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COMPATRIOTS,

This column is bittersweet to write as it marks the final one of my tenure as your National Color Guard Commander.

The past two years has presented the SAR Color Guard with a number of benchmarks:

- 1) The approval of new events, the expansion of localized events into events that can take place around the nation. These actions have increased the number and variety of events that a Guardsman can participate in and earn the Silver Color Guard and Von Steuben Color Guard medals.
- 2) Honoring Compatriots Ed Rigel Sr (GA) and Gary Greene (NC) as the Color Guardsman of the Year
- 3) Approving a total of 146 Color Guard Medals recognizing the work and commitment of Guardsmen and their partners across the nation. For the record, the totals were 32 Molly Pitcher Medals, 97 Silver Color Guard Medals and 17 Von Steuben Medals.
- 4) Increasing the awareness of Guardsmen across the nation about the important need for increased safety awareness and training.

With respect to the final benchmark, while the work on the Safety Policy & Procedures for the National Color Guard remains unfinished, it is my hope that this will be adopted and successfully implemented in cooperation with the National Insurance Committee and National Legal Advisory Committee.

The unfortunate fact is that a number of potentially hazardous actions have recently come to light which has only underscored the need for the Safety Policy & Procedures.

Now changing tack, the 2019 Annual Congress is upon us and the Color Guard will once again play a vital role. Compatriots are encouraged to attend and take part in the Review of the Color Guard by the President General, Memorial Service, various Presentation of Colors and the Retirement of Colors at the end of the Congress.



Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention that this Congress will also have a Change in Command Ceremony marking the end of my term as Commander. This is always a special ceremony. With the change in command, the Color Guard will be led by Compatriot Jim Fosdyck of the California SAR. Jim has been a good friend and a loyal Guardsman. I wish him well and know that the National SAR Color Guard will continue to grow and succeed under his leadership.

So, for the final time, let me once again thank each of you for your service. You are the face of the SAR to the public. By actively participating in events locally and nationally, you are making your ancestors proud.

Mark C Anthony
Commander,
2017-2019

Commander's Report

FELLOW COLOR GUARDSMEN,

I want to emphasize what an honor it is to be selected as the NSSAR Color Guard Commander. However, let's not forget we all owe a genuine thank you and handshake to our outgoing Commander Mark Anthony.

It is a pleasure to extend my personal congratulations to Compatriot Gary Green of the North Carolina Society for being elected Color Guardsman of the Year (2019-2020). As you know, Compatriot Green was presented a Gold Color Guard Medal at Congress in Costa Mesa. Compatriot Green will carry the SAR Flag at the subsequent annual meetings until the 2020 Congress.



I extend my appreciation to the members of the Color Guard that participated in the 2019 Congress. The Color Guard was an integral part of several events at Congress:

- Greeters at John Wayne Airport,
- President General's Inspection of the Color Guard at Castaways Park, Memorial Service,
- Color Guard for the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Orations Contest finals,
- Present the Colors for the opening business meeting of Congress,
- Present the Colors at the Banquets,
- George Washington's Ring Detachment Honor Guard,
- and uniquely important to us - the Change of Command for the NSSAR Color Guard.

Some compatriots from the Maryland Society arrived early for Congress and participated in 4th of July events in Orange County. Specifically, incoming Vice Commander Lou Raborg marched in the historic 115th Annual 4th of July Parade in Huntington Beach.

As I am writing this message before the Color Guard Breakfast it is my hope a Black Powder Safety Policy & Procedures policy will be approved by the Color Guard Committee very soon. As you may know, following some lengthy debate at Spring Leadership Color Guard Committee meeting, a document outlining a proposal prepared in large part by our Safety Officer Mark Kramer was sent to the Chancellor General and the Legal Advisory Committee for their comments prior to the 2019 Congress. As of the date of this article the Color Guard Commander has not received comments from the Chancellor General or the Legal Advisory Committee.

Upcoming Events:

I would like to attend the Gathering at Sycamore Shoals I mid-September. However, since I can't be in two places at the same time I will participate in the Vigil at the Tomb of George and Martha Washington at Mount Vernon on Saturday, September 14th. I participated in the Vigil in September 2015. It was an honor and I look forward to returning this year. Later that Saturday afternoon I will attend a wreath presentation by President General Manning at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. I hope to see you at one of these programs.

Remember, you are not only the face of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, but your state society and chapter as well.

In Patriotism,
James C. Fosdyck
NSSAR Color Guard Commander 2019 - 2020

National Color Guard Events - 2019

Approximate 2019 Date	Color Guard Event	Location	Host
January 19	Battle of Cowpens	Chesnee, SC	Daniel Morgan SAR
January 26	Battle of Cowans Ford	Huntersville, NC	Mecklenburg SAR
February 9	Battle of Kettle Creek	Washington, GA	Georgia
February 16	Crossing of the Dan	South Boston, VA	Virginia
February 23	Washington Birthday Parade	Laredo, TX	Texas
February 23	Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge	Currie, NC	North Carolina
March 1-2	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY	
March 9	Last Naval Battle of the Revolution	Merritt Island, FL	Florida
March 16	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC	North Carolina
April 12	Halifax Resolves	Halifax, NC	North Carolina
April 18	Patriot's Day	Nationally	
May 2	Kentucky Derby Pegasus Parade	Louisville, KY	Kentucky
May 4	Battle of Pensacola	Pensacola, FL	Florida
May 11	Raid on Martin's Station	Ewing, VA	Virginia
May 25	Battle of Fort San Carlos	St Louis, MO	Missouri
May 25	Bufo's Massacre	Lancaster, SC	General Francis Marion SAR
May 25-27	Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous	Vincennes, IN	Indiana
May 27	National Memorial Day Parade	Washington DC	District of Columbia
May 27	Memorial Day events *	Various locations	
June 8	Action at Machias	Machias, ME	Maine
June 8	Battle of Ramseur's Mill	Lincolnton, NC	Catawba Valley SAR
June 15	Battle of Bunker Hillall	Charlestown, MA	Massachusetts SAR
June 29	Battle of Monmouth	Monmouth Cty, NJ	New Jersey SAR
July 4 every year	Let Freedom Ring / July 4th Events *	Various locations	
July 7 - 11	NSSAR National Congress	Costa Mesa, CA	
July 27	Siege of Fort Laurens	Bolivar, OH	Ohio
August 17	Battle of Blue Licks	Carlisle, KY	Kentucky
August 24	National American Legion Parade	Various	
August 31	Battle of Groton Heights	Groton, CT	Connecticut
September 14	Battle of Saratoga	Stillwater, NY	Empire State
September 14	Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Elizabethton, TN	Tennessee
September 14	Vigil at George Washington's Tomb	Mt Vernon, VA	
September 20-21	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY	
October 4-6	Point Pleasant Battle Days	Point Pleasant, WV	West Virginia
October 7	Battle of Kings Mountain	Blacksburg, SC	Kings Mountain SAR (NC) / Daniel Morgan SAR (SC)
October 19	Yorktown Days	Yorktown, VA	Virginia
November 11	Veterans Day Events *	Nationally	Various
December 7	Battle of Great Bridge	Norfolk, VA	Virginia
December 21	Wreaths Across America	Various Locations	
Events that can occur on random dates throughout the year			
	Massing of the Colors		
	Fields of Honor / Healing Field		
	Honor Flight		



Hilton, Costa Mesa CA



* SAR color guardsmen who participate in a local event on the actual day or the weekend closest to **July 4th, Memorial Day or Veterans Day** can count that event toward the Silver Color Guard Medal and the Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Color Guard Service. This is limited to a single event. Multiple events on these days cannot be counted multiple times.

** Date Added refers to first appearance in Color Guard Handbook after approval by National Color Guard Committee. Those national events that do not have a date, were listed in the first edition dated 9/24/2000 thus signifying approval prior to that date. Events with Date Added next to them cannot be counted for Color Guard Medals prior to the earlier of the date added or the actual date the event would have occurred after it was added.

N.B.: Dates and times are subject to change and interested parties should refer to the respective state society web sites closer to the actual event.

Send event updates to [sarwilliamssa\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:sarwilliamssa@gmail.com)



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:** Alaska, Arkansas, Dakotas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Indiana, 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
- Just Two Tailors
- 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
- Townsends
- Track of the Wolf
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National SAR Color Guard Committee 2018 Annual Congress Meeting 7 July 2019 Hilton Costa Mesa, California Meeting Notes

1. Welcome- Mark Anthony
2. Invocation- Roger Coursey (GA)
3. Presentation of Von Stueben Medal to compatriot Dan McKelvie (CA).
4. Pledge of Allegiance – PG Warren Alter
5. Pledge to the SAR- Jim Fosdyck
6. Comments from the PG. Warren Alter
7. Introduction of Staff and Former Commanders; Dave Hoover(MD), Chuck Lampman(CA), Mike Tomme(GA), Joe Dooley(VA), Peter Goebel(ES). Staff at hand Dr. Rudy Bryd, 2nd Adjutant Brooks Lyles (KS), 1st Adjutant Lou Raborg (MD), Vice Commander Jim Fosdyck (CA) and photographer Un Hui Yi.
8. Introduced new 2nd Adjutant Scott Collins (GA)
9. Review of logistics for Congress with Paul Callanan and additional comments...
 - A. Castaways Park review, ¼ mile to marine corps. monument.
 - B. Guardsmen may bring muskets and sabers in church.
 - C. Mark Kramer (CA) to perform safety checks.
 - D. No medals/name tags on uniform.
 - E. Do not break ranks.
 - F. No photos from ranks
 - G. Mon. 8:30am Fountain terrace, Tues. change of command, Wedns. Retire colors.

10. Presentation of Awards- Darren Schmidt (VA) and Ed Riegel Jr. (GA) both not present- receive Von Stueben Awards and thanks of the Color Guard.

11. Proposal: Lou Raborg (MD) National Events- The expansion of privilege to designate a national event. It is proposed that when the PG is unable to attend an event and he so designates the current Treasurer or Secretary General that they shall have the right to designate the event as a national event, in the same manner as the district VPG. Motion second by Rudy Bryd (AR). **Motion passed.**

12. Old Business. Safety policy. Policy was brought to Executive Committee and Insurance Committee. Executive Committee brought back to insurance committee. Insurance committee commented that a safety policy would need to be adopted to secure quotes from insurers. No additional changes were made regarding the new safety procedures and insurance.

A. Discussion: Mark Kramer (CA) discussed insurance that the California Society has from the reenactors insurance corp. Individual policies \$48 a year/ chapter policies for up to 30, \$465 a year. Dan Woodruff (SC) incoming chair of the insurance committee, suggested forming a subcommittee between members of the insurance and color guard committees to hammer out differences from state to state policies.

Additional comments were made from several, not in favor of continuing the debate. Lou Raborg (MD) called the question. **Motion and Safety policy was passed.** Mark asked for members to work with the insurance committee to hammer out any small details, Mark Kramer, Scott Collins, Rudy Byrd, Alan Green and Lou Raborg volunteered. PG Alter directed that the Safety Officer be assigned to the Insurance Committee.

Mark Anthony was presented a beautiful patriotic quilt made by Un Hui Yi, for his service as national color guard commander.

Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard Safety Policy and Procedures

FOREWORD

This document is the product of discussions on items submitted to an Ad Hoc Committee established in 2017 to develop standard safety policies and procedures for the National SAR Color Guard.

The formatting of this document was divided into two sections with sub-sections: (1) **Policies** that are shall do or shall not do and (2) **Event Procedures** that more how to in nature including recommended Firing and other Commands.

It is the intent that upon adoption of these Policies and Procedures by the National Color Guard Committee, that these be the standard for all color guard units – National, State and Chapter levels. The development of a standardized set of policies and procedures should enable a Compatriot to easily perform at events regardless of where they are held in a safe and comfortable manner.

Policies

A. Insurance:

1. Any chapter and/or state society that has compatriots who fire a weapon shall have a liability insurance policy that covers the firing of Black Powder

2. All liability insurance policies obtained by a Chapter shall name the respective State Society and National Society as additional insureds.

3. All liability insurance policies obtained by a State Society shall name the National Society as an additional insured.

B. Training:

1. Before carrying a weapon at an SAR event, all compatriots will be trained in the safe handling of that weapon even if they are not firing.

2. Any compatriot who will be firing shall be additionally trained in the safe operation and firing of their firearm.

3. The recognized standards for training shall be (1) the National Park Service Manual of Instruction for the Safe Use of Reproduction Flintlock Rifles & Muskets in Interpretive Demonstrations (1/21/2010), (2) the NRA NMLRA Basic Muzzle Loading Shooting Course or (3) an equivalent training course that is approved by the National Color Guard Committee and National Insurance Committee and taught by an instructor who has been certified by the State Color Guard Commander. If the color guardsman receives training from an outside source, such as the National Park Service or NRA, the State Color Guard Commander or his designee will examine the color guardsman for familiarity with SAR uses of a flintlock and provide additional training as necessary. ⁽¹⁾

4. Weapons training is the responsibility of the State Society with competencies certified by the State Color Guard Commander or his designee based on the following criteria:

a. Demonstrated knowledge of and compliance with the recognized safety standards for carrying a weapon

b. Demonstrated knowledge of and efficiency in safely loading and firing a weapon

C. Firearm(s):

1. As the historical period being portrayed is the American Revolutionary War, only muskets and rifles of that period, including but not limited to, the British Brown Bess Musket, the French Charleville Musket, the Spanish M1752 Musket and the American Long Rifle, are allowed.

2. Only reproductions that are manufactured for black powder shall be fired. **THE FIRING OF ORIGINAL FIREARMS IS PROHIBITED.**

a. Firearms shall have a flash protector and frizzen cover/hammer stall.

b. Firearms shall always be pointed in a safe direction and never at another person.

c. Firearms shall remain unloaded until instructed to load. Charged weapons shall be carried at half-cock.

d. A finger shall never be on the trigger unless firing the weapon.

e. A safety inspection shall be performed prior to any event and, if the weapon has been fired, immediately after an event.

f. The minimum age to fire a weapon is eighteen (18) years old.

g. A member of the general public shall not be allowed to handle a weapon that has been fired until the barrel has been swabbed, undergone a safety inspection and with the compatriot maintaining positive control of the weapon.

D. Powder:

1. Powder shall only be carried in a paper cartridge to maintain the appearance of historical accuracy.

2. Powder loaded into a weapon shall not exceed the limits established by the National Park Service manual as follows:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| • “Brown Bess” Musket .75 Caliber | 125 grains FFg |
| • Charleville Musket .69 Caliber | 125 grains FFg |
| • American Musket .69 Caliber | 90 grains FFg |
| • Kentucky Rifle Variable | 90 grains FFg |
| • Pistols & Horse Pistols Variable | 90 grains FFg |
| • Fowler & Trade Guns .62 Caliber | 80 grains FFg |

3. While participating in SAR events a ball/projectile shall never be loaded into a weapon - **BLANK CARTRIDGES ONLY**

a. Wadding/patches are never to be used for Color Guard purposes.

b. Ramrods and/or other objects shall not be inserted into charged barrels.

4. Compatriots participating in a gun salute shall keep the powder cartridges in a leather covered pouch or box with a flap that completely covers the opening. The pouch or box should be worn external to the compatriot's clothing (i.e. no cartridges should be kept in pockets or under coats).

E. Edged Weapons:

1. All edged weapons, including but not limited to swords, bayonets and tomahawks/hatchets, shall be kept in their scabbards until appropriate time for use.

2. At no time shall edged weapons be pointed at an individual.

3. Bayonets shall only be placed on muskets during outdoor ceremonies and parades.

4. Spontoons, halberds and pikes shall always be carried in the upright position and only pointed at the ground during a salute.

F. General Safety

1. Only natural fiber fabrics or leather shall be worn if a color guard member is firing or is next to a compatriot who is firing. Clothing shall not contain any gabardine, polyester or polyester like material that can easily melt.

2. Firing participants are recommended to have eye and hearing protection.

G. Record Retention

1. All required paperwork, including but not limited to, copies of insurance policies, list of trainers and lists of trained compatriots, shall be maintained by each State Society and shall be provided to the National SAR promptly upon request.

2. Lists of trainers and those trained should be updated annually by each State Society.

3. The National SAR will maintain all National Color Guard Staff documentation.

EVENT PROCEDURES

General:

1. The Color Guard Commander, or his designee, shall be responsible for enforcing all policies as much as practical; however, each compatriot is ultimately responsible for his own health and safety including, but not limited to, obtaining the necessary liability insurance.

2. It is the compatriot's personal responsibility to be aware of their physical limitations and to excuse themselves from parades or events that will exceed their capabilities.

3. The Color Guard Commander, or his designee, shall be responsible for ensuring that proper permits and permissions for Color Guard activities have been obtained.

4. At no time shall a compatriot be impaired by alcohol or medication while firing.

5. Provisions for adequate water for Color Guard participants should be made by the sponsoring State Society or Chapter in the event of high heat and/or humidity.

Site Safety:

1. Check weather forecasts for the time of the event (i.e. high winds, high/low temperatures, lightning, precipitation, and/or slick/slippery conditions) and advise participants of any adverse conditions that may be expected.

2. When the potential for lightning exists, appoint an observer to monitor the proximity of lightning strikes to the event and to identify appropriate shelter as necessary.

3. Inspect the assembly area, route of march, and ceremonial area for hazards. Identified hazards should be managed by (in order of preference) removal of hazard, avoidance of hazard, or mitigation of hazard. Specific hazards include, but are not limited to,

(a) trip/fall hazards,

(b) low hanging obstacles (i.e. electrical lines, tree branches),

(c) potential falling objects (i.e. dead tree branches, falling nuts),

(d) potential breach of the down range perimeter after identifying the gun salute firing line, and

(e) combustible material in area (if gun salute is part of ceremony).

4. Ensure that a minimum 150 feet buffer zone free of observers is in front of the firing team

5. Careful consideration should be made when firing between buildings or structures that will contain the blast and resonate the sound.

6. A Safety Officer must be present at every event where firing occurs.

Firearm Inspection:

Pre-Event

The Color Guard Commander, or his designate, shall perform a musket safety check prior to any use of a weapon in a SAR Ceremony. Such safety check shall include, but not be limited to the following:

1. Firearms shall be confirmed to be in a safe and functional state with all parts being free of visible defects (including, but not limited to stock cracks or splits, secure bands and pins, etc.) and that all appropriate safety equipment is attached such as flash guards and frizzen covers / hammer stalls.

2. The lock must not fail in the half-cock position and the hammer must not catch at half-cock when the trigger is pulled. If the lock fails, the weapon will not be allowed to fire.

3. Firearms shall be confirmed to be unloaded by pinging the ramrod.

Post Event/Misfire Safety Check

1. After every firing event the weapon shall be confirmed to be unloaded by pinging the ramrod.

2. If the weapon still has a charge, then that weapon shall be taken away to a point of safety. A safety officer shall watch the clearing to ensure that all safety precautions are observed.

3. The pan shall be re-primed and the musket fired.

4. If the weapon fails to fire again, the flint shall be checked to ensure that the flint has not failed.

5. If the flint has failed, then it shall be replaced and the pan re-primed and the weapon re-fired.

6. If the weapon still does not fire, the charge will be removed from the barrel.

7. Once the weapon has been successfully fired or the charge removed, another ramrod check shall be done to assure there is no latent powder remaining in the barrel.

Firing Commands:

It is encouraged that the firing commands be standardized to those presented in as presented in the National Park Service Manual of Instruction for the Safe Use of Reproduction Flintlock Rifles & Muskets in Interpretive Demonstrations (1/21/2010).⁽²⁾

Firing Muskets in Parades:

1. The Color Guard Commander, or his designee, shall ensure that the parade officials will allow the firing of muskets and that appropriate precautions to inform adjacent units and public safety officials of any firing have been taken.

2. All other safety procedures shall apply during parades.

3. A non-firing Safety Officer shall be assigned to monitor the safety of the Color Guard and the public near the firing. This officer shall inform observers to take precautions prior to any firing.

4. The Color Guard Commander, or his designee, shall ensure that the preferred distance of one hundred fifty (150) feet separates the participants in front of the color guard from the color guard.

5. Firing shall be aimed directly forward with muskets pointed upward with at a least a forty-five (45) degree angle and never over parade observers. Firings should only occur in open spaces, such as major intersections, where the concussion will not damage building windows.

⁽¹⁾ Any additional training courses will be incorporated into this policy by reference with links provided on the National Color Guard webpage on the SAR website as they are approved.

⁽²⁾ The National Park Service Manual of Instruction for the Safe Use of Reproduction Flintlock Rifles & Muskets in Interpretive Demonstrations (1/21/2010) may be found online by searching for it by name or at the following address <https://www.nps.gov/stri/upload/18thcmusketmanual2010-01-21.pdf>. This manual is incorporated into this Policy by reference.

INSURANCE

Today at the National Color Guard breakfast and meeting the National Color Guard Safety Policies and Procedures were adopted. As a part of the adoption and upon recommendation of the Insurance Committee and President General the Color Guard Committee established an AdHoc Committee to examine the insurance coverage requirements of the Color Guard and to work with the insurance committee.

Gun control has recently dominated the media and has caused some insurance companies who provided event insurance where firearms were present to pulled out of this niche. Although there are probably several insurance companies that may write policies they are probably more regional. Over the past couple of color guard meetings in Louisville there has been discussion on policies, training and insurance. One issue that will most likely be the responsibility of the State Society or the local chapter is that of insurance. There are several types of liability coverage (insurance). We are all familiar with Director's and Officer's (D&O) insurance; however, this coverage will not cover the liability caused by an incident at an event. Since we started examining insurance coverage many companies as mentioned above have stopped covering reenactments or events that have firearms or edged weapons.

Currently there are two prominent companies that serve the reenactor community, which we would fall under. There may be more and if you come across others let the Color Guard Committee know. Both companies have one thing in common they provide insurance for groups or individuals but do not insure events that the group or individual are sponsoring. Meaning if a Chapter or Society is the organizer of an event then they would need event insurance. Where these insurance company do provide coverage is where we participate in functions that are organized by other organizations, i.e., community parades, school functions or a history day.

As background, the SAR chapter I belong to has had liability insurance for several years. Our first coverage was a General Liability policy that did not preclude firing black powder firearms. Meaning according to our broker since firearms were not precluded, they were covered, this statement caused some consternation among our chapter board. Our cost for this insurance was approximately \$1,200 a year. However, after several years we were cancelled as the underwriter started to write a firearm exclusion into the policy.

Wanting to protected our members and their assets we found a company called Shoff Darby Reenactment Club/Group Insurance (800 840-7762). Our yearly cost is \$465.00 30 members. To add additional members the cost is \$12.50 for each additional member. This is for two million dollars of coverage. This policy covers our members in costume/uniforms that are specifically listed on the policy. In addition, this policy only covers injuries to spectators and the liability that the Chapter, State Society and National Society may have as a result of an incident. Although the Chapter is the originator of the policy, we had the State Society and the National Society covered as additionally insured (AI); this is a no cost service provided by Shoff Darby. Two items that are not covered are events where we are organizer and sponsor as mentioned above and the second exclusion is the coverage does not cover injuries to our own participants. It is assumed that participants will have individual medical insurance.

A second insurance company that has been examined is tailored to the small chapter where only a couple of members would fire muskets or rifles is from a company called - Reenactors Insurance. They are found at <http://reenactorsinsurance.com/>. This insurance is tailored to the individual only and not to the chapter, state society or national society. However, this company will still provide additionally insured (AI) policies for the Chapter, State Society and National Society. The current cost of this individual policy is \$48.00 per year. This insurance company covers individuals in period costumes/uniforms. When you purchase this insurance, you become a member of The Reenactors Group and are covered by this group insurance policy of \$2 million per occurrence and \$5 million aggregate, and all of our members are included in excess medical coverage up to \$5000 with a \$100 per claim deductible. As this insurance is written for the individual it covers the individual when in period uniform/costume at any function where they are participating as long as the individual is not the organizer of the event.

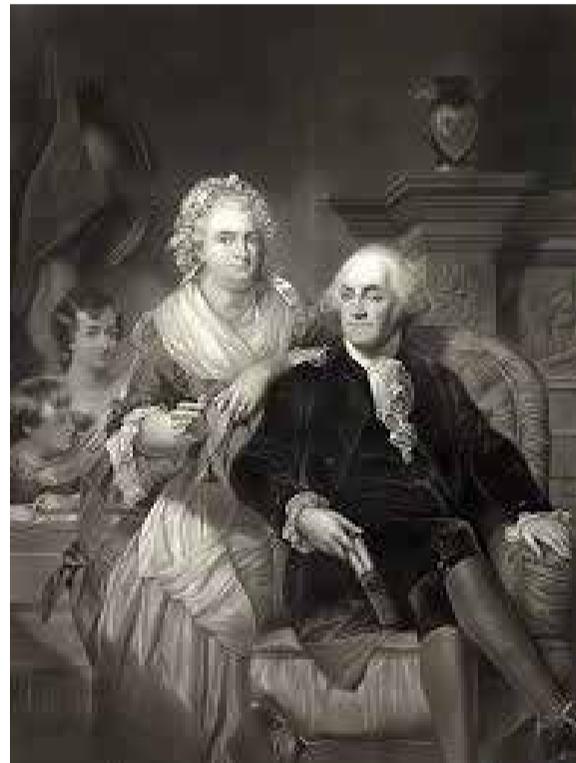
I expect that when the Color Guard AdHoc Insurance committee begins their work more items will be addressed.

Respectfully,
Mark Kramer



Vigil at George Washington's Tomb

The SAR will conduct a Vigil at George Washington's Tomb on Saturday, Sep 14, 2019, a date which coincides with the Colonial Market Fair at Mount Vernon.



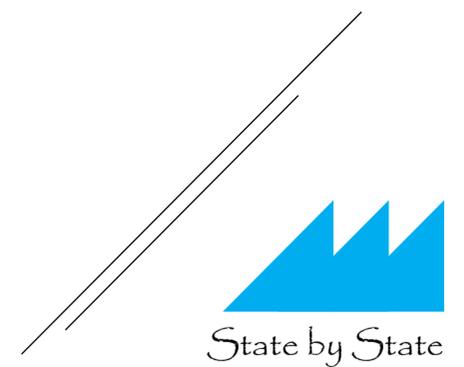
The SAR is permitted to use period correct edged weapons and muskets for the guard at the tomb. Each weapon will pass a safety check by the commander on scene, including the confirmation that no black powder is in a musket or being carried by any participant.

Muskets will be limited to four, two for those guarding the tomb, and two for their replacements, to be cycled with each shift. The muskets will be brought on site before the start of the Vigil and removed immediately afterward.

Other details of this Vigil will be coordinated by the NSSAR Color Guard Commander and his staff.



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!

From the Editor

The previous high water mark was 21 state societies'

color guard reports. **This issue has 27 !** We now have

a much higher bar to reach and one might expect that the October issue should have at least 27 reports and possibly more.

There are some things about submitting content, especially for state Color Guard Commanders or their designee, that need to be explained and understood in order to reduce any future controversy.

- The color guard events or activities must be from the three months immediately prior to the issue's publication date. Example: A January issue of the SAR Colorguardsman Magazine should only include the color guard events/activities from October to and including December. Activities before October should not be submitted.

The rules for submitting Photos are included below.

- I am receiving PDF documents for state submissions. **Please do not send PDF files.** Send the native document: WORD, Text, etc. I might have to re-type the PDF information some of which can be quite lengthy.
- There seems to be some level of confusion as to what content is appropriate for submission for the *Reports From the Field*. Submit events when color guard units participate in designated chapter color guard events, designated state color guard events, and/or designated District/National color guard events. An SAR member dressed in period dress giving a speech or presenting a certificate/medal at an event that has not been designated as a color guard event is not something to submit to the SAR Colorguardsman magazine but rather to the *SAR Magazine* edited by Steve Vest. Too often I get content from a chapter officer who has not been apprised of these guidelines for submission. This results in a level of controversy when these guidelines are later explained. **State Color guard commanders should pass on these guidelines when communicating with his state's color guard members.**
- **The deadline for submission of content is the end of the month prior to the Issue date:** December 31 for the January Issue, March 31 for the April issue, June 30 for the July Issue, and September 30 for the October issue. I try to have the issue locked down during the first week of the month for review and subsequent submitting the issue to national for uploading to the web site. Once I receive confirmation that the issue is on the web I will send a message to all known state color guard commanders for them to distribute throughout



their respective communities. Additionally, I will use the *SAR-Officers* list for wider notification of the publication. Hopefully, this will attract the attention of the state presidents and officers for those states that do not have a listed color guard commander. I do not have a distribution list of all color guard members nor would I consider creating one.

RECAPPING -

- When the notification that the issue is on the Color Guard Committee web page, the state Color Guard Commanders should be sending that message to all of their state's chapter color guard members/commanders. There are too many instances where chapter color guard members are not aware of this publication. So they are missing out on any news and important information.
- Please use the chain-of-command when submitting content. Chapter Color Guard Commanders should submit to their state's Color Guard Commander who then uses his judgement to submit to this Editor. Doing this helps the state commander keep abreast of the activities in which his state's chapters are participating.
- **IMPORTANT** - When submitting photos, **please do NOT embed them into any document** (PDF or WORD) but send them in the original resolution. Do not send thumbnail photos, e.g., small photos (under 300 kb) as these are too small to be effective representations of any event or people. Except in mass groupings, list the people in the photos and, if known, the photographer.
- **IMPORTANT** - When submitting photos, **for any event please submit no more than two photos for any single event.** Too often I get 5 to 15 photos - or 37 photos - for that single event. I might select a photo that you would rather I not use. **When submitting text to explain the event using photos please accurately label which photo goes with what text.** I get a photos titled IMG-12345, IMG 45678 and the text will say photo 1 and photo 2. Which is photo 1 and which is photo 2?

I look forward to the issue that has all 38 state color guard units with something in the issue. Missing in this issue are: **Alabama, Idaho, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, & Utah.**

Thank you, one and all, for making this section showcase and shine a light on **your** color guard units' activities and community involvement.



The Memorial Day Story in Arizona

Seven chapters and the AZ society participated in the Memorial Day Ceremonies across the State.

The Arizona Society Color Guard Folded the Flag that was taken down and presented it. They presented the new flag that was raised and then became part of the program. Steve Monez explained SAR. Each member was introduced. Two members, Jerry Davis and James Skaggs shared their ancestors' story. Steve Monez then presented The Bedford Boys Story. The Bedford Boys from Bedford a small town with 3200 population were the first wave on the Omaha Beach in Normandy on D-Day June 6, 1944. 23 men died that day.



The members of the CG L/R are Steve Monez Prescott Chapter, Matt Scott Palo Verde Chapter, Greg, Hohokam CAR Chapter member, Jerry Davis Phoenix Chapter, James Skaggs Palo Verde Chapter and Paul Wescott Payson Chapter ABOVE: After the ceremony was complete the unit honored Henry Davis Jerry Davis father at his grave site.



At the Prescott National Cemetery, the Prescott Chapter turned out. Drummer Edward Lipphardt, L/R Dennis DeAtley, Bill Smith, Celeste Cates DAR, James Cates, and Eugene McCarthy.



At the Pioneer Cemetery in Phoenix Jan Huber fifer and Jim Heller attended.

Color Guard at E Lawn Palms Cememtry Memorial Day Ceremony



National Vietnam War Veterans Day Event

Thanks to all our veterans. To honor our Vietnam Veterans, the Arizona Society of the Sons of the American Revolution along with a Daughter participated in the 25th Annual National Vietnam War Veterans Day Ceremony. This was held on April 28th at Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza Vietnam War Veterans Memorial. They marched, following many other color guards around the Rotunda. Stephen Miller a Vietnam Veteran placed the SAR wreath. Stephen, a B52 pilot, flew 202 missions during the Vietnam conflict.

Pictured from left to right Dr. Bill Baran, Steve Monez, Celeste Cates, Steve Miller, Dr. James Cates. Steve Miller



CALIFORNIA



Memorial Day, May 27 at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery,
Santa Ana, CA

RIGHT: Orange County Chapter colorguardsmen, compatriots and wives. L to R: Kent Gregory, Larry Wood, Sharon Wood, Mark Torres, Brenda Torres, Jim Blauer, Charmella Secrest, Jim Klingler, John Blake, Dan McKelvie, Karen McKelvie, Larry Hansen, Gene Secrest, Un Hui Yi and Jim Fosdyck

BELOW: Jim Fosdyck in uniform and Larry Hansen in Minuteman attire escort Compatriot Gene Secrest and his wife Charmella to place an SAR wreath at the Solders' Monument at Santa Ana Cemetery



Strawberry Festival Parade, Garden Grove, CA; Saturday,
May 25, 2019



LEFT: Orange County Chapter (CA) Lee's Legion Colorguardsmen L to R: Kent Gregory, Mark Torres, Jim Klingler, John Blake and Larry Hansen.



Field of Honor at Castaways Park, Newport Beach, CA;
May 18-19, 2019

ABOVE LEFT: May 18th Un Hui Yi, John Blake, Dan McMillian and Jim Blauer give out miniature US Flags to attendees.

ABOVE: May 18th Orange County Chapter (CA) Lee's Legion Colorguardsmen and friends. L to R; Sloan Shippey, Jim Fosdyck, John Blake, Jim Blauer, Jim Klingler, Kent Gregory, Mark Torres, Kenneth Brining, Dan McMillan, Dan Shippey (as General Washington), Johnny Martin, Christopher Keene and Blythe Shippey.

LEFT: May 19th World War II veterans reminiscing.



COLORADO

2019-2Q COSSAR COLOR GUARD REPORT June 8, 2019

TASKS ACCOMPLISHED (*- Denotes Color Guard Commander):

27 Apr – Posted & Retired Colors for DAR State Conference (Hughes, Riepe, Cheney, Jenkins (Drum), Wellborn*) COSSAR President Neeley brought Greetings and Jenkins drummed Entrance/Exit of Officers.

11 May – Presented COSSAR Color Guard Powerpoint to Long's Peak Chapter. – Issued full militia uniform to new Color Guard member Mark Sweeney. Interest in Patriot Chest Education Program.

26 May – Conducted Drill Practice at Geneva Glen Camp (Neeley, Snodgrass, Crago, Cheney, Wellborn*) – Posting & Retrieving Colors, Firing Volley & Feu de Joie Salutes.

2 Jun – Conducted Drill Practice at Geneva Glen Camp (Neeley*, Hampton, Crago*, Cheney, Coyner (Drum), Wellborn) – Focus on commands and execution.

ADDITIONAL TASKS COMPLETED:

- Apr 18 – Presented 4 ROTC Awards at University of Colorado, Boulder.
- Developed Color Guard Presentation (PowerPoint) to promote COSSAR & CAR member participation.

• May 5 – Promoted SAR at Ft Lupton Heritage Fair with Northern Colorado Fife & Drum Corps & Living History Days.

• Investigated Parade Banners: Pikes Peak & Longs Peak Chapters already own banners. New design for <\$100.

• May 18 – Briefly promoted COSSAR Color Guard at Castle Rock Chapter Meeting in Parker.

• May 18 – Made scouting trip for drill practice site with Hampton, Crago, Neeley to Geneva Glen Camp located west of Morrison.

• Scheduled 3 Drill Practices: 2 at Geneva Glen, 1 at Roundup Ranch & invited CAR & Living History Days members.

TASKS PLANNED:

- Conduct survey to update CG Membership, Clothing & Equipment Inventory.
- June 14 – Flag Day Firing Salute on Mt Genessee
- June 18-20 – Flag Raising Salute at Geneva Glen Camp & Patriot Chest Presentations
- July 4th – Firestone Parade AND L
- July 17-18 Promote SAR during Ft DA Russell Days at Cheyenne Warren AFB Entrance with Northern Colorado Fife & Drum Corps.
- August 11 – Color Guard & Patriot Chest Demonstrations for COSSAR Picnic at Roundup Ranch Respectfully Submitted,

State Color Guard Commander





Monday April 15th - 244th Patriots Day Parade in Concord, MA

Compatriots of the Connecticut Line,

As I stood in the doorway of the motel in Concord Mass at 6:30 Monday morning thunder and lightning moved about along with a steady rain. By 8:30am we were forming up at the Keyes Street public parking area, to walk over to the muster location for the start of the parade, as a light rain continued to fall. When we reached our spot in the parade formation area, the rain had stopped, and the sky began to lighten, and so another Patriots Day parade was soon to begin. By the time we stepped off, we numbered nine compatriots from Connecticut, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. and one 12-year-old drummer boy from Stamford Connecticut. (Howard Greene found us the drummer boy!) It was a good time had by all! As we passed the Colonial Inn, we were saluted by SAR President-General Warren Alter, who stood with other members of the SAR. Following the ceremony at 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 usual due to the rain. Lunch was at the Colonial Inn and was organized by 1st Sgt Dan Dudley, good job as usual! During lunch we were paid a visit by PG Warren Alter and his lovely wife Nancy. PG Alter gave each compatriot present, one of his challenge coins! Before ending lunch, I had the opportunity to present Jerry Hazeldine with his Patriot Grave Marking medal. Those marching with me were: Richard Wright, Russ Cumbee, Derek Brockhoff, Dan Dudley, Howard Greene, Tyler Smith, and Chris Bandecchi, who is our newest color guardsman.



Monday May 27th - Naugatuck and Litchfield Memorial Day Parades

LEFT: 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 members of the Connecticut Line were the lead unit for the fourth division. The crowds were large and loud, with great applause with every musket volley we fired. By the end of the 2-mile parade route we had emptied our cartridge boxes, nearly 30 rounds per man. Following the parade, the host organization provided free food and drink to all the participants. The Connecticut Line receives a \$300 donation from the event organizers, which be used to offset the cost of our insurance.

At the same time, a second group of the Connecticut Line was marching and firing in the Litchfield Memorial Day parade where we have participated as unit for many years.



Saturday June 1st - Compatriot Grave Marking for Arthur N. Learned of the NC Society

Above & Right: On Saturday June 1st six members of the Connecticut Line along with past State President Ethan Stewart participated in its first compatriot grave marking ceremony in Connecticut. Compatriot Fred Learned, VP of the NC society, along with about 25 members of the Learned family had a lovely memorial ceremony and interment of ashes for Arthur and Shirley Learned at the Old North Cemetery in Guilford. The Connecticut Line provided a color guard and musket salute for the ceremony.



243rd Anniversary of Connecticut Independence Day (June 18, 1776) at the War Office, Sunday June 16, 2019

The Putnam detachment of the Connecticut Line held an open house at the Gov. Jonathan Trumbull War Office in Lebanon. The day was cloudy with periods of light rain. We were open from 11:00 AM to about 4:15 PM. We had 18 visitors today to our SAR museum property. Connecticut Line compatriots participating (4) William Baldwin, Lee Gerlander, Randal Gerlander, Todd Gerlander. Overall a good day!





Schools Days at the three Connecticut SAR Museum Properties

During the months of May and June, the Connecticut SAR Property Steward, Dave Packard is busy with student groups from the area schools visiting the three museums owned and operated by the Connecticut SAR. They are the Nathan Hale School houses in East Haddam and New London, and the Gov. Jonathan Trumbull



War Office in Lebanon. In total there were eight visits with about 50 in each group. The visits usually include topics on early American schooling, life as a militia soldier and when available with ladies from the local DAR chapters, the life of young ladies during colonial times. In addition to Dave Packard, color guardsmen Derek Brockhoff, William Baldwin and Dave Perkins have also lent a hand with the students, demonstrating how colonial militia dress, eat, slept and of course used their muskets, usually ending each 15 minute session with a musket volley to the delight of the group.

Monday June 17th - 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill

For the twenty third year in a row, members of the Connecticut Line participated in the commemorative exercises in Charlestown, Massachusetts on Monday June 17th along with members of the NHSSAR and MASSAR Color Guards. Following a 10:00 am memorial service at the Church of St. Frances de Sales, we paraded up Bunker Hill Street to the Bunker Hill Monument grounds located on Breeds Hill, where the annual commemorative exercises are held promptly at 11:00 am. Prior to the ceremony starting, the NPS preformed a safety inspection and handed out three rounds to each man with a musket. The color guard from the USS Constitution "Old Ironsides" presented the colors, and then greetings from the Commander of the USS Constitution, National Park Service, Boston City Council, British General Consul of Boston, MASSAR State President Robert Bossart and several others. At the conclusion of all the greetings and songs we closed the ceremony with a prayer from NHS-SAR Garret Lear, and a three-volley musket salute. After the playing of taps, SAR society wreaths were placed at the Connecticut, New Hampshire and Massachusetts gates to commemorate the men who fought at the battle from those states. Following the day's events, the nearly all color guardsmen had lunch at Warren Tavern before starting our journey home! For any color guardsmen interested in participating at Bunker Hill, it is always of June 17th! Huzzah! For additional pictures, program and links see connecticursar.org



Group picture in front of Col. Prescott Statue

3 volley Musket salute from the combined color guards, 17 muskets.

Closing prayer from NHSSAR Garrett Lear





The 242nd Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek in Jacksonville, Florida

On another beautiful Saturday March 30th 2019 the 242nd Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek was commemorated at Seaton Creek Historic Preserve in Jacksonville, Florida. There were over 100 people in attendance representing seventeen chapters of the SAR, ten chapters of the DAR and four societies of the C.A.R. plus the City of Jacksonville,

Colonial Dames of the 17th Century and the West Nassau Historical Society. David Ramseur, Past Chapter and Florida Society President presided over the ceremony. Greetings were brought from the City of Jacksonville by Parks Division Chief Robert Skatelzky advising about the future city enhancements for the 846 acre battlefield park. Past PG Carl Hoffman brought greetings from the National SAR and Florida SAR SVP Lee Popham brought greetings for the Florida Society. We were especially honored to have the DAR Florida State Society Regent Dawn Lemongello bringing greetings at our ceremony.

A combined color guard of 20 compatriots was led by Florida SAR Color Guard Vice Commander Dick Young in the presentation of colors and the wreath ceremony. Compatriot Young was assisted by Scott Breckenridge of Jacksonville SAR and River Phillips of the Vaughan-Latham Society C.A.R. In the presentation of the wreaths by the organizations Dick Young and by Jack Dugger of Blue Ridge Mountain SAR served as the honor guardsmen. Thirty three wreaths were presented by SAR, DAR, C.A.R. chapters and other patriotic organizations from South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

We were again delighted to have the "Let Freedom Sing" chorus group sing a number of patriotic songs during the ceremony. Life Scout Ryan Vogel led "The Pledge of Allegiance", and with other scouts assisted in car parking and seating attendees during the ceremony. And most importantly, we were again all spellbound and educated by our SAR award winning speaker/Compatriot, Dr. Roger Smith who taught us the true southern history about the Revolutionary War conflicts in leadership and planning leading up to the Battle of Thomas Creek, also known as the "Southernmost Battle of the American Revolutionary War".



Commander Young & Asst.



Color Guard as they prepare to present the Colors

On May 17, 1777, a small force of 109 Georgia Mounted Militia men, led by Lt. Colonel John Baker, were ambushed by a much larger mixed force of British regulars, East Florida Rangers and Native Americans in this park area 242 years ago. Only 42 patriots, including LTC Baker survived the battle. The original intent was for the Georgia Militia to rendezvous with 400 Continental regulars coming down the coast by sea and in land rivers; however, that force was delayed by contrary winds low water and did not arrive in East Florida until two days after the battle. This encounter was the second of at least three failed attempts ordered by General George Washington to invade the British Colony of East Florida, to make N.E. Florida our 14th Colony.

Not Peaches or Kiwi Fruit - but photos

For my readers, please look closely at all of the photos in this issue. Can you tell which are sharp and easily viewed (see below photo) and then notice which photos are not sharp and harder to focus on the image(s)?

Those that are sharp were submitted in the original resolution. Those that seem to be a peach or kiwi fruit (IOW - fuzzy) were sent as something under 700 bits - or were embedded in a document which requires too much work to get the photo out in a condition that is useful.

So, if you want your photos to be easily viewed, then send as large resolution photos.

A Big Thank You!

I am always trying to get a picture for the front Cover that highlights either an event in the coming three months or reflecting on a past event that is being covered in the issue. I had a submission from one state in which it was requested, very nicely, that I consider placing a specific picture on the front cover. It was serendipitous that the dimensions of the picture were an almost perfect fit for the front page. Sort of like Goldilocks and her three beds - not too small, not too big, but ju-u-ust right. More vertical than horizontal.

So, here's a big THANK YOU to the Washington Color Guard Commander, Arthur Dolan



The Georgia Color Guard and Militia had a very busy quarter. We held 8 Patriot Grave Markings, attended 2 National Events, participated in parades, with 2 special events. The first special event was presenting Colors for a luncheon attended by the National American Legion Commander. The second was presenting Colors for the Warrior classic banquet. This was for wounded warriors who were in the audience. The next morning our Color Guard presented Colors, and Militia fired a 3 round volley to kick off the benefit Golf Tournament for those wounded warriors. We also Presented Colors at the Lyman Hall Statue dedication. Of course, there were multiple Memorial Day Programs and Presented Colors at INS Programs.



The Georgia Color Guard at the Patriot Ansley Grave Marking



The Georgia Color Guard at Ramsaur's Mill



The Georgia Color Guard at the Militia firing at the Warrior Classic Golf Tournament



The Georgia Color Guard at Five Patriot Grave Marking in Midway, Ga.

ILLINOIS

Liberty Parade on May 5, 2017

The Fox Valley Chapter Color Guard getting ready for the New Lenox, IL Liberty Parade on May 5, 2017



Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 27, 2017.

The Fox Valley Chapter and Perrin Wheaton DAR marched in the Wheaton, IL



HP Indiana SAR film collaboration with Ball State University

Members of the Indiana SAR, Ball State History Dept. with living historians worked together, to film 3 - 3 minute video clips of Rev. War patriots, Francis Busseron, George Mason and Squire Boone who were all buried in Indiana. This production can be reviewed at <http://indianasar.org/ball-state-university-fellowship/>

Photographer was Janet Kreps, who assisted in dressing all the ladies depicted in this picture. Left to Right: Jacob Meyer, Dr. Ron Morris, Dennis Babbitt, Thad Stern, Emma Braur, James H. Nelson, Melody Seberger, Jordan Girard, Bob Jones, Thomas J. Love, Ben Nelson, Mark Kreps, Mark Volmer, Emma Guichon, Jacob Satterwaite, Philip Joe Ruley, Samuel Fowler, Jesse Hart, John Davis, John Beyers, and Matthew Boone. SAR member Matthew Boone depicted George Mason.

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INDIANA -

Wreath Laying Ceremony

The George Rogers Clark Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony, celebrating the 240th anniversary of the capture of Fort Sackville, was held May 25, 2019 at the George Rogers Clark Memorial, George Rogers Clark National Historical Park in Vincennes, IN. This was the eighth year for this annual National SAR event.

Dr. Theodore Rex Legler II, Past Vice President General, Central District, was the presiding officer. The Invocation and Benediction were given by Charles D. McGriff, Indiana SAR Chaplain.

Mark C. Anthony, National Color Guard Commander, led an excellent Color Guard which presented and posted the Colors. Charles McMillan from the Missouri SAR was the drummer. Color Guard participants included SAR members representing Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, Georgia, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Missouri and the Germany Society.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by John R. Fish, Indiana SAR, George Rogers Clark Chapter, Vice President and April A. Legler, National Ladies Auxiliary, Parliamentarian, led the singing of the National Anthem.

Welcome and opening remarks were made by Frank W. Doughman, Superintendent of the George Rogers Clark National Historical Park.

Special guests Timothy E. Ward, Vice President General, Central District; Douglas T. Collins, National Librarian General; and Mark C. Anthony, National Color Guard Commander, were introduced.

Greetings were brought by Timothy E. Ward, Vice President General, Central District. Additional greetings were brought by Kevin L. Waldroup, President, Indiana Society; Kathy Parkison, President, Indiana Ladies Auxiliary; and Cynthia L. Frederick, Southern District Director, Indiana DAR.

Robert P. Cunningham, Past Vice President General, Central District, and Randy K. Helderman, Indiana District 4 Vice President and Indiana SAR, George Rogers Clark Chapter, President, escorted participants presenting wreaths. In total, 49 wreaths were presented: Timothy E. Ward, Vice President General, Central District; April A. Legler, Parliamentarian, National Ladies Auxiliary; the states of Indiana, Connecticut, Kentucky, Missouri, New Hampshire, Ohio, the Germany Society; Indiana Ladies Auxiliary; Ohio Ladies Auxiliary; Indiana, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia SAR chapters; Indiana and Ohio DAR chapters;



Colonial Dames of the 17th Century for State of Indiana; Daughters of Colonial Wars for State of Indiana; and Indiana CAR chapters. Flag streamers were awarded to all who presented wreaths.

During the weekend of the wreath laying ceremony, the Indiana SAR hosted a tent on Saturday and Sunday at the 43rd Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous. Compatriots dressed in colonial attire recruited prospective members for the SAR.

SAR members who are interested in attending or participating in the Saturday, May 23, 2020 George Rogers Clark Wreath Laying Ceremony, should please contact Robert P. Cunningham, Event Coordinator, by email at rpcunnin@indiana.edu.



IOWA -

Memorial Day 2019

The group photo was mostly family members of the civil war veteran they came in to participate in the event as well as some of the local people it is a very small town



Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds with Iowa SAR Color Guard Commander Mike Rowley at the Gold Star Military Museum at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa

The Iowa SAR and Iowa Society of the War of 1812 color Guard units joined with hundreds of others on Friday June 28, 2019 for the services of 5 veterans and 1 spouse of a veteran.

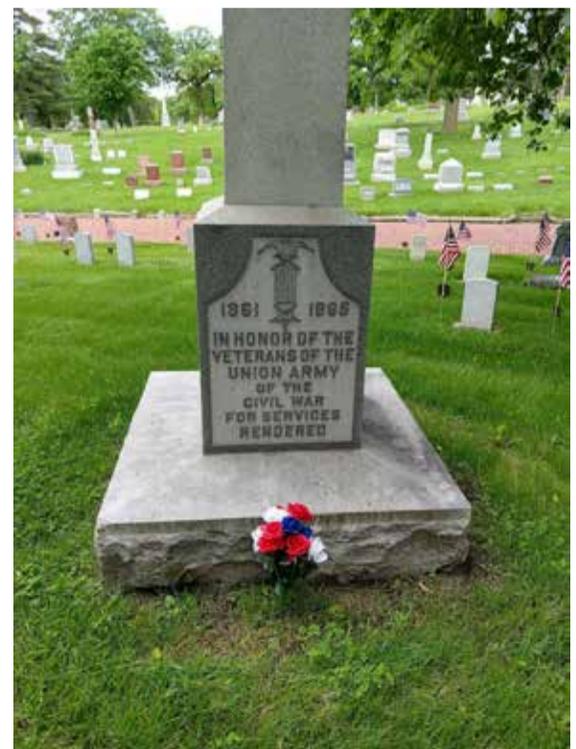
Their internment was the result of the action of many including Hamilto's Funeral home and members of the Missing in America project.

<https://www.miap.us/>

The purpose of the MIA Project is to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed cremated remains of American veterans through the joint efforts of private, state and federal organizations. To provide honor and respect to those who have served this country by securing a final resting place for these forgotten heroes.

It is estimated that there may be nearly 1000 unclaimed remains of veterans in Iowa alone.

The line of cars in the procession from the funeral home to the Iowa Veteran's Cemetery was estimated to be over a mile long.



PATRIOTS PRIDE DAY

September 28, 2019 • 2PM TO 6pm • Middletown, VA

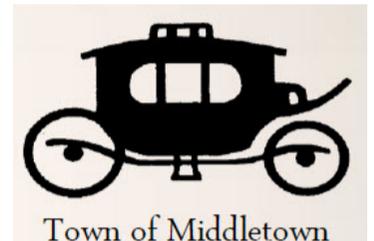
Hosted by The Town of Middletown, VA and the Colonel James Wood, II Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution

TWO BATTLE RE-ENACTMENTS



50/50 Raffle to Benefit the
Middletown Veterans Memorial

- Parade of Color Guards
- British and Continental Army Encampments
- Veterans and Civic Groups
- Multiple Vendors and Exhibitors
- World War II Era Campsite and Vehicles
- Patriotic Presentations
- Memoriam to the Fallen



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KANSAS -



29 May, 2019 four Color Guardsmen presented the colors at a Naturalization Ceremony in which 347 petitioners from 73 countries became new citizens of the United States of America. The Color Guardsmen participating from left to right in the photo were Dewey Fry, Richard Cox, Steven French and Bruce Bowman, Chief Magistrate Judge James P. O'Hara is lined up in front of the Color Guard for the opportunity of new citizens to have their picture taken with the Judge who ruled on their citizenship and the Color Guard.

8 Jun 2019, 5 Kansas Color Guardsmen participated in the Old Shawnee Days Parade in Shawnee, Kansas. They were the first Color Guard in the parade. Participants were, from left to right, Brooks Lyles, Alan Martin, Dewey Fry, Michael Chychota and Steven French.



Finalizing the events for the second quarter was a Naturalization Ceremony at the Robert J. Dole US Courthouse in Kansas City, KS on 21 June 2019. 88 petitioners from 36 countries became new citizens of the USA. From left to right in back row are Richard Cox, Bruce Bowman, Mayor David Alvey, Alan Martin, Jerry Vest, and Dewey Fry, in the front Row is Chief Magistrate Judge of the US District Court of Kansas, Julie Robinson who presided and Judge William P. Mahoney of the hosting Wyandotte County Bar Association. David Alvey is Mayor of The Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City,KS; he attended as the guest of the KSSAR Color Guard. This was the first Naturalization Ceremony he has attended.



Activities of the Kansas Society Color Guard continue through the second quarter of 2019.



13 April, 2019 The Kansas Society Color Guard participated in the McLouth Kansas Patriot's Day Parade and was the leading Color Guard. The 7 Color Guardsmen participating were left to right, Brooks Lyles, Alan Martin, Richard Cox, Dewey Fry, Michael Chychota, Kirk Rush and Steven French.



18 May 2019- The Color Guard assisted a USMC Color Guard in presenting the colors at the Armed Forces Day sponsored by Friends In Service to Heros at Outlaw Cigar in Overland Park, Kansas. A very stormy day forced the event into a very crowded and very smoky indoor space. Ken Ludwig led the Color Guard followed by Steven French and Dewey Fry.



19 April 2019, The Color Guard presented the colors at the annual conference of the Kansas Society Daughter of the American Revolution. During the preliminary activities KSDAR State Regent Kathryn Walker West presented the KSSAR Color Guard a special certificate in appreciation of the support given the KSDAR during her tenure. Participating were Alan Martin, Dewey Fry, Bruce Bowman, Steven French and Sheldon Vazquez.

4 May, 2019 the Color Guard presented the colors at the Kansas Society Board of Governors quarterly meeting. Color Guardsmen were Dewey Fry, Kirk Rush and Steven French

26 April, 2019, the Kansas Society Color Guard presented the colors at a Naturalization Ceremony in which 93 petitioners from 37 countries became new United States of America Citizens. Color Guardsmen were Dewey Fry, Steven French and Jerry Vest.



Patriots Day

KENTUCKY

The Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter hosted the Kentucky Society's Fourth Annual Patriots Day Commemoration at the Kentucky Veteran's Cemetery West in Hopkinsville. The annual event, held on a weekend adjacent to Patriots Day in New England, honors the Revolutionary War Patriots of Christian County, Kentucky. Those Patriots are memorialized on a granite monolith in the national cemetery. SAR Compatriots read the names of the honored dead and toll a bell for each soldier. This year's event included the Compatriot Grave Marking of David Riley, former President of the Kentucky John Manire Chapter and Kentucky SAR Historian, who rests in the cemetery. This year's event was attended by forty-six Color Guardsmen from twelve chapters in Kentucky, Illinois, Tennessee, and Indiana. The Color Guard included 23 flags, 18 flintlock shooters, and two cannons.





ABOVE -Compatriots from four Kentucky and two Tennessee chapters joined the Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter in Cadiz on May 27 for its annual Memorial Day Commemoration. The chapter holds this annual color guard event at its "Lost Patriots" monument, a series of headstones honoring the eleven Revolutionary War Patriots buried in unknown locations within the borders of Trigg County, Kentucky. Several spouses of Compatriots also took part in the Color Guard in their authentic Colonial attire. In addition to the flintlock salute, there was an impressive volley of artillery provided by the Western Kentucky Brigade artillerymen.



RIGHT -The newly-chartered Capt. William Prince Chapter in Princeton, Kentucky, hosted its first-ever Patriot Grave Marking ceremony on Saturday, June 22. The honoree was none other than Capt. William Prince, early pioneer and founder of the city of Princeton and honored Patriot for which the new chapter was named. Compatriots from the Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter in Cadiz, which sponsored the new chapter, and the Col. Benjamin Logan Chapter in Russellville joined their comrades in performing the ceremony. Unfortunately, a severe thunderstorm descended upon the event and hastened it to an abbreviated conclusion. Pictured: The Capt. William Prince casket flag folding team.



SAR Participates in the 64th Annual Pegasus Parade

On 2 May, the Kentucky Society participated in the 64th Annual Pegasus parade in Louisville, KY. The Pegasus parade is the official parade of the Kentucky Derby and is recognized by the SAR as a National Color Guard event. This was the 11th consecutive year the SAR has had a color guard in the parade. The 29 member color guard consisted of flagbearers, riflemen, fifers, and drummers and was commanded by Kentucky State President Mike Sullivan. President General Warren Alter and First Lady Nancy Alter were honored guests of the color guard. Participating in the color guard were four SAR chapters: Gov. Isaac Shelby, Lafayette, Louisville Thruston, and Colonel Benjamin Logan; three DAR chapters: John Marshall, Jacob van Meter, and Bryan Station; and one CAR chapter: Jack Jouett. The Pegasus parade is one of the longest parades in the United States lasting approximately two hours with a 1.8 mile march. In this year's parade there were 100 units, 12 floats, 12 equestrian units, 6 inflatable balloons, 10 marching bands and 42 specialty units.



Kentucky Society Participates in the Memorial Day Ceremony at Zachary Taylor National Cemetery. The Louisville Thruston, Gov. Isaac Shelby, and Lafayette chapters joined together to honor our armed service members who gave their lives in the service of our country. On 27 May, these Kentucky chapters provided a color guard for the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Zachary Taylor National Cemetery in Louisville, KY. Wreaths were also presented by the Louisville Thruston and Gov. Isaac Shelby chapters as part of the ceremony. The color guard consisted of 24 persons including four drummers, two fifers and 3 riflemen.

Gold Star Family Monument Groundbreaking

The groundbreaking ceremony for a Gold Star Family Memorial monument was held on 5 June at the Veterans Memorial Park of Kentucky in Crestwood, KY. The Gold Star Family Memorial monument will join other monuments commemorating the service and sacrifices of our armed forces in the 66,000 square foot park. The Veterans Memorial Park is designed to serve as a reminder of our veterans, especially those that made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our American Freedoms. It also serves as an educational tool with a sidewalk covering America's military history since 1775. One of the first monuments installed in the park was dedicated to the American Revolution.

The Gold Star Family Memorial monument is being constructed by the Hershel "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Foundation. Hershel "Woody" Williams, USMC (Retired), Iwo Jima Medal of Honor Recipient, and SAR Compatriot was the guest speaker for the ceremony. The monument will honor Gold Star families, preserve the memory of those gave their lives in service to the United States, and serve as a reminder that the freedoms we enjoy come at a cost. Currently there are 48 Gold Star Family Memorial monuments in 42 states. An additional 61 monuments are in progress.

The Kentucky Society provided the color guard for the groundbreaking ceremony. The eight member color guard consisted of Kentucky Society members from the Gov. Isaac Shelby, Lafayette, Louisville Thruston, and John Hardin chapters. Also participating in the color guard was the Jack Jouett chapter of the CAR.



LOUISIANA -



Northshore Orchestra Fall Concert

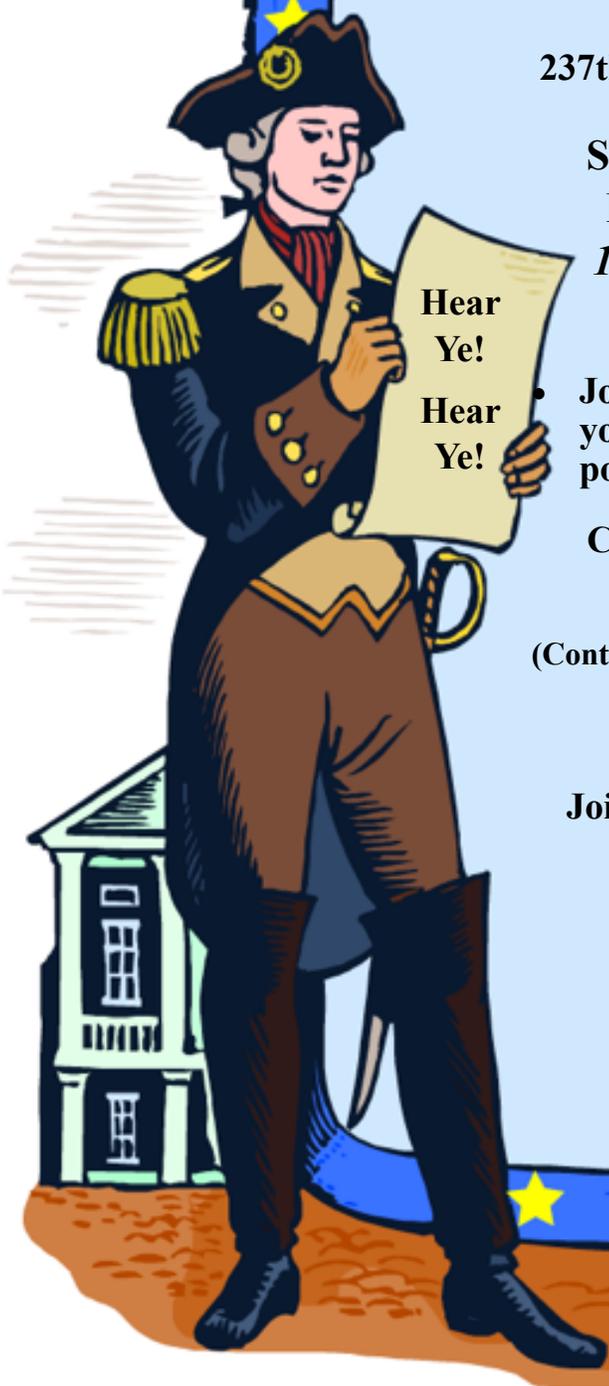
Color guardsmen Rodney McKelroy, Leonard Rohrbough and Tom Hicks all of the Pierre George Rousseau Chapter, Sons of American Revolution presented the colors during the Northshore (North of New Orleans and across Lake Pontchartrain from New Orleans) Community Orchestra's Fall Concert at Heritage Park in Slidell, Sunday 14 October, 2018. Presenting the colors are Rodney McKelroy (L), Leonard Rohrbough (LC with U.S. Flag) and Tom Jacks (RC with LA Flag) and "Northshore" High School JROTC Cadet Wyatt Lewis (R) obscured by Louisiana flag.



Louisiana Guardsmen Participate in Memorial Day Activities at the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery.

The Louisiana Department of Veterans' Affairs held its annual Southeast Louisiana Veterans Memorial Day Program at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 24, 2019. The keynote speaker was U.S. Army Veteran Kyle Graham. The cemetery is located in Reserve, Louisiana. Joel Whitehead, President of Pierre George Rousseau Chapter, Louisiana Society Sons of American Revolution presented a wreath during observances and guardsmen Rodney McKelroy (L) and Leonard Rohrbough (R) provided musket fire for the salute to the veterans buried there. The SAR guardsmen participated with the American Legion's Honor Guard. Rodney (L) representing his ancestor in the Virginia Militia and Leonard (R) representing his ancestor in the Virginia Continental Line.





**The Kentucky Society
Sons of the American Revolution
invites you to attend the
Memorial Service for the
237th Anniversary of The Battle of Blue Licks**

**Saturday, August 17, 2019 @ 10am
Blue Licks Battlefield State Park
10299 Maysville Rd., Carlisle, KY
(Color Guard muster at 9:15 am)**

**Join us by presenting a wreath, carrying
your state flag or taking part in the black-
powder gun salute.**

**Counts as five (5) Patriots towards your
Patriot Grave Marking Medal.**

(Contact: Scott Giltner at: stgilt@earthlink.net)

Afterwards:

**Join us in the park lodge for lunch and the
Kentucky State Society meeting.
(Cost: \$15.00 at the door)**

MARYLAND

As always the MDSSAR and Chapter Color Guards were exceptionally busy during the second quarter of 2019 with multiple events as well as multiple events on the same day at different locations.
Photo by Mr. Donahue



On April 13 the Color Guard Posted the Color for the 130th MDSSAR Annual Meeting at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant in Fredrick Maryland. In attendance were MDSSAR Color Guard Commander David Embrey, Past National Commander David Hoover (not pictures) Mike Kelly, MDSSAR Sgt. Everhart Chapter President Ron Harbaugh and Gerry Harris



Above & Below: On a wet April 14 The Color Guard participated in the Westminster Chapter Grave Marking of Col. Joshua Gist Grave Marking. Col Gist served as First Major of the Baltimore Co. Militia. In attendance were Color Guard Commander David Embrey, Sgt Everhart Chapter Color Guard Commander Gene Moyer, Past National Commander David Hoover, Gerry Harris and Sgt. Everhart Chapter President Ron Habaugh



Above & Below: 5/18 Carrollton Manor Chapter NSDAR Insignia Marking Dedication Ceremony honoring Elizabeth Howard Zimmerman and Grace Rhoades Poole at Mt Olivet Cemetery Frederick, MD. In attendance were Color Guard Commander David Embrey, Sgt Everhart Chapter Color Guard Commander Gene Moyer, Sgt. Everhart Chapter President Ron Habaugh, Gerry Harris and Bill Robertson



Above The Annual Gen Smallwood Chapter Memorial Day Observance at Veterans Park, Bethesda – were Bruce French and Lou Raborg Advanced the BSA Honor Guard. Pictured MDSSAR Compatriots (left to right): Bruce French Michael Saunders, Lou Raborg, State President James Perry and Doug Stuart.



5/19 Annual Massing of the Colors at Fort George Meade.

In attendance were Color Guard Commander David Embrey, James Kelly and Gerry Harris



Above: 5/21 It always a honor to Post and Retrieves the Colors for the Annual Frederick District Eagle Scout Dinner at Dutches Daughters Frederick, MD. In attendance were Color Guard Commander David Embrey, Sgt Everhart Chapter Color Guard Commander Gene Moyer, Sgt. Everhart Chapter President Ron Habaugh

Memorial Day was very busy and like most NSSAR Color Guards we had 4 events at different times and location with 1st Adjutant NSSAR Color Guard Lou Raborg participating in 2 events that day

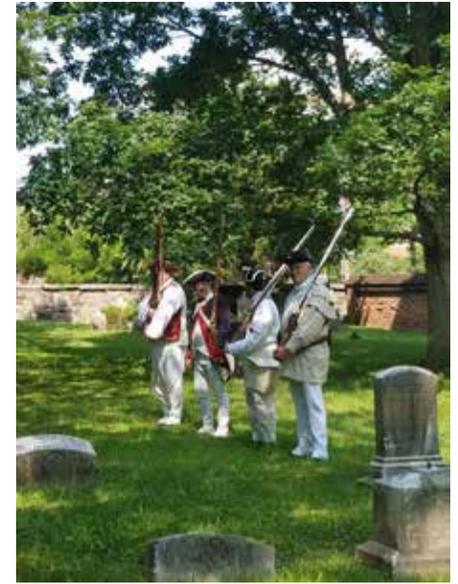


Above & Right: Our 1st event was the Memorial Day Service for the Carrollton Manor and the Frederick DAR chapters at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Frederick. The Color Guard Advance, Post & Retrieve Colors and Musket Salute - Photos by Cindy Harbaugh. In attendance were David Embrey, Ron Habaugh, Gerry Harris and Bill Robertson



Above: Memorial Day Observance – for Gassaway Watkins, of the Maryland 400 at Walnut Grove , Clarksville, MD where we Advance the SAR Colors – Photo by Eagle Scout mother Mrs. Brock. Pictured Compatriot James Schuab and Eagle Scout Willie Brock

The National Memorial Day Parade in Washington D.C celebrating its 15th year which is the largest Memorial Day event in the country. The Maryland State Color Guard was represented by 1st Adjutant NSSAR Color Guard Lou Raborg and Michael J Kelley Jr.



Above: Annual Memorial to John Eager Howard – Hero of Cowpens, Samuel Chase – Signer of the Declaration of Independence and Lt. Griffith Evans was held at historic Old St. Paul's Cemetery. In Baltimore, Md. Photos- Advance Colors and Shoulder Arms – Photos by Christos Christou. Color Guard participants were David Hoover, David Embrey, Bill and Chris Smithson.



Above: What better way to celebrate Flag Day then Posting Colors for the Naturalization Ceremony at the Star-Spangled Flag House in Baltimore. 28 new citizens from 21 countries. What a great day for America. Right Photo Advance 2 by WBFF TV Left Photo by Vicki Embrey – In attendance were David Embrey, Michael J. Kelly, Gene Moyer, David Hoover and Bill Smithson. Photos- Advance Colors and Shoulder Arms – Photos by Christos Christou. Color Guard participants were David Hoover, David Embrey, Bill and Chris Smithson.



MASSACHUSETTS

Saturday, May 4, 2019 – Granary Burial Ground, Boston, MA. Seven members of the Col. Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard of MASSAR participated in ceremonies celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the Paul Revere Chapter of NSDAR. A regular business meeting of the DAR Chapter was held in the historic Park Street Church and concluded with a short march and wreath laying at the grave of Paul Revere next door. Nearly 30 members of the chapter, the new CAR State President and Senior leader along with a large crowd of Saturday tourists enjoyed resounding musket volley which echoed for blocks off the city buildings.



Monday, June 17, 2019- Bunker Hill Monument, Charlestown, MA. Twenty-two members representing the combined Color Guard units from Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire S.A.R. participated in the Annual Battle of Bunker Hill Commemorative Exercises held on the grounds of the monument. Brett Reistad, National Commander of the American Legion, was on hand this year in celebration of the Legion's 100th birthday. Local Post 26 has sponsored this event for many years and continues to bring attention to the heroic deeds of our forefathers on the anniversary of the battle fought here in 1775.



BELOW RIGHT - This was a grave dedication, with a sword salute, for Veteran Calvin Koning a Navy Veteran interred in the Pilgrim Home Cemetery Holland MI. **MICHIGAN**

This was a special request, by his family, which followed the Holland Memorial Parade May 27, 2017. The Michigan Color Guard was asked to march by the Ladies of Holland Chapter of the DAR and we in turn asked them to participate in the Dedication. Great cooperation by the groups ended in a great day. Here are the participants: Left to Right - Sarah Beyer member of the Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton Chapter NSDAR, Chip Stevers President West Michigan Chapter MISSAR, Kim Strickland member of the Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton Chapter NSDAR, Ken Goodson President MISSAR, Jason Gideon MISSAR Guardsman, Royetta Doe Regent of the Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton Chapter NSDAR, James Perkins MISSAR Guardsman,

Claudia Green Treasurer of the Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton Chapter NSDAR



The James Robinson Grave Dedication at the Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit.

Many Michiganders are probably unaware that one of if not the most distinguished African American Veterans of the Revolutionary War the Rev. PVT. James Robinson lived and died in Detroit. He moved to Detroit and appears in the 1860 U.S. Census and is buried in Elmwood Cemetery. The Rev. PVT. James Robinson was born a slave on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in 1753 and his master Francis De Shields whom was a Colonel had him serve in a light infantry regiment under the General Lafayette and he fought at the battles of Brandywine and Yorktown. General Marques de Lafayette personally awarded him the Gold Medal of Valor. He was kept in Slavery after the war and was eventually sold in New Orleans and went on to fight at the Battle of New Orleans in the War of 1812. At some point after that he became free because in the 1840 and 1850 U.S. Census he was free in Ohio. He went on to marry and have three kids, Wesley Sr and Alexander. James Robinson earned a living as a Preacher and died in 1868 in Detroit at the age of 115 as the last known surviving African American Veteran of the Revolutionary War and the oldest person buried in Elmwood Cemetery.

Over 150 people attended giving greetings and proclamations. In the ABOVE - picture (taken by Chris White-Detroit Metro Chapter MISSAR) from left to right:

Drummer Dave Moore, Guardsman Ron Barnard, MISSAR President Ken Goodson, Guardsman Ray Lucas, Oaks Chapter President John Raya, Past MISSAR President James Petres, Vice Commander Norm Palmer, Commander Gerald Burkland, Guardsman Bill Sharpe.





Col J B Westnedge chapter marching in the Portage Memorial Day Parade. Our members present were James Kraatz (Senior on banner), James Kraatz (Junior on society flag), Craig Suhusky (carrying the banner), and Mark Johnston (carrying the national flag). We had assistance from another SAR society member carrying the State Flag.

We coordinated 8 of the 17 veterans getting an honor ride in the corvettes provided by the corvette club of Kalamazoo



Members of the Michigan Color Guard who participated in the Grave Dedication of Patriot Pvt. Beriah Howard in Imlay City Mi. the Color Guard assisted the NSDAR Nipissing Chapter Regent Pam Hotary who hosted the event.

The Guards from left to right: Commander Gerald Burkand, Guardsman , Aaron Wiles, Guardsman Bob Eager, Guardsman John Raya, Guardsman Jim Wade, Guardsman Gary Pastiva, Guardsman Calvin Jewett, Vice Commander Norm Palmer.



Event: Pvt. Charles Stewart Grave Dedication
Date: Saturday, May 11, 2019, Location: 2500 W. Court Street, Flint MI.

Color Guardsmen that attended: G. Burkland (Commander), K. Goodson, D. Van Wormer, N. Palmer (Vice Commander), D. Moore, A. Wiles, John Raya, Don Reifert. Sword salute: L/R - MISSAR State President: Ken Goodson, MISSAR color guard Vice Commander: Norman Palmer, MISSAR color guard Commander Gerald Burkland.



Nipissing DAR re dedication of Pvt. Beriah Howard.
Interesting fact; the same DAR chapter did the original dedication in 1929.
Date: Sunday, June 2, 2019 ; 2:00pm; Location: 603 Webster Rd. Imlay City, Mi.

Above - Guardsmen attending: L/R - MISSAR color guard Commander Gerald Burkland
Guardsmen: Aaron Wiles, Bob Eager, John Raya, James Wade, Gary Pastiva, Calvin Jewett, Vice Commander Norman Palmer,.

Left - Sword salute:
MISSAR color guard Commander Gerald Burkland, Vice Commander Norman Palmer





Annual Pvt. Norman Phelps Grave DAR Re Dedication

Date: Monday, May 27th, 2019 - 10:00 am.; Location: 175 Ortonville Rd. Ortonville, MI.

MISSAR Color Guardsmen attending: L/R Musician Drummer: David Moore, Guardsmen: Ray Lucas, Aaron Wiles, John Raya, Bob Hawcroft, Gary Pastiva, Rod Wilson, MISSAR color guard Commander Gerald Burkland

Sword salute picture: Guardsman L/R Gary Pastiva, Rod Wilson, MISSAR Commander Gerald Burkland



Major Ezekiel Ransom grave site DAR re-dedication (Lucinda Hinsdale Stone Chapter NSDAR)

Date : June 9, 2019; Location : Mountain View Cemetery, West Main St., Kalamazoo, MI.

Below Left - MISSAR Color guardsmen attending: L/R - Norman Palmer : MISSAR Vice Commander Color Guard, Jason Gideon : Guardsman, James Kraatz : CAR and SAR junior color guard, Ken Goodson: Michigan Society State President.

Below Right - L/R Ransom Family Decedents MISSAR Vice Commander, Norman Palmer, John McComb, Shawn McComb, Julie Nicholson, "Michigan Sons of the Revolution" State President : Geoff Hickok (not MISSAR, separate society), Jason Gideon, MISSAR Color Guardsman.

Editorial (Norman Palmer); While setting this up within the Michigan Color Guard, I realized I was related to Patriot Ezekiel Ransom. My SAR patriot is in the Ransom family. Another MISSAR guardsman also contacted me and related that "this patriot was also in his family lineage". We researched and found out our relationships through the Ransom blood line. Attending the ceremony were several descendants from across the country. One who lives in San Francisco, California. A Ransom Family book sits in the Kalamazoo Public Library. trivia: Major Ezekiel Ransom's son was the sixth governor of Michigan.





School program in Mound

May 16, 2019 Compatriots Chris Moberg and Craig Whiting were joined by D.A.R. Ladies Teresa Anderson and Gigi Hickey for a living history presentation at Grandview Middle School in Mound.

Assisting was student James Glassmann, C.A.R. Three one hour sessions were held with 30+ 5th grade students per session. The team introduced themselves and their persona and gave a brief history of their patriot ancestor then launched into a series of short stories, pointing out some facts and fictions about people and the struggle, offering several vignettes and answered plenty of questions coming in from the students. Some subjects covered were flag history (in which students held flags) Molly Pitcher lore, camp followers, how the Cubans helped our victory at Yorktown, the Sybil Ludington story, clothing, pay, child life in the era, death or incapacity due to disease vs battle wounds, militia service, how Mount Vernon got its' name, the help of the French and Spanish, Franklin's snake cartoon and "Huzzah" (which the students shouted with enthusiasm). One of the teachers wrote us: "it's fun to hear crazy stories that you wouldn't read about in a 5th grade text book," and "more about what did they eat, how did they sleep, what were the weather conditions, ... more random details that the kids wouldn't have learned about" and suggested we use more replicas from the period which the students may hold and pass around.

The living history team concluded that there will most likely be more such teaching opportunities arising now and that a combined S.A.R./D.A.R./C.A.R living history team equipped with replica items of the Revolutionary War era will be pursued. The D.A.R. and S.A.R. working together to further education on the Revolution together was a great success.

For more photos visit: <http://sarmnccg.blogspot.com>





Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard Members participated in the opening flag ceremony at the Annual Meeting of the Missouri Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Left to right: Independence Patriots Chapter President Stephen Sullins (IPC), Richard Mathews (AMC), Missouri Society, DAR State Regent Cynthia Beall Suich, Fernando de Leyba Chapter President Marvin Koechig, Charles Lilly (FDL), and James Scott (AMC). Photo provided by IPC President Stephen Sullins.

On April 5, 2019 Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard Members with the Independence Patriots, Alexander Majors, and Fernando de Leyba Chapters participated in the opening flag ceremony at the Annual Meeting of the Missouri Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (MSSDAR). The Annual Meeting was held at the Holliday Inn Executive Center, Columbia, Missouri.



Presentation of JROTC Medal and Certificate

Left to right: Compatriot Robert Grover, Compatriot Roy Hutchinson, and Cadet Damien Johnson. Photo provided by Compatriot Roy Hutchinson.

On April 11, 2019 Colorguardsmen Robert Grover and Roy Hutchinson of the Harry S Truman Chapter presented a JROTC medal and certificate to Cadet Damien Johnson at the Blue Springs High School, Blue Springs, Missouri during an awards assembly held at the high school.



Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Colorguardsman of the Year Stephen Sullins

Compatriot Stephen Sullins and Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard Commander Doug Neff. Photo provided by Compatriot Dennis J. Hahn.

On April 27, 2019 at the Annual Convention of the Missouri Society held in Columbia, Missouri, Compatriot and Colorguardsman Stephen Sullins was presented the Missouri Society, SAR Colorguardsman of the Year Award. Stephen Sullins has been a member of the Color Guard for only three years, but during this brief tenure he has already earned the Bronze Color Guard Medal having earned a total of 1,660 points by participating in 141 qualifying events. He served on the Color Guard at

one National Convention, one South Central District Meeting, three National Leadership Conferences, and two Missouri Society, SAR Annual Meetings. Guardsman Sullins is an active member of the Missouri Society, SAR Musket Squad, and he regularly participates in firing events throughout the State. Guardsman Sullins has volunteered to assist in the Missouri State-wide implementation of the revised "Color Guard Safety Policy and Procedures" that is anticipated to be adopted by the National Society in the near future. The day after the Convention the Silver Color Guard Medal was approved for presentation to Compatriot Sullins.

Compatriot Sullins is the President of the Independence Patriots Chapter in Independence, Missouri.

Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Booth hosted by the Missouri Society, SAR at the National Genealogical Society (NGS) Family Conference held on May 8-11, 2019

Below Left - Left to right: Charles Lilly (FDL), David Christian (FDL), Jan Beardsley (FDL), and Marvin Koechig (FDL). Below Right: Left to right: John Bedell (SSL), Steven Biggs (SSL), John Hundley (SSL), MOSSAR President James, Osbourn (SSL), and Kurtis Kaspar (FDL). Photos provided by Compatriot Marvin Koechig, President of Fernando de Leyba Chapter

On May 8-11, 2019 the annual National Genealogical Society (NGS) Family Conference was held at the St. Charles Convention Center located in St. Charles, Missouri. The goals of the NGS are to promote genealogical skill development, establish high standards of genealogical research, and increase awareness of and interest in family history. The Missouri Society took on the responsibility to staff the SAR booth on behalf of the National Society of the Sons of the American revolution. Twenty-three (23) Compatriots from the Missouri Society Fernando de Leyba (St. Charles), Spirit of St. Louis (St. Louis), and M. Graham Clark (Columbia) Chapters volunteered to serve as Booth Staff during the four (4) day conference. The Missouri Society Colorguardsmen that helped to staff the Booth wore their uniforms. NGS reported that there were 2,324 people that participated in the conference. A lot of the conference attendees visited the SAR Booth. There was a Register for those interested in joining the SAR to provide contact information. There are prospects from CO, FL, IA, IL, KS, MI, MO, RI, TX, and UT.



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“Revolution Soldier” program presented at the Broken Arrow Elementary School, Overland Park, KS by Harry S Truman SAR Chapter Color Guard Members

Compatriot Robert L. Grover pictured with Broken Arrow Elementary School student. Photo provided by Compatriot Robert L. Grover.

On May 14, 2019 a “Revolution Soldier” program was presented to the two third grade classes, with 30 students each, at the Broken Arrow Elementary School in Overland Park, Kansas. The boy pictured asked to lead the classroom to the front door. He wanted to carry the flag. He also wanted to be a Color Guard Member and a Patriot. He wore the hat and took the flag from Compatriot Robert Grover (HST). He was the “first enlistee of the day”.

The program was presented by Missouri Society, Harry S Truman Chapter Color Guard Members Robert L. Grover, Roy Hutchinson and John Stewart, and spouses Pat Stewart, Carolyn S. Grover, and Kathy Hutchinson.



Commemoration of the Battle of San Carlos

MOSSAR Color Guard Members - Left to right: John Bedell (SSL), James Baker Jr. (CCC), Terry Grogan (SSL), Steve Biggs (SSL), Greg Watkins (SSL), Jon Pennington (SSL), MOSSAR President James Osbourn (SSL), Charles McMillan (OMC), Wayne Davis (SSL), Frank Furman (OPC), Bob Brindell (SSL), and Stephen Sullins (IPC). Photo provided by Missouri Society, SAR President James E. Osbourn.

On May 19, 2019 members of the MOS-SAR Color Guard participated in the Annual Commemoration of the Battle of Fort San Carlos held at the Missouri History Museum in Forest Park, St. Louis, Missouri. The Battle of San Carlos (also known as the Battle of St. Louis) is the furthest west Revolutionary War battle site. The program speaker was Steven L. Kling, Jr., author of “The Battle of St. Louis, the Attack on Cahokia, and The American Revolution in the West”. The Annual Commemoration of the Battle of Fort San Carlos is an approved NSSAR National Color Guard Event. The event was attended by the Missouri Society, SAR President James E. Osbourn.



Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park

Left - MOSSAR Color Guard Members - Left to right: Don Turner (OPC), Frank Furman (OPC), and Stephen Sullins (IPC). Photo provided by IPC President Stephen Sullins.

On May 27, 2019 Missouri Society Colorguardsman from the Ozark Patriots Chapter and the Independence Patriots Chapter participated in a wreath laying ceremony honoring past and present veterans of the U.S. military at Veterans Memorial Park in Rolla, Missouri. Veterans Memorial Park is an 11-acre community park providing a commemorative walking path with 17 monuments and a picnic pavilion.



Missouri DAR Annual Memorial Day Ceremonies at the Coldwater Cemetery

Right - Left to right: Eastern District Missouri Color Guard Commander Bill Grote (FDL) and Compatriot Jim Borgman (FDL). Photo provided by Joan Koechig of the Saint Charles, MO DAR Chapter.

On May 27, 2019 Fernando de Leyba Chapter, MOSSAR Colorguardsmen Bill Grote participated in the Missouri DAR Annual Memorial Day ceremonies at the Coldwater Cemetery in Florissant, St. Louis County, Missouri. Also attending was Jim Borgman. Cold Water Cemetery (CWC) is considered by historians to be the oldest Protestant cemetery west of the Mississippi River still in use. The cemetery is part of a land grant that was given to Patriot John Patterson, an American Revolutionary War soldier, who is buried there. Two other Revolutionary War Patriots are also buried there, John Clark and Eusebius Hubbard. John Patterson Sr., gathered his family and with many of his friends and relatives, journeyed by wagon train from the Carolinas after the Revolutionary War eventually arriving in the Cold Water Creek area around 1797. The Missouri DAR took possession of Coldwater Cemetery on Memorial Day, 1963.





Memorial Day Remembrance - May 27, 2019
Springfield National Cemetery
Sponsored by Department of Veterans Affairs, National
Cemetery Administration

Above - From the left: Compatriots Steven Perkins, Barrett Fisk, J. Howard Fisk, Gary Gift, Dan Philbrick, Missouri Society President James E. Osbourn, OMC President Kenneth Lawrence, Wayne Jones, Dan Piedlow, and Dr. George Swales. Photo provided by Compatriot Tom Sentman (OMC).

On Memorial Day, Saturday, May 27, 2019, the Missouri Society, Ozark Mountain Chapter (OMC), Color Guard and Compatriots marched in the Parade of Flags in the Springfield National Cemetery. Missouri Society, SAR President James E. Osbourn participated in the event. The Parade of Flags included veteran's patriotic organizations and auxiliaries. The Springfield National Cemetery is a United States National Cemetery located in the city of Springfield, Greene County, Missouri and administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. It encompasses 18.1 acres, and as of the end of 2005, had 14,685 interments. The cemetery was established in 1867 and created initially as a final resting place for Union soldiers who died near Springfield. The cemetery now contains the remains of veterans from other wars, including the Revolutionary War, Spanish-American War, and World War I and II.



Remembrance Day - May 27, 2019
Springfield National Cemetery Springfield, Missouri
Wreath Laying Ceremony at Revolutionary War Memorial Marker

Left - Left to right: Compatriots Tom Sentman, Steven Perkins, Wayne Jones, Missouri Society, SAR President James E. Osbourn, Gary Gift, Kenneth Lawrence, Dr. George Swales, Dan Philbrick, and J. Howard Fisk. Photo provided by Compatriot Tom Sentman (OMC).

On Memorial Day Saturday, May 27, 2019, Missouri Society, SAR President James E. Osbourn and the Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard and Compatriots placed a wreath at the Revolutionary War Memorial Marker at the Springfield National Cemetery in Springfield, Missouri.

The Memorial Marker reads:

DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR ALMOST 232,000 PATRIOTS SERVED IN THE CONTINENTAL ARMY WITH OVER 164,000 MORE SERVED IN THE MILITIA. MANY MORE ALSO SERVED IN CIVILIAN POSITIONS. THIS MARKER IS TO COMMEMORATE ALL THOSE PATRIOTS WHO SERVED OUR NATION DURING THAT WAR. THOUSANDS GAVE THEIR LIVES AND ALL SACRIFICED SO THAT WE MAY LIVE FREE. WE MUST NEVER FORGET THEM.

ERECTED IN 1999 BY THE OZARK MOUNTAIN CHAPTER
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND THE RACHEL
DONNELSON CHAPTER, DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION.



Wreath Laying Ceremony May 27, 2019
at Springfield National Cemetery
Remembrance of Revolutionary War Patriot William Freeman

Above - Front row: James Osbourn, President, Missouri Society, SAR. Back row, left: J. Howard Fisk, Wayne Jones, Gary Gift, Dr. George Swales, Dan Philbrick, Kenneth Lawrence, and Steven Perkins. Photo provided by Compatriot Tom Sentman (OMC).

On Memorial Day Saturday, May 27, 2019, Missouri Society, SAR President James E. Osbourn and the Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard and Compatriots marked the grave site of Patriot William Freeman. William Freeman was a soldier in the Revolutionary war who enlisted as a private in 1776, the 7th North Carolina Regiment. He re-enlisted on July 20, 1778, serving at West Point in New York. In 1781, he enlisted a third time, as a private and was engaged in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse in March. His birth occurred in the former county, October 26, 1759. He spent the major portion of his life in the old Tar state, engaged in farming. In his old age, he made the long overland journey with his family to Greene County, Missouri, where he spent the rest of his days, dying here on January 27, 1838, at the age of seventy-nine years. He buried in the National Cemetery in Springfield, MO.



Parade to Celebrate 200th year of the founding of Franklin County, Missouri

Left - From the left: Color Guard Members James Baker (CCC), Steven Biggs (SSL), and Eastern District Missouri Color Guard Commander Bill Grote (FDL).

Right - Greg Watkins (SSL). Photos provided by Compatriot Robert Ackley (SSL).

On June 2, 2019 Missouri Society Color Guard Members from the Christopher Casey (CCC), Fernando de Leyba (FDL), and Spirit of St. Louis (SSL), Chapters participated in the Bicentennial



Celebration Parade of Franklin County, Missouri. The Franklin County Bicentennial Committee planned a County wide parade to celebrate the 200th Birthday of Franklin County, Missouri. The parade included participants from across Franklin County including an JROTC unit from Pacific and an JROTC unit from St. Clair. The 399th U.S. Army Band from Fort Leonard Wood located in the Missouri Ozarks. The parade began at Union Fairgrounds (611 Jaycee Drive. Union, MO) and traveled east on West Park Street to south on Washington Avenue to Springfield Avenue. The parade ended at Central Elementary School (2 E. Springfield Avenue).



75th D-Day Commemorative Event "Forever Welcome Home".

Right - Left to right: Robert Grover (HST), Stephen Sullins (IPC), John Stewart (HST), Roy Hutchinson (HST), Karen Burgess, (DAR), and (DAR) Patti Alderson. Photos taken by Trevor Palmer and submitted, with permission, by Compatriot Roy Hutchinson (HST).

On June 6, 2019 the Blue Springs DAR Chapter conducted a "Forever Welcomed Home" ceremony for five (5) WWII Veterans in a 75th D-Day Commemorative Event at the Veterans Memorial in Pink Hill Park, Blue Springs, Missouri. A bench was dedicated in honor of those that served our country with Courage & Valor. Participating were the Missouri SAR Color Guard, students from Grain Valley High School (GVHS), students from Blue Springs South High School (BSSH), BSSH AFJROTC, MSSDAR dignitaries, Mayor Carson Ross & the City of Blue Springs, John Tootle, House of Representatives Jeff Coleman, Rick McClellan, and Dr. Dan C Fullerton, American Legion Post 499, Blue Springs First Responders and WWII Vets: Hal Jordan, Irvine Tucker, Keith Zimmerman and Adolph Velasques.

MSSDAR Flag Day Picnic held at the Society State headquarters, Roslyn Heights, in Boonville, Missouri.

Left to right: Stephen Sullins (IPC), James Baker (CCC), J. Wayne Merrill (MGC), Missouri Society DAR Page, John Coutts (MGC), and Boaz Grimstead. Photo submitted by Stephen Sullins, President IPC

On June 8, 2019 Missouri Society, SAR Colorguardsmen participated in the MSSDAR Flag Day Picnic held at the MSSDAR's State headquarters, Roslyn Heights in Boonville, Missouri. The picnic is attended by DAR members throughout the State of Missouri.



SAR Grave Marking Ceremony for Patriot John Castlio on the grounds of Holt High School, Wentzville School District - Wentzville, Missouri

Above Left - Compatriot Steve Baldwin speaking about Patriot John Castlio Left to right: Charles Lilly (FDL), Greg Watkins (SSL), MOSSAR, Jim Borgman, Marvin Koechig, Roy Snyder, Greg Watkins, President James E. Osbourn (SSL), M President FDL Chapter, Marvin Koechig, Jon Pennington (SSL), and Doug Neff (FDL).

Right-Bottom - SAR Members, Left to right: MOSSAR President James E. Osbourn, Justin Watkins, Ray Snyder, William Snyder, Dennis Hahn, Jon Pennington, Charles Lilly, Doug Neff, Caleb Baldwin, Steve Baldwin, and Clark Baldwin.

On May 5, 2019, community members gathered to honor Private John Castlio, a Patriot of the American Revolution and settler of St. Charles County, buried in a small cemetery behind Holt High School in Wentzville, Missouri. Past NSSAR Vice President General - South Central District and MOSSAR Honorary Vice President Stephen M. Baldwin (FDL) conducted an SAR grave marking ceremony for Patriot John Castlio. Members of the Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, their families, as well as community members including Wentzville Mayor Nick Guccione and Wentzville School District Representative Nichol Nolan gathered at the Walker Burying Ground. Also, in attendance was MOSSAR President James E. Osbourn and MOSSAR Auxiliary President Becky Osbourn. John Castlio was a private in the Continental Line. He was born in North Carolina sometime around 1762. He served in the Kentucky Militia in the company of Captain Benjamin Logan, near Logan's Station. He participated in the Battle of King's Mountain in South Carolina in late 1780 - a pivotal battle which forced British General Cornwallis to abandon his plan to invade North Carolina. After the war and a brief stay in Tennessee, Castlio settled in the Cottleville area of St. Charles County, building the seventh fort in St. Charles County, Castlio Fort (War of 1812). He died in November 1830. The ceremony was organized by the Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapter of St. Charles, Missouri.





NEBRASKA SAR COLOR GUARD - RE- PORT FROM THE FIELD

The Nebraska Society's Color Guard participated in 2 events this Spring - the Purple Heart Honor Flight Parade, and the Memorial Day Ceremony at Omaha National Cemetery.

The Purple Heart Honor Flight Parade took place in Omaha, Nebraska on Friday, May 24th. This flight included about 100 Purple Heart veterans and dozens of Gold Star family members, who were getting ready for their flight to Washington DC for the "Remembering Our Fallen" event.

The parade escorted these VIPs for 3 blocks leading to Durham Heritage Museum. Several color guards, horses, cars, and motorcycles participated in the evening parade, as well as Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts and Omaha Mayor Jean Stothert. Nebraska SAR Compatriots Paul Burrigh, Mel Burrigh, James Sly, and State President Shawn Stoner represented the SAR in the parade. Several thousand members of the public were in attendance.

The next event we served in was the Memorial Day Ceremony at Omaha National Cemetery. We posted the Betsy Ross flag at the beginning of the event in front of a crowd of nearly 2000 members of the public. Nebraska State Representative Don Bacon and senior officers of the military were keynote speakers. NESSAR Compatriots Chad Sherrets, Shawn Stoner, Paul Burrigh, James Sly, and Tom Upton participated in this event. Omaha National Cemetery is Nebraska's version of Arlington; ONC is the permanent resting place of 2000 honored veterans in Nebraska.

We were very honored to be able to honor the service of our military members and their families during these events.

Right: The Purple Heart Honor Flight Parade took place in Omaha, Nebraska on Friday, May 24th.





NEW HAMPSHIRE -

NHSSAR Color Guard on Memorial Day

NHSSAR Color Guard participation in the Littleton, New Hampshire Memorial Day Procession. Participants are: Russell B. Cumbee; John Glover; Paul Ford; Sean Walsh; Dennis Walsh; Brad Bailey and Andrew Akers



Color Guard Presenting Award To New Hampshire Governor

The presentation of a Challenge Coin by the NHSSAR Color Guard to the Governor of New Hampshire, Chris Sununu. From left to right: Color Guard Commander, John Glover; 1st Vice President, Paul Ford; State President, Russell B. Cumbee; New Hampshire Governor, Chris Sununu; Chaplain, Garrett Lear; Secretary and National Trustee, Douglas M. Wood and Color Guard Sergeant, Dennis Walsh.

2019 Bunker Hill

Two photos depicting the New Hampshire Society Color Guard participating in the 2019 Bunker Hill Observance in Boston on June 17, 2019. The Bottom Left photo shows, from left to right NHSSAR Color Guard Commander, John Glover; NHSSAR President Russell B. Cumbee; NHSSAR 1st Vice-President, Paul Ford; NHSSAR Secretary General, Jack Manning and NHSSAR Registrar/Genealogist, Hans Jackson at the New Hampshire Gate of the Bunker Hill Monument. The Bottom Right photo shows NHSSAR Compatriots David Perkins, Sr.; John Glover; Russell B. Cumbee; Jack Manning; Hans Jackson; Garrett Lear and Paul Ford in front of the Bunker Hill Monument.



NHSSAR Color Guard - Wyman Tavern 18th Century Festival In Keene, NH

Two photographs of the NHSSAR Color Guard participation in the Wyman Tavern 18th Century Festival in Keene, NH on June 15, 2019. Participating NHSSAR Color Guardsmen are, from left to right, NHSSAR Color Guard Commander, John Glover; Sean Walsh; Dennis Walsh; NHSSAR 1st Vice-President, Paul Ford; NHSSAR President, Russell B. Cumbee and NHSSAR Secretary/National Trustee, Douglas M. Wood.



NEW YORK -

New York Color Guard

The Saratoga Battle Chapter Color Guard including chapter President Michael Companion, and First Vice President Michael Skelly marched in three Memorial Day parades in 2019. We were joined by our fellow Color Guardsmen and Walloomsac Battle Chapter President Peter Hormell at all three of the Saratoga Springs, Hague, and Corinth NY parades. Compatriot Patrick Festa and Saratoga Battle Chapter President Michael Companion carried the chapter banner at the Saratoga Springs Memorial Day parade. We were also joined by compatriot Andrew Companion at the Saratoga Springs and Hague parades. The Color Guard would like to thank Tim Butler, Bradley Allen, Mary Skelly, and Hunter Choy for marching with us.



Corinth Parade



Saratoga Banner



Saratoga Color Guard with Banner



Hague NY Parade



Halifax Resolves on 12 Apr 2019

North Carolina had a significant National Event, Remembrance of the Halifax Resolves on 12 Apr 2019. This is a review of the document which on 12 April 1776 was the first written declaration of independence sent to the Continental Congress. In addition, the village of Halifax, NC unveiled/displayed the plaques for American Freedom (Constitution, Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights) plus the Halifax Resolves and held a ceremony in which the NC Color Guard presented colors for the opening Pledge of Allegiance and the playing of the National Anthem.



Battle of Ramsour's Mill on 8 June 2019

Our other big National Event was the remembrance of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill on 8 Jun 2019 which was attended by PG Warren Alter. He participated in the Color Guard presentation, posting and retiring of the colors as well as the salute to the patriots buried in the mass grave near the battlefield. The Battle of Ramsour's Mill took place on June 20, 1780 in present-day Lincolnton, North Carolina, during the British campaign to gain control of the southern colonies in the American Revolutionary War. It was a loss for the local Tory militia..





The Jared DAR Chapter 100th Anniversary

Friday April 5, 2019 the Ohio SAR Combined Color Guard presented the colors and showed support at the Jared DAR Chapter in Mansfield, OH Celebrating their 100th Anniversary. The event was held at the Westbrook County Club, 1098 Springmill St. Mansfield, OH

Front Row L-R Kristen Ziemke, Sunda Peters, Patricia Jennings, Missy Derrenberger, Joyce Vanatter, Laverne Piatt, Marianne Bove, Camilla Perrill, Teresa Boice. Back Row John Franklin (Western Reserve Society), Steve Frash, (Marietta Chapter), Norm Miller, (Firelands Bicentennial Chapter), Shaun Cotterill (Firelands Bicentennial Chapter) Steve Hinson (Northeastern Ohio Chapter), Troy Bailey (Northeastern Ohio chapter), Lee MacBride (Western Reserve Society) Lance Beebe (Firelands Bicentennial Chapter). Photo by Betty Franklin



Cincinnati SAR Hosts 2019 Patriot's Day Ceremony Marking the Grave of a Revolutionary War Patriot

At 2:00 PM on Saturday, April 13, 2019 the Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (Cincinnati SAR) began a presentation of historical proportions, literally. Our Drill Master John Bradley Jarard lead a demonstration to an audience of more than 60 attendees gathered at the Baker Family Cemetery, 1743 US Highway 22/3 Morrow, OH.

Historic Prelude

He was assisted by 11 members of our Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard (NCM-CG) wearing various uniforms of the era. They presented Revolutionary War tactics and field movements, a Bayonet Charge and a blank musket/rifle firing. Members then mingled with the audience for a short time to answer questions and give a closer look at uniforms, weapons, etc. We returned to the field and prepared for the Remembrance and Grave Marking of Patriot Darby Shawhan.

Grave Marking Ceremony

Cincinnati SAR President Turner Lee Wilkerson as Emcee of the ceremony opened with a direction to Color Guard field commander Brad Jarard to post the colors,

Editor's Note: The Photo submitted was of a poor resolution and was not included.

followed by Gregg Ballman leading the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag; an Invocation by Chaplain Dr. Ed Boniwell and our pledge to the SAR led by Michael Blum.

President Wilkerson then welcomed and introduced the guests: DAR Regent Wanda Langdon of the Clough Valley Chapter, DAR; Descendants of Darby Shawhan: Jay D. Pruden, Amy Pruden Snodgrass, Jacob Snodgrass, Seth & Karen Pruden, Jans Pruden Kiphart and Gayle Heath; Ms Sami Baker Smith; Nan Cahall, Staff Assistant, Southwest OH Dist. Dir. to Senator Ron Portman; Mr David McCandless, Representative of U.S. Congress Steve Chabot.

Wreaths were Presented to the gravesite by:

Lee Wilkerson, V.P. OH Society on behalf of OHSSAR President Shawn Cox; Shaun Smith, Webmaster Cincinnati SAR for the Cincinnati Chapter SAR; Regent Wanda Langdon for the Clough Valley Chapter DAR; The 9 attending Descendants of Darby Shawhan on behalf of all Patriots.

The nine flintlocks then fired three rounds in honor to patriot and all veterans who have enabled the freedom and liberty we enjoy here in these United States of America.

Bagpiper Gerry Kelly Fritsch concluded the ceremony with the piping of "Amazing Grace."

Pennsylvania Patriot Honored in Ohio

On Memorial Day at Canal Winchester Remembrance Ceremony, John Kalb from Limerick, Pennsylvania, was honored with a memorial stone in the Union Grove Cemetery at his family burial plots. Making the arrangements were Barry and Paula Schwoerer members of the Captain William Grayson Chapter, SAR and the Elizabeth McIntosh Hammill Chapter DAR, both of Northern Virginia. Mrs. Schwoerer was the fourth great-grandchild of Patriot Kalb.

The Ohio SAR Color Guard provided men and flags for the grave marking. Steve Hinson, Society President and Chapter member from Northeastern Ohio came down to Canal Winchester, as well as, Steve Frash, Color Guard Commander and Chapter Member of Marietta Chapter, and Don Miller, President of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter and Steve Kelley of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter.

Pictured are (l-r) Don Miller, Steve Hinson reviewing the ceremony with Compatriot Barry Schwoerer.



Ohio SAR Color Guard Hocking Valley Chapter

For six consecutive years the Ohio SAR Hocking Valley Chapter has participated in the Granville Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. The parade begins in downtown Granville and ends at Maple Grove Cemetery where an impressive crowd always numbering in the hundreds fills the hillside for a Patriotic ceremony to honor America's war dead. For the past three years the Hocking Valley Chapter members have played a key role in the Memorial Day Event with their popular Flag Folding Ceremony. Chapter Color Guard Commander Bob Hill reads from the stage lecturn the meaning of each of 13 folds as two compatriots, Bob Davis and Bill

Lyman, fold the flag. Two members of the American Legion also fold another flag simultaneously. The flags are then presented to family members, as well as flowers from the DAR. This year, the flags were presented to the widow and mother of fallen Army Paratrooper Thomas J. Skufca.

The Hocking Valley Chapter SAR Color Guard will be participating in the Sugar Grove Stars & Stripes Parade on June 29th, and in the Lancaster 4th of July Parade.



Bob Hill, left, reads the meaning of each fold as SAR and American Legion members fold the flags to be presented to the family members of a fallen veteran.

SAR compatriots, Bill Lyman, left, and Bob Davis at the beginning of the Flag Folding Ceremony.

Mahoning Valley Chapter Color Guard living history

The Ohio SAR Mahoning Valley Chapter Color Guard living history / recruiting event held at Loghurst historical homestead in Canfield, Ohio June 1st

Our Color Guard living history events are either a first or second cousin to a period reenactment minus the battle scenario and since I've done both for many decades I'll explain our version of living history. First we strive for authenticity in every possible aspect of the material culture of that period. Authenticity doesn't necessarily mean actual items from the Revolutionary period but items that have been researched and deemed an accurate representation of something during that time period. I do have a period bullet mold but that's about it all other items, tent, musket, furniture, still, yes a still, bayonet, sword, haversack, hunting bag, cartridge etc. are authentic reproductions. We strive for two basic soldiers impressions, militia and Regular Continental, there's a wide range within those two categories so if you want to dress like your Patriot ancestor do some research and I think you'll be able to find what you want and need. Also, please try to find authentic reproduction gear, sans the synthetic materials and the Generals epaulets, there're fine for a parade but not living history and the authentic outfits aren't really any more expensive. All of our Color Guard members, as you may notice, are not fully authentic, it can get somewhat expensive so they're adding correct item as the budget allows, yet always working on that next authentic item. Anyway, the general public tends to gravitate towards such displays and what better time to discuss the benefits of the SAR than at these events.

We do living history because we like putting on items that our ancestors may have worn and feel what it's like to carry a musket, wear wool or linen clothing, put on a tri corn. I don't want to get too deep in the weeds but it's called experiential anthropology and if you're lucky you can have that magic moment and ever so briefly step back into a time and place where the Patriots lived. Best Regards; John Opre President Mahoning Valley Chapter, Ohio.

Pictured kneeling is John Gilbert, standing L - R, Todd Reutzel, Larry Perkins, Mahoning Valley President John Opre, James Alexander, and Justin McLemore. Absent from picture Larry Koval and Women's Auxiliary Member, Melanie Opre.

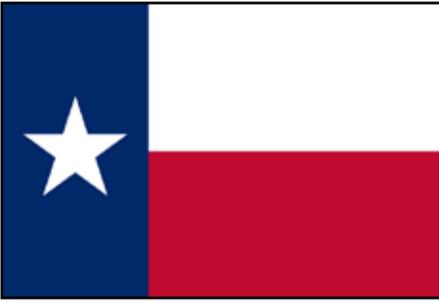


Memorial Day Grave Marking - New Lyme, Ashtabula County Ohio May 26th, 2019

The Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 and the Mahoning Valley combined Color Guard provided Color Guard duties as part of the Memorial Day Grave Marking program conducted by the Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 on Sunday May 26th at the Dodgeville and Hyde-Miller cemeteries in New Lyme Twp., Ashtabula County Ohio. Patriots Henry Brown, Jeremiah Dodge, and Luther Reeve who are buried in the Dodgeville Cemetery, Dan Huntley, and Dan Peck, buried in the Miller-Hyde Cemetery were memorialized and their graves were rededicated. A new bronze SAR Patriot Grave Marker Lug was affixed to each Patriot's Grave Stone. Members of the Stanley-Harper-Redmond DAR assisted with the ceremonies, and activities.

Photo: L/R, Troy Bailey, CC Commander; John Opre; Kirk Bacon; Dan Matheke; John Wooding; Tim Ward; Jim Gilbert; Todd Reutzel; Scott David, followed by Larry Koval





TEXAS

TEXAS SOCIETY CHILDREN of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The Ninety-Second Annual State Conference was held on March 29-30, 2019, at the Hilton Gardens Inn Dallas in Lewisville, Texas. The Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution were asked to present and post the colors. Members of the color guard were T. L. Holden, Ted Wilson, Don Seigert, Nick Gilliam, Larry Melton, Tom Van Fossen, Tom Whitelock, and Dan Reed. The C.A.R. have a laid out agenda and don't miss a beat.



Their theme this year is "Where Texas became Texas Washington on the Brazos." They are partnering with Washington on the Brazos State Park Association. Look for the Signers' wall on the glass wall as you enter to see how 59 signers bravely declared Texas Independence from Mexico on March 2, 1836; and yet fewer men put their name to another piece of paper sixty years earlier declaring Independence from Great Britain. We know of one compatriot who fought for both independence's and lived to tell it each time. He is Benjamin W. Anderson (January 1751 SC – September 1853 TX) Glenfawn,

Texas. So let us join the C.A.R. In "Declaring our Texas Independence."

The theme for the National Society C.A.R. Is "American's Lasting Legacy." They call it honoring the sacrifices of American's Veterans and will do this by volunteering, collecting items to send to deployed service members, or raising funds to support injured veterans. They hope to make a difference in the life of a veteran in someway. The one thing that the S.A.R.; D.A.R.; and C.A.R. have in common is that we owe an unpayable debt to those who have fought for our freedom and we are forever grateful for their service. So, thank you one and all for your service.

Those in the photo are listed in the article but are as follows:

Names L to R T. L. Holden; Ted Wilson; Don Seigert; Nick Gilliam; Trevor Burke (TSCAR President 2018-19); David Temple (President Elect for TXSSAR); Larry Melton; Tom Van Fossen; Tom Whitelock; Dan Reed

TX SAR Color Guard at April Convention

By Stu Hoyt, TX SAR CG Commander

The Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution met at the Omni Hotel in Austin, TX on 4 to 7 April 2019. The color guard consisted of more than thirty members representing 25 chapters. Of those, we mustered 26 members from 19 chapters for this picture just prior to the procession for the Saturday evening banquet. Stu Hoyt TX SAR CG Commander, bottom center passed the sword of command to Ted Wilson on his left.



			Top Row	H Allen Green, III (Robert Rankin Ch-62)	Mike Bierman (Robert Rankin Ch-62)	Harmon Adair (East Fork-Trinity Ch-47)	Larry Tidwell (Bernado de Galvez Ch-1)	Robert Mearns, Jr (Brazos Valley Ch-45)	Sheldon Hawley (Patrick Henry Ch-11)	Melvin Oller (Freedom Ch-38)		Cecil E Replogle (Denton Ch-23)	Wayne Courreges, Jr. (Patrick Henry Ch-11)	
Terry L Holden (Edmund Terrill Ch-34)	Drake Peddie (Plano Ch-37)	Tom Green (Alexander Hodge Ch-49)	Bob Jordan (Patrick Henry Ch-11)	Ned Myers (Arlington Ch-7)	Steve Johnson (East Fork-Trinity Ch-47)	Henry Schoenfelt (Patrick Henry Ch-11)	Michael Greco (Bluebonnet Ch-41)	Tom Van Fossen (Dallas Ch-2)	Bob Kittrell (Dallas Ch-2)	Bill Sekel, Jr (Athens Ch-54)	Gerald Gieger (Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Ch-6)	Sam Massey, Jr (Paul Carrington Ch-5)	David Kinsey (McKinney Ch-63)	
						Bottom Row	Blair Rudy (William Hightower Ch-35)	Stuart Hoyt (William Hightower Ch-35)	Ted Wilson (Edmund Terrill Ch-34)					

Opening of the Burnet County Fair

by Stu Hoyt

A few years ago the DAR in Liberty Hill asked the TX Society of the SAR Color Guard to support them for the grave marking of a former DAR member. The daughter was so impressed that when the Burnet County Fair Commission was looking for a Color Guard to open their fair, she recommended us. We have been invited back ever since. Each year we present the colors for the singing of the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance then provide a musket firing to open the fair.

From left to right are: Ron Walcik (Heart of TX), Stu Hoyt (Wm. Hightower), Mike Greco (Hill Country), and Ray De Vries (Alexander Hamilton).



DAR and SAR Honor Memorial Day at TX State Cemetery

by Stu Hoyt

Each year the Austin Chapters of the SAR and DAR call on the TX Society of the SAR Color Guard to present the colors. This year was no different so at 9:30 am on Monday 27 May, the ceremony commenced. Patrick Henry member John Knox provides the Service flags along with all the flags from 1775 forward flown over the US. He also provided the bell rung to honor each area chapter member fallen in the past year. 3rd District Court of Appeals Chief Justice Jeff Rose gave the address. A large crowd of the citizens of Austin turned out for this event.

From left to right are: Ron Walcik (Heart of TX), Stu Hoyt (Wm. Hightower), Mike Greco (Hill Country), and Ray De Vries (Alexander Hamilton). From left to right are: Mike Greco (Hill Country), blank (Patrick Henry), Robert Duckworth (Wm. Hightower), Shiidon Hawley and Jim Clements (Patrick Henry), Stu Hoyt (Wm Hightower), Frank Rohrbough (San Antonio), Chief Justice Jeff Rose, Wayne Courreges and Ken Tooke with son Harry (Patrick Henry) Tom Jackson (Robert Rankin) Henry Shoenfelt and Rick Fawkes (Patrick Henry).



102 Year old D-Day Veteran Welcomed into the SAR

by Stu Hoyt

On 27 May, The SAR and DAR gathered at a luncheon to honor 102 year old David Fleming, Jr. as a veteran of the D-Day invasion at Normandy, which led to the fall of Germany. The event commenced with a video review of his war service and followed by the French Consul General from Houston, Alexis Andres, awarding Sgt. Fleming with the French Legion of Honor Medal. Then the DAR awarded him with the DAR Good Citizenship Medal and the SAR with the Silver Good Citizenship Medal. He was inducted into the Patrick Henry Chapter of the TX Society of the Sons of the American Revolution by Ken Tooke, President, Jim Clements, Registrar, and Stu Hoyt, Historian and given a life membership. After his induction Sgt. Fleming, Jr. was awarded the SAR War Service Medal. Sgt. Fleming was a member of the 9th AF, 406 Fighter. Group.

Left to right are Stu Hoyt, Ken Tooke, and Jim Clements with Sgt. David Fleming Jr. seated.



Mustering for Flag Day!

by Stu Hoyt

The Sons of the American Revolution has long recognized the need to promote Flag Day, June 14. The Second Continental Congress commemorated the adoption of the Flag on Jun 14, 1777. President Wilson issued a proclamation officially establishing Jun 14th as Flag Day but it was not until Aug 3 1949 that a National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. It is still not a Federal Holiday and like Washington's Birthday, most people cannot tell you what day is set aside to honor those events.

Today, some members of the Patrick Henry and the William Hightower Chapters mustered early to assist Amvets Post 115 in Kyle TX. to post flags along their fence line on the street side of their property to commemorate Flag Day. Then they went to visit a veteran nearby, who has suffered a stroke, to present a Flag Certificate to his wife for their dedication to honoring the etiquette established for the American Flag as they fly "Old Glory" on a pole height above their home.

Below, at the gate of the Amvets Post 115, in Kyle, TX, stand Robert Hite, (LTC, Army) recently returned from a one year tour in Iraq, and Jim Clements of the Patrick Henry Chapter, and Stu Hoyt of the William Hightower Chapter.



An Unexpected Guest

by Ted Wilson

Each year, the Color Guard of the TX Society SAR spreads itself across Texas to cover as many Naturalization Ceremonies as possible. Color Guard members from across North Texas were called to muster for such a ceremony on 28 May at the Dallas Field Office in Irving, TX. As they were about to enter the room full of new citizens-to-be, they were joined by TX Senator John Cornyn who accompanied them as they prepared to recite the Pledge and Oath of Allegiance.

A follow up message was received from Collin McLochin of Senator Cornyn's Office, "It was great seeing you at the Naturalization Ceremony today. I've attached a few pictures of you (Tom Whitelock) and your Compatriots with Senator Cornyn. I know the Senator enjoyed meeting you and he appreciates your efforts to help celebrate our fellow new Americans.

Pictured at Left Howard Roach, Don Sielert (Plano) Ned Myers (Arlington) Senator John Cornyn, Larry Melton (Plano), Tom Whitelock (Dallas), Dan Hamilton, and Jerry Cope (Arlington).



VIRGINIA

Virginia SAR Color Guard

So far this year the Virginia SAR Color Guard has covered 33 Major Events, including 12 National/District Events, and many other chapter and community events. 54 Virginia Guardsmen from 14 chapters have participated in at least one event. Check out our coming events and historical log at: <http://www.virginiasar.org/color-guard.html>

Raid at Martin's Station

On May 12th the Virginia SAR hosted the Raid at Martin's Station, commemorating the conflict with Native Americans that raged on the Virginia Frontier as part of the Revolutionary War. Color Guardsmen from Virginia, Tennessee, and Kansas participated.

Martin's Station – 1: Group photo of the SAR Color Guard at Martin's Station



Waxhaws

On April 27th The Virginia SAR Color Guard conducted a ceremony at Graves' Mountain Lodge in the Blue Ridge Mountains to gather and bless soil of Virginia to be transported to the Waxhaws Battlefield near Lancaster, SC. On May 25th, Virginia SAR President Peter Davenport spread the Blessed Virginia Soil on the mass grave of Virginians buried there. In both ceremonies the Color Guard included the Virginia 3rd Detachment Flag like that carried by the Virginians at Waxhaws.



The Virginia SAR Color Guard gathers soil from Virginia and blesses it in a ceremony in the Blue Ridge Mountains. In the foreground, Leamon Duncan shovels the Virginia Soil into an urn held by Tom Hamill. Color Guard, left to right: Virginia SAR Color Guard Commander Paul Chase, Jim O'Kelley, Bill Schwetke, Charles Jameson, Craig Truskey (with the 3rd Virginia Detachment Flag), Michael Dennis.



The Virginia SAR Color Guard renders honors as the soil is spread. Left to right: Jeff Thomas, Justin Thomas, Bill Schwetke, and Gary Hall.

Memorial

The Virginia SAR honored our country's dead with ceremonies across the state and with participation in the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC. In the National Parade we were augmented by DAR and C.A.R. participants.

Memorial Day – 1: The National Memorial Day Parade participants gather around President General Warren Alter, center in the back row, with the U.S. Capitol in the background.



Portsmouth Grave Markings

On June 1st the Virginia SAR Color Guard participated in two ceremonies in Portsmouth to mark the graves of a total of 16 Revolutionary War Patriots and 14 Veterans of the War of 1812. The First Ceremony was conducted in the rain at Cedar Grove Cemetery and the second was conducted under sunny skies at Trinity Episcopal Church.

Portsmouth – 1: left to right: Bill Schwetke, Kimball Tompson, Virginia SAR President Peter Davenport, Tom Hamill, Gary Hall, Doug Schwetke.

This is a magazine section set aside for color guardsmen to ask a question or post a comment. Questions received would be directed to the leadership command structure for necessary answers. Questions should work their way through the local/state command structure - to ensure that the command structure would have the chance to provide the answer and thus be aware of any issues within their command.

Questions should be related to color guard procedures, obtaining vendor lists, or similar general Color Guard subject matter questions.

Q:
In prior Color Guard Leadership meetings, the subject of insurance coverage for units firing muskets has been broached with the suggestion that it is being looked into by two National committees. What is the progress on this issue relative to any possible requirement that state societies (their CG units) obtain and document such insurance coverage; OR, what is the likelihood that National will get an umbrella policy to cover all state societies? I suspect that there are units performing firings in which there is no insurance coverage at all. And, ultimately where does the responsibility lay in getting such coverage - with a National mandate or is it solely a state society risk to mitigate?

A:
Sunday at the National Color Guard breakfast and meeting the National

Comments and Questions

Color Guard Safety Policies and Procedures were adopted. As a part of the adoption and upon recommendation of the Insurance Committee and President General the Color Guard Committee established an AdHoc Committee to examine the insurance coverage requirements of the Color Guard and to work with the insurance committee. *[Editor's note: It is noted that the policies were passed they still need to go through several other committees before the actually become policy]*

Gun control has recently dominated the media and has caused some insurance companies who provided event insurance where firearms were present to be pulled out of this niche. Although there are probably several insurance companies that may write policies they are probably more regional. Over the past couple of color guard meetings in Louisville there has been discussion on policies, training and insurance. One issue that will most likely be the responsibility of the State Society or the local chapter is that of insurance. There are several types of liability coverage (insurance). We are all familiar with Director's and Officer's (D&O) insurance; however, this coverage will not cover the liability caused by an incident at an event. Since we started examining insurance coverage many companies as mentioned above have stopped covering reenactments or events that have firearms or edged weapons.

Currently there are two prominent companies that serve the reenactor community, which we would fall under. There may be more and if you come across others let the Color Guard Committee know. Both companies have one

thing in common they provide insurance for groups or individuals but do not insure events that the group or individual are sponsoring. Meaning if a Chapter or Society is the organizer of an event then they would need event insurance. Where these insurance companies do provide coverage is where we participate in functions that are organized by other organizations, i.e., community parades, school functions or a history day.

As background, the SAR chapter I belong to has had liability insurance for several years. Our first coverage was a General Liability policy that did not preclude firing black powder firearms. Meaning according to our broker since firearms were not precluded, they were covered, this statement caused some consternation among our chapter board. Our cost for this insurance was approximately \$1,200 a year. However, after several years we were cancelled as the underwriter started to write a firearm exclusion into the policy.

Wanting to protect our members and their assets we found a company called Shoff Darby Reenactment Club/Group Insurance (800 840-7762). Our yearly cost is \$465.00 30 members. To add additional members the cost is \$12.50 for each additional member. This is for two million dollars of coverage. This policy covers our members in costume/uniforms that are specifically listed on the policy. In addition, this policy only covers injuries to spectators and the liability that the Chapter, State Society and National Society may have as a result of an incident. Although the Chapter is the originator of the policy, we had the State Society and the National Society covered as additionally insured (AI);

this is a no cost service provided by Shoff Darby. Two items that are not covered are events where we are organizer and sponsor as mentioned above and the second exclusion is the coverage does not cover injuries to our own participants. It is assumed that participants will have individual medical insurance.

A second insurance company that has been examined is tailored to the small chapter where only a couple of members would fire muskets or rifles is from a company called - Reenactors Insurance. They are found at <http://reenactorsinsurance.com/>. This insurance is tailored to the individual only and not to the chapter, state society or national society. However, this company will still provide additionally insured (AI) policies for the Chapter, State Society and National Society. The current cost of this individual policy is \$48.00 per year. This insurance company covers individuals in period costumes/uniforms. When you purchase this insurance, you become a member of The Reenactors Group and are covered by this group insurance policy of \$2 million per occurrence and \$5 million aggregate, and all of our members are included in excess medical coverage up to \$5000 with a \$100 per claim deductible. As this insurance is written for the individual it covers the individual when in period uniform/costume at any function where they are participating as long as the individual is not the organizer of the event.

I expect that when the Color Guard AdHoc Insurance committee begins their work more items will be addressed.

Respectfully, Mark Kramer

Q: While I understand that there needs to be some flexibility in how chapter units give and follow commands, likewise with some less flexibility for state color guard units, shouldn't there be an understanding that SAR units use the same basic set of commands consistent with those commands used during the Revolutionary War by regular and militia units? The below statement in the Handbook (page 10) leaves it entirely open to any Commander to use the complete set of current/present day military commands. Since the overriding principle is that we dress as they did back then, why should we deviate from that same principle and not command as they did back then?

"While many members of the SAR have a military background, some do not. Accordingly, this section is intended to familiarize all Guardsmen with the standard commands. The commands given below are a mixture of both modern commands and those commands used during the Revolutionary War. Some units may prefer to use all modern commands while some will use a mixture and some will exclusively use those commands outlined in the Revolutionary War Drill Manual. A specific policy has not been adopted as of the writing of this manual."

If we continue to allow modern commands, we should then allow modern

military dress uniforms.
Name withheld upon request

A:
Past Commander Anthony: The SAR Color Guard is NOT a re-enacting unit. Therefore, the Color Guard Committee has never tried to enforce a strict adherence to complete, 100% historical accuracy since this would preclude many compatriots from participating as color guard members due to the expense necessary for proper outfitting.

The Color Guard tries to be inclusive so that participation and comradery is encouraged. This includes recognizing that compatriots have varying degrees of experience when it comes to marching and knowledge of commands.

While historical accuracy is highly encouraged, it is not the primary goal of the color guard since it functions primarily as a ceremonial unit. This ceremonial function allows for a mixture of both historical and current commands and equipment (primarily shoes and glasses).

If the Color Guard were to become a strict re-enactment unit, the primary impact would be to restrict it to only carrying those flags that have been completely documented as having been in existence and used by specific military units during the Revolution. In other words, the Color Guard would NOT carry either the current United States Flag, the SAR Flag, any of the current state flags outside of the original 13 colonies (if there were actually

flags adopted during the Revolution) or any period flag that cannot be properly documented – this would include the Betsy Ross Flag since it is only first mentioned in a magazine article in 1876.

While the use of modern military dress uniforms is proposed, it should not be seriously considered because it would cause a tremendous amount of confusion to those attending an SAR event. This issue was tangentially addressed during the process of adopting a policy concerning the wearing of kilts in that modern kilts were allowed but all the remaining clothing was to be of a period nature. This concession to allow modern kilts was made since the normal civilian recognizes kilts but usually does not have the knowledge to distinguish between Modern, Ancient, Hunting etc. In fact, the US Army Old Guard Fife and Drum corps operates as a distinct unit in period attire and does not mix with other Army units when performing or parading. Therefore, unless a formal proposal is ever adopted, the SAR Color Guard should refrain from a mixture with modern dress uniforms.

Vice Commander Raborg: The National Color Guard Command staff has control and leadership responsibility at our Congress and Leadership meetings. The commander and other officers also have a responsibility to

attend as many functions as they can and in so doing, work with state and local chapter color guards to help organize and lead local guardsmen at events. We follow the same abiding principle that is spelled out in Roberts Rules of Order, that overly strict adherence to bylaws, orders, commands etc. should not deter members from participating in events. I believe it is the responsibility of all the leaders to brief the guardsman at every event, how the event will unfold, what their part will be and how they will be directed. I encourage re-enactors to share their knowledge as members of the SAR and our color guard, however if that becomes demands to the color guard on "historical accuracy" and it causes difficulty, it is not welcome and the re-enactor should continue with his re-enactor group. Each state and chapter can decide for itself, how far it wishes to go with historical accuracy. I was told that the Huntington Beach 4th of July parade is about 5 miles long, I will give up my period shoes and wear black tennis shoes. My biggest concern will be in safety not historical accuracy.

[Editor's note; Refer to the Handbook's listing of commands for Posting the Colors & Other Indoor Events]

WASHINGTON



President's Day, University of Washington February 18, 2019



It is not often that Patriotism, Education and History coincide but on April 12th, 2019 such an event happened. The Washington State Color Guard was honored to post the colors in the Washington State House of Representatives, Olympia, WA. As State Color Guard Commander I honored three members from around the state to perform in the ceremony. Ordinarily we only get two color guard members but I added a drummer.

When the command "Forward March" was given, the drums pounded out a sound resulting in the Representatives standing taller, heads held high and a deep sense of pride glistened in their eyes.

I am attaching two pictures of the event and I would request the one of the drummer at attention on the "House Floor" be considered for the June cover of the Colorguardsman. If a picture is worth a thousand words, this photo speaks volumes of

Duty, Honor, Patriotism, History and Education.

The significance of the single drummer photo has deep roots. The drummer, Jan Lemmer, has supported the SAR at nearly every event yet never joined, even though his son is president of the Alexander Hamilton Chapter. Jan joins nothing, yet the honor we showed him to drum in the colors was a turning point in his life and he submitted his application. Since his son is in SAR, his application will be approved quickly. It may be approved already.

His courage to attend and participate with no ulterior motive, the honor he bestows at every Washington State SAR color guard event and his eventual application to join SAR is the highest distinction he could give to the SAR. See Cover Photo.

Washington State Color Guard is visible!

Our outreach into the community has doubled in the past year to include school Patriot Chest presentations, Honor Flight greeters, parades, public speaking to community organizations, JROTC, New Citizen ceremonies, Boy Scouts and much, much, more. With only 60 Color Guard members across the state we had 754 uniformed individuals in the field. Obviously those 60 have been actively supporting the SAR at nearly 11 events per member.

Two chapters, Seattle and George Washington, have expanded their Color Guard activities into areas in which we have not participated in the past. Seattle Chapter (Neil Vernon, Color Guard Captain) has embraced the city center during the annual SEAFair festival participating in the popular West Seattle Parade. George Washington

Chapter (Mike Hutchinson, Color Guard Captain) is filling a void near the Canadian Boarder where, in the past, we did not have a presence to meet the community requests.

Every Color Guard member is a recruiting tool for the SAR and we should all recognize the Uniform is a conversation magnet! Its presence invites conversation and combined with a welcoming smile, we increase SAR interest resulting in increased membership. The Color Guard is the FACE of the organization while the meetings are the VOICE. When working in concert with each other a powerful invitational message is sent "You want to join us"!

Our Color Guard has been marching in tandem with the SAR Fife and Drum Corps. This is an interesting mix of SAR, DAR and community members. When the DAR march with us the husbands (HODARs) accompany their wives and become outstanding candidates to join SAR. They are already at the event and have first hand knowledge of how much fun it is to march in uniform along with a Fife and Drum. The general public members of the Fife and Drum also serve as conduits providing future SAR members. Even our parade banner reads "Sons of the American Revolution, Join Us"! We have a positive presupposition every male wants to join the SAR.

As a special note, once a year, the WA SAR Color Guard has the opportunity to recognize two outstanding members from across the state to post the colors in the Washington State House of Representatives. It is quite an emotional time to know you are posting colors, to quote the words from "Hamilton", "in the room where it happens". We always manage to squeak in a drummer and next year a fifer for this event. When the Color Guard marches in with the drums, Representatives stand a little taller, their shoulders are more square and the their salutes more crisp as the Color Guard passes by. It is deep honor to be part of the Washington State Color Guard.

Finally, I would like to remind all Color Guard members of the 2021 National Congress in Seattle! The majestic Mt. Rainier (14,410 ft volcano) combined with the beauty of Puget Sound and to the west, the Olympic Mountains, will make this a perfect setting for the 2021 event. Do not miss out on the Pacific Northwest in all its natural beauty combined with a fantastic National Congress, this will be an event talked about for years to come.

Hall Lineup for Posting Colors at the Washington Annual Meeting
 Left to right: Dick Motz, Fred Gilbert, Bob O'Neal, Kelly Schultz, Dennis Shaw, Kelly Schults, Mike Moore, Doug Nelson, Christopher Clayton, Ken Roberts, Larry Flint, Noah Chase, Jeannine Stephan, Skip Stephan, Mike Hutchins, David Irons, Neil Vernon, Carl Durkoop.



Front Row seated left to right: Bob O'Neal, Jeannine Stephan, Skip Stephan, Viren Lemmer, David Irons, Neil Vernon, Standing

Back Row, Left to Right: Fred Gilbert, Dick Motz, Kelly Schultz, Jim Lindley, Mike Moore, Christopher Clayton, Arthur Dolan, Doug Nelson, John Kraft Sr., Dennis Shaw, Mike Hutchins, Carl Durkoop, Larry Flint, Noah Chase, Stan Wills.



WEST VIRGINIA

The West Virginia State Color Guard supported the West Virginia State DAR in the dedication of a Gold Star Mothers Monument on June 20th.

The West Virginia State Color Guard hold the colors during the National Anthem prior to the Flag retirement ceremony on June 14th. Seven hundred flags were retired that evening at Fort Randolph. Members of the SAR, DAR, and CAR took part in the retirement ceremony.





Pictured l to r are Commander Brian S. Barrett, Mike Nelson, Ben Meador, Shane Barrett, William Muether Sr, William Austin, Billy Muether, Mark Nelson at the Apr 19, 2019 (Patriots Day) Milwaukee Brewers Game at Miller Park

Pictured Below are four M-K Chapter color guardsmen at a joint meeting of various area patriotic organizations held at the Wisconsin Club in Milwaukee on May 19, 2019.



Pictured at Right are Color Guardsman Eliot Held, William Austin, William Muether, Mark Nelson and Mike Nelson of Nathaniel Ames Chapter at a May 2019 meeting in Madison.



Hall Lineup for Posting Colors at the Washington Annual Meeting Memorial Day Ceremony on May 27, 2019 showing historical United States military uniforms at American Legion in Cedarburg. Pictured is Color Guardsman Ben Meador.



Memorial Day Ceremony at the grave of Revolutionary War veteran Pvt Nathan Hatch in Brookfield, WI. Pictured is Reverend John C. Wohlrahe, Capt., USN Ret., Brian S. Barrett WISSAR Color Guard Commander and members of the Smoky Hollow Muzzle Loaders.



Come Back With Your Bells On!

Equipment & Items Carried by Southern Militia

Three battles were fought by Southern Militia units from Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina in Wilkes County, Georgia from February 8-14, 1779. They were the Battle of Carr's Fort, Vann's Creek (Cherokee Ford) and Kettle Creek for which there have been other articles published.

The author participated in the archeology project in 2013, conducted by the Lamar Institute that found Carr's Fort after 234 years. Dan Elliott of the Lamar Institute also did earlier Kettle Creek Battlefield surveys.

Linking up artifacts found at these battle sites and looking at earlier Claims Requests from Patriots, have helped add to information of what some of the southern militia men carried with them.

One of the items found at the Battle of Kettle Creek site by the Lamar Institute and now on display at the Washington Historical Museum is a broken bell. A picture is attached.

I selected three South Carolina Accounts Audited from microfilm from the South Carolina Department of Archives and History list provided by Doctor Robert Davis, who is principal researcher on the Battle of Kettle Creek and events in Colonial Wilkes County. These three claims include:

- Samuel Carson, AA 1096 voucher, 23 November 1779, lost hat, bell, shot pouch, powder horn, and knife on battle with Tories on Savannah River, 11 February 1779.
- John Cunningham, AA 1690 voucher, 24 July 1779, "Swore to the 3d August 1779 before me Andrew Pickens J.P." "Certified 3rd August 1779, Andrew Pickens Colonel"

Note: Lieutenant Alexander Ramsey lost one bay stallion, one saddle, one bridle, blanket, wallet and spurs. John Cunningham gave a horse, saddle, bridle, bell, and bag to Captain Robert Anderson on 13 February 1779 and was not given them back. Cunningham and Ramsey filed their claims on the same sheet of paper which is why they are both filed under Cunningham.

- James Long, AA 4653 voucher, 29 July 1779, lost one bag and two



bells coming back from Kerr's (Carr's) Fort.

I asked the Dr. Robert Davis, "Do you think these were bells or belts on the Claims?"

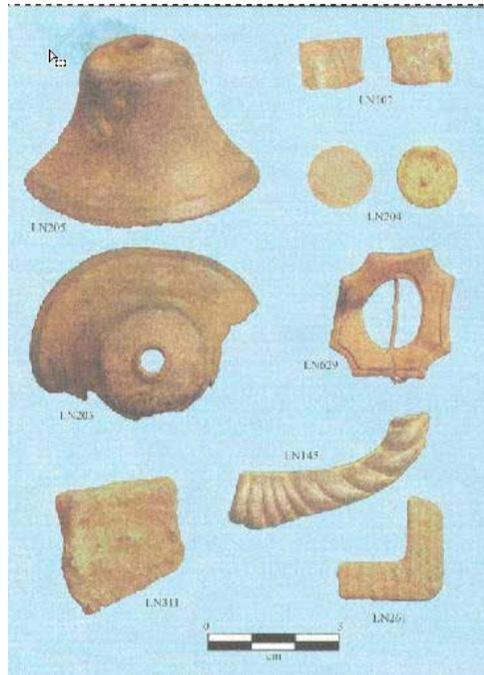
Per Dr. Davis the Claims of James Long and John Cunningham clearly say bells. Carson's claim was too faint to read on the microfilm.

Would I have to answer to re-enactors about a hand bell group of militia men going into battle?

The Archeologists Dan & Rita Elliot of Lamar Institute brainstormed about bells and their possible uses in the field and in battle at Kettle Creek and elsewhere¹. Options included:

1. Finding your horse if it was scared and ran away in battle.
2. Hearing your horse being stolen at night if the horses were in a corral (burglar alarm).
3. Making extra noise in a cavalry charge.
4. Sounding alarms and communicating in thick woods or cane breaks.
5. Just to look cool (bells, bangles and other jangly things were popular trade materials throughout the 18th century and maybe the frontiersmen wanted that look).

The use of bells seems to have been



common throughout the era². They are mentioned on pack trains from Pennsylvania to Georgia. Nathaniel Hart spent £30 on bells for all his animals³. In some cases, the bells were silenced by being stuffed with grass or leaves. One writer (William Bartram, Naturalist) recommended no bell on riding horses but to bell the pack animals to make them easier to find if they were lost (this was in Mobile, Alabama on 27 November 1777)⁴.

"Horses wander off and get lost. There are numerous accounts of frontier travel that include incidents where a party was delayed looking for a lost horse."⁵

"James Nourse, Jr., for example, on his 1780 trip to Kentucky spent two days and walked more than forty miles to recover a horse that had strayed back to the last farm."⁶

"In the drawings of Kettle Creek, you see men in tri-corner hats fighting on the ground but I am sure that everyone in the battle that day rode a horse."⁷

Here are some documented accounts of horses being used by Patriot Militia in the Wilkes County Georgia engagements:

Letter written to Brigadier General Samuel Elbert from Colonel Dooly's camp at Cowan's Ferry, South Carolina on 16 February 1779, only two days after the Battle of Kettle Creek.

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"I crossed the Savannah River on the 12th of this Instant about Ten miles above Fort Charlotte with Colo. Pickens with about 140 of my Rigmt. And Colo Pickens had about 200 of his Rigmt."

"...but I must assure you Sir that Most of our officers and Men behaved Vary Well Colo Pickens and Colo Clark behaved wonderful and acted with a Great Deal of Courage and Spirit. Colo Clark had his horse Shot Down from under him and I am sure that it must be nothing but the hand of Providence that Saved Colo Pickens and Colo Clark and my self from begin Kild or badly wounded as wee war much Exposed on horseback During the whole Inengagement."⁸

Claims submitted in South Carolina in 1779 for ferry service.

"The Publik To 334 men and 334 horses ferried at Cowans Ferry and 6 wagons certified by me this 3 day April 1779. Andr. Pickens"⁹

Colonel Pickens wrote on March 14, 1779 to Captain John Irvine with a change in orders:

"I wrote you a few days ago to reinforce Colonel Williams at Ninety-Six with twenty-five men from your company; but, as I have just got orders from Gen. Williamson to march a strong party of my regiment to

Cowan's Ferry, on Savannah river, you will, therefore, march with two parts of your company to that place, to be there on Wednesday next, the 17th inst., armed and accoutered with good horses."

The Crown Forces Picture

On November 6, 1778, Sir Henry Clinton commanding His Majesty's Forces in North America, approved an Enterprize against the Rebels in Georgia, which consisted of eight Battalions of Infantry under Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Archibald Campbell (4 of these Provincial Battalions), 36 men from Royal Artillery and a total of 3,041 rank and file.¹⁰

After the capture of Savannah, on 21 January 1779, LTC Campbell, moves towards Augusta, Georgia with 1,044 men and five cannons.¹¹

"Responded to request on 3 February 1779 from Inhabitants of Wilkes's County, offering to surrender several stockaded Forts on the Frontiers of Georgia. Eighty of the Carolina Horse were instantly detached under the Provincial Officers, Captains Hamilton and Campbell to receive the Submission of these Forts, and

*to favour the Approach of 600 Loyalists, who were coming from Red Creek, South Carolina under the Command of Colonel Boyd, a Gentleman who came a Volunteer with me from New York."*¹²

It was Hamilton's force that was surrounded at Carr's Fort by Colonel's Pickens and Dooly and who lost all his horses in that engagement and had to walk to Augusta, Georgia to join Lieutenant Colonel Campbell.

The conclusion was that a large number of the militia men engaged in the skirmishes and battles in Wilkes County, Georgia were mounted on horses. They had left their homes with their horses and gear they had living in remote areas. Some of these militia men had bells on their horse tack that helped find their horses if they wandered off.

So, it appears some militia returned home to South Carolina without their bells on!

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Down on the Border

By Stu Hoyt

Downtown Parade



If you were asked where the largest George Washington Parade in the country was held, the last place that you would consider was down on the border. It is; in fact, in Laredo, Texas and is held on the weekend closest to George Washington's Birthday in February. The entire week is a festive time in this border town but on Saturday everyone turns out for the parade. Most people start placing chairs along the two and a half mile parade route the night before and by eight in the morning most of the crowd is in place six to ten deep.

The parade may be the main event of the day but it is not the first. About 6:30 am officials and attendees start gathering for breakfast at the La Pasada Hotel, a block from the International Bridge. At 7:30 am, the procession forms for the march to the center of the International Bridge. The dignitaries range from national to state to local officials. This year's event was attended by the Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi. While the American contingent is forming, an equally large and impressive group is forming on the Mexico side. Both groups start on a signal and meet at the center of the bridge. The Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard have the honor of leading the party to the center of the bridge each year. The ceremony is called El Abrazo or The Embrace. Starting with children dressed as George and Martha Washington to adults, then officials, each meet at the center of the bridge and exchange a flag and an embrace. After some short speeches the crowd is loaded on busses for the short ride back to the parade starting line.

If you have never attended, you might consider adding it to your calendar. It is a National Event for the Silver Color Guard Medal and first time attenders will receive the Texas Color Guard Bronze Bernardo de Galvez Medal. In 2020, we will be celebrating our 20th year. See you at the border.

The Sons of the American Revolution Patriot Grave Marker

Researched by John M. Raya
Edited and written by John K. Crissman

The original marker used by the Sons of the American Revolution to designate the graves of Revolutionary War Patriots was officially adopted by the Massachusetts Society, SAR, at their annual meeting held on October 19, 1893, at Marblehead, Massachusetts. At that time, it was voted by the Massachusetts Society that fifty of the markers be purchased for the purpose of giving them to towns which wished to use them on Revolutionary War veteran graves in their communities. The marker was officially adopted by the National Congress of the NSSAR at its meeting on April 30, 1894.

The marker was described in the minutes of the meeting as being made of iron and priced at \$1.00 each or a version made of bronze was available for \$3.50 each. Both versions featured a cross of St. Louis placed at the top of the rod. The cross was one foot in diameter with a figure of the Minute Man in the center surrounded by thirteen stars. The center of each arm of the cross contained a letter of the inscription S.A.R. (Soldier or Sailor of the American Revolution) and the date 1775. The marker measured 28 inches from the ground to the top of the cross.

The use of the SAR grave marker appears to have caught on as a popular way for SAR Chapters to honor their Revolutionary War Patriot ancestors. At the annual SAR National Congress held in 1895, it was reported that 40 of the SAR grave markers had been placed with in the City of Boston alone. At the same National Congress, the Rhode Island Society adopted the marker their use and immediately began planning the markings of over 200 Patriot graves in Rhode Island.



Above: Rear view of a 1903 smaller design marker identifying the manufacturer as M.D. Jones & Co. Melville Jones also held the patent on the design of this marker. The 1903 marker was made of bronze and was downsized to eight inches. It sold for \$1.50 each.

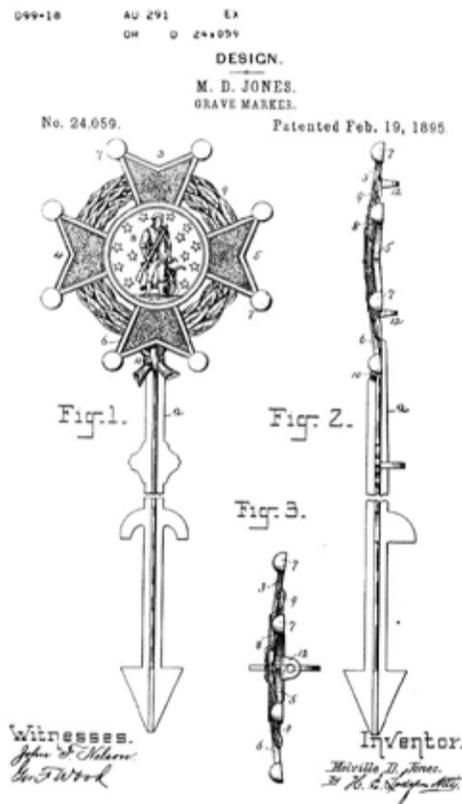


Above: An example of an original 1893 design twelve inch SAR grave marker, constructed of cast iron.

The minutes of the 1903 meeting of the National Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution reported that the grave markers had been redesigned. Whether this new design was undertaken strictly for aesthetic or functional considerations is not known. The patent held by Melville Jones on the original marker had expired in 1902.

A new design, adopted by the SAR, could have resulted in a change of ownership. However, Jones continued to be the manufacturer of the markers for at least the next fifteen years. The new grave marker was very similar in appearance to the original one with only minor changes. The marker still incorporated the Cross of St. Louis, but the cross was reduced in size by four inches and the new

cross was made of bronze instead of iron. Perhaps of most importance, it had been noted that the original marker was subject to theft or careless cemetery grounds keepers who found it easy to pull up the stake holding the marker and laying it down when mowing or trimming grass. The new design lengthened the connecting rod to 35 inches which allowed it to be anchored in- to the ground and attached to a piece of granite. It was specified that the anchor stone be buried 18 inches into the ground. The new design made the marker a much more permanent structure and less prone to theft.



UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

MELVILLE D. JONES, OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS.

DESIGN FOR A GRAVE-MARKER.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Design No. 24,059, dated February 19, 1895.
Application filed April 3, 1894. Serial No. 296,316. Term of years 7.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MELVILLE D. JONES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Somerville, county of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts, have invented and produced a new and original Design for a Grave-Marker, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, showing a representation thereof.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a grave-marker showing my design. Fig. 2 is an edge view, and Fig. 3 is a top view, these three views being deemed necessary to fully illustrate my design.

My design includes a circular tablet on which is the figure of a minute man with stars about him, together with a cross. In this design the tablet appears as the centerpiece of the cross, while a wreath of laurel hangs behind the cross.

In the illustration of this design 2 represents a straight shaft surmounted with a cross which comprises four arms 3, 4, 5, 6, having a stippled or roughened surface, and with re-enter-

ing angles at the ends of the arms, whereby two points are created on each arm. These points of the cross are capped with balls or spheres 7. At the meeting point of the arms of the cross is placed a centerpiece in the shape of a circular tablet 8. Upon this tablet is shown the figure of a minute man surrounded by thirteen stars.

In the rear of the cross appears a wreath composed of myrtle leaves 9 in conventional form; while the ends of the wreath are tied in a knot at a point below the cross.

Projecting rearwardly from the marker behind the cross are shown two short bosses 10.

What I claim is—

The design for a grave-marker, substantially as herein shown and described.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

MELVILLE D. JONES.

Witnesses:
MELVILLE F. JONES,
H. E. LODGE.



Above: Melville D. Jones, owner of M. D. Jones & Co. 76 Washington Street Boston, Mass. Manufacturer of the original SAR grave marker and the 1903 redesigned grave marker

Since 1920 there have been several different manufacturers and changes to the SAR Patriot grave marker. At an August 2, 1952, meeting of the SAR, it was authorized that a committee be appointed to design a new official grave marker for American Revolutionary War soldiers



Left: The modern Sons of the American Revolution Patriot bronze 8 inch grave marker with the SAR letters reading from left to right.



Wearing of Synthetic Clothing While Firing

Safety is everyone's responsibility and there is no possible acceptable reason to place you or your compatriots at risk

Synthetic materials do not do well with heat and flame.

By Safety Officer, Mark Kramer

In this safety message I would like to discuss the wearing uniforms made of synthetic materials while firing muskets/rifles. Long before I accepted the position as safety officer I was aware that this practice was prohibited. However, recently I have become aware of a couple of incidents where compatriots were wearing synthetic materials while firing. Although I had no input into this long standing policy, I fully support it.

The use of natural materials such as wool, cotton and leather are the recommended materials for our uniforms, and are the correct materials of the period. While these materials can burn if given enough heat or flame impingement they are less likely to rapidly burn or melt. Conversely, although Rayon, Nylon and Polyester are made also made of natural materials (wood or petroleum products) they have the propensity to rapidly burn. The raw material used to produce rayon is wood pulp/wood cellulose. Nylon the material that is widely used in costume clothing is petroleum based; natural gas, coal, and acetylene to name a few components. Polyester is made using purified terephthalic acid and monoethylene glycol; both petroleum products. I cannot definitively speak to the probability of a piece of synthetic clothing being ignited by a spark from our black powder firearms; however, intuitively know that the practice of wearing synthetic clothing while firing is not safe.

The reason that I support this policy is based on thirty-plus years as a professional firefighter and living through a period of significant advancement in protective clothing in the fire service. The first four years, early in my career I worked for a small, three station fire department in Orange County, California. Being from a small department the fire chief was able to test new innovations and were reasonably simple to implement. At the time protective clothing was going through a transition in the

composition of materials and the types of use they would be exposed to. Responding to wildland fires requires a different type of protective clothing than do structure fires. As such this fire department adopted a leather fire department work boot with a "fire resistive" uniform pants, that in theory could be worn in both wildland fires and structure fires. The pants were made of synthetic materials and although in concept sounded great in practice was a failure. Although the pants I was wearing never caught fire they did melt enough that after exiting a structure fire I was able to bend the pant leg and crack the melted pant leg causing an opening. The uniforms were eventually changed after management became aware of this issue. However, it was a lesson that I never forgot; synthetic materials do not do well with heat and flame.

In occupations that have an element of risk we evaluate the severity of the outcome (high or low) and the frequency in which this risk occurs. Where we determine that the severity is high, we examine the possible outcomes and how should the issue be addressed. If the severity is high and occurs with high frequency, we train our people and through repetition they have the tools to handle the risk. However, what causes the leaders the most concern is where the severity is high and the frequency low. This is where individuals may have not had to deal with the situation and may not have the tools to achieve a successful outcome. For these risks policies are instituted and training is routinely provided to address these high-risk, low-frequency incidents. Firing a black powder firearm with spectators around is a high-risk venture and the frequency in which we fire is reasonability low. Therefore, training and policies are necessary for the safety of our compatriots and the public.

I suspect that those who have fired were unaware of long-standing policy not to fire in synthetic clothing or the possible dangers that exist. Safety is everyone's responsibility and there is no possible acceptable reason to place you or your compatriots at risk.