



The SAR Colorguardsman

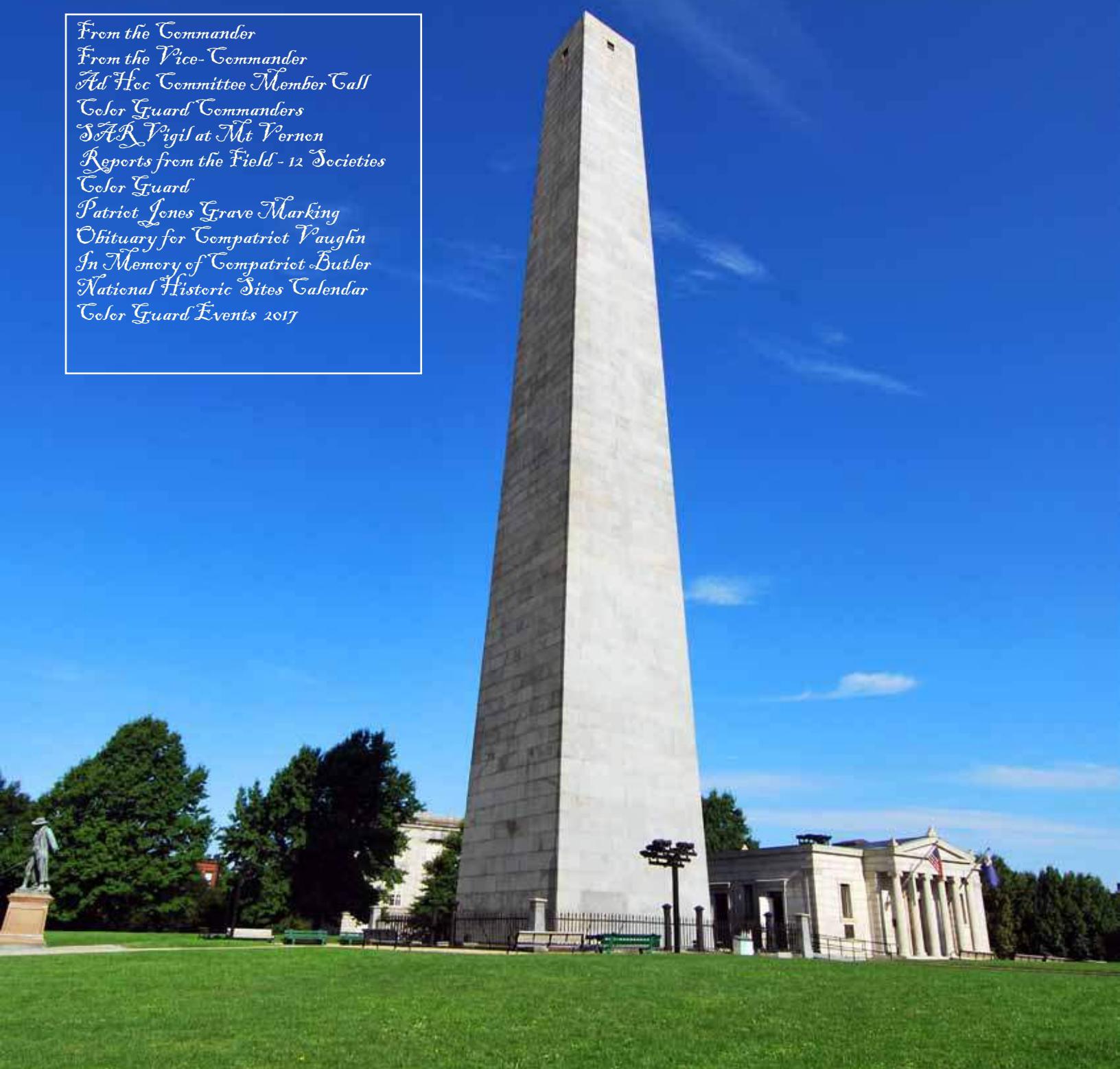
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The purpose of this Magazine is to provide interesting articles about the Revolutionary War and information regarding the activities of your chapter and/or state color guards

Commander's Report

My Time is up it was great working with the Color Guard .We had a great time going all over the States in my term . We seen some great places on are way to the many events with my wife Susan.We are sorry are time is over for us but we will still be with the Color Guard. in the years to come

David Wayne Hoover, National Color Guard Commander, Maryland Society



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Vice Commander's Dispatch

Another year of color guard activity is drawing to an end with the 2017 Congress coming up in Knoxville. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Commander Dave Hoover on the conclusion of his term as Color Guard Commander.



Under his leadership, the Color Guard has grown and increased its position as the most visible aspect of the SAR to the general public. No better example of this was the Color Guard photo after the Memorial Service at the 2016 Congress. I believe that the Color Guard attracted the attention of hundreds of Bostonians and visitors to that city resulting in members talking about the SAR for nearly two hours after the Memorial Service. Well done, sir.

I would also like to point out a new column that has been added to the list of approved events later in this newsletter. This column is entitled "Date Added." This date refers to the first time that specific event appeared in the Color Guard Handbook. This date should alleviate any confusion over when an event can be counted for credit toward earning a color guard medal.

With Congress coming up, I look forward to meeting a lot of new guardsmen. The Congress is truly an exceptional event.

Until then,
Mark C Anthony, Vice Commander

Ad Hoc Committee call for members

During the Spring Leadership meeting the Color Guard Commander authorized a small Ad Hoc committee to be formed to update and improve upon the rules regarding the safe handling and firing of our muskets and bring the resulting product back to the Color Guard Committee. Although the Color Guard Handbook addresses some safety issues, many of the "policy issues" are addressed within various issues of the SAR Colorguardsman. The task of this Ad Hoc Committee will be to consolidate and update any safety rules into the Color Guard Handbook. It has been my experience that when forming policy, it is best to have representatives with diverse experiences to assist in the writing. Therefore, I would like to ask anyone who is interested in participating to contact me at ocfamarkk@aol.com. We need to limit the size of this committee to approximately five members.

Respectfully,
Mark Kramer California State Color Guard Commander

Gen. Francis Marion Chapter

The Gen. Francis Marion Chapter commemorated the 237th anniversary of Buford's Massacre (Battle of the Waxhaws) May 27.

Chapter President and State Society Treasurer, Greg Ohanesian, organized the event, and served as master of ceremonies. In the May 29, 1780 battle, British Col. Banastre Tarleton and his mainly Loyalist troops overtook American Col. Abraham Buford and his Virginia regiment of infantry and a company of artillery, and while Col. Buford attempted to surrender, Tarleton's troops, in less than 15 minutes, killed 113 of Buford's soldiers and wounded 150. Fifty-three escaped.

“Tarleton’s Quarter” became a rallying battle cry for Southern Patriots and led to Patriot victories at the battles of Cowpens and Kings Mountain, South Carolina, and Yorktown, Virginia, effectively ending the American Revolution.



NSSAR Color Guard Commanders

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|-----------------------|-------------|
| 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 - 2017 |
| See Oct 2017 Issue | 2017 - 2019 |

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.

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| 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 |
| Karl Jacobs (CA) | 2016 |
| Paul Wilke (OH) | 2017 |

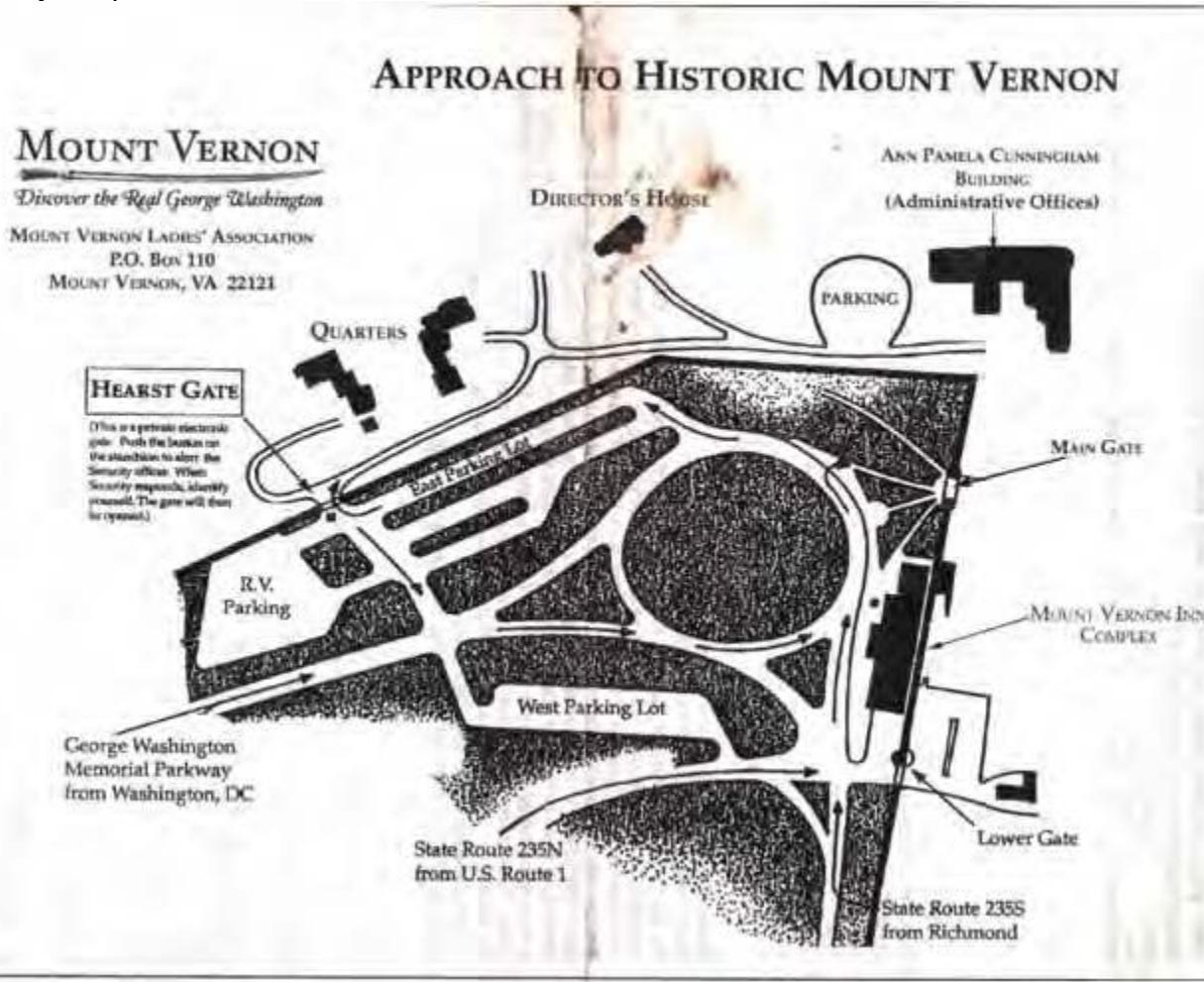
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Bunker Hill Moument
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bunker_Hill_Monument

2017 SAR Vigil at Washington's Tomb

Compatriots,

Here is the necessary information about the upcoming vigil at George and Martha Washington's Tomb. This event will be held on 16 September 2017 at Mount Vernon. Like before, we will meet at the Administration (Cunningham) Building at 8:00 am and walk down to tomb at 8:30 am sharp so that we have the first Color Guard in place at 9:00 am. **Remember NO Muskets, Swords or other weapons are allowed.** The watch will start at 9:00 am and change every 15 minutes (30 minutes depending on the weather and number of participants. the last shift will end at 5:30 pm if we have sufficient participation. Please consider coming this year and join us. I will again be asking those who are attending to please give me a time or times that they would like to stand watch at the tomb (Email: sarwashingtonvigil@gmail.com). I will try to make sure that you get the times you request.



On this map, notice the loop with the Main Gate off to the right near the top of the loop, and the forked road off to the left near the top of the loop. This forked road constitutes the parking lot for most tourists.

As you drive down the parking lot, you'll come across the Hearst Gate. This Gate will be closed. When you pull up, there will be an intercom. You may have to push the button, and someone will ask, 'May I help you?' Tell them you're here with the SAR to participate in the vigil at Washington's Tomb, and they will open the Gate for you. (The Gate swings out both ways, so don't pull up until it is open.)

Once you pull through the Gate, turn right. On the attached map, notice the area labeled 'Parking' near the Cunningham Building. We can't park there -- that's for Staff only. Before you get to this area labeled 'Parking,' there will be a field on your left. We will be allowed to park in this field.

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

Vigil - Con't on Page 6



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 **12 state societies** submitting color guard activity from the last 3 months. 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 Summer issue. These **Summer** activities could include **July 4th parades, battle site commemorations, or any of the other 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 color guard activities - a 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.



Deadline
for October Issue
September 30

Vigil - - Con't From Page 4

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

Looking forward to another great event,

Mark C Anthony



Patriot Joshua Jones Grave Marking



SAVE THE DATE

The Daniel Morgan Chapter, South Carolina SAR

&

The Blue Ridge Chapter, North Carolina SAR

Present

Patriot Joshua Jones Grave Marking

9 September 2017

Biltmore House Estate – Asheville, NC

Final details will be forthcoming as will the actual time for the event. The time is pending a final review of the Biltmore House calendar. Details on potential hotel accommodations will be forthcoming as well.

Parking will be at a location to be determined with shuttles being provided to take participants and guests to the Jones Family Cemetery.

We look forward to your participation.

Leadership Conference and
Congress Schedules

127th Congress -

Thursday to Wednesday
July 6 - 12, 2017

Holiday Inn and Knoxville
Convention Center, Knoxville,
TN

Fall Leadership -

September 28, 2017 Brown
Hotel Louisville KY



Knoxville, TN

Daniel Morgan SAR & Blue Ridge SAR

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Reports from the field

ARIZONA

Arizona SAR April BOM (Board of Management Meeting):
The meeting was held on April 29th at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande, Arizona.

* the Color Guard members present are: (back row)Steve Miller, Bill Smith, Dan Thompson, John Niemeyer, Stan Garner, Chris Francis, Allen Nash, Al Niemeyer: (front row) Rudy Byrd, Bill Hearter, AZ SAR CG Commander, Matt Scott



DAR Flag Day Event: The DAR Flag Day event was held at the Arizona Country Club on June 10th: Members present were: Steve Monez (AZ SAR State President), Allen Nash, Chuck Howey, Jerry Davis, Jan Huber and Matt Scott, AZ SAR CG Commander.



Yarnell Daze Parade: The parade was held on May 13th, to honor the Granite Mountain Hotshots.

* Color Guard Members present are: (from left to right) Bill Baron, Wayne Hood, Matt Scott, Ed Lipphardt, Bill Smith, Steve Miller.



Phoenix Pioneer Cemetery Memorial Day Event: Color Guard members at the event: Bill Baran, Allen Nash, Manuel Rodriguez.



Prescott, Az. Memorial Day Parade: The parade was held on May 29th: the Color Guard members are (from L to R) Ed Lipphardt, Bill Smith, Steve Monez (AZ SAR State President), Wayne Hood.



Tucson Color Guard at East Lawn Palms Cemetery: (from left to right) John Bird, Rudy Byrd, Frank Pierce, Jim Williamson: (second row) Bill Aurand, Marcia Aurand, Sandy Lawford, Teresa Williamson: (third row) Rick Collins, Jeff Coleman, Gerry Lawford.

Melba Idaho Cemetery Memorial Day Event: The event was held on May 29th. Steve Miller, the Past President of the AZS-SAR, who has a ranch in Melba, was the speaker at this year's Memorial Day Event.



CALIFORNIA -

All Photos by Un Hui unless otherwise noted



Color guard presents the Colors for the televised Hour of Power service at Shepherds' Grove Church, Garden Grove, CA; May 28, 2017 Color Guard members; foreground drummer Kent Gregory, musket man Larry Hansen, commander Jim Fosdyck (Orange County), other compatriots Karl Jacobs (Harbor Chapter), John Ferris and Larry Wood) Orange County Chapter).

Strawberry Festival Parade, Garden Grove, CA; Saturday, May 27, 2017. Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck. Color Guard members left to right: Brain Merrell (Harbor Chapter), Jim Klingler, John Ferris, John Blake, Mark Torres (Orange County Chapter), Luke Merrell (Harbor Chapter) and Larry Hansen (Orange County Chapter).



2017 Apr 6-8 - 142nd CASSAR Annual Spring Meeting Memorial Service



Left to right: Color Guard Commander Mark Kramer, Memorial Bell Ringer Larry Wood, Mark Torres, Daniel McKelvie, Arnold Burr, John Ferris (rear), James Blauer, Doug Bergholdt (rear), Chaplain the Rt. Rev. Louis V. Carlson, Jr., James Gill and Don Boatwright (rear) Ernie McCullough, Ray Raser, Larry Hansen (rear), Robert Taylor and Dan Henry.



Larry Wood recites Paul Revere's Ride during the Saturday Banquet



CASSAR Color Guard presents the Colors during the Saturday Banquet lead by Color Guard Commander Mark Kramer followed by Brian Stephens, Curtis Porter, Ernie McCullough and Robert Taylor.



Left to right: Jim Blauer, Jim Fosdyck, John Blakely, Dan Shippey (as General George Washington), Christopher Keene, Jim Klingler, Liz Ferris, Karl Jacobs, Larry Hansen, Mark Torres, John Dodd (behind Mark), Brenda Torres, John Ferris, Dan McKelvie, Sharon Wood and Un Hui Yi.



CASSAR Color Guard presents the Colors – Jim Fosdyck, Dan Shippey and John Blakely carry General Washington position flag followed by Christopher Keene, Larry Hansen and Larry Wood.



Christopher Keene places a wreath at the monument to Civil War Soldiers.

CONNECTICUT

Photos courtesy of Jane Mazzotta, CTDAR

**Students Still Learning at the CTSSAR Nathan Hale
Schoolhouse
(267 years later)**

By Robert W. Rivard, CTSSAR

Under sunny skies and numerous caterpillars the Connecticut Line (CTSSAR Color Guard) held the 13th Annual School Day at the Nathan Hale Schoolhouse in East Haddam, CT on June 2, 2017. The schoolhouse is one of three properties owned by the CTSSAR. The others are the Nathan Hale Schoolhouse in New London and Gov. Trumbull's War Office in Lebanon.

The School Day was started in 2005 as part of the encampment to commemorate Nathan Hale's 250th birthday. This year there were 75 third graders and 16 adults from the East Haddam Elementary School. Students rotated around three different stations as follows:

- Dave Perkins & Derek Brockhoff – Life of a Revolutionary War soldier (including musket firing)
- Bob Rivard – Regimental Surgeon
- DAR docents (Sheila, Kris, Ruth, Jane and Wendy) – 1773 Classroom of Nathan Hale

Educational materials were distributed to students with the assistance of a grant from the Connecticut Society of the Cincinnati.



Surgeon



Students entering the schoolhouse



Musket demonstration





CTSSAR, NHSSAR & MASSAR Color Guards in front of the Bunker Hill obelisk and statue of Col. William Prescott

ment on Breeds Hill where various military and public service representatives gave patriotic speeches and talked about the importance of the battle and the history of the men who fought and died to win our freedom from the oppression of English rule and King George, III.

At the end of the ceremony, the Connecticut Line formed up with the NHSSAR and MASSAR Color Guard to fire a three volley salute.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, we and members of the NHSSAR and the MASSAR Color Guard placed wreaths at each of the four monument gates to honor those who answered the call from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and at the United States Gate to honor all who served during the battle.

Connecticut Line members in attendance were Lt Col. Paul Selna, Acting Commander, Dan Dudley, 1st Sergeant, Derek Brockhoff and Mike Ozro with Doug Wood, National Trustee from the NHSSAR, Jack Manning, NSSAR Historian General, Past MASSAR State President and Jerry Hazeldine, Past President of the MASSAR Robert Treat Pain Chapter, all being duel members from their prospective Societies.

Everything went very well, looking forward to next year.

Respectfully Submitted

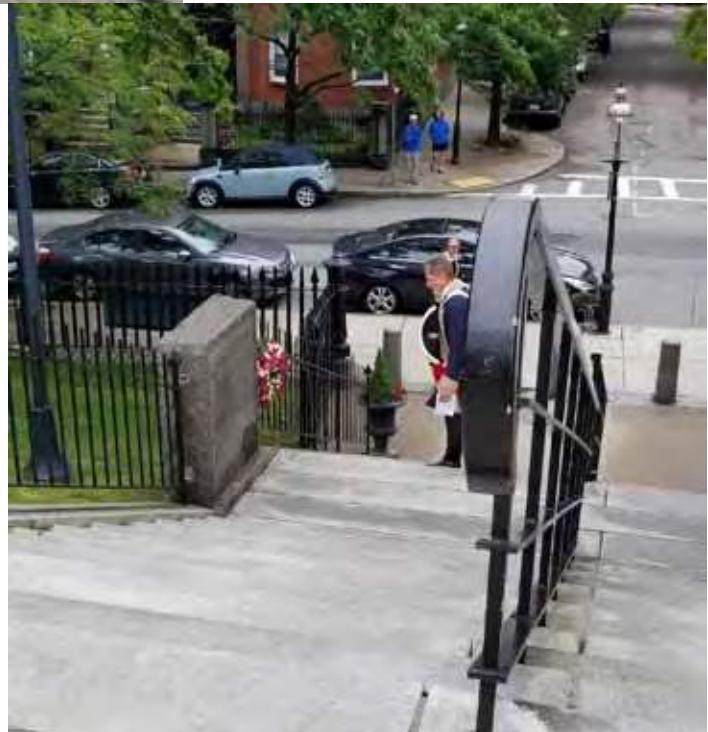
Lt Col. Paul Selna Connecticut Line

242nd Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill (June 17, 1775)

On June 17, 2017 seven members of the Connecticut Line participated in the NPS ceremony commemorating the 242nd Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill (June 17, 1775), the first major battle of the American Revolution.

The day began with our company attending a morning service at St. Francis de Sales Church located on Bunker Hill Street with our unit participating in the procession ceremony during the church service.

After the service, all of the various units marched in formation to the Bunker Hill monu-



Lt Col. Paul Selna placing a wreath at the Connecticut Gate.

240th-anniversary commemoration of the Battle of Ridgefield.

Crowds lining Main Street erupted in cheers as musket shots by a group of re-enactors kicked off the 240th-anniversary commemoration of the Battle of Ridgefield. The local militias moved down the street, exchanging fire with British troops led by an officer on horseback: the first skirmish in what would be an hours-long reenactment organized by the Masons of Jerusalem Lodge 49. After the first clash, the crowd rushed to follow as the army marched down a mile-long stretch of Main Street, stopping at two more spots to square off with the British.



The Battle of Ridgefield was fought on April 27, 1777, when American troops under the command of Generals David Wooster, Selleck Gold Silliman, and Benedict Arnold confronted British and Loyalist soldiers who had just destroyed American military supplies in Danbury. About 1,850 British and Loyalists were on their way back to what is now Westport after marching northward



on the Black Rock Turnpike to Danbury. The event was presented by the Masons in honor of Gen. David Wooster, a fellow mason, who was mortally wounded while leading American troops in the battle. The weekend-long celebration also included three encampments, a parade, a black-tie gala and a series of educational programs at the Keeler Tavern Museum which still has a cannon ball from the battle imbedded in one of its walls.

About 100 re-enactors

that participated came from Connecticut, New York and Rhode Island. Included in the encampment were members of the Connecticut SAR Living History Color Guard, with a total of 14 members skirmishing in either militia or British units that day.

Even though the British were successful in destroying American supplies and the confrontation in Ridgefield went into the history books as an American defeat, the battle had significant consequences for the rest of the war. The



effect of the Battle of Ridgefield was that the British never again came inland to Connecticut during the rest of war.

You tube video link to the Battle of Ridgefield: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HI_Ogy42nQ4





FLORIDA -

Sons of the American Revolution Pass History on to the Library Organization Donates Book in Honor of Late Member Harold Marvin

HOMOSASSA, FL, May 16, 2017 – The Withlacoochee Chapter of the Florida Sons of the American Revolution paid a visit to the Homosassa Branch of the Citrus County Library System on Tuesday, May 16th to present the library with a history book in honor of their late member Harold “Hal” Marvin. During his tenure, Harold was a role model for the chapter, best known for the sincerity in his prayers, invocations, and counsel. The Sons of the American Revolution strive to educate others about the history of the United

States by perpetuating the memory of those patriots who served in the American Revolutionary War. In keeping with this goal, the Sons of the American Revolution chose to donate a copy of *The American Revolution: a Visual History* to the public library, where it will be accessible for anyone to study. The organization selected the Smithsonian publication for its immersive imagery, which is aimed at enticing audiences of all ages to learn about the founding of our nation through pictures and manageable companion text.



Pictured from left to right: Charles Day, Susan Mutschler, Richard Sumner, Eric Head, Russ Gibson, Robert Folk, Jack Townsend, Bill Teater, Harley Nelson, and Larry Sturgeon.



Withlacoochee ColorGuard at 43rd Annual Memorial Day Observance on May 29, 2017 at Hills of Rest Cemetery in Floral City, Florida.
L - R: Leonard Crawford, Commander, Russell Gibson, Bill Ferguson, President Larry Sturgeon & Treasurer Jack Townsend.



President General and First Lady Mike and Cilla Tomme at the Memorial Day parade in Washington DC. PG Tomme is a Dual Member in the Florida Society-Brevard Chapter.

May 2017, Florida Society Annual Meeting.

It is the end of a 2 year tour of duty by Florida Society Sons of Liberty Brigade, Color Guard Commander Charles Day Jr.

[Below] Commander - Charles Day Jr. (center w/mike) turns command over to Vice Commander Hall Riediger, (standing to Day's right). Adjutant - Richard Young (to Day's left) called front and center, appointed as the new Vice Commander.

photo Ann McGuire



ILLINOIS



The Fox Valley and Kishwaukee Chapter Color Guard at the 79th annual Illinois Children of the American Revolution Conference on Saturday April 1st at the Hilton Garden Suites in St. Charles,

IL. Color Guard (L to R) Ron Feldman, Chip Dawes, Ray Beets, Mike Campagnolo, Dan Smith and Jon Fixmer.



Fox Valley Chapter Color Guard Jon Fixmer, Mike Campagnolo, Chip Dawes, Ted Miller and Scott Sanders are ready to march with our friend Ray Beets of the Kishwaukee Chapter and the Perrin-Wheaton DAR at the Wheaton Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 29, 2017.



These pictures are from a grave ceremony for fellow compatriot Stephen Willson at Oakwoods Cemetery in Wilmington, IL. On Sunday June 25, 2017. Fox Valley Chapter Color Guard attendees were ILSSAR Color Guard Commander Mike Campagnolo, ILSSAR Northern Region Color Guard Commander Jon Fixmer (firing musket), Fox Valley Assistant Color Guard Commander Chip Dawes. Fox Valley Chapter President Harry Reineke IV, Fox Valley Secretary Kevin Alcott and ILSSAR Patriot newsletter Editor Scott Sanders.



INDIANA

The George Rogers Clark Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony, celebrating the 238th anniversary of the capture of Fort Sackville, was held May 27, 2017 at the George Rogers Clark Memorial, George Rogers Clark National Historical Park in Vincennes, IN. This was the sixth 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, Michigan and Missouri. In addition, reenactors from the Northwest Territory Alliance participated.

Dr. Theodore Rex Legler II, Past Vice President General, Central District, was the presiding officer. The Invocation and Benediction were given by Dr. C. David Betzner, Indiana Society SAR Chaplain. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Allen G. Manning, Indiana Society Clifty Creek Chapter Secretary and April A. Legler, National Ladies Auxiliary Historian, led the singing of the National Anthem.

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

Greetings were brought by Thomas L. Payne, Vice President General, Central District Sons of the American Revolution. Compatriot Payne also presented a wreath on behalf of the Central District. Additional greetings were brought by William E. Sharp, Indiana National Trustee; Chris Cunningham, President, Indiana Ladies Auxiliary; and the Indiana DAR.

Robert P. Cunningham, Past Vice President General, Central District and William E. Sharp, Indiana National Trustee, escorted participants presenting wreaths. In total, 34 wreaths were presented, including April A. Legler, Historian, National Ladies Auxiliary; the states of Indiana and Ohio from the Central District; the German Society; Indiana Ladies Auxiliary; Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, and South Carolina SAR chapters; Indiana and Kentucky DAR chapters; and an Indiana CAR chapter. Flag streamers were awarded to all who presented wreaths.



During the weekend of the wreath laying ceremony, the Indiana SAR hosted a tent on Saturday and Sunday at the 41st Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous. Compatriots dressed in colonial attire recruited prospective members for the SAR.

SAR members who are interested in attending or participating in the May 26, 2018 ceremony should contact Robert P. Cunningham, Event Coordinator, by email at rpcunnin@indiana.edu.



Color Guard

In the military of the United States, the color guard (where the word color is referring to the national flag) carries the National Color and other flags appropriate to its position in the chain of command. Typically these include a unit flag and a departmental flag (Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, or Coast Guard). In addition to the flag bearers, who are positioned in the center of the color guard, there are two or more individuals who carry rifles and or sabres. This is a symbol that the flag (and its nation) will always be protected.

Composition of the US color guard

In the U.S., traditionally, the unit's sergeant major is responsible for the safeguarding, care, and display of the organizational colors. The sergeant major is also responsible for the selection, training, and performance of the members.[1] The color guard consists of enlisted members and is commanded by the senior (color) Sergeant, who carries the National Color and gives the necessary commands for movements and rendering honors during drill exercises or parade ceremonies.[2]

Being assigned to the color guard is considered an honor due to the fact that these individuals present and carry the symbols of their unit and country. Depending on the circumstance and subject to the orders of their commander, members may wear full dress or less formal uniforms. It is mandatory for all members of the color guard to wear headgear, for example, a garrison cap, beret, or service cap. On occasion, certain color guards can be horse-mounted.

The US color guard is basically made up of:

- 1 Color Sergeant carrying the National Color
- 1 Unit or Command Color Bearer
- 2 Color Escorts

Manoeuvering

The color guard is formed and marched in one rank at close interval (shoulder-to-shoulder). Since the National Colors must always be in the position of honor on the right,[3] the color guard must execute a special movement to reverse direction. It does not execute rear march, nor does it execute about face. Rather, it performs a maneuver derived from the standard countercolumn command, generally known as counter march or colors reverse march, in order to keep the precedence of flags in order.

Other drill movements performed by the color guard include presenting arms, left and right wheel (turns) marches, eyes right (upon passing the reviewing stand during a parade), casing/uncasing the colors, and fixing/unfixing bayonets (by the arms bearers).

Rendering honors

By the color guard

The color guard renders honors when the national anthem is played or sung, when passing in review during a parade, or in certain other circumstances. In these cases, the unit and departmental flags salute by dipping (leaning the flag forward). However, with the exception of a response to a naval salute, the United States national flag renders no salute. This is enshrined in the United States Flag Code and U.S. law.

To the color guard

In the U.S. military, individuals or units passing or being passed by uncased (unfurled) colors render honors when outdoors. Individuals who are not part of any formation begin the salute when the colors are six paces distant and hold it until they have passed six paces beyond the colors.

Civilians are expected to stand at the position of attention with their right hand placed over their heart for the same period, and the salute applies to the uniformed organizations as well (especially the Scouts). Since recently, veterans are expected to salute the colors too, like their military counterparts including personnel not in uniform.



KANSAS

Lyman Miller and H. Dewey Fry were presented their Silver Color Guard Medals by Secretary General Larry Guzy at the Kansas Society Annual Meeting on March 11.

The Kansas Society Color Guard was active this spring. On Saturday April 22, the Kansas Society Color Guard led the parade at the 19th annual Patriot's Day Celebration in McLouth, Kansas. It is believed to be the only Patriots Day Celebration in Kansas.

The evening of April 22, the color guard presented the colors at the Regents Dinner of the Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution which concluded their multiday Annual Conference.



On May 20, the Kansas Society color guard presented the colors in conjunction with an Untied States Marine Corp color guard at an Armed Forces Day event in Overland Park, Kansas. An approximate 2000 plus persons attended the event through the day. F.I.S.H. (Friends In Service of

Hero's) sponsored the event. F.I.S.H. focuses on helping Veterans of every age and their families maintain their freedom and improve their quality of life. That support includes presenting service dogs and motorized two-track chairs to veterans. A booth promoting the SAR was maintained by color guardsmen.

On Saturday June 3, the KSSSAR Color Guard marched about 1 1/4 miles on a very warm and humid morning in the 51st annual Old Shawnee Days Parade in Shawnee, Kansas. Shawneetown was incorporated on August 10, 1856 and was re-incorporated as Shawnee on June 10, 1922; Old Shawnee Days celebrates that heritage. The Color Guardsmen were from three different chapters. The parade lasts approximately 1 1/2 hours with more than 90 entries viewed by more than 1000 street lining spectators.



Left to right in the photo are compatriots, Harry Wilklow of the Henry Leavenworth Chapter, Cameron Rush, Kirk Rush, Dewey Fry and Richard Cox of the Delaware Crossing Chapter.

Regents Dinner of the Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution Color guardsmen participating were, front to rear in the photo, Richard Cox, Dewey Fry, Robert Wandell and Harry Wilklow.



At the Kansas Society Annual Meeting on March 1 the Change of Command of the Kansas Society Color Guard was transferred from incoming state society President Dennis Nelson to H. Dewey Fry.



51st annual Old Shawnee Days Parade in Shawnee, Kansas. Color guardsmen in the photo are, left to right, Brooks Lyles, Alan Martin, Lyman Miller, Dewey Fry, Dennis Nelson, Craig Dillavou and Harry Wilklow.

Park, Kansas at which 397 applicants from 58 countries became new USA citizens. June 21, the color guard in conjunction with a Civil Air Patrol Color Guard presented the colors at a Naturalization Ceremony of the Kansas District Court held at the Lied Center on the campus of the University of Kansas. 427 applicants from 73 countries became new citizens of the USA, 57 applicant were citizens of India and 91 citizens of Mexico before taking the oath. In addition to presenting the colors, the color guard is available for the new citizens, and others, to have their pictures taken with them.



The color guardsmen at the Naturalization Ceremony at JCCC were, Lyman Miller, Bruce Bowman, Junior Member Gavin Kurtz and Commander Dewey Fry.



The color guardsmen at the Naturalization Ceremony conducted at the KU Lied Center were. Lyman Miller and Bruce Bowman of the Monticello Chapter, Robert Wandel of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter , Junior Member Gavin Kurtz and Dewey Fry of the Delaware Crossing Chapter. Naturalization Ceremony of the Kansas District Court

On June 8, the Kansas Society Color Guard presented the colors at a conference of the Kansas Judicial Branch of approximately 300 judges in Topeka, Kansas. After we exited the room after posting the colors, Chief Justice of the Kansas Supreme Court indicate his appreciation for the color guard presenting the colors; a standing ovation was given. Participants were shown in the photos were, left to right, Dewey Fry, Lyman Miller, Bruce Bowman and Kirk Rush.

Members of the Kansas Society Color Guard present the colors at several monthly Naturalization Ceremonies conducted by the Kansas United States District Court District of Kansas during the year at which an average of approximately 90 applicants become new citizens every month. March 15 the color guard presented colors at a ceremony held at the Carlson Center of the Johnson Community College in Overland

MASSACHUSETTS

Patriot's Day in Concord, MA.



Crossing the Old North Bridge in Concord, MA on Patriot's Day.



Patriot's Day in Concord, MA.





MICHIGAN

March 29th 2017 was dedicated Vietnam Veterans Day by the State of Michigan. Alice Kraatz serving as Chaplain for the event and Second VP for the Michigan Society of the CAR worked with State Senator Margaret O'Brien (Chair of the Michigan Committee for Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security) to push this initiative through the State which was unanimously approved March 28th.



In the afternoon of March 29th a celebration was held at Bronson Park in Kalamazoo and Kanley Chapel, on the Campus of Western Michigan University to recognize and thank Veterans Vietnam War.

The picture at left shows a procession to lay a wreath honoring Vietnam Veterans. The group is led by Compatriot Guardsman Mark Johnston, Guardsman Jason Gideon far right, Senator Margaret O'Brien, Natalia Johnston (Michigan State President Elect for the CAR) and far Left Guard Commander Ken Goodson. The Senator and Ms. Johnston laid the wreath at the Vietnam Veterans plaque centered in the park.

The picture below shows the beginning of a tribute to the Veterans present by Commander Goodson (left) and Guardsman Jason Gideon offering one of our highest honors, a Sword Salute.

Upon returning to the podium Senator O'Brien read the State's proclamation

mation and offered thanks to the Veterans. Members of the CAR and DAR proceeded to read the names of the Veterans present, give each a Certificate and Lapel Medal thanking them for their service.



The Color Guard Left to Right Jason Gideon Guardsman MIS-SAR, Ken Goodson Commander MISSAR, Jacob Koles Junior American Citizen, Mark Johnston Guardsman MISSAR, Gloria Culp Regent Kalamazoo DAR, James Kraatz Guardsman MISSAR



Front far left the little girl holding the paperwork is Ester Johnston (A Junior American Citizen)

Far left second Row Senator Margaret O'Brien reading the State's Proclamation

Left of the Senator Jasmyne Johnston President of Ki'Ka'Ma' Sung CAR Society and Chaplain for the Society

Left of Jasmyne Alice Kraatz (2nd VP Mi. Society of the CAR) she petitioned Senator O'Brien for this declaration

Far left back Natalia Johnston State President Elect Mi. CAR



Vietnam Veterans celebration. These were taken at Kanley Chapel on the Campus of Western Michigan University, March 29th. In the picture (right) far right Laurie Huber Senior State President Mi. Society CAR

Next to Laurie is Dr. Konstantin Lubavs and his Sister Karmena Smith their brother, Army Captain Konrads Lubavs, was the first Kalamazoo soldier killed in the Vietnam war. They were given a special Certificate and Pin in honor of their Brother by the CAR.

The next picture (left) from left to right: Natalia Johnston State President Elect MI. CAR Ester Johnston (holding the paperwork) Junior American Citizen, Jasmyne Johnston President of the Ki'Ka'Ma' Sung Society of the CAR and Chaplain, Ken Goodson Color Guard Commander MISSAR, Mark Johnston Color Guard MISSAR, Jason Gideon Color Guard MISSAR.



NEVADA

Born Patriots Chapter

The Battle Born Patriots Chapter, formerly the N. Nevada Chapter, officially adopted its name change at a special "Boys Night Out" meeting in Carson City, Nevada on May 4, 2017. The name change reflects the state slogan, Battle Born, as depicted on a banner in the canton of Nevada's official state flag.



The chapter continues to present medals to the northern Nevada JROTC programs, and this year, Compatriot Jonathan Dickey presented the SAR Medal at the Incline Village HS, on May 25, 2017. This breaks a long standing record of non-resident presenters for SAR medals at the Incline high school, because Compatriot Dickey, as a new resident there, was able to give the award. In addition to his dual membership held with the Silicon Valley, California, chapter, he is a welcome new member to the Battle Born Patriots chapter.

On Memorial Day, at the Lone Mountain Cemetery, in Carson City, Nevada, the chapter's color guard rendered honors to our nation's fallen service members, by firing three musket volleys at the conclusion of memorial ceremonies. The color guard members, led by Color Guard Cmdr. Paul Hicks, included Rob Stoecklin, John Ryland, Gerry Miller, Mike Fitzpatrick, Mitch Hammond, and Roger Linscott.

Members of the chapter color guard presented the nation's colors at the official opening ceremonies of the Nevada State Fair and its living history venue, "Rendezvous", on June 8th. The chapter was invited to participate at this event by Noah Jennings, Curator of Rendezvous, and also a compatriot of the chapter. The grand opening included a ribbon cutting ceremony, performed by the mayor of Carson City, The Honorable Robert Crowell, who is also a compatriot of the Battle Born Patriots Chapter. The chapter members are looking forward to participating in future Rendezvous living history scenarios at the fair.

The US Army's 242nd birthday, and the simultaneous celebration of Flag Day, June 14th, saw the chapter's color guard participate in official observances held at the Nevada Veterans Memorial Wall, at the State Capitol grounds in Carson City. The event was coordinated by TSgt Emerson Marcus, USAF, on behalf of the Nevada National Guard, which hosted the ceremony. In honor of the flag, chapter members stood posted, flanking the display of a historic US flag. The flag is a museum exhibit, and was put on display for the audience, loaned by the Sparks, Nevada, museum for the occasion. This event featured notable speakers, including Nevada Army National Guard Brig. Gen. Zachary Doser, and SAR Compatriot, Carson City Mayor Robert Crowell, Capt., USN (ret.).

(The following are acknowledged and thanked for taking the great photos for the Battle Born Patriots Chapter at the Memorial

Day, Rendezvous and Flag Day events: Charlotte Miller, Janie Cattoor and Sharal Linscott).

Signers Chapter

The Nevada State Veterans Memorial, with its eighteen larger-than-life statues served as the backdrop for two new Signer's Chapter events this year on Patriots Day and Memorial Day. On Patriots Day members of Son of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution and expert Historical Reenactors assembled at the Statue of the American Revolutionary War soldier for a ceremony to remember that historic day. Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance.



Battle Born Chapter Color Guard Preparing to Present Colors at the Rendezvous & State Fair Carson City NV

for all who have died in the service of the United States of America. Regardless of the exact date or location of its origins, one thing is clear – Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. It was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic". Pastor Steve Willis of the First Christian Church blessed the gathering. The Pledge of allegiance was led by Color Guard Commander Gary Parriott. Charles Smith (NV Society Registrar-South) led the Veterans and Blue Star and Gold Star family recognition segment of the program. Each of these individuals was given a Ceramic Memorial Day pin. Paper American Legion Poppies were given to attendees along with copies of the Memorial Day Service program. Katie E. Henzel (Organizing President, William Boone Keith Circle, LGAR and Librarian, Red Rock Canyon Chapter,

NSDAR) spoke of the origins of the Remembrance Poppy and the inspirational verse, "In Flanders Fields". She concluded by reading the first verse of "We Shall Keep the Faith" which was followed by the playing of Taps.

Compatriots dressed in their Revolutionary War uniforms were joined by Civil War and War of 1812 uniformed participants. Invited guest Mr. Burt Stevens, a Korean War Veteran, dressed in his original dress brown uniform. In addition to program participants, the following individuals are acknowledged for their much appreciated assistance, often behinds the scenes that made this event possible: Ken Hill, Katie Henzel, Charles Smith and Al Conant.



From L-R Chapter Color Guard Commander Paul Hicks, Rob Stoecklin, John Ryland, Gerry Miller, Mike Fitzpatrick, Mitch Hammond, Roger Linscott

giance was led by NV Society Color Guard Commander Gary Parriott. Compatriot and dual member (of the Signers Chapter) Joe Harris of Utah blessed the gathering and Katie Henzel of the Red Rock Canyon Chapter, DAR spoke of the events on the night of April 18th, 1775, events that preceded the battles at Lexington and Concord the next day - the first military engagements of the American Revolutionary War and the Lantern Signal "One if by land, two if by sea.

The Memorial Day Service began with a message from Color Guard Commander Gary Parriott. "Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance



From L-R Paul Hicks, Rob Stoecklin, David Hess, John Ryland, Mike Fitzpatrick, Mitch Hammond, Roger Linscott – Carson City, NV



Members from six Southern Nevada DAR Chapters and the John Ashley Society of C.A.R. were present for the Memorial Day Service. Thank you, for your support. In the group photo: L-R Rachel Perry (John Ashley Society C.A.R.), Kris Perry (Helen J. Stewart Chapter, DAR,) Ann Philips (Valley of Fire Chapter, DAR,) Joyce DuVall (Silver State Chapter, DAR,) Kathy Lowe (Silver State Chapter, DAR,) Kathleen Perrin (Red Rock Canyon Chapter, DAR,) Rebecca Eisenman (Honorary NV State Regent, Red Rock Canyon Chapter, DAR,) Katie Henzel (Red Rock Canyon Chapter, DAR,) Lynda Morrison-Rader (Honorary NV State Regent, John C. Fremont Chapter, DAR,) Betsy O'Brien (The Meadows Chapter, DAR). Photo credits: Kris Perry, Alexx Andra Theis Green, Al Conant, Louis Hall, Gary



Parriott; Bud Parriott (Photoshop processing)

Memorial Day Service participants, L-R Ken Hill (WWII Veteran), Charles Smith, Barry Schrock, Steven Fields, Dr Gene Butler, Len Becker (Korean War Veteran) and Tony Perry



Members from six Southern Nevada DAR Chapters and the John Ashley Society of C.A.R. were present for the Memorial Day Service

of Fire), "The Preamble to the Constitution, Melissa Balice (Registrar), Introduction to Choir, Nanette Spector (Corresponding Secretary), "National Anthem" sung by Green Valley High School Madrigals (Mrs. Kimberly Barclay Ritzer, Director), Introduction to Honored Guest, Pamela Sutton (Historian), Introduction of Dignitaries, Michele

Mueller (Treasurer), Introduction of Speaker, Joan Dimmit (Past Vice President General, NSDAR, NV Honorary State Regent, Speaker, Kathleen Dussault Rear Admiral, SC, USN (Ret), "I am your Flag by Percy Webb, Lilyann Green (President, John Ashley Society, NSCAR), Ring of Honor, Gary Parriott (NV Society Color Guard Commander, SAR), Roberta "Bobi" Pike-Oates led the Flag Folding Ceremony by Boy Scout Troop 7, Boulder City, NV, .)

Community Flag Day Celebration participants, L-R Susan Powers-Horn (Vice Regent), Melissa Robinson (Regent), Gary Parriott (SAR), Jim Williams (Vietnam Veteran), Tony Perry (NV Society SAR Secretary/Treasurer) and Robert Beers, Councilman, City of Las Vegas



Gary Parriott and Ken Hill toss an unserviceable flag into the pit



Thanks extended to the individuals from all the veterans organization and lineage societies for their support and help with these events and ongoing display of Patriotism. Their efforts help to Preserve and endure our Precious Heritage.



Ohio

On Memorial Day 2017 the Hocking Valley Chapter SAR Color Guard participated in the annual Granville, Ohio Memorial Day ceremonies. This year the memorial service had special meaning to the residents of Granville as one of their fallen veterans, Army 1st Lt.

Michael Runyan, was honored. Lt. Runyan was killed in Iraq in 2010. The Hocking Valley Chapter Color Guard not only had the honor of participating in the parade but performed a meaning of the flag folds ceremony and presented the flag to Lt. Runyan's family.



Picture shows the Color guard standing during the ceremony



Picture shows (left to right) Color Guard Commander Robert Davis, Thomas Hanks (holding flag), and Robert Hill moving to position for the ceremony.



Picture shows Thomas Hanks kneeling and presenting the flag to the family.



The Arthur St. Clair Chapter, the Camp Charlotte chapter and the Gen Henry Knox chapter participated in a joint grave marking for Compatriot Ned R. Young in Amanda, Ohio. Pictured are Kevin Dresbach, Steve Kelley, Tony Robinson, and Shawn Cox.



VIRGINIA



The Grave Marking of George and Martha Divers at the Farmington Country Club Charlottesville VA on March 24, 2017. The VASSAR Color Guardsmen in the pic from left to right are: Paul Chase Colonel William Grayson Chapter, Peter Davenport Fairfax Resolves, Pat Kelly Fairfax Resolves, Ken Wallenborn (MD) Norfolk Chapter and William Schwetke (partially obscured) VASSAR Color Guard Commander.



Dr. Gene Butler and wife Jan at the 2014 Greenville SC Congress

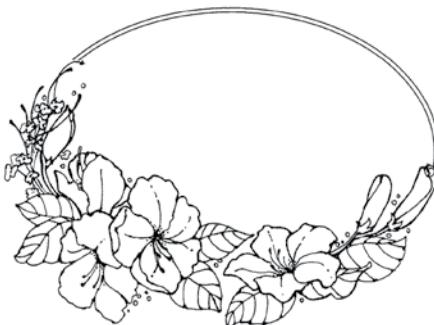
In Memoriam

Gene Paschal Butler, Ed D, passed away Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at the age of 73, surrounded by his family. Gene was diagnosed with multiple myeloma in 2014, but never let it slow him down. Until days before his death he was giving speeches at his Sons of the American Revolution Chapter and had participated with the Color Guard's Memorial Day event the previous week. Gene was actively planning, with his wife Jan, their next big trip. Gene was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served in the early 60's as an Interior Communications Electrician Second Class aboard the newly commissioned USS Dale.

Gene was inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution in June of 2004 and served as Signers Chapter President, Nevada Society President and Western District Vice President General and as a National Trustee. His Committees and involvements included: Color Guard, Wreaths Across America, Essay Contest, Constitution Day and Washington's Birthday dinners and National Society Veterans Affairs and Recruitment and Retention Committees. He was inducted into the Signers Chapter Hall of Fame that was established to recognize and honor those Compatriots who have served the Signers Chapter with distinction.

Memorial Day Parade - Washington D.C.





OBITUARY OF DAVID MILES VAUGHN

Former Color Guard Commander, TNSSAR

David Miles Vaughn, age 54 of Gallatin, passed away Friday, June 23, 2017, after a long battle with cancer. Funeral Service will be Wednesday, June 28th at Hartsville Pike Church of Christ at 12:30 p.m., with Bro. Charles Williams and Bro. Doyle Farris officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday, June 27th at Hartsville Pike Church of Christ from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m., and Wednesday at Hartsville Pike Church of Christ from 12:00 p.m. until time of service. Interment will follow the service at Coleman Cemetery in Murfreesboro, with Brandon Graves, Brad Shaw, Bryson Shaw, Rocky Hill, Mike Walls, and Robert “Punkin” Stack serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are Braxton Miles Hill, Scott Oldham, Ralf Maier, Rob Corlew, Walter Hollerman, Mark Woodard, Kenny Stephens, Jesse West, Jimmy Crawford, Frank Schafer, James Hobbs, Steve Gaines, Larry Pool, and Fred Ryan. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Monroe Carrell Children’s Hospital.

David was born in Murfreesboro, TN on March 29, 1963 to Winfred Miles Vaughn and Nancy Sloan Vaughn. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Forrest and Margie Sloan of Murfreesboro, and Winfred and Rebecca Vaughn also of Murfreesboro. In addition to his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Wynn Graves (Kent) and Cindy Shaw (Larry) all of Gallatin; 3 nephews and 2 nieces, Brandon Graves (Amber), Gretchen Hill (Rocky) of Hendersonville, Erin Shaw, Brad Shaw (Jenay), and Bryson Shaw; great nephew and great niece, Braxton Miles Hill and Grayce McKenna Hill of Hendersonville; 2 aunts, Margaret Britton Vaughn of Bell Buckle and Betty Sloan Weigant of Murfreesboro.

David was owner of Old Hickory Dock Builder and Dock Repair, and was recognized as a master builder. He was also seriously involved in family history and wrote a book, “My Ancestral Kin”. Also in his study of family history, he discovered his kinship to Davy Crockett. He appeared on the Genealogy Roadshow, which was aired on Nashville Public Television in 2013. He received proof of his kinship to Davy Crockett. He was very active in the Sons of the American Revolution since 2010. He was named Commander of the State Color Guard. He was very creative in building replica cabins, barns, and other farm buildings. They were replicas of his great-grandparents farm and home. He also rode a flatboat from St. Louis to New Orleans. David was a member of Nashville Road Church of Christ. Online condolences may be submitted at familyheritagefh.com. Family Heritage Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.



National Historic Site & Celebration Events - 2017
Currently 27 recognized events by the National Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee

The calenders below list the events recognized by the National SAR Historic Sites & Celebrations and National SAR Color Guard Committees. The official events appear in the regular cells. Annual state society and chapter events that have been requested to ap-

| 2017 Date | Historic Sites Event | Location | Host |
|--------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| January 14 | Battle of Cowpens | Chesnee, SC | Daniel Morgan SAR |
| January 28 | Battle of Cowan's Ford | Huntersville, NC | Mecklenburg SAR |
| February 11 | Battle of Kettle Creek | Washington, GA | Georgia |
| February 18 | Crossing of the Dan | South Boston, VA | Virginia |
| February 19 | Massing of the Colors | Burbank, CA | California |
| February 21 | Washington's Birthday Parade | Laredo, TX | Texas |
| February 25 | Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge | Currie, NC | North Carolina |
| March 2-4 | NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting | Louisville, KY | |
| March 11 | Last Naval Battle of the Revolution | Cape Canaveral, FL | Florida |
| March 18 | Battle of Guilford Courthouse | Greensboro, NC | North Carolina |
| March 19 | Battle of Thomas Creek | Jacksonville, FL | Florida |
| April 11 | Thomas Jefferson's Birthday | Washington DC | District of Columbia |
| April 12 | Halifax Resolves | Halifax, NC | North Carolina |
| April 18 | Patriots Day | Nationally | |
| April 22 | Ft Frederica Days | St Simons Island, GA | Georgia |
| May 7 | Raid on Martin's Station | Ewing, VA | Virginia |
| May 14 | Battle of Pensacola | Pensacola, FL | Florida |
| May 14 | Alamance Patriots Day | Alamance, NC | North Carolina |
| May 14 | Fields of Honor / Healing Field | Nationally | |
| May 28 | Fort St Carlos | St Louis, MO | Missouri |
| May 28 | Buford's Massacre | Lancaster, SC | Gen Francis Marion SAR |
| May 28-29 | Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous | Vincennes, IN | Indiana |
| June 11 | Battle of Ramseur's Mill | Lincolnton, NC | Catawba Valley SAR |
| June 18 | Battle of Bunker Hill | Bunker Hill, MA | Massachusetts |
| June 28 | Carolina Day | Charleston, SC | South Carolina |
| July 8-13 | 126th Annual NSSAR Congress | Knoxville, TN | |
| July 16 | Battle of Colson's Mill | Norwood, NC | North Carolina |
| July 23 | Siege at 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 Eutaw Springs | Eutawville, SC | Battle of Eutaw Springs SAR |
| September 3-4 | Ft Henry Days | Wheeling, WV | Ebenezer Zane SAR |
| September 3 | Battle of Groton Heights | Groton, CT | Connecticut |
| September 17 | Gathering at Sycamore Shoals | Elizabethton, TN | Tennessee |
| September 17 | Battle of Saratoga (American) | Stillwater, NY | Empire State |
| September 29-Oct 1 | NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting | Louisville, KY | |
| October 7-8 | Point Pleasant Battle Days | Point Pleasant, WV | West Virginia |
| October 7 | Battle of Kings Mountain | Blacksburg, SC | Kings Mountain SAR (NC) / Daniel Morgan SAR (SC) |
| October 7 | Battle of Saratoga (British tentative) | Stillwater, NY | Empire State |
| October 8 | Battle of Savannah | Savannah, GA | Georgia |
| October 19 | Yorktown Days | Yorktown, VA | Virginia |
| November 19 | Battle of Ft Morris | Midway, GA | Georgia |
| 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 |

pear on the calendars are included in the rows that are greyed out. Since the specific contact person can change frequently, the hosting state society or chapter is listed as the contact point. Compatriots wishing to get more details about a specific event are directed to contact the hosting state society or chapter. If a state or chapter wishes to have an annual event added, they need to contact the chairman of either committee.

Please note that dates are subject to change, so compatriots are encouraged to confirm the actual date with the hosting entity. This is especially the case with the Battle of Saratoga as the National Park Service has indicated that it is considering holding two separate events with one focusing on the American side and the other focusing on the British. This plan may change into just a single event. Please confirm with the Empire Society and/or NPS for final details as the initial September event date approaches.

The following criteria must be met to be considered as a National Historic Site & Celebration:

- A recognized battle or event of the Revolution must have occurred at or near the proposed location
- Established history of an event being held by a NSSAR Chapter or State Society
- Evidence of participation by multiple NSSAR State Societies or Chapters and other organizations at the event
- The history of the event that indicates that it will continue into the future
- A written packet of information prepared for distribution to the Committee in advance and to contain:
 - Information about the battle or event
 - Evidence as to why it is important that the event be considered of national significance
- In a state with no Revolutionary War battle or event sites, an explanation as to why the proposed event should be considered of national significance

As a note, the National SAR Color Guard Committee recognizes additional holidays and events so that individual members can more easily qualify for certain Color Guard medals.

*** The Massing of Colors is now applicable to any such event held in any location across the nation. As such, a Massing of Colors can be held on any date and still be considered a National Color Guard event. The date for the original Massing of Colors in Burbank, CA is used above. With the new designation of the Massing of Colors, this event along with Fields of Honor/Healing Field, Memorial Day, July 4th, Veterans Day and Wreaths Across America are considered National Color Guard events without a single location at which the event occurs.

*** As of 24 March 2017 ***

National Color Guard Events - 2017

| Date | Color Guard Event | Location | Host | Date Added** |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| January 14 | Battle of Cowpens | Chesnee, SC | Daniel Morgan SAR | |
| January 28 | Battle of Cowans Ford | Huntersville, NC | Mecklenburg SAR | |
| February 11 | Battle of Kettle Creek | Washington, GA | Georgia | |
| February 18 | Crossing of the Dan | South Boston, VA | Virginia | 11/12/2012 |
| February 19 | Massing of Colors*** | Burbank, CA | California | 3/27/2017 |
| February 21 | Washington Birthday Parade | Laredo, TX | Texas | |
| February 25 | Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge | Currie, NC | North Carolina | |
| March 2-4 | NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting | Louisville, KY | | |
| March 11 | Last Naval Battle of the Revolution | Merritt Island, FL | Florida | |
| March 18 | Battle of Guilford Courthouse | Greensboro, NC | North Carolina | |
| March 19 | Battle of Thomas Creek | Jacksonville, FL | Florida | |
| April 11 | Thomas Jefferson's Birthday | Washington DC | District of Columbia | |
| April 12 | Halifax Resolves | Halifax, NC | North Carolina | |
| April 18 | Patriot's Day | Concord, MA | | |
| April 22 | Ft Frederica Days | St Simons Island, | Georgia | |
| April 30 | Kentucky Derby Pegasus Parade | Louisville, KY | Kentucky | 11/12/2012 |
| May 7 | Raid on Martin's Station | Ewing, VA | Virginia | |
| May 14 Canceled | Battle of Pensacola | Pensacola, FL | Florida | |
| May 14 | Alamance Patriots Day | Alamance, NC | North Carolina | |
| May 14 | Fields of Honor / Healing Field | Nationally -Various | | 11/12/2012 |
| May 28 | Battle of Fort San Carlos | St Louis, MO | Missouri | |
| May 28 | Buford's Massacre | Lancaster, SC | South Carolina | |

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|--------------------|--|--------------------|--|-----------------------|
| May 28 | Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous | Vincennes, IN | Indiana | |
| May 28 | National Memorial Day Parade | Washington DC | District of Columbia | 11/12/2012 |
| May 28 | Memorial Day events * | Various locations | | 12/1/2015 |
| 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 28 | Carolina Day | Charleston, SC | South Carolina | |
| July 4 every year | Let Freedom Ring / July 4th Events * | Various locations | | 6/4/2015 12/1/2015 |
| July 8-13 | NSSAR National Congress | Knoxville, TN | | |
| July 15 | Battle of Colson's Mill | Norwood, NC | North Carolina | |
| July 22 | Siege of Fort Laurens | Bolivar, OH | Ohio | |
| August 12 | Battle of Blue Licks | Carlisle, KY | Kentucky | |
| August 12 | Battle of Musgrove's Mill | Clinton, SC | Gen James Williams SAR / Cambridge SAR | |
| August 18 | National American Legion Parade | Reno, NV | | 11/12/2012 |
| September 2 | Battle of Groton Heights | Groton, CT | Connecticut | |
| September 2 | Battle of Eutaw Springs | Eutawville, SC | Battle of Eutaw Springs SAR | |
| September 3-4 | Ft Henry Days | Wheeling, WV | Ebenezer Zane SAR | |
| September 16 | Battle of Saratoga | Stillwater, NY | Empire State | |
| September 16 | Gathering at Sycamore Shoals | Elizabethton, TN | Tennessee | 11/12/2012 |
| September 16 | Vigil at George Washington's Tomb | Mt Vernon, VA | | |
| September 29-Oct 1 | NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting | Louisville, KY | | |
| October 7-9 | Point Pleasant Battle Days | Point Pleasant, WV | West Virginia | |
| October 7 | Battle of Saratoga (British - tentative) | Stillwater, NY | New York | |
| October 7 | Battle of Kings Mountain | Blacksburg, SC | Kings Mountain SAR (NC) / Daniel Morgan SAR (SC) | |
| October 9 | Battle of Savannah | Savannah, GA | Georgia | |
| October 19 | Yorktown Days | Yorktown, VA | Virginia | |
| November 11 | Veterans Day Events * | Nationally | Various | 12/1/2015 |
| November 18 | Battle of Ft Morris | Midway, GA | Georgia | |
| December 2 | Battle of Great Bridge | Norfolk, VA | Virginia | |
| December 2 | Battle of Vann's Creek | Elberton, GA | Georgia | |
| December 2 | Battle of Great Cane Break | Simpsonville, SC | Col Robert Anderson SAR | |
| December 16 | Wreaths Across America | Various Locations | | 11/12/2012 |

* 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.

** Date Added refers to first appearance in Color Guard Handbook after approval by National Color Guard Committee. Those national events that do not have a date, were listed in the first edition dated 9/24/2000 thus signifying approval prior to that date. Events with Date Added next to them cannot be counted for Color Guard Medals prior to the earlier of the date added or the actual date the event would have occurred after it was added.

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 [sarwilliamsa\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:sarwilliamsa(at)gmail.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.

Each commander is e-mailed each new issue of ***The SAR Colorguardsman*** for distribution to the guardsmen within each state society. Any questions about the distribution of the new issue should be directed to the respective state commander.

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