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COMPATRIOTS,

I hope that this issue of The SAR Colorguardsman finds each of you actively participating in the various events and activities of the SAR around the nation. The level of activity of the members of the SAR Color Guard is truly inspiring even as it increases each year.

I would draw your attention to two newly approved National SAR Color Guard events – (1) The Battle of Bunker Hill and (2) The Battle of Monmouth. Each of these events was approved at the Spring Leadership Meeting. While there has been active participation in each of these for years, these approvals brings formal recognition to them within the guidelines of documenting why they are to be considered National Events. These guidelines can be found elsewhere.

Speaking of events, the 2019 calendar of events published elsewhere in this issue. Please note that each published date is the most likely date for the event. Please contact the sponsoring state society or chapter to confirm the actual date. As a reminder, the calendar is solely of events approved by the Color Guard Committee. There is a similar list published by the National Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee (HSCC). There are a few differences primarily based on events that are not directly related to the Revolution that the Color Guard participates in.

At the Spring Meeting, possibly the most pleasant task of the National Color Guard Committee was undertaken – the approval of the Color Guardsman of the Year. For 2019, this honor went to Compatriot Gary Green of the North Carolina SAR. Please see the write up about the award elsewhere in this issue.

The final major item of business from the Spring Leadership Meeting was the consideration of the National Color Guard Safety Policy and Procedures document. Once again, a final vote was not taken after a spirited discussion. As it currently stands, the document is being reviewed by the SAR Chancellor General and the National Legal Advisory Committee. The expectation is that once these have reviewed the document a final vote will take place at the committee meeting at the Annual Congress in July.



Looking forward to the 2019 Annual Congress, 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. I would be remiss if I did not mention that 2019 will also mark a Change in Command Ceremony marking the end of my term as Commander. This is always a special ceremony.

In conclusion 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

Vice-Commander's Report

[Repeat of January message]

Fellow Color Guardsmen,

The NSSAR Color Guard Command Staff is working on several events for Fourth of July before the 2019 Congress. More details to come as they are finalized.

If you plan to arrive in Orange County a day or two before Congress there are three local programs where you may participate by wearing your Revolutionary War uniform/attire.

The annual Fourth of July Parade in Huntington Beach, CA

Join us for the Annual Huntington Beach 4th of July Parade and Fireworks. The annual parade will march down the streets of downtown Huntington Beach beginning at 10 am on July 4th. After the parade, entertainment on the pier will continue until 9 pm, when the 4th of July fireworks show begins.

The Huntington Beach Parade has been held since 1904 and is the largest 4th of July parade west of the Mississippi.

(The California Society, Orange County Chapter, first participated in the Huntington Beach Parade on July 4, 1988).

Lake Forest, CA 4th Of July Parade and Fun Run

The Lake Forest 4th of July Parade will start at 10 am and end at 12 pm.

For those runners out there the El Toro High School 5K Run/Walk starts and finishes at the corner of Lake Forest Drive & Serrano Road, Lake Forest. The proceeds go to El Toro High School.

Cerritos, CA 4th Of July Let Freedom Ring Celebration

The 46th Annual Let Freedom Ring Celebration will take place Thursday, July 4 from 4 pm to 9 pm at the Cerritos Civic Center. The event includes rides, entertainment and a formal City Council bell-ringing ceremony at 6:30 pm. The evening will culminate with a fireworks show at Cerritos High School at 9 pm.

In 2012 members of the California Society Color Guard began providing a color guard for the Cerritos Let Freedom Ring program.

Ladies wearing Colonial Era attire are welcome to join us. The California Society invites you to come early to the 2019 Congress and participate in one of the local patriotic programs.

In Patriotism,
James C. Fosdyck
NSSAR Color Guard Vice Commander



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	Buford'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
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		

* 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)



Hilton, Costa Mesa CA



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.

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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, Oregon, 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
- Middlesex Village Trading Co
- 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
- Turkey Foot Trading Company
- Clearwater Hats
- Ye Armes Shoppe

Are You Ready?

by Mark Kramer

This quarter I would like to discuss to the importance of being physically fit and hydrated during our event season. Spring and Summer seem to be when we are the most active and we only seem to slow down after Wreaths Across America. Now that we are in spring, we need to get ready for the barrage of events that will come our way in the next several months.

Like many of us, I still try to accomplish tasks that I did when I was so much younger. Although the weather may be a little different, depending on where you live, standing in warm/hot weather in wool uniforms can affect you. It will not mat-

ter if you live in a desert state with "dry heat" or in areas where the humidity and the temperature are in the eighties or nineties; you will be affected by the heat. Those of us who were in the military probably can remember standing for long periods of time in formation during hot days. We were probably in our late teens or early twenties – we are not in the same physical shape today. We are affected by the heat much more now than we were then.

We all need to ask ourselves if we are ready for the physically demanding aspects of standing at attention for a long time or marching a mile or two. Physical conditioning, hydration and your ability to rest and cool down are elements we all should be considering as we enter this event season. Attending my state society's meetings and the



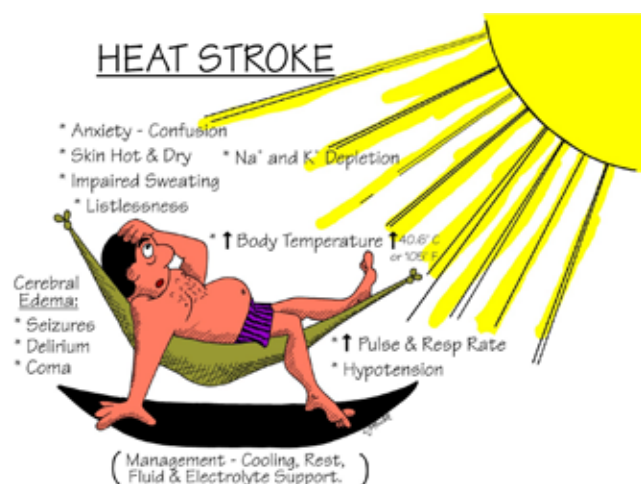
leadership meetings in Louisville, Kentucky the one thing I have noticed is that most of us have a few wrinkles and gray hair. This does not mean we cannot perform in these events, we just need to be aware of our limitations. Are you physically capable to meet the demands of the event? Marching in a one-mile long Fourth of July parade is different than the five-and-a-half-mile march of the Rose Parade; many of us would have difficulty with the latter. Only you and possibly your physician will be able to answer if you are capable of meeting the demands of marching a long distance.

One thing that we can all do is properly hydrate. Thirty plus years in the fire service, especially during wildland fire season, has taught me about proper hydration. The science of hydration has changed over the years. From taking salt tablets, drinking an electrolyte fluid, to just drinking water. As a firefighter if we were working a wildland fire and would be physically working for hours at a time, drinking an electrolyte fluid or sports drink would help replenish the minerals lost through perspiration. During training exercises or where we were active for less than an hour to ninety minutes hydrating with water was adequate. How do you tell if you are properly hydrated? A simple trick I was taught was if your urine is clear you are properly hydrated. The deeper yellow your urine is the less hydrated you are. Seems simple but works.



you decide to leave. If one of our compatriots exhibits flushed, hot, dry skin and appears confused or faints these are some of the signs of heat stroke and is a true medical emergency and immediate medical treatment is necessary.

If you determine that you may not be able to actually march or stand for an extended length of time there are other things that you can do to support the event. It might be as simple as waiting at the end of the parade with water or ferrying compatriots back to their cars. Be safe and stay well.



Once you finished your event you need to cool down. This means taking off your coat and allowing the natural evaporation of sweat to assist in cooling you down. Try to get out of the sun and if possible, into an air-conditioned room. Drink cool water or a sports drink, this will help rehydrate and possibly cool your internal temperature.

If you are dizzy or have lightheadedness take some time to rest and hydrate before

RE-CAP

- Stay fit



- Stay HYDRATED !

- Be aware of your limitations

- COOL DOWN !



2019 National SAR Color Guardsman of the Year

National SAR Color Guard Committee 2019 Spring Leadership Meeting - 1 March 2019



At its meeting on 1 March 2019, the National SAR Color Guard Committee selected Compatriot Gary Green of the North Carolina SAR as the National Color Guardsman of the Year.

Lt Colonel Gary O Green, USAR (Ret) joined the SAR in 2007 as a member of the Lower Cape Fear Chapter, North Carolina SAR in Wilmington, NC. He has served in several offices on the chapter, regional and state levels including North Carolina SAR State President from 2016-2017.

Compatriot Green was appointed North Carolina SAR Color Guard Commander in 2014 and served in that capacity through 2016. He has attended all National Leadership Meetings since 2014 and all National Congresses since 2015. He has represented the society as a member of the color guard in nearly 50 events since 2014 and was awarded the SAR Silver Color Guard medal on 18 April 2015.

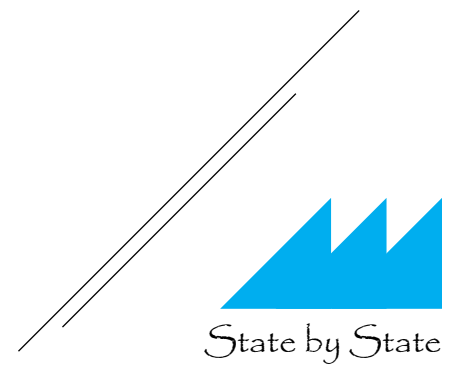
Compatriot Green will receive the SAR Gold Color Guard Medal, which is awarded to each Color Guardsman of the Year, at the

annual Recognition Night ceremonies at the 2019 Annual Congress in Costa Mesa, CA. For the following year, Compatriot Green will carry the SAR Flag at each of the National Leadership Meetings and the Annual Congress.

Summary of Meeting

- 1) Commander Mark Anthony called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm
- 2) The current Color Guard Staff and Former National Commanders, Dave Hoover, Joe Dooley, Chuck Lampman, Peter Goebel and Mike Tomme, were introduced
- 3) First Time Attendees were recognized
- 4) Commander Anthony presented Compatriot Randy Moody (FL) with the National Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Excellence
- 5) Commander Anthony reviewed his filed Trustees Meeting report mentioning the number of medals approved over the prior 4 months
- 6) Compatriot Steve Frash (OH) was recognized to present a proposal to adopt a standardized Bronze Color Guard Medal Application Form for the various State Societies to use
- 7) Proposals for two new National Color Guard Events were heard and approved
 - a. Battle of Monmouth (NJ)
 - b. Battle of Bunker Hill (MA)
- 8) The committee held the Election of the 2019 Color Guardsman of the Year. There were two candidates presented for consideration. Compatriot Gary Green (NC) was selected.
- 9) Safety Officer Mark Kramer presented the latest iteration of the proposed Safety Policies & Procedures for debate. A vigorous discussion was held with minor amendments made. A formal vote tabled the proposed document for referral to the Chancellor General and Legal Advisory Committee for review and input before another vote at the Congress meeting in July.
- 10) There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm

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

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 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?

The current high water mark was 21 state societies' color guard reports. **This issue has 22 !**

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, Colorado, Idaho, Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, South Carolina, & Utah.**

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



Tucson Chapter in Arizona participated at the Four Chaplains Event

On February 3, 1943 the U.S.A.T Dorchester was torpedoed by a German submarine U-223. Four Chaplains, Lt. George L. Fox, Methodist; Lt. Alexander D. Goode, Jewish; Lt. John P. Washington, Roman Catholic; and Lt. Clark V. Poling, Dutch Reformed, gave their lifejackets to four men who didn't have any. As the ship went down the chaplains were seen with linked arms praying. In a steady rain, the Tucson Chapter Color Guard presented the colors on February 3 2019 at the Four Chaplain's event. The Guard presented the National Colors and the 48-star flag, in honor of the time period in which the 4 chaplains lived, along with the Arizona State flag. A color detail also paraded the flags of the branches of the military services in honor of the veterans who attended. The musketeers, who conduct an 18th century drill, carried muskets at Secure Arms as is appropriate when rain is falling. The American Legion fired the rifle salute and the 4th Cavalry Brass Band played accompanying music.



Color Guard Members attending: Rick Collins - Acting NCO, Barbara Collins - 48 star, Gerry Lawford - Marine Corps, Sandy Lawford - National Color, Bill Aurand - Air Force, Marcia Aurand - AZ State, Rudy Byrd - Musketeer, John Bird - Navy, Jeff Coleman - Musketeer, Bob Hoover - Army, Mark Clark - Musketeer, Chris Francis - Coast Guard, Al Niemeyer - Photographer

Article by Rick Collins; Pictures by Al Niemeyer

Scottsdale Parada del Sol Parade

Thousands of spectators traveled from all over the state to see the Parada del Sol Parade.

Arizona Society Color Guard joined the AZ Daughters and Children of the American Revolution in this spectacular parade. "I always felt Prescott had the best Fourth of July parade and then Flagstaff had a great Armed Forces Day Parade. This Parade was fantastic." Steve Monez AZ CG Commander. We were introduced at 11 reviewing stands.

"We, the Sons of The American Revolution, have traced our ancestors back to the founding of our country. These founders sacrificed so much to achieve the independence of the American people. The Objects of our Society are declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational. We dress in Colonial, Navy, and Militia uniforms. We carry our American Flag, and other flags used during that time. We visit schools sharing with children the story of our countries beginning. We support veterans by visiting VA hospitals and sharing programs designed to help them take their minds off their issues."

This was the first parade that took the time to give us the opportunity to read 100 words at 11 reviewing stands. The great crowds of people on the parade route now know who and what the Sons of The American Revolution is and

what we stand for. It was great having the DAR and the CAR followed by the SAR. The reviewing stands also read their narrative.



St. Patriots day parade

The Prescott Chapter of the Arizona Society marched in the St. Patriots day parade on March 9, 2019. The request to take part came from Prescott Chapter member Eugene McCarthy. Gene is a new and enthusiastic member of the Prescott Chapter. This was the first time we participated. Several people wanted to know what the SAR is, and one might become a member. They all said they had heard of the DAR but never the SAR. Stephen J. Miller from Phoenix Chapter and DAR member Celeste Cates of Sedona joined us. The NAU Students carrying our banner were each given an Arizona Challenge Coin. Our Arizona Society took part in over 30 events last year.

Pictured from L/R back row, Gene McCarthy, Steve Monez, Celeste Cates, Stephen J Miller. The ban-





The 81st Edison Festival of Lights Grand Parade, February 16, 2019

Named as the largest night parade in the Southeast year after year, the Edison Festival of Lights Grand Parade is a two-hour (and over two-mile long march) extravaganza featuring national participants & local marching bands, floats, local government and law enforcement officials, clowns, and much, much more. The size of the crowd viewing the parade has been estimated at over 200,000 with 160 units and 28 floats. The Caloosa Chapter Color Guard marched as Unit #3, immediately behind the pace car and the Lee County Sheriff's Department mounted color guard (and two golf carts cleaning up after the horses).



And nearly two hours later approaching the end, this event is not for the faint of heart.

Last Naval Battle Celebration

The Brevard Sons, Daughters and Children of the American Revolution conducted a memorial service to commemorate the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution on its 236th anniversary. Over 190 people attended this year's event with over 30 groups in participation. The guest speaker was Lindsey Brock III ESQ an expert authority on Captain John Barry. He gave an excellent representation of the events that occurred during this historical event. To present a better understanding of how the ships maneuvered during the battle, Lindsey used Coast Guard Axillary and Sea Cadets to portray the ships positions.

We were very fortunate to have members of the Navy, Marine Corps League, Courageous Division of Sea Cadets, Rolling Thunder, Civil War and other groups attend to support this year's event. A Coast Guard ship was planned to be anchored in the river adjacent to the Veterans Center; however, a submarine came into the Port Canaveral, so it was dispatched to support its operations.

2019 is the thirteenth year that our organizations has assembled to honor this historical event. Originally memorial services were conducted at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, but due to security restrictions annual services are now conducted at the Brevard Veterans Center in Merritt Island. The center houses a large museum with artifacts from all wars which the United States has been involved in and is displayed in a manner that all can experience. It is also the home of two monuments that have been relocated which are dedicated to the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution.

On March 10, 1783, two Continental Navy ships, the Duc De Lauzun and the Alliance, were in route from Havana, Cuba to Philadelphia with 72,000 Spanish coins sailing along the east coast of Florida when three British warships the Sybil, the Alarm and the Tobago spotted the Continental ships. With the Duc De Lauzun being loaded with the precious cargo, Captain John Green could not out-run the British. The Sybil caught up to the Duc De Lauzun and exchanged gunfire. Meanwhile, Captain John Barry maneuvered the Alliance between the Duc De Lauzun and British warship, Sybil. Once the Alliance was alongside the Sybil and just yards away, he ordered his crew to fire upon the Sybil. The battle lasted less than an hour, being outgunned, the Sybil changed course and followed the other British ships away from the Continental ships. The Alliance and Duc De Lauzun then continued their mission at dawn on March 11, 1783.

Liberty Tree presentation

The dedication of the 39th Liberty Tree in Florida (the 1st since becoming a "National Event") was held at the Headquarters of the Southwest Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America in Fort Myers on March 30, 2019. The program featured a Massing of Colors with the Sons of Liberty Brigade (including representatives of four SAR Chapters), Boy Scout Troop 8463, and the Great Southwest Regents Council, including representatives of six DAR Chapters.

In all, a total of 14 flags were posted including national, state, and historic flags, those of the SAR, the BSA, and five DAR Chapters. The ladies carrying the DAR flags were given personalized instructions by Compatriot J. Michael Tomme, President General 2016-2017 and past National Color Guard Commander before the ceremony.

Following the Call to Order and Invocation by Rev. Dr. Randy Moody, past



Chaplain General, the Colors were presented and Compatriot Moody led the signing of the National Anthem. Eagle Scout Logan Hitchcock then led the Pledge of Allegiance, after which Colors were posted.

Greetings were brought by the National & Florida Societies SAR, the SW Florida Council BSA, and the Great SW Florida Regents Council DAR.

The ceremony drew about 80 participants and observers. Eagle Scout Compatriot Daniel Wood recited the Liberty Tree Poem by Thomas Paine. State Chaplain Rev. Dwight Elam told the story of the original Liberty Tree in Boston and other Liberty Trees and Poles that were established throughout the Colonies. These were rallying points in the support of liberty and resistance to tyranny.

These Guardsmen are standing between the monument (lower left corner in photo at right) and the Liberty Tree to their right-rear. While the first Liberty Tree was an Elm, this is a Live Oak. When planning a Liberty Tree dedication, a new tree may be planted at the site or, as in the case, a mature tree may be adopted. These ceremonies may be conducted by any Chapter or Society of NSSAR and at any time of the year, providing an opportunity to bring history to life and honor the memory of the patriots.

Invitations may be extended to government officials to present proclamations declaring the date of the event to be "Liberty Tree Day" and calling upon citizens to acknowledge our freedom and the great American spirit symbolized by the Liberty Tree.

These events need not be expensive for the host. The Caloosa Chapter was supported by the donation of the marker, refreshments, and printing costs to the extent that no expenses were paid by Chapter funds.



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



STAY FOR LIVE MUSIC STARTING AT 6 PM and
FIREWORKS AT DUSK

Town of Middletown

For more information: <http://coloneljameswood.virginia-sar.org>



GEORGIA



Mark Anthony, and rest of members representing Georgia at Guilford Courthouse.



Elijah Clarke ceremony



National event at Kettle Creek - Picture of entire Color Guard, and Militia with State President Scott Collins plus South Atlantic V.P. Dan Woodruff..

Militia getting ready for a musket salute at the Brier Creek Ceremony



Historic Woodland Cemetery

Iowa Color Guard member Rick Hickman participating in ceremony at Historic Woodland Cemetery in Des Moines, Iowa

IOWA



Naturalization Ceremonies



The Kansas Society Color Guard continued the presentation of the colors at Naturalization Ceremonies on January 18, February 22, and March 20.

The number of new citizens who took the Oath of Allegiance was as follows; January, 95 from 33 countries; February, 92 from 32 countries; and March 423 from 69 countries.

Color Guardsmen participating in Naturalization Ceremonies were as follows. January: Dewey Fry, Bruce Bowman, and Jerry Vest; February: Dennis Nelson, Lyman Miller and Jerry Vest; March: Dewey Fry, Steven French and Bruce Bowman. It is very difficult to get a photograph of the Color Guard during the Presentation of the Colors. Photo shows Color Guardsmen with the Presiding Judge after the ceremony prepared to for an hour plus photo session with new citizens.



Veterans Job Fair sponsored by Grantham University

January 26, 2019 four Kansas Color Guardsmen presented the colors at the Veterans Job Fair sponsored by Grantham University at the Overland Park Convention Center. Participants were Dewey Fry, Brooks Lyles, Dennis Nelson and Bruce Bowman.



Kansas Society Colonial Soldier of the Year Award

T. Brooks Lyles was presented the Kansas Society Colonial Soldier of the Year Award by Commander Dewey Fry; the award is presented to the Kansas Society Color Guardsman who accumulated the greatest number of points based on specific criteria.



Molly Pitcher Medal Medals

Deb Hulse, was presented the Molly Pitcher Medal by Secretary General Manning and Commander Fry

Kansas Society Board of Governors

On February 2, 2019, the following presented the colors at the Kansas Society Board of Governors; Dewey Fry, Ken Ludwig, Kirk Rush, Steven French and Stan Jantz.

On February 23, 2019, Eighteen Color Guardsmen participated in the Color Guard at the George Washington Birthday Celebration sponsored by the Greater Kansas City area chapters of the Kansas and Missouri Societies. Ten of the eighteen who participated were from the Kansas Society. Shown in Photo No.3 are Commander Dewey Fry (seated) from left to right standing, are Robert Grover (MO), John Forbes (KS), Steven Sullins (MO), Gerald McCoy (MO), Richard Cox, (KS), Kirk Rush (KS), Richard Wright (KS), Bill Irminger (MO), Vernon Welkner (KS), Steven French (KS), Thomas Barden (MO), Michael Robertson (MO), Dirk Stapleton (MO), Michael Chychota (KS), Roy Hutchinson (MO), and Brooks Lyles (KS); not in the photo was Robert Wandel (KS)



The Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard presented the colors at the Annual Meeting of the Kansas Society of Daughters of the American Colonist

The evening of March 2, 2019 members of the Kansas Society Color Guard presented the colors at the Annual Meeting of the Kansas Society of Daughters of the American Colonist. Left to right are Dewey Fry, Alan Martin, Steven French and Kirk Rush.

Kansas Society's Annual Conference in McPherson, Kansas

On March 23, 2019, the Kansas Society presented, posted and retired the colors at the Kansas Society's Annual Conference in McPherson, Kansas. A Memorial Service was held at the First United Methodist Church of McPherson Kansas, after which the Color Guard marched 2/10 of a mile to the McPherson Museum where the business meeting, luncheon and dinner were held. Color Guardsmen who participated in the Memorial Service and the march from the church to museum were, front to rear in the march; Vernon Welkner, Dewey Fry, Brooks Lyles, John Schwartz, Pat Crawford, John Forbes, Bruce Bowman, Robert Wandel, John Schatzel, Craig Dillavou, Kirk Rush and Robert Grover. Below and Below left



Silver Color Guard Medals

During the Dinner session of the Annual Conference, Color Guardsmen T. Brooks Lyles, Kirk D. Rush and John W. Forbes were presented their Silver Color Guard Medals by Secretary General Jack Manning and Commander Dewey Fry



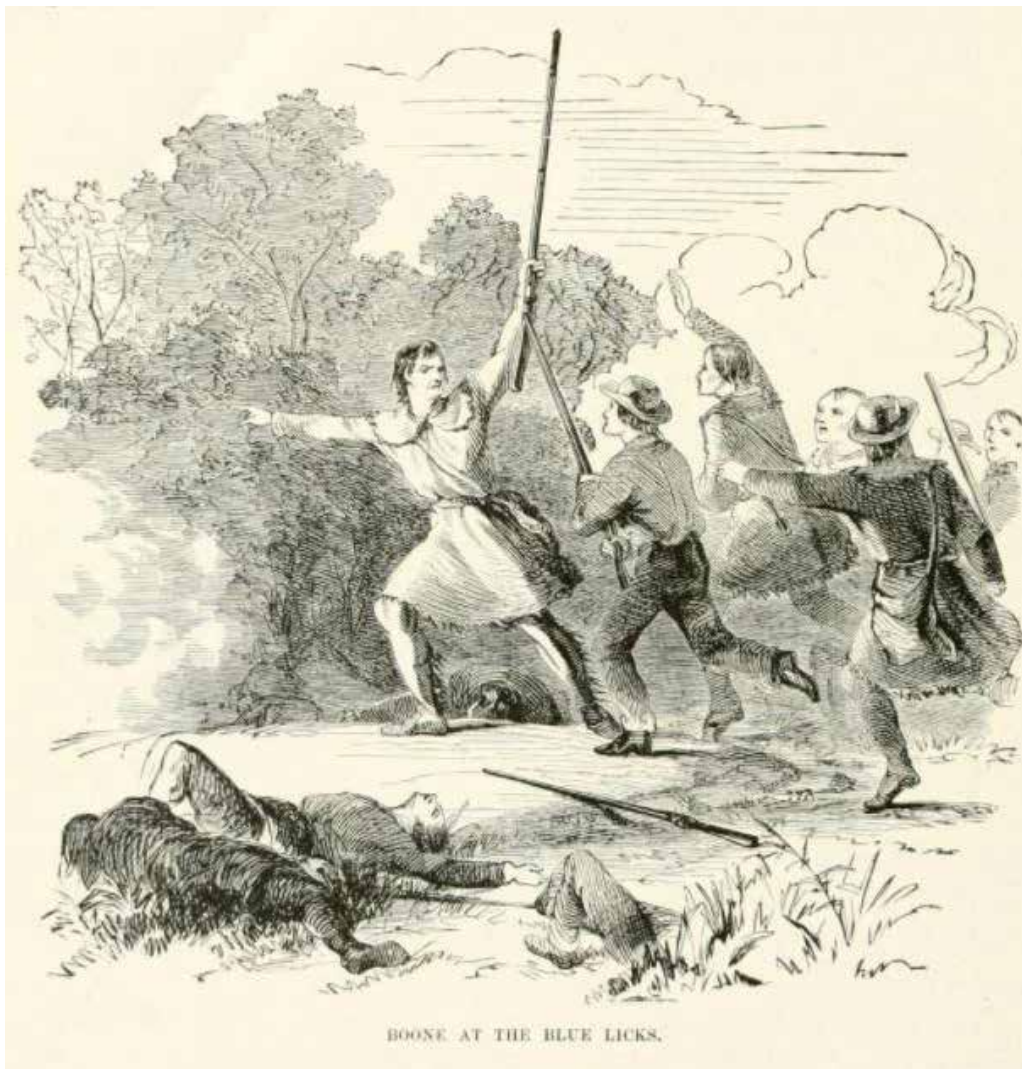


Battle of Blue Licks Memorial

In the past the memorial ceremony for the Battle of Blue Licks has been held in the afternoon. Those of you who have attended this event are aware that the afternoon temperatures in Kentucky in August can be quite oppressive. This year we will have the memorial service in the morning at 10:00 a.m. The Kentucky State SAR meeting, which is the same day, will be held in the afternoon after lunch. This decision was made in order to have the ceremony during a time of the day when the temperature is favorable and more shade is available in the area around the monument.

The Kentucky Society would like to extend an invitation to all SAR members interested in the ceremony. The participation of out of state SAR members is always greatly appreciated, so hopefully the 10:00 a.m. start allows enough drive time for those wishing to drive in that morning.

- AUGUST
- 17th - Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Service
Location: Blue Licks Battlefield State Park, 10299 Maysville Rd., Carlisle, KY
Time: 10:00 a.m. (color guard muster at 9:15 a.m.)



This 1820 oil painting by Chester Harding is the only portrait of Daniel Boone made from life. Boone, 85 years old and just months away from death, had to be steadied by a friend while the artist worked

Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Boone rallying his men for an attack against the British Loyalist Indians and Canadian Loyalists in the Battle of Blue Licks.

Illustration of Daniel Boone At Battle of Blue Licks in Indian History For Young Folks by Francis Samuel Drake

MARYLAND

Annual Maryland Society DAR State Conference

It's alway a honor for the MDSSAR Color Guard to be part Annual Maryland Society DAR State Conference. March 23, 2019.
With David Embrey - MDSSAR Color Guard Commander, Gene Moyer, Ron Harbaugh, Past National Color Guard Commander David Hoover and Robert Lyons.
Photo by Mr. Donahue





MICHIGAN

Board of Managers
Meeting - February 2,
2019

World Renown Bavari-
an Inn Lodge - One
Covered Bridge Lane -
Frankenmuth, Mi.
Guardsmen in photo
left to right; Aaron
Wiles, Vice Com-
mander Norman
Palmer, Center:
Owner Judy Zender,
Commander Gerald
Burkland, Bob Eager,
David Moore.



Michigan C.A. R Annual Meeting.

Members of the Michigan Color Guard joined the Michigan Society C.A.R. for their annual State Meeting held in Lansing Michigan. President Petres brought greetings from the SAR to C. A. R. Senior State President Deborah Rakoczy and C.A.R. State President Jasmine Johnston. Guardsmen (from Left to Right) Drummer David Moore, Dennis VanWormer and Ken Goodson presented the Colors for the event.

February 2, 2019
- Frankenmuth
Conservation Club
- Frankenmuth
Michigan - SAR
Flag Certificate
Presentation -
MISSAR Paul
Emery Chapter
Color Guard -
photo right to left,
Vice Commander Norman Palmer, MISSAR Commander Gerald Burkland, Ronald
Barnard, Aaron Wiles, Chapter 1st Vice president Bob Hawcroft.



MISSISSIPPI

General William Cocke Grave Marking

Grave of General William Cocke at historic Friendship Cemetery in Columbus, Mississippi with attached SAR and War of 1812 Society grave markers added to his tombstone. This special and unique ceremony took place during the Mississippi State SAR Convention on March 16th, Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

SAR Compatriots appear in 1812 dress for the gravemarking of Gen. William Cocke who served not only in the American Revolution, but who also joined up under General Andrew Jackson to fight during the War of 1812 after serving in key areas of the Tennessee and Mississippi legislatures. From left to right in 1812 color guard: Dr. Bryant Boswell commanding; John R. Taylor Jr. bearing the 15 star/15 stripe Star Spangled Banner; under arms incoming Compatriot John McBride; Ike Edwards and Chad Cutch in militia uniforms bearing arms; and Jerry Molaison in 1812 military uniform at rear.

Special thanks to Mississippi State 1st Vice President Dr. Bryant Boswell for his assistance with putting together the 1812 colorguard and uniforms/acoutrements to help make the Cocke Gravemarking a success. I would also like to thank Mr. Edward Campbell for helping us incorporate this unique idea of sharing about this special American Patriot who served our country in 2 Wars for our nation's independence. As Edward stated, General Cocke was well overdue for special recognition and honor.



To all of our Mississippi State Color Guardsmen; this could not have been possible without each one of them. I look forward to working with each one of them in the near future!

All photos
were submitted
by Mississippi
State SAR Pres-
ident Dr. John
Fulwider.





Annual State Meeting

Outgoing Mississippi State Color Guard Commander, John R. Taylor presents incoming Mississippi State Color Guard Commander, Julius Hite the sword, which has been a longtime symbol of authority and command.

As incoming state color guard commander, I personally want to thank John for all of his hard work and dedication throughout his years of service fulfilling his duties as commander of the state color guard. Pictured at Left are (from left to right): with SAR flag, MS SAR 1st Vice President Dr. Bryant Boswell; incoming state color guard commander, Julius Hite with sword; and outgoing State Color Guard Commander John R. Taylor.

Below left: Mississippi State Color Guardsmen awaiting the kick off of the 2019 Mississippi SAR State Convention. Pictured are as follows (left to right): State Color Guard Commander John R. Taylor Jr., William "Bill" Horne bearing the American flag; Erik Norman bearing the MS State flag, Prestone "Buddy" Irving bearing the SAR flag; and Julius Hite with drum at the rear.

Below right: Members of the Mississippi State Color Guard stand guard as the change of command takes place. Color guard members are as follows from left to right:

Jerry Molaison and Preston "Buddy" Irving in 1812 uniform bearing arms; Southern District Vice President General Colin D. Wakefield in Continental Army uniform to present the gorget to incoming SAR state color guard commander Julius Hite, William "Bill" Horne in Continental Marine uniform commanding; Erik Norman bearing arms in Continental Army uniform; and at front, MS State Vice President Dr. Bryant Boswell bearing the colors of the SAR.



MISSOURI

Color Guard at the Fernando de Leyba Chapter Meeting

Fernando de Leyba Chapter Color Guard Members present and retrieve the Colors at each Chapter meeting. The photo shows the Color Guard Members that participated in the Chapter meeting held on March 11, 2019. The Chapter meets at the Embassy Suites Hotel in St. Charles, Missouri. Missing from the photo are Compatriots Steve Baldwin, Steve White, Rick Morton, and John White. Photos provided by Compatriot Dennis J. Hahn (FDL)



Left to right: Compatriots Doug Neff, Missouri Society Color Guard Commander; William David, Junior Member; Marvin Koechig, President Fernando de Leyba Chapter; Charles Lilly, Missouri Society Honorary Vice President; and Bill Grote, Missouri Society Eastern District Color Guard Commander.





Flag Commendation Certificate Presentation to McDonald's Restaurant

On December 11, 2018 the Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapter presented a Flag Commendation Certificate to McDonald's, 3701 Elm Street, St. Charles, Missouri. The Saint Charles DAR Chapter also presented a DAR Flag Certificate at the same time. Photos provided by Compatriot Charles Lilly (FDL)

Left to right: Compatriot Charles Lilly, McDonald's Shift Manager, and Chapter President Marvin Koechig.



Fire Safety Commendation Medals and Certificates Presentation

St. Charles Central County Fire & Rescue - St. Peters, Missouri Awardees

Left to right: Captain Tom Wylie; Eastern Missouri District Color Guard Commander, Bill Grote; Rick Morton; Firefighter/Paramedic Justin Crady; President Marvin Koechig; Firefighter/Paramedic Kenton Rogers; MOSSAR Color Guard Commander, Doug Neff; and Charles Lilly.

Photo provided by Compatriot Greg Landrum (FDL).

Fire Safety Commendation Medals and Certificates Presentation

On January 14, 2019 Missouri Society Colorguardsmen from the Fernando de Leyba (FDL) Chapter participated in the presentation of Fire Safety Commendation Medals and Certificates to St. Charles Central County Fire & Rescue - St. Peters, Missouri Awardees Captain Tom Wylie, Firefighter/Paramedic Justin Crady, and Firefighter/Paramedic Kenton Rogers.

On April 25, 2018, a call was dispatched of a man that was unresponsive. CCFR Capt. Wylie and Firefighter/Paramedics Crady and Rogers while returning to their fire station after finishing a training session and not officially on duty, realized they were the closest advanced life support unit and responded. They arrived, assessed the area for any potential dangers, the patient's condition, and immediately began implementing their firefighter/paramedic training. The patient was stabilized and transported to a local hospital where within an hour was having heart surgery. Within a week the patient was back at home.

In July 2019 (*sic*), Capt. Wylie, Firefighter/Paramedics Crady and Rogers were recognized by the CCFR Board of Directors for their quick response and care of the patient. The patient and his wife were in attendance and were reunited with the first responders for the first time since the incident. The firefighter/paramedics agreed that because of their training and experience, they knew that seconds matter when dealing with a fire or a medical emergency. They were awarded the SAR Fire Safety Commendation because they exhibited the highest standards of professionalism and Firefighter/Paramedic training.



Chapter Level Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Award

Left to right: Eastern Missouri District Color Guard Commander, Bill Grote; Lawrence McClain; Rick Morton; Eagle Scout John (Jack) McClain; Charles Lilly; Teresa McClain; MOSSAR Color Guard Commander, Doug Neff; and Chapter President Marvin Koechig.

Photo provided by Compatriot Greg Landrum (FDL).

"Welcome Back to the Library" Rededication Ceremony - Blue Springs, Missouri

On January 11, 2019 Missouri Society Colorguardsmen from the Harry S Truman (HST) and Independence Patriots Chapters (IPC) provided a Color Guard for the "Welcome Back to the Library" Rededication Ceremony in Blue Springs, Missouri. It



was the rededication of the Mid-Continent Public Library, Blue Springs South Branch, after the library was remodeled. Photos taken and provided by Kathy Hutchinson of the Blue Springs DAR Chapter.

Left to right: Robert Grover (HST); Stephen Sullins (IPC); Tom Neal

HST); Roy Hutchinson (HST); and John Stewart (HST).



Life Saving Medals and Certificates Presentations - Life Guards at "The Cove Aquatics Center" in St. Peters, Missouri

Front row, Left to right: Amanzhol Kashenov; Rachel Weidig; Stephen Derenski; Melanie Burkemper; Rachel Springer; Rayan Barghchoun; and Chapter President Marvin Koechig. Back row: Eastern Missouri District Color Guard Commander, Bill Grote; Rick Morton; Charles, Lilly; and MOSSAR Color Guard Commander, Doug Neff.

Unable to attend the presentation was participant Ali Roth.

Photo provided by Compatriot Greg Landrum (FDL).

Fire Safety Commendation Medals and Certificates Presentation

On January 14, 2019 Missouri Society Colorguardsmen from the Fernando de Leyba (FDL) Chapter participated in the presentation of Life Saving Medals and Certificates to Life Guard Awardees with "The Cove Aquatics Center" in St. Peters, Missouri Amanzhol Kashenov; Rachel Weidig; Stephen Derenski; Melanie Burkemper; Rachel Springer; and Rayan Barghchoun.

On May 26, 2018, the above 6 lifeguards, all of whom are in their teens or early 20s, worked as a well-trained unit to rescue a woman who was in the water screaming for help. One of the lifeguards was on the "Long Stand" watching and listening for calls for help. He heard the woman screaming and alerted the other lifeguards who responded to the scene with the backboard, trauma bag, and AED. Two of the lifeguards pulled the woman of the water onto the backboard while another member of the unit called EMS/911. The lifeguards quickly opened her airway, assessed to see if she had a pulse but could not detect a pulse. One of the lifeguards started compressions, another lifeguard attached the AED, and a third lifeguard managed the trauma bag with the oxygen, the Bag-Valve Mask and a V-Vac Hand-Powered Suction Unit. The lifeguard went through 5 rounds of CPR and the AED was shocked once before EMS arrived. Once EMS arrived, they took over and she became responsive. They then transported her to the hospital. The woman survived thanks to the actions of these 6 well trained lifeguards.

Chapter Level Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Award

On January 14, 2019 Missouri Society Colorguardsmen from the Fernando de Leyba (FDL) Chapter participated in the presentation of the Chapter Level Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Award to Eagle Scout John (Jack) McClain. Eagle Scout McClain completed the Four Generation Ancestor Chart and a 500 Word Patriotic Themed Essay. Eagle Scout McClain read his essay at the January Chapter meeting. The essay was entitled "The Patriotism of Peter Ricker".

NSSAR Eagle Scout Certificate Presentation

On January 19, 2019 Missouri Society Colorguardsmen from the Independence Patriots Chapter (IPC) presented a NSSAR Eagle Scout Certificate to Eagle Scouts Cole Stewart and Jared Luhring. They are members of Boy Scouts of America Troop 778. The presentation was conducted during the Court of Honor held at the Gamber Community Center, 4 SE Independence Avenue, Lee's Summit, Missouri 64063.

Left to right: Eagle Scout Cole Stewart; Stephen Sullins, President of Independence Patriots Chapter; and Eagle Scout Jared Luhring

Photo provided by Compatriot Stephen Sullins, President of the Independence Patriots Chapter.



Presentation of Middle School Teacher of Year Award

On January 25, 2019 the Harry S Truman Chapter Colorguardsmen presented the Middle School History Teacher of the Year Award to Teacher Tammy Steinwachs. The presentation took place at the Brittany Hill Middle School, 2701 NW 1 St, Blue Springs, Missouri.

Left to right: Assistant Principal Jill Gunlock, Tom Neal, Robert Grover, Middle School Teacher of the Year Tammy Steinwachs, Roy Hutchinson, John Stewart, and Principal Brett Lyon.

Photo taken by Kathy Hutchinson, DAR Blue Springs Chapter.



Colorguardsmen at the January Missouri Society Board of Directors Meeting

On January 26, 2019 members of the Missouri Color Guard presented the Colors at the quarterly Board of Directors meeting of the Missouri Society, SAR held in Columbia, Missouri.

Left to right: Cliff Olsen (CCC), NSSAR 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Committee Chairman; Chris Sizemore (WCC), Missouri Society Genealogist; (behind flag) Don Turner (OPC); Doug Neff (FDL), Missouri Society Color Guard Commander; (behind flag) Stephen Sullins (IPC); Charles McMillan (OMC), Missouri Society Sgt-at-Arms; Steven Biggs (SSL); and Michael Robertson (WCC), Missouri Society Registrar & Executive Secretary. At the podium is Missouri Society President J. Wayne Merrill (MGC). Standing in front of the SAR flag is Courtney Sloan (HST), Missouri Society Treasurer.

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



Kansas City Missouri Inter City Fire District Recognition Luncheon

On January 27, 2019 Missouri Society Colorguardsman Stephen Sullins from the Independence Patriots Chapter (IPC) presented a NSSAR Life Saving Medal and Certificate to Kansas City Inter City Fire District EMS Alek Jewell.

Left to right: Kansas City Inter City Fire District EMS Alek Jewell; Kansas City Inter City Fire District Chaplain Dr. Ed Golden; and Colorguardsman Stephen Sullins (IPC).

Photo provided by Compatriot Stephen Sullins, President Independence Patriots Chapter





Flag Etiquette Presentation to Cub Scouts of America Pack 219

On February 4, 2019 Missouri Society Colorguardsman Stephen Sullins from the Independence Patriots Chapter (IPC) presented a flag etiquette presentation to Cub Scouts of America Pack 219 at Hickman Mills Community Christian Church of Kansas City, Missouri. Lady to the left of the flag is Verena Sission; lady to the right of the flag is Sandra Cano, Cubmaster; Colorguardsman is Stephen Sullins, President of the Independence Patriots Chapter.

Cub Scouts, Left to Right: Front row: Sebastian B., Joey B., Julian C., Zachariah H.. Middle row: Michael T., Verena S., Sandra C., Stephen S. Back row: Jeremiah H., Jayden W., London T., James T., Zachary K., Lavoid T.

Photo provided by Stephen Sullins, President Independence Patriots Chapter.

Presentation of Bronze Color Guard Medal

On February 9, 2019 the Harry S Truman Chapter President John Stewart received the NSSAR Bronze Color Guard Medal and Certificate. The presentation took place at the United Methodist Woods Chapel, 4725 NE Lakewood Way, Lees Summit, Missouri. Participating in the presentation to Compatriot John Stewart were Colorguardsmen Robert Grover; Aaron Burgess; John Stewart; Roy Hutchinson; and Tom Neal.

Left to right: Harry S Truman Compatriots and Color Guard Members Robert Grover; Aaron Burgess; John Stewart; Roy Hutchinson; and Tom Neal.

Photo taken by Kathy Hutchinson, DAR Blue Springs Chapter.

Bess Truman Tea Held at the Harry S Truman Library, Independence, MO

On February 10, 2019 Missouri Society Colorguardsmen participated in the Bess Truman Tea held by the Independence Pioneers DAR Chapter – Independence, Missouri. The Tea was held at the Harry S Truman Library, Independence, MO. Participants were Robert Grover (HST); Harry s Truman Chapter President John Stewart (HST); Tom Neal (HST); Independence Patriots Chapter President Stephen Sullins (IPC), and Roy Hutchinson (HST).

Photos taken by Kathy Hutchinson, DAR Blue Springs, MO Chapter



Left to right: Robert Grover (HST), John Stewart (HST), Tom Neal (HST), Stephen Sullins (IPC), and Roy Hutchinson (HST).



Induction of new C.A.R. members – Nathan Futrell Society C.A.R

On February 17, 2019 Colorguardsman Charles Lilly (FDL) participated in the induction of new C.A.R. members in the Nathan Futrell C.A.R. Society. The Nathan Futrell C.A.R. Society is sponsored by the Fernando de Leyba Chapter in St. Charles, Missouri. A Colorguardsman has not participated previously in the Nathan Futrell Society C.A.R. new members induction. At the request of the Senior President of the Nathan Futrell Society C.A.R. a Colorguardsman participated in their recent ceremony. They were excited to have an SAR Member in uniform participate in their induction ceremony.



Left to right: Boaz Grimstead, Nathan Tesla, Emily Testa and Compatriot Charles Lilly

Photos provided by Compatriot Charles Lilly (FDL)

Celebration of George Washington's 289th Birthday

Left to Right: Daniel Piedlow, OMC Color Guard Commander; J. Howard Fisk; MOSSAR Vice President; Dan McMurray, NSSAR Vice President General; Charles McMillan, Drummer & MOSSAR Sgt-at-Arms; Gerald McCoy, Minuteman; Kenneth Lawrence, OMC President; and Steven Perkins.

On February 22, 2019 the Ozark Mountain Chapter (OMC) of the Missouri Society Color, celebrated the 289th birthday of George Washington at the Washington Park in Springfield, Missouri. Jan Fisk, Springfield Mayor Pro Tem, proclaimed this day George Washington Remembrance Day in Springfield, Missouri. The Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard members presented the ceremony.

Washington Park, on the west side of Springfield, is a 150-acre site added to the park district in 1901. This is one of the historic parks, developed as termini of the urban trolley line in use at the time. Designed by Ossian Simonds, noted for his naturalistic style of landscape design, the park is on the National Register of Historic Places. The park is said to be a reflection of local and national tradition as this was the time the nation began to preserve and maintain land for local, state, and national use. The park is named after President George Washington.

Photo by Margaret Swales; provided by Compatriot Tom Sentman (OMC).



President's Day Wreath Laying Ceremony at the George Washington Statue in Lafayette Park, St. Louis, Missouri and Reception

On Monday, February 18, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. members of the Missouri Society Color Guard participated in the President's Day Wreath Laying Ceremony at the George Washington Statue in Lafayette Park, St. Louis, Missouri. The Cornelia Greene DAR Chapter of St. Louis organized and hosted the event; and held a reception afterwards. Photos provided by Marvin Koechig, President Fernando de Leyba Chapter.



Left to right: Eastern District Missouri Color Guard Commander Bill Grote (FDL), Bob Brindell (SSL), Frank Furman (OPC), Don Turner (OPC), Steven Biggs (SSL), and FDL President Marvin Koechig.



Left to right: Sumner Hunnewell, MO State President Mayflower Society (SSL); Douglas Niermeyer, Missouri Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States; (SSL); Don Turner (OPC); Steven Biggs (SSL); Eastern District Missouri Color Guard Commander Bill Grote (FDL), FDL President Marvin Koechig; and Frank Furman (OPC).

Missouri Society, SAR and Kansas Society, SAR Joint George Washington Birthday Celebration in Kansas City, Missouri

On February 23, 2019 Missouri Society, SAR and Kansas Society, SAR held a joint George Washington Birthday Celebration in Kansas City, Missouri at the Embassy Suites – Kansas City International Airport. It was well attended with over 250 attendees. Awards were presented to the following people.

- Laura Kathryn Grace DeVenney was awarded the Bronze Medal of Appreciation. "Gracie" DeVenney is the President of the Missouri State Society Children of the American Revolution, and a member of the Colonel Hugh Crockett Society in Columbia, Missouri.
- Paige Neumann awarded the CAR Medal of Appreciation. Paige Neumann is currently the President of the Kansas Society Children of the American Revolution.
- Kimberly Ann Patrick won the Martha Washington Medal. Kimberly is the current Recording Secretary of the Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution.
- Patrick Benson was awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. Patrick Benson is an Army Veteran, Horse Trainer and Co-founder and Director of War Horses for Veterans, an equine program providing personal and professional opportunities for combat veterans.
- Keil Hileman, featured speaker, presented with the Good Citizenship Medal. Hileman currently teaches High School Archeology and Artifacts and Museum Connections to 6th, 7th and 8th graders at Monticello Trails Middle School in Shawnee, Kansas. He has taught at the middle and secondary level for 18 years in the De Soto Unified School District. His classroom museum contains over 20,000 teaching artifacts. Here is a link to an NBC article about him: <https://www.nbcnews.com/leftfield/video/the-kansas-teacher-who-buries-treasure-in-every-desk-1168184899758?v=rail&>
- Michael J. Hasty was awarded SAR Law Enforcement Commendation. Chief Hasty is the Director of Public Safety for the City of Gladstone, Missouri.

Photos by Kathy Hutchinson (DAR) and Compatriot Tom Sentman (OMC).



Front row: Dewey Fry (KS); Robert Corum (WCC-MO), Laura DeVenney, Paige Neumann, Kimberly Ann Patrick, Keil Hileman, Michael Hasty, and Patrick Benson.

Second row: Robert Grover (HST-MO); John Forbe (DXC-KS); Stephen Sullins (IPC-MO); Gerald McCoy (OMC-MO); Richard Cox (DXC-KS), Kirk Rush (DXC-KS), Richard Wright (HLC-KS), Bill Irminger (WCC-MO); Vernon Welkner, (HLC-KS); Steven French (DXC-KS), Thomas Barden (HST-MO); Michael Robertson (WCC-MO); Dirk Stapleton (HST-MO); Michael Chychota (HLC-KS); Roy Hutchinson (HST-MO); and Brooks Lyle (KS).

NEVADA



Interment Service for Vietnam Veteran – Southern NV Veterans Memorial Cemetery 10 Jan 2019

Members of the Patriot Guard Riders of Nevada, American Legion Post 76 and other Veteran Organizations formed a Flag Line for the Chapel and Graveside Service for Vietnam Veteran, Jerry “Gunny” Poisso. A Military Honor Guard performed the Flag Folding Ceremony and the playing of “Taps” at the conclusion of the Chapel Service. Jerry received a Quilt of Valor at the Pahrump Springs DAR chapter’s February meeting last year. Nevada Patriot Guard Riders Captain, “Bull”, and Compatriot Parriott stopped for a photo near the Remembrance Walk memorial, that’s located near the back of the Chapel and visible through the Chapel’s windows.



NV Society Colonial Dames State Conference– 8 Mar 201

Compatriots Larry Kesler and Gary Parriott were joined by “Pages”, Katie Brown Henzel, Dr. Niki Rittenhouse and Laura Weger for the Presentation of Colors for the opening Ceremony of the Conference. Truly a unique Color Guard and through some Photoshop Magic (by Bud Parriott) the CG was transported back to Dumbarton House, National Society Colonial Dames of America Museum and Headquarters in Washington DC. The featured speaker for this Conference was Martha Strand, Founder of Comstock Lode Quilters and volunteer with the Quilts of Valor and Honor Flight Nevada. Martha and outgoing NV State Society Colonial Dames President, Mona Crandell Hook stood in front of one of the striking Quilts for this photo. (Top Courtesy Resolution: “Resolved That Joyce DuVall, Samoset Chapter President and Conference Chairman and all the Planning Committee members be commended for their hard work and splendid efforts in making the 37th Nevada State Conference a success and a memorable experience” - Great Job Joyce.)



George Washington’s Birthday Banquet– Liberty Hall in Farr West Utah 23 Feb 2019

The George Washington Birthday Banquet Program included installation of three new members and two talented speakers at the new Liberty Hall and Patriotic Library in Farr West UT. William P. C. Simpson, Utah SAR President Called the gathering to order. Colors were presented by the Utah Society Color Guard and they also escorted the new members to the front of the room for their swearing in ceremony. Invocation by Wade Alexander, Utah SAR Chaplain, Patriotic Hymn sang by Sheila Simpson and recitation of the American Creed led by Susan Holt, Utah State DAR Regent. Special Guest Speaker Angela Johnson, Sculptor, Artist and Author, gave a fascinating talk on her journey to create an amazing larger than life statue of General George Washington atop his trusty mount – truly an impressive work of art. Actor and Author Stan Ellsworth spoke on his passion to study American History to gain a fuller understanding of how events unfolded. Stan is the iconic creator and host of the Emmy Award-Winning history show series “American Ride” the adventures and exploits of our Founding Fathers brought to life. American Ride is broadcast on BYUTV and some cable systems. Stan’s new book, “Renegades and Rebels” includes many of the forgotten and untold stories of some of the greatest men in American history - “enjoy the read”.

NEW JERSEY



New Jersey state Meeting

A grand turnout of New Jersey Color Guard members greeted President General Warren Alter in February for the NJSSAR State meeting at the Princeton Marriott Hotel in Princeton, NJ on February 23, 2019. Pictured L/R are Color Guard members Warren Fristensky, Jake Rue, Billy Locke, Rich Serfass, Ken Ward, Larry Jackson, PG Adler, Jim Sanford, David Hill, Larry Nelson, Jay Hershey, Sgt Ed Glidden, Gary Beauregard, Capt Rich Blundin.

Photo: New Jersey State SAR Color Guard meet and greet PG Alter



Spring Leadership Meeting

New Jersey National Color Guard Commander and NJSSAR President Robert Meyer attended the Spring Leadership Conference/ Trustees Meeting at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky from February 28 - March 2, 2019. Pictured with President Meyer (L) is Dr. John Barlow, Delaware Color Guard Commander, and Billy Locke. NJ Artillery Color Guard. Dr. Barlow is the Delaware Color Guard Commander and is dressed in 18th century physician clothing.



President General receives Picture

PG Alter is presented with a picture of the Battle of Chestnut Neck by Norman Goos, president of the Col Richard Somers Chapter. Also pictured l/r is NJSSAR President Robert Meyer, Earl Cain (Somers Chapter Secretary and Historian), and Mrs. Cain."



Spring Leadership Meeting

Billy Locke is carrying the NJ State flag at the Leadership Conference in Kentucky



NORTH CAROLINA

Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge



The NC SAR participated in the 243rd Anniversary of the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge and Wreath Laying Ceremony on 24 Feb 2019. The original battle took place in the early morning hours on a cold and damp February 27, 1776.

The Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge held great significance for several reasons: it was the first significant victory for the Patriots in the American Revolution; it marked the permanent end of royal authority in North Carolina; it prompted North Carolina's delegation to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia to vote for independence; and it prevented the British from seizing control of the South at the onset of the war.



Cowpens

Because the National Parks were closed due to a temporary government shutdown, the 238th anniversary commemoration of the Battle of Cowpens was conducted in the Cherokee County History and Arts Museum in Gaffney, SC. The North Carolina Color guard supported the event with six members.



Grave Marking for Absalom Powell

The Lower Cape Fear Chapter, SAR participated in a community sponsored grave marking for Captain Absalom Powell, a militia patriot of the revolution. The Chapter Color Guard presented, posted and retired the colors for the event



Cowan's Ford

The NC SAR Color Guard supported the 238th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowans Ford on 28 January 2019. The initial part of the ceremony was conducted in the Hopewell Presbyterian Church sanctuary with the NC Color presenting, posting and retiring the colors for the event. The event was led by western NC SAR Color Guard adjutant, Jim Tatum, who is leading the color guard in posting the colors for the church.



OHIO

Ohio Society, State Event, Grave Marking

The Ohio Society SAR, Northwest Territory Chapter is pleased to announce they will be doing grave marking services for four patriots at three different locations on Saturday June 15, 2019. The program will start at 1:00 P.M. for Richard Tynie and Phineas Brown in the Edgar Cemetery, Royalton Township, Fulton County, Ohio.

Seaman Richard Tynie served under John Paul Jones on the USS Ranger 1777-1778 and then under Capt. Thomas Simpson 1778-1780. To my understanding, this is only the second known Navy Patriot to be buried in Ohio

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Second program will start at 3:45 P.M. for Patriot William Holland at Aetna Cemetery, north of Winameg, Pike Township Fulton County, Ohio on County Road 10-2.

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The third program will start at 5:30 PM for Patriot honor Thomas Howard at Howard Cemetery, located at Wapakoneta Road and Front Street (State Route 65) in Grand Rapids. This is on the south side of the Maumee River.

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Saturday February 16, 2019, Ohio Society SAR Compatriot Michael Gunn of the Cincinnati Chapter and Steve Frash, Ohio SAR State Color Guard Commander joined the Dan River Chapter, Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution to help celebrated the Commemoration of the 238th Anniversary of the Crossing of the Dan. Both compatriots joined the Virginia Color Guard by presenting the Colors and placing a Wreath at the Wreath laying Ceremony. The "Crossing Event" was conducted in Cooperation with the Berryman Green Chapter, VADAR, the Halifax County Historical Society and the Town of South Boston, Virginia.

Pictured L - R - R Steve Frash, Michael Gunn



After the visit to Independence Hall, the men marched along Arch Street and paused for a photo in front of the Museum of the American Revolution.



Philadelphia Continental Chapter, Washington's Birthday

The Philadelphia Continental Chapter annually celebrates General George Washington's birthday. The chapter Color Guard forms up at the City Tavern, a historical restoration, and marches with Colors flying to Washington Square. Here a bronze statue of Washington, by Houdon, marks the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolutionary War. Under this hallowed ground are the unmarked graves of Revolutionary War Soldiers. The ceremony includes setting a wreath at the Eternal Flame. The Color Guard, with members, DAR friends, the local citizenry and families following, march to Independence Hall where a wreath is set at the foot of the Statue of the Commander-in-Chief

The chapter Color Guard then leads members past The Museum of the American Revolution, returning to the City Tavern. A reception and luncheon are served in the same 'Long Room', faithfully reconstructed, where General Washington held an Inaugural Ball and where he would often dine with Mrs. Washington.

The event concluded with the retiring of the Colors by the Color Guard.



Piper Watson and drummer Clarke keep the group in step.

The Philadelphia Continental Chapter Color Guard at Washington Square.



Compatriot Norris Investiture

In a special ceremony held on January 11th, 2019 Compatriot Mark Norris was sworn in as a federal judge. Nominated by President Donald Trump and confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Norris became the newest federal judge in the Western District of Tennessee.

As a long time Tennessee State Senator, Norris has been a member and supporter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Each year he has had the TNSSAR State Color Guard present the colors in the State Senate. The Judge wanted the color guard to present the colors for his investiture Ceremony.



A combined Southern District and TNSSAR Color guard turned out in Memphis on a cold Friday to present the colors on stage before a large crowd. Nineteen members from 3 states turned out for the unique ceremony. They marched on stage and presented the colors while The Peacemakers of the Memphis Police Department sung the National Anthem.

Members of the color guard traveled from across the state and parts of Mississippi. Southern District VPG Colin Wakefield was present and declared the event a Southern District Event. Wakefield noted the special occasion and said that it was an honor to be asked to present the colors in a federal ceremony. The event was called by Southern District Color Guard Commander John Clines.

Members included Wakefield, Clines, David Eagan, Wayne Adams, David Johnston, Fred Ryan, Sanford Payton, Wayne Jones, Fred Rand, Larry Poole, Steve Gaines, Steve Millhollin, George Miller, Colby Morgan, Mac McKinney, Troy Clines, W. K. McDonald, Julius Hite, and Gerald Brent.

David Miles Vaughn Color Guardsman of the Year 2019

The TNSSAR Color Guardsman of the Year Award was established to honor the Late Commander David Miles Vaughn. Its purpose is to honor the principles that David worked so hard to bring to the Tennessee State Color Guard.

The trophy is given by the Current Commander to the guardsman that does the most to help him during the year. TNSSAR Color Guard Commander John Clines announced the winner at the Tennessee Society's 129th Annual Meeting held March 23rd, 2019

In the true spirit of our late Commander, this year's recipient stepped up and provided aid when his brigade commander was ill. Unselfishly taking over the projects in that part of the state, and deflecting any credit to his commander. This recipient oversaw several grave markings and programs including the National Program, "The Gathering at Sycamore Shoals."



The 2019 winner of the David Miles Vaughn Color Guardsman of the Year is David Carr.

Congratulations to a hard working Color guardsman and many thanks from the Commander for making his job easier!



Capt. William Lytle Monument Dedication

The middle of a lumber company is a unique place for a cemetery but on March 22nd 2019, we gathered there to honor Revolutionary War Captain William Lytle. Joined by The Captain William Lytle Chapter of the DAR, The Stone's River Chapter of the TNSSAR dedicated a monument to the Revolutionary War hero.

William Lytle was born in Hillsboro, Orange County, N.C. At the age of 21, he entered the military as Lieutenant, 5th Regiment of N.C. Continental Line on April 16, 1776. In the 1790's, after the Revolutionary War Captain William Lytle and family were among the first settlers to permanently locate in the Murfreesboro area. Lytle personally selected this cemetery site about 150 yards from his home. The cemetery property was donated to the Tennessee Society Sons of the American Revolution by Lytle G. Chambers and deeded October 6, 1976. Patriot Park was established at Lytle Cemetery by TNSSAR on April 16, 2011.

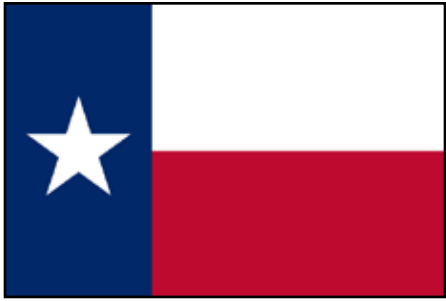


Present were many dignitaries the SAR. NSSAR President General William Alter & First Lady Nancy Alter, Dr. Darryl Addington, Surgeon General NSSAR, Dr. John Wakefield, Chaplin General NSSAR, VPG Colin Wakefield, VPG Southern District NSSAR, and Johnny Head, President TNSSAR.

Assisting the TNSSAR State Color Guard was The Watauga Fife and Drum. The Colors were presented to start the ceremony and ended with a 3 round musket volley, Taps, and Mourning at Arms. The color Guard was commanded by NSSAR Southern District Commander John Clines.

Participating in the Color guard were PG Alter, Dr. Addington, Clines, Geoff Baggett KYSAR, Steve Mallory KYSAR, Dennis Harris, James Hobbs, David Johnston, Steve Gaines, Jim Sandman, Fred Rand, Jerry Hjellum, David Eagan, Larry Poole, Wayne Jones, Sanford Payton, Fred Schaffer, Fred Ryan, John Clark, Ben Stonecipher, Jim McKinney, Don Hills, Ivan Daniels, Cohen Daniels, Gideon Daniels, and Lee Johnson.





William Hightower Chapter #35, TX SAR Celebrates 35th Anniversary Mar 2019

The picture made the Herald-Zietung, our local New Braunfels newspaper on 6 Mar 2019. The Chapter actually celebrated its 35th anniversary at our monthly meeting on 14 March 2019. Our official charter date was 10 Mar 1984. We are not as old as some but we are growing strong.

Members of the William Hightower Chapter #35 joined together in their monthly meeting of 14 Mar 2019 to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the chapter chartered on 10 March 1984. Our oldest and chartered member Everett Delashmutt, 98, was not able to attend due to a previous commitment but President Steve Polk asked Dick Robinette, our second oldest member at 91 to say a few word about the chapter and cut the cake. The William Hightower Chapter #35 formed from the San Antonio Chapter #4 and chose Billie Hightower, not directly related to Patriot William Hightower, as its first president. Interesting note is that Dick Robinette (right of cake) was the TX SAR Color Guard Commander from 1996-98 and Stu Hoyt (left of cake) is the current TX SAR Color Guard Commander twenty years later. Chapter members gathering around the cutting of the cake are from left to right: Trey Storer, Mike Pryor, Shell Storer, Stan Trull, Terry Hardeman, President Steve Polk, Stu Hoyt, Dr. Patrick Hollis, James Shaw, Dick Robinette, Tom Jones, Joe Cox Jr., Lou Colantoni, Will Moravits, John Booth, Blair Rudy, and Robert Duckworth.



The Sons of the American Revolution, William Hightower Chapter 35 New Braunfels recently celebrated its 35th anniversary. From left: Mr. Blair Rudy, Vice President Tom Jones, Registrar Michael Pryor, President Steven Polk, Historian Stuart Hoyt, Chaplain Don Chandler, Dr. Patrick Hollis, Sgt. at Arms John Booth, and Treasurer Stan Trull. **Submitted photo**



The George Washington Parade in Laredo TX 2019

By Stu Hoyt, TX SAR CG Commander

The George Washington Parade in Laredo, TX, which is the largest in the nation, was a spectacular event, as usual. The turn out was reduced because the hotel we have used of years changed hands and the new owners dropped a number of our booking. This affair is so well attended that there is no room in any Inn for miles around. Regardless, we led the procession onto the International Bridge at 8 am. As we march from the La Pasada Hotel to the center of the bridge, an equally large group proceeds from the Mexican side. Groups in costume from young to old take turns exchanging flags and an embrace at the center of the bridge. After some speeches and prayers, the group proceeds by bus to the beginning of the parade route. The parade is over 2 ½ miles long and attended by over thirty thousand people. This year there were over two hundred units. Thankfully, we were number 58. This year the Parade moved more slowly so there was much more time to interact with the crowd, and they loved it. TX Society Color Guard attending were from left to right: Mike Bailey, Mike Bierman, David Kinsey, Tom Green, Stu Hoyt, Tom Jackson, State President, Thomas Jones, Gary Lovell and his wife, Dorinda Lovell, and John Thompson.



Edmund Terrill Chapter Celebrated its 35th

Colors were posted by Ted Wilson, John Greer, Don Babbs, and David Kinsey

(McKinney Chapter). William J. Woods, who was a charter member spoke a few words. He said "Over the years the chapter has remained strong and growing and he was proud of the achievements of the chapter." He was given the honor of cutting the cake for the occasion while Harvey Davis (President) watches

by Ted Wilson



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 subject matter questions.

Q:
I want to make our state annual meeting as attractive and as beneficial to guardsmen as possible. The last time had a hand in a meeting's planning we had two memorials about 5 miles or so apart. That was ok but quite a hassle with parking etc. We have two or three possibilities this time too. COULD I have one memorial site and commemorate 2 or 3 veterans AND it be possible for the guardsmen to get credit not for one ... at the site we choose ...but more than one ... 2 or even 3? There would be separate elements for each veteran ... separate bio/address, wreath laying etc.

A:
Thank you for writing with your question about having a memorial service at a single site but allowing

Comments and Questions

participants to get credit for each veteran honored even though they might not be located at that site.

Unfortunately this is not allowed under existing Color Guard policy whereby multiple events that occur as a part of the same overall event are only counted as a single event for purposes of getting credit for Color Guard Medals.

The obvious example occurs at National, District and State meetings that occur over a weekend where the Color Guard might participated in presenting & retiring colors on multiple days but only get credit for the meeting.

The situation presented is basically the same in that while there might be separate elements, all are occurring as part of the overall State meeting.

As an addendum, this same policy is applied to Color Guardsmen participating in multiple events over a period of days with respect to Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day.

Thank you again for writing and I wish you success in your Annual State Meeting Committee for its selection of the recipient at its meeting at the Spring Leadership Meeting each year. Full details for all requirements, process, applications and approver/presenters can be found both online and in the Color Guard Handbook..

Q:
When I'm taking part in a color guard event in the public such as a parade or some other presentation and I interact with the public, I am too often asked if I am a reenactor. This can be especially confusing to the public when a color guard unit performs a musket firing. What is the short and easy answer to that question? As I understand there are some compatriots who are members of actual reenacting groups which perform mock battles thus leading to this confused state of mind in the public when they see our CG.

A:
A short and easy answer is to explain that you are a member of the Sons of the American Revolution which seeks to honor the memory of the patriots who established the United States of America during the American Revolution. *"I and others do this by participating in color guard units and in reenactor units and some do both. Today I am(explain what you are doing and then see if there are any further questions)."*

Q:
I've been to some of the National meetings (Leaderships and Congresses) where the color guard presents /retires the colors and there are commands given for the various motions the members

must perform. Then attending my state's events where similar presentations are performed there are different sets of commands given. Shouldn't there be a standard set of commands that units use for these events that are based on the Revolutionary War commands? It seems as though some commands are based on the commander's military experience as to how modern military commands are given. Isn't this to be discouraged?

A:
Over the past two years, the National Color Guard Committee has discussed this very issue and attempted to establish a standardized set of commands that reflect the historic commands found in the Von Steuben Blue Book. However, as you point out, there is a varying degree of experience that ranges from marching band to military drill to learning it on the fly. As it stands now, the preference is to be as historically accurate as possible but with the understanding that circumstances may require more modern commands. The main thing to remember is that the National Color Guard is not a reenacting unit so some leeway can be taken so that all participants are comfortable with the commands and can participate in a safe and effective manner.



Editor - Mea Culpa - A composing error inadvertantly Replaced the correct photos below with two unrelated photos

Veterans' Day

The Virginia SAR honored our veterans with ceremonies across the state on the 100th anniversary of the armistice that ended the Great War, highlighted by a ceremony at General Washington's Tomb.



Two Vietnam combat veterans place a wreath at General Washington's Tomb.



Left to right: Paul Chase, Bill Schwetke, Dave Adamy, Virginia SAR President Pat Kelly, Peter Davenport, Mike Elston, Gary Hall.

So far this year the Virginia SAR Color Guard has covered 14 Major Events, including 6 National/District Events, and many other chapter and community events. 40 Virginia Guardsmen from 14 chapters have participated in at least one event.



The Virginia SAR Color Guard under Houdon's statue of George Washington in the rotunda of the Capitol. Left to right: Bill Schwetke, Will Elston, Jeff Thomas, Michael Dennis, Tom Hamill, Ken Wallenborn, Marc Robinson, Charles Jameson, Dave Cook, and Jim O'Kelley.



Bill Schwetke passes the Virginia SAR Color Guard Commander's Sword to President Peter Davenport to be presented to the new commander, Paul Chase.



Colors presented at the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier. Color Guard, left to right: Virginia SAR Color Guard Commander Paul Chase, Brett Osborn, Bill Schwetke, Virginia SAR President Peter Davenport, Dave Cook, Leamon Duncan, and not visible on the far right is Mark Day.

Virginia SAR Annual Meeting

The 2019 Annual Meeting of the Virginia SAR was held in Richmond the second weekend of February. Mid-Atlantic VPG Lou Raborg declared this a District Event for the Color Guard. The Color Guard posted and retired the colors for meetings, the banquet, and ceremonies in the Old House Chamber of the Capitol. We also conducted a firelock workshop based on the training plan developed by Bob Krause of South Carolina and adopted by the Virginia Color Guard. We used wooden flints and wooden cartridges, just as von Steuben used to train our ancestors at Valley Forge. At the Saturday evening banquet command of the Virginia SAR Color Guard was passed from Bill Schwetke to Paul Chase. Commander Paul Chase then led the retirement of the Colors.



Past Virginia Color Guard Commander Rob Andrews instructs our guardsmen in handling of firelocks for SAR ceremonies. Left to right in the line: Marc Robinson, Michael Dennis, Ken Bonner, Dave Cook, Barry Schwoerer, Chris Melhuish, Ken Wallenborn, Jim O'Kelley, and Gary Hall.

George Washington's Birthday

The Alexandria Virginia Washington's Birthday Parade has been held continuously since 1800 except for being cancelled on occasion for war, or weather. Parade organizers report a recent average of 3500 participants and in good weather as many as 80,000 spectators. This year the SAR Color Guard was awarded the second place prize from among the many participating color guards for our sharp performance passing the reviewing stand. In the morning, before the parade, the Virginia SAR Color Guard posted the colors for the laying of wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House.



Parading in Old Town Alexandria. Color Guard, left to right, Bill Schwetke, Brett Osborn, PG (2013-14) Joe Dooley, Leamon Duncan, Mark Day.

Crossing of the Dan

On February 14, 1781, General Greene safely crossed the rain-swollen Dan River to safety, just ahead of Cornwallis. There, Virginians rushed to resupply and reinforce his army to set the stage for Guilford Courthouse four weeks later. The Virginia Society hosted the 238th Anniversary of this notable event and, though the rain cancelled our march to the river, the SAR Color Guard put on a professional display indoors.



Advancing the Colors at Crossing of the Dan. Sam Powell with the US Flag and Peter Davenport with the Virginia Flag followed by the other state, chapter, and historic flags. picture credit: Joe Chandler/Gazette-Virginian

The NSSAR Color Guard Commander issues instructions to the guardsmen. Left to right: NSSAR Color Guard Commander Mark Anthony, Eric Robinson, Dave Cook, Jeff Thomas, Kenny Smith, John Elliott. picture credit: Joe Chandler/Gazette-Virginian



The SAR Color Guard at Crossing of the Dan. Seated, left to right: NSSAR Color Guard Commander Mark Anthony, Pat Kelly, North Carolina SAR President George Struck, Mid-Atlantic VPG Lou Raborg, Virginia SAR President Peter Davenport, Bill Schwetke. Standing, left to right: Jeff Thomas, Brett Osborn, Mike Gunn, Eric Robinson, Gary Green, Steve Frash, Historian General John Thornhill, Gary Hall, Marc Robinson, Charles Jameson, Ron Bonham, Kenny Smith, Ken Wilson, John Elliott, Ken Bonner, Dave Cook.



WASHINGTON



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

This event has a large SAR/DAR following and represents an important national as well as state historical event. Here is our writeup and, as always, you have full editorial rights to increase, decrease or rewrite any or all of it. For President's day we always go to campus security before the event to have our muskets "inspected" since we are on a state university campus. The Security officers appreciate the gesture along with the stories of "Flash in the pan", "Don't go off half cocked" and "Lock, stock and barrel". So, instead of being arrested for having "weapons" on campus they like having their picture taken with us and published it in their newsletter. Who doesn't love the SAR?

L to R, Dick Motz, WA State Deputy Color Guard Commander, Mick Hersey, Ralph Liening, Mike Moore, Neil Vernon, Dennis Case, Noah Chase, Art Dolan, WA State Color Guard Commander. Woman in the front is Charlotte Lantz Abbott, WA SAR First Lady and President of Ladies Auxiliary Commander.



WEST VIRGINIA

Members of the West Virginia State Color Guard present colors for the Col. Charles Lewis Wreaths Across America ceremony. Commander Ed Cromley, with Color guardsmen Jack Coles, Cary Campbell, Randy McGill, Joe Supple, and Gabe Roush are pictured.



WISCONSIN



Compatriots Brian Barrett, WI Color Guard Commander and Charles Weatherbee presenting the Colors at the Feb. meeting at Dunedin Country Club, Florida. Guardsman Russ Burr at George Washington statue dedication February



Left:
Guardsman Russ Burr at George Washington statue dedication February 22, 2019 at Stevens Point, WI.

Right:
Guardsmen Gerald Helgeson at George Washington statue dedication February 22, 2019 at Stevens Point, WI.



Spring Leadership

Photos by Un Hui Yi



Randy Moody receiving Von Steuben Medal





George Rogers Clark Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony

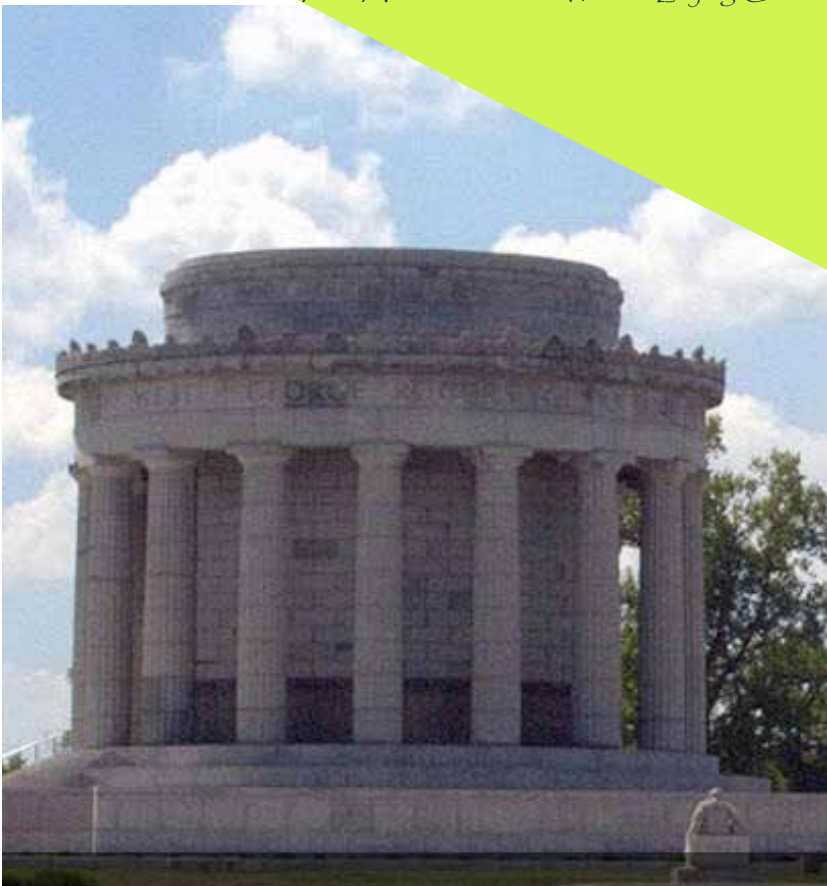
By Robert Cunningham - Event Coordinator 812-336-7131

05/25/2019 @ 11:00 - 11:45am EDT, George Rogers Clark Memorial
401 S 2nd St, Vincennes, IN 47591

Color Guard, Indiana Society, National - District - Chapter

Event website: <https://www.spiritofvincennes.org/>

Free Admission to the Wreath Laying Ceremony



The eighth annual George Rogers Clark Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony, a National Sons of the American Revolution event, will take place on Saturday, May 25, 2019 at 11:00am EDT in the rotunda of the Clark Memorial at the George Rogers Clark National Historical Park in Vincennes, IN. Ribbons will be awarded to SAR, DAR and CAR chapters; states; districts and national officers presenting a wreath (one ribbon per wreath).

If your Chapter intends to present a wreath at this ceremony, please send Robert Cunningham your Chapter's name, the name of the wreath presenter, the title (office) of the wreath presenter if he or she holds an office, and their email address. To be listed in the program, please send the information requested above by May 18. Wreath presenters are not required to wear colonial attire. Wreath presenters supply their own wreath and stand. All chapter Compatriots, their families and guests are invited and encouraged to attend this ceremony.

The George Rogers Clark Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony is a National Color Guard activity. All participating Color Guard will muster at 10:00am EDT in the Clark Memorial. Please send Robert Cunningham the names of all your Chapter members who will participate in the Color Guard.

SAR Compatriots, wives, and family are welcome to come to Gilbert's Restaurant & Pub on Friday evening May 24 at 6:00pm for dinner. If you plan to attend this dinner, please

send Robert Cunningham your name and the number in your party. Robert will make reservations in advance for our group. Gilbert's address is 1350 Willow St, Vincennes, IN 47591, phone 812-316-0800. Dinner is Dutch treat.

Last year several SAR Compatriots stayed at the Towneplace Suites Vincennes Marriott, 1320 Willow St, Vincennes, IN 47591, phone 812-255-1500. We do not have an SAR discount rate, but this hotel is close to the George Rogers Clark National Historical Park and Gilbert's Restaurant is located just in front of the hotel parking lot. This hotel and other hotels in Vincennes fill up quickly. Make your reservations soon since our ceremony is during the Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous held on May 25 and 26 of the Memorial Day weekend.

Parking for the Wreath Laying Ceremony and the Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous is available down the road from the George Rogers Clark National Historical Park Visitor Center at 401 S. 2nd St. A limited amount of parking can be found in front of the visitor center. Visitors may park on the neighborhood streets as well, but parking is not permitted along yellow curbs on the street. The earlier you arrive, the closer to the memorial your parking space will be.

18th Century Shirt Buckles

Brett Osborn

I have participated in the Battle Road event in 2018 which is the Lexington/Concord battles. This year the committee overseeing the event including reenactors, historian consultants and the National Park Service at Minute Man National Historical Park (NHP) were raising the bar on clothing, equipment and personal appearance standards in a sequenced manner to improve impressions for the 250th anniversary of those engagements.

I was upgrading my clothing to meet the 2019 Battle Road standards when I came across a term shirt buckles which I was unfamiliar with.

"Shirt Best: hand-stitched in white, natural, or checked linen or wool flannel with full sleeves gathered into narrow (~ ½ " finished) cuffs. Checked linen was most commonly blue on a predominantly white ground (not the evenly balanced blue/white gingham check found in many shirts being sold). Cuffs close with sleeve buttons (side-by-side "cuff links"). Collar closes with two or three thread (Dorset) buttons. Center front slit is deep (~10-12") and may be kept closed with a shirt buckle (usually round or heart-shaped). For most impressions, collar is pulled up high and worn snugly closed around neck. Body is long (to lower thigh) and full, and is tucked between legs as "underwear" beneath breeches or trousers."

"Jewelry Best: No jewelry. Period-appropriate reproduction pocket watch (but only for those who could afford them) kept in breeches fob (pocket). Period-appropriate shirt buckle to close bosom slit on shirt.¹"

Shirt buckles are a sort of brooch that men wore to close the long slit at the front of a shirt. In some cases, these are worn on top of a ruffle. Sometimes they are worn to close a fairly plain slit on the shirt or are pinned to a neckcloth. The waistcoat is unbuttoned far enough down the chest to display the shirt buckle².

Museums seldom identify this type of jewelry as a shirt buckle. Not all brooches would have been worn any other way.

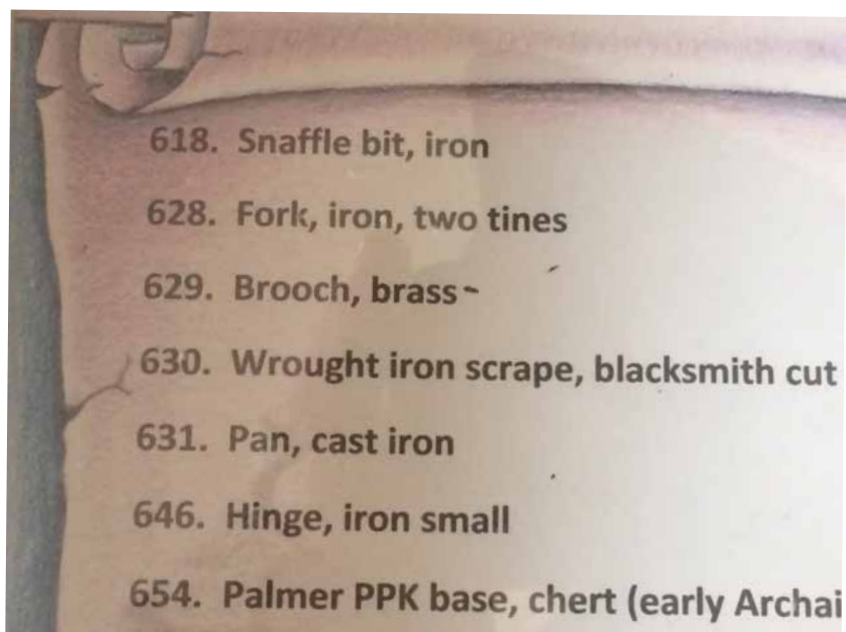
The heart-shaped style does relate to a traditional Scottish jewelry shape. The luckenbooth brooches were made and sold in Edinburgh. This design was also used in trade silver to the Native Americans of the Eastern Woodlands³.

Period portraits of a young George Washington show a shirt buckle or brooch

1 Minute Man NHP Living History Authenticity Standards 2019 MEN (Draft)

2 Shirt Buckles, 18th Century Notebook, page 1 <http://www.larsdatter.com/18c/shirt-buckles.html>

3 Shirt Buckles, 18th Century Notebook, page 2



just above the gorget he is wearing if one enlarges the picture more closely: https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/c/c7/Washington_1772.jpg

Another good example is a young Lieutenant William Bligh showing a shirt buckle. Bligh's appears to be a Masonic emblem. <https://www.portrait.gov.au/portraits/2015.30/william-bligh/>

Since researching this I discovered an item found during archeology at the Battle of Kettle Creek, in the Wilkes County Historical Museum in Washington, Georgia. The item # 629 is listed as a brass brooch, but meets the shirt buckle criteria. (pictures attached)

The Sutler, At The Eastern Door, has a website series of pictures of how to affix a shirt buckle to close the opening on ones shirt⁴. <https://www.facebook.com/AtTheEasternDoor/photos/a.533546096676315/1128188183878767/?type=3&theater>

I have purchased three different shirt buckles recently. The heart shaped jeweled shirt buckle has a more modern pin closure in the attached picture. The two brass shirt buckles of different sizes, have the traditional straight pin attachment and are simpler and cheaper. (pictures attached)

For Color Guardsmen, remember to buckle up and close that gap!

4 At The Eastern Door <https://attheeasterndoor.wixsite.com/attheeasterndoor/brooches>.



Highwayman – Fake Gold Alert!

Pinchbeck (Pinchback)

I have participated in the Battle Road Levent in 2018 which is the Lexington/Concord battles. This year the committee overseeing the event including reenactors, historian consultants and the National Park Service at Minute Man National Historical Park were raising the bar on clothing, equipment and personal appearance standards in a sequenced manner to improve impressions for the 250th anniversary of those engagements.

I was researching a reference to another item regarding buckles which I will cover in another article when I came across the term Pinchbeck (sometimes spelled Pinchback).

It is a form of metal alloy that resembles gold but is made with a combination of brass, copper alloy and zinc. This formula was developed by Christopher Pinchbeck, a London clockmaker who lived from about 1670 to 1732.¹

Pinchbeck was an affordable substitute for gold, and records indicate that travelers who were at risk of robbery from highwaymen often carried jewelry and accessories made from Pinchbeck and other similar metals, rather than travel with their more expensive pieces.

He was succeeded by his son Edward Pinchbeck, who continued to trade with the same material. There was imitation from trade rivals, so he posted a long advertisement in the Daily Post of July 11, 1733, "Caution to the Publick." therefore, gentlemen are desired to beware of Impostors, who frequent Coffee Houses, and expose for Sale, Toys pretended to be made of this metal, which is a most notorious imposition, upon the Publick. And Gentlemen and Ladies, may be accommodated by the said Mr. Pinchbeck with the following curious Toys; viz.: Sword-Hilts, Hangers, Cane Heads, Whip



Handles for Hunting, Spurs, Equipages [i.e. chatelaines], Watch chains, Tweezers for Men and Women, Snuff boxes, Buttons.... Buckles for Ladies Breasts (Yikes!), Stock Buckles, Shoe Buckles, Knee Buckles, Girdle Buckles, Stock Clasps....and in particular Watches...."²

A young George Washington started his career in present Winchester, Virginia as a surveyor at the age of sixteen to the only resident peer in North American Thomas Fairfax. Lord Fairfax had Pinchbeck (Pinchback buckles in his possession.

Thomas 6th Lord Fairfax, executors appraised his estate on March 11, 1782.

1 pair pinchback buckles³

For military in the Revolutionary War, I found this inventory for a Continental Line Officer.

An inventory of Lieutenant Roger Hooker of the 22nd Regiment on May 13th, included 1 pinchbeck watch.⁴

A Christopher Pinchbeck Jr. was the royal watchmaker for King George III of Great Britain. He made an "astronomical clock" for the King. It still exists and is presently placed in the Buckingham Palace.⁵

So now you know, buyers and Highwaymen beware of Pinchbeck Toys!

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Color Guard Safety Policy and Procedures

Policy Section &

Events Procedures Section

Mark Anthony, SAR Color Guard Commander

The Color Guard Committee has spent the last two years working on a Safety Policy & Procedures document. This document is an essential part of the process of protecting not only individual compatriots but also chapters, state societies, and the National Society by outlining safety policies/procedures and risk mitigation strategies. It also sets out standard expectations with respect to commands and procedures so that an individual compatriot can know what to expect when attending an SAR event anywhere in the nation.

This document has been reviewed by the National Insurance/Risk Management Committee which has stated that the document provides a framework that they could use to try to obtain insurance coverage on a national level. The process of obtaining a national policy is ongoing.

Currently, this document is being reviewed by the Chancellor General. After his review, it will most likely be referred to the Legal Advisory Committee for further review. Based on any feedback that is received from the Chancellor General or the Legal Advisory Committee, the document will be further amended as necessary to pro-

duce a Final Draft that will be voted on at the next Color Guard Committee meeting at the Annual Congress this coming July.

*At this time, **no further comments or suggestions from the membership will be requested or acted on since the document is currently being reviewed as stated above.***

If necessary, the final draft, as amended, will be distributed prior to Congress. To that end, please review the listing of state color guard commanders found elsewhere in this newsletter and verify that the correct commander and his contact information.



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 are more how-to in nature including recommended Firing and other Commands.

It is the intent that upon adoption of these Safety Policies and Procedures by the National Color Guard Committee, that all color guard units – National, State and Chapter levels – will adopt and conform to them. The final result of this process has been the development of a standardized method of performance that enables 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 so as 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 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.

