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Commander's Report

Fellow color guardsmen,

As we conclude our spring events and look forward to some time off to enjoy our summer, our guard has been very busy. With fifteen national events on our calendar, including major holidays of Memorial Day and 4th of July, guardsmen have been getting out and full fulling our mission. Applications for medal awards have been coming in, especially over the last month. Silver color guard medals were earned by Marc Robinson (VA), Michael E. Weyler (VA), Steven Fields (FL), Michael O. Bendickson (WA), Gregory Ballman (OH), David M. Jones (AL), Robert Haglund (WI). Von Steuben medals for Charles Louis Day Jr. (FL), Thomas D. Hankins Jr. (OH), Robert W. Davis (OH), William R. Hill (OH). After supporting our guard not only during my term as our commander but over the last dozen years, getting water, straightening uniforms, keeping us in line and photographing our events, I am happy to award my first lady, Becky Raborg her Molly Pitcher award in Savannah.

In the field.

On April 9th I attended the Delaware annual meeting. With the support of Peter Moller, Allen Greenly and two other Delaware guardsmen we were able to present the colors for the first time at their annual meeting. The following Day I was with the New Jersey cannon crew, Rob Meyer, Frank McGonicle and Julian Hershey to help with the second day of the Battle of Bound Brook commemorations. I was asked to come in uniform as I presented ROTC awards at the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins, April 30th and May 6th. On June 18th I again was in New Jersey to commemorate the Battle of Monmouth. On June 21st, I met with past commander Fosdyck and his lovely first lady Un Hui east of Los Angeles. To celebrate the 4th of July, I participated in the Belair, MD 4th of July parade with past national commander Dave Hoover and past MD commander Bill Smithson and Col. Aquila Hall guardsmen Christopher Smithson and Donald Eberhart Jr along with ladies of the DAR.

Even though the last two years have been very difficult with the use of virtual events, event cancellations, modifications, social and work force changes, it has been an honor to serve as your national color guard commander. I am very sorry for the many events that I could not attend under these conditions but am grateful for the many I was able to be a part of. Our nation continues to change and we must adapt to meet these new changes if we are to continue to move forward and celebrate our nations 250th anniversary. Plans continue to be developed and implemented as many 250th anniversary events that lead to our nation's independence are now being celebrated. Although I step down, I have even greater confidence in our next commanders, Brooks Lyles, K. Scott Collins and Robert Meyer. It has been an honor to serve with them, each man will bring unique talents into the roll as our national guard's leader and serve our society well. I wish to thank Brooks for keeping me marching straight, Scott for all his administrative guidance, Rob for his friendship and support, Steve Williams for somehow putting all of my and others notes and photos together and creating a great magazine for us, Mark Kramer for his dedication in keeping our guard safe, Rudy Byrd for his artillery instruction and Charlie Scott for keeping our supplies in order. I would also like to give special thanks to state color guard commanders, Ken Bonner(VA) Bill Schwetke(VA), Richard Serfass (NJ), Scott Collins (GA), Neil Vernon (WA), George Strunk (NC), Scott Giltner (KY), Steve Fields (FL), George M. Clarke (PA) and Chris Melhuish (VA) for all of their help, support and friendship as I fulfilled my duties as our commander. I finally wish to thank all members of the color guard that have supported our events.

Thank you one and all,
Pro Patria,

Safe travels,

Yours in Patriotism,
C. Louis Raborg Jr. NSSAR, National Color Guard Commander



Commander Raborg on General



Bel-air July 4th Parade Above and Below



Supporting the New Jersey color guard cannon crew.



Commander Raborg confers with commander Fosdyck in East LA..

250TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS SAFETY PLANNING

As we continue to move forward in the celebration of 250th anniversary events, the national Society has developed an overall general plan in the organization and implementation of upcoming events. As such, these plans boil down into two categories, Increased participation in current events and the establishment of new commemorations. In both cases, multiple plans need to be developed to ensure success of the event. One of the first plans that need to be developed is a comprehensive safety risk analysis. This will answer many questions, that in turn will drive additional plans to make the event a success. Will attendance be of considerable size that regulated parking is required? Crowd control? Medical/ EMT support? Police? Permits? Utilities/Sound System? Internet/WiFi Coverage? Media? Sanitation? etc. etc. Do we have these resources available in our organization? Do we need to reach out to local authorities? private companies? The Social changes that have occurred and continue to develop demand that we take a closer look at how we plan events.

A part of the general plan calls for an increase in color guards and their participation in current and newly planned events. In doing so we must consider the four greatest inherent risks to the Color Guard, members, and guests. These include the firing of weapons, slips, trips and falls, environmental and ergonomic risks and overhead dangers.

This is the first article that will address the planning of a national event in which the color guard will be taking an active part. These guidelines may also be used in support of state and chapter events. In planning any event, a safety risk assessment is vital to minimize risk and keep those attending safe. In developing such a list, the following questions help identify risks that may be present. The answer with the least risk is shown

Firing of Weapons

1. Do we have the minimum distance to fire? 150 feet Y
2. How many will fire?
3. What is the condition of the ground in which they are to fire?
Has the weather been dry? N Are there any water restrictions declared? N
4. Can the sound of the volley be amplified? N
(Exposure to noise greater than 140dB can permanently damage hearing. Almost all firearms create noise that is over 140-dB level. A small caliber rifle can produce noise around 140dB, while large bore rifles and pistols can produce sound over 175 dB. Firing weapons in a place where sound can reverberate off walls and other structures may amplify sound levels and increase the risk of hearing loss.)
5. Will a mortar or cannon be used? What is your minimum setback? Do you have crowd control barriers? Y
6. Who is the designated safety officer?
7. Has a weapons check been done? ping test? flash guard? hammer stall? Y
8. Is anyone wearing a polyester uniform? N
9. Have all those that are firing been trained? where? when? Y

Slips trips and falls

Is this an indoor or outdoor event?

Indoor

1. Where will the color guard march to and from? will they walk through? One way in, one way out?
2. What is the space? March single file? two or more abreast?
3. How narrow/wide are the doorways?
4. Will the doors stay open? Y
5. Do the doors open in or out? Out
6. What about aisles?
7. Tables? chairs? power cords? podium?
8. Will the color guard march onto a platform? N
9. Will the color guard post on a platform? N
10. Is their enough room for the color guard to present the colors where you wish them to do so? Y
11. What is the flooring? carpet? tile? wood? concrete?
12. Is there any other slip, trip and fall hazards?

Outdoor

1. Where will the color guard march to and from?
2. What is the space? march single file? two or more abreast?
3. How far will they march? Is this a parade?
4. Does the guard have shoulder harnesses? Y
5. Is the ground level? Y Downhill? Uphill?

6. Will the color guard be posting the colors?
7. Are there any curbs? N signposts? fences? N
8. Are there any trees? N tree roots? N bushes? N thorns? N
9. Has it rained recently? Y Is there any water on the ground? N Ice? N
10. Is the ground pitted? N Holed? N is this a cemetery? N
11. Is it forecasted to be windy? N



Environmental and Ergonomic

Hot? Cold?

Cold

1. What is the forecasted temperature / What is the wind chill?
2. How long is the program? What is the color guard's part?
3. Is there any snow forecasted during the day? N Sleet? N
4. Is there shelter nearby? Y A heated building? Y
5. Is there seating? Y
6. Is there a canopy? Y tent? Y
7. Is there snow or ice on the ground? N
8. Is this a parade? N Does the color guard have harnesses for flags? Y
9. How far will the color guard march?
10. Is there a backup agenda if the weather becomes too cold? Y Long program/ short program?

Hot

1. What is the forecasted temperature? the heat index? the humidity?
2. How long is the program? What is the color guard's part?
3. How long is the color guard part?
4. Is there rain in the forecast? N thunderstorms? N Lightning in the area? N
5. Is there shelter nearby? Y A building with air conditioning? Y
6. Is there shade? Y trees? Y
7. Is water provided? Y Other refreshments? Y
8. Is there a canopy? Y tent? Y
9. Has seating been provided?
10. Is this a parade? Does the color guard have harnesses for flags?
11. How far is the color guard marching?
12. Is the color guard marching on concrete? black top?
13. What are the color guardsmen wearing?
14. What is the wind velocity?
15. Is there a backup agenda if the weather becomes too hot or severe?
Long program/ short program? Y
**** Warm weather impacts guardsmen wearing wool Continental Line uniforms.
For every degree over 70, on a sunny day, add 10 degrees
For every degree over 80, on a sunny day, add 15 degrees

Overhead Hazards

1. Are there any power lines over head? N
2. Is there any overhead lighting? Florescent lights? recess lighting?
3. Are there any electrical boxes overhead? Power cords? N
4. Are there any ceiling fans? chandeliers? N
5. How high are the ceilings? How high are the flag poles?
6. Any bulkheads?
7. Will the color guard be marching through doorways? how high are they?
8. Are there any trees?
9. Are there any additional overhead hazards? N

In the development of any risk assessment, it is important that all parties involved be a part of the process. In this case, this should include the organizer, the color guard commander, safety officer and any others that may take an active role in the event. Part of completing the assessment then assuring that steps are taken to mitigate or eliminate the risks. There are several ways to do this including the development of a spreadsheet, that not only lists all the questions, addresses mitigation responses for the risks but also assigns a risk level to each area of concern. There are many types of these charts that help more clearly identify the potential severity and likelihood of the risk.

Severity			Higher	
Likelihood	←	←	Lower	→
↑	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Red
More	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Red
Less	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow
↓	Green	Green	Green	Yellow

Acceptable with Mitigation

Acceptable

Unacceptable

It is important to note, that although many of these questions do not pose a serious risk, a combination of several can. Reducing much of the risk is reducing the time duration. Many guardsmen can stand for 30 minutes but when you add marching in a parade in the sun for an hour in 90 degree weather, that is a very high risk.

There are many programs that educate safety principles. Swan in one such example.

- S- Safety is everyone's responsibility
- W- We care for each other
- A- All accidents are diminishable
- N- Nothing we do is worth getting hurt for

In fulfilling our objective to honor our patriot ancestors and educate our members and the public we must not endanger the health and well being of our members and those that attend our events. If we take time to consider our guests safety and comfort, we create events that they will want to attend and return to.

Pro patria

C. Louis Raborg Jr., NSSAR National color guard commander



The New Jersey Society is one of a few that fires a cannon. Very special care and safety protocols must be followed



At the George Washington Tomb vigil, it is the steep grade going down and the brick pathway to the Tomb that plays a big part in the risk at the commemoration. Last year a guardsman fell on the pathway, severely injuring his hand. Some years, the heat and humidity can also hamper efforts. We are fortunate to get guardsmen come from all over to participate, some driving all the way from Michigan and Texas.



At the Cowpens commemoration, the march is short with a small incline on concrete. This year however the weather played a factor and the commemoration had to be moved because of a large snow storm that was forecasted the next day. The colorguardsmen did an outstanding job adjusting their schedule and despite a unfounded rumor that the guard size would be limited in size, over thirty five members came out to participate, mainly from the Georgia and North Carolina color guards.

VICE-COMMANDER'S REPORT

We are coming to the end of a successful two-year command tour for National Color Guard Commander Lou Raborg, and the entire National Color Guard Staff and I would like to thank him (and Becky) for his service, leadership, and miles and miles of travel in support of the National Color Guard, over these two very challenging years.

In Commander Raborg's last write up as commander, he addresses safety and the safety issues that color guard commanders on the local levels: chapter, society, and event, need to be aware of to ensure they conduct events that are both safe and fun, not only for the public, but for the color guardsmen themselves. He also sets the stage for a series of articles to come, written in coordination with the National Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee, that address how best to plan and conduct National Color Guard Events. Future articles will address: Planning Timelines and Checklists, How to advertise an event, Online Signup/Registration programs, Inviting the President General and VIP Protocols, and where to find guest speakers. Let me know if there are any other topics you want addressed.

I have had the honor to participate in many Color Guard events, both national and local, since the last edition of our Color Guard Magazine including the Anniversary of the Halifax Resolves (N); the Private John Ford Grave Marking; the Captain James Martin Grave Marking; the Mec-Dec Day Celebration in Charlotte; the Vincennes Rendezvous (N) and the Battle of Ramsour's Mill (N). This Monday I will march for the first time with North Carolina Color Guardsmen in front of an expected crowd 20,000+ in the Faith Fourth of July Day Parade in Salisbury, NC.

Coming up immediately after the Savannah Congress there will be National Color Guard Events in Ohio, Kentucky, New York, Connecticut, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and New Jersey. I'd like to hear/see something from the Color Guard Commanders of each of those states about the dates and plans for their events, and I'd like to see notices posted in the Color Guard Magazine, on the sar.org website, on the host society websites and on sar.officer.net to include the dates, times, locations (w/GPS programmable addresses) and agendas for the events. The only way to increase participation is to increase people's knowledge of the events. They truly are not national level color guard events unless you advertise them, invite national officers, and have more than just your local chapter color guard there in support. We have a mission to expand the visibility of the organization and it starts here and now.

And regarding "The Face of the SAR" that I mentioned in my last article, I have received exactly one photograph of a Color Guardsman for the "Face of the SAR" graphic we are trying to put together, and that was from the Texas Society. Thanks to the Texas Color Guard Commander(s) and now, how about the rest of you get that picture of that guy, who is the face of your color guard submitted so he can be recognized, and we can finish putting the graphic together.

Patriotically, Brooks



National Color Guard Events - 2021 - 2022

HISTORIC Date	Color Guard Event	Location	Host
January 3	Princeton, the Ten Crucial Days	Priceton, NJ	New Jersey
January 1?	Battle of Cowpens	Chesnee, SC	Daniel Morgan SAR
February 1	Battle of Cowans Ford	Huntersville, NC	Mecklenburg SAR
February 14	Battle of Kettle Creek	Washington, GA	Georgia
February 14	Crossing of the Dan	South Boston, VA	Virginia
February 22	Washington Birthday Parade	Laredo, TX	Texas
February 27	Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge	Currie, NC	North Carolina
March 10	Last Naval Battle of the Revolution	Merritt Island, FL	Florida
March 15	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC	North Carolina
April 12	Halifax Resolves	Halifax, NC	North Carolina
April 18	Patriot's Day	Nationally	
April	Frederica Naval Action -close 4/19	St. Simons Island, Georgia	
May 8	Battle of Pensacola	Pensacola, FL	Florida
May 11	Raid on Martin's Station	Ewing, VA	Virginia
May 16	Armed Forces Day		
May 17	Battle of Thomas Creek	Jacksonville, FL	Florida
May 28	Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous	Vincennes, IN	Indiana
May 30	Memorial Day events *	Various locations	
May 29	Battle of Fort San Carlos	Ste. Genevieve,	Missouri
May 29	Buford's Massacre	Lancaster, SC	General Francis Marion SAR
June 5	Battle of Ramsour's Mill	Lincolnton, NC	Catawba Valley SAR
June 11	Action at Machias	Machias, ME	Maine
June 17	Battle of Bunker Hill	Charlestown, MA	Massachusetts SAR
June 28	Battle of Monmouth	Monmouth Cty, NJ	New Jersey SAR
July 4 every year	Let Freedom Ring / July 4th Events *	Various locations	
August 2	Siege at Fort Laurens	Bolivar, OH	
August 20	Battle of Blue Licks	Carlisle, KY	Kentucky
August 27	Battle of Long Island	Brooklyn	New York
September 6	Battle of Groton Heights	Groton, CT	Connecticut
September 8	Battle of Eutaw Springs	Eutawville, SC	South Carolina
September 25	Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Elizabethton, TN	Tennessee
September 18	Vigil at George Washington's Tomb	Mt Vernon, VA	
October 4-6	Point Pleasant Battle Days	Point Pleasant, WV	West Virginia
October 6	Chestnut Neck	Port Republic, NJ	NJ
October 7	Battle of Kings Mountain	Blacksburg, SC	Kings Mountain SAR (NC) / Daniel Morgan SAR (SC)
October 17	Battle of Saratoga	Stillwater, NY	Empire State
October 19	Yorktown Days	Yorktown, VA	Virginia
October 22	Red Bank Battlefield	National Park, NJ	NJ
November 11	Veterans Day Events *	Nationally	Various
November -	Siege of Fort Morris - 3rd Saturday	Sudbury, Georgia	
December 9	Battle of Great Bridge	Norfolk, VA	Virginia
December TBD	Wreaths Across America	Various Locations	
December 26	Battle of Trenton	Trenton, NJ	New Jersey
Events that can occur on random dates throughout the year			
	Massing of the Colors		
	Fields of Honor / Healing Field		
	Honor Flight		
	Liberty Tree Planting / Dedication		
	Washington's Birthday - February		
The following National Meetings are considered National events by Color Guard Policy due to the attendance of the President General:			
	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting		
	Annual NSSAR Congress		
	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting		

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.*

*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](#)



State Society Color Guard Commanders

Welcome to the NSSAR Color Guard.

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

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

Changes are noted in **RED** text

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This is the current listing of state society color guard commanders with confirmed data. Those state societies that are not confirmed are asked to submit updated data to the editor. **No Color Guards (10):** Alaska, Arkansas, Dakotas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Montana, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wyoming.

Vendor List

This is a **partial**

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

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

Type the listed name of the vendor into your browser tab

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

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PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

In many ways, the Long Knives Chapter from Southern Illinois is most fortunate. We have over a dozen Compatriots that are available to assist in various Color Guard functions, be it Parades, Flag Retirements, Grave Markings, National Holidays, Cemetery Markings, or other significant Events. To keep our Unit "sharp", training is an important aspect. Whether it is marching drills, Von Steuben's Manual of Arms, safely loading and discharging our muskets, or even "praying in formation", we practice our maneuvers. Recently, The Long Knives Chapter has added cannons to its available arsenal of appropriate tools for Salutations and Memorial Services. The Long Knives now currently have three cannons ranging from three pounders to sixteen pounds that are privately owned by our Compatriot members.

To safely and legally operate and fire our cannons, extensive training is required. Certified black powder cannon instructors use curriculum developed by Commander Everett Rhine of Rock Ridge Artillery and John Hill, Keeper of the Magazine, of Colonial Williamsburg to present the lessons. Every Compatriot Artillery School attendee participates in a two hours of classroom instruction. A written test is then required to be "passed" before the class advances to "hands on" dry fire drill. All participants are required to practice at each of the five cannon crew stations several times. When all of this practice has been completed safely to the satisfaction of the two instructors, the cannon is wheeled out side to the firing range. Blanks are fired, never projectiles! Each artillery student then will use live black powder to demonstrate mastery of technique. Once again, every student practices at each of the five different gun crew stations with the gun firing blank rounds at each location. All students are trained in every gun crew assignment.

Students perform to the Gun Commander's instructions:

- Advance the Worm, Worm the Piece (x2),
- Advance the Sponge,
- Attend the Vent,
- Sponge the Piece (x2),
- Handle the Charge,
- Ram down the Charge,
- Pick the Vent,
- Prime the Vent with Fuse,
- Make Ready,
- Prepare to Fire,
- FIRE, and repeat until it is time to
- Retire the Piece, and
- Dismiss.

The Long Knives are proud of the fact that we now have eleven Artillery Certified Compatriots and the cannons to assist our fully qualified musket Color Guard.



EDITOR'S CORNER

I am happy to see a short submission for the Dakota Society - a first time!! Welcome and I hope to be getting something for the October issue, too.

I really enjoy seeing the many events and activities that are submitted. It's obvious that these color guard commanders are wanting to highlight their state's color guardsmen and how well they are promoting the S.A.R. To some degree I envy those members taking part in these interesting events.

In the previous three months I kept an eye on the FACEBOOK page "Sons of the American Revolution" and noted several color guard activities in states. I sent out a message to the state Color Guard Commanders with the number of times that there were postings of their activities in hope that I would be getting many of those activities submitted for this issue. What happened? Only a few of those events were submitted. I'm not sure why someone can put the event on FACEBOOK and not have it for this magazine. I see many states have events but don't submit, i.e., AZ, GA, IL, MA, MN, OR, PA, SC. Then states that had numerous events only sent in one or two. If you look at this issue you'll see that a few states have pages and pages of their events listed. So encourage the state commanders to keep abreast of what your color guard units are doing and urge them to report to you so you can understand how successful the color guard is in your state - and report those successes to me for inclusion here.

Now on a different tack. One way to keep from falling into one of the following holes is to read the Submission Guidelines at the end of this issue. Perhaps print that page out and keep it handy for the next issue's submission.

One state's large submission took me 5 hours to work through text and photos to place the events into a, hopefully, coherent aggregate. Another, smaller submission took 2 hours. The problem was basically not following my submission guidelines for sending in Photos with the identifiable naming convention and having the text for the event using the photo name. A few submissions sent a document with several paragraphs listing the all activities without a clear name of the event - or answering the 5 questions below. Then what is hard for me is that there was no indication in the paragraph which photo went with that paragraph. A couple submissions were missing photos which makes it real hard when I have to edit the text for it make sense.

Another issue needing an explanation is that of chapter presentations. Too many times I will get an event description and photo(s) for Chapter X presenting a JROTC, Eagle, Rumbaugh, etc certificate/medal. These events ARE worthwhile and I am glad that the chapters are thus engaged in our youth and promoting the S.A.R. However, these are NOT color guard activities/events. Especially when it's a chapter officer and not the Color Guard making the presentation. These type of events are perfect for the SAR Magazine but not for this publication. I expect to get messages from submitters asking why their event wasn't listed. The above explains why it's not in here.

If your color guard is active in something when you write it up for me make sure that in the text you specify what that (state) color guard did for that event: present the Colors, marched, laid wreaths, etc. Too often, what I get is the several names of chapter members who were at the event with no indication that they were/are part of the color guard and performing as such.

What readers will likely need to understand about your events are the answers to the basic questions: Who? What? Where? When? and Why? of these events. If you can answer most of those questions readers (and I) will get much more out of your color guard stories.

Yours in Patriotism

Steve



The Fifer's Corner



I started this column in October of 2019 to offer insight into the uses of fifes and drums in the Colonial Army and to offer historically correct Duty and Tune Music, trying to create interest on the Chapter and State level. I have been informed that there is finally interest in promoting Fifes & Drums as part of the National, State and Chapter Color Guards with the encouragement and support of the incoming National Color Guard administration.

We want you for the National Color Guard Fife & Drum Corps! The Music was the Heart and Soul of the Army and has been missing in the SAR's Color Guard for way too long. There's a reason 'The Music' was paid more than the Infantry and it's time to give it the place in our organization it deserves. Fifes and drums regulated the soldier's day, kept them in step, conveyed orders and entertained the troops, and will soon be coming to a State and Chapter Color Guard near you. If interested please comment below to be added to distribution. More information to follow after our National Congress



Meeting Minutes

Draft Minutes of the Spring Meeting

2:00 pm Friday, 4 March 2022 Citation A, Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY

1. The meeting was called to order by Color Guard Commander Lou Raborg and the staff and past Color Guard Commanders were introduced.

2. Darryl Addington(TN) was presented the Von Steuben Medal.

3. Color Guardsman of the Year candidate presentations and balloting was conducted.

- a. George Strunk (NC) by Sam Powell (NC)
- b. Allen Greenly (GA) by Ed Riegel, Sr (GA)
- c. Ed Glidden (NJ) by Rob Meyer (NJ)
- d. Brett Osborn (VA) by Bill Schwetke (VA)
- e. Kent Gregory (CA) by Mark Kramer (CA)
- f. Charlie Scott (KY) by Timothy Brown (KY)
- g. Steve Sullins (MO) Withdrew

4. Staff Reports were presented:

- a. Newsletter by Steve Williams
- b. Safety by Mark Kramer
- c. Artillery by Dr. Rudy Byrd

5. Upcoming events were announced:

- a. 12 March Guilford Courthouse by George Strunk
- b. 26 March Battle of Thomas Creek, Jacksonville, FL
- c. 27 August Battle of Brooklyn POC: LT Dave Nelson NYPD
- d. 10 September Sycamore Shoals POC: David Carr (TN)
- e. Medal of Honor Parade by Drake Preddie (TX), POC: Bob

6. Motions:

a. Motion 1: Add Photographic Support to the criteria for the Molly Pitcher Award. Moved by Bob Hagluns (WI), Seconded by Steve Williams (FL). Passed unanimously.

b. Motion 2: That the Molly Pitcher Award be presented posthumously to SAR Photographer Penny Rogo. Moved by Mark Anthony (GA) and seconded by Mike Tomme (GA). Passed unanimously. Who is working this issue?

c. Motion 3: That the Color Guard Committee recommend to Chairman Bill Sharpe (IN) and the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee that 9/11 Patriots' Day be recognized as a National Event and added to the approved list of National Events. Who is working this issue?

7. It was announced that the 2022 National Society Color Guardsman of the Year was George Strunk of North Carolina.

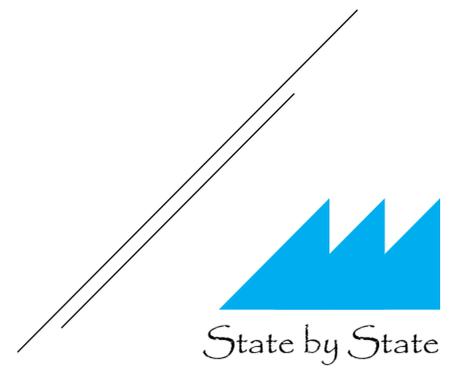
8. Commander Raborg gave an update on the status of the Youth Color Guard Medals and where they were in the approval process with Medals & Awards.

9. There was a discussion on Medical Coverage for Color Guards, and it was suggested it was a local sponsoring organizations responsibility to inform participating compatriots and guests of any local health concerns and to have contingency plans for incidents or accidents.

10. There was a call for any additional issues and hearing none the meeting was adjourned.

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Reports from The Field



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

Color Guard Units' Highlights!

UPCOMING COLOR GUARD EVENTS

Siege at Fort Laurens August 2 Bolivar, OH - OHSAR
Battle of Blue Ticks August 20 Carlisle, Ky - KYSAR
Battle of Long Island August 27 Brooklyn NY - NYSAR
Battle of Groton Heights September 6 Groton Ct - CTSAR
Battle of Eutaw Springs September 8 Eutawville, SCSAR
Gathering at Sycamore Shoals September 8 Elizabethton, TNSAR
Events listed are after publication date

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



ALABAMA

The year 2022, shows no signs of slowing down. As of June, the Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution State (ALSSAR) Color Guard has more than twenty-five state events already on the calendar. This is more events than what was scheduled all of last year (2021). This does not include local chapter events, the SAR National Convention, and more state events already in planning. In every way, the ALSSAR Color Guard is the "face of SAR". These dedicated volunteers not only give of their time, but they purchase their own uniforms, firearms, and expertise (and their own travel expenses) to represent our organization, make the American Revolution come to life, and illustrate the patriotism and love of country that their ancestors, America's first veterans, embodied when they answered the call to arms over 250 years ago.



March...

On the weekend of April 8-10, Cade McCool of the Black Warrior and Martin Brady and Michael Ariaza of the General John Archer Elmore Chapter along with Victory Brady traveled to Saltville, TN to participate in the River History Days Festival to represent not only the Alabama Sons of the American Revolution but also the 1st Pennsylvania Reenactment unit that is based out of Alabama's American Village. While there, they put on living history demonstrations as they worked with educational groups and the public to illustrate what was life like during colonial times and the American Revolution.





To commemorate Patriots Day and to kick-off a “Village-to-Village” 76 consecutive marathon run by Tom Jones who is “carrying the torch” from Alabama’s American Village in Montevallo to the new American Village of the West in Alabama, the Alabama Sons of the American Revolution served as the color guard for ceremonies and reenacted a “Battle of Lexington” at “Concord Bridge” on April 19th.

On April 23, 2022, the Atagi Chapter DAR celebrated their 10th Anniversary. The ALSSAR State Color Guard traveled to Prattville, Alabama to help our sister organization with the momentous event.



On Friday, May 6, 2022, Sons of the American Revolution Color Guards came from Alabama, Georgia, and Florida to celebrate this national event of the 241st Anniversary of the Battle of Pensacola. Alabama Society SAR Color Guard Commander, Joseph Barker led the group and Alabama was well represented with representatives from chapters from one end of the state to the other. The event started with a procession to the General Bernardo de Galvez statue where guest speakers including the Mayor of Pensacola, dignitaries from Spain, and tributes from students from the Episcopal Day School and surrounding areas convened.

To celebrate the life and legacy of patriot William Atkins, a grave marking was performed at Carmel Cemetery in Spring Garden, Alabama on Saturday, May 14, 2022.



May brings the Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution (ALSSAR) Spring Board of Managers meeting. The year's event was held on May 14th at the Rotunda at the American Village in Montevallo. Representatives from across the state were present and topics included discussion about public relations, American 250, veterans programs, chapter events, the introduction of online payment for this year's dues, and much more. No state event would be complete without the ALSSAR State Color Guard posting the

colors. In addition, color guard members Cade McCool of the Black Warrior Chapter and Michael Martin of the Cahaba-Coosa Chapter receive their Bronze Color Guard Medals.

To kick-off the national celebration of Armed Forces Day, the Alabama Sons of the American Revolution (ALSSAR) joined forces with the Blue Star Salute Foundation and other organizations at the Battleship Park in Mobile, Alabama on Saturday, May 21st. This was an all day event with the ALSSAR Honor Guard performing a musket fire to start off the 5K and short runs at 7:30AM where each runner wore the number that corresponded with a fallen soldier from Alabama

who had died in service to our country. Later, the SAR Color Guard posted colors for the main event while the Honor Guard ended the national anthem with a musket fire salute. Additionally, an information booth was manned by the Alabama Society to answer questions about SAR and its mission to promote history, education, and patriotism.



To kick off Memorial Day Weekend, the Alabama Society Sons of the American Village helped the Support Committee for the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, Alabama with the Flag Placement Ceremony where over 9,000+ flags were placed on the graves of those who gave all for our country.

Freedom is not free. Memorial Day is a day to honor all those who have served our country and given all to insure the freedoms that many of us take for granted. The Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution (ALSSAR) does its all to work with organizations throughout the state and the ALSSAR Color Guard and its members work hard to illustrate that devotion.



In Madison County, the Color Guard assisted with Memorial Day Ceremony & Wreath Laying at Veterans Memorial Park on May 30th..



At the American Village in Montevallo, Alabama, ALSSAR Color Guard / 1st Pennsylvania Reenactment Unit members assisted with commemoration activities with living history displays, visitor education activities including musket fire display and Von Steuben drills, as well as period cookery. Other events included displays of other period demonstrations of World War I, World War II, Korean, and Vietnam Wars, an honoring our veterans bell ringing at the Veterans Memorial Shrine, a service at the Village Chapel, and several other events.





In Prattville, the Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution gathered for a sunset tribute along with the American Legion to honor all veterans who have passed at the Prattville Poppy Festival where a field of ceramic poppies are on display.



CALIFORNIA -

CALIFORNIA, KERN CHAPTER COLOR GUARD



The Kern Chapter Color Guard has returned to schools after 2 years being away because of COVID 19 restrictions. For years the CG has been going to schools talking about the American Revolution to 5th graders planting seeds of interest about history and the revolution. Because of COVID Last year the CG developed 8 modules through the Kern County Superintendent of Schools media department to be used in classrooms while not being able to attend schools in person. SAR chapters are welcome to use the modules. https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-5yq0uc2cvM_F-KzGgTeXzDh2PD1_3zX In March 2022 we returned to the schools to talk about the American Revolution to students. Not only do we have SAR members, but also have a DAR member, MaryAnn Claxton, who talks about uniforms.



At left:
Mike Davis, Arnie Burr, Kerry Adams, MaryAnn Claxton, Steve Corbin

Memorial Weekend, 2022, was very busy for the Color Guard. Saturday we started at the National Cemetery then headed to Costco where we passed out flags to customers making donations to Children's Miracle Network. This Costco on Rosedale Hwy was number 1 in California and the Nation bringing in the most donations for Children's Miracle Network. Our CAR member Heather Goodmon was a real go getter and people just couldn't get past her without making a donation.

At right: Mike Davis, Kerry Adams, Heather Goodmon, Rick Meridith, Ron Goodmon and Arnie Burr.



On Monday the Color Guard was at Greenlawn Cemetery for a memorial service and then off to a Thousand Flags event in Bakersfield where the Color Guard greeted hundreds of attendees in uniform.

On June 14, Flag Day, the Color Guard retired over 1,700 flags in a "FLAG RETIREMENT" ceremony at Greenlawn Southwest Cemetery. By incinerating them in the crematorium they produce no pollution as they burn.

(Picture of caskets, led by Arnie Burr and the Kern Chapter Color Guard)
The Bakersfield Californian newspaper had us on the front page behind 5 caskets of folded flags for incineration.

Submitted by
Arnie Burr, Education Liaison and Color Guard Commander, Kern Chapter

Harbor Chapter was honored to join in the Thirty-sixth Annual Memorial Day Observance at Green Hills Memorial Park in Rancho Palos Verdes on Monday, May 30, 2022. This yearly event typically draws approximately five thousand participants. It is recognized as the largest Memorial Day service in California and one of the best attended in the nation, receiving wide media coverage. It is resplendent with the sights and sounds of patriotism: Color Guards, Marching Bands, Skydivers, Flyovers, Dignitaries, and over eight thousand American Flags.

Left to Right: Kevin Bidekap, Denys Lanfranco, Jim Olds, Lucas Villardi, Logan Lanfranco, Brandon Villardi, CASSAR Color Guard Commander



On June 4 the combined color guard of the Society of Colonial Wars in California and the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution presented the Colors at the first America 250 Partnership Luncheon in Newport Beach, CA. The venue was the elegant Pacific Club.

The uniform of the SCW represents the period from 1607 to 1775 which is the focus of the Society. The combined guard gave an excellent showing adding greatly to the ceremonial aspect of the meeting. The meeting was an America250 SAR event celebrating that time which gave rise to our independence as a free nation.

Shown from left to right: Brandon Villardi, Harbor Chapter, State Color Guard Commander; Eric Stassforth, Ventura Chapter; Bob Taylor, General George Patton Chapter; Jim Klingler, Orange County Chapter, Kevin Forrest, South Coast Chapter, Larry Hansen, Orange County Chapter; Dan McKelvie, Orange County Chapter, Chapter Co-Commander; Matt Noell, Orange County Chapter; John Davis, LA Drum and Fife Corp.



San Diego Chapter

The San Diego Chapter, CASSAR was proud to participate in the Fort Rosecrans Memorial Day celebration which is one of San Diego's largest and most celebrated memorials dedicated to our fighting men and women. On this day we honor all our fallen soldiers and remember them for their ultimate sacrifice to our country by providing three volley salute. Video of the event can be seen at <http://www.fortrosecransmemorialday.com/>

Left to Right: Brandon Villardi - CASSAR Color Guard Commander, Duncan Campbell - San Diego Color Guard Commander & Adjutant South, Skip Cox, Carolyn Campbell - Ladies Auxiliary



The San Diego Chapter Color Guard participated in the interment service for Compatriot CMR Larence (Larry) Harden, USN(Ret).. Compatriot Harden was the chapter's Wreaths Across America coordinator for many years and received the SAR Bronze Roger Sherman Medal in January. for his efforts of the 753 wreaths sponsored in 2020 and 2021.

Color Guardsmen included Duncan Campbell (Color Guard Commander), Peter Fagen and Andrew Fagen. Chapter Ladies Auxiliary Members Carolyn Campbell and Sarah Fagen (not pictured) were also in attendance. Photos courtesy of Sarah Fagen.



Complete picture roll is located at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/233486675728/permalink/10159784490595729/>



A CASSAR Color Guard comprised of compatriots from the Orange County and South Coast Chapters participated in the Orange May Parade. The Orange County Chapter colorguardsmen: John Ferris and Dan McKelvie (co-commanders), Mark Torres, Spencer Torres, John Blake, Larry Hansen and Jon Burk. The South Coast Chapter represented by Kevin Forest, Scott Whitman.

Pictured In the photo left to right: John Burk, John Blake, Spencer Torres, Mark Torres and John Ferris. The remaining colorguardsmen are out of frame.

The photo was published in the Orange County Resister; Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

To all Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard Units!

You are cordially invited to march with the
Dosemite Chapter's SAR Color Guard
Unit in the Nation's Largest Veterans
Day Parade on Friday, November 11,
2022 in Fresno, California.

This Parade is televised locally and inter-
nationally via the Internet

We are working to secure special room rates at the
Doubletree by Hilton in downtown Fresno, where the
Parade is held.

For More Information, please contact Dosemite
Chapter Color Guard Commander, Scott Nichols,
at travelinswimmer@gmail.com. Please respond by
September 1, 2022 on your desire to participate.





Orange County (CA) Chapter

Lake Forest Independence Day Parade.

Group standing together L to R: Liz Ferris, Karen McKelvie, Dan McKelvie, John Ferris and Mike Miller. The ladies carried the Orange County Chapter banner. Musketman Dan McKelvie, US Flag John Ferris, SAR 250 Flag Mike Miller.

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CONNECTICUT

247th Patriots Day Parade in Concord, MA

On Sunday April 17 several members of the Connecticut and New Hampshire color guards started to arrive in Concord to be able to get a good evening meal and some good sleep before Monday morning. But it being Easter our usual choice the Colonial Inn closed earlier than normal. So, I found myself (Dave Perkins) along with PG Wright

and MASSAR State President Ed Hoak having dinner in an Asian Fusion restaurant. Food was great and the conversation and stories were excellent!

By 8:30am on Monday we were all arriving at the Keyes Street public parking area and prepping to walk over to the muster location for the start of the parade. When we reached our spot in the parade formation area, the temperate was cool, and the sky was sunny, and so another Patriots Day parade was soon to begin. By the time we stepped off, we numbered eight compatriots from Connecticut, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. It was a good time had by all! As we passed the Colonial Inn, we were greeted by past SAR President-General Jack Manning and Sheila, as well as many other members of the SAR. Following the ceremony at Old North Bridge, which included speeches, a musket volley and cannon salutes, we returned pasted the Colonial Inn and the reviewing stand, and then finally back to where we started. The crowds were thinner than in 2019, but still sizable after a 2-year hiatus. Following the parade, the Massachusetts Society hosted PG Davis Wright at a luncheon at the Colonial Inn where PG Wright presented the SAR Distinguished Patriot Award to author Dr. David Hackett Fisher.



Those marching were Richard Wright, Russ Cumbee, Derek Brockhoff, Dan Dudley, Howard Greene, Fred Rivard, and CTSSAR State President Stephen Taylor, who is one of our newest color guardsman. Joining for a photo-op before crossing Old North Bridge were PG Davis Wright and VPG New England District Bob Walsh.



245th Battle of Ridgefield and Funeral Procession

2022 marks the 245th Anniversary of the Battle of Ridgefield, an important Revolutionary War action fought on the very roads and paths of Ridgefield, CT that are universally used today. The Town of Ridgefield and Ridgefield Historical Society celebrated the occasion with a full weekend of events, turning back the clock, and bringing the history and characters of the time alive, as well as introducing new important discoveries regarding the Battle. This year, the anniversary events of the Battle of Ridgefield are enlightened by the December 2019 discovery of four human skeletons from the Revolutionary War period, which were uncovered during renovation of an antique home in the center of town. This discovery and the subsequent research made possible by a grant awarded to Ridgefield Historical Society by the National Parks Service American Battlefield Protection Program has brought renewed and intense interest to the Battle and made this anniversary celebration particularly poignant.

American forces were encamped at the South end of town and British forces were encamped at the Northern end of Main Street for two nights. A select group of the SAR Connecticut Line fully participated in the reenactment battle on Saturday along with 200 other reenactors, which included cavalry and artillery units. The battle followed the 1777 route through the center of Ridgefield along Main Street lasted about 2 hours. Downtown Ridgefield looked like a scene out of a history book as the 5th Connecticut Regiment and others reenacted the only inland battle fought in Connecticut during the Revolutionary War. The huge crowd of spectators who lined both sides of Main Street were transported back in time 245 years to the exact place where the Battle of Ridgefield raged. The series of skirmishes between American and British forces looked real, with cannons fired, soldiers on horseback, and some who fell to the enemy. There was even a barricade erected where American Militia, led by Generals Benedict Arnold and Gold Selleck Silliman met the British, hoping to keep them from retreating further south. A cannonball fired by the British, a stark reality of the fierce battle, remains lodged in Keeler Tavern today.

The Battle of Ridgefield 245th anniversary events are highlighted by the fact that skeletal remains of Revolutionary War soldiers from the battle were found in the downtown area in 2019 and early 2020. [Read more about the skeletal remains on the Ridgefield Historical Society website.] On Sunday, May 1, those remains were part of a funeral procession and ceremony, rooted in the traditions of the late 1700s. The Battle of Ridgefield Ceremonial Salute began at Ballard Park at 11:00am. The combined forces formed a funeral procession along Main Street and slowly marched to the Titicus Cemetery accompanied by horse drawn wagons carrying four wooden caskets. Following a brief ceremony at the cemetery and a 3-volley combined musket salute, the combined forces returned to their encampments and concluded the weekend's events.

Thank you to the Ridgefield Historical Society, the Town of Ridgefield and members of the 5th Connecticut Regiment and The Brigade of the American Revolution for all that you did to make the 245th Anniversary of the Battle of Ridgefield one for the history books.

247th Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill

As in 1775, men from Connecticut made the journey North to fight alongside their colonial brothers. 2022 marks the twenty sixth year in a row, members of the Connecticut Line participated in the commemorative exercises in Charlestown, Massachusetts on Friday June 17th along with members of the NHSSAR, MASSAR and Missouri Color Guards. Due to a scheduling change, the usual 10:00 am memorial service at the Church of St. Frances de Sales and parade up to the Bunker Hill Monument grounds were canceled. Ceremony was moved to 3:00 pm. Prior to the ceremony starting, the NPS performed a safety inspection, and each man was allowed to use their own cartridges if 2F black powder. The color guard from the USS Consti-



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tion "Old Ironsides" presented the colors, and then greetings from the National Park Service, Boston City Council, British General Consul of Boston, MASSAR State Vice President and several others. Special guest speaker was B. J. Farrell, Commander of the USS Constitution. At the conclusion of all the greetings and songs, the color guard provided a three-volley musket salute. After the playing of taps, the combined SAR Color Guards marched to each of the four gates and society wreaths were placed at the Connecticut, New Hampshire and Massachusetts gates to commemorate the men who fought at the battle from those states



Patriot Grave Marking for Cpl. Samuel Jackson awarded Badge of Merit

On the 14th of May 2022 at the Old Bethlehem Cemetery in Bethlehem Connecticut the Gov. Oliver Wolcott, Sr. Branch celebrated and recognized the military service and the awarding of the “Badge of Merit” by General Washington to Cpl. Samuel Jackson of the 1st Company, 3rd Regiment, Connecticut Line, Continental Army. A bronze plaque sponsored by both the SAR & DAR was unveiled at the base of his headstone, commemorating his many years of service in the Continental Army which included Valley Forge, Battle of Germantown and Battle of Monmouth.

The ceremony also recognized the services of four additional American Patriots. The ceremony included representatives of the State SAR, Connecticut Daughters of the American Revolution, the local American Legion, the Bethlehem Historical Society, the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia and state and local government representatives.



An educational encampment at the local Bellamy Ferriday house and garden, a Connecticut Landmarks property that is within ½ mile of the cemetery; provided an opportunity for the local elementary school to learn what life was truly like in the late 18th century.

Four Patriots that were honored are: Pvt. Ebenezer Bird, who fought at the Battle of Brooklyn Heights; Sgt. Moses Knapp, swore an oath of allegiance; Pvt. David Leavitt, swore an oath of allegiance; and Sgt. Nathan Burton, who swore an oath to uphold and defend their Liberty’s and Freedoms fourteen days after the Declaration of Independence had been signed and who fought at the Battle of Brooklyn Heights.

The Connecticut Line presented the colors and provided a 3-volley musket salute following the placing of wreaths and flags at each of the five patriot grave sites within the cemetery. Compatriot Peter Stothart was the host for the ceremony, and the event planner was Compatriot Mike Bird.



Naugatuck Memorial Day Parade

One of the largest Memorial Day parades in the state is held in the town of Naugatuck, an old mill town along the Naugatuck River. This year six members of the Connecticut Line were in the fourth division. The crowds were large and loud, with great applause with every musket volley we fired. As we passed under the steel overpasses for Route 8 of which there were several, we fired our muskets and the reverberations made for tremendous noise, pleasing the large crowds. By the end of the 2-mile parade route we had nearly emptied our cartridge boxes, about 25 rounds per man and our muskets were very hot and abso-

lutely filthy. Following the parade, the host organization (Town of Naugatuck) provided free food and drink to all the participants. The Connecticut Line received a \$300 donation from the event organizers, which be used to offset the cost of our insurance. The six color guardmen were David Perkins, Dan Dudley, Derek Brockhoff, Martin Spring, Bill Spring and Peter Stothart. Special thanks to Martin Spring for organizing our participation in the parade for the last four years



DAKOTA -

Dakota Society Memorial Day
Wreath Laying Ceremony in Rapid
City

Dakota Society presenting a wreath, left to right James Clement-President Dakota Society, Keith Johnson past S/T, Don Kellogg-S/T



Florida Color Guard

On the weekend of May 13-14, 2022, the Florida Society held its Spring BOM and Annual Meetings. The Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade presented the colors at the Friday night awards banquet, South Atlantic District meeting, and Saturday installation banquet.

On Saturday, June 25, 2022, the Jacksonville chapter commemorated the Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge. The Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade presented the colors, with the participation of Florida Society President Matt Mathews.

FLORIDA -





Iowa Sons of the American Revolution

On May 7th the Iowa Society of the Sons of the American Revolution joined with the Iowa DAR and Society of Colonial Dames to honor veterans, historic heroines and Civil War Nurses. The groups recently marked the graves of several women who served during the Civil War. Among them were Rosanna Rush Merrill a Civil War Nurse said to be a descendant of the family of Dr. Benjamin Rush a Declaration of Independence signer.

Also honored was Harriett Wallace a black woman who served during the Civil War as an Under Cook for 3 years with the 39th Iowa and during Sherman's March to the Sea.

Since Jan 2020 Iowa members Tim Rowley, Bob Niffeneger and Mike Rowley have placed over 200 stones on previously unmarked graves of veterans from the Revolutionary War to WWII

Color Guard - left to right members Mike Rowley Dave Nation Paul Burreight North Central Region VPG Chris Moberg and Randy Lyon

Color Guard performing Flag folding ceremony.



Iowa Society SAR

Nearly 185 years to the date of the death of War of 1812 veteran Col. Rezin Redman, the Iowa Society SAR organized a ceremony and placed a stone to mark the grave in Freeland Cemetery in Lomax, IL.

Iowa SAR member Dave Nation is a great-great-great-grandson of Col Redman.

He and Iowa SAR member Mike Rowley were joined by the IL SAR members Doug Holmes, James Miller, Aaron Miller & Mike Tubbs.

Also present were Col. Gary Miller (USMC Ret.) Commander of the Neponset Illinois American Legion Honor Guard Unit, Commander Scott Spitzer of the Monmouth American Legion/VFW Honor Guard Unit, descendants of Redman and the public on Saturday 11 June 2022



Indiana SAR

On May 28, the Indiana SAR hosted The George Rogers Clark Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony, celebrating the 243rd anniversary of the capture of Fort Sackville and performed a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony. After a two year hiatus due to COVID-19, the event featured an impressive color guard consisting of members representing eight states and the National Society. Fifty wreaths were presented for the Grave Marking Ceremony.

The National event is held annually on Memorial Day weekend to coincide with the Vincennes Rendezvous. Guardsmen interested in participating in the Saturday, May 27, 2023, George Rogers Clark Wreath Laying Ceremony, may contact Robert P. Cunningham by email at rpcunnin@indiana.edu.



The Color Guard was lead by Indiana Commander Jacob A. Vink, National Vice-Commander Brooks Lyles, and VPG William T. Austin

Participants traveled from at least eight states to attend the event and place wreaths

The Indiana Society SAR Color Guard marched in the Dogwood Festival Parade at Orleans, IN on Saturday, 30 April 2022.

L to R: James Arnold, Tony Wray, Kim Fields, Steve Fields, Ed Hitchcock, Randy Helderman, and Daryl Hensley.



KANSAS -

Patriots Day Parade

Saturday, April 23, 2022 1:00 p.m.
Downtown McLouth, Kansas
Big Day in a small town!



Celebrate America!

- * Children's Parade 11:00 (Line up at City Hall at 10:30)
- * Cubmobile Races following children's parade
- * WWII History Center weapons demonstration following Main Parade
- * Pony Rides * Petting Zoo * Vendors
- * McLouth Kiwanis Club Food Stand at Fire Station
- * UMC Pancake Feed 8:00-10:00 at the Fire Station
- * McLouth Medical Clinic 11:00-1:00

Candace Braksick (main parade entries) kscsr1@gmail.com
Lori Wampler (children's parade) (785)760-7802
Tammy Stuart (vendors, crafts & food) (785)817-5872
Sponsored by City of McLouth, McLouth Recreation Commission,
McLouth Fire Department, and McLouth Kiwanis.

Kansas Color Guard activity

The second quarter in Kansas brought increased activity for the Kansas Society SAR Color Guard. On April 23 the KSS-SAR Color Guard led the Patriots Day Parade in McLouth, Kansas. Leading the Color Guard was KSSAR President Vernon Welkner in his period pastors clothing; in the line following him were, left to right, Alan Martin, Kirk Rush, Dewey Fry and Robert Wandel. (Photo Left). A photo of the KSSAR Color Guard from a pre-COVID- event in which the KSSAR Color Guard also led the parade was used in the promotion of the event for 2022. (Photo Right).



On June 4, the KSSAR Color Guard was immediately behind the police car leading the Old Shawnee Days Parade in Shawnee, KS. Participating were, from left to right, Alan Martin, Dewey Fry, Michael Chychota and Dennis Nelson. (Photo s below4). In the American Legion Band following the KSSAR Color Guard was member and fellow Color Guardsman Kirk Rush playing a French Horn and keeping us in step.



A KSSAR Color Guard led the Armed Forces Day Parade in Abbyville, Kansas on May 21, 2022 thanks to the organizing of the Color Guard for the event by immediate past President of the Kansas Society and current Color Guardsman, Bobbie Hulse. Unfortunately, no photos are available at this time.

The Kansas Society Color Guard was invited by the Missouri Society Color Guard to participate in the welcome back Honor Flights to Kansas City International airport. The Honor Flights dates, sponsoring organizations and Color Guardsmen participating are as follows: April 15, Southern Coffee County KS High School Honor Flights Color Guardsmen from left to right, kneeling Mark Parks and Stephen Sullins from MOSSAR, standing from KSSAR Alan Martin Kirk Rush, Steven French, Jeffrey Winters, Dewey Fry, from MOSSAR Peter Reynolds and James Scott. (Photo No.5)



April 26, Southern Lyon County KS Honor Flight
 Color Guardsmen from MOSSAR were Mark Parks, James Scott and Steven Sullins. Unfortunately, Dewey Fry missed the event as parking was difficult to find so he spent his time in the parking lots trying to find a parking place, then being bypassed by shuttle buses when he did find one, therefore, he got no photos of the event.



April 28, Wamego KS High School Honor Flight.
 Color Guard members were from left to right, Alan Martin, Kirk Rush, Stephen French, from KSSAR, Mark Parks from MOSSAR, Dewey Fry from KSSAR, Pat Fry from KSDAR, James Scott and Roy Hutchinson both from MOSSAR. (Photo Right)

May 18, Honor Flight Network of KC

The May 18 Honor Flights was the largest in the history of those arriving at KCI, it had 90 veterans plus escort, so large that it was a charter flight

They May 18 Honor Flight was welcomed home by a combined Color Guard; from MOSSAR were Mark Parks, Robert Grover, Stephen Sullins, James Scott, John Stewart, and Roy Hutchinson, from KSSAR were Dewey Fry, Steven French, Kirk Rush and Alan Martin, several DAR ladies and a large contingent of Patriot Guard Riders. There were so many participating in the Color Guards that one photo could not be arranged.

A crowd of well over 200 people welcomed the veterans back home and thanked them for their service. KC Wolf and four of the Kansas City Chiefs Cheerleaders were present, KC Wolf even had to have his picture taken with SAR Color Guardsmen. 90 students from one nearby high school were in attendance and local television station covered the event.

Before the veterans arrived, Roy Hutchinson entertained the large crowd by playing patriot songs and the armed forces songs on a fife. One lady led the crowd in singing America the Beautiful. One photo shows the large crowd with the Color Guards in the distance, another taken in the other direction. (Photos Right & Below)



May 25, Parsons KS High School Honor Flight
 The Color Guard for the May 25 Honor Flight was, from left to right, Mark Parks (MOSSAR), Stephen Sullins (MOSSAR), Dewey Fry (KSSAR), Pat Fry (KSDAR) and Alan Martin (KSSAR). The veterans disembarked after midnight in a nearly empty airport terminal.
 (Photo Right)



Jun 6, Central Heights Southeast High School Honor Flight
 The June 6 Honor Flight was the second largest to date in 2022 having 48 veterans. All Honor Flights leave early depart the originating airport early in the morning and are to return the same day. A couple did not, as delays caused disembarking the flights after midnight. We stayed and welcomed them home and thanked them for their service. The Color Guard was comprised of from left to right, Stephen Sullins, hidden with the US Flag, of MOSSAR, Mark Parks of MOSSAR, Dewey Fry of KSSAR, Denise Bullock of KSDAR, Jackie Aaron of KSDAR, Susan Cowan of KSDAR, James Scott, Peter Reynolds and Robert Grover, all three of MOSSAR. (Photo Below)



KENTUCKY

Lafayette Trail Historical Marker Dedications

In 1824/25 the Marquis de Lafayette toured the United States at the invitation of Congress. In May of 1825 Lafayette's route took him across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. To commemorate Lafayette's Farewell Tour of the United States, historical markers are being posted at locations he visited during this tour. The first two markers in Kentucky were recently dedicated in two ceremonies. The first marker dedicated on 13 May was outside Liberty Hall in Frankfort, KY. The second marker dedicated on 15 May was outside the Great Crossing Baptist Church near Georgetown, KY.

The Central Kentucky Brigade provided the color guard for both events. The Kentucky SAR chapters represented in the color guard were the Col. Daniel Boone, Gov. Isaac Shelby, Lafayette, and Louisville Thruston. Also supporting the color guard were members of the Lexington DAR chapter. Julien Icher of Lafayette Trail, Inc. was the speaker and guest of honor at both dedications.

Photo Left: Members of the Central Kentucky Brigade color guard posing next to the Lafayette Trail marker outside Liberty Hall in Frankfort.

Photo Right: Members of the Central Kentucky Brigade color guard posing next to the Lafayette Trail marker outside Great Crossing Baptist Church near Georgetown.



Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Ceremony



The Kentucky Society

Sons of the American Revolution

invites you to attend the Memorial Service for the
240th Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks

Saturday, 20 August, 2022 @ 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.

Afterwards:

Join us in the park lodge for a lunch buffet and the Kentucky State Society Summer Meeting.



Kentucky DAR State Conference

The Kentucky Society, Daughters of the American Revolution held its first in-person state conference since 2019 at the Hilton Hotel in Lexington, Kentucky on 26 March, 2022. The Central Kentucky Brigade was on hand to help the DAR celebrate this event by providing the color guard for the Saturday evening banquet. SAR members from the Simon Kenton, Lafayette, Col. Daniel Boone, and Gove Isaac Shelby chapters, as well as one member of the Jack Jouett CAR chapter and one member of the Mary Ingle DAR chapter participated in the color guard.

During the opening ceremonies of the banquet the flag bearers formed a corridor for receiving the guests of honor for the banquet, which included DAR President General Van Buren.

Photo Left: Members of the Central Kentucky Brigade color guard preparing for the presentation of the colors.
Photo Right: SAR members from various chapters participated in the color guard.



LOUISIANA -

Avenue Of Flages 2022



The Louisiana society Sons of the American Revolution color guard is now going to render honors to those modern patriots who we recognize today. The color guardsmen are wearing 18th century military uniforms. The white one is the uniform of the Spanish soldiers who fought along the gulf coast defeating the British and ensuring the future growth of the united states. The Spanish flag, the jagged red cross is a replica of the Spanish flag used by the Louisiana Infantry regiment. The other guardsmen are in various United States Army and militia uniforms. The weapons carried are also of the kind used in the revolution being French supplied – and American dubbed “Charlievilles” so named because the weapons were stamped with the name of the French Arsenal at Charleville. They will fire a salute and then perform the revolutionary war’s “mourn arms” as a final salute to our veterans.



Know to be coming right now: Ted Brode, Gerald Graves, Doctor Morock, Paul Bergeron, Robert Hess, Paul Guidry

LOUISIANA SOCIETY COLOR GUARD MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN THE 2022 JAMES HUEY CHAPTER MEMORIAL FOR THE CHAPTER NAMESAKE JAMES HUEY

On April 27, 2010 the James Huey chapter, named for James Huey, a patriot from South Carolina, was organized in the Louisiana Society. Now, as we approach the 250th anniversary of the war in which James Huey served, the chapter felt the need to assemble once again at James Huey’s gravesite and pay respects to James Huey and the many men of 250 years ago who fought for our freedom. On May 14, 2022 members of the James Huey Chapter, Louisiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution held a memorial to honor their chapter’s namesake and to promote the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War.

In the foreground are guardsmen Ted Brode, Ben Simmons, Eddie Emory, and Steve Ray; In the background with the 250th flag are (left to right) chapter members Fred Hamilton, William Daniels, Dr. Robert Hendrick, and Chuck Rand.



On April 10, 2022 the Louisiana Society Color guard participated in the Luis Bethancourt grave marking ceremony in conjunction with the Louisiana Society convention being held that weekend. The honored patriot is buried in the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church cemetery in St. John the Baptist Parish, Edgard, Louisiana. The color guard posted colors and fired a salute to the veteran.



MARYLAND -



Multiple Patriot Grave Marking

The gravesites of five Lovettsville-area Revolutionary War veterans received “patriot” markers during a special ceremony Sunday afternoon from a combined Virginia and Maryland state multi chapter SAR event, led by David Cook of the Fairfax Resolves. Patriots honored included Frederic Belse, Michael Boger/Bogar, John Compher, Michael Cooper Sr. and John Fawley. Maryland Guardsmen included Rick Abbott and Gerald Harris (pic Left) with Maryland State President Mark Deeds (pic Center and Gerald Harris with Sgt. Everhart Chapter President Karl Woodcock (pic Right)



The Samuel Chase Chapter, NSDAR and Captain John Smoot Chapter, NSSAR Marking Dedication of the DAR and SAR grave markers honoring Revolutionary War Patriot, John Parker in Salisbury, MD. It was a 'Great Day to be in wool' with over 40 chapter members and State Officers in attended followed by a buffet lunch. Leave it to the DAR. HUZDAH! Color Guard members included – William Smithson, David Embrey, Jim Adkins and David Hoover (pic 1) and William Smithson, Jason Posey, David Embrey and David Hoover – 'Take Aim' (pic 2) and 'Fire' (pic 3).



279th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson

in cooperation with the National Park Service and the Military District of Washington, the District of Columbia Society of the SAR hosted this annual ceremony at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial at the Tidal Basin with participants including the Maryland SAR - President Mark Deeds, past NSSAR Color Guard Commander David Hoover and past Maryland Commander William Smithson (pic Left), the Virginia SAR, Department of the Interior represented by the National Park Service, the General Society of the Daughters of 1812 (pic 7) University of Virginia, the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, the National Society of the C.A.R., the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, the Monticello Association and many more. The program opened with the presentation of the colors by the Joint Armed Forces Color Guard, with the National Anthem provided by "The President's Own U.S. Marine Band Brass Quintet". Wreaths were then presented by all of the major participants. President Mark Deeds and past NSSAR Color Guard Commander David Hoover present wreath, (pic Right) MDSSAR/1812 Color Guard member William Smithson with past PG Rick Hollis, current VPG Mike Schenk and President General Tim Mabee



MDSDAR Annual Conference

It is always an Honor for the MDSSAR Color Guard to Present and Post Colors for the Annual Maryland Society DAR State Conference led by State Regent Mernie Crane. Event was held at Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City, Maryland. For the first time since 2014, CG Commander Embrey traded in his Blue Regimental for Red and played Fife for this event. Special thanks to all pertinence. (pic 13) Left to Right - David Embrey, Past National CG Command, David Hoover, William Smithson, Glenn Moss, Paul Turligton and John Davidson



May Day Old Wye Oak

The Color Guard was invited to participate in the Old Wye Oak, Maryland May Day Celebration with table and blanket displays as well as Musket Demo (Pic Left). Christopher Smithson, David Hoover, William Smithson, Lawrence Price, Jason Posey and David Embrey, Don Eberhardt not pictured (pic Right)



Memorial Day Weekend - No Parade, Just Remembrance

In support of VFW Post 7472 at the Ellicott City Courthouse, Memorial Day Ceremony. In attendance where State 2nd VP and Charles Carroll Chapter President, Paul Turlington and CG Commander David Embrey presented a wreath (pic Left) and provided a Musket Salute. (pic Right) 'Present Arms'



Annual Memorial Day Wreath Lying Ceremony

with the Carrllton Manor and Frederick DAR Chaters and Sgt. Lawrence Everhart Chaper SAR Mt. Olivet Cemetery – with Glenn Moss, Gene Moyer, Gerald Harris and David Embrey – Flags and Musket Salute (pic Left) Take Aim (Center) Fire (Right)



John Eager Howard Chapter Memorial



Another 'Fine Day to be in Wool' as the Color Guard Presented, Posted Colors and performed a Musket Salute in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Col. John Eager Howard Chapter MDSSAR. HUZDAH! With David Embrey, David Hoover, Glenn Moss and John Davidson (pic Left) Fire (Right)



Flag Day at The Flag House, Baltimore, MD.

It was good to be back after a 3 year Covid hiatus to Post the Colors for the Annual 'Star-Spangled Banner Flag House' Scholar Award Ceremony. Participants included David Hoover, David Embrey, Glen Moss, William Smithson and Don Eberhardt (pic Right). Part of the 'Flag Day' Celebration was to unroll the '30' by 42' copy of the Garrison Flag that was raised over Fort McHenry at 9:00 am on Sept 14, 1814 - And the rest is History - Color Guard members Don Eberhardt, William Smithson, Glenn Moss, David Embrey and David Hoover are on the far left corner. (pic Below).

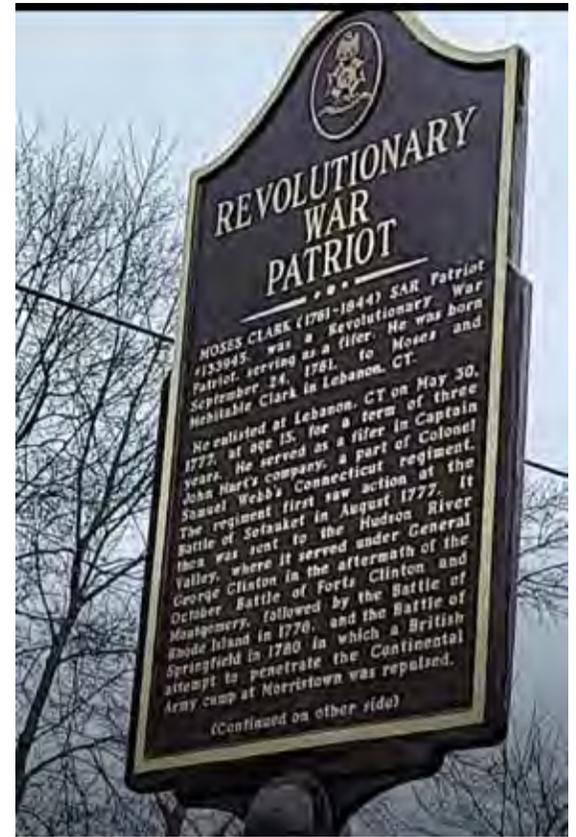


West Michigan Chapter Patriot grave marking



West Michigan Chapter, MISSAR, was next to answer the call of the National Society. The most important purpose of the SAR is our public awareness. Michigan SAR has initiated "Patriot Highway Road Sign Memorials". Two have been installed in our highways with many more to come from additional chapters. April 1, 2022, West Michigan Chapter under President Craig Rich, and special help from chapter member VPG Ken Goodson, a Memorial now sits within the city limits. Outside Grand Rapids, Mi. lies the suburb city "Walker". Just before town lies a small cemetery, "Brooklawn Cemetery". The forth row back, and center, lies a Patriot. Moses Clark, 1761 – 1844. The nation's colors were posted, pledges spoken, tributes made, speakers, Wreath laying, and the MISSAR "Color Guard Salute". The temperature was a close 38 degrees, somewhat windy, but it was the least we could do for him. Moses Clark gave so much more.

Pictured at Left are left to right ; Missar color Guard Commander Norman Palmer, SAR President General Davis Wright, West Michigan Chapter member Mark Chamberlain.



West Michigan Chapter Patriot grave marking

The Michigan Society of the Sons of the American Revolution was organized January 10, 1890, in Detroit, with ten members. And on October 11, 1897, first marked the grave of Patriot Hero Colonel John Francis Hamtramck. Born 1754 and at age 49 died in 1803. We are here today, with our DAR sisters, to rededicate the grave of this Hero.

Hamtramck joined the cause at age 19 in 1775 and joined General Montgomery's forces into Canada where he was taken prisoner at the battle of Quebec and joined Benedict Arnolds defeated forces as they left Canada. And given the rank of Captain.

In 1779 he led his 7th Company, 5th New York Regiment in August and fought in the Battle of Newtown. And that Winter Camped in Morristown with the rest of the Continental Army.

In February 1780 signed a petition with 65 other officers regarding the depreciation of currency. It asked that either their pay be increased, or their resignations accepted. Washington acknowledged their situation but refused to accept their resignations.

In October the regiment was sent to reinforce West Point, after having spent the summer marching through New Jersey and by this time Arnold's treason had been discovered.

July of 1782 his regiment marched to the siege of Yorktown where Hamtramck's company was the first to occupy an American trench parallel to the British defenses. Under Major Nicholas fish Hamtramck led his company in Hamilton's assault on Redoubt 10.

He completed his muster and dismissed his company on May 2, 1783. Without a home he remained in New Windsor and was denied permission to remain in the army. June 3, 1783, he was brevet promoted to Major and discharged.

On April 12, 1785, Hamtramck was called back to service an appointed as a Captain. Serving in the First American Regiment (the only standing army remaining from the Continental Army of the Revolution).

He was sent to Fort Pitt in 1786 and in October promoted to Major and constructed Fort Steuben which later became Steubenville Ohio.

In 1787 he traveled west with General Josiah Harmer to Illinois making a treaty with local tribes. Hamtramck took command of Fort Patrick Henry and constructed a new fort which was named Fort Knox, after United States Secretary of War Henry Knox.

1789 Hamtramck became the de facto government in the Vincennes region and in 1790 married Marie Josephe Edeline and had 3 daughters. As a reward for his service in the American Revolutionary War he chose bounty lands on the Wabash and Illinois Rivers.

Between 1790 and 1792 Hamtramck commanded his men at the Battle of Fallen Timbers along with many encounters with local Indian tribes. Returning to Vincennes he negotiated peace with the native nations of the Illinois Country.

In 1793 he was relieved of command of Fort Knox and ordered to Fort Washington where he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of the 1st Sub-legion in the Legion of the United States, to secure the Northwest Territory.



Memorial Day event

Our color guard was represented around the state on May 30, 2022. Three of our group was marching in the annual Holland Memorial Day parade. L/R Harry Rinker, Mark Chamberlain, John Lepisto kept in stride with all participants representing the West Michigan Chapter of the Missar.



MISSISSIPPI -

Patriot Lt. Daniel McKie twice honored by MSSSAR and DAR

Attendees of the Mississippi Society SAR Annual Convention in Oxford experienced the grandeur of the State Color Guard Assembled for the marking of Patriot Lt. Daniel McKie's grave at St. Peter's Cemetery. McKie is the namesake of the MSSSAR Oxford chapter and this year's convention host. The concurrent ceremonies were organized by State Corresponding Secretary Jerry Lilly, who regularly portrays the Marquis de Lafayette. Along with a record-breaking convention, the afternoon ceremony saw busloads of attendees. Twelve days later, the color guard members honored Patriot McKie again at marking ceremonies with the local David Reese DAR Chapter

William Earl Williams Honor Guard . L-R): Jerry Lilly & Erik Norman



First Weekend of May Brings Fun to the Lighthouse Arts & Crafts Festival and Compatriot Veteran Grave Marking Ceremonies

In Biloxi, several members of the Lynam Chapter staffed a booth and distributed the new state brochures promoting MSSSAR and the SAR Eagle Scout/Youth Programs at the Annual Gulf Coast Historical and Cultural Expo at Biloxi Visitor's Center. Members from the Horger Chapter in Laurel traveled to the event and circulated in the crowd in period uniforms talking with attendees. Also participating in the event were Mississippi Department of Archives & History, the Mississippi Historical Society, the Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library, and several local historical societies and museums.

To the north, the Desoto Patriots Chapter honored four compatriot-veterans at ceremonies in three counties. Organized and led by Past State President Charles Garri-



(L-R) Chris Heuer, Lyn Herron, Tommy Thompson, Gerry Brent, William Horne, Mike Dudas, Diane Horne, Randy Hailley, Charles Garrison, Mike Schenk, and Jerry Lilly

son, the event included Chapter Presidents Mike Dudas and Chris Heuer, and Past State President Gerry Brent as Chaplain, as well as State President Rev. Tommy Thompson, Past State Treasurer Lyn Herron, William Horne as Musician, Randy Hailey, Vice President General Michael Schenk from Madison, and State Corresponding Secretary Jerry Lilly from Oxford acting as Commander. A printed program was produced and distributed, and family members of the compatriots were present as well.

The group began the morning at Emory Cemetery in Marshall County, Mississippi, where they honored Compatriot Maurice Rolden Van Hook, Jr. Then the group traveled to Desoto Memorial Gardens in Southaven where they honored Compatriot Billy Floyd Paris, followed by Twin Oaks Memorial Gardens in Southaven where the group honored Compatriot David Earl Stephens, a US Marine Corps veteran. Following a midday lunch and fellowship at President Thompson's home, the group traveled to Marks Cemetery in Quitman County where they honored Compatriot James Madison Roseberry. Roseberry was retired military contractor, veteran, and former color guard member.



(L-R) Jerry Lilly, Lyn Herron, Tommy Thompson, William Horne, Charles Garrison, Randy Hailey, Gerry Brent, Mike Dudas, Mike Schenk and Chris Heuer, with members of the Paris family.

Mississippi SAR Observes Memorial Day Across the State

In Madison, members of the Central Mississippi Chapter marked hundreds of veteran graves with members of Trace Reservoir VFW Post 6809 at Natchez Trace Memorial Park Cemetery in Madison. The group included Chapter President John McBride and Compatriot son Benjamin, Ron Humphrey and daughter Emmalyn, Stephen Haller and Ben Jones. Haller also serves as Quartermaster for the Post and Emmalyn is a hopeful candidate for the Children of American Revolution.

In Hattiesburg, Second Vice President Mike Tischer joined more than 140 Scouts, leaders and parents to mark over 2,200 Pine Belt veterans' graves at Roseland Park

and Highland Cemeteries with VFW Post 3036.

In Olive Branch, Color Guard members from the Desoto Patriots and Daniel McKie Chapters joined with members of the Olive Branch High School MCJROTC and the Queen of Peace Knights of Columbus Council color guards for the 11th Annual Blocker Cemetery Memorial Day Celebration. Working with the Phoenix Piper Band of Memphis and the Desoto Patriots Cannon Crew of Hughey Camp 1452 SCV, the combined units provided a memorable public performance given with great reverence to all veterans. The members of the SAR Color Guard were Bill Horne, Tommy Thompson and Gerry Lilly. The cannon crew included SAR members Lyn Herron, Randy Hailey and Chris Heuer. The group received excellent coverage in the DeSoto Times Tribune.



DeSoto Patriots and McKie Chapter Color Guard members with the Olive Branch High School MCJROTC and the Queen of Peace Knights of Columbus Council Color Guards.

(L-R) State Treasurer Ben Jones, Compatriot Ben McBride with father, Chapter President John McBride, Stephen Haller, Ron Humphrey and daughter Emmalyn.



MISSOURI - Heartland Honor Flight at Kansas City International Airport Return of twenty Vietnam Veterans.



Heartland Honor Flight at Kansas City International Airport – Returning Veterans that were on the Heartland Honor Flight.

Photos provided by Compatriot Mark Parks (MWC).

On March 31, 2022 at 10:30 p.m. members of the Missouri Society, SAR and Kansas Society, SAR Colorguardsman and a representative of the Blue Springs, Missouri DAR Chapter at the Kansas City International Airport honored the return of twenty Vietnam Veterans with the Heartland Honor Flight. All the Veterans served in combat in the famed I Corp. One of the Veterans made 24 jumps from a Huey helicopter. The Colorguardsmen were James Scott (Alexander Majors Chapter), Stephen Sullins (Independence Patriots Chapter), Mark Parks (Martin Warren Chapter), Dewey Frey (Delaware Crossing Chapter), Roy Hutchinson (Harry S Truman Chapter), and Tom Chychota (Henry Leavenworth Chapter). The DAR representative is Katherine Hutchinson (Blue Springs DAR).



Heartland Honor Flight at Kansas City International Airport Return of twenty Vietnam Veterans – MOSSAR Members
Left to right: James Scott (AMC), Stephen Sullins (IPC), Mark Parks (MWC), Dewey Frey (KSCXC), Katherine Hutchinson (Blue Springs DAR), Roy Hutchinson (HST), and Tom Chychota (KSHLC).

Sons of the Revolution Annual Meeting

On April 2, 2022 MOSSAR Colorguardsmen from four chapters were honored to participate in the Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard at the Sons of the Revolution Annual Meeting. The keynote speaker was the Director of Museum and Library Sciences, Crosby Kemper, the recipient of the Sons of the Revolution Citizen Award, the Modern Patriot Award. The meeting was held at the Central Library – Kansas City, Missouri. MOSSAR Colorguardsmen that participated were Mark Parks (MWC), Michael Robertson (WCC), Stephen Sullins (IPC), Crosby Kemper, Peter Reynolds (IPC), and Robert Grover (HST).

Left to right: Mark Parks (MWC), Michael Robertson (WCC), Stephen Sullins (IPC), Crosby Kemper, Peter Reynolds (IPC), and Robert Grover (HST).
Photo provided by Stephen Sullins (IPC).



Memorial Service for Compatriot Robert L (Bob) Lantz

On April 5, 2022 the Martin Warren Chapter was honored to present the Colors at the memorial service of Martin Warren Chapter Compatriot Robert (Bob) L. Lantz. Bob was the MOSSAR Color Guardsman of the Year in 2003. The memorial was held at the Bartholomew Catholic Church, Windsor, Missouri. MOSSAR Colorguardsmen and members that participated were Mark Parks (MWC), Michael Powers (MWC), James Scott (AMC), Harvey Christie (MWC), Dean Murphy (MWC), and Gene Henry (MWC).

Left to right: Mark Parks (MWC), Michael Powers (MWC), James Scott (AMC), Harvey Christie (MWC), Dean Murphy (MWC), and Gene Henry (MWC). Pictured behind the children is Alicia Lantz, surviving, and her family. Photos provided by Compatriot Mark Parks (MWC)



Heartland Honor Flight Welcome Home Return of two Korean Veterans and twenty-two Vietnam Veterans – April 15, 2022.

On April 15, 2022, the Southern Coffey County High School Honor Flight returned to Kansas City International airport with 24 veterans accompanied by high school honor students. Two were Korean War veterans. The remaining veterans served in Vietnam. The Northwest District, Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard were there to give them the welcome home they didn't receive years ago. The Martin Warren, Alexander Majors, and Independence Patriots Chapters were represented. The District additionally coordinated with the KSSAR Color Guard and the Patriot Guard Riders to increase the numbers of the welcome. On day 1, the Veterans visited the Air Force, Navy, Iwo Jima memorials and witnessed the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery. On day two they visited the WWII, Korean, Vietnam, Lincoln, Martin Luther King, FDR memorials and concluded their day at the White House. At 11:57 pm, twenty-four exhausted and emotional veterans arrived in KCMO. Their bus returned home to Leroy, Kansas at about 2:30 am. Southern Coffey County High School is located in Leroy, Kansas. This was their 19th Honor Flight, hosting 527 veterans to date, with plans for many more. It was our privilege to assist these Patriots and welcome these heroes home.

Above Right - - Front Row, left to right: Mark Parks (MWC) NW Missouri District Commander; and Stephen Sullens, MO (IPC). – Back Row, left to right: Alan Martin, KS (MC); Kirk Rush, KS (DX); Steve French, KS (DX); Jeff Winters, KS (MC); Dewey Fry, KS (DX); Peter Reynolds, MO (IPC); and James Scott, MO (AMC).

Unidentified Veterans with high school honor students.
Photos provided by Compatriot Mark Parks (MWC) and Stephen Sullins (IPC).



Heartland Honor Flight Welcome Home Southern Lyons County Vietnam and Iraq Wars Veterans – April 26, 2022

On April 26, 2022 members of the Missouri Society, SAR and Kansas Society, SAR Colorguardsman at the Kansas City International Airport honored the return of Southern Lyons County, Kansas Vietnam and Iraq Veterans on an Heartland Honor Flight to Washington D.C. The Veterans were accompanied by high school students from United School District (USD) 252 of Southern Lyon County, Kansas.



Photo courtesy of KVOE, Emporia, Kansas - USD 252 photo



Left to right: Mark Parks (MO - MWC) Northwest District Commander, Jeffery Winters (KS - MC), Stephen Sullins (MO - IPC), and Roy Hutchinson (MO - HST). Photo provided by Compatriot Stephen Sullins (IPC).

Wamego High School Honor Flight returned to Kansas City International Airport with 25 Veterans



On April 28, 2022, the Wamego High School Honor Flight returned to Kansas City International Airport with 25 veterans accompanied by Wamego National Honor Society guardians. The Northwest District, MOSSAR Color Guard combined with the KSSAR Color Guard, KSSDAR and the Patriot Guard Riders to welcome these heroes home. The Martin Warren, Alexander Majors, and Harry S Truman Chapters were represented. This is Wamego's 9th Honor Flight. The overnight trip included visits to the World War II, Korean War, Lincoln, Vietnam War, Navy, Iwo Jima and Dwight D. Eisenhower memorials, along with the National Archives and Arlington National Cemetery. Terry Dekat, Vietnam War Veteran on the trip said "When I came back from Vietnam in 1970, there was a lot of hurt. A lot of anger. Things that I experienced on this trip eased the pain I experienced in those last 50 years." Welcome home heroes and thank you for your service..



Left to Right: Alan Martin, KS (MC); Kirk Rush, KS (DX); Steve French, KS (DX); Mark Parks MO (MWC); Dewey Fry, KS (DX); Pat Fry, Shawnee Mission, KSSDAR; James Scott, MO (AMC); and Roy Hutchinson MO (HST). Photo provided by Compatriot Mark Parks (MWC).



Colorguardsmen, Left to right: Dan Evans, Marvin Koechig, Rick Morton, Casey Brezindine, Bill Grote, Jim Jackson, and Charles Lilly

Saint Charles DAR Chapter Officers: Regent Gail Rea, Vice Regent Joan Koechig, Chaplain Rochelle Riggs, Recording Secretary Donna Sandegren, Corresponding Secretary Jeanne Middleton, Treasurer Bernadette Hall, Registrar Patti Dickherber, and Historian Susan Russ. Photos provided by Compatriot Robert A. Ackley (SSL/FDL).

Joint Meeting of the Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapter and the Saint Charles DAR Chapter

On May 9, 2022 the Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapter and the Saint Charles DAR Chapter held a joint meeting at the Community Council meeting room at the Spencer Library in St. Peters, Missouri. The Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapter presented the Colors at the meeting. The meeting was well attended by members of both the SAR Chapter and the DAR Chapter.



Louisiana Purchase Chapter of the Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution held a grave marking ceremony at Cold Water Cemetery.

On May 29, 2022 the Louisiana Purchase Chapter of the Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution (MSSDAR) held a grave marking ceremony at Cold Water Cemetery in Florissant, St. Louis County, Missouri for Patriot Pvt. John Patterson. Members of the Spirit of St. Louis SAR Chapter participated in the ceremony. The cemetery is owned and maintained by MSSDAR. The ceremony was attended by the MSSDAR Regent, other State Officers, and members of the State Society. This small cemetery is on land allocated for this purpose by John Patterson, Sr., a Revolutionary War soldier. Chapter and the DAR Chapter.

Left to right: Terry Grogan (SSL), Sandy Coleman (Louisiana Purchase DAR Chapter), and Steve Biggs (SSL).
Photos provided by Compatriot Robert A. Ackley (SSL/FDL).



Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution held a grave marking ceremony at Cold Water Cemetery.

On May 30, 2022 the Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution (MSSDAR) held a Memorial Day service at Cold Water Cemetery. The cemetery is owned and maintained by MSSDAR. Color Guard members from the Fernando de Leyba and Spirit of St. Louis Chapters participated in the ceremony. DAR and SAR members from around the State of Missouri attended the ceremony.

Left to right: Dan Evans (FDL), Boaz Grimstead (FDL), Ezra Grimstead (FDL), Bill Grote (FDL), Marvin Koechig (FDL), Terry Grogan (SSL), Ezekiel Grimstead (FDL), Casey Brizendine (FDL), and Rick Morton (FDL). Missing from the photo is Wayne Davis (SSL) and Jim Jackson (FDL).



Left to right: Wayne Davis (SSL), Boaz Grimstead (FDL), Ezra Grimstead (FDL), Bill Grote (FDL), and Marvin Koechig (FDL).



Wreaths placed at Patriot graves in Cold Water Cemetery.

Photos provided by Compatriot Robert A. Ackley (SSL/FDL).



The Passing of MOSSAR Colorguardsman Francis (Frank) Chandler Furman

On June 14, 2022 Francis (Frank) Chandler Furman, a long-time resident of Rolla, Missouri, died in Pleasanton, Kansas, on June 14, 2022 after an extended illness. He was born on February 3, 1955 in Washington D.C. to the late Greene Chandler and Martha (Morrow) Furman of Chevy Chase, Maryland. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in geology from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois and a Master of Science degree also in geology from Bowling Green State University in Ohio where he was inducted into Sigma Gamma Epsilon, the national honor society for the earth sciences. After working as a geologist for Texaco in Louisiana Frank resumed graduate studies in geology at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and the University of Missouri-Rolla (now Missouri University of Science and Technology). Frank's scientific work mainly focused on the geology and geochemistry of shales, carbonate rocks (limestone and dolomite), and lead, zinc, and copper deposits. Among the professional organizations to which Frank belonged are the Geological Society of America, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, SEPM, the Society of Economic Geologists, and the Missouri Academy of Science. He enjoyed helping and advising aspiring young geologists.

Frank was widely respected in his profession and contributed significantly at national and international meetings and to the scientific literature. He received a number of awards for the excellence of his scientific work. He was always willing to pitch in and help in every situation. Frank was a member of the Salem Avenue Baptist Church in Rolla and was active in the Ozark Patriots Chapter (OPC) of the Sons of American Revolution; the Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard; and the Rolla Friends of the Library. Frank will be missed by all of his friends and colleagues. Burial was held at Gloster Trinity Cemetery, Jessie Latin Road, Gloster, De Soto Parrish, Louisiana.

Francis (Frank) Chandler Furman in Color Guard uniform.
Photos provided by Compatriot Don Turner (OPC).





Flag Day Recognition and 250th Anniversary Presentation by Ozark Mountain Chapter

On Tuesday, June 14, 2022 Ozark Mountain Chapter Missouri Society, SAR joined the Greene County Commissioners, staff and the Greene County Chorale in the rotunda of the historic Greene County courthouse to take a patriotic moment to respect the flag, its origins beginning with the Betsy Ross and 13-star flag. Also, the Chapter briefly described the federal laws that established the design of the flag and adding of stars/states.

The Greene County Chorale sang the National Anthem, and at the end of the ceremony sang other patriotic songs.

OMC Color, Commissioners in the Rotunda as the Greene County Employee Chorale sings. L-R: Steve Perkins, Ken Lawrence, Chapter President Ben Edmondson, Howard Fisk, Dan McMurray, Gary Gift, Norm Knowlton, Charles McMillan. Commissioners Rusty MacLachlan, John Russell, and Bob Dixon.

The County Commissioner Bob Dixon, and his Deputy Commissioners were each presented with a 250th anniversary certificate and medal, framed and ready for their office display. We believe this may be the first presentation of this type in the country, that being County or City Commissioners. The Greene County Commissioner's office has been a long-time partner with the Ozark Mountain SAR Chapter for Flag Day and Nathaniel Greene's birthday celebration. In 2021 they partnered with the SAR and planted a liberty tree on the courthouse grounds and placed a monument dedicating and commemorating the tree for its patriotic purpose.



OMC Color Guard standing behind Howard Fisk, who is presenting 250th Certificates & Medals to Rusty MacLachlan, Bob Dixon, and John Russell. Photos provided by Compatriot Steve Perkins (OMC).

Revolutionary War Patriot Memorial Dedication Ceremony Troy DAR Chapter – Troy, Lincoln County, Missouri - May 30, 2022

On May 30, 2022 the Troy, Missouri DAR Chapter, MSSDAR, held a Revolutionary War Patriot Memorial Dedication Ceremony at Spring Park. Members of the Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard participated in the dedication ceremony. Spring Park commemorates Troy's first settlement, Woods' Fort. The park in its present form was created in 1918 and the Troy DAR Chapter placed a marker at the site in 1918. The site is a public park situated along the west side of Main Street at its intersection with Boone Street in Troy, Lincoln County, Missouri. The land was given to the city in 1819 by the founding fathers, Patriot Joseph Cottle and Zadock Woods. Woods Fort during the War of 1812 served as headquarters of Lt. Zachary Taylor (later to be President of the United States). The event included several notable attendees including the Missouri DAR State Regent Joan Magee, the Honorary State Regent May Lynn Tolle, Missouri DAR executive board members, the DAR East Central district director Linda Dunbar, Senate candidate Bryan Spencer, the honorable Judge Greg Allsberry and Troy alderman Guy Grimstead. Several members of the Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapter and Spirit of St. Louis SAR Chapter attended the dedication. "Lincoln County, Missouri was founded December 14, 1818, and named for Major General Benjamin Lincoln of the American Revolutionary War



Above Right Fernando de Leyba Chapter Colorguardsmen - Left to right: Junior Color Guard Commander Boaz Grimstead, Ezra Grimstead, Casey Brizendine, Dan Evans, President Jim Jackson, Bill Grote, Chapter Color Guard Commander Charles Lilly, Marvin Koechig, and Ezekiel Grimstead. Missing from the photo is Terry Grogan (SSL Chaper).

Right - Troy DAR Chapter Members with SAR Colorguardsmen. Colorguardsmen, left to right: Charles Lilly (FDL), Marvin Koechig, (FDL), Ezra Grimstead (FDL), Boaz Grimstead (FDL), Ezekiel Grimstead (FDL), Dan Evans (FDL), Casey Brizendine (FDL), Terry Grogan (SSL), and Jim Jackson (FDL). Photos provided by Compatriot Robert A. Ackley (SSL/FDL).

Opening Ceremony for Fort de Chartres State Historic Site - The 52nd Annual Fort de Chartres Rendezvous

On June 4, 2022 members of the Christopher Casey SAR Chapter participated in the opening ceremony for Fort de Chartres State Historic Site representing the Kaskaskia Company who were part of George Rogers Clark's men. The fort was visited by George Rogers Clark during his expedition during the Revolutionary War. This is the 52nd Annual Fort de Chartres Rendezvous. Fort de Chartres State Historic Site hosts the largest rendezvous in the Midwest with over a thousand participants, hundreds of encampments, and thousands of visitors joining in on the festivities. The Annual Rendezvous at Fort de Chartres offers participants and visitors alike a glimpse into the period from 1740-1840. The site is operated by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources



Left to right "in Regimental Jackets" Compatriot James Baker and Travis Bauer, SAR application pending Photos provided by Compatriot James Baker (CCC).

Annual Membership
Meeting held in St. Louis on April 29-30, 2022

On April 29-30, 2022 the Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution held their annual membership meeting at the Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel St. Louis located in Westport Plaza in St. Louis County, Missouri. The Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard commanded by Steven G. Perkins (OMC), Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard Commander presented the Colors for the two-day meeting.

Left to right: Steven G. Perkins (OMC), Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard Commander; Daniel F. Piedlow (OMC), Donald G. Turner (OPC); Charles G. McMillan (OMC); J. Wayne Merrill (MGC); Terry W. Grogan (SSL); J. Howard Fisk (OMC); Marvin R. Koechig, Jr. (FDL); Gary D. Gift (OMC); Charles E. Lilly (FDL); William J. Jackson (FDL); unidentified; Gregory J. Watkins (SSL); William A.G. Grote (FDL); Michael J. Hahn (IPC); Mark E. Parks (MWC); and Stephen D. Sullins (IPC).

Photo provided by Compatriot Dennis J. Hahn (FDL).



Colorguardsman of the Year – Charles E. Lilly

On April 30, 2022 it was announced that Charles E. Lilly, Fernando de Leyba Chapter Color Guard Commander, was selected as the 2021 Missouri Society, SAR Colorguardsman of the Year. Compatriot Lilly has been an active Colorguardsman since joining the SAR in 2005. He has also served as Chapter President and Missouri Society, SAR President.

Left to right: Charles E. Lilly, Fernando de Leyba Chapter Color Guard Commander and Steven G. Perkins (OMC), Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard Commander. Photo provided by Compatriot Dennis J. Hahn (FDL)

Fernando de Leyba Chapter 25th Anniversary

On May 4, 2022 the Fernando de Leyba Chapter Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution celebrated its 25th Anniversary. The Chapter was Chartered on May 4, 1997. The 25th Anniversary Celebration Dinner was held at Pio's Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge, 403 1st Capitol Dr., St Charles, MO, which is where chartering luncheon was held 25 years earlier. Nearly 40 people were in attendance. Guest speaker was Stephen L. Kling, author of the book "The Battle of St. Louis" (also known as the Battle of Fort San Carlos), the furthest west American Revolution battle. Compatriot Dennis Hahn spoke on the 25-year history of the Chapter. Compatriot Bill Grote, who had served almost 10 years as the Chapter Color Guard Commander, was presented with a Chapter Color Commander Emeritus Certificate.

Presentation of the Colors Left to right: Charles Lilly, Casey Brizendine, Bill Grote, and Marvin Koechig

Presentation of Chapter Color Commander Emeritus Certificate to Bill Grote by President Jim Jackson. Photos provided by Compatriot Robert A. Ackley (SSL/FDL) and Dennis J. Hahn (FDL).





Left to right: Northwest District Color Guard Commander Mark Parks (MWC), J Wayne Merrill (MGC), Stephen Sullins (IPC), Carol Norman (HCC), Kathy Wilkerson (HCC). Photos provided by Compatriot Stephen Sullins (IPC).

Hannah Cole Day Observance – Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri

On May 7, 2022 members of the Missouri Society SAR Color Guard participated in the Hannah Cole Day Observance hosted by the Hannah Cole DAR Chapter at Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri. Members of the Martin Warren, M. Graham Clark, and Independence Patriots SAR Chapters participated.

Hannah Cole was one of Missouri's earliest settlers, arriving in 1809, with her husband William Temple Cole, and kids. He was killed on July 20, 1810 by Indians leaving her alone with nine children. She built a home, which was used as a fort in the War of 1812, where it provided a safe water source for settlers. She obtained the first business license to operate a ferry in 1816 across the Missouri River. The first county circuit was held in her house/fort. After the settlement of Boonville, her home was used as the first school, church, and voting place in the county. Her father Halbert McClure Allison (1736-1813) was an American Revolution Veteran. She died in 1843.

Wreath Laying Ceremony to honor President Harry S. Truman's birthday

On May 8, 2022 members of the Northwest District Color Guard of the Missouri Society, SAR participated in the Wreath Laying Ceremony to honor President Harry S. Truman's birthday. It was held at the American Legion Tirey J. Ford Post 21, Independence, MO. The American Legion Tirey J. Ford Post 21 strives to be the largest Post in Missouri. American Legion Posts from several other states were present for the Wreath Laying Ceremony. SAR Members from the Harry S. Truman, Independence Patriots, Alexander Majors, and Martin Warren Chapters attended



Left to right: Robert Grover (HST), Stephen Sullins (IPC), James Scott (AMC), and Missouri Eastern District Color Guard Commander Mark Parks (MWC). Photo Provided by Compatriot Stephen Sullins (IPC)..



Left to right: James Scott (AMC); Mark Parks, Northwest District Commander (MWC); Marilyn Villegas, USAF Veteran and Gilead Rupe DAR Chapter Member; and Stephen Sullins (IPC). .

DAR Grave Marking for Patriot Moses Ferguson

On May 16, 2022, the Northwest District, Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard presented and posted colors at the Patriot Grave Marking of Private Moses Ferguson, a Patriot of the American Revolution at the Blackwater Cemetery in Centerview, Johnson County, Missouri. The program was organized and conducted by the Gilead Rupe Chapter of the Missouri Society, Daughters of the American Revolution. Moses Ferguson was born February 1, 1762 in Baltimore, Maryland. He served under General Nathaniel Greene in the campaign through the Carolinas during 1781. He also served in General Thomas Sumpter's South Carolina Brigade and Lt. Colonel Wade Hampton's 1st Regiment State Troops. Moses was nineteen when mustered out of service after the British surrender at Yorktown. In 1785, he married Elizabeth Cox in North Carolina. Most of his fourteen children were born there. The family moved and lived in Rhea County, Tennessee until coming to Missouri in 1831, finally settling in Johnson County, Missouri. Moses died March 15, 1845. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Color Guard conducted a Musket Salute and retired the colors. Members of the Alexander Majors, Martin Warren, and Independence Patriots Chapter attended the ceremony.

Memorial Service for Compatriot Wilber Jean Kephart

On 21 May 2022 the Northwest District of the Missouri Society Color Guard in collaboration with the Martin Warren Chapter, Missouri Society, SAR, conducted a memorial service for deceased Compatriot Wilber Jean Kephart. The ceremony took place at Stoney Bluff Farm, the family farm of Compatriot Kephart. Stoney Bluff Farm is located near Holden, Missouri, in western Johnson County. Wilber J. Kephart became a member of the NSSAR in 1998 and was an active member in the Missouri Color Guard from that time until his death in May 2022. Participating in the memorial service were Gene Henry, First Vice President of the Missouri Society; Mark Parks, Commander of the Northwest District of the Missouri Color Guard; Doug Christie, President of the Martin Warren Chapter (MWC); Mike Powers, Vice President and Secretary of the MWC; Harvey Christie, Sgt-at-Arms of the MWC; Sammy Wade, Chaplain of the MWC; Dan Daugherty, Treasurer of the MWC; and Bruce McNeel, Honorary Officer of the MWC. Nearly 40 friends and members of the Kephart family attended. Prior to the memorial service, the ashes of Wilber Jean Kephart were scattered over the farm that Compatriot Kephart owned and operated for nearly seventy years. He was a nationally recognized breeder of purebred American Jersey dairy cattle and was elected to lifetime membership in the American Jersey Cattle Club. Compatriot Kephart was President of the Martin Warren Chapter, Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution from 2000 through 2003.



Left to right: Harvey Christie (MWC) Sgt-at-Arms; Mike Powers, (MWC) Vice President and Secretary; Doug Christie, (MWC) President; Bruce McNeel (MWC) Honorary Officer; Mark Parks (MWC), Commander NW District Missouri Color Guard; Gene Henry (MWC), First Vice President Missouri Society; Dan Daugherty (MWC) Treasurer; and Sammy Wade (MWC) Chaplain. Photo provided by Compatriot Mike Powers (MWC)..

St. Charles County Heritage Museum, St. Charles, Missouri

On May 21, 2022 a new exhibit was opened at the St. Charles County Heritage Museum in St. Charles, Missouri. The exhibit is entitled “The American Revolutionary War in the West,” which has never been on display before. The exhibit features rare artifacts, original documents, uniforms, flags and interactive components that explore life in the Mississippi River Valley region during the American Revolutionary War and western contributions to the war. This exhibit gets its name from a new book by St. Louisan Stephen L. Kling Jr. His book and the exhibit focus on the war in the west, which has been largely ignored until recently. Other exhibits throughout the museum delve into the history of St. Charles County during the Colonial era and the War of 1812. In attendance was Kristine Sjostrom (DAR) from Spain who has researched and written on Don Fernando de Leyba who was the Spanish commander of St. Louis and commanded the defense at the American Revolution battle known as the Battle of Fort San Carlos (also known as the Battle of St. Louis). Spanish and French representatives were in attendance at the exhibit.



Left: Front Row, left to right: Ezra Grimstead (FDL) and Ezekeel Grimstead (FDL) Second Row, left to right: James Baker (CCC), William Sommers (ALSSAR), Terry Grogan (SSL), Jim Jackson (FDL), Boaz Grimstead (FDL), Bill Grote (FDL), and Marvin Koechig (FDL).

Left to right: Bill Grote, Casey Brizendine (FDL), Jim Jackson (FDL), Kristine Sjostrom (DAR), Jose Arribas Zarco, and

Marvin Koechig (FDL). Photos provided by Compatriots Jim Jackson (FDL) and Dennis Hahn (FDL).



Memorial Day Ceremony at Woodlawn Cemetery, Independence, Missouri

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Left to right: James D. Coonrod, L. Keith Adams, Robert L. Grover, James L. Scott, Christy Marsh, Jerry West, Thomas R. Neal, John I. Putnam, Maire Putnam, and Mark E. Parks. Photo provided by Compatriot Robert L. Grover (HST).



Commemoration of the Battle of Fort San Carlos May 29, 2022

The most documented and chronicled significant battle west of the Mississippi river during the Revolutionary War (May 26, 1780) was commemorated at the St. Genevieve Catholic Church Sunday, May 29, 2022. SAR Color Guard from Missouri and Kentucky joined the St. Genevieve Militia. They mustered near the French Cultural History Museum and then while protected by 10 muskets marched 3 blocks to the church. The colors were carried forward into the sanctuary in great ceremony to bagpipes played by Wayne Davis of the SSL chapter, and Linda Hartung, also from St. Louis. After colors were posted at the altar rail, Margaret Carr, of the Commemoration of the Battle of Fort San Carlos Society opened the ceremony with remarks and invited museum curator Geoff Giglierano to present a history of the battle. Over 300 of the men who fought off the British and native American allies at Fort San Carlos were from St. Genevieve. One of the principal militia men was Francois La Vallee. He and two sons, in European tradition, are buried beneath the sanctuary of the church. Following the commemoration, the colors were retired and led out of the church by the bagpipes. Those in attendance observed muskets from the militia and Color Guard each fire a separate single volley.



MOSSAR Colorguardsmen, DAR, and St. Genevieve Militia

Group photo –

St. Genevieve Militia L-R: barely showing at far left is Commander Gary Scheel, Justine Dorn, drummer Ronnie Rayfield, Wyatt Nicholson (forward), Mark Diamond (rear), Terry Shumaker, Doug Nicholson, and Bob Mueller.

SAR CG participants L-R, back row: Steve Perkins, MOSSAR State Commander; Ken Lawrence (OMC); Bill Grote (FDL); Dan Evans (FDL); Mike Robertson, Missouri Society President; Terry Grogan (SSL); Jim Bizzel (ALO); Dan Peidlow (OMC); Brad Frazier (OPC); and Charles McMillan (OMC). Kneeling: Steve Sullins (IPC); Casey Brizendine (FDL); Patrick Wesolosky (KYSSAR); Don Turner (OPC); and Jim Jackson (FDL). Not pictured and in uniform/period attire:

Danny Piedlow, photographer and Marika Wesolosky, KYDAR. Photos provided by Compatriots Steve Perkins (OMC) and an Piedlow (OMC).



NEW HAMPSHIRE -

New Hampshire opened the second quarter of 2022 with two 250th events. The evening hours of 8 April saw a detachment of our Color Guard firing volleys at a plaque dedication for the Pine Tree Riots in Weare, NH. This commemorated the whipping of a sheriff and deputy attempting to arrest the local sawmill owner for possessing oversized pine logs and refusing to pay the fine. The two were then run out of town. This was one of the first overt acts of rebellion against oppressive English laws. The following day, 9 April, brought us back to Weare for ceremonies in the town center celebrating the same event.

Pine Tree Riots



On 23 April another group from our Color Guard was in Nottingham to participate in the 247th anniversary of the Nottingham Militia responding to the Lexington Alarm and marching out to Cambridge in the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

On 20 May the Color Guard represented SAR at the dedication of historical markers in Durham and at the State House in Concord. These marked visits by General Lafayette on his Farewell Tour of the United States in 1824 and 1825

The Color Guard supported DAR at a Patriot Grave Marking in Hooksett on 28 May. Despite the rain, successful volleys honored this American Patriot.



Memorial Day was marked by the Color Guard appearing in the Littleton parade on 30 May. A ceremony honoring Littleton war dead followed.



New Hampshire SAR was represented in Concord, MA, on 18 April, for the 247th Anniversary of the American-British engagement at the Old North Bridge, marching in the parade.



At Ft. Constitution (formerly Ft. William and Mary) in Newcastle, on 12 June, NHSSAR CG rendered honors at a DAR dedication of a plaque recounting the Colonials' assault on the fort. On 14 December 1774, locals stormed the fort and overcame the six man garrison, removing the stores of gunpowder, and on 15 December they returned and removed arms and canon.

New Hampshire had a small representation at Bunker Hill Day in Charlestown,

MA, on 17 June. A wreath was placed at the New Hampshire Gate to the Monument, and honors rendered. New Hampshire troops commanded by Colonel John Stark played a vital role in the battle.

Finally, on 25 June, the Color Guard was in Francess town for their 250th Anniversary, staffing a static display and marching in their parade. A short ceremony followed the parade.

The Color Guard Committee

The Color Guard Committee is responsible for coordinating and providing guidance to district, state and chapter Color Guard units. All Color Guardsmen are members of this committee. This is a very large committee, and may be subdivided into geographic groups on the recommendation of the chairman. The members of this committee elect the committee's leadership pursuant to the procedures set forth in the SAR Color Guard Handbook found in the Color Guard Committee web page on SAR.org.



You're invited

AMERICAN VILLAGE WEST GROUNDBREAKING

JULY 2, 2022

9:00 A.M.

2100 WEST 2700 SOUTH
HURRICANE, UTAH 84737

FEATURING

THE CONCLUSION OF TOM JONES' V2V RUN AT 8:45 A.M.
GROUNDBREAKING PROGRAM AT 9:00 A.M.

REFRESHMENTS

ADDITIONAL EVENTS:

JULY 3 - PRAYER FOR FREEDOM - HISTORIC ST. GEORGE TAB-
ERNACLE, 7:00 PM JULY 4 - PARADE - DOWNTOWN ST. GEORGE,
8:00 AM

JULY 4 - TRIBUTE FOR FREEDOM - UTAH TECH UNIVERSITY
STADIUM, 7:00 PM

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NEW JERSEY -

April 8, 2022, Lafayette Lodge No. 27, Rahway, N.J.

The NJSSAR Color Guard was invited to Lafayette Lodge No. 27 of Free & Accepted Masons in Rahway, N.J., for the unveiling of a plaque (see picture 1) presented by The Lafayette Trail commemorating Maj. Gen. Gilbert du Motier Marquis de Lafayette's visit to Peace Tavern in Rahway on Sept. 24, 1824. (The Lafayette Trail Inc. is a nonprofit organization that marks the footsteps of General Lafayette during his farewell tour of the United States in 1824-25.) The Founder and President of The Lafayette Trail, Julien Icher, presented the plaque with the mayor and members of Rahway's city council in attendance. Lafayette's own Masonic apron was displayed, brought to the site by the grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Mason of New York.



Attending the Lafayette event: NJSSAR Color Guard members Sam Davis (Gen. Washington character interpreter and Monmouth Chapter), James Sanford (West Fields), Ed Glidden (NJSSAR Secretary and Monmouth), Robert Meyer (AMS VPG, NSSAR Color Guard Adjutant and Monmouth), Charles Morgan (NJSSAR President and Col. Richard Somers), Roger Williams (NJSSAR Historian and Princeton-Cranbury), Jay Hershey (NJSSAR Color Guard Lt. and West Fields President):



April 9, 2022: Old Presbyterian Graveyard Wreath Laying

Commemorating the 245th year (April 13, 1777) of the Battle of Bound Brook, the NJSSAR Color Guard laid a wreath at the Old Presbyterian Graveyard. The Old Presbyterian Graveyard was the original cemetery located behind the Bound Brook Presbyterian Church. The church was destroyed by fire and hurricane in 1896. The oldest known burial is from 1744, but the cemetery was likely in use from about 1700. It is uncertain how many people are buried in this cemetery. About 700 are identified, but

there may be as many as 1,500. From 1976 to 1998 the Battle of Bound Brook Monument was located here, until it was moved to Billian-Legion Park

After some years of financial and legal issues between the borough and the DAR Camp Middlebrook Chapter, the latter deeded the tract to the borough as a public park in 1934. An estimated 70 Revolutionary War soldiers are buried in the graveyard, about forty-five of which are identified; three of the War of 1812, one of the Mexican War and four of the Civil War

Over 100 Revolutionary and British re-enactors and civilians were present at the graveyard memorial, following the skirmish in South Bound Brook



(Old Presbyterian) Color Guard Commander Rich Serfass addressed the flag bearers, (L to R) Roger Williams, Ed Glidden, Jim Sanford, Dave Nelson and an unidentified SAR re-enactor.



(Old Presbyterian)) Posting the colors in front of the Graveyard monument are (L to R) Jim Sanford, Dave Nelson, Rich Serfass, Ed Glidden and AMS VPG Robert Meyer

April 9-10, 2022: Battle of Bound Brook Cannon Firing detail

The NJSSAR Color Guard Cannon Crew, with their 6 lb. cannon, participated throughout the weekend of the Battle of Bound Brook reenactment, sounding off both days at the encampment at the Abraham Staats House in South Bound Brook. Revolutionary War reenactors in Bound Brook that weekend recreated 18th-century street battles, military drills and camp life by American and British troops. Camp followers and sutlers of that period were also presented.

The Battle of Bound Brook (April 13, 1777) was a surprise attack conducted by British and Hessian forces against a Continental Army outpost at Bound Brook, New Jersey, during the American Revolutionary War.

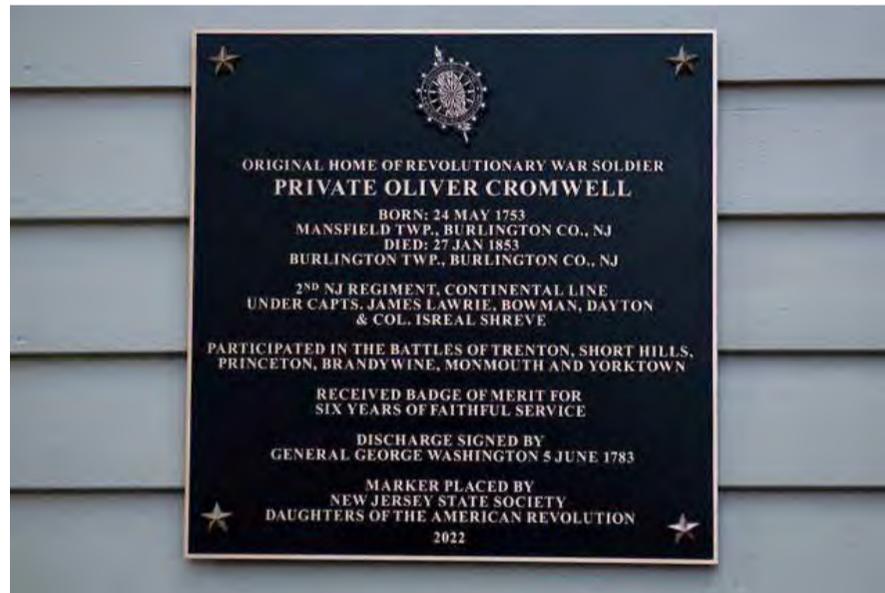
Cannon Crew members (L to R), National Color Guard Commander Lou Raborg, Jay Hershey, Ed Glidden, Robert Meyer



Cannon Firing



Honored Guests posing outside the Oliver Cromwell home.



The commemorative plaque hung on the home of Patriot Oliver Cromwell

April 27, 2022: DAR Honoring Revolutionary War Soldier Oliver Cromwell

The NJSSAR Color Guard presented the Colors at a ceremony placing a plaque honoring the Original Home of Revolutionary War Soldier Private Oliver Cromwell in, Burlington, N.J.

Oliver Cromwell, born in 1753 in Burlington County, was an African-American Continental soldier who served as a private in the 2nd New Jersey Regiment between 1777 and 1783. He fought in many of the battles that eventually lead to American victory and independence. He received the badge of merit, and George Washington signed his discharge papers. He lived to be 100, and during his later years he sat outside his home on East Union Street engaging with passerby and neighbors alike.

It is this home that the official NJDAR plaque marks.

Guests included Burlington Mayor Barry W. Conaway; DAR President General Denise VanBuren; DAR Historian General Laura Kessler; re-enactors of the 1st Rhode Island Regiment, based in Trenton; NJDAR State Regent Bonnie Matthews; Cromwell descendant Jane Fox Long; DAR America 250 National Chair and Secretary of the U.S. Semi quincennial Commission Lynn Forney Young; State Historian Deborah Hvizdos; and NJSSAR Color Guard members Rich Serfass, Roger Williams, Charles Morgan, Robert Meyer and Ken McGill. Also attending were descendants and other relatives of Oliver Cromwell.

April 27, 2022, DAR America 250 Revolutionary Patriots Marker at the Battle of Assunpink

The New Jersey State Society Daughters of the American Revolution unveiled the DAR America 250! Patriots Marker (See picture of plaque) at Mill Hill Park in Trenton, New Jersey. The Battle of Assunpink Creek was a pivotal moment in the American Revolution. Twice during the 10 Crucial Days from Christmas 1776 to early January, American forces met their foes in Trenton and defeated them. After the famous Crossing of the Delaware, the Americans went on the offensive for the first time, attacking the garrison in Trenton, defeating the Hessians. Then on January 2, 1777, the Continental Army met British and Hessian troops on the banks of the Assunpink Creek in what is now Mill Hill Park. Three times the British tried to storm the bridge and were repelled with terrific losses. One Continental said, "The bridge looked red as blood, with their killed and wounded and their red coats." This second



Left: Robert Meyer, AMS VPG and NSSAR Color Guard Adjutant, salutes the passing Color Guard detail led by NJSSAR Color Guard Commander Rich Serfass, followed by Roger Williams (NJSSAR Historian), Ken McGill, Dave Nelson and Ed Glidden,

Right: , The 250th Revolutionary War Patriots marker placed by the New Jersey State Society Daughters of the American Revolution



May 14, 2022, NJSSAR Meeting - Lexington Concord Luncheon Meeting

The highlight of the May NJSSAR Lexington Concord Luncheon Meeting was the recognition of this year's winner of the NJSSAR JROTC award, Cadet Aidan Brad from Williamstown High School, Williamstown, N.J., Cadet Brad was selected as the NJSSAR Outstanding Cadet of the year. The meeting and luncheon took place at at the Princeton Marriott at Forrester, Princeton, NJ.



L to R NJSSAR Color Guard Commander Rich Serfass, Historian Roger Williams, Jim Sanford, NJSSAR JROTC Outstanding Cadet Aidan Brad, NJSSAR Registrar Jim Howard, NJDAR State Regent Bonnie Matthews and NJSSAR President Charlie Morgan.



The NJSSAR JROTC Outstanding Cadet of the year, Aidan Brad of Williamstown High School, is flanked by NJSSAR Color Guard Commander and South Jersey Chapter JROTC Chair Rich Serfass, and NJSSAR JROTC Chair Lt. Col. Chris Sands

June 18, 2022. Battle of Monmouth General Von Steuben Wreath Laying

The annual honoring of Major General Baron Frederick William Augustus Von Steuben, the “Drillmaster of Valley Forge” and first effective U.S. Army Inspector General, took place at the Battle of Monmouth reenactment held at the Monmouth Battlefield State Park. Each year the Friends of Monmouth Battlefield co-sponsors, with the DEP, State of New Jersey, an annual reenactment of the battle, which was fought on June 28, 1778. Hundreds of re-enactors encamp at the park and recreate scenarios of the battle over the weekend. There are also numerous presentations and lectures, tours of the camps, and sutler tents open to the public.

Pictured with the General Von Steuben monument towering over them are (L to R) Past NJSSAR President Clark McCullough, NJSSAR Registrar Jim Howard, Jim Sanford, NJSSAR President Charles Morgan, AMS VPG and NSSAR Color Guard Adjutant Robert Meyer, NSSAR Color Guard Commander Lou Raborg, Washington Character Impersonator Sam Davis, NJSSAR Secretary Ed Glidden, NJSSAR Color Guard Lt. Jay Hershey and Dave Nelson (West Fields and First New York Continental Chapter.)



l-r Springfield Historical Society Historian Mark Hurwitz, NJSSAR Color Guard Commander Rich Serfass, and West Fields President Jay Hershey lead the New Jersey Color Guard from Battleground Cemetery to the First Presbyterian Church followed by Springfield community members



Charles Morgan, President NJSSAR and Heather Sanford, Regent of the Church and Cannon DAR Chapter, lay a wreath at the Battleground Cemetery monument which reads “To the memory of the patriots who fell at Springfield, June 23, 1780.”



NJSSAR Color Guard with DAR and community members and line up at the First Presbyterian Church in front of “The Continental Soldier.”



AMS VPG Robert Meyer addresses the community in front of the First Presbyterian Church and Continental Soldier. NJSSAR Color Guard members are in the background behind Meyer.

June 23, 2020, Springfield, NJ Wreath-Laying Ceremonies: Battleground Cemetery and First Presbyterian Church

Two events were held in Springfield commemorating the 242nd anniversary of the Battle of Springfield, June 23, 1780: a wreath laying at the Battleground Cemetery, followed by a march and wreath laying at the First Presbyterian Church.

Battleground Cemetery

The first wreath laying took place at Battle Ground Cemetery, a small burial ground that sits on the battleground itself. Soldiers from both sides of the conflict are thought to be buried there. The NJSSAR Color Guard posted the colors for the presentation. Among those attending were NJDAR Vice Regent Linda Jurczak, Church and Cannon DAR Regent Heath Sanford, and the Mayor and Police Chief of Springfield.

First Presbyterian Church

The NJSSAR Color Guard, NJDAR and members of the Springfield community marched from the Battle Ground Cemetery to lay a wreath at the First Presbyterian Church.

During the Revolutionary War, the church sanctuary was used as a warehouse for armaments. And some history suggests that the church’s parsonage was used as General George Washington’s local headquarters. During the Battle of Springfield, it is said that Presbyterian pastor James Caldwell (Chaplain to the Continental Army), realizing that his comrades were running out of ammunition, ran into the church and grabbing the Isaac Watts psalters, tore out pages and gave them to the soldiers to use as wadding for their muskets. While the wording is uncertain, it is said that as Caldwell distributed the psalters, he encouraged the fighters, shouting “Give ‘em Watts Boys” (or, some say, “Put Watts into ‘em, boys!”) You no doubt know Isaac Watts’ most famous hymn, “Joy to the World.”

In 1905, the State of New Jersey erected a statue of the Continental Soldier on the front lawn of the church on land deeded to the state for the grand sum of \$1.00. This statue sits on the grounds of the smallest State Park in NJ, a mere 5’ by 5’.

The Battle of Springfield involved thousands of troops on both sides, New Jersey militia and loyalist forces, and directly involved some of the Revolutionary War’s greatest leaders, including George Washington, Nathanael Greene, Henry “Light-horse Harry” Lee, Jediah Huntington and Wilhelm von Knyphausen.

The battle came close on the heels of the Battle of Connecticut Farms, now Union, fought on June 7, 1780. Both battles hinged on failed attempts by British and Hessian forces to engage directly with Gen. Washington in the open field and raid the military stores at Morristown.

On June 7, 1780, Hessian and British troops marching north from Staten Island for the Hobart Gap, between Summit and Milburn, from which they hoped to attack and capture Morristown, ran into fierce resistance from regiments of the Continental Army and New Jersey militia. When the British and Hessians failed to reach their objective, they unleashed their fury on the town of Connecticut Farms, burning it to the ground.

The Battle of Springfield, fought June 23, 1780, was the last Revolutionary War battle fought in the north. Again, just a few weeks after Connecticut Farms, British and Hessians attempted to reach the Hobart Gap and force Gen. Washington into a vulnerable position where his army could be annihilated. Both attempts by the enemy failed in their objective. Though of great importance, these battles today are known to few besides historians.



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NEW YORK -

Ceremony to honor Revolutionary War veteran John Nicholas Bleecker

On May 7th 2022 the Saratoga Battle Chapter Color Guard participated in a ceremony to honor Revolutionary War veteran John Nicholas Bleecker Captain 6th CO 1st Regiment, Albany CO Militia at his graveside in the Albany Rural Cemetery in Menands, NY.

The members of the Color Guard present included compatriots Bob Wesser, Michael Golden, Andrew Companion, Saratoga Battle Chapter First Vice President Michael Skelly, former Saratoga Battle Chapter President Michael Companion; David Wren and Mary Skelly.

Photo credit and our thanks go to Saratoga Battle Chapter President Edward Munger



NORTH CAROLINA -

Blue Ridge Chapter Teams Up With Elks Lodge to Celebrate Flag Day

Hendersonville, N.C.—The Blue Ridge Chapter NCSSAR teamed up with Elks Lodge 1616 on Flag Day to honor America's Grand Old Flag. The Elks Lodge held the ceremony on the afternoon of June 14, 2022 and invited the Blue Ridge Color Guard to take part in parading the contingent of historical American flags around its campus.

The parade, escorted by SAR Color Guardsman Larry Chapman, Craig Isaacson, and Lance Dickinson, led the way carrying the 50-Star American Flag, the Bedford Flag, and the Guilford Court House Battle Flag. Several members of Elks Lodge 1616 followed in formation with various other flags from the American Revolutionary War.

This was a great opportunity for two very patriotic organizations to combine their resources in demonstrating their love and respect for the American Flag and the United States of America.



OHIO

On Saturday, May 28th, a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony was hosted by the Northeast Ohio Chapter in Geauga County near Welshfield. Two (2) ceremonies at Troy and Mumford Cemeteries honored six (6) patriots. The Ohio Society had 16 Color Guardsmen from six (6) different chapters who participated in posting the colors, and was well-attended by members of the SAR, DAR, and public. Pictured is the musket salute at Troy Cemetery





Left: Color Guardsmen prepare to march into St. Paul's Evangelical Church in Marietta, Ohio for a ceremony commemorating Revolutionary Patriots of the Northwest Territory, hosted by the Marietta Chapter. The event was held on Thursday, May 26th, and is normally held in Mound Cemetery across the street. But rain dampened those plans and compatriots from Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania stayed dry using the church in alternate plans. After the ceremony, a nice luncheon was held in the church cafeteria. On left is Robert Grumbling of the West Virginia and Pennsylvania Societies who served as chaplain for the ceremony. On the right is Don Miller of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter.



Right: The rain abated by early afternoon, and a musket salute was fired at a second ceremony by the graveside of General James Mitchell Varnum at Oak Grove Cemetery in Marietta. Varnum served in the Continental Congress and the Continental Army, engaged in several battles, and was with Washington at Valley Forge. Members of the Ohio and West Virginia Societies participated in the musket salute.



Maple Festival in Chardon, Ohio

Right: On April 23rd and 24th, color guardsmen, wives and members of the Northeast Ohio Chapter participated in the Maple Festival in Chardon, Ohio. L to R: Troy Bailey, Kirk Bacon, Tim Ward, Cathy Bacon, Steve Hinson, Jack Martin, Larry Koval, Gage Georgeff



Left: L to R: Steve Hinson, Troy Bailey, Chris Bailey, Ryan Bailey, Cathy Bacon.

Patriot Grave Marking ceremony in Loveland, Ohio

Color Guardsman "Corporal" Bob Bowers of the Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard, Cincinnati Chapter, demonstrates the use of his musket to attendees at a Patriot Grave Marking ceremony in Loveland, Ohio on Saturday, May 7th. The Color Guard performed a history and drill presentation before the ceremony began



13th Annual American Revolution Reenactment

The Firelands Bicentennial Chapter raised the Colors on the second day of the 13th Annual American Revolution Reenactment at Willard Middle School in Willard, Ohio on Saturday, May 14th. The event was well-attended by students, their parents and guardians, teachers and staff. Chapter participants included Kyle von Kamp, Shaun Cotterill, Marty Anderson, Lance Beebe, and Chapter President Matt Wendling.



Wreaths Across America

Below: On Tuesday, May 24th, the Firelands Bicentennial Chapter presented the Colors at the Wreaths Across America traveling van, an event hosted by the Sally DeForest Chapter DAR in Norwalk, Ohio. The Color Guard included L to R: Sally Jenkins of the DAR, Marty Anderson, Shaun Cotterill, and Lance Beebe.



Ashtabula County Memorial Day Parade

Below: The Northeast Ohio Chapter Color Guard marched in the Ashtabula County Memorial Day Parade in Saybrook, Ohio on Monday, May 30th. Front row: Gage Georgeff, John Wooding. Second row: Steve Hinson, Jack Martin. Third row: Pam Wooding, Troy Bailey.



Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous

Several members of the Cincinnati Chapter Color Guard traveled to western Indiana to participate in the Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous on Saturday, May 28th. Compatriots Jack Bredenfoerder, current President of the Ohio Society SAR, Lee Wilkerson, past President of the OHSSAR, Michael Gunn, and Bob Bowers, marched in a combined Color Guard and presented wreaths with compatriots from Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and other states



that included over 100 attendees and 25 dignitaries. The compatriots also participated in a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony that honored five (5) of the 20 patriots buried at the nearby cemetery adjoining the Saint Francis Cathedral in Vincennes, Indiana.



Memorial Day Parade in Miamisburg

Below: On Memorial Day the Hocking Valley Chapter Color Guard participated in a musket salute at the Old Colony Burying Ground in Granville. Twenty-four patriots of the American Revolution are buried there. In the photo, the compatriots "Secure Firelocks" after firing their three (3) volley salute. L to R: Paul Irwin, Bob Hill, Tom Hankins, Jeff Walt, Don Miller, Al Gummere, Chuck Bundy. The compatriots then marched in a parade from downtown Granville to Maple Grove Cemetery in a combined Color Guard with the American Legion. At the cemetery, the SAR Color Guard escorted BSA Scouts to raise the half-staff Colors up the flagpole to full-staff at the end of the ceremonies.



Memorial Day Parade in Miamisburg

Below: Members of the Richard Montgomery Chapter Color Guard participated in the Memorial Day Parade in Miamisburg, Ohio on May 30th. Front row, L to R: Lee Emerick, Scott Grisby, Alan See, Steve Kaplan, David Kepler, Kevin Daniels. Back row, L to R: Elwin Spray, Jerry Francis, Darold Neff, Gene Lease. The Color Guard also participated in the Silver Taps Ceremony, and a Patriot Grave Marking at Providence Lutheran Church in Brookville, Ohio.



Patriot Grave Marking

The Ohio Society Color Guard participated in a Patriot Grave Marking hosted by the Camp Charlotte Chapter on Saturday, June 4th. The event honored four (4) Patriots and two (2) War of 1812 veterans, taking place at Boggs Cemetery in rural Pickaway County, south of Circleville, Ohio. Heritage Fife & Drum of Lancaster provided period music as the SAR Color Guard marched in with 18 participants from nine (9) different Chapters and three (3) states. One compatriot, Bill Baran of Arizona, traveled to this event to honor two (2) of his ancestors buried here. The weather was perfect and the event well-attended by the public, SAR, DAR, and the War of 1812 Society.

Left: A three (3) volley musket salute is performed on the cemetery hilltop at Boggs Cemetery

Right: Compatriot Dan Matheke of the Samuel Huntington Chapter plays Taps after the musket salute.



Sharon Woods Village History Center

At the Sharon Woods Village History Center in Hamilton County, Ohio on Saturday, June 11th, the Cincinnati Chapter SAR Color Guard members joined other historical reenactors in a public Living History Demonstration of many various eras stretching from ancient Rome to World War Two. The compatriots set up flags and a tent for recruitment and presentations on the uniforms, arms, and equipment of the American Revolutionary War period as part of the timeline reenactment trail used by visitors.

In the photo, L to R: Mike Gunn, Tim Madden, Gary Duffield, John "Jack" Bredenforder (OHSSAR President), Bob Bowers, George Stewart, Drummer Bart Hendershot, and Ed Bonniwell.



18th Century weapons and artifacts on display used by the Cincinnati Chapter in their demonstrations. Included with the artifacts was a two-pound cannonball recovered from the Yorktown Battlefield that awe-struck visitors could hold.



Annual Flag Day Ceremony

Members of the Ohio Society Color Guard provided a musket salute for the Annual Flag Day Ceremony at the Shamrock Club in Columbus, Ohio on Tuesday, June 14th. Although the event started at 6:00 PM, the day was extremely hot and humid. In the photo, waiting for their part in the ceremony, Front to back: Bob Hill of the Hocking Valley Chapter and OHSSAR Color Guard Commander, Rich Minshall of the Camp Charlotte Chapter, and Don Miller of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter.

The compatriots intended to fire "interval volleys" (one at a time) for a three-volley salute. But the high humidity caused misfires. Only one musket fired in the first round of volleys. A second round of interval volleys was attempted, and again only one musket fired. Finally a third round of volleys was attempted with everyone firing at once, and all three muskets fired in a loud "BOOM!" The crowd cried out in "ooh's & aah's," then broke out in loud applause for the successful three volley salute.



Members of the Westerville Irregulars Fife & Drum wait in the heat and humidity, not far from their SAR compatriots for their mutual part in the Flag Day Ceremony. They were led by a 10-year old patriot, son of one of the fifers, carrying the Betsy Ross flag.



Matt Hardman

The Hocking Valley Chapter and Ohio Society lost a dedicated compatriot on Friday, June 10th. Matt Hardman, age 61, became a member of the SAR in June, 2016, although he participated in chapter activities for nearly a year before gaining membership. Matt had serious health issues, including diabetes and a very weak heart, yet he participated in the Color Guard when he could, and many other chapter events despite his limitations. He served as Chapter President for two (2) years, as Associate State SAR Chaplain for two years, and as Chapter Chaplain for five (5) years. Matt was only recently awarded the Silver Color Guard Medal and Patriot Grave Marking Medal. He also held the Heroism Medal (for his part in helping an injured motorist in a burning car), Chapter Meritorious Service Medal, the Chapter Roger Sherman Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf, the Bronze Color Guard Medal, the Gold 250th Anniversary Medal, and 5-year Tenure Pin. In the photo, Matt with his wife Sharon, at last year's Chapter Awards Luncheon in Logan, Ohio where Matt and Sharon lived.



OKLAHOMA -

Oklahoma SAR meeting in April

PG Wright attended the Oklahoma SAR meeting in April. I've had a time gathering all the names, and probably should have broken the OKC and Tulsa members into separate pictures with PG Wright. I'm a newbie to the organization and if they keep me doing this publicity chair stuff I may improve my framing. We'll see on the Fourth!

Legend left-to-right
Henry Baer, State Commander
Joe Sieber, OKC Chapter Commander
Bill Graham, Tulsa Chapter Commander
Terry Handley, OKC Chapter President
John Thompson
Ken Young, Col. Ret. OK Society President
PG Wright
Ron Painter
Ron Shoaf
Steve King
Scott Bruton
Bob Thomas



TENNESSEE -

Activities of the Tennessee Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard

These last few months has been very busy with both color guard realignment and in the support of color guard events. The new State Color Guard Commander is Doug Evans. He relieved long-serving John Clines.

The State of Tennessee is 440 miles long and 120 miles wide. We divide the State into six different Color Guard areas (East to West are- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) due to it's size

- Region 1 is represented by Commander David Carr (e.g. Johnson City area)
- Region 2 is represented by Commander Julius Hite (e.g. Knoxville area)
- Region 3 is represented by Commander Cliff Kent (e.g. Chattanooga area)
- Region 4 is represented by Commander Doug Dickerson (e.g. Murfreesboro area)
- Regions 5 and 6 are represented by Commander Fred Rand.(e.g. Nashville and Memphis areas)

Friday evening, we plan to have a two-meat buffet dinner in the beautiful Convention Center Dining Room of the Gen. Morgan Inn. Reservations are required. We will have a special guest speaker and plenty of opportunities to meet and greet..

TNSSAR Grave Marking at the Zion Presbyterian Church, Columbia, Tennessee (Patriots: William Littlefield, James W. Stephenson, Samuel Mayes)

Commanded by Doug Dickerson (Region 4)



NSDAR FLAG DAY & 250th Celebration
Tennessee State Library & Archives

Commanded by Fred Rand

Region 1- The Kings Mountain Chapter was invited to participate in a Memorial Day Remembrance Event in Abingdon, VA by the Gen. William Campbell Chapter

Commanded by Dave Carr



Past President Colby Morgan's burial - Thursday, June 2nd at 10 AM at Memorial Park in Memphis, TN

Color Guard Commanded by Doug Evans

VIRGINIA

Sons of the American Revolution participate in Boy Scout Historical Day Camp

On 9 April 2022, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution made presentations at the Shenandoah Boy Scout Council's Historical Day Camp held at Camp Rock Enon near Gore, Virginia. The camp was used to emulate a cross between colonial America and the mountain man/fur trade era. Scouts learned about the various skills used during those times. The SAR had displays/presentations on flags, colonial attire, muskets and historical facts. They were shown cartridge construction, musket drills and gun safety. Scouts from 13 troops participated from throughout the council area. There will be a summer camp which will include a Mountain Man program later this year. The SAR Color Guard was assisted by several scouts in presenting and raising the colors during the opening ceremony. At the close of day, the SAR provided a closing retreat ceremony to include a formal folding the flag ceremony. Participating with the Colonel James Wood II Chapter were President Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Vice President Paul Christensen, David Burks, Sean Carrigan, Dale Corey, Patrick Moore, Michael St Jacques and Richard Tyler. Below Left is Patrick Moore and Mike St Jacques giving presentation on musket. (photo courtesy of Thomas "Chip" Daniel) Middle is Sean Carrigan, Chip Daniel and Dale Corey preparing for closing ceremony. (photo courtesy of Paul Christensen) At Right is Mike St Jacques and Paul Christensen folding the flag. (photo courtesy of Thomas "Chip" Daniel)



Bronze 250th Anniversary Medal

On 24 May 2022, the Colonel James Wood II and Sgt Maj John Champe Chapters of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution with support from the Fairfax Resolves Chapter conducted a medal presentation ceremony in Leesburg, Virginia. They presented a Bronze 250th Anniversary Medal to Kectoctin Daughters of the American Revolution Regent Kecia Brown for her outstanding support of the SAR program in supporting the upcoming 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. As we get closer to this event, plans are being made to commemorate numerous events from that war on the 250th anniversary of each. Planning and informing the public of this important anniversary are the beginning of the actual celebrations to be held. Ms Brown has been a strong supporter of the SAR and partners with us at every opportunity. The ceremony was conducted after a DAR dedication ceremony of a white oak tree that had been propagated at Mount Vernon and transplanted to Morven Park, Leesburg. A brass plaque has been forged and will be placed at the base of the tree by the Kectoctin DAR Chapter. Dale Corey and Brett Osborn conducted the ceremony and presented the Bronze medal to Ms Brown while the color guard combined from three chapters of the SAR stood in honor of the accolade. From the Colonel James Wood II Chapter were

Sean Carrigan, Dale Corey, Thomas "Chip" Daniel and Brett Osborn. From Sgt Maj John Champe were Ken Bonner and Barry Schwoerer. Representing Fairfax Resolves Chapter were Dave Cook and Jim Cordes. Picture is the color guard with Kecia Brown l. to r. Brett Osborn, Barry Schwoerer, Sean Carrigan, Kecia Brown, Dave Cook, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Ken Bonner and Dale Corey (Photo courtesy of Thomas "Chip" Daniel)

CULPEPER MINUTEMEN CHAPTER - VA

On April 9th the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter hosted an Eight-Chapter Meeting of the Virginia SAR at Graves' Mountain Lodge in Syria, VA. The meeting was preceded by a ceremony to collect and bless Virginia soil to be spread on the mass grave of Virginians at Waxhaws during the May 28th commemoration of that battle in South Carolina. Chapter President Tom Hamill conducted the ceremony. The soil was gathered in an urn, blessed by the Col. James Wood II Chapter Chaplain, Rev. Jim Simmons, and handed the Virginia SAR President Bruce Meyer for the second ceremony at Waxhaws.

Photo left to right: Virginia SAR President Bruce Meyer, Rev Jim Simmons, Ken Bonner, Paul Parish, Charles Jameson, Mike Weyler, Thad Hartman, John Hamilton, Tom Hamill, and Bill Schwetke



Warren Heritage Society and SAR commemorate Patriots Day

On 16 April 2022, the Warren Heritage Society and Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution cosponsored a Colonial Patriot Day at the Balthis House, the oldest house on the oldest street in Front Royal. Also participating was the French and Indian War Foundation and a vintage blacksmith, covering the early part of history in what is now Warren County.

Melanie Gregory of WHS coordinated the events throughout the day and Waltraud Hornick and Vernee Peterson of the WHS prepared a meal of pork stew and corn fritters on the fireplace in the outdoor kitchen. They used the same techniques as the colonists in the backcountry of the Virginia Frontier. At this time, cooking was done exclusively on wood-burning stoves and fireplace hearths, both of which radiated intense heat. An outdoor kitchen, kept the heat, the smoky smells and the risk of fire out of the main house. The hearth was level with the floor to allow for cooking ease. Dutch ovens with a grooved lid were the main cooking vessel. These pots were placed on the hearth floor on top of a bed of hot coals. The same glowing coals were then spread evenly onto the pot lids. Game, beef and pork were often cooked on a spit over the open fire. Kettles were suspended over the fire from a metal swinging arm.

There were several presentations given by the members of both groups on the Balthis House, colonial equipment, blacksmithing, cooking demonstrations, muskets and safe firing procedures. The house is a rare surviving example of a two-story wood frame Federal-style townhouse. The house has many architectural elements salvaged from other houses of the same era that were demolished, and includes appointments of furnishings of the period. The original section is three bay and the house was expanded to its present size in the mid-19th century. Also on the property are the outdoor kitchen, playhouse, general store, smoke house, Ivy Lodge, Belle Boyd Cottage and WHS Archives.

Front Royal was a prosperous center of wagon manufacturing, serving the westward expansion of the US. The Balthis family were successful blacksmiths and in mid-19th century, had additions built on the original house. A small blacksmith's shop has been built as a recreation of the time. Jay Hatfield, worked hard in the blacksmith shop forging and shaping metal. He gave several presentations on the different kinds of equipment that he made.

All of the buildings were open with demonstrations and presentations at all locations. At the end of the day, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter provided a musket salute, firing three rounds in honor of all patriots. Participating for the SAR were Sean Carrigan, Dale Corey, Allan Phillips, Nathan Poe, Will Reynolds, Eric Robinson and Marc Robinson. In addition, French and Indian War Foundation members Dale Corey, Eric Robinson and Marc Robinson provided demonstrations and incite into the French and Indian War era on the Virginia Frontier. Jan Long and Elizabeth Cagle dressed in colonial attire, adding to the atmosphere with Jim Heflin, (retired archivist) and SAR compatriot adding insight and information about the history of the county. Bottom photo is of the Color Guard participants of the event. 1. to r. Dale Corey, Will Reynolds, Jay Hatfield, Nathan Poe, Anne Simmons, Marc Robinson, Eric Robinson, Allan Phillips, Jan Long, Waltraud Hornick and Vernee Peterson. (Photo courtesy of Michelle Phillips). Top Right photo is in the outdoor kitchen, 1. to r. Jan Long, Waltraud Hornick and Vernee Peterson (Photo courtesy of Michelle Phillips.) At Right photo is the Musket Squad 1. to r. Marc Robinson, Will Reynolds, Allan Phillips and Eric Robinson (Photo courtesy of Michelle Phillips.)



SAR Supports Clarke County Memorial Day Celebration

On 29 May 2022, the Colonel James Wood II chapter led a multi-chapter Color Guard for presentation and retiring of colors for the 2022 Berryville Memorial Day Celebration conducted at Rose Hill Park in Berryville, Va. The event was co-sponsored by VFW Post 9760 and American Legion Post 41. Participating for CJWII Chapter were Brett Osborn, Color Guard Commander, Marc Robinson, Will Reynolds and Richard Tyler. Dual members of CJWII Barry Schwoerer (Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter) and David Cook (Fairfax Resolves Chapter) carried muskets as honor guards. Ms. Kimberly Gregory-Lowe played bagpipes during the presentation and retirement of colors. The event was attended by approximately 200 people from Clarke County. The guest speaker was Rear Admiral Larry R. Marsh (Retired), who had a 35 year career in the US Navy. The ceremony included music provided by the Clarke County High School Band and the Clarke County High School Chamber Choir. It was truly a small-town American Memorial Day Celebration. At Right photo is the Color Guard I. to r. Marc Robinson, Brett Osborn, Barry Schwoerer, Will Reynolds, Richard Tyler and Dave Cook (photo courtesy of Barry Schwoerer) Left photo is Ms Kimberly Gregory-Lowe and Brett Osborn (photo courtesy of Marc Robinson).



Ms Kimberly Gregory-Lowe and Brett Osborn (photo courtesy of Marc Robinson).

SAR and ARC Commemorate Memorial Day at National Cemetery

On 30 May 2022, the Colonel James Wood II (CJWII) Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the American Red Cross, with support of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2123 co-sponsored a commemoration to all military who paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to the country. The practice of decorating soldiers graves is an ancient custom. Graves were decorated with flowers in the US during and following the Civil War and while numerous locations claim to be the originator of Decoration Day, Waterloo, NY was officially recognized as the birthplace of the observance in 1966. The ceremony was held at National Cemetery in Winchester. Stacy McFarland, Executive Director of the American Red Cross (ARC) of the Greater Shenandoah Valley provided a welcome followed by an Invocation from the Reverend James Simmons of the SAR. The CJWII Color Guard presented colors for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Charles Hunter, ISG USA (Ret) (VFW) and the singing of the National Anthem led by Dale Corey CPT, USA (Ret) (CJWII). A Poem of Remembrance was provided by Karen Wallace-Williams followed by the Keynote Speaker, Joan Grewe, LTC USA (Ret). She spoke of the challenges of being a woman in the military and about the reason for Memorial Day. Dale Corey conducted a folding of the flag ceremony. After the folding, the flag was symbolically presented to LTC Grewe by the President of the CJWII, Thomas "Chip" Daniel. A musket squad led by commander Brett Osborn fired a three round salute in honor of all our fallen heroes, followed by Charles Hunter playing Taps. God Bless America was sung, a benediction and closing remarks ended the ceremony. Members of the American Red Cross who made this possible, included Leslie Caliva, Edie McGoff, RN LtCol, USAR (Ret), Claudia Bell, RN, LtCol, USAF (Ret) and Nancy Braswell, Col USAF (Ret). Participating compatriots from the CJWII Chapter included Sean Carrigan, David Cook (dual member from Fairfax Resolves Chapter), Jim Cordes (dual member from Fairfax Resolves), Dale Corey, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Marshall DeHaven, David Jenkins, Brett Osborn, Will Reynolds, Clay Robinson, Eric Robinson, Marc Robinson, Jim Simmons, Mike St Jacques and Richard Tyler. Above Left photo is the CJWII color guard and supporters. Kneeling I. to r. Sean Carrigan, Mike St. Jacques, Dale Corey and Thomas "Chip" Daniel. Standing I. to r. Richard Tyler, Will Reynolds, Clay Robinson, Brett Osborn, Eric Robinson, Jim Cordes, Jim Simmons, Marc Robinson, David Jenkins, Anne Simmons and Marshall DeHaven. Middle Left photo is the musket squad preparing for the ceremony. Bottom Left photo is the musket squad firing a salute. (Photos courtesy of Thomas "Chip" Daniel.)



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Middletown Commemorates Memorial Day with the SAR

On 30 May 2022, the Colonel James Wood II (CJWII) Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) participated the Middletown Memorial Day Recognition and Wreath Laying Ceremony held at the Middletown Veterans Memorial. Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for those who have died in the service of the United States of America. Memorial Day in the U.S. was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. It was officially proclaimed by Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic, General John A. Logan, on 5 May 1868 by General Order Number 11. "The 30th of May, 1868 is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land." The date was chosen as it was not the anniversary of any particular battle and possibly as a date when flowers would be in full bloom. On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery as 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the soldiers buried there. He stated "If silence is ever golden, it must be beside the graves of 15,000 men, whose lives were more significant than speech and whose death was a poem the music of which can never be sung." It was observed every May 30 until the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which took effect in 1971, when Memorial Day was moved to the last Monday of May. In December 2000, Congress passed a law requiring Americans to pause at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day to remember and honor the fallen. The ceremony was conducted by Raymond Steele with chaplain duties by Reverend Clay Knick. Presentation of the Color was conducted by the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the SAR led by commander Brett Osborn. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Raymond Steele with the National Anthem sung by Geovanni Rodriguez. Remarks were presented by Karen Shrum, Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary for Benefits in the Veterans Benefits Administration. This was followed by a wreath laying by Mayor Charles Harbaugh, IV and Karen Shrum to honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to the country. An Empty Chair ritual was presented to honor Gary Fletcher, a veteran who was an important member of the Middletown Community. He was responsible for the construction of the Veterans Memorials in Middletown and Stephens City as well as the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Winchester. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2123 Honor Guard fired a three volley salute in honor of those who did not return. Taps was played by Andrew Paul as the final curtain in the commemoration of Memorial Day. Compatriots from the Colonel James Wood II Chapter included Wayne Barringer, Sean Carrigan, David Cook (dual member from Fairfax Resolves Chapter), Jim Cordes (dual member from Fairfax Resolves Chapter), Dale Corey, Marshall DeHaven, Brett Osborn, John Petrie, Will Reynolds, Clay Robinson, Eric Robinson, Marc Robinson, Jim Simmons, Mike St Jacques and Richard Tyler. Top Right photo is the Colonel James Wood II Chapter I. to r. Anne Simmons, Jim Simmons, Sean Carrigan, Mike St Jacques, Dave Cook, Clay Robinson, Brett Osborn, Marc Robinson, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Will Reynolds, Richard Tyler, John Petrie, Jim Cordes and Eric Robinson. Middle Right is the Honor Guard in place I. to r. Dale Corey, Marc Robinson, Sean Carrigan, Jim Cordes and Mike St. Jacques with the empty chair. Bottom Right photo shows sentinels at the entrance to the Veterans Memorial, I. to r. Mike St Jacques and Thomas "Chip" Daniel. (Photos courtesy of Thomas "Chip" Daniel.)



SAR Participates in Veterans Tribute at Veramar Winery

On 28 May 2022, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution provided a Color Guard and Musket Squad at Veramar Winery at a festival that honored our American Warrior Heroes. To commemorate Memorial Day and to honor all fallen warriors, Jim Bogaty conducted a wine festival/fundraiser to keep the spirit alive. This included all day live music, food trucks, wine from Veramar Vineyard, Bogati Bodega and James Charles Winery, crafters and interactions with American Veterans. Gates opened at noon followed by a memorial ceremony. This featured an Honor Guard led by commander Brett Osborn from the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and a Pipe & Drum demonstration from the City of Winchester Fifes and Drums. To end the ceremony, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter Musket Squad fired a three round salute followed by Doug Hall playing Taps to honor our heroes who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Musicians on site included The Bryan Shepherd Band, Brennan Edwards & Robert Trey Jett, III and Dylan Woelfel. Food trucks were Zainy's Flyin' Grill and Captain Pell's Seafood. Local artists and craftsmen had jewelry, paintings, cord crafts and more. Several Veterans organizations were present, including Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9760, Combat Veterans Alliance, American Legion Post 41, Heroes on the River and the Korean War Veterans Association. CJWII Chapter members participating were Sean Carrigan, Dale Corey, Doug Hall, Brett Osborn, Will Reynolds, Mike St Jacques and Jim Simmons. Bottom Left photo is the CJWII musket squad, I. to r. Brett Osborn, Will Reynolds, Mike St Jacques and Sean Carrigan. Right Photo is U.S. Flag and SAR 250th Anniversary Flag. Bottom Right Photo is Doug Hall playing Taps. (Photos courtesy of Anne Simmons.)





SAR Honors Veterans at Honor Flight

On 11 June 2022, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter along with the Sgt Maj John Champe and Culpeper Minutemen Chapters of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution participated in an opening ceremony at Shenandoah University, Winchester, VSA for the Honor Flight conducted by Honor Flight - Top of Virginia (HFTV).

HFTV is a hub of the Honor Flight Network created to honor America's Veterans for their sacrifices. They serve the Shenandoah Valley, Loudoun County and beyond with top priority to senior veterans along with those that are terminally ill. They transport the veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the various memorials on the mall and then are taken to Arlington National Cemetery to watch the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The Top of Virginia conducts three flights a year. The remaining trip for 2022 will be from Harrisonburg on 24 Sep. They accept applications from veterans who served prior to 1975.

At the 11 Jun event, the veterans arrived for a social time and pictures from 7:00 - 7:30 and all have a guardian assigned to assist them throughout the day. The flight visits the World War II, Korean War and Vietnam Memorials with a box lunch provided to all who attend. The changing of the guard is the final stop and they are then returned to the point of debarkation where they are met with flag waving fans of our American heroes. The opening ceremony consisted of the combined Colonel James Wood II, Sgt Maj John Champe and Culpeper Minutemen Chapter Color Guards presenting the colors. Sentinels Thomas "Chip" Daniel and Mike St Jacques were stationed at the entrance as the guard led by commander Marc Robinson marched into the room. The guard was called to present arms for the singing of the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance. The guard then retired to prepare an Honor Guard for the veterans to proceed through on their way to the bus. Guardsmen participating included Ken Bonner, Dale Corey, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Kelly Ford, Allan Phillips, Marc Robinson, Bill Schwetke, Mark Sink, Mike St Jacques and Richard Tyler. Top photo is the combined color guard l. to r. Kelly Ford, Bill Schwetke, Marc Robinson, Ken Bonner, Mike St Jacques, Richard Turner, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Mark Sink, Allan Phillips and Dale Corey. Far Left photo is the Honor Guard Flags l. to r. Bill Schwetke, Ken Bonner, Mark Sink and Dale Corey. Left photo are the sentinels, l. to r. Thomas "Chip" Daniel and Mike St Jacques. (Photos courtesy of Thomas "Chip" Daniel.)



SAR and Girl Scouts Retire Flags

On 14 June 2022, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution co sponsored a Flag Retirement Ceremony with Girl Scout Blue Ridge Service Unit 14-05 at the Ruritan Club Grounds in Clear Brook. The Flag Retirement ceremony honors the symbol of our American freedom, the American Flag.

As long as Americans cherish liberty more than life itself, the Stars and Stripes shall continue to be the enduring banner of the United States of America. The flag is should be looked at with renewed allegiance, honor and respect. When the flag of our country has become worn or damaged, the proper way to dispose of it is through burning or burial. At this ceremony, final respect was show with love and reverence. A flag was presented which had been inspected and condemned as unserviceable. It reached its present state in a proper service of tribute, memory and love. It may be a flimsy bit of printed gauze or a banner of finest silk, its real value is beyond price, as a precious symbol of all that we have worked for, lived for and died for as a free Nation of free men, true to the faith of the past, devoted to the ideals and practice of justice, freedom and democracy.

The ceremony was emcee'd by Thomas "Chip" Daniel, President of the Colonel James Wood II Chapter with assistance from Anne Simmons, leader of the Girl Scout Troop. The 13 stripes representing the original colonies were separated with the Girl Scouts Ainslie Jenkins, Madison Gogdin, Taylor Chouinard, Abby Rambo, Chloe Smith, Hannah Smith and Katie Jenkins each presenting stripes and the blue union for burning to Makenna Moore in the order of the States ratification of the United States Constitution. Participating for the Color Guard were Sean Carrigan, Dale Corey, Allan Phillips, Marc Robinson and Charles Harbaugh. A musket salute was provided followed by the playing of Taps. Top Right photo is the participants and leaders. Front row l. to r. Ainslie Jenkins and Madison Gogdin. Second row l. to r. Anne Simmons, Michelle Chouinard, Makenna Moore, Taylor Chouinard, Abby Rambo, Chloe Smith, Hannah Smith, Katie Jenkins, Heather Gogdin, Regina Nischan and Cindy Sirbaugh. Bottom Right row l. to r. Charles Harbaugh, Dale Corey, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Allan Phillips, Marc Robinson and Jessica Moore. (Photos courtesy of Thomas "Chip" Daniel)



SAR Conducts Flag Retirement at Wayside Inn

On 17 June 2022, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution conducted a Flag Retirement ceremony at the Wayside Inn, Middletown, Virginia. The U.S. Flag, when worn and no longer serviceable, is to be retired either through burial or burning. Flags were collected and retired through burning. A color guard presented colors before emcee Chip Daniel called on the Flag Detail to present a worn flag for inspection. A flag had the stripes and blue field separated for the formal ceremony with 35 additional flags retired at the ceremony. A musket squad completed the honors with a three volley salute and Taps was played to honor the flags. Participating from Colonel James Wood II Chapter were Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Sean Carrigan, Dale Corey, Brett Osborn and John Petrie. They were joined by Middletown Mayor Charles Harbaugh and Chapman Lash, member of Mercer's Company, French and Indian War. Also participating in the ceremony was Daughter of the American Revolution compatriot Anne Simmons. First photo is the Color Guard l. to r. Brett Osborn, Charles Harbaugh, Dale Corey, Chapman Lash, John Petrie and Sean Carrigan. Second photo is the musket squad preparing to fire. l. to r. Brett Osborn, Charles Harbaugh, Sean Carrigan, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Chapman Lash and Dale Corey. (Photos courtesy of Thomas "Chip" Daniel.)



Commemorating Daniel Morgan

On 18 June 2022, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter conducted a commemoration to General Daniel Morgan. The event was held at his gravesite in Mt Hebron Cemetery to commemorate Morgan's contributions to the victory in the American Revolutionary War, beginning with the Bee Line March in August 1775. After the battles of Lexington and Concord on 19 Apr 1775, the Second Continental Congress authorized 10 rifle companies to be recruited from local militia ranks. Two of these were to be from Virginia. Virginia answered the call to aid the Continental Army in June 1775. The Berkeley County Riflemen, which mustered under Captain Hugh Stephenson in Mecklenburg on 21 June and a second, mustered under the command of Daniel Morgan from Frederick County at Winchester on 22 June. Morgan was chosen by a unanimous vote by the Committee of Frederick County to form one of these companies and became its commander. He recruited 96 men in 10 days and assembled them at Winchester on 14 July. His rifle company of marksmen was nicknamed "Morgan's Riflemen". The long rifles used were more accurate and had a longer range than other firearms at that time, but took much longer to load. The company raised by Stephenson had planned to meet Morgan's company in Winchester, but found them gone. Morgan marched his men 600 miles to Boston in 21 Days, arriving on 6 Aug. Stephenson's unit marched from Morgan's Spring, arriving in Cambridge after 24 days on 11 August. These marches became known as the Bee Line march. Both companies covering 600 miles in a relatively short period of time. Daniel Morgan would go on to experience one of the most adventurous paths among Colonial officers. He was taken prisoner at the Battle of Quebec on 31 December 1775 and paroled by the British in 1776. He returned to the Army to led successful battles at Saratoga and the decisive victory at Cowpens in January 1781. At the Cowpens, Morgan used tactics never before used in developing a double envelopment to encircle the British which resulted in the total destruction of one of the British elite units. The aftermath of the battle saw General Lord Cornwallis move his army to Yorktown and an eventual defeat at the hands of the colonial forces led by George Washington. Participating for the Sons of the American Revolution were members of Colonel James Wood II (CJWII), Culpeper Minutemen (CMM), Fairfax Resolves (FR), General Daniel Morgan (GDM), George Mason (GM), George Washington (GW) and Sgt Maj John Champe (SJC) Chapters. The Daughters of the American Revolution were represented by the Lanes Mill (LM) chapter. The ceremony was emceed by Dale Corey with chaplain duties presented by Rt Rev Larry Johnson. Michael St Jacques of CJWII provided a presentation on the Bee Line March which was followed by presentation of wreaths. Ernie Coggins, 1st Vice President of the Virginia State Society presented greetings as well as a wreath for the State. John Petrie (CJWII), Bill Schwetke (CMM), Dave Cook (FR), Paul Parish (GDM), Ken Morris (GM), Richard Rankin (GW) and Ken Bonner (SJC) presented honors for the SAR chapters with Anita Bonner presenting for the DAR. The color guard was a combined Virginia State guard. Brett Osborn commanded the Color Guard carrying the U.S., Virginia State, National Society SAR and 250th Anniversary of the Revolutionary War flags. Ken Bonner led the Honor Guard carrying the various chapter flags. Marc Robinson was the commander of the sentinel squad. A 15 man musket salute a three round salute to honor Daniel Morgan. Additional members of the color guard included Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen, Jim Cordes, Pete Davenport, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Kelly Ford, Doug Hall, John Petrie, Will Reynolds, Barry Schwoerer and Mike St Jacques (all CJWII primary or dual members.) Top photo is the Colonel James Wood II Chapter primary and dual members. Kneeling l. to r. Ernie Coggins, Doug Hall, Sean Carrigan, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Dale Corey, Mike St Jacques, Ken Bonner. Standing middle row Larry Johnson, Barry Schwoerer, Paul Christensen, Kelly Ford, Marc Robinson, John Petrie, Brett Osborn, Bill Schwetke and Dave Cook. Back row l. to r. Will Reynolds and Jim Cordes. (Photo courtesy of Thomas "Chip" Daniel.) The Virginia State Musket Squad conducted a safety check. (Photo courtesy of Thomas "Chip" Daniel.) Bottom photo is the Virginia State Musket Squad firing a musket salute. (Photo courtesy of Tom Roth.)



Commemoration of the 248th Anniversary of the Loudoun Resolves

The "Spirit of Loudoun" Revolutionary War Memorial at the Historic Courthouse in Leesburg was the site of a Signature Event for the Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter as the chapter sponsored the first ever Commemoration of the 14 June 1774 signing of the Loudoun Resolves. The Resolves were crafted in response to the Intolerable Acts of 1774 that, amongst other actions, blockaded Boston Harbor. Other Colonies looked to Virginia for guidance and thirty (30) Virginia Counties created Resolves, including Northern Virginia Counties Prince William, Fairfax and Loudoun and neighboring Frederick County in Maryland. The protest against the Intolerable Acts was a major step toward Revolution started ten months later at Lexington and Concord.

Mayor Kelly Burk of Leesburg made remarks and presented Chapter President Ken Bonner a Proclamation commemorating the Resolves. The Proclamation was signed by Mayor Burk and members of the City Council.

For five days before the Ceremony, the Chapter ran a notice of the event in the local newspaper "Loudoun Now" in the "Get Out Loudoun" section. As a result, several community members attended and later remarked they had no idea Loudoun County had such a deep and important history.

A combined Color Guard presented Colors to open the ceremony. Eleven uniformed Virginia SAR Compatriots attended, representing five Northern Virginia Region Chapters. Four NSDAR Chapter ladies attended.

President Ken Bonner was Master of Ceremonies, VP Barry Schwoerer gave a Historical Perspective of the Loudoun Resolves and local Historian Mrs. Nancy Spannaus gave a summary of the noteworthy men in Loudoun County who led the effort to draft the Resolves and who were Revolutionary War leaders. A bell was rung after the reading of each of the Resolves



WASHINGTON -

Washington State SAR

Washington State SAR Color Guard has experienced a whirlwind of activities this past quarter beginning with Washington States annual conference. At the State Conference, Commander Neil Vernon provided recognition to past State Color Guard Commanders, and those currently serving in leadership roles. This was followed by presenting 10 year and 5 year Color Guard participation certificates. Finally three members received their Silver Color Guard medals.

Following the conference as flurry of activities from Honor Flights, Holiday parades, JROTC / ROTC recognitions, to Classroom presentations. Somehow we managed to get some time to support DAR activities as well.

As Commander of the Washington State Color Guard, compatriots, job well done!



George Washington Chapter

Memorial Day

On May 30th, members of the Washington State SAR participated in "A Service of Remembrance" at Maple Leaf Cemetery, Oak Harbor joining some 45 other organizations. These organizations included Oak Harbor Lions, VFW, AL, MOOA, Patriot Guard Riders, DAR ladies from Ann Washington, Whidbey Island and Chief Whatcom Chapters. Oak Harbor HS NJROTC, Orion Sea Cadets, and many other civic and municipal organizations.

Individual activities include opening ceremonies with WASSAR Color Guard leading the parade, GWC's historic flag display of some 30 flags interpreted by Marshall Anderson. He was assisted by four ladies from Whidbey Island DAR. Fresh flower wreaths were presented by the GWC Color Guard from GWC SAR and Ann Washington DAR (Mike Hutchins GWC President and Karen Manatt AW Past Regent). GWC also is co-sponsor of the Ann Washington DAR Wreaths Across America effort which was organized by AW member Pat Lane, assisted by Past Regent Karen Manatt who manned the booth promoting this year's WAA.

WASSAR CG members who were present included Commander Neil Vernon and Drum Major Viren Lemmer, drummers Mike Bendickson and Chris Fridley, fifers, Dani Bendickson and Patricia Francisco, Color Guardsmen, GWC CG Captain Bill Bentler, Past CG Captain Mike Hutchins, John Kraft, Bruce Bock, Marshall Eberhart, Ken Carlson Michael Moore, and GWC member Marshall Anderson





John Paul Jones Chapter

Armed Forces Day – Bremerton

The 75th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade in Bremerton, WA was a success with the participation from various WA State SAR and DAR chapters, winning the Best Community Group Award. The John Paul Jones Chapter coordinated the parade and was headed by Chapter President Perry Taylor, Fred Gilbert JPJ Color Guard Captain, Neil Vernon the WA SAR Color Guard Commander, the WA SAR Fife and Drum led by Drum Major Viren Lemmer. The DAR led by Susan Taylor, Regent, Admiralty Inlet Chapter and JPJ Chapter Ladies Auxiliary; and Kelli Garcia, Regent, Elizabeth Ellington Chapter, Bremerton.

The JPJ Chapter was supported with participating members from the Alexander Hamilton and Seattle Chapters. The parade had over 125 entries from around the Puget Sound area. This year's Grand Marshal was Navy Admiral Frank Caldwell.

General George Washington Portrayer (Vern Frykholm), JPJ Color Guard Captain Fred Gilbert, and WASSAR Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon

Seattle Chapter

The highlight for this quarter was having the opportunity for the color Guard to participate in the re-interment of Army Cpl. Benjamin Bazzell at TaComa National Cemetery in Kent, Washington on April 21, 2022

Army Cpl. Benjamin R. Bazzell, 18, of Seymour, was a member of the Headquarters Battery, 57th Field Artillery, 7th Infantry Division. He was reported to have been killed in action on Nov. 30, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea.

The Battle of the Chosin Reservoir was one of the most brutal battles between United Nations Command troops and Chinese Communist Forces during the Korean War. For more than two weeks, about 30,000 U.N. soldiers and marines fought enemy forces four times their number on rugged terrain in brutally cold weather. Over a thousand U.S. Marines and soldiers were killed and thousands more were wounded.



Spokane Chapter

It's Parade Time

13 members and their families of Spokane SAR marched in the Spokane Lilac Parade to salute veterans on 21 May. The parade started at 7:45 p.m., with 48 bands, 25 equestrian entries and 21 floats 25 military entries. The police estimate there 100,000 lined up on the two-mile course to watch the parade.

Earlier the same day we marched in the Spangle City parade to honor veterans. It was a short parade with only 40 entries. Two parades in one day, everyone was tired last night.

1/r back row Rob Hill, John Knauer, Will Palmer, Stan Wills, Carl Durkoop, Dennis Shaw, Dale Ryan, Rob Scott. front Row Dale Ryan's daughter Patience, Will Palmer's grand children 2 grandsons, 2 granddaughters.





Distinguished Leader Patriot Award

On March 31st President General Davis Wright presented Chairman Tehassi Hill of the Oneida Nation the Distinguished Leader Patriot Award. Wisconsin Society President Samuel Keith also presented Chairman Hill with a bronze carving of the Oneida Warrior on behalf of the Wisconsin and Michigan Societies. Chairman Hill accepted on behalf of the Oneida Nation. Great Lakes District Vice President General William Austin was the Master of Ceremonies.

The event began with joint Color Guards made up of the WISSAR Color Guard and the Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee, leading with the ceremonial Eagle Staff. The Buffalo Creek Singers provided the entry and flag songs to the beat of drums. The National Anthem was sung by the Oneida Hymn Singers in the Oneida language



NSSAR Heroism Award

At the WISSAR annual awards meeting, M-K Chapter President Don Skarda presented the NSSAR Heroism Award to Detective Andrew Wilkiewicz of the Milwaukee Police Department. On January 13, 2022, while off-duty, he intervened in an active crime, was wounded and was conveyed to hospital where a doctor said a bullet narrowly missed his heart. Saluting Detective Wilkiewicz are Ben and Mike Meador, Mike and Mark Nelson and VPG Bill Austin.



Re-enactment

At a reenactment in Menominee Falls, Ben Meador, M-K past president and Ben Franklin impersonator Terry R. Kutz, Mike Meador, Commander Brian S. Barrett, Aiden Verhalen, Jason Verhalen and Shane Barrett enjoyed a sunny day, period music and a NWTA battle simulation.



Flag Day

Flag Day at Waukesha Elks Lodge # 400 was a premier event for M-K color guards. We participated in their patriotic flag ceremony and presented an NSSAR Flag Award to the Elks members for their outdoor flag display. Pictured are M-K guards Shane Barrett, Commander Barrett, Ben and Mike Meador along with lodge member Jason Somers. Barrett presented a certificate to lodge president Jill Goski.



Memorial Day

On Memorial Day, commander Barrett and M-K Chapter guards attended the graves of Revolutionary War patriots Pvt Nathan Hatch, James Morgan and David Janes. Guards also appeared at the Milwaukee War Memorial to honor three German patriots who fought for liberty. Pictured at the Hatch grave with members of the Smokey Hollow Muzzleloaders are guardsmen Peter Grant, Commander Barrett, Mike Meador and Shane Barrett. About 100 patriotic citizens were in attendance. At the Morgan grave were Shane Barrett, Commander Barrett, Mike Meador and guardsman Peter Grant executing a solemn salute



Our guards also presented an Air Force JROTC medal at Greenfield HS and a flag award to Teffer Farms in New Berlin. Additionally, we participated at WIDAR's History Days at Fort Winnebago where we presented a program on period uniforms and accouterments.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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

To Submit Photos:

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

To submit event text descriptions:

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

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

Do not do this - using tabs

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

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