



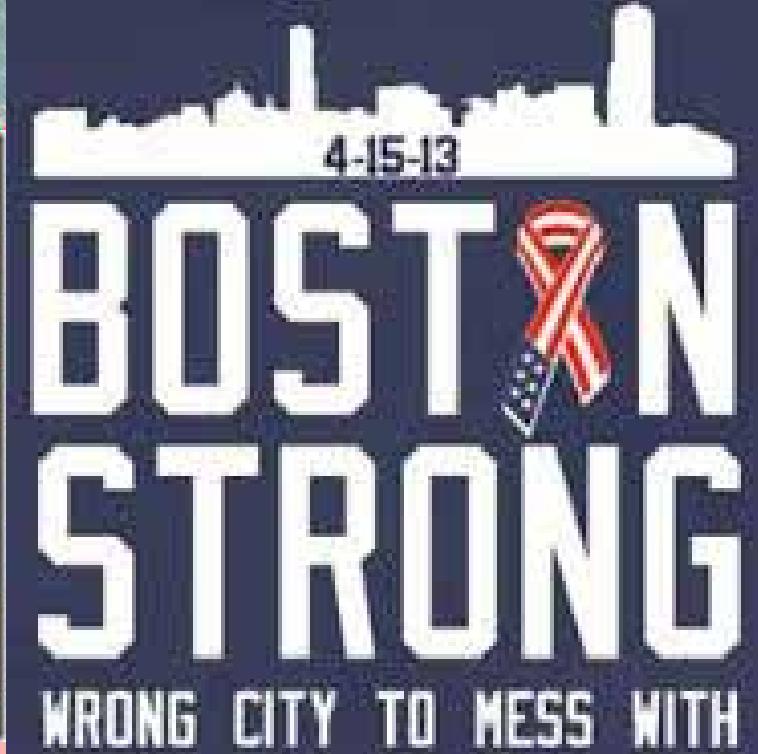
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THE SAR COLORGUARDSMAN

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Commander's Report

To the National Color Guard members, my report for the half year starts in July 2015. My first act as Color Guard commander was at Point Pleasant WVA. I had great time with the Color Guard from the near by states. My host for the 3 days was Steve Hart from WVA. Steve is from my Home town in Maryland. My second trip was to South Carolina to Kings Mountain. My host there was Mark Anthony we had members from North Carolina and South Carolina and from Georgia and Florida we had a great time at Kings Mountain. Went home for needed rest over 2000 miles on that trip. That weekend was back in the car to VA and the Tomb of the Unknown. Went home to get with the MD Color Guard for a trip to Yorktown VA for Yorktown Day. Went back home for events in MD for Nov. and Dec. Back to VA for the Battle of Great Bridge VA. In January I was back to SC for the Battle of Cowpens - again had a good time in SC. In February was my big trip to date. Lou Raborg went with me to Laredo Texas for the George Washington Parade. My host was past Color Guardsmen of the year Thomas Green of Texas. We all had a long 2.5 mile walk in the heat of Texas. Back home to get ready for Spring Leadership in KY. I will miss Guilford Court house in NC. Hope to make it next year in 2017. At home four members of MDSSAR will be honored for the work they have done for the MDSRAR. Hope to see a good turn out of the Color Guard at Boston in July 2016

David Wayne Hoover, National Color Guard Commander, Maryland Society



Vice Commander's Dispatch

The National SAR Color Guard continues its tradition of service and excellence in 2016. The year so far has seen large participation at established events such as the Battle of Cowpens in upstate South Carolina and new events such as the Battle of Cowan's Ford outside of Charlotte, NC.

In between and beyond there have been events such as the Battle of Kettle Creek (GA), the Crossing of the Dan (VA), the Battles of Moore's Creek Bridge and Guilford Courthouse (NC), the Last Naval Battle (FL) and the National Spring Leadership Meeting.

Obviously there have been many other local chapter and state society events as well.

In each of these, you represent the National SAR and honor your patriot ancestor(s) by serving as a focal point of the attending public's attention.



Let me encourage each of you to plan to attend as many events as you can this year and in attending these events, be prepared to explain the SAR and the significance of the event you are attending. An updated listing of official Color Guard events is published in this issue.

Please note that new events have been added such as the Action at Machias in Maine and Buford's Massacre in South Carolina. Also you will note that Patriots Day (April 17th), Memorial Day, July 4th and Veterans Day have all been added. On these dates, any activity on the local level is considered a National Color Guard Event regardless of its location. (Just remember that you can only count one event each day toward the various Color Guard medals even if you participate in more than one event.)

Let me also extend an invitation to each member of the color guard to attend the Annual Congress in Boston if you can. This Congress will give the Color Guard the rare opportunity to march along the streets of Boston with the Fife & Drum Corp. of the US Army Old Guard.

Remember, you are the reason the National SAR Color Guard is the success it is.

Mark C Anthony, Vice Commander



From the Editor

Welcome compatriots.

I'd like to take this time to remind all state Color Guard Commanders to collect and compile the color activities of their state color guard units and their state's chapter color guard units. I prefer that submissions come from the state color guard commander rather than the chapters because the color guard commander should be aware of what the chapter units are accomplishing. I receive submissions from chapters that are recaps of chapter activities - most having nothing to do with their color guards. While that input is interesting it is better placed in *The SAR Magazine*.

As you will note by the listing of state color guard commanders (page 39) in this issue, there are 36 states with a named commander. I am hoping that eventually there will be 36 chapter submissions to the "Reports from the Field" section. The January 2016 issue had 18 states reporting, this April issue has 11.

Of the 11 National Color Guard events (see page 38) in January through March, 5 had a state reporting on the events. During the April to June months there are 17 events taking place. I look forward to getting photos and/or a write up on each of those events. Our color guard activities need exposure and publicity - and this publication is one way of providing that exposure. So, at least if there is an event in your state, have someone be responsible to take a photo or to write up the event and send it to you, the state color guard commander.

The preferred method of submissions is by e-mail with attachments but I will accept USPS submissions, too.

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Thank you for your help. Please forward this issue to your state's chapter color guard commanders for dissemination amongst their color guard members.



Colorguardsman of the Year

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

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

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

Lowell Nichols (IN)	1998
Edgar E Grover (KS)	1999
Robert L Grover (MO)	2000
Bernard G Lamp Sr (WV)	2001
Raymond Zimmerman (MD)	2002
Charles Lampman (CA))	2003
James McCafferty (MD)	2004
Lester A Foster (MD)	2005
Andrew M Johnson (VA)	2006
George Thurmond (GA)	2007
Charles F Bragg (IN)	2008
Charlie A Newcomer (GA)	2009
John H Franklin Jr (OH)	2010
Paul Prescott (GA)	2011
Tom Green (TX)	2012
Gerald McCoy (MO)	2013
Samuel Powell (NC)	2014
Robert Cunningham (IN)	2015

NSSAR Color Guard Commanders

Donald N Moran (CA)	1989-1990
David J Gray (MA)	1990-2000
Garrett Jackson (CA)	2000-2002
Edgar Grover (KS)	2002-2004
Peter K Goebel (NY)	2004-2006
Charles Lampman (CA)	2006-2007
Larry Perkins (OH)	2007-2009
Joseph Dooley (VA)	2009-2011
J Michael Tomme (GA)	2011-2013
Michael Radcliff (TX)	2013-2015
David Hoover	2015 - Present

The Battle of Machias

The Battle of Machias (also known as the Battle of the Margaretta) was the second naval engagement of the American Revolutionary War, the Battle off Fairhaven being the first. It took place on June 11–12, 1775, in and around the port of Machias in what is now eastern Maine, and resulted in the capture by Patriot militia of a British schooner.

Following the outbreak of the war and the start of the Siege of Boston, British authorities enlisted the assistance of Loyalist merchant Ichabod Jones to assist in the acquisition of needed supplies. Two of Jones' merchant ships arrived in Machias on June 2, accompanied by the British armed sloop Margaretta, commanded by midshipman James Moore. The townspeople, unhappy with Jones' business practices, decided to arrest him, and in the attempt, decided to go after Moore and his ship. Moore was able to escape out of the harbor, but the townspeople seized one of Jones' ships, armed it and a second local ship, and sailed out to meet him. In a short confrontation, they captured Moore's vessel and crew, fatally wounding him in the process.

The people of Machias went on to capture additional British ships, and fought off the landing of a large force intended to take control of the town in 1777. Privateers and others operating out of Machias continued to be a thorn in the British Navy's side throughout the war.

Background

On April 19, 1775, the American Revolutionary War began with the Battles of Lexington and Concord in the British Province of Massachusetts Bay. Following the battle, the militia that had mustered to oppose the British besieged the city of Boston where the British troops were located.

Boston's British military leaders, Admiral Samuel Graves and General Thomas Gage, both had reason to do business with the people of Machias, a small coastal logging community located in what is now eastern Maine, but was then part of the Province of Massachusetts Bay. Gage required lumber to build barracks for additional troops arriving in the besieged city.^[7] Graves wanted to recover the guns from the wreck of HMS Halifax, which had apparently been intentionally run aground in Machias Bay by a local pilot in February 1775. The ship's guns were reported to be of interest to the Patriots of Machias. Graves authorized Ichabod Jones, a Tory Machias merchant who had ships in the port of Boston, to take flour and other food supplies to the town of Machias aboard his two ships Unity and Polly in exchange for Gage's needed lumber. To guarantee that this would happen, Graves sent the armed schooner Margaretta (sometimes also spelled Margueritta or Marguerite in historical accounts), under the command of James Moore, a midshipman from his flagship HMS Preston, to accompany the two merchant vessels. Moore also carried orders to retrieve what he could from the wreck of the Halifax, which they would pass on the way.

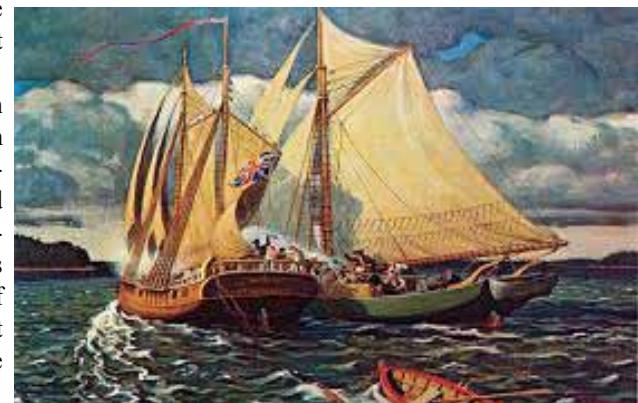
Arrival at Machias

On June 2, 1775, Jones' ships arrived in the port at Machias, while the Margaretta was delayed retrieving the guns from the Halifax wreck. Jones met resistance from the community by refusing to sell his pork and flour unless he was allowed to also load lumber for Boston. In a meeting on June 6, the townspeople voted against doing business with Jones. The hostile climate led Jones to ask Moore to bring the Margaretta within firing distance of the town. This prompted the town to meet a second time; this time they voted to permit the trade, and the Unity was docked at the wharf to begin unloading.

Following the vote, Jones announced that he would only do business with those who had voted in favor of trade. This angered those who had voted against, and Colonel Benjamin Foster, a local militia leader, conspired with militia from neighboring towns to capture Jones following the example of Brunswick militiamen a month earlier. Their plan to seize him at church on June 11 failed when he noticed the group of men approaching the building. Jones ran into the woods, from which he eventually emerged two days later. Moore and his second-in-command, who were also attending the services, also managed to get back to their ship.

Prelude

Some of the militia men boarded the docked Unity, removed the remaining supplies, and also removed her sails. Others went around by land near the place where the Margaretta was anchored, and demanded her surrender. Moore refused, threatening to fire on the town. This threat was more bluster than real, as Margaretta sported only a few mounted guns capable of firing one-pound shot. More of the militia men rowed out to the Polly, which was anchored downstream from the

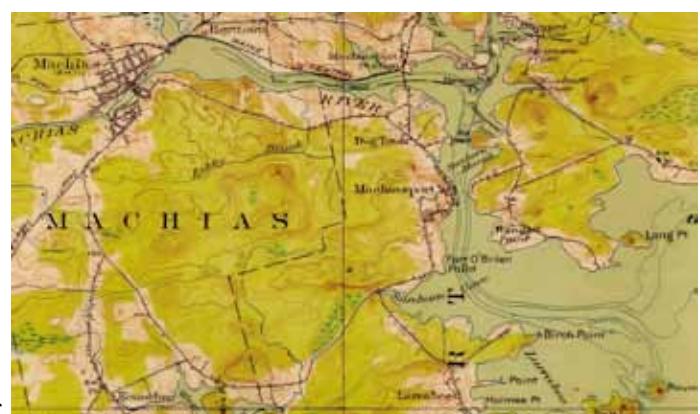


Captain Jeremiah O'Brien

(1744–1818) was a captain in the Massachusetts State Navy. Prior to its existence (or that of the Continental Navy), he commanded the sloop Unity when she captured the British armed schooner HMS Margaretta in the Battle of Machias, the first naval battle of the American Revolutionary War.

This battle is often considered the first time British colors were struck to those of the United States, even though the Continental Navy did not exist at the time. The United States Merchant Marine claims Unity as its member and this incident as their beginning.

O'Brien continued as the captain of *Unity*, renamed *Machias Liberty*, for two years, and received the first captain's commission in the Massachusetts State Navy in 1775.



From the Adjutant

James C Fosdyk

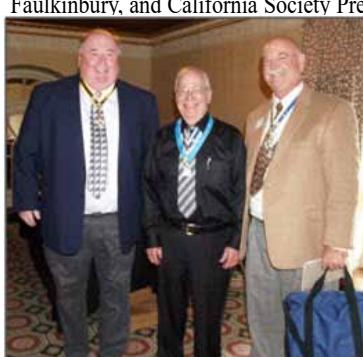


The 2016 Spring Leadership meeting of the Color Guard Committee was brought to order by Chairman and Color Guard Commander David Hoover at 2 p.m. He welcomed everyone and introduced his staff. Fifty-one color guardsmen representing 20 state societies attended the meeting.

Chairman Hoover introduced the past commanders in attendance: J. Michael Tomme, CDR Charles R. Lampman and Col. Peter K. Goebel.

Although a directive advised color guardsmen uniforms would not be required at the 2016 Spring Leadership the meeting was deemed a national color guard event. There were four candidates for NSSAR Color Guardsman of the Year; Karl W. Jacobs (California Society), Ken Lucky (North Carolina Society), Daniel Woodruff (South Carolina Society) and Paul Wilke, Ohio Society). The committee selected compatriot Karl W. Jacobs as NSSAR Color Guardsman of the Year for 2016.

The committee awarded a National Society Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard to California Society compatriot Jim Faulkinbury, and California Society President and Color Guard Committee member Dr. Kent Gregory accepted the medal on behalf of compatriot Faulkinbury.



Karl Jacobs named Color Guardsman of the Year 2016 David Hoover and Mike Tomme

The Kilt Subcommittee Chairman Tom Owen gave their report regarding the appropriateness of SAR color guardsmen wearing kilts at SAR Color Guard events – chairman Owen reported substantial evidence was uncovered that Georgia militiamen wore kilts during the American Revolutionary War. A motion was made to permit SAR color guardsmen to wear kilts at SAR Color Guard events, which was approved by the committee after discussion.



There was a motion by compatriot Jim Taylor that the choice for awarding points for participation in color guard events (point system or event system) should be left to the individual compatriot to decide. Color Guard Adjutant Fosdyk gave a rebuttal, arguing it would put an unnecessary burden on the state society color guard commanders to compile points from both systems, and the motion failed.

There was a motion by compatriot Douglas Wood, VPG New England, that the Action at Machias, Maine, be named a SAR National Color Guard event, and the motion passed.

Past Color Guard Commander Mike Tomme reminded the committee the Vigil at the Tomb of George and Martha Washington would be held at Mount Vernon on Saturday, September 17, 2016.

Compatriot Paul Callanan spoke briefly about the involvement of the color guard at the 126th Congress Memorial Service in Boston. He reminded the committee members that weapons (including muskets and swords) will not be allowed in the church. He also mentioned the US Army 3rd Infantry Regiment “Old Guard” Fife and Drum Corps may march with the color guard from the hotel to the church.

SAR Colorguardsman Editor Steven Williams reminded members of the committee to submit articles and photographs to him for upcoming issues of the magazine.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the 126th Congress in Boston.

Jim Fosdyk, NSSAR Color Guard Adjutant



Spring Leadership Conference



Editor Williams addresses the Color Guard Committee.



Friday evening banquet color guard.



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Photos by Un Hui



Color Guard briefing before Friday banquet.
Russ DeVenney, David Hoover, unknown and Jim Fosdyck.



Regardless the confusion about wearing or not wearing uniforms Commander Hoover formed a color guard for the Friday evening banquet.

Reverend Daniel Waldo - Old Survivor of the Revolution

101 Years Old. Born in Windham, Connecticut on September 10, 1762. Died July 30, 1864. Drafted into the Continental Army in 1778. Taken prisoner by the Tories a year later in Horseneck, Connecticut.

His connection with the Revolution began when he was 16 years old. The 16-year-old Waldo fought for freedom from British rule during the Revolution. He joined a company of Connecticut patriots that formed in his hometown of Windham. Captured by Tories while guarding the headquarters of his commander on Christmas Day 1779, he survived two months as a prisoner.

Waldo found religion after the war ended. He attended Yale and became a minister after graduation. Ordained under the auspices of the Congregational church in 1792, he embarked on a lifetime journey to serve flocks of the faithful across New England and the Northeast.

He was brought to New York where he was confined in the Sugar house in New York together with 20 or more members of his company. Sugar House Prisons were sugar refineries, sturdy stone and brick buildings. They were used by the British as prisons where captured American soldiers and civilians were confined. Two months later he and his whole company were exchanged for British prisoners and released. Rev. Waldo said he never saw Washington or La Fayette. A minister in the Congregational Church, he served for a short time as chaplain at New London. In his later years, at the age of 96, he was chosen chaplain of the House of Representatives.



SAR Descendants of
Rev Daniel Waldo

None to date

"In his personal habits Mr. Waldo was very careful and regular. His standing advice was to 'eat little.' He drank tea and coffee. The control of the temper he deemed one of the most important conditions of health, declaring that a fit of passion does more to break down the constitution than a fever. His memory was excellent, differing from that of most aged people, in that he retained current events with the same clearness as the earlier incidents of his history."

In 1856, at the age of 94, Waldo was named Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

It is recorded that he was in good health during his service to the House; he was also one of seven Revolutionary War veterans who, having survived into the age of photography, were featured in the 1864 book *The Last Men of the Revolution* (which gives many more details of his life). Waldo died in Syracuse, New York at the advanced age of 101, of injuries sustained after falling down a flight of stairs, and he was given a memorial in the House itself.

Source: http://www.americanrevolution.org/last_men/last-men6.php



Leadership Conference and Congress Schedules

126th Congress -

Thursday to Wednesday,
July 7 - 13, 2016

Westin Copley Hotel, Boston,
MA

127th Congress -

Thursday to Wednesday
July 6 - 12, 2017

Holiday Inn and Knoxville Con-
vention Center, Knoxville, TN

Fall Leadership -

Thursday, 29 September 2016 -
Saturday, 1 October 2016
Brown Hotel Louisville KY

Boston



Huzzah!

What is the correct pronunciation and use of the word "HUZZAH!"?

Everyone pronounced it HUZZ-ZAH! with the emphasis on the second syllable. It's used in unison by everyone present where the present-day Hip, Hip, Hurrah would be appropriate, to command someone specific or to celebrate some activity.



Knoxville



Reports from the field

ARIZONA*The Odyssey Preparatory Academy*

On January 11, 2016, members of the Arizona Color Guard presented an educational re-enactment of the Battle of Brandywine and Valley Forge during 1777-1778. The presentation was for 75... 5th graders at The Odyssey Preparatory Academy in Buckeye, Arizona. The program was led by Steve Monez of the Prescott Chapter and he portrayed General George Washington. Matt Scott of the Palo Verde Chapter, portrayed Nathaniel Green: Ed Steinback of the Prescott Chapter, portrayed General –Baron von Steuben. In addition, Jan Huber of the Saguaro Chapter, who portrayed his ancestor Ephraim Polk at Valley Forge, played his fife and also demonstrated the process the soldiers used to prepare their muskets for use. Mike Tubbs, portrayed drummer Michael Biery, and he shared a number of drummer's calls and explanation of how the drum was instrumental for our commands during the Revolutionary War. At the end of the one hour, the very attentive students participated in a question and answer process.



(left to right) are Jan Huber, Mike Tubbs, Steve Monez, Matt Scott, Ed Steinback

AZ SAR Annual Meeting in Casa Grande Arizona (left to right) Bill Smith, Steve Monez, Bill Baron, Bill Hearter, Allen Nash, Matt Scott, Chuck Howey, Steve Miller, Keith Hugus, John Niemeyer, Rudy Byrd, Al Niemeyer, and Ed Steinback

BELOW - (left to right) Matt Scott (State CG Cmdr.), Bob Gilbert, Bill Hearter, Keith Hugus, Chuck Howey, Bill Smith, Bill Baron, and Mike Tubbs (Zeally Moss Chapter)

*Iwo Jima Flag Parade 2016*

On 25 Feb 2016, the Arizona State Color Guard participated in the 72nd Anniversary of the Iwo Jima Flag Raising in Sacaton, AZ.

On 23 Feb 1945, US forces took the island of Iwo Jima. The six who raised the famous flag that day included Ira H. Hayes, a member of the Gila River Indian Community (includes Sacaton).



The following State Color Guard members marched in this years parade which honors Ira H. Hayes: Matt Scott (State Cmdr), Bob Gilbert, Bill Smith, Mike Tubbs, Keith Hugus, Bill Hearter, Chuck Howey, and Bill Baron.



CALIFORNIA -



On Sunday, February 14, 2016 the California SAR Color Guard participated in the 34th Massing of the Colors & Salute to Our Armed Forces at the Hall of Liberty, Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills in Los Angeles. The Mass-



ing is the largest celebration of Washington's Birthday in the West. The SAR Color Guard was comprised of 31 compatriots from nine California SAR chapters.

The bookends in the photo are (left) Jim Fosdyck and (right) California SAR Color Guard Adjutant South Mark Kramer.

First time participants in the Massing of the Colors was Orange County Chapter compatriot Lt. Col. Hans Hunt and the Sonora High School Army JROTC Color Guard. Col. Hunt is the Senior Military Instructor at Sonora HS.

Also in attendance were about one dozen additional compatriots and members of the California Ladies Auxiliary.



Color guard comprised of compatriots from San Diego, General George Patton and Eagle Chapters.





CASSAR President Dr. Kent Gregory gives greetings from the SAR. Looking on Col. David Smith (USAF ret) President of the Sons of Liberty Chapter.



Orange County Chapter Lee's Legion Color Guard

Kern Chapter Color Guard



Riverside & Redlands Chapters combined Color Guard



From the California Society - Kern County Chapter Color Guard. At the Granite Point Elementary School, Bakersfield, CA.

From left to right: Brian Claxton, Jon Keith, Jim Claxton, Steve Corbin, Kerry Adams, Will Flickinger, Arnie Burr.

Many Photos taken by Un Hui Yi, Other photos by event participants.

CONNECTICUT

Connecticut SAR members participated the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the All Wars Memorial in Bantam, Connecticut on December 12th.



The Mary Floyd Tallmadge Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution sponsored and conducted the event.

Seven specially designated wreaths were placed for the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, and POW/MIA. The wreaths serve to: remember all soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines who served; honor their sacrifices; and teach our younger generations about the high cost of our freedoms.





Alec Marshall, State President of the Connecticut Society of the Children of the American Revolution - and Connecticut SAR member - brought greetings from the C.A.R.



Ten SAR Color Guard members participated in the event, and seven more non-Color Guard members of the Gov. Oliver Wolcott, Sr. Branch #10 SAR were in attendance.

Wreaths Across America ceremonies begin promptly at 12:00 NOON and they take place simultaneously all across the Country.

Governor Jonathan Trumbull, Sr. 305th Birthday Celebration

Connecticut Line compatriots joined the CTDAR and Sheldon's Light Horse at Gov. Trumbull, Sr.'s house and the Wadsworth Stables in Lebanon to celebrate the 305th birthday of Governor Jonathan Trumbull, Sr., who was born in Lebanon on October 12th, 1710. Gov. Trumbull was the only governor from the thirteen colonies to serve as governor before, during and after the American War of Independence. SAR New England District Vice President General Douglas Wood (NH) and Connecticut SAR former President Dave Perkins assisted current President Ethan Stewart in inducting new compatriot Philip Shreffler into the Connecticut Society.

Both the weather and the turnout were fantastic. The Connecticut Line also joined in the CTDAR's celebration of the 125th anniversary of the founding of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution as well as the dedication of a tree to remember Sept. 11, 2001





CTSSAR's Connecticut Line, Sheldon's 2nd Light Dragoons, CTDAR, NE District VPG Doug Wood, President Stewart and Others Gathered in Front of Governor Trumbull's House, Lebanon, CT, Saturday, October 10, 2015

Photo taken by Alice Ridgeway, CTDAR Vice Regent

Todd Gerlander Honored in CTSSAR Connecticut Line's Change of Command Ceremony at the Connecticut SAR's Trumbull War Office

Todd Gerlander was honored for his outstanding, long-time service to the Connecticut Society as Colonel and commander of the Connecticut Line, CTSSAR's color guard and living history/reenactment unit, with NSSAR's prestigious von Steuben Medal. Pre-

presented to Todd L. Gerlander by VPG-New England District Douglas Wood, this medal recognizes compatriots with sustained, exemplary service in a color guard unit. Dave Perkins succeeded Todd Gerlander as Colonel and commander of the Connecticut Line. Members of that unit presented arms as both Gerlander and then Perkins inspected the troops



Connecticut Society's Annual Meeting of the Color Guard at J. Timothy's in Plainville, February 13, 2016



Fifteen compatriots and wives gather in front of J. Timothy's for their annual group photo after their luncheon meeting at the historic, 18th-century restaurant. The Color Guard calendar for 2016 was approved by the members of the Connecticut Line, along with the awarding of Color Guard medals and the election of officers.



The newly elected officers of the Connecticut Line, Col. David J. Perkins of the Rev. Baldwin Branch; Lt. Col. Paul H. Sel nau, of the Gov. Oliver Wolcott, Sr. Branch and Maj. Tyler D. Smith of the Capt. Nathan Hale Branch..



NSSAR Bronze Color Guard Medal was awarded to Compatriot Dave Packard



NSSAR's silver color guard medal was awarded to Bob Rivard (above left) & Dan Dudley (above right). Presenting the awards is Col. David J. Perkins, commander of the Connecticut Line and the most recent past commander of the Connecticut Line, Capt. Todd L. Gerlander

FLORIDA -



The Florida Society Color Guard was represented by the Tampa and St. Petersburg Chapters in the presentation of the colors at the March 5 formal banquet of the Annual Meeting of the Florida Society of the Children of the American Revolution, held in Tampa. Pictured above (l-r) are David Bryant, David Chestnut, John Sessums, Dick Young and Alan Bell (color guard commander).



The 233rd Anniversary Celebration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution,
Saturday, March 5, 2016. Front Row LR Past National Commander Mike Tomme, Florida Commander Charlie Day, Past PG Lindsey Brock





St. Patrick Day Parade at Clover Leaf Farms, Brooksville, FL

March 17, 2016 A Community Parade, among the parade leaders - Sons of The American Revolution

Pictured Parade leaders Withlacoochee Chapter (LR) Mark Idle, Charlie Day, Dick Young (Tampa), Jack Townsend.

Battle of Thomas Creek, Jacksonville. Event held at airport facility. The Wreaths and Colors were all pre posted. Color Guards were located in position with a group of Militia located on one side of audience and a group of Colonials on the other side.

A group of "black powder" shooters went out to the battle site to fire their arms after the main even was over.

Color Guard at the Florida Board of Management meeting in February.



The Caloosa Chapter General Light Horse Harry Lee Camp #15 participated in the 78th Edison Festival of Lights Grand Parade in Fort Myers, Florida. The parade is part of a festival which pays tribute to Thomas Alva Edison who made Fort Myers his winter residence beginning in 1885. This year the parade included 30 floats, 18 marching bands, 200 units in the parade, 5,000 people taking part in the parade, and an estimated 200,000 people who attended and watched along the route. The parade began at the staging area at Fort Myers High School and continued about two miles, snaking through historic downtown Fort Myers.

MASSACHUSETTS

Colonial Henry Knox Color Guard



With the onset of war in 1775, America began to train an army to defend against a British invasion. Color Guards and Fifers and Drummers were an important part of the 18th-century military. Just as America enlisted soldiers and stockpiled arms and ammunition, it also trained marchers and drummers to work with soldiers in the field. In the 18th century, these groups served as signal instruments for the infantry, relaying the commander's orders to soldiers in camp and on the field of battle. The steady rhythm and spirited tunes of the fifers and drummers kept the soldier's mind off the tedious march.



Color Guard members. Top Row – Verne Thayer, Steve Perkins, Allan Van Wert. Seated – Patricia Bridgman and Wesley H. Wratchford. Colonel Henshaw Annual Meeting

The uniforms of the Color Guard reflect the time when the Massachusetts regiment was formed on May 19, 1775 with ten companies and 417 men under the command of Colonel Richard Gridley. On November 17, 1775, Colonel Henry Knox took command and held it until December 27, 1776, when he was made Brigadier General and Chief of Artillery in the Continental Army. When the Army was reorganized in 1776, this regiment became the 3rd Continental Artillery under Colonel John Crane.

During the period 1775-1776, the soldiers wore no uniform except what they could get, but the officers adopted a blue coat faced with red and lined with white cloth. These coats were cut in any style that the individual chose as there was no regulation, but the buttons were to be gilt and the buttonholes and lace the same. The coats were cut with tight sleeves and full skirts, as a rule, following the fashion of the day.

Later they wore the regulation artillery uniform adopted for all the artillery in accordance with Washington's general order of October, 1779. This order was about the same as given above except that the coats were to be faced and lined with red, and the buttonholes bound with yellow tape for the men, and gilt for the officers. Buttons for the

men were of pewter with raised letters "U. S. A." on them, at this time.

The Massachusetts Society's Color Guard carries forward these traditions. Since its inception, audiences throughout New England have enjoyed the performances and experienced some history of America's Revolution. The Color Guard appears in more than 20 events each year as part of our national program. It has come to symbolize what is best about our community, our history, and our society.

Color Guard member and President of the Col. William Henshaw Chapter Wesley H. Wratchford hosted a ceremony at Rawson Brook Burial Ground to honor the life of its namesake and one of Leicester, Massachusetts best known Patriots – Colonel William Henshaw.





Weston, Ma Grave Marking & Golden Ball Tavern

Left to right: New CG member John Zafiris with his father John Zafiris Jr., William Battles and Commander John Cunningham



Patriots' Day -- The 240 Anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord.

Left to right: Brian Thomson, Steve Perkins, David Conkling Commander John Cunningham & Patriot Pastor Garrett Lear

Memorial Day, Hamilton, MA



Granary Burial Grounds' Boston, MA



Bunker Hill Day, Charlestown, MA -- Commander John Cunningham giving the grin



Celebration of the Yorktown Victory -- Deerfield Village, Deerfield, MA

Upcoming events

Patriot's Day 2016 @ Colonial Inn in Concord, Ma April 17 & 18

Our Patriot's Day Celebration would be incomplete without the grand parade in Concord Monday, April 18. The President General and his wife will join us there and at the ceremony at the North Bridge. The Color Guard will muster in front of Colonial Inn at 7:30 a.m. Monday to select a patriot's grave and conduct a brief memorial ceremony about 8:00 a.m. The parade steps off at 9:00 a.m.

In addition, for the first time in 25 years, the Color Guard will march onto the North Bridge at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday April 19, and present a ceremonial musket salute.

Congress 2016 Boston @ Westin Copley Hotel

Jul 8 – Jul 14 all-day

Boston takes you to places where history was made! Walk along the iconic Freedom Trail with its nationally significant historic sites and authentic treasures. Visit a unique collection of museums, churches, meeting houses, burying grounds, parks, a ship, and historic markers that tell the story of the American Revolution and beyond. Learn about the brave people who shaped our nation. Discover our rich history as it began in Massachusetts, where every step tells a story.



Medford, MA 385th Anniversary Parade

Harvard Club of Boston

Please join us for the 127th Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. The meeting will be held on the 2nd floor at the Harvard Club in Boston on Saturday February 20th, 2016. The meeting will bring together an exceptional set of events across all aspects of our state society.





MISSOURI

The Color Guard participated with the DAR in the annual George Washington's Birthday Commemoration held on February 15, 2016 at Lafayette Park, St. Louis, MO. Left to right: Compatriot Bob Brindell (Spirit of St. Louis Chapter); Eastern Missouri Color Guard Commander Bill Grote (Fernando de Leyba Chapter); DAR Missouri State Regent, Morgan Lake; and Immediate Past President and current National Trustee - Missouri Society, SAR, Charles Lilly (Fernando de Leyba Chapter).



William Elliot David was sworn in by grandpa Compatriot Charles Lilly on September 14, 2015. William is the first Junior Member to join the Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapter. William participated with the Chapter Color Guard in presenting the colors. Grandpa Lilly is the immediate Past President of the Missouri Society, SAR and presently a National Trustee.



On January 11, 2016 the Fernando de Leyba Chapter presented the Chapter Knight Essay Contest Winner James E. (Elliott) Hoskins, a Senior at Troy Buchanan High School, Lincoln County R-III School District, Troy, Missouri Elliot Hoskins with the SAR Essay Contest Winner Medal, Knight Essay Winner Certificate, and a check. From left to right: Eastern Missouri Color Guard Commander Bill Grote, Compatriot Dennis Hahn, Elliott Hoskins, and Compatriot Charles Lilly.



On January 23, 2016 the Ozark Mountain SAR Chapter Color Guard provided the opening flag ceremony at the Hickory Hills Country Club in Springfield, MO for the KCCH, Valley of Joplin, Orinet of Missouri Scottish Rite Masons for the benefit of Speech, Language and Literacy. In the second photo, left to right: Compatriot J. Howard Fisk, Past President General David N. Appleby, and Compatriot Gerald McCoy.





On January 11, 2016 the Fernando de Leyba Chapter presented the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate to O'Fallon, Missouri Police Officers Deric Dull and Tanner McMillin for their saving a man who attempted suicide. From left to right: Eastern Missouri Color Guard Commander Bill Grote, Compatriot Charles Lilly, Officer Tanner McMillin, Sergeant Deric Dull, Compatriot Dennis Hahn, and Compatriot Marvin Koechig.

Missouri Color Guard Members at the January 30, 2016 Missouri Society, SAR Board Meeting held in Columbia, Missouri. Standing from left to right: James Scott, Western Missouri Color Guard Commander; Compatriot Richard Matthews; Compatriot Mike Schmidt; Charles Lilly, National Trustee and Honorary Vice President; J. Wayne Merrill, Missouri Society, SAR Chaplain; Robert J. Corum, Missouri Society, SAR President; Steve Baldwin, Past Vice President General; Compatriot Roy Hutchinson, and Compatriot Robert Grover. Seated from left to right: Chris Sizemore, Missouri Society, SAR Genealogist; Dale Schmidt, Missouri Society, SAR Executive Vice President; James Osbourn, Missouri Society, SAR Secretary; Courtney Sloan, Missouri Society, SAR Treasurer; and Cliff Olsen, Missouri Society, SAR Honorary Vice President.



On February 20, 2016 Western Missouri Color Guard Commander and Ozark Mountain Color Guard Commander Gerald McCoy presented a Certificate and Color Guard Handbook to J. Howard Fisk who joined the Color guard in June 2015. First photo, left to right: Compatriot Gerald McCoy and J. Howard Fisk. Second photo, left to right: Ozark Mountain Chapter President,



Dan Philbrick; Compatriots Dan McMurray; Gerald McCoy; J. Howark Fisk; Ken Lawrence; and Charles McMillan.

The below photos are from the Ozark Mountain Chapter Grave Marking Ceremony for Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Past President General Dr. M. Graham Clark and Compatriot Seth B. Caperton held on March 12, 2016 at the Ozarks Memorial Park Cemetery, Branson, Missouri.



From left to right: Western Color Guard Commander Gerald McCoy; Compatriot J. Howard Fisk; Missouri Society, SAR Chaplain J. Wayne Merrill; Compatriot Ken Lawrence; and Compatriot Dan McMurray



The Family of Dr. M. Graham Clark & friends



Standing at the grave of Dr. and Mrs. M. Graham Clark, Left to right: Ozark Mountain Chapter President Dan Philbrick and Past SAR President General and Master of Ceremonies David N. Appleby.

M. Graham Clark SAR President General 1974-1975
WWII, U.S. Army College 1946-1952, Vice President College of the Ozarks, 1952-1981 President College of the Ozarks, 1981- until his death in 2001 President Emeritus of College of the Ozarks



The Musket Salute Team of the Western District, Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard fired a musket salute at the Private John Lewis Barkley Medal of Honor Ceremony on March 20, 2016 at the Forest Hills Cemetery, Kansas City, MO. The team fired three volleys. This was a joint event of several local lineage societies, including the DAR and CAR. The Musket Salute Team from left to right: Jack Quint, Independence Patriots Chapter; Glenn Irminger, William C. Corum Chapter; Alvin Paris, Independence Patriots Chapter; Stephen Sullins, Independence Patriots Chapter; James Scott, Independence Patriots Chapter; and Lyman Miller, Monticello Chapter (Kansas Society, SAR). Photograph by Kelton Smith.

NEVADA -

Massing of the Colors and Salute to Our Armed Forces

Feb 14, 2016, at the Hall of Liberty Forest Lawn Cemetery, Hollywood Hills, California. This annual event is hosted by the California Society and the Sons of Liberty Chapter. Participants in this years event included members of the California Society, Compatriots from out of state, active and retired military, Cadets, Scouts, Civil War and the Morgan Rangers reenactors. Truly a popular and impressive event. Kudos to the Sons of Liberty Chapter and the California Society for organizing this outstanding event, their 34th year. Nevada Society Color Guard Commander Gary Parriott, a dual member of the Sons of Liberty Chapter, participated in this years event. (Personal photos of Gary Parriott)



Pre-Ceremony photo of Color Guardsmen

From our Northern Nevada Chapter -

George Washington Birthday Lunch, Feb 20, 2016, at Tamarack Junction, Reno. Organized by President David Hess, this event was well attended to celebrate the day. Chapter member Dr. Gary Ridenour was awarded the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, for his worldwide research and study, and educational efforts in public awareness, regarding the Zika virus. Dr. Ridenour is an authoritative voice on the virus, and well known spokesman on international Coast to Coast Radio.

Presentation of Colors in front of the Hall of Liberty



Declaration of Independence presentation at Dayton Intermediate School, Feb 23, 2016. This event was organized by Chapter President David Hess for the combined group of Northern Nevada Chapter's Fifes & Drums and Color Guard members at the Dayton Intermediate School, in Dayton Nevada. The Color Guard made its appearance with about 180 students during their study of American history and the Declaration of Independence. Before the event, the students' classes were divided into six distinct regiments, with each having a Color Guard member assigned to it.

During the event, each class (regiment) was addressed by its Color Guardsman, to read in turn, his portion of the Declaration of Independence. Each "regiment" cheered at their introduction to the assembly, after the reading, questions from students were fielded by the Color Guard. President David Hess gave a rousing speech, exhorting freedom to the regiments, and heartening the entire audience. Two members of the Fifes & Drums of Nevada played while the students filed in to the gym for the event.



Post-Ceremony photo of Color Guardsmen

Color Guard Fund raising activities

Compatriot Joe E. Harris Jr. was the guest Speaker at the Signers Chapter annual George Washington Birthday Dinner held on Feb 20th. Joe gave a very interesting talk on George Washington during the Winter Encampment of 1777/1778 at Valley Forge. At the conclusion of his speech he donated a beautifully framed picture of George Washington kneeling in prayer at Valley Forge. This picture will be auctioned or raffled at the Nevada Societies 2017 annual meeting with the proceeds made available for the Signers Chapter Color Guard. Thank You Joe - Gary Parriott Nevada Society Color Guard Commander.

(Joe has served as the President of the North Carolina Society (2005),

elected the National Society's Executive Director (2007) and served as the VPG of the Inter mountain District (2012 and 2014). Joe was awarded The Minuteman Award (Class of 2015), the highest award presented to a member. This award is presented for distinguished service rendered to the Sons of the American Revolution.)

The Northern Nevada Chapter raffled a bottle of Whiskey from the Mount Vernon historic Distillery. Each year the distillery produces a small batch of distilled spirits for purchase by the public but quantities are very limited. So this was truly a unique opportunity and a great way to support the Color Guard. (George Washington was once the largest whiskey producer in America. Today Mount Vernon continues the tradition of producing whiskey as well as other small batches of distilled spirits at the historic Distillery & Gristmill site.)

Nevada Society Annual Meeting and Color Guard Awards, March 12, 2016

This years annual meeting was held at the Peppermill Resort and Spa in Reno Nevada. Many thanks to the Nevada Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution for their warm hospitality and providing the meeting rooms for us. The weekend events got started Friday evening with the First Annual, Silver State SAR Soiree at the Louis' Basque Corner Restaurant in Downtown Reno. What a great way to get together and enjoy a nice meal and an evening of fellowship. Thanks extended to the Northern Nevada Chapter and Roger Linscott for organizing and hosting this unique dining experience.

Invited Guests: Inspector General, Warren M. Alter and Vice President General Western District, John L. Dodd

Long time and well respected NV Society Secretary/Treasurer Ben Allen was recognized for his distinguished service. Ben's awards included a Certificate of Appreciation and a beautiful Plaque in recognition of producing "A History of the Sons of the American Revolution in Nevada 1910-2015" Thank you Ben, your presence on the Board will be missed. NV Society President Ed Carson presented Frank Gagliardi Jr, President Emeritus, with a certificate of appreciation for his distinguished service as NV Society President 2015-2016. Thank you Frank for your leadership and support. In a first, four members of the NV Society Color Guard were presented with Bronze Color Guard medals. Congratulations to everyone for your dedication and hard work. Looking forward to another successful year.



Chapter V.P. Roger Linscott, Dr. Gary Ridencour.



Winner of the George Washington Lunch drawing was Color Guardsman John Ryland. L to R: Chapter Pres. David Hess, John Ryland, Roger Linscott.



L to R: Brian Worcester, Edward Carson, David Hess, Roger Linscott, Paul Hicks, John Ryland.



Northern Nevada Chapter President, David Hess holding the bottle of Mount Vernon Whiskey at the Nevada Society annual meeting March 12, 2016



Color Guard Commander Gary Parriott and Joe E. Harris Jr with the donated picture of George Washington kneeling in prayer at Valley Forge.



Nevada Society President Frank Gagliardi Jr. presents Ben Allen an award for producing "A History of the Sons of the American Revolution in Nevada 1910-2015".



Nevada Society Color Guard award recipients. L to R, Brian Worcester (NV Society Trustee), Gary Parriott (NV Society Color Guard Commander), David Hess (Northern Society President and Fifes & Drums of Nevada Drum Major) and Dr. Gene Butler (Signers Chapter President)



Nevada Society President Emeritus Frank Gagliardi Jr. receiving a Certificate of appreciation from Nevada Society President Ed Carson. L to R, Ben Allen, Frank Gagliardi Jr., Inspector General, Warren M. Alter and Ed Carson.



Members of the NV Society are joined for a group photo by Inspector General, Warren M. Alter, on the left and Vice President General Western District, John L. Dodd, front row, center.

Deadline for July Issue
June 27

Machias - from Page 4

Colonel Benjamin Foster

played a strong role in the taking of the first ship of the Revolutionary war.

Colonel Benjamin Foster born June 26th, 1726 baptized in 1728, Greenland, NH. He Died July 4th, 1818 in Machias, ME. Served in the war with Canada under General Abercrombe. (Lewisburg surrender 1745) He was granted Colonel on his 19th birthday. One of the leaders in the capture of British armed cutter Margaretta in the Machias Bay on June 12, 1775.

Liberty poles

were often erected in town squares in the years before and during the American Revolution. Some colonists erected liberty poles on their own private land (such as in Woburn, Massachusetts—the pole raising there is reenacted annually). An often violent struggle over liberty poles erected by the Sons of Liberty in New York City raged for 10 years. The poles were periodically destroyed by the royal authorities, only to be replaced by the Sons with new ones. The conflict lasted from the repeal of the Stamp Act in 1766 until the revolutionary New York Provincial Congress came to power in 1775. The liberty pole in New York City had been crowned with a gilt vane bearing the single word, "Liberty".

When an ensign was raised (usually red) on a liberty pole, it would be a calling for the Sons of Liberty or townspeople to meet and vent or express their views regarding British rule. [citation needed][original research?] The pole was known to be a symbol of dissent against Great Britain. The symbol is also apparent in many seals and coats of arms as a sign of liberty, freedom, and independence.



Margaretta, and attempted to tow her into the harbor. This attempt failed when she ran aground, possibly due to low tide. Moore raised anchor and came alongside Polly, intending to recover her. After a brief and inconsequential exchange of gunfire with the militia men on the shore, however, he again raised anchor and went further downstream to a safe anchorage.

The next day, the men of Machias regrouped. Foster took about 20 men to East Machias, where they commandeered the Falmouth Packet, a local schooner. The remaining men commandeered the Unity. They rerigged her, installed some planks as a makeshift breastwork to serve as protection, armed themselves with muskets, pitchforks and axes and then set out after the Margaretta, which by that time had reached the waters of Machias Bay. Moore had brought aboard as pilot one Captain Toby, near whose sloop he had anchored overnight, and was looking to depart the scene. In jibing into brisk winds, however, the Margaretta's main boom and gaff broke away, crippling its navigability. As a result, once in Holmes Bay, Moore captured a sloop, took its spar and gaff to replace the Margaretta's and also took captive its pilot, Robert Avery, of Norwich, Connecticut.

Conflict

The Unity crew, about 30 Machias men, elected Jeremiah O'Brien as their captain, and then sailed out to chase down the Margaretta. As the Unity was a much faster sailing vessel, O'Brien's crew quickly overtook the crippled Margaretta, while the Falmouth Packet lagged behind. Maine historian Roger Duncan, among others, indicates that both the Unity and the Falmouth Packet engaged the Margaretta, but other sources disagree. Early 20th-century Machias historian George Drisko claims that the Falmouth Packet either ran aground or never caught up to the Margaretta, and that the men aboard the Unity alone battled the Margaretta directly.

Seeing the Unity approaching, Moore opened full sail and cut away his boats in an attempt to escape. As the Unity pulled closer, he opened fire, but the Machias crew managed to avoid that fire and pull alongside the Margaretta. It took two tries, but they tied alongside and stormed on board the Margaretta, led by O'Brien's brother John and Joseph Getchell. Both sides also exchanged musket shots, and Moore tossed hand grenades onto the Unity until Samuel Watts took him down with a musket shot to the chest. As Duncan reports, the Falmouth Packet then managed to pull along the other side of the Margaretta, and the combined crews overwhelmed the Margaretta.

As Midshipman Moore was grievously wounded, his second, Midshipman Stillingfleet, surrendered the crew and vessel. Moore was taken into care in Machias at the home of Stephen Jones, the nephew of Ichabod Jones, but died the next day. At least three other members of Moore's crew were also killed, as was Robert Avery, the colonist taken by the British. The remaining crew members of the British schooner were held at Machias for about a month, and were eventually handed over to the Massachusetts Provincial Congress. There were also reports circulated, likely exaggerated, that as many as 100 British men died in this and other skirmishes in the Machias area. Machias lost two men, John McNiell and James Coolbroth. Coolbroth died after the skirmish of his wounds. Three others were badly wounded but survived. They were John Berry, who had a musket ball enter his mouth and exit behind his ear, Isaac Taft, and James Cole.

Liberty pole story

There is a widely told story concerning this affair that Machias men erected a Liberty pole after meeting in the Burnham Tavern to discuss the battles of Lexington and Concord. This story, which persists in modern history books and travel guides, has been shown to be an 1831 fabrication by Machias resident John O'Brien. There is no mention of the Liberty pole in any earlier accounts, including the official report sent by the residents of Machias in 1775, and the letters of other participants in the events

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NORTH CAROLINA

The North Carolina Color Guard has started 2016 with members spreading out to celebrations from Virginia to Georgia. In the first three months, color guardsmen having been in attendance at the Battle of Cowpens, Kettle Creek, Crossing of the Dan and Guilford Courthouse among other places. It was a honor to have President General Thomas Lawrence in attendance at the celebration of the Battle at Guilford Courthouse.



Color Guard at Guilford Courthouse Celebration.

from National Congresses to local Chapter events.

In January, Ken Luckey of the Mecklenburg Chapter was selected as North Carolina Guardsman of the Year. Ken has been in the Color Guard since 2012 and for the past two years was the State Adjutant for the western part of North Carolina.

A change of Color guard command took place at the during the Spring Board of Managers meeting following the celebration of the Battle of Cowan's Ford. Gary Green, commander during 2014-2015 turned over the Color Guard to John Thornhill. John started in the North Carolina Color Guard in 2009 and has attended Color Guard functions

OHIO



On December 12th, 2015 the joint Color Guard from Northeast Ohio, Samuel Huntington, Western Reserve and Lafayette SAR Chapters participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Evergreen cemetery in Painesville, Ohio

David Hudson Chapter DAR Youth Awards Program – Hudson, OH



On Sunday February 14th, 2016, the David Hudson Chapter DAR held their Annual Youth Awards Program at Laurel Lake Retirement Community in Hudson, Ohio. The Western Reserve Society Color Guard presented the colors, assisted by DAR Member Becca Ilic and C.A.R. Member Jocelyn Weaver

Ohio Society
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Guilford
Courthouse for
First Time



OKLAHOMA



Tulsa Chapter Color Guard presents at Allegiant Airlines press conference

The SAR Tulsa Chapter Color Guard, (photographed left to right along with airport employee “Uncle Sam” Jeff Condray,) Stuart Denslow, Ron Painter, Bill Graham and Loyd Means, presented colors at Allegiant Airline’s celebration of the expansion of nonstop air service to Washington D.C./Baltimore from Tulsa International Airport. Alexis Higgins, deputy airports director for marketing, said that the inaugural twice weekly service could eventually lead to year-round service. The event was attended by local tv and newspaper reporters, airport employees, various airline employees and the public. The SAR Tulsa



Chapter Color Guard received coverage of their participation at the event in the Tulsa World newspaper, the Tulsa Business & Legal News Journal and on the local KTUL TV 8.

Photo credits: 1) Tulsa Chapter Color Guardsmen Stuart Denslow, Ron Painter, Bill Graham and Loyd Means with an airport employee as “Uncle Sam.” 2) Tulsa Chapter President Ron Painter invites you to fly Allegiant Air nonstop from Tulsa International to Washington DC/Baltimore BWI.



SAR Tulsa Chapter President Ron Painter spoke at the 2015 Wreaths Across America ceremony at Floral Haven Cemetery in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, a suburb of Tulsa. Painter spoke about the creation of the SAR to remember and honor Revolutionary War patriots, how SAR members have served in every American conflict since the organization’s beginning and how important it is to remember and honor those who pay the price for our freedom. US Congressman Jim Bridenstine spoke of the importance of remembering our veterans during the Christmas holiday. Many servicemen and women do not get to have the holiday with their families and for many families who have lost a loved one in service, Christmas is a very difficult time.



Photo credits: 1)SAR Tulsa Chapter President & Guardsman Ron Painter lays wreath on grave of SAR Tulsa Chapter member Lt. Colonel Glyn Trimble who died on September 3, 2015.

2) The SAR Color Guard also placed a wreath on the grave of an SAR Tulsa Chapter member who died in the Korean War, 20 year old PFC Albert Collins from Tulsa, who was killed in action in 1950. Collins is buried in nearby Memorial Park Cemetery. 3) Tulsa Chapter President Ron Painter speaks at ceremony hosted by Civil Air Patrol Starbase Composite Squadron.





The Tulsa Chapter SAR presented colors at the opening of Revolutionary Day on February 4, 2016. Guardsmen Loyd Means, Stuart Denslow and Ron Painter were in attendance (photo l-r.) Chapter President Ron Painter distributed 100 SAR Flag Etiquette booklets to the classmates of the two winning history essay contestants (photo). The booklets were supplied by Coleen Wilson of NSSAR Educational Outreach. President Painter also presented the first place winner with a \$150.00 check. The Revolutionary Day program is coordinated by Tulsa teachers Beth Howard and Dessa Weber who are Colonial Williamsburg Teacher Institute Alumnae. Revolutionary Day is a stimulating day of educational activities celebrating a pivotal time in our nation's history. The events of the day bring to life the American Revolution for fifth-grade students of northeast Oklahoma. Participants enjoy dressing in Colonial-period clothing and meeting historical character interpreters. The learning experience is enriched by bringing together these educational elements in a beautiful colonial setting at Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church. Special guest re-enactor, Bryan Austin of Williamsburg, portrayed James Madison (photo l-r Bryan Austin and Tulsa Chapter President Ron Painter.)



The Tulsa Chapter SAR hosted a Vietnam Veteran Honor Ceremony at the Mayor's Veterans Advisory Council meeting was a great success! With the ceremony and ensuing meeting combined, 63 Vietnam veterans were honored and presented a Vietnam War Commemoration pin. The Tulsa Chapter SAR is a Commemorative Partner in the US Department of Defense's Vietnam War Commemoration.

SAR Color guardsmen Ron Painter, Stuart Denslow, Loyd Means, Bill Graham and Bartlesville's Fred Morris attended (photo l-r). The American, Oklahoma, and Vietnam War Commemoration flags were posted. Air Force veteran Mike Yates, a Constituent for US Senator Lankford's office, read a proclamation from Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin obtained by SAR Tulsa Chapter President Ron Painter from OK House Representative Mike Ritze, an SAR Tulsa Chapter member.

The governor's proclamation declared March 17th as "Vietnam Veterans Day" in the State of Oklahoma. Tulsa Mayor Dewey Bartlett read a proclamation from the City of Tulsa thanking all the Vietnam veterans for their service and proclaimed March 17th as "Vietnam Veterans Day" in the City of Tulsa (photo). Following the proclamations, SAR Tulsa Chapter President Ron Painter, along with the SAR Color Guard and chapter members Tim Morgan and Craig Lagrone began to place the commemorative pins on the veterans, shake hands and welcome them home. Tulsa Chapter SAR Compatriot Craig Lagrone receives pin and handshake from President Painter (l-r.) Compatriot Fred Morris exchanged his Color Guard tricorn for his own Vietnam Veteran hat. President Painter pinned Mayor Bartlett, a Vietnam War era veteran whose late father, Oklahoma Governor Dewey F. Bartlett, was a member of the SAR, Oklahoma City Chapter. Members of the community assisted in pinning the veterans, making the moment a true "welcome home." This was a heartwarming and uplifting event. We received many, many compliments and thanks from the veterans for our act of appreciation and gratitude.



WASHINGTON



MEET THE MID COLUMBIA CHAPTER LEADERSHIP!

Formed only a year or so, The Mid Columbia Chapter is located in the Tri-Cities area and draws members from all around the Eastern Territory.

This photo taken at Quincy by Carol Powe features new chapter officers for 2016, left to right....

Chaplain Gar Pilliar, Trustee Richard Roddy, Genealogist Brian Smith, Sec'y & Color Guard Captain Larry Flint, Trustee Conn Clark, VP Barry Moravek, Webmaster Ken Powe, Greg Scott, Asst. Chaplain Jim Fleming, President and WASSAR Color Guard Vice Commander Stan Wills, ROTC Chair John Tipton, Treasurer Don Condit and Kelly Schultz.



Despatch from Seattle, Washington's Birthday Celebration!

Some 90 SAR & DAR compatriots laid wreaths at the enormous statue of George Washington on the University of Washington campus. Regent Lanabeth Horgen, President and the Ladies of the The DAR Council of Regents invited our Washington SAR Color Guard to present and post the Colors. Many patriotic and service organizations were represented among the 90 attendees. Janet O'Conor Camarata presented "Scots-Irish Settlers in the Wilderness. It was a great chance for the SAR to come together with our Washington DAR sisters.



SAR & DAR Color Guard:

We invited two ladies to join us - Seated (l. to r.) Regent Jeannette Carroll, Black Diamond DAR and Kathryn Hull, Past State President of Washington DAR. Jeannette carried the DAR flag and Kathryn was on guard with musket. Two CAR girls got into the picture too. Our Washington SAR Color Guard (l. to r.) Lt.Col. Bob O'Neal, Commander, Lt. Art Dolan, Col. Doug Nelson, Brigade Commander, Skip Stephan, Dave Gaddis, Lt. Paul Adan, Noah Chase, 1st Lt. Mick Hersey, Drum Major Viren Lemmer, and Ken Roberts. SAR Color Guardsmen were from Alexander Hamilton and John Paul Jones Chapters.



The SAR Color Guard takes in the lecture waiting to retire the Colors and march to the huge statue of George Washington for the wreath-laying ceremonies.



After the wreath-laying ceremonies our Brigade Commander took some time to discuss living history presentations with the color guardsmen. Our Washington SAR Color Guard does 60-70 school classroom presentations each year.

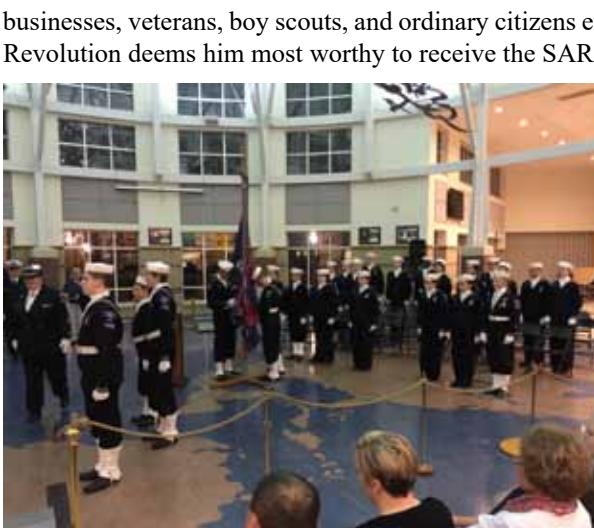


Cold, wet & windy day.

At Center here is Washington State President and Brigade Commander of our SAR Color Guard Doug Nelson flanked at left by DAR State President Carol Jean Gaffney and CAR State President Emma Tinker-Fleck. In gray overcoat is Past State SAR President and National VP General Bob Doughty. At right in gray suit is CAR Adult leader John Berg. WAS-SAR Color Guard had 10 guardsmen to fly the Colors.



Zachary Thorley planned and supervised, for his Eagle Scout project, the construction of three, large flag retirement boxes which were placed in prominent locations with the approval of the City Mayor, City Fire Chief, and the VFW post commander. His meetings with these prominent leaders garnered TV and press publicity to announce his Troop's flag retirement services to the public. His efforts enabled the collection of some 330 worn and faded National flags, for which he organized and led a proper flag retirement ceremony. Zachary Thorley's extraordinary project succeeded in raising awareness and respect for the proper treatment of our National Colors throughout his community. His engagement of civic leaders, businesses, veterans, boy scouts, and ordinary citizens exhibits the best of good citizenship in his community. The Sons of the American Revolution deems him most worthy to receive the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.



“Outstanding Sea Scout receives the SAR Good Citizenship Award.”

(Eagle Scouts and JROTC cadet teenagers receive regular recognition from SAR but the Sea Scouts are often overlooked, even though their highest rank of Quartermaster is equivalent to Eagle Scout and they are every bit as qualified as JROTC cadets..)

These pictures show our local Sea Explorer Program in action. Tacoma's unit may be the best Sea Scout Ship in the Nation. They are learning seamanship, under adult scouters and US Coast Guard scrutiny, in the areas of piloting, navigation, engineering and deck seamanship, along with BSA values. Our Chapter regularly recognizes their outstanding young leaders by award of the SAR Good Citizenship Medal and Outstanding Citizenship pin & certificate. The Sea Scout rank of “Quartermaster” is equivalent to BSA Eagle

Scout. Only 0.5% of Sea Scouts achieve this rank. Two sea scouts from SES Ship 110 were presented their Quartermaster award last night here in Tacoma.

Quartermaster Emilee Hansen has met all the qualifications to pilot under Coast Guard authority (and adult supervision) a twin engine motor vessel. She learned all this in several years aboard the “S.E.S. Charles N. Curtis” a 80 foot, 60 ton former Coast Guard cutter that saw duty chasing rum-runners off the East Coast and did patrol duty with the US Navy in the Columbia River during WWII. This talented, experienced Sea Scout is well deserving of the SAR Good Citizenship Medal.

[Our SAR Medal is seen hanging around her neck by a ribbon. The ship's wheel & royal blue ribbon is her Quartermaster Rank]

Sea Scout Ship 110 Tacoma.



The Battle of Cowpens



Color Guard in file at the Washington Light Infantry Monument at the approximate location of the 2nd line of battle.



President General Tom Lawrence reviews the Color Guard prior to the opening procession of the Colors

James Barham Jr - Missouri's Last Patriot

By Compatriot Frank Furman
Secretary, Ozark Patriots MO Society SAR

James Barham Jr. was born on 18 May 1764 to James Barham Sr. (1730-1792), (DAR #A132330, NSSAR #P330820) and Mary Thorpe Barham in Southampton County, Virginia, USA. Captain Charles Barham (1621-1656), James Jr. Gr-Gr- grandfather was from Kent County England and landed in Surrey and James City Counties Virginia in the Mid 1600s. In 1676 his leadership put down Baken's Rebellion.

On the 1st of January 1781 James Barham Jr. entered the service of Virginia, at Southampton County, Virginia for a term of three months as a substitute for Zadok Bell in Whitehead's Virginia Militia under Captain Jesse Whitehead, Lieutenant James Magget, Ensign Samuel Magget and rendezvoused at the Surrey old Courthouse, and joined a Regiment under General Peyer Muhlenberg, Colonel Benjamin Blount, and Major Duvall in General Nathaniel Greene Division. His Regiment marched to Suffolk, and his company of 15 men under Captain Davenport was sent to the Eastern Shore of Maryland to acquire some negroes from a British ship in the Chesapeake Bay. From Norfolk Sargent Thomas Pope led the company to the British ship and returned to Suffolk. He spent three months with the army at Suffolk, Mead Mills, Portsmouth and the Brick Church. Two weeks before he was discharged he was drafted himself, and his father procured Charles Rose to serve in his place for two weeks till he was able to take his own place. Captain Jesse Whithhead signed his discharge papers.

On 15th April 1781 he served for six months and three weeks under Captain John Taylor, in a Regiment commanded by Major MacLomon (sic. Christian Charles de Klaumann), Colonel Thomas Meriwether, and General Peyer Muhlenberg. He marched from Surrey old Courthouse then to Mead Mills, to Suffolk, to Petersburg. There he was engaged in the Battle of Blandford Hill 25 April 1781. He thence marched to Richmond to the old Piney-Field, then to Williamsburg. There under Captain Myrick he crossed the James River and marched then to Cobham, to Hog Island on the Chesapeake Bay, to Yorktown. He was discharged by Captain John Taylor, at Yorktown on 18 October 1781, but his discharge papers have not been found. He was at Yorktown when General Cornwallis surrendered to General Greene on 19 October 1781.

James Jr. is mentioned in his fathers will, dated 29 February 1791, who died on 6 June 1792 in Southampton County, Virginia. James Jr. was Baptized in 1792, Confirmed in 1798 in Guilford County, Virginia, and took his First Communion in 1812 in Stokes County, North Carolina. He had moved to Wake (1785-1791), Guilford (1792-1798) and Stokes (1799-1812) Counties, North Carolina. In Wake County he first married Prudence (Freeman) Dunn Barham (3 March 1754-1815) on 20 October 1785, widow of John Edmond Dunn (probate 4 May 1784, executor John Forde of Susex Co. Virginia) and the daughter of Josiah and Phoebe (Stokes) Freeman. She had six children by her first marriage. They all grew up to love their stepfather.

They moved to Logan County, Kentucky (1813-1827). As early as 1812 following the New Madrid Earthquakes (1811-1812) they were one of the early pioneers of Logan County, (now Trigg County) in the Rockcastle Precincts, at the head of Dyer's Creek a tributary of the Cumberland River above the old Trigg Furnace. His first wife Prudence died in January 1, 1815.

On September 11, 1815 James married Elizabeth Houston (1780 or 1794-1821). They lived in Logan, Calloway, and Trigg Counties (1833-1841), Kentucky even though they may not have moved as counties were formed out of one another. He applied for a Revolution War Pension on June 24, 1833, at the age of 69 in Trigg County. In 1841 he was still receiving his pension in Trigg County. Sometime between 1841 and 1846 he may have resided with kith or kin in Tennessee.

Early in 1846 he moved to Greene County Missouri to be near his daughter Phoebe Barham Tatum who moved to the area in 1837 and helped establish the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, and his son James F. Barham who lived near Brookline (Springfield), Missouri. He transferred the pension from Kentucky to Greene County, on December 28, 1846. On April 10, 1855 he applied for bounty land in Greene County, Missouri when he was 92. In 1860 he was celebrated in Springfield as the only living Revolutionary Veteran in the western USA. He was cited by President Abraham Lincoln as one of the last five Revolutionary Soldiers on the U. S. Pension Rolls, and on February 27, 1865 Congress awarded him \$300.00 annually in addition to his pension, but he had already died.

SAR Descendants of
John Barham Jr

Guy Benjamin Barham





The last Roll of our Revolutionary Soldiers as of 1865 is as follows: James Barham Jr., Willard Missouri, died 8 January 1865 at 101 years. Alexander Milliner, Adams Basin, New York, died 15 March 1865 at 105 years. William Hutchins, York, Maine, died 6 May 1866 at 102 years. Lemuel Cook, Clarendon, New York, died 20 May 1866 at 107 years. On 14 February 1867 the 39th Congress added two Patriots. John Gray, Brookfield, Ohio, died 29 March 1868, at 104 years. Daniel Frederick Bakeman, Freedom, New York, died 1 April 1869 at 109 years.

He died on January 8, 1865 at his grandson James Robinson's house (sw1/4, sw1/4, sec 32, T30N, R23W) on Leiper Prairie in his 101's year in Greene County, Missouri, USA. He is buried in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery, three and a half mile west of Willard, and one half mile north of the Old Flat Rock School near Robinson's home, Greene County, Missouri. A picture of him and his grandson James Robinson has survived. The Rachel Donaldson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution marked his grave on October 15, 1911, and the Ozark Mountain Chapter of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution marked his grave on August 23, 2003. A search in the 2015 NSSAR Membership Directory showed that Guy Benjamin Barham is a descendant of James Barham Jr.

The children of John Edmond Dunn and Prudence (Freeman) Dunn include:

Rebecca Dunn.

Edwin Dunn (29 March 1775-2 November 1864).

Lavina Dunn (ca 1777 - 1835).

Lewis Dunn (ca 1779-ca 1835).

Elizabeth Dunn (ca. 1781).

John Dunn (ca 1783). (Bolling Dunn's Bible)

The children of James and his first wife Prudence Dunn Barham (marriage 1785-1815) include:

Charles Abraham Barham (1786-1861).

Sarah "Sally" Barham (ca 1787/88).

Phoebe Barham (1789-1860).

Prudence Barham (ca 1790).

James Freeman Barham (ca 1791).

Susanah E. Barham McKoin (ca 1794/98-1874).

William Barham (14 October 1796-1874).

Rebecca Barham (1798)

The children of James and his second wife Elizabeth Houston (marriage 1815- ?) include:

Thomas

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National Color Guard Events - 2016

Date	Event	Location	Host
January 15-17	Battle of Cowpens	Chesnee, SC	Daniel Morgan SAR
January 30	Battle of Cowans Ford	Huntersville, NC	Mecklenburg SAR
February 13	Battle of Kettle Creek	Washington, GA	Georgia
February 13	Crossing of the Dan	South Boston, VA	Virginia
February 20	California Massing of Colors	Burbank, CA	California
February 21	Washington Birthday Parade	Laredo, TX	Texas
February 21	Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge	Currie, NC	North Carolina
February 26-27	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY	
March 5	Last Naval Battle of the Revolution	Merritt Island, FL	Florida
March 12	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC	North Carolina
March 19	Battle of Thomas Creek	Jacksonville, FL	Florida
April 9	Halifax Resolves	Halifax, NC	North Carolina
April 11	Thomas Jefferson's Birthday	Washington DC	District of Columbia
April 16	Georgia Patriots Day	St Simons Island, GA	Georgia
April 18	Patriot's Day	Concord, MA	
April 30	Kentucky Derby Pegasus Parade	Louisville, KY	Kentucky
May 7	Raid on Martin's Station	Ewing, VA	Virginia
May 14	Battle of Pensacola	Pensacola, FL	Florida
May 14	Fields of Honor / Healing Field	Various	
May 14	Alamance Patriots Day	Alamance, NC	North Carolina
May 28	Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous	Vincennes, IN	Indiana
May 28	Battle of Fort San Carlos	St Louis, MO	Missouri
May 28	National Memorial Day Parade	Washington DC	District of Columbia
May 28	Memorial Day events *	Various locations	
June 11	Action at Machias	Machias, ME	Maine
June 18	Battle of Bunker Hill	Bunker Hill, MA	Massachusetts
June 18	Battle of Ramseur's Mill	Lincolnton, NC	Mecklenburg SAR / Catawba Valley SAR
June 18	Carolina Day	Charleston, SC	South Carolina
July 4 every year	Let Freedom Ring	Various locations	
July	July 4th Events *	Various locations	
July 7-13	NSSAR National Congress	Boston, MA	
July 16	Battle of Colson's Mill	Norwood, NC	North Carolina
July 23	Battle of Fort Laurens	Bolivar, OH	Ohio
August 13	Battle of Blue Licks	Carlisle, KY	Kentucky
August 13	Battle of Musgrove's Mill	Clinton, SC	Gen James Williams SAR / Cambridge SAR
September 3	Battle of Groton Heights	Groton, CT	Connecticut
September 3	Battle of Eutaw Springs	Eutawville, SC	Battle of Eutaw Springs SAR
September 3-4	Ft Henry Days	Wheeling, WV	Ebenezer Zane SAR
September 17	Vigil at George Washington's Tomb	Mt Vernon, VA	
September 17	Battle of Saratoga	Stillwater, NY	Empire State
September 17	Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Elizabethton, TN	Tennessee
September 29 - Oct 1	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY	
October 7	Battle of Kings Mountain	Blacksburg, SC	Kings Mountain SAR (NC) / Daniel Morgan SAR (SC)
October 8	Battle of Savannah	Savannah, GA	Georgia
October 8-9	Point Pleasant Battle Days	Point Pleasant, WV	West Virginia
October 19	Yorktown Days	Yorktown, VA	Virginia
November 11	Veterans Day Events *	Various Locations	
December 3	Battle of Great Bridge	Norfolk, VA	Virginia
December 3	Battle of Vann's Creek	Elberton, GA	Georgia
December 3	Battle of Great Cane Break	Simpsonville, SC	Col Robert Anderson SAR
December 18	Wreaths Across America	Various Locations	

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

**Items that are shaded are state or chapter events. All other events are considered national events by either the National Color Guard or National Historic Sites & Celebrations Committees.

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

Send event updates to [sWilliams16\(at\)cfl.rr.com](mailto:sWilliams16(at)cfl.rr.com).



State Society Color Guard Commanders

Welcome to the NSSAR Color Guard.

Please note that any questions concerning potential color guard events or participation in events should be directed to the respective commander in the state where the event is taking place.

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



Buford's massacre - Battle of Waxhaws

The Battle of Waxhaws (also known as the Waxhaws or Waxhaw massacre, and Buford's massacre) took place during the American Revolutionary War on May 29, 1780, near Lancaster, South Carolina, between a Continental Army force led by Abraham Buford and a mainly Loyalist force led by British officer Banastre Tarleton. Buford refused an initial demand to surrender, but when his men were attacked by Tarleton's cavalry, many threw down their arms to surrender. Buford apparently attempted to surrender, however, the British commanding officer Tarleton was shot at during the truce, having his horse fall and trap him. Loyalists and British troops were outraged at the breaking of the truce in this manner and proceeded to fall on the rebels.

While Tarleton was trapped under his dead horse, men continued killing the Continental soldiers, including men who were not resisting. Little quarter was given to the patriots/rebels. Of the 400 or so Continentals, 113 were killed with sabers, 150 so badly injured they could not be moved and 53 prisoners were taken by the British and Loyalists. "Tarleton's quarter", thereafter became a common expression for refusing to take prisoners. In some subsequent battles in the Carolinas, few of the defeated were taken alive by either side. This 'Battle of Waxhaws' became the subject of an intensive propaganda campaign by the Continental Army to bolster recruitment and incite resentment against the British. Equally valid accounts of the battle by soldiers from both sides describe Tarleton as having no part in ordering a massacre as he had been trapped under his horse, and when freed immediately ordered thorough medical treatment of American prisoners and wounded.

After the battle, the wounded were treated at nearby churches by the congregants, one of whom was a young Andrew Jackson. Tarleton claimed that after the battle ended, the wounded of both sides were treated "with equal humanity" and that the British provided "every possible convenience". Due to the large number of wounded, people from all over the countryside came to assist in their care. When they learned of what had happened, albeit one-sidedly, news of the apparent "violation" of "quarter" on Tarleton's part spread rapidly through the region.

The battle, at least temporarily, consolidated British control over South Carolina, and Patriot sentiment was at a low ebb. General Clinton, among other acts before he left Charleston for New York, revoked the parole of surrendered Patriots. This affront (violating accepted "rules of war"), and reports of this battle, may have changed the direction of the war in the South. Many who might have stayed neutral flocked to the Patriots, and "Tarleton's Quarter!" and "Remember Buford" became rallying cries for the Whigs.

News of the "massacre" directly inspired the creation of volunteer militia forces among the "over-mountain men" (from the Watauga settlements at and near Sycamore Shoals). These militia participated in actions against British Loyalists at both the Battle of Musgrove Mill on August 18, 1780 (near present-day Clinton, South Carolina) and in the decisive defeat of British Major Patrick Ferguson's command on October 7, 1780 at Kings Mountain (near present-day Blacksburg, South Carolina).



Sketch of the Waxhaw Massacre
thought to be for a 19th century
lithograph