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Commander's Report

There are some things that it doesn't hurt to refresh everyone's memory.

- In many events around the country, our various units perform musket firing exercises for grave commemorations, parades, or other special events. We should all be aware that there are safety practices that need to be adhered to. Be sure that your units are following those requirements. Contact our Safety Officer, Compatriot Cunningham if you're unsure what they are. The safety of our members and the public are of prime importance. If the situation is problematic, then don't fire the musket(s).
- Our Quartermaster, Charles Scott, is available to help you in the area of equipment or apparel.
- The Color Guard Handbook is your source for basic information on the Color Guard. Check there first for any procedural questions. If that doesn't solve your issue then contact one of the Color Guard staff - Myself, Vice-Commander Anthony, the two adjutants, the Safety Officer, the Artillery Officer, or the Quartermaster. For questions on *The Colorguardsman* magazine, contact the editor.

Lastly, I hope to see many of you at Congress and hope that you take part in the opportunities in Boston to strut your stuff with the rest of us.

David Wayne Hoover, National Color Guard Commander, Maryland Society



Vice Commander's Dispatch

This column is going to be interesting to write. By the time you are reading this, the SAR Color Guard will either be gathering in Boston for the 2016 National Congress or will have just completed another successful Congress. So, here I will take the time to describe either what is coming up or what will have just occurred.

Each year at Congress, the Color Guard plays a pivotal role in the pomp and circumstance of the event. This is the one time that the Color Guard utilizes all of its flags – the United States Flag, the French Flag, the National SAR Flag, all 50 State Flag and the District of Columbia Flag. For those who have never been to a Congress, and who might be thinking about attending one in the future, here is what occurs.

Beginning on the Sunday of Congress, the Color Guard meets for a breakfast that includes a time of fellowship, a meeting for necessary business and a discussion of the duties expected for the upcoming week. This is also the time when the various members of the Color Guard are presented with their Silver Color Guard Medal or Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Service. Also those ladies who qualify are also presented their Molly Pitcher Medal for supporting the Color Guard.

About two hours after the breakfast meeting concludes, the Color Guard is issued flags and assembles for an inspection by the President General before leading the procession from the hotel to the site of the Memorial Service. This year, there will be the added pleasure of having an unit of the Old Guard Fife & Drums leading the Color Guard. The colors are then presented and retired at the Memorial Service. The day concludes with a small volunteer group presenting the colors at the Rumbaugh Orations Finals.

On Monday, the Color Guard presents the colors prior to the Opening Session of Congress and another small unit presents the colors at the beginning of the Minuteman and Awards Ceremony that



night.

On Tuesday, the Color Guard presents the colors at the beginning of the Tuesday evening banquet that celebrates the outgoing President General. On odd numbered years, there is also the Color Guard Change of Command Ceremony. The Change in Command Ceremony will not be taking place this year.

On Wednesday, the Color Guard retires the colors at the conclusion of the Installation banquet for the new President General and other general officers.

Finally members of the Color Guard make sure that flags are placed and retrieved from various contest and committee meetings each day of Congress.

Obviously, the Color Guard is a major component of Congress. For those who have not attended a Congress, let me encourage you to consider attending one. The schedule over the next few years is for the Congress to be in Knoxville, TN (2017), Houston, TX (2018), Costa Mesa, CA (2019) and a city in Virginia (2020). Hopefully, there will be a Congress in close enough proximity to you some point.

I look forward to see you in the future. Remember, you are the reason the National SAR Color Guard is the success it is.

Mark C Anthony, Vice Commander

126 th Congress Color Guard schedule

July 10 - Sunday Color Guard Breakfast 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. (Essex NW and NC)

July 10 - Sunday Color Guard Assembly for Memorial Service 12:45 to 1:15 p.m. (Essex NW and NC)

July 10 - Sunday PG Review of Color Guard 1:15 to 1:30 p.m. (Essex Foyer)

July 10 - Sunday Procession to Memorial Service 1:30 to 1:4 p.m.

July 11 - Monday 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. Assembly of Color Guard (Essex NW)

July 12 - Tuesday 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. Assembly of Color Guard (Essex NE)

July 13 - Wednesday 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. Assembly of Color Guard (Essex NE)

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 Story of the Fourth of July



From the Editor

Welcome compatriots.

I want to thank all of the color guard Commanders and members who took the time to submit photos and content for this issue.

This issue has 17 state societies submitting color guard activity from the last 3 months. This is good to see. I'm sure that every state with a color guard, either at the state level or the chapter level, will have some summer activities to report for the Fall issue. These could include July 4th parades, Appreciation day events, battle site commemorations, or any of the other 13 events listed elsewhere in this issue. I will look forward to having those state color guard commander absent from this issue submitting something for the Fall issue.

I was pleased to have content from some states submitting duplicate copies of the same content from different SAR members. This is a good thing in that members feel comfortable enough to send something in.

So that it will be easier for me to collect, compile, and format the issues in the future, let's review the preferred steps:

- Chapter color guard commanders, or a chapter officer, should submit their content to the state color guard commander for him to review and forward to me. This ensures that the state color guard commander is kept informed of chapter activities - Chain of command issue.
- The preferred method of submissions is by e-mail with attachments.
- **Please do not embed photos into any document** (WORD, e-mail, or PDF) - submit photos separately from accompanying document. Embedding a photo reduces the resolution and limits the photo size that I can use in this publication.
- Pictures should have accompanying them a list of those in the picture and who took it. Ex: 'Photo-img-1234 is of event X, with members X,Y, & Z. Photo by ABC'

When submitting content (photos and text) please consider this. **The Colorguardsman** is for spreading the news about color guard activities. Whenever your state or chapter color guard does something, that event information is what should be submitted. State or chapter presentations not involving the color guard are more appropriately submitted to the **SAR Magazine**. When compiling the issue, I look for and select those color guard activities over chapter non-color guard presentations.

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



We celebrate American Independence Day on the Fourth of July every year. We think of July 4, 1776, as a day that represents the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation.

But July 4, 1776 wasn't the day that the Continental Congress decided to declare independence (they did that on July 2, 1776).

It wasn't the day we started the American Revolution either (that had happened back in April 1775).

And it wasn't the day Thomas Jefferson wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence (that was in June 1776). Or the date on which the Declaration was delivered to Great Britain (that didn't happen until November 1776). Or the date it was signed (that was August 2, 1776).

So what did happen on July 4, 1776?

The Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. They'd been working on it for a couple of days after the draft was submitted on July 2nd and finally agreed on all of the edits and changes.

July 4, 1776, became the date that was included on the Declaration of Independence, and the fancy handwritten copy that was signed in August (the copy now displayed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.) It's also the date that was printed on the Dunlap Broadsides, the original printed copies of the Declaration that were circulated throughout the new nation. So when people thought of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776 was the date they remembered.

In contrast, we celebrate Constitution Day on September 17th of each year, the anniversary of the date the Constitution was signed, not the anniversary of the date it was approved. If we'd followed this same approach for the Declaration of Independence we'd be celebrating Independence Day on August 2nd of each year, the day the Declaration of Independence was signed!

How did the Fourth of July become a national holiday?

For the first 15 or 20 years after the Declaration was written, people didn't celebrate it much on any date. It was too new and too much else was happening in the young nation. By the 1790s, a time of bitter partisan conflicts, the Declaration had become controversial. One party, the Democratic-Republicans, admired Jefferson and the Declaration. But the other party, the Federalists, thought the Declaration was too French and too anti-British, which went against their current policies.

By 1817, John Adams complained in a letter that America seemed uninterested in its past. But that would soon change.

After the War of 1812, the Federalist party began to come apart and the new parties of the 1820s and 1830s all considered themselves inheritors of Jefferson and the Democratic-Republicans. Printed copies of the Declaration began to circulate again, all with the date July 4, 1776, listed at the top. The deaths of Thomas Jefferson and John Adams on July 4, 1826, may even have helped to promote the idea of July 4 as an important date to be celebrated.

Celebrations of the Fourth of July became more common as the years went on and in 1870, almost a hundred years after the Declaration was written, Congress first declared July 4 to be a national holiday as part of a bill to officially recognize several holidays, including Christmas. Further legislation about national holidays, including July 4, was passed in 1939 and 1941.

Outfitting Yourself

Listed below are just some of the many vendors and sources for obtaining most anything you'll need for your outfit. There is no recommendation or endorsement for any of these vendors. Visit their web sites, look each over to determine if it is right for you. There are probably several local/regional sources for outfits that are not shown here. Contact other color guard members and ask where they got their kit. In each case, type the vendor's name into an Internet search tool (Google, etc) to get to the web site.

The 3rd New Hampshire Regiment 1776

Jas. Townsend & Son

Wooded Hamlet Designs

18th Century Artisan's Show (Compiled list of vendors)

Friends of Fort Frederick State Park (Compiled list of vendors)

Smoke & Fire Company

BEAVER RIVER TRADING COMPANY

Turkey Foot Trading Company and Forge

Military Heritage Products

Loyalist Arms and Repairs

Barkertown Sutlers

Flying Canoe Traders

C & D Jarnagin Co. Inc

GG Godwin, Sutler

Clearwater Hats

Livonia Smithery

VETERAN ARMS, LLC

American Heritage Clothing

Middlesex Village Trading Co

Track of the Wolf, Inc

Bethlehem Trading Post

Burnley & Trowbridge Co

Cobb Creek Merchants

Smiling Fox Forge

Daniel Boone of Kentucky

Fort Vause Outfitters

The Wig Dresser

Ft. Downing Trading Co

JUST TWO TAILORS

Ye Armes Shoppe

Black Powder 411



The SAR Events First to Last



Doug was a very knowledgeable and gracious host for the event. He provided all information for lodging, eating, locations and time of events. Shortly after arriving Friday evening, my wife Dot and I were invited to supper with MASSAR 1st V.P.; Chaplain, Garrett Lear and his wife Kathi, along with Doug Wood and his wife Linda. Supper was at the famous, Helen's (Blue Berry Pie) Restaurant. Helen's is also known for its fantastic Sea food dinners. We enjoyed both fine food and company that evening.

Our first activity consisted of a Saturday Morning Wreath Laying at the Tablet and Stone located at the Court House. The tablet notes "The First Naval Battle of the American Revolution on June 12, 1775 a gallant Force of Machias Men led by Capt. Jeremiah O'Brien in the Sloop "Unity" pursued and captured the British Sloop of War "Margaretta" in Machias Bay." The *Margaretta* was in the area for other things but also with the thought of loading up with lumber to take to Boston to build barracks for the British forces. The story is larger than these few words so please pursue looking it up. There is a good account in the April 16 issue of the SAR Guardsman. This Machias wreath laying is a big community event. It is also designated as the local school's last school day and large groups of Children walk to the Court House to attend. The Group present for making the Wreath Presentation included Regional VPG Doug Wood, MESSAR president Wayne Millar, NHSSAR, MASSAR States Chaplin, Pastor Garrett Lear, FL State Color Guard Commander, Charlie Day, Maine Representative, Will Tuell, Robert Coles, a WWII and Pearl Harbor Survivor and Ret. Navy Captain Wayne Peters.



At the end of the Wreath Laying the Presentation Group left from the Court House to meet the parade forming at Helen's Restaurant on Main Street. The Daughters of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution, State and local dignitaries, community men, women and children were joining together to form the parade. Many of the town's people have Machias ancestors that helped in some way with the capture of the *HMS Margaretta*. This is also true of New England SAR RVPG Doug Wood. The Parade march is down Main Street and across the Jeremiah O'Brien Memorial Bridge, then up the hill to University of Maine at Machias, (UMM) recreational field for festivities. There were a number of speakers through the afternoon, also vendors, crafts and stories. The "Hannah Weston, Revolutionary War Heroine" story is also part of the Machias action and worth your time to look up. Machias was

I learned of the "action at Machias" through the regular listing of National Color Guard Events in the NSSAR Guardsmen. Many call the "action at Machias" The First Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War, it took place June 11-12 of 1775. (a Battle off Fairhaven also makes note it is the first naval engagement of the American Revolutionary War. It took place on May 14, 1775, in Buzzards Bay off Fairhaven, Massachusetts.) At any rate The United States Navy Blue Jacket Manual (and Machias residents) call the Machias encounter the first Naval battle of the American Revolution. I wanted to go to Machias. To be sure I had a way of making contact for the event I asked President General, Thomas Lawrence, if he could hook me up with someone for making the event connections. He in turn e-mailed, New England, Regional Vice President General, Doug Wood and myself in a mutual e-mail and wished us well.



also proclaimed A Military Friendly Community by the Maine Military & Community Network. There were many people of all ages in colonial dress. It was a fun afternoon and quickly passed. The fact that so many of the town's people are involved in this celebration make it special. It is not celebrated at just one or two locations. We are also reminded that in James Fenimore Cooper's History of the United States Navy he calls this capture of the *Margaretta* the "Lexington of the Sea."

to take on a valuable cargo of gold in a transfer on March 11, 1783. Then with smart maneuvering by Captain Berry, continues for a number more days, and on March 20, 1783, the Alliance sailed into New Port, Rhode Island with treasure to help the American Cause. "The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolutionary War" By: Compatriots Lindsey C. Brock, President Florida Society and Lindsey C. Brock III, Esq. Jacksonville Chapter, Florida Society, gives a good account of some very savvy American naval actions at sea. I think what impressed me most about these outings was that the time from the First Naval Battle to the Last Naval Battle was about 7 years 9 months, started in Maine and ended off the Coast of Florida about 1624 miles apart. What history fell in between! I feel very fortunate that my wife Dot and I were able to attend both of these events this year. I encourage our Patriots, men and ladies, to take on a new event when the opportunity presents itself.

Thank You for the opportunity to share.
Charlie Day – Commander, The Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade



To Fire a Flintlock Musket

For those compatriots an opportunity to learn about, and how to operate, the types of firearms that were used in early American times, Colonial Williamsburg opened an educational musket range on Saturday, March 19 through November 22, 2016

You will learn the history of flintlock weapons, particularly the ones used in Colonial Virginia, their mechanics, use in hunting and defense, plus safety and proper handling from costumed interpreters.

It is only accessible by ticketed guests via a shuttle from the Williamsburg Lodge. Instruction, safety equipment, firearms, ammunition and targets is included in the price of Admission.

Advance registration is required and you must present photo ID to purchase tickets on-site. Tickets are \$119 and are available to guests ages 14 and older. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Additional information is available at Colonial Williamsburg ticketing locations and hospitality properties, also online or by calling 855-296-6627.

<https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.com/plan/calendar/fire-flintlock-musket/>



Leadership Conference and Congress Schedules

126th Congress -

Thursday to Wednesday,
July 7 - 13, 2016

Westin Copley Hotel, Boston,
MA

Fall Leadership -

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

127th Congress -

Thursday to Wednesday
July 6 - 12, 2017

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

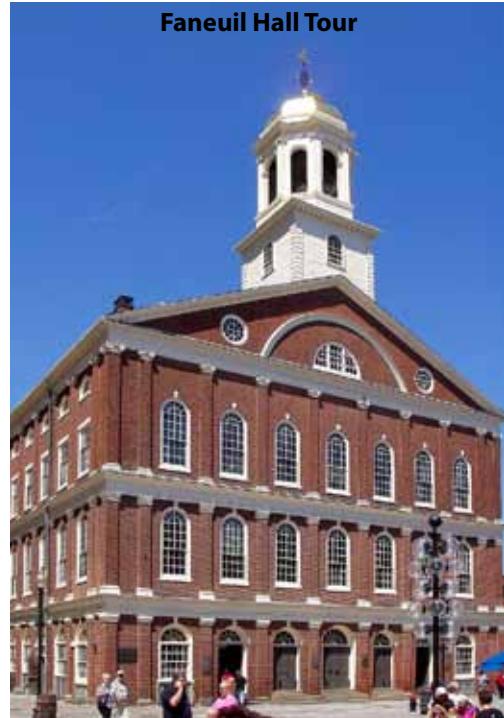


Boston



126th Congress Activities

Faneuil Hall Tour



Knoxville



Reports from the field

ARIZONA

Arizona SAR 120th Anniversary Celebration

What a celebration! On June 13, 2016, (the actual 120th Anniversary date of the Arizona SAR) members from the Arizona SAR and its Auxiliary, the New Mexico SAR, and the DAR met in Albuquerque, New Mexico to conduct a gravestone laying ceremony for the “Father of the Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution” Herbert Fulwiler Robinson (who was also Compatriot of the NM SAR). Compatriot Robinson was buried in Albuquerque in 1956 and never received a headstone.

On Sunday, June 12, 2016, there was an informal dinner at the famous El Pinto Restaurant in Albuquerque and everyone enjoyed a very nice social gathering.

On Monday, June 13, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. the gravestone laying ceremony for Compatriot Robinson was conducted at the Sunset Memorial Park by Arizona SAR Historian David A. Swanson with assistance from Arizona SAR Chaplain Mike Jones and New Mexico SAR Chaplain John Thomas. Speeches appropriate to the occasion were given by Rocky Mountain District Vice President General Michael E. Barger, Arizona SAR President, Stephen Miller, and New Mexico SAR President Andrew S. Lyngar Jr. The SAR Color Guard comprised of Compatriots from Arizona and New Mexico was an integral part of this ceremony and did a wonderful job. Everyone watched as the headstone for Robinson was placed on this most notable Compatriot’s grave. At the conclusion of the ceremony Compatriots and guests gathered at the NM Veterans Memorial Park in Albuquerque for a reception provided by the New Mexico Compatriots.

Herbert Fulwiler Robinson was proclaimed the “Father of the ‘Arizona Society Sons of the

American Revolution” during the state’s annual meeting on February 20, 2016, and on April 28, 2016, the Arizona SAR received an official “Commendation” from Arizona Governor Doug Ducey which commemorated our 120th Anniversary and the actions of Compatriot Robinson in it organization.

Robinson officially organized the Arizona SAR on June 13, 1896, and was its president for three terms. Soon after the turn of the century he moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico and joined the New Mexico SAR shortly after its formation in 1908.

Compatriot Robinson was the Adjutant General of the National Guard in the territory of Arizona from 1898 to 1902 and at the time of his death in New Mexico on May 17, 1956, was the longest living territorial Adjutant General in the U.S.

By David A. Swanson, Arizona SAR Historian



April 2, 2016: Tucson Chapter, Az. SAR Color Guard at the Marana Veterans Cemetery.

The Tucson Chapter, AZ SAR Color Guard had the deep honor of participating in the honoring of the interment of eleven veteran's remains

at the Marana Veterans Cemetery on Saturday, April 2, 2016. The Missing in America Project ceremony (MIAP) was the first ever for the newly opened cemetery. Together

with different Veterans Organizations. The Color Guard formed twin columns as members of the different services passed through with the departed veteran's remains. After an opening ceremony, the remains were escorted to the Columbarium for the interment. After interment the Color Guard fired a musket salute. Tucson chapter members attending were: John Bird, Jim Bly, Rudy Byrd, Gerry Lawford, George Lipphardt, John Lyons, Albert Niemeyer and John Niemeyer. The Tucson Chapter ladies auxiliary was represented by Sandra Lawford. (submitted by

Albert Niemeyer).



April 18, 2016: AZ. SAR Color Guard presentation of colors, at the Opening Session of the Arizona State Senate.

The participants are: Jan Huber, Matt Scott, Steve Monez, Steve Miller, Chuck Howey, Alan Nash and Bill Baron. The 2nd photo at the front of the Senate Chamber are the same Color Guardsman, with the addition of Arizona State Senator Andrew Sherwood, a fellow compatriot from the Palo Verde Chapter.





May 14, 2016: AZ. SAR Color Guard, Prescott Chapter marched in the Yarnell-Daze Mountaintop Festival Parade. The participants were Ed Lipphardt, Steve Monez, and Bill Smith.



May 30, 2016: AZ. SAR Color Guard, Prescott Chapter marched in the Memorial Procession at the Prescott National Cemetery on Memorial Day.

The participants were Bill Baran, Bill Smith, Steve Monez, Wayne Hood, Ed Steinback and drummer Ed Lipphardt.



CALIFORNIA -

All Photos by Un Hui

CASSAR Color Guard

L to R: Outgoing Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck, incoming Color Guard Commander Mark Kramer, President General Tom Lawrence, CASSAR Color-guardsman of the year Ernie McCullough, CASSAR President Kent Gregory, Larry Wood, National Society Von Stuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard recipient Bob Ebert and CASSAR Color Guard Commander Adjutant North Russ Kaiser.

Changing of Color Guard Commander Ceremony -
CASSAR 141st Spring Meeting, Gala Inaugural Saturday evening banquet, Sacramento; April 16, 2016



Compatriot Karl Jacobs (SAR Color Guardsman of the year 2016-2017) carrying the SAR flag followed by John Blake, Kent Gregory and Christopher Keene.

Friday - Karl Jacobs carry Washington's Position Flag and Dan Shippey as General George Washington.



The Newport Harbor Exchange Club again posted three by five foot U.S. flags on white flag-staffs in Castaway Park to honor the men and women of our military who serve and defend our nation. The program also honored first responders who serve the community every day, risking their lives for the rest us. 1776 flags flew in ordered rows overlooking the Upper Newport Back Bay, the Newport Harbor and the Pacific Ocean as an Armed Forces Day memorial. This beautiful panorama must be experienced to be fully appreciated.

Preschool through middle school kids celebrated the Field of Honor on Friday. The Buena Park High School Air Force JROTC presented the Colors. The California Society, SAR provided a black powder firing team. And there was a special appearance by General George Washington.

Buena Park HS JROTC and California Society compatriots with Newport Marina Elementary School students.



Saturday - USMC Color Guard from Camp Pendleton.



Saturday began with a parade from Newport Beach High School to Castaway Park. Participants in the parade included the Wells Fargo Stagecoach and historic military vehicles. Five members of the California Society, SAR Color Guard and Firing Team rode in a historic U.S. Army truck.

At Castaway Park a USMC Color Guard from Camp Pendleton and the California Society, SAR Color Guard presented the Colors. The California Society, SAR provided a black powder firing team.

Compatriots from four California Society chapters participated in the program during the two-day event.

Friday - our youngest patriots - preschoolers from Newport Beach Lutheran Church



Color guardsmen enjoy a rare ride in a US Army truck during the Parade. In the bed of the truck: Mark Kramer, Bob Taylor, Charlie Gentis & Christopher Keene. John Blake carrying the US flag riding in the right front seat



California Society, SAR Ladies Auxiliary members Karen McKelvie and Un Hui Yi walking among the 1776 US flags.

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California Society, SAR Color Guard presents the Colors for the Hour of Power Memorial Day service at the Shepherd's Grove Church, Garden Grove, CA; 29 May 2016.



WW II Army Air Corp veteran Casey Burns with Kent Gregory, Brian Merrell, John Ferris, John Blake, Larry Wood and Jim Fosdyck.



Tri City Memorial Day Service at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery; Monday, May 30, 2016 / 150th Anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic & 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War

California Society Color Guard Jim Fosdyck, Larry Wood, Dan Henry, Jim Blauer, John Ferris, Jim Klingler, John Blake, Brian Merrell, Kent Gregory, Karl Jacobs and Dan Shippey / with Ladies Auxiliary members Un Hui Yi, Sharon Wood, Liz Ferris, Lisa Gregory and Kelly Shippey.



General Washington, Mrs. Washington and his guidon Karl Jacobs lead the California Society Color Guard during the presentation of the Colors.



Jim Blauer and Lisa Gregory place a SAR wreath at the Soldiers' Monument To the Unknown Dead of the Civil War. George and Martha Washington look on. With Karl Jacobs.

Tri City Memorial Day Service at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery; Monday, May 30, 2016 / 150th Anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic & 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

[Left] Cooper's Battery and Richmond Howitzers prepare for a cannon salute.

[Right] Honor Rifle Salute firing party fires one of the three volleys of a 21 gun salute.— Soldiers from the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment Blackhorse Troopers, Fort Irwin, CA.



Cooper's Battery fires a salute.



Richmond Howitzers fires a salute.



The 141st California Society Meeting was April 15-16, 2016.

The CASSAR Color Guardsman of the Year Ernie McCullough received an Order of March statuette.

COLORADO

For the Colorado Society Color Guard
It's all about Duty and Honor...



Duty....

Members of the Colorado Society Color Guard mustered to drill and demonstrate their skill in musketry at Ft. Lupton, CO during a black powder shoot with like minded Compatriots. L-r: Compatriots Wayne Snodgrass, Tom Wellborn, Steve DeBoer, Walter Weart, George Smith and Pete Dull. In Command: David T. Mann.



Honor....

Memorial Day

Members of the Pikes Peak Chapter Color Guard performed a Memorial Service at the military portion of Evergreen Cemetery in Colorado Springs, CO. Three volleys were fired in memory of our military interred at the cemetery. Compatriot's l-r: John Luedcke, Scott Tanner, Richard L. Riepe and David T. Mann.

CONNECTICUT

School Days at the Schoolhouse in Connecticut
By Robert W. Rivard, CTSSAR

On June 3, 2016, the 11th annual "School Days at the Schoolhouse" was held at the Nathan Hale Schoolhouse in East Haddam. This is one of three properties owned by the CTSSAR. The others are the another Nathan Hale Schoolhouse in New London and Gov. Trumbull's War Office in Lebanon. School programs are held at all three properties throughout the year. This event was started in 2005 as part of the encampment to commemorate Nathan Hale's 250th birthday. Since it was raining, the pastor of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church was kind enough to allow us to use the church hall.



- There were a total of 67 students and 12 adults from the East Haddam Elementary School. Students rotated around four different stations in the hall and at the schoolhouse as follows:
- Dave Perkins & Dave Packard – Life of a Revolutionary War soldier
- Pat Perkins – Calligraphy, clothing and life of a youngster in the 18th century
- Bob Rivard – Regimental Surgeon
- DAR docents – Nathan Hale, school in the 18th century



The Connecticut Line crossing the North Bridge in Concord MA - Patriots' Day Parade - April 18 2016



The Connecticut Line Memorial Day 2016

Gov. Oliver Wolcott, Sr. Branch #10 - Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Fourteen members of the Gov. Oliver Wolcott, Sr. Branch #10 of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (CTSSAR), and one camp follower, marched in the Memorial Day parade in historic Litchfield, Connecticut this year.

On June 17, 2016 the Connecticut Line, Living History/Color Guard Unit of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution commemorated the 241st Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill (June 17, 1775) The First Major Battle of the American



Revolution. The 2016 ceremonies also marked the 20th year anniversary of the Connecticut SAR annually participating in the Bunker Hill Day commemoration ceremonies at the Bunker Hill Monument in Charlestown, MA. Each year a wreath is placed at the Connecticut Gate and a musket salute is fired to the heroes of Bunker Hill.

(Photo) The Connecticut Line (Connecticut SAR) Living History/Color Guard with the MASSAR Color Guard in front of the Prescott Statue at the Bunker Hill Monument.

FLORIDA -

Thomas Creek - Southernmost Battle of the
American Revolution
David Ramseur: Chairman

On March 19, 2016, the Jacksonville Chapter, Florida Society, hosted the second annual ceremony commemorating the 239th anniversary of the May 17, 1777 Revolutionary War Battle of Thomas Creek, considered the Southernmost Battle of the American Revolutionary War. David Ramseur, Past President of the Jacksonville Chapter and the Florida Society welcomed approximately 100 in attendance including former President Generals Lindsey Brock and Roland Downing and their wives.

Twenty two wreath presentations were made, from Florida and Georgia Societies and chapters of the SAR, DAR, C.A.R., Daughters of 1812, Daughters of American Colonists, Colonial Dames, and the Nassau County Historical Society. Due to weather conditions the main ceremony was held off site and closed with Taps played by a member of the Sandalwood HS JROTC unit. Later on with improved weather conditions a 21-gun black powder musket salute commanded by Button Gwinnett Chapter, GA Society SAR President Bill Palmer along with National Park Rangers in remembrance of those brave Patriots who fought and died in this battle.

Past President General Lindsey Brock brought greetings from



FLSSAR Spring BOM & Annual Meeting

Saturday May 14, 2016 President General Lawrence with Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade Commander Charles Day



the National Society SAR. Greetings were also presented from the Florida Society SAR (President Larry Fehrenbaker), Georgia Society SAR (President Allen Greenly), DAR NE Florida Regents Council (President Rebecca Bathen), and Florida Society C.A.R (Honorary Senior President Billie Brock).

A combined FL/GA Color Guard was commanded by Florida Society Color Guard Commander Charlie Day. In addition a Color Guard from the Sandalwood High School JROTC unit presented the colors for the Pledge of Allegiance, and the "Let Freedom Sing Chorus" sang the National Anthem.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Roger Smith of Colonial Research Associates, Inc. His topic of "The American Resolution's Best Kept Secret: Why Florida Mattered" was an educational discussion on General George Washington's several attempt to invade British East Florida and deprive the British of its assets there, including the events that led to the Battle of Thomas Creek. He has dedicated his life to teaching good and correct Revolutionary War Period historical true facts to teachers, adults and students.

We are looking forward to next year's event on Saturday May 13, 2017.

FLSSAR Spring BOM

Sons of Liberty "class photo" Saturday May 14, 2016 at Orlando -
photographer: FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary's Anne McGuire
Caloosa Chapter Light Horse Harry Lee Camp #15 participants:
First row (kneeling), 3rd from left - Rev. Dwight Elam
Second row (standing), 3rd from left - Dr. Russ Radcliffe; center -
Bob McGuire; 3rd from right - Lewis Elliott



Memorial Day:

The Withlacoochee Chapter Color Guardsmen participated in The Herbert Surber American Legion 42nd Annual Memorial Day Observance at the Hills of Rest Cemetery in Floral City, Florida.

Front Center: Wreath Presentation by Jack Townsend.

L - R: Musketeers - Leonard Crawford, Richard Young and Rear: Larry Sturgeon



Florida DAR Annual Meeting - DAR Liaison

Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guard members Randy Moody, Robert McGuire, Lawrence Fehrenbaker and Steve Williams, Photo: Steve Williams.



Memorial Day:

The Brevard Chapter Color Guardsmen participated in Annual Memorial Day Parade in Melbourne Florida.

L - R: Philip Wright, Normand Desmarais, Benjamin DuBose, Robert Humker, and Robert Chorney. Photo: Steve Williams.

Tampa Chapter Meets Honor Flight

On June 7, Honor Flight of West Central Florida took 60 or more veterans to Washington, DC for a tour of the WW II, Korean War and Vietnam War monuments and more. Veterans (men and women) from all three wars were represented on this flight, some having served in more than one conflict. The flight took off from the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Airport at 6:15 AM and returned at 9:00 PM. The Tampa Chapter Color Guard met the return flight to meet, greet and honor those veterans. Pictured at right (l-r) are David Bryant, David Chestnut (St. Petersburg Chapter), Dick Young and Commander Alan Bell.



Florida Society SAR Color Guard Presents Colors at Florida Society C.A.R. Annual Banquet

On March 5, the FLSSAR Color Guard, represented by members of the Tampa and St. Petersburg Chapters presented the National, State and C.A.R. Colors at the FSCAR Annual Banquet and Officer Installation in Tampa, Florida. Pictured (l-r) are David Bryant, David Chestnut, John Sessums, Dick Young and Alan Bell (Tampa Color Guard Commander).

INDIANA

The George Rogers Clark Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony,

celebrating the 237th Anniversary of the Capture of Fort Sackville, was held May 28, 2016 at the George Rogers Clark Memorial, George Rogers Clark National Historical Park in Vincennes, IN. This was the fifth year for this annual National SAR event.

James C. Arnold, Indiana Society SAR, commanded an excellent Color Guard which presented, posted, and retired the Colors. Color Guard participants included SAR members from Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, and Michigan.

Welcome and opening remarks were made by Frank W. Doughman, Superintendent of the George Rogers Clark National Historical Park.

Greetings were brought by John T. Manning, Historian General, National Society Sons of the American Revolution. Compatriot



Statue of George Rogers Clark overlooking the wreaths. Photo by Donna Betzner.

Manning also presented a wreath on behalf of the New Hampshire Society. Additional greetings were brought by Robert P. Cunningham, Vice President General of the Central District; the Indiana Society, the Indiana Ladies Auxiliary, the Indiana DAR, and the Indiana CAR.

In total, forty wreaths were presented, including Joe Herron, Chief of Interpretation, George Rogers Clark National Historical Park; Robert P. Cunningham, Vice President General, Central District; Sheila Manning, 1st Vice President, National Ladies Auxiliary; the four states of the Central District (Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio); Donna Sharp, President, Indiana Ladies Auxiliary; Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, New Hampshire, and South Carolina SAR chapters; Indiana DAR chapters; and Indiana CAR chapters. Flag streamers were awarded to all who presented wreaths.

Dr. Theodore Rex Legler II, Past Vice President General, Central District, was the presiding officer. The Invocation and Benediction were given by C. David Betzner, Indiana Society SAR Chaplain. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Jeffrey W. Jones, Indiana Society SAR Secretary, and April A. Legler, National Ladies Auxiliary Historian, led the singing of the National Anthem. Robert P. Cunningham, Vice President General, Central District and William E. Sharp, Indiana National Trustee, escorted participants presenting wreaths. Photographs of the event were taken by Donna Betzner, Indiana Ladies Auxiliary, Sons of the American Revolution.



William Robert Hill leading the Color Guard.
Photo by Donna Betzner.



Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard and Indiana Children of the American Revolution outside of the George Rogers Clark Memorial. Photo by Donna Betzner.



KENTUCKY

Inaugural Patriot's Day Celebration in Western Kentucky

On Saturday, April 16, the Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter in Cadiz, Kentucky, joined with the John Manire Chapter in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, to host the inaugural celebration of Patriot's Day at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West near Hopkinsville. Forty uniformed color guardsmen representing four chapters in Kentucky, eight chapters in Tennessee, and one chapter in Indiana took part in the ceremony honoring the seventy-one Patriots listed on the Sons of the American Revolution granite memorial in the cemetery. The color guard marched with twenty flags and an amazing eighteen riflemen and musketeers took part in the three-shot gun salute. In addition, the Indiana SAR Ladies' Auxiliary and the James Thomas Chapter of the Kentucky DAR presented wreaths. An additional thirteen SAR members not in uniform also attended and took part in the ceremony.

The Col. Stephen Trigg and John Manire Chapters plan to pursue the possibility of having this yearly celebration recognized as a District Color Guard event. Because thirty-one of the Patriots listed on this memorial are buried whereabouts unknown in Christian County, Kentucky, active participants in the event also earn credit for five grave markings toward the Patriot Grave Marking Medal.

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MARYLAND

It was a Honor to present the Colors at Ironbirds baseball game opening ceremony
Baltimore— 24 June 2016 with the MDSSAR Color Guard

Great time except for the two hour trip to get there.



Photo by Tim Mallory



Color Guard members from left to right,
Bill Smithson State President, Sam Raborg, Chris Smithson, Jim
Battles, Lou Raborg, David Hoover National Color Guard Commander
and David Embrey MDSSAR Color Guard Commander.

The Christian Ardinger Color Guard - General Otho Williams Book signing 15 May 2016. Our Chapter, President John Tunner, Color Sgt. Karl Feldmeyer & Wes Evans of the Maryland Old Line Color Guard were at the Town Hall in Williamsport, Maryland. We were recruiting and discussing about historical topic's and the items we had on display. Such as muskets, items soldiers, and officers would carry with them and our hand made Grand Union Flag and Calvert Colors. Our new chapter banner was a point of a lot of discussion. We had a grand time and we received a lot of great feed back for being there.



Color bears Karl Feldmeyer & Wes Evans front row Robert Lyons, Ron Harbaugh, and Gene Moyer back row

On May 28th The Christian Ardinger Maryland Old line Guard held a wreath laying at the grave of Brig. Gen. Otho Holland Williams in River view Cemetery in Williamsport Maryland. Color bears Karl Feldmeyer & Wes Evans



Fife Tune By Fifer Dave



MAINE

These pictures were taken at the SAR, June 11, 2016 celebration of “action at Machias” event in Machias, Maine. Many call it the First Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War. This was in honor of the action of May 11-12 of 1775. Some 1,622 miles away and nearly 8 years after Machias, the last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War took place on March 10 -11, 1783 off the coast

of Florida,
just south of Cape Canaveral.



Picture of Stone Monument honoring the Machias Action . SAR Wreath Laying at the Court House. SAR Members present – to right of American Flag is Patriot Pastor – Garrett Lear (NH Society Chaplin), Maine SAR President, New England States RVP Doug Wood, and Florida Color Guard Commander – Charlie Day.

Marching Picture
Same members shown above along with others not identified. Banner carriers are Auxiliary members.

This march is down Main street and across the famous Jeremiah O'Brien Memorial Bridges, then up the hill to University of Maine at Machias recreational field for festivities – Speeches, Vendors, Crafts, etc. Very much a community event.





On February 15, 2016 the Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard participated in the Kansas City Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Wreath Laying at the George Washington statue in Washington Square Park, 2200-2394 Grand Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64108. The Washington statue was purchased with public donations. Copied from a famous statue in Brooklyn, New York sculpted by Henry Shrady, it was formed at the Roman Bronze Works which had cast the original statue. Wight and Wight Architects in Kansas City designed the pedestal. The Statue was dedicated on November 11, 1925. It is 16 feet 7 inches tall and stands on a pedestal 13 feet high. The statue was placed so that Washington faced south just east of the center of the park. One hundred and nine-thousand (109,000) citizens gave this statue to their city. Dedicated on Armistice Day 1925. Rededicated on Armistice Day 1932 during the National celebration of the George Washington Bicentennial.

MISSOURI



From left to right: Missouri Society, SAR Western Color Guard Commander-James Scott (Independence Patriots Chp); Roy Hutchinson (Harry S. Truman Chp); Richard Mathews (Independence Patriots Chp); Mike Schmidt (William C. Corum Chp); Robert Grover (Harry S. Truman Chp); and Dirk Stapleton (Harry S. Truman Chp).



On March 20, 2016 a Medal of Honor Ceremony was held at the Forest Hill Cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri. Comptropot Robert Grover is holding a wreath in the first photo and is saluting the grave in the second photo. PFC John Lewis Barkley (1895-1966) was a World War I (WWI) Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient. He served in the United States Army as a Private First Class, in Company K, 4th Infantry, 3rd Division. He was awarded the CMOH for his

bravery near Cunel, France on October 7, 1918. His citation reads *"Pfc. Barkley, who was stationed in an observation post half a kilometer from the German line, on his own initiative repaired a captured enemy machinegun and mounted it in a disabled French tank near his post. Shortly afterward, when the enemy launched a counterattack against our forces, Pfc. Barkley got into the tank, waited under the hostile barrage until the enemy line was abreast of him and then opened fire, completely breaking up the counterattack and killing and wounding a large number of the enemy. Five minutes later an enemy 77-millimeter gun opened fire on the tank pointblank. One shell struck the drive wheel of the tank, but this soldier nevertheless remained in the tank and after the barrage ceased broke up a second enemy counterattack, thereby enabling our forces to gain and hold Hill 25".* His Medal was awarded to him in 1919. (bio by: Russ Dodge)

Blue Springs Missouri DAR Chapter held an "End of the Vietnam War Commemoration" on March 29, 2016 at the Pink Hill Park, Blue Springs, Missouri. The Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard participated. Color Guard Members from left to right: Western Color Guard Commander James Scott (Independence Patriots Chp); Jack Quint (Independence Patriots Chp); Roy Hutchinson (Harry S. Truman Chp); John Stewart (Harry S. Truman Chp); Mike Schmidt (William C. Corum Chp); and Robert Grover (Harry S. Truman Chp and KSSAR).





The Fernando de Leyba Chapter presented on April 11, 2016 the SAR Heroism Medal and Certificate, and a check, to Jack McClain and Michael Shepherd for saving a girl from drowning.

On May 25, 2014, McClain and Shepherd were swimming in the Huzzah Creek at the Huzzah Valley Campground. The previous day's rain had raised the level of the creek and substantially increased the current. While swimming, they noticed a young girl attempt to cross the creek carrying a lawn chair. The current caught the chair which drug the girl into the current and into deeper water. She was struggling to keep her head above water and was calling for help. She had gone under twice when the boys heard her.

Seeing her distress, McClain and Shepherd immediately swam over, struggling against the current. They were able to reach the girl and grabbed her hand. They then swam until they could stand and pulled her towards the shore, where they pulled her out of the water. Shepherd then put on his goggles and swam back to retrieve her flip-flops and lawn chair. After getting back to the camp site, the mother of the girl ran up to them and hugged them and thanked them for saving her daughter's life. The girl insisted that they saved her life.

From left to right: Eastern Missouri Color Commander Compatriot Bill Grote, Larry McClain (father of Jack McClain), Scott Shepherd (father of Michael Shepherd), Michael Shepherd, Fernando de Leyba Chapter President Marvin Koechig, Jack McClain, Terri McClain (mother of Jack McClain), Andrea Shepherd (mother of Michael Shepherd), Compatriot Steve White, and Missouri Society, SAR Honorary Vice President Compatriot Charles Lilly.

On April 11, 2016 the Fernando de Leyba SAR Chapter presented a Flag Commendation Certificate to Kevin Maher on behalf of St Charles Hyundai, St. Peters, St. Charles County, Missouri.

From left to right: Compatriot Rick Morton, Compatriot Michael Shea, Kevin Maher, Chapter President Marvin Koechig, Compatriot Steve White, and Compatriot Charles Lilly.



The Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard presented and retrieved the Colors at the 117th Annual Missouri Society, DAR Convention held at the St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles, Missouri on April 14-17, 2016.

From left to right: Compatriot Charles Lilly, Past Missouri Society, SAR President and National Trustee (Fernando de Leyba Chapter and dual member of the Spirit of St. Louis Chapter); Compatriot James Scott (Ozark Patriots Chapter); Compatriot Rick Morton (Fernando de Leyba Chapter); J. Wayne Merrill, Chaplin, Missouri Society, SAR (M. Graham Clark Chapter); Bill Groth, Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard Commander (Spirit of St. Louis Chapter); Compatriot Milan Paddock (Spirit of St. Louis Chapter and dual member of the Fernando de Leyba Chapter and Ozark Patriots Chapter); Compatriot Doug Neff (Spirit of St. Louis Chapter and dual member of the Fernando de Leyba Chapter); Compatriot Bill Grote, Eastern Missouri Color Guard Commander (Fernando de Leyba Chapter).

[Right] The Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard participated in the Naturalization Ceremony held on April 15, 2016 at the Federal Court House in Kansas City, Missouri. From left to right: Harry S. Truman Chapter Compatriots John Stewart, Robert Grover, and Roy Hutchinson.



[Below] The Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard at the Annual Convention of the Missouri Society, SAR held on April 29-30, 2016 at the Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center of Independence, MO. The Convention was hosted by the William C. Corum SAR Chapter.

From left to right: John Bugg, William C. Corum Chp; Bill Irminger, William C.

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Mathews, Independence Patriots Chp; Dirk Stapleton, Harry S. Truman and Independence Patriots Chp's; Mike Schmidt, William C. Corum Chp; Frank Furman, Ozark Parrots Chp; Charles Lilly, Fernando de Leyba Chp; John Stewart, Harry S. Truman Chp; Roy Hutchinson, Harry S. Truman Chp; Robert Grover, Harry S. Truman, Ozark Mountain, and Independence Patriots Chp's; and James Scott, Independence Parrots Chp.



On May 22, 2016 a Medal of Honor Ceremony was held at the World War I (WWI) National Museum in Kansas City, Missouri. Color Guard members from Missouri and Kansas participated.

First Photo, left to right: Dennis Nelson Henry (Leavenworth Chapter KSSAR); Mike Schmidt (William C. Corum Chp); Dewey Fry (Delaware Crossing KSSAR); Lyman Miller (Monticello Chapter KSSAR); James Scott (Independence Patriots Chp); Peter Reynolds (Independence Patriots Chp); Al Paris (Independence Patriots Chp); Roy Hutchinson (Harry S Truman Chp); and Robert Grover (Harry S Truman Chp and dual member of KSSAR).

Second Photo, left to right: Mike Schmidt (William Forum Chp); Dewey Fry (Delaware Crossing Chapter KSSAR); Peter Reynolds (Independence patriots Chp); and Lyman Miller (Monticello Chapter KSSAR).



a Private in Child's Company in 1778 for 9 months. He served in Col. Abraham Shepherd's Regiment, 10th Regiment of North Carolina. Freeman claimed to have served as one of George Washington's scouts. He served under the command of General Nathanael Greene at the Battle of Gilford Courthouse against Cornwallis.

From left to right: Ozark Mountain Chapter President Dan Philbrick, Compatriot George Swales, ColorGuard members J. Howard Fisk, Glenn Gohr, Gerald McCoy, Dan McMurray and Compatriot Norman Knowlton. In front, facing the William Freeman grave, are Mr. Samuel Flavius Freeman II (fifth Generation descendant of William Freeman) and Jan Fisk, Rachel Donelson Chapter (DAR).

On May 28, 2016 the Ozark Mountain Chapter, Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution presented a Flag Commendation Certificate to Doris Janet Dreier Jones, Regent, Rachel Donelson Chapter (DAR), at a Memorial Day ceremony at the Springfield National Cemetery, Springfield, Missouri. Appreciation was expressed to Ms. Jones for her support of the American Flag and all that it represents. Springfield, Missouri, has been the home of the Rachel Donelson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for over 100 years.

From left to right: Color Guard members J. Howard Fisk and Glenn Gohr, Doris Janet Dreier Jones, Regent, Rachel Donelson Chapter (DAR), Color Guard members Gerald McCoy and Dan McMurray, Compatriot Norman Knowlton and Compatriot George Swales. Ozark Mountain Chapter member attendees include James Haas, Dan Philbrick, Phil Reinbold, and John Allen.

The Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard at the Annual Commemoration of the Battle of Fort San



Carlos held at the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis, MO on May 29, 2016. The keynote speaker at this year's annual Commemoration of the Battle of Fort San Carlos was re-enactor José Gueits Romero, Associate Presenter for the Hispanics in History Cultural Organization (HIHCO) who lives in Florida. He presented a narrative history of the Spanish influence in New Orleans, St. Louis, and the Illinois Country during the 18th century. Left to right: Compatriots Wayne Davis (Spirit of St. Louis Chp); Dough Neff (Spirit of St. Louis and Fernando de Leyba Chps); Bill Grote, Eastern Missouri Color Guard Cmdr (Fernando de Leyba Chp); Rick Morton (Fernando de Leyba Chp); Charles Lilly, Honorary VP of the MOSSAR, SAR (Fernando de Leyba Chp); Bill Brindel (Spirit of St. Louis Chp); Jose Gueits Romero; Milan Paddock (Spirit of St. Louis and Fernando de Leyba Chps); and Bill Groth, Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard Commander (Spirit of St. Louis Chp).

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The Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard at the Annual Commemoration of the Battle of Fort San Carlos held at the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis, MO on May 29, 2016.



From left to right: Compatriots Dough Neff (Spirit of St. Louis and Fernando de Leyba Chps); Bill Grote, Eastern Missouri Color Guard Commander (Fernando de Leyba Chp); Charles Lilly, Honorary VP of the Missouri Society, SAR (Fernando de Leyba Chp); Rick Morton (Fernando de Leyba Chp); Milan Paddock (Spirit of St. Louis and Fernando de Leyba Chps); Bill Groth, Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard Commander (Spirit of St. Louis Chp); and Bill Brindel (Spirit of St. Louis Chp).

Missouri Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (MSSDAR) Annual Memorial Day Service held on May 30, 2016 at the MSSDAR's Cold Water Cemetery, 15290 Old Halls



Ferry Road,
Florissant, MO 63034.

Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard at the Missouri Society of the



Daughters of the American Revolution (MSSDAR) Annual Memorial Day Service held on May 30, 2016 at the MSSDAR's Cold Water Cemetery, 15290 Old Halls Ferry Road, Florissant, MO 63034.

From left to right: Compatriots Charles Lilly, Missouri Society, SAR Honorary VP (Fernando de Leyba Chp); Bill Grote, Eastern Missouri Color Guard Commander (Fernando de Leyba Chp); Rick Morton (Fernando de Leyba Chp); Wayne Davis (Spirit of St. Louis Chp); and Doug Neff (Spirit of St. Louis and Fernando de Leyba Chps).

Deadline
for October Issue
September 30

NORTH CAROLINA

From North to South and East to West the North Carolina Color Guard has been busy during the last quarter. The number of events has been too numerous to count. State and Chapter units have attended grave markings from Fayetteville to Winston-Salem.



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went about their duties. Both events were successful despite the weather. On June 11, members participated in the celebration of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill.

The Mecklenburg Chapter in Charlotte celebrated the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration on May 20.

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In July, Color Guard members will take part in the various Independence Day Parades across the State. For the first time, members of the Lower Cape Fear Chapter will march in the parade in Southport. This is said to be the largest Fourth of July Parade in Southeastern North Carolina. The Battle of Colson's Mill is scheduled for July 16 and the Battle of the House in the Horseshoe will be celebrated August 6. There is also interest by members in going to Mount Vernon for the event there.

David Alls of the Mecklenburg Chapter earned his Silver Color Guard medal. It will be presented to him after the National Congress.

NEVADASigners Chapter ROTC/JROTC Award Program for 2016

During April and May of this year the Signers Chapter presented twenty four awards to outstanding Cadets enrolled in Air Force, Army, Marine or Navy ROTC and JROTC programs. For the third year running Compatriot Don Hotchkiss chaired and coordinated this project. Congratulations Don for another outstanding ROTC / JROTC Awards Program season.

The following Compatriots are acknowledged for volunteering as presenters at these events across the Las Vegas Valley: Don Hotchkiss, Gary Parriott, Tommy Thompson, Fred Boughton, Larry Kessler, Dan Orr, John Mahoney, Len Becker and Dr Gene Butler.



Lt Col Jerry A. Cooper and Gary B. Parriott NV Society Color Guard Commander at the Shadow Ridge HS Air Force JROTC Awards Banquet
 Las Vegas HS Army JROTC "Wildcat Battalion" Award Ceremony
 Canyon Springs HS Air Force JROTC 11th Annual Awards Ceremony.



Centennial HS Navy JROTC 15th Annual Awards Ceremony

Graduating Navy JROTC Cadet recognized in the historical and traditional ceremony "Piping Ashore"

24th Annual *Unserviceable Flag Retirement Ceremony* – So NV Veterans Memorial Cemetery

The Valley of Fire Chapter National Society Daughter of the American Revolution sponsored the Flag Retirement Ceremony on May 7, 2016. Vikki Allen-Gaskill, DAR Regent welcomed the gathering in the Cemetery Chapel. Participating in the ceremony were Veterans and members of Children of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, Air Force JROTC, Green Valley HS Madrigals and Gary B. Parriott NV Society Color Guard Commander.



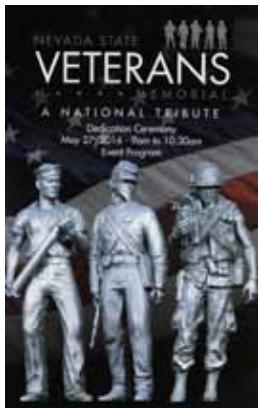
Gary B. Parriott speaking on the importance of Our Flag in Battle (photo by Kris Perry)



Parting salute to an unserviceable flag (photo by Kris Perry)

Dedication ceremony of the Nevada State Veterans Memorial

NV Society Color Guard Commander Gary Parriott and Compatriot Len Becker attended the dedication ceremony of the Nevada State Veterans Memorial on May 27th. This stunning memorial features 18 larger-than-life statues spanning 200 years of American History, from the Revolutionary War to the Global War on Terror.



Nevada State
Veterans
Memorial
Ceremony
programs



NV Society Color Guard
Commander Gary Parriott
admiring the statue of the
American Revolution War
soldier



Korean War Veterans
Bill Stevens and Len
Becker

Memorial Day weekend

Several memorial events took place across the Las Vegas Valley over the long Memorial Day weekend. On Saturday, volunteers placed flags at all the grave sites in the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery. On Monday morning a memorial ceremony took place at the Silent Heroes of the Cold War National Memorial at Mount Charleston. Mid day a memorial service took place in the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery Chapel. That evening a memorial service was conducted at the grave site monument of two Civil War Soldiers, each representing the opposing sides. Later in life these two Civil War enemies became lasting friends.



Placing flags at the Southern
Nevada Veterans Memorial
Cemetery



Flag raising and lowering ceremony
at the Silent Heroes of the Cold War
National Memorial.



Twenty-one gun salute at the Civil War
memorial service.



Len Becker playing "taps"



Melissa Robinson, Regent, Francisco Garces Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Community Flag Day Celebration

The Francisco Garces Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution hosted a Flag Day Celebration in the beautiful grounds of the Lorenzi Park Rose Garden on June 11th. Melissa Robinson, Regent, Francisco Garces Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution welcomed the guest. Several speakers from various offices extended their greetings and Wayne Leroy, LV Elks Lodge, gave an interesting talk on the very earliest American Flags. Chaparral High School NJROTC Color Guard ceremoniously replaced the United States Flag with a new flag donated by Flags Unlimited.



Chaparral High School NJROTC
Color Guard and Gary Parriott



NEW YORK / EMPIRE STATE

Grave Dedication of Private Elias Cady Merritt Cemetery Granby, New York July 3, 2016

The only debt that we can never repay is that which is owed to our brave military veterans. Today we pay our respects and mark the grave of Private Elias Cady who served in the Revolutionary war. Elias along with his brothers Elijah, Elisha, & David served in Capt. John Davis's company of Whiting's regiment as a Private in the 17th Albany County Militia during the Revolutionary War. Elias's oldest brother Ebenezer, also served as a Captain in the 17th Albany County Militia and brothers Eleazer, Elias, and John are also known to have served. From various pension application records it appears that Capt. John Davis' Company served doing guard duty primarily in the frontier area along the Mohawk River in upper New York State.

- In May or June, 1778, the company commanded by Capt. John Davis defended the Cherry Valley frontier and marched in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Waterman accompanied by another Regiment under Col. Van Alstyne to Albany where after remaining a few days. They then proceeded to Johnstown where they were stationed about a month and thence were ordered to Cherry Valley where they erected a picket fort and remained until they were relieved by other troops a few weeks previous to the Destruction of Cherry valley by the British and Indians under Brant and Butler.
- On or about the 1st of May, 1780 the company of Captain John Davis served at New Concord, Albany County and thence marched by the way of Albany to Schoharie where men were billeted out on various scouts in different places. At the end of this service they marched back to Albany where they were dismissed and returned home on or about the 13th of June.
- May 8, 1780 - Elias Cady was one of 19 men named in a document entitled "Marching Orders, May 8, 1780". This document was addressed to Capt. John Davis and signed by Col. W. B. WHITING, of the 17th Albany County Militia. Elias Cady is identified as one of those militiamen ordered to march to Johnstown [NY] and there await further orders

Elias was born 7 November, 1752 and lived in what is now Columbia County [then Albany] county] where he & his six brothers and sister grew up. He farmed in the New Concord area from about 1762 to 1809. He then moved to Charleston / Burtonville, Montgomery County and lived there until about 1837 when he apparently moved to Granby, Oswego County, New York where he died November 10, 1838, age 86.

Posterity can never estimate the sacrifice and sufferings of the patriots of the Revolution who are deserving of our thanks. Joseph Plumb Martin, a private in the 8th Connecticut Continental Line wrote of his experiences. In one passage he tells of marching for many long miles in the cold and rain with a sprained ankle. "When the column finally turned into a wood for the night it was so wet that he was unable to light a fire. He and his companions were "forced by necessity, to lay down and sleep if we could with three others of our constant companions, Fatigue Hunger and Cold".

Like Joseph Plumb Martin, men like Elias Cady also suffered great hardships so that we can live today in freedom. It is said that we die three times; first when our body expires, next when we are buried and finally when our names are last spoken. We therefore place this Sons of the American Revolution marker to thank, remember and honor Elias Cady for his service and for his sacrifice and for all that he gave to a grateful nation so that his memory can live on.

Robert J. Gang III, President Syracuse Chapter ESSAR



OHIO

Northeastern Ohio Chapter has a busy 23 Hours



At 2:00 PM, on Sunday May 29th the Northeastern Ohio chapter's Color Guard stepped off to participate in the Blossom Time Festival parade in Chagrin Falls Ohio. This was just the beginning of the Memorial Day weekend for the Chapter. We had eight members participate in the parade.

That evening we posted the Colors for the United Voices Community Choir at their Patriotic Cantata held in Burton Ohio. The event started at 6:00 PM and included many patriotic songs accompanied by a stirring narration. Six members of the Color Guard were able to attend.

The next event was on Monday May 30th, Memorial Day, at 8:30 AM. We marched in the Saybrook Township Ohio Memorial Day parade. The parade route concluded in Saybrook Township cemetery where the Trustees put on their Memorial Day program. Five members participated.

Then it was on to the Ashtabula Memorial Day parade. We started the parade at noon. We had six members participate. Then it was on to the last event of the day.

At 1:00 PM we held a Flag Certificate presentation at the Gaumer Family home. There were also six members of the Color Guard present.

Of course we can not forget our Ladies Auxiliary that supplemented our ranks, handed out American flags to parade attendees, provided comfort and support for the Color Guard, and as always assisted in any way they could.





On Tuesday, June 14, the Western Reserve Society Sons of the American Revolution Archibald Willard Color Guard, and Northeastern Ohio Chapter SAR Color Guard, participated in the combined 239th Flag Day Anniversary, the US Army's 241st Birthday, and the Naturalization Ceremony at The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in downtown Cleveland, which hosted this program. The Association of the U.S. Army, Newton D. Baker Chapter and the Joint Veterans' Council of Cuyahoga County once again sponsored the event. The United States Citizenship and Immigration Service and US District Court presented

the certificates. It was a beautiful day for a very special celebration.

The program started with the posting of the Colors by the U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion, Cleveland Post accompanied by the SAR Color Guard. The master of ceremonies was John S. Haynes, who told about his own experience of how he was born in England and became a United States citizen in 1964. Haynes showed a copy of his certificate that he carries with him. He gave a salute to all new immigrants on becoming US citizens. There were greetings from a number of dignitaries and local groups, including the U. S. Army's recognition of the Soldier of the Year by Newton D. Baker, Greater Cleveland Chapter of AUSA, to Staff Sergeant U.S. Army Recruiting NCO Andrew Timothy Bard. Congratulations!

The guest Speaker was Chief Judge Solomon Oliver Jr. of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, who swore in twenty-nine new citizens.

Retiring the Colors are Troy Bailey, Dan Matheke and Jim Gilbert of the Northeastern Ohio Chapter Color Guard, and Galen Swab and Lee MacBride of the Western Reserve Society Archibald Willard Color Guard. After the SAR retirement of the colors, everyone congratulated the new citizens who were available for pictures. All were invited to have a piece of the Army's birthday cake.

The SAR Color guard Troy Bailey, Dan Matheke, Jim Gilbert (NEO), Galen Swab and Lee MacBride (WRS) with new citizens of the Pica family from Romania



TENNESSEE

Saturday the 2nd of April 2016 the Tennessee Society Sons of the American Revolution had their 2016 Annual State Meeting in Kingsport, TN. Friday April 1st there was a reception for all members at the Kingsport Marriott MeadowView Conference Resort & Convention Center. Then on Saturday Morning they had the Board of Governors meeting and the TNSAR State Color Guard presented the Colors to open the meeting, Commanded by John Clines.

Then at 3 pm Saturday afternoon the Tennessee State Society Sons of the American Revolution gathered at the old Acuff Chapel Cemetery to honor a revolutionary soldier. Micajah Adams was a Private in the

North Carolina troops, serving at various times under Cols. Christian, Evan Shelby and Isaac Shelby. He married Elizabeth Holston. Her uncle was Stephen Holston for whom the East Tennessee river Holston and the Holston Mountain were named. Micajah and Elizabeth had 11 children. He had a farm near Blountville, Tn. and the Gunning's Cemetery.

Micajah and Timothy Acuff built the first Methodist Church in now Tn. on State Route 126 near Gunning's and Blountville. Micajah, Elizabeth, his son Stephen and wife Barbara Galloway Lotts are buried in the Acuff Chapel Cemetery. Micajah died Jan. 16,



1842 at the age of 62.

Dr. Joe Chambers served as the Master of Ceremonies for the Grave Marking Ceremony.

The TNSSAR State Color Guard presented the colors and fired a three round volley musket salute in honor of Patriot Adams. Color guard members present were: Acting State Commander John Clines, Darryl Addington, David Eagan, James Stone, John Clines Jr, Lee Johnson, Bill Pettis, Lynn Fox, James Hobbs, Steve Gaines, David Johnston, John Clark, Jim McKinney, Mark Cox, Claude Hardison, Sanford Payton, Larry Poole, and Colin Wakefield.

Then Saturday night the Presidents Banquet was in the Ballroom. The Color Guard Presented the Colors to open the Banquet.





On March 9th, 2016 the TNSSAR Color Guard presented the Colors for the Tennessee History Day Celebration. This has become a yearly event for the Color Guard. The event was held at 8:30 on a Saturday morning at the War Memorial Auditorium in Nashville, TN. French Lick Company Commander Edward Phillips commanded the guard and TNSSAR State President David Eagan gave greetings. Color Guard Members in attendance were Steve Gaines, Jim Johnson, Don Horton, James Hobbs, Dennis Harris, Mark Cox, George Miller, Larry Poole and Sanford Payton.

On Monday the 11th of April 2016 the TNSSAR Color Guard along with the OVTA Color Guard joined in together to present the Colors for the U.S. Mint Cumberland Gap Coin Celebration. The Event was held at the Headquarters of the Cumberland Gap National Park in Morristown, KY. The Guard was commanded by TNSSAR Mountain Brigade Commander Ronnie Lail. TNSSAR Color Guard Members in Attendance were: Darryl Addington, Michael Mankin, Bill Pettis, Jim McKinney and James Stone.



Saturday, April 16th, 2016 the TNSSAR Color Guard Joined in with the KYSSAR and INSSAR Color Guard to present the Colors for the Patriots Day Celebration honoring 5 Revolutionary War patriots that are buried in the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville, KY. The event invitation was provided by the Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter in Cadiz, Kentucky and the John Manire Chapter to host the inaugural celebration of Patriot's Day at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West near Hopkinsville. Forty uniformed color guardsmen representing four chapters in Kentucky, eight chapters in Tennessee, and one chapter in Indiana took part in the ceremony honoring the seventy-one Patriots listed on the Sons of the American Revolution granite memorial in the cemetery. The color guard marched with twenty flags and an amazing eighteen riflemen and musketeers took part in the three-shot gun salute. In addition, the Indiana SAR Ladies' Auxiliary and the James Thomas Chapter of the Kentucky DAR presented wreaths. An additional thirteen SAR members not in



uniform also attended

and took part in the ceremony. TNSSAR Color Guard Members in Attendance were: French Lick Commander John Clines, Sanford Payton, Steve Gaines, Mark Cox, Dennis Harris, Jim McKinney, Darryl Addington, Jim Johnson, James Hobbs, Fred Ryan, George Miller, Johnny Head, Clarence Watson and Larry Poole.



On April 23rd, 2016 the TNSSAR Color Guard joined in with the Stephen Holston Rifle Company in presentation of the Colors for the Grave Marking of Revolutionary War Patriot John Bowman. The Stephen Holston Chapter TNSSAR hosted this Grave Marking Ceremony. Welcome and greetings was given by Com-patriot Lynn Fox and Direct Descendant Dan Bowman. The Color Guard fired a Volley Shot to honor this Patriot.



On the 23rd of April 2016, the TNSSAR Color Guard joined in with the KYSSAR Stephen Trigg Chapter Color Guard in the Presentation of Colors for Revolutionary War Patriot Reuben Browning in Lewisburg, Kentucky. Stephen Trigg Chapter President Geoff Baggett was the Master of Ceremonies. The Color Guard fired a 3 Shot Volley to honor this Patriot. TNS-SAR Color Guard members in Attendance were: Steve Gaines, George Miller, Jim Johnson and Roger Tenney.





On May 1st, 2016 the TNSSAR Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter hosted a Grave Marking for Revolutionary War Patriot Captain Richard Vernon of the NC Militia. The marking was held at the Vernon Cemetery in Franklin, Williamson County, Tennessee. Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter President Edward Phillips was the Master of Ceremonies. TNSSAR President David Eagan gave Greetings from the State Society. The TNSSAR Color Guard was commanded by Tanasi River Brigade Commander John Clines and the Color Guard presented the colors and fired a 3 shot volley and 2 canons fired each a volley after the muskets fired. John Clark played Taps. There were many Descendants present.



On May 7th, 2016 the TNSSAR Wm. P. Quarles Chapter and the Cincinnati Chapter join in to dedicate the Military and SAR marker to honor Revolutionary War Patriot Grave Marking for Turner Lee Wilkerson at 2 pm at the Wilkerson Family Cemetery in Brush Creek, Smith County, Tennessee. There were about 150 Descendants in attendance and the Cincinnati Chapter Color Guard Fired a Cannon and the TNSSAR and OSSAR Fired Musket Volley Rounds to Honor this Patriot.





On May 14th, 2016 the TNSSAR Color Guard Join in with many other State SAR Color Guards to celebrate the Raid at Martins Station in Ewing, VA.



On May the 21st, 2016 the TNSSAR Color Guard commanded by Tanasi River Brigade Commander John Clines presented the Colors for the Grave Marking of Patriot Captain Thomas Lee in Rogersville, TN. The State of Franklin Chapter was the host for this ceremony. Color Guard Members in Attendance were Commander John Clines, Darryl Addington, Jim McKinney and Dick Burdette.



On Memorial Day 2016 the Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter were involved in the celebrations for the Bradley County Memorial Day Celebration. The TNSSAR Color Guard commanded by Tanasi River Brigade Commander John Clines with guardsmen Jim McKinney, Claude Hardison, Randall Higgins, Joe White and Sam Allen



On May the 28th, 2016 the Valentine Sevier Chapter and the TNSSAR Color Guard with the Daughters of the American Revolution had a Memorial Day weekend celebration to honor the patriots buried at the Elmwood Cemetery in Springfield, TN. The Color Guard members in attendance were James Thweatt, Donald Horton, Jim Johnson, Roger Tenney and Johnny Head.

On June the 4th, 2016 the TNSSAR Color Guard joined in with the KYSSAR Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter to honor Revolutionary War Patriots Pvt. Charles Kennedy and Joseph Fontaine. Both were honored at Wall Cemetery on Wall Cemetery Road, Wallonia, KY. The TNSSAR Color Guard in attendance were Steve Gaines, James Hobbs and Dennis Harris.



On June the 11th, 2016 TNSSAR Color Guardsmen Darryl Addington represented the Tennessee Society at the Battle of Ramsour's Mill in Lincolnton, NC and presented the TNSSAR State Wreath.

VIRGINIA

Memorial Day at Culpeper National Cemetery



Six members of the Virginia SAR Color Guard participated in the annual Memorial Day Service at Culpeper National Cemetery. The Culpeper National Cemetery was founded in 1867 and today is the resting place of over 11,000 veterans. Each Memorial Day a service is held to provide military honors to those interred over the past twelve months without the benefit of those honors. Participants this year included the SAR, VFW, American Legion, and the Culpeper County High School Band. A crowd of over 150 gathered to pay tribute to the veterans resting here.



Virginia SAR participants, all from the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter, except where noted, left to right: Ben Works, wreath presenter; Bill Schwetke, Paul Chase, Col William Grayson Chapter; Don Jennings; Lon Lacey, Color Guard Commander; Lance Lyngar; Larry Alexander.

Cat Schwetke, who took the other photos, works on her "Molly Picture" Medal
Paul Chase leads the Color Guard in the Memorial Day Service, followed by Don Jennings, Lon Lacey, Lance Lyngar, Larry Alexander, and Bill Schwetke.

WASHINGTON

Armed Forces Day Parade, Spokane WA, May 22, 2016.



Despatch from Major Stan Wills, Spokane, E. Washington Reg't., 22nd instant:

Last night on a cold, windy, rainy night the Spokane Chapter #1 Color Guard marched in the 78th Spokane Lilac Festival Armed Forces Parade. The parade started at 7:45 P.M. and ended after 10:00 P.M.. With over 200 entries and 50, 000 spectators we marched the 6 mile course. This was our first time participating. The parade was televised locally and we enjoyed some great exposure. Riding behind us was the four DAR chapters including the State Regent.

Marching in the parade were l/r Rene Loubouris (militia), Vice Commander Stan Wills (Betsey Ross Flag), Ret. Lt. Col Dennis Shaw (SAR Flag), Spokane Chapter President Dale Ryan (drummer), Will Palmer (militia).

Riding in a vehicle towing a trailer with a dozen Flags from the Flag Museum were Gale Palmer, Mike Moore and Norm Park.

Walking along taking pictures was Tom Clark giving us 9 members who participated.

Dennis Shaw will play fife for us as needed. This now gives us a drummer & fife player for both Spokane & Mid Columbia.

Stan Wills

Vice Commander WASSAR Color Guard



Long rifle

The long rifle, also known as longrifle, Kentucky rifle, or Pennsylvania rifle, was one of the first commonly used rifles for hunting and warfare.^[1] It is characterized by an unusually long barrel, which is widely believed to be a largely unique development of American rifles that was uncommon in European rifles of the same period.

The longrifle is an early example of a firearm using rifling, spiral grooves in the bore. This gave the projectile, commonly a round lead ball, a spiraling motion, increasing the stability of the trajectory. A more stable trajectory meant dramatically improved accuracy over the more commonly available smooth bore muskets also used in the period. Rifled firearms saw their first major combat use in the American colonies during the French and Indian War, and later the American Revolution in the eighteenth century.

Until the development of the Minié ball in the middle of the 19th century, the main disadvantages of a rifle compared to a musket were a slower reload time due to the use of a tighter fitting lead ball and greater susceptibility to the fouling of the bore after prolonged use - such fouling would eventually prevent loading altogether, rendering the weapon useless until thoroughly cleaned. The adoption of the Minié ball essentially nullified these disadvantages and allowed the rifle to completely replace the musket.

The longrifle was made popular by German gunsmiths who immigrated to America, bringing with them the technology of rifling from where it originated. The accuracy achieved by the longrifle made it an ideal tool for hunting wildlife for food in colonial America.

Origins

The longrifle was developed on the American frontier in south eastern Pennsylvania, in the early 1700s. It continued to be developed technically and artistically until it passed out of fashion in the 19th century. The longrifle was the product of German gunsmiths who immigrated to new settlements in south eastern Pennsylvania in the early 1700s, and later in Virginia and other territories. Tax records from these locales indicate the dates these gunsmiths were in business.^[3] Strong pockets of longrifle use and manufacture continued in the Appalachian Mountains of Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio and North Carolina well into the 20th century as a practical and efficient firearm for those rural segments of the nation. Longrifles could be made entirely by hand and hand-operated tooling, in a frontier setting.

Initially the weapon of choice on the frontier was the smooth bore musket, or trade gun, built in factories in England and France and shipped to the colonies for purchase. Gradually, longrifles became more popular due to their longer effective range.



While the smooth bore musket had an effective range of less than 100 yards, a rifleman could hit a man-sized target at a range of 200 yards or more. The price for this accuracy was longer reloading time. While the musket could be reloaded in approximately 20 seconds, the longrifle required more time for the average hunter.

In Pennsylvania, the earliest gunsmiths that can be documented are Robert Baker and Martin Meylin.^[4] Robert Baker formed a partnership with his son, Caleb and on August 15, 1719 erected a gun boring mill on Pequea Creek. In the tax records of Berks County, Pennsylvania, there were several gunsmiths plying their trade along the banks of the Wyomissing Creek.^{[3][5]}

Martin Meylin's Gunshop was built in 1719, and it is here that the Mennonite gunsmith of Swiss-German heritage crafted some of the earliest, and possibly the first, Pennsylvania Rifles.^[6] No single rifle has been found to date to be signed by Martin Meylin. Two have been attributed to him - one in the Lancaster Historical Society has been found to be a European musket of a later date and the other with a date of 1705 has been found to be a forgery - the Mylins didn't arrive in America until 1710. The Martin Meylin Gunshop still stands today in Willow Street, Pennsylvania, on Long Rifle Road. An archaeological dig performed in 2005 by Millersville University around the so-called Mylin gunshop found no evidence of gunmaking activity among the thousands of artifacts found - only blacksmithing artifacts were found.^[7] ^[8] The Lancaster County Historical Society has an original Pennsylvania Long Rifle smithed by Meylin that was passed down within the family for seven generations before being donated to the society in the middle of the twentieth century. This particular rifle was analyzed and the barrel removed during the Lancaster Long Rifle Exhibit at Landis Valley Farm Museum, Lancaster, Pennsylvania in 2005. The six experts on hand found the barrel was European and the stock itself dated from a later period than 1710-1750. The initials on the barrel - "MM" were found to be added later than any other part of the gun, therefore it was concluded that the rifle in the Lancaster County Historical Society could not have been made by either son or father named Martin Mylin. A document describing the history of Meylin, the Gunshop, and archeology of the shop is available online from Millersville University.^[9]



Some historians [10] have written that the role of Martin Meylin as one of the earliest gunsmiths in Lancaster is not clear. The argument is that the will of Martin Meylin, Sr. makes no mention of gunsmith items while the will of Martin Meylin, Jr. is replete with gunsmith items, and thus the reference to Meylin as a gunsmith is more properly placed on the son. In any case, no rifle has been found to be positively attributed to any Mylin.

There is documentation stating that the first high quality 'Kentucky rifles' were from a gunsmith named Jacob Dickert, who moved with his family from Germany to Berks County, Pennsylvania in 1740. The name 'Dickert Rifle' was considered a 'brand name' and the name 'Kentucky rifle' was not coined until much later in history (circa 1820s) and became the more broadly accepted nickname of this rifle. The reason for this is primarily because Dickert made rifles for the Continental Army and later had a contract dated 1792 to furnish rifles to the United States Army.[3] There are internet references to a "Deckhard or Deckard Rifle", which is inaccurate, as there are no borough, township, or city tax records to support this name at that period of time and/or location.

Among documented working rifle makers are Adam Haymaker, who had a thriving trade in the northern Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, the Moravian gunshops at Christian's Spring in Pennsylvania, John Frederick Klette of Stevensburg, Virginia,[11] and in the Salem area of North Carolina. All three areas were busy and productive centers of rifle making by the 1750s. The Great Wagon Road was a bustling frontier thoroughfare, and rifle shops traced this same route - from eastern Pennsylvania, down the Shenandoah Valley, and spilling into both the Cumberland Gap into Kentucky and the Yadkin River (Salem) area of North Carolina.

The settlers of western Virginia (Kentucky), Tennessee, and North Carolina soon gained a reputation for hardy independence and rifle marksmanship as a way of life, further reinforced by the performance of riflemen in the American Revolution, especially Morgan's Riflemen, who were pivotal in both the Battle of Saratoga and the Battle of Cowpens, as well as the War of 1812. In that war, the long rifle gained its more famous nickname the Kentucky Rifle, after a popular song "The Hunters of Kentucky," about Andrew Jackson and his victory at the Battle of New Orleans. The long rifle also was used by the Texans in their War for Independence from Mexico.[12]

The reason for the American rifle's characteristic long barrel is a matter of adaptation to the new world by the German immigrant gunsmiths. The German gunsmiths working in America were very familiar with German rifles, which seldom had barrels longer than 30 in., and were large caliber rifles using large amounts of lead. The new world forests were vast and required hunters to carry more of their supplies with them. The smaller caliber rifles gave them more ammunition and reduced the

amount of weight they needed to carry on a hunt. The longer barrel gave the black powder more time to burn, increasing the muzzle velocity and accuracy. A rule of thumb used by some gunsmiths was to make the rifle no longer than the height of a customer's chin because of the necessity of seeing the muzzle while loading. The longer barrel also allowed for finer sighting. By the 1750s it was common to see frontiersmen carrying the new and distinctive style of rifle.

Characteristics

Artistically, the longrifle is known for its graceful stock, often made of curly maple, and its ornate decoration, decorative inlays, and an integral, well-made patchbox that was built into the stock.[13] The decorative arts of furniture making, painting, silver smithing, gunsmithing, etc. all took their style cues from the prevailing trends of the day, and as in most things the fashion was set in Paris. Baroque and later rococo motifs found their way into all the decorative arts, and can be seen in the acanthus leaf scroll work so common on 18th century furniture and silver. The best American longrifles have art applied to them that is the equal of any Philadelphia cabinet or silver shop.



Originally rather plain, by the 1770s every surface of the rifle could have applied artwork. An accomplished gunsmith had to be a skilled blacksmith, whitesmith, wood carver, brass and silver founder, engraver, and wood finisher. European shops at the time had significant specialization of the trades, leading to separate tradesmen building each rifle. The American frontier had no such luxury, and quite often only one gunmaker would make the entire rifle, a process almost unheard of in 18th century trade practice. The flintlock action, with its spring mechanism, and single-action trigger, though, was often purchased in bulk by gunsmiths from England, and then fabricated with skill into an elaborate rifle. Early locks were imported but domestic manufacturing of locks increased in America among the more skilled gunsmiths in later years.

To conserve lead on the frontier, smaller calibers were often preferred, ranging often from about .32 to .45 cal. As a rifle became worn from use, with accumulated corrosion from firing black powder causing the bore to enlarge, it was not uncommon to see many rifles re-bored and re-rifled to larger calibers, to keep the rifle shooting accurately. Many copies of historical Kentucky Rifles are seen with a bore of around .50 caliber.

The longrifle is said by modern experts to have a range of 80 to 100 yards. This figure is meant for the average user. A trained, experienced shooter who knows how to take variables into account such as (gunpowder) load, windage, drop, etc. can easily extend the median range of the long rifle to 200-300 yards. In 1778 at the siege of Boonesborough, Kentucky, one of the officers of the combined British/Shawnee assault force was hiding behind a tree. He stuck his head out from behind the tree



and was instantly killed by a ball to the forehead fired by Daniel Boone, who was known for always firing the same fixed measure load of black powder in his rifle. This shot was later confirmed by witnesses on both sides and the distance measured at 250 yards. Hitting a target so precisely at that range would probably make the "Kentucky" rifle comparable in total effective (long) range with the later British Baker rifle at 300 to 400 yards.

Although less commonly owned or seen on the frontier, the "Kentucky" rifle style was also used on flintlock pistols during the same era. These pistols were often matched in caliber to a "Kentucky" rifle owned by the same user, to enable firing a common-sized and common-patched round lead ball. With the same graceful stock lines and barrel style, and craftsmanship, they were noticeably slimmer and had a longer rifled barrel with better sights than had been seen on the earlier Colonial style flintlock pistols. Dueling pistol sets in the "Kentucky" rifle style were also made, sometimes in a cased set, for wealthy gentlemen.

Type muzzleloading long rifle
Place of origin Pennsylvania, America

Service history

In service c.1700-c.1900
Used by British American colonies (until 1776)
United States (1776 - 20th century)
Wars French and Indian War,
American Indian Wars,
American Revolutionary War,
War of 1812

Production history

Designed c. 1700s
Number built approx. 73,000
Variants Hunting variant

Specifications

Weight Variable, typically 7 to 10 lbs.
Length 54 in. to over 70 in.
Barrel length 3 2 in., to over 48 in.
Cartridge None
Caliber .25 cal to .62 cal - .40 to .48 cal
Action Flintlock, Percussion-(Post 1850)
Rate of fire User dependent, Usually 2+ RPM
Muzzle velocity 1200 - 1600 ft/s
Effective firing range Variable, 100 yards typical,
to well over 200 yards by an
experienced user
Feed system Muzzle loaded

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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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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 Wataugan 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
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