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# Commander's Report

## COMPATRIOTS,

By the time you are reading this, the Annual Congress will be underway in Houston, TX. The Color Guard will be playing a very large role, as it always does, in terms of pageantry and public visibility for the SAR. I want to thank all of the Guardsmen who will be attending for all their efforts in making the Congress the successful event that it is.

For those who have not attended a Congress let me give a quick breakdown of what the Color Guard does during the week.

1) Saturday: Guardsmen in the local Host Society volunteer at the Registration Table welcoming fellow compatriots to the Congress. They also serve as Bus Captains and volunteers on the various tours that take place during the day.

2) Sunday: The Color Guard meets as a group for a breakfast meeting. During this meeting, the command staff goes over the calendar and logistics for the week. Volunteers are requested for specific assignments and awards are presented. Finally, any business that needs to be discussed is done. Following the breakfast, there are other committee meetings but just before lunch, the Color Guard assembles with the National Colors and the Flags of all 50 states for an inspection by the President General. Following the inspection, the Color Guard normally leads the attendees in a parade to the site of the annual Memorial Service where the colors are presented and retired. (This year, the "parade" will be by bus given the expected heat and humidity.) After the service the Color Guard then gathers for a group picture and then individual state society pictures.

3) Monday: The Color Guard again presents all the colors for the opening session of the Congress.

4) Tuesday: The Color Guard presents all the colors at the start of the President General's Banquet.

5) Wednesday: The Color Guard retires the colors at the end of the Installation Banquet.

I would strongly recommend that Guardsmen plan on attending a Congress in the future so that they have the opportunity to participate as a part of this, our largest event each year.

Looking ahead, the subcommittee that has been working on the Safety Policy & Procedures is in the process of producing an amended proposal for presentation at the upcoming committee meeting at the Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville. This amended proposal will be published in the next issue ahead of the planned meeting.



(before, during and after) as well as a shady place with chairs in case someone needs to take a break due to overheating. Be aware of your fellow compatriots and yourself and do not hesitate to take care of each other so that a medical situation does not occur.

In conclusion let me once again thank each of you 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.

Mark C Anthony  
Commander

Fellow Compatriots,

The NSSAR Color Guard Command Staff is working on a couple of events for Fourth of July before the 2019 Congress. More details to come as they are finalized.

If you plan to arrive in Orange County early before Congress there are two local programs where you may participate in your Revolutionary War uniform.

Billed as the oldest and largest Fourth of July parade west of the Mississippi, more than half a million people will gather on a normally cool, windy but sunny day for the 114th Huntington Beach 2019 Fourth of July Parade.



In the afternoon the 45th Annual Let Freedom Ring Celebration will take place on July 4 from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Cerritos Civic Center. The SAR will present the Colors before a formal City Council bell-ringing ceremony. The event includes rides, entertainment and a fireworks show concludes the event.

Ladies wearing Colonial Era attire are welcome to join us.

Members of the California Society, SAR Color Guard have been participating in these events for many years.

Again, come early to the 2019 Congress and participate in one of the local patriotic programs.

In Patriotism,  
James C. Fosdyck  
NSSAR Color Guard Vice Commander



## National Historic Site & Celebration Events - 2018

### Currently 40 recognized events by the National Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee

The calendars 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:
  - Information about the battle or event
  - Evidence as to why it is important that the event be considered of national significance
  - In a state with no Revolutionary War battle or event sites, an explanation as to why the proposed event should be considered of national significance

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

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

\*\*\* As of 3 June 2018 \*\*\*

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

### THE SAR COLORGUARDSMAN

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**Artillery Commander**

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January Issue: December 31st

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July Issue: June 30th

October Issue: September 30th

2018 Date	Historic Sites Event	Location	Host
January 13	Battle of Cowpens	Chesnee, SC	Daniel Morgan SAR
January 27	Battle of Cowan's Ford	Huntersville, NC	Mecklenburg SAR
February 10	Battle of Kettle Creek	Washington, GA	Georgia
February 17	Crossing of the Dan	South Boston, VA	Virginia
February 18	Massing of the Colors	Nationally	
February 18	Washington's Birthday Parade	Laredo, TX	Texas
February 24	Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge	Currie, NC	North Carolina
March 2-4	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY	
March 10	Last Naval Battle of the Revolution	Cape Canaveral, FL	Florida
March 17	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC	North Carolina
April 12	Halifax Resolves	Halifax, NC	North Carolina
April 18	Patriots Day	Nationally	
May 3	Pegasus Parade	Louisville	Kentucky
May 5	Battle of Pensacola	Pensacola, FL	Florida
May 12	Raid on Martin's Station	Ewing, VA	Virginia
May 19	Fields of Honor / Healing Field	Nationally	
May 26	Fort St Carlos	St Louis, MO	Missouri
May 26	Buford's Massacre	Lancaster, SC	Gen Francis Marion SAR
May 26-27	Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous	Vincennes, IN	Indiana
May 28	National Memorial Day Parade	Washington, D.C.	District of Columbia
May 28	Memorial Day	Nationally	
June 9	Action at Machias	Machias, ME	Maine
June 9	Battle of Ramseur's Mill	Lincolnton, NC	Catawba Valley SAR
July 4	Let Freedom Ring	Nationally	
July 4	July 4th	Nationally	
July 14-19	126th Annual NSSAR Congress	Houston, TX	
July 28	Siege at Fort Laurens	Bolivar, OH	Ohio
August 18	Battle of Blue Licks	Carlisle, KY	Kentucky
August 25	National American Legion Parade	various	Gen James Williams SAR / Cambridge SAR
September 1	Battle of Groton Heights	Groton, CT	Connecticut
September 15	Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Elizabethton, TN	Tennessee
September 15	Battle of Saratoga (American)	Stillwater, NY	Empire State
September 22	Vigil at 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	Nationally	
December 16	Battle of Great Bridge	Norfolk, VA	Virginia
December 15	Wreaths Across America	Nationally	Georgia

## National Color Guard Events - 2018

Approximate 2018 Date	Color Guard Event	Location	Host	Date Added**
January 13	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 2-4	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	Halifax Resolves SAR	
April 16	Patriot's Day	Nationally		
May 3	Kentucky Derby Pegasus Parade	Louisville, KY	Kentucky	11/12/2012
May 5	Battle of Pensacola	Pensacola, FL	Florida	
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		11/12/2012
May 26	Battle of Fort San Carlos	St Louis, MO	Missouri	
May 26	Buford's Massacre	Lancaster, SC	General Francis Marion SAR	
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 9	Battle of Ramseur's Mill	Lincolnton, NC	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	Houston, TX		
July 28	Siege of Fort Laurens	Bolivar, OH	Ohio	
August 18	Battle of Blue Licks	Carlisle, KY	Kentucky	
August 25	National American Legion Parade	Minneapolis, MN		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 15	Vigil at George Washington's Tomb	Mt Vernon, VA		
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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)



HOUSTON, TEXAS - - JULY 13TH - JULY 18TH 2018



# 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 **20** 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**



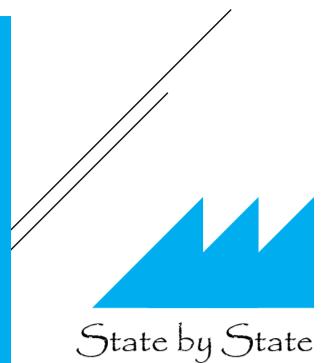
should have accompanying them a list of those in the picture and who took it. Ex: 'Photo-img-1234 is of event X, with members X,Y, & Z. Photo by ABC'

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

## Color Guard Units' Highlights!

The current high water mark is 21 state societies' color guard reports. This issue has 20 !

I look forward to the issue that has all 37 state color guard units with something in the issue. Missing in this issue are: **Alabama, Colorado, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, South Carolina, Utah, & Wisconsin.**

Thank you, one and all, for making this place to showcase your color guard units' activities and community involvement.

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 Commanders should submit to their state's Color Guard Commander who then uses his judgement to submit to this Editor. Doing this helps the state commander keep abreast of the activities in which his state's chapters are participating.
- 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 (under 300 kb) as these are too small to be effective representations of any event or people. In any attached text for the photos please detail explicitly which text goes with which picture. Except in mass groupings, list the people in the photos and, if known, the photographer.



Photos by Gary Parriott and Ken Hill



Honor Flight Southern Nevada Welcome Home greeters included members from DAR, SAR, CAR, PGR, American Legion, WFW, and several Scouting Organizations

### ARIZONA -

#### Signers Chapter (Las Vegas area)

Spring time in the Las Vegas Valley is "usually" favorable for outside events. This year Mother Nature got an early start with the scorching summer temperatures and hot wind. Nevertheless the usual and reliable participated in a number of events remembering our fallen heroes and honoring survivors of WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Gary Parriott of the Signers Chapter was proud to support these organizations and extend 'Greetings' on behalf of the Sons of the American Revolution at many of these events.

- April 13th Canyon Springs High School AFJROTC 13th Annual Awards Ceremony
- April 19th Interment Service for Unaccompanied Veterans at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery – Hosted by Patriot Guard Riders and American Legion
- April 29th Honor Flight Welcome Home Ceremony at Mc Carren International Airport, Las Vegas
- May 26th Memorial Day flag placement at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery
- May 28th morning, Annual Lakes Memorial Day Ceremony hosted by American Legion "Spirit of Freedom" Post 76 Las Vegas
- May 28th afternoon, Memorial Day Ceremony at Oakmont of West Las Vegas – Color Guard provided by American Legion Post 76 members.
- June 7th Interment Service for Unaccompanied Veterans at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery
- June 8th Annual Community Flag Ceremony at Lorenzi Park Rose Garden in Las Vegas, hosted by the Francisco Garces Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution – Ceremony conducted by Susan Powers-Horn Regent, Francisco Garces Chapter
- June 14th Flag Day Ceremony at the West Charleston Public Library – Hosted by Samoset Chapter Colonial Dames XVII Century- Ceremony conducted by Jan Thompson, Chapter Vice-President
- June 15th Missing in Nevada Project – Hosted by the Nevada Department of Veterans Services



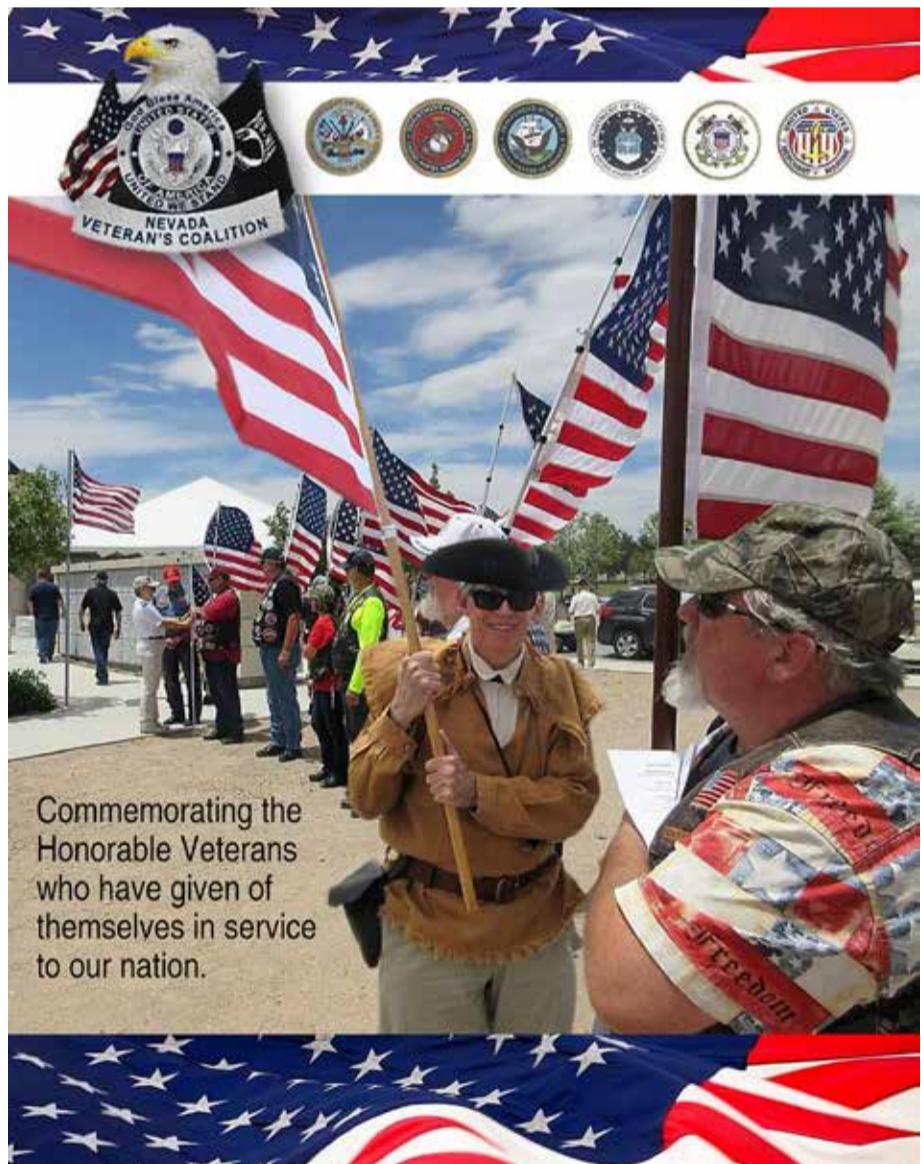
Memorial Day Ceremony flag placement at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery (SNVMC)



Memorial Day Ceremony – Color Guard provided by American Legion Post 76



Interment Service for three unaccompanied (by family members) Veterans - Flag line provided Patriot Guard Riders of Nevada



Missing in Nevada Project, Interment of 35 Veterans – Hosted by the Nevada Department of Veterans Services, Kat Miller, Director. (Photoshopping by Bud Parriott)



Community Flag Day Celebration at the Lorenzi Park Rose Garden in Las Vegas, hosted by the Francisco Garces Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution



## CALIFORNIA -

Photos By Un Hui Yi unless otherwise labelled.



2018 SAR Spring Leadership in Louisville, KY  
Left to right: NSSAR Color Guard Commander Mark Anthony, Vice Commander Jim Fosdyck and Chaplain Randy Moody



CASSAR Spring Meeting; April 21, 2018. Concord, CA

CASSAR Color Guard with PG Larry Guzy. Left to right: Jim Blauer, Arnie Burr, Brian Stephens, Jim Faulkinbury, Dan McKelvie, Mark Kramer, Larry Guzy, John Ferris, Charlie Gentis, Doug Bergtholdt and Bob Taylor.



The CASSAR Color Guard presented the Colors at the CSSDAR state meeting in Irvine; March 16, 2018

Left to right: CASSAR Color Guard members Mark Kramer (Commander) Dan McKelvie, Jim Fosdyck, Jim Klingler, Mark Torres and Kent Gregory.

Los Angeles Fife and Drum members Matt Noell and Leo Cohen. With CSSDAR President Barbara Roberson Moncrieff.



2018 Mar 16 - Sonora HS JROTC Military Ball , La Habra, CA / Orange County Chapter, CASSAR.  
Orange County Chapter Color Guard presents the Colors. Front to rear: Jim Fosdyck, Kent Gregory, Mark Torres and Dan McKelvie.



2018 Mar 16 - Sonora HS JROTC Military Ball , La Habra, CA / Orange County Chapter, CASSAR  
Los Angeles Fifes and Drums participate in the Sonora HS JROTC Military Ball.



2018 Mar 16 - Sonora HS JROTC Military Ball , La Habra, CA / Orange County Chapter, CASSAR- SAR Compatriot Lt. Col. Hans Hunt (US Army ret.) presents certificates of appreciation and a statute to George and Martha Washington portrayed by Compatriot Dan and Kelli Shippey.

2018 Mar 16 - Sonora HS JROTC Military Ball , La Habra, CA / Orange County Chapter, CASSAR

Orange County Color Guard participates in a Missing In Action Revolutionary War Soldier program

Field of Honor at Castaways Park, Newport Beach, CA; May 19, 2018  
CASSAR Color Guard presenting the Colors with Kent Gregory presenting arms.

Field of Honor at Castaways Park, Newport Beach, CA; May 19, 2018  
CASSAR Color Guard left to right Kent Gregory, Mark Kramer, Jim Blauer, Mark Torres, John Blake and Larry Hansen with USMC Color Guard from Camp Pendleton.



Memorial Day at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery, Santa Ana, CA; May 28, 2018

**Above** - Orange County Color Guard presenting the Colors. Left to right: Larry Hansen, Kent Gregory, Larry Wood, John Blake, John Dodd, Jim Klingler, John Ferris, Dan McKelvie, Mark Torres and Dan Shippey (General Washington).

**Top Right** - CASSAR attendees left to right: Brenda Torres, Jim Klingler, Dan McKelvie, John Ferris, Steven and Kara Steinberg, Paul Sapp, Jim Fosdyck, Un Hui Yi, Liz Ferris, Charles Beal, Jim Blauer, Larry Hansen, Dan McMillan, John Blake, Kent Gregory, John Dodd, Mark Torres, Dan and Kelli Shippey and Scott McKee.

**Right** - Kelli and Dan Shippey as Martha and George Washington place a wreath at the 98 year old Soldiers' Monument at Santa Ana Cemetery escorted by the Orange County Chapter Color Guard left to right: Mark Torres, Kent Gregory, Dan McKelvie, Jim Blauer, Jim Klingler, John Blake and Larry Hansen.





60th Annual Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Parade; Saturday, May 26, 2018  
 Orange County Chapter Color Guard left to right: Kent Gregory, Jim Blauer hidden by US Flag, Jim Klingler, John Blake, Mark Torres, John Ferris and Larry Hansen.  
 Banner carriers and CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary members Liz Ferris and Un Hui Yi.



60th Annual Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Parade; Saturday, May 26, 2018  
 Banner carriers wave to the crowd



### Saturday June 16th - Patriot Grave Marking

### CONNECTICUT

Candy Stone-Gagne found her fifth great-grandfather's grave site in 2002 in the Bruce Cemetery in Pomfret. Her relative, Capt. Albemarle Stone, had joined the Continental Army at the age of 15. On Saturday June 16th orchestrated a Daughters of the American Revolution-sanctioned grave-marking ceremony for the mariner

from Pomfret.

According to Gagne-Stone's research, Albemarle Stone was born in Pomfret on Nov. 11, 1762, and at 15 he joined the Revolutionary Army as a private. He initially enlisted to serve from April 1778 to April 1779. Stone was among those who served at the Battle of Rhode Island. After being discharged, he was twice drafted back into service in the ensuing war with Britain. After returning briefly to Pomfret, Stone re-enlisted as a marine on the U.S.S. Deane, a continental frigate, in September of 1781 and served until July of the following year when he was again discharged. He returned again to Pomfret, where he became a farmer and served as a captain in the town's militia company.

State Rep. Pat Boyd, delivered a direct posthumous citation from Gov. Dannel P. Malloy addressed to Stone. CTSSAR State President Damien Cregeau, Capt. Nathan Hale Branch President Stephen Taylor along with three color guardsmen provided an SAR color guard for this event.



### Blue Star Memorial Commemorations in Bridgewater and Roxbury



Members of the Roxbury-Bridgewater Garden Club hosted the two dedication ceremonies. The Blue Star Memorial program was started in 1944 when a garden club in New Jersey sought to honor members of the U.S. Armed Forces by creating a memorial sign decorated with a blue star, a symbol often displayed on homes where sons and daughters were away at war. That year, the

New Jersey Council of Garden Clubs erected a Blue Star Memorial sign and planted 8,000 dogwood trees along a five mile stretch of highway as a living memorial to veterans of World War II.

The Federated Garden Clubs adopted the program in 1945 and began a Blue Star Highway system that now covers thousands of miles across all 50 states. Memorial Markers and By-Way Markers were added to the Highway Markers, to be used at locations such as National cemeteries, parks, veteran's facilities and gardens. While originally intended to honor veterans of World War II, today's program includes all men and women who have ever served in the armed forces.

Bridgewater's new Memorial Marker is located in front of the Capt. Burnham Homestead on Main Street. A color guard was provided at both events by David Perkins, Bill Baldwin and Mike Chuckta, members of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.



Special guests included Andrea Little, National Garden Clubs Blue Star and Gold Star Families Memorial Marker chairman.

## Sunday June 17th - 243rd Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill

For the twenty second year in a row, members of the Connecticut Line participated in the commemorative exercises in Charlestown, Massachusetts on Sunday June 17th along with members of the NHSSAR and MASSAR Color Guards. Following



a 10:00 am memorial service at the Church of St. Frances de Sales, we paraded up Bunker Hill Street to the Bunker Hill Monument grounds located on Breed's Hill, where the annual commemorative exercises are held promptly at 11:00 am. Prior to the ceremony starting, the NPS performed a safety inspection and handed out three rounds to each man with a musket, just like in 1775, ammunition was once again in short supply! The color guard from the USS Constitution "Old Ironsides" presented the colors, and then greetings from the Commander of the USS Constitution, National Park Service, Boston City Council, Massachusetts State Senate and House, British General Consul of Boston, French Deputy Consul-General of Boston and several others. At the conclusion of all the greetings and songs we closed the ceremony with a three-volley musket salute after a wreath laying at the foot of the statue of Col. William Prescott, one of the many heroes of that day. Additional SAR society wreaths were placed at the Connecticut and New Hampshire gates to commemorate the men who fought at the battle from those states. Following the day's events, the Connecticut Line had lunch at Warren Tavern before starting our journey home! For any color guardsmen interested in participating at Bunker Hill, it is always of June 17th! Huzzah! For additional pictures, program and links see [connecticursar.org](http://connecticursar.org)



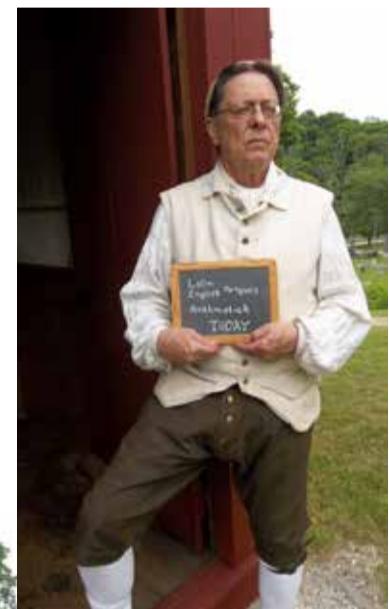
## Naugatuck and Litchfield Memorial Day Parades

One of the largest Memorial Day parades in the state is held in the town of Naugatuck, an old mill town along the Naugatuck River. For the first time, members of the Connecticut Line along with a detachment of Rogers Rangers were the lead unit for the second of four divisions. The crowds were large and loud, with great applause with every musket volley we fired. By the end of the 2-mile parade route we had emptied our cartridge boxes, over 25 rounds per man. Following the parade, the host organization provided free food and drink to all the participants. The Connecticut Line received \$300 donation from the event organizers, which will be used to offset the cost of our insurance.

At the same time, a second group of the Connecticut Line was marching and firing in the Litchfield Memorial Day parade where we have participated as unit for many years.

## Schools Days at the Connecticut SAR Museums

During the months of May and June, the Connecticut SAR Property Steward, Dave Packard is busy with student groups from the area schools visiting the three museums owned and operated by the Connecticut SAR. They are the Nathan Hale School houses in East Haddam and New London, and the Gov. Jonathan Trumbull War Office in Lebanon. In total there were eight visits with about 50 in each group. The visits usually include topics on early American schooling, life as a militia soldier and when available with ladies from the local DAR chapters, the life of young ladies during colonial times. In addition to Dave Packard, color guardsmen Derek Brockhoff, William Baldwin and Dave Perkins have also lent a hand with the students, demonstrating how colonial militia dress, eat, sleep and of course used their muskets, usually ending a session with a musket volley to the delight of the group.





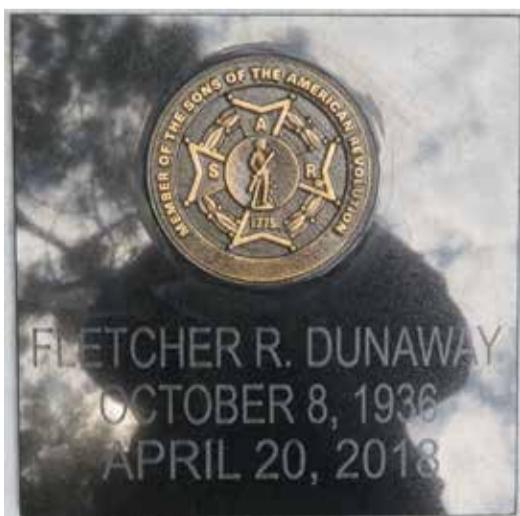
The Battle of Thomas Creek, or the Thomas Creek Massacre (May 17, 1777), was an ambush of a small force of Georgia militia cavalry by a mixed force of British Army, Loyalist militia, and Indians near the mouth of Thomas Creek in northern East Florida near Callahan. Attending the event were Chapter Color Guard Commander Russell Gibson, Past Chapter President Charles Day and Withlacoochee Chapter Ladies Auxiliary Becky Gibson.

L -R: Withlacoochee Chapter Color Guard Commander Russell Gibson, Past Chapter President Charles Day and Clearwater Chapter President Pat Niemann.



### Florida Board of Management and Annual Meeting

The Florida Color Guard, the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade, presents the colors at the Evening Banquet. In attendance during the weekend event was President General Larry Guzy and wife, Karin, as well as Secretary General Warren Alter.



Kenneth Neal Spooner of the Joel Early Chapter, GASSAR and Dual member of the William Dunaway Chapter created the touching SAR Compatriot Marker for Fletcher R. Dunaway. The marker attached within a black plate attached to white marble.

### FLORIDA -



Above and Below

On May 28, 2018 The Withlacoochee Chapter Color Guard participated in the 44th Annual Memorial Day Observance at Hills of Rest Cemetery in Floral City, Florida. Participating were Color Guard Commander Russell Gibson, Chapter President Larry Sturgeon, FLSSAR State Treasurer Richard Young, Chapter Treasurer Jack Townsend, Compatriots Bill Ferguson and Leonard Crawford.



Receiving Color Guard medals for absent compatriots are Bob McGuire (Bronze medal) and Steve Williams (Silver Medal). Florida President Robert Folk and Commander Hall Riediger presenting.



## SAR Compatriot Grave Marking Service for Fletcher Ryals Dunaway

The SAR Compatriot Marking and Memorial Ceremony for Fletcher Ryals Dunaway, the Founder of the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution, William Dunaway Chapter of Marianna, Florida in 2008. In Greenwood Methodist Church Cemetery, on Saturday, 30 June 2018, after an hour ceremony, in the hot blistering Florida sun, the Compatriots of the Florida Northwest Region and Georgia Southwest Region stand and salute during taps.

Perhaps not looking professional, the aged, tired compatriots reveal their hearts and proudly honor a founder, mentor, leader, follower, family man, veteran and friend, Fletcher R. Dunaway.

From left to Right: Charles Gibson of the Joel Early Chapter, GASSAR, a relative descendant of First President George Washington. Harry Wilson "Hap" Dunaway, a first cousin, Chaplain of William Dunaway Chapter James Frederick "Jim" Dunaway, a nephew, former FLSSAR William Dunaway Chapter President, who recently under-gone a triple-by-pass.

## GEORGIA -



The Georgia Color Guard and militia participated in the Warrior Classic. This event is put on each year by the Warrior Foundation for Wounded Warriors by a group of retired military officers. We presented Colors before their banquet, and again the next morning before the golf tournament. Instead of a shotgun start, we held a musket start. Pictures are of the musket start, the Color Guard with last years National Commander of the DAV, and a group picture of Color Guard and Wounded Warriors participating.



In May the Georgia Color Guard, and Militia participated in a dedication for the three signers of the Declaration of Independence from Georgia. They are Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall, and George Walton. A granite marker was placed in Augusta, Georgia. Pictures included are of the Militia firing a 3 volley salute, and the Color Guard Presenting Colors while the artillery unit fires the cannon.



## ILLINOIS

Jim DeGroff prepares to salute after placing the chapter wreath in front of the statue of George Rogers Clark.



GGRC Chapter members Philip Bailey, Charles Dobias, Jim DeGroff, Robert Ridenour and Richard Ruedin, in front of the statue of George Rogers Clark

Five members of the Genl George Rogers Clark Chapter, Illinois Society, Sons of the American Revolution, paid tribute to their chapter's namesake on May 26th.

Chapter president Charles Dobias, vice president Robert Ridenour, registrar Jim DeGroff, and members Philip Bailey and Richard Ruedin traveled to Vincennes, Indiana, to participate in ceremonies at George Rogers Clark National Historical Park sponsored by the Indiana SAR to honor Clark. DeGroff represented the chapter in placing a wreath in front of the statue of Clark.

George Rogers Clark, a surveyor and militia officer during the Revolutionary War, was the highest ranking military officer on the northwestern frontier. He is best known for leading a small force of about 175 men across and through the freezing

John Stanton (left) and Charles Casey display the Guilford Flag.



waters of Illinois country to capture the British-held Fort Sackville at Vincennes during February 1779. After two days of fighting Gov. Hamilton and his 600 British and native American troops surrendered to Lt. Col Clark's force.

For more information about the Genl George Rogers Clark Chapter, contact DeGroff at 618 667 8660 or follow the chapter activities on its website: <http://ggrc-sar-il.org/> or look for us on Facebook GGRC Chapter. The chapter serves the Illinois counties of Madison, Jersey, Macoupin, Bond, Greene, Calhoun and Montgomery.



John Stanton (left) and Jim DeGroff display the Serapis Flag.

Flag Day - the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 - was officially established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as National Flag Day.

For more information about the SAR or to request a flag program, contact Rich Ruedin, 618-304-5135.



Left to Right: Kevin Alcott, Ted Miller, Ray Beets, Richard Stabenow, Ron Feldman, Don Parrish, Chip Dawes, Jon Fixmer, Mike Campagnolo, Harry Reineke IV and Franz Herder.

"Flags tell our country's story," said Genl George Rogers Clark Sons of the American Revolution Chapter (Illinois Society) president Charles Dobias. "Since shortly after our chapter's founding, we have been presenting a historic flag program each year on or around Flag Day, June 14th."

This year's program was presented in front of the Greene County Courthouse in Carrollton, Illinois, on June 9th. The 50 state flags surrounded the property as historic flags lined the sidewalk to the building.

The Fox Valley Chapter honored Patriot Daniel Burroughs on May 19, 2018 in Griswold Cemetery in rural Kendall County. Fox Valley Chapter hosted the ceremony with special thanks to Kishwaukee Chapter and Ft Dearborn Chapter Compatriots and the Fox River Valley DAR.

Daniel Burroughs was born May 28, 1755 in Windsor, Connecticut. In 1775 while residing in Alstead, New Hampshire, he volunteered as a private in Colonel John Stark's regiment and served three months before being discharged by proclamation. He volunteered again in 1776 and was appointed Corporal in Colonel Bidel's regiment. The regiment marched to Fort Ticonderoga, where Burroughs was stationed for five months before being discharged. Volunteering again in 1777, Burroughs was promoted to First Sergeant and he served at Fort Ticonderoga until the fort was evacuated by the Continental Army on July 6, 1777.

Remaining with the militia, Burroughs took part in the pivotal Battle of Saratoga in October 1777. Here American General Horatio Gates led the Continental Army and militia units to victory over a British force of some 7,000 men. A month later, Daniel Burroughs was once again discharged by proclamation, and he returned home to New Hampshire.

Nearly three years later, Indians allied with the British set fire to the town of Royalton, Vermont. Burroughs enlisted with a regiment that was dispatched to pursue them. He was on duty with this expedition for two months as a Sergeant before being discharged.

After the war Daniel Burroughs settled in Williamstown, Vermont for seventeen years. Following this he resided in Shalersville, Portage County, Ohio. In 1837 he came to Kane County, Illinois with his son, Daniel Burroughs, Jr., who was a veteran of the War of 1812. Daniel Burroughs passed away at the age of 88 on October 18, 1843. He is buried in the Griswold Cemetery in Plano, Illinois.



Wheaton Memorial Day Parade



The George Rogers Clark Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony, celebrating the 239th anniversary of the capture of Fort Sackville, was held May 26, 2018 at the George Rogers Clark Memorial, George Rogers Clark National Historical Park in Vincennes, IN. This was the seventh year for this annual National SAR event.

Dr. Theodore Rex Legler II, Past Vice President General, Central District, was

the presiding officer. The Invocation and Benediction were given by Robert P. Cunningham, Past Vice President General, Central District.

James C. Arnold, Indiana Society SAR, commanded an excellent Color Guard which presented and posted the Colors. Color Guard participants included SAR members representing Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Missouri, New Hampshire and the Germany Society.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Allen G. Manning, Indiana Society Clifty Creek Chapter Secretary and April A. Legler, National Ladies Auxiliary Parliamentarian, led the singing of the National Anthem.

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

Greetings were brought by Robert B. Fish, Vice President General, Central District. Additional greetings were brought by Robert C. Pfaff, President, Indiana Society; Chris Cunningham, President, Indiana Ladies Auxiliary; and Cynthia Frederick, Southern District Director Elect, Indiana DAR.

Robert P. Cunningham, Past Vice President General, Central District; John R. Fish, President, Indiana SAR George Rogers Clark Chapter and Indiana District 4 Vice President and Gavin T. Fish, grandson of John Fish, escorted participants presenting wreaths. In total, 33 wreaths were presented: Robert B. Fish, Vice President General, Central District; April A. Legler, Parliamentarian, National Ladies Auxiliary; the states of Indiana, Missouri, New Hampshire, Ohio; the Germany Society; Indiana

John Stanton (left) and Charles Casey display the Guilford Flag.



## INDIANA



Ladies Auxiliary; Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Ohio, and South Carolina SAR chapters; Indiana DAR chapters; Colonial Dames of the 17th Century for State of Indiana; and Indiana CAR chapters. Flag streamers were awarded to all who presented wreaths.

During the weekend of the wreath laying ceremony, the Indiana SAR hosted a tent on Saturday and Sunday at the 42nd Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous. Compatriots dressed in colonial attire recruited prospective members for the SAR.

SAR members who are interested in attending or participating in the Saturday, May 25, 2019 ceremony please contact Robert P. Cunningham, Event Coordinator, by email at [rpcunnin@indiana.edu](mailto:rpcunnin@indiana.edu).



The highlight of the May through June 2018 period for the Kansas Society Color Guard was the Compatriot Grave Marking Ceremony for Dwight

David Eisenhower. The ceremony took place at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum and Boyhood Home in Abilene, Kansas on Saturday June 2, 2018. President General Larry Guzy and Mary Eisenhower, a granddaughter of President Eisenhower spoke at the ceremony. The keynote presentation by PG Guzy (Photo 1) contained significant history of Dwight Eisenhower and was very well delivered and received. Thirty-one wreaths were laid, twenty-eight prior to the ceremony and three during the ceremony, one by President General Larry Guzy and Vice President General of the South Central District, Robert Capps (Photo 2) in behalf of the NSSAR; one by the State Regent Kathryn Walker West and State Vice Regent Susan Lee Metzger on behalf of the NSDAR and, one by Mary Eisenhower and her son Merrill Eisenhower Atwater on behalf of the Eisenhower Family. They were assisted by Color Guardsmen Brooks Lyles, Dennis Nelson, and Bobbie Hulse, respectively.



Photo 1

An enlarged photo (Photo 3) of the Membership Certificate and the Member Grave Marker Lug were created by the Eisenhower Presidential Library and were unveiled by Mary Eisenhower and Merrill Eisenhower Atwater during the ceremony.

After the ceremony, the three wreaths were placed at the crypts of Dwight, Mamie and their son Doud Eisenhower in the Place of Meditation (aka Chapel), where the fresh wreaths stayed for a couple days (Photo 4). A Member Grave Marker Lug was presented that will be permanently mounted in the Chapel.

In the photo from left to right are, Dennis Nelson, KSSAR President, Justin Engleman, MC of the event from KSSAR, President General Larry Guzy, Merrill Eisenhower Atwater, son of Merrill, and Mary Eisenhower.



Photo 2

Twenty-one Color Guardsmen (Photo 5) from five states participated in the event. They were as follows: from the NSSAR Adjutant Brooks Lyles; from the host state Kansas Society, Dennis Nelson, from the Missouri Society, J. Wayne Merrill, Stephen Sullins, and Charles McMillian; from the Nebraska Society, Shawn Stoner and Paul Burright. Bag Piper, Lonny Liljegren, from Lindsborg, KS participated completing the twenty-two man Color Guard.



Photo 3

All Color Guardsmen appear in the photo with President General Larry Guzy and Director of the Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum and Boyhood Home, Dawn Hammatt (Photo 6).



Photo 4

On April 21, the Kansas Society Color Guard led the McLouth, Kansas Patriots Day Parade. The Color Guard was comprised of, from left to right in Photo 7, Harry Wilkow of the Henry Leavenworth Chapter, Alan Martin of the Monticello Chapter, Dewey Fry of the Delaware Crossing Chapter, Cameron Rush of the Delaware Crossing Chapter, Robert Wandel of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter and Kirk Rush of the Delaware Crossing Chapter.

On May 19, the Kansas Society Color Guard presented the colors in conjunction with a US Marine Color Guard at the Armed Forces Day event conducted by Friends In Service



Photo 5



Photo 6

to Heroes in Overland Park, KS. From left to right in Photo 8 are Brooks Lyles, Harry Wilklow, Dewey Fry, Lyman Miller, Dennis Nelson and Richard Cox.

The Kansas Society continued its tradition of presenting the colors (Photo 9) at Naturalization Ceremonies on April 20 and June 22 at the Robert J. Dole US Courthouse in Kansas City, Kansas and on May 17 at the Lied Center on the campus of the University of Kansas. On May 17, 383 new citizens from 72 countries and on June 22, 82 new citizens from 42 countries were administered the Oath of Allegiance.



Photo 7



Photo 8



Photo 9

## MARYLAND



April, 2018

Presenting the Colors at the MDSSAR Annual Meeting - Maritime Conference Center. David H Embrey - David Hoover, Gene Moyer and Ron Harbaugh.



May 27, 2018

Sgt. Everhart Chapter Color Guard Prep for Memorial Day Parade in Woodsboro, MD. Karl Woodcock, Ron Harbaugh and Gene Moyer



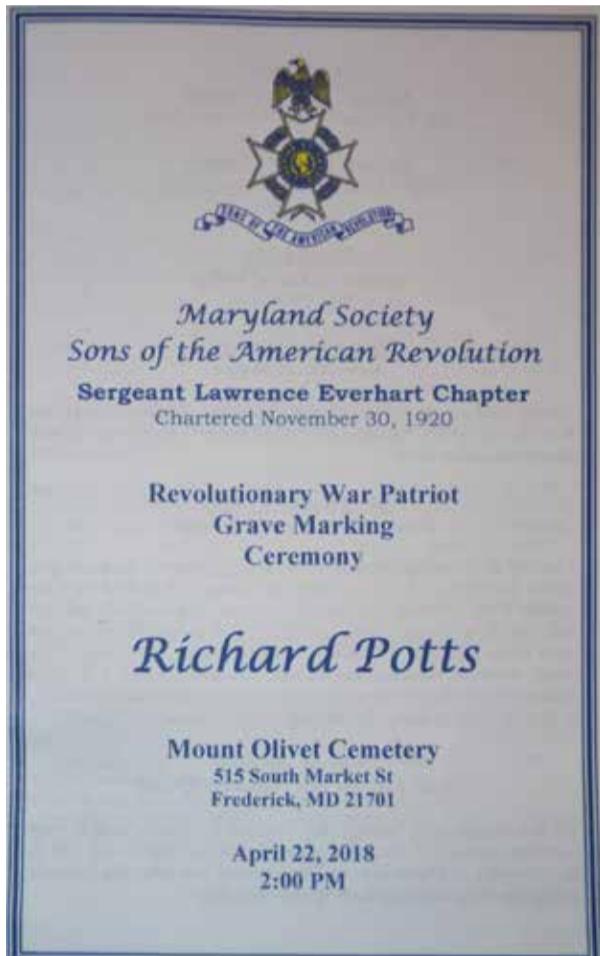
April 22, 2018

Grave Marking for Richard Potts at the Old Mount Olivet Cemetery in Frederick. Guest fifer Claude Bauer, Ron Harbaugh, Bill Smithson, Gerry Harris, Chris Smithson, David Embrey, James Tucker, Gene Moyer, and David Hoover. It was a great day to be burn powder and to be in wool. I think we even out numbered the Chapter members





May 29, , 2018  
Doing a walk through before advancing the Colors at The General William Smallwood Chapter MDSSAR 48th annual Memorial Day Observance at Veterans' Park, Woodmont Triangle, Bethesda, MD with David Embrey and Bruce French photos shared from Jim Adkins fb page.



## MASSACHUSETTS



PHOTOS by Compatriot Brad Bittenbender Compatriot John Raya (Michigan Society) presents the marker to Guardsman Sean Conley (Massachusetts Society) and Helen Davis (D.A.R)

PHOTOS by Compatriot Brad Bittenbender An assembly of three Color Guards march to the cemetery under Robert N. Bossart Col. Henry Knox Color Guard Commander (Massachusetts Society)

## Bentley Grave Marking 05/05/2018

The Massachusetts Society was honored to receive and rededicate the original S.A.R. Patriot grave marker of Joshua Bentley with a public ceremony held on Saturday, May 5 at the Old Burying Ground in Groton, MA this spring. The iron S.A.R. artifact, cast in the late 1800's by M.D. Jones and Company of Boston, missing for approximately 75 years was discovered by Compatriot John Raya of the Michigan Society while traveling in Arizona. John quickly realized the significance of the marker when he found it for sale in an antique store in Mesa and then noticed that a copper name tag was still attached. He didn't hesitate paying the \$50.00 asking price and immediately went to work trying to identify where this originally came from.



PHOTOS by Compatriot Brad Bittenbender Betsy Ross flag leads the troops in

Oakes Chapter; John Raya, 2nd VP of the Oaks Chapter; David Moore, Color Guard drummer; and Ray Lucas Genealogist Oaks Chapter all made the 800-mile journey to Boston, Massachusetts Society. Sean Conley, an active member of the Massachusetts State Color Guard and descendant of Paul Revere along with D.A.R. member Helen Davis, a descendant of Joshua Bentley, were on hand to place wreaths and accept custody of the marker from the Michigan Society.

The ceremony featured 15 members of the Col. Henry Knox Color Guard of the Massachusetts Society; 2 members of the Michigan Society, drummer David Moore and Color Guard Commander Gerald Burkland; 4 members of the Acton Massachusetts Minutemen; and 18 members of the 6th Massachusetts Middlesex County Regiment. A total of 28 muskets emphasized the significance of the event with 3 resounding volleys at the grave site and concluded with finale at the flag pole erected by the Groton Minutemen.

His initial research identified that two different Joshua Bentley's from New England were living at the time of the Revolution, but after speaking by phone with Eleanor Gavazzai, Commissioner of the Old Burying Ground, he learned that the found marker belonged to the well-known local Patriot who was buried in Groton.

Joshua Bentley and Tom Richardson were two patriots who performed a crucial service in the American Revolution, when, on the evening of April 18, 1775, they risked their lives by rowing Paul Revere from Boston's North End to Charlestown so that Revere could make his historic ride to warn of the approaching British regulars who were intent on destroying cannon, powder and other supplies stored by American militia.

Five members from the Michigan Society participated in the return the marker. Gerald Burkland, Michigan Color Guard Commander; James Walker, President



PHOTOS by Compatriot Brad Bittenbender Joshua Bentley grave marker



PHOTOS by Compatriot Brad Bittenbender Joshua Bentley grave surrounded by Color Guard members

The Col. Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard marched for their second consecutive year in the 67th Flag Day parade in Quincy, MA. The City of Presidents has been holding this event annually since 1952 and lays claim to the longest running parade of its kind in the country. The parade stepped off in the early evening of Saturday, June 16th only a few hundred yards from the Church of the Presidents in Quincy Square. The final resting place of John Adams, Abigail Adams, John Quincy Adams and Louisa Catherine Adams was saluted by The Knox Color Guard when they paused to fire their first of many volleys at the corner where the Church stands.

A unique feature of this parade has always been the participation of children. This year nearly 1,500 young athletes, all members of community summer sports teams, are given flags to wave as they follow the bands, the floats, the military vehicles and



PHOTOS by Robert Bosworth, the publisher of the local weekly newspaper.

the reenactors down Hancock Street. Joining the seven members of the Knox Color Guard for this event was a small contingent from the Massachusetts Society Children of the American Revolution. Carrying their flashy parade banner was Morgan Holmes – former State President and current National Merit Chairman with her two sisters Reese and Taryn. Also marching was their mother Jackie Holmes who happens to be the current Senior State President of M.S.C.A.R.

The musket men of the Knox CG fired volley after volley and enjoyed rounds of cheers and applause by the crowd. The Dorothy Quincy Homestead, and the Doughboy Statue at Quincy's new World War I Memorial Park are along the route and were honored with a thunderous salute.

The mile and a half march concluded in front of the reviewing stand of local dignitaries at Adams Field where once again the musketeers performed in perfect sync which was captured by plenty of cell phone cameras and live local television feeds.



## MICHIGAN



Holland Memorial Parade

Photo - right Jason Gideon-Bunker Hill Flag, Ken Goodson-Philadelphia Militia Flag, James Perkins-Green Mountain Boys Flag.

Photo - left The ladies from the Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton Chapter of the DAR Holland Michigan who joined us in the Holland parade on May 28 are from left to right: Royetta Doe-Chapter Regent, Sarah Beyer, Claudia Green-Chapter Treasurer.



## Kensington Valley Chapter Dedicates SAR Grave Marker for Rev. John Mudge

On Saturday, May 12, the Kensington Valley Chapter conducted a grave dedication ceremony for Revolutionary War Patriot Reverend John Mudge at the West Highland Cemetery in Highland Township of Oakland County. John Mudge was born on November 21, 1755 in Sharon, Connecticut. He served in the Berkshire Men Militia and was on active duty for fourteen months. He became a Baptist minister at age 21, during the war, and served as a chaplain. Sometime after the war, he and some of his family members moved to Highland Township. He died on June 5, 1839 and was the first veteran buried in West Highland Cemetery.

Since the weather was not very cooperative, the ceremony was held in the West Highland Baptist Church across the road from the cemetery. After the ceremony, the MISSAR Color Guard marched to the cemetery and laid wreaths at the gravesite of Reverend Mudge. The Grand River Trail Chapter DAR then hosted a lunch back at the church for all participants and attendees. Also participating in the ceremony was the Rifle Squad from the American Legion Post 415 from Hartland.





The Color Guard "V" (l to r ) Gerald Burkland, Paul Callanan, James Strain (drums), George Scheck, Brent Kemmer, Joseph Conger



June 24, 2018, Guardsman James Perkins (left) Guardsman Duane Peachey (Center) and Commander Ken Goodson met at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bridgeman Michigan for a Church Service Celebration to all Veterans and those Serving. Those serving in the Military and all forms of Public Service, Police, Firefighters and First Responders were in attendance. We three represented MISSAR in congratulating those who serve.



The Michigan Guardsman who marched in the 4th of July Parade at Cohoctah Michigan.

From Left to Right: Don Reifert, Aaron Wiles, Dennis Van Wormer, Norm Palmer, Ken Goodson



**MISSISSIPPI**  
The Mississippi State SAR Color Guard 2018 Edition formed at Blocker and Payne Cemeteries in Olive Branch, MS to present colors for a Memorial Day Tribute, A Time to Remember. Presentations consisted of the origination of the POW MIA flag and songs from the newly formed Queen of Peace Youth Choir. A presentation was also given concerning the meaning of the Missing Man Table, followed by a roll call read off by city officials that named over 200 War Veterans interred at the cemeteries. The Mississippi State SAR Color Guard ended the service with the Retiring of the Colors.



This Photo shows the MSSAR Color Guard forming to step off the beginning of the service with the Olive Branch High School JROTC Marine Color Guard trailing. I didn't get the names of the JROTC Marine Color Guard members. Julius is in front leading with the drum, Kevin is to the left of Bill who is carrying the American flag. Gerry is carrying the SAR flag with Lynn to the right of him.



This Photo shows the MSSSAR Color Guard marching into the service. Leading is Julius Hite drumming followed by Kevin McDonald bearing arms followed by Bill Horne bearing the American flag followed by Gerry Brent bearing the SAR flag followed by Lynne Herron bearing arms. I like how all are in step.

Thursday evening, June 28th SAR Compatriot Color Guard members from DeSoto County Patriots Chapter based in Horn Lake, Mississippi joined in with the Isaac Shelby Chapter of Memphis, Tennessee under direction of Color Guard Commander Colby Morgan to present colors for the annual July 4th Celebration Patriotic Pops Concert at The Levitt Shell in Overton Park. The Memphis Symphony Orchestra performed patriotic repertoire beginning with the National Anthem and Presentation of Colors by the combined efforts of both SAR local chapters. The MSO recognized each branch of service with their arrangement of the United States Armed Forces Medley. A couple of memorable jazz tunes were also featured by the MSO like In



Right - Colby Morgan (Isaac Shelby Memphis, TN); Julius Hite (DeSoto Patriots Horn Lake, MS); Richard Treharne (Isaac Shelby Memphis, TN); Gerry Brent (DeSoto Patriots Horn Lake, MS); Lynne Heron (DeSoto Patriots Horn Lake, MS); Kent McAden (Isaac Shelby Memphis, TN); and Kevin McDonald (DeSoto Patriots Horn Lake, MS)

Photo taken by Anita Hite

the Mood and Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy that were popular among the soldiers during the days of World War II. Styles of Dixieland and other genres made popular in early America were also performed. A special appearance was also made by Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass. The evening was concluded with the well known John Phillips Sousa piece Stars and Stripes Forever along with an eye-catching fireworks display for the finale.



On April 27, 2018 the MOSSAR Color Guard and the Lewis & Clark Fife and Drum Corps of St. Charles, Missouri participated in the Opening Ceremonies of the 128th MOSSAR Annual Convention. The Annual Convention was held at the Embassy Suites – St. Charles, Missouri. Attending were President General Larry Guzy and Vice President General South-Central District Robert Capps.

Back row, left to right: Stephen Sullins, John Stewart, James Scott, Ken Lawrence, J. Howard Fisk, Marvin Koechig, Bob Brindell, and Greg Watkins.

Foreground: New MOSSAR Color Guard Commander Doug Neff, Retiring Color Guard Commander Bill Groth, and MOSSAR President Dennis J. Hahn.

## MISSOURI



On April 28, 2018 MOSSAR held a change in Color Guard Commander Ceremony at the MOSSAR 128th Annual Convention held at the Embassy Suites – St. Charles, Missouri.

Behind Commander Neff, left to right: Charles McMillan (OMC), Stephen Sullins (IPC), John Steward (HST), and Eastern District Color Guard Commander James Scott (IPC).

On April 13, 2018 MOSSAR Colorguardsmen Tom Neal, James Scott, and Stephen Sullins were at the Kansas City Airport to greet 64 veterans and guardians on their return to the airport as they departed the airplane. The veterans were from Coffey County, Kansas. The guardians were from the Coffey County High School. In addition to MOSSAR Colorguardsmen, the Coffey County American Legion and Patriot Patrol were there to greet the veterans. The SAR color guardsmen were from Independence Patriots and Harry S Truman Chapters.

MOSSAR Colorguardsman Tom Neal with Honor Flight Veteran Troy Walker.



Above - Left to right: Frank Furman - Ozark Patriots Chapter; Marvin Koechig - Fernando de Leyba Chapter; Jim Borgman - Fernando de Leyba Chapter; Don Turner - Ozark Patriots Chapter; Bill Grote - Fernando de Leyba Chapter, MOSSAR Eastern District Color Guard Commander; Steven Biggs - Spirit of St. Louis Chapter; and Steve White - Fernando de Leyba Chapter. Charles Lilly - Fernando de Leyba Chapter attended but is not in photo

On April 14, 2018 eight (8) members of the MOSSAR Color Guard participated in musket training. Unfortunately, it began to rain during the training. Charles Lilly commented "I understand why battles were not fought in the rain. Very difficult to keep your powder dry."

Photos provided by Charles Lilly



Above - Left to right: MOSSAR Colorguardsmen Stephen Sullins, Richard Mathews, Robert Grover, Roy Hutchinson, John Stewart, Thomas Barden, Ken Bailey, Jack Quint, Alvin Paris, Chris Sizemore, Central District Color Guard Commander J. Wayne Merrill, and Western District Color Guard Commander James Scott. Participants not pictured are Wayne Davis, Marvin Koechig,

On April 20, 2018 the MOSSAR Color Guard participated in the Opening Ceremonies of the Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution 119th Annual Conference held at the Hilton Kansas City International Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. MOSSAR President Dennis J. Hahn brought greetings on behalf of the Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Foreground: left to right: MOSSAR President Dennis J. Hahn, Richard Mathews, Wayne Davis, and Western District Color Guard Commander James Scott.



Above - Left to right: Richard Mathews (IPC), Roy Hutchinson (HST), Robert Grover (HST), Hugh Mills, Richard Bryant (AMC), Stephen Sullins (IPC), Jack Quint (HST), and Western District Color Guard Commander James Scott (IPC).



On April 23, 2018 at the Marriott, Kansas City, Missouri the SAR Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate were presented by MOSSAR Honorary Vice President and Member of the Alexander Majors Chapter Richard T. Bryant to Hugh Mills, Undersheriff (Colonel) Jackson County Missouri Sheriff's Office. Colorguardsmen from the Independence Patriots and Harry S Truman participated.



Above - In the foreground, Members of the Lewis & Clark Fife and Drum Corps of St. Charles, Missouri. In the background, left to right: MOSSAR Color Guard Members Charles McMillan (OMC), James Scott (IPC), Doug Neff (FDL), Wayne Davis (SSL), Richard Mathews (IPC), Don Turner (OMC), Marvin Koechig (FDL), Frank Furman (OMC), Russell DeVenney (MGC), one Junior Members (MGC), Stephen Sullins (IPC), Greg Watkins (SSL), Charles Lilly (FDL), and William David (FDL)

On April 27, 2018 the MOSSAR Color Guard and the Lewis & Clark Fife and Drum Corps of St. Charles, Missouri participated in the Opening Ceremonies of the 128th MOSSAR Annual Convention. The Annual Convention was held at the Embassy Suites – St. Charles, Missouri. Attending were President General Larry Guzy and Vice President General South-Central District Robert Capps.



On the right of the photo are: NSSAR Vice President General South-Central District Robert Capps, Karin Guzy, and NSSAR President General Larry T. Guzy.



Above - Left to right: MOSSAR Eastern District Color Guard Commander Bill Grote, Marvin Koechig, Greg Watkins, Stephen Sullins, MOSSAR Color Guard Commander Doug Neff, Frank Furman and Don Turner. Not pictured are Charles Lilly and Bob Brindell.

On May 5, 2018 the Captain Henry Whitener DAR Chapter hosted the celebration of the following eleven (11) Patriots buried in Madison County, MO: William Boren, Samuel Burks, Robert Chase, Isham Harrison, John Reeves, Jeremiah Robinson, Peter Sitzes, Jacob Stevens, Robert Sinclair, William Tong & Henry Whitener. Members of the Fernando de Leyba, Spirit of St. Louis, Independence Patriots, and Ozark Patriots Chapters participated in a 21-Gun Salute.



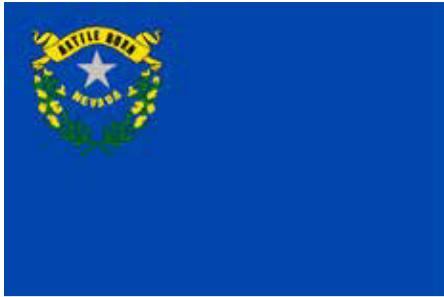
Above - Left to right: Left to right: Rick Morton (FDL), Bob Brindell (SSL), Terry Grogan (SSL), Wayne Davis (SSL), Charles Lilly (FDL), Doug Neff (FDL), Stephen Sullins (IPC), Jon Pennington (SSL) and Steven Frash (State Secretary of the Ohio Society). Don Turner (OPC) and Bill Grote (FDL) (MOSSAR Eastern Missouri District Color Guard Commander) attended but are not pictured.

On May 20, 2018 members of the MOSSAR Color Guard and the State Secretary of the Ohio Society, Steven Frash, participated in the Annual Commemoration of the Battle of Fort San Carlos held at the Missouri History Museum in Forest Park, St. Louis, Missouri



Left to right: Former NSSAR Registrar General Russell DeVenney, two (2) Junior Com-patriots, Fernando de Leyba Chapter President Marvin Koechig, MOSSAR Honorary Vice President Charles Lilly, Eastern District Color Guard Commander Bill Grote, and Missouri Color Guard Commander Doug Neff.

On May 28, 2018 MOSSAR Colorguardsmen participated in the Missouri DAR Annual Memorial Day ceremonies at the Coldwater Cemetery in Florissant, St. Louis County, Missouri. Cold Water Cemetery (CWC) is considered by historians to be the oldest Protestant cemetery west of the Mississippi River still in use. The cemetery is part of a land grant that was given to Patriot John Patterson, an American Revolutionary War soldier, who is buried there. Two other Revolutionary War Patriots are also buried there, John Clark and Eusebius Hubbard. John Patterson Sr., gathered his family and with many of his friends and relatives, journeyed by wagon train from the Carolinas after the Revolutionary War eventually arriving in the Cold Water Creek area around 1797. The Missouri DAR took possession of Coldwater Cemetery on Memorial Day, 1963.



## NEVADA

The posting of the colors at the Hillside Cemetery, Reno, Nevada.

The Battle Born Patriots NSSAR Color Guard, under the command of State Color Guard Commander, Paul Hicks. Three Northern Nevada chapters of DAR placed a plaque commemorating the oldest cemetery in Reno, Nevada, the Hillside Cemetery. The cemetery is now listed with the Nation Society, Daughters of the American Revolution as an historic site.



The North Carolina color guard at the 242nd Anniversary of the Halifax Resolves ceremony. PG Guzy was in attendance. The color guard had two participants from Virginia and one from South Carolina marching with the NC Combined Color Guard for a total of 22 members.



Gravesite and Memorial at Princeton Battle Monument — (l to r) Compatriot Bob Hill, Ed Bonniwell, Lee Wilkerson, Bob Bowers, Jack Bredenfoerder, Dan Schmitz and Mike Gunn, all of the Ohio Society SAR



His Excellency, General George Washington with his body guard to his right flank and President Rob Meyer addressing the Color Guard and onlookers during the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Monmouth Battlefield



(l to r) Compatriots Bob Bowers, Mike Gunn and Lee Wilkerson with New Jersey Society President Rob Meyer

## On to Monmouth

This past Thursday, 15 June 2018, nine members of the Cincinnati Chapter's Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard packed up their muskets, bayonets, cartridge boxes and haversacks and began a journey that would take them back 240 years—to the early years of the America's Fight for Independence. The guys rendezvoused in Princeton, NJ and met their guide, Roger Williams, the next morning at the Princeton Battle Monument in downtown Princeton. Roger welcomed us to Princeton and proceeded to outline the travel route that he had planned for the day and distributed walkie-talkies so we could all hear the presentation and discussion while enroute.

Our caravan was four cars long and the distance covered would be about seventy-five miles along back roads and highways connecting Washington's crossing of the Delaware River on Christmas Eve 1776, the subsequent march to Trenton and the Battle with the Hessians. We next reviewed the location and detail of the Battle of Assunpink Creek in what is now downtown Trenton and followed the path of Washington's Continental Army to Princeton, NJ and reviewed the action that had taken place there against the British on 3 January 1777.

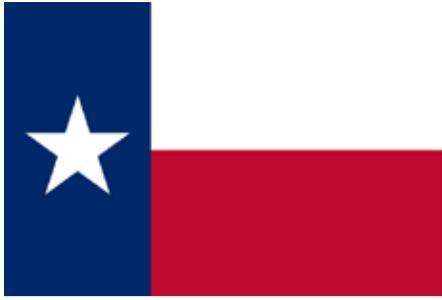
The next day we met with President Rob Meyer of the New Jersey Society and participated in the ceremonies planned for the 240th Commemoration of the Battle of Monmouth.

The Ohio Society and Chapters present were invited to place wreaths in memory of the patriots lost during the battle. Vice President Lee Wilkerson—Ohio Society, President Jack Bredenfoerder—Cincinnati Chapter, President Ken Carpenter—Highlanders Chapter, Treasurer Bob Hill—Hocking Valley Chapter, and Mike Gunn—German Society all placed wreaths before the monument of General Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben along with wreaths placed by our hosts the New Jersey Society SAR and DAR. The ceremony was concluded with a benediction and prayer by the Rev. Dr. Edgar Ralph Bonniwell and a 21 gun musket salute by a combined New Jersey and Ohio Society squad of muskets.

The commemoration included a large scale reenactment of the Battle of Monmouth with hundreds of British Regulars confronted by the Continental Army and State Militias. Two members of the Cincinnati SAR contingent, Compatriots Brad Jarard and Shaun Smith took part in the artillery unit supporting the continentals during the battle reenactment.

Towards evening, the Cincinnati contingent packed up and headed back to the Princeton Battle Field for a final commemoration at the graves of British and American soldiers that died during that battle. Past President Michael Gunn emceed the event with Lee Wilkerson, Jack Bredenfoerder, Bob Bowers, Ed Bonniwell and Bob Hill presenting colors at the grave site.

Once again, Vice President Lee Wilkerson—Ohio Society, President Jack Bredenfoerder—Cincinnati Chapter, Treasurer Bob Hill—Hocking Valley Chapter and Mike Gunn—German Society placed wreaths at the grave site. Once again, the Rev. Dr. Edgar Ralph Bonniwell, solemnized the ceremony with the closing prayer.



### Burnet County Fair – 8 Jun 2018

Two years ago, members of the Texas SAR Color Guard were asked to present the colors at a grave marking for a DAR member in Liberty Hill, TX. The family members were so impressed with our presentation that they asked us to present the colors at the opening ceremony of the Burnet County Fair in June of 2017, and we did. They asked us back for the 2018 Fair opening ceremony. Presenting the colors in Continental attire is an eye-catcher, so we are pleased to oblige these requests. TX SAR CG Commander Stu Hoyt preparing to call the color guard to attention. He is followed by Jim Clements, Patrick Henry Chapter, next Charles Bush, Bluebonnet Chapter (behind the American Flag), Ron Walcik, Heart of Texas and Ray De Vries of the Alexander Hamilton chapter.

The TX SAR CG posed for pictures with folks after the ceremony. Left to right are Stu Hoyt, Commander, Jim Clements, Charles Bush, Ron Walcik, and Ray De Vries.



### Memorial Day 28 May 2018

Texas State Color Guard honors the fallen at the Texas State Cemetery located at 909 Navasota St, Austin TX. Each year the surrounding SAR and DAR Chapters in the Austin area gather to pay tribute to the Fallen at the Texas State Cemetery where two SAR Patriots, Robert Rankin and Stephen Williams are buried. During the service, the names of those SAR and DAR, who have died in the prior year are called out and each name is followed by the ringing of a bell. This year, Major General Juan G.

Ayala, USMC, Ret, gave the address by paying tribute to those that made the ultimate commitment while serving under his command in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The TX SAR Color Guard in conjunction with the Austin SAR and DAR Chapters performed a ceremony for the Fallen on Memorial Day, 28 May at the TX State Cemetery on Patriots Hill just down from Patriot Robert Rankin's Grave. We had 20 Color Guard members representing five chapters, Alexander Hamilton (AH), Bluebonnet (BB), Patrick Henry (PH), Robert Rankin (RR), and William Hightower (WH). From left to right are Robert Hites (musket) (PH), Henry Shoenfelt (musket) (PH), Keven Miller (PH), Jim Scott (AH), Jesse Steward (behind) (visiting from Phil. PA), Richard Fawkes (PH), Gary Chapel, (behind) (PH), Shiidon Hawley (musket) (PH), Fred Duncan, (behind) (PH), Tom Jackson (TX SAR Pres), (RR), John Know (behind) (PH), Ray De Vries (AH), John Booth (behind) (WH), Stu Hoyt (TX SAR CG Comm.) (WH), Don Chandler (WH), Bob Jordan (musket) (PH), Lane Redwine (AH), Darin Hutchinson (drummer), (AH) and Blair Rudy (TX SAR South CG Comm) (BB). Not shown was Wayne Courreges (moderator) (PH).

Five members of the TX SAR CG, Shiidon Hawley (PH), Ray De Vries (AH), Richard Fawkes (PH), Bob Jordan (PH), and Henry Shoenfelt (PH), directed by the commands of Blair Rudy (BB) provide a musket salute towards the conclusion of the ceremony. The statue on the pedestal above their heads seems to be showing the direction.



### Texas SAR Convention

The Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution held its Spring Conference in Richardson, Texas from the 5th through the 8th of Apr.

The conference opened in Richardson with the raising of the SAR Flag at the Hilton Hotel by the state Color Guard.

TX SAR CG at the dinner at the Richardson Conference. Standing Left to right back row are: Bob Kittrell, (Dallas Chapter), Robert Mearns (Brazos Valley), unknown, Alan Green (Robert Rankin Chapter), Dave Davidson (Van Zandt Chapter Ft. Worth), Ted Wilson (Edmund Terrill Chapter), Larry Melton (Plano Chapter), Gerry Gieger (Van Zandt Chapter Ft. Worth), Montie Monzingo (East Fork Trinity Chapter Garland), and T. L. Holden (Edmund Terrill Chapter). Kneeling in Front (L to R) Stu Hoyt (William Hightower Chapter New Braunfels), Tom Whitelock (Dallas Chapter), Blair Rudy (Hill Country Chapter), and Bill Watts (Dallas Chapter).



Incoming State Color Commander, Stu Hoyt accept the sword from outgoing Commander Bill Watts while the North Commander Ted Wilson (left), and the South Commander, Blair Rudy (right), John Beard, President, look on.



On Saturday morning bright and early, a number of the Color Guard slipped out and drove an hour north to Gainesville for the annual Medal of Honor Parade. A cold front came through the night before so it was down to freezing with a healthy north wind. In spite of the cold, ten members plus one Junior marched in the parade. From Left to right are: Ted Wilson, Ron Wheeler, T.L. Holden, Delbert Francis, Sonny Replogle, Jim Hanlon, Steve Teel, Jack Adair, Jerry Pinkerton, Tom Whitelock, and John Greer.



Flag Day - 9 June 2018

The Texas State Color Guard gathered at the Texas State Cemetery to honor Flag Day in support of a National Veteran's Grave challenge by 12 year old Preston C. Sharp of Redding California. At the age of 10, Preston went to visit his grandfather's grave on Veteran's Day to find not one veteran's grave marked with a flag. His mom challenged him to do something about it. He resolve to go to each of the fifty states and promote the marking of Veteran's graves with a flower and a flag. Texas is the twelfth state, he has visited, on his travels across the country. He was recognized by President Trump at the last State of the Union Speech. During this event, Senator Donna Campbell represented the State of Texas. The goal was to mark some 2500 veteran's graves, which was accomplished by local military organizations along with police, sheriff and fire department members. After the ceremony, taps was played by Ron Moulton (our drummer) on a very old bugle.



Left to right are: Jim Clements, Senator "The Yellow Rose of Texas" Donna Campbell, Robert Hites, Preston Sharp, Stu Hoyt, Rick Fawkes, Ron Moulton (drummer). Gary Chapel, and Wayne Courreges. All are from the Patrick chapter except Stu Hoyt, State Color Guard Commander, from the William Hightower Chapter.

Robert Hites of the Patrick Henry Chapter and State Color Guard Adjutant marked the grave of Patriot Stephen Williams.



## April 7th, Rural Russell County, VA

Virginia & Tennessee collaboration. On a cold day, with intermittent snow flurries, about 120 compatriots, DAR members, and guests gathered to honor Robert Vicars, patriot of the revolution, by marking his grave in the Old Vicars Cemetery at Grassy Creek in Russell County. The event was jointly organized and conducted by members of the Virginia and Tennessee SAR, with nine Virginia SAR chapters and five Tennessee SAR chapters participating, including fourteen color guardsmen. Fourteen of Robert Vicars' descendants attended the ceremony.



## VIRGINIA



Combined TN & VA Color Guard at the Vicars Grave Marking, left to right: Bill Schwetke (VA), Larry McKinley (VA), David Johnson (TN), Darryl Addington (TN), Darrin Schmidt (VA), Don Hills (TN), John Clines (TN) Larry Frazier (VA), Peter Davenport (VA), Tom Coker (VA), David Carr (TN), James Moore (VA), Barney Penley (VA)

## May 5th, Rural Madison County, VA.

Virginia & South Carolina collaboration. Compatriots of seven Virginia Chapters, including ten color guardsmen, gathered at Graves' Mountain to meet and collect Virginia soil to be spread on the mass grave of Virginians at the commemoration of the Battle of Waxhaws later in the month. The soil was collected in a ceremony and blessed by the chaplain. It was carried to South Carolina, where on May 26th, Virginia President Pat Kelly spread the blessed soil of Virginia on the mass grave during the ceremony honoring the 238th Anniversary of the Battle of Waxhaws.

Tom Hamill presents the Virginia Soil, just collected by Dale Corey, on far left, to Virginia SAR President Pat Kelly. Father Henry Minich prepares to bless the soil, and the Color Guard salutes, left to right: Michael Dennis, Bill Schwetke, Charles Jameson, Ken Wallenborn, and Paul Chase.



## May 12th, Wilderness Road State Park, Ewing, VA..

The Raid at Martin's Station was memorialized by a ceremony that included seventeen color guardsmen from the Virginia SAR and Tennessee SAR, augmented by local militia re-enactors and the JROTC Color Guard in hunting shirts.

## April 5th, 6th, and June 14th.

The Virginia SAR Color Guard presented the Colors for the National Anthem at minor league baseball games in Woodbridge (Potomac Nationals), Salem (Red Sox), and Richmond (Flying Squirrels). In August we will present the colors for the Norfolk Tides. At each game there was a good crowd of SAR compatriots to cheer the colors and the home team. This is the second year that presenting the colors for Minor League Baseball games has been a Virginia SAR Presidential Initiative.



Left to right: Paul Chase, Bill Schwetke, Irv Owings, and Gary Hall



Carrying the banner, left to right: Bill Ritchie of the DC Society, Ron Kirby. Back row, left to right: Bill Schwetke, Mike Elston, Jeff Thomas, Virginia SAR President Pat Kelly, Gary Hall, Vern Eubanks, and Dave Embrey.

## May 28th, Washington, DC.

The George Washington Chapter organized SAR participation in the National Memorial Day Parade, and presented medals to all first time participants. Seven color guardsmen from Virginia led the SAR contingent on the parade down Constitution Avenue.



Dooley-Carr-Elston Medal awarded by the George Washington Chapter to each first time parade participant.



Left to right: Paul Chase (Col William Grayson Chapter), Nutasha (Flying Squirrels), Gary Hall (Dan River Chapter), Bill Schwetke (Culpeper Minutemen Chapter), Irv Owings (Richmond Chapter), Nutzy (Flying Squirrels)



June 30th, Salem, VA.

Virginia & West Virginia collaboration. In what is hoped to be the first of an annual celebration of General Andrew Lewis, six Virginia and two West Virginia color guardsmen supported the ceremony conducted in the shadow of the General Andrew Lewis statue at the Salem Civic Center.

Left to right: Rick Greathouse (WV), Kirk Sheap (VA), Bill Schwetke (VA), Tom Hamill (VA), Bill Lester (WV), Charlie Coale (VA), Bob Vogler (VA), and Dennis Fritts (VA).

## WASHINGTON



Washington State has been exceptionally busy during the second quarter of 2018. The Color Guard membership numbers only 58 but our participation, state wide, has been exceptional. Our Color Guard activities include the participation of 101 uniformed events across the state, 14 Living History presentations, 36 members posting colors, 32 members marching in parades, 4 attending Honor Flights and 2 members participating in Citizenship ceremonies. Our 58 members have represented the WASSAR in our state 189 times during the second quarter. We are busy!

At the 2018 WASSAR Meeting, Kennewick, Washington, our Color Guard members comprised 47% of the attending members. The Armed Forces Day Parade Bremerton, WA, a long standing WASSAR tradition, represents the beginning of our parade season. Photos of both events are attached along with a document naming the participating members.



### Bremerton Armed Forces Day Parade

Bottom Row L-R - Viren Lemmer, Jan Lemmer, Jeanine Stephan, Skip Stephan, Ken Roberts.

Second Row L-R - Dick Motz, David Irons, Arthur Dolan, David Blevins

3rd Row - Doug Nelson, Bob O'Neal, Kent Stirling, Noah Chase,

Top Row - Neil Vernon, Mick Hersey, Ralph Liening, Conrad Plyler



### Washington State 2018 Annual meeting

Bottom Row L-R - Stan Wills (Eastern WA CG Deputy Commander) Viren Lemmer (Fife and Drum Commander), Barry Moravek, Arthur Dolan (Washington State CG Commander) Doug Nelson (past WA State SAR President) Neil Vernon and Skip Stephan.

Top Row L-R - Kelly Schultz, Michael Moore, Ken Roberts, Fred Gilbert, Lee Thomasson, Conn Owen Clark, Larry Flint, Will Palmer, Dick Motz and Mich Hersey. ----(Photo by Karen Schultz)

# What is a Safety Officer?

## Safety officer



We have all heard about the position of safety officer. This position is not an extremely physical or mentally demanding position; however, it is an important one. Having someone responsible for identifying safety issues and stopping unsafe acts is essential to the well-being of our compatriots and the public. When I accepted the position of color guard safety officer several months ago I was familiar with and had experience regarding the duties of a fire department safety officer. I believe that many of these experiences are also applicable to our mission. I do not wish to insult the knowledge many of our compatriots who have similar experiences but feel that understanding the role of a safety officer is important.

The person in command is ultimately responsible for safety of those under his command. A commander wears a lot of hats, or is responsible for a lot of things, until he delegates or assigns someone to handle a task. This does not relinquish the commander's ultimate responsibility it simply shares said responsibility. As an example, the commander of a firing detail is responsible for the safe discharged of firearms; however, he can delegate this the safety inspection which allows him to concentrate on other essential matters.

Who makes a good safety officer? Before I continue with a discussion, "safety is everyone's responsibility" and any unsafe act should be identified and if possible corrected by anyone who identifies the condition. There are a few common traits or qualifications a safety officer should have.

The safety officer should have the respect of those for whom he is responsible. If they are not respected it is possible that the issues they raise will be ignored. They need to be knowledgeable in the environment in which they are working. Although the duties of a safety officer transcend many activities a safety officer without knowledge of firearms would probably be a poor choice to conduct an inspection of our firearms. The ideal safety officer should also have situational awareness. The ability to assess the whole environment in which we operate and not tunnel in on one aspect of safety. Probably the most important of all the attributes is the ability to say "no" or "stop" to an unsafe condition. A person hesitant to speak up is probably the wrong person to be a safety officer.

Although labelled as a safety officer we should view him as an environmental officer having situational awareness, always evaluating the environment in which we occupy. Many of us implement a safety officer when we discharge firearms as the hazards are obvious; however, we may not give a thought to staffing the position during other events. None of us are infallible, and we all can commit an unsafe act.

Editor's Note: For further information on Flintlock Rifle and Musket use see the National Park Service's Manual at -  
<https://www.nps.gov/stri/upload/18thCMusketManual2010-01-21.pdf>

A couple of years ago my chapter was firing at an all-day event, where each of us fired several times throughout the day. As will happen, one of the muskets did not fire and required clearing before the next event. The individual whose musket required clearing was a Senior Master Sergeant in the military,

I only mention this because of his obvious basic knowledge of firearms. As he was so focused on clearing his musket that he lowered the barrel to horizontal. He was unaware that it was pointing at some young children. Someone immediately recognized the condition and corrected it to the embarrassment of this compatriot. As will happen after incident we now require that when clearing a firearm, a second individual supervises to insure it is done safely.



Probably the most important of all the attributes is the ability to say "no" or "stop" to an unsafe condition.

Other than firing there are several other times were a safety officer could be valuable. Prior to an event a safety officer could identify trip hazards or overhead conditions that might cause injury. When involved in an outdoor event be aware of the projected

weather conditions and have a plan. If the weather is hot and humid consideration should be made to hydrate and cool the compatriots. If weather conditions are hazardous what is the trigger point where we will cancel our participation?

A big question is what authority does a safety officer have? A safety officer operates under the authority of the commander and has the ability to stop all unsafe actions immediately and no actions can take place until the unsafe condition is corrected. In events conducted by the Sons of the American Revolution the safety officer has the ability to identify and stop any unsafe act. When participating in events where we are guests our safety officers have limited authority that only relates to our participation. As an example, at a local parade where we are guests and lighting strikes have been reported in the area the safety officer should call the hazard to the attention of the commander and they should determine if they will participate.

Although I hesitate mentioning the last reason for having a safety officer, it none the less deserves consideration. I must preface this by stating I am not an attorney and this is only an opinion. Having a safety officer will not prevent someone from seeking legal remedies against us if an accident should occur. However, it can demonstrate that we took the necessary steps to provide for the safety of our compatriots and the public around us.

Be safe and designate a safety officer.  
Respectfully,  
Compatriot Mark Kramer



# COLOR GUARD PARTICIPATION AT EVENTS

“ 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. ”

## 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.

### Existing Events.

There are many established events in which the National Color Guard participates. At these events, the event coordinator or host society will issue a formal invitation to other state societies. These invitations are then disseminated within the respective societies and chapters.

On the date of the event, the Color Guard is formed under the command of the National Commander, another National Color Guard Officer or the color guard commander of the host society (See the Command Structure section). Given that many of these events are similar in nature, a generic outline of a program can be found in the National Society SAR Handbook and is not rep-

located here.

## Creating an Event.

For those Color Guards who do not have a Revolutionary War site within their service area, an alternative to undertaking expensive and time-consuming travel is to create a unique event in their area. Two specific examples of this are the California Massing of Colors in Los Angeles that celebrates George Washington's Birthday and the George Washington Parade in Laredo, TX where the local color guard has joined in with an established parade and expanded into hosting other events in conjunction with this event.

Taking the example of the Massing of Colors, the following process was followed:

- Pick an individual or event to celebrate;
- Pick a date and time that does not conflict with other possible events already established to celebrate the individual or event (for example, if a Sunday is chosen, have the event at midafternoon to allow members and the general public to attend church and have lunch);
- Pick a central location such as a local Memorial Park where the general public is already used to gathering to celebrate or commemorate events;
- Invite other heritage, lineage, and military organizations to participate;
- Provide some recognition to participants – most commonly a certificate of appreciation or participation or presenting a streamer that can be attached to the organizations flag;

- Acknowledge as many participants as possible in a printed program;
- If possible and if the event is outside, reserve an indoor location in case of rain;
- Invite local speakers in addition to NSSAR General Officers;
- Be willing to evolve so that the program does not become stagnant.

## Publicity.

A key component to any Color Guard or other event is publicity. Publicity is very easy since the Color Guard uniform is unique and not often seen by the general public except on television and film. A common occurrence is for children and the general public to request guardsmen to appear in photographs or talk about the uniform. To build on this natural tendency, the Color Guard should be prepared to both promote a public appearance both before and after the fact.

Prior to an event, the Commander or his designee may coordinate with the host state society or chapter in developing a press release that includes photographs of color guard participation from previous years. This photograph is more likely to be used than a static picture of people in front of wreaths or monuments.

Similarly, after an event is completed



(and in line with preparing the documentation required to be submitted with nominations for Color Guard Medals), a press release may be provided to local media if none attends the event.

In both cases, a press release may provide information on date, place, time and reason for the event. All pictures should have a caption identifying color guard members by name and city of residence. Finally, the press release should have a statement at the end providing basic information on the SAR and Color Guard with contact names and numbers.

During events, the Color Guard should be prepared to talk about the event, their uniform, the color guard and the SAR. In many organizations, a single guardsman should be identified as the primary media contact at the event.

## HEALTH & SAFETY REGULATIONS

The following regulations were enacted for the health and safety of the Guardsmen participating in the various SAR sponsored outdoor events.

- The Commander, assisted by the Event Coordinator, shall be responsible for enforcing these regulations as much as practicable, but each individual Guardsman is ultimately responsible for his own health and safety including, but not limited to, obtaining the necessary liability insurance.
- It shall be the responsibility of individual Guardsman to be aware of their own physical limitations and to excuse themselves from

the color guard will be in close proximity of a firing squad. If a Guardsmen is wearing a polyester uniform, he will be asked to move to a safe location or asked to defer in direct participation at that time (credit for attendance will still accrue towards medals).

- Appropriate safety equipment is required when carrying or firing a musket or rifle. The weapon must have both a flash guard and a frizzen cover. The flash guard is brass and may be purchased or fabricated by the Color Guardsman. The frizzen cover is leather and can also be purchased or fabricated. Color Guardsmen without this safety equipment will not be permitted to carry their firelock (muzzle-loader) in any SAR event; local, state or national.

## ELECTION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY SAR COLOR GUARDSMAN OF THE YEAR

Nominations for National Color Guardsman of the Year must be submitted to the National Commander by e-mail or U.S. Mail no later than the December 31 preceding the National Congress at which the SAR Color Guardsman of the Year is to be awarded the SAR Gold Color Guard Medal.

To be considered for SAR Color Guardsman of the Year, a Color Guardsman must have completed at least three years of service at the National level. Each State Society and Chapter Color Guard may nominate one compatriot each year for the SAR Color Guardsman of the Year. State Societies and Chapters should consider the Compatriot who best exemplifies both the spirit of the Sons of the American Revolution and the use of Color Guards to display that spirit.

From among all nominations, the SAR Color Guardsman of the Year is elected by the eligible voters attending the Spring meeting of the National Color Guard Committee. Eligible voters shall include:

- All previous recipients of the Gold Color Guard Medal;
- One (1) representative from each state society. This representative shall be selected by either the state society President or the state society Color Guard Commander. In the event the state society has not formally selected a voting representative, the Color Guardsmen from a given state who are attending the Spring meeting of the National Color Guard Committee may decide among themselves who shall vote for the SAR Color Guardsman of the Year.

For additional information about the Gold Color Guard Medal, please refer to the section on The Gold Color Guard Medal under NATIONAL SOCIETY SAR COLOR GUARD MEDALS.

# Battle Road 2018

*Patriot Militia at Concord Bridge*

*By Brett Osborn*

## About the Author

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**the Colonel James Wood II Chapter Color Guard Commander 2010-2014 and 2017.**

**He has been on the National Society Color Guard Committee**

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**Medals and the National Von Steuben Medal.**

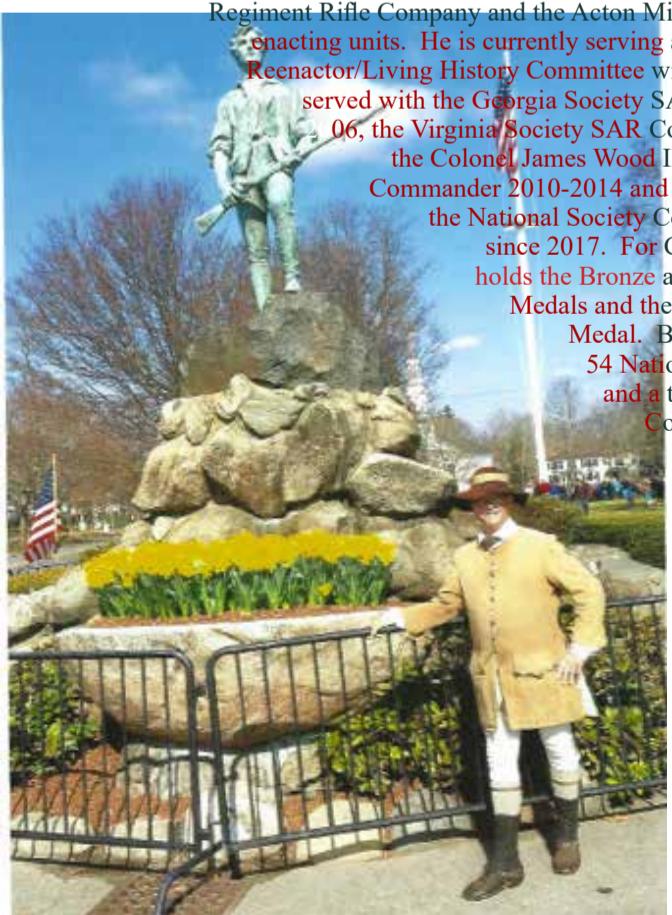
**Brett has participated in 54 National Events since 2002**

**and a total of 157 events as a Color Guardsman for the**

**Society. This includes firing a firelock (fowler, musket**

**or rifle) for**

**34 SAR events.**



## Battle Road 2018

This year I joined a re-enacting unit the Acton Minutemen so I could participate in the Battle Road event which covered activities on April 19, 1775 at Lexington, Concord and the Boston area. To join the unit, I had to submit photographs of myself in period clothing and equipment. In addition, I had to submit a video showing competence in period manual of arms drill.

This a link on the Manual Exercise, as ordered by His Majesty in 1764 (1) and used by Crown Force Regular and British Colonial Militia. One of the demonstrators is National Park Service (NPS) Ranger Jim Hollister who was the Point of Contact at Patriot's Day Events at the Minute Man National Historic Park.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZ8NGfrVB7g>

This a link with information on the participants, the event schedules, and some of the guidelines to participate in the Battle Road 2018 events:

[www.battleroad.org/](http://www.battleroad.org/)

Battle Road standards for interpreters and re-enactor participants included:

- No hunting shirts or buckskin apparel, conform to New England dress for this period.

- No haversacks, militia did not have them. Knapsacks, market wallets and snap sacks were acceptable.

- No rifles, they were not present at the time for Battle Road. Muskets, fowling pieces and fowling pieces were accepted.

- NO FACIAL HAIR.** This was enforced at NPS events for Battle Road 2018. One re-enactor going thru registration inspection had a mustache. He objected to being told he could not participate. The option provided was a small can of shaving cream and a disposable razor. He chose the option.

- All re-enactors and interpreters passing screening were given a plastic dog tag, "Battle Road Participant 2018, Minute Man NHP, Thanks You for Your Service! These were on a chain that was wore by all.

- Safety Inspection**, using 1764 Manual Drill, NPS staff inspected all firelocks, hammer stalls, flash guards and flints secure, half cock works on firelock and all weapons searched with ramrods. All weapons were also checked that they were clean, man behind me had fired his musket the day before and had not cleaned it, did not pass inspection and had to clean it prior to passing.

- All cartridge boxes checked that they were empty. NPS black powder car-

tridges issued after all safety checks completed. Each weapon cleared was given a sticker on the trigger guards by NPS staff.

• A new role was added for this year's event that was a suggestion from the re-enactor community and supported by the NPS. In addition to the interpreter volunteers, women and some children participated in the battle re-enactments as locals fleeing their homes from the fighting, some hiding their possessions. They shared their stories and their plight with spectators lining the roads for the battle scenarios.

I was participating in re-enactment battles for the Patriot's Day Battle Road events on Saturday, April 14, after clearing inspections with the Acton Minutemen and other Patriot militia in the Parker's Revenge and Tower Park battle scenarios.

On Sunday, April 15, I participated with the Acton Minutemen in a battle re-enactment at the Jason Russell house in Arlington, MA, followed by a parade in Arlington.

On Monday, April 16, all Patriot Day events were being canceled due to weather. The Boston Marathon was also impacted by the weather. Rain, hail, sleet and snow did not stop the Acton Minutemen. In addition to supporting a Make-A-Wish program, this re-enacting unit has marched every Patriot's Day since the unit was started, from Acton to Concord North Bridge. This year it was seven miles in light snow, sleet, ice, and rain. We had 40 men and women re-enactors and a couple of descendants of Captain Isaac Davis. We had eight drums and six fifers who played the whole seven miles. Not your usual color guard scenario.

Some Historical Notes of Interest Regarding Battle Road:

#### Militia vs. Minute men

Minute men represented the elite of a town's militia. They were the most physically fit and the best equipped and trained. Ready at a moment's notice, they earned the name minute men. While militia service was mandatory for white males, minute companies were raised by volunteers.

The Acton Company were Minutemen, their Captain Isaac Davis was a gunsmith and had modified their muskets to accept bayonets. (2) They were also issued cartridge boxes which improved the loading process. Because of this they were placed first on the Concord North Bridge.

The colonial militia formed a true representation of their communities. During the eighteenth century, 12 of the 13 colonies (but Quaker-led Pennsylvania) had a militia system in place. (3) In Massachusetts soldiers ages 16 to 60 came from all social and economic backgrounds and selected their officers. These militia units protected their towns and the interest of the British Empire against all enemies.



Regulars - Grenadiers at Concord Bridge 4-16-2018

The Lexington Training Band were not Minutemen, despite several local historic markers and a re-enacting unit calling themselves this. They were Militia and their age range included men from 16 to 62 on the Lexington Green on April 19, 1775. This includes four men from Woburn Precinct and although they were not members of the Lexington Training Band they were asked to join the assembly that morning. (4) Captain John Parker was elected leader of this militia group in October 1774, he was a farmer and woodworker by trade and a veteran of the French and Indian War. Already suffering from tuberculosis at the time of the Battle, he died a mere five months later, on September 17, 1775, at the age of 46. (5)

#### Soldiers of Color

Soldiers of African and Native American ancestry participated in the battles of Lexington and Concord and the battle of Bunker Hill two months later. Prince Estabrook (age 34) was a slave who lived in Lexington and was one of the militia who met the Regulars on Lexington Green. He was wounded in the battle which followed at Buckman Tavern. (6) Through circumstances and destiny, he became the first black soldier to fight in the American Revolution.

Two enslaved men may have accompanied their owners to the battle at North Bridge. These soldiers of color fought for the colonies and also for the hope of their own personal liberty from slavery. Yet many remained enslaved when the new nation was formed. (Minute Man NHP Visitor Center)

#### Crown Forces (AKA those British)

I struggle with calling the Redcoats British. Paul Revere did not ride the night of April 18, 1775, saying "The British are coming". He was a British subject at that time. He did say the "Regulars are coming". (7) Until our Continental Congress signed the Declaration of Independence, we were British subjects. So, I will address Crown Forces as Redcoats or Regulars.

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### Continental Soldier

<http://www.thedrive.com/the-war-zone/21952/this-is-what-a-continental-army-soldier-carried-during-the-revolutionary-war>

### Beaufort S.C. Battle Site

<https://www.wsav.com/news/local-news/why-the-revolutionary-war-battle-field-in-beaufort-has-never-been-preserved/1281962539>

### British Missed Chance

<http://www.thedrive.com/the-war-zone/21948/the-british-army-hoped-this-rifle-couldve-helped-halt-the-american-revolution>

### A New Grave Marking

<http://www.wbko.com/content/news/New-grave-marked-for-Revolutionary-War-patriot-486365381.html>

### Hometown Boy

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### Hero Buried

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### Patriot Tributes

<https://news.yale.edu/2018/06/25/july-4-celebration-pay-tribute-local-revolutionary-war-patriots>

### POW War Dead

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# The Dutch Mess

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What was a mess? "Soldiers during the War for Independence usually had to carry their cooking equipment with them on the march. Through various types of cooking utensils were procured by the men, camp kettles were the only food preparation item issued in large numbers to the army. One kettle was the normal allotment for each mess squad; a single mess was comprised of the men assigned to one tent, the standard being six men in the Continental army, five in the British army.



## COMPOSITION OF THE DUTCH MESS:

The Dutch Mess consisted of Charles Grim, Adam Heiskell, Adam Kurtz, Peter Lauck, John Schultz and Jacob Sperry.<sup>2</sup>

The term Dutch is a derivative

All of the Dutch Mess were taken prisoner with their Captain Daniel Morgan at Quebec in 1775. Adam Heiskell was wounded in the assault on Quebec.

*"Adam Kurtz is the only one of the Morgan Riflemen to be mentioned by Mr. William Greenway Russell in the text of What I know About Winchester, whom is identified by name as a member of "The Dutch Mess".<sup>3</sup>*

*"Daniel Morgan stayed at home, his health at times better, at times worse. Occasionally he reminisced with six Winchester men who had gone with him to Quebec in 1775. All Germans, these veterans formed a kind of club call the Dutch Mess which met to recount Revolutionary days".<sup>4</sup>*

## MILITIA OR CONTINENTAL

The travels of a Presbyterian minister, Reverend Fithian, were published in two journals. This event occurred in 1775 and the unit was militia and if it was Morgan's Company they became Continentals in less than a fortnight.

*"Possibly Morgan and his militia-men were in Winchester on June 6, 1775, when a young preacher named Philip Fithian visited there and recorded his observations: Mars, the great God of Battle, is now honored in every Part of this spacious Colony, but here every Presence is warlike,*



Dutch Mess; a group of Rifleman from Winchester, Virginia that marched to Boston, MA in 1775, then on to the siege of Quebec where they were captured with their Captain Daniel Morgan. Five of these men are buried in Mount Hebron Cemetery in Winchester, VA. The Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the VASSAR has obtained military markers for two of these soldiers graves and done grave dedication ceremonies for both. The most recent ceremony was conducted on June 9, 2018 for Dutch Mess member Jacob Sperry. Members of the VASSAR Color Guard were present with the Virginia Color Guard Commander and 2nd State Vice President Bill Schwetke participating. A musket salute of three volleys was fired and unit bagpiper provided music.

Photograph was done by CJWII Chapter Vice President Marc Robinson, also a member of the Color Guard.

*While cast-iron pots were used on occasion, the preferred containers were light-weight kettles made of tin or sheet-iron, large numbers of which were used by troops on both sides throughout the war."<sup>1</sup>*

of the Pennsylvania Dutch or Deutsch for the German and Swiss early settlers. In my research of the Dutch Mess, one member's father was born in Holland but was of German descent.

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*every Sound is martial! Drums beating, Fifes & Bag-Pipes playing, & only sonorous & heroic Tunes-Every Man has a hunting-Shirt, which is the Uniform of each Company-Almost all have a Cockade, & Bucks-Tale in their Hats, to represent that they are hardy, resolute & trying Determination-....*

Obviously impressed, he returned thirteen days later and found the men still in arms-to the youthful minister, they made "a grand Figure."<sup>5</sup>

### THE FIRST CONTINENTAL SOLDIERS

The first really true Continental units were when Congress voted on June 14, 1775; to raise ten companies of "expert riflemen". The rifle was almost unknown in New England, so the creation of these new units was the first of its kind.

"When lawmakers called on Frederick County to provide one Virginia company, the patriot committee wholeheartedly agreed. Daniel Morgan was unanimously elected as the best man for the job."<sup>6</sup>

Frederick County Committee to Captain Daniel Morgan, June 22, 1775

*"In obedience to a resolve of the Continental Congress, dated 14th of June, 1775, viz.: "That six companies of expert riflemen be immediately raised in Pennsylvania, two in Maryland, and two in Virginia; that each company, as soon as completed, shall march and join the army near Boston; to be there employed as light infantry, under the command of the chief officer of that army - this committee, reposing a special trust in the courage, conduct, and reverence for liberty under the spirit of the British constitution, of Daniel Morgan, Esq., do hereby certify that we have unanimously appointed him to command a Virginia company of riflemen to march from this county. ...."*<sup>7</sup>

To recruit men for his Rifle Company, Morgan is quoted as saying "Come boy's, who'll follow me to the camp at Cambridge?"

"So great was the response in Frederick County that Morgan raised 96 (86) men, ...more than the stipulated company size by Congress. Mostly in their ear-

*ly twenties, they were tall rangy men, each equipped with a rifle, tomahawk, and scalping knife, and dressed in long hunting shirt, leggins, and moccasins.... Before leaving Winchester, Morgan paraded his men by the courthouse, the Anglican church, and Philip Bush's popular Golden Buck Tavern."*<sup>8</sup>

The number of men Morgan raised and marched to Cambridge is by tradition and the best information to date comes from B. Floyd Flickinger whose research says the actual number in Captain Morgan's Company was 86, based on receipts obtained from the Connecticut State Library that have four accounts of feeding 86 men of Morgan's Company and horses on different dates and locations. The ferry billing to move Morgan's Rifle Company across the Connecticut River for 86 men, two wagons with teams (eight horses) and two pack horses was for nine shillings and 6 pence.<sup>9</sup>

### THE BEELINE MARCH

Morgan's company was by mid-July were ready to go to Boston, as were Captain Stephenson and his company of Virginians in Shepherdstown....it was claimed that the two Virginia rifle commanders had agreed to rendezvous in Frederick, Maryland and then proceed to Massachusetts together, but Morgan began his march

early and never looked back. This led to claims that Morgan purposefully deceived Stephenson into delaying his departure from Shepherdstown so that he could, "steal a march on Stephenson and have the honor of being the first to reach the army in Boston."<sup>10</sup>

Whatever his motivation Captain Morgan and his company left Winchester on July 14th....pushed ahead and crossed the Potomac at Harper's Ferry on July 15th.<sup>11</sup>

Captain Morgan and his men arrived in Cambridge, Massachusetts on Sunday evening, August 6th, five days ahead of Captain Stephenson."<sup>12</sup> This was considered a unique feat of a 600-mile march in twenty-four days.

*"Stern were the faces and coarse the coats,  
Yet words lost their way in quivering throats;  
Hands wrung hand in quick good-by,  
Many a tear came to many an eye,  
To backward go with a cruel thrill,  
For women and all bid their hearts be still:  
Husband, wife, maid, every one  
Knew but one duty, and it was done,  
Prayers went up, men knelt them down.  
And swore to march to Boston Town."*<sup>13</sup>

### FINAL FAREWELL

General Daniel Morgan passed away at the age of 66 on July 6, 1802, in Winchester, Virginia. "The military escorted the corpse to the grave and buried it with the honors of war. In the procession were seven members of the rifle company which Morgan raised and marched to Boston in 1775. It might be truly said, that none in that sad cortege, were sincerer mourners than these men. They carried their war-worn rifles with them and fired over his grave their last military farewell."<sup>14</sup>

"Morgan's Virginians," through their successful exploits as marksmen, scouts and soldiers on the battlefield, were considered amongst the Elite of the American forces. When Morgan was once asked which race of those composing the American armies, made the best soldiers, he replied:

*"As for the fighting part of the matter, the men of all races are pretty much alike; they fight as much as they find necessary, and no more. But sir, for grand essential composition of a good soldier, give me the 'Dutchman' - he starves well."*<sup>15</sup>

The Dutch Mess survived the War for American Independence and became honored veterans in their community.

