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## GET YOUR COLOR GUARD IN *THE SAR COLORGUARDSMAN*



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For some reason our WASSAR Color Guard activities have found publication in *The SAR Color-Guardsman* eMagazine. Editor Mark Anthony asked me to write an article giving some tips to help other states and chapters to get their color guard's events into print.

First, send the article in as *complete and correct* as possible. A busy editor can't possibly re-write a whole article from a few notes. His job is to *revise* and *correct*. Our job is to *report*. As reporters write the story to include journalism's famous "Five Ws" - *who*, *what*, *when*, *where*, and *why*. I always start with a picture, because someone said that it is worth a thousand words. So when we have a Color Guard event coming up, we tell our compatriots to bring your cameras (or phones now). They will take a lot of pictures from their various vantage points. I always ask them in person or by email to send me your pictures. I also ask official photographers to do the same. I give them my card with my email address to make sure.

These pictures actually tell the story! All

you have to do then is to write about 1) what you remember from the activity and 2) what the pictures show. Be sure to include the *who* and *what*: the name of the event, names and titles of key people in the pictures and any organizations involved; *when*: the date and occasion, such as Flag Day or Patriot Day; *where*, including the name of the town, building, monument or cemetery; and the important *why*: the reason for the event. Chapters participate in activities that fulfill their main mission or SAR programs. Also mention other organizations that sponsored or partnered with you. A word about your Color Guard's event in bringing the SAR goals of History, Education & Patriotism to the community is important.

Good photos should include more

Washington Society Color Guard "recruiting" photograph.

Photo courtesy of Bob O'Neal

than just a few compatriots smiling in a line-up. Try to get *action* pictures that best describe the event. Show the men marching, firing weapons, displaying artifacts, or in conversation. Show the setting in the background, like the cemetery or the crowd watching, and include uniformed veterans, scouts, cadets, and ladies in period dress. Lots of color is the key here.

Of course your chapter or state color guard is your best subject.

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

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## Commander's Dispatch



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As we roll out the seventh "The SAR Color Guardsman" newsletter, I hope each of you is doing well. Thank you to all who contributed articles and pictures to make this communication piece a success. Please continue to submit information that you would like to share with other guardsmen.

This will be the last welcome and article from me as your National Commander. It has been a pleasure to serve as your Adjutant, Vice Commander and Commander. I would like to thank former Commander Larry Perkins for selecting me as his Adjutant at the Congress in Williamsburg. It has been an honor to serve you and the National Society as Commander. I

would like to thank each of you for all of the hard work you have put into making the NSSAR Color Guard the face of our society. I would also like to thank my staff for a job well done.

As you know, at Congress there will be a change in command. The changes in staff will be as follows; new Commander will be Mike Radcliff from Texas, new Vice Commander will be Dave Hoover from Maryland and the number one Adjutant will be Mark Anthony from South Carolina. At the Congress C G breakfast, I will announce the new adjutant. I know this new staff will do a great job.

Also, remember to look at the SAR home page for upcoming events that are not listed in the newsletter. Also, you need to check the NSSAR website under Historical Sites and Celebrations where various events are also listed. Editor, Mark Anthony will continue to list upcoming events in our newsletter. I would like to thank everyone from the newest member of your chapter color guard to the most seasoned one. You have made

my job of being your commander easy because each of you are not only honoring your Patriot, but someone else's Patriot that you did not even know until you attended that grave marking or that national event to learn about these Patriots.

Yours in Patriotism,

*J. Michael Tomme, Sr.*

J. Michael "Mike" Tomme, Sr.  
NSSAR, Color Guard Commander



Commander Tomme stands guard as Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY) addresses the SAR upon his induction on March 1st.

Photo by Cilla Leed-Tomme

## From the Editor



EDITOR  
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will hopefully provide information on how your chapter can submit material for publication. Also, there are some articles that might inspire new ideas for programs that can be presented on the local level.

Please look to participate in the various national programs that are scheduled throughout the remainder of the year.

After you participate, please consider submitting an article and some photographs of the

event so the editor does not have to become a writer.

With that being said, consider attending the 2013 National Congress in Kansas City this July. This will provide you a great opportunity to meet many of the guardsmen that you have seen featured in this newsletter over the past 18 months while you get to participate in the largest annual gathering of the SAR.

Mark C Anthony  
Editor

Spring has arrived and many color guards are busy with various outdoor events that take advantage of the improving weather.

This issue focuses on articles that



## How to Make and Load Paper Cartridges

By: Robert Cunningham  
NSSAR Color Guard Safety Officer

Greetings Compatriots! First, I would like to thank those few brave souls who came to the Manual of Arms Training at the Spring Leadership meeting in Louisville.

Handling black powder for the making of firing cartridges. Number one, remember that black powder is very explosive and subject to easy ignition. Never load your flintlock from a powder horn. Black powder should be stored in a wooden box including cans of powder, powder horns and loaded paper cartridges. It is a very good idea to have a lock on the wooden box. As I said in a previous article, one person should carry and distribute the cartridges for the firing detail.

Picture top Right: Small arms cartridge blank and live fire (taken from the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association, "Artillery Safety and Drill Course" Handbook). Oh, by the way, black powder is not tasty and it leaves your teeth black but only temporarily.

Picture bottom Right: Left to right: paper, wooden dowel, black powder measurer-brass and black powder measurer-plastic.

For 75 or 69 caliber I use a 5/8" wooden dowel 5" long, rounded on one end. If you intend to load live rounds, then hollow out the other end to center or hold the lead ball. As you see in both pictures, the paper is narrower on one side. Place the round end of the dowel to the bottom of the cartridge paper with the narrow part of the paper at the top. This leaves less paper at the top so it is easier to bite off. I use a glue stick along the bottom edge and the sloped edge. It is perfectly permissible not to use glue. Using glue is my personal preference. After you have rolled the paper around the wooden dowel, pull the dowel up enough to allow you to tie off the bottom with thread. Then I push the tied off portion up inside the cartridge. Remove the wooden dowel.

Now load your loading device with 90 grains of powder, if you are using a large caliber. See lower picture. There are two kinds of loaders, brass or plastic. Either one works fine. I prefer the plastic because you can actually see the powder. Set the loading device for the precise amount of powder. Pour the powder into your paper cartridge and twist or fold down to the powder line. I prefer the fold. It is easier to bite off. Now you are ready to prime the pan and pour the remaining powder down the barrel.

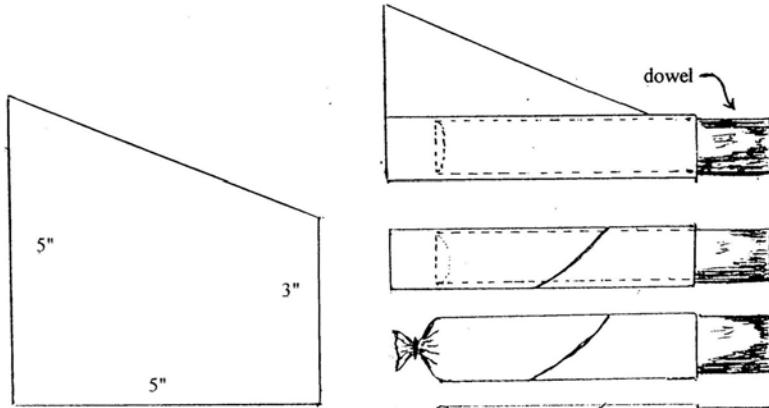
If you are in a demonstration or firing detail, be sure to pick up your discarded paper. My next article will discuss the firing sequence order. As always, have fun and be safe.

### Small Arms Cartridge Construction: Blank and Live Fire

#### Blank fire:

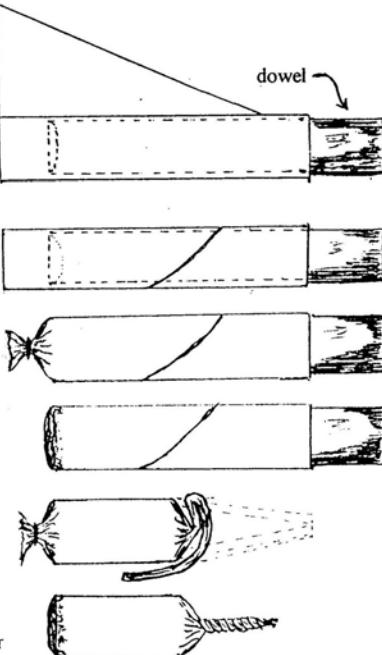
Blank cartridges are to be made of strong paper to resist accidental ignition from stray sparks. Suitable paper includes but is not limited to copier paper, brown wrapping paper, unprinted newsprint paper, and note pad paper. No tissue paper, printed newspapers, telephone book paper, and the like are permitted. Paper should be white to dark brown, plain, or printed with period text or ink manuscript to suggest period broadsides, newspapers, and personal letters.

The pattern below suggests the best way to cut the paper but some variation is permitted. A dowel slightly smaller than the caliber of the flintlock barrel is used to form the cartridge by rolling the paper around it. The bottom of the cartridge is closed by either tying with string, folding and gluing, or folding in and crushing flat. Staples or tape are not to be used on the cartridges. The measured black powder is poured in the cartridge and the top folded or twisted shut.



#### Live fire:

Live cartridges for target shooting are made in the same manner as blank cartridges except that aluminum foil is used instead of paper and the lead ball is seated on the lower end of the dowel as the cartridge is rolled. Aluminum foil is used so that live cartridges can immediately be recognized from blank rounds during any inspections, to prevent their accidental use in tactics. Live round may also be dipped in appropriate lubricants such as wax or tallow.



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important events like parades, living history, veterans outreach, posting colors, citizenship ceremonies. Catch them interacting with their *publick*, with children or DAR ladies. Get pictures of them with regular folks doing what they do best - a sure-fire subject for a good article. You can also pose your guardsmen hanging out with muskets around cannons, monuments, or with some handsome ladies to catch the eye. Your pictures should of course match the featured event.

I always try to start my story with an attention getting “headliner” sentence – a summary of the event of the day. For example, “The SAR’s Color Guard launched their first Operation Ancestor Search for the veterans at the Old Sailors Home in Charleston.” Or, “Our SAR Color Guard provided special seminars on living history in the schools to a record 70 compatriots at our Annual Meeting in May 2013.” Then go on and tell the story about the event or program.

Just tell the story in your own words as if you were talking to a favorite friend. Keep your sentences concise, not too many thoughts at once. I always write my article in MSWORD and include several pictures *separately*. Make sure they are high resolution (1-mb or more) in “jpeg” or “tiff” format. This makes it easy for the *Color Guardsman* editors to revise, correct and crop your pictures as needed to fit. Then send it all by email well ahead of any deadline you are hoping to meet.

Good luck, fellow guardsmen. I hope this helps to get *your color guard into the news!*

**Helpful Hint**

**The Battle of April 19, 1775, in Lexington, Concord, Lincoln, Arlington, Cambridge, Somerville and Charlestown, Massachusetts;** by Frank Warren Coburn, 1912.

By: George Lipphardt, Commander, AZ Society Color Guard

Pretty long title, but a very good and informative read. The author most likely lived in the area of the battle as he seemed very familiar with the area and many of the folks that lived there. He wrote his book in 1912, just 137 years after the battle.

His book is actually a chronological order record of the 24 hours of, April 19, 1775. It’s like a living diary of the entire event. If you are interested in American History and especially the beginning of the Revolution, you will enjoy this book. He mentions the names of many Patriots, civilians and also British Soldiers. If you are looking for another Patriot Ancestor, you might find his name in this book.

From the author: “*I have assembled here the most comprehensive account that has ever been offered, and one that aims to be a history of the entire day.....this narrative is based upon official reports, sworn statements, diaries, letters, and narratives of participants and witnesses.....and the various scenes of carnage that were waged along all of those nearly twenty miles of highway.*”

SAR Compatriots that live in Massachusetts and/or are familiar with the area of this battle, will be able to follow along the entire event, as the author mentions many street names, towns and buildings; many that were still standing in 1912, and could also be today.

The book is only 164 pages, so it’s an easy read and is available in re-print. It’s available at Amazon, Ebay and book stores. You may even find it available online in readable form, for free.

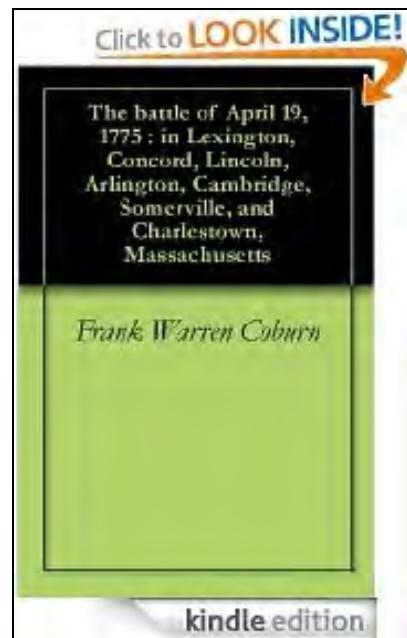


Photo of book cover taken from Amazon.com

The Utah SAR is in the process of creating a Boy Scout Venturing Crew centered around Rev. War history, patriotism, and re-enactment.

I need to speak with someone knowledgeable in 18th Century military command/formations/maneuvering—platoon, company, regiment, battalions etc.. If there is a person willing to share his/her expertise with me so I can present it to the Venturing Crew., please contact me.

By: Lyle Gingery, Commander Utah Society Color Guard


***State Society Color Guard Commander Contact Information***

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

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## 2013 National Color Guard Events

| <u>Date</u>     | <u>Event</u>                        | <u>Location</u>    |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| January 19      | Battle of Cowpens                   | Chesnee, SC        |
| February 9      | Battle of Kettle Creek              | Washington, GA     |
| February 16     | Crossing of the Dan                 | South Boston, VA   |
| February 17     | California Massing of Colors        | Burbank, CA        |
| February 23     | Washington Birthday Parade          | Laredo, TX         |
| February 23     | Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge      | Currie, NC         |
| March 1-2       | NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting     | Louisville, KY     |
| March 9         | Last Naval Battle of the Revolution | Cape Canaveral, FL |
| March 16        | Battle of Guilford Courthouse       | Greensboro, NC     |
| April 6         | Halifax Resolves                    | Halifax, NC        |
| April 16-18     | Patriot's Day                       | Concord, MA        |
| May 2           | Kentucky Derby Pegasus Parade       | Louisville, KY     |
| May 11          | Battle of Pensacola                 | Pensacola, FL      |
| May 18-19       | Fields of Honor / Healing Field     | Various            |
| May 26          | Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous      | Vincennes, IN      |
| May 27          | National Memorial Day Parade        | Washington DC      |
| June 8          | Battle of Ramseur's Mill            | Lincolnton, NC     |
| June 16         | Battle of Bunker Hill               | Bunker Hill, MA    |
| July 6-10       | NSSAR National Congress             | Kansas City, MO    |
| July 27         | Battle of Fort Laurens              | Bolivar, OH        |
| September 14    | Vigil at George Washington's Tomb   | Mt Vernon, VA      |
| September 14    | Gathering at Sycamore Shoals        | Elizabethton, TN   |
| September 27-28 | NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting       | Louisville, KY     |
| October 4-6     | Point Pleasant Battle Days          | Point Pleasant, WV |
| October 7       | Battle of Kings Mountain            | Blacksburg, SC     |
| October 19      | Yorktown Days                       | Yorktown, VA       |
| Nov 30 - Dec 1  | Battle of Great Bridge              | Norfolk, VA        |
| December 7      | Wreaths Across America              | Various            |

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

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

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

### *Colorguardsman of the Year*

The Gold Color Guard Medal was authorized in 1998 . It may only be worn by the National Color Guard Commander (usually presented at the end of his term as commander) and those guardsmen selected as Color Guardsman of the Year.

The Color Guardsman of the Year is elected by the Guardsmen present at the Spring Leadership Meeting.

The following is a listing of those guardsmen who have been honored by their compatriots as Color Guardsman of the Year.

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| Edgar E Grover (KS)     | 1999 |
| Robert L Grover (MO)    | 2000 |
| Bernard G Lamp Sr (WV)  | 2001 |
| Raymond Zimmerman (MD)  | 2002 |
| Charles Lampman (CA))   | 2003 |
| James McCafferty (MD)   | 2004 |
| Lester A Foster (MD)    | 2005 |
| Andrew M Johnson (VA)   | 2006 |
| George Thurmond (GA)    | 2007 |
| Charles F Bragg (IN)    | 2008 |
| Charlie A Newcomer (GA) | 2009 |
| John H Franklin Jr (OH) | 2010 |
| Paul Prescott (GA)      | 2011 |
| Tom Green (TX)          | 2012 |

### **NSSAR Color Guard Commanders**

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



## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### *Ohio Society*

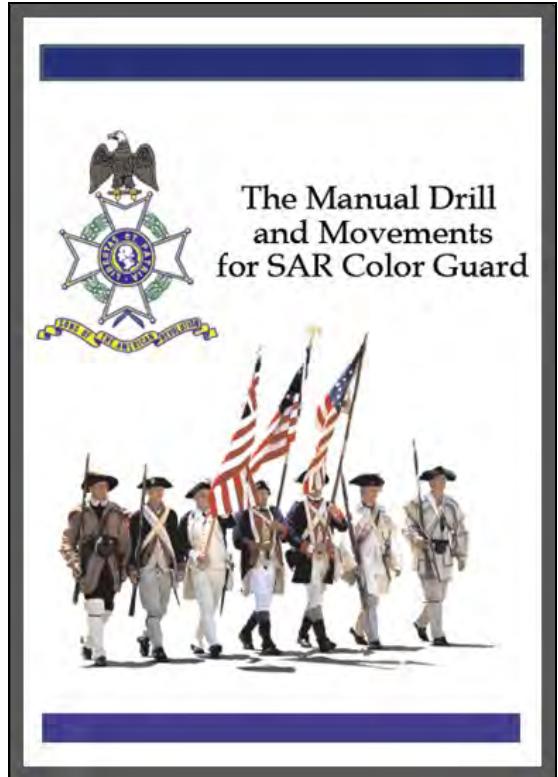
By Daniel Hass,  
President, John Hancock Chapter

The John Hancock Chapter, Ohio Society, Sons of the American Revolution proudly presents “**The Manual Drill and Movements for SAR Color Guard**”.

Directed and produced by Ohio Society Adjutant Color Guard Commander Daniel Haas, this DVD video is based on Von Steuben’s “*Regulations for Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States*”.

It will take the viewer step-by-step through the manual drill for firelock, marching and many of the common movement commands such as wheeling and formation of lines and columns. This video walks you through the Von Steuben text, while demonstrating the motions and movements. Help your color guard train in the comfort of their own homes... which will help make our SAR Color Guards a centerpiece for celebrating our proud revolutionary heritage!

To order, visit [www.findlaysar.org](http://www.findlaysar.org) for an order form. The John Hancock Chapter, Ohio Society, SAR is asking a \$15 donation to support their color guard and education programs which also covers shipping and handling. Be one of the first to own a copy of the Ohio Society’s virtual color guard training.



By: Keith H. Kaufman  
President, Hocking Valley Chapter

Members of the Hocking Valley Chapter, of the Ohio Society SAR, are shown with their new parade wagon. The wagon was donated to the chapter by Dr. Mark Darnell (Standing Left).

Compatriot Mike Tharp, Sr, historian of the chapter, took the wagon to Southeastern Correctional Institute, where inmates re-conditioned and built it. Compatriot Tharp donated Oak Boards for the floor, and V.F.W. Post 1516 donated \$500 dollars for its completion. The new parade wagon made its maiden voyage during a Labor Day Parade, in Canal Winchester, Ohio, in 2012.

L/R: Compatriots: Dr. Mark Darnell; Tom Hankins; Paul Irwin; Martin Byron; Jake Reynolds; Keith Kaufman—Charter President.  
Photo provided by: Keith Kaufman



### REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

#### *Arizona Society*

By Al Niemeyer, Tucson Chapter

##### Color Guard Participates in State Board/Installation Meeting

The Arizona Society Color Guard participated in Presentation and Posting of the Colors at the February 23rd State Board & Installation meeting. Shown in the attached photo, taken in the Chandler Hilton Lobby, are, left to right, George Lipphardt, Dr. Bill Hearter, Matt Scott, Jan Huber, Dr. Rudy Byrd, Bill Aurand, Steve Miller, Al Niemeyer, John Lyons, John Niemeyer and Chris Francis. Color Guard members George Lipphardt and John Lyons were presented with the Bronze Color Guard Medal & Certificate by Warren Alter.

##### Color Guard participates in Ft Huachuca MIAP

The Tucson Color Guard was honored to participate in the March 20th, 2013 Missing in America Project (MIAP) at Ft Huachuca, Arizona. This project interts the unclaimed cremated remains of our honored veterans and buries them with proper Military respect and honor. Everyone stood at attention as the Motor Cycle Escort accompanied the 21 burial urns to the dedication area. The guard fired a flintlock salute upon the placing of the remains in the vaults. Participating in this event were: George Lipphardt, Al Niemeyer, Jim Kimbrough, John Lyons, Gerry Lawford and John Niemeyer.

##### ROTC Medal Award to University of Arizona Army Cadet

On March 27th, 2013, U of A Army Cadet/MS3 Charles Dearmore was awarded the "ROTC Silver Medal and Certificate" for his outstanding performance. Making the award were Tucson Color Guard members John Lyons and Jim Williamson. Also participating but not shown was Al Niemeyer.

##### Color Guard Participates in Naturalization Ceremonies

The Tucson Color Guard presented the Colors and welcomed our newest citizens during the Naturalization Ceremonies on March 15th and 29th. Shown with one of our newest citizens (holding certificate) are John Lyons, Al Niemeyer, Jim Kimbrough and Gerry Lawford. Not shown but also attending was Jim Bly.



All pictures by Al Niemeyer

Top Left: AZSSAR Board of Managers meeting

Top Right: Ft Huachuca MIAP

Bottom Left: ROTC Medal presentation

Bottom Right: Naturalization Ceremony





## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### *California Society*

By: James Fosdyck, Commander, CA Society Color Guard

Twenty-six compatriots participated in a joint SAR Color Guard during the 31st Massing of the Colors and Salute to Our Armed Forces on Sunday, February 17, 2013. Representatives from eight CASSAR Chapters as well as color guardsmen from the Arizona Society (George Lipphardt), Florida Society (Lindsey Brock), Georgia Society (J. Michael Tomme) and Virginia Society (Joe Dooley) attended. More than a dozen women of the SAR Ladies Auxiliary, as well as ladies and children of the DAR and CAR wore Colonial Era attire.

This annual event is hosted by the Sons of Liberty Chapter at Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, Los Angeles, CA. The Sons of Liberty Chapter was well represented. Also in attendance CASSAR Chaplin the Right Reverend Louis Carlson gave the invocation and benediction, CASSAR past president John Dodd along with his wife Karen and daughter Lacy and Sam Powell of the North Carolina Society.

SAR ladies in Colonial Era attire earned points toward a NSSAR Molly Pritchard Medal. For several women this was their final qualifying event. Congratulations ladies!

SAR Color Guardsmen please remember the Massing of the Colors and Salute to Our Armed Forces is a National Color Guard event. I look forward to seeing you again next year.



Photo to left: Secretary General Joe Dooley (left), General George Washington and NSSAR Color Guard Commander Mike Tomme lead the SAR Color Guard.

Photo to right: Secretary General Joe Dooley makes remarks at the Massing of the Colors ceremony as Past Chaplin General Lou Carlson observes at the left.

Photographs by: Un Hui Yi

### *South Carolina Society*

By: Mark C Anthony  
National Trustee, SC Society

The South Carolina Society Color Guard provided a colorful backdrop for photographs after presenting colors at the 100th Anniversary meeting of the Behtheland Butler Chapter, NSDAR in Greenville, SC in November 2012. Pictured left to right: JD Norris, Dan Woodruff, Donny Carson, Mark Anthony, Will Ouvry and Commander Bob Krause. Seated is a member of the DAR chapter. Photo provided by Sherrilyn Woodruff





## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### *Washington Society*

From: Commander Bob O'Neal

The Washington Society has chartered its 7<sup>th</sup> new Chapter, the third new chapter since 2009! The new *George Washington Chapter* was chartered by 13 compatriots on January 12<sup>th</sup> at Mount Vernon, Washington, the same week that our first president was inaugurated 224 years ago. SAR Vice President General Bob Doughty and wife Jan attended and WASSAR President Jim Lindley administered the oath of office to Chapter President Eric Howard and his officers. Leading the formation of this new chapter was State Registrar John Ernest, who presented the chapter with a full sized US flag, which had been flown over George Washington's home of Mount Vernon. He then recited "A toast to the flag". An engraved gavel was presented to Chapter President Howard by Lady Teri Lindley, on behalf of the National Ladies Auxiliary and a desktop flag set was presented to President Howard by Lady Jan Doughty on behalf of the WASSAR Ladies Auxiliary. Gifts from other chapters followed. The WASSAR Color Guard commander provided an emissary from the Commander-in-Chief, wearing the General's blue sash and three stars and presenting the Chapter with Washington's HQ Flag with its 13 six-pointed stars. The Color Guard consisted of Commander Bob O'Neal and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Mick Hersey.

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WASSAR signed 71 new compatriots and the Color Guard performed in 90 uniformed events in 2012.

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The 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Washington's Birthday Memorial Celebration was held on February 18 at his statue at the University of Washington. The event is hosted by Greater Seattle DAR Regent's Council (GSDARRC) and was supported by members of the WASSAR and WACAR Societies. Wreaths were laid at the statue's base in homage to the memory of the great General and First President by several chapters of these and other patriotic societies. This statue was donated and unveiled by GSDARRC on Flag Day, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 1909. A memorial service with 70 in attendance was conducted at the nearby LDS Institute with Mr. Rod Fleck, Attorney of Forks, WA speaking on *Winter of Suffering: George Washington's Valley Forge*. A presentation of Colors and wreath laying ceremony followed at this very stately and dignified statue.



Bob O'Neal, WASSAR Color Guard commander, displays the typical kit of the Maryland Militia troops, uniformed as illustrated in "Uniforms of the American War of Independence" by Smith & Kiley.

On 14 January 1776 the Maryland State Council resolved "*that the uniform of the land forces and marines to be hunting shirts (linen)*". Marylanders were dressed in hunting shirts of various colors and wore gaiter trousers, leggings and some leather breeches. These units were either used to augment the operations of the Continental Line or in defensive positions on the flanks. A second type of service was duty on the frontier, and a third type of militia duty was in providing guards for supply depots and at various prisoner of war camps.

Pictured to the right are the accoutrements that Compatriot O'Neal's patriot ancestor, Thomas Mackelfish (1740-1805) would have carried when he served in Captain Jacob Sarer's company in Washington County, Maryland militia. These accoutrements are typical of the militiamen and state troops of Maryland. *Clockwise from the canteen onto the blue linen bunting frock:* Military cocked hat with turkey feather, three paper cartridges, pick & whisk for clearing the firing vent & pan, brass charge measure, pan measure, cleaning jag, worm screw to remove balls, plug of MD *tabacky*, clay pipe, the ubiquitous Brown Bess musket (replica), horn flask filled with rum for cold marches, weather-proof leather cartridge box holding 26 paper-wrapped 0.69 cal. cartridges, striped firing patches treated with tallow or bear grease, old bone toothbrush for cleaning, ball pouch, pistol balls, pen knife and hunting knife, powder horn, Pennsylvania ("Kentucky") pistol, & rammer lying on linen haversack, leather belt & *possibles* bag, wool garters. Having the bayonet precluded the need for a large fighting knife and hatchet, which riflemen often carried.





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### *Washington Society*

Bob Smalser, John Paul Jones Chapter, displays the kit of his ancestor, Michael Newhard (1713-1794) as a rifleman serving in a ranging company of Northhampton County, patrolling the Pennsylvania frontier during the Revolutionary War. Compatriot Smalser crafted a number of his accoutrements and gives living history lectures to schools and organizations.

Michael Newhard's (1713-1794) personal kit included a wool-blanket caped capote rolled up as a bedroll when not in use, a belt with shoulder strap, "possibles" pouch with attached small patch knife for the flintlock accessories, long knife, camp axe and pistol. Plus haversack carrying provisions, powder horn with implements and canteen, all padded to reduce noise during night operations. Normally rank-and-file didn't carry pistols, but Michael lost two close nephews serving in Thompson's and Miles' Rifle Regiments early in the war, rifles (as opposed to military muskets) were too fragile to mount bayonets, and as he had two sons serving as gunsmiths, pistols for himself and his three other sons, two grandsons and three sons-in-law also serving as riflemen would have been the kind of prudent guidance I believe Michael would have provided. There is also a small pewter flask of brandy, as after all, Michael was over 60 when he served.



Implements carried by the Revolutionary War Rifleman to make his flintlocks fire and hit reliably are shown: *Clockwise from top left*. A "Cow's Knee" lock cover, muzzle cover and a trimmed feather plugging the touch hole to keep rain away from the load. Knapping hammer to sharpen flints, screwdriver, pan brush and vent picks. Breech plug scraper, patch worm and ball worm (to unload without firing) and cleaning jag threaded for the ramrods, then called "loading sticks". The patch worm was wrapped with linen "tow" (the fluffy waste from the spinning process) for cleaning the bore using water. Flint wallet with spare flints. (A flint generally provided a hundred shots before it required reknapping.) Small knife to trim field-expedient patch material, pre-cut, pillow-ticking ball patches greased with tallow, lead balls and ball pouch. Powder horn with attached antler-tip powder measure, filled to full for the rifle and half-full for the pistol. Leather "shunts" or "stalls" are fitted to the frizzens as a safety measure to prevent accidental discharges. Not shown is the ball mold and lead ladle carried in the haversack, and the blacksmith-made arch punch and tin of tallow to pre-cut and lubricate patches.

### *Alabama Society*



By: George W Royer Jr  
President, Tennessee Valley Chapter

On December 31, 2012, the Tennessee Valley Chapter Color Guard presented the colors in connection with the playing of the National Anthem at the Huntsville, Alabama Symphony's New Year's Performance "The American Way." The Symphony's performance was a joint performance with the U.S. Army Material Command Band from Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville. Participating in the presentation of the colors were, from left to right, Tennessee Valley Chapter Color Guard members Jim Maples, Bob Anderson, Harrell Phillips, Otha "Skeet" Vaughn and Bob Baccus. The attached photograph shows the Color Guard presenting the colors at the beginning of the performance during the playing of the National Anthem.

Photo provided by Steve Babin of the Huntsville Symphony



## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### *Missouri Society*



By: James Scott, President, Independence Patriots Chapter

The Independent Patriots Chapter SAR and Corps of Discovery Society C.A.R. presented the Fire Safety Award to retired Independence, MO Fireman Paul Marvin Borden on January 20, 2013. The award was presented at Independence Fire Station Number 3 where Fireman Borden had worked. The award was presented during the Corps of Discovery Society field trip at the station.

This was a joint effort to surprise Fireman Borden by the SAR, C.A.R. and the Independence Fire Station. The firemen gave a tour of the fire trucks, station, equipment, and a fire safety talk. The children were asked to make a home escape plan for their homes in case of an emergency.

Mr Borden had been quizzed by his grandson for a "school report" to obtain information about his work history. His grandson read the "report" to the group. After the introduction, James Scott presented Fireman Borden the SAR Fire Safety Award and Medal in front of family, friends and the fire station staff.

After the field trip the meeting was continued at the Corner Café in Independence.

Photo to left: Compatriot Scott (left) with Fireman Borden  
Photo provided by: Barbara Scott

### *Arizona Society*

By George Lipphardt  
Commander, Arizona Society Color Guard

On February 9, 2013, the Arizona Society Color Guard Posted the Colors for the Boston Scientific Convention at the world famous, Arizona Biltmore Hotel in Phoenix.

The promoters had the event well choreographed with a dark room, stage, special lighting and sound, for our presentation. With the assistance of our drummer & fifer, we brought the Colors into the auditorium and Posted them to begin their program.

After we Posted the Colors, Dr. Rudy Byrd was asked to do his best Thomas Paine impression with a reading of the Town Crier, to get all of the participants excited and motivated.

Dr. Byrd announced a few official "Hear Ye!", "Hear Ye's!" and then he began with that famous quote, "These are the times that try men's souls."

The Color Guard was very well received by the audience and event promoters.



Surgeon General Rudy Byrd performs as a Town Crier to start the program.

Photo provided by: George Lipphardt



## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### *North Carolina Society*

By: Mark C Anthony, NSSAR Color Guard Adjutant

Each year as part of the annual celebration of the Battle of Cowpens, the Massed NSSAR Color Guard eats lunch at the Fatz Café located outside of Gaffney, SC. One of the highlights of this meal is the service of Carrie Deton.

Pictured to the right, Guardsman Frank Horton (NC Society) hugs Carrie Deton at the conclusion of the meal.

Photograph by: Mark C Anthony



### *123rd National Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution*

By: Mark C Anthony  
NSSAR Color Guard Adjutant

The NSSAR Massed Color Guard will once again provide a colorful backdrop at the 123rd National Congress in Kansas City.

Color Guard activities will begin on Sunday, July 7th with the annual Color Guard Breakfast. Later that day, the Color Guard will be inspected by President General Steve Leishman prior to leading the parade to the National Memorial Service.

Throughout the Congress, various Color Guard units will present colors at District meetings and provide escorts at other events. On Monday morning, the Color Guard will present colors to start the business session. That evening, Guardsman Gerald McCoy will be presented the Gold Color Guard Medal during the Awards Presentation in honor of being named Color Guardsman of the Year.

On Tuesday, the Color Guard will present colors at the beginning of the Evening Banquet. There will also be the Change in Command Ceremony where Commander Mike Tomme will transfer command to Vice Commander Mike Radcliff.

Wednesday evening will conclude with then Commander Radcliff leading the Massed Color Guard in the retirement of colors.

All guardsmen are encouraged to attend and participate in this fun and educational event.



Above: Massed Color Guard at the 122nd Congress in Phoenix.  
Below: Massed Color Guard at 121st Congress in Winston-Salem





### National Events - 232nd Anniversary of Cowpens



Photos by Thomas Hanson  
Webmaster, SC Society SAR



By: Mark C Anthony, NSSAR Color Guard Adjutant

On Saturday January 19th President General Steve Leishman became the first sitting NSSAR President General to attend the annual celebration of the Patriot victory at Cowpens. PG Leishman and Color Guard Commander Mike Tomme approximately 70 colorguardsmen from 9 state societies as they paraded to the wreath laying ceremony at the United States Monument and the subsequent wreath laying at the Washington Light Infantry Monument located on the battlefield near where General Daniel Morgan's second line was located.

The annual commemoration featured two full days of activities starting on the 18th in downtown Spartanburg, SC with a ceremony honoring General Morgan. The massed color guard that presented colors consisted of approximately 35 guardsmen from 6 societies. Later, compatriots gathered for the South Atlantic District meeting and reception. The evening concluded with the first annual Cowpens lecture at Wofford College featuring a lecture on "The Calvary of the American Revolution."

According to NPS Park Superintendent John Slaughter, the 2013 celebration was the largest in recent memory with over 5,000 attending the various events over the weekend.

### National Events - 2013 Vigil at Washington's Tomb

By: Mike Tomme, NSSAR Color Guard Commander

The 2013 Vigil at George and Martha Washington's Tomb will be held on 14 September 2013 at Mount Vernon. Additional information will be sent out as we get closer to see who will be attending this year's event. Like we did last year, the watch will start at 9:00 am and the last shift will end at 9:00 pm.

The watch is for 30 minutes at a time so that the guardsman will not over do. Please consider coming this year and join us. I will again be asking those who are attending to please give me a time or times that they would like to stand watch at the tomb. I will try to make sure that you get the times you request. I am working on the issue of the muskets. I hope that this year we will be allowed to bring them as we stand vigil.

I have below a listing of hotels in the area. I will NOT be reserving any rooms. I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your time.

- Best Western Mount Vernon / Ft Belvoir, 8751 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria
- Hampton Inn & Suites Mt Vernon / Belvoir-Alexandria South, 8843 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria
- Quality Inn & Suites near Ft Belvoir, 8849 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria
- Candlewood Suites Alexandria—Ft Belvoir, 8847 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria
- Quality Inn Mt Vernon, 7212 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria
- Days Inn Alexandria South, 6100 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria
- Springhill Suites by Marriott Alexandria, 6065 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria
- Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Alexandria-Ft Belvoir, 6055 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria
- Red Roof Inn Washington DC-Alexandria, 5975 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria
- Hampton Inn & Suites Alexandria Old Town Area South, 5821 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria



## National Events - 234th Anniversary of Kettle Creek



By James Mitchell, Texas Society Color Guard

Between Feb 8-10, 2013 in Washington, GA, TXSSAR Color Guard member James E. Mitchell and his wife, Anne, travelled to Georgia to celebrate the 234<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek held Sat., Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. The morning parade around Washington Square was led by GASSAR State President James E. Stallings, Secretary General Joseph Dooley and Color Guard Commander Mike Tomme. They stepped off the 9AM parade on a crisp, beautifully clear day with over 25 flag bearing, uniformed color guardsmen and several dozen Elijah Clarke militiamen –ALL FINE FELLOWS AND WELL ARMED.

Among the Elijah Clarke militia appear Don Thomas, with militia Cmdr., Bruce Maney and Bill Hay (and grandson, Mark) of Coweta Falls Chapter, GASSAR, who ably portrayed British Cmdr., Col. Boyd during the reenactment of the battle at Fort Washington Park. Athens Chapter member, GASSAR Jackson Guest, Mike Tomme, Sr., and James E. Mitchell of Texas Society are photographed by Charles Scott, Kentucky Society SAR member, as Col. Boyd appears fatally shot, leaving his last words upon the battlefield. A shout, “Huzzah,” was heard as the (1779) Loyalist force was routed by the unified commands of Patriot Cols., Andrew Pickens, John Dooly and Elijah Clarke.

Over 90 wreaths, including one presented by Piney Woods Chapter TXSSAR, were presented with pageantry and color later during the day (2PM) at the battleground Memorial Ceremony hosted by the Kettle Creek Battlefield Assoc., Inc., at War Hill Rd.



Top left: Compatriots parade in Washington, GA  
Bottom Left: Compatriot Mitchell renders aid to a mortally wounded Colonel Boyd during the Kettle Creek reenactment.

Photographs provided by Jim Mitchell

## National Events - 232nd Anniversary of Guilford Courthouse

By: Mark C Anthony, Adjutant, NSSAR Color Guard

The Massed National Color Guard participated at the 232nd Anniversary of Guilford Courthouse on Saturday, March 16th.



Photo left: Members of the Nathanael Greene Chapter Color Guard lead the procession. Photo by Judy Pittard

Photo above: Massed Color Guard at the base of the General Nathanael Greene Monument. Photo by Cilla Leed-Tomme

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### **National Memorial Day Parade in Washington DC**

By: Mike Elston, President, George Washington (VA) Chapter

The National Memorial Day Parade will take place Monday, May 27, at 2 p.m. in Washington, D.C. The SAR has once again been accepted as a participant in this important, televised event. This year's parade participants include Gary Sinise, Trace Adkins, J.R. Martinez (grand marshal), Miss America 2013, and marching bands from around the country.

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and a special salute to the legacy of the United States Army from 1775 to today, featuring distinguished Army veterans, The United States Army Band "Pershing's Own," and hundreds of U.S. Army and Army Reserve Soldiers.

I hope you'll be able to join your fellow compatriots at this year's parade.

The SAR has been represented in this parade every year since it was re-instituted in 2005. The unit is led by Color Guard members from many states and includes a contingent of members in our other "uniform" (blue blazers and khakis -- straw hats are optional). This year, "camp followers" in period dress are invited to bring up the rear. All compatriots are invited to participate in this great event honoring the men and women who have given their lives in service to our country.

Details on the reporting time and location will be available closer to the date of the parade. We usually assemble between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. somewhere on the National Mall, depending on our place in the parade.

If you plan to participate, or if you think you might participate, please complete the release form\* and send it by May 8 to:

Michael J. Elston  
P.O. Box 336  
Lorton VA 22199-0336

\*Do not submit the form directly to parade organizers. The form has been emailed to the commander of each state society's color guard as listed on page 5.

The deadline for submission of the SAR's forms is May 14th. In the past, they have accepted additional forms on the day of the parade, but there is no guarantee that they will do so this year. So \*please\* send your form to me now even if you are not sure that you will actually be able to attend. If you do not, there is no guarantee that you will be able to participate.

Thank you for spreading the word about this opportunity. If you have any questions about the parade, please do not hesitate to contact me at elston.sar (at) gmail.com or 703-915-9396.



NSSASR Color Guard at 2008 National Memorial Day Parade

Photo by Cindy Anthony