric Koonce, Revolutionary Rangers Commander Brigadier Steve Miller, Captain (Promotable) Mark Reichardt and Chapter President Craig Crow. In the foreground, "Henry" the Howitzer. This successful cooperative event was only possible due to the tireless efforts of President Craig Crow to "build" bridges between the different organizations. Concrete results of this cooperation was shown by the DAR in their recently recognizing two SAR Members with the Hannah White Arnett Medal of Distinction. Three Huzzahs for President Craig Crow!

Pennsylvania -



On March 30th Philadelphia Continental Chapter (PCC) combined their annual spring training with a fundraising event at Ft Mifflin. A storm torn the roof off the officer's quarters. The fort is owned by the city of Philadelphia but there is no funding for a new roof.



On Jan 6th the Lawrence Twp. New Jersey community turned out for the annual Colonel Hand March to commemorate the delaying action through the township that began the 2nd Battle of Trenton. PASSAR Commander Fred Fonseca marched in honor of his patriot ancestor, a rifleman in Colonel Edward Hand's 1st Pennsylvania Regiment.

Philadelphia Continental Chapter held its annual Washington's Birthday tribute at Independence Hall on Jan 24th. In forefront is PCC President Steve Kopsick addressing the crowd. From the left Fred Fonseca, pipers from the St Andrews Society, Chris Snyder, Rich Lind, Mike Carver, Continental Congress Chapter President Ed Kopsick, Spencer Snyder, Glen Tyson, Dave Mizel, and Scott Willson.



PASSAR guardsmen participated in the Princeton National Color Guard event on Jan 7th. On the left end is Spencer Snyder on the other side of NSSAR Color Guard Safety Bret Osborn office is Chris Snyder and Mike Carver who earlier reenacted the Brit side. Fred Fonseca with the in the white in hunting frock.



Tennessee -



The members of the Tennessee state color guard supported events across the state during the first quarter of 2024 ranging from a new state level educational essay competition, the State Society's JAN meeting, George Washington celebrations including support to a large DAR Washington celebration, NSSAR & TNSSAR Jackson Family marker dedication ceremony, the Southern District's Annual meeting hosted during our state society's annual meeting and most recently a combined event with local DARs honoring our Vietnam Veterans

Members of the TNSSAR Color Guard Stones River Chapter supported the Tennessee Association of Fair's annual opening ceremony on 20 JAN 24 in Murfreesboro. The chapter also represented the state society in presentation of the History Essay winner's check for \$500 to Miss Sophie Skaggs (center with parents). TNSSAR partnered with the State Fairs Commission to sponsor a 5th Grade History Essay during the state wide fair season for Tennessee. Color Guard & TNSSAR members left to right include: Doug Dickerson, Robert Bolyard, James Sandman and Rob Clifton





TNSSAR Color Guard members supported the NSDAR George Washington Celebration on 17 FEB 24 at the Hillwood Country Club, in Nashville. The color guard presented the colors in support of the luncheon which had over two hundred DAR members and guest in attendance.

Color Guard Compatriots from left to right included: Steve Millhollin (Lt. Andrew Crockett), Joey Coker (Andrew Jackson), Sanford Payton (Andrew Jackson), Robert Bolyard (Stones River), Tom Powell (Issac Shelby), Doug Evans (Thomas Killgore), John Clark (Anthony Bledsoe) and Fred Rand (Andrew Jackson).

Texas -

SAR Awards Citizenship Medal to Plano Symphony

The week of March 19, 2024, the Plano, Texas, Symphony Orchestra performed six concerts for area school children, repeating the schedule they performed in February.

In total, approximately 9000 school children were given a free concert that week, both watching the performance and being taught what the instruments were and learning how they sound.

A color guard comprised of several North Texas SAR Chapters opened each concert by presenting and posting flags while the orchestra played our national anthem.

Before the final concert on March 22nd, the color guard presented a framed Good Citizenship Certificate and Medal to the orchestra and to its director/conductor, Maestro Hector Guzman.



Virginia

Battle of Cowpens

On 13 January 2024, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution conducted a commemoration ceremony.



They paid homage to the Battle of Cowpens that led to the victory in the Revolutionary War. The battle was fought 17 January 1781 at a field in South Carolina known as the Cowpens. General Daniel Morgan led the colonial forces against Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton and his elite regiment of the British Army. This American victory set the stage for the British to eventually move to Yorktown where the forces of Lord Cornwallis were defeated by General George Washington, the Continental Army and the French forces led by Lieutenant General Rochambeau. Tarleton had been chasing Morgan in the hopes of catching and destroying his army. If he had been successful, the door would have been opened for the British to surround and defeat General Nathanael Greene's colonial Army. Cornwallis would then have been able to move into Virginia and the British would control the southern colonies. They could then move north to envelope George Washington and put an end to the revolution. The two leaders of this battle were quite different. Daniel Morgan and Banastre Tarleton, came from different backgrounds. Morgan grew up on the Virginia frontier and lived his life as a frontiersman. As a young man, he was a wagon-driver in the French and Indian War. Courageous and mature, he fought against the British at Quebec and at Saratoga, New York. The attempt to take Quebec failed, but the Battle of

Saratoga made him a hero. Although he was promoted to brigadier general in the Continental Army, he preferred the homespun clothes of the militia, rather than an officer's uniform. He commanded respect from his soldiers and understood how they fought and how to motivate them. A true leader of men, he moved among his troops the night before the battle, speaking



and motivating them. He talked of his own conflict with the British and of Tarleton's brutality at the Battle of the Waxhaws. He had questioned those familiar with Tarleton's tactics and expected an aggressive frontal assault. Banastre Tarleton, on the other hand, was raised in relative affluence in Liverpool, England, where his father was mayor. He attended Oxford University where he was known for his athletic ability. He wasted his inheritance, however; with what money he had left, he purchased a commission in the British Army. Proud of his bearing, he asked to be sent to America. It was during the Revolutionary War he eventually was given command of a unit made up of Loyalists, known as the British Legion. This regiment became one of the elite fighting units in the British Army. At the battle, Morgan took advantage of Tarleton's aggressiveness and knew he would attack as soon as they arrived. The British had marched through the night without stopping to rest or eat. Upon arrival, he immediately went to the attack. Morgan set up a defensive posture with three lines. The first was skirmishers, the second militia and the third, regular Army units. The skirmishers were told to fire and then turn around as if leaving the



battlefield. They would circle around to join the forces at the third line. The second line did the same. At this point, Tarleton believed the Americans were in full retreat and committed his entire force. Morgan's men turned around to counterattack in a tactic which became known as a double envelopment and the British were routed. The engagement devastated Tarleton's force, resulting in 100 killed, 229 wounded, 600 captured. This victory marked the beginning of the end of the British plan to conquer the South.

The ceremony was emceed by Marc Robinson and included compatriots from the Colonel James Wood II, Colonel William Grayson, George Mason, Sgt Maj John Champe Virginia SAR Chapters; Sgt Lawrence Everhart Chapter, Maryland SAR; Fort Loudoun and Ketocin Virginia DAR; Lawrence Augustus Washington; Providence Children of the American Revolution Societies and the Order of Founders and Patriots of America. Virginia Society 1st Vice President William Greaf and Virginia DAR/SAR Liaison Kecia Brown presented greetings. After a presentation of the colors, Robinson provided a presentation on the battle and wreaths were presented by the organizations. The wreath presenters included from the SAR, William Greaf, VASSAR; Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Col James Wood II; Ken Morris, George Mason; William Schetke, Culpeper Minutemen, Jim Cordes, Fairfax Resolves; Michael Wilson, Col William Grayson, Ken Bonner, Sgt Maj John Champe and Gerald Harris, Sgt Lawrence Everhart. From the DAR, Kecia Brown, Virginia DAR/SAR Liaison; Vice Regent Elizabeth Greaf, Regent Susan Lauer, Fort Loudoun; Regent Stacey Bassett, Ketocin; Jodell Wilson, Providence. From the C.A.R. William Collins, Lawrence Augustus Washington and Jocelynn Wilson, Providence Society. They were followed by Doug Hall, Order of the Founders and Patriots of America. A musket squad led by Commander Brett Osborn and Vice Commander Ken Bonner comprised of 11 compatriots fired a three round salute in honor of Daniel Morgan and his decisive victory over the British at the Battle of the Cowpens. Additional compatriots who participated included Brian Bayliss, Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen, Rick Collins, Jim Cordes, Dale Corey, Dennis Parmeter, Tom Reed, Will Reynolds, Richard Tyler, Mike Weyler and Ryan Williams. First photo is the color guard presenting the colors, l. to r. Michael Wilson, Richard Tyler, Paul Christensen and Jim Cordes (photo courtesy of Stacey Bassett.) Second photo is the Virginia Society State Musket Squad firing a salute to Daniel Morgan (photo courtesy of Stacey Bassett.) Third photo is the participants from the SAR, DAR and C.A.R. (photo courtesy of Larry Clowser Webb.)



"Fighting Parson"

On 27 January 2024, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution conducted a commemoration to the "Fighting Parson", Johann Peter Muhlenberg. The ceremony was conducted at the Shenandoah County Historic Courthouse Museum, Woodstock, Virginia. Peter Muhlenberg was born and raised in Trappe, Pennsylvania, the son of Henry Muhlenberg and Anna Marie Weiser on 1 October 1746. As a youth, he enjoyed hunting and fishing and desired to join the military. His father was a prominent Lutheran pastor who wanted his sons to follow in his footsteps into the clergy. Peter and his brothers were sent to Germany to gain an education at the Francke Foundation. It was there the mentors determined Peter's calling was better suited to working as a merchant. He was indentured to a grocer and soon became disgruntled with that occupation. He ran away to join the British Army's 60th Regiment of Foot. He was assigned as secretary to a British Officer who was stationed in Philadelphia. After gaining his discharge, he gained a classical education from the Academy of Philadelphia (now the University of Pennsylvania) and was ordained as a Lutheran minister in 1768. He began his service with his father at a congregation in Bedminster, New Jersey. He met and became friends with Colonel James Wood II, who was instrumental in Peter's assignment to a German congregation in Woodstock, Virginia. Before he could assume the position, he was required to travel to England to become ordained in the priesthood of the Anglican Church. The Anglican Church was the state church of Virginia and you could not serve a congregation in that colony without the ordination. While serving in Virginia, Peter became a follower of Patrick Henry. He led the Committee of Safety in Dunmore County and was elected to the House of Burgesses in 1774. He then was selected as a delegate to the First Virginia Convention. When the Revolutionary War started, Peter was given the rank of Colonel and asked to recruit a regiment from the Shenandoah Valley to become the 8th Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line. It is written that on a Sunday morning, he preached his final sermon by reading from Ecclesiastics 3. "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted." At the end of the sermon, he declared "There is a time to fight, and that time has now come!" He removed his clerical robes to disclose the uniform of a Colonel in the newly formed Colonial Army. When he marched from Woodstock, he led a contingent of 300 patriots to join the forces at Williamsburg. Their first calling was to defend the coast of South Carolina and Georgia. The Regiment was then sent north to join Washington's Army and Peter was made a Brigadier General. He was the commander of a brigade at Valley Forge and then saw service in the Battles of Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth. The Virginia Line was sent south and Peter was assigned to lead the militia in defense of Virginia. He commanded a brigade at the siege of Yorktown that held the right flank and manned trenches built to move cannons closer to Cornwallis' defensive line. At the end of the war, he was brevetted to Major General. After the war ended, he felt he could not return to the priesthood and settled in Pennsylvania where he was elected a member of the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention and three times to the U.S. House of Representatives. He was elected to the Senate in 1801. Peter passed away on 1 October 1807 at Gray's Ferry, Pennsylvania and is buried at the Augustus Lutheran Church in Trappe, Pennsylvania. Peter was a pastor, soldier and politician who served gallantly and with distinction, during the birth and early growth of the United States.

The ceremony was attended by members of ten SAR Chapters, two Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Chapters and one member of the Children of the American Revolution Society (C.A.R.). Virginia State SAR President Ernie Coggins presented greetings on behalf of the State Society and led the procession of wreaths presented in Peter Muhlenberg's honor. Wreaths were presented by Col James Wood II; Culpeper Minutemen; Fairfax Resolves, General Daniel Morgan; George Washington; Col William Grayson, Patrick Henry, Sgt Maj John Champe, Fort Harrison and Sergeant Lawrence Everhart (MD) SAR Chapters. Narrow Passage and Providence DAR presented along with Providence Society C.A.R. and the Order of Founders and Patriots of America. The Virginia State Color Guard presented the colors with sentinels guarding the wreaths and statues of Peter Muhlenberg. Left photo is the Virginia State Color Guard with SAR compatriots. (Photo courtesy of Tom Roth.) Center photo is the Virginia State Color Guard parading the colors. (Photo courtesy of Brian Bayliss.) Right photo is the wreath presenters. (Photo courtesy of Brian Bayliss.)



Washington -

The 115 th Annual DAR George Washington Wreath Laying Ceremony took place at the University of Washington campus on February 19, 2024. Members of the Seattle Chapter that participated in the event included Grant Rauzi, Rob Nofsinger and his daughters, and Neil Vernon. The Color Guard had representatives from the George Rogers Clark, Seattle, and George Washington Chapters along with the Fife and Drum, Alexander Hamilton President John Herr and Color Guard Captain Jeff Harlan. This was a well attended event.



Ft Vancouver

Liberty Tree

4 Feb: Longview WA. The Ft Vancouver & George Rogers Clark chapters from WA, and the Lewis & Clark chapter from Portland joined forces to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Mary Richardson Walker chapter of the DAR. After a brief ceremony inside the Longview Library, the group marched to the town park where the MRW DAR dedicated a Liberty Tree planted 2 days earlier. Washington members were: Mike Fitzpatrick, Jeff Lightburn, Eric Olsen, Paul Winter, Larry Heckethorne, Greg Stewart, Rick Cline, George Vernon. Oregon members were: Jole Simmons, Matt Rosenberg, Dave Witter



George Rogers Clark

Washington State Patriotic Day

9 Mar: Members from the Alexander Hamilton, George Rogers Clark, Seattle, and John Paul Jones Chapters with the Fife & Drum corps participated in the WA State patriotic day (AKA Massing of the Colors) at Pioneer Middle School. Color bearers were (L/R) Acki Muller, Perry Taylor, Fred Gilbert, Tim Smith, Michael Moore, Dick Moody, Eric Olsen, John Herr, Art Dolan, Neil Vernon. Fife & Drum were (L/R) Viren Lemmer, Jan Lemmer, Michael Bendickson Stephanie Conroy Skip Stephen, Charlie Fisk, Terry Barker.



George Washington

Recruiting Booth

March 9 & 10 George Washington Chapter Color Guard Captain Bill Bentler and member Mike Hutchins maned an informational booth sharing SAR benefits and activities. We are encouraged with the interest demonstrated and the number of SAR brochures taken after chatting with numerous individuals during the two day event. It was also an opportunity to connect with reenactor organizations, the black powder community at large and we received several invitations to participate in community events cross the state.



Seattle Chapter

School Presentation

The Seattle Chapter has picked up four (4) new schools in four separate school districts this year. This makes nine schools in 7 districts!

Madrona School Presentation, Edmonds, Wa – 4 Sessions On January 19, February 8, 9, 16, members of the **Seattle Color Guard** gave a presentation to 225 students at the Madrona School in Edmonds. The presentation given to 4-6 graders consisted of the History of the American Flags, A Soldier's Life, and A Day in Colonial Life. Members of the team were Stan Granberg, Grant Rauzi, and Neil Vernon. This was the first of four sessions scheduled with the school. For the calendar year of 2023-2024, we have reached 79 students through living History Presentations. After the presentation was over, Neil Vernon presented and Certificate of Appreciation to our host instructor, Judi MacRae, along with a Washington State SAR Challenge coin for promoting History, Education, and Patriotism during the 250th Anniversary of the Revolutionary War Events.

The school displayed the Certificate in a place of honor, in the front showcase of the school for all to see! Each of the students that Seattle presents to receives a hand painted colonial figure as a memento of their experience.



Wisconsin -

In the run-up to the 250th anniversary of the USA the WISSAR M-K Chapter conducted a seminar and planted a Liberty Tree on October 14 to honor Gov. Bernardo Galvez and Thaddeus Kosciuszko. The hard rain didn't deter over 100 participants that included members of the Katyn Rally Society, a Polish motorcycle club from Chicago. Members of the DAR and CAR, and others sat for a 2 hour presentation. James Mills beat call to order after which we posted the Colors. Pictured (l to r) are Bill Austin, James Mills, Matt Sonnenburg, Don Skarda, Prof. Don Pienkos, Dianne Buck, Ben Meador, Cmdr Brian Barrett, Terry Sater, Marcus Barrett, Bob Plastine and Karen and Jim Greer. Not shown is Mike Meador who presented a wreath on behalf of the Polish Center of Wisconsin.

On Veterans Day our guards attended events in Waukesha and Delafield. At Victory Park flag plaza in Delafield we presented the Colors and dedicated a Liberty Tree. Pictured in Waukesha are Greer, Plastine, and Barrett. In Delafield Cmdr Barrett was accompanied by (l to r) Mike Meador, Greg Heal, Ben Meador, Greer and Plastine and WDAR State Regent Skarda Snow. Also in attendance were Mayor Kent Atwell and Rep Scott Allen and many spectators. Plastine performed several period tunes on his flute and Heal performed Taps.

The M-K Chapter's traditional holiday party was held on December 2 at the Womens Club in Milwaukee. LTC Thomas Curtis (ret) invited the guards to post the Colors. He gave a presentation about the "The Continental Dollar." Pictured at Right are Plastine, M-K Quartermaster Shane Barrett, Greer, Ben Meador, new member Henry Ghawi, Sonnenburg, Heal and Cmdr Barrett.

Our guards appeared at 3 cemeteries to distribute wreaths. Pictured at Wood Cemetery in Milwaukee are Heal, Cmdr Barrett and Shane Barrett, at Southern WI Veterans Cemetery in Union Grove are Plastine, Mike Meador and Greer. Shown at Ft Winnebago cemetery in Portage is Austin along with 8 DAR members. Not shown is Bob Haglund who also attended at Portage.





Dakotas -

Don Kellogg of The Dakota Society Color Guard participated in the Above and Beyond, A Tribute to six Medal of Honor Recipients of World War II, Compatriots of the SAR on March 25, 2024, at the Harry S Truman Library and Museum, Independence, MO. Host Harry S Truman SAR Chapter MOSSAR. Color guard Don Kellogg, carried the South Dakota State Flag honoring Joseph Jacob "Joe" Foss, USMC.

Picture is Don Kellogg standing in front of President Harry S. and Bess Wallace Truman graves.

