

# COLOR GUARDSMAN

*The National Society Sons of the American Revolution*



*Kettle Creek*

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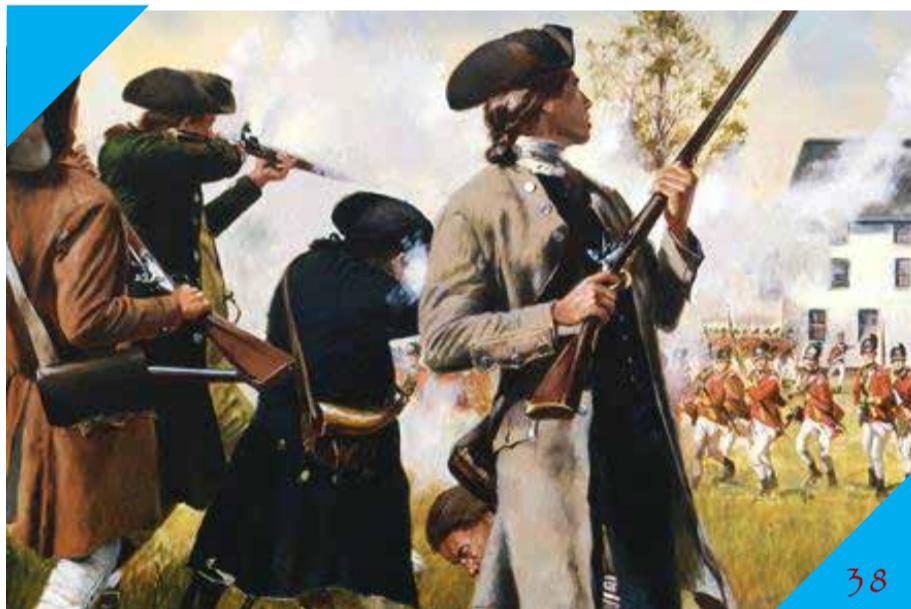
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# Commander's Report

## COMPATRIOTS,

Congratulations on the conclusion of a very successful 2018. Please take the time to review the past year's issues of The SAR Colorguardsmen and take note of all the events, projects and other activities that the National SAR Color Guard participated in. Now is also the time to take note of all the same events, projects and other activities that we all have to look forward to in the coming year of 2019.

The 2019 calendar of events published elsewhere in this issue. Please note that dates that are not highlighted have been confirmed. The dates that are highlighted in gray are the most likely dates for the event. Please contact the sponsoring state society for firm dates at this point. By the next issue, the calendar dates should all be confirmed. I hope that each compatriot will take the time to see what events they might be able to participate in during the year.

As a final word on the calendar, the calendar that is published is solely of events approved by the Color Guard Committee. There is a similar list published by the National Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee (HSCC). There are a few differences primarily based on events that are not directly related to the Revolution that the Color Guard participates in.

With respect to those events directly tied to the Revolution (i.e. battle commemorations) the lists are practically identical. However, as of the Fall 2018 Leadership Meeting, the HSCC has approved some new events as national events. I expect (and heavily encourage) the sponsoring state societies of these new events (and other potential new events) to submit them to the Color Guard Committee as well for formal ratification. Ideally, any new event would be proposed to both committees in the same Leadership Meeting weekend so that the two calendars do not become any more disparate.

Also looking forward to 2019, the Ad Hoc Committee is continuing its work on a published Safety Policy & Procedures. The next iteration will be in a special emailing made prior to the Spring Meeting in March.

The Spring Leadership meeting of the Color Guard Committee will see the election of the next Color Guardsman of the Year. This is always a great matter of business whereby the committee membership recognizes a very deserving compatriot.

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

## Vice-Commander's Report

Fellow Color Guardsmen,

The NSSAR Color Guard Command Staff is working on several 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 a day or two before Congress there are three local programs where you may participate by wearing your Revolutionary War uniform/attire.

### *The annual Fourth of July Parade in Huntington Beach, CA*



Join us for the Annual Huntington Beach 4th of July Parade and Fireworks. The annual parade will march down the streets of downtown Huntington Beach beginning at 10 am on July 4th. After the parade, entertainment on the pier will continue until 9 pm, when the 4th of July fireworks show begins.

The Huntington Beach Parade has been held since 1904 and is the largest 4th of July parade west of the Mississippi.

(The California Society, Orange County Chapter, first participated in the Huntington Beach Parade on July 4, 1988).

### *Lake Forest, CA 4th Of July Parade and Fun Run*

The Lake Forest 4th of July Parade will start at 10 am and end at 12 pm.

For those runners out there the El Toro High School 5K Run/Walk starts and finishes at the corner of Lake Forest Drive & Serrano Road, Lake Forest. The proceeds go to El Toro High School.

### *Cerritos, CA 4th Of July Let Freedom Ring Celebration*

The 46th Annual Let Freedom Ring Celebration will take place Thursday, July 4 from 4 pm to 9 pm at the Cerritos Civic Center. The event includes rides, entertainment and a formal City Council bell-ringing ceremony at 6:30 pm. The evening will culminate with a fireworks show at Cerritos High School at 9 pm.

In 2012 members of the California Society Color Guard began providing a color guard for the Cerritos Let Freedom Ring program.

Ladies wearing Colonial Era attire are welcome to join us. The California Society invites you to 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 Color Guard Events - 2018

Approximate 2019 Date	Color Guard Event	Location	Host
January 9	Battle of Cowpens	Chesnee, SC	Daniel Morgan SAR
January 26	Battle of Cowans Ford	Huntersville, NC	Mecklenburg SAR
February 9	Battle of Kettle Creek	Washington, GA	Georgia
February 16	Crossing of the Dan	South Boston, VA	Virginia
February 23	Washington Birthday Parade	Laredo, TX	Texas
February 23	Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge	Currie, NC	North Carolina
<b>March 1-2</b>	<b>NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting</b>	<b>Louisville, KY</b>	
March 9	Last Naval Battle of the Revolution	Merritt Island, FL	Florida
March 16	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC	North Carolina
April 12	Halifax Resolves	Halifax, NC	Halifax Resolves SAR
April 18	Patriot's Day	Nationally	
May 2	Kentucky Derby Pegasus Parade	Louisville, KY	Kentucky
May 4	Battle of Pensacola	Pensacola, FL	Florida
May 11	Raid on Martin's Station	Ewing, VA	Virginia
May 19	Fields of Honor / Healing Field	Nationally	
May 25	Battle of Fort San Carlos	St Louis, MO	Missouri
May 25	Buford's Massacre	Lancaster, SC	General Francis Marion SAR
May 25-27	Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous	Vincennes, IN	Indiana
May 27	National Memorial Day Parade	Washington DC	District of Columbia
May 27	<b>Memorial Day events *</b>	Various locations	
June 8	Action at Machias	Machias, ME	Maine
June 8	Battle of Ramseur's Mill	Lincolnton, NC	Catawba Valley SAR
July 4 every year	Let Freedom Ring / <b>July 4th Events *</b>	Various locations	
<b>July 7 - 11</b>	<b>NSSAR National Congress</b>	<b>Costa Mesa, CA</b>	
July 27	Siege of Fort Laurens	Bolivar, OH	Ohio
August 17	Battle of Blue Licks	Carlisle, KY	Kentucky
August 24	National American Legion Parade	Minneapolis, MN	
August 31	Battle of Groton Heights	Groton, CT	Connecticut
September 14	Battle of Saratoga	Stillwater, NY	Empire State
September 14	Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Elizabethton, TN	Tennessee
September 14	Vigil at George Washington's Tomb	Mt Vernon, VA	
<b>September 20-21</b>	<b>NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting</b>	<b>Louisville, KY</b>	
October 4-6	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	<b>Veterans Day Events *</b>	Nationally	Various
December 7	Battle of Great Bridge	Norfolk, VA	Virginia
December 21	Wreaths Across America	Various Locations	
Events that can occur on random dates throughout the year			
	Massing of the Colors		
	Fields of Honor / Healing Field		
	Honor Flight		



Hilton, Costa Mesa CA

\* 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 [sarwilliamssa\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:sarwilliamssa(at)gmail.com)



# State Society Color Guard Commanders

Welcome to the NSSAR Color Guard.

Please note that any questions concerning potential color guard events or participation in events should be directed to the respective commander in the state where the event is taking place.

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

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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, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wyoming.



## Vendor List

This is a partial Vendor Listing by company name. Understand that these vendors are **not** being recommended - just listed. Before purchasing anything from these vendors check with your fellow color guards men to their recommendations/ endorsements.

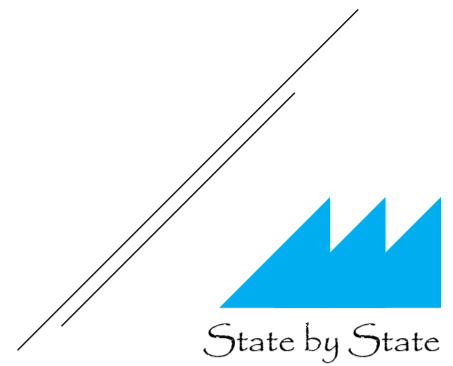
If you have a vendor that makes/sews era regalia, send the name (or URL/contact information) to the editor for inclusion in the next issue.

Type the listed name of the vendor into your browser tab

- Bethlehem Trading Post,
- Smiling Fox Forge

- Avalon Forge
- Barkertown Sutlers
- Burnley & Trowbridge Co.
- C & D Jarnagin Company,
- Cobb Creek - Fine Clothing
- Custom Wig Company
- Flintlocks, etc
- MyFlintlocks, LLC
- Ft. Downing Trading Co.
- Fort Vause Outfitters
- Fugawee
- G. Gedney Godwin Online
- HB Forge
- Black Powder 411
- International Guns
- Just Two Tailors
- Joe's Leather Works, LLC
- Livonia Smithery
- Loyalist Arms & Repairs
- Middlesex Village Trading Co
- Military Heritage
- Panther Primitives -
- Samson Historical
- Smoke&FireStore
- Spring Valley Lodges
- Sutlers of Fort Frederick Market Fair (*2015 listing*)
- The Quartermaster General
- Townsends
- Track of the Wolf
- Turkey Foot Trading Company
- Clearwater Hats
- Ye Armes Shoppe

# 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 was 21 state societies' color guard reports. This issue has 23 !

I look forward to the issue that has all 38 state color guard units with something in the issue. Missing in this issue are: **Alabama, Colorado, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, South Carolina, & Utah.**

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. Except in mass groupings, list the people in the photos and, if known, the photographer.
- **IMPORTANT** - When submitting photos, for any event ***please*** submit no more than two photos for any single event. Too often I get 5 to 15 photos for that single event. I will select a photo that you would rather I not use. And when submitting text to explain the event using photos accurately label which photo goes with what text. I get a photo titled IMG-12345, IMG 45678 and the text will say photo 1 and photo 2. Which is photo 1 and which is photo 2?



The combined Central District Color Guard at the Memorial Service at Battle Days in Point Pleasant WV.



### Tucson Chapter in Arizona participated at the Evergreen Cemetery Tucson Arizona

On Saturday, December 15th, 2018 the Tucson Chapter Color Guard joined with all of America in a solemn tribute to our fallen veterans in the Wreaths across America project at Evergreen Cemetery. The Color Guard, accompanied by the the DAR and Ladies Auxiliary carried in the colors. Adding to the ceremony was a riderless/caparisoned horse, to symbolize our fallen soldiers, and a motorcycle escort. A six man Color Guard fired a salute to our fallen soldiers as each man fired their flintlocks in sequential order.

Left - - Sandra Lawford and Barbara Collins holding flags, Al Niemeyer, George Liphhardt, John Bird in the wheel chair and Bill Aurand.

Right - - Rudy Byrd on the left and Gerry Lawford on the right Tucson Chapter Members with their Compatriots in the middle fire at Evergreen Cemetery in Tucson.



### Wreaths Across America at Prescott National Cemetery

Left - -Eugene McCarthy Army Veteran and Jim Laursen Navy Veteran present the wreath for the Veterans who have committed suicide at the rate of 22 per Day.

Right - - These Color Guard members, from left to right Steve Monez, Bill Baran, James Cates, Bill Smith, and Richard Garsnett stood at attention throughout the ceremony.



Photos By Un Hui Yi unless otherwise labelled.



First Honor Flight after approved as a SAR national color guard event. James Gill (Harbor Chapter), Jim Fosdyck (OC Chapter) and Chief Master Sergeant Blue (USAF) thank WWII veteran Rudy Gomez



First Honor Flight after approved as a SAR national color guard event. Los Angeles Fifes and Drums entertain WWII veterans returning from an Honor Flight to Washington, DC. Behind



2018 Oct 27 - South Orange County Genealogical Society Meeting at Mission Viejo City Hall. Orange County Chapter Color Guard presented the Colors. Left to right: Jim Fosdyck, Larry Hansen, John Blake, Mark Torres, Jim Blauer and Dan Henry.



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Wreaths Across America; 15 Dec 2018. - Memory Garden Memorial Park and Mortuary Brea, CA

The gathering of SAR orange County and Harbor Chapter compatriots and colorguardsmen and LAUX members. Compatriot Lt. Col. Hans Hunt (US Army ret) is the SMI at Sonora HS. He brought a group of his cadets to be a Color Guard, perform a saber arch and to assist placing wreaths.



Wreaths Across America; 15 Dec 2018. - Memory Garden Memorial Park and Mortuary Brea, CA. Left to right: Jim Fosdyck, Kent Gregory, Dan McKelvie, Jim Klingler, John Blake, John Ferris, Karl Jacobs, Jim Olds, Brandon Villarde, Brian Merrell, Christopher Keene, Larry Hansen and Mark Torres



General Washington (portrayed by OC Chapter Compatriot Dan Shippey) places a wreath and pays his respects at the Veterans Memorial.



The Orange County and Harbor Chapters joined with the Los Angeles Fifes and Drums to participate in an Honor Flight (at LAX 7 Oct 2018). This was the first Honor Flight after it was approved as a NSSAR national color guard event. Left to right: David Boesch, David Nesser, John Davis, Bonnie Safyurtlu, Lauren Townsend, Frank Keenan, Matt Noell, Brandon Villarde, Jim Blauer, James Gill (Harbor Chapter), Larry Wood, Karl Jacobs (Harbor Chapter), John Blake, Larry Hansen, Jim Fosdyck and SAR Junior Member Kalani Siegel (Jim's grandson). Beginning with Matt everyone to his right (including Matt) are members of the SAR.

## Wreaths Across America - Brea, CA.



The man standing alone (in a kilt) is Compatriot Richard Adams. He is the Orange County Chapter Chaplain. He is a retired Army Master Sergeant.

## CONNECTICUT



### 53rd Annual Massing of the Colors. November 3, 2018

The Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution was represented at the 53rd Annual Massing of the Colors. Ken Buckbee, CTSSAR Past President (2003-2006), presented the SAR flag at the ceremony, which was held at the Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church in East Hartford on November 3rd. Each year, hereditary and patriotic societies in Connecticut are invited to bring their organization's flag to the Massing of the Colors to honor their ancestors.



### Veterans Day Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018

On Veterans Day (Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018), Walt Beeman represented the Connecticut SAR (CTSSAR) at the Veterans Day Observance ceremony at Coe Memorial Park in Torrington, Connecticut. During the ceremony, veterans groups and various organizations are announced, their representative comes forward, salutes the Flag, salutes their organization's wreath, and then takes his or her place behind their wreath. This was the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, November 11, 1918.

Photo courtesy of Judey Buckbee



## FLORIDA -

### Withlacoochee Chapter SAR Celebrates 30th Anniversary

On December 8th, 2018, the Withlacoochee Chapter of the SAR celebrated its 30th anniversary. Past FLSSAR Color Guard Commander Charles Day commanded the Withlacoochee Chapter Color Guard in Presenting and Retiring the Colors for the event. Present during this event was FLSSAR President Colonel Patrick J. Niemann and FLSSAR NC Regional Vice-President David E. Bussone. The Chapter was incorporated on 29 July 1988 with Charles H. Young, as President. The award-winning Withlacoochee Chapter is one of the most active in community related programs in the State of Florida, including youth historical education, student recognition programs, veterans support programs, opportunities to speak at commemoration events, an active color guard unit at numerous local, county, state and National patriotic events, providing revolutionary books to local libraries as compatriot memorials, and participation in local parades.



Withlacoochee chapter members in attendance



Pictured are those Color Guard members. L – R: Past FLSSAR Color Guard Commander Charles Day, Chapter Color Guard Commander Russell Gibson, David Hitchcock, Bill Ferguson and Leonard Crawford.

Florida SAR Sons of Liberty Brigade At the Florida Fall Board of Management meeting in Orlando Florida



Veterans Day Parade.

Melbourne Annual Veterans Day Parade took place in the old downtown area 10 November 2018. American Legion Post 163 organized the event. This year Associate Palmer Stiles had a previous engagement, but he volunteered his trailer and chairs which we were grateful and accepted his offering. President Roger Bonnett, 1st Vice President James G Ward, Com-patriot Brian Jensen, Brevard DAR Regents Council and CAR Timothy Hicks took their positions in the parade. Brevard Chapter color guard members are seated in second row.



Unless otherwise noted, the color guard members depicted with the newly dedicated Liberty Tree are members of the Lake-Sumter Chapter (left to right): Ron Toops, Glenn Langston, George Chaffee, Scott Bushnell, Russ Gibson (Tampa Chapter), David Bussone, Ken Mosher, Richard Young and Jack Townsend (Withlacoochee Chapter), Jim Carl and John Moore.



Liberty Tree presentation

The premier event for the Lake-Sumter Chapter Color Guard during the reporting period, was their activities at the 30th Anniversary Celebration of the Chapter and Dedication of Liberty Tree conducted on November 3, 2018, at the John Gella Memorial Post, American Legion Post 219, Fruitland Park, FL. In the two-tier event, the "enhanced Color Guard" posted and retrieved the colors twice, once inside for the 30th Anniversary celebration and a second time outside for the dedication of the Chapter's second Liberty Tree.

At the Chapter's largest attendance ever, with 38 members and 27 guests, were included members of three DAR Chapters, four SAR Chapters, FLSSAR President Patrick Niemann and officers from the American Legion Post 219. Guest speakers included State Society President Patrick Niemann; North Central Region Vice-President, David E. Bussone; American Legion, Adjutant General Warren Post; The Villages President, Dr. Donald P. Wyman and Lake-Sumter Past-President Gerald C. Hardwich, all of whom regaled everyone with the history and accomplishments of our chapter since its Chartering on October 22, 1989.

Following the speakers, attendees moved to the Liberty Tree Dedication site where the enhanced Color Guard reposted the colors, and the Lake-Sumter Chapter dedicated their second Liberty Tree. Items are now being collected which will be sealed in a time capsule to be buried beneath the Liberty Tree plaque.

Pictured at left are compatriots from the Lake/Sumter Chapter Color Guard. Unless otherwise noted, the color guard members as depicted before the 30th Anniversary Celebration are members of the Lake-Sumter Chapter (left to right standing): John Moore, Russ Gibson (Withlacoochee Chapter), Glenn Langston, Jack Townsend (Withlacoochee Chapter), Ken Mosher, Scott Bushnell, George Chaffee, David Bussone, Richard Young (Tampa Chapter), (kneeling left to right) Jim Carl and Ron Toops. Chapter, Jim Carl and John Moore.

## GEORGIA

The Georgia Color Guard, and Militia had a very busy year. During 2018 we had 77 scheduled National and State events. If Chapter events were added to this figure our Color Guard participated in about 100 events.

During the 4th quarter we held a ceremony for compatriot's Oliver (father and son).

We also held a ceremony for the battle of Vann's Creek.

We finished the year by Presenting Colors at the closing banquet for Gwinnett counties bicentennial. Over 1400 attended this banquet.



Above and right: Photos from ceremony for compatriot's Oliver (father and son).



Left: Photo from ceremony for the battle of Vann's Creek.





IOWA



## Veterans Day Events

On 11-11-2018 The Iowa S.A.R. held 3 separate Veterans Day ceremonies in Des Moines, Iowa. The first was held at the Iowa WWI monument, the 2nd at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in historic Woodland Cemetery and the 3rd at the General Pershing bench in Glendale Cemetery.

As several events seemed to have been moved to the observed holiday of Monday the 12th the members of the Iowa Society felt it was important to conduct and honor veterans on the actual 100th anniversary date of 11-11-2018.



## Pearl Harbor Day Event

The Iowa S.A.R. was represented at the annual Pearl Harbor Day remembrance in Des Moines, Iowa on 07 December 2018. The event was special this year as the name of Seaman first class Leo Greenwood was added to the Iowa monument. Greenwood served 77 years ago when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. Greenwood was aboard the USS West Virginia when it sank. He swam below flaming water to get to shore along with a number of other survivors. His name was added to the monument and unveiled for the first time. Mike Rowley of the Iowa SAR Color Guard stands next to the monument.

## Wreaths Across America Day in Van Meter, Iowa

2018 Wreaths Across America Day in Van Meter, Iowa (Iowa Veterans Cemetery). Over 2800 wreaths were placed.



George DeMoss Iowa Sec/Treas with Color Guard Commander Mike Rowley and members of the American Legion.



With puppy Jake dogs in training,





## ILLINOIS

### The Great Lakes District

The Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution, VPG Tom Ashby of the Great Lakes District hosted the annual Great Lakes District meetings on October 26-27, 2018 in Springfield, IL. The Great Lakes District consists of Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin Societies. On Friday October 26th we were honored to have President General Warren Alter and his wife Nancy join our three societies at Lincoln's Tomb for a wreath laying ceremony. VPG Tom Ashby spoke about the Lincoln Legacy and the Michigan Society performed a magnificent Sword Salute commanded by Michigan 1st VP Ken Goodson. ILSSAR President Richard Chamblin, MISSAR President James Peters and WISSAR Treasurer William Austin and ILSSAR Springfield Chapter President Drew Robinson presented wreaths.

Huzzah! To the Tri- State Color Guard!



Color Guard standing at attention for the waiting for the orders of ILSSAR Color Guard Commander Mike Campagnolo.



Left to right Linda Ashby, VPG Tom Ashby, Nancy Alter, PG Warren Alter and Jacob Shadiner IL CAR President in front of Lincoln's statue

The group picture on the steps of Lincoln's Tomb with PG Warren Alter in the middle of the picture surrounded by the Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin Color Guard



## KANSAS

### Veterans Week at Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas

The Kansas Society Sons of the American Revolution Presented the Colors at the Flag Ceremony on November 3, 2018 that was the kickoff event for Veterans Week at Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas; the official founding city of Veterans Day.

Front row from left to right Commander Dewey Fry, Dennis Nelson, Brooks Lyles, John Forbes, Rev. Vernon Welkner, second row from left to right John Schatzel, Kirk Rush, and Stan Jantz.



Kansas Society President Dennis Nelson presented a Flag Commendation Certificate to Emporia State University represented by President Allison Garrett



The Kansas Society Color Guard participated in three Veterans Day Events. As Veterans Day fell on a Sunday this year, many Veterans Day events were observed on Friday, Saturday and Monday. The first event we participated in was a Veterans Appreciations Program at Cedar Lake Village, at senior living community in Olathe, KS on November 9. Color Guardsmen (left to right,) are Dewey Fry, Richard Cox, Bruce Bowman, and Robert Wandel who presented, posted and retired the colors. Additional Dewey Fry presented a program describing colonial flags to the more than 150 attended. The second event was the Johnson County Kansas Veterans Day Observance specifically honoring Vietnam War Veterans at the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial in Antioch Park in Merriam, Kansas. All veterans were thanked for their service, more than 400 Vietnam War Veterans from Johnson County, KS signed up to be presented Vietnam War 50th Anniversary lapel pins from the US Department of Defense and a Certificate of Appreciation from Johnson County. The Kansas Society Color Guard participated as an Honor Guard in conjunction with the Johnson County Sheriff's Department Color Guard. The temperature was 15 degrees and the wind about 15 mph. Honor Guardsmen are Dewey Fry, Richard Cox, Lyman Miller, Steven French, Alan Martin and Dennis Nelson. Dennis Nelson, President of the Kansas Society laid a wreath on behalf of the Kansas Society. The third event was on November 12, the Kansas Society Color Guard marched in the Leavenworth County Veterans Day Parade.



It was a task of Valley Forge with a 17 degrees temperature and winds gusting to 20 mph. Color Guardsmen were Rev. Vernon Welkner in front and from left to right, Dewey Fry, Steven French, and Robert Wandel.

The Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard presented the colors at several Naturalization Ceremonies this fall.



The first was at the Lied Center on the University of Kansas campus. At that ceremony 387 petitioners from 82 countries took their Oath of Citizenship. Color Guardsmen from left to right were Dewey Fry, Dennis Nelson, Bruce Bowman and Alan Martin. Two Naturalization Ceremonies were conducted at the Robert J. Dole US Courthouse in Kansas City, KS. One on 16 November at which 94 petitioners from 42 countries became new citizens and the other on 14 December at which 92 petitioners from 37 countries became petitioners. Color Guardsmen in the November ceremony were from left to right Dewey Fry,

Steven French, and Jerry Vest. Dewey Fry congratulates a young man whose father joined him as a citizen of the USA. Thus far we have not found sufficient genealogy to make the young man a Junior Member, although he would like to wear a uniform.



The Color Guard always goes to the post ceremony reception as the new citizens wish to have photos of themselves and their families taken with the Color Guard. Oft times the judge wishes to stand with the Color Guard for photos. In the December post ceremony reception (Photo 10) from left to right were Steven French, Alan Martin, US District Judge Julia Robinson, Bruce Bowman, and Jerry Vest.



The Kansas Society Color Guard participated in two Wreaths Across America events. The first was the Statehouse Ceremony that is held on the day the caravan of fresh balsam wreaths leaves Columbia Fall Maine in route to Arlington National Cemetery. Color Guardsmen participating were Dewey Fry, Dennis Nelson, and Robert Wandel (Photo 9). The Kansas Society Color Guard participated in the ceremony as an Honor Guard at Leavenworth National Cemetery and then ceremonially laid wreaths at the gravestones of Veterans. Left to right (Photo 11) are Robert Wandel, Dewey Fry, John Forbes, Alan Martin, Richard Cox, Kirk Rush, and Dennis Nelson. Lieut. Colonel US Army Retired, T. Brooks Lyles Jr., member of the Kansas Society Color Guard and Adjutant of the NSSAR Color Guard laid a wreath in the Ceremony at Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery.

## MARYLAND

TRIPLE PATRIOT GRAVE MARKING  
PART OF CHAPTER'S VETERANS DAY  
EVENTS

The Chapter is now planning a late Fall Grave marking for not one, not two, but *three* Patriots, all buried in Emmanuel (Baust's) Lutheran Cemetery in Tyrone, just to the west of Westminster. This will be held on Saturday, 10 November 2018 at 11 AM, rain or shine.

The idea came to light when Compatriot C. Don Warner indicated he wanted to honor two of his patriots, both buried there: Michael Wagner (1753-1829) and George Warner (1758-1830). President Engler mentioned that there was an additional patriot buried in the grave yard, John Fleugal (1762-1843). All three were long ago marked by the DAR, but have never been by the SAR.

As part of this program, we invite compatriots to join together for a quick bite to eat (details will be provided at the event. President Engler will provide over lunch a few thoughts on the theme of "Honoring America's First Veterans".

**The Service of These Patriots**

While there a number of persons buried at Baust of the right age to have service, it has only been recognized for three:

- John FLUEGAL. Fife Major, Maryland Militia
- Michael WAGNER. Associator, 1775. Juror for Oath of Allegiance, 1778.
- George WARNER. Private in Capt. Sheaff's company of militia, volunteered 16 JUN 1777. Took the Oath of Allegiance 1778 from the Hon. James Calhoun.

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## Grave Marking Westminster Chapter

Fife Major Fluegal, Private Warner and Michael Wagner.

Musket Salute - Lt to Rt Bill Smithson, David Embrey, Lou Raborg, Ron Harbaugh, Gene Moyer and David Hoover



## Todd's Inheritance combined Maryland DAR/SAR and 1812 Societies

Unveiling the new grave markers to honor the 3 Patriots of America's early wars who were buried at Todd's Inheritance in Sparrows Point, Maryland.



## 86th Brunswick Veterans Day Parade

Lawrence Everhart Chapter Color Guard participating in the 86th Brunswick Veterans Day Parade with Karl Woodcock, Ron Harbaugh and Gene Moyer



## Wreaths Across America

Cheltenham Veteran's Cemetery, Cheltenham, Maryland for Wreaths Across America. This event is always the highlight of the year. MDSSAR Color Guard Commander David Embrey and Compatriot James Schaub





## Great Lakes District Meeting.

The Great Lakes District meeting was held in Springfield IL. Members of the Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin Color Guard were present supporting the laying of wreaths with a sword salute honoring Abraham Lincoln at his tomb.



Members pictured from the Michigan Guard: James Petres President MISSAR, Paul Callanan VPG International, Ken Goodson 1st VP MISSAR, Dennis VanWormer Treasurer MISSAR, Joe Conger Former VPG, Bill Vette Former VPG, Norm Palmer President Paul Emery Chapter, There but not in Uniform Dave VanHoof 2nd VP MISSAR

Illinois Commander Mike Campagnolo organized and directed the event.

Present in the center of the picture is Great Lakes District VPG Tom Ashby and to his left PG Warren Alter who both spoke honoring our 16th President.

## MISSISSIPPI



2nd Annual Desoto County Veterans Day

2 Continental Marines and 1 Continental Army soldier: Colorguardsmen of the Desoto Patriots Chapter (from left to right) Julius Hite, Lynn Herron, Bill Horne, and Kevin McDonald (not pictured) mustered together on Monday, November 12th to kick off the 2nd Annual Desoto County Veterans Day festivities and luncheon at the Hernando National Guard Armory beginning at 11:00AM.



### Rosalie Day

On Thursday, October 25th, MSSAR Colorguardsmen Dr. Bryant Boswell of the Central Mississippi Chapter (bearing American flag), MS State Colorguard Commander Julius Hite of the Desoto Patriots Chapter (in musicians' coat), and Lynn Herron of the Desoto Patriots Chapter (bearing arms) mustered together at 9:00AM to present the colors for the Mississippi State

DAR's annual sponsored event Rosalie Day. This year was a special year for The Daughters marking their 80th Anniversary year of ownership of the Rosalie Plantation located in Natchez, Mississippi which overlooks the Mississippi River. The young ladies featured with the colorguardsmen



are (in white) C.A.R. Society member Sadie Kate Kennedy sponsored by Chief Red Jacket Chapter of Brandon Mississippi, and (in blue) Mrs. Kathy Latham of the Grenada DAR Chapter.



### World War I Doughboy Statue in Overton Park

On Sunday, November 11th, Desoto Patriots Chapter fell in with the Isaac Shelby Chapter of Memphis to present colors at the World War I Doughboy Statue in Overton Park to begin the annual DAR Veterans Day Ceremony at 2:00PM. Colorguardsmen participants are as follows: Lynn Herron of Desoto Patriots Chapter bearing arms on the left, commanding officer Colby Morgan of the Isaac Shelby Chapter bearing the American flag, Darwin Concon of the Isaac Shelby Chapter bearing the Tennessee state flag, Kevin McDonald of the Desoto Patriots Chapter bearing arms, and SAR MS State Colorguard Commander Julius Hite bearing the Marine drum. Photos at the WWI Doughboy Statue were submitted by local DAR Chapter President Marjorie Green.

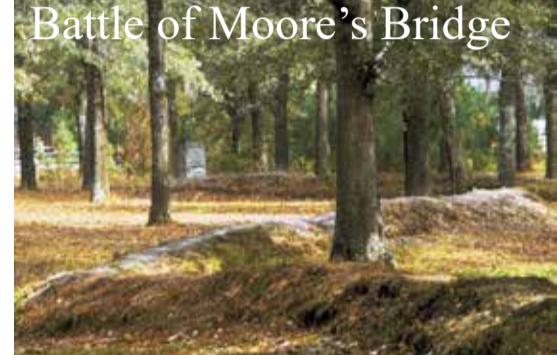
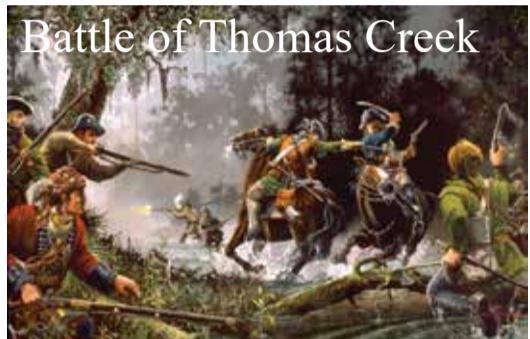
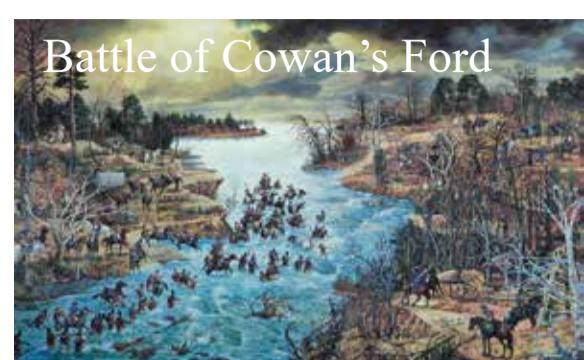
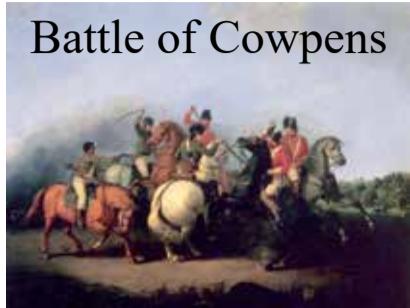


### Olive Branch Christmas Parade and Horn Lake's Christmas in the Park

Colorguardsmen Julius Hite (drumming) and Lynn Herron (riding the float) of the Desoto Patriots Chapter teamed up for 2 back-to-back community Christmas events on Saturday, December 1st in both the Olive Branch Christmas Parade and Horn Lake's Christmas in the Park events. Efforts were made to attend both events in order to give both the local Desoto Patriots Chapter and state society some exposure in the communities. Lynn is much appreciated for his efforts with decorating the float and providing his cannon. He, along with Chris Heuer who assisted with driving the float, were instrumental in making these 2 events successful! The first event began at 12:30PM and the last event concluded at 7:30PM that evening. It was a fun and strenuous day but worth every effort! Photos submitted by Anita Hite



# National Color Guard Coming Events



Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution



Heartland Honor Flight – Kansas City Metro at the Kansas City Airport, Kansas City, Missouri

On October 10, 2018 Missouri Society Colorguardsmen participated in the Welcome Home greeting to Veterans returning home from an Honor Flight coordinated by the Heartland Honor Flight organization headquartered in the Kansas City Metro area. Heartland Honor Flight was the first to fly WWII Veterans in the Kansas City Metro area, organized in 2008 by Gary Swanson and Mark Martin. The return of the Honor Flight was televised on KMBC Channel 9 and Fox4 Channel 4, Kansas City, Missouri.

Photos provided by Compatriot Roy Hutchinson.



Compatriot Roy Hutchinson (HST) greeting 93 year old Veteran Benny Scott.

Left to right: Western Missouri District Color Guard Commander James Scott (AMC); Compatriot Roy Hutchinson (HST); Richard Mathews (AMC); and Stephen Sullins, Chapter President (IPC) greeting a U.S. Marine Veteran.

## Patriot Isaac Garrison Remembrance - Richwood Cemetery near Nixa, Missouri

On October 13, 2018, the Isaac Garrison Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the Ozark Mountain Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) participated in a Grave Marking Ceremony. Each organization presented a wreath to recognize the Revolutionary War Patriot Isaac Garrison.

Patriot Isaac Garrison moved to Missouri when he was 100 years old. He died four years later in 1836 at age 104. He is buried at the Richwood Cemetery near Nixa, Missouri in Christian County.

Photo provided by Compatriot Tom Sentman

Left to right: Ozark Mountain Chapter (OMC) Color Guard Commander J. Howard Fisk; OMC President George Swales; Dee Dosch, Vice Regent, Isaac Garrison DAR Chapter; Scout Master Aaron Van Amber from Troop 16; Colleen Baker, Isaac Garrison DAR Chapter, Chaplain; Joanna Bradley, Regent, Isaac Garrison DAR Chapter; and OMC Color Guard Member Charles McMillan.



Korean War Veterans of the 728th Military Police Battalion

On October 26, 2018 Members of the Missouri Society, SAR presented the Colors at the reunion of the Korean War Veterans of the 728th Military Police Battalion that was held at the 816 Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri.

When North Korea invaded South Korea and the United States began their intervention the 728th was assembled in Pusan, South Korea. Their mission was operation and maintaining traffic on the Green Diamond Main Supply Route (MSR). During the next eight months, many soldiers of the unit took active part in combat to suppress guerrilla activities and to respond to ever changing battles. At some point after the "MacArthur Invasion" the Battalion Headquarters was transferred to Incheon, South Korea. As security conditions in the Korean theater improved the battalion headquarters was again transferred, this time to Seoul. In 1951 the Battalion began assisting in traffic control and other civil law enforcement duties. The unit was a major participant in the Korean War until the signing of the Armistice Agreement in 1953. Since the end of Korean War the mission of the 728th has been to provide Military Police support to the U.S. troops around the Republic of Korea and to maintain order in the assigned area. The 728th Military Police Battalion missions have included providing security for the return of hostages of the USS Pueblo and maintaining security in support of the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul.

Photo courtesy of Compatriot Stephen Sullins.



Left to right: Compatriots Stephen Sullins (IPC), Robert Grover (HST), and Roy Hutchinson (HST) with a Korean War Veteran.

## Lyon County, Kansas Honor Flight at the Kansas City Airport, Kansas City, Missouri

On October 30, 2018 Missouri Society Colorguardsmen participated in the Welcome Home greeting to Veterans returning home from an Honor Flight coordinated by Lyon County, Kansas. This was the Senior Trip for the local high school of the Southern Lyon County School District (USD) 252. 22 students accompanied and helped the Veterans. This is the fifth Honor Flight trip for USC and involved 24 veterans, 22 USD students and 10 USD support staff.

Photos provided by Compatriot Roy Hutchinson



Compatriot Tom Neal (HST) greeting Veterans



## Veterans Day Recognition Ceremony at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

On Sunday November 4, 2018 Missouri Colorguardsmen presented the Colors at the St. Louis-Jefferson DAR Chapter Veterans Day service held in the Memorial Chapel at Jefferson Barracks Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Due to rain the ceremony was moved inside and the planned musket firing was cancelled.

Photo provided by Compatriot Bill Grote

Left to right: Compatriot Don Turner (OPC); Bill Grote (FDL), Eastern Missouri District Color Guard Commander; Compatriot Terry Grogan (SSL); Doug Neff (FDL), Missouri Color Guard Commander; Compatriot Steve White (FDL); Compatriot Greg Watkins (SSL); and Compatriot Wayne Davis (SSL).

## Northland Missouri DAR Chapters Meet and Greet Reception with State Regent

On November 6, 2018 the Missouri Northland DAR Chapters held a meet and greet reception for Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution (MSS-DAR) Regent Cynthia Beall Suich. It was held at the James Lutheran Church 1104, Vivion Road Kansas City, Missouri. Missouri Color Guard Members participated in the meet and greet reception. Photos provided by Roy Hutchinson.



Flag Bearers, left to right: Western Missouri District Color Guard Commander James Scott (AMC); Compatriot Roy Hutchinson (HST); Kathy Hutchinson (DAR); and Stephen Sullins, Chapter President IPC.



Flag Bearers, left to right: Compatriot Roy Hutchinson (HST); Kathy Hutchinson (DAR); and Stephen Sullins, Chapter President IPC.

### Veterans Day Recognition Ceremony at Ozarks Technical College

On Wednesday, November 12, 2018 Missouri Society Colorguardsmen from the Ozark Mountain Chapter (OMC) participated in the Ozark Technical College (OTC) recognition of student veterans who pursue educational excellence and service to the United States. The College is located in Springfield, Missouri. OMC Color Guard members opened the Veterans Day ceremony. OTC student Penny Kimball received a certificate from Compatriot J. Howard Fisk for being recognized as the 2018 Outstanding Veteran Student. She is a veteran of the U.S. Army and was selected by the OTC Veterans Students Association for the recognition.

Photo provided by Compatriot Tom Sentman



Left to right: Color Guard members Charles McMillan, Ken Lawrence, J. Howard Fisk, Dan McMurray, and Dan Piedlow.



Compatriot J. Howard Fisk presenting Certificate to OTC student Penny Kimball, a U.S. Army Veteran, with OTC President Hal Higdon in the background

### Flag Awards Presented to Kum & Go Convenience Centers in Springfield, Missouri

On Friday, November 30, 2018 Missouri Society, SAR, Ozark Mountain Chapter (OMC), Color Guard Members participated in the Chapter's NSSAR Flag Commendation Certificates presentation to Marty Roush, Kum & Go Division Vice President on behalf of CEO, Kyle Krause representing the Kum & Go Convenience Centers in Southwest Missouri. Multiple Certificates were presented for the various locations. Photo provided by Compatriot Tom Sentman



Left to right: OMC Compatriot Norman Knowlton; OMC President George S. Swales; OMC Color Guardsman Dan Piedlow; Kum & Go Division Vice President Marty Roush; OMC Color Guardsman Charles McMillan; and OMC Color Guardsman Steven Perkins.



Attendees to the presentation held in the Colorado Room, University Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Missouri.

Left to right: Ozark Mountain Chapter members President George Swales, Color Guardsman Charles McMillan, Tom Sentman. Next individuals are from the Kum & Go Convenience Stores. Color Guardsmen Dan Piedlow and Steven Perkins, and Compatriot Norman Knowlton are on the right. Marty Roush, Kum & Go Division Vice President, is on the far right.

## Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Roslyn Heights – Headquarters of the Missouri Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

On Saturday, December 1, 2018 members of the Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard participated in the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Roslyn Heights – Headquarters of the Missouri Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Over 20 Christmas trees are decorated and on display in the historic mansion. A tree in the front yard is decorated with lights and is called the Lights of Love Tree. It features thousands of red, white and blue lights to signify the patriotic tune of the organization.

Each year, Missouri Daughters purchase lights for patriots, active duty military or veterans and loved ones. The trees are always dedicated to individuals who have served the country. The Missouri Daughters have a history of service to veterans and service members. They recognize and appreciate their service and sacrifices and commitment to our great nation.

Tours are conducted inside the mansion for all to view the decorated Christmas trees. Photos courtesy of Kathy Hutchinson (DAR) and Compatriot Robert Ackley (SSL)



Left to right: Don Turner (OPC), with Musket; William (Bill) Grote (FDL), Eastern Missouri District Color Guard Commander with American Flag; Roy Hutchinson (HST) with Missouri Flag; William (Bill) Glen Irminger (WCC) with Musket; J. Wayne Merrill (MGC), President Missouri Society and Central Missouri District Color Guard Commander with Commander Sword; Jackson Adel, President Corps of Discovery Society, M.S.S.C.A.R., with CAR Flag; Amanda Herman, MSSDAR Page with DAR Flag; Thomas Barden (HST) with SAR Flag; James Scott (AMC), Western Missouri District Color Guard Commander with Commander Guard Flag; Jim Baker (CCC) with Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration Flag; and Frank Furman (OPC) with Musket Man. Missing from photo is Stephen Sullins (IPC).



Left to right: Stephen Sullins (IPC); Frank Furman (OPC); Jim Baker (CCC); James Scott (AMC) Western Missouri District Color Guard Commander; Thomas Barden (HST); Amanda Herman, MSSDAR Page; Jackson Adel, President Corps of Discovery Society, M.S.S.C.A.R.; Don Turner (OPC); Roy Hutchinson (HST); William (Bill) Grote (FDL), Eastern Missouri District Color Guard Commander; J. Wayne Merrill (MGC), President Missouri Society and Central Missouri District Color Guard Commander; and William (Bill) Glen Irminger (WCC).

## Presentation of Award to Naval Sea Cadet Battleship Missouri Division of the Naval Sea Cadets

On Saturday, December 8, 2018 the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Battleship Missouri Division, held their Annual Awards Banquet at the American Legion Hall in St. Charles, Missouri. Members of the Missouri Society, SAR Color Guard, Fernando de Leyba Chapter, presented the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and check in the amount of \$200 to Cadet Petty Officer First Class Isabella Hollihan. Cadet Petty Officer Hollihan was selected by the Naval Sea Cadets Officers as the “Outstanding” Student for 2018, based on her leadership skills and a 4.0 GPA. Photo provided by Compatriot Charles Lilly.

Left to Right: Compatriot Charles Lilly, Naval Sea Cadet Petty Officer First Class Isabella Hollihan and Fernando de Leyba Chapter President Marvin Koechig.



## Remembrance of Revolutionary War Patriot Samuel Steele

On December 15, 2018 members of the Ozark Mountain Chapter, Missouri Society, Color Guard marked the grave and placed a wreath at the grave site of Patriot Samuel Steele at Mount Comfort Cemetery in Greene County Missouri.

Patriot Samuel Steele was born in 1762 in Pennsylvania. As a child, Samuel moved with his parents to Burke County, North Carolina and while still a teenager, enlisted in the North Carolina Militia and served in the American Revolutionary War. Following the War, he married Jannett “Jane” Luckey and remained in Burke County, North Carolina for many years. The Steeles moved from North Carolina first to Tennessee and then to Missouri. Samuel Steele moved to Greene County, Missouri in 1840 following the death of his wife Jane so he could be where most of the rest of his family lived. Samuel Steele died August 18, 1847 and was buried in the rural Mount Comfort Cemetery, about 8 miles north of Springfield, Missouri.

Photos by Margaret Swales - provided by Compatriot Tom Sentman.

Left to Right: Steven Perkins; J. Howard Fisk; OMC Color Guard Commander, Ken Lawrence; Dan Mc Murray; and Charles McMillan, Drummer



## Wreaths Across America – Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery – St. Louis, Missouri

On December 15, members from the Fernando de Leyba (FDL), Spirit of St. Louis (SSL), and Ozark Patriots (OPC) Chapters participated in Wreaths Across America at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis. Wreaths were laid at the graves of four (4) Patriots, seven (7) Fernando de Leyba Chapter Compatriots, and five (5) Spirit of St. Louis Chapter Compatriots. In addition, wreaths were laid at graves of eight (8) Congressional Medal of Honor recipients buried at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.



Graves of Compatriots at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

### Fernando de Leyba Chapter Compatriots

Compatriot Robert (Bob) B. Baldwin  
Compatriot Stuart (Stu) L. Ballou  
Compatriot David H. Bell  
Compatriot James (Jim) B. Elliott  
Compatriot James (Jim) L. McPherson  
Compatriot Ray Edward (Ed) Morris  
Compatriot Martin (Marty) E. White

### Spirit of St. Louis Chapter Compatriots

Compatriot William (Bill) R. Beswick (Dual with FDL)  
Compatriot Rodwell M. Dilthey  
Compatriot John "Jack" W. Hillemeyer  
Compatriot Rogers A. Hunter  
Compatriot Wallace E. Leard



Pvt. Samuel Kennerly



Pvt. Richard Gentry



Col. Thomas Hunt



Maj. Russell Bissell

Photos by Compatriot Greg Landrum (FDL) and Compatriot John Bedell (SSL).

**This** is a new magazine section set aside for color guardsmen to ask a question or post a comment. Questions received would be directed to the leadership command structure for necessary answers. Questions should work their way through the local/state command structure - to ensure that the command structure would have the chance to provide the answer and thus be aware of any issues within their command. Questions should be related to color guard procedures, obtaining vendor lists, or similar general subject matter questions.

## Comments and Questions

The Question listed below was originally asked via the SAR-Officers list and received several answers similar to the reply (below) from the Color Guard Commander

**Q:**  
**Are Junior members are eligible for the silver and bronze color guard medals**

**A:**  
Junior members are eligible for all color guard medals provided that the required time and participation requirements are

documented and the appropriate approvals are obtained. In the case of the Bronze Color Guard Medal, the only approvals necessary are the state color guard commander or state president. In the case of the Silver Color Guard and the Von Steuben Medals, the state color guard commander or the state president completes the application and forwards it to the National Color Guard Commander for his final approval. In the case of the Gold Color Guard Medal, the application is completed by the state color guard

commander or the state president and forwarded to the National Color Guard Commander by 31 December of each year. The National Commander then presents the slate of nominees to the National Color Guard Committee for its selection of the recipient at its meeting at the Spring Leadership Meeting each year. Full details for all requirements, process, applications and approver/presenters can be found both online and in the Color Guard Handbook..



### CG Members Promoted at Fall State Meeting

At the Fall State Meeting for the Nebraska SAR, State Color Guard Commander Chad Sherrets swore in Omaha member Paul Burright as Omaha's new Color Guard Captain and Compatriot John Braisted as Lincoln's Color Guard Lieutenant. Commander Sherrets used a version of the Oath of Office based on the February 3rd, 1778 version approved from the Continental Congress, but updated for the SAR Color Guard's needs.



The original version can be found here: <https://history.army.mil/html/faq/oaths.html>

The updated version:

*"I, \_\_\_\_\_ do acknowledge the United States of America to be free, independent and sovereign states, and declare that the people thereof owe no allegiance or obedience, to George the third, king of Great Britain; and I renounce, refuse and abjure any allegiance or obedience to him: and I do swear that I will, to the utmost of my power and support, serve the Omaha/Lincoln Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, in the office of Color Guard Captain/Lieutenant which I now hold, with fidelity, according to the best of my skill and understanding. So help me God."*

Even after all these years, we can't help but to spit in the eye of Mad King George III of England! Huzzah!

Respectfully,  
Chad Sherrets

Nebraska Society Sons of the American Revolution, State Color Guard Commander



### District VPG Mike Rowley Visits

We were joined at this meeting by Compatriot Mike Rowley, the North Central District VPG who traveled in from Clive, IA. Mike serves in Iowa's Color Guard and joined us in uniform, helping to post and retire the National Colors, and afterwards speaking words of encouragement for the organization and the Color Guard here in Nebraska

### SAR Color Guard Presents to History Students

Our Color Guard in Nebraska just undertook a new event, and that's giving a class presentation. The Nebraska DAR informed us that Mr. Vanholland, an 8th grade History teacher at Logan Fontenelle Middle School, was covering the American Revolution and would love having us speak.

Both Compatriots Chad Sherrets and John Braisted presented the personal stories of our patriot ancestors- Lieutenant John Torrey and Benjamin Hardy, respectively. We described the experiences our PAs had at important events of the war, including the Siege of Quebec, the battles around Philadelphia, Valley Forge, and Yorktown. We also went into detail about things that aren't normally taught in the history books, such as the Canadian regiments who fought for us, as well as the lead up to the hanging of Major John Andre.

Mr. Vanholland asked us to come back to speak again on the American Revolution next year. The Nebraska SAR Color Guard is excited to do presentations more in our future!

## NEVADA

Roger Linscott in the Generals Guard Uniform is speaking to the 5<sup>th</sup> graders.



The Nevada Color Guard members spoke recently at the Dayton Middle school. The presentation was about various regiments in the Revolutionary War. The students presented questions to the Guardsmen and the speakers answered them.



David Hess is speaking to the Dayton Middle School 5<sup>th</sup> graders. The color guard is Left-to right: Paul Hicks, Gerry Miller, Brian Colona, and Brian Worcester.

### Veterans Services Fair – Dula Gymnasium Las Vegas 10 Oct 2018

The Nevada Department of Veterans Services organized this all day event to provide resources for all Men and Women who have served the United States Military, Reserves, National Guard and Merchant Marines. Services offered included assistance with VA Enrollment, VA Benefits, VA Medical, VA Vision and VA Dental Screening, Job Connect, Goodwill, Housing, Readjustment Counseling, Legal Assistance, Social Security, Department of Motor Vehicles, Employment (Interview on site), and much, much more. American Legion Post 76 (Nevada Department) Presented the Colors during the opening ceremony and provided an information booth to assist veterans and families. Compatriot Gary Parriott participated in the Color Guard and took his "Turn" at the Post 76 booth.

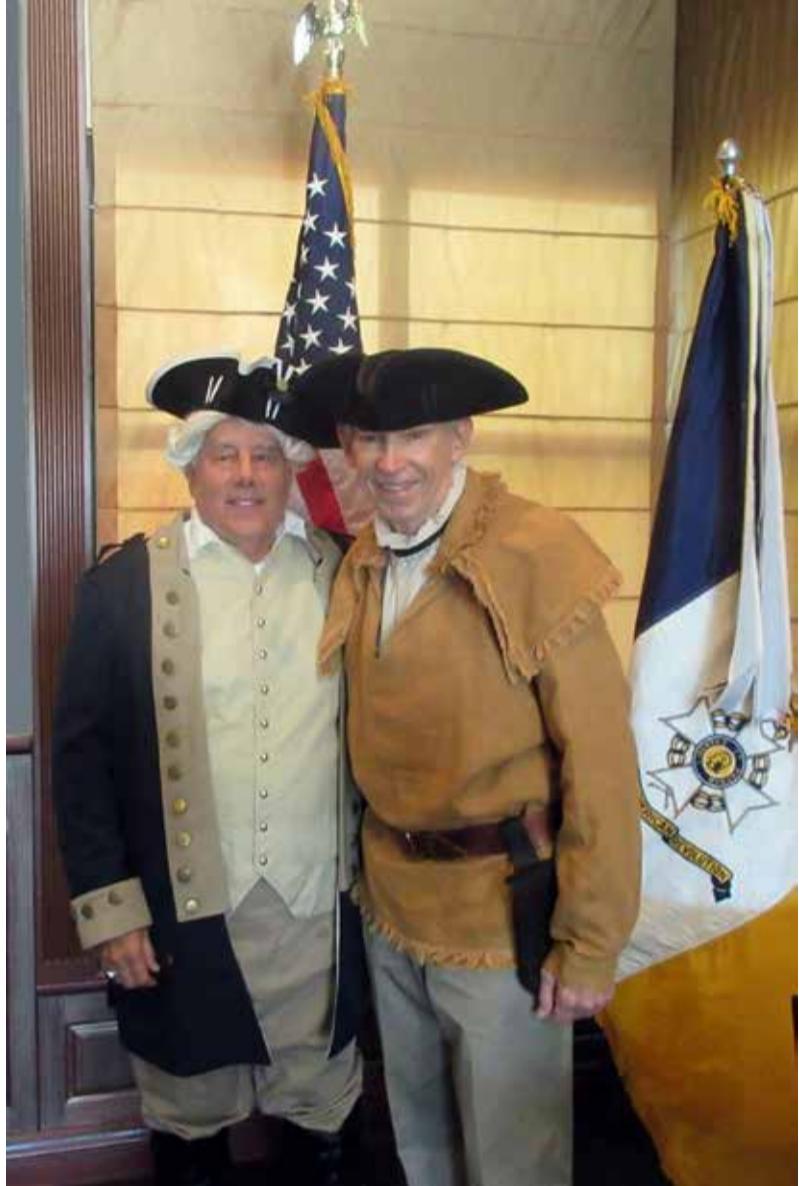


### Jo Mackey Academy of Leadership and Global Communications – 30 Oct 2018

History brought to life by Melissa Robinson (DAR) and Gary Parriott (SAR) at the Jo Mackey Academy of Leadership and Global Communications. Three presentations made this day, "Uniform and Accessories of the American Revolution Soldier" for upper grades followed by "Learning the Pledge of Allegiance" for Kindergartners. It was a real privilege to participate in this program at this Clark County NV District 5 Star School. Kudos to the Staff and Students.

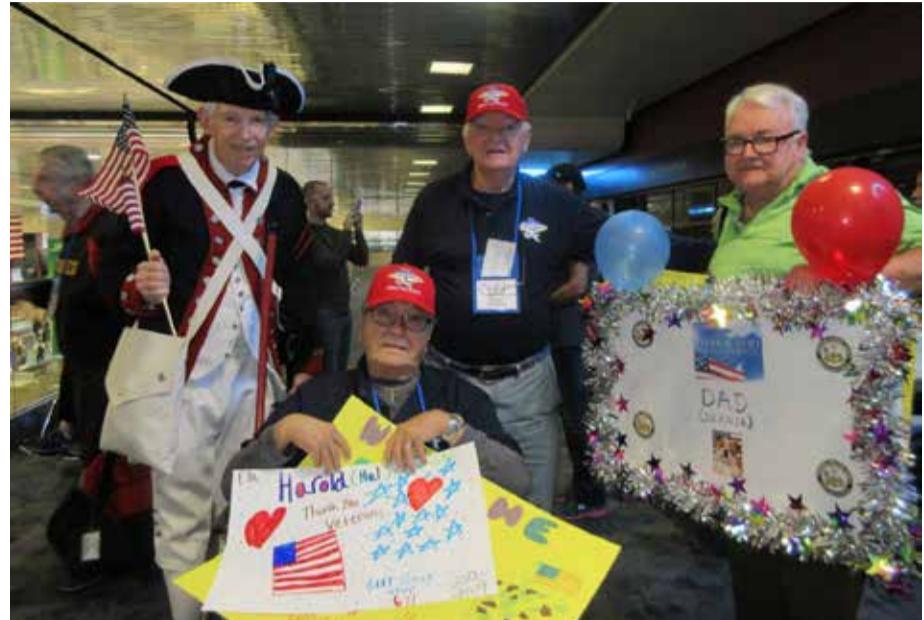
## Signers Chapter monthly meeting "Heritage Moment" – Las Vegas 3 Nov 2018

Reverend Joe de Beauchamp gave an interesting talk on The Culper Ring spy ring organized by American Major Benjamin Tallmadge under orders from General George Washington in the summer of 1778. Dr Joe is the Chapter Chaplin and often wears his "Washington" style uniform to special events and parades



## Honor Flight Southern Nevada Welcome Home – McCarran Airport 28 Oct 2018

Large turnout for WWII, and Korean War Veterans returning from their Honor Flight to Washington DC. Greeters included members from DAR, SAR, CAR, Patriot Guard Riders, American Legion, WFW, and boys and girls from several Scouting Organizations.



## Veterans Day Ceremony/WWI Commemoration – NV Veterans Home 11 Nov 2018

A very unique event organized by Nevada Department of Veterans Services in Partnership with Barnes and Noble to commemorate the 100th Anniversary to the End of WWI. New York Times best-selling author and historian Patrick O'Donnell was present to autograph his most recent book, "The Unknown" and "Washington's Immortals", the extraordinary story of the Maryland 400. Lots of WWI Memorabilia, Costumes, Static Displays and more were available to view in the morning and the formal Veterans Day Ceremony took place in the afternoon. Truly a unique event and memorable experience.



## Veterans Day Ceremony at Bishop Gorman High School – Las Vegas 13 Nov 2018

At the Bishop Gorman High School Veterans Day event, American Legion Post 76 presented the Colors with a unique Color Guard comprised of American Legionaries, a grandson of a WWI veteran wearing his Grandfather's WWI uniform and Compatriot Gary Parriott in his Continental Style American Revolution uniform. L – R CG Commander Walter Cheatham, Andy Agan, Director Marvin Morgenthal, Victor Ellis, NV Department Commander Joel Forman, Adjutant Tom Mahon, Dylan Forman, and Post Historian Gary Parriott.



More Patriotic Events and Dinners attended by Compatriot GB Parriott

### Missing in Nevada Ceremony – Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery 9 Oct 2018

Interment service for twelve WWI, WWII, Korea, and Vietnam Veterans and one Surviving Spouse. *Celebrating Sarah Winnemucca Day – Old Mormon Fort Las Vegas 16 Oct 2018.* Members of NSSDAR and Southern & Northern Paiute Tribe Celebrate Sarah Winnemucca Day. *Nevada Veteran of the month ceremony - Grant Sawyer Building Las Vegas 18 Oct 2018.* Mr. Ken Hill a WWII Veteran was honored as Nevada's Veteran of the month for Oct 2018. NV Governor Brian Sandoval, and NV Department of Veterans Services Director Kat Miller made the presentation. Many veterans and friends of Mr Hill in attendance as well as members of several Lineage Societies and the Southern Nevada Living History Association. *Spotlight Event - Texas Station Casino Las Vegas 19 Oct 2018.* Color Guard and Veterans info booth provided by members and family of American Legion Post 76. *NVSSDAR Southern Chapters Luncheon – JW Marriott Resort 27 Oct 2018* Honoring NV State Regent Terry Rubenstein and 2018 Rose Award Recipients. *NSSDAR Valley of Fire Chapter Veterans Day Dinner 14 Nov 2018* Program and Dinner to Honor Veterans. *Unaccompanied Veteran Interments – SNVMC 15 Nov 2018* Interment service for two USMC, five Navy and one Army Veteran. Service and Honor Guard provided by Veterans and Patriot Guard Riders. *Presentation Ceremony for Legion of Honor Awards - M Resort 17 Nov 2018* Three American WWII Veterans honored with France's highest award.

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## Wreath Across America - Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery 15 Dec 2018

This years wreath placement attracted the largest number of participants and volunteers in the history of this annual event held at the SNVMC. The Nevada Wing, Civil Air Patrol was assisted by the Cemetery Staff and members of the Cemetery Volunteers Groups, comprised of 18 organizations. Ceremonial Wreath Program Participants included 7 Veterans Organizations, Active Military from the United States Army, United States, Marine Corp, United States Navy and United States Air Force, Cadet Organizations from the Civil Air Patrol, Air Force JROTC, Navy JROTC & Sea Cadets and Marine Corp JROTC. Well over five thousand wreaths were placed this year. Next year's goal of providing a wreath for all sections of the SNVMC is in reach.

Lineage Society Wreath sponsors included John Ashley Society NSCAR, Sons of the American Revolution, NV Society SAR, Signers Chapter NVSSAR, Southern Nevada Chapters DAR.

Signers Chapter Wreaths Across America Chairman, Al Conant, led and coordinated fund raising and wreath placement for wreath donations made through the Signers Chapter.



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## NEW HAMPSHIRE

### Littleton Christmas Parade

Kudos to Compatriots Andrew Akers, Paul Ford, John Glover and Richard Wright, who braved the cold today to march in the Littleton Christmas Parade. Below, you will find a link that will take you to a slideshow of photos from this event. Click on the first photo, wait for it to come into focus and then scroll through using the arrows in the upper right. My undying gratitude to "Miss Lydia" for taking these great photos.

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In Patriotism,

Russ Cumbee



## NEW JERSEY

### Olde Mill Inn

The New Jersey Society Color Guard was invited to the Camp Middlebrook Chapter, NSDAR 125th Anniversary Celebration at the Olde Mill Inn, Washington Ballroom on Oct. 13, 2018. Pictured is Warren Frinsky and members of the CMC DAR.



### Fort Lee

The 242nd Commemoration of the Retreat from Fort Lee in 1776. The British campaign to control New York City and the Hudson River in July 1776 was begun on this site, named for General Charles Lee. Pictured is the Fort Lee Monument and NJ Color Guard and Ft. Lee Major (L-R) Eric Scanlon - First Mountain Chapter, Gary Walling - Monmouth, George Lundgren - First Mountain, Ed Glidden - Monmouth, Eric Bal - First Mountain, Mark Sokolich - Mayor of Ft. Lee, Gary Beauregard - Monmouth, George Wright - First Mountain, David Thompson - Godwin, Doug Thompson - Godwin



### Holmdel

The New Jersey Society SAR Color Guard was invited to represent the SAR and attend the Liberty State Park Holmdel Vietnam Veterans Wall 'Wreath Across America' service. The US Army Fort Dix Color Guard provided a three volley salute. Pictured are the ceremony with the NJ Vietnam Veteran Wall in the upper back, a veteran offering prayers to a fallen veteran, and four members of the NJSSAR Color Guard (l-r: Rich Serfass SoJersey Chapter, William Locke and Gary Beauregard Monmouth chapter



### Princeton

The NJSSAR Color Guard participated in laying a wreath at the Princeton Battlefield on December 30, 2018 in commemoration of the Princeton battle near the site of Gen. Hugh Mercer's heroic stand against the British 17th Reg. Below - Jay Hershey, William Locke, Sergeant Ed Glidden, Vice President General Lou Raborg Maryland society, Robert Meyer NJSSAR President, Larrison Jackson, Princeton Cranbury chapter, Roger Williams chapter president, David Christofferson past State president & national trustee, Mr. Wagner.



Vice President General Lou Raborg Maryland society and Robert Meyer NJSSAR President



## NORTH CAROLINA

### Color Guard Leads Christmas Parade for 10th Consecutive Year

The NC SAR Combined Color Guard and the NC SR Color Guard joined forces to lead the Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade for the 10th consecutive year. SAR Compatriots representing the Alamance Battleground, Col. Alexander Lillington, General George Washington, Halifax Resolves, Old North State and New Bern Chapters, along with the SR, faithfully represented our Patriot ancestors during this one and one half mile march.



### Grave Marking for Compatriot Nicholas Bunn Boddie

The Halifax Resolves Chapter NC SAR recently hosted a grave marking for Compatriot Nicholas Bunn Boddie at Rose Hill Plantation near Nashville, NC.

Nicholas Bunn Boddie, son of Bennett Bunn and Anna Crudup Boddie was born July 31, 1889 in Nash County, NC. Realizing as a young adult that the male Boddie line had all died, he petitioned the Superior Court of Nash County on July 7, 1914 to change his name from Nicholas Boddie Bunn to Nicholas Bunn Boddie. On July 31, 1914 the Court granted his request, restoring the male Boddie line in Nash County.

Compatriot Boddie joined the Sons of the American Revolution on June 16, 1919 as a descendant of one of Nash County's founders, Patriot Nathan Boddie. He was a member of the now defunct Rocky Mount Chapter and was listed on the Muster Roll of the 1928 Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Society, held at the Sir Walter Raleigh Hotel in Raleigh, NC.



### Wreaths Across America

The Ohio Society SAR Cincinnati Chapter participated in two WAA events this year: President Jack Bredenfoerder and Compatriots Mike Blum and George Stewart attended the Wreaths Across America ceremony in Hamilton, Ohio at the Greenwood Cemetery. They were joined by Regent Marlene Vastine also the ladies of the John Reily DAR. Regent Vastine and President Bredenfoerder brought greeting to the large crowd that gathered in the heavy rain to pay tribute to the many patriots buried in the cemetery. Once the main ceremony was complete and all the wreaths were placed, the John Reily OSDAR and the Cincinnati SAR compatriots then conducted another ceremony at the grave of Patriot John Reily. Both organizations were very pleased to see so many people attend the ceremonies despite the inclement weather. Patriotism is alive and well in Hamilton, Ohio

Pictured L – R Mike Blum, Jack Bredenfoerder, George Stewart

## OHIO



The Ohio SAR Cincinnati Chapter participated in a second WAA Ceremony at the Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati, Ohio. Citizens from the surrounding area provided a New Memorial Flag to replace the one in the Cemetery for the Ceremony prior to the 290 Wreath Placements. Each wreath placement was to speak the name on the marker to honor the Patriot. The Color Guard retired the original National Flag. Gregg Ballman, Shaun Smith and Mike Gunn ceremonially folded the flag while Bugles played. The Color Guardsman then went to the Revolutionary Patriots Monument where they ceremonially placed a wreath to honor the 60 Patriots named there on the three bronze plaques.

Center of Picture L – R Shaun Smith, Gregg Ballman and Mike Gunn



## Muskingum Chapter's 125th Anniversary – DAR and SAR Celebrate

The Color Guard of the Ohio Society SAR assisted the ladies of the Muskingum Chapter of the DAR in honoring the Chapter's first Regent, Fanny Russell Brush. The recognition was part of the Muskingum Chapter's 125 Anniversary.

Early in the morning of Saturday, October 13, 2018 members of the Muskingum Chapter climbed the hill at Woodlawn Cemetery to mark the grave of Fanny Russell Brush. They were led by the Color Guard of the Ohio Society SAR. Colors were presented by SAR Chapters from the Rufus Putnam, Marietta and the Benjamin Franklin Chapters of the SAR. Led by Steve Frash, the colors were carried by Dan Bebee, Don Miller, and Steve Kelley. The Bag Piper William Conroy IV is also an SAR member with the Marietta Chapter.

Fanny Russell Brush, DAR #1541, organized the Muskingum Chapter in July 1893 with eleven other women of the County. The meeting was held at the Young Women's Christian Association building in downtown Zanesville. The 125th Anniversary luncheon was held in the same building, now a restaurant and event place called Bryan's Place. A bronze marker recognizing Mrs. Brush was placed on her family headstone.

There were ninety in attendance including the leadership of the Muskingum Chapter DAR, Stephanie Valent, Regent, State Regent Nancy Schirm Wright, DAR VPG Sandy Mitchell McCann and numerous local elected officials including the Honorable Jeff Tilton, Mayor of Zanesville and the Honorable Jim Porter, Muskingum County Commissioner.

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Pictured L – R Steve Kelly, Daniel Beebe, William Conroy, Steve Frash, Don Miller



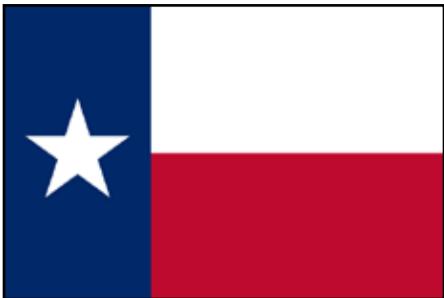
Ohio celebrated its 150th anniversary. Firelands Bicentennial Chapter Color Guard participated in a wreath laying ceremony along with George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. (L-R) Lance Beebe, Shaun Cotterill, Dale Fellows (G. Washington), John King (A. Lincoln).



On December 15th the Firelands Bicentennial Chapter Color Guard presented the colors for the Sally De Forest Chapter DAR, Wreaths Across America ceremony in Norwalk Ohio. Over 300 wreaths were placed. Present were (L-R) Lance Beebe, Kyle von Kamp, Shaun Cotterill, Reggie Pratt (DAR), and Norm Miller.



the Firelands Bicentennial Chapter Color Guard presented the colors for the 100th anniversary of the Nathan Perry DAR Chapter in Lorain Ohio. Present were (L-R) Norm Miller, Kyle von Kamp, Shaun Cotterill and Lance Beebe, Chapter President.



## TEXAS

### New SAR Chapter #67 Quanah Parker established in Vernon, Texas

On December 15, 2018, T. L. Holden and Ted Wilson of the Edmund Terrill Chapter #34 in Sherman, Texas, traveled to Vernon to help establish a new SAR chapter #67 to be known as the Quanah Parker Chapter. Mr. Holden the registrar for Edmund Terrill had been working with Judy Ditmore, Honorary Regent of the Western Trail Chapter DAR

close to a year to get the SAR chapter established and new members approved. Ted Wilson was the Northern Texas Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard commander and was requested to form a Color Guard unit for the posting and removal of colors for this event. The unit consisted of Ted Wilson and T. L. Holden of the Edmund Terrill Chapter; Ben Pollard and Chuck Hartline of the Panhandle Plains Chapter; and Sonny Reploge of the Denton Chapter.



Santa Rosa Palomino Club

The day began with Wreaths Across America at the Eastview Cemetery which is East of Vernon. The color were presented on horseback by four members of the Santa Rosa Palomino Club. Staley Healy made a short talk and asked each Representative of the services to place a wreath for each branch of the service plus MIA/POW. The following SAR members T.L. Holden, Ted Wilson and Sonny Reploge were in uniforms and laid wreaths on veterans graves. We then left there and reassembled at the

Vernon Masonic Lodge at 12:30 pm to begin the Charting Ceremony.

Judy Ditmore did the welcome and introductions. Presentation of the colors was done by the North Texas SAR Color Guard. Pledges were led by various members of the SAR, DAR, and CAR members. Drake Peddie, Texas SAR State Secretary, was introduced and gave a welcome to the new chapter and presented the Charter to Kim Ditmore, President of the Quanah Parker Chapter #67. More approved certificates were handed out and this new chapter began with thirty-one (31) charter members. Drake swore in all these new members and then the officers who had been selected by the members. After this the closing admonition was done in unison followed by a benediction by Dr. Derrell Monday, Chaplain before the colors were retired.

In the great tradition of Texas, we were served BBQ chicken, brisket, potato salad, baked beans, tea, and dessert by Cody's BBQ.



Color Guard Chuck Hartline, T. L. Holden, Sonny Reploge, Drake Peddie, Kim Ditmore, Ben Pollard, Ted Wilson, Ron Carter



SAR members at Wreaths Across America

### The 100-Year Parade on Veterans Day

By Stu Hoyt, TX SAR CG Commander

It was a special day in Fredericksburg, Texas celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Armistice ending the War to End All Wars (WWI). Fredericksburg is the home of Admiral Chester Nimitz of WWII Pacific fame and a museum bearing his name. The event was organized by Tami King, Veterans Service Officer of Gillespie County and contained fifty units of Veterans representing all wars fought by this nation. The Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution represented all veterans of the American Revolution.

November 11, once known as Armistice Day, was named for the act commencing secession of hostilities in that conflict. An armistice was declared at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. On the one-year anniversary of that day, Woodrow Wilson proposed a resolution to commemorate that day. It was not until 1926 the Congress issued that resolution and 1938 before it became a legal holiday. At the conclusion of WWII, Veterans of that war wanted to be recognized on Armistice Day. Raymond Weeks, a veteran from Alabama started a campaign but it was not until 1954 that Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill recognizing all veterans. A month later the bill was modified to change the name to Veterans Day. It is not a possessive term because it is a day to remember veterans not a day of veterans.



On the 11th month, the 11th day, the 11th hour of 2018, all the bells in the little town of Fredericksburg, TX chimed to commemorate that event. At 2 pm, the first unit stepped off to commence the 100th year anniversary parade, a unit of about forty SAR and DAR members representing 12 chapters in the area were close behind. The sound of the bands and marching units were intermediately interrupted by the sound of roaring engines as 14 vintage aircraft made multiple passes over the parade route.



## A Day on the Strand

By Stu Hoyt

Some came to party for three days and others just for the parade but all came to have a great time. Each year Galveston, TX puts on the three-day party and calls it "Dickens on the Strand". There are as many in the crowd dressed for the party (Parade) as there was marching. Charles Dickens would have been proud. Even a great-granddaughter came from Britain and rode in a horse drawn carriage. The parade lasts about an hour and a short walk five blocks down and back to the starting point, the old Railroad Museum. The crowd can't wait - for the last unit in the parade to pass so they can flow into the streets and continue the party. For color guard members it is a state recognized event and well worth the trip. Maybe we will see you at the next Dickens on the Strand. The weather generally cooperates.



Left to Right Front Row: State President Tom Jackson (Robert Rankin), Gene Shaner, Jim Clements (PATRICK HENRY), Larry Tidwell

Second Row from American flag: Robert Mearns (Heart of TX), Bill Whatley, Bob Jordan (Patrick Henry), Bill Adriance, John Hamlin, State Color Guard Commander Stu Hoyt (WILLIAM HIGHTOWER), Bill Mayo, Pete Lenes, Steve Teel (Heart of TX) (with Texas Flag), Hugh Ferguson (with SAR flag) All other were from the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter. Hopefully you can identify the question marks.



Color Guard: T.L. Holden, Bob Gresham, Walt Thomas, Gerald Gieger, Ted Wilson, Jerry Cope, Stephen Johnson, Tom Whitelock

found at least once. He was one of the causalities on November 22, 1943. He too was being returned.

And when the rain did come our task as Color Guard was complete. Two WW II Veterans KIA/MIA have been returned and will be laid to rest with many other brave men and women.



## VIRGINIA

During the past quarter the Virginia SAR Color Guard participated as part of the host society in two national events, Yorktown and Great Bridge, and participated in two out of state national events at King's Mountain and Point Pleasant. We also participated in the marking of twenty-two Revolutionary War Veteran graves in Virginia and those of thirty-eight in neighboring states. We marched in a total of twenty-four events ranging from major national celebrations to public service events, such as presenting the colors at a banquet held in honor of Gold Star Families by Honor and Remember - a National Campaign of Remembrance.

In 2018 seventy-five different Virginia SAR color guardsmen participated in eighty-four events and numerous chapter meetings. Eleven new color guardsmen joined our ranks this year. Check out our coming events and historical log at: <http://www.virginiasar.org/color-guard.html>

## Lynchburg Old Cemetery

On October 6th the Virginia SAR Color Guard, augmented by the War of 1812 Color Guard, participated in the marking of sixteen Revolutionary War Veteran and forty-seven War of 1812 Veteran graves in the Lynchburg, VA, Old City Cemetery. This historic cemetery on rolling wooded hills has a beautiful view to the west of the Peaks of Otter. The sixteen graves is well short of a Virginia record: we marked the graves of forty-five Revolutionary War Veterans in one ceremony on July 25, 2015, at Augusta Stone Church in the Shenandoah Valley.

Combined SAR - War of 1812 Color Guard at Lynchburg Grave Marking, left to right: Kirk Sheap, Mike Lyman, Vern Eubanks, Dennis Fritts, Mark Day, Brett Osborn, Bob Vogel, Virginia SAR President Pat Kelly, Tom Hamill.



## Yorktown

On October 19th thirty-one uniformed SAR Color Guardsmen and many more compatriots in mufti marched in the Victory Day parade at Yorktown. We began the day with wreath laying's at the tomb of Governor Thomas Nelson, Jr., who commanded the Virginia Militia at Yorktown and famously offered a reward for the first cannon crew to hit his Yorktown home where he believed British officers had taken cover. We then assembled for the parade, led by President General Warren Alter in uniform.



Advancing the colors for the Nelson Wreath Laying, C.A.R. guardsman Jack Akers in front, followed by Mid-Atlantic Color Guard Commander Dave Hoover, Virginia Color Guard Commander Bill Schwetke, members of the Fifes and Drums of Yorktown, and our colors.

SAR approaches the reviewing stand at Yorktown, front row, left to right: Virginia Color Guard Commander Bill Schwetke, PG Warren Alter, VPG Lou Raborg, and Surgeon General Darryl Addington.

The Color Guards at the intersection of Main and Davis Streets at 10:03 am

## Veterans' Day

The Virginia SAR honored our veterans with ceremonies across the state on the 100th anniversary of the armistice that ended the Great War, highlighted by a ceremony at General Washington's Tomb.



Two Vietnam combat veterans place a wreath at General Washington's Tomb.



Left to right: Paul Chase, Bill Schwetke, Dave Adamy, Virginia SAR President Pat Kelly, Peter Davenport, Mike Elston, Gary Hall.

## Great Bridge

We honored the heroes of the Battle of Great Bridge who in 1775 drove the Royal Governor and his troops from Virginia to allow Virginia to generously provide leadership, troops, and supplies to the Continental Army and facilitate passage for that army between the Northern and Southern theaters. Because of the new museum opening and a forecast of bad weather the ceremony was moved indoors to the City Council Chambers. Marching with the Color Guard were two descendants of Lieutenant David Jameson of the Culpeper Minute Battalion that fought at Great Bridge, Charles Jameson and Michael Dennis. Several of the guardsmen wore green hunting shirts and had buck tails on their hats, just like the minutemen who fought here.

Front Row, left to right: Tom Hamill, Jay DeLoach, Virginia SAR Color Guard Commander Bill Schwetke, Charles Jameson, Jeff Thomas. Back row, left to right: Rolf Maris, Dave Cook, Kirk Sheap, Brett Osborn, Morgaine Beck (DAR), Michael Dennis, Ken Bonner.





In the rain at Culpeper National Cemetery

## Wreaths Across America

At national cemeteries such as Arlington, Alexandria, and Culpeper; and other sites across the Commonwealth, the Virginia SAR participated in the placement of Christmas wreaths at the tombstones of our veterans. The Color Guard played prominent roles in the ceremonies at Culpeper National Cemetery and in Charlottesville.

## WASHINGTON



Members of the Western Regiment assembled for the reading of promotion orders  
Front row (l to r) Fife & Drum: Mikey Bendickson, Skip Stephen, Jeanine Stephen, Joyce Jackman.  
Back row: CG: Mat Bendickson, Lee Thomasson (Capt), Fred Gilbert (Capt), Viren Lemmer (Drum Major), Michael Moore (Wa State Registrar), Bob O'Neal (Lt Col, Brigade Adjutant), Art Dolan (Lt Col, CG Commander), Dick Motz (Major, CG Deputy Commander), Ralph Liening (HODAR), Neil Vernon (Capt), and Darren Nelson

## Something New

Washington State Declared the month of November as Chapter Color Guard Day. All Color Guard Captains along with the State Color Guard Commander and Deputy Commanders were invited to attend the Alexander Hamilton Chapter meeting in Fife, WA. Representatives from half of the Washington Chapters as well as the State Color Guard Commander and 2 deputy commanders attended. At the meeting Art Dolan, the state commander, was promoted to Lt Colonel. The promotion was read by the Color Guard Adjutant, Bob O'Neal. It is also suggested that all Washington Chapters recognize their SAR Color Guard members. The Color Guard is the face of the SAR presenting a powerful recruiting tool in the community.

Our 61 state wide color guard members participated in 28 events, 6 parades, 125 living history presentations, ceremonies and posting of the colors, resulting in 557 uniformed appearances throughout Washington. Our state pride for these dedicated volunteers extends way beyond the three pillars of History, Education, and Patriotism. Their core belief and pride of their ancestry, combined with the willingness to share it with others, drives these members to spread the story of our Revolution and those who fought it.

Finally, let's not forget the 2021 National Conference in Seattle. Visiting the Emerald City surrounded by ocean, mountains reaching 14,000 feet into the sky and vibrant vista's punctuate sightseeing excursions giving you a deep, lasting memory of our 42nd state.



The Point Pleasant WV color guardsmen supporting the Col. Charles Lewis DAR on a rainy Saturday December 15th.

## WEST VIRGINIA

243<sup>rd</sup> celebration parade



Members of the West Virginia State Color guard took part in the 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Point Pleasant on October 7, 2018 at the Tue-Endie-Wei State Park.

### KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY THE BATTLE OF POINT PLEASANT October 10, 1774

Colonel Charles Lewis  
Colonel John Field  
Captain Thomas Buford  
Captain Robert McClanachan  
Captain John Murray  
Captain James Ward  
Captain Samuel Wilson  
Lieutenant Hugh Mien  
Lieutenant William McCutcheon  
Lieutenant Charles Cameron  
Lieutenant David Laird  
Ensign Samuel Baker  
Ensign Matthew Bracken  
Ensign Jonathan Cundiff

Private George Cameron  
Private Samuel Croley  
Private James Crowley  
Private John Dinwiddie  
Private Joseph Hughes  
Private James Mooney  
Private Hugh O'Gillion  
Private Jerrard Trotter  
Private Marek Williams  
John Frogg Sutler  
and Twenty four Privates, Unknown



M-K Chapter Color Guards of WISSAR braved a cold Veterans Day ceremony at Veterans Park in Waukesha. The event was sponsored by the Allied Veterans Council of Waukesha where local dignitaries recognized the contributions of men and women of the armed forces and chap-

lains from various veterans organizations offered prayers and tributes. Pictured at right are color guardsmen Brian Barrett, Mike Meador, Ben Meador and Brian's six-year-old grandson Aiden Verhalen.

Our Nathan Ames Chapter Color Guard also appeared at a memorial at the State Capital Building in Madison. Guardsman Bill Austin struck the chapter's liberty bell  $11+11+11 = 33$  times in honor of all veterans. He remarked, "It was a very moving ceremony." Bill also attended the Great Lakes District Meeting October 26-27 where he received the Silver Sherman Award presented by Thomas Ashby, VPG from Illinois in Springfield, IL

During a December holiday meeting of the M-K Chapter at the Wisconsin Club in Milwaukee our color guards posted and retrieved the Colors. This festive event included a presentation about the Barberry Pirates and the induction of my grandsons Shane and Marcus Barrett into the M-K Chapter.

Brian S. Barrett, WISSAR Color Guard Commander

## WISCONSIN



# Battle Road - No Place for Old Men. Maybe not!

By Brett Osborn

“shot heard round the world”

As a Revolutionary War reenactor and a National Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard member, I have researched to see if I’m too old for the portrayal. In the very beginning, some of the actual participants ages might surprise one.

While there are suggestions as to the start of the Revolutionary War and the first battle, April 19, 1775 is recognized as the signature event for the conflict. General Thomas Gage under guidance he was given on April 14, 1775 (written January 27, 1775) from the British Secretary of State, William Legge, Earl of Dartmouth. General Gage sent soldiers of the Crown Forces to disarm rebels and imprison leaders in Massachusetts.<sup>1</sup> They were met with armed resistance at Lexington and Concord on April 19th. The initial Crown Forces Regulars under Lieutenant Colonel Francis Smith sent on the raid came under constant fire from gathering local militia. A relief force from Boston under Brigadier Earl Hugh Percy’s First Brigade was sent to reinforce and extract Lieutenant Colonel Smith’s raiding party.

## Menotomy, Massachusetts April 19, 1775

The village of Menotomy, Massachusetts (now Arlington) was named for the Algonquin word for “swift running water”.<sup>2</sup>

“Menotomy was just a wide place in the road, a little village strung along for about a mile from Foot of the Rocks to Spy Pond, but it was a crossroads where routes coming into Boston from the north and west intersected.... All roads, as it turned out, led to Menotomy when the purpose was to intercept the Regulars.”<sup>3</sup>

The old men of Menotomy captured the Redcoat Regular’s powder supply wagons and 18 soldiers (this from citation on local historical marker).<sup>4</sup>

Brigadier Earl Percy’s First Brigade was sent by General Gage to reinforce Lieutenant Colonel Smith’s Force on a raid to Lexington and Concord. Behind his Brigade followed two supply wagons with gunpowder and a twelve-man guard trying to catch up with Percy’s force. In Menotomy, a group of old men, too old to be fit for active service, gathered on the main road after Percy’s Brigade of regulars marched thru. All were armed and some were French and Indian War veterans. These included David Lamson who was half-Indian and half African, Ammi Cutter, Jason & Joseph Belknap, James Budge, & Israel Mead; were seeking an opportunity to interdict stragglers from Percy’s column. Hiding behind a stone wall they fired on the first wagon and killed the driver and a horse (other sources list two sergeants and more horses killed, an officer wounded,<sup>5</sup>). The guards surrendered, (local lore says six regulars threw their muskets in a nearby pond and surrendered to an old woman in her garden).

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spy\\_Pond#Cultural\\_history](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spy_Pond#Cultural_history)  
<http://boston1775.blogspot.com/2010/06/old-woman-called-mother-barberick.html>

They then captured the second wagon. The powder was provided to passing militia and the captured wagons, equipment, horses and Redcoat Regulars were moved. Later a commandeered chaise with Redcoat Regular Lieutenant Edward Thoroton Gould who was part of Colonel Smith’s force and was wounded in the foot at Concord bridge, was intercepted and captured by this same group of old men.

“It is no wonder that Percy and Smith were astounded by the number of troops the province was able to muster at Menotomy only three hours after Percy passed through the empty town.... there were as many minute men and militia waiting for him in Menotomy as there were to his rear and on the flanks”.<sup>6</sup>

“The minute men and militia waiting in the town were operating under one great disadvantage: they had not seen the Regulars column, and they assumed that it would come down the main road in a tight formation, just as the regulars had marched in all their earlier excursions out of Boston. The strong Regular flank patrols employed by Percy were a deadly surprise to many of the provincial companies that were situated too close to the road and were caught between the flankers and the

main column. This mistake proved costly to several rebel units, including the minute men company from Danvers commanded by Lieutenant Gideon Foster” (lost seven men at the Jason Russell house).<sup>7</sup>

On the south side of the road passing thru Menotomy, 58-year old Jason Russell’s yellow painted house was the scene of intense fighting as militia fought Redcoat Regulars. Russell being lame and barely able to walk, sent his family to safety and determined to defend hearth and home. Old Ammi Cutter, one of the group of exempts who had captured the wagons earlier in the day, lived across the street from Russell.... Mr. Cutter was out on the road at this time, one of the few men there who had already fired his musket at the regulars that day, and he saw Russell come out of the house musket in hand.... Cutter thought his old friend was carrying things a bit too far. He tried to tell Russell that the battlefield was no place for an old man, but Russell, who was piling bundles of shingles into a makeshift wall near his front door,”<sup>8</sup> answered simply, “An Englishman’s home is his castle.”<sup>9</sup> Some militia and minutemen joined him. When Russell’s body was found, he was shot twice and had 11 bayonet wounds. Eleven other Patriot militia and two Redcoat Regulars died in the Russell house, others in the yard. The struggle raged from the attic to the cellar in the house. It is now a Museum and still has bullet holes in some of the rooms.

<https://arlingtonhistorical.org/visit/online-tour/kitchen/>

<https://emerginglevolutionarywar.org/2017/05/19/ankle-deep-in-blood-the-jason-russell-house/>

Samuel Whittemore served in the Queen Dragoons, in both the King George’s War and the French and Indian War. Born in England in 1695, he fought native warriors in the Indian Wars of 1763. He then settled in the Massachusetts Colony. As the fighting started in Lexington and Concord in 1775, he watched Crown Forces retreating toward Menotomy from his home. He took all his weapons, a brace of pistols, an old cavalry saber, a musket & powder horn. “Told his wife he was going up town to meet the regulars.”<sup>10</sup> He engaged Redcoat Regulars of Colonel Nesbitt’s 47th Regiment. He shot three at point blank range, drew his saber and started slashing at the approaching bayonets. Whittemore was shot in the face, was butt-stroked and received multiple bayonet wounds and left for dead. When townspeople went to collect his body, they found Whittemore reloading his musket to continue the fight. He was taken to a local tavern where doctors believed his 14 wounds mortal and sent him home to his family to die. Samuel Whittemore lived to the age of 98 and passed in, February 1793, the oldest Revolutionary War combatant. His marker is in Arlington, Massachusetts.

“The repeated bayonetting of Russell and Whittemore is one indication of the fierceness that characterized the fighting at that point. To the Regulars, the rebels were cowardly snipers who fired from hiding and who lurked along the edges of the column like wolves, ready to kill and scalp wounded men who had to be left behind; while to the militia and minute men the regulars were brutal ravagers who burned and looted their way across the countryside.”<sup>11</sup>

## Battle Road – Menotomy, Massachusetts, April 19, 1775 Facts

- In Menotomy, Redcoat Regulars had 40 killed in action and 80 wounded in action and about 19 captured, almost half of the Crown Forces casualties for Battle Road.
- The Provincials casualties include 25 killed in action (includes non-combatants), nine wounded in action and one captured (Josiah Breed, Lynn, Massachusetts militiaman captured at Russell house).
- Lieutenant Edward Gould of the 4th Regiment Light Company, wounded at Concord Bridge, captured by the older men of Menotomy was later exchanged for militiaman Josiah Breed in May 1775.

Each village along Battle Road has legends and stories about local patriots who on that significant day of April 19, 1775 rose to the occasion. Those who were exempted from active military service because of age, infirmity or were not a white male, were among those who stepped forward. May their sacrifices and valor be forever remembered.

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## **242nd Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek**

### **Saturday 10:00 AM, March 30, 2019 in Jacksonville, Florida**

The Florida Society SAR commemorates the 242nd anniversary for the Battle of Thomas Creek (the Southernmost Battle of the American Revolutionary War). The ceremony will be held at Seaton Creek Historic Preserve Park at 10:00 AM. If placing a wreath and/or participating in the color guard, please arrive no later than 9:30AM to register your wreath. The park is located off I-95 at Exit 366 then head west 2.5 miles on Pecan Park Road to 2145 Arnold Road, Jacksonville, FL (3 miles North of the airport). The bad weather location event will take place at Sheltair, 14600 Whirlwind Ave.



We will have a social and orientation meeting Friday evening at 5 p.m. on March 29th at the Marriott Spring Hill Suites, 13550 Airport Court, Jacksonville, FL 32218 (904-741-8002). Identify yourself with the SAR for a discounted rate of \$109 (includes breakfast) or use your Marriott points. A block of rooms will be reserved up to March 15th. Organizations and participants will be announced during the ceremony. Our speaker will again be Dr. Roger Smith of Colonial Research Associates, Inc. and we will also have the Patriotic Choral Group "Let Freedom Sing" in addition to various Patriotic and Civic Organizations bringing greetings. To assure your organization's recognition and to receive a flag streamer, please complete the following by March 1, 2019 to:

David H. Ramseur (FLSSAR President 2011-12)  
3733 River Hall Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32217  
(904)-502-4819; [Davidramseur12@gmail.com](mailto:Davidramseur12@gmail.com)

Society Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter or Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Will present Wreath: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Wreath Dedicated to: \_\_\_\_\_

Presenter(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Will bring flag? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Color Guard? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Number of members expected to attend from your group: \_\_\_\_\_ In Uniform \_\_\_\_\_

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Regulars at Russell House 2018



# Those Acton Men – The Legend

*By Brett Daborn*

“I have not a man that is afraid to go.” –  
Captain Isaac Davis



Of each of those communities in Massachusetts that participated in Battle Road on that fateful day of April 17, 1775; legends were born that many of us never heard of in our studies of history and the American Revolution.

Here is some information on three of the Acton men who lost their lives on April 19th.

Warnings of the Regulars movement to Lexington and Concord reached Acton just before dawn on April 19, likely by Dr. Samuel Prescott, a nearby resident of Concord. As the alarm spread, the Acton Minutemen began to assemble at 30-year-old Captain Davis's home. While waiting for more men to arrive, Minutemen made paper cartridges and some powdered their hair with flour for a more martial appearance. As they prepared Mrs. Davis noticed her husband was somber and said little.

Davis was without a doubt the most energetic of the company commanders in the minute man regiment. A gunsmith by trade, he had taken care that all his men were well armed; every man in the company had a good musket, a bayonet, cartridge box, canteen--this was one of the many provincial companies to be complete in accoutrements. The men under Davis were

good shots too. Davis had built a firing range out behind his house, where twice a week from November to April he had led his men in firing and drill. Needless to say, the fighting spirit of Isaac Davis rubbed off on his men.” 1

Captain Davis formed up his company and ordered them to march about 7 am. According to his wife, after marching off, Davis halted his company and returned to his house to tell his wife, “Take good care of the children.”

A boy named Charles Handley, who lived at Widow Brown's Tavern, saw Davis's company pass the tavern. He recalled many years later that a fifer (Luther Blanchard) and drummer (Francis Barker) played a song called “The White Cockade”, a reference to the white ribbon worn on the bonnets of Scot revolutionaries during the 1745 rebellion. Tradition persists that this was Davis's favorite marching song, but there is little evidence to support this. There is also a tradition that the Acton musicians played the White Cockade later when Davis's company led the advance on the Regulars at the Old North Bridge in Concord, this too, is not supported by primary source accounts. 2

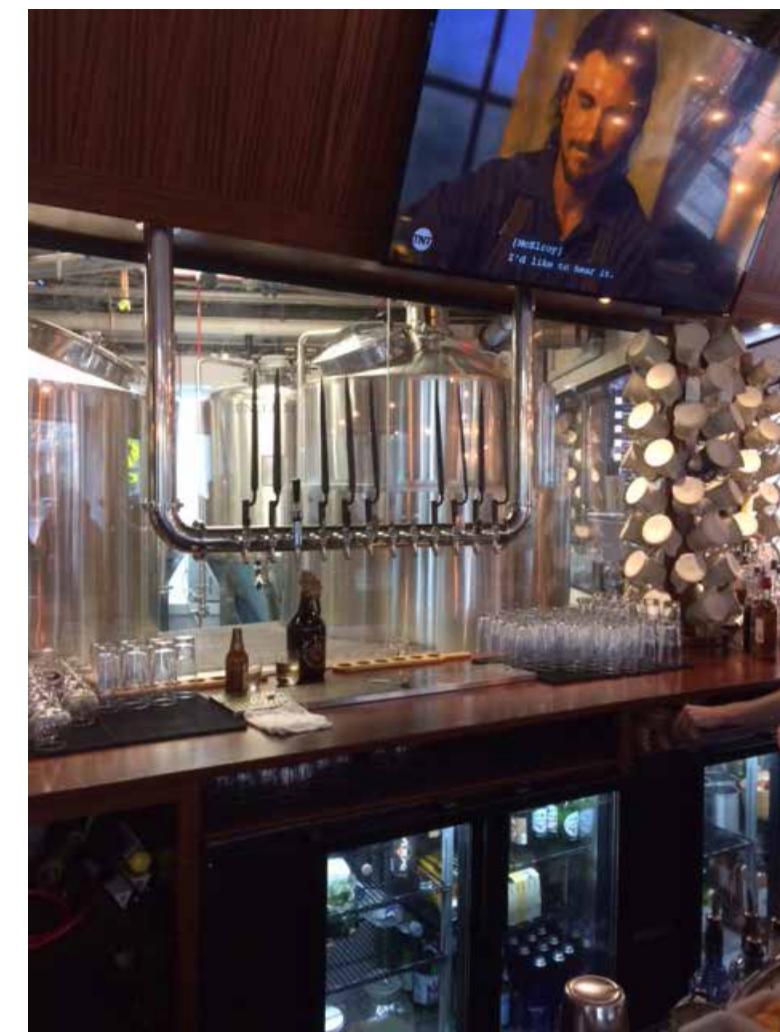
Captain Davis's Minuteman Company reached the area of the Concord Old

North Bridge at approximately 9 am. Several other companies of militia and Minutemen, consisting of about 500 men from Concord, Lincoln and Bedford, had already gathered on a small hill overlooking the bridge. Approximately 100 Light Infantry Regulars (3 Companies) occupied the bridge. After Davis arrived, Colonel James Barrett who commanded the provincial troops in Concord called a council of the officers' present to determine whether to attack the Regulars at the bridge. In Concord, the majority of the Regulars were on a search mission for military stores, but found little. The Regulars decided to burn some wooden gun carriages they discovered; the provincials near the Old North Bridge saw the smoke and believed the Regulars were burning Concord. Colonel Barrett made the decision to attack the Regulars holding the bridge.

Captain Davis's Acton Minuteman Company had taken their designated position at the left of the provincial line. The company in the lead would have been Captain Brown's Company of Concord. Captain Brown told Colonel Barrett he would rather not lead the attack. Knowing that the Acton Minutemen were equipped with bayonets and cartridge boxes Colonel Barrett asked Captain Davis if his company would lead the advance. His recorded response is given as, "I have not a man that is afraid to go." Around 10:30 am, the provincials faced to the right and advanced on the Old North Bridge in a column of two men abreast. At the head of the column was Davis, Major John Buttrick of Concord, and Lt. Colonel John Robinson of Westford. The Regulars at the bridge, watching the provincials' approach were surprised to see that they "moved down upon me in a seeming regular manner." 3

When the provincials were about 75 yards of the bridge, the Regulars fired a few warning shots. Luther Blanchard, the 18-year-old Acton Minuteman fifer was wounded by one of these warning shots (one in the neck and one in the side). 4 The Regulars then fired a disorganized volley. Captain Isaac Davis was shot through the heart. The 20-year-old Private Abner Hosmer of Acton was also killed in the volley by a shot to his head. Observing the casualties, Major Buttrick ordered, "Fire, fellow soldiers, for God's sake fire!" and the provincials returned fire, causing the Regulars to retreat back to Concord. With the loss of Captain Davis, from later depositions by Acton Minute Men, the company fell into confusion. Most of the men joined in the pursuit of the Regulars, acting on their own.

"One of those men was James Hayward a 25-year-old schoolmaster in West Acton and who arrived at Captain Davis's farm around 5 a.m., after hearing the alarm. He had no business being there. Hayward was not a member



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of the Acton Minute Man Company as his foot was crippled as a result of an accident with an axe in his youth. Not being a member of the Acton Minute Man Company, he had not been issued the equipment Captain Davis had made for his company. Each man of Captain Davis's Minute Man Company was issued a bayonet, canteen and cartridge box (the latter allowing more rapid fire). Rather than a cartridge box with pre-rolled cartridges of powder and ball, Hayward carried with him that morning a hunting powder horn and shot pouch." 5

After the fighting at Concord North Bridge, the Regulars retreated towards Boston, James Hayward joined men from other militia and minute men companies as they harassed the Regular Column. Just west of Lexington was the Ebenezer Fiske Farm. 6 Hayward stopped to get a drink from the well. Emerging from the house was a Regular soldier who informed Hayward that he was "a dead man." Hayward replied, "And so are you." Both men raised their muskets and fired. The Regular soldier died on the spot. Hayward sustained a wound that pierced his powder horn, entering his side. He lived eight more hours and died after talking to his father Deacon Samuel Hayward. Like Davis and Hosmer, Hayward's body was returned to Acton for burial.

"One should be inspired by the James Hayward story. He overcame physical challenges, fought and died, not because he had to go, but because he chose to go." 7

## About the Author

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*MADE THE THIRTEEN COLONIES INDEPENDENT OF GREAT BRITAIN, & GAVE POLITICAL BEING TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTON APR. 19TH 1851."*

This year the author was with the modern-day Acton Minute Men re-enacting unit. We visited the True West Brewing Company in Acton; all the beer taps are bayonets. Picture included, the Legend continues.

As part of our discussions at the Color Guard Committee meetings at Leadership Conferences both powder horns and cartridge boxes have been mentioned.

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# Washington's Birthday Celebration - Laredo TX

122<sup>nd</sup> celebration, February 15, 2019

On the morning of February 22, 1898, Indians and white men engaged in a "battle" for control of Laredo, Texas. The "battle," centered at City Hall was fiercely fought, but to no avail.

In the end, the defenders fell and the mayor presented the key of the city to the Great Chief Sachem as a sign of unconditional surrender. The Great Chief in turn presented the key to the lovely Princess Pocahontas, who represented a lost tradition, "a vanishing race." The ensuing celebration among neighbors lasted for two days, culminating with the reenactment of the "Boston Tea Party." Thus was born the annual celebration of George Washington's Birthday in Laredo, Texas.

One of the most asked questions is, "Why celebrate Washington's Birthday on the border?" The answer must be attributed to the original planners of the celebration, the patriotic Improved Order of the Red Men, local chapter Yaqui Tribe #59, whose members included prominent Laredoans of both Mexican and American ancestry. The committee was looking for a traditionally "American" holiday to celebrate that might offer the best of all cultures influencing the heritage of Laredo's citizens.

They found that during the fight for freedom, in the American colonies, the Sons of Liberty would disguise themselves as Indians to meet and discuss strategy using the forest as cover. George Washington served as "Sachem" and so within the history of their own society, they found the "American" holiday they sought. It was further discovered that the name "Washington" was not only revered in the United States he helped create, but in areas south as well. Respected as the forerunner of such Latin American liberators as Mexico's Father Hidalgo and Si-



mon Bolivar, Washington's esteem is not limited to the United States.

The first celebration was a phenomenal success. Its success and popularity grew rapidly and in 1923 the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association of Laredo, Inc. (WBCA™) received its state charter. In 1939, the Celebration featured its first Colonial Pageant, which featured thirteen young girls from Laredo, representing the thirteen original colonies. Charged with the overseeing of the annual celebration, the WBCA™ has continued its role as developer and leader ever since. The International Bridge Ceremony, one of the major events, serves as the "welcoming ceremony" between officials and dignitaries from Mexico and the United States by exchanging "abrazos," symbolizing the amity and understanding between two neighboring nations. Over the years, additional attractions and events have been added. Together with its Affiliate Organizations, the WBCA™ now boasts a celebration calendar, which includes more than twenty-eight events and covers a period of four weeks. It at-

tracts approximately 400,000 attendees annually and has a tremendous positive economic impact on the City.

## Society of Martha Washington Pageant and Ball

A celebration unto itself the Society of Martha Washington Colonial Pageant and Ball is one of the most well-known social events in South Texas. The President, George Washington and his gracious wife, Martha Dandridge Washington serve as the central figures in this beautiful event. Donning some of the most spectacular dresses in the world and lavishly bejeweled, the lucky young ladies and their escorts participate in an elaborate presentation that is both historical and awe-inspiring.

The Society of Martha Washington Colonial Pageant will take place at the Jesus Martinez Performing Arts Complex Auditorium (formerly known as the L.I.S.D. Civic Center).



## DINNER WITH THE PRESIDENT HOSTED BY FALCON INTERNATIONAL BANK

February 15, 2019 @ 7:00 pm - 10:30 pm

The event is a formal dinner that will take you back in time and feature a unique culinary experience in honor of the Father of our Country, George Washington and his first lady, Martha Dandridge Washington.

The culinary talents of Emmy Award Winning TV host and Chef, Walter Staib, who is most widely known for his faithful recreation of an original 18-century tavern, Philadelphia's City Tavern, will serve as the special guest.

Chef Staib will take guests back in time and cook up an 18th century dining experience, with the assistance of Laredo's own award-winning Chef, Pete Mims.

Hosting the dinner will be American Historical Theatre's own John Lopes, the official national portrayer of George Washington, and his first lady, straight from Mount Vernon!

It will be an elegant dinner fit for a president! Formal attire is required.



# COLOR GUARD

Is your Black Powder Firearm safe to fire?

*Safety is everyone's responsibility;*

*the safety of your firearm is your responsibility.*

Mark Kramer, SAR Color Guard Safety Officer

**Last** quarter we examined if your Black Powder Musket or Rifle was safe to fire black powder. Now we have determined your firearm is safe to fire we need to choose a powder. Although we are discussing black powder it bears mentioning: **“Never under any circumstances fire smokeless powder in your black powder firearm”**. I will not go into the history of black powder as there is not one accepted version who first properly mixed the components of black powder. Black Powder is a combination of 75% potassium nitrate, 15% charcoal, and 10% sulfur and is classified (in the United States of America) as either “G” sporting grade or “A” blasting grade. We will not discuss the grade “A” blasting powder as you need an ATF license to purchase. Although the composition of the two grades are identical the manufacturers created different grading system for each; 3Fg is not the same as 3FA.

Black Powder that will be discussed below will be the “sporting grade “G”, or commonly seen in the lower case “g”. There are four common types of black pow-

der and are designated by the letter “F” and the number of “Fs” relates to the size of the granulation. Granulations is used to describe size as opposed to grain as when discussing black powder grain is a measure of weight and not the size of the granule or particle. The coarsest common black powder is Fg or 1F and the finest common black powder is FFFFg or 4F. The finer the powder the faster it will burn.

The NRA/NMLRA has established suggested granulation size based on the type of firearm you are firing and the caliber or gauge.

Before I go any further, I want to point



out two things regarding black powder granulation size when used in black powder fire arms. First is the manufacture's recommendation should always be followed and second these granulation recommendations are for firearms that are firing a projectile. You will notice that 4Fg/FFFFg is not listed above, as 4Fg/FFFFg is only used for priming.

Now that I got the attention of those who reenact or fire frequently without a projectile by saying 4Fg/FFFFg is only used for priming the pan. This is a discussion that within my own chapter is highly contested. Although I can find no reliable documentation that supports using 4Fg/FFFFg down the barrel, there are several that strictly discourage the use of 4Fg/FFFFg anywhere other than priming the pan of a flintlock. It is my recommendation that 4Fg/FFFFg is not used for the main charge.

The amount of powder used for the main charge is determined by the manufacturer; however, if you do not have the documentation from the manufacturer the recommended amount is one grain for every increment of caliber for a rifle, shotgun or musket. For a pistol the recommended amount is one half (1/2) grain for each increment of caliber. Therefore, a starting point for a .75 caliber rifle, shotgun or musket is 75 grains of black powder, and a .50 caliber pistol would be 25 grains.

It is recommended by the NRA/NMLRA that you only store your black powder in its' original container, and you never load from a bulk powder source such as a powder horn. This is not an issue for those who are using cartridges, as the amount is premeasured.

After you fire be sure you thoroughly clean your firearm as black powder is highly corrosive. If I can recommend a website that has a very good article from one our own, Compatriot Bradly Jarard of the Cincinnati Chapter, go to <https://cincinnatisar.org/2017/12/28/cleaning-a-flintlock-musket>.

If you have any comments or ideas for future safety articles please feel free to contact me at ocfamarkk@aol.com.

	Caliber or Gauge	Granulation
Rifles	Up to and including .45	3Fg/FFFFg
	.45 and over	2Fg/FFg
Handguns	Up to and including .50	3Fg/FFFFg
	.50 and over	2Fg/2FFg
Shotguns and Smoothbores (muskets)	Up to and including 28 ga. (.54 smoothbore)	3Fg/FFFFg
	From 28 ga./.54 caliber to 10 ga. Inclusive	2Fg/FFg
	Over 10 ga.	1Fg/fg

