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His Excellency General George Washington (portrayed by Mount Vernon's official GW Interpreter Daniel Shippey) inspects the Color Guard at Cowan's Ford National Color Guard Event on 28 Jan 23. Photo by Diane Ungvarsky

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Commander's Report

Fellow color guardsmen,

It has been my great honor to have served the SAR as the National Color Guard Commander this last year. This marks my sixth year on the Command Staff and that time has been some of the best spent, most educational, and most rewarding of my time in the organization. I want to recognize and thank the Color Guard Staff for their support and ownership of the many initiatives we have undertaken this year, and I am relying on them to carry out the projects we have not yet completed. The SAR has and will continue to be well served by these Compatriots and I ask you to support them as you have me. I want to thank my wife Diane for her unconditional support during these six years, the many miles of window time, the endless history books on tape endured as we have passed the time spent travelling to National Events all over the country (Florida to Massachusetts to Indiana and most points in between), and for the awesome pictures and videos she has taken so those who cannot get to our events can see and experience them virtually. She has gone above and beyond what she signed on for when we got married.



I want to thank the State Color Guard Commanders and you, their color guardsmen, for everything they do. The miles of travel to and from meetings, training, and events is not insignificant. Nor is the cost of uniforms, muskets, and associated accoutrements. I also want to thank them for taking care of their troops and their wives, by tracking participation and submitting Silver, Von Steuben and Molly Pitcher National Color Guard Medals for approval. Keep up the great work, enforce protocols and standards, be safe, and continue to grow your Color Guards. Show the colors and people will rally to the flag.

I want to thank and challenge all the states and chapters that host National Events to embrace and grow those events. We do not hold these events for ourselves or as a way of earning Medals and Americanism Points. We do them for the public so they too can know the history of our War for Independence and the sacrifices of the men and women, our Patriot ancestors, who fought that war for a better way of life and for representative government. Start your event planning early and advertise it so people beyond the immediate chapter know about it. Color guardsmen have shown a willingness to travel great distances to support events they know about. The public, motivated by or simply curious about the buzz of the 250th Anniversary, will come to events if they are properly organized and planned. Make them celebrations, not ceremonies and partner with local schools and historical societies to grow them.

This summer at Congress I will turn over command of the National Color Guard to Vice Commander Scott Collins and the next edition of our Color Guard Magazine will be his first opportunity to address you with the plans for his command tour. The Color Guard truly is the face of the SAR and I think we have done some great things here at National to enhance how that face is seen and perceived by the public. We all put the uniforms on willingly in support of the missions of the SAR and as our way of honoring our Patriot Ancestors, however, there is always more we can do. We are blessed to be serving the SAR at an exciting time, and I look forward to continuing to serve and to sharing some post National Event beers with you in the future.

Thank you one and all,

Pro Patria,

Safe travels,

Yours In Patriotism,
Brooks NSSAR, National Color Guard Commander

Adjutant's Report

After a very successful National event at Trenton followed by another very successful National event at Princeton battlefield, we were joined by members of Pennsylvania, New York and Delaware Virginia. Our national Color Guard commander was in attendance..

I went to work with New York Color Guard members for wreaths across America in Staten Island.

Washington's birthday brought us together with the President General in Princeton, New Jersey for our annual state meeting..

At spring leadership, New Jersey society was very successful in getting another National Battlefield recognized. The Battle of Springfield.

In April, the New Jersey society will be hosting its April meeting. And then the next day descending upon Bound Brook New Jersey for the Battle of Bound Brook.

New Jersey will be submitting that for National Event status within the next couple of years. We (the New Jersey society) have quite a history at the Battle of Bound Brook.

And also many spectators who come out to see the Canon Crew of the New Jersey society Color Guard

We will be honoring that event in June in Springfield, New Jersey followed by the Battle of Monmouth also in June.

We ask that color guardsman may come to support the New Jersey society.

These National Events are very well planned. And a lot of fun for both spectators, reenactors, and Color Guardsmen.

This concludes my report.

Robert Meyer.

First Adjutant National Color Guard



SUBMISSION DEADLINES FOR STATE COLOR GUARD

JANUARY ISSUES < NO LATER THAN JANUARY 7th

April ISSUES < NO LATER THAN MARCH 31st

July ISSUES < NO LATER THAN July 7th

OCTOBER ISSUES < NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30th

SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE USED.

IF YOU KNOW THAT YOU CANNOT MAKE THE DEADLINE YOU CAN REQUEST A 3 DAY EXTENSION TO BE RECEIVED BEFORE THE DEADLINE.

Growing the Ranks of Your Color Guard

by Brian S. Barrett

This article provides advice to help state commanders grow their ranks and attract young members. Ever see a sixteen year old in a militia outfit in a formation wearing magenta colored sneakers? I did. He's my grandson Shane Barrett.

Our color guard was established in 2006. For many years it topped out at half-dozen members, most over age sixty. It usually attended state events and an occasional chapter event. Its main function was to attend grave dedications of Rev War soldiers buried in Wisconsin. While the unit served the board's purpose it was more like any another good-old-boys-club that occasionally marched in a parade. There was only token efforts made to recruit new members and everyone dressed in the same drab polyester uniform.

Times changed, guard's health slipped and participation slowed. A few forward looking guards adopted a new more attractive uniform standard and more energetic guards expanded their outreach. Our ranks grew and more public programs were added. Health was not a friend to our older members and the unit faltered once again. The ranks again sunk to a new low. Attractive uniforms wasn't the answer.

When I took command it was apparent that we needed to expand our ranks, increase outreach and adopt a strategy of sustainability. I determined that we needed new public activities, younger members and strong board support. Organizationally we decentralized command by establishing Captains in each of our five chapters. These officers were independently responsible for events and guards within their chapter jurisdiction. This worked for awhile until health and turnover took a toll. Decentralization flopped.

Our latest strategy was to relax clothing standards and add family events to our schedule. The WISSAR board approved recommendations for less stringent clothing standards and a new member category called "Auxiliary Guards." A year later we have increased our ranks by 100 %, 50% of which are under age 40. I attribute this growth to:

1. Clothing flexibility to allow guards to wear uniforms of their choosing.
2. A new category that is attractive to the young and allows non-SAR members to participate by accepting in-law fathers to accompany SAR eligible sons.
3. Adding family friendly supplemental events like living history outings or a picnic.



Simply put - young people attract young people. The only thing better than watching a parade is being in it. Buy a tricorn and invite in-laws and sons and grandsons to join your formations. Also be flexible when it comes to uniforms, shoes and attendance. Young men and boys always have competing interests. That need to be factored in. No pressure please!

Finally, don't get stuck in a rut with rules. Just because its always been the rule be flexible. The life blood of our color guard units is new members. Look for ways to attract sons and grandsons. If they were in high school band buy them a drum or fife. If they are history buffs, attend living history events, suit up and take the whole family. But, be sure the boys and men wear tricorns.



NATIONAL COLOR GUARD EVENTS FOR THE 1ST QUARTER

THE BATTLE OF COWAN'S FORD, HUNTERSVILLE, NC - 25 JANUARY 2023

The Host Mecklenburg Chapter of the North Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution were joined by His Excellency General George Washington, his Lady Martha, 25 Color Guardsmen, and 100 guests including members of the SAR,



SR, DAR and CAR to commemorate the 242nd Anniversary of the 1 Feb 1781 Battle of Cowan's Ford and the death of Brigadier General William Lee Davidson of the North Carolina Militia who was killed in the battle. It was a beautiful day at historic Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Huntersville, NC and 30 wreaths were presented in Gen Davidson's honor. The highlight for the Color Guardsmen in attendance was the Inspection of the Troops by His Excellency, General Washington, as portrayed by Mount Vernon's own Daniel Shippey. The North Carolina Society followed the event with their quarterly Board of Managers Meeting.

Why do we CELEBRATE THIS BATTLE? The delaying action at Cowan's Ford on the Catawba River was a key event during General Nathaniel Greene's famous Race to the Dan. Lord Cornwallis had burned his baggage in order to lighten the trains of his Army and set out to catch and destroy the only remaining Continental force in the south following General Daniel Morgan's defeat of LtCol Banastre Tarleton at Cowpens. Greene choreographed a masterful movement frustrating and slowly sapping both the strength and will of the British Army as he moved north towards reinforcements and safety in Virginia.

THE CROSSING OF THE DAN, SOUTH BOSTON, VA - 11 FEBRUARY 2023

Saturday morning began at 'The Prizery' in South Boston, VA with 'The Crossing of the Dan Program', hosted by The Dan River Chapter, and Emceed by Compatriot Dr Phil Williams. It was a wonderful combination of pageantry, history, and music that was open to the public. The Color Guard presented the Colors, and we were serenaded by Angela Upchurch and Jameson Harris who performed her original work, "Song of the Dan". Greetings were presented by the Town Manager of South Boston and the Mayor of Halifax, Treasurer General Darryl Addington, for the President General, and VPG Peter Davenport of the Middle Atlantic District. Then came an amazing "Music of the Revolutionary War Period" concert, by David Russell and Roland Terry.



We then celebrated the 242nd Anniversary of General Nathaniel Greene's winning of the Race to the Dan and the successful crossing of the river just ahead of the British Army with a Parade led by National and State Officers and the local Halifax HS JROTC Color Guard, Wreath Presentations at the sight of Boyd's Ferry, and Cannon



and Musket Firings in support of a reenactment of the crossing by members of the 7th Virginia Regiment. This was a great National Event and a model for others to emulate in planning and execution.

Why do we celebrate this Battle? Historically The Crossing of the Dan River was a significant event in the War in the South and a turning point in the fortunes of General Greene's

Southern Army and Lord Cornwallis' Southern Campaign. General Greene was able to rest and refit his Army there in southern Virginia. New recruits and local militia, hearing about the defeat of Tarleton rallied to the flag strengthening Greene's Army and enabling him to recross the Dan back into North Carolina and face Cornwallis again at Guilford Courthouse just 6 weeks later.

THE BATTLE OF KETTLE CREEK - WASHINGTON, GA - 11 FEBRUARY 2023

THE BATTLE OF MOORE'S CREEK BRIDGE-CURRIE, NC - 25 FEBRUARY 2023

There was a great turnout for the 247th Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge in Currie, NC on Saturday, 25 Feb 23. Over 200 participants from the SAR, DAR, CAR, BSA and members of the Scottish Rite of NC gathered at Moore's Creek Battlefield National Park to hear speakers, march in a procession that included Wreath presentations at the Ladies, Moore and Loyalist monuments along the way and culminating in a Formal Wreath Presentation Ceremony at the Patriot Monument. Along the way there were Honors presented to the



SAR Color Guard by the reenactor units present. There were many activities taking place that weekend encampments, vendors, Living History demonstrations and a reenactment of the Battle. Following the ceremonies color guardsmen and guests were invited to a wonderful pot luck luncheon at the local church.

Why do we celebrate this Battle? The Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge occurred between Patriot and Loyalist forces in North Carolina on February 27, 1776. Loyalist forces anticipated support from a British army arriving along the coast. The Patriots achieved a victory that solidified their control of North Carolina. Additionally, their victory served as a major deterrent for Loyalist support until the opening of the Southern Campaign four years later.

Before the Battle: In early 1776, British Royal Governor Josiah Martin initiated a plan to reassert control in North Carolina. Martin coordinated his efforts with Lord George Germain, the American Secretary of State, who dispatched a British army under Maj. Gen. Henry Clinton to assist Martin. In preparation for Clinton's imminent arrival off the coast, Martin issued a call to arms for all Loyalists on January 10. The men who turned out, largely of Scottish descent, assembled at Cross Creek (modern Fayetteville) under Brig. Gen. Donald MacDonald. On February 18, MacDonald broke camp and marched for the coast to rendezvous with Clinton with around 850 men. Continental Col. James Moore hoped to intercept MacDonald. Moore directed Col. Richard Caswell with a force of militia to block the Loyalists' path. Caswell ultimately assumed a position at Moore's Creek Bridge with a little

over 1050 men including artillery and swivel guns.

During The Battle: Shortly after midnight on February 27, MacDonald formed his men and headed toward the bridge. Preparing for the Loyalist approach, Caswell's men removed the bridge stringers and constructed earthworks on the east bank of the creek. The Loyalists soon ran into Caswell's pickets. As the fighting intensified, Loyalist Capt. John Campbell shouted "King George and Broadwords" and led his company across the creek. MacDonald ordered a charge and as his men approached the Patriot works, Caswell opened with rifle and artillery fire. The volleys devastated the Loyalist ranks and forced MacDonald to retreat. Elated with their success, the Patriots launched a pursuit, chasing the Loyalists from the field. The Patriots suffered 2 casualties, 1 KIA and 1 WIA. The Scots suffered 30 Killed and 20 wounded.

Aftermath: Within weeks, the Americans had captured "all suspected person" and disarmed them. The spoils included 1,500 rifles, 350 "guns and shot-bags," 150 swords and dirks, and £15,000 sterling. Some 850 "common Soldiers" and most of the Loyalists were captured. The British leaders were imprisoned or banished from the North Carolina colony. The British soldiers were paroled to their homes.

Though the battle was a small one, the implications were large. The American victory demonstrated the surprising strength in the countryside, discouraged the growth of Loyalist sentiment in the Carolinas, spurred revolutionary feeling throughout the American colonies and emboldened the Second Continental Congress to move toward independence from Great Britain later in the year.

Background Information found on the American Battlefield Trust and the American Revolutionary War Web Sites.

**SPRING LEADERSHIP MEETING - LOUISVILLE, KY - 2-3 MARCH 2023
SEE MINUTES PAGE**

LAST NAVAL BATTLE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION - MERRITT ISLAND, FL - 11 MAR 2023

THE BATTLE OF GUILFORD COURTHOUSE- GREENSBORO, NC - 15 MARCH 2023

Thanks to the Battle of Guilford Courthouse Chapter of the North Carolina Society for hosting the 242nd Anniversary Celebration of the Battle on Wednesday 15 March. This is the first full up recognition since before the Pandemic, and it was



great to get back to that beautiful park again. Thanks to all for sharing. There were close to 30 Color Guardsmen who showed up from Arizona, Tennessee, Kentucky, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, and the host state of North Carolina, including Vice President General South Atlantic District George Strunk, NC President Jay DeLoach, NC Color Guard Commander Stephen McKee, National CG Commander Brooks Lyles, National CG Vice Commander Scott Collins, Safety and Training Officer Brett Osborn and Assistant Quartermaster Patrick Wesolosky. A great day to be wearing wool and to be honoring our Patriot Ancestors.

Why do we celebrate this Battle? The Battle of Guilford Courthouse, while technically a British victory because they held the field at the end of the day, was in reality the beginning of the end of the British Army's Southern Campaign. Greene, using tactics similar to those Morgan used at Cowpens, fought the British to a stand-

still and then retired his Army from the field to “Fight again another day”. But it was a Pyrrhic victory for the British as they suffered almost 25% casualties. Cornwallis retired to the coast to refit and consider his next move, eventually deciding to go to Virginia and Greene reoccupied the back country of the Carolinas and drove the British forces left in the south to the coastal ports of Wilmington, Charleston and Savannah.

THE BATTLE OF THOMAS CREEK - JACKSONVILLE, FL - 25 MARCH 2023

On 25 March of this year Color Guardsmen from Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina honored the Patriots who fought at the Battle of Thomas Creek at this Annual National SAR event held outside Jacksonville, FL. The event was hosted by the Jacksonville Chapter and emceed by David Ramseur. Participants from the SAR, DAR



and CAR presented Wreaths and they and other guests enjoyed a welcome from the Mayor of Jacksonville and a short presentation by historian Dr. Roger Smith followed by a Musket Salute.

Why do we celebrate this Battle? In May 1777, 400 soldiers from the Continental Army and 165 members of the Georgia militia organized in Sunbury, Georgia, just north of the Florida border for an expedition into British East Florida in retaliation for raids conducted by British Loyalists. Traveling by water, the Continentals



encountered British troops at Amelia Island, which delayed their rendezvous with the Georgia militia who traveled by land. On May 17, a small force of 109 Georgia militia men was ambushed by a mixed force of British Army, Loyalist militia, and Native Americans near the mouth of Thomas Creek in Northeast Florida. Lieutenant Colonel John Baker of the Georgia forces and 41 of the Georgia militia men survived the battle. The encounter was the first major engagement and the second of three failed attempts by American forces to invade British East Florida. It is considered the southernmost battle of the American Revolutionary War.



NATIONAL EVENTS

By Brooks Lyles and Ken Goodson

What are the Duties and Responsibilities of Chapters and State Societies when they are the host of an approved National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Historic Event or Celebration?

HOW ARE NATIONAL EVENTS ESTABLISHED?

A National Event has been approved by the National Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee following a request and presentation by a State Society. There are strict protocols and host expectations that allow the event to remain an NSSAR National Event. The format for that initial application is inserted below and provides context for what is considered a National Event.

APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL EVENT STATUS

Event: Battle of...

Date: MM/DD/YYYY

Location: Address (and GPS Coordinates if available)

1. A recognized battle or event of the Revolution must have occurred at or near the proposed location.
2. Evidence of participation by multiple National SAR State Societies or Chapters and other organizations at the event.
3. The history of the event and indicators that it will continue into the future.
4. Information about the battle.
5. In a state with no Revolutionary War battle or event sites, an explanation as to why the proposed event should be considered of national significance.

Once a new National Event has been approved and added to the National Color Guard's List of National Events it becomes the responsibility of that Host State Society and Host Chapter (if assigned by the state) to continue to maintain the event at the same standards initially required to become a National Event.

National Events do not just happen, and the check listed below will help make sure you are ready to conduct (and keep) a National Event.

PRE-EVENT PLANNING

1. When hosting an event planning should start no later than six months prior to the date.
2. The State or Chapter President should form an event committee, assign a Chairman, and if it is not the State or Chapter Color Guard Commander, the Chair should include him in the process and consult regularly.
3. The site will be visited, and a local contact (National Park Service Ranger, Site Manager or Groundskeeper) identified and brought into the planning. Dates and times will be established, and event restrictions clarified.
4. Early in the planning the President General, National Color Guard Commander, and District Vice President General are to be invited to attend. Appropriate Protocol for National and State Officers and guests from the SAR, CAR and other Heritage organizations should be followed.
5. A detailed Event Flyer with individual and Wreath Registration information will be submitted to the Editor of the Color Guard Magazine for inclusion in the next edition.
6. Local Media and Newspapers are to be contacted requesting coverage.
7. Social Media posts advertising the event should be made.
8. Local Officials (Mayor, State and Federal Representatives and other appropriate Leaders) are to be contacted and asked to attend and depending on the event may be asked to speak.
9. A program agenda will be prepared and printed for distribution at the event.
10. Streamers for wreath presenters and/or participating Color Guardsmen should be ordered.

DURING THE EVENT

1. If the President General is attending it is appropriate to have his Commander In Chief's Flag posted and his State Flag integrated into the Color Guard.

2. If the PG is unable to attend, he may designate someone to attend as his representative, generally a National Officer or District VPG.

3. If the District VPG attends he outranks any other National SAR General Officers, with the exception of the PG.

4. If a member of the National Color Guard Staff is present, he assumes command of the combined Color Guard. Etiquette generally followed is for the host State or Chapter Color Guard Commander to ask the National Command Staff member if he would like to command. If he declines, Command is the responsibility of the senior State or Chapter CG Commander.

5. During the event the Commander in charge is positioned to the right front and the second ranking member to his left. If command is declined, the National Command Staff Officer marches to his left, but as the second ranking officer.

AFTER THE EVENT

The event is not really over when the ceremony ends. An internal after-action review ought to be done by the host while memories are fresh to determine what was done well and where things can be done better, or more efficiently. For example, mistakes in guest or flag protocols, uniform or wreath presentations, or safety issues should be noted, and corrective actions taken or counseling done within the hosting society or chapter.

The last action required is to submit the National Color Guard Reporting Form (inserted below) is to be completed by the host and submitted to the National Color Guard Staff and the Chairman of the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee Chairman. The reports are used by National to determine if the events are being properly supported and if not why. Events that are not being properly held or reported are in danger of having their National Event Status revoked.

NATIONAL COLOR GUARD EVENT REPORTING FORM

1. Name of Event:
 2. Location of Event:
 3. Day of Week and Date of Event:
 4. Estimated number in attendance:
 5. as the non-participant public present:
 6. Was event In-person, Virtual, or Both:
 7. What platform was used to support the virtual event:
 8. Name(s) of Organization(s) who organized this event:
 9. Was SAR the primary organizer:
 10. Names of SAR Chapters represented:
 11. Names of SAR State Societies Represented:
 12. Names of NSDAR Chapter represented:
 13. Names of NSDAR State Societies Represented
 14. Names of C.A.R. Societies represented:
 15. Names of other Organization represented:
 16. What National Society SAR current General officers (include VPGs) were present:
 17. Date invitation sent to National Society SAR General Officers:
 18. What National Society SAR current Color Guard Command staff were present:
 19. Date invitation sent to National Society SAR Color Guard Command Staff:
 20. Where was event pre-publicized:
 21. Where was event post-publicized:
 22. Was the National Society SAR 250th Flag present and carried by the Color Guard?
 23. Was the America 250 Project or the upcoming Sesquicentennial mentioned during the program:
 24. Projected date for next year's event (subject to change):
 25. Data Compiled by:
 26. Date report sent to National:
- Submitted By:
Date:

SUMMARY

Hosting a National Event is both work and a privilege. It is one of the many ways we "Honor Our Patriot Ancestors". In order to retain that privilege Chapters and State Leaders and Color Guard Commanders must all do their very best to conduct their events to the standards outlined in this forum. The reports and guides referenced here will be added to the National Color Guard Web Page at <https://www.sar.org/committees/color-guard-committee/> and will be available to you to download and use. The National Color Guard Staff is here to help you plan and conduct the best possible event you can. If you need help, please reach out to any one of us and we will do everything we can to help you host a great event.



The Pensacola Chapter, Florida Society

Sons of the American Revolution

Invites your group to the

2023 BATTLE OF PENSACOLA COMMEMORATION AND GALVEZ DAY CELEBRATION

Monday, May 8, 2023



On May 8, the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard will once again present the opening procession for the Galvez Day Celebration sponsored by the **Pensacola Heritage Foundation**. The Color Guard will muster at 09:30 AM (Central) at Fort George (501 N. Palafox Street) and march down Palafox Street to one of the largest monuments in the United States to General Bernardo de Galvez as the opening ceremony of Pensacola's Galvez Day celebration. All participating Color Guard Units will receive a **BATTLE OF PENSACOLA FLAG STREAMER**.

Additional information (including information on blocks of hotel rooms) can be found at

www.pensacolasar.org/index.php/events/battle-of-pensacola-commemoration

Please use the form below to register your participation in the events. Color guard unit position will be based on the order in which reservations are received. **For questions email: battle@pensacolasar.org**

RESERVATION FORM

Society Name: _____

Chapter or Organization Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

How does the group wish to be announced?

Number attending each event:

_____ Color Guard Procession (May 8th 10:30 Central – Muster at 09:30)

Please send your completed form to battle@pensacolasar.org

or mail to:

Pensacola SAR

c/o Chris Washler

3400 Connell Drive, Pensacola FL 32503

VASSAR Liability AND Black Powder Insurance

By Richard E. Rankin
Past President, George Washington Chapter
Virginia Society, SAR

Last year, VASSAR purchased a General Liability Policy with an insurance company to provide protection for events arising from VASSAR mission activities, as a non-profit organization. Unfortunately, upon further examination, this insurance company never confirmed in writing that the liability coverage extended to firing events by our VASSAR Color Guard (CG).

In June 2022, the VASSAR President authorized a special insurance committee be appointed to address the liability insurance issue. The Chairman is the VASSAR CG Commander and includes two Compatriots who are licensed insurance agents.

The VASSAR Insurance Committee initiated a search to find an insurance company which would agree to underwrite third party liability coverage (for both bodily injury and property damage) for VASSAR, the entity, and the activities of our VASSAR Color Guard members who conduct the firing of blank cartridges using black powder at VASSAR or non-VASSAR sanctioned events.

As we learned, several other state societies have retained Lockton (an insurance broker) to arrange third party liability coverage for their State Society's Color Guard ac-

non-VASSAR SAR members from other state societies request to participate in a VASSAR CG musket firing. However, the VASSAR insurance coverage does not extend to non-VASSAR members, such as private citizens, DAR, CAR, or non-VASSAR re-enactors. One option is to decline any offers to participate (due to zero coverage) or request the non-VASSAR member to present to the VASSAR CG Commander, a written and valid Certificate of Insurance (COI) from an insurance company confirming their coverage extends to the specific member(s) and scheduled event within 48 hours prior to an event.

The second and even larger issue related to the policy exclusion called the Explosives Exclusion, for which many insurance companies assume a very broad interpretation. The standard exclusion applies to the distribution... sales... or use of explosives or explosive devices. Obviously, the key question is whether this exclusion applies to the handling and discharge of black powder explosives? Our insurance company confirmed their narrow interpretation: namely that the exclusion does not apply to black powder firings of blank cartridges by muskets or rifles. The insurance company stated in writing that the Explosives Exclusion is intended to apply to the use of fireworks, TNT or C-4.



From an administrative standpoint, Lockton is structured to service their accounts on a real-time basis. Any requests for VASSAR to provide a host event sponsor a Certificate of Insurance (COI) evidencing VASSAR insurance coverage, must be submitted to Lockton within 3 business days prior to the sponsored event. Also, Lockton provides a 1-888 claims reporting number for real-time claims/incident notification to Lockton. The Lockton claims numbers supports and compliments the VASSAR Accident Report Form currently available to all VASSAR CG members and chapters.

As Lockton quickly realized during their review of our application, VASSAR is fully committed to loss control, whereby we seek to reduce both the frequency and severity of injury or property type losses.

Our risk management protocol includes regularly scheduled in-person CG workshops stressing practices and procedures to ensure that safety is first and always. Color Guard training is supplemented by safety and

training videos available to CG commanders posted on our SAR website, our SAR Facebook page and YouTube. The safety of VASSAR color guardsmen, participants and guests at CG public events is paramount.

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activities. Lockton is the world's largest privately held insurance brokerage firm. Lockton operates in over 100 locations and in 125 countries. Lockton currently employs over 9,000 people worldwide and its 2021 global revenues exceed \$ 2.2 billion. Our choice was to select Lockton, as our broker. Our insurance underwriter, Acceptance Indemnity Insurance Company, is A.M. Best, rated as A- (which is Excellent).

An early encouraging sign in the negotiation process was the fact that the insurance underwriter knew the difference between a musket and a rifle! We quickly structured a policy for black powder firings which applied to all VASSAR members in good standing (e.g. their membership had not expired); coverage extended to VASSAR and non-VASSAR firing events in Virginia or outside Virginia, as reported by the VASSAR CG Commander to Lockton (the coverage travels with you); the elimination of any policy deductibles; and the Deposit Premium would be based on the initial listing of declared VASSAR events for the policy year. The deposit premium will be audited at the end of the policy year (in July), as to the final, final number of VASSAR reported events during the policy year; and a premium adjustment would be made accordingly. The negotiation also addressed two other important issues: first, from time-to-time,

training videos available to CG commanders posted on our SAR website, our SAR Facebook page and YouTube. The safety of VASSAR color guardsmen, participants and guests at CG public events is paramount.

VASSAR has always been committed to a safety-centric culture from the bottom to the top with the Color Guard. Our North Region Color Guard Commander also serves as the National Society Color Guard Safety Officer and has received the full support from our National and Virginia Color Guard Commanders.

We will continue our commitment to loss control programs within our chapters to enhance our risk management protocol of minimizing risks. We will also seek more favorable insurance coverage terms during our coverage renewal scheduled in June. For now, Lockton has demonstrated itself to be a supportive partner and risk advisor to our insurance needs and to the VASSAR mission.

(Photo: VASSAR Color Guard firing a Musket Volley. Credit: Col. James Wood II Chapter)



Editorial

I am aware that the deadlines for issues especially January and July involve a time crunch for the state commanders/submitters and for me. I can't start compiling the issue (putting articles on pages) **until I get all** of the state content since I list the state articles alphabetically. It takes at least two whole days to compile and recheck the placement of text and photos.

To hopefully make it easier on you, the state submitters and me, I will extend the delivery deadline to an extra 7 days into the issue month, e.g., For January Issues - 7th; For July issues - 7th; For April the deadline (hard) is March 31st; Same for October Issues - September 30th (hard) The time frame for the activities/events is till the preceding 3 months. For the January 2023 issue, color guard activities from October 1st to December 31st should be what's submitted.

Attention all Guardsmen and Commanders

the SAR Museum Board needs your help

The SAR needs to get the word out that the Museum Board is looking for artifacts to place in the soon-opening SAR Education Center and Museum. Please pass this information to all your State Guardsmen and Commanders.

As you know, the Ed Center and Museum is planning to open for our Nation's 250th Anniversary Celebration in July 2026. A significant part of the museum is artifacts to help show what life was like during the Revolutionary War period. The SAR



Museum Collection aspires to tell the full breadth of people, events, and ideas that shaped the American Revolution and Founding Era for current and future generations. Artifacts are featured in Outreach Education programing, lesson plans, and on the SAR Education website (education.sar.org) and will appear in the Museum

Gallery. Students, communities, and SAR members across the country can expand their understanding of history through the stories hidden within each artifact. The SAR welcomes donations of appropriate historical artifacts from and related to the era of the American Revolution (1763-1801).

Growth of the SAR Museum Collection is dependent on donor support. The Artifact Donor Program was created in 2019 to meet the goal of expanding the Collection. Through the Artifact Donor Program, the SAR identifies authentic and desirable artifacts in museum quality condition offered by reputable dealers. These artifacts are placed on a curated wish list that donors may review at any time through this link.

Acting as liaison, the SAR guides donors through the process of selection, purchase, and donation of a meaningful artifact. Participation in the Artifact Donor Program



can be as simple as selecting an artifact from the wish list and making the associated contribution; SAR representatives will take care of the rest. Individuals, Chapters, Guardsmen Units, State Societies, and non-SAR affinity groups have made invaluable additions to the SAR Museum Collection through the Artifact Donor Program.

In support of the Artifact Donor Program, the Curator's Discretionary Fund was established in 2021 to allow the SAR to act quickly when significant objects come up for sale or at auction. Monetary contributions support these efforts and ensure the SAR captures important opportunities.



Whether you donate an object from your private collection or choose one through the Artifact Donor Program, you can specify the credit line that will appear in perpetuity anytime the object is exhibited or

shown in programs. The value of donations to the SAR Museum Collection may be tax-deductible according to state and federal law. Please consult your advisors for guidance.

If you possess artifacts that you feel would enrich the SAR Museum Collection or would like to participate in the Artifact Donor Program, please contact us:

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Link to Artifact Donor Program wish list: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1s5WyHzV-vh5YSCcbNf17dZMUqbxt874m4/view>



Leadership Past and Present, Standing on the shoulders of those who served'

by Compatriot and Colorguardsman Bob Hawcroft

Memorial Day

Memorial Day was NOT put in place by a President. However, it became, firmly and finally, established as a national holiday in 1971, through an act of Congress. Although, it has shown up on the calendar for far more than just a couple of years. (Some say as early as May of 1865. One account has the first "official" observance being held @ Arlington National Cemetery in 1868.) It is A Day known to many as Decoration Day. A day to Remember. A day set aside to purposefully NOT "celebrate" anything; anything that is but the freedom to remember the sacrifices of generations of men and women that donned a uniform in service to their family, friends and the citizens of their community.

ALL made sacrifices. These sacrifices may have been as seemingly insignificant as giving up "creature comforts". Regardless, THEY were willing!! As the saying goes, "ALL gave some. Some... gave ALL".

Their sacrifices, great or small, were made to obtain and maintain the FREEDOM to assemble together peaceably and exercise the FREEDOM to speak and read speeches. A FREEDOM to bear arms. A FREEDOM even to discharge arms, lawfully AND in the presence of many...many that have taken the oath to "Protect and Serve"...be it in the community as public, freely elected, officials or local law enforcement or fire fighters or other first responders and yes even municipal employees. There are some that may not have taken such an oath. Nevertheless they still serve their community as Library staff and DPW workers. Others participated by "ministering" to their community as members and leaders of "The Faith Community". Today ALL those mentioned above as well as a number of other good citizens, whether unsuspecting passers by or from far away, gathered. Service to God, Family and Country.

It is not lost, on the writer of this article and many other individuals, that the ironies of this entire time of remembrance and reflection, on this day was God ordained. Families and Community were both friendly AND engaging. On this day, I observed a true reflection of all the good things about Our Country that Colonel Hamtramck desired for our young Nation, but probably could have never imagined.

In addition to making the arrangements for this event, Compatriot Raya also acquired and donated a "period correct" SAR cemetery marker. It has been installed, in concrete, alongside an SR Medallion and a Bronze memorial plate from the DAR.

We truly had the opportunity to, both figuratively and somewhat literally, stand upon the shoulders of servant leadership!

Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Ceremony



The Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter
Kentucky Society

Sons of the American Revolution
invites you to attend the Memorial Service for the
241th Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks

Saturday, 19 August, 2023 @ 10 a.m. EDT
Blue Licks Battlefield State Park
10299 Maysville Road, Carlisle, KY
(Color Guard muster at 9:00 a.m.)

Join us in this National Color Guard
event by presenting a wreath, carrying
your state flag or participating in the
flintlock gun salute.

Contact Scott Giltner – stgilt@earthlink.net to register.

Accommodations

Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park
10299 Maysville Rd.
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<https://guestrez.megasyshms.com/JN39V/blue-licks-battlefield-state-resort-park>

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FLAG MUSEUM

In January 2017 the WASSAR Spokane SAR Flag Museum opened the doors to the public. It began with 60 historic flags and 25 posters. The collection now contains 3 manikins in uniforms, 32 posters and 125 flags along with the living history trunks, rifles, muskets, tomahawks, etc. Throughout the years the museum has been operated by the Spokane SAR Color Guardsman.

Stan Wills, a Navy veteran and active member of the historical group, Sons of the American Revolution, was working a booth at a fair. While showing artifacts to visitors, he started asking kids trivia questions about the American flag.

I'd ask them simple questions like, "What colors are our flags?" or "How many stripes are on the flag?", or "How many stars are on the flag?", Wills said. "And they couldn't answer. The sad part was they would turn around to their parents and say, "Mom, what is the answer because I want to get a prize?" And their moms would say, "We learned that is school but I don't remember what it is anymore."

Compatriot Wills bought half a dozen historic flags and started providing presentations in schools where he would teach the history of the American flag. Pretty soon people made donations and he would go out and buy more flags.

Wills said that there are only three museums in the U.S., that are solely dedicated to the flags and his is the only one in the western part of the country.

When Wills was acquiring flags and delivering presentations, he wanted a place where he could house the flags and make a more permanent display. In 2009, Wills went on a radio program and asked the community if there were any organizations that would donate a building for a flag museum.

The Fairmont Memorial Association first gave him an old building to use at Fairmont Cemetery, behind the Veterans Administration Hospital. He was there for four years. At the time Wills had between 30 – 40 flags, but he kept getting more of them. He needed a bigger space. So the Fairmont Memorial Association offered him a 20 by 30 – foot garage at the Pines Cemetery in Spokane Valley. He has been there ever since.

There are flags everywhere in the museum. They are draped from the walls and attached to flag poles. Most of them are variations of the U.S. flag that everyone is familiar with. But Wills has a variety of State flags and flags from other countries. Wills has the museum set up in a way that tells the history of the America through its flags. The first flag he shows is Spain's flag, representing Christopher Columbus. He then has a series of British flags and then early U.S. flags.

"The American flag evolved how most flags evolve," he said. "Our first flags just

had 13 stars and then they took a flag that had 13 stripes and married them to give us a flag that had 13 stripes and 13 stars. And then Betsy Ross came along and made the Betsy Ross flag."

Wills also displays flags that commemorate the wars the U.S. has fought in, including the Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Since Wills was young, he said he has been a fan of history. In his later years he has found that he loves teaching others about history and thinks flags are a great way of doing it.

"All of the flags tell a story and you can learn American history through the flags," Wills said.

Wills is trying to collect every version of the U.S. flag that changed with new states were added.

"When Washington State became a state, the flag had 43 stars on it," Wills said. "Now I have a 43 – star flag."



Wills said it is difficult for him to choose his favorite flag. Yet he said he loves the Lewis and Clark trade flag that they gave to the Native Americans. It has 12 red and white stripes like the regular U.S. flag, but in the blue canton it has an eagle that is holding an olive branch.

Besides displaying flags and teaching history, Wills offers flag related services including flag retirements, old flag appraisements, and answer questions regarding the Flag Code and the proper ways to display it.

When it comes to retiring flags, Wills does not take it lightly. With scout troops he has retired hundreds of flags. He performs the ceremony at the cemetery and brings in wood from Mt Vernon (George Washington's Home) or Arlington Cemetery.

"We always retire the flag in the name of a veteran," Wills said. "And if they are available I'll get a bagpiper or a buglar. Sometimes we even get a musket salute."





SAFETY

New Safety Officer - Brett Osborn

Those Leather Thingies and Musket Firing



I've found more names for one of our safety items for firelocks; aka Hammers Stalls, Hammer Slatts, Frizzen Guards, Cases for the Hammers, Leather Cover, Thumb Stalls and Hammer Caps.

Looking at the historical documentation with these items starting with the French & Indian War (Seven Years War) in which several our American Patriot leader would have been exposed to the use of hammer stalls with firelocks are the following quotes:

"Safety was an important issue. Accidental discharges were frequent, and occasionally resulting in the wounding or death of a fellow soldier, as General Jeffery Amherst noted in June 1758:"

"A man of mine wounded and one of Bragg's wounded by his firelock going off".¹

"Captain James Stewart of the 42nd Regiment gave the following order in February of 1760:

"The mens arms to be put in perfect repair and to be completed in stoppers, pickers, brushes and hammer caps...."²

"Captain Robert Stewart of the Virginia Regiment writing to George Washington in March 1761 wrote": "... the Nature of the Service we are likely to be employ'd in, will in some measure dispense with bayonets, we can make Lock Covers of Cow Hides, and Hammer Slatts of Deer Skines &ca"³

Bennett Cuthbertson wrote "...On Service, leather Hammer-stalls are undoubtedly an

advantage to a Battalion, when loaded, and resting on their Arms, as accidents may be prevented by having them fixed upon the hammers of the Firelocks..."⁴

"As a safety precaution, a leather "hammer stall" or "thumb stall" was issued, which place over the hammer to prevent sparks should the flint strike it accidentally. Captain Robert Orme recorded in his journal on 2 July 1755: "...an officer of a company is to see at retreat beating that the men fix on their thumb stalls".⁵



Then we have the historical documentation of hammer stall use in the Revolutionary War period:

NEWS @ SIX, MUSKET DISCHARGED IN MUSEUM

By Timothy Pickering (1775), Extracts from the Orders of the Late General Wolfe:
“As the muskets are so soon loaded on any alarm, the regiments are to avoid the waste of ammunition, and frequent mischief that happens by their being loaded in the bell-tents: [leathern] cases for the hammers of the muskets must be provided, that the arms may not go off and do harm.”⁶

British General James Wolfe was killed in the Battle for Quebec in 1759 during the French and Indian (Seven Years) War. This is documentation of the use of hammer stalls (frizzen cover) by Crown Forces prior to the Revolutionary War. The bell tents were cone shaped tents with a central pole with cross bars to hold muskets. This provided cover from weather and a place to stack loaded arms in the company area. The problem mentioned is soldiers would carelessly put all the muskets on one side by the bell tent entrance causing muskets and/or tent to fall and sometimes the muskets would discharge in the camp area. Hence the safety concern.

Orderly book of Col Meredith, Virginia Militia Serving on Home Defense
“July 11th 1776 Parole Hampton That each Soldier make a Leather cover to the Steel of his gun which is to be kept on the same--each man Provide himself with an oyl Cloth which he is to keep constantly by him to Prevent his Arms from taking rust-The Quarter Master is Directed to make application to thos Persons who may kill any Mutton or Lambs for the Legs, which are to be Served to the Different Companies to oyl the inside of their Locks.”⁷

The reproduction hammer stall, also called a Frizzen cover with 18th Century use per Roy Najecki a purveyor (sutler) of Crown Forces accessories and is one of the first to reproduce and market copies of 18th Century hammer stalls. He cites as sources there was a russet leather Prussian hammer stall example found in a Russian army museum and later a pile of original buff leather hammer stalls was found in an Austrian castle with a period tent. He also references Morier’s British Grenadier Guards painting circa 1751. This 18th Century painting of the Coldstream and 3rd Foot Guards, shows dark brown covers on the hammers of their muskets, attached by a matching strap.

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/0/0d/David_Morier_%281705%E70%29_-_Grenadiers%2C_1st_and_3rd_Regiments_of_Foot_Guards_and_Coldstream_Guards%2C_1751_-_RCIN_405597_-_Royal_Collection.jpg

I have found documentation on hammer stalls for the 18th century, including use by American forces. However, to date, I’ve found no period drill manuals indicating what to do or use hammer stalls. This creates the current problem with NSSAR Color Guardsmen who walk around with the hammer stalls hanging from their firelocks like a wind chime or a high school mortar board tassel. When questioned I’ve heard responses from Guardsmen that they don’t do it that way or not needed when firing.

What is the purpose of a hammer stall? Merely to have possession of it to pass and inspection? Where should it be positioned? Let’s confirm that the hammer stall is the safety for your firelock. Assume all firelocks are loaded until confirmed. After loading your firelock, yes, the hammer stall should be on until directed by firing detail commander to “Make Ready”.

Putting it in context with modern Color Guards, they have M-1, M-14, or M-16 rifles, (leave out the blank adapters) they can be manually cycled to fire blank rounds. Load blank cartridges in the rifles via clip or magazine. Chamber a blank round. Feel safe to walk around in a banquet room or crowd without the safety on? We use safeties on our modern rifles, lets continue with our 18th Century firelocks and use the hammer stall safety for our NSSAR Color Guard events.

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Very Respectfully,
Brett Osborn

As Chairman of the NSSAR Reenactor/Living History Liaison Subcommittee and Safety Officer of the NSSAR Color Guard, I am forwarding this information I received from a reenacting unit I belong to in New England:

“I just want to let you all know that there was an incident in Westford yesterday (March) that made the WCVB Channel 5 news today...

In short, the 6th Middlesex Regiment, representing Westford, Billerica, Chelmsford, and other towns, held a drill INSIDE the Westford Historical Society’s Westford Museum yesterday. Unfortunately, one of their members showed up with a fully loaded musket, including a musket ball. He did not remember that he had loaded it a couple of months ago. During drilling, he put the musket at full cock, pulled the trigger, and fired. Even though the gun had no powder in the pan, a random spark from the flint striking the steel ignited the main charge and fired the musket ball into the museum. It went through a 6x6 wood post, into the second floor, and lodged in a wall. By the grace of God, nobody was injured.



Apparently, an ex-reenactor was visiting the museum and narrowly missed being hit by the ball. The police got involved, confiscated the musket, and then Channel 5 showed up.

Members of the public were present, including children. Fortunately, no injuries. The local news station (WCVB Channel 5) media coverage includes an interview with the museum director. WCVB: <https://www.wcvb.com/article/musket-discharge-westford-museum-massachusetts/43368729>

I constantly talk about safety, and it is apparent from this incident that there was a breakdown, and we must all be diligent and attentive to prevent such incidents.

There is one suggestion to add to this scenario, that if practicing firing drills an alternative is to use a wooden flint. This was a Revolutionary War practice in Baron von Steuben’s Revolutionary War Drill Manual, Chapter VI, Article 2, “*In all exercises in detail, the men will use a piece of wood, instead of a flint.*” These can be acquired from sutlers like: G. Gedney Godwin, Inc. for \$1.25 each or Roy Najecki for \$.50 each. I’ve made them out of wood shims or cut up pieces of wooden paint stirrers.

This incident means we all must be responsible and being attentive to inspecting all firelocks at all events. This year at two NSSAR events, Cowpens and Guilford Court House we had one participant show up with a flintlock rifle, no flash guard, no hammer stall. When conducting the Search Firelock, he had a wooden ramrod. While neither event was a firing event, he was informed that he was missing two safety items and both times he responded he used his rifle for hunting. This means he has fired ball with his firelock. This is why we do safety checks. Due diligence!

National Color Guard Events - 2021 - 2022

HISTORIC Date	Color Guard Event	Location	Host
January 3	Princeton, the Ten Crucial Days	Priceton, NJ	New Jersey
January 1?	Battle of Cowpens	Chesnee, SC	Daniel Morgan SAR
February 1	Battle of Cowans Ford	Huntersville, NC	Mecklenburg SAR
February 14	Battle of Kettle Creek	Washington, GA	Georgia
February 14	Crossing of the Dan	South Boston, VA	Virginia
February 22	Washington Birthday Parade	Laredo, TX	Texas
February 27	Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge	Currie, NC	North Carolina
March 10 (3/18 2023)	Last Naval Battle of the Revolution	Merritt Island, FL	Florida
March 15	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC	North Carolina
April 12	Halifax Resolves	Halifax, NC	North Carolina
April 18	Patriot's Day	Nationally	
April	Frederica Naval Action -close 4/19	St. Simons Island, Georgia	
May 8	Battle of Pensacola	Pensacola, FL	Florida
May 11	Raid on Martin's Station	Ewing, VA	Virginia
May 16	Armed Forces Day		
May 17 (3/25 2023)	Battle of Thomas Creek	Jacksonville, FL	Florida
May 29	Memorial Day events *	Various locations	
May 27	Battle of Fort San Carlos	Ste. Genevieve,	Missouri
May 27	Buford's Massacre	Lancaster, SC	General Francis Marion SAR
June 5	Battle of Ramsour's Mill	Lincolnton, NC	Catawba Valley SAR
June 11	Action at Machias	Machias, ME	Maine
June 17	Battle of Bunker Hill	Charlestown, MA	Massachusetts SAR
June 28	Battle of Monmouth	Monmouth Cty, NJ	New Jersey SAR
July 4 every year	Let Freedom Ring / July 4th Events *	Various locations	
August 2	Siege at Fort Laurens	Bolivar, OH	
August 19	Battle of Blue Licks	Carlisle, KY	Kentucky
August 27	Battle of Long Island	Brooklyn	New York
September 6	Battle of Groton Heights	Groton, CT	Connecticut
September 8	Battle of Eutaw Springs	Eutawville, SC	South Carolina
September 25	Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Elizabethton, TN	Tennessee
September 18	Vigil at George Washington's Tomb	Mt Vernon, VA	
October 4-6	Point Pleasant Battle Days	Point Pleasant, WV	West Virginia
October 6	Chestnut Neck	Port Republic, NJ	NJ
October 7	Battle of Kings Mountain	Blacksburg, SC	Kings Mountain SAR (NC) / Daniel Morgan SAR (SC)
October 17	Battle of Saratoga	Stillwater, NY	Empire State
October 19	Yorktown Days	Yorktown, VA	Virginia
October 22	Red Bank Battlefield	National Park, NJ	NJ
November 11	Veterans Day Events *	Nationally	Various
November -	Siege of Fort Morris - 3rd Saturday	Sudbury, Georgia	
December 9	Battle of Great Bridge	Norfolk, VA	Virginia
December TBD	Wreaths Across America	Various Locations	
December 26	Battle of Trenton	Trenton, NJ	New Jersey
Events that can occur on random dates throughout the year			
	Massing of the Colors		
	Fields of Honor / Healing Field		
	Honor Flight		
	Liberty Tree Planting / Dedication		
	Washington's Birthday - February		
The following National Meetings are considered National events by Color Guard Policy due to the attendance of the President General:			
	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting		
	Annual NSSAR Congress		
	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting		

The National Events listed above count toward earning the SAR Silver Color Guard Medal and National Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement (See the NSSAR Color Guard Medals section). Dates published above are of the actual battle / commemoration date. *Guardsmen should confirm the actual date of the event listed above with published event invitations on the National Society SAR website or with the host state society.*

*A local event celebrating Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day may be counted as a National Color Guard event for the purposes of applying for a Color Guard Medal. Only a single event on each day may be counted. Multiple events on the same day cannot be counted multiple times. If the event is on a weekend nearest the actual holiday, that can be counted with respect to the single event limitation. For example, if a Veterans Day Parade occurs on a Saturday such as the 8th, then an event on the 11th does not count..

Note: As of the 2020 Spring SAR Leadership Meeting, a policy was adopted by both the National Color Guard and National Historic Sites & Celebrations Committees formally establishing that only the National Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee may designate National Historic Events based on that committee's established criteria. The only exception being that established Color Guard policy of recognizing President General, or his designated SAR General Officer representative, attendance at an otherwise unrecognized event will make that actual event a National Event.

Send event updates to Color Guard Commander & [sarwilliamssa\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:sarwilliamssa@gmail.com) and [Color Guard Commander](#)



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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Vendor List

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The Fife And Drumm Corps

THE MUSIC, JAN-MAR



January – The month started off busy with Cohen and Ivan Daniels at Old Christmas at Fort Watauga.



January 21, the Valentine Sevier Chapter hosted a grave marking for Patriot James Hollis, Sr. at the historic Mount Carmel United Methodist Church. The TNS-SAR Stones River Colonguardmen included Drummer Darrin Dickey and fifer Doug Dickerson with Jack McElwain.

Jan 8 - Brandywine - Micah Goldsberry and myself were at Battle of Brandywine (Below)



Feb 21 - The WSSAR supported the annual DAR memorial celebration to honor the Father of Our Country George Washington at the University of Washington. - Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon leads the procession with the SAR-DAR Fife & Drum Corps smartly beating "Yankee Doodle"! (Below)



Jan 14 - KYSSAR - Purple Heart Monument Dedication -Fifer Scott Giltner participated in the dedication of a Purple Heart monument in Williamstown, KY. The color guard marched to the tune "The Girl I Left Behind". Compatriot Giltner also sounded Taps at the conclusion of the monument dedication.



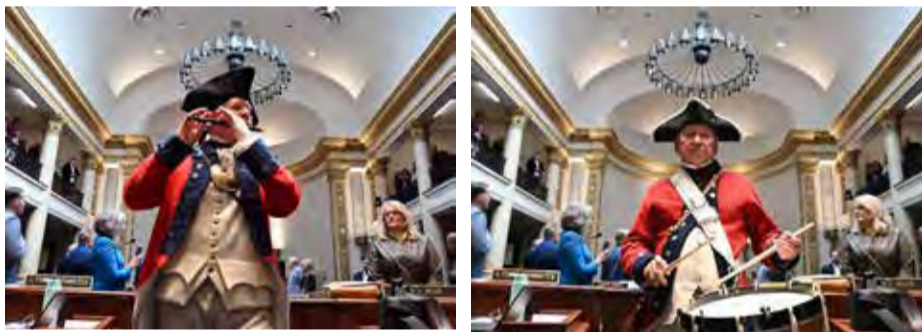


Feb 22 Nice article about Ivan and Cohen Daniels from East Tennessee in the Chattanooga Times Free Press!

March 5 – KYSSAR - Fifer Scott Giltner and Drummer Miles Ward participated in the Dedication of two Pomeroy Foundation Patriot Burial Markers outside of Fredonia, KY. (Below)



March 1 The Kentucky Society provided the color guard for presenting the colors for the opening session of the Kentucky State Senate with fifer Scott Giltner and drummer Roger Vincent.



March 6 – TNSSAR David Loyal of Loyal Drum, presented a drum to Ivan Daniels at the Tennessee State Conference of the Children of the American Revolution. “Ivan is the State President of the TSCAR, and an incredible drummer, leader and person. It was a very special moment to be able to present the surprise drum to him!”



March 3 Leadership – National Color Guard Drum Major Viren Lemer and Kentucky State President and fifer Scott Giltner lead the way at the Sons of the American Revolution Spring Leadership Meeting.



March 9 TNSSAR - Best part of the job is Engaging the Public. Drummer Doug Evans with Fred Rand at the Whitsitt Elementary School in Nashville today- A wonderful time was had by all. about 100 students and teachers were present. (Below)



March 12 - the Kentucky Society Annual Spring Meeting with Drummer Roger Vincent and Fifer Scot Giltner





Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Spring Color Guard Meeting

2:00 pm March 3, 2023 Citation A/B, Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY

Present: Howard Fisk (MO), Michael Hahn (MO), Steven Biggs (MO), Bobbie Hulse (KS), Peter Davenport (VA), Steve Mallory (KY), Eugene Moyer (MD), Tim Brown (KY), Don Hills (TN), Viren Lemmer (WA), Steve Fields (FL), Darrin Schmidt (VA), Jim Holmes (MA), Bill Sharp (MI), Troy Bailey (OH), Michael Robertson (MO), George Clarke Jr. (PA), George Strunk (NC), K. Scott Collins (GA), Russ Cumbee (NH), Ed Rigel Jr. (GA), Ed Rigel Sr. (GA), Brandon Villardi (CA), Chris Moberg (MN), Larry McKinley (VA), Dwight Elam (FL), David Jones (AL), Sam Powel (NC), Bill Schwetke (VA), Elwin Spray (HI), Bill Baran (AZ), Scott Giltner (KY), David Cook (VA), John Ferris (CA), Shep Hammack (GA), Dan McKelvie (CA), Joseph Barker (AL), Randy Helderman (IN), Lou Raborg (MD), Jacob Vink (IN), Bob Haglund (WI), Bill Austin (WI), Rhendal Butler (WV), Mark Anthony (GA), Robert Vance (NM), William Edelen (GA), Patrick Wesolosky (KY), Dan Woodruff (SC), Paul Callanan (MI), Brett Osborn (VA), David Hoover (MD), Stephen Sullins (MO), Wayne Mallar (ME), Ken Bonner (VA), Stephen Taylor (CI), Ken Goodson (MI), Rob Meyer (NJ), Brooks Lyles (NC)

Meeting Called to order by Commander Lyles 2 PM. Invocation Pastor Hahn. Pledge of Allegiance VPG Davenport. SAR Pledge VPG Strunk

Commander Lyles recognized the former Commanders Present, Dave Hoover (MD), Mark Anthony (GA), Lou Raborg (MD).

Commander Lyles then recognized the former Color Guardsman of the year Ed Rigel Sr. (GA), Paul Callanan (MI), Sam Powel (NC), George Strunk (NC).

Commander Lyles then introduced the Color Guard Staff and asked for reports.

Scott Collins VC (GA) discussed the vigil at Washington's Tomb which is slated for September 17th 2023 there will be a sign-up link posted.

Rob Meyer 1st Adjutant (NJ) discussed the events in New Jersey.

Ken Goodson 2nd Adjutant (MI) no update.

Viren Lemmer Drum Major (WA) Working on issues related to the 250th anniversary. He is reaching out to different fife and drum organizations across the country to see how they might help in this effort. We have started to film some videos to standardize many songs like Yankee Doodle and Chester. They will be posted on the website and the group advised when made available,

Rudy Byrd (AZ) Artillery Commander's report indicated we still have no artillery. The report also advised that there is a course available as to how to safely fire a cannon.

Charlie Scott Quartermaster (KY) was not present, Assistant Quartermaster Patrick Wesolosky (KY) reported that they had gone through the Color Guard inventory mentioning that several excess flags would be available for purchase at next Fall Leadership. He advised that \$1400.00 was raised from the last sale and those funds were put in the Color Guard account.

Brett Osborn Safety and Training (VA) advised the group that the 3 Safety and



Training videos developed in conjunction with Shenandoah University were completed and posted on the website for review. He advised how the process worked with the University. One film instructed Flag Etiquette, another on Safety Inspection of fire locks, and the Firing Detail. Future videos will include Sword and Pole Arm Etiquette along with Fife and Drum standardization.

Commander Lyles then demonstrated how to get information on the SAR website (using the computer screen) to those present. In addition, advised how to submit information for the Color Guard Magazine to Editor Steve Williams. He then showed a short clip of the Firing detail video by Brett Osborn. Advised that the videos show a standard that all Guardsman should be working to duplicate since it is a requirement of the US Park Services. He advised that we would not discuss Black Powder Insurance since the Insurance Committee headed by Dan Woodruff is working the issue to bring a proposal back to the group.

Jacob Vink Assistant Safety Officer (IN) Nothing to report.

Steve Williams Editor (FL) not present and no report.

Approval of prior meeting minutes approved with no motion by Commander Lyles.

Commander Lyles asked for State Representatives to pick up Certificates for Color Guardsmen who had participated in the Battle of Cowpens National event. Those picking up awards were Dan Woodruff (SC), George Strunk (NC), Allen Bell (TN), Brett Osborn (VA), Scott Collins (GA).

Robert Vance (NM) was asked to come forward to make a presentation to George Strunk (GA) - A gift from Robert to George for his support and mentorship.



Commander Lyles then discussed the rules for voting for the Color Guardsman of the year and ballot slips were passed to eligible members.

Candidates:

Scott Giltner (KY)
Ed Glidden (NJ)
Allen Greenly (GA)
Ken Gregory (CA)
Brett Osborn (VA)
Charlie Scott (KY)

-Commander Lyles then asked for members to come forward to speak on behalf of each candidate.

Brandon Villardi (CA) spoke for Kent Gregory.
Pat Wesolosky (KY) Spoke for Scott Giltner (KY) and Charlie Scott (KY).
Rob Meyer (NJ) Spoke for Ed Glidden (NJ).
Ed Rigel Sr. (GA) Spoke for Allen Greenly (GA).
Ken Bonner (VA) Spoke for Brett Osborn (VA).

Ken Goodson and Rob Meyers took the ballots and left the room to count the votes with a Teller.

VC Collins (GA) gave a report on the update of the Color Guard Handbook revision

project. Zoom meetings to discuss the project will happen after tax season and there will be an update at Congress for a vote at 2023 Fall Leadership. There will be an effort to link the online videos with the language in the handbook to make sure they match and to eliminate any duplication. Commander Lyles advised that the medals information also must be coordinated with the Medals Committee. In addition, he reminded the group what is and is not a National event and that Bill Sharp's Historical Sites Committee makes those decisions. VC Collins advised that even though our group approves the changes it does not become official until EXCOM approves the changes. VC Collins reminded the group to submit an after-action report which is due to the Commander and Historic Sites Chairman following every National event.

Commander Lyles discussed the Battle of Sycamore Shoals and mentioned that you should be working of your event at least 6 months ahead of time like David Carr (TN) had done. Make sure you "Plan Ahead".

Commander Lyles discussed the "Camden Burials" and the preparations of the event along with a brief description. The dates are set for April 21-22.

VC Collins advised that the dates for Patriots Day in Boston is April 17 not the 19th and the Frederica Naval Action is set for April 15 not April 22. Commander Lyles reminded everyone to be sure the dates listed in the magazine are the correct days of the event make sure the magazine Editor is contacted when there is a discrepancy.

Commander Lyles advised the group of changes to posting the flags at the evening banquet. Staff to arrive at 5:45 and the rest of the Color Guard to arrive no sooner than 6:30 to be issued flags and muskets and to be advised of the new scheme of maneuver for posting. Colors will be posted tonight and retired Saturday.

Joe Barker's (AL) tabled motion from Fall Leadership was brought back to the floor with changes (copy attached) which he moved forward seconded by Steve Fields (FL). There followed much discussion. Ken Bonner's (VA) input was that it would cause confusion with National Medals in his state. Bob Haglan (WI) asked who would be responsible for awarding the medal. Dave Perkins (CT) asked why we would not just do more with our current bronze medal. Mark Anthony (GA) advise that we might be setting the wrong precedent. A friendly amendment was made to require that the proposed Gold Medal be awarded before an individual could receive the Von Steuben. Moved by Steve Fields (FL) seconded by Steven Sullens (MO). The vote was called and the amended motion did not pass. A Motion was made by Steve Fields (FL) to postpone the original motion and return the request back to Committee. It passed.

Past Commander Raborg (MD) took the floor and discussed the approval of the new Color Guard Youth Medal. He advised the group that there is a funding need and he is looking for donations and who would qualify-this medal is for Children (any child under the age of 18) having performed in 3 events for 3 years.

VC Collins took over the running of the meeting at 3:05 PM with Commander Lyles needed to leave for the Nominations Committee meeting.

VC Collins announced the Color Guardsman vote-Allen Greenly (GA) was voted as this year's Color Guardsman.

A motion was made to destroy the ballots which was approved.

Adjutant Rob Meyer (NJ) advised the time set for taking pictures of Veterans.

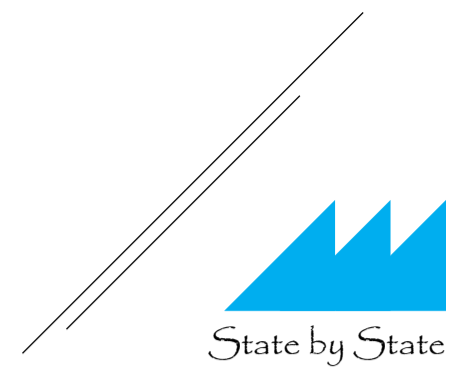
Patrick Wesolosky (KY) led the group in the SAR Recessional.

VC Collins dismissed the group at 3:10 PM

Ken Goodson 2nd Adjutant Secretary



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!

UPCOMING COLOR GUARD EVENTS

April 18 Patriot's Day Nationally
April 19 Frederica Naval Action St. Simons Island, Georgia
May 8 Battle of Pensacola Pensacola, FL Florida
May 11 Raid on Martin's Station Ewing, VA Virginia
May 16 Armed Forces Day
May 27 Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous Vincennes, IN Indiana
May 27 Battle of Fort San Carlos Ste. Genevieve, Missouri
May 27 Buford's Massacre Lancaster, SC General Francis Marion SAR
May 29 Memorial Day events * Various locations
June 5 Battle of Ramsour's Mill Lincolnton, NC Catawba Valley SAR
June 11 Action at Machias Machias, ME Maine
June 17 Battle of Bunker Hill Charlestown, MA Massachusetts SAR
June 28 Battle of Monmouth Monmouth Cty, NJ New Jersey SAR
To confirm date and time of these events contact the Host society

ARIZONA -



The Prada del Sol Parade Parade was held in Scottsdale Arizona.

The Arizona Society of the sons of the American Revolution marched in the Prada del Sol Parade in Scottsdale, Arizona and won the Most Patriotic Trophy in January of 2023

Out front is Stan Marks with L to R, William Baran, Rick Spargo, Celeste Cates, Don Dedrick, Daniel Thompson, Jim Cates, Stephen Miller and the Color Guard Commander Brad Hopkins in the rear.

CALIFORNIA -



January 14th Color Guard presented colors at a CSU Fresno vs Air Force Men's Basketball game; photo attached. Left to right, Commander Scott Nichols, Jon Russell, Jim Riley

February 2nd 2023, the Yosemite CASSAR Color Guard presented colors at a CSU Fresno vs Air Force Women's BB game. Photo attached. L to R, Commander Scott Nichols, Jon Russell, Randy Dhindsa, Jim Riley



Feb 20th 2023 Presidents Day Celebration by the Association of United States Army Central, California Chapter, at Clovis Veterans Memorial Center, Clovis, CA. Color Guard presented colors with other Veterans Color Guards, photo attached. Left to Right, Randy Dhindsa, Commander Scott Nichols, Larry Duba as George Washington, and Jon Russell.



IOWA -

Burial Services of Donald A. Stott

Iowa Society Color Guard members participated in the burial services of Donald A. Stott, at the age of 19, he lost his life aboard the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor. His remains were recently identified through advancements in DNA testing. The ceremony in Monticello, Iowa were 3/25/2023

Far left Doug Slaussen, in Color Guard Rev War uniforms David Nation, Mike Rowley, Randy Lyon & Larry Hoelscher





Naturalization Ceremony

On January 26, Color Guardsmen from the Clarence A. Cook Chapter participated in a new citizen naturalization ceremony at the Birch Bayh Federal Courthouse in Indianapolis. Ron Darrah, Kenneth Michael, Scott Adams, and Doug Roush welcomed 36 new citizens from 17 different countries and presented a flag to each new American.



Four compatriots of the Indiana SAR Color Guard marched to the George Rogers Clark Memorial in Vincennes, IN to commemorate the 244th anniversary of the capture of Fort Sackville. Ed Hitchcock, Daryl Hensley, Randy Helderman, and Patrick Haskel of the Long Knives Chapter, Illinois SAR participated in the event.

KANSAS -



Naturalization Ceremony

The Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (also known as KSS-SAR) Color Guard began 2023 on a slow pace. On January 19, they were at a Naturalization Ceremony at Robert J. Dole US Courthouse in Kansas City, Kansas. A very significant backlog of petitioners awaiting ceremonies at which they take their Oath of Citizenship occurred due to COVID-19 and a transformer fire immediately outside the courthouse that cause heavy acrid smoke damage to the first two floors causing ceremony postponement. That backlog has resulted in two ceremonies, being done in one day a month. There could be as many as 90 per ceremony. On January 19, there were 90 at the first ceremony and 60 at the second. At any ceremony the new citizens greatly enjoy having their picture taken with the Color Guard and the judge when available. This particular judge, Senior Judge Julie A. Robinson, is very appreciative of the Color Guard participating in the Naturalization Proceedings she conducts and especially enjoys them in the photos with her and the new citizens.

10 Anniversary Celebration of the John and Hattie Possum DAR Chapter

On January 28 the KSSAR Color Guard Presented the Colors at the 10 Anniversary Celebration of the John and Hattie Possum DAR Chapter of the Kansas Society DAR in De Soto, Kansas. Color Guardsmen from left to right were Rick Alley, Larry Tatum, Dewey Fry, Kirk Rush, Jeffrey Winters and Steven French.

On February 16 the KSSAR Color Guard was to be at another Naturalization Ceremony but a slick ice and snow storm cause cancellation.



Naturalization Ceremony

On March 16 the KSSAR Color Guard Presented the Colors at a Naturalization Ceremony at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kansas. (Photo No.3) The featured speaker of the program was Governor Laura Kelly. 341 petitioners took their Oath of Citizenship on that day. The Color Guard presented the colors during the ceremony and stood for well over an hour while many new citizens and oft times their families had photos taken with the Judge and Color Guard. (Photo No. 4) In the photo are, left to right, Dewey Fry, Alan Martin, Dennis Nelson, Court Clerk Yolanda Holman, Larry Tatum, Judge Julie A. Robinson, Jeffrey Winters, Steven French and Kirk Rush. Color Guardsmen Alan Martin and Jeffrey Winters are from the Monticello Chapter, all other Color Guardsmen are from the Delaware Crossing Chapter..



Jeffrey Winters are from the Monticello Chapter, all other Color Guardsmen are from the Delaware Crossing Chapter..



Annual Conference in Olathe, KS

On March 18, the KSSAR held its Annual Conference in Olathe, KS. Color Guardsmen in the group photo (Photo No.5) are from left right in the back row are Dewey Fry, Kenneth Ludwig, Alan Martin, Bobbie Hulse, Jeffrey Martin, VPG Charles McLemore, Steven French, Steven Hamlin. In the front row left to right are Allen Craig Dillavou, Bill Marshall, John Forbes, Robert Wandel, John Schatzel, Brian Vazquez, and Kirk Rush. Not in the photo, was Doug Brabb, who did participate in the Color Guard



Memorial Ceremony

On INDEPENDENCE DAY (Monday, A Memorial Ceremony conducted by Compatriot Greg Beck of the Henry Leavenworth Chapter was the first session of the Annual Conference. Included in it was a description the Missing Man table, as the name of each member who had passed was read, a bell was rang by Color Guardsman Steven French of the Delaware Crossing Chapter and a Color Guardsman, in rotation, bowed before a ceremonial wreath. A flag folding ceremony was conducted by Color Guardsmen Bobbie Hulse, of the Sons of the Plains Chapter and Alan Martin of the Monticello Chapter with brief assistance from Bill Marshall of the Konza Prairie Chapter.



Youth Luncheon Session

During Youth Luncheon Session of this meeting there was a Change of Command Ceremony in which the Command changed from H. Dewey Fry of the Delaware Crossing Chapter to William (Bill) Ira Marshall of the Konza Prairie Chapter. We were honored to have NSSAR Historian General Color and Guard Commander T. Brooks Lyles participate in the Change of Command Ceremony. South Central District Vice-President General Charles McLemore are participated in the Color Guard. The Halberd was passed from Outgoing Commander Dewey Fry to Incoming Commander Bill Marshall via KSSAR President Vernon Welkner and Historian General/Color Guard Commander T. Brooks Lyles. Plain epaulets on the uniform of Bill Marshall were replaced with those that had two gold stars each.



Evening Banquet Session

During the evening Banquet Session, Color Guardsman Kirk David Rush from the Delaware Crossing Chapter was presented the Kansas Society Edgar E. Grover Colonial Soldier of the Year award for amassing the highest number of points for Color Guard event participation. Also his wife Lisa Karen Rush was Presented the Molly Pitcher Medal for her several years of supporting Kirk's Color Guard participation



Von Steuben Medal

Historian General and NSSAR Color Guard Commander presented Dewey Fry with the Von Steuben Medal earned under the point system for his Color Guard participation.



Purple Heart Monument Dedication

The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who, while serving under competent authority in any capacity with one of the U.S. Armed Services, has been wounded or killed. It is a distinction that means a service member has made great sacrifices as a result of enemy action, or paid the ultimate price while in the line of duty.

A monument dedicated to recipients of the Purple Heart was dedicated in Williamstown, KY on 14 January. Members of the Kentucky Society of the Sons of the American Revolution were on hand to support the dedication ceremony with a color guard and flintlock team.

The ceremony was planned and organized by the Blue Licks chapter of the Kentucky Society. There were eight chapters from the Kentucky Society that were represented in the ceremony. These were the Blue Licks, Big Sandy, Capt. William Arnold, Gov. Isaac Shelby, Col. Daniel Boone, Simon Kenton, Lafayette, and Louisville Thruston chapters. Also in the color guard was a member of the Mary Ingles DAR chapter. The color guard consisted of 21 members, including 12 flag bearers, 8 musket/rifle men, and one fifer.

The commander for the color guard was Don Drewry. Also in attendance was the Kentucky Society State President, Scott Giltner, and the Kentucky Society DAR State Regent, Linda Conrad, and the mayor of Williamstown, Mark Christopher. The ceremony concluded with a gun salute which was immediately followed by the Sounding of Taps.



KENTUCKY



Patriot Burial Marker Dedication

Two Patriot Burial Markers were dedicated near Fredonia, KY on 5 March. These were the first two Patriot Burial Markers placed in the Commonwealth of Kentucky as part of the Pomeroy Foundation's program to identify cemeteries wherein Patriots of the American Revolution are laid to rest. Since the cemeteries receiving these markers were very close to one another a single dedication ceremony was conducted.

The Kentucky Society State Color Guard posted the colors for the ceremony as well as provided riflemen to present arms during the wreath laying and the gun salute. The Jack Jouett Society of the Kentucky CAR and the Gen. John Caldwell DAR chapter also participated in the ceremony.

The local community was integrated into the program as Rev. Presley Lamm of the First Baptist Church of Fredonia provided the invocation and benediction. Pam Faughn, president of the Fredonia Valley Heritage Society provided the history of the area and the cemeteries marked. J L Hendricks, Vietnam Veteran, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Eighty members of the local community attended the ceremony.

Seven Kentucky SAR chapters along with one Indiana chapter came together for the ceremony. These were the Capt. William Prince (KY), Gov. Isaac Shelby (KY), Lt. Robert Moseley (KY), Louisville Thruston (KY), General Richard Butler (KY), Col. Stephen Trigg (KY), Capt. Virgil McCracken (KY), and Clifty Creek chapters (IN). The color guard consisted of 17 flag bearers, 7 rifle/musket men, a fifer, and a drummer.



Compatriot Andrew Giltner unveils one of the plaques while Compatriots Brad Rankin and John Doss present their firelocks.



The color guard consisted of compatriots from seven Kentucky Chapters, one Indiana chapter, and one Kentucky CAR chapter.

2023 Kentucky Society Color Guard Training

Over 30 Color Guardsmen from Kentucky, Indiana, and Tennessee representing nine different chapters attended 5+ hours of training in Lexington Kentucky on a cool Saturday in January.

The morning session started with a safety briefing before the Flintlock Drills. Practicing the formal safety check followed by the placement of safety stickers on the heel of the flintlocks proceeded the flintlock drills. The remainder of the morning training focused on Shoulder and Order Firelocks, Present Firelocks, and the Military Salute Firing Sequence.

After a pizza lunch provided by the Lafayette Chapter, Mourn on Arms completed the flintlock portion of the training. The rest of the afternoon session focused on marching, foot movements, carrying colors, wreath presentations, flag folding, hand/hat salutes, and giving honors. Even though we had many different skill levels, everyone worked to help each other. By the end of the training, the large group looked like a team.



Early Morning Muster

Members from the Colonel Daniel Boone and Lafayette Chapters gathered at 7:30 a.m. to provide a Color Guard for the National Association of Benefit and Insurance Professionals' Kentucky State Meeting in Lexington





Flag corridor formed for receiving guests of honor

Kentucky DAR State Conference

The Kentucky Society, Daughters of the American Revolution held its state conference at the Hilton Hotel in Lexington, Kentucky on 25 March. The Kentucky State Color Guard was on hand to help the DAR celebrate this event by providing the color guard for the Saturday evening banquet.

SAR members from the Simon Kenton, Lafayette, Col. Daniel Boone, Louisville Thruston, and Gov. Isaac Shelby chapters, as well as one member of the Mary Ingles DAR chapter participated in the color guard.

The color guard consisted of four riflemen and 15 flag bearers. During the opening ceremonies of the banquet the flag bearers formed a corridor for receiving the guests of honor for the banquet, which included State Regent Linda Conrad.



Kentucky Society members from five chapters participated in the color guard.

Presentation of Colors for Opening Session of Kentucky State Senate

March 1st in Frankfort, KY, was another day in the state's current Senate session. Like countless days before it in the Commonwealth's 230-year history, the session opened with the usual pledge to the Flag of the United States of America. Unlike those days, this day featured a special presentation of posting of the colors by a color guard composed of members from our almost 134-year-old national organization representing numerous chapters across the Commonwealth.

Led by Adam Scales, president of the Colonel Benjamin Logan Chapter, the color guard, which included Col. Benjamin Logan Chapter members Roger Vincent, Richard Holloman, Joe Hendricks, and Robert Brooks, who were joined by Steve Mallory and Charlie Murphy both of the Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter, Scott Giltner of the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter and current KYSSAR president, Steve Vest and Richard Quire of the Col. Daniel Boone Chapter and KYSSAR vice-president and secretary (respectively), Gary Tunget and Maurice Worthington of the Lt. Robert Mosely Chapter, and Patrick Wesolosky president of the Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter.

The group marched into the Senate Chambers to drum and fife with five men bearing arms and five more bearing various flags of our nation's history. After the opening ceremony concluded, Sen. Mike Wilson of Warren County, who hosted the group, commented, "It is an honor to have them here. I have never seen the colors more colorful than they were today."

KYSSAR President Giltner said, "I thought the event was a wonderful community outreach opportunity for the Kentucky Society. Although the Col. Benjamin Logan Chapter was the lead chapter on this event, it was great to see other Kentucky chapters providing support." He added, "I would like to thank the Col. Benjamin Logan chapter for not only coming up with the idea but also having made all the arrangements."

Senate Resolution 124, A Resolution honoring the Colonel Benjamin Logan Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution located in Russellville, Kentucky, was adopted by a voice vote. The resolution is now a permanent part of Kentucky legislative history.

"Thanks to all and to Senator Mike Wilson for the Senate Resolution recognizing us," said Roger Vincent.

Richard Holloman said, "It was an honor to be in the presence of so many of our Compatriots as we were all recognized by the Kentucky Senate."

Since the Senate's sessions are aired live on KET, Col. Benjamin Logan Chapter member Randy Parrish, who was unable to attend, noticed something unintentional, yet special about the group. "Watching from Bowling Green, I noticed that there were 13 SAR members participating. It's one for each of the colonial states," said Parrish.

Before completing their duties, the members toured the Capitol and learned much of its history. One of the more interesting facts learned was that the Kentucky Supreme Court chamber, being lined with Honduras Mahogany which is no longer exported from that country, is the most valuable and irreplaceable room in the Capitol.

If you'd like to watch the SAR posting the colors and the resolution being read, you can go to www.ket.org/legislature/archives and look for Senate Chambers on March 1, 2023

The color guard gathered at the rear of the Senate Chamber while the Resolution was read.



The color guard practicing before the Senate session began



Members of the color guard gathered on the capitol steps for a group photo



MICHIGAN -

Paul Emery Chapter and Color Guard

The Michigan Sons of the American Revolution's "Paul Emery Chapter and Color Guard" convened on March 18, 2023 for a regular chapter meeting and a special event. "We were all very excited to present four national SAR Life Saving Awards." Many local newspaper's revealed.

"Three Grand Blanc Township firefighters and a resident were recognized Tuesday for saving the lives of three men while on a snowmobiling trip last month."

Firefighters Lyle Knopf, Adam Frank and Dave Bechtel were with Larry Warburton on a snowmobile trip near the village of Curtis in the Upper Peninsula on Feb. 19. They found out that three men nearby needed help after a fentanyl overdose. Knopf, Frank, Bechtel and Warburton found the men unresponsive and performed CPR. Officials say their actions kept the three overdose patients alive until Michigan State Police and other law enforcement could use Narcan on the men.

The Paul Emery Chapter Color Guardsmen stood proudly as the men were individually presented their national award and certificate. Chapter membership applauded each man's life saving efforts.



MISSISSIPPI -



On February 16, members of the Mississippi SAR Color Guard gathered to present the colors for the Mississippi Society Daughters of the American Revolution during the opening ceremonies of their Annual State convention



Pictured L-R: Jerry Lilly (Marquis de Lafayette), Rex Allan Jones (Gen. George Washington), CG Commander Bryant Boswell, Erik Norman, MS State President Tommy Thompson, MSDAR Regent Cindy Mangum, Ron Humphrey, John McBride, Bill Horne



The Mississippi SAR Color Guard gathered at the MS State SAR Convention to give a presentation on the clothing and different uniforms used between 1775 and the end of the War of 1812. Several members spoke about the uniform they wore. The uniforms discussed were from the Revolutionary War Era (1775-1779), the Interim period (1803-1806) and the War of 1812 Era (1812-1815). In Revolution Uniform (1775-1779) L-R: Dr. Keith Goodfellow, Rick Hollis, Michael Schenk, Rex Allan Jones (George Washington), Erik Norman, Ron Humphrey, Zachary Hite



The MS Color Guard attended and presented the Colors at the 56th Mid-South Military History and Civil War Show on March 4, 2023, in Southaven, MS

L to R - Rex Allan Jones (Gen. George Washington), Kevin McDonald, Randy Hailey, Jerry Lilly (Gen. LaFayette), Bill Horne



At the President's Banquet, the Color Guard presented the Colors for the MS SAR state convention.

Pictured L-R: John McBride (rifleman) Michael Schenk (American Flag), Bryant Boswell (rifleman), Zachary Hite (SAR flag), Erik Norman (MS State flag), Ron Humphrey (rifleman), John Price (Gen. Kosciuszko), Julius Hite (Drummer)

MISSOURI -



Presidents' Day Commemoration Honoring George Washington

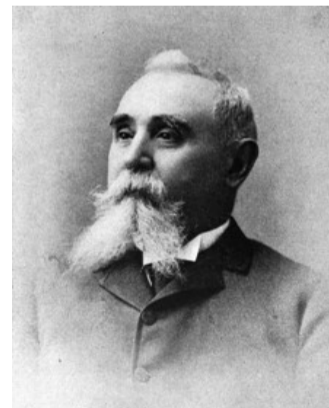
On February 20, 2023, the Northwest District, Missouri Sons of the American Revolution was honored to present the colors and conduct a salute at the George Washington Memorial in Washington Square Park, Kansas City, Missouri. The Wreath Laying Event was hosted by the Kansas City, Elizabeth Benton, and Westport Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution with both the Missouri D.A.R. State Regent, Renee Pace and the Missouri S.A.R. President, J. Michael Robertson in attendance. The memorial depicts a weary George Washington astride his horse during the bitter encampment at Valley Forge. Copied from a memorial in Brooklyn, NY, the inscription on the monument reads: One hundred and nine-thousand citizens gave this statue to their city. Dedicated armistice Day 1925, Rededicated Armistice Day 1932. In the photo at left are pictured L-R: Roy Hutchinson(HST), James Scott(APC), Ivan Stull(HST), Robert Grover(HST), Peter Reynolds (IPC), Missouri Society President Michael Robertson, Northwest District Commander Mark Parks, Stephen Sullins (IPC), Patricia Stewart(Prairie Chapter DAR), CAR President Jack Adell.. Photo Provided by Barbara Rundquist, DAR

Left to right: Don Turner (OPC), Casey Brizendine (FDL), Bill Grote (FDL), Dan Evans (FDL), Steve Biggs (SSL), Terry Grogan (SSL), Kevin Hulsey (SSL), and Jim Jackson (FDL). Photo submitted by Compatriot Robert A. Ackley (SSL & FDL)

President's Day Wreath-Laying Ceremony

On Monday, February 20, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. the Missouri Society Color Guard Eastern District and Central District members participated in the annual 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. MOSAR Colorguardsmen from the Fernando de Leyba, Spirit of St. Louis, and Ozark Patriots Chapters were integral to the success of the event.

Lafayette Park was set aside from the St. Louis Common in 1836 and dedicated in 1851 as one of the first public parks, and by far the largest of its era, in the City of St. Louis, Missouri. It is considered by many historians to be the oldest urban park west of the Mississippi. At 30 acres Lafayette Park is one of the larger parks in the city.



The statue of George Washington was dedicated in 1869 by St. Louis Mayor, Nathan Cole. He would become the second State President of the Missouri Society, SAR during the 3rd and 4th years of the Society (1891-1892).

The statue is one of only six bronze castings made from the marble statue of George Washington that stands in the Virginia State Capitol. The original work was created from life by French sculptor Jean-Antoine Houdon in 1788; and is the only likeness of George Washington for which he posed.

Commemorating Our Commitment at the Capitol Rotunda

The Central District, Missouri Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard were honored to Present the Colors at the Missouri Capitol Rotunda on the 14th of March 2023. The ceremony was conducted by the Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution and celebrated their commitments to Historic Preservation, Education, and Patriotism. Keynote speaker, Brian Stith, Deputy Director, Missouri State Parks spoke of the Historic Preservation of the J. Huston Tavern in Arrow Rock, Missouri, led by the MSSDAR in 1923 (100 years ago). At the request of the DAR, Mr. Stith's ancestors sold the tavern to the state and today it is the oldest continuously operating restaurant west of the Mississippi River. Student artists were also recognized in the society's commitment to education, and four Viet Nam Veterans of America Chapters were recognized in the society's commitment to Patriotism and they were presented Viet Nam Commemorative Flags by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Reporter General, Junelle Mongno. References for those who wish to know more: <https://mssdar.org>



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(L to R): Melanie Brady (MSSDAR Page), Don Turner (OPC), Brad Frazier (OPC), Mark Parks (MWC), Russ DeVenney (MGC), and John Coutts (MGC)



McMillan MO, Stephen Sullins MO, Jeff Winters KS, Roy Hutchinson MO, Dewey Fry KS Commander, Alan Martin KS, Don Turner MO, Ivan Stull MO, Craig Dillavou KS, Jordan Forbes KS.

George Washington Birthday Celebration

For thirty-six years the Kansas and Missouri SAR Societies have held an annual George Washington Birthday Celebration to honor and pay tribute to the first Commander in Chief and President of the United States of America. On Saturday, February 18, 2023, Missouri hosted the event with approximately 175 in attendance, including CAR Presidents and Color Guard from both states. A Heroism award was also presented to the family of the late Daniel Francisco Vazquez, a North Kansas City Police officer who was shot and killed in the line of duty during a traffic stop. The police chief was in attendance with the entire family as they were presented the award.

L-R front/back: Jimmy Durigan MO, Bob Grover MO/KS, Pete Reynolds MO, Michael Hahn MO, Doug Brabb KS, Brad Frazier MO, Bill Marshall KS, Kirk Rush KS, Mark Parks MO, Steven Perkins MO. Row 2 – Michael Robertson MO, Charles Dillavou KS, Jordan Forbes KS.

Patriot Son Grave Marking Ceremony

The Martin Warren Chapter, Missouri Society, SAR, conducted a Patriot Son Grave Marking Ceremony at the Knob Noster Cemetery near Knob Noster, Missouri, on 15 October 2022. This ceremony was conducted in cooperation with the Henry County Chapter, Missouri Society, DAR, and the Warrensburg Chapter, Missouri Society, DAR.

The patriot son honored in the ceremony was Adam Carpenter (1804 – 1877), the son of Adam Carpenter, a Patriot Ancestor (1760 – 1806). Adam Carpenter, Jr., was born in Kentucky to Adam Carpenter and Catherine Spears Fry. In 1834 Adam Carpenter, Jr., married Mary Ann Jones in Casey County, KY. Adam and his wife, Mary Ann, moved to Johnson County, Missouri, in 1851, where they raised ten children.

Mary Ann died in 1897 and Adam Carpenter, Jr., died 15 September 1877. Several descendants of Adam Carpenter participated in the ceremony including Lisa Kay Bryant Parks, a 3rd great-granddaughter and Vice Regent, Missouri Society, DAR; Lori Ann Bryant, a 3rd great-granddaughter and Treasurer of the Henry County Chapter, Missouri Society, DAR; and Cynthia Ann Bryant Pummill, a 3rd great-granddaughter. Other descendants attended as well, including Mark H. Jones, a 3rd great-grandson; Lemira Parks, Honorary State Regent, and Past Vice President General, National Society, DAR; Olin L. Parks, Past Supreme Commander, Military Order of the Cootie (VFW); and Mark E. Parks, Commander of the Northwest District Color Guard, Missouri Society, SAR.

Other members of the Missouri Society, Color Guard, included Bruce McNeel, Martin Warren Chapter; Stephen Sullins, Independence Patriots Chapter; and James Scott, Alexander Majors Chapter. Six members of the Knob Noster High School JROTC Unit served in the Color Guard as well.

Left to right they are Mark Parks (MWC), Stephen Sullins (IPC), Bruce McNeel (MWC); six members of the Knob Noster HS JROTC Zachary Seiler, Levi Mason, Rebecca Burns, Jayson Santo, Emma Boka, Isabelle Lambert; James Scott (AMC).



Descendants L-R: Lisa Kay Bryant Parks, Lori Ann Bryant, Cynthia Ann Bryant Pummill

Southern Coffey County High School Honor Flight

The Northwest District, Missouri Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard was honored to Welcome Home twenty-four (24) war service heroes at the Kansas City Airport on the 31st of March, 2023. The Southern Coffey County High School sponsored the honor flight (their twenty-first) with Student Guardians accompanying the veterans. On day one the veterans visited the National Archives, the Navy, Iwo Jima, and Air Force Memorials and participated in the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery. On day two, they visited the WWII Memorial and stopped by the White House prior returning home. Welcoming them home were members of the Missouri and Kansas Color Guards along with the Patriot Guard Riders and many D.A.R. Patriots. Not to be overlooked is the dedication of the Southern County Coffey County High School for their patriotic partisanship of honoring this country's servicemen. <https://www.scchonorflight.com>



(L to R): Robert Grover (HST); Mark Parks, Commander (MWC); Ivan Stull (HST); Stephen Sullins (IPC); Michael Hahn (IPC); Pam Kelley (KSDAR); Alan Martin (KS-MC); Steven French (KS-DX); Kirk Rush (KS-DX); Jeffrey Winters (KS-MC); Dewey Fry (KS-DX); and Roy Hutchinson (HST). Photo by Kathy Buddendeck Hutchinson



Participating Honor Flight Veterans

NEBRASKA -

First Omaha Patriot Chest Presentation

On Sunday, February 26th, Omaha Color Guard members Chad Sherrets and Mark Byars gave the first Patriot Chest presentation for the Omaha chapter for the Webelos Cub Scout den of Pack 396.

They presented to 5 fourth graders, 1 second grader, the Pack Leader, the Den Leader, and 2 of the dads. The presentation was scheduled for 1 hour but the kids (and adults) had so many questions that it lasted quite a bit longer!

Both Mark and Chad broke the presentation up into categories, presenting on the uniforms, soldier's gear, entertainment items, food and dining, and money. Items were able to be passed around to the audience for them to examine. In addition, demonstrations were done including having everyone attempt to blow out the candle inside a pierced tin lantern (nobody could), how cartridges were made by the soldiers and loaded into a musket, and why the soldiers fought in lines. Compatriot Sherrets prepared a recipe based on Martha Washington's cookbook for "Jumbles" cookies so the audience could sample how the food tasted 250 years ago. The cookies were a hit!

The Pack Leader quizzed the kids at the end of the presentation, and they were enthusiastically yelling out the correct answers. At this age, the American Revolution hasn't been covered in school yet (that happens in the 5th grade), so this was a great introduction for them!

The Pack Leader and Den Leader both were very appreciative and asked to make this an annual event for the 4th graders. A great time was had by all.



A Busy March Day for the Nebraska SAR Color Guard

The word is getting out in the state of Nebraska about the SAR Color Guard! More and more, we are being asked to participate in various events across the state.

And so it happened- we were contacted by the Nebraska DAR to present the colors at their DAR-America 250 Memorial Marking event in Kearney, Nebraska. We are building a strong relationship with our sister organization, so of course we agreed.

Omaha's St. Patrick's Day Parade

Around that same time we were contacted by the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) who host Omaha's St. Patrick's Day Parade, one of the largest parades in the city. The AOH was very interested in having us participate. Since we had yet to march in that one, we agreed to carry the colors in that event.

After all, this is what we exist for. We seek to be active, sharing our patriotism with the public.

We later received details about the events, finding that both landed on the same day! It was too late to back out of either, and we wanted to help. So, our numbers were cut in half, but we were able to attend both events fortunately.

For the Omaha St. Patrick's Day Parade, compatriots Allyn Sheldon, Chad Sherrets, Jim Sly, and Andrew Sullivan marched. This event started at 10am, just as a winter storm was hitting Omaha, bringing with it sleet, snow and rain. Fortunately it was a shorter, flat parade route and the public still came out to attend. We had many members of the parade applaud as we marched along the route, including one person who shouted "Thanks for your ancestor's service!"

While nearly 3 hours away, several other Color Guard members were getting ready for the DAR America 250 Memorial Marking. This took place in front of the Kearney Archway, and our members were joined by the local Boy Scouts pack who wanted to assist. Compatriots Paul Burright, Mark Byars, Ron Stites, and Shawn Stoner were in attendance (fortunately the weather was much better for them!). A large bronze memorial marker honoring our patriot ancestors now permanently resides outside of the Archway.



All in all, both events were a success. As our Color Guard continues to grow, so do the number of outreach events we participate in!

NEW HAMPSHIRE -

The first quarter of 2023 was quiet for Color Guard activities due to the cold of our winter months. At our Washington's Birthday general meeting, Compatriot Curtis Herman was awarded the Bronze Color Guard Medal, as was President Andrew Akers.

We will open this year with activities commemorating Lexington and Concord, Mass., "The Shot Heard 'Round the World". From there, we are already building a busy 2023 schedule.

As usual, we are asking for any of our NHSSAR members who wish to try the Color Guard, to contact any Color Guard member and we will follow up. We heartily welcome new members.



Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Walsh NHSSAR CG CDR



NEW JERSEY -



Celebrating the Battles of Princeton and Assunpink Creek in New Jersey

On January 8 in New Jersey, National SAR Color Guard Commander Brooks Lyles led the New Jersey Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard and color guardsmen from around the region in ceremonies marking the 246th anniversaries of the Battle of Assunpink Creek, also known as the Second Battle of Trenton, fought Jan. 2, 1777, and the Battle of Princeton, fought Jan. 3, 1777,.

Although the Battle of Assunpink Creek was fought first, the ceremonies on January 8 of this year began with a spirited reenactment of the Battle of Princeton on Princeton Battlefield itself, drawing hundreds of reenactors of both American and British units. The wreath layings that followed at Princeton Battlefield and at Assunpink Creek in Trenton that afternoon were performed by the SAR and other organizations in attendance. Among the many participants were representatives of the Society of the Cincinnati and Sons of the Revolution, as well as legacy units from military forces of both sides that fought in the Battle of Princeton.

Those legacy units attending both ceremonies: 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery "Hamilton's Own," representing the New York Provincial Company of Artillery; United States Marine Corps, representing the Pennsylvania, and Continental Marines; 198th Signal Battalion of

the Delaware Army National Guard, representing the Haslett's 1st Delaware Regiment; 103rd Engineer Battalion of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, "The Dandy First," representing the Philadelphia State Artillery Company; The 29th Division, 175th Infantry Regiment of the Maryland Army National Guard, "Fifth Maryland," representing Smallwood's Maryland Regiment; U.S. Army 111th Infantry Regiment Pennsylvania Army National Guard's 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division, 3rd Division; 112th Field Artillery Battalion of the New Jersey Army National Guard, representing East Jersey Artillery Company, "Neil's Battery"; and from Britain the Queen's Royal Lancers, "The Death or Glory Boys," representing the Queen's 16th Regiment of (Light) Dragoons.

An excerpt from the remarks given by Brooks Lyles, the NSSAR historian general: "If there had not been a successful fight at Assunpink Creek, there would not have been a Battle of Princeton. Following the victory at Trenton the morning after crossing the Delaware River and surprising the Hessians, the American Army recrossed the river and went back to the safety of Pennsylvania. But they did not stay there. A week later Washington recrossed the river and reoccupied Trenton but applying the lessons he learned defeating the Hessians the week before, he did not try to defend the town, but occupied the high ground across Assunpink Creek and dug in defending the bridge. Lord Cornwallis having been recalled from leave and told to go south to find and defeat Washington was on the move to Trenton. Washington deployed Col. Hand's regiment of Riflemen and New Jersey Militia to delay and slow Cornwallis' move from Princeton, which combined with a warm snap that turned the roads soft and muddy, meant the British did not arrive in Trenton until late in the day. They threw themselves at Washington's forces across the narrow bridge at Assunpink Creek and were cut to pieces. After three bloody assaults they stopped to regroup and Cornwallis was alleged to have said, "We'll bag the fox in the morning. He called for reinforcement from Princeton and bedded down his Army."



But Washington did not wait to be bagged. He directed the men to stoke the campfires and for the NJ Militia to make digging noises throughout the night and while the British slept General Washington withdrew his Army and stole a march moving by a suddenly refrozen back road to Princeton to attack Cornwallis' logistics base. He won there and moved on to Morristown, N.J., to winter quarters.

And from that day forward all Americans knew the British were beatable and that their Commander and Chief, General George Washington could adapt, learn and grow in his position. He reenergized the Army and gave hope to his new nation during those 'times that tried men's souls.' ”



PG Pickette Attends George Washington Luncheon in Princeton

There was a great turnout today for the dedication of the John Stricker Monument at the Zion Lutheran Church in Baltimore who served in both the American Revolution and the War of 1812. The event was attended by representatives from the German Society of Maryland, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Society of the War of 1812, the National Society United States Daughters of 1812 and a reception followed in the church garden. Since he served in both Wars, the Color Guard was dressed to represent both Wars, David Embrey, David Hoover and Rick Abbott.



PENNSYLVANIA -



Three Philadelphia Continental Chapter Color Guard members participated in the reenactment of the Battle of Princeton Jan. 8th. L to R Chris Snyder, Spencer Snyder, and Fred Fonseca.



On February 18th the PCC celebrated Washington's Birthday with a Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier at Washington Square in Philadelphia. L to R PCC Color Guard commander Fred Fonseca, Mike Carver, Noah Lewis, Rich Lind, Guy Lisowski, Spencer Snyder, Glenn Tyson, Chris Snyder, Steve Kopsick. Afterward we marched to Independence Hall where another wreath was laid at the statue of George Washington.



In addition to the January and March Board of Governors' meetings, we also held our annual meeting on March 25, 2023, where we elected a new TN Society President, Dr. David Chaffin. The current color guard commander was appointed for another year. The color guard supported each of the associated events with posting of the colors. For the Annual meeting- the new officers took their oaths while having their left hand on a color guard firelock – this was a first time event for us (using the firelocks).



Our first grave marking of 2023 was for Captain James Hollis and was held on January 21, 2023, as a part of the Board of Governors' meeting day of events. The weather was marvelous for that time of year! Then again, the song Tender Tennessee Christmas, does reflect the often-wonderful weather here. Commanded by Robert Nichols and featuring new drummer, Darrin Dickey.

On February 18 the TNSSAR supported the DAR at their Davidson County Regents' George Washington Birthday by posting the flags. We've recently added a DAR flag to our kit bag since we support the DAR so often and they often (but not always!) lack a flag. .



Our President Elect (would have been President 2023-2024) passed away abruptly. Walter J. Timoschuk, III, 's funeral on March 8, 2023 is the most moving event I've ever attended for the SAR. It was a great send off for a remarkable SAR leader.



. Members of the TNSSAR State Color guard also supported a Grave marking for Patriot Samuel Hall, in Lansing Tennessee on March 18, 2023.



We provided additional support to the DAR for remembering their founding member of the Historic Rock Castle Chapter- Ms. Flossie Cloyd on March 26, 2023. This was one of the opportunities to use our new DAR flag



We also had members attend the Battle of Cowpens Memorial (Left) and Battle of Guilford Courthouse Memorial (Right)



On March 20, 2023, Jack McElwan and Doug Dickerson (District 4, TNSSAR Color Guard Commander) attended BSA Troop 374's Eagle Scout Court of Honor in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. During the ceremony, the two-color guardsmen encouraged and recognized Jacob Sayers on his becoming an Eagle Scout. Shown in the photo are from left to right are Compatriot Dickerson, Brad Sayers (father), Dan Shaffer (Troop 374 Scoutmaster), Jacob Sayers, Compatriot McElwain, Sabrina Sayers (mother).

Jacob's Eagle Scout project was building flag display boxes for the Alvin C. York Veterans' Administration Hospital.

Our Web page is- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/552217433079483>



On 18 Mar 2023 the Stephen Holston Chapter TNSSAR held a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony for Patriot Samuel Hall, who is one of the Patriot Ancestors of District Color Guard Commander Julius Hite. Color Guard members participating included Keegan Hite and Zachary Hite, Julius' young sons, who are Junior Members of the society.

TEXAS -



Laredo Parade

For over 100 years, Laredo, Texas, has played host to the Washington's Birthday Celebration. This is a Texas-sized party that includes two parades, an air show, a jalapeno festival, a two week run carnival, fireworks, and lots more jam packed into four weeks of fun. The Texas SAR Color Guard has marched in the principal parade for years. This year's parade was on February 22nd. Participants in the 2023 George Washington's Birthday Parade in Laredo, Texas, are (from left to right): Blair Rudy, Sam Massey, Rick Ramirez, Kevin Kanter, Michael Goode, Catherine Massey, Candy Rudy, Jeanie Kanter, Robert Duckworth, Tom Van Fossen, Robert Vance, and Mark Worthen.

VIRGINIA



Honoring a Veteran at the Vietnam Memorial

On 22 January 2023, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution participated in program to honor a veteran held at the Vietnam Memorial, Washington, D.C. David Chapman of Moultrie, Georgia, is a veteran who served in the Vietnam War. He has become terminally ill, suffering from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and requires an oxygen tank to assist in breathing. He received a lifelong dream trip to visit the war memorial in the nation's capital. This was provided by the Dream Foundation in partnership with the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, Georgia Chapter 25-5. The Dream Foundation serves terminally ill adults and their families by providing end-of-life Dreams to veterans, providing inspiration, comfort and closure. Chapman was born and raised in Colorado, eventually settling in Moultrie where he has lived for 22 years. He was drafted into the United States Army, serving six and a half years until medically discharged with service including deployments to Korea as well as Vietnam. He has earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology, a masters in Bible Studies and served as the chaplain at the Colquitt County Sheriff's Office. A strong supporter of veterans groups and dedicated his life to volunteering. He completed two marches to raise funds for homeless veterans and food rooms. Chapman assisted with "The Stand Down" event in Georgia, which was a collection of service organizations brought together by the Veterans Administration. These events provide food, clothing, housing solutions, employment, health screenings and other essential services to homeless and at-risk veterans. David Chapman is an American patriot who served his community and country. As requested by President John F. Kennedy, he did what he could do for his country. The Colonel James Wood II Chapter combined with the Veterans Administration and the Dream Foundation to ensure Chapman's dream came true. The chapter provided a color guard and presented him with a challenge coin as recognition for his service to his fellow citizens. Prince Taylor of the Veterans Administration read a Proclamation that honored his service to the country and pinned a Vietnam Veterans pin to his collar as a testament to that service. The first photo is Dale Corey presenting David Chapman with a challenge coin from the Sons of the American Revolution with guardsmen Marc Robinson, Richard Tyler and Allan Phillips. Second photo is Prince Taylor reading a proclamation of service to David Chapman. Third photo is l. to r. Dale Corey, Marc Robinson, Richard Tyler, Allan Phillips and David Chapman. (Photos courtesy of Evan Brown.)



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Commemoration for Peter Muhlenberg's Final Sermon

On 21 January 2023, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution conducted a commemoration for Peter Muhlenberg's final sermon in Woodstock, as he was recruiting the 8th Virginia Regiment for the Revolutionary War. Johann Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg had grown up in Trappe, Pennsylvania, the son of a Lutheran Minister. He had served in the British Army before being ordained in 1768 as a Lutheran minister. He was given a congregation in Beminstor, New Jersey. He was approached by James Wood, Jr. to serve the congregation at the Lutheran Church in Woodstock, Virginia. To preach in Virginia at that time, you were required to be ordained in the Anglican Church, of which he was ordained into the priesthood in 1772. Serving a congregation in Woodstock, Virginia, Peter became a follower of Patrick Henry. This led him to election to the House of Burgess and he became Chair of the Committees of Safety and Correspondence for Dunmore County. In 1776 he served as a delegate to the Virginia Convention where he was asked by George Washington to return to the Shenandoah Valley to raise and command the 8th Virginia Regiment. From 1776-1783, he served as Colonel, Brigadier General and Major General for the colonial forces during the War for Independence.



During the war, he saw combat at Sullivan's Island, Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth and Yorktown. His units were known for discipline and their fighting ability. As a young senior officer, he recognized what he did not know and worked with others. Muhlenberg became friends with George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and other stalwarts of the American cause, developing lasting friendships with all. An unsung hero of the Revolutionary War, he was one of a legion of firm, steady commanders who were indispensable in winning the fight for American independence. After the war, he went into politics in his home state of Pennsylvania where he became a member of the Pennsylvania Supreme Executive Council. He was next elected to the U.S. Congress from Pennsylvania, managed Thomas McKean's campaign for governor of the state and assisted in the election of Thomas Jefferson as President. He was then appointed supervisor of revenue for Pennsylvania and customs collector for Philadelphia. He died 1 October 1807, his 61st birthday in Gray's Ferry, Pennsylvania. A true patriot and great American. The ceremony was emceed by Dale Corey with assistance from the Right Reverend Larry Johnson.



A Virginia State Color Guard with members from the Colonel James Wood II, Sgt Maj John Champe, Fairfax Resolves, Culpeper Minutemen, George Mason, General Daniel Morgan, Colonel William Grayson and Fort Harrison Chapters of the SAR presented and posted the colors. The DAR had members from the Narrow Passage, Lane's Mill and Montpelier Chapters. Members of both organizations presented wreaths to honor Muhlenberg as well as one from the Order of Founders and Patriots of America and the Black Robed Regiment. Participants included Brian Bayliss, Bryan Buck, Ken Bonner, Dale Carpenter, Paul Christensen, Dave Cook, Dale Corey, Forrest Crain, Doug Hall, Tom Hamill, Larry Johnson, Pat Kelly, Erick Moore, Patrick Moore, Ken Morris, Brett Osborn, Paul Parish, Dennis Parmerter, Allan Phillips, Will Reynolds, Marc Robinson, Bill Schwetke, Barry Schwoerer, Jim Simmons, Mike St Jacques, Richard Tyler, Steve Van Deusen and

Mike Weyler from the SAR. Top photo is the Virginia State Color Guard at Present Arms. Bottom photo is of the participants. l. to r. Patrick Moore, Dale Carpenter, Ken Bonne, Brett Osborn, Erick Moore, Paul Christensen, Erick Moore, Jim Simmons, Marc Robinson, Eric Robinson, Allan Phillips, Dale Corey, Paul Parish, Bill Schwetke, Mike St Jacques, Pat Kelly, Dave Cook, Will Reynolds, Richard Tyler and Bryan Bayliss. (Photos courtesy of Anita Bonner.)

SAR Commemorates 250th Anniversary of Virginia Committee of Correspondence

On 11 March 2023, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution conducted a ceremony to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Virginia Committees of Correspondence. The committees were formed by towns, counties and colonies as communications systems during the early years of the American Revolution. Members of these wrote to each other to express ideas, confirm mutual assistance and debate and coordinate resistance to British imperial policy. Committees of this type had existed since early in the eighteenth century as a way for colonial legislatures to communicate with their agents in London. In the 1760s, the Sons of Liberty used them to organize resistance, the most famous and influential operated from 1772-1776.



There were three systems of committees. The Boston-Massachusetts system, the inter-colonial system and the post-Coercive Acts system. The Boston-Massachusetts system was formed in November 1772 by radicals in Boston. These committees were used to discuss possible forms of resistance with the other colonial legislatures. It created a permanent network of communication between colonies that allowed a collective response to future imperial incursions on the rights and liberties of American colonists. The inter-colonial system was formed in March 1773 and was used to discuss possible forms of resistance. The post-coercive acts system formed and met just prior to the First Continental Congress in 1774 to resist the Coercive Acts. This system absorbed the Boston-Massachusetts system and radicalized the inter-colonial system. The first standing of these committees was formed by Samuel Adams and twenty other Patriot leaders in November of 1772 in Boston in response to the Gaspée Affair, which had occurred the previous June in the colony of Rhode Island. The Committees of Correspondence were influential in revolutionizing the town meeting from discussions of local matters to far-reaching global politics, serving as

a means for the concerned citizenry to voice their opinions about the grievances they had with Britain.

In March 1773 the Virginia House of Burgesses organized legislative standing committees for intercolonial correspondence, with Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry among their 11 members. The committees played a major role in promoting colonial unity and in summoning in September 1774 the First Continental Congress, a majority of whose delegates were committee members. The following is the resolution which was adopted by the Virginia legislature 12 March 1773.

"Whereas, the minds of his Majesty's faithful subjects in this colony have been much disturbed by various rumours and reports of proceedings tending to deprive them of their ancient, legal, and constitutional rights.

And whereas, the affairs of this colony are frequently connected with those of Great Britain, as well as of the neighbouring colonies, which renders a communication of sentiments necessary; in order, therefore, to remove the uneasinesses and to quiet the minds of the people, as well as for the other good purposes above mentioned Be it resolved, that a standing committee of correspondence and inquiry be appointed to consist of eleven persons, to wit: the Honourable Peyton Randolph, Esquire; Robert Carter Nicholas, Richard Bland, Richard Henry Lee, Benjamin Harrison, Edmund Pendleton, Patrick Henry, Dudley Digges, Dabney Carr, Archibald Cary, and Thomas Jefferson, Esquires, any six of whom to be a committee, whose business it shall be to obtain the most early and authentic intelligence of all such Acts and resolutions of the British Parliament, or proceedings of administration, as may relate to or affect the British colonies in America, and to keep up and maintain a correspondence and communication with our sister colonies, respecting these important considerations ; and the result of such their proceedings, from time to time, to lay before this House.



Resolved, that it be an instruction to the said committee that they do, without delay, inform themselves particularly of the principles and authority on which was constituted a court of inquiry, said to have been lately held in Rhode Island, with powers to transmit persons accused of offences committed in America to places beyond the seas to be tried.

The said resolutions being severally read a second time, were, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House, nemine contradicente (without dissent).

Resolved, that the speaker of this House do transmit to the speakers of the different assemblies of the British colonies on the continent, copies of the said resolutions, and desire that they will lay them before their respective assemblies, and request them to

appoint some person or persons of their respective bodies, to communicate from time to time with the said committee.”

Committees of correspondence were emergency provisional governments in response to British policies leading up to the Revolutionary War. These groups were appointed by the various colonies legislatures to provide leadership and intercolonial cooperation. The exchange of ideas, information and debate between different committees of correspondence helped organize and mobilize patriotic resistance in communities throughout the colonies and built the foundations for the Continental Congress. With the outbreak of war on April 19, 1775 at Lexington and Concord, the committees of correspondence became the de facto government of the rebellious colonies. Though replaced by provincial congresses during the conflict, they continued to function at the local level. The ceremony was held at VFW Post 9760, Berryville, Virginia. Dale Corey emcee'd the event with Reverend Jim Simmons providing chaplain duties. A color guard led by Commander Marc Robinson presented

and posted the colors. Wreath presentations were made by Thomas “Chip” Daniel, Colonel James Wood II Chapter; Dave Cook, Fairfax Resolves Chapter and Bryan Buck, Fort Harrison Chapter. A musket salute led by Commander Dave Cook fired a three round volley to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Virginia Committee of Correspondence. Members of the color guard/musket squad included Brian Bayliss, Bryan Buck, Sean Carrigan, Dave Cook, Thomas “Chip” Daniel, Kelly Ford, Eric Robinson, Marc Robinson and Mike St Jacques. Previous page photo are the participants front row l. to r. Jim Simmons, Mike St Jacques, Dale Corey, Sean Carrigan; back row l. to r. Bryan Buck, Kelly Ford, Dave Cook, Thomas “Chip” Daniel, Brian Bayliss, Marc Robinson, Eric Robinson. Above photo is the musket squad l. to r. Thomas “Chip” Daniel, Kelly Ford, Mike St. Jacques, Sean Carrigan, Marc Robinson, Dave Cook. (Photos courtesy of Thomas “Chip” Daniel.)

George Washington Birthplace National Monument

James Monroe Chapter (JMC) of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) members Charles Belfield, Forrest Cory, Andrew Packett and George Beckett honor George Washington on his birthday with a wreath laying ceremony and color guard presentation at the monument at George Washington Birthplace National Monument.

The James Monroe Chapter is the local organization of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution; a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and teaching American history to future generations.



Multi-Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony at Dry Run Cemetery

On 18 March 2023, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution conducted a Multi-Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony at Dry Run Cemetery, Fort Valley, Virginia. This ceremony honored the Revolutionary War service of five patriots. There were five Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Chapters, two Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Chapters and one Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) Society participating in the commemoration. The following were honored: Johann/John David Clem who was born in 1754. He was a patriot in the American Revolutionary War where he gave material aid to the cause. Frederick McInturff was born 1758. He served in the war as a soldier under Captain Joseph Bowman in the County Militia. Joseph Golladay was born in 1758. He enlisted as a Private at Woodstock in 1776 and was at the Battles of Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth. Jacob Golladay was born 1735. He served as a Lieutenant in the Shenandoah Militia during the American Revolutionary War. The ceremony was emceed'd by Dale Corey and Marc Robinson. Virginia Society 2nd Vice President Michael Weyler presented



greetings and a wreath for the State. Wreaths were presented by David Cook (German Society), Thomas "Chip" Daniel (Colonel James Wood II Chapter), Bill Schwetke (Culpeper Minutemen), Sean Cook (Fairfax Resolves), Michael Wilson (Colonel William Grayson), Ken Bonner (Sgt Maj John Champe), Paula Schwoerer (Elizabeth McIntosh Hammill, DAR), Michelle Phillips (Pack Horse Ford, DAR), Jocelynn Wilson (Providence Society, C.A.R.) and Leland Cook (Family). There were several descendants of the Golladay's to include Fairfax Resolves compatriot David Cook and his family. There was a musket salute led by Color Guard Commander Brett Osborn. Color Guardsmen who participated in the ceremony included Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen, Dale Corey, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Erick Moore, Patrick Moore, Brett Osborn, Dennis Parmerter, Allan Phillips, Will Reynolds, Marc Robinson and Jim Simmons from CJWII; Dave Cook, Sean Cook and Leland Cook from Fairfax Resolves; Gary Dunaway from Williamsburg, That Hartman, Michael Wilson and Michael Weyler from Colonel William Grayson; Bill Schwetke from Culpeper Minutemen and Barry Schwoerer and Mark Sink from Sgt Maj John Champe SAR Chapters. Bottom photo is the participants, front row l. to r. Dale Corey, Michael Wilson, Jocelynn Wilson, Sean Carrigan, Thomas "Chip" Daniel and Leland Cook. Second Row l. to r. Mike Weyler, Dennis Parmerter, Paula Schwoerer, Will Reynolds, Mark

Sink, Barry Schwoerer, Eric Robinson, Patrick Moore, Erick Moore, Paul Christensen, Michelle Phillips, Allan Phillips, Thad Hartman, Brett Osborn, Sean Cook, Gary Dunaway, Dave Cook, Bill Schwetke and Marc Robinson. (Photo courtesy of Ken Bonner.) Color guard preparing to march included. Brett Osborn, Allan Phillips, Barry Schwoerer, Mike Weyler, Patrick Moore, Mark Sink, Sean Carrigan, Thomas "Chip" Daniel and Paul Christensen. (Photo courtesy of Thomas "Chip" Daniel.) Top photo is the musket squad preparing to fire. (Photo courtesy of Ken Bonner.)



Vietnam Vets in Middletown

On 25 March 2023, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution with Middletown, cosponsored a commemoration to National Vietnam Veterans Day. This day has been set aside to honor those veterans who served during the Vietnam Era and those who did not return. On March 29, 2012 President Barack Obama proclaimed this day as Vietnam War Veterans Day. On March 29th local veterans asked the community to fly American flags to commemorate and honor the service and sacrifice of all Vietnam veterans, alive or fallen. March 29 was chosen because it was on this day in 1973 the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) was disbanded and U.S. combat troops departed Vietnam. The ceremony was emceed'd by Dale Corey and Marc Robinson of the Colonel James Wood II Chapter with greetings and wreaths provided by Mayor Charles Harbaugh of Middletown and Ernie Coggins, President of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution. Marshall DeHaven, compatriot of the SAR and Korean War Veteran led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dale Corey presented a tribute to veterans of the Vietnam Era with the POW/MIA flag posted by Vietnam Veteran Jerry Headley. Additional wreaths honoring the veterans of the era were presented by Thomas "Chip" Daniel (Colonel James Wood II Chapter), Dave Cook (Fairfax Resolves), Charles Jameson (Culpeper Minutemen), Bryan Buck (Fort Harrison), Paul Parish (General Daniel Morgan), Ken Bonner (Sgt Maj John Champe), Doug Hall (Order of Founders and Patriots of America), Cat Schwetke (Fauquier Courthouse DAR), Anita Bonner (Fair Lanes DAR), Ray Steele (Middletown) and the American Red Cross represented by Leslie Caliva, Edie McGoth and Nancy Braswell. A musket salute was fired by the Virginia State Color Guard commanded by Brett Osborn. Color guard members included Ken Bonner, Bryan Buck, Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen, Dave Cook, Dale Corey, Chip Daniel, Kelly Ford, Doug Hall, Phil Hunter, Erick Moore, Brett Osborn, Paul Parish, Will Reynolds, Marc Robinson, Bill Schwetke and Richard Tyler.

Bottom photo is the participants. Kneeling l. to r. Paul Christensen, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Edie McGoth, Nancy Braswell, Leslie Caliva, Ken Bonner. Seated l. to r. Jim Simmons, Ernie Coggins, Marc Robinson, Mike Weyler, Phil Hunter. Standing l. to r. Dave Cook, Richard Tyler, Paul Parish, Bryan Buck, Erick Moore, Will Reynolds, Charles Jameson, Bill Schwetke, Brett Osborn, Dale Corey, Doug Hall, Sean Carrigan and Kelly Ford. Left photo is the Virginia State Musket Squad preparing to fire a salute.



Vietnam Veterans Day

On 29 March 2023, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution and the Winchester American Red Cross co-sponsored a ceremony to honor veterans of the Vietnam War. The event was conducted at National Cemetery, Winchester, Virginia.



Ed Helphinstine, Regional Program Officer Service to the Armed Forces, American Red Cross opened the ceremony with the Colonel James Wood II, Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard presenting and posting the colors. National Vietnam Veterans Day was established for Americans to remember and commemorate the service and sacrifices made by nearly three million service members who served in Vietnam, all who served and their families during the era 1 November 1955 to 15 May 1975, regardless of location. Congress outlined five objectives for The United States of



America Vietnam War Commemoration, with the primary objective to thank and honor Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the Nation, with distinct recognition of former prisoners of war and families of those still listed as missing in action. The four remaining objectives highlight the service of our Armed Forces and support organizations during the war; pay tribute to wartime contributions at home by American citizens; highlight technology, science and medical advances made during the war; and recognize contributions by our Allies. Edie McGoff, American Red Cross, provided a Missing Man Tribute while Jerry Headley posted the POW/MIA flag to honor the 1,264 Americans who remain unaccounted for in Vietnam. The Colonel James Wood II Musket Squad fired a three round salute to commemorate the veterans and families of the era. The Colonel James Wood II color guard was commanded by Brett Osborn and included Sean Carrigan, Jim Cordes (dual member from Fairfax Resolves), Dale Corey, Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Doug Hall, Allan Phillips, Marc Robinson and Richard Tyler. First photo are the American Red Cross and Colonel James Wood II participants. Second photo is l. to r. Dale Corey and Jerry Headley posting the POW/MIA Flag. Third photo is the presentation of the American Flag, l. to r. Brett Osborn, Jim Cordes and Richard Tyler. (Photos courtesy of Thomas "Chip" Daniel.)

WASHINGTON -

Washington State Patriotic Day 2023

Washington State Patriotic Day, also known as MOAA, Military Officers Association of America, had its annual gathering March 4th, 2023 at Pioneer Middle School, Du-



pont, WA. The purpose is celebrating patriotism, honoring all Washington military, and first responders. "It also allows all participants and spectators to reaffirm their patriotism to our country and our flag." It begins with massing of the colors, and in 2023, the honorary was led by MOAA Color Guard, followed by the SAR Fife and Drum Corps followed by all members of the Washington State Color Guard. In 2015, MOAA was certified by National SAR to be a designated national event.

George Rogers Clark Chapter was well represented by Joe Coorough, Dick Moody,



Dick Motz, Eric Olsen, Lew Maudsley, Dennis Case (not in photo), and Art Dolan. Dick Moody carried the U.S. flag, Eric Olsen carried the George Rogers Clark flag and Art Dolan carried the 250th flag. Our chapter had 7 of the 13 color guardsmen present.



The photo above includes all participating Color Guard with the exception of Dennis Case who was also present but not in the photo.

Left to right : Front Row; Neil Vernon, WASSAR CG Commander, Dick Motz (WASSAR Deputy Commander), Fifer, Alonde Droege, Back Row Joe Coorough, Lew Maudsley, Eric Olsen, Art Dolan, Dick Moody, Robert Korn (Seattle), Mike Moore, Stan Granberg (Seattle), Jerry Bordelon (Alexander Hamilton), Paul Winter and Drummer Michael Fitzpatrick (Ft. Vancouver), Jan Lemmer Drummer (AH)

Ft Vancouver

The Ft Vancouver Chapter kicked off the new year on January 20 with two successful in school presentations to 60 fifth grade students at CAM Academy in Battle Ground, WA. We conducted our presentation during two back to back sessions that allowed more interaction by the students (30 students per session). Our host was fifth grade teacher Tamara Macy. "A Day In The Life-- 1776" was presented to the students where the presentation covers some of the early history of our colonies and share examples of flags that our forefathers flew during the American Revolution. The bulk of the time was spent discussing how a family lived day to day on a rural farm-- where literally everyone had a critical role to play. We would end the one-hour presentation with a depiction of various apprenticeships available to young men and women-- providing them a skill or trade through which they could earn a living. During our time with the students and teacher, we also highlighted our SAR Elementary Poster Design Contest and we expect entries from both fifth grade classes at CAM Academy for this year's contest.

We had six Color Guardsmen in uniform-- three militia, two Continental Army and one in a Militia/Ranger uniform (similar in appearance to the Green Mountain Boys). The Guardsmen from the Ft Vancouver Chapter were: Greg Stewart, Paul Winter, Michael Fitzpatrick, George Vernon, Rick Cline and Jeff Lightburn. [No Photo submitted]



John Paul Jones

On January 13, 2023, The Education Outreach Team of the John Paul Jones Chapter, SAR, delivered its RevWar presentation at the Baker Creek Community School (BCCS) in East Bremerton, WA. There were 17 students and six (6) adults in attendance for this presentation. BCCS is a parent partnership learning program within the Central Kitsap School District (CKSD). Following the presentation, time was allotted for the students and adults to inspect the display items and ask one-on-one questions with a team member.

The CG presentation team depicted in the photo were: (L to R) Compatriots Doug Nelson, Conrad Plyler, Fred Gilbert (Team Lead) and Bob Smalser.

After the end of the presentation, Compatriot Fred Gilbert presented Ms. Janice Jacobson with a WA State SAR Challenge Coin thanking her and BCCS for hosting the John Paul Jones Education Outreach Team. Also in attendance was Meghan Hein (not pictured) who is a member of the District 4 Board of Directors, Central Kitsap School District. Reportedly, Ms. Hein was very favorably impressed with the Team's presentation.

Seattle Chapter

President's Day - George Washington Birthday Celebration

On February 20, 2023 a large number of DAR, SAR, CAR, American Colonists, and 1812 members attended the 113th annual Wreath laying Ceremony at the George Washington Statue on the University of Washington campus. The DAR coordinated the event with the WASSAR Color Guard along with the Fife and Drum posting the Colors. A Wreath laying ceremony followed.

The George Washington Statue that greets visitors to the University of Washington was donated to the University of Washington in 1909 during Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition (AYP) which was crafted by Lorado Taft of Chicago. The memorial was dedicated on Flag Day, June 14, the 4th day of the exposition. Since that day members of the DAR, SAR, CAR, and others lay wreaths annually on President's Day to remember the inestimable contribution George Washington made towards establishing our country.

Color Guard Members in Attendance were: Neil Vernon (SE), Dick Motz (AH), Viren Lemmer (AH), Skip Stephen (AH), Michael Moore (AH), Jerry Bordelon (AH), Ken Roberts (AH), Dick Moody (GRC), Bruce Bock (GW), Bill Bentler (GW), Robert Korn (SE), Rob Nofsinger (SE), David Horsely (SE), Lew Maudsley (GRC).



SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

As I continue to receive submissions that are not in conformance to the guidelines I will reiterate these in Large print. The most common submissions deal with photos - then text.

To Submit Photos:

- DO NOT embed in a text document - send as **file attachments** only.
- Send as JPG, GIF, PNG files. **Do NOT** send HEIC format.
- Send original resolution photo. A 33x39 pixel file is unusable.
- Name the files after the event, e.g., Parade1.jpg, Parade2.jpg and for multiple events ensure that you do not use the same file name twice!

To submit event text descriptions:

- Within the document use the proper photo file name(s) **for the specific event.**

- When listing the participants in the photo **use this format only** -
- "(Photo name)-(Event name) Color Guard members L-to R - John Jones, Sam Smith, David Daniels, Edward Evans, etc"

Do not do this - using tabs

(Event1) John Jones, Sam Smith, David Daniels, Edward Evans, Frank Fields
 (Event2) John Jones, Sam Smith, David Daniels, Edward Evans, Frank . .

Remember, **this is for Color Guard events** - not chapter events wherein a chapter member makes a presentation that does NOT include color guard participation. Such Chapter presentations are suitable for the SAR Magazine. It must be an activity that the **Color Guard UNIT** is doing.