



The SAR Colorguardsman

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know where
this is?*

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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

It has been a very active two month period since the Knoxville Congress in July. I have had the honor of commanding the Color Guard at the Installation Banquet in Knoxville, at the Commemoration of the Battle of Blue Licks in Kentucky, at the Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville, the grave markings of Joshua Jones and George Vest, and at the Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain in South Carolina.

I have also approved 11 medals - 6 Molly Pitcher Medals and 5 Silver Color Guard Medals. Please review the Color Guard Handbook for the qualifications for these medals as well as the National Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Activity. The application forms for these can be found on the National website.



THE SAR COLORGUARDSMAN

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The following goals have been established for the National Color Guard for 2017 to 2018:

- 1) Establish published safety protocols and procedures with respect to Color Guard conduct and use of weaponry at events.
- 2) Positively represent the SAR on the national, state and local level by member participation in historic events, celebrations, seminars, workshops, educational presentations and other venues.
- 3) Continue to provide suitable recognition of Color Guard members and others for participation in SAR events.

With respect to the first goal an ad hoc committee was formed on 14 August to study issues related to Color Guard safety and develop an outline of proposed protocols and procedures. This outline was presented at the Color Guard Committee meeting during the Fall Leadership meeting. Members are now asked to contact the committee with any additional comments or questions between now and the end of November.

After the end of November, the ad hoc committee will begin the process of finalizing actual policies and procedures. These will be published in the first issue of this newsletter next year for members to review prior to the 2018 Spring Leadership meeting. At that meeting, the Color Guard Committee will vote on the proposed policies and procedures.

With respect to the third goal, nominations for Color Guardsman of the Year are due to me no later than 31 December of this year. This award will be voted on at the 2018 Spring Leadership meeting. Please review the Color Guard Handbook for criteria for this award.

Let me end this column by once again stating my thanks to each Color Guardsman. You are the face of the SAR on the national and state level. Most importantly, you are the face of the SAR in your local community. I am truly honored to serve with each of you.

My best wishes for each of you during the upcoming holiday season.

Mark C Anthony, Commander

Vice Commander's Dispatch Colorguardsman of the Year

A group of people, including a man in a military uniform, holding a 'THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!' banner at an airport.

SAR

For those of you who do not know, Honor Flight is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans



for all their sacrifices. They transport our heroes to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at their memorials. Top priority is given to the senior veterans – World War II survivors, along with those other veterans of the Korean War and Vietnam War who may be terminally ill.

Of all of the wars in recent memory, it was World War II that truly threatened our very existence as a nation—and as a culturally diverse, free society. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, an estimated 640 WWII veterans die each day. Our time to express our thanks to these brave men and women is running out.

Honor Flight has Regional Honor Flight Hubs in 46 states. I understand that in addition to the California Society, NSSAR color guardsmen from the Missouri Society participate in Honor Flight programs in their area.

Recently NSSAR Color Guard Commander Mark Anthony asked me to prepare a proposal identifying Honor Flight as a NSSAR National Color Guard Event. Please contact me if your chapter or society participates in the Honor Flight program. I will include the information about how your color guard is involved with Honor Flight in the proposal.

James C. Fosdyck, Vice Commander
NSSAR Color Guard.

The Gold Color Guard Medal was authorized in 1998. My wife Un Hui and I recently had the opportunity to attend our mander (usually presented at the end of his term as fourth Honor Flight return to Los Angeles International Airport. We man of the Year.

were there with hundreds of other

The Color Guardsman of the Year is elected by the personnel and first responders. Also at the Guardsmen present at the Spring Leadership Meeting, event were members of the Los An-

event were members of the Los Angeles Fifes and Drums, Compatriot

gives Fifes and Drums. Companies. The following is a listing of these guardsmen who Matthew Noell is a fifer with the LA have been honored by their compatriots as Color Guards-Fifes and Drums and a member of man of the Year.

the Orange County Chapter (CA),

The Gold Color Guard Medal was authorized in 1998

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



2017 SAR Vigil at Washington's Tomb

On the morning of 16 September thirteen Compatriots from 6 states, gathered to march to the General's Tomb on Mount Vernon. Past National Color Guard Commander, Dave Hoover asked George Strunk, a General George Washington Chapter President, to lead the color guard to the Tomb. This year's march route went past the Colonial Market Fair and First Virginia encampment. Fourteen compatriots participated this year representing seven State Societies (NC-5; IL-3; MD-2; GA-1; OH-1; PA-1; TX-1). One DAR member was present in period dress. We had some practice time to rehearse the change procedure before the docent arrived to open the tomb and place the flags. We changed the guard every 15 minutes from 9:30 until 12:00, took a lunch break and resumed duty from 1 to 3:00 PM. It was certainly an honor and privilege to participate in this high visibility event on a historic estate on a beautiful day in September.



Picture of formation: George Strunk, President NC State Society and NC General George Washington Chapter explains the route and procedures for the march to the tomb to fellow Compatriots. Photo by Dana Gresham.



Picture at the Tomb caption: Pictured L-R: Roy Thomas Tate (NC); Wm Joshua Tate (NC); John Elliott (NC) Dave Hoover (MD); Jon Fixmer (IL); Bob Gresham (TX); Gene Moyer (MD); Donald Miller (OH); George Strunk (NC); Chip Dawes (IL); Ron Bonham (NC); Mike Campagnolo (IL); Allen Greenly (GA). Not pictured: W Clay Dawson (PA) and Cassandra Bonham (DAR – NC). Photo by Mary Dawes.



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 **11 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 **Fall** activities to report for the Winter issue. These **Fall** activities could include **Veterans Day, battle site commemorations, Wreaths Across America** 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.



Cover Illustration

Kings Mountain Monument

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 - 2017
Mark Anthony	2017 - 2019

Leadership Conference and
Congress Schedules

Spring Leadership -
March 2-3, 2018 Brown Hotel Louisville KY

128th Congress -
Thursday to Wednesday
July 13 - 18, 2018 Houston, TX

Congress - Color Guard Breakfast



Change of Command



Ad Hoc Committee Update

During the Leadership Meeting, Sept 29 - 30, 2017 in Louisville, KY, the black powder Ad Hoc Committee presented a brief outline of recommendations with a more complete recommendations to be published in the next Colorguardsman and voted on during the next Leadership Meeting in Spring.

Broad Outline of Policies and Procedures Presented Fall Meeting Louisville, KY

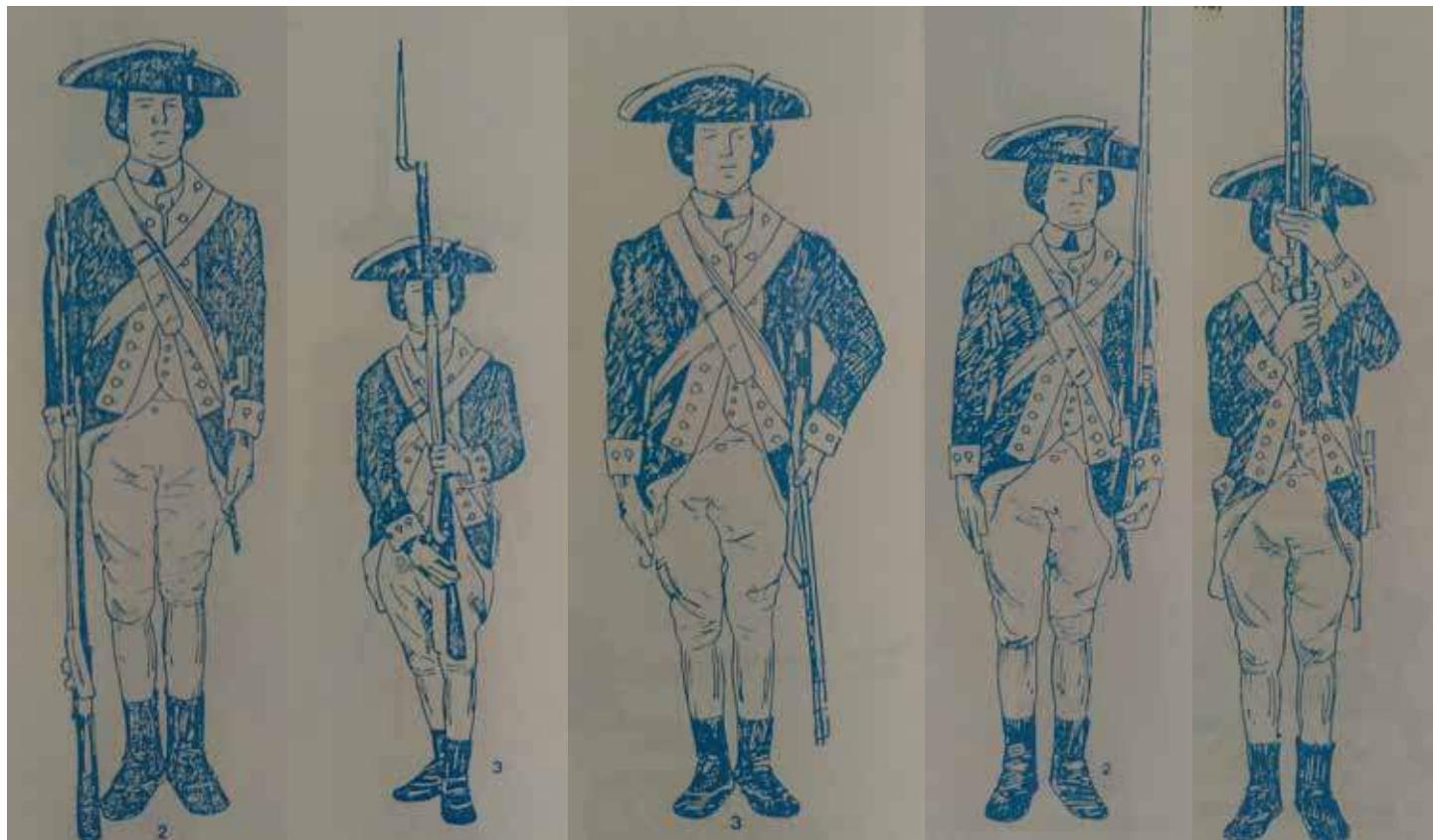
Policies

- I. Insurance: a. Insurance is required for any Chapter who fires
- II. Training: a. All members firing will be properly trained; b. NRA-NMLRA
- III. Firearms ;a. Period Correct only; b. No Original Firing of Original Firearms; c. Must be manufactured to fire black powder; d. Types of Black Powder
- IV. Edged Weapons: a. Swords, Bayonets, Halberds/Pikes
- V. Safety: a. Flash Protector; b. Frizzen Cover; c. Safety Inspection by commander or his designee; d. Black Powder to be used; e. Never load from a powder horn; f. Clothing to be natural fiber fabrics or leather; g. At no time will a color guard member be impaired by alcohol or medication while firing

Procedures

- I. Site Safety; a. Advise participants of any adverse weather conditions; i. Lightning; ii. Extreme Heat; iii. Provide for hydration; b. Inspect all areas and routes that will be used by color guard; i. Trip/fall hazards; ii. Low hanging obstacles; iii. Combustible materials in area where firing; iv. Consideration should be made when firing between buildings or structures
- II. Safety Officer: a. Safety Officer shall be designated and present at every event where firing occurs; b. Safety Officer shall be present while rendering a misfire safe to insure safety precautions are observed
- III. Pre-Event Musket Check: a. Commander or his designee will conduct an inspection of all firearms that are to be fired
- IV. Post-Event/Misfire Safety Check: a. Commander or his designee will conduct Post event safety check; b. Safety Officer will conduct all misfire safety checks
- V. Firing Commands: a. SAR will adopt standard firing commands; b. Proposed Firing Commands: i. Fall in; ii. Left Shoulder Arms; iii. Prime and load; iv. Make Ready; v. Present; vi. Fire; vii. Left Shoulder Arms

Firelock Drill Positions



Oder Firelock.

Present Firelock.

Secure Firelock

Shoulder Firelock.

Poise Firelock.

For complete understanding of the Drill and Training steps which include these basic positions, refer to either the *Illustrated Drill Manual and Regulations for The American Soldier of the Revolutionary War*, A N Schultz ed. or *Baron Von Steuben's Regulations of 1778*. Shultz's manual can be purchased through the SAR Store.

Note: There is only one position where the Firelock is positioned on the right shoulder - "Advance Arms" All other maneuvers are based from the left shoulder.

Revolutionary War Military Decorations

As has been frequently mentioned in the many discussions concerning the wearing of our SA medals during our color guard events, there were only three recipients of the precursor to the Purple Heart medal. Those soldiers so honored were:

- Sergeant Elijah Churchill of the Second Light Dragoons
- Sergeant William Brown of the Fifth Connecticut
- Sergeant Daniel Bissell of the Second Connecticut Regiment

What is generally not accepted knowledge is that there were other decorations that soldiers (privates and non-commissioned officers) wore on their clothes (uniforms or whatever). Both were for more than three years of service for "bravery, fidelity, and good conduct." The first was called "Honorary Mark of Distinction" through General Washington's Revolutionary War Order. And the other similar decoration was the "Honorary Badges of Distinction". The operative word here is 'badge.' Both of these clothe chevron decorations were to be worn on the left sleeve and signify 4 and then 8 years of satisfactory service¹.

Thus, for those of use representing our patriot ancestor who did serve either 4 or 8 years of service should be able to appropriately wear a representation chevron on our military regalia.

¹ Peterson, Harold L, The Book of the Continental Soldier, Stackpole Company 1968, page 245. This is recommended as a standard reference work in American military history and sponsored by the Company of Military Historians. References obtained from Henry Whiting, ed. Revolutionary Orders of General Washington, New York and London, 1844, pp 220-222 and General Orders, Newburgh, August 7 and August 11, 1782, Washington, Writings, XXIV, 487-488, XXV, 7.



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December 30

ARIZONA -

Timon Harper

Maricopa County Republican Party
Constitution Day Event

Participants are Bill Baron, Steve Miller, Keith Hugus, Allen Nash, and Matt Scott / the other gentleman is a George Washington reenactor, who was selling his book on the Constitution at the event.



Timon Harper



Front row Matt Scott Color Guard Commander, Steve Monez, Wayne Hood, Steve Miller. Second row Gerry Lawford, Ed Liphardt, Rudy Byrd, Third row Bill Smith, Christopher Francis, Daniel Thompson, Michael Holmes, Dan Jones, Rick Collins, Fourth row Eagle scouts holding banner, Trevor Huber, Michael Morgan, Fifth row Sandy Lawford and Barbara Collins.

Arizona Society Color Guard Leads the Fourth of July Parade in Prescott Arizona on July 2, 2017

Front row Matt Scott Color Guard Commander, Steve Monez, Wayne Hood, Steve Miller. Second row Gerry Lawford, Ed Liphardt, Rudy Byrd, Third row Bill Smith, Christopher Francis, Daniel Thompson, Michael Holmes, Dan Jones, Rick Collins, Fourth row Eagle scouts holding banner, Trevor Huber, Michael Morgan, Fifth row Sandy Lawford and Barbara Collins.



AZ SAR Increases Cooperation with the Dysart Unified School District

By Christopher J. Raso

The ongoing collaboration between Canyon Ridge School and the Arizona Sons of the American Revolution continues to grow. In preparation for our U.S. Constitution Day celebration, members of the AZ SAR presented the Colors at the Dysart Unified School District governing board meeting on September 13, 2017. This event marked the first appearance of SAR at the highest level of our school district operations.

It also provided an opportunity for teachers, parents, principals and members of the community, to acknowledge the efforts of SAR members in our public schools. A statement presented by the Dysart Governing Board declared "We thank the members of

the Arizona Sons of the American Revolution for presenting the Colors this evening and for their positive impact on the students of the Dysart Unified School District. We look forward to their second annual Constitution Day program at Canyon Ridge School and hope that they will continue to be our community partners."

Following the successful "Meeting the Founders" activity on Constitution Day, which highlighted the combined talents of costumed seventh grade learners and our adult performers, the AZ SAR will be participating in the ninth annual Veterans Day program at Canyon Ridge School on November 9, 2017. It promises to be a great patriotic event!



Sons of the American Revolution Arizona Society Joins Prescott Chapter to march in Chino Valley

The Arizona Society SAR marched in the 31st annual Territorial Days Parade in Chino Valley. This was the fourth time they have participated. Two Boy Scouts carried the banner. Upon marching up to the reviewing stand they wheeled to face the judges,

Pictured from left to right Eagle Scout, Trevor Huber, Past AZ State President, Stephen Miller, Drummer, Ed Lipphardt, AZ State President, Steve Monez, Prescott Chapter President, Wayne Hood, and Eagle Scout Michael Morgan. Picture by Timothy Prater



CALIFORNIA -

Standing left to right: Larry Wood, Sharon Wood, Jim Blauer, John Blake, Jim Klingler, Julie Bruton, John Ferris, Liz Ferris, Mark Torres, Lisa Gregory, Kent Gregory, Karen McKelvie, Dan McKelvie and Larry Hansen. Knelling left to right: Brian Merrell, David Nesser and Matt Noell.



Dan McKelvie, Bob Taylor, Kent Gregory and Jim Fosdyck.



Karl Jacobs retires the United States flag following the opening ceremonies

Left to right: Lee's Legion Color Guard members Jim Fosdyck, John Blake, Mark Torres and Karl Jacobs. Lee's Legion is comprised of compatriots from the Orange County and Harbor Chapters, California Society, SAR.

Lee's Legion participated in the Newport-Costa Mesa Annual Transportation Welcome Back Start-Up Event that took place on Thursday, August 31st. . The Newport-Mesa Transportation provides school bus transportation for students in the Newport Beach and Costa Mesa area.

Ring Ritual



Ring Bearer Un Hui Yi escorted by NSSAR Vice Color Guard Commander and Tennessee Society Color Guard.



Incoming President General Guzy takes the oath of office.



President General Guzy wearing the George Washington ring.



President General Tomme removes the ring from the pillow.

CONNECTICUT

6 August 2017 - ALL WARS TIME LINE
EVENT in Woodbury, CT



Five members of the Gov. Oliver Wolcott detachment of the Connecticut Line (Paul Selnau, Derek Brockhoff, Martin Spring, Jon King and Mike Byrd) participated in this year's event. It took place at Hollow Park, the organizer was Ray Manzi of the 2nd Connecticut Heavy Artillery. The park is a perfect venue for this event with an open field, ample paved parking and rest room facilities. To identify each group, large "A" frame signs were setup in a semi circle around the field for each American War beginning with us - Revolutionary War

We set up a partial encampment with a couple of small tents, fire irons, seats and brought the historic flag display of the Gov. Oliver Wolcott, Sr. Branch. We set up in an open arrangement that allowed spectators to walk through our site and ask questions.

Other groups had larger encampments & vehicles but we had a good display given our partial availability for the date. Conservative estimates were that about 1,000 spectators attended throughout the day. All of us would tell you that we had groups of people engaging each of us the entire time. We drilled and paraded several times during the day and fired our muskets periodically to draw in the crowd

Many of the spectators were Vets and many showed up in uniform.

As of now, they plan on adding military vendors (shirts, memorabilia etc), more food vendors & maybe adding a military vehicle show. The society looks forward to participating again next year.



The 236th Anniversary of the Battle of Groton Heights – NSSAR Silver Color Guard Event

Members of the Connecticut Line of the Connecticut SAR Color Guard/Living History Unit enter the fort during the presentation of colors for the commemoration and memorial ceremony Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017 of the Battle of Groton Heights at Fort Griswold on Sept. 6, 1781.

In the battle 165 American Militia attempted to defend the fort against 800 British forces under the command of Benedict Arnold. The fort was overwhelmed and many were killed following the surrender by Col. Ledyard.

A welcoming was given by the Mayor Keith Hedrick of Groton, and the invocation was given by the Rob Guilliams, Deputy Command Chaplain at Naval Submarine Base New London.

The Friends of Fort Griswold participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new granite layout inside the fort of the original foot print of the barracks.

During the ceremony, the 88 names of the slain defenders of Fort Griswold were read by the descendants of these patriots who gave all.

Following the reading of the names, VPG Kenneth D. Roach of the New England District and Steve Frash of the Ohio Society placed two wreaths inside the fort at the site where Col. Ledyard died.

The Connecticut Line provided a three volley musket salute after the laying of the wreaths.

The ceremony was hosted by the Friends of Fort Griswold Battlefield State Park Foundation.

Preceding the event inside Ft. Griswold the Connecticut Line had a grave marking ceremony at the grave site of Col. Ledyard in the Ledyard Cemetery about ½ mile away.



Color Guardsman of the Year



FLORIDA -**Correction**

The photo submitted and published in the July 2017 issue was incorrectly attributed to the changing of command. The photo below is the correct photo.

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..

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.



July 4, 2017

The Brevard Color Guard and a Brevard DAR chapter participated in the Melbourne Florida parade using a trailer provided by a Brevard associate. Included in the entourage were DAR members and local C.A.R.

ILLINOIS

Here are some pictures from the General Washington Tomb Vigil on September 16, 2017.

The Illinois Society had three representatives, Mike Campagnolo (ILSSAR Color Guard Commander), Jon Fixmer (ILSSAR Northern Region Color Guard Commander) and Chip Dawes (Fox Valley Chapter Assistant Color Guard Commander). We were honored to guard the tomb with fellow compatriots from North Carolina, Ohio Pennsylvania, Virginia and Texas. This was a first for the Illinois Society to participate in this important event.

Also shown are pictures from Revolutionary War Days at Cantigny Park in Winfield, IL. We attend this event every year. We set up a tent and table to recruit new members.





KANSAS

The Kansas Society Color Guard has presented the colors at three naturalization ceremonies during the past three months; July 23 and August 25 at the Robert J. Dole US Courthouse in Kansas City, KS and September 15 at the Dole Institute for Politics on the University of Kansas campus in Lawrence, KS. A

total 274 new citizens took the Oath of Allegiance at the three ceremonies. At the September 15, Constitution Day, ceremony Judge John Lungstrum announced immediately prior to the presentation of the colors that the SAR Color Guard is a highlight of the naturalization ceremonies. The new citizens and their families enjoy having the opportunity to take photos with the Color Guard after the ceremony.

Late afternoon of August 25, thirteen members of the Kansas Society Color Guard joined 15 members from Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas to compose a 28 man Color Guard commanded by Commander Corey Burns of the Arkansas Society for a flag raising ceremony at the Sheraton Overland Park.

After the ceremony, the Color Guard took the opportunity of having photos with President General Larry Guzy and SCD Vice President General Robert Capps. Andi Gammlin of the Kansas City Saint Andrews Pipes and Drums led the Color Guard at the flag raising ceremony. (2 Photos)

Later that evening the 12 Kansas Color Guardsmen participated as part of the a man SCD Color Guard in presenting the





colors at the dinner meeting of the South Central District.

On September 23 a nine member Color Guard of the Kansas Society marched in the Overland Park Fall Festival Parade on a hot day. The streets were lined on both sides of the entire parade route with more than a thousand spectators who enthusiastically showed their appreciation. In the photo are Craig Dilavou, Drummer; front row left to right, Kirk Rush, Alan Martin, Dewey Fry, and Harry Wilklow; second row left to right are Michael Meisinger, Dennis Nelson, and Richard Cox. Members of the Santa Fe Trail Society



South Carolina & North Carolina Grave Marking for Patriot Joshua Jones

On Saturday 9 September, 67 people gathered on the Western Trace of the Biltmore Estate outside Asheville, NC to honor the memory of Patriot Joshua Jones. Members of the SAR, DAR, Biltmore Estate and the public – including 23 descendants – comprised the gathering. Color Guardsmen from North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia participated in both presenting flags and firing a musket volley.

The setting was on a hill overlooking a valley covered in grape vines surrounding a lake. This land was a portion of the approximate 620 acres Patriot Jones was awarded after the Revolution. This land now is a part of the 8,000 acre Biltmore Estate having remained in the Jones family until purchased at the close of the 19th Century by Cornelius Vanderbilt.

Patriot Joshua Jones signed a number of Oaths of Allegiance in the western counties of North Carolina and was listed as being wounded at the Battle of Kings Mountain.

The grave marking service was the brain child of Compatriot Paul Cashion of the Daniel Morgan Chapter in South Carolina who is a descendant of Patriot Jones. Compatriot Cashion made this grave marking his initial event as an SAR Color Guardsman.



Cenotaph placed at the Jones Family graveyard



Panorama view from the grave site

Fall Leadership



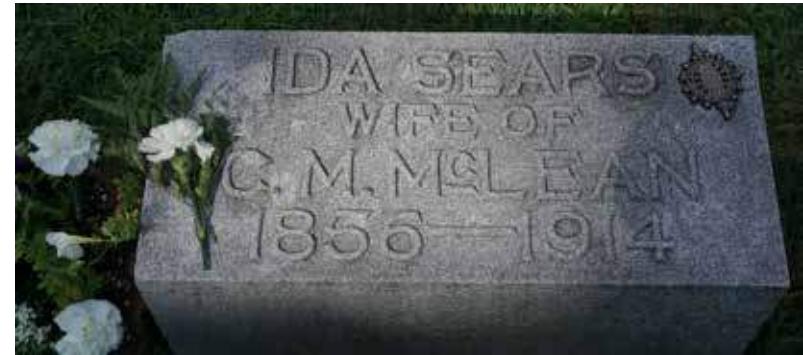
Photos by Ann McGuire (FL)



MICHIGAN

On July 14th members of the Michigan Color Guard celebrated the 100th anniversary of WWI by honoring the 26 WWI Soldiers who died and were from Livingston County Michigan.

Left to right, Past President Rod Wilson, Guardsman Don Reifert, Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Van Wormer, Guardsman James Perkins and Guardsman Chip Stevers in front of the Memorial



September 17th members of the Michigan Color Guard helped support their DAR sisters with the celebration and dedication of the grave of the Founding member of the Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton Chapter, Ida Sears McLean. She founded this DAR Chapter in 1907 which is Located in Holland Michigan.

Members of the Color Guard from Left to Right Guardsman Chip Stevers, Guardsman Steve Williams and Vice Commander Ken Goodson, taking the picture Compatriot James Hartmann





Sunday September 17th the Oaks Chapter of MISSAR organized the Grave Dedication Ceremony for Patriot Nathaniel Squire who served in the 5th Connecticut Regiment of Foot. James Walker President of the Oaks Chapter was MC for the event which was supported by a contingent of the Michigan Color Guard. In the first picture Commander Gerald Burkland explains the 2nd Connecticut Flag which was flown by Patriot Squire's 5th Regiment. In the background from right to left Immediate Past MISSAR President Rod Wilson, MISSAR President Paul Callanan and Guardsman Aaron Wiles. Present were the descendants of Patriot Squire, over 60 Boy scouts, Clarkston American Legion provided the gun salute and the presentation of the Flag to the Descendants was given by the Shelby Township Police Honor Guard. The sec-

ond picture shows the headstone and SAR plaques.

The Dedication was covered by both News and Paper Media and pictures were taken by G & C Newspaper.



MISSOURI

The Missouri Society, SAR held its Annual Convention on April 28 & 29, 2017 in Springfield, Missouri. The Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard participated in the opening and closing ceremonies each day. A poster board featuring The SAR Colorguardsman was displayed.

From left to right; Compatriots Frank Furman (OPC); Robert Grover, (Dual HST & OMC), James Scott, Western Missouri District Color Guard Commander (IPC); Glenn Gohr (OMC), Missouri Senator & Compatriot Roy Blunt (OMC); J. Wayne Merrill, (MGC); Steven Perkins (OMC); Peter G. Reynolds (IPC); Roy Hutchinson (HST); Doug Neff (FDL & SSL); Richard Mathews (IPC), and Charles Lilly (FDL).



Photo by Compatriot Greg Landrum (Greg Landrum Photography).

On May 6, 2017 the Missouri Society, SAR and the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Missouri dedicated Daniel Boone and Nathan Boone Plaques at the Historic Daniel Boone Home at Lindenwood Park near Defiance, Missouri. The event was hosted by the St. Charles County Parks Department. Missouri Society, SAR President Dennis J. Hahn (FDL) presented the Daniel Boone Plaque

and Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Missouri President Daniel R. McMurray (OMC) presented the Nathan Boone Plaque. The Master of Ceremonies was St. Charles County Parks Department Director Bettie Yahn-Kramer and greetings were extended by St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann.

From left to right: Charles Lilly (SAR/FDL & 1812); Brian Smarker (SAR/HST & 1812); Steve Baldwin (SAR/ FDL); Milan Paddock (SAR/FDL & SSL); Bill Grote, Eastern District Missouri SAR Color Guard Commander (FDL) Roy Hutchinson (SAR/HST & 1812); Frank Furman (SAR/OPC); J. Wayne Merrill (SAR/MGC & 1812); Doug Neff (SAR/ FDL & SSL); Richard Mathew (SAR/IPC)); Steve White (SAR/ FDL); James Scott, Western District Missouri SAR Color Guard Commander (IPC); Don Turner (SAR/SSL); and Greg Watkins (SAR/SSL).

A 21 musket salute was conducted after the dedication of each plaque.



Photo by Milly Neff.



Patriot William Harvey Grave Marking

On Saturday, July 1, 2017 the M. Graham Clark Chapter conducted a grave marking of the Patriot William Harvey grave located in the Lee/Harvey Cemetery outside of Armstrong, Howard County, Missouri. The cemetery is in an area of Howard County, Missouri where access is difficult yet over 50 people attended event. Rain for a day and half before the marking made access even more difficult. The ceremony was held in conjunction with the family reunion of the descendants of William Harvey. After the ceremony there was a catered meal at the Armstrong, Missouri Community Center by A-City Diner.

Left to right: Western Missouri District Color Guard Commander James Scott (IPC), Eli Chandler (kneeling) 6th great grandson of Patriot William Harvey, John Coutts (MGC), Richard Mathews (IPC), and Stephen Sullins (IPC).



Photo on left is Michael Shea at right is Chapter President Marvin Koechig.

Photo on right DAR ladies and Compatriot Charles Lilly.



On July 4, 2017 the Fernando de Leyba Chapter Color Guard and Members along with Saint Charles DAR Chapter Members participated in the St. Charles, Missouri 4th of July Parade



On July 4, 2017 Color Guards Members from the Ozark Mountain Chapter led an old-fashioned neighborhood parade with old cars, kids of all ages, bicycles, pets, boy scouts, and refreshments. The event was the Meadowmere Place Parade in Springfield, Missouri with 450 plus people participating.

Left to right: Ozark Mountain Chapter President J. Howard Fisk and Compatriots Kenneth Lawrence, and Steven Perkins Koechig.



Left to right: Scouts from Troop 24 and Pack 116 Carried a large flag behind the Color Guard.



On August 8, 2017 Greene County, Missouri celebrated the 275th anniversary of Nathanael Greene's birth. General Greene was born on August 7, 1742. General Nathanael Greene, friend and comrade-in-arms of President George Washington, is the namesake of Greene County Missouri. Greene County officials Bob Cirtin, Presiding County Commissioner, Commissioner Harold Bengsch and Commissioner Lincoln Hough, presented a City Proclamation commemorating the birth of Nathanael Greene.

Left to Right: Presiding Commissioner of Greene County, Missouri Bob Cirtin and Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard Members J. Howard Fisk, Kenneth Lawrence, and Charles McMillan.



On August 12, 2017 some Missouri Society Color Guard Members participated in a Flag retirement Ceremony at the Legacy Veterans Memorial in Blue Springs, Missouri.

Kathy Hutchinson (Blue Springs DAR); Roy Hutchinson (HST); John Stewart (HST); James Scott (IPC), Western Missouri District Color Guard Commander; Richard Mathews (IPC), and Robert Grover (HST).



Members of American Legion Post 189



On August 25-26, 2017 the South Central District held its Annual Meeting at the Sheraton Hotel in Overland Park, Kansas. The meeting was hosted by the Kansas Society and South Central District Vice President General Bob Capps. Members from Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas were in attendance. Also in attendance were NSSAR President General Larry Guzy, NSSAR Secretary General Warren Alter, NSSAR Treasurer General Jack Manning, NSSAR Chancellor General Davis Wright, NSSAR Historian General John Thornhill, NSSAR

GWEF Distribution Committee Chairman Russ DeVenney, NSSAR Vice President General International Brooks Lyles, KSSAR President Dennis Nelson, MOSSAR President Dennis Hahn, OKSSAR President Ron Painter, ARSSAR President Les Magee, NSSAR Chancellor General Candidate Dick Bryant, and South Central District Color Guard Commander Corey Burns and 30 Color Guardsmen. TXSSAR President was unable to attend due to Hurricane Harvey.

L to R: Dennis Nelson (KS); Brook Lyles (KS); Alan Martin (KS); Corey Burns (AR); Martin Reynolds (OK); Ron Painter (OK); Kirk Rush (KS); Lyman Miller (KS); Dewey Fry (KS); Mike Meisinger (KS); Steve Perkins (MO); John Forbes (KS); Dirk Stapleton (MO); Richard Cox (KS); President General Larry Guzy (GA & Dual MO); Bobbie Hulse (KS); Vice President General Bob Capps (KS & Dual MO); Stephen Baldwin (MO); Roy Hutchinson (MO); Robert L. Grover (MO); Craig Dillavon (KS); Stan Jantz (KS); Harry Wilklow (KS); Bagpiper; Steve Sullins (MO); Terry Holden (TX); Russ DeVenney (MO); Tom Jackson (TX); J. Merrill Wayne (MO); Charles McMillian (MO).

Note: Attendees Peter Reynolds (MO), James Scott (MO), and Peddie Drake (TX) were not in the picture.



On September 13, 2017 Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard Members participated in the Naturalization Ceremony sponsored by Missouri State University. Sixty (60) individuals from 27 countries became new citizens at this ceremony. After the swearing-in ceremony, many wanted to have their picture taken with the Color Guard Members by the American Flag. Left to right; Color Guard Members Dan McMurray, Kenneth Lawrence, two new citizens and J. Howard Fisk



On September 15, 2017 Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard Members participated in the naturalization ceremonies held at the Harry S Truman Library & Museum in Independence, Missouri. Compatriots Robert Grover, John Stewart, Western District Missouri Color Guard Commander James Scott, New Citizen, Steve Sullins, Dave Stick (WWC), Richard Mathews, and Roy Hutchinson participated.



The North Carolina Color Guard has been busy during the summer. Members of the Color Guard participated in celebrations across the width of North Carolina. Events included ceremonies at Ramsour's Mill, Colson's Mill, the House in the Horseshoe and Eutaw Springs. Five Members took part in the Vigil at the Tomb of George Washington.

Jay Joyce, Mecklenburg Chapter and Charles Lewis from the Lower Cape Fear Chapter earned their Silver Medals. The Bronze Medal has been earned by Kenneth Smith.

Photo of NC Color Guard at the House in the Horseshoe.

NORTH CAROLINA



NEVADA

American Legion National Convention & Parade



Marching up Virginia Street beneath the iconic Reno Arch

Auxiliary and the Fife and Drum of Nevada provided an interesting contrast to the procession of High School Bands and other Legion Departments. SAR Ladies Auxiliary members, Jani Cattoor and Charlotte Miller, dressed in Colonial style attire carried the banner. Compatriots Brian Colonna, Paul Hicks (Battle Born Patriots Chapter Color Guard Commander and John C. Ryland (NV Society Registrar North) carried the Colors that were flanked by Muskets on either side –; Compatriots Gerry Miller and Mitch S. Hammond. Fifers, Marcia Baldwin (DAR), David Hess; drummers Roger Linscott and Mike Fitzpatrick plus NVSSAR Color Guard Commander Gary Parriott completed this very

The American Legion held its 99th annual convention in Reno Nevada this year during the last week of August. President General Guzy was in attendance and extended his greeting on behalf of the Sons of the American Revolution during the Legion's General Meeting... During his visit in Reno, President General Guzy was hosted by Compatriots David Hess and Roger Linscott (of the Battle Born Patriots Chapter) on his tour of the area, including sightseeing at Virginia City (with a great lunch at the Cider Factory). Later that evening, at the Louis' Basque Corner Restaurant, he appointed David and Roger Aides de Camp, with the special SAR PG's Aide de Camp pin. Western District Vice President General Dr. Kent Gregory joined the group, that also included, members of the Battle Born Patriots Chapter Color Guard and NV Society Color Guard Commander Gary Parriott for a great dinner of traditional specialties such as paella, tongue & oxtails served family-style by costumed servers.

Our entry for the Parade was positioned just before the American Legion's hosting Department of Nevada. A Combined group of Nevada Society Color Guardsmen, Ladies



Betsy Ross Flag, Nevada State Flag and SAR Flag flanked by muskets.

professional looking group.

During a “lull” in activities, Roger Linscott, Gerry Miller, R. Stoecklin, Mike Fitzpatrick, GB Parriott and David Hess headed to the Range to fire muskets and a miniature cannon. A real “Blast” was had by all, to say the least. Commander Gary Parriott, also a member of the American Legion attended American Legion specialty work-

shops, watched a USO style show by the “American Bombshells” that support Soldierswish.org and viewed the American Legion’s Annual National Color Guard Contest.



“Boys Night Out” with President General Guzy (third from left): Western District VPG Dr. Kent Gregory on the left.



Marksman Compatriot Rob Stoecklin.



Fife and Drum of Nevada. L-R, Marcia Baldwin (DAR), David Hess, Mike Fitzpatrick and Roger Linscott.



L-R Compatriots Roger Linscott, Gary Parriott and Rob Stoecklin at the Rifle Range.

Revolutionary War Days at the Nevada City (California) Living History Encampment & Parade

It was a fun time for some Battle Born Patriots, with reenacting drills and skirmishing under the leadership of Sgt John Kalleen of the Delaware Regiment of the American Revolution (Sept 9th). Other members practiced their fife and drumming with the California Consolidated Drum band, and all marched in the Constitution Day Parade on Sunday (Sept 10th). John Ryland, Battle Born Patriots Chapter, carried the SAR flag with compatriots from the SAR Gold Country Chapter in the parade.



Revolutionary War Days Encampment – Musket salute:



Revolutionary War Days Encampment – Parade Drill



Constitution Day Parade in Nevada City California

Special thanks to John Hess, the event organizer who puts this Revolutionary War encampment together for the enjoyment and education of the public every single year.

This was the 51st annual celebration of the US Constitution in Nevada City, closing with the Constitution Day Parade, which was founded by, and still sponsored by, the local F&AM.



Judge Laurel E. Davis, (4th from left) with members of the Red Rock Canyon and Silver State Chapters of DAR and Gary Parriott of the Signers Chapter SAR

Color Guard Commander Gary Parriott attended a Naturalization Ceremony on Sept 14th with DAR friends {L-R in the group photo, Katie Henzel (Red Rock Canyon Chapter), Rebecca Eisenman (Honorary NV State Regent, Red Rock Canyon Chapter), Judge Laurel E. Davis, Terry Rubinstein- (Honorary Regent, Red Rock Canyon Chapter), Kathy Lowe (Silver State Chapter Regent) and Gloria Aberman (Red Rock Canyon Chapter)} at the Historic Fifth Street School in Downtown Las Vegas. He reports it was a very heartwarming experience to see so many enthusiastic and grateful new Citizens. Congratulations to all of you and we wish you great success and happiness in the future. Commander Parriott was surprised to be asked by new Citizens to have their picture taken with him. He hopes that made their day as memorable as it was for him.



New Citizen celebrating her American Citizenship with a photo-op with Color Guard

Constitution Day Dinner



Presentation of Colors by the combined Nevada Society SAR Color Guard

On Sept. 16, the Signers Chapter hosted its annual Constitution Day Dinner at the Las Vegas National Golf Club with the Silver State Chapter, NVSDAR for the second year.

Don Hotchkiss Jr., President of the Signers SAR Chapter, opened by introducing Dr. Karen Moore, Silver State Registrar, who gave the invocation. This was followed by the presentation of the colors, performed by the combined NVSSAR Color Guard under the direction of Nevada Society Color Guard Commander Gary Parriott. The fife & drum music for the color guard was provided by drummer Roger Linscott and fifer David Hess. Members of the color guard were Paul Hicks (Battle Born Patriots Chapter Color Guard Commander), John Ryland (NV Society Registrar North), Gerry Miller and Rob Stoecklin of the Battle Born Patriots Chapter. The Pledge of Allegiance was then led by Kathy Lowe, Silver State Chapter Regent)

Don Hotchkiss Jr. offered greetings from the Signers SAR Chapter and introduced Kathy Lowe, Regent of the Silver State DAR Chapter, and both welcomed the assemblage, expressing their organizations' wish that in succeeding years the Constitution Day Dinner will be held



"Colonial" Ladies join the color guard for a group photo. A special thanks extended to these DAR friends that helped set the ambiance for tonight, L-R Valerie Greenbeck, Charlotte Miller, Susan Zink, Dr. Linda Miller and Katie Henzel

as a joint event with DAR. Introduction of guests followed, which included DAR Honorary Vice President General and Honorary State Regent Joan Dimmitt, whose past term as Nevada State Regent included the founding of the Silver State DAR Chapter, organized in 1989, and active Military and Veterans.

The evening's keynote speaker was Daniel H Stewart, a partner with Hutchison & Steffen (a full service Law firm), who spoke on the Federalist Papers, what the role the Federalist Papers played in the ratification process and what were the Anti-Federalist papers and which state voted against ratification? A very interesting and educational presentation.



OHIO



The Ohio Society SAR Color Guard presented the colors at the DAR Gold Star Mothers Sunday memorial on September 24th at the Mohican State Forest. Pictured are R-I Ernie Moreland, Steve Kelley, Larry Perkins, Jeff Walt, Bob Davis, Chuck Buddy, Adj. Steve Frash, Bob Hill. Others that participated in the event were Ohio State President Donald McGraw Jr., Dan Carey from Buglers Across America, and Steve Seckman from the American Legion.

Naturalization program at President Garfield's Homestead

On Friday, September 22, Northeastern Ohio Chapter, Lafayette Chapter, and Western Reserve Society SAR Color Guards posted the National Colors at the Naturalization Ceremony hosted at President Garfield's home, Lawnfield, in Mentor, Ohio. This program was sponsored by the National Park Services and the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. The program took place on the back lawn of Garfield's home where it was a beautiful and sunny day.



[Above] The combined Color Guard congratulates a new citizen from Jamaica. L to R: John H. Franklin, David Weidner, Dan Matheke, James Gilbert, Scott Glasgow, James Glasgow, Steve Hinson, Troy Bailey, Stan Thomas, Lee MacBride, and Christine Bailey



The Honorable Judge William Baughman of the U.S. District Court of the Northern District of Ohio presents the Certificates of Naturalization to the new citizens.



[Above] L to R: Galen Swab, Stan Thomas, Scott Glasgow, James Glasgow, Claude Custer and leading up front Lee MacBride with his sword. The color guard led the parade up the main street of Gates Mills past the Town Hall, Library, stores and restaurants, and then across the bridge over the Chagrin River.

[Right] The Cleveland Kiltie Band played patriotic music for all to enjoy. What a great day!

Gates Mills Ohio 4th of July Parade

The Archibald Willard Color Guard of the Western Reserve Society Sons of the American Revolution led the Gates Mills, Ohio 4th of July Parade for our 21st year. On this bright and sunny day a large crowd was on hand for our Nation's 241st Birthday.



OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma SAR State President Ron Painter, Oklahoma DAR Honorary State Regent Dr. Orriene First Denslow, Tulsa Chapter SAR compatriots Bill Graham and Dr. Stuart Denslow



Oklahoma SAR State President Ron Painter presents Molly Pitcher Medal to Oklahoma DAR Honorary State Regent Dr. Orriene First Denslow



Oklahoma SAR State President Ron Painter presented the Molly Pitcher Medal and certificate to Oklahoma DAR Honorary State Regent Dr. Orriene First Denslow on September 23, 2017 at the annual Tulsa Area Regents Council Constitution Day luncheon. Dr. Orriene Denslow is the wife of Tulsa Chapter SAR compatriot and Silver Color Medal recipient, Dr. Stuart Denslow. Mrs. Denslow's service and support of the SAR Color Guard began over ten years ago prior to her husband's administration as Tulsa Chapter SAR President and subsequently, Oklahoma SAR State President. Since the Molly Pitcher Medal was authorized in 2012, with a look back of two years, her years of service prior to 2010 could not be counted. The Oklahoma SAR is very proud of and grateful to Dr. Orriene First Denslow.



Oklahoma DAR Honorary State Regent Dr. Orriene First Denslow gives a kiss to husband Dr. Stuart Denslow of the Tulsa Chapter SAR Color Guard

Badge of Military Merit

The Badge of Military Merit is considered the first military award of the United States Armed Forces. Although the Fidelity Medalion is older, after being issued to three soldiers for a specific event in 1780 it was never awarded again, so the Badge of Military Merit is often considered the oldest. The Purple Heart is the official successor decoration of the Badge of Military Merit. The Badge of Military Merit was first announced in General George Washington's general orders to the Continental Army issued on August 7, 1782 at the Headquarters in Newburgh. Designed by Washington in the form of a purple heart, it was intended as a military order for soldiers who exhibited, "not only instances of unusual gallantry in battle, but also extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way."

Brown's badge was found in a Deerfield, New Hampshire barn in the 1920s. There is disagreement in published sources about what became of Brown's badge after that. A badge on display at the American Independence Museum in Exeter, New Hampshire on behalf of the Society of the Cincinnati, New Hampshire Branch is stated to be Brown's. Other sources say that Brown's badge was

reported lost in 1924 while in the possession of Bishop Paul Matthews, and that the badge on display in Exeter belongs to a fourth, unknown recipient.

As of 2015, Churchill's badge was owned by the National Temple Hill Association and on display at the New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Site. Churchill's badge was rediscovered when H. E. Johnson, a Michigan farmer and one of Churchill's descendants, wrote to the National Temple Hill Association about the badge. Bissell's badge was reportedly lost when his house burned in July 1813.

After the Revolutionary War, the Badge of Military Merit fell into disuse although it was never officially abolished. In 1932, the United States War Department authorized the new Purple Heart Medal for soldiers who had previously received either a Wound Chevron or the Army Wound Ribbon. At that time, it was also determined that the Purple Heart Medal would be considered the official "successor decoration" to the Badge of Military Merit.



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 grayed 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	

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.

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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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