



SO YOU WANT TO BE IN THE SAR COLOR GUARD

Inside this issue are reports from National Events and ten state societies.

There are also articles on page 3 concerning care of muskets and headwear.

Remember, this is your newsletter. Reports from all state societies are requested and encouraged.

The next issue will feature many items from the 122nd Annual Congress in Phoenix.



Raleigh, North Carolina Veteran's Day Wreath Ceremony. From Left to right: Raleigh Chapter President Jim Becker, John France, Raleigh Chapter Treasurer Dr. Scott Kennedy, Raleigh Chapter Vice President Dan Hopping, NCSSAR President Glenn Sappie, Raleigh Chapter Color Guard Commander Grant Peterson and NCSSAR Past President Sam Powell

(photo by Ruth Sappie)

24 April 2012
By: Dan Hopping
Vice President, Raleigh Chapter
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Color Guard is the face of the SAR to most people. It is our advertisement, our public brand as it were. It is the most public way that we honor our ancestors. It's also a lot of fun.

We march in processions and lay wreaths at Revolutionary War events and battle fields. We fire volleys on Memorial Day. We march in the Veterans Day Parade. We have a booths at community events where we educate the public and fire volleys on the hour. We perform the opening ceremonies at dinners, museums and historical events.

You don't have to have a fancy uniform to participate. Many people chose to obtain colonial civilian dress or a Revolutionary War uniform, they are not as expensive as you might expect. Why not recreate his civilian dress or uniform.

Accurate information abounds on the Web and in books for you to do a little research. What unit was he in and in what state did he serve? What time period in the war did he serve? The uniforms changed dramatically during the eight years of the war. If your ancestor was in the militia, your choices are simple and inexpensive. If your ancestor was in the Continental Line, everything

depends on the regiment, state and time frame in which he served.

Of course there is help with the details to make it easy including where to buy the uniform and accouterments to keep the cost down. The companies that sell uniforms and accouterments are called sutlers and they usually are on hand with their goods at Revolutionary War events.

We recommend that you take enough time to obtain as authentic an outfit as possible. You will be proud of an authentic uniform and will be welcome at every historical event. You will also learn a great deal about your ancestor in the process.

You should be advised of a controversy about the color guards of heritage societies. Historians and re-enactors despair of SARs "Polyester Generals" and complain that the heritage societies such as the SAR has many orders of magnitude more generals than Washington, France and England together ever had in the entire war. Remember that over 90% of the soldiers were privates. If your ancestor was an officer or if you were an officer - great, recreate that uniform. Just remember that polyester and gabardine did not exist in the 1700s. You should try to use cloth similar to what was used then.

The handbook, available for download on the NSSAR website, has a great deal of information and clearly states that polyester is okay for SAR ceremonial

events.

Very accurate and authentic uniforms may be purchased over the Internet after entering your measurements. You can buy 'off the rack' uniforms or you can buy custom made uniforms from a number of sutlers. You can also buy the patterns and have the items made - by far the least costly way to get a quality uniform.

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THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO PROVIDE INTERESTING ARTICLES ABOUT THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR AND INFORMATION REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF YOUR CHAPTER AND/OR STATE COLOR GUARDS

THE SAR COLORGUARDSMAN

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Commander's Dispatch



NSSAR COLOR GUARD COMMANDER J MICHAEL TOMME

As we roll out the fourth "The SAR Color Guardsman" newsletter, I would like to say thank you to all who contributed articles and pictures to make this communication piece a success. Please continue to submit information that you would like to share with other guardsmen.

By the time this newsletter goes out, we will have attended Congress in Phoenix, AZ, and elected a new President General. But we still have a lot of events coming up of great importance. Let me encourage you if you can to attend all the National events that you can and to meet other SAR Color Guardsman from around the country.

As you know we have the vigil at the Tomb of George and Martha Washington coming up

on the 8 September 2012. The time will be from 9:00 a.m. till 9:00 p.m. We will meet about 8:30 a. m. and march as a unit to the tomb for the first group to get into place at 9:00 a. m. Information has been sent to the State Commanders to be filtered down to the chapter level on where to meet and to park. The same day there will be a wreath laying program at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. This will be presented by the George Washington SAR Chapter located in Arlington, VA. This will start at 4:15 p.m. You should arrive at least 45 minutes early.

The next event is the 225th of the Signing of the Constitution. This will take place on 14-15 September 2012 in Philadelphia, PA. I hope we have a large showing of Guardsman and SAR Compatriots at this event. I would like to encourage the entire Guardsman whose wives have period correct clothing to dress out and join us. This information also has been sent to the State Commanders to be filtered down to the chapter level. In October, we have several events. The Battle of Kings Mountain, Point Pleasant and the Siege of Savannah. These are important battles during the Revolution.

Remember to look at the SAR home page for upcoming events that are not listed in the newsletter. Also, you need to check the NSSAR website under Historical Sites and Celebrations where various events are also listed. Editor, Mark Anthony will continue to list upcoming events in our newsletter.

Also, remember to send me the information on your guardsman who are eligible for the Silver Color Guard medal. Each of you put in the hard work to achieve these medals and it is also an honor to personally present them to you.

Yours in Patriotism,

J. Michael Tomme, Sr.

J. Michael "Mike" Tomme, Sr.

NSSAR, National Color Guard Commander



From the Editor



EDITOR MARK C ANTHONY

The quantity of submissions continues to amaze me; however, a recent trend has been noted resulting in the rejection of some of these submissions. Namely, sending in articles and pictures already published in a commercial newspa-

per or publication. Due to copyright laws, these items cannot be used or reprinted without specific permission of the original publisher. To do so would open this newsletter up to potential charges or penalties.

Articles need to be original material or sent with specific permission to reprint from the original publisher. Photographs need to be sent with a description of what is going on, all individuals identified and the name of the person who took the picture included.

We continue to receive praise for the magazine commenting on the breadth of activities. To better

demonstrate this the preference is to publish photographs of color guards in action instead of "police line-up" photos of everyone standing shoulder to shoulder with hands clasped at their waist.

Finally, a correction needs to be made. On page 10 of the previous issue in the California Society section, the identification of the photo of the South Coast Continental Marines photo is actually the Orange County Lee's Legion Color Guard (l-r) Larry Wood, Kent Gregory, Dan McKelvie and Dave Siler. We apologize for the error.

Mark C Anthony, Editor



The low-down on cleaning

The following was originally printed in the February 2012 issue of *Muzzle Blasts*, the Official Publication of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association. It is reprinted with permission of the publisher: National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association, PO Box 67, Friendship, IN 47021; memberships available at www.nmlra.org or 812-667-5131.

Dear Editor:

Strange question: Did the “old-timers” and soldiers clean their muzzleloaders regularly? If so, how did they do it in the field? (I clean mine thoroughly after every use, but it’s a tough job, even with today’s black powder solvents. No one at the range today had the answer to the above question). Thanks, John S. Newton

Hi, John,

In the old days, practices varied just as they do today. Some people cleaned their guns carefully, and others carelessly - and the antiques in today’s collections bear witness to the hard use and the care, both good and bad, that they received.

Of course people back then didn’t have the rust-preventive products we do today, so even guns that were cleaned probably deteriorated at a quicker pace than today. Soldiers were probably required to keep their guns clean. Hot water has always been an effective cleaner, and bear oil or whale oil would keep most of the rust away. Instead of cleaning patches, sometimes a twist of tow was used. This is a little like a bunch of raveled jute twine.) It was twisted into a tow worm on the end of the ramrod, wet, and used to clean the bore. It could be washed out and used again. Our gun cleaning products today are far more effective. Maybe this means that the guns we pass on to future generations will be in better shape than some antiques in our collections.

By the way, for the benefit of anyone who dislikes cleaning a muzzleloader, **try this procedure:**

- 1) Plug the nipple or flash hole with a round toothpick,
- 2) With a funnel in the muzzle, pour in a few tablespoons of reasonably hot water (it doesn’t have to be boiling; hot water from a tap is fine),
- 3) Let it sit for a minute; then hold your thumb over the muzzle and upend the gun a dozen times to slosh the hot water back and forth,
- 4) Pour out the dirty water; repeat steps 2 and 3 and dump the water again,
- 5) Stand the gun muzzle-down in a tin can in a corner; go do something else for a half-hour while the barrel drains,
- 6) Run as many patches (or small pieces of paper towel) through the bore as it takes to clean and dry it. Use some of these patches to clean the outside of the barrel and lock; take out the lock and be sure it is clean. (If it’s dirty, run it under hot water and scrub it clean with an old toothbrush; shake off the excess water and put the lock aside on a paper towel to dry.) If you shoot a caplock, unscrew the nipple (and clean-out screw, if present) and use a pipe cleaner to swab the drum/flash channel; clean the nipple threads and squirt in a little rust preventative,
- 7) Coat a patch with oil or rust preventative and apply it to the bore. Use the same patch to coat all the steel,
- (8) Reassemble the gun an plan your next outing.

Total cleaning time, not counting the draining, is probably about fifteen minutes. Hope this helps some.

Eric Bye, *Muzzle Blasts*, Editor.

A helpful hint for your hats

The following is provided by Compatriot George Lipphardt, Tucson (AZ) Chapter.

Wool felt tricorns are subject to both heat and humidity. Similar to some of your other clothes that “shrink” after you have left them in the closet for long periods of time. Then when you try them on (especially pants), they no longer fit.

Well, this same situation can happen with your tricorn hat as well. To alleviate this, one company that makes them offers this remedy.

Put a hat jack inside your hat when it’s not in use. The hat jack can also be used to stretch the hat if necessary. They are a must for keeping your favorite felt hats from shrinking while not in use.

What is a hat jack, you say? An example is provided to the right. This is not an endorsement of this particular hat jack as there are many of them available for purchase. One important thing to consider when/if you are buying one: get one that will fit your size hat. They come in many different sizes, and the smaller ones may not extend/stretch out to your size. But, many of them have a large expansion range, to cover most size hats.

And yes, they work for any felt hats (cowboy hats, etc.)





So you want to be in the SAR Color Guard (continued from page 1)

Let's start with the decisions you might want to make.

Civilian verses military uniform

Civilian: There are a number of sutlers who provide the normal clothes of the colonial period. Colonial dress is appropriate for almost all occasions. This works very well for docents and living history educators. The cost of an authentic civilian outfit will generally be from \$300 to \$500 if you buy it and just the cost of the cloth if you make it. (Of course for most of us we would have to be real nice to someone who has talent and a sewing machine).

Uniform: Being in a Revolutionary War uniform is a lot of fun and is always in demand. Cost ranges from \$400 to \$800. So, which type of uniform would you like? You have a lot of choices and we will help you with the decision process whether you are just learning about the Revolutionary War or whether you are upgrading you uniform and want to make it more authentic.

Continental line verses militia uniform

Continental: The continental line uniform is very recognizable and is appropriate for all processions, ceremonies, parades and wreath laying ceremonies. It is not appropriate for recreating many of the southern battles (such as Kings Mountain) which were fought by militia. The uniform can be hot in the summer and the tri-corner hat collects water in the rain and then pours it out when you bow your head in prayer. It consists of coat, waistcoat, shirt, stock (precursor to the tie), britches and long socks or trousers, shoes or boots and lastly a tri-corner hat. If you are representing an officer then you would need a sash, spontoon or sword. The officer's coat would have shiny buttons and one or two epaulets with the color and placement denoting rank. The shirt may have ruffles at the cuff and neck.

Militia: The militia uniform is the most representative of the Southern battles. It is the most comfortable and least expensive. You add layers underneath in the winter and wear just a cotton shirt under the frock coat in the summer. The uniform is what the average citizen wore year round. The frock coat or hunting shirt was as common then as baseball caps are now. The frock coat was the standard uniform of the first two years of the war and was the field coat for the entire war. The frock coat was worn over the normal waistcoat and shirt. The most common militia uniform consists of a round hat turned up on the left, frock coat, a shirt, trousers, gaiters or spaterdashers, wide belt and shoes.

Recreate your ancestor's uniform: Do the research and find out what he would have worn. This can consist of modifying the uniform or clothing to include the unit and time frame or adding an ethnic background to the uniform or change the coat to the right state. With a Scottish ancestor, you might change the round militia hat for the Scottish bonnet in your clan plaid and change your accouterments to the Scottish dirk, claymore and sporrán. With an Hessian ancestor, change to the Hessian helmet and coat.

Accouterments

Continental: The continental soldier carried a musket and bayonet. The most common model carried by both sides throughout the Revolutionary war was the .75 caliber Short Land Pattern Musket commonly referred to as the 'Brown Bess'. There were also many locally made muskets that were close copies. The Brown Bess Firelock was the standard weapon of the British army from about 1710 to 1839. It had several models over time that differed primarily in the barrel length.

Later the Charleville .69 caliber Musket was imported from France. Charleville is a town about 65 miles east of Paris which had a large arms manufacturing plant. The Charleville firelock was easier to clean and being of a slightly smaller caliber, allowed the soldier to carry more ammunition. Supporting accouterments are the bayonet, cartridge box, haversack and canteen.

Militia: Early in the war, the militia carried whatever the soldier used at home. In the east, this was often a fowling piece used to put dinner on the table. This smoothbore could use small pellets for birds and rabbits or a single ball for deer. In the backcountry of Pennsylvania, Virginia and the Carolinas, the long rifle was popular for deer, turkey and defense. The long rifle was made by gunsmiths in almost every county. The counties around Philadelphia were famous worldwide for their gunsmiths who made rifles of graceful design and superb accuracy. These Long Rifles were often made for use in the wilds of Kentucky.

Hence they are interchangeably called Kentucky long rifles or Pennsylvania long rifles. The accouterments of the militia soldier are a long rifle or musket, possibles bag, powder horn, tomahawk, wooden canteen and haversack.

The Revolutionary War uniforms evolved significantly over the eight years of the conflict. Here are some snapshots:

April 19, 1775 Lexington and Concord

The Minute Men wore what they wore day to day. When called out, they grabbed their firelock and rushed to the muster point.

Washington's General Order of July 24, 1776

Washington recommended hunting shirts as part of the clothing bounty to be provided by the Continental Congress. He considered it the most practical garment for troops. In his July 1776 General order, he wrote:

"No dress can be cheaper, nor more convenient, as the wearer may be cool in warm weather and warm in cool weather by putting on under cloaths which will not change the outward dress, Winter or Summer – Besides which it is a dress justly supposed to carry no small terror to the enemy, who think every such person a complete marksman."

Washington's General Order of October 2, 1779

This order set the standard for the "classic" Revolutionary War uniform that the modern observer recognizes. It fixed blue as the color for all forces in the Continental line.

Blue coat with white facings: New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut

Blue coat with buff facings: New York, New Jersey

Blue Coat with red facings: Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia (*This was also the primary uniform of the colonial troops in the French and Indian Wars.*)

Blue coat with Blue facings and buttonholes edged with narrow white tape: North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia

From the Varick transcripts of Washington's General Order of October 2, 1779, Library of Congress

Regardless of the general orders, there was considerable diversity of uniform styles in the various states and regiments based on what material was available at the time. While it is very dramatic for a Color Guard to be in matching uniforms, diversity represents the reality of the Revolutionary War.


State Society Color Guard Commander Contact Information

The following is the current listing of state society color guard commanders. Those that are confirmed are in **BOLD TEXT**. Those state societies that are not confirmed are asked to send updated information to the editor. No Color Guards: Alaska, Dakotas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Montana, Nebraska, Rhode Island, and Wyoming

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2012 National Color Guard Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 14	Battle of Cowpens	Chesnee, SC
February 11	Battle of Kettle Creek	Washington, GA
February 18	Crossing of the Dan	South Boston, VA
February 19	Washington's Birthday Parade	Laredo, TX
February 22	California Massing of Colors	Burbank, CA
February 25	Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge	Currie, NC
March 2-5	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY
March 5	Last Naval Battle of the Revolution	Cape Canaveral, FL
March 17	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC
April 7	Halifax Resolves	Halifax, NC
April 16-18	Patriot's Day	Concord, MA
May 3	Kentucky Derby Pegasus Parade	Louisville, KY
May 12	Battle of Pensacola	Pensacola, FL
May 19-20	Fields of Honor / Healing Field	Various
May 28	Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous	Vincenne, IN
June 9	Battle of Ramseur's Mill	Lincolnton, NC
June 17	Battle of Bunker Hill	Bunker Hill, MA
July 7-12	NSSAR National Congress	Phoenix, AZ
July 28	Battle of Fort Laurens	Bolivar, OH
September 8	Vigil at George Washington's Tomb	Mt Vernon, VA
September 14-15	225th Anniversary of Constitution	Philadelphia, PA
September 15	Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Elizabethton, TN
September 28-29	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY
October 5-7	Point Pleasant Battle Days	Point Pleasant, WV
October 7	Battle of Kings Mountain	Blacksburg, SC
October 19	Yorktown Days	Yorktown, VA
Nov 30 - Dec 2	Battle of Great Bridge	Norfolk, VA
December 10	Wreaths Across America	Various

The table above lists the events that have been designated as National events for the NSSAR Color Guard. Per the Color Guard Handbook, these events generate twenty (20) points each for Color Guard Medal consideration.

Dates are mostly approximate. Guardsmen should consult the national website or appropriate state society website for the most current information and contact points.

As a reminder, any event where the President General is in attendance is automatically considered a national event.

Iowa Society

By: Mike Rowley, Iowa Society Color Guard

Cadet Daniel Haws of the University of Iowa Army ROTC program was awarded the SAR Silver ROTC medal in a ceremony at the Iowa City National Guard Armory on Friday, April 27th.

The presentation was made by Iowa Society Past President Mike Rowley



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| <u>NSSAR Color Guard Commanders</u> |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Donald N Moran (CA)                 | 1989-1990    |
| David J Gray (MA)                   | 1990-2000    |
| Garrett Jackson (CA)                | 2000-2002    |
| Edgar Grover (KS)                   | 2002-2004    |
| Peter K Goebel (NY)                 | 2004-2006    |
| Charles Lampman (CA)                | 2006-2007    |
| Larry Perkins (OH)                  | 2007-2009    |
| Joseph Dooley (VA)                  | 2009-2011    |
| J Michael Tomme (GA)                | 2011-present |



## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### *North Carolina Society*

The Halifax Resolves and Alamance Battleground Color Guards joined forces and assisted the Halifax-Northampton Regional Airport Authority and the Halifax Squadron Civil Air Patrol in the dedication of a monument honoring Julian Rudolph “Rudy” Morton, Jr.

Rudy Morton was a well known individual in the area. He and his family were active in their church where Rudy held various offices and helped when and where needed. Rudy’s passion was teaching, especially new pilots. Many of the local private pilots had been his students. He combined these passions by serving in the Civil Air Patrol. Rudy died suddenly in 2010 at the age of 63.

The SAR Color Guard members, Dr. Samuel C. Powell Past President of the Alamance Battleground Chapter along with Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson and Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent raised the National Colors to open the ceremony. At the end of the program, they lowered and folded the flag for presentation to the family. Compatriot Steve Avent played “Taps” after the presentation to the family.

By: Ken Wilson, President, Halifax Resolves Chapter



Pictured (l-r): Ken Wilson, Steve Avent and Sam Powell fold to the American Flag

Photo provided by Ken Wilson



Ken Wilson also submitted this photograph of the North Carolina Society Color Guard marching from a flag retirement ceremony to the Owen’s House as part of the Halifax Days event in April. At the Owen’s House, a new wayside sign was dedicated by the North Carolina Society.

### *Bunker Hill Day*



By: Geoffrey Colby, VT Society Color Guard

On Sunday, June 17th, compatriots of the Connecticut, New Hampshire and Massachusetts Society Color Guards participated in the annual celebration of the Battle of Bunker Hill.

Remembering the 237th anniversary of that fateful day, guardsmen reflected in a solemn ecumenical service as the St. Francis de Sales Parish, marched down to the Bunker Hill Monument and enjoyed grand speeches and lectures.

After the ceremonies, the SAR combined color guard, under the direction of Colonel Commanding Todd Gerlander of the Connecticut Line fired three musket volleys. This was followed by the presentation of wreaths at all four gates of the monument: Connecticut, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and United States.

A hearty lunch at the historic Warren Taverne topped things off.

Photo by: Geoffrey Colby



## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### *South Carolina Society*

By: Mark C Anthony, Past President, SC Society

Members of the South Carolina and North Carolina Society color guard along with the New Acquisition Militia fired a salute at the dedication of a new flag pole at the Buford's Massacre site on May 26th.

The project was the result of efforts of the Friends of Buford's Massacre Battlefield. The ceremony preceded the 232nd Anniversary of Buford's Massacre event.

As part of the dedication, a replica of Buford's Flag was raised along with the United States Flag.



Photo above: Combined NSSAR Color Guard and New Acquisition Militia fire a volley in salute of the new flag pole. The fancy British war machine beat a hasty retreat after the volley.

Photos by: Buzz Sinclair of the Friends of Buford's Massacre Battlefield



Photo above: South Carolina Society Color Guard at 232nd Anniversary of Ramseur's Mill

(l-r): Greg Greenawalt, Dan Woodruff, Mark Anthony, Tom Weidner and Will Ouvry (who provided the photograph)

Photo to the right: The South Carolina Society Color Guard participates in the Scottish Games Parade in Greenville, SC on May 25th under the command of Vice Commander Dan Woodruff.

After the parade, the Color Guard poses with the statue of General Nathanael Greene, the namesake of the city.

Lower picture (l-r): Mark Anthony, Dan Woodruff, Mark Anthony, Will Ouvry, Tom Weidner, Donny Carson and JD Norris.

Photos by: Weylin Brown





## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### California Society



By: James Fosdyck, Commander, California Society Color Guard

At the 2912 California Society Spring Meeting in Sacramento, Baron von Steuben Medal (California) was presented to Jim Fosdyck (gold), Ron Barker (silver) and Mike Tomme (bronze) by California Society president John Dodd and California Vice Color Guard Commander North Jim Faulkinbury.

Photo at left by Un Hui Yi

Pictured (l-r): Ron Barker, Mike Tomme, John Dodd, Jim Faulkinbury and James Fosdyck



Photo above: Sacramento Chapter Color Guardsmen Russ Kaiser (l), Jim Faulkinbury and Vice Gantt lead the procession of veterans on Memorial Day at Citrus Heights Sylvan Cemetery (Photographs by Un Hui Yi)

Photo to left: The George Patton Chapter (Ventura, CA) participated in Memorial Day ceremonies at Ivy Lawn Memorial Park. Activities included many wreath layings, speeches, the release of doves, a bagpiper and a fly-by by the local Navion group in the missing man formation. One participant thanked the guardsmen for participating and reminding everyone where it all began.

(l-r): Robert Taylor, Robert Colbern, Steve Hurst and Eric Stassforth



## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### Wisconsin Society

By: Russ Buhr, Secretary, Wisconsin Society

In celebration of Patriots Day, the Wisconsin Society Color Guard presented the colors for the April 19th Milwaukee Brewers—Los Angeles Dodgers baseball game.

Color Guard member Brian Barrett (whose sons took the photograph) coordinated this event.

The Color Guard entered from right field and marched to center field before turning and taking 25 paces toward home plate.

Members who participated were Brian Barrett, Roger Boeker, Russ Buhr, Gerry Helgeson, Harold Llubertancz, Aaron Kregs, Mark Nelson and Mike Nelson.

Unfortunately, the Brewers lost the game.



The Wisconsin Color Guard participated in the 66th annual Flag Day Parade in Waubeka. Waubeka is known as the birthplace of Flag Day.

Despite the hot weather, the color guard had a great time marching in the parade.

Afterwards, color guard members enjoyed cold beer, brats and custard.

Photo to left: Color Guard presents arms at the review stand.

Photo by: Dave Pierog

On June 12th, the Wisconsin Color Guard participated in the rededication of a miniature Statue of Liberty in Warner Park on Madison's north side. The statue was originally a gift from the Madison Rotary Club in June 1951. It was relocated to Warner Park in October 1971.

Madison's local Glaciers's Edge Boy Scouts Council took on the restoration and repair project.

Color Guard members are (l-r): Roger Boeker, Gerry Helgeson, Mike Nelson and Mark Nelson.

Photograph provide by Aaron Krebs





## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### Arizona Society

By: Al Niemeyer

On April 20th at Fort Huachuca, the Tucson Chapter Color Guard participated with military and other veterans organizations in a solemn burial of cremated veterans' remains. Each service presented the cremation urns for dedication and prayer before being marched to the Columbarium for interment.

The burial ceremony was part of the program known as the Missing in American Project (MIAP) which locates unclaimed cremated veterans remains for proper military burial with full military honors.



Picture above: AZ Color Guard prepares to fire a salute prior to interment. AZ Color Guard members who participated were James Kimbrough, John Lyons, Al Niemeyer and John Niemeyer

Picture to left: Cremation urns being marched into the Columbarium.

Photo by: Betsy Niemeyer



The Tucson Chapter Color Guard was given the distinct honor of presenting and retiring colors at this year's Veterans Day Ceremony in Evergreen Cemetery. During the ceremony, the Color Guard did the very stirring Mourn Arms in solemn memory of our fallen veterans.

For the first time, the Color Guard marched to the pipe of new member Bill Aurand.

Participating members were Bill Aurand, Dr Rudy Byrd, Jim Kimbrough, George Lipphardt, John Lyons, Al Niemeyer, John Niemeyer and Jim Williamson.

Photo by: Paul Niemeyer



### REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

#### Ohio Society

By: Steve Kelly

The John Hancock Chapter of the Ohio Society presented the colors at a Naturalization Ceremony held at the University of Findlay on Monday, April 16th.

A total of 39 people took the oath of citizenship before an audience of 300.

The color guard consisted of Thomas Putham (Mass Regt), Greg Jewitt (militia), James Haas (8th PA Regt) and drummer Toby Haas (CAR).

Photo provided by: Steve Kelly



#### Washington Society

By: Bob Neal, Commander, Washington Society Color Guard

Linda Rae Lind, President of the Washington Society US Daughters of 1812 invited the Washington Society Color Guard to participate in the dedication of their new War of 1812 Bicentennial Monument at Evergreen Washelli Cemetery in Seattle on Saturday, June 23rd.

Captain Stan Wills, Mid-Columbia Chapter President, donated an 1812 era Star Spangled Banner flown over Fort McHenry which was raised by Guardsman John Herr during the National Anthem.

As the names of 16 War of 1812 Veterans were read, a full-size replica of the Liberty Bell was rung. Washington State Archivist Jerry Handfield was the speaker.

The ceremony included a firing of muskets and Echo Taps performed by Buglers Glenn Ledbetter of VFW Post 1040 and Color Guard Commander Bob O'Neal.

Lineal descendants of the 16 veterans were present and acknowledged. One family traveled from Florida to take part in the ceremony.



Compatriots who participated: Bob O'Neal, Stan Wills, Gale Palmer and Lee Thomasson  
Photos provided by: Bob O'Neal



## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### *Mississippi Society*

By: Gerry Brent, President, Mississippi Society

During the 103rd annual State Convention of the Mississippi Society, held in Olive Branch the weekend of March 23-24, we were fortunate to have a combined Southern District (Louisiana, Tennessee and Mississippi) Color Guard which provided an impressive start and closing to the Awards Banquet.

During the Awards Banquet, Color Guard Commanders John R Taylor Jr was presented with the Silver Color Guard Medal for his many years of service.

Other attendees included Horn Lake, MS Marine JROTC Cadets who, with assistance from the DeSoto Patriots Chapter, raised funds to purchased Revolutionary War uniforms to perform with the MSSAR Color Guard when called upon.

The Traveling Vietnam War Wall Memorial was viewed at the Landers Civic Center in Southaven from May 10 to May 13. The MSSAR Color Guard was invited to provide the Color Guard for the closing ceremonies before 500 plus visitors.



Photo to left: Combined Southern District Color Guard with members of the Horn Lake High School Marine JROTC at the 2012 Mississippi State Annual Convention.

Photo to right: MSSAR Color Guard marching to the review stand with Vietnam War Wall Memorial in the background.



Photo to left: MSSAR Color Guard Members John R Taylor Jr (Commander), Gerald P Brent, CDR/USN (Ret) (MSSAR President) and Lyn Herron (MSSAR Treasurer/Registrar)



Photos by: Gerry Brent



## NATIONAL EVENTS

### *National Society Color Guard*



Photo below: Massed NSSAR Color Guard after the 232nd Anniversary of the Battle of Ramseur's Mill outside of Lincolnton, NC

Guardsmen from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida participated

Photos provided by: Will Ouvry, SC Society Color Guard

### *Pegasus Parade*



Photos by: Jo Thornhill  
Photo to left: NSSAR Color Guard poses on the steps at the national headquarters before departing for the parade.  
Photo below: Rev Forest Chilton rides in the NSSAR truck as it drives down Broadway near the Brown Hotel.

By: Mark C Anthony, Adjutant, NSSAR Color Guard

Members from the Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, North Carolina and South Carolina Society gathered in Louisville to participate in the annual Pegasus Parade which is part of the Kentucky Derby festivities.

This year was the third year in which the NSSAR provided a color guard unit.

Thanks to Kentucky Society Past President Reverend Forrest Chilton for obtaining the truck which served as a platform for many historical flags and allowed those members who did not want to march an opportunity to participate.





## ***SAR to participate in 225th Anniversary of the United States Constitution***

By: Bob Bowen, Coordinator, National 225th Anniversary of the Constitution, NSSAR History Committee and J Michael Tomme, NSSAR National Color Guard Commander

Philadelphia, PA - The SAR is indeed fortunate to have the Philadelphia Continental Chapter taking the lead in the SAR's national celebration of the 225th Anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. Mark your calendars now for September 14-15, 2012 and make plans to attend.

The NSSAR Color Guard will participate in a short parade down Chestnut Street to Independence Hall. The Color Guard has been challenged to have 100 men or more in uniform marching in this parade.

Lodging for the SAR will be at the Double Tree Hotel (610-337-1200) in King of Prussia at a cost of \$109 + tax per night. Busing will be provided to and from the hotel. There are also plans for a Friday buffet dinner including entertainment and a cash bar for \$40 and a Saturday night banquet including entertainment, program and a cash bar for \$50. The President General is scheduled to be the keynote speaker at the Saturday banquet.

The SAR currently has 50 rooms reserved at the Double Tree Hotel for Friday night and a dozen reserved for Saturday night. More rooms may be made available based on demand.

More details will be provided as the event date draws closer. Please watch both *The SAR Color guardsman*, *The SAR Magazine* and the NSSAR website (sar.org) for details as they become available.

## ***NSSAR Color Guard mourns the loss of Former Commander Lampman's wife***

By: Jim Fosdyck, Commander, California Society Color Guard

On Friday, June 15th, a California Society Color Guard participated in the Memorial Service for Anne Delano Donahue-Lampman, wife of former commander Chuck Lampman, at Fairhaven Memorial Park in Santa Ana, CA. The service was conducted by CASSAR Chaplin Rev. Louis Carlson Jr and remarks were given by CASDAR State Regent Karon Jarrod and NSSAR President General Larry Magerkurth.

Anne was a member of numerous lineage societies, holding national office in several. She was a past State Regent of the CASDAR.

The Honor Guard made up of Guardsmen from the California Society served as ushers and later formed a Color Guard and provided a bagpiper. Participating members were Karl Jacobs, Jim Blauer, Kent Gregory, Jim Fosdyck, Dave Siler, Larry Wood, Dan McKelvie, Gregg Rice, Phil Hinshaw, Ernie McCullough, Will Tisch and Mel Butler. Chapter represented were Harbor Chapter, Orange County Chapter, Riverside Chapter, San Diego Chapter and the South Coast Chapter.



Honor Guard  
and Bagpiper  
assemble at the  
Memorial Ser-  
vice.

Photo by:  
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### ***SAR Color Guard to Stand Vigil at Washington's' Tomb***

By: J Michael Tomme, NSSAR Color Guard Commander

For the second year in a row, the NSSAR Color Guard will stand vigil at the Tomb of George and Martha Washington on 8 September 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

As with last year, guardsmen may sign up for 30 minute shifts.

Guardsmen will be able to park behind what is called the Hearst Gate which is located off the main parking lot. This will allow us to come and go as we please, even after the estate has closed for the evening. This Gate will be closed so you will need to use the intercom to gain admittance.

Details, as they are known, have already been emailed to state color guard commanders for dissemination.

As a note, NO type of firearm will be allowed on the property. Guardsmen may bring swords and sabers.

The following hotels are located nearby. There is no SAR block of rooms and guardsmen need to contact the hotels directly.

Quality Inn and Suites - Alexandria South Area  
8849 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22309  
2.4 miles to Mt. Vernon  
Rates starting at \$90

Hampton Inn and Suites - Alexandria South Area  
8843 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22309  
2.5 miles to Mt. Vernon  
Rates starting at \$89

Springhill Suites by Marriott - Alexandria South Area  
6065 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22303  
5.5 miles to Mt. Vernon  
Rates starting at \$149

Holiday Inn Express - Alexandria South Area  
6055 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22303  
5.6 miles to Mt. Vernon  
Rates starting at \$126

Please note that this is the weekend prior to the 225th Anniversary of the Signing of the Constitution event that is detailed on the previous page. It is also two weeks prior to the NSSAR's Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville.