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## *Patriot's Day*



Acton Minutemen and citizens marching from Acton to Concord on Patriots Day 2012  
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# Commander's Report

Compatriots,

The Spring Leadership meeting this past March was certainly one of the liveliest in recent memory. Given the packed agenda of that meeting, I felt that I should use this column to recap what occurred.

1) Compatriots were reminded to update their personal awards in the National database as this is reviewed by both the Commander and Headquarters Staff when processing applications for the Silver Color Guard and Von Steuben Medals. Incomplete data can cause a delay in application approvals.

2) There have been some recent incidents involving Color Guard deportment at National events.

a. Compatriots were reminded that cell phones should not be used for any reason during an event. If it is necessary to take a call, the compatriot should leave the ranks prior to answering the phone or carrying on a conversation in the ranks.

b. Compatriots should be mindful that we are portraying the Revolutionary Era. Wearing a blanket that is readily identifiable with a southwestern Native American population is not appropriate. This happened at an event and caused many other re-enactors to question the SAR Color Guard.

3) The requirements for a spouse or female companion to earn the Molly Pitcher Medal were expanded slightly to clarify conflicting language in The SAR Color Guard Handbook.

4) Compatriot Ed Rigel Sr of the Georgia SAR was elected as the 2018 SAR Color Guardsman of the Year. Please be sure to congratulate him when you see him at an event or national meeting.

5) The proposed Safety Policies & Procedures were discussed. A motion was made to refer these documents back to the committee to make the language less specific and broader. The committee is currently working on a revision that will be presented in the near future.

I have been informed of a number of possible submissions for events to be designated as National Color Guard Events. I would remind



those interested in submitting possible events that the submissions need to be in writing which addresses the criteria outlined by the National Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee. The criteria are as follows:

- A recognized Revolutionary battle or event must have occurred at or near the planned event location.

- An established history of an SAR chapter or state society sponsored commemoration over time

- Evidence of participation by multiple SAR chapters and societies and other organizations at the event

- Evidence that the event will be an ongoing event

- Written synopsis containing information on the battle or event and why the battle/event should be considered of national significance

- Additional information on why the event should be considered a



national event if it takes place in a state where no Revolutionary battles/events took place

Another point that needs some clarification is membership on the National Color Guard Committee. It is the established policy of the committee that every color guard member is automatically considered a member of the committee. The listing of committee members on the National Website is a reflection of those members who regularly attend the three committee meetings held each year. There is no need to request to be listed as a committee member.

In conclusion, let me once again thank each color guard member for your service. You are the face of the SAR to the public. By actively participating in events locally and nationally, you are making your ancestors proud.

**A new email account has been set up for contacting the National Color Guard Commander. It is [colorguard@sar.org](mailto:colorguard@sar.org). Please direct all email to this new address instead of my personal address.**

Mark C Anthony  
Commander

## George Rogers Clark Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony

The seventh annual George Rogers Clark Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony, a National Sons of the American Revolution event, will take place on Saturday, 26 May 2018 at 11:00am EDT in the rotunda of the Clark Memorial at the George Rogers Clark National Historical Park in Vincennes, IN. Ribbons will be awarded to SAR, DAR and CAR chapters, states, districts and national officers presenting a wreath (one ribbon per wreath).

If your Chapter intends to present a wreath at this ceremony, please send Robert Cunningham your Chapter's name, the name of the wreath presenter, the title (office) of the wreath presenter if he holds an office, and their email address. To be listed in the program, please send the information requested above by May 19.

Wreath presenters are not required to wear colonial attire. All Chapter Compatriots, their families and guests are invited and encouraged to attend this ceremony.

The George Rogers Clark Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony is also a Color Guard activity. All participating Color Guard will muster at 10:00am EDT in the Clark Memorial. Please send Robert Cunningham the names of all of your Chapter members who will participate in the Color Guard.

SAR Compatriots, wives, and family are welcome to come to Gilbert's Restaurant & Pub on Friday evening May 25 at 6:00pm for dinner. If you plan to attend this dinner, please send Robert Cunningham your name and the number in your party. Robert will make reservations in advance for our group. Gilbert's address is 1350 Willow St, Vincennes, IN 47591, phone 812-316-0800. Dinner is Dutch treat.

Last year several SAR Compatriots stayed at the Towneplace Suites Vincennes Marriott, 1320 Willow St, Vincennes, IN 47591, phone 812-255-1500. We do not have an SAR discount rate, but this hotel is close to the George Rogers Clark Na-

tional Historical Park and Gilbert's Restaurant is located just in front of the hotel parking lot. This hotel fills up quickly, but there are other hotels in Vincennes. Make your reservations soon since our ceremony is during Memorial Day weekend.

Parking for the Wreath Laying Ceremony and the Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous is available down the road from the George Rogers Clark National Historical Park Visitor Center at 401 S. 2nd St. A limited amount of parking can be found in front of the visitor center. Visitors may park on the street as well, but parking is not permitted along yellow curbs on the street.



*National Historic Site & Celebration Events - 2018*  
**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 appear 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:
    - o Information about the battle or event
    - o 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.  
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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

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January Issue: December 31st  
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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 1-3	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY	
March 10	Last Naval Battle of the Revolution	Cape Canaveral, FL	Florida
March 18	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC	North Carolina
April 7	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

National Color Guard Events - 2018

Date	Color Guard Event	Location	Host	Date Added**
January 14	Battle of Cowpens	Chesnee, SC	Daniel Morgan SAR	
January 27	Battle of Cowans Ford	Huntersville, NC	Mecklenburg SAR	
February 10	Battle of Kettle Creek	Washington, GA	Georgia	
February 17	Crossing of the Dan	South Boston, VA	Virginia	11/12/2012
February 18	Massing of Colors***	Burbank, CA	California	3/27/2017
February 18	Washington Birthday Parade	Laredo, TX	Texas	
February 24	Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge	Currie, NC	North Carolina	
March 1-3	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY		
March 10	Last Naval Battle of the Revolution	Merritt Island, FL	Florida	
March 17	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC	North Carolina	
April 12	Halifax Resolves	Halifax, NC	North Carolina	
April 16	Patriot's Day	Concord, MA		
May 3	Kentucky Derby Pegasus Parade	Louisville, KY	Kentucky	11/12/2012
May 12	Raid on Martin's Station	Ewing, VA	Virginia	
May 5	Battle of Pensacola	Pensacola, FL	Florida	
May 19	Fields of Honor / Healing Field	Nationally -Various		11/12/2012
May 26	Battle of Fort San Carlos	St Louis, MO	Missouri	
May 26	Buford's Massacre	Lancaster, SC	South Carolina	
May 26-27	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 9	Action at Machias	Machias, ME	Maine	
June 16	Battle of Ramseur's Mill	Lincolnton, NC	Mecklenburg SAR / Catawba Valley SAR	
July 4 every year	Let Freedom Ring / July 4th Events *	Various locations		6/4/2015 12/1/2015
July 14-19	NSSAR National Congress	Knoxville, TN		
July 28	Siege of Fort Laurens	Bolivar, OH	Ohio	
August 18	Battle of Blue Licks	Carlisle, KY	Kentucky	
August 25	National American Legion Parade	Reno, NV		11/12/2012
September 1	Battle of Groton Heights	Groton, CT	Connecticut	
September 15	Battle of Saratoga	Stillwater, NY	Empire State	
September 15	Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Elizabethton, TN	Tennessee	11/ 12/2012
September 22	Vigil at George Washington's Tomb	Mt Vernon, VA		
September 28-30	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY		
October 5-7	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 19	Yorktown Days	Yorktown, VA	Virginia	
November 11	Veterans Day Events *	Nationally	Various	12/1/2015
December 16	Battle of Great Bridge	Norfolk, VA	Virginia	
December 15	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 [sarwilliams-sa\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:sarwilliams-sa(at)gmail.com)



Ramseur's Mill



Fort San Carlos



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



## 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 **22 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 **Winter** activities to report for the Spring issue. These **Winter** activities could include **George Washington's Birthday, 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 Col-orguardsman** 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 activities.

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

# Reports from the Field

State by State

*State Society's color guard activities in the previous three months as reported by the State Society's Color Guard Commander*

## A NEW Record!

With the publication of this issue we have set a new record for participating state society color guard units reporting their activities. The previous high water mark was 18 state societies. This issue has 22 ! The number has ranged from 10 to the previous high of 18 (twice) with an average of 14 state submissions. I look forward to the issue that has all 36 state color guard units with something in the issue. Missing in this issue are: [Alabama](#), [Colorado](#), [Idaho](#), [Louisiana](#), [Maine](#), [Minnesota](#), [Mississippi](#), [Nebraska](#), [New Hampshire](#), [New Mexico](#), [New York](#), [South Carolina](#), [Texas](#), [Utah](#), & [Wisconsin](#).

I believe the late surge within the last week is due to Commander Anthony using the SAR-Officers list to remind everyone to submit. I wish to thank him here for his help in achieving this increase. I will use this same list to send out the publication notice so that all list members can read this magazine.

Thank you, one and all, for making this the best issue yet.

I would like to use this space to remind everyone, especially the various

state commanders, of some important matters.

- When the notification that the issue is on the Color Guard Committee web page, the state Color Guard Commanders should be sending that message to all of their state's chapter color guard commanders. There are too many instances where chapter color guard members are not aware of this publication. So they are missing out on any news and important information.
- Please use the chain-of-command when submitting content. Chapter Color Guard Commander should submit to their state's Color Guard Commander who then uses his judgement to submit to this Editor.
- **IMPORTANT** - When submitting photos, please do NOT embed them into any document (PDF or WORD) but send them in the original resolution. Do not send thumbnail photos, e.g., small photos as these are too small to be effective representations of any event or people. In any attached text for the photos detail explicitly which text goes with which picture. Except in mass groupings, list the people in the photos and, if known, who the photographer is.



Right - On March 8, 2018, the Tucson Chapter SAR / DAR Combined Color Guard participated in the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated (AKA) Awards Ceremony to honor the work of seven (7) community leaders at The Hilton El Conquistador in Tucson. L-R, Rick Collins, Barbara Collins, Sandy Lawford, Gerry Lawford



### ARIZONA -



Left - The Arizona Society, SAR, conducted its annual board meeting, luncheon and installation of 2018/19 state officers at The Hilton Phoenix Chandler on February 17, 2018. The AZSAR Color Guard installed Compatriot Keith Hugus as the AZSAR Color Guard Commander. L-R, Outgoing Commander Matt Scott, Compatriots Bill Baran, James Cates, Bill Smith, Wayne Hood, John Niemeyer, Incoming Commander Keith Hugus, Compatriots Jerry Davis, Chris Francis, Stephen Miller. Front Row - Outgoing State President Steve Munez, Compatriots Jan Huber, Rudy Byrd.

The Arizona SAR Color Guard marched for the fifth straight year in the annual Ahwatukee Easter Parade in Phoenix on March 31, 2018. - L-R Bill Baran, Commander Keith Hugus, Steve Monez, Jim Cates, Chuck Howey, Roger Humphries, Steve Miller, Past Commander Matt Scott.



On February 4, 2018, Christopher Francis, John Bird, and Bill Aurand of the Tucson Chapter SAR Color Guard presented the colors at The Kino Veterans Memorial Park in Tucson

AZSAR Color Guard Members Bill Baran, Steve Miller, Steve Munez, David Thompson, and Rudy Byrd attended the SAR National Leadership Meeting in Louisville on March 1-3.

On March 24, 2018, four members of The AZSAR COLOR GUARD presented the colors at the Myeloma Society International Conference at The Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch in Scottsdale, Arizona.



The flight was sponsored by the Yavapai Chapter of DAR and included WWII Veteran Nelson Shaum and his son-in-law Com-patriot Paul Sangster from the Prescott Chapter.

On March 21, 2018, The AZSAR Color Guard welcomed an Honor Flight of WWII and Korean War Veterans at Sky Harbor Airport in Phoenix. L-R, Steve Miller, David Thompson, Jim Cates, Bill Baran, Commander Keith Hugus, Steve Munez.

Right - The Veterans were very grateful to be greeted at their homecoming by the DAR, the six members of the AZSAR Color Guard, and the Mesa Skyline High School ROTC Color Guard.





Photos By Un Hui Yi unless otherwise labelled.

## CALIFORNIA -



CASSAR Color Guard with compatriots from 9 chapters and 1 compatriot (Gary Parrott) from NVSSAR. Also in the photos are ladies of the Ladies Auxiliary and cadets from the Sonora HS Army JROTC (La Habra, CA).



Left and Above: Massing of the Colors and Salute to Our Military, Forest Lawn Cemetery, Hollywood Hills, CA; February 18, 2018

Above From left to right: Santa Barbara Chapter COLOR Guard - Neil Crockett, Gregg Garrison, Steve Sawin, Bob Neihaus, Commander Stu Morse



Photos from the 110th Annual State Conference of the California Society Daughters of the American Revolution

**Above:** Orange County Chapter Color Guard under the command of CASSAR Color Guard Cmdr. Mark Kramer. Left to right: Mark Kramer, Dan McKelvie, Jim Fosdyck, California Society Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent Beverly Roberson Moncrieff, Jim Klingler, Mark Torres, Kent Gregory and Los Angeles Fifes and Drums members Matt Noell and Leo Cohen.

**Left:** Presenting the Colors left to right: Dan McKelvie, Jim Fosdyck, Jim Klingler, Mark Torres and Kent Gregory.



Left to right: Mark Kramer (CASSAR Color Guard Cmdr.), Mark Anthony (CASSAR Color Guard Cmdr.) and Jim Fosdyck (NSSAR Vice Color Guard Cmdr.).



Orange County Chapter: from left to right (in background Gary Jensen Riverside Chapter) Larry Wood, Mark Torres, John Blake, John Ferris and Dan McKelvie



## CONNECTICUT

### The Connecticut Line Annual Meeting

The living history unit had their annual meeting at J. Timothy's in Plainville on Saturday, February 10th. We met from 10:30 until about 2pm. Following a discussion on last year's events and the selection and approval of the 2018 event calendar, the following members received their color guard medals and recognition for their performance: Silver Color Guard Medals: Jonathan King, Martin Spring, Paul Selnau, Tyler Smith, and Derek Brockhoff. Molly Pitcher Medal: Linda Wood. Patriot Grave Marking Medals: Martin Spring and Dave Perkins. Color Guardsmen of the Year was Derek Brockhoff. New Recruit Certificates: Eric King, Bob Donahue and Benn Bullock.

### The 2018 Color Guard Event Calendar for The Connecticut Line:

- Mon April 16 - Patriot's Day Parade, 243rd Anniversary (April 19, 1775), Concord, MA.
- Mon May 28 - Memorial Day Parade, Litchfield, CT (Wolcott's Brigade Detachment)
- Mon May 28 - Memorial Day Parade, Naugatuck, CT (Paid event, need 7 colorguardsmen)
- Fri June 1 - School days at the SAR owned Nathan Hale Schoolhouse, East Haddam, CT.
- Sat June 16 - Margareta Days, Machias, ME.
- Sun June 17 - 243rd Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill (June 17, 1775), Charlestown, MA
- Wed July 4 - Let Freedom Ring - Independence Day Ceremonies & Bell Ringing, Litchfield, CT.
- Wed July 4 - Grove Street Cemetery - Independence Day Ceremony, New Haven, CT.
- Sat Aug 4 - Woodbury Timeline (Wolcott's Brigade Detachment)
- Sun Sept 2 - Battle of Groton Heights (September 6, 1781), 237th Anniversary, Groton, CT
- Sat Sept 15 - Roger Sherman DAR encampment (Wolcott's Brigade Detachment), New Milford.
- Sat Sept 29 - Gen. Israel Putnam 300th Birthday in Brooklyn, CT (Putnam Detachment)
- Sun Oct 14 - Gov. Jonathan Trumbull, 308th Birthday at SAR owned War Office, Lebanon, CT
- Sun Dec 2 - Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, War Office, Lebanon, CT. (Hale Detachment)
- Sat Dec 8 - Wreaths Across America in Bantam, Milford and Lebanon, CT.

### Elections of Officers:

Col. David J. Perkins  
Lt. Col. Paul H. Selnau  
Major Tyler D. Smith  
Adjutant Russell W. Wirtalla



Linda Wood receiving her Molly Pitcher medal from David Perkins on the right and of the left, her husband and past VPG New England, Doug Wood.



Receiving his Silver Color guard Medal and selected as our CTSSAR Color Guardsmen of the Year, Derek Brockhoff.



Recruit certificates for left to right, Bob Donahue, Eric King, and Benn Bullock

Group photo outside of the J. Timothy Taverne following the meeting.





(Right) The Light Horse Harry Lee Camp / Caloosa Color Guard provided an honour guard at the Memorial Service for Compatriot Wes Morris who died February 8th (service was Feb 16th).

The Caloosa Chapter Leadership turned out to represent the Light Horse Harry Lee color guard “at the point of the spear” marching in the 80th Edison Festival of Light Grand Parade just behind the Lee County Sheriff’s Office color guard – and ahead of all of the other First Responders including the Fire Department, 160 other units, and 5,000 individuals taking part in the parade. IN FRONT – just behind a golf cart cleaning up after the Sheriff’s mounted unit. MARCHING – just like the 6 youthful



(Above) The parading of the assembled colour guard at the ceremony for the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution held this March 10th at the Merritt Island Veterans Museum.

(Right) the The Historic Plaque co-located at the Merritt Island Veterans Museum.

Eighty plus colour guard members in multiple units paraded before the gathered public to celebrate the 235th anniversary and 12th annual ceremony of the naval engagement off the coast of East Florida.

March 9, 2019

# FLORIDA -



marching members of the Sheriff’s color guard. PROUDLY – trooping our Betsy Ross and our Sons of the American Revolution flags in front of an estimated 200,000 cheering, saluting, and waiving spectators.  
Representing the Caloosa Color Guard: Commander – LTC Robert W. McGuire, Jr. (President); Executive Officer – Edward “Mike” Buff (Vice President); PVT Jim Stone (Secretary); and – Rev. Dr. Randy Moody (Past Commander/Chaplain).  
This photo was taken just before the start of the parade. I am pleased to announce that the Unit completed the march successfully, albeit tired, hot, and thirsty at the end.

Florida Colour Guard at Winter Board of Management Meeting in Orlando



## Commemoration of the Battle of Thomas Creek, Jacksonville, Florida

On April 7, the Florida Society hosted the 241st Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek. This battle is considered the southernmost land battle of the Revolution. It was the second of three failed attempts ordered by General George Washington to invade the British Colony of East Florida, a safe haven for southern loyalists, in an effort to capture the British stronghold and weapons at St. Augustine.



Pictured with Cindy Addison, FSDAR State Historian and three young compatriots are the members of the Color Guard, representing both the Florida Society and Georgia Society, SAR. The Color Guard, under the command of Charlie Day (Withlacoochee Chapter), opened the ceremonies with the presentation of the National Colors. Members of the Color Guard, in no particular order, are Jack Dugger (Georgia Society), Charlie Day, Russ Gibson, Dick Cardell, Bill Ziegenfus, Chuck Farmer, Ken Norwood, Jim Gaskins, John Roberson, Rick Sanders, Dennis Carpenter, Scott Breckenridge, Malcolm Williams, David Ramseur and Dick Young, all of the Florida Society.

Greetings were brought by The City of Jacksonville, Florida Society - SAR, Georgia Society - SAR, Florida Society - DAR and the North East Florida Regents Council - DAR. Several chapters of SAR and DAR were represented as were local societies of the Children of the American Revolution. Also represented were the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, Daughters of the War of 1812 and the West Nassau Historical Society.

The featured speaker was Roger Smith, PhD, a Florida historian who has studied and written extensively on the history of Colonial Florida and the role of the British Colony of East Florida in the Revolution.



The ceremonies were hosted and led by David Ramseur of the SAR Jacksonville Chapter. Compatriot Ramseur is the organizer of this annual event and was the driving force behind the purchase and placement of the historical marker at this site.





## St. Patrick Day Parade

The Withlacoochee Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, Thomas Jefferson Camp # 11 Color Guard, participated for the 15th year in Clover Leaf Farms St. Patrick Day Parade on March 16, 2018. Russel Gibson, Color Guard Commander coordinated the event with FLSSAR President Bob Folk, Past President Charlie Day, Treasurer Jack Townsend, Vice-Commander Bill Ferguson, Lenny Crawford of the Guard also participating. A \$50 check was received in appreciation for the Guard's attendance.

## Unanticipated Consequences of Color Guard Participation:

The St Petersburg Chapter has wanted an official Color Guard that it could call its own for a long time. On Saturday March 17, 2018, Vice Commander Dick Young of the Sons of Liberty Brigade of the Florida Society, SAR, presented the St Petersburg Chapter SAR with our proclamation. The new Colonel Gabriel Long Camp #16 is welcomed into the Brigade. Color Guard Captain David Munson Chestnut and President Bob Rogers accepted this proclamation on behalf of the new camp and the St Petersburg Chapter. Our name sake, Col Gabriel Long was suggested by PP Will Scott. He was an ardent patriot as were his father and grandfather. He was one of the founding members of the Culpepper Minutemen and was known as an excellent marksman. I hope that our Camp #16 will live up to his name and will make the St Petersburg Chapter proud as we represent our ancestors of the past and also the future here in Florida.



"After participating as a member of the Lake-Sumter SAR Chapter Color Guard at the March 10, 2018, dedication of the Liberty Tree by The Villages SAR Chapter, Compatriot Ralph D Nelson, Jr., was stopped on no less than three occasions as he walked across the parking lot to his vehicle. On those occasions, he was stopped by families who asked about his uniform. Compatriot Nelson, always prepared, gave each a Sons of the American Revolution brochure, and provided the history of the period uniform he wore and the purpose of his visit to The Villages. One of the photographs of his encounters is depicted at right. "



## GEORGIA -

### Georgia Swarm Game:

The Georgia Color Guard presented Colors at a Georgia Swarm Game. This was a professional indoor lacrosse game. We were also asked to participate at half time while Patriotic songs were sung. The unit is pictured here greeting fans as they entered the arena, and had pictures taken with them.



### Georgia Swarm Game:

Presenting Colors for the National Anthem





## ILLINOIS

### Fox Valley Chapter presenting Heroism Award

It was with great honour on Wednesday evening February 21, 2018 at the North Aurora Fire house to present the SAR Heroism Medals and Certificates to Lt Aaron Christensen, Fire fighter Tim Garrett and Fire fighter/Paramedic Brandon Kotecki. They saved the lives of two 19-year-old women who capsized their kayak in the flood-swollen Fox River in North Aurora. They owe their lives to three brave fire fighters.

Fox Valley compatriots in uniform were Fox Valley Color Guard Commander Jon Fixmer (with tricorn) and ILSSAR Color Guard Commander Mike Campagnolo. Also present was Fox Valley Chapter President Harry Reineke IV (with bow tie).



On February 23, 2018, the Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard presented the Colors at the 239th Anniversary Commemoration of the Capture of Fort Sackville in Vincennes, IN. The Commemoration was held at the

Clark Memorial, George Rogers Clark National Historical Park.

The Commemoration program states “At 10 o’clock on the morning of February 25, 1779, Colonel George Rogers Clark and his small force of frontiersmen received the surrender of Fort Sackville from British Lieutenant Governor Henry Hamilton. Clark’s great triumph here on the site of this present-day memorial was achieved only after an incredible 18-day midwinter journey through the icy flood waters of the Illinois country.”

Photo (left to right): Robert Cunningham, James Arnold, Edward Hitchcock, Dale Brown, Brian Cushing (Program Director, Historic Locust Grove), James Harvey, and Ernie Payne. A replica of the George Rogers Clark National Historical Park quarter is at the base of the statue.



## INDIANA



At Right - - The Kansas Society Color Guard continued its tradition of presenting the colors at Naturalization Ceremonies. The colors were presented at the January 26, 2018 ceremony, 89 new citizens, and

the February 26, 2018 ceremony, 92 new citizens at the Robert J. Dole Federal Courthouse in Kansas City, Kansas. On March 14, the Color Guard presented the colors and lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at a special session Naturalization Ceremony by the KCK Clerk of the Court at Johnson County Community College; 403 new citizens from 72 countries recited the Oath of Allegiance as more than 1100 relatives and guests witnessed. After each ceremony the new citizens enjoy having their photos taken with the Color Guard; sometimes, as in the photo, the Judge conducting the proceedings and the Court Clerk wish to have a photos with Color Guard



## KANSAS



On February 17 2018 the Kansas Society Color Guard presented the colors at the US Army Promotion Ceremony of Major Monica Looney to the rank of Lt. Colonel. At the desire of Major Looney, the well-attended ceremony took place at a very large motor cycle dealership in Kansas City, Missouri. The celebration was arranged by Friends In Service of Heroes, aka FISH. Color Guardsmen participating and shown in the photo, from left to right, were Brooks Lyles, Dewey Fry, Kirk Rush, Lyman Miller and Harry Wilklow.



As is customary, the Color Guard presented the colors at the Memorial Ceremony and the Luncheon at the Annual Conference of the Kansas Society. Color Guardsmen also participated in the Memorial Ceremony recognizing the Compatriots who had passed in the last year the Memorial Ceremony included a Flag Folding.



At the invitation of the Missouri Society SAR Color Guard, Kansas Society Color Guard members participated in a Plaque Dedication Ceremony in the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Aldermanbury, at the National Churchill Museum, Westminster College, Fulton, MO. The plaque commemorated the “Iron Curtain Speech” of Sir Winston Churchill on the Westminster College Campus on 5 March 1946. Sir Winston Churchill and President Harry S. Truman were recognized at Compatriots of the SAR. Kansas Color Guardsmen attending: Brookes Lyles, Harry Wilklow, John Forbes, and Dewey Fry.



### Colonial Soldier of the Year:

For his many hours of Color Guard participation, Compatriot Lyman Miller was presented the Kansas Society Colonial Soldier of the Year at the Luncheon by Commander Dewey Fry.



It is a rare occasion in the Kansas Society that a woman is presented the Molly Pitcher Medal for supporting the color guard. On March 24, 2018, Patricia Fry was presented the medal by President Dennis Nelson at the Kansas Society Annual Conference on behalf of the NSSAR with authorization by National Color Guard Commander Mark Anthony. Pat is well known by Kansas Society SAR and Kansas Society DAR members for her many years of actively supporting the Delaware Crossing Chapter and the Kansas Society Color Guards at chapter, state, district and national events.

## KENTUCKY



Chapter. It is a display of ten headstones in memory of the ten Revolutionary War Patriots buried in lost graves somewhere within the boundaries of Trigg County, Kentucky.

Over fifty Color Guardsmen took part in the Central District event, which included twenty-five flags, twenty-five flintlock shooters, and two cannons. Geoff Baggett,



The Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter in Cadiz, Kentucky, hosted the annual spring meeting of the Kentucky Society at the beautiful Lake Barkley State Resort Lodge in rural Trigg County. Following the morning meeting, Compatriots from Illinois and Tennessee joined their Kentucky brethren in dedicating the “Lost Patriots” Monument at the Cadiz Welcome Park.

The monument is the culmination of three years of work by the Col. Stephen Trigg



newly inducted President of the Kentucky Society was Master of Ceremonies. Bob Sholly, Vice-President and Color Guard Commander of the Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter commanded the combined Color Guard.

## MARYLAND



February 17, 2018  
MDSSAR Annual George Washington Birthday Luncheon  
With David Embrey, David Hoover, Gene Moyer, Chris Smithson and Ron Harbaugh



March 24, 2018  
Color Guard getting ready to Advance the Colors at the 113th Annual Maryland DAR State Conference  
With David Hoover, David Embrey, Gene Moyer, Bob Lyons and Ron Harbaugh



Above Left and right - - Wreath Across America at the Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery, This was 7th year Commander David Embrey as participated and the numbers just keep growing.

Left - - Nov 5th  
The Annual Brunswick Veterans Day Parade with the DAR Chapter  
David Embrey, Ron Harbaugh, Jim Tucker, Karl Woodcock, Gene Moyer

## MASSACHUSETTS

The Col. Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard of the Massachusetts Society started the 2018 season by participating in the historical exercises beneath the monument on Dorchester Heights on Evacuation Day. Despite the frigid temperatures with winds gusting to 35 MPH, 5 musketeers, 2 flagmen and our young fifer climbed the hill to render musket volleys marking the day that the Siege of Boston came to an end 242 years ago.



The sponsor of the annual event provided bus transportation for the group to visit several other nearby historical sites that played a role in the events of March 17, 1776. The Massachusetts Color Guard had an opportunity to salute their namesake at a Henry Knox Trail Marker in Roxbury Heritage State Park, Roxbury, MA.



Photo by John McCosh. More pictures of this event can be viewed/purchased at <http://www.johnmccoshphotography.com/>



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## MICHIGAN

On Friday March 16th leaders of the West Michigan Chapter, who are members of MISSAR's Color Guard, swore in its newest member Loren Willis Frey. What made this a particularly special event was that Compatriot Frey, as its newest member, but also now its oldest member at 100 years of age. The family was hosted at Grant High School, located in Grant Michigan, where Compatriot Frey attended school 85 years ago.



Compatriot Jack Frey began by introducing the family to the auditorium and describing their lineage going back to their Patriot, Gottfried Frey, a private in the York County, Pennsylvania, Militia. He was attached to a unit that worked to capture escaped and deserting British soldiers.

Compatriot Loren Frey was sworn in by 2nd MISSAR VP Ken Goodson and witnessed by Guardsman Jason Gideon. His Rosette was pinned on by his son, Compatriot Jack Frey, also a member of the West Michigan Chapter. Once the patriarch was pinned, three of his Great Grandsons were sworn in and pinned by their father, Compatriot Tom Frey. New junior members Lane Thomas, Luke Marvin, and Ethan James Frey then took the oath and their Rosettes were

affixed by their father.

Four generations stood on stage together: Great Grandfather Loren, his son Jack, grandson Tom, and great-grandsons Lane, Luke, and Ethan.



Principal Dan Simon also was presented a Flag Certificate by Guardsman Jason Gideon. The 2 minute standing ovation by the students was witnessed by another dozen members of the family making it a special day for NSSAR and Michigan's West Michigan Chapter. West Michigan is the oldest Chapter in the State and now boasts its oldest member.

Compatriot Frey being sworn in by West Michigan President and attended by Color Guardsman Gideon.



# MISSOURI

Fire Safety Commendation Award Medal and Certificate.

Left to right: MOSSAR Western District Color Guard Commander Bill Grote; Charles Lilly; Firefighter/Medic John Barton; Deputy Fire Chief Mike Grzyb; Fire Chief Craig Dodson; Chapter President Marvin Koechig; Firefighter/Engineer Michael McCarthy; Rick Morton; and Doug Neff. Missing from photo is Captain Christopher Blackwell.



Law Enforcement Commendation Award Medal and Certificate

Left to right: Police Chief Randy McKinley, St. Charles MO Police Department; Fernando de Leyba Chapter President Marvin Koechig; Police Officer Eddie Sanabria; Charles Lilly; and Steve Baldwin.



DAR/SAR Ceremony at Lafayette Square in St. Louis, Missouri on President's Day - On February 19, 2018, President's Day, the Cornelia Green DAR Chapter along with the Fernando de Leyba and Spirit of St. Louis SAR Chapters conducted a wreath-laying ceremony at the George Washington Statue in Lafayette Park (also known as Lafayette Square) in St. Louis

Left: Left to right: MOSSAR Western District Color Guard Commander Bill Grote (FDL Chp); Charles Lilly (FDL Chp); and Bob Brindell SSL Chp).

Right: Left to right: MOSSAR Western District Color Guard Commander Bill Grote (FDL Chp); Bob Brindell SSL Chp); Cornelia Green DAR Chapter Regent; Missouri State Society of the DAR Regent Susan Bowman; and Charles Lilly.



DAR/SAR Ceremony at George Washington Statue in Kansas City, Missouri on President's Day - On February 19, 2018, Presidents Day, members of the Harry S Truman SAR Chapter and the Independence Patriots SAR Chapter and members of Kansas City DAR chapters conducted a wreath-laying ceremony at the George Washington Statue



On January 20, 2018 at the Martin Warren Chapter meeting Vice President General- South Central District, Robert Capps, Jr., in honor of Compatriot Wilber J. Kephart's 20-year membership in the SAR and 18 years of service in the Missouri Society Color Guard presented a Certificate to Compatriot Kephart. Through the period 2015-2017, Compatriot Kephart in Color Guard uniform has appeared in over 70 photos associated with newspaper publications regarding Martin Warren Chapter activities. Prior to receiving the 20-year membership medal, Compatriot Kephart was presented with the Chapter Meritorious Service Medal and in 2016 he was presented with the NSSAR War Service Medal for his four-year service in the United States Marine Corp.



On March 10, 2018 the Missouri Society presented a plaque to the National Churchill Museum in Fulton, Missouri located at Westminster College. The SAR plaque commemorates Sir Winston Churchill's "Iron Curtain Speech" delivered on March 5, 1946 and honors Compatriots Sir Winston Churchill and President Harry S Truman. At the dedication was former Chief Engineer at Westminster College, Earl O'Rourke, who was in charge of reassembling the bombed-out Christopher Wren church from London, England to Fulton. Participating in the plaque dedication were NSSAR Vice President General-International Brookes Lyles, Jr. and NSSAR Vice President General-South Central District Robert Capps, Jr.



Sir Winston Churchill's mother Jeanette (Jennie) Jerome, later known as Lady Randolph Spenser Churchill, was an American from Brooklyn, New York. Through his mother, Sir Winston Churchill had American Revolution ancestry. Churchill joined the SAR in 1964 under his ancestor Lieutenant Reuben Murray who served in the 17th Connecticut Regiment and 7th Albany Regiment, New York Militia. President Harry S Truman had American Revolution ancestry on both his father's side and his mother's side. Truman joined the Sons of the American Revolution in 1967 under his ancestor Lieutenant James Holmes of the 2nd Regiment of the Virginia Militia.



Twenty-One (21) Colorguardsmen from MOSSAR and KSSAR participated in the plaque dedication including Vice President General-International Brookes Lyles, Jr



Fernando de Leyba Chapter

Long time Color Guard Member Milan Albert Paddock at age 76 passed away on December 20, 2017. Per his request in his will, Milan was cremated and was laid to rest at the Paddock-Flagg Cemetery in Moro, Ill. Milan was a member of Spirit of St. Louis Chapter and a member of the

On Sunday March 25, 2018 there was a celebration of Milan's life at the Maryland Heights Community Center in Maryland Heights, Missouri. An invitation was extended by his family for members of the SAR to attend this event as the SAR meant so much to Milan.

Milan was a descendant of the Honorable Gaius Orville Paddock (1826-1936). Gaius Paddock was elected to serve as a delegate to the meeting on 30 April 1889 in New York at Fraunce's Tavern. After a two-day session, the National Society, SAR (NSSAR) came into being and Gaius Paddock of St. Louis was elected as Treasurer (Treasurer General). He was a founding member of the Missouri Society, SAR (MOSSAR) – State Member Number 41. Gaius Paddock is buried in the Paddock-Flagg Cemetery, Moro, Madison County, Illinois.





**During** the first quarter of this year Nevada Society members attended and participated in a number of events in line with our core values with Veterans Organizations and allied lineage societies. The Battle Born Patriots and the Fifes & Drums of Nevada provided a Color Guard and American Revolutionary War Music for the Colonial Dames XVII State Conference held in Reno Nevada on March 3rd. The Fifes & Drums of Nevada also performed for the DAR Nevada Sagebrush Chapter monthly meeting on March 10th. Chapter President David Hess and Secretary Treasurer Roger Linscott attended the Springfield Armory's booth at the 2018 SHOT Show on January 23, 2018 in Las Vegas and had the opportunity to meet Pierangelo Pedersoli of the famed Italian firearms manufacturing company, Davide Pedersoli.

NVSSAR CG Commander Gary Parriott was invited to the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) January Luncheon, United States Daughter of the War of 1812 annual meeting in January, and the Helen J Stewart Chapter of DAR, 10th Anniversary Tea. Parriott continued his support and participation in Veteran Interment Services at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in January and February. In February he participated in the Annual Massing of the Colors at Forest Lawn Hollywood Liberty Hall and the Honor Flight Experience in Las Vegas NV. At the SAR Spring Leadership Conference, NVSSAR Color Guard Commander Parriott participated in Presentation of Colors and retirement of Colors the following day. Parriott also attended the Color Guard Committee meeting that considered the new proposed safety regulations and the Library and Archives and sub committee meetings. In March he attended the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day service at the Nevada State Veterans Memorial Park with its statues representing wars and conflicts from the American Revolution to the current War on Terror. On March 23rd Parriott visited the Vietnam Veterans Traveling Memorial Replica and mobile Education Center currently on display in San Dimas CA.

(Photos provided by Roger Linscott and Gary Parriott – Creative photo post processing by Bud Parriott)

# NEVADA



National SAR Color Guard Commander, Mark Anthony (on left), led the combined group of SAR Color Guardsmen for the Massing of the Colors.



Spring Leadership conference presentation of colors, "right flank" column



Flag line of greeters (with Patriot Guard Riders to the left) await the exiting Veterans



Massing of the Colors Group of participants representing Colonial Ladies and General Washington and his Guards

Quilts of Valor, Honor Flight Southern Nevada and Public Broadcast TV Station, Vegas PBS and these organizations' supporters and their volunteers were some of the most visible supporters of this event. Thank you all for your ongoing support of our veterans





Disabled Army Vietnam Veteran and honored guest ask Gary for a photo



“Mail Call” and presentation of Quilt of Valor for Veteran Len Becker



L-R, Compatriots David Hess and Roger Linscott and Both reps (?) at the 2018 Shot Show, Las Vegas NV.



L-R David Hess, Brian Worchester and Roger Linscott presented the Colors for the Colonial Dames XVII Century State Conference



L-R Brian Worchester, Roger Linscott and David Hess of the Fifes & Drums of Nevada performed for the Colonial Dames XVII Century State Conference.



Fifes & Drums of Nevada performed for the DAR Nevada Sagebrush Chapter’s monthly meeting.



## NORTH CAROLINA



Above - The Battle of Guilford Courthouse – 17 Mar – Guilford Courthouse National Battleground – The processional to the Nathanael Greene Monument for the ceremony. NSSAR Color Guard Commander Mark Anthony in command. Color Guard members present were from North Carolina, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee.

Left - The Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge - 24 Feb – Moore's Creek National Battleground – NSSAR Secretary General Warren M. Alter led the processional to the Graddy monument for the ceremony.



## OHIO

### Western Reserve Society SAR Celebrates Washington's 286th Birthday Shaker Heights Country Club, Shaker Heights, OH

On Saturday, February 19, 2018, one hundred SAR members, wives and guests from over twenty Patriotic and Historical organizations gathered to celebrate George Washington's 286th Birthday. The Western Reserve Society SAR luncheon was held at Shaker Heights Country Club. It was a beautiful day, no snow and not too cold! President David Foster welcomed everyone who had gathered for the event. 1st Vice President, J. Atlee Horner III, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Past WRS President, Roger P. Jones, led everyone in singing The Star Spangled Banner and America the Beautiful. The colors were then posted and Rev. David Foster gave the invocation. There was a delicious luncheon served of a field greens salad, filet mignon, green beans, roasted potatoes, and cherry pie and ice cream for dessert. The entire room was decorated in the patriotic red, white and blue. Floodlights of these colors lit up the room. There was a delicious luncheon served of a field greens salad, filet mignon, green beans, roasted potatoes, and cherry pie and ice cream for dessert. The entire room was decorated in the patriotic red, white and blue. Floodlights of these colors lit up the room. After lunch, Raquel Suarez from James Madison's Montpelier Estate gave a very informative presentation on Madison, his upbringing, his education, and his involvement in writing the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, a document that has lasted the test of time in guiding our government.

What a great afternoon!

L to R: John Franklin, Lance Beebe (Firelands Chapter,) Stan Thomas, Galen Swab, Lee MacBride, Roger Jones, and Wilma Watkins (Mrs. Fred Watkins)



### Color Guard at DAR State Conference – Dublin

The Color Guard of the Ohio Society, Sons of the American Revolution presented the Flags at the 119th Annual Meeting of the Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution. There were over 400 women from 100 chapters of the Ohio Society DAR and State Regents from Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and Tennessee, as well as, the President General of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Ann Dillon of Colorado.

Ohio Regent Nancy Wright welcomed all to the meeting. The evening program included Musical entertainment by the Heritage Fife and Drum from Lancaster, Greetings from the three Visiting State Regents, and Greetings from SAR, Ohio Society President Col. Don McGraw, Jr. President General Dillon was the featured speaker where she highlighted her thirty-nine years as a DAR member and the goals of her administration. The evening ended with the presentation of 100 Percent Participation

Certificates to thirty DAR Chapters by the President General.

In his comments, Ohio Society President Don McGraw noted that at the previous DAR State Conference he encouraged the DAR ladies to help recruit SAR members. He said that he would personally visit the DAR chapters that had recruited at least three new members to the SAR. In April, President McGraw will visit seven Ohio Society DAR Chapters to thank them.

Members of the Ohio Society Color Guard were Steve Frash of Marietta as Adjutant Commander, Lance Beebe of Firelands, Stephen Hinson of Northeastern Ohio, Don Miller and Bob Davis of Hocking Valley and Steve Kelley of General Henry Knox.



## OKLAHOMA

Tulsa Chapter SAR Colorguardsmen Loyd Means, Stuart Denslow, John Thompson and Ron Painter presented colors at the opening of Revolutionary Day on February 8, 2018. Oklahoma SAR State President Ron Painter presented a \$100.00 check, donated by the Tulsa Chapter, to the 1st place winner of the event's essay contest, Andrew King of Grissom Elementary. Andrew's essay was entitled "Why We Went to War." The Revolutionary Day program is coordinated by Tulsa teachers Beth Howard and Dessa Weber who are Colonial Williamsburg Teacher Institute alumnae. It is a stimulating one day immersion for area fifth graders into activities celebrating a pivotal time in our nation's history, the American Revolution. Students enjoy dressing in colonial period clothing and meeting historical character interpreters such as Bill Barker (Thomas Jefferson) and Bryan Austin (James Madison,) both of Colonial Williamsburg (James Madison) and Tom Plott (Dr. Craik,) and Eben Kuhns (Alexander Hamilton,) of Mount Vernon.



Tulsa Chapter SAR Colorguardsmen Ron Painter, Stuart Denslow and Loyd Means with Thomas Jefferson (Bill Barker.)



Oklahoma SAR State President Ron Painter, assisted by Tulsa Chapter President Chip Atkins, presented NSSAR Silver Color Guard Medals to compatriots Loyd Means, William Graham and 103 year old John Francis Haws, Jr..

(left to right) Oklahoma SAR State President Ron Painter, Tulsa Chapter Colorguardsmen Loyd Means, William Graham, John Francis Haws, Jr. and Tulsa Chapter President Chip Atkins. er.)

On February 24th, Tulsa Chapter SAR hosted the 2018 Outstanding Citizenship Awards ceremony at Hardesty Regional Library. The Tulsa Chapter started this tradition in 1926. Speakers at the event included: Tulsa Chapter SAR President Ron Painter, Jonathan Townsend, Assistant to the Mayor of Tulsa for Community Development & Policy, Deputy Superintendent Paula Shannon of Tulsa Public Schools and Tina Kaminski, President of the Tulsa Council of Parent Teacher Associations. Ms. Shannon and Tulsa Chapter SAR Color guardsmen Bill Graham, Loyd Means, John Thompson and Stuart Denslow presented the colors at the opening ceremony and also presented the students their pins and certificates. There was a near capacity attendance which included students, parents and their guests, teachers, counselors, principals, DAR and SAR members. Junior class young men from fourteen area high schools were honored.

Right - Tulsa Chapter SAR Color guardsmen (l to r) John Thompson, Loyd Means, Stuart Denslow, and Bill Graham

Below - Tulsa Chapter SAR Color guardsman Bill Graham and John Thompson present an SAR Outstanding Citizenship Award to JROTC Cadet John Thurman of Tulsa Memorial High School.



Oklahoma SAR State President Ron Painter spoke at the December, 2017 Wreaths Across America ceremony at Floral Haven Cemetery in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, a suburb of Tulsa. Painter spoke about the creation of the SAR to remember and honor Revolutionary War patriots, how SAR members have served in every American conflict since the organization's beginning and how important it is to remember and honor those who pay the price for our freedom. Broken Arrow city councilman, Johnny Parks, was the keynote speaker. Parks, a Vietnam War era veteran, spoke of his military time in the Old Guard, serving at Arlington National Cemetery. Oklahoma DAR Honorary State Regent Dr. Orriene First Denslow spoke on behalf of the DAR. The program was sponsored by the Broken Arrow Starbase Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol under the direction of Commander Major Linda Siegmann.

JROTC cadets from Union High School, Daniel Webster High School and Bixby High School assisted the Civil Air Patrol, the SAR and DAR lay 1300 wreaths on veterans' graves. The event received both media coverage in the Tulsa World newspaper and on the local NBC-TV affiliate, KJRH.

Photo credit: SAR Tulsa Chapter Colorguardsman John Thompson, Oklahoma SAR State President Ron Painter, Starbase Composite Squadron Commander Major Linda Siegmann, DAR Honorary State Regent Dr. Orriene Denslow, and Tulsa Chapter Colorguardsman Dr. Stuart Denslow.





The Philadelphia Continental Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution annually celebrates General George Washington's birthday. The chapter Color Guard forms up at City Tavern, a historical restoration in Philadelphia and marches with Colors flying to Washington Square.

Here a bronze statue of Washington, by Houdon, marks the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolutionary War. Under this hallowed ground, are the unmarked graves of Revolutionary War Soldiers. The ceremony includes setting a wreath at the Eternal Flame. The Color Guard, with members and families following, march to Independence Hall where a Salute was given to the Commander - in - Chief at his statue and a wreath was set at his feet.

The chapter Color Guard then leads members, past The Museum of the American Revolution, returning to City Tavern. A reception and luncheon served in the same 'Long Room', faithfully reconstructed, where General Washington would often dine with Mrs. Washington.

The event concluded with the retiring of the Colors by the Color Guard.



Philadelphia Continental Chapter Color Guard at the eternal flame and tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier in Washington Square. Phil Anders - front and center, from left to right, Steve Kopsick, Scott Willson, Fred Fonseca, Bill Baker, Dave Mizell, Frank O'Donnell, Bruce Edmonds, James Hall.

## PENNSYLVANIA

The Philadelphia Continental Chapter Color Guard entering Washington Square. From left to right, James Sanborn - Color Guard Captain, James Hall, Bruce Edmonds, Frank O'Donnell, Dave Mizell, Bill Baker, Fred Fonseca, Phil Anders - Color Guard Sergeant.



Outside the Museum of the American Revolution: From left to right, James Hall, Bruce Edmonds, Bill Watson - Piper, Frank O'Donnell, Dave Mizell, George Clarke - Drummer, Bill Baker, James Sanborn - Color Guard Captain, Fred Fonseca - Behind, Scott Willson, Steve Kopsick, Phil Anders - Color Guard Sergeant, Ed Bilger - Bugler.

## Battle of Ramsour's Mill

The NSSAR and the Catawba Valley Chapter, North Carolina SAR, invite you to attend the 238th Anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill beginning at 10:00 AM at FD Jack Kiser School, 301 Jeb Seagle Drive, Lincolnton, NC 28092.

Wreath presentations should be emailed to Jack Bowman, president, Catawba Valley chapter, North Carolina SAR jack9431@yahoo.com or 828-485-8838.

This is a National Color Guard Event.

The Catawba Valley Chapter, North Carolina SAR, invites you to attend the Ramsour's Mill reception on Friday before the event and meet-and-greet beginning at 5:00 pm at the Quality Inn, Lincolnton, NC.

We will have light food and drinks and lots of socializing!

Everybody usually eats dinner together following the mixer





## TENNESSEE

The Col Benjamin Cleveland Chapter of the Tennessee Sons of the American Revolution, were proud to announce the placement of an SAR Patriot Stone at the grave of Patriot Nancy Ward. The ceremony was held in cooperation with the Daughters of the American Revolution and The Association of the Descendants of Nancy Ward.

Nanyehi, known in English as Nancy Ward, was a Beloved Woman of the Cherokee, which means she was allowed to sit on council and make decisions along with the chiefs and other Beloved women. She believed in peaceful coexistence with the American people. Prior to the Revolutionary war, Nancy helped introduce the settlers to farming and dairy production.

During the war, she opposed her cousin chief Dragging Canoe, who supported the British. In July of 1776 Ward still hoped for a peaceful resolution and warned the Americans of an impending attack by Dragging Canoe and his followers



In 1780 she continued to warn the Americans of attacks in order to prevent retaliation against her peoples.

One year later ward negotiated a peace treaty between her people and the colonists. This allowed the Americans to send troops otherwise held for fighting the Indians to send them against the British.

On March 24th, 2018 a ceremony was held in Polk County Tennessee to honor Nancy Ward and her descendants. Three Markers were dedicated in a ceremony combining the three organizations.

The TN SAR color Guard presented the colors. A musket salute of three volleys was performed, Lead by the days Color Guard Commander Dustin Clines. Twelve members including 3 juniors turned out to honor Beloved Woman Nancy Ward.

The Tennessee Sons of the American Revolution met on Friday the 23rd of March in a small church cemetery. Eusebia Presbyterian Church Cemetery contains 15 confirmed Revolutionary War soldiers and it's possible that it contains as many as 21. Friday's Grave Marking marked five Patriot graves. Future plans are to mark 5 more a year for the next 2 years.

The cemetery at Eusebia Presbyterian Church in Blount County was established at least as far back as 1790, the date of the oldest known burial. This church began on an old Cherokee trail in the lost state of Franklin. Franklin covered east Tennessee 1784 to 1788, and then the land reverted to North Carolina. The Pennsylvanian Robert McTeer had built a fort nearby and people came from Cumberland County, PA, to Augusta County, VA, to Knox County, NC. Joseph Bogle, his wife Jean/Jane McIntyre and their six children took that route. Joseph died in 1790 and his grave is the oldest in Eusebia Cemetery. Archibald Scott of Hanover Presbytery took the same route from his pastorate in Augusta County, VA. Scott preached in 1786 under a large beech tree near the community spring. The next day he preached to the people of the New Providence Church.

Eusebia people built a log church first, and in 1810 a wood frame building with a raised pulpit. Rachel McCall, a 'saintly mother in Israel' was born in 1829 and was still living almost a hundred years later. She remembered the old church building when they held a special service for her in 1926. Eusebia's first pastor, Gideon Blackburn, served here from 1794 to 1810. The fourth building was finished in 1936. That year Edwin H. Hall retired after serving as pastor for 27 years. Eusebia Church had an addition put on the building in 1986. It is still a small country church."

Five Patriots were honored this year:

1. Andrew Bogle (R1107): Born 4-20-1753, Cumberland County, PA. Died 11-29-1813. Married Elizabeth Campbell in York Co., PA. Andrew Bogle served under Captain Robert McTeer and Col. Benjamin Harrison.
2. Joseph Bogle, Sr. (W69): Born c. 1730 in Scotland or PA. Died 9-6-1790. Married Jean/Jane McIntyre. Father of Andrew Bogle. Joined at Valley Forge, fought at the Battle of Trenton, and also served at Yorktown.
3. Joseph Bogle, Jr.: Born 7-5-1759, in Cumberland County, PA. Died 4-10-1811, Blount County, TN. Son of Joseph Bogle, Sr. Served in Captain Gibson's Company Pennsylvania Regiment (W69) & (R1107).
4. Joseph Black, Sr.: Born 2-22-1747, Frederick County, VA. Died 3-25-1825, Blount County, TN. Married Jane. Joseph served as a Captain in the Virginia Militia.
5. John Boyd, Sr.: Born 1745. Died 11-10-1838. Married Catherine (Katy) Leeper. Served in the PA line.

Host of the national event was the Stephen Holston Chapter TN SAR. Special guests included President General Larry Guzy & First Lady Karin Guzy, VPG of the Southern District Tony Vetts, TN SAR President David Johnston, AL SAR President Robert Anderson, and KY SAR President Geoff Baggett. Twenty three members of the 3 state color guards were commanded By TN SAR State Color Guard Commander John Clines. To pay honor to the five Patriots a three round musket volley, a cannon volley, and mourning at arms, was performed by the color guard.





## David Miles Vaughn Award

Compatriot Steve Gaines received the first annual David Miles Vaughn Award for outstanding Tennessee Color Guardsman. The award is given in honor of the late David Miles Vaughn, former TN State Color Guard Commander.

Congratulations to Steve for his selection as the David Miles Vaughn Color guardsman of the year for 2018. His hard work and "Minute Man" availability was an example to all of us. After receiving his award, Steve posted on social media, "Thanks everyone for the congratulations. This was not only a huge surprise and honor but also rather humbling. The Color Guard activities and grave markings, to me, bring home what our ancestors truly did for us. And, quite honestly, Color Guard is the most fun I've ever had."



The Virginia SAR Annual was held in Richmond on February 9-10th. On Friday evening there was a Color Guard workshop on Weapons & Safety.

The awards ceremony of the 2018 Annual Meeting was held in the Old House of Delegates Chamber of the State Capitol, where the Color Guard mustered in the Rotunda before the ceremony.



At the Installation Banquet on Saturday evening the new Virginia SAR First Lady, Jennifer Kelly was presented the Molly Pitcher Medal, which was well deserved. Also participating in the presentation was PG Joe Dooley, who, as NSSAR Color Guard Commander, initiated and designed the Molly Pitcher Medal.

Virginia SAR First Lady Jennifer Kelly is presented the Molly Pitcher Medal by outgoing Virginia SAR President Mike Elston. Left to right: PG Joe Dooley, Bill Schwetke, Cat Schwetke, Jennifer Kelly, Mike Elston, Mrs. Raborg, VPG Lou Raborg

## VIRGINIA



The Virginia Color Guard mustered under Houdon's statue of Washington in the Rotunda of the State Capitol, left to right: Jeff Thomas, Rob Anderson, Charles Jameson, Michael Dennis, Charlie Coale, and Bill Schwetke.

## Crossing of the Dan

On February 14th, 1781, General Greene led his army to safety across the Dan River, where his army was rested replenished, and reinforced. A month later he would take the fight to Cornwallis at Guilford Courthouse. The 237th Anniversary of the Dan was celebrated in a series of events leading to the ceremony in the Prizery on February 17th, followed by a march to Constitution Square for the presentation of the wreaths. A uniformed SAR Color Guard, 20 strong, posted the colors and led the parade. Noteworthy was that those marching in uniform included the Virginia SAR president, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd vice presidents, state surgeon, and the North Carolina SAR president.



Front row, left to right: Master of Ceremonies, Phil Williams, Virginia SAR President Pat Kelly, North Carolina SAR President George Strunk, Virginia SAR Color Guard Commander Bill Schwetke. Picture by Joe Chandler/Gazette-Virginian.



The Frederick Fife and Drum lead the Virginia SAR past the reviewing stand

## George Washington's Birthday

Celebrations of George Washington's 286th Birthday in Old Town Alexandria, VA, began with wreath presentations at the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House. This was followed by a big parade through 1.1 miles of crowd-lined downtown streets. The SAR Color Guard led a contingent of 20 compatriots in the parade. Pictures by Leamon Duncan



Virginia SAR Color Guard presents the colors in front of the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House. Color Guard, left to right: Bill Schwetke, Dave Embry, Peter Davenport, Barry Schwoerer, Vern Eubanks, Brett Osborn, Jeff Thomas, and Paul Chase.

## WASHINGTON



### Posting of the Colours

Washington State's active Color Guard experienced a rare opportunity. On March 8th, the last day of the scheduled legislative session, the colors were posted in the



Washington State Color Guard Commander, Arthur Dolan (Blue and White), Washington State Fife and Drum Commander, Viren Lemmer (Blue and Red, Musician colors are always reverse), Past Washington State Color Guard Commander, Bob O'Neal (Blue and Red)

On March 19, the Mid-Columbia Chapter participated in a Naturalization Ceremony in Richland. Barry Moravek, Kelly Shultz and Larry Flint came in uniform to hand out crossed flag pins. We were fortunate to make the front page of our local paper.



### Tacoma - Massing of the Colours

The National SAR committee for event certification granted "Massing of the Colors", February 24th 2018, in Tacoma, Washington, national status. The Alexander Hamilton Chapter and John Paul Jones Chapters were proudly represented at this event. The SAR and DAR members of the Fife and Drum corps majestically announcing the Color Guard, and the official start of this event. During this ceremony Robert O'Neal and Doug Nelson presented the Silver Roger Sherman Medal to "George Washington Re-enactor Vern Frykholm".

Back Row L-R Dick Motz WA State Deputy Color Guard Commander, Noah Chase, David Jackman, Kent Stirling, Doug Nelson (WA State past president), Alex Lemmer, Fred Gilbert, Skip Stephan, Jeannine Stephan, David Irons, Kenneth Roberts. Front Row L-R Arthur Dolan, WA State, Color Guard Commander, Viren Lemmer, Fife and Drum Sargent Major, Terry Barker, DAR, Stephanie Conroy DAR, Jan Lemmer.

House of Representatives, by Alexander Hamilton Chapter, Color Guard. At the conclusion of the Colors, the House adjourned so members could have their photographs taken with us. We were surprised to see how many Representatives included our photo in their newsletters across Washington State. What a powerful way to passively spread the word of the SAR.



A group photo with members of the Washington State House of Representatives.





The Three Musketeers – Larry, Kelly and Barry (picture by Karen Schultz)



SAR & DAR with New Citizen after Naturalization Ceremony

SAR with New Citizens (picture by Karen Schultz)



## WEST VIRGINIA



WVSSAR CG posted colors to open West Virginia Legislature on Feb. 22, 2018. Compatriots : Zach Mason , Bob Dickinson , Robert Grumbling , Rick Greathouse, Steve Hart , Calvin Hanna , Randy McGill , Bill Lester - WVSSAR President, Ed Cromley - WVSSAR CG Commander , Jack Coles. - picture by Kim Mason



The WVSSAR Color Guard posted colors to open West Virginia Legislature session, while leading all in The Pledge of Allegiance on Feb. 22, 2018 West Virginia History Day, at the Capitol in Charleston, WV. Compatriots participating as shown: Ed Cromley- WVCG Commander Steve Hart, Jack Coles, Randy Mc Gill, Zach Mason, Robert Grumbling, Bill Lester - WVSSAR President, Calvin Hanna, Rick Greathouse, Bob Dickinson. - picture by Kim Mason

# A Coat-tail Tale

Or- How to get something when what you need isn't available



As I get older I find it harder to keep cool in the Texas heat. Therefore, in July of 2017 I went to **Jas. Townsends & Sons, Inc.** in Pierceton, Indiana to discuss the possibility of making a Revolutionary War military coat out of linen.

I talked to Michelle and several other members of the Townsends staff about the possibility of making a Revolutionary War coat out of linen with a breast pocket for

gloves or a cell phone. As an example of what I wanted I was dressed as Ben Franklin. My costume has a cotton lining, a brown linen exterior and is trimmed in beaver fur. I sewed my costume and used beaver fur that I purchased from F & T Fur Trading Post Alpena, Michigan.

After several hours of discussion John Townsend gave the staff permission to sew a coat with a cotton lining, linen exterior and an interior breast pocket. **Townsends** can make the coat for \$345.00 with your choice of facing according to the 1779 General Order concerning uniforms; New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut: deep blue coats with white facing and lining. New York and New Jersey: deep blue coats with buff facing and white lining. Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia: deep blue coats with scarlet facing and white lining. North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia: deep blue coats with lt. blue facing and white lining.

This is a new product and is not in the catalogue or on line at the present time you must call Michelle at (800) 338-1665, to place your order.

Bill Watts, President Dallas Chapter, TXSSAR Color Guard Commander



## NSSAR COLOR GUARDSMAN OF THE YEAR



Compatriot Rigel has served as Georgia's Color Guard Commander from 2011 to 2016. Under his leadership, the Georgia Society Color Guard has accomplished the following:

As commander, Compatriot Rigel increased Georgia's Color Guard participation from 64 to 87, adding 76 new Guardsmen to the Georgia Society Color Guard. Compatriot Rigel himself has participated in over 307 state and national events since 2009. Compatriot Rigel also created a Northern Division and Southern Division of the Georgia Society Color Guard, thereby increasing the capability of more participation at events.

He has participated in 9 Congresses, 20 District and 16 Leadership meetings and 108 National Society ceremonies. His Color Guard leadership skills are widely known throughout the Southeast.

Compatriot Rigel is the recipient of the Von Steuben, Silver and Bronze Color Guard Medals.

In his role as Georgia Color Guard Commander, Compatriot Rigel served to increase the state's awareness of our society and its purposes and to promote goodwill and cooperation between the Sons of the American Revolution and other organizations throughout Georgia and the Southeast. Compatriot Rigel truly exemplifies both the "Spirit of the Sons of the American Revolution and the use of the Color Guard to display that spirit."



# Color Guard units

“ The Color Guard of the 21st century is primarily ceremonial in terms of purpose and duty. However, the origins of the Color Guard are based in military practicality. ”

## Financing the Unit.

In general, uniforms and uniform accessories are purchased by the individual Color Guardsman. Funding of the following Color Guard equipment should come from either the chapter or society through an allocation within the annual budget or through donations:

- Flags;
- Flag Poles;
- Flag Stands;
- Parade Banner;
- Medals and other awards to recognize individual service;
- Streamers to be presented for participation in an event.

(In general, streamers should only be presented for participation in events that are exceptionally significant, such as the 250th anniversary of a Revolution-era event.)

## FORMATION OF A COLOR GUARD UNIT

**M**inimum Number in a Color Guard Unit. The optimum minimum number of men that form a Color Guard unit consists of four (4) men:

- Two (2) Color Bearers who carry the United States National Flag and the State or SAR Flag;
- Two (2) Musketeers / Riflemen who escort the Color Bearers.

(It is understood that many state and chapter Color Guards do not have Musketeers / Riflemen.)

A Color Guard may consist of a min-

imum of three (3) members with at least one Musketeer / Rifleman marching to the right of the National Colors. The left side of the National Colors should be covered either by a second Musketeer / Rifleman or another Color Bearer carrying another flag (most often a state flag).

In either situation, the Color Guard Commander will either be the Musketeer / Rifleman guarding the National Colors or the Guardsman carrying the National Colors. As the Color Guard grows, the Commander will march ahead of the National Colors separate from any other rank.

**Equipment.** Flags, poles, indoor flag stands, and related items are available through varied sources.

Color Guard units are encouraged to purchase as much of equipment as pos-

sible from local sources.

Since events are conducted both indoors and outdoors, the Color Guard should endeavor to purchase flags that can withstand the elements when used at outdoor events such as parades and grave markings.

In addition to indoor flag stands, the Color Guard should purchase or fabricate outdoor spike stands.

These ground spike type may be fabricated from local sources using Rebar and pipe lengths of a diameter to allow insertion of the flag staff. When a Color Guard is participating in an outdoor event, they are responsible for bringing outdoor ground spike stands for each flag that is brought.

At formal national events such as Congress, the Leadership Meetings, and the National Memorial Service, the National Color Guard will provide all flags and equipment necessary for the event.

At state and/or chapter sponsored events, the host society or chapter is responsible for providing the National and State flags and the related equipment. For the sake of uniformity, all chapters within a state must purchase flag poles of the same height as those used by the state society. The most common flag pole length is seven (7) feet. While flag poles can be up to nine (9) feet, this length can become too difficult to carry outside in a moderate wind.

**Continental or Militia Uniform.** There are two types of Color Guard units that can be formed based on the type of uniform that the unit primarily uses. The first and most recognizable is the Continental Unit.

This unit is comprised of men who are uniformed in the familiar tricorn hat, blue coat and knee breeches or fall-front trousers identified with the soldiers of the regular army during the Revolution.

The second type of unit is the Militia Unit. There is no set uniform associated with the Militia. As in the time of the Revolution, the Militia consisted of everyday men who wore the clothes that they wore in normal everyday activity when called to service. As such, there is more leeway in the type of clothing that the Militia Color Guard wears.

Please note, that while the above references separate units based on the type of uniform, this does not preclude having a mixture of uniform types in a single unit. As a matter of fact, most national events will have color guard members in a variety of uniforms – both continental and militia. The common practice in this situation is that those wearing continental uniforms will be towards the front of the unit while those wearing militia attire will be toward the rear.

With respect to the uniform that is worn, many Color Guardsmen choose to wear a uniform similar to that worn by their patriot ancestor(s). However, this requires that the Color Guard member have performed the necessary research to determine the details of the uniform. This is necessary since, while the blue coat was predominate, the coat could



have a different facing color on the cuffs and collar, depending where the soldier was from and the hat could vary from unit to unit.

With respect to the Continental uniform, the basic uniform consists of the following:

- A tricorn hat;
- A blue coat with either a buff, red or white facing and trim;
- White shirt and waistcoat;
- White or buff knee britches or fall-front trousers;
- Buckle shoes;
- A pair of white gloves.

With respect to the Militia uniform, the basic uniform consists of the following:

- A hat – either tricorn or round;
- A hunting shirt;
- A white or checkered shirt;
- Long britches or fall-front trousers;
- Shoes (not necessarily buckle since the long pants leg will cover the buckle area).

In 2016, a uniform based on Scottish attire was approved by the National Color Guard Committee. This type of uniform is considered a militia uniform. The basic uniform consists of the following:

- A hat – either tricorn or round;
- A white or checkered shirt with neck stock
- A waistcoat;
- A kilt (may be of a modern pattern since the actual tartans at the time are unknown);
- Knee socks with buckle shoes or knee socks with boot/moccasins

In addition to the items above, the fol-

lowing items were expressly excluded from the Scottish uniform:

- Modern hats
- Modern shirts
- Modern neck wear – long or bow tie
- Modern shoes
- Modern outer wear such as a sports coat or Prince Charlie Coat
- No Continental blue coat
- Sporran (a haversack is allowed)

While these are the basics for each uniform, variations will exist and participation will not be discouraged based on these variations. Another important consideration of the uniform is the type of fabric used in making the uniform and the accessories that accompany the uniform. A discussion of these fabric and accessories will follow below.

Due to the time and expense of obtaining an uniform made from natural and more authentic material, many color guard members chose to obtain a less expensive uniform made from modern fabric, most often polyester or gabardine. These uniforms made from modern fabric are acceptable for all events except where the guardsman will fire a musket. For safety reasons, the SAR does not allow guardsmen in modern fabric uniforms to fire a weapon due the danger of melting fabric causing severe burns.

For those guardsmen who wish to fire a musket, the uniform should be made out of natural fiber material such as wool and linen. If a spark from a fired musket lands on uniforms made of these materials, the fibers will smolder and can be easily extinguished before causing injury instead of melting quickly.

In addition to the uniform, many guardsmen seek to add to their appearance by adding equipment and other accoutrements. What follows is a brief discussion of common items:

**Headwear:** While many in the general public identify the tricorn hat as the exclusive headwear of the Revolutionary era, this was not the case. Many different types of headwear were worn including helmets (predominately cavalry units), woven caps, and flat round hats. If wearing a specific unit's uniform, the correct headwear must be worn. For purposes of the SAR Color Guard, a simple black tricorn will suffice.

**Footwear:** During the Revolution, most shoes were made to fit either foot with the determination of right and left coming only after long wear where the shoe molded to the foot. Obtaining period, buckled shoes can be expensive. As such, many guardsmen elect to purchase buckles that can slide over modern shoes and give the appearance of buckle shoes. Another option is to have the either garters made (secured with buttons and garters just above the calf) that cover the lower leg and tops of the shoes thus hiding the fact the shoes have no buckles or by having long pants made as part of the uniform that have facings that extend over the face of the shoe and are secured using either elastic or leather straps below the shoe that also obscure the lack of a buckle of the shoe. An important consideration is both the comfort and safety of the guardsmen in walking or marching in a parade since period correct footwear can cause blisters or may not provide appropriate traction on modern surfaces.

**Rank Insignia:** A variety of items were used to denote rank within the Revolutionary army. Most common were sashes, gorgets, hat cockades, and epaulettes. As a matter of note, the private in the army did not have any sashes or epaulettes on his uniform coat. Epaulettes denoted rank through both color and placement on a specific shoulder. If the guardsman wishes to include rank insignia, it is highly recommended that this be researched so that historical correctness is maintained.

**Gorget:** This ornamental metal device is worn suspended from the neck. This



alludes back to its original purpose as the component of metal armor that protected the neck of the wearer from swords and other non-projectile weapons. By the time of the Revolution, this had become an ornamental accessory to a military uniform denoting a certain rank or as an indication of performing a certain duty.

As such, research should determine if wearing a gorget is appropriate with the type of uniform that is worn. For purposes of the SAR, the gorget is most often worn by either a Color Guard Com-

April 16, 2018



# Patriots' Day Parade

Patriots' Day (officially Patriots' Day in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Wisconsin and Patriot's Day in Maine[2]) is an official state holiday commemorating the anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, the first battles of the American Revolutionary War.



## Description and History

Patriot's Day (or Patriots' Day) commemorates the battles of Lexington and Concord, which were fought near Boston in 1775. Patriot's Day is annually held on the third Monday of April. It should not be confused with Patriot Day, held on September 11 to mark the anniversary of terrorist attacks in the USA in 2001.

The holiday was originally celebrated on April 19, the actual anniversary of the battles (fought in 1775). Since 1969, it has been observed on the third Monday in April in Massachusetts and in Maine (which until the Missouri Compromise of 1820 was part of Massachusetts). The Monday holiday creates a three-day long weekend. It is also the first day of a vacation week for public schools in both states and a school holiday for many local colleges and universities, both public and private.

The day is a public school observance day in Wisconsin. Florida law also encourages people to celebrate it, though it is not treated as a public holiday. Connecticut begins observance in 2018.

Observances and re-enactments of the battles occur annually at Lexington Green in Lexington, Massachusetts (around 6:00 am) and the Old North Bridge in Concord, Massachusetts (around 9:00 am). In the morning, mounted re-enactors

with state police escorts retrace the Midnight Rides of Paul Revere and William Dawes, calling out warnings the whole way.

The biggest celebration of Patriots' Day is the Boston Marathon, which has been run every Patriots' Day since April 19, 1897 to mark the then-recently established holiday, with the race linking the Athenian and American struggles for liberty (marathons being so named after the Greek Battle of Marathon).

In 1894 the Lexington Historical Society petitioned the Massachusetts State Legislature to proclaim April 19 as "Lexington Day." Concord countered with "Concord Day." Governor Frederic T. Greenhalge opted for a compromise: Patriots' Day. Patriots' Day was first proclaimed in Massachusetts in 1894 by Gov. Greenhalge replacing Fast Day as a public holiday. The idea was introduced to the Governor by the statesman from Lowell, Isaac Henry Paige. It was established on April 19, commemorating the date of the Battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775, and consolidating the long-standing municipal observances of Lexington Day and Concord Day. It also marked the first bloodshed of the American Civil War in the Baltimore riot of 1861, during which four members of the Massachusetts militia were slain and 36 injured. The dual commemoration,

Greenhalge explained, celebrated “the anniversary of the birth of liberty and union.” In 1938, with the generation that had fought in the Civil War largely off the voter rolls, the Massachusetts legislature passed a bill establishing the holiday “in commemoration of the opening events of the War of the Revolution.”

Maine followed Massachusetts in 1907 and replaced its Fast Day with Patriot’s Day. On June 10, 2017, Governor Dannel Malloy signed a bill establishing Patriots’ Day as a state-wide unpaid holiday in Connecticut. This means that starting April 2018, Connecticut will be the 4th state to recognize the holiday

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mander or a past commander.

**Belts & Straps:** When in the Continental uniform, all belts and straps used for carrying other equipment should be made of white leather or heavy white canvas. Equipment that was supported by a belt or strap included the cartridge box, the haversack, bayonets and canteens.

**Cartridge Box:** Continental soldiers used a cartridge box when in battle. The cartridge box should be made of black leather attached to a hanger.



**Haversack:** The haversack carried the basic necessities of the soldier including rations, smaller mess kit items, wallet, etc. Today, it is an ideal place for the guardsman to carry his wallet, cell phone, glasses or other necessary items. It should be made of linen or some similar material. It should be worn on the left of the uniform.

**Canteens:** Authentic Revolution-era canteens can be made of metal or wood.

**Knapsacks:** These should be made of linen, canvas or similar material and worn using white leather or canvas straps. While part of the Continental uniform, these are not commonly worn by members of the National Society SAR Color Guard.



**Powder Horn / Tomahawks / Knives:** These items are not parts of the Continental uniform. They are identified with the Militia uniform and should only be worn or carried by those guardsmen in that uniform. These items can be carried using rawhide or leather strings or other materials. They can also be inserted in belts or other woven sashes. As a matter of personal and corporate safety, edged weapons (including swords above) must have the blades covered or secured within an appropriate scabbard.



The final issue to be discussed with respect to the uniform is that of the side arms carried by the Color Guard. For the most part, the majority of the color guard should not carry side arms as their primary duty will be in bearing the various colors for presentation.

**Swords** (28 to 36 inches in length): Except for officers such as the Commander or Vice Commander, no guardsman should wear a sword. The wearing of a sword was a symbol of rank and social standing.

With respect to the primary duty of the SAR Color Guard, wearing a sword is impractical and a matter of personal safety. It is impractical to wear a sword since both hands are used to carry the flag during a parade and one hand is needed to secure the sword so that it does not cause the wearer to trip.

Likewise, a longer sword may be impractical when presenting colors in a smaller space such as a meeting room.

**Hangers (25 inches in length):** This is a specific type of sword that is suspended from a shoulder belt.

It is a safer alternative for those guardsmen who wish to carry an edged weapon while bearing colors.

Of note is that many historical belts contain carriers for both bayonets and hangers within the same belt.

**Spontoons:** Evolved from the much longer pike, the spontoon was used by sergeants or other non-commissioned officers as a both a symbol of rank as well as a signaling device to control the movements of a rank of men. With its edged blade, it was also a means of defending the colors as well as a means of personal defense. As such, only



the Commander of the unit should carry this sidearm.

**Musket / Rifle:** When using a primarily Continental unit, the Brown Bess or French Charleville Musket is preferred to maintain historical accuracy. The musket can be either a non-functioning reproduction (usually less expensive) or a functioning reproduction. In either case, the guardsman should also have a bayonet on their person when carrying a musket as the bayonet was an essential part of that weapon system. Reproductions of rifles can be carried but this is primarily done by those guardsmen in militia attire. When carrying a rifle, the guardsman should not have a bayonet as these were not used with rifles (unless it was a plug bayonet). The usage of vintage heirlooms or antiques is strongly discouraged.

Whether a musket or rifle is carried, the firelock (muzzle-loader) must have the appropriate safety equipment. This means it should have a flash guard and a frizzen cover. The flash guard is brass and is sold by muzzle-loading equipment companies, although a Color Guardsman can make one. The frizzen cover is leather and also can be purchased, but most owners choose to make their own. The frizzen cover needs to be tethered to



the firelock (muzzle-loader).

Color Guardsmen without this safety equipment will not be permitted to carry their firelock (muzzleloader) in any SAR event; local, state or national. It is obligation and duty of each Color Guardsman to provide a safe environment for all participants.

**Pistols:** Since these were primarily a weapon used exclusively by cavalry or mounted units, pistols should never be carried. Holsters for pistols were attached to the saddle and there are no known examples of belts or other devices for carrying a pistol related to foot soldiers.

## FLAGS CARRIED BY THE COLOR GUARD

At a minimum, the Color Guard should carry the United States National Flag and the flag of the state in which the Color Guard resides and/or the SAR flag. Other flags can be added as the Color Guard grows.

The question becomes one of what flags to add. While there is no set answer to this question other than the Color Guard should follow proper protocol when carrying the flags.

Proper protocol provides that flags should be carried in a specific order. The SAR has adopted the following protocol with respect to established flag regulations for usage by a single Color Guard

unit.

- United States National Flag;
- Betsy Ross Flag;
- State Flag of the Color Guard Unit;
- SAR Flag;
- Other historical flags of the Revolution.

Since the Color Guard participates in many events (such as Cowpens or Yorktown) where the Color Guard will be made up of a combination of guardsmen from multiple states or units, the protocol is slightly different.

- United States National Flag;
- Betsy Ross Flag;
- State Flag of the Host State Society;
- State Flags of other State Societies (carried in order of the state’s date of admission to the union);
- SAR Flags (state society flags first, chapter flags last);
- Other historical flags of the Revolution.

If the President General is in attendance, and if the flag of his state is available, it is carried prior to the state flag of the host state society.

*Note: Any official United States National Flag (13 star / Hopkinson up to and including the 49-star flag) would take precedent over the Betsy Ross Flag but would be behind the current 50-star flag. This should be noted when the Hopkinson and/or Star Spangled Banner (15-star) flags are carried.*

## COLOR GUARD BEHAVIOR AT EVENTS

**Hand Salutes.** As with current military custom, only the Commander of the Color Guard and those members carrying muskets will Present Arms when called to salute. No Color Bearer ever renders a hand salute, unless specifically ordered immediately after the posting of colors, since the Commander is understood to present the salute for the entire unit.

**Prayers.** Likewise, during prayers, Color Guard members only close their eyes. At no time does the Guardsman bow his head or remove his hat.

**Wearing Medals.** If a Color Guardsman insists on wearing SAR medals on his uniform because he would not otherwise have an opportunity to wear them, then they may be worn only during SAR internal events such as chapter, state and national meetings where the general public is not present. In any case, the Color Guard Commander in charge makes the final decision on the permission to wear medals on the Color Guard uniform during SAR internal events. It is the policy of the National Color Guard Committee that no medals or other decorations will be worn at official National Society events.

**Deportment:** At all times, a Color Guardsman must behave with the utmost decorum. This is interpreted to mean that the Color Guardsman may not break ranks even when at rest during a ceremony unless they are going forward to present a wreath/render honors or have a specific additional role during a ceremony. The Color Guardsman will not take photographs during an event or ceremony. A Color Guardsman may acknowledge the master of ceremonies if their name is called out for recognition during an event or ceremony

# Safety Officer Report

*Safety is everyone's responsibility. Practice safety and represent the Sons of the American well.*



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In my profession as a fire-fighter we had a saying: The fire service is 250 years of tradition uninterrupted by progress. As with many things today, changes occurred as a result of disaster or injury; therefore, where possible we should proact instead of react. This short safety message is intended to proact instead of react. During the Spring Leadership meeting in Louisville a question was posed regarding allowing the general public to handle our muskets. The benefit of interacting with the public cannot be overstated. A positive experience enjoyed by a member of the public may have a lasting memory for the individual. However, it is our responsibility to ensure that this interaction is done safely. Before we allow the public to handle our firearms the firearm must be rendered safe. Obviously, the firearm must be unloaded before we would allow anyone to handle our musket or rifle.

The safest unloaded firearm is one that has been cleaned and unfired; however, this is not always possible. A commonly used method to determine if unloaded with the Brown Bess with a steel ramrod is pinging. This accomplished by allowing the ramrod to drop into the barrel and listening for a distinctive ping as the ramrod contacts the bottom of the barrel. A method taught in the NRA-NMLRA muzzle-loading class and in applicable to all muzzle-loading firearms is to insert your ramrod into barrel of your unloaded firearm and mark the ramrod position. When checking if your firearm is unloaded, if the ramrod does not

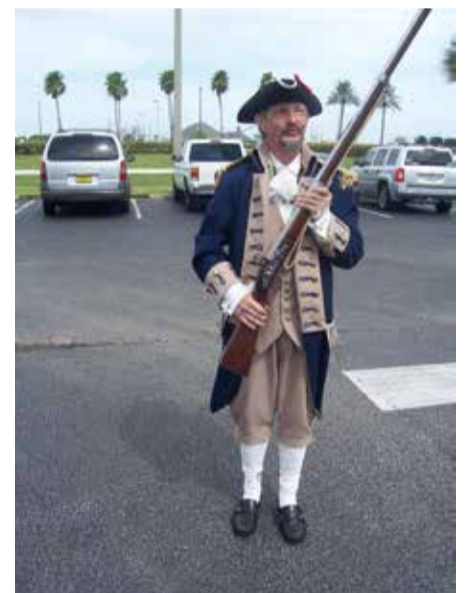


fall to the position of mark the firearm is loaded or an obstruction is present. This "test" will only indicate that there is no powder at the bottom of the barrel and does not mean that unburned powder is not lining the barrel. If the firearm was recently fired but has been determined to be unloaded running a clean dry patch down the barrel will remove any residue/powder from the inside of the barrel. I personally use a cleaning rod with a 12-gauge cleaning swab to wipe and clean my Brown Bess; however, a 2"X2" patch on the end of your ramrod will accomplish the same results. Although these two simple steps are not as good as a thorough cleaning they will render the firearm reasonably safe.

Many of us allowed the general public to "touch" and feel the weight of our muskets as we explain details of how these firearms were used in battle. And allowing the general public to have a picture with members of the chapter memorializes their experience and reflects well on our chapters, state societies and the national organization. When allowing the public to touch or have their picture taken we should always have control over our firearms. How this is accomplished is a judgement call on the member's part. Having one of your hands on the sling, if equipped, controls the firearm while allowing the firearm to be handled or a prop in a picture.

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