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

Commander's Dispatch

I have just come home from four days at Point Pleasant WV and three days in SC and am proud to lead over 30 members of the Color Guard in West VA and over 40 members in SC on the Anniversary of Battle of Point Pleasant Oct 10,1774. And at the 235th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain we all had a great time and good food at both events I am looking forward to Yorktown in VA on Oct 19th hope to have a good turn out.

Your humble Servant,
Dave Hoover
National Color Guard Commander



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Vice Commander's Dispatch

2015 Fall Leadership Meeting Color Guard Committee Meeting



By: Mark C Anthony, Vice Commander

The National Society SAR Color Guard Committee met on Friday afternoon, September 25th, during the Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY. The meeting was standing room only.

After greeting the members of the Color Guard, Commander Dave Hoover recognized Georgia SAR State Color Commander Ed Rigel, Sr for the presentation of the Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Color Guard Service to Compatriot Roger Coursey. He also presented the Molly Pitcher Medal to Jane Owen.

Past Color Guard Commander Mike Tomme was recognized to announce Compatriot Paul Callanan and his wife Keitha as the new Washington Ring Honor Guard. With this announcement, Compatriot and Mrs. Callanan will bring the Washington Ring in during the induction of the new President General at the next two Congresses. Congratulations on the honor.

Commander Hoover reviewed the planned color guard activity for the weekend and first time attendees were recognized. He then announced that he had been asked to develop goals for the Color Guard by President General Tom Lawrence. These goals are as follows:

- 1) Identify and designate additional national color guard events
- 2) Streamline the medal documentation and awarding process
- 3) Increase communication of state and chapter color guard events in cooperation with the Vice President Generals

Vice Commander Mark Anthony then presented a proposal from the Arizona SAR to have July 4th, Memorial Day, and Veterans Day recognized as national color guard events. The genesis of the proposal was to have local events on these days count on the same footing as the local observances that are held on the day of Wreaths Across America. After discussion, these dates were added as national color guard events thus satisfying the first goal for the 2015-2016 year.

As approved, 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.

The final topic of discussion was over whether to allow kilts to be worn as an official color guard uniform. After a spirited discussion, a subcommittee was appointed to study this question and to make a recommendation at the 2016 Spring Leadership Meeting committee meeting in February. The subcommittee consists of Tom Owen (GA), chairman, Mark Anthony (SC), Rudy Byrd (AZ), Roger Coursey (GA), Bob Cunningham (IN), James Lindley (WA) and Greg Ohanesian (SC).

The meeting was adjourned at the conclusion of a very busy hour.

From the Adjutant

James C Fosdyk



I want to reiterate that it is an honor to be selected as a NSSAR Color Guard Adjutant and be part of the Change of Command Ceremony for the Color Guard at Congress in Louisville.

Following Congress my wife Un Hui and I rushed home to California to participate in the 4th of July “Let Freedom Ring Celebration” in Cerritos, CA. Fifteen color guardsmen, five ladies and two children in Colonial Era attire from three California Society chapters participated in this national color guard event.

The summer months are usually a time of little activity for California Society color guardsmen. However color guardsmen did participate in a few events including a variety of 4th of July parades and the Old Fort MacArthur Days Living History Event in San Pedro, CA.

It was a privilege to be one of the NSSAR sentinels at the Vigil at George and Martha Washington’s Tomb at Mount Vernon on September 19th. What an honor to keep watch over our founding father and the first First Lady. I recommend all NSSAR color guardsmen participate in future vigils at their tomb.

I hope you enjoyed the Leadership Conference / Trustee Meeting as much as I did. Are you like me, trying to attend two or more committee meetings at the same time? I always have at least one conflict. Busy schedules aside, I think we, the NSSAR Color Guard, performed our duties in an exemplary manner. Thank you.

Jim Fosdyk
NSSAR Color Guard Adjutant



From the Editor



Welcome compatriots. I’m still in the transition mode from editing a chapter newsletter and having edited a state magazine. Both of these publications have space limitations - costs associated with postage and printing. Those considerations require an editor to restrict how much can be included to keep the page count to an acceptable budget limit.

With our editions of the *SAR Colorguardsman* there is no such limitation - it’s an electronic issue and whether there are 10 pages or 70 pages doesn’t make a bit of difference in cost. So bear with me while I adjust my method to include more content than I would normally. A consideration of mine will be to review the content submitted by state commanders in that some states are very active and might submit 20 or 30 photos of the many events while other submissions may have only one or two. If the 20 or 30 photos contain multiple photos of the same event but from different vantage points, I may choose the best photo to illustrate that event and not publish the other three or four similar photos. Likewise, if an event has the participation of many organizations besides the state, I will use the photo that shows the state’s participants and just mention the other organizations instead of publishing the photos of each organization.

The SAR Colorguardsman will contain articles of interest to the Color Guard including, but not limited to the following:

- Uniforms – history, where to get replicas made, etc
- “How To” Articles – establishing a color guard, drill manuals, handling weapons, etc
- Events – what should be expected of color guards, pictures and articles of color guard participation, etc
- Announcements – what upcoming events need color guard participation, etc

I am considering a ‘Letters to the Editor’ section for colorguardsmen to submit topics for discussion or questions concerning color guard activities/events, protocol, outfits, or other related subject matter. For such questions, I will pass them on to our leadership for an appropriate answer. It should be understood that these submissions should maintain decorum. Each edition is submitted to our leadership for review before publication.

The preferred method of submissions is by e-mail with attachments but I will accept USPS submissions, too.

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*The National Von Steuben Medal
for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard*

The following is taken from the SAR Handbook Volume V [http://www.sar.org/SAR_Handbook] and from the SAR Color Guard Handbook [<http://www.sar.org/node/2068>] both found on the sar.org website.

Precedence: 39

Year Authorized: 2012

Presented By:

District Vice President General, State President, or by the District or State Color Guard Commander (as appropriate). Under special circumstances, the President General or the National Color Guard Commander may present this award.

Approved By: State or District Color Guard Commander and National Color Guard Commander.

Description:

The National Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard is gold in color, and depicts a likeness of Baron Friederich von Steuben.

Summary:

The National Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard, authorized 2 March 2012 by the NSSAR Executive Committee, may be awarded for sustained service to the Society as a Color Guardsman at the National or District Levels. Recipients must already have been awarded the Bronze and Silver Color

Guard Medals.

Special Application Required:

SAR Color Guardsmen who believe they qualify for the National Von Steuben Medal must complete the appropriate form, setting forth their qualifications. This form is available on the SAR website, and must be submitted to the State or District Color Guard Commander for review and recommendation, and then to the National Color Guard Commander for final authorization to award the National Von Steuben Medal.

Qualifications:

A Guardsman must employ one of the following systems

for earning the National Von Steuben Medal. The first system is based on points; the second system is based on the number of events in which a Guardsman participates.

A. Point System

1. To earn the National Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard, a Color Guardsman must serve at least five (5) years after the date his application for the Silver Color Guard Medal was approved, and he must accrue at least five hundred (500) points by participating in uniform at qualifying National or District Color Guard events. Color Guardsmen may take longer than five years to accrue at least five hundred points, but may not be awarded the National Von Steuben Medal earlier than five years after the date his application for the Silver Color Guard Medal was approved.

2. A Color Guardsman shall earn twenty (20) points for his participation in uniform in each District or National event. (Mileage may also count, as currently set forth in the NSSAR Color Guard Handbook.)

3. For Color Guardsmen whose State societies em-



ploy the point system, they may also earn points based on mileage, whether such miles are traveled by driving or by flying.

- a. Up to 100 miles, 0 points;
- b. From 101 to 200 miles, 5 points,
- c. From 201 to 999 miles, 10 points,
- d. From 1,000 miles and over, 20 points.

B. Events System

1. To earn the National Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard, a Color Guardsman must serve at least five years after he has received the SAR Silver Color Guard Medal, and he must participate in at least twenty-five (25) National and/or District Color Guard events. The five years' service does not have to be continuous. Color Guardsmen may take longer than five years to participate in twenty-five qualifying events, but may not be awarded the National Von Steuben Medal earlier than five years after he has received the Silver Color Guard Medal.

2. The same events that count toward earning the Silver Color Guard Medal shall also count toward earning the National Von Steuben Medal. (See National Color Guard Events under MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION at the back of the Color Guard Handbook.)

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

Retroactive Effectiveness: SAR Color Guardsmen who were active at the time this Medal was approved by the NSSAR Color Guard Committee (July 2011), and who had previously been awarded the Silver Color Guard Medal, may count the points earned from attending any qualifying National or District Color Guard event if using the points system, or the actual number of events if using the events system, in which they participated during the two (2) year period prior to the NSSAR Color Guard Committee approval, or from the date they were awarded the Silver Color Guard Medal, whichever is more recent, toward earning the National Von Steuben Medal.)

Samuel Downing - Old Survivor of the Revolution

102 Years Old.

Born in Newburyport, Massachusetts in November, 1764.

Died February 19, 1867.

Enlisted in July of 1780 in Hailstown, New Hampshire. Served in the Battle of Saratoga in which British General Burgoyne was defeated.

Discussing his service in the Continental Army....."we were stationed in the Mohawk Valley. Arnold was our fighting general, and a bloody fellow he was. He didn't care for nothing; he'd ride right in. It was 'Come on, boys!' 'twasn't 'Go boys!' He was as brave a man as ever lived. He was dark-skinned, with black hair, of middling height. There wasn't any waste timber in him. He was a stern looking man, but kind to his soldiers. They didn't treat him right: he ought to have had Burgoyne's sword. But he ought to have been true. We had true men then; 'twasn't as it is now. Everybody was true; the Tories we'd killed or driven to Canada.....The men that caught Andre were true. He wanted to get away, offered them everything. Washington hated to hang him; he cried, they said."

Commenting on the Battle of Saratoga: "The first day at Bemis Heights (we) both claimed the victory. But by and by we got Burgoyne where we wanted him, and he gave up. He saw there was no use in fighting it out. There's where I call 'em gentlemen. Bless your body, we had gentlemen to fight with in those days. When they was whipped they gave up. It isn't so now."

In June of 1777 while the Aikens [his employers] were away he slipped away and walked eighteen miles to Hopkinton, Massachusetts where a recruiting station was located. Samuel, only fifteen years old and of small frame, was refused.

Undeterred, Samuel continued on to Charlestown where he was introduced to Colonel Fifield. In need of men, Fifield accepted Samuel for service. His first duty was to guard wagons traveling from Exeter to Springfield. About a year into his service, Samuel met his father, the first time the two had seen each other in seven years. Eventually he was stationed in the Mohawk Valley of New York, scene of dozens of key battles, including the Battle of Saratoga when General Burgoyne was defeated by the patriots, a turning point in the war. He also claimed to have been a body guard for George Washington.

During the war he had made the acquaintance with members of the George family of Antrim. Upon his return he soon married Eunice George and to their marriage were born thirteen children. Samuel began to farm and eventually learned to read. At that time, "York State" was considered "out West". A company of twenty men from Antrim decided to form a settlement there; however, Samuel was the only one who ventured out. He was said to have regretted stepping out by himself because he had sold his farm for a "trifle" and didn't have enough to buy another. But, he was able to locate land in Saratoga County, New York which he could afford and set out to make living for his family. He remained there seventy-three years.

In 1846 Eunice passed away at the age of eighty-one and many of Samuel's children preceded him in death. On November 30, 1861, Samuel celebrated his one hundredth birthday. According to History of the Town of Antrim, New Hampshire, one thousand persons attended his celebration and one hundred guns were fired. The highlight of the celebration:

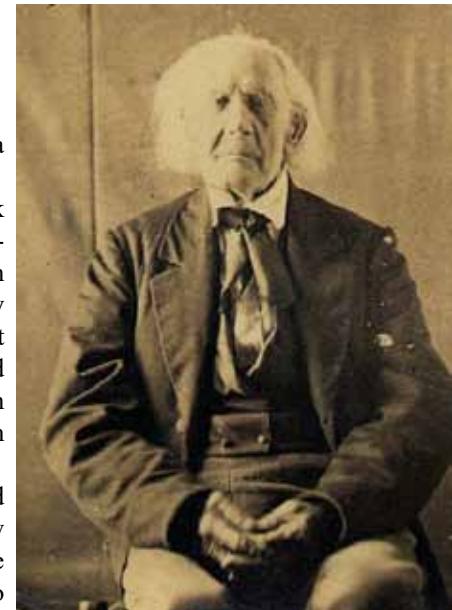
On this anniversary Mr. Downing was hale and hearty, seeming young as a man of seventy. To show his vigor he cut down in the presence of the company a hemlock tree five feet in circumference. This tree was sold on the spot, and was cut up into canes and keepsakes, and carried off by the multitude. The ax he used was sold for seven dollars and a half!

His vigor at that advanced age was noted:

At the age of one hundred, Mr. Downing had never worn glasses, or used a cane. The fall before, he had pulled, trimmed, and deposited in the cellar, in one day, fifteen bushels of carrots.

On February 18, 1867, at the age of 102 years, 2 months and 21 days, Samuel Downing passed away, the last of the Revolutionary War veterans. According to an obituary captioned "The Last Link Broken" and published in the Rome Roman Citizen, his death was announced in Congress on the 19th and entered into the records of the House. "He gave his first vote for Washington and his last for Lincoln. In the late war he sympathized heartily with the national cause. He was strictly temperate, but not a teetotaler."

He took a glass of liquor occasionally but was never intoxicated. He had not a very high opinion of the quality of the rum of the present day, and thought if what people drank was as pure as that made in the good old times, there would be less evil resulting from the habit. He also used tobacco, and tea was his favorite beverage. But perhaps if he had used neither he might have lived to a hundred and fifty!



SAR Descendants of Samuel Downing

As searched in the 2015 Membership Directory and the online NSSAR Patriot Lineage, the following are SAR members who have joined under Samuel Downing or have him as a supplemental Patriot Ancestor.

James Leon Downing





Fall Leadership Conference - Louisville, KY

Eighty one NSSAR Color Guardsmen from nineteen state societies participated in the three color guard events (Color Guard Committee meeting, Friday banquet & Saturday banquet) during the 2015 Fall leadership meeting in Louisville.

Fifty nine color guardsmen participated in the presentation of the Colors at the Friday evening banquet. The Friday evening color guard was comprised of Commander David Hoover and his staff with flag bearers carrying the United States, Franch, Texas, SAR, and original thirteen state flags. An honor guard led by Compatriot Peter Goeber formed a cordon for the Color Guard.

Forty-one Color Guardsmen participated in the Retiring of the Colors ceremony following the Saturday evening banquet.





Photos:Un Hui Yi

*The Mount Vernon Experience
Vigil at the Tomb of George and Martha Washington*



Left to right - Jim Fosdyck (CA), Karl Jacobs (CA), Eugene Moyer (MD), Russ De Venney (MO).
Photo:Un Hui Yi

Twenty six compatriots from 10 state societies participated in the Vigil at the Tomb of George & Martha Washington.

CA: Jim Fosdyck and Karl Jacobs.; **GA:** James A Hankins and John Hyatt.; **IA:** Micheal J Rowley.; **KS:** T. Brooks Lyles,Jr.; **MD:** David H Embrey, David W. Hoover, Eugene R. Moyer and Daniel Wilson.; **MO:** Russell F. De Venney, Jr, J Wayne Merrill and C. Michael Schmidt.; **NC:** Ralph Smiley, Kenneth Smith, George K. Strunk and John Sullivan.; **OH:** M. Troy Bailey, Daniel M. Matheke, John Opre, James A. Pildner and Timothy E. Ward. **PA:** David G. Loose, Jr, Ronald Miller and Gary W. Timmons.; **TX:** Robert Greshame.

Photos:Un Hui Yi

A short video of the Vigil at the Tomb of George and Martha Washington by Un Hui Yi
[- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-YjHGuOWKKU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-YjHGuOWKKU)



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Leadership Conference and Congress Schedules

Spring Leadership -
 Friday & Saturday,
 February 26-27, 2016
 Brown Hotel Louisville KY

126th Congress -
 Thursday to Wednesday,
 July 7 - 13, 2016
 Westin Copley Hotel, Boston,
 MA

127th Congress -
 Thursday to Wednesday
 July 6 - 12, 2017
 Holiday Inn and Knoxville Con-
 vention Center, Knoxville, TN

Boston



Color Guard Handbook

The Color Guard Handbook in its latest revision can be found at SAR.org --> Compantrists --> NSSAR Commiittees --> Color Guard. The latest revision is **July 16, 2015** and in the June 4 revision these were the changes made [*See separate sections below*]:

- (1) Edited "The SAR Color Guardsman" section.
- (2) Expanded the "Command Structure of the National Color Guard" section by adding policy on command at events and duties of the Adjutants.
- (3) Expanded "Color Guard Behavior at Events" section by adding policy on wearing medals and adding a "Deportment" section.
- (4) Updated "NSSAR Color Guard Medals" section to match updated section of NSSAR Handbook.
- (5) Updated the NSSAR Color Guardsman of the Year section.
- (6) Updated NSSAR Color Guard Commanders Section.
- (7) Updated Table of Contents

The previous revision was July of 2013

(2) "Command Structure of the National Color Guard" additional information: The Adjutants shall take attendance, committee meeting minutes and perform other such administrative tasks as assigned by the Color Guard Commander. In the absence of the Commander and Vice Com-

Knoxville



mander, the senior Adjutant will command the Color Guard followed by the junior Adjutant. In the event that no National Color Guard Officer is in attendance, the State Commander of the Host Society at an event will act as commander.

By protocol, the NSSAR Color Guard Commander, followed by the Vice Commander and each Adjutant in order of seniority, will have command of any Color Guard participating at any designated National Event (See section on National Event) or any event where the President General is in attendance. The Commander, or other ranking national color guard officer shall have the right to defer command to a State Society or local Color Guard Commander but this is not automatically assumed. In the event command is deferred, the ranking national color guard officer(s) shall march at the head of the color guard along with the acting commander.

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

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

COMMENTS FROM THE SAFETY OFFICER

Hello Compatriots,

I hope you have had a fun and safe summer firing your flintlocks. It has been brought to my attention that some of our Color Guardsmen still do not have frizzen covers and flash guards on their flintlocks. Color Guardsmen without this safety equipment should not be permitted to fire. It is our obligation and duty to provide a safe environment for all participants.

There are a number of places where you can purchase flash guards. All you have to do is go online and search for a supplier. You probably can make your own frizzen cover out of a piece of leather. Of course, it should be tethered to your flintlock.

Also, there are some Color Guardsmen who put the paper from their cartridge down the barrel. DO NOT DO THIS. In the event of a misfire, you will have to use a worm on your rammer or cleaning rod to get the paper out so you can dump the powder. Therefore, again I want to emphasize, do not put paper of any kind down the barrel. More details about this may be found in Vol. 2, Issue 4 of The SAR Colorguardsmenmagazine.

On several occasions I have observed at Leadership, Congress, parades or grave dedications Color Guardsmen standing with one or both hands resting over the muzzle of the flintlock. This is not only a bad habit for our Color Guardsmen, but it is an extremely dangerous example to be setting for youth who are observing us.



If you have any questions, please contact me at rpcunnin@indiana.edu.

Robert Cunningham
NSSAR Safety Officer



Reports from the field

ALABAMA

Victory Day Celebration 2015

The Tennessee Valley Chapter Color Guard was honored to participate in the Victory Day 2015 celebration at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama on August 10, 2015. This event celebrated the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. There were over 500 World War II veterans from all over the country in attendance. The Tennessee Valley Chapter Color Guard was the escort for the "Torch of Freedom." This program symbolized the passing of the "Torch of Freedom" from successive generations of veterans from the Revolutionary War to today's current Warfighter.



The "Ceremonial Torch of Freedom" was commissioned specifically for the event. It is symbolic of the brotherhood of Military Service to the Nation. Distinguished veterans, representing all who swore to defend the Constitution of the United States of America against all enemies, passed the Torch.

This brotherhood began with veterans of the American Revolution. Compatriot **Bob Anderson**, portraying BG Daniel Morgan, carried the Torch of Freedom representing Revolutionary War veterans. The Torch of Freedom was then passed to World War II veteran **Ben Harrison**, who at 102 yrs old represented 16 million Americans who defeated the axis powers of Germany, Italy and Japan.

The Torch was passed successively to representatives of the Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf War, Somalia Conflict, Afghanistan War, Iraq War, and lastly to the current Warfighter represented by SGM **Kenneth Jackson**.

The film of "Victory Day 2015" is available on the Alabama Society website at alssar.org.

Click on "Educational Outreach" on the left hand column menu and then on "Victory Day 2015". While you're there, check out the other videos that the Alabama Society has online.

ARIZONA

The Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard has continued to grow each year since it was officially formed in 2007. There are now some 50 plus members throughout the state. They will participate in over 60 events by year's end not including ROTC medal presentations and educational talks to our school students. Pictured here are some events attended July through September 2015.

Members from the Phoenix metro and Prescott chapters presented the colors at the Federal Pre-trial & Parole Officers National Meeting in Scottsdale, AZ.

(AZSSAR Color Guard at Federal Pretrial & Probation Officer Association National event, Scottsdale, AZ, Aug 15. Members l - r Matt Scott, Bill Smith, Steve Monez, Jerry Davis, Keith Hugus, Allen Nash, Ed Steinback, Jan Huber, Tom Steinback)



Saguaro Chapter celebrated Constitution Day in Peoria, AZ on 19 Sep 15. The color guard presented and retrieved colors. **Matt Scott** from the Palo Verde Chapter was the guest speaker.

(Constitution Day celebration at Sun City 19 Sep 15. Color Guard members front l-r **Loren Littlefield, Manual Rodriguez, Matt Scott, Steve Miller**, back l – r **Allen Nash, Eddie Zuleger, Whit Revell, Jan Huber, John McDonald**)



The Tucson Chapter color guardsmen marched in the 4th of July parade at Summer Haven in the Catalina Mountains, AZ . Three ladies from the AZSSAR Ladies Auxiliary joined in on the fun.
(names not included)

The Tucson Chapter attended the Pima Community College celebration of Constitution Day in Tucson, AZ. James Williamson and **Al Niemeyer** were joined by **Theresa Williamson**, Ladies Auxiliary as well as faculty and students from the college in honoring the establishment of the U.S. Constitution.

Pima Community College Constitution Day Sep 15. AZSSAR Color Guard members in uniform, **James Williamson** and **Al Niemeyer**.





Two members from the Phoenix Chapter and one from Palo Verde Chapter posted and retrieved colors at the Constitution Day celebration at a Sun Lakes, AZ, retirement home.

Keith Hugus read the Preamble and DAR ladies read a proclamation from Arizona Governor, **Doug Ducey**, declaring the week as Constitution Week.

(Constitution Day Sun Lakes, AZ Jerry Davis, Steve Miller, Keith Hugus).

CALIFORNIA -



Left - Col Wm Cabell Chapter, DAR. Gen George Washington greets a future compatriot.



Photos:Un Hui Yi



Col Wm Cabell Chapter, DAR. Lee's Legion Color Guard presents the Colors.



CASSAR President Dr. Kent Gregory rings the bell at Let Freedom Ring with Lisa Gregory



Right - CASSAR Color Guard at *Let Freedom Ring*

Below - CASSAR Color Guard Firing Party prepares to fire at *Let Freedom Ring*



EagleChapter - 4th of July parade wth Jerry Sayer, Wayne Rogers, Bill Bishop, and Brian Bingham.



Flag Day, June 14, 2015 - Santa Barbara Color Guard; Gavin Garrison, Gregg Garrison, Steve Sawin, color guard Cmdr Stu Morse & Neil Crockett marching in the Santa Barbara Flag Day parade. The Santa Barbara Color Guard is our newest color guard unit.



At a meeting of the Riverside Chapter held August 20, 2015 CASSAR Color Guard Commander **Jim Fosdyck** presented several color guardsmen with California Society bronze Baron von Stuben Color Guard Medals, Color Guard lapel pins and Liberty Bell lapel pins.

A CASSAR chapter may award a bronze Baron von Steuben Color Guard Medal to a CASSAR member or non-member for continuing participation in color guard activities at the chapter or state level. Usually, one year of service as a color guardsman or a supporter of a color guard unit will qualify for the bronze BVSM.

Color Guard lapel pins are presented to all new members of the CASSAR Color Guard. The Liberty Bell lapel pins were presented to the color guardsmen for participating in the "Let Free Ring - National Bell Ringing Ceremony" on July 4th in Cerritos, CA. Let Freedom Ring is a NSSAR national color guard event.

Non-members include, but aren't limited to: members of the CAR, DAR and SAR/CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary (ladies dressed in Colonial attire) who perform as Guardsmen, Drummers, Fifers or banner carriers (identifying the color guard they are accompanying as an SAR unit).



Left - Gary Jensen, Henry Lucas, Christopher Keene, Mark Kramer and Jim Fosdyck.



Right - Henry Lucas, CASSAR Color Guard Adjutant South Mark Kramer, Todd Taylor, Christopher Keene and CASSAR Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck.

Photos:Un Hui Yi



Litchfield, Connecticut's Independence Day ceremonies began at noon when the Gov. Oliver Wolcott Sr. SAR Branch and the Mary Floyd Tallmadge DAR Chapter held their traditional ceremony at the graves of Gov. Oliver Wolcott Sr. and Col. Benjamin Tallmadge in East Cemetery. Benjamin Tallmadge was a senior intelligence officer under Gen. Washington and the leader of the Culper Spy Ring. Oliver Wolcott, Sr. was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and the 19th Governor of Connecticut. He was the second of three generations of Wolcotts to serve as Governor of Connecticut. Alec Marshall, Connecticut C.A.R. State President (and SAR member) brought greetings from the C.A.R.

The annual Let Freedom Ring ceremony commenced at 1:45 pm on the Litchfield Green when the First Litchfield Artillery Regiment fired 13 cannon salutes to honor the original 13 states that, as colonies, united for the cause of independence in 1776. This year, for the first time, the flags of the 13 original states were also present. They were obtained by Compatriot Ken Buckbee of the Gov. Oliver Wolcott Sr. Branch. Each flag was presented by SAR Color Guard members as the First Selectman and the cannon-fire saluted each state. Once all of the cannon salutes were completed, the bells of the town's four churches tolled 13 times, simultaneously at 2:00 pm, as part of the national observance of Independence Day.

The Let Freedom Ring ceremony has been held on Litchfield Green for more than 50 years. In 1963, two men from Connecticut, Eric Sloane, and First Litchfield Artillery Regiment co-founder Eric Hatch proposed the idea that bells across the nation, including the Liberty Bell, ring out at the same moment on Independence Day each year. Hatch and Sloane's idea was featured in an article entitled "Make Freedom Really Ring" which appeared in the February 17, 1963 issue of This Week Magazine. The two Erics obtained the endorsement of Connecticut Governor John N. Dempsey and Abraham Ribicoff, a U.S. Senator from Connecticut. Senator Ribicoff took their idea to Congress and the nationwide ringing of bells, now known as Let Freedom Ring was adopted by Congress on

June 26, 1963.



First Litchfield Artillery Regiment photo courtesy of John McKenna



Ken Buckbee photo courtesy of John McKenna

Let Freedom Ring has meant a lot to Compatriot **Buckbee** ever since he first learned about it in 1995. That year, he recruited 23 Connecticut churches to participate in the ceremony by ringing their bells and he was the second-highest recruiter in the nation. In 1996, he recruited 108 churches in Connecticut to participate in the ceremony.

In early 2014, **Buckbee** began working his flag project to bring more of a Revolutionary War presence to the Let Freedom Ring ceremony on the Litchfield Green. Last year, the threat of a hurricane on Independence Day prevented him from borrowing the 13 flags and having much of a turnout. This year, he asked each SAR State Society of the original

13 states to make a donation to cover the cost of their state flag. He was able to get

11 of them to do so and he paid for the other two out of his own pocket.

It is Compatriot Buckbee's desire to enhance the Let Freedom Ring ceremony so that more people will see the day as Independence Day, not simply the Fourth of July. This year it worked! Eighteen SAR Color Guard members – from as far away as New Jersey and New Hampshire – participated in both Litchfield events. A total of 33 SAR members were in attendance along with a large crowd, despite rainy weather.



Flags of the original 13 states photo courtesy of Benn Bullock (spelling correct)

22 members of the Connecticut Line participated in the NSSAR 234th Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Groton Heights (September 6, 1781) at both Fort Griswold Battlefield State Park and the Col. William Ledyard Cemetery in Groton, Connecticut. We placed a Connecticut SAR wreath at the Col. Ledyard Marker inside Fort Griswold, and we placed a Connecticut SAR wreath at Col. Ledyard's grave. We also fired three musket volleys at each location.

I would like to thank Compatriot **Tyler Smith** who helped set up/coordinate the ceremonies this year.

GREAT job everyone! Three Huzzahs! 2 photos from Compatriot **Dan Dudley**.



HUZZAH! Great event weekend (July 25/26) in Griswold, Connecticut! The Connecticut Line CTSSAR participated in the Historic Military Encampment, part of the Town of Griswold Bicentennial celebration. Color guardsmen **Derek Brockhoff, Lee Gerlander, Randy Gerlander, John Keeney, David Packard, David Perkins, Tyler Smith, Russell Wirtalla, Robert Rivard, and Dan Dudley** and myself were there for the whole weekend. We did some great colonial cooking over an open fire, we did some marching and drilling, we did some musket firing for crowds, and we camped out on Saturday night, it was a well organized event!



Thanks to CTSSAR President **Ethan Stewart, Richard Kendall, Dan Dudley and Lee Gerlander** for photos. Several CTSSAR members visited the encampment, as well as some old re-enactor friends that we have not seen in years

In addition to our Connecticut Line, other groups encamped for the weekend included: Rogers Rangers, Colonel Hinsdale's "New England Life 1750s" Regiment (Civil War), and Battery C 1st Rhode Island Light Artillery (Civil War).

Put your faith in God and keep your powder dry,
Todd L. Gerlander, Colonel Commanding





Florida members at the Louisville National Congress assembled at the Sunday Memorial service: Left to Right are Mike Tomme, David Ramseur, Dick Young, Florida President Larry Fehrenbaker, President Genral Lindsey Brock with his attendant behind, and Charles Sweeney. Not Available Steve Williams.

On Saturday evening, August 8, 2015, FLSSAR Guardsmen from the Tampa and Withlacoochee Chapters represented the Florida Society Color Guard in presenting the colors at the Commander-In-Chief's banquet at the National Convention of the Military Order of World Wars, held in Tampa, Florida. From the Tampa Chapter were **David Bryant**, **Alan Bell** and **Dick Young**, and from the Withlacoochee Chapter were **Jack Townsend** and **Larry Sturgeon**. This was a Florida Society Color Guard Event previously sanctioned by State President **Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker, Sr.** in a memo to Color Guard Commander **Charles L. Day, Jr.** The participating Guardsmen received a number of compliments and expressions of appreciation for their service.

A history of SAR cooperation with MOWW goes back at least to PG **Nathan E. White, Jr.** 2006-2007, who co-signed a Resolution of Cooperation during his presidency. The Military Order of the World Wars' (MOWW) founding resulted from General of the Armies, John J. Pershing's request that his officers continue serving America after their active military service ended following World War I. Since MOWW was established in 1919, MOWW members ("Companions") have lived by the Military Order's motto, "It is nobler to serve than to be served."

Our special thanks to all SAR Participants including Tampa President, **Dick Young**, who arranged for our Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade participation in the MOWW National Convention.

Photo: Left to Right - **Larry Sturgeon**, **Alan Bell**, **Dick Young**, **David Bryant**, **Jack Townsend**



FRANCE SOCIETY

The delegation from the Society in France SAR at the 125th National Congress, honored Color guard Paul Melvin Wilke (Ohio society) with the Roger Sherman medal, a recognition for his services as bearer in former Congresses of the National flag of France and for providing and training as his successor grand-daughter Anna Insbrucker then 17.

Left to right on the photo: Lanny Patten, Trustee for the Society in France and his wife Ann, Valerie and Paul Wilke, Vice-president of the Society in France Jacques de Trentinian and his wife Marie Claire, Anna Insbrucker, granddaughter of Paul and Valerie, Anna Insbrucker who has become flagbearer of the same National flag.

KENTUCKY

The Col. Stephen Trigg Chapter of the Kentucky Society hosted a chapter Color Guard “first” on Saturday, September 12. Chapter compatriots hosted grave markings at two different locations in Trigg County on the same day! Joined by four Compatriots from the Tennessee Society, including Tennessee Color Guard Commander **David Miles Vaughn**, the cooperative proved to be a rousing success!

The first Patriot honored at 10:00 AM was Joel Cohoon, a Private in the North Carolina Militia in the Edgecombe County Regiment. He settled in Christian/Trigg County in the early 1800’s. His grave lies under the water of Lake Barkley, near the mouth of Donaldson Creek. Descendants have placed a headstone on the bluff overlooking the site in the Griff Calhoun Cemetery.

After a picnic lunch beneath the water tower at Lake Barkley State Park, adjacent to the old Curtis Cemetery, the chapter hosted its second ceremony honoring Russell Curtis of the North Carolina Militia at 2:00 PM. The highlight of the ceremony was when **Deana Marie Hargrove**, age 14 and descendant of Russell Curtis, shared his biography with the attendees.

Right - Deanna Hargrove a Curtis Descendant.

Below - John Cohoon Color Guard



Russell Curtis Color Guard With descendants



MARYLAND

The Col. John Eager Howard Chapter held its annual memorial on June 7th with a great turnout. President **Jean S. Fugett Jr.** opened the ceremony with march in of colors by our MDSSAR Color Guard Troops including **David Embrey, Bruce French, David Hoover, Robert Lyons, and Bill Robertson.** Their uniforms and the flags were impressive. VIPs of several



organizations attended. Our State President **James F. Engler Sr.** presented the MDSSAR Wreath during the memorial and spoke of the accomplishments of the chapter. Past President **Christos Christou Jr.** served as master of ceremonies for President Fugett who thanked him and other Past Presidents including **Ivan V. Dooley Jr.** and **Edward A. Foreman Jr.** for their years of work in getting the monument erected. Young Maryland C.A.R. Officer **Leah Paire** represented President **Ruhm** who is currently in Europe speaking on behalf of the CAR and inviting the SAR to help with the upcoming state project - the restoration of the George Washington Monument in Baltimore City that coincidentally is on the land donated by Col. How-

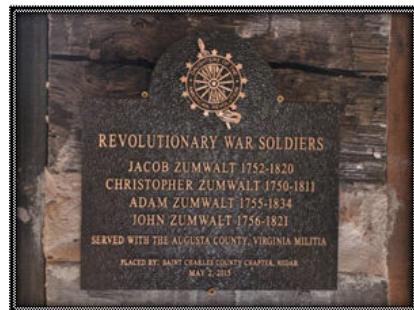


ard. Sr. Maryland C.A.R. President **Holly Atherton** and **Mrs. Lucille Rogers** who helped work with the Grey Rock Community Association to get the monument placed in its current courtyard location were in attendance as well. The event finished with several musket firings by the outstanding Maryland Color Guard

MISSOURI

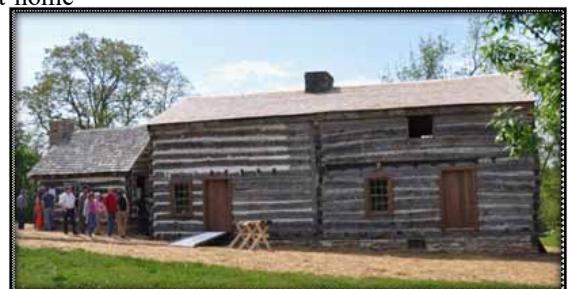


On May 2, 2015 the City of O'Fallon, Missouri dedicated the reconstructed Fort Zumwalt in Fort Zumwalt Park. The St. Charles, MO Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated a marker honoring American Revolutionary War Veterans Jacob Zumwalt and his three brothers Christopher, Adam, and John. Members of the Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution participated in the dedication.



Fort Zumwalt Park is an historic site within the City of O'Fallon, St. Charles County, Missouri. In 1798 Jacob Zumwalt (1752-1820), an American Revolutionary War veteran, settled on the spot. With the outbreak of the War of 1812 and increasing Indian problems, the Zumwalt's home was enlarged, portholes were added and the compound was enclosed within a stockade fence. It became the fortified gathering place for area settlers during times of Indian uprisings. It is said that the Zumwalt home was the first hewn-log house built on the

west side of the Mississippi River. The land was sold in 1817 to Major Nathan Heald (the Commandant of Fort Dearborn [Chicago, IL] during the War of 1812). The land was purchased by the state of Missouri in the early 20th century, and became Fort Zumwalt State Park. The park was subsequently sold to the City of O'Fallon for the symbolic sum of one dollar in 1978, at which time it became a city park.



Reconstructed Fort Zumwalt



Left to right: The DAR ladies and MOSSAR Colorguardsmen; A musket salute, from left to right with Greg Watkins, Charles Lilly & Steve White; From Left to Right: Bill Grote, Greg Watkins, Milan Paddock, Charles Lilly, Harry Robert Brindell III, & Steve White.

On May 17, 2015 The Daniel Boone Home and Heritage Center in Defiance, Missouri, a unit of Lindenwood University, dedicated a new Welcome Pavilion. The Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution dedicated a plaque honoring American Revolutionary War Veteran Daniel Boone (1734-1820) as part of the dedication. Members of the Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard participated in the dedication. The plaque has been installed on the interior wall of the Welcome Pavilion. Daniel Boone served as a militia officer rising to the rank of Colonel.



The new Welcome Pavilion



From left to right: Dr. James Evans, Lindenwood University President; Dale Rollings, Lindenwood Board Chairman; Dr. David Knotts, Dean & Director of Boone Home; Dennis Hahn, 1st VP of MOSSAR; and Robert Corum, MOSSAR President



MOSSAR President, Robert Corum, dedicating the Daniel Boone Plaque



Compatriots from left to right: Dennis Hahn, Steve Baldwin, Ernie Mowery, John Rush, MOSSAR President Bob Corum, and Dale Schmidt.

On May 13-16, 2015 the National Genealogical Society (NGS) held their Annual Family History Conference at the St. Charles Convention Center in St. Charles, Missouri. The Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (MOSSAR) represented the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) at the Conference. Over 3,000 people attended the Conference. 18 MOSSAR Members worked at the SAR booth, including 7 MOSSAR Color Guard Members. At least one Colorguardsman was in attendance at the booth at all times. A couple hundred people stopped at the SAR booth. 35 Men signed the Register at the SAR Booth. The names and contact information was shared with the appropriate SAR state societies.

On April 24, 2015 a dedication of the Monument for the "Battle of Fort San Carlos and the 250th Anniversary of St. Louis Plaque" was held by the Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (MOSSAR) at Ball Park Village, St. Louis, Missouri. The Battle of Fort San Carlos is most western American Revolutionary War Battle. The plaque and monument are located across from Gate #4 of the St. Louis Baseball Cardinals Busch Stadium. The plaque was originally dedicated on May 24, 2014. It was rededicated along with the monument constructed by the Lewis & Clark Career Center (technical high school) Brick and Stone Masonry Class of 2014-2015.



From Left to right: Charles Lilly, John Rush, & Doug Neff





Ringing in Our Freedom

In a first for the Nevada Society both Chapters conducted Bell Ringing Ceremonies on the 4th of July.

From the Northern Chapter, "Each year on Independence Day, there is a Bell Ringing ceremony in

Carson City at the State Museum. This ceremony was brought to the Nevada Society by Compatriot **David Hess** in 2010 when he became a member of the NVSSAR. This event was so well received and appreciated by the Northern Nevada Chapter, that it has been a traditional event ever since." For this years ceremony members of the Northern Chapter Fife & Drum of Nevada gave a rousing performance.

Well done F&DN!



Lewis Avenue.), in front of a replica of the Historic Liberty Bell. (Through the efforts of the City of Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency, the financial support of the Let Freedom Ring organization and major contributor the Ralph Englestad Foundation, a replica of the Liberty Bell was obtained for the City of Las Vegas. Dedication Ceremony attended by Chapter member **Bill Jones**.



Las Vegas Bell Ringing ceremony – Signers Chapter Compatriots Larry Kesler, Chapter President Anthony Perry and Dr. Gene Butler. Photo by Kris Perry

From the Signers Chapter announcement, "The Signers Chapter of the Nevada SAR is hosting a bell ringing celebration down town at 11am, on the 4th of July in memory of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. This ceremony evolved from the National event of "Ringing in Our Freedom", which began in 1963, when patriotic American across the Country were encouraged to ring their state's replica Liberty bell at the same time as the tolling of the Philadelphia Liberty Bell on July 4th, at 2pm EST. Traditionally the bell has been rung 13 times in recognition of the original 13 States. Members of the Nevada SAR Color Guard will in attendance for the Las Vegas ceremony that will be held in Centennial Park (next to the 5th Street School at Fourth Street and



Carson City Liberty Bell Ringing ceremony – Northern Chapter Fife & Drum of Nevada. Photo by Wendy Hammond.

Signers Chapter Compatriot Bill Jones at the Las Vegas Liberty Bell Dedication in 2006. Photo by Las Vegas Review Journal.



William B Schmidt (1938 -2015)

Long time member Bill Schmidt passed away in August of this year. Compatriot Schmidt served as Vice President of Communications and kept the membership informed with his email "Blast" of upcoming events and meeting announcements and also maintained the Patriot Roster on the NV Society website. Always clever and original with his Photoshop skills he often pushed the envelope on several levels and his sometimes subtle sense of humor never failed to bring us a smile. Even with his physical limitations he regularly attended the Chapter monthly meetings and occasionally the Board's mid month meetings. He will be missed. Bill was interred at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City Nevada.



Signers Chapter Honor Guard left to right, Compatriots Joe Harris, Dr Gene Butler and Gary Parriott at Bill's memorial service. Photo by Gary Parriott



Signers Chapter Chaplin David Gagliardi speaking at Bill's memorial service. Photo by Gary Parriott



Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery Sept 4 2015. Photo by Gary Parriott.



NORTH CAROLINA

The General George Washington Chapter (left to right: Ralph Smiley, George Strunk and Kenny Smith) of the NC SAR were joined by John Sullivan (Alamance Battleground Chapter) for the General Washington Tomb Vigil at Mount Vernon on 19 September 2015. State participation was twice the participation of previous years. This year in an effort to ease the effort and increase the activity for site visitors, we performed a changing of the guard every 15 minutes after the first hour. It is an honor and privilege to stand guard on the First Commander in Chief's Tomb and during breaks to explain to visitors the purpose of the SAR and how we are linked in ancestry to such a rich history.

The first photo was taken by Brooks Lyles of Kansas.

The second is the NC members who participated.



On Friday, 28 August, the General George Washington Chapter Colorguard and five members of the Lower Cape Fear Chapter Colorguard met just south of the Wayne/Duplin county line and participated in a Highway Marker dedication for Captain James Outlaw. The Outlaw and Grady families kicked off their annual family reunion by inviting the SAR and DAR to participate. It is a tribute to the members of both Chapters that we are finally able to stand on our own. Five flag bearers and four muskets is just the right size for any occasion, and the uniform and clothing mix was very good. We hope it is the first of many opportunities for us to "bring history to life" in Eastern NC. I wish I knew what the Sherriffs deputy was thinking when he stopped at the stop sign and saw us loitering on the corner in front of the church.





Left - The North Carolina SAR Color Guard prepares to retire the colors at the Summer Board of Managers meeting at the University Club on the North Carolina State University Campus, Raleigh, NC.

At the Board of Managers meeting, multiple Color Guard medals were presented to worthy members; Col **James H. Wood**, Larry Brown and John Martin were each awarded the von Steuben Color Guard Medal plus Ken Luckey and C. Gene Funderburk received the Silver Color Guard medal from the SAR Color Guard Vice Commander, **Mark Anthony**. The total von Steuben Medal recipients in the State Color Guard now stand at eight. In addition, 14 other North Carolina Color

members have earned the Silver Color Guard medal.

The North Carolina Color Guard convened to help remember a defeat of Patriot forces in July 1781. The wreath laying ceremony was in honor of those who were killed in the skirmish and was led by the le Marquis de Lafayette Chapter from Fayetteville, NC on 1 August 2015. The Color Guard is posed in front of the House in the Horseshoe following the ceremony. During the American Revolution, groups of citizen-soldiers called Whigs or revolutionists, and Tories, who were still loyal to the king of England, waged irregular warfare against each other in North Carolina's backcountry (western frontier).

The House in the Horseshoe was then the home of Whig colonel Philip Alston. On the morning of July 29, 1781, while Alston



and his band of revolutionaries were camped at the home, they were attacked by a larger unit of Tories, whose leader was the notorious David Fanning. During the ensuing skirmish, Fanning's forces attempted to light the house on fire by rolling against it a cart filled with burning straw. After several casualties on both sides, Alston surrendered. The house was left riddled with bullet holes, many of which can still be seen today.

Though Alston was distinguished as a lieutenant colonel in the state militia, a justice of the peace, and a state senator, his later career was seen as disreputable. Twice indicted for murder, he was removed as justice of the peace, and suspended from the state leg-

islature for various reasons. In 1790, Philip Alston sold the house and plantation and left the state.



On May 25 in Vincennes, Indiana several wreaths were laid at the memorial for George Rogers Clark, the General who opened up the Northwest Territory on May 23 in Vincennes, Indiana.. Those of the SAR were Kentucky Society, Ohio Society, Indiana Society, Past Central District VPG **Tony Robinson** and Past President General **Joseph Dooley**. Kentucky representative **Larry Leslie, Chuck Scott**, Indiana, Dr T. Rex Legler DDS. Past Central District VPG Tony Robinson, past President Joseph Dooley, Secretary **J. Michael Tomme** and his wife Cilla and many, many others.



Ohio color Guard honors a fellow compatriot and Color guardsman from Pennsylvania - **Richard Randolph**.

Message to Tony Robinson, Ohio CG Commander:

"Thank you and the Ohio Society SAR Color Guard for your tribute for my father at his burial. My family and I are so grateful for your enduring the torrential downpour---Color Guard standing at attention throughout!---in order to honor a fellow compatriot. " - Sue and Joe Pasante

On September 10, 2015, the Western Reserve Society Color Guard: **John Franklin, Lee MacBride, Galen Swab, and Claude Custer** participated in the Early Setters Association remembrance ceremony of Commodore Perry's Victory on Lake Erie during the War of 1812. This program was held at the Perry Monument at Ft. Huntington Park at Lakeside and West 4th St, Cleveland Ohio. This is the original location of Fort Huntington where Perry after the battle sent his famous message, *"Dear General: We have met the enemy and they are ours. Two ships, two brigs, one schooner and one sloop. Yours with great respect and esteem, O.H. Perry."* ESA Chaplin **Paul Glenn** asked everyone to join him in prayer for the organization and to remember all veterans. President **John Cimperman** thanked everyone for coming and told of Perry's victory. Wreaths were placed by **Deb Marisch** of the Peter Navarre Chapter of the War of 1812, **Joan Trefts** of The Early Settlers Association and **Bill Trefts** placed the Western Reserve Society Sons of the American Revolution wreath. A nice group was in attendance who travelled to Shooters in the Flats for a delicious lunch.

Members from The Early Settlers Association of the Western Reserve, Western Reserve Society Sons of the American Revolution, and Peter Navarre Chapter of the War of 1812



PENNSYLVANIA

The Pennsylvania Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter Color Guard, (Berks and Lebanon Counties) performed a grave dedication ceremony for Patriot Frederick Moyer Jr. on



Sunday, June 21st at St. Michael's Church & Cemetery, Tilden Township, Hamburg, PA.

The group is shown standing behind the Kauffmann grave site. Jacob Kauffmann raised Frederick Moyer Jr. after his entire family were killed by an Indian attack on 29 June 1754, Frederick was only 2 years old at the time.

Chapter members standing left to right include, **Leon Adam**; Chapter President, **Timothy Ghebles**, **Barry Kauffman**, **Nevin Miller**, **Willard Brensinger Jr.**, **David Loose Jr.**; Chapter Secretary & Treasurer Jr., in front is his son, **Evan Loose**, **Donald Mengle**; PASSAR First Vice President, **Eric Troutman**; PASSAR Registrar & Past PASSAR President, and **Charles Seibert**; Chapter Vice President & Captain of the Color Guard.

TENNESSEE

On Friday September 18th, 2015 Two Revolutionary War Patriots Captain Robert Lusk and Michael Hyder had their Graves Marked by the Tennessee Society. The Marking was in Elizabethton, TN at the Hyder Cemetery.

Robert Lusk, born 1737 Augusta County, VA, Died 1801 Carter County, TN.

Robert received a land grant in 1778 in Washington County, NC (now Carter County, TN) and signed an oath of allegiance. He is also listed on NC Rev War Pay Voucher.

Michael Hyder, Sr. died June 25, 1790. Member of the Watauga Association in Watauga Fort, June 21, 1776. He took part in all of the Indian Wars in Tennessee under Shelby, Sevier and Christian. He was in the following battles of the Revolution, Thickety Fort, Cedar Springs and Musgrove's Mill in South Carolina. He was detailed from King's Mountain expedition to defend the Watauga Settlement from Indian Invasion.

Invitation for this Event was by TNSSAR District One Chapters, Kings Mountain, State of Franklin and Watauga. **Ronnie Lail** was the Master of Ceremonies. The TNSSAR Color Guard was joined in with SAR Color Guards from South Carolina, Virginia and the Washington County (NC) Regiment Militia.



Hyder Cemetery



Hyder Cemetery



On Saturday the 19th of September 2015, we had the “*Gathering at Sycamore Shoals*” in Elizabethton, Tennessee. This National Color Guard Event, Commemorating the Historic Gathering of the Overmountain Men and their march to the Battle of Kings Mountain. During the American Revolution, Sycamore Shoals was both the site of Fort Watauga, where part of a Cherokee invasion was thwarted in 1776, and the mustering ground for the Overmountain Men in 1780.

It was a Great Event with Compatriot **Ronnie Lail**, Master of Ceremonies. The TNSSAR Color Guard was joined in with SAR Color Guards from Kentucky, North and South Carolina and Virginia. Also, the Watauga Valley Fife and Drum Corps and the Washington County (NC) Regiment Militia joined in with us.

Also, Tennessee Compatriot **Ronnie Lail** was presented the Color Guard Von Steuben Medal. This National Medal is for 8 years of Service. This is a Great Honor to be presented this for any Color Guard Member.



On Sunday the 4th of October 2015 the James Madison Chapter had a Grave Marking Ceremony Honoring Revolutionary War Patriot Luke Tipton in Dresden, TN at the Sunset Cemetery. It was a Great Ceremony with John McCutchen as Master of Ceremonies with President-Elect **David Eagan** giving greetings from our State Society. **Rick Hollis** member of the SAR Foundation also gave Greetings. Bill Hickerson gave a brief History of the Patriot and his Service. The TNSSAR Color Guard presented the Colors and Fired a 3 Shot Volley.

After this ceremony was finished then everyone went across the cemetery to do a TNSSAR Member Grave Marking for Gov. **Ned McWherter** (October 15, 1930 – April 4, 2011). McWherter is the only Tennessee Governor to hold membership in the Tennessee Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Ned's son **Mike McWherter** is a member of the James Madison Chapter.

Patriot Luke Tipton was born May 14, 1760 in Baltimore County, Maryland the son of Edward Tipton and Jemina (Murray) Tipton. Edward was a brother of Colonel John Tipton and Major Jonathan Tipton who were at the Battle of King's Mountain.

In August 1778, Luke Tipton enlisted as a private in Captain Tarenton's Company, Bedford County, Pennsylvania Militia and served for two months. Luke re-enlisted in Captain Thomas Cluggage's Bedford County Rangers and served at Fort Roberdeau in Sinking Valley in present day Blair County, PA for one year. Tipton died in Weakley County, Tennessee on October 8, 1855, at the age of 95, and is buried at Sunset Cemetery in Dresden, TN.





VIRGINIA

240th Anniversary of the Muster of the Culpeper Minutemen & 228th Anniversary of the U.S. Constitution.

On September 17th the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter and community leaders gathered in Yowell Meadow Park, near where the Culpeper Minutemen first mustered in 1775, to mark the 240th Anniversary of that event and celebrate the 228th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution. Community and state leaders participating included State Senator **Jill Vogel**, Culpeper City Councilman **Jon Russell**, Culpeper Board of Education member **Nate Clancy**, Virginia House of Delegates candidate **Nick Freitas** and **Rev. Brad Jackson**. An ensemble of the Culpeper County High School Band provided patriotic music and the Culpeper County and Eastern View JROTC Honor Guards posted the colors.

Rev. Brad Jackson, who gave the invocation and benediction, is the pastor of the Little Fork Episcopal Church, which still holds services in the brick church that was being built when some of the congregation answered the call to join the Culpeper Minutemen. The chapter made formal presentations of Culpeper Minutemen Battle Flags to each of the JROTC Honor Guards. Then Councilman

Jon Russell introduced a Virginia Special License Plate to honor the Culpeper Minutemen. At the conclusion of the program the crowd was invited to sign copies of 1775 enlistment papers to symbolically join the Culpeper Minutemen and pick up applications to pre-order the license plate.

On the VIP platform, from left to right: Mr. **Nick Freitas**, **Rev Brad Jackson**, **Hon. Nate Clancy**, State Senator **Jill Vogel**, Culpeper City Councilman **Jon Russell**, past Virginia SAR President **Jim Bayne**. In foreground flanking the veiled license plate design, on the left, Fairfax Resolves President **Vern Eubanks**, on the right **Jim Lillard**, with musket next to the battle flag **David Reeve**, and a member of the JROTC Honor Guard.



[Above] The Virginia license plate to honor the Culpeper Minutemen is unveiled.

[Left] Culpeper Minutemen Chapter President **Bill Schwetke** presents the Culpeper Minutemen Battle Flag to a JROTC Color Guard.

The VASSAR Color Guard ceremony conducted at the crypt for George Washington at Mt. Vernon VA was done on July 4th. It is an annual event sponsored by the George Washington Chapter. The picture was taken by **Lynne M. Schmidt**. The Color Guard was observed by hundreds of tourists visiting the venue which was excellent visibility for the SAR. The guest speaker was **Dr. Revert Wright** VASSAR President.



The Guardsman in the picture from left to right are as follows:

Darrin Schmidt VASSAR Color Guard Commander, Fairfax Resolves

Joe Dooley NSSAR PG 2013-2014 George Mason Chapter

David Adamy Colonel William Grayson Chapter

Brett Osborn Colonel James Wood II Chapter

Dwight Whitney George Washington Chapter

Rob Andrews Colonel James Wood II Chapter

Vernon Eubanks Fairfax Resolves Chapter

Roy Martin Ft Harrison Chapter

Larry McKinley Fairfax Resolves Chapter

Paul Chase Colonel William Grayson Chapter

Picture by Holly Lynne M. Schmidt

WASHINGTON



One of events most apropos to our Society here in the distant Washington Teritorie, is the Northwest Colonial Festival at Sequim WA! There is a replica of Mount Vernon, and our own George Washington (Vern Frykholm - not a compatriot, but made an honorary member of our Washington SAR Color Guard).

This is the second year of this event, a battle re-enactment by the local 2nd CT Militia and a Redcoat outfit up from CA. Our John Paul Jones Chapter (Bremerton) manned a joint booth with a DAR chapter there, bringing History, Education and Patriotism to the far-flung shores of Washington Teritorie.

Here is a sketch:

Despatch from the Field, 18th instant, Sequim WA:

The John Paul Jones Chapter Color Guard manned a tent along with the Port Angeles Chapter DAR, at the Northwest Colonial Festival. Held at the George Washington Inn, the occasion included re-enactment of the Battles of Lexington & Concord by ye 2nd Conn. Militia and Lobsterbacks up from a fort to the South. Casualties occurred from both the battle and the heat of combat.

Our intrepid SAR Color Guardsmen provided History, Education and Patriotism to the publick. Thanks to **Col. Doug Nelson**, Brigade Commander and to JPJ Chapter Color Guard Captain **Fred Gilbert** and to color guardsmen 1st Lt. **Mick Hersey** and **David Irons** for a great Chapter event. And thanks to our honorary WASSAR color guardsman, **Vern Frykholm** (George Washington) for alerting us to this event. This will be a keeper.

Please go to the Washington SAR Facebook page to see pictures and story of the John Paul Jones Chapter Color Guard's participation in the Northwest Colonial Festival. Pictures are courtesy of Mick Hersey.

Washington SAR Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonSocietySAR/timeline?ref=page_internal

Each picture has an explanation and identifies those pictured.

Northwest Colonial Festival Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/colonialfestival?ref=ts>

FIRST PLACE MARCHING UNIT in the 2015 Black Diamond Labor Day Parade! The gracious Ladies of the Mary Fell Stevenson Chapter, DAR; Jeannette Carroll, Regent, invited us to march with them. Our WASSAR Color Guard unit complete with the new Drum Line led by Drum Major **Viren Lemmer** stepped off with the Ladies at 10:00 a.m. just as the clouds parted and rain ceased. I have never seen so many smiling children that greeted us as we went along. It was a big enthusiastic crowd despite the weather. Thank you Ladies.



Above: A DAR-SAR all-star cast: (r. to l.) CG Capt. Greg Emerson (CC Chapter), Carol Brown (MFS Chapter), Regent Jeannette Carroll (Mary Fell Stevenson Chapter DAR), WASSAR CG Cmdr Lt.Col. Bob O'Neal, Debbie Quinn (MFS Chapter-nice dress), Carol Davis (Tillicum Chapter), Alice Stenstrom (Rainier Chapter-Seattle), WASSAR President and CG Brigade Colonel Doug Nelson, Conrad Plyler (Capt. USN Ret.) - Pres. JPJ Chapter, Skip Stephan (AH Chapter), CG Lt. Paul Adan (AH Chapter), CG Capt. Fred Gilbert (Col. USAF Ret.)(JPJ Chapter), Rob Crawford (AH Chapter), Dave Blevins (VP, JPJ Chapter), & Harold Steenbergen (AH Chapter). [AH = Alexander Hamilton; JPJ = John Paul Jones; CC = Cascade Centennial; CG = Color Guard]

Left: DAR & SAR Combined marching unit for the Black Diamond Labor Day Parade! Huzzah!

A touching story of one SAR Color Guardsman who made the pall of smoke and forest fire in our Eastern Washington area go away for a little while for some children in day care. You are no doubt aware of the loss of property and life in that area from the news.

Stan Wills is our Vice Commander (Eastern WA), WASSAR Color Guard and a retired US Navy Senior Chief. He is responsible for some 50 of our 170 uniformed events each year and president of the Tri-Cities Chapter. *“Yesterday I did a Living History Program for 25 day care kids. They could not go outside and play because of heavy smoke in the air making the air unhealthy. I let the kids try on period clothes and here are just a few pictures. They loved all the items but were especially fond of the Jacob’s ladder. After 250 years it still entertains kids.”*



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 emailed 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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National Color Guard Events

| Date | Event | Location |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| January 16, 2016 | Battle of Cowpens | Chesnee, SC |
| February 13, 2016 | Battle of Kettle Creek | Washington, GA |
| February 20, 2016 | Crossing of the Dan | South Boston, VA |
| February 20, 2016 | California Massing of Colors | Burbank, CA |
| February 20, 2016 | Washington Birthday Parade | Laredo, TX |
| February 27, 2016 | Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge | Currie, NC |
| February 26-27, 2016 | NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting | Louisville, KY |
| March 5, 2016 | Last Naval Battle of the Revolution | Merritt Island, FL |
| March 19, 2016 | Battle of Guilford Courthouse | Greensboro, NC |
| April 9, 2016 | Halifax Resolves | Halifax, NC |
| April 16, 2016 | Patriot's Day | Concord, MA |
| May 5 2016 | Kentucky Derby Pegasus Parade | Louisville, KY |
| May 14, 2016 | Raid on Martin's Station | Ewing, VA |
| May 9, 2015 | Battle of Pensacola | Pensacola, FL |
| May, 2016 | Fields of Honor / Healing Field | Various |
| May 26-27, 2016 | Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous | Vincennes, IN |
| May 29, 2016 | Battle of Fort San Carlos | St Louis, MO |
| May 30, 2016 | National Memorial Day Parade | Washington DC |
| May 2016 | Memorial Day events * | Various locations |
| June 17, 2016 | Battle of Bunker Hill | Bunker Hill, MA |
| June 18, 2016 | Battle of Ramseur's Mill | Lincolnton, NC |
| July 4 every year | Let Freedom Ring | Various locations |
| Juy 2016 | July 4th Events * | Various locations |
| July 7-13, 2016 | NSSAR National Congress | Boston, MA |
| July 23, 2016 | Battle of Fort Laurens | Bolivar, OH |
| September 5, 2015 | Battle of Groton Heights | Groton, CT |
| September 19, 2015 | Vigil at George Washington's Tomb | Mt Vernon, VA |
| September 19, 2015 | Battle of Saratoga | Stillwater, NY |
| September 19, 2015 | Gathering at Sycamore Shoals | Elizabethton, TN |
| September 24-26, 2015 | NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting | Louisville, KY |
| October 2-4, 2015 | Point Pleasant Battle Days | Point Pleasant, WV |
| October 7, 2015 | Battle of Kings Mountain | Blacksburg, SC |
| October 19, 2015 | Yorktown Days | Yorktown, VA |
| November 2015 & 2016 | Vetrans Day Event * | Various Locations |
| Dec 5-6, 2015 | Battle of Great Bridge | Norfolk, VA |
| December 12, 2015 | Wreaths Across America | Various Locations |

* 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.

N.B.: Dates and times are subject to change and interested parties should refer to the respective state society websites closer to the actual event.

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Colorguardsman of the Year

The Gold Color Guard Medal was authorized in 1998 . It may only be worn by the National Color Guard Commander (usually presented at the end of his term as commander) and those guardsmen selected as Color Guardsman of the Year.

The Color Guardsman of the Year is elected by the Guardsmen present at the Spring Leadership Meeting.

The following is a listing of those guardsmen who have been honored by their compatriots as Color Guardsman of the Year.

| | |
|-------------------------|------|
| Lowell Nichols (IN) | 1998 |
| Edgar E Grover (KS) | 1999 |
| Robert L Grover (MO) | 2000 |
| Bernard G Lamp Sr (WV) | 2001 |
| Raymond Zimmerman (MD) | 2002 |
| Charles Lampman (CA)) | 2003 |
| James McCafferty (MD) | 2004 |
| Lester A Foster (MD) | 2005 |
| Andrew M Johnson (VA) | 2006 |
| George Thurmond (GA) | 2007 |
| Charles F Bragg (IN) | 2008 |
| Charlie A Newcomer (GA) | 2009 |
| John H Franklin Jr (OH) | 2010 |
| Paul Prescott (GA) | 2011 |
| Tom Green (TX) | 2012 |
| Gerald McCoy (MO) | 2013 |
| Samuel Powell (NC) | 2014 |
| Robert Cunningham (IN) | 2015 |

NSSAR Color Guard Commanders

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|-----------------------|----------------|
| Donald N Moran (CA) | 1989-1990 |
| David J Gray (MA) | 1990-2000 |
| Garrett Jackson (CA) | 2000-2002 |
| Edgar Grover (KS) | 2002-2004 |
| Peter K Goebel (NY) | 2004-2006 |
| Charles Lampman (CA) | 2006-2007 |
| Larry Perkins (OH) | 2007-2009 |
| Joseph Dooley (VA) | 2009-2011 |
| J Michael Tomme (GA) | 2011-2013 |
| Michael Radcliff (TX) | 2013-2015 |
| David Hoover | 2015 - Present |