

# NSSAR VRC BUGLE

A Veterans Recognition Committee Newsletter  
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## **The Veterans Recognition**

**Committee** is responsible for promoting and conducting programs designed to recognize those Compatriots who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces or other military forces allied with the United States. The Committee is responsible for monitoring the requirements for presentation of the War Service Medal and Military Service Medal and for developing certificate recognition programs commemorate participation in specific armed conflicts. Members listed on page 2.

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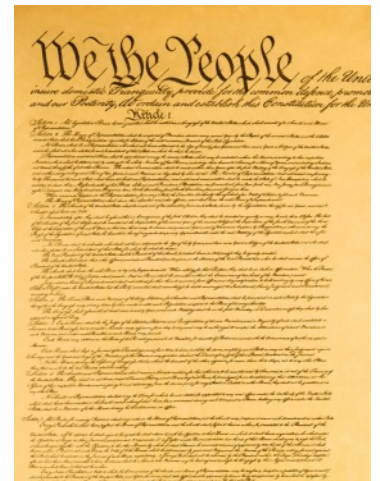
## **The United States Constitution**

The state delegates approved the draft of the Constitution on September 15, 1787. The signing was set for the very next Monday. Jacob Shallus the assistant clerk for the Pennsylvania General Assembly, agreed to engross (copy in a fine, clear hand) the document. Over the course of about 40 hours, he created an accurate transcription of the draft. He was paid \$30 for his efforts. On September 17, the document was ready for signing. Thirty-nine of the 42 men present signed the Constitution. George Washington was first, followed by each state delegation descending from north to south. George Mason, Elbridge Gerry, and Edmund Randolph refused to sign because the Constitution lacked a bill of rights. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams did not sign because they were on diplomatic missions in Europe during the convention.

**Preamble** We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

## **Constitution Week Sept. 17-23**

Constitution Week is the commemoration of America's most important document. It is celebrated annually during the week of September 17-23. This celebration of the Constitution was started by the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1955, DAR petitioned Congress to set aside September 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was later adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed into public law on August 2, 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.



**Veterans Recognition Committee 2019**

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**Blue Navy and Agent Orange**

Recently, Congress expanded the geographic limits where exposure to Agent Orange is considered presumed. Veterans who served on vessels within 12 nautical miles seaward from the demarcation line of waters of Vietnam and Cambodia as defined in Public Law 116-23 (Blue Water Navy) between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975 are presumed to have been exposed to herbicides such as Agent Orange and may be entitled to service connection for conditions related to that exposure. Exposure to Agent Orange carries a presumption of service connection for a list of specific conditions as listed in 38 Code of Federal Regulations section 3.309(e).

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For more info follow this link:  
<https://cck-law.com/blog/list-of-blue-water-navy-ships-exposed-to-agent-orange/>



PARIS — Aug. 29, 1944  
Seventy-five years ago, they helped free Europe from the Nazis. U.S. veterans went back to Paris to celebrate, and commemorate. Now in their 90's, these men aren't afraid to cry about what they saw in World War II. They want everyone to remember what happened back then, so that it doesn't happen again.







### Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States.

This is one of the Oldest Veteran's and Hereditary Associations in the Nation.

Welcome to The Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States (MOFW) we are a 501(c)4 Organization. We are one of the oldest Veterans' and Hereditary Associations in the Nation with a diverse Membership that includes Officers and their hereditary descendants from all of the Armed Services. Membership is composed of Active-duty, National Guard, Reserve and Retired Officers of the United States Armed Services, including the Coast Guard, who have served during one of the wars in which this country has engaged and/or is engaged.

The Seven Purposes of the MOFW are:

- Honor and perpetuate the names of brave and loyal men and women.
- Keep in mind the memory of their martial deeds and the victories which they helped gain.
- Strengthen the ties of fellowship among the Companions of the Order.
- Foster the cultivation of military and naval science.
- Bear true allegiance to the United States of America, based upon a paramount respect for and fidelity to the National Constitution and laws.
- Aid in maintaining national honor, union and independence.
- Foster and encourage the study of American History and particularly of American Military History, to the end that the memory of brave men and women may freely be enshrined and that we and our children may learn from the past to formulate sound policies for the present and future.

For more information use link <https://mofwus.org/>

### **Pence: 'The Bible stays' at New Hampshire veterans hospital facing lawsuit**

The Bible became part of the missing man table honoring missing veterans and POWS at the entranceway of the Manchester VA Medical Center. The Department of Veterans Affairs said the table was sponsored by a veterans group called the Northeast POW/MIA Network.

A federal lawsuit was filed in Concord in May by U.S. Air Force veteran James Chamberlain against the center's director, Alfred Montoya, saying the Bible's inclusion is a violation of the Constitution. The First Amendment stipulates "that the government may not establish any religion. Nor can the government give favoritism to one religious belief at the expense of others," according to the suit.

Chamberlain, a devout Christian, said in the lawsuit the table should be a memorial to all who have served, regardless of their beliefs. The suit said the original POW/MIA table tradition was started by a group of Vietnam combat pilots and didn't include a Bible as one of the items.

Vice President Mike Pence weighed in on a First Amendment lawsuit challenging a Bible on display at a New Hampshire veteran's hospital, saying under the current administration, "VA hospitals will not be religion-free zones."

"We will always respect the freedom of religion of every veteran of every faith," Pence said in a speech addressing the American Legion National Convention in Indianapolis on Wednesday. "And my message to the New Hampshire VA hospital is this: 'The Bible stays.'"



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### Wear your military mess dress unless you are in Color Guard

"The photographs show some of our compatriot veterans wearing their mess dress at the Houston and Costa Mesa Congresses and Leadership. Enlisted and officer compatriots from E-4 to General Officer are standing proud in the various pictures. Unless you are wearing a Revolutionary War uniform for the Color Guard we want to encourage our veteran compatriots of all ranks to wear their military dress mess at Congress and Leadership. A couple of first time attendees at Costa Mesa did not know they could wear their mess dress and thought it was a great way to show esprit de corps and the veteran influence in the SAR."





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### **Announcements, News, and Events**

News, follow this link; <https://www.sar.org/news>

SAR Foundation, follow this link; <https://www.sar.org/news/tag/SAR%20Foundation>

What will our museum look like, don't miss this.

Interpretive Plan; <https://www.sar.org/news/sar-center-interpretive-plan-members-only>

Future Congress Locations;

130th Congress - Richmond, Virginia (2020)

131st Congress - Seattle, Washington (2021)

132nd Congress - Savannah, Georgia (2022)

Future Leadership Dates;

Fall 2019 - 9/19/19 to 9/21/19

Spring 2020 - 2/27/20 to 2/29/20

Fall 2020 - 9/24/20 to 9/26/20

### **Use the links below to access:**

Compatriots in Corps by state [Veteran Corps Compatriots](#)

[Descriptions of the Six Veterans Corps](#)

Application form with instructions [The Veterans Multi-Corps Recognition Form](#)

