

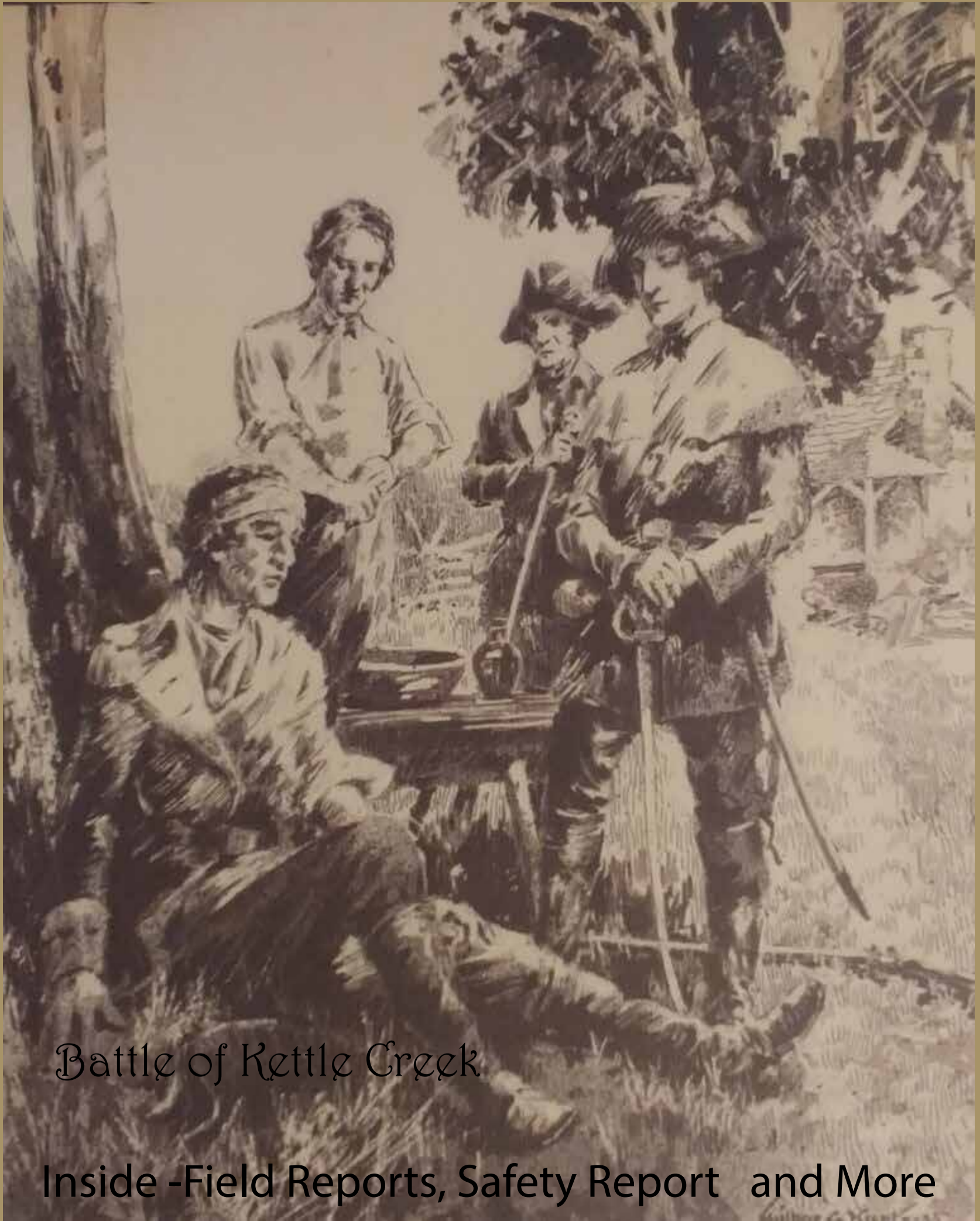
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Commander's Report

Fellow Color Guardsmen,

The 2025 Battle Commemoration Season is upon us. The year opens with the end of the Ten Crucial Days in New Jersey and then moves down to the Southern Campaign with the upcoming commemorations on the National Society SAR calendar of the Commemorations of the Battles of Cowpens (SC), Cowans Ford (NC), Kettle Creek (GA), Crossing the Dan (VA), Moore's Creek (NC), Guilford Courthouse (NC), Last Naval Battle (FL), and Thomas Creek (FL) to round out the month of March.



We then head into Commemoration for the Fredrica Naval Action (GA), Battle of Bound Brook (NJ), Patriots Day, and the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord in April.

I realize these events did not happen in the above order, but it shows that our patriot ancestors were continually battling for freedom during the Decade of the American Revolution (1773 to 1783).

The efforts of many patriots were required to achieve this goal just as many compatriots are needed to move the mission of the Sons of the American Revolution forward.

Toward this goal I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the editor of the publication, Steve Williams, who has served in this position for twelve years. His tireless work has developed the SAR Colorguardsman Magazine into a great publication.

He has had to put up with the National Color Guard Command Staff and state commanders always pushing the deadline for getting articles/photos/information to him and trying to make all the information fit into the publication for an enjoyable read. Steve is well deserving of our thanks and a loud HUZDAH, HUZDAH, HUZDAH.

EDITOR NEEDED – with our thanks we must also realize that this publication is the last under Steve Williams time as editor. If you are interested in taking on this task and assisting the color guard of the National Society SAR, please reach out to me at scottcollins1775@gmail.com

The decision on a new editor is handled by the National Commander with consultation with his command staff. The editor as with any position on the National SAR Color Guard command and support staff serves at the pleasure of the National Commander who himself serves at the pleasure of the President General. Steve Williams was exceptional to serve twelve years and that will probably not be repeated.

If you are interested, please reach out as soon as possible.

COLOR GUARDSMAN OF THE YEAR – In my last commander's article I discussed the process to nominate a compatriot for Color Guardsman of the Year. With everything happening at year end and weather issues I failed to send out a reminder email about the deadline for nominations. Accordingly, I have made will continue to accept nominations until Wednesday 29 January 2025.

If you have a guardsman desiring a nomination, I do not want my failure to send out a reminder to stop a nomination from being submitted. A list of the nominees will go out in early February for a vote of the eligible vote casters in attendance at the Color Guard meeting held at Spring Leadership in Louisville, Kentucky.

RECRUITMENT – As we participate in commemoration ceremonies, grave marking ceremonies, and all of the other activities we do in uniform both continental and militia let us make sure that we work on recruiting SAR compatriots to join the color guard but more importantly we work to engage those attending the events who are not members of the SAR to become members of this organization.

When you go to color guard events or are in uniform make sure that you have some information about joining the SAR and how for them to get in touch with someone in your state or chapter. Do not let an opportunity to gain a compatriot slip by.

The National Society SAR Membership Committee has several resources that can be adapted for this purpose. When you are on the sar.org website, log in as a member,

then Members, the Committees, then Membership Committee. All the resources appear on that website. In addition to those resources the Communications Committee has developed some postcards that can be used. These were available for pickup at this past Fall Leadership meeting and will be available again at the upcoming Spring Leadership.

On a personal note, I am looking forward to completing my five years requirement for the National von Steuben Color Guard Medal on 29 January 2025 at which point the application will be submitted to myself as the Georgia Commander, and then to myself as National Commander. I will certainly have the Vice-Commander review the medal application but with 4,155 points of the 500 points needed I doubt that there will be a problem.

Since Fall Leadership I have attended the 250th Anniversary Commemoration of the First Continental Congress (PA), the Yorktown Celebrations (VA), Veterans Day activities (GA), Siege of Fort Morris (GA), Battle of Great Bridge (VA), and multiple Wreaths Across America events (GA). In addition to attending the grave marking ceremonies for 10 patriots to bring the total to 196 patriot marker dedications and 17 compatriot marker dedications.

More events were on the schedule, but the weather and flight schedules had other ideas.

This is my next to last Commander's report for this magazine as my second year as national commander is ending. Once my term as national commander is finished, I look forward to staying involved and not being the one upfront.

At the end of this week, I will be heading toward Cowpens National Battlefield for their anniversary commemoration. We on the National Color Guard Staff are here to help you with growing and expanding your Color Guard, and we are never more than an email or telephone call away.

Please continue your service as the Face of the SAR while furthering the Mission of the SAR.

Yours in Patriotism

K. Scott Collins,
National Society SAR Color Guard Commander

If you are hosting a National Society SAR event and there is going to be black powder usage then you must have insurance to cover this that names the National Society SAR as an additional insured and this needs to be on file with the chapter or state that is serving as the organizer and with the National Society SAR insurance committee/headquarters.

Take Notice

246th Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek Revolutionary Days

A National Society SAR Historic Sites & Celebrations Event

Sponsored by the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

www.GaSocietySAR.org

Friday – February 7, 2025

Elijah Clark State Park – 2959 McCormack Highway, Lincolnton, GA 30817

10:00 AM – Kick off at the restored cabin and Elijah Clark Museum with a variety of demonstrations on colonial lifestyle, colonial attire, a Traveling Trunk display, period dulcimer music, and cannon and musket demonstrations. Authors of new period books will be on hand for book signings. SAR Color Guard members will bring pomp and circumstance to the occasion.

12:00 P.M. - A free indoor chili cookout and dessert buffet at noon will be served compliments of the Elijah Clark State Park, Lincoln County Historical Society, Atlanta and William Few Chapters Georgia Society SAR; Elijah Clarke Chapter NSDAR. Noted local historian and SAR Compatriot David Noble is the featured speaker.

1:00 PM – Please arrive for Wreath Presentation Check-in.

1:30 P.M. – Heroes of the Hornets' Nest Wreath Ceremony at Elijah Clarke's grave. Regional color guard and militia units will combine to bring pomp and circumstance to the occasion.

Please use the Friday Wreath Registration form.

This is separate from the Saturday registration.

Park entry fees will be waived for attendees. www.GaStateParks.org/ElijahClark

Kettle Creek Battlefield, War Hill Road, Washington, GA 30673

Take a self-guided walking tour of the Kettle Creek Battlefield site and enjoy the marked trails and interpretive signs. The ceremony at the site is scheduled for **Saturday** at 2:30 PM.

Washington, GA 30673

If you have available time, consider visiting the Washington Historical Museum and the Robert Toombs House to enjoy 18th century history and Battlefield Relics. For more information visit – www.washingtonwilkes.org

The **Kettle Creek Battlefield Association, Inc. (KCBA)**, Georgia Society SAR and Kettle Creek NSDAR will host a dinner and Revolutionary War program in honor of the Kettle Creek Patriots. **Reservations are required and are to be made directly with KCBA.**

5:00 P.M. – Reception & Cash Bar

6:00 P.M. - Dinner

Please see the Friday Dinner Invitation. The event is hosted at the Washington Wilkes Country Club, 300 Country Club Drive, Washington, GA 30673. Dinner Reservation due by January 31, 2023 – KCBA, PO Box 729, Washington, GA 30673 - \$XX.00 per individual

(Last year this was \$35.00 but have not seen this year's price at the time of this update.)

KCBA's website is – www.kettlecreekbattlefield.com (**Do not use the .org site**)

All items subject to change – updates will appear on the Georgia Society SAR website under the Calendar of Events.

<https://gasocietysar.org/events/month/2025-02/>

Saturday Morning – February 8th, 2025

A National Society SAR Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee Event **Washington Square in Historic Downtown Washington, GA 30673**

9:50 A.M. – The Georgia Society SAR Elijah Clarke Militia Honor Guard with Musket Salutes will raise the 1776 Colors of the Revolutionary War on the Wilkes County Courthouse Flagpole.

9:50 A.M. –12 Noon – Come experience Revolutionary Living History including demonstrations and performers. Located just off the square in the Court Street Livery (16 W Court Street, Washington, GA) Look for the SAR Living History building signs.

10:10 A.M. – The Georgia Society SAR combined Color Guard & Militia will gather at the Revolutionary War monument on the Washington City Square to Salute and Honor the Wilkes County Militia – (the Heroes of the Hornets' Nest) and all Revolutionary War Patriots.

10:30 A.M. – Color Guard and parade participants gather behind the Courthouse for the assembly of the Revolutionary War Parade — ALL the public (Children & Grownups) are welcome to participate in the event as our National Colors and re-enactors lead us around Washington Square. Parade STARTS at 10:45 A.M.

10:45 A.M. – The parade will start and will march two complete times around Washington Square and will end behind the courthouse at Fort Washington Park.

11:15 A.M. – Georgia Society SAR Elijah Clarke Militia and other re-enactors with black-powder muskets will present a dramatic portrayal of the Battle of Kettle Creek in Fort Washington Park behind the Wilkes County Courthouse.

12:00 P.M. – The Georgia Society SAR Color Guard--Elijah Clarke Militia and others, will present arms and fire a thunderous musket salute as the Revolutionary War Colors are lowered and our Present-day National Colors are raised on the Wilkes County Courthouse Flag pole.

A National Society SAR Historic Sites & Celebrations Event continues

Kettle Creek Battlefield, War Hill Road, Washington, GA 30673

2:30 P.M. – Pageantry at the Kettle Creek Battlefield includes, Continental Army, Georgia Militia, Musket volley salutes, Wreath Presentations, SAR/DAR/CAR, Hereditary Organizations, Local, State & National officials, High School JROTC, students and public, place wreaths to honor the Heroes of the Hornets' Nest -- the Wilkes County Militia for their 1779 Victory at Kettle Creek.

Please see "Wreath Registration Form for Saturday" and send to Ed Rigel, Jr.

Please use the **SATURDAY** Wreath Registration form.

This is separate from the Friday registration.

In the event of inclement weather this event will be held in the Washington-Wilkes Recreation Department Gym. Check for updates:
<https://gasocietysar.org/event/national-commemoration-of-the-battle-of-kettle-creek-events-in-washington-ga/>

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<https://gasocietysar.org/events/month/2025-02/>

FRIDAY Wreath Registration

Organization:

Name of Presenter:

Office or Title of Presenter:

Email Address:

Phone:

Submit request to participate in the Wreath Presentation no later than January 31, 2025, to assure listing in the Ceremony Program. William J. "Bill" Tankersley, email: wjtank@comcast.net

Email preferred

Or by regular mail to William J. Tankersley, 2645 Louisville Road, Appling, GA 30802

SATURDAY Wreath Registration

Kettle Creek Battlefield Memorial Ceremony SATURDAY, February 8, 2025 at 2:30pm - **War Hill Road - Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia**

All Societies and Chapters of the C.A.R., DAR, SAR, other hereditary Societies and patriotic or historical organizations are invited to attend. Descendants and the public are especially welcome.

Submit request to participate in the Wreath Presentation no later than February 3, 2025, to assure listing in the Ceremony Program

Organization:

Office or Title of Presenter:

Email Address:

Phone:

Due to rocky soil conditions and winds we do **NOT** use wreath stands at War Hill.

Mail to: Ed Rigel, Jr., 1608 Indian Way, Cumming, GA 30040 or Email: edrigel@gmail.com

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K Scott Collins





Battle of Fort San Carlos Festival and Grave Marking

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025
STE. GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI

Plan your stay now in beautiful, historic Ste. Genevieve, the first organized European settlement west of the Mississippi River in present-day Missouri. Lots of great places to stay, eat and visit.

11:30 a.m.

Registration at Guibord-Valle House

Commemorative challenge coins and medals available for purchase

1 p.m.

Memorial Cemetery Ceremony

(rain location: Ste. Genevieve Catholic Church)

Bring your own wreath and receive a commemorative flag streamer

Militia and Color Guard muster at 12:30 p.m. at Guibord-Valle House

National Color Guard Event - Sons of the American Revolution

Participating Color Guard members must contact State Commander Steve Perkins

to review safety requirements and eligibility for medal qualification:

patriotmarcher@fastmail.com

Editor's SIGN OFF



Readers and Submitters ,
This has been in the works for several months. I have been the Editor since 2013 when I took on this task from Marc Anthony. As with any type of change there were little directives on how to I should progress. No 'Do it this way' instructions. Just do your best and I have tried to do that. Doing so requires the assistance and cooperation of the Color Guard Commander and his staff and the support of the state color guard commanders I had been the editor of my Florida chapter's Newsletter for several years and won the chapter contest twice for the Brevard Chapter. Then I worked on the Florida Society's magazine - The Florida Patriot - and won for that also. So Marc must have felt that I had some ability to manage the National Color Guardsman Magazine.

However good the magazine has been it is not without the superb contributions of many Compatriots. There are too many to try list here but I will name just a few. For his contributions in music . You know him as Fifer Dave. For his always highly anticipated Safety articles (by me) Brett Osborn. He also corralled many submissions from the VASSAR chapters. Each and every Commander has put his imprint on the color guard to improve our presence in our communities.

I don't know who the next Editor will be but ask you to give the same support and patience that has been my pleasure to experience from all of you. With that help he is sure to have a successful run as the Editor.

Thank you.

Yours in Patriotism

Steve

Upcoming - 2025 Events

Upcoming National SAR events *per state society calendars*

28-Jan-24	Saturday Ten Crucial Days - Princeton	New Jersey
17-Jan-25	Friday Cowpens	South Carolina
25-Jan-25	Saturday Cowans Ford	North Carolina
08-Feb-25	Saturday Kettle Creek	Georgia
15-Feb-25	Saturday Crossing the Dan	Virginia
15-Mar-25	Saturday Guilford Courthouse	North Carolina
15-Mar-25	Saturday Last Naval Battle	Florida
29-Mar-25	Saturday Thomas Creek	Florida
12-Apr-25	Saturday Frederica Naval Action	Georgia
12-Apr-25	Saturday Battle of Bound Brook (New)	New Jersey
19-Apr-25	Saturday Patriots' Day	
19-Apr-25	Saturday Lexington (250th Anniversary)	Massachusetts
09-May-25	Friday Pensacola - Galvez Day	Florida
18-May-25	Saturday Armed Forces Day	
24-May-25	Saturday Waxhaw's - Buford's Massacre	South Carolina
24-May-25	Saturday George Rogers Clark	Indiana
25-May-25	Sunday Fort San Carlos	Missouri
26-May-25	Monday National Memorial Day Parade	DC
26-May-25	Monday Memorial Day	
14-Jun-25	Saturday Monmouth	New Jersey
14-Jun-25	Saturday Flag Day (New)	
21-Jun-25	Saturday Springfield	New Jersey
04-Jul-25	Saturday Independence Day	
16-Aug-25	Saturday Blue Licks	Kentucky
23-Aug-25	Saturday Brooklyn	New York
30-Aug-25	Saturday Eutaw Springs	South Carolina
06-Sep-25	Saturday Couch's Bridge	Delaware
06-Sep-25	Saturday Battle of the Capes	Virginia
13-Sep-25	Saturday Washington's Tomb Vigil	Virginia
20-Sep-25	Saturday Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Tennessee
04-Oct-25	Saturday Chestnut Neck	New Jersey
07-Oct-25	Tuesday Kings Mountain	North/South Carolina
19-Oct-25	Sunday Yorktown	Virginia
26-Oct-25	Sunday Red Bank	New Jersey
11-Nov-25	Tuesday Veterans Day	
22-Nov-25	Saturday Fort Morris	Georgia

State Color Guard Commanders

I send at least two messages to the known Color Guard Commanders for each issue, i.e., one to remind them to send content to me for the next issue; then to provide the link to that new issue for them to forward to all of their state's color guard members.

When commanders change, notification should be provided to the National Commander and the Editor within the shortest possible time **by the state authority making the change**. Such as the retiring commander, state officer, etc. Provide the following personal information on the new commander:

- Full name
- Phone number that he uses - landline or Cell
- Email address
- Street Address
- City
- State & Zip

If in passing content requests to your color guard members **PLEASE** make sure that they understand the guidelines to be used in submitting Content & Photos as explained in the column to the left. It takes too much time to have to re-format text into usable text and to try to open photos saved in a format that I have no application that will open the photo.

Some submissions are still using a Cloud source (e.g., Google Drive and/or Google Docs). These sources require several steps to actually get the photo or text into a usable format. Use WORD or text in message with Photos **sent as file attachments** to the message.

Some states are placing their events in Facebook - the SAR FB page. So far for the October events, the following have FB entries: OK, FL, MD, TX, WA, GA, WV, VA, MI. These events should be sent to me for the October Issue.

Acceptable Content

The color guard activities in the chapter, state, and National level are what should be submitted. These include activities where color guard units participate : parades, Grave markings, Flag retirements, posting/retiring colors at meetings (SAR and NON-SAR meetings), Presentation of Color Guard medals (Bronze/Silver, Von Steuben, Gold, Molly Pitcher, etc). Obviously, this includes the National Color Guard events as listed in this magazine.

There are times when submissions for the *SAR Colorguardsman Magazine* contain items that I would wish more chapters were participating in. Such as Eagle Scout awards and other youth award/presentations, Heroism, EMT, Law Enforcement, Liberty, and other medals. These are special moments and deserve to have them known to all SAR members. **The proper medium for making these exemplary activities known is the SAR Magazine – not the SAR Colorguardsman Magazine.** Therefore, please send them to the editor of the SAR Magazine.



SAFETY

Safety Officer - Brett Osborn

Sparks Fly, Sparks Ignite

SPARKS FLY, SPARKS IGNITE

read and acknowledged as presenting wreaths. Shorter and safer ceremony and well want to cover a recent incident that occurred at an NSSAR event, and it did not involve NSSAR Color Guard but was related to a re-enacting artillery unit, that was participating nearby.



From the artillery unit's own after-action report (AAR): "Sunday had its own excitement...we were going along swimmingly until a spark most likely from the (cannon) vent, flew into a one in a billion spot, the side of a closed cartridge box. We are all gratefully safe.... Every quill went off in the leather satchel. It was amazing. There is a reason to be vigilant with safety steps. Just because it never happened before does not mean it cannot happen. If you were ever on the cannon crew, you know we keep the quill cartouche on the right hips as far from the vent as possible.

To remedy the situation, we will have a new cartouche made. It will need leathers ears on the sides with a second flap."

Our NSSAR Color Guard Artillery Officer also has information and photographs of the cartouche box involved in this incident.

My own personal experience with sparks occurred in a re-enactment in 2010 at Fort George, Ontario, Canada. While engaging Crown Forces as a Virginia Rifleman firing from the wood line, I told my sergeant, I smell something burning. It was me! I had tied a strip of cloth to my belt to wipe down my rifle after firing. A spark had landed on the cloth and started smoldering like char cloth when using flint and steel to start a fire.

From a historical note here is an incident I have kept a copy of for years, and this

involves Major General Lafayette's return tour to visit the United States. This occurred in March 1825 when Lafayette was visiting the then capital of Georgia, Milledgeville. From the local news: "incident occurred causing great excitement. A man firing the cannon as a salute to Gen. LaFayette, caught his shirt sleeve on fire and when he put his hand in the cartridge box the powder caught fire and thirty pounds of powder made a terrific explosion, killing the man and injuring several others.

" 1 Some things to remember from our own NSSAR Color Guard Handbook

2: a. Compatriots participating in a gun salute shall keep the powder cartridges in a leather covered pouch or box with a flap that completely covers the opening. The pouch or box should be worn external to the compatriot's clothing (i.e. no cartridges should be kept in pockets or under coats).

b. Consistent with the National Park Service Policy, natural fiber fabrics or leather should be worn if a color guard member is firing or is next to a member that is firing. No clothing shall contain any materials that are flammable or can easily melt.

c. Eye protection, to protect against flashes or sparks, may be worn at the discretion of the Compatriot and may include either period or modern glasses.

Add flying sparks to your checklist. I always have a small fire extinguisher on site for color guard firing events. Stay safe and have a Happy New Year.

References: 1 History of Jones County, Georgia, p. 76.

2 NSSAR Color Guard Handbook, p. 23.

Respectfully submitted

Brett Osborn
NSSAR Color Guard Safety Officer

Music of the American Revolution

CHESTER

Article by Scott G. Giltner, Ph.D.

The second most popular song in the American Colonies during the American Revolution was Chester (the most popular song being Yankee Doodle). One explanation for the popularity of the song during the revolution is its strong religious conviction which aligned with the American view of the revolution as being a crusade. Although Chester was extremely well-liked during the American Revolution, today few people outside the 18th century re-enacting community are familiar with the song. The word “Chester” is from the old English and Latin words for “military camp” or “fortified position”. It was arbitrarily selected for the name of the song as at that time it was a widespread practice to name tunes after a place that had nothing to do with the theme or lyrics of the song. The disconnect between the name and message of the song was intentional so the tune could be applied to different lyrics which was again a widespread practice with music at that time.

Chester was written by William Billings in 1770 and was published in his songbook entitled “The New-England Psalm-Singer”¹. This songbook was the first book of songs completely composed in America. Chester quickly rose in popularity and became known as the “anthem” of American opposition to British policies in North America.

William Billings, a Boston native, was not only America’s first choral composer but also America’s first professional composer.² Billings was a tanner by trade, but more significantly he was a self-taught musician, songwriter, and composer.³ At the age of 24 he issued his first songbook, the aforementioned “The New-England Psalm-Singer” which contained 124 compositions.⁴ Billings was a highly regarded song writer having published six songbooks containing hundreds of songs during his lifetime. Due to the copyright laws of the time, he was unable to financially capitalize on the popularity of his music. Eventually his style of music went out of favor. Tragically, he died in poverty at the age of 53 and was buried in an unmarked grave in Boston. Chester was the first truly patriotic song with both the tune and lyrics written by an American in the American colonies. The original lyrics for Chester consisted of only two stanzas which were very similar to the Psalms in both form and content. The original 1770 lyrics also applied common Puritan themes of trust in God and God’s protection of the righteous against any foe⁵. This may have contributed to its initial popularity in Puritan New England after which it spread to the other colonies.

Original 1770 Lyrics ⁶

*Let tyrants shake their iron rod,
And Slav’ry clank her galling chains,
We fear them not, we trust in God,
New England’s God forever reigns.
What grateful Off’ring shall we bring?
What shall we render to the Lord?
Lord Halleluiahs let us Sing,
And praise his name on ev’ry Chord.*

In 1778 Billings revised the song and published it in his second songbook “The Singing Master’s Assistant”⁷. The revised Chester now consisted of five stanzas which bore a stronger patriotic message than the original. It is the 1778 version that is best known by those familiar with the song today.

The three stanzas added in 1778 were inserted between the original first and last stanzas of the 1770 version. These three new stanzas make references to battles and American triumphs. By this time, the American Revolution was underway in earnest.

In the second stanza of this version, British Generals Howe, Burgoyne, Clinton, Prescott, and Cornwallis were named. These generals were specifically named for as by 1778, when these lyrics were published, the Americans had achieved victories at the Siege of Boston and the battles at Montreal, Saratoga, and Princeton. Each of the British generals named in this stanza was in command for one or more of these battles thereby emphasizing the vulnerability of the British. The stanza continued with lyrics attributing these victories to the virtue of the American Cause.

In the new third and fourth stanzas additional references were made to the American Revolution. These two stanzas provided encouragement to the Americans by describing their cause as just and faithful. The victories of the young, inexperienced American soldiers over the older, experienced British veterans were submitted as evidence of the righteousness of the American cause.

1778 Lyrics⁸

*Let tyrants shake their iron rod,
And Slav’ry clank her galling chains,
We fear them not, we trust in God,
New England’s God forever reigns.*

*Howe and Burgoyne and Clinton too,
With Prescott and Cornwallis join’d,
Together plot our Overthrow,
In one Infernal league combin’d.*

*When God inspir’d us for the fight,
Their ranks were broke, their lines were forc’d,
Their ships were Shatter’d in our sight,
Or swiftly driven from our Coast.*

*The Foe comes on with haughty Stride;
Our troops advance with martial noise,
Their Vet’rans flee before our Youth,
And Gen’rals yield to beardless Boys.*

*What grateful Off’ring shall we bring?
What shall we render to the Lord?
Lord Halleluiahs let us Sing,
And praise his name on ev’ry Chord.*

After the American Revolution, the song became the de facto national anthem and remained that way for many years. Eventually Chester slipped away from public consciousness and for the most part was forgotten with the passage of time as more contemporary songs, such as Hail Columbia (1789), The Star-Spangled Banner (1814), and My Country ‘Tis of Thee (1831) displaced Chester.

The music of Billings, and more specifically Chester, were rediscovered by the public in 1956 when American composer William Schumann wrote his “New England Triptych” based on the works of Billings. The third part of this triptych was Chester. Schuman wrote in the preface to his New England Triptych that “The works of this dynamic composer [Billings] capture the spirit of sinewy ruggedness, deep religiosity and patriotic fervor that we associate with the Revolutionary period”.⁹

The popularity of Chester today has not risen to the same level it experienced during the American Revolution. However, it has become well ingrained in the consciousness of 18th century re-enactors, historians, and students of early American music, establishing its place in history as a uniquely American patriotic song.

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National Color Guard Events - 2025 HISTORIC DATES

HISTORIC Date	Color Guard Event	Location	Host
January 3	Princeton, the Ten Crucial Days	Priceton, NJ	New Jersey
January 17	Battle of Cowpens	Chesnee, SC	Daniel Morgan SAR
February 1	Battle of Cowans Ford	Huntersville, NC	Mecklenburg SAR
February 14	Battle of Kettle Creek	Washington, GA	Georgia
February 14	Crossing of the Dan	South Boston, VA	Virginia
February 22	Washington Birthday Parade	Laredo, TX	Texas
February 27	Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge	Currie, NC	North Carolina
March 10	Last Naval Battle of the Revolution	Merritt Island, FL	Florida
March 15	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC	North Carolina
April 12	Halifax Resolves	Halifax, NC	North Carolina
April 13 (1777)	Battle of Bound Brook		NJ
April 18	Patriot's Day	Nationally	Various
April	Frederica Naval Action -close 4/19	St. Simons Island, Georgia	
May 8	Battle of Pensacola	Pensacola, FL	Florida
May 11	Raid on Martin's Station	Ewing, VA	Virginia
May 16	Armed Forces Day		
May 17	Battle of Thomas Creek	Jacksonville, FL	Florida
May 28	Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous	Vincennes, IN	Indiana

May 30	Memorial Day events *	Various locations	
May 25	Battle of Fort San Carlos & Festival	Ste. Genevieve,	Missouri
May 29	Buford's Massacre	Lancaster, SC	General Francis Marion SAR
June 5	Battle of Ramsour's Mill	Lincolnton, NC	Catawba Valley SAR
June 11	Action at Machias	Machias, ME	Maine
June 14,	Flag Day	Nationally	
June 17	Battle of Bunker Hill	Charlestown, MA	Massachusetts SAR
June 26	Battle of Springfield	Springfield, NJ	New Jersey SAR
June 28	Battle of Monmouth	Manalapan NJ	New Jersey SAR
July 4 every year	Let Freedom Ring / July 4th Events *	Various locations	
July 18	Fairfax Resolves	Pohick Episcopal Church, Alexandria, VA	Fairfax Resolves Chapter, VA Society
August 2	Siege at Fort Laurens	Bolivar, OH	
August 19	Battle of Blue Licks	Carlisle, KY	Kentucky
August 27	Battle of Long Island	Brooklyn	New York
September 3	Coochs Bridge	Pencader Historical Museum, Newark, NJ	DE Society
September 5	Battle of the Capes	Fort Story, Virginia Beach, VA	Norfolk Chapter, VA Society
September 6	Battle of Groton Heights	Groton, CT	Connecticut
September 8	Battle of Eutaw Springs	Eutawville, SC	South Carolina
September 25	Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Elizabethton, TN	Tennessee
September 18	Vigil at George Washington's Tomb	Mt Vernon, VA	
September 21 (1779)	Battle of Baton Rouge		LA
October 4-6	Point Pleasant Battle Days	Point Pleasant, WV	West Virginia
October 6	Chestnut Neck	Port Republic, NJ	NJ
October 7	Battle of Kings Mountain	Blacksburg, SC	Kings Mountain SAR (NC) / Daniel Morgan SAR (SC)
October 17	Battle of Saratoga	Stillwater, NY	Empire State
October 19	Yorktown Days	Yorktown, VA	Virginia
October 22	Red Bank Battlefield	National Park, NJ	NJ
November 11	Veterans Day Events *	Nationally	Various
November -	Siege of Fort Morris - 3rd Saturday	Sudbury, Georgia	
December 9	Battle of Great Bridge	Norfolk, VA	Virginia
December TBD	Wreaths Across America	Various Locations	
December 26	Battle of Trenton	Trenton, NJ	New Jersey

Events that can occur on random dates throughout the year			
	Massing of the Colors		
	Fields of Honor / Healing Field		
	Honor Flight		
	Liberty Tree Planting / Dedication		
	Washington's Birthday - February		
The following National Meetings are considered National events by Color Guard Policy due to the attendance of the President General:			
	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting		
	Annual NSSAR Congress		
	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting		

*A local event celebrating Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day may be counted as a National Color Guard event for the purposes of applying for a Color Guard Medal. Only a single event on each day may be counted. Multiple events on the same day cannot be counted multiple times. If the event is on a weekend nearest the actual holiday, that can be counted with respect to the single event limitation. For example, if a Veterans Day Parade occurs on a Saturday such as the 8th, then an event on the 11th does not count..

Note: As of the 2020 Spring SAR Leadership Meeting, a policy was adopted by both the National Color Guard and National Historic Sites & Celebrations Committees formally establishing that only the National Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee may designate National Historic Events based on that committee's established criteria. The only exception being that established Color Guard policy of recognizing President General, or his designated SAR General Officer representative, attendance at an otherwise unrecognized event will make that actual event a National Event.

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The National Events listed above count toward earning the SAR Silver Color Guard Medal and National Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement (See the NSSAR Color Guard Medals section). Dates published above are of the actual battle / commemoration date.

Guardsmen should confirm the actual date of the event listed above with published event invitations on the National Society SAR website or with the host state society.

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.

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Color Guard Units' Highlights!

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9/21/2024: Constitution Day Luncheon
Glendale Arizona hosted by DAR
Location: Sun City Country Club
Left to Right: Mark Seifert, Donald
Dedrick, Rob Welsh, Rick Spargo

Arizona -



10/2/2024: 250th Anniversary Presentation by Arizona State University professor Brooke Barbier "The Revolutionary Story of Boston's John Hancock"

Left to Right: Mark Seifert, Stu Morse, Lynne Marks, Tom Pederson, Jackie Miller, Donald Dedrick, Paul Lawton, George White, Stan Marks



11/2/2024: Arizona State Board of Managers meeting Tucson Arizona
 P.G. Addington in attendance
 Left to Right: Christopher Francis, Stephen Miller, Mark Seifert, Bill Baran, Rudy Byrd, Rob Welch, P.G. Addington, John Niemeyer, Bill Aurrand, Jeff Coleman, William Walters, Rick Spargo



11/9/2024: Prescott SAR/DAR Luncheon for Veterans Day
 Guest speaker: Jim Bish President of Virginia Culpepper Chapter
 PrescottVeteransDay.png
 Left to Right: James Bish, Tom Chittenden, Bill Walters, Ron Castle, Paul Kerper, Color Guard Captain Alan White and Steve Bigelow.



11/11/2024: Phoenix Veterans Day Parade
 PhoenixVeteransDay.png
 Left to Right: Charles Pascu, Mark Seifert, Daniel Thompson, Rick Sparge, Lynne Marks, Donald Dedrick, Rob Welch, Stu Morris, Brad Hopkins, Stephen Miller

12/7/2024: Pearl Harbor Day Wreath Placement
 – Gun Barrel from the Arizona Gun Turret (with Stephen Miller)



Left to Right: Stephen Miller, Donald Dedrick, Brad Hopkins





Yosemite Chapter Color Guard at the Central Valley Veterans Day Parade, Nov 11, 2024. This was our first entry on a float. From left to right: Jim Riley, Jackson Dhindsa, Scott Nichols, Jon Russell, Harlie Smith, Randy Dhindsa.



Yosemite Chapter and Kern Chapter Colorguardsman at CASSAR Board of Manager's Meeting, Bakersfield, CA. Oct 26th, 2024. Left to Right: Scott Nichols, Yosemite Chapter President and Color Guard Commander, Jim Riley, Yosemite Chapter VP, and Arnold Burr, Kern Chapter.



Yosemite Chapter Colorguard presenting and posting the Colors at the Woodlake Cemetery, Woodlake, CA on Dec 14, 2014 for Wreaths Across America. From left to right, Jim Riley, Scott Nichols, Harlie Smith.

Below -

Combined Northern California Color Guard at DAR Wreaths Across America, State House Ceremony, California State Capitol, West Steps, Dec 9, 2024, Sacramento, CA. From left to right: Jim Riley, Harlie Smith, Derek Brown, Scott Nichols, Jim Faulkinbury, Steve Belden, Don Littlefield, John Hess, Russ Kaiser.



Florida

On 11/11/2024, the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade presented the Colors at the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Florida Merci Boxcar.



In 1947, the US collected \$40 million worth of food and clothing in donations for the hard-pressed people of France after WWII. In 1949, France sent 49 WWI era 'forty and eight' boxcars of thank-you gifts to the US. One boxcar was sent to each state, each state, with the 49th being divided between DC and Hawaii. The Florida Boxcar is permanently on display at City Hall in Holly Hill, FL, where the celebration took place.

We presented the US and French National Colors, while the US and French National Anthems were played.

The Keynote Speaker was Brigitte Jensen, Honorary Consul of France, Orlando, and the Guest Speaker was FSDAR Regent Cindy Addison.

Guardsmen (left to right):

Robin Preston, Harry Rinker, Scott Breckenridge, Bob Crawford, Will Ashmore, Kelly Crumley, Robbie Robinson, Kevin Shurte, Phil Markoe, Mike Meyer, Ken Nunelley (not shown).





Wreaths Across America, Ft Lauderdale Chapter, Pompano Beach, 12/14/2024
 Left to Right: Paul Moore, Mark Snider, Jim Clark, Kevin Shurte, Braeden Shurte, Chuck Adams.



Wreaths Across America, Jacksonville Chapter, Jacksonville National Cemetery, 12/14/2024
 Left to Right: Ken Norwood, Patrick Thomas, Gray Chandler, Josh Jolly, Paul Tucker, David Ramseur, Wayne Peters, John Roberson, Barney Thornton, Mills Ramseur, Scott Breckenridge.



Wreaths Across America, Tampa Chapter, American Legion Post #5, 12/14/2024
 Left to Right: Dick Young, Bill Swain, Joe Dato, Matt Balencie, Dwight Hamborsky, Robbie Robinson, Will Wagner-Hart.



American Warrior Radio best described the keynote speaker at the 2024 Veterans Day ceremony at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery

Special Forces Veteran Commander Sergeant Major Rick Lamb is somewhat of a legend in the community. He has led soldiers in operations spanning across 49 countries and 5 continents. He was involved in almost every major battle from Operation Eagle Claw to Operation Iraqi Freedom. Rick is a member of the SOCOM Commando Hall of Honor, the Ranger Hall of Fame and was 2015 recipient of the Bull Simmons Award for soldiers who embody the true spirit, values, and skills of a Special Operations warrior.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gDu8XJpbGaM&t=63s>

To Iowa SAR members Rick is better known as the nephew of our own David Lamb's nephew.

Pictured is Rick Lamb in the WWI uniform of his grandfather, David Lamb, center and Mike Rowley



Iowa -



Very early start did not deter member and veteran Ron Rittel from attending the Veterans Day ceremony in Van Meter

the reach of all our member volunteers who share their time, donations, talents and concern for veterans and their families often reaches farther than we even imagine.



Iowa Society Members Mike Rowley and Jim Fosse stand with a wreath before placement on the day before Veterans Day at the DAR monument in Van Meter, Iowa honoring Revolutionary War veterans buried in the State of Iowa.



Indiana -



The Indiana Society Color Guard participated in the Colonel Augustin de la Balme 244th Anniversary Commemoration on 2 NOV 2024 in Union Township, Whitley County, Indiana in conjunction with the DAR sponsored event. Augustin de la Balme and his troops were defeated by Miami Chief Little Turtle.

At Right photo depicts musket salute at the end of the program : Musket Guardsmen L to R: Thomas Whiteman, Dennis Babbitt and Safety Officer Commander Mark Kreps

Second photo depicts : Color Guard detail L to R: Gary Stebbins, Thomas S Whiteman, Jeffrey Jones, Mark Kreps, DAR Regent; Kris Richey, CAR Indiana State President: Anthony Green, Mark Daniels, and Dennis L. Babbitt.

For Anthony Green there is a youth photo release on file .



Kansas -



The Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard started off The Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard started off the last quarter on a sad note with the passing of Compatriot, and friend, John Hooker. John was a kind, loving man, which was evident with the presence of over two hundred friends, and family attending his funeral. The SAR was asked to stand vigil as friends, and family showed their respect. John, was a veteran, and Kansas Honor Flight volunteer, was laid to rest on October 1st in Hutchinson with military honors. The color guard presented the colors as Sons of the Plains president Bit Roberts sounded taps for our fallen compatriot. (photo right) Rest in Peace my friend.



As usual, the celebration of fall festivities started in Baldwin Kansas, with the Charles Robinson Chapter marching in the Maple Leaf Parade. There were an estimated thirty thousand spectators in attendance, as the SAR, and DAR handed out American flags. We proudly marched with our flags flying high. Thanks to President Jim Cooper, John More, Troy Phillips, and Thomas Jefferson president Brian Vazquez for representing the Kansas SAR. (photos right)



With the Kansas Honor Flights coming to end for the year, the SAR color guard welcomed home veterans. While the eastern guardsmen welcomed the veteran's home, (photo no 5) the mid-west guardsmen, along with Deb Hulse, DAR Smoky Hill chapter Regent, did also. (photo 6) In the small town of Long Island Kansas, the Kansas DAR worked hard on refurbishing a marker, dedicated to the 1867 Battle of Prairie Dog Creek, by the DAR in the 1930's. After several months of traveling back and forth, the ladies were finally finished with the task that they had chosen to do. Some of the SAR guardsmen had to drive several hundred miles to help with the dedication. Along with the Ft. Hays chapter members Bill Posson, John Bremer, Mike Snodgras, Sam Schnuerle, Gale Hayes, John Sherman, Prairie Minutemen chapter, John More, Charles Robinson chapter, and commander Bill Marshall. (photo above)



Being the man that he is, Past Commander Dewey Fry, has presented the colors, and lead over twenty thousand new citizens to the United States in the Pledge of Allegiance. With the help of fellow compatriots of the Delaware chapter, Monticello chapter, and the Charles Robinson chapter welcomed over four hundred new citizens in October and November. (photos Below) A big thank you to the Sagamore DAR



chapter for honoring all Vietnam veterans at the Kansas City Kansas Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall. The colors were presented and retired by the Kansas color guard, which was led by Past Delaware Crossing chapter president

Dennis Nelson, followed by past commander Dewey Fry, Monticello color guard commander Alan Martin, Clay Shropshire, Thomas Jefferson president Brian Vazquez, John More, and Jeffrey Winters. (photo Left) Veterans Day is always a busy time with all



the parades going on in our great country. The Kansas SAR participated in the oldest, and some say the largest parade, in Kansas. (photos Right) Not as big, but just as important, the Washington chapter marched in the Ark City Veterans Day parade. A big thanks to Tim Baxter for taking charge of the mid-west SAR color guard. . Konza Prairie chapter president, Doug Brabb, stepped up and took charge when I was not able to be at the Flint Hills Veterans parade this year. They made the paper this year.



(photo Below) The day prior, Doug and several SAR guardsmen also marched in the Osage City parade. With the consent of Northwest color guard commander, Mark Parks, the Kansas, and Missouri SAR presented the colors for the family of Kansas Henry Leavenworth chapter treasure, Rob Lofthouse, at his mother's grave marking. The Little Blue River DAR Chapter laid a wreath, along with the Missouri SAR in memory of Rob's mother, Elizabeth Swan Lofthouse. Thank you,

(photo Below) December 12th found the Kansas SAR helping the Henry Leavenworth chapter with their Annual Muster. The chapters color guard commander, Tom Chychota, did a great job instructing the guardsmen on when, and what he wanted of them. Monticello chapter commander presented the National colors, and other compatriots posted the flags of their respective Colonies. (photos Below).



Missouri SAR. (photo Below) The Washington Chapter was honored to have the Honorable Mayor Lily Wu of Wichita, stand with them in remembrance of Pearl Harbor. With the Mayor are guardsmen Tim Baxter, Joe Werne, Matthew Campbell, and SAR State Treasure John Schwartz.



On a different note, the Kansas SAR color guard presented the colors for the Lindsborg High School girls basketball game. (photo Below) Though we were not allowed muskets, they did allow commander Bill Marshall to present with a sword. The crowd was very enthusiastic, and appreciative. Hopefully we can do it more in the schools.



I would like to wish all my SAR compatriots, and their families a Happy New Year.



Kentucky

MANDLEY WINSTEAD GRAVE MARKING

Eight chapters of the Kentucky Society came together in Nebo, KY during a beautiful fall day on 2 November to participate in a Patriot grave marking sponsored by the Captain John Metcalfe Chapter. This was the first grave marking sponsored by the chapter. Chapter member Greg Strouse led the ceremony which was well attended by the local community and descendants to honor Patriot

Mandley Winstead. Based on the support of the Kentucky Society and the local community, the Captain John Metcalfe Chapter plans for many more grave markings in the future.

Due to the remote location of the Patriot grave, an unusual approach was taken for the ceremony. A small color guard contingent went out to the grave early in the morning and recorded the posting of the colors and wreath presentation on site. These recordings were then quickly edited and shown during the regular ceremony conducted in the sanctuary of the Nebo Christian Church. The showing of the videos coincided with the same element occurring in the church (i.e. during the posting of the colors in the church, the video of the color guard posting at the grave was shown on a screen in the sanctuary). This innovative idea was well executed and offers great potential for future events.

The color guard at the church consisted of 8 riflemen, 13 flag bearers, two drummers, and a fifer. The Kentucky SAR chapters participating in the grave marking ceremony were: the Capt. John Metcalfe, Col. Stephen Trigg, Gov. Isaac Shelby, Lt Robert Moseley, Louisville Thruston, Capt. Virgil McCracken, Capt. William Prince, and Col. Benjamin Logan. Kentucky DAR chapters participating were the Gen. John Caldwell, Lt. Robert Howson, and Capt. Stephen Ashby chapters.



The color guard posting the colors at the remote grave site of Mandley Winstead



Members of the DAR presenting their wreath at the grave site

Members of the color guard after the ceremony in the church.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CEREMONY

The Zachary Taylor National Cemetery was the site of a Wreaths Across America ceremony held on 14 December. The members of the Kentucky Society were on hand to participate in the color guard for this event to honor our Veterans.

The Zachary Taylor National Cemetery contains 11,100 Veteran interments and is also the final resting place for our 12th president, Zachary Taylor, and members of his family. The burials in the cemetery include members of the Taylor family who served in the American Revolution, War of 1812, and the American Civil War along with Veterans who served in the Spanish-America War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the Persian Gulf War.

Members of the Gov. Isaac Shelby and Louisville Thruston Chapters from the Kentucky Society participated in the color guard for the Wreaths Across America ceremony. Also participating in the color guard was the Corn Island Chapter DAR. The remainder of the color guard consisted of Vietnam Veterans, JROTC cadets (Lee Corps, Sea Cadets, and Civil Air Patrol), Colonial Dames, Trail Life USA, and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. There was a total of 53 color guard members which included four SAR riflemen carrying flintlock firearms and five Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War carrying percussion cap muzzle loaders. The gun salute was provided by the VFW Post 1170 Honor Guard. The color guard for the ceremony was organized and supervised by the Kentucky State Color Guard Commander.

The speaker for the ceremony was Brigadier General Julius Berthold – U.S. Army retired. A special moment for the day was the laying of a wreath at the tomb of President Zachary Taylor. The honor guard for this presentation were members of the Gov. Isaac Shelby and Louisville Thruston Chapters.

This was the first year at Zachary Taylor National Cemetery that a wreath was placed on every grave in the ceremony, a 30% increase in the number of wreaths from the previous year. Approximately 1,677 people attended the ceremony and placed wreaths on the graves in the cemetery.



A young attendee with members of the Gov Isaac Shelby chapter after the ceremony.

The color guard was led by members of the Gov. Isaac Shelby and Louisville Thruston chapters. (Above Right) Additional members of the Gov. Isaac Shelby and Louisville Thruston chapters participating in the color guard. (Above)

Louisiana -



Below At the annual Revolutionary War Battle Reenactment hosted by the Audubon State Historic Park/Oakley Plantation grounds, St. Francisville, LA, October 25-27, GPT-SAR Color Guardsmen (l-r) Greg Lindsly, Jeff Truax, Chris Achee, and Steve Kubicek use the Patriots Chest to explain how life was lived in the days of the Revolution. The chapter's Color Guard was invited as an educational participant group.



Below The GPT-SAR Color Guardsmen enjoyed a 3-day reenactment event with perfect weather, including hundreds of school children on Friday and the public on Saturday and Sunday. The Color Guard reported that Friday with the students was their favorite day! In this photo, Paul Bergeron, Commandant, speaks to a group of



students.

Right Paul Bergeron, GPT-SAR Color Guard Commandant, wearing the dark blue Spanish Army uniform of his Patriot, assists in prepping a cannon for firing during the Audubon Reenactment event. Bergeron is also a member of the Granaderos y Damas - La Louisiana Chapter and often participates in reenactments across the U.S.



Below The Louisiana SAR Color Guardsmen attending the Audubon Reenactment event near St. Francisville, LA, (l-r) Christopher Achee (GPT-SAR), Ted Brode, President, James Huey Chapter, West Monroe, LA), Jeff Truax (GPT-SAR), Neil Hohman (GPT-SAR), Greg Lindsly (GPT), Steve Kubicek (GPT President), Mitch Pratt (GPT-SAR), and Paul Bergeron (GPT-SAR). Stephen Estinopal, dressed in his Spanish Infantryman uniform, lead the GPT-SAR Color Guard at a Flag Certificate Award ceremony at the Capitol City Composite Squadron, Louisiana Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, June 2024.





Left (l-r) GPT-SAR Color Guardsmen Steve Kubicek and Stephen V. Estopinal, man the display table at the 20th annual Louisiana Book Festival on the Capitol Park grounds in Baton Rouge, LA. This was a first for GPT-SAR and it was a tremendous success. Many contacts were established for prospective members, new events to attend, etc. Steve's and Stephen's uniforms were a huge magnet in drawing a crowd throughout the entire 8-hour day!

Below GPT-SAR Color Guardsmen attending the 2024 Veterans Day ceremony at Baton Rouge National Cemetery were (l-r) Steve Kubicek, Jeff Truax, Stephen Estopinal, Mitch Pratt, Greg Lindsly, and Neil Hohman.



Below (l-r) GPT-SAR Chapter President Steve Kubicek, wearing his George Washington uniform, places the Chapter Wreath at the grave of General Philemon Thomas, namesake of the chapter, at the Veterans Day ceremony at Baton Rouge National Cemetery. Stephen Estopinal stands at the head of Thomas' grave.



Left The Jefferson Highway Convoy of vintage restored U.S. Military vehicles, which began its 1,000 mile trek from Canada at the beginning of the Jefferson Highway. The convoy made its way to the Louisiana State Capitol in Baton Rouge on November 23rd. Greeting them were GPT-SAR

Color Guardsmen Steve Kubicek and Jeff Truax. The next day, the convoy reached their way final destination at the end of Jefferson Highway: the National World War II

Museum in New Orleans, LA.

Below Color Guardsmen Steve Kubicek and Jeff Truax braved the heavy fog that morning to greet the convoy members.



Below Another first and a very successful event for the Color Guard of General Philemon Thomas Chapter LASSAR (GPT-SAR) was the Boston Tea Party Tea Tasting event at the Baton Rouge Main Library, Baton Rouge, LA. This was a public event hosted by the Baton Rouge Main Library.



Left (l-r) GPT-SAR Guardsmen Paul Bergeron, in his Spanish Army uniform, Jeff Truax, Neil Hohman, President Steve Kubicek, and Secretary Greg Lindsly (Drummer) stand around Gen. Philemon Thomas' grave at the Baton Rouge National Cemetery during the Wreaths Across America event, sponsored by the Blue Star Mothers.

Below Left Attending the tables at the American Revolution Experience Opening Day at the Capitol Park Museum (a Louisiana State Museum), Baton Rouge, on Saturday, 14 Dec 2024, are Seth Johnson, Vice President, and Color Guardsmen Dr. Derrick Spell, Registrar, Brad Richard, Mitch Pratt, Paul Bledsoe, and Greg Lindsly. Not shown are Guardsmen Jeff Truax, Paul Bergeron, and Neil Hohman. The chapter used 24 feet of table space to display SAR program flyers and brochures, the Patriots Chest contents, a musket, and the chapter drum. Also, two of the five teas that were thrown overboard at the Boston Tea Party were served hot. Old Glory and a chapter vertical banner stand behind the tables.



Museum visitors at the Patriots Chest table. L-r: Color Guardsmen Steve Kubicek, Paul Bledsoe, and Mitch Pratt.



Maryland

JULY 4TH -

Like many States, Color Guard member participated in multiple Events

John Paul Jones Chapter Participated in the Galesville, Maryland Independence Day Parade sponsored by the Galesville Heritage Society today. Guardsman Rick Abbott and Mark Deeds fell-in with the chapter as the Independence Day Parade wound its



way through Galesville. The show of patriotism shown by the town's people was tremendous. We had a great time and hope to add this celebration to our annual calendar. (Right)

Oct - 6 - Westminster Hall and Burying Ground, Baltimore - The SAR "Old Line" Color Guard joined the 3rd US Infantry Honor Guard Fife and Drum Corp as we Pre-



sented Colors for the Dedication of the Restored Cemetery Plaques honoring heroes of the AWI such as David Poe Grandfather of Edgar Allan and James McHenry secretary to George Washington until 1780 and Sam Smith an officer in both the AWI and War of 1812 followed with a Musket Salute. Participants included SAR "Old Line" Color Guard Ladies Auxiliary and DAR members Vicki Embrey and Lynne Moss - HUZ-ZAH to the Ladies - with Guard members Glenn Moss, David Embrey, Fred Bloch,



John Davidson.

Oct 7 - Lafayette at Fort McHenry - This was the inaugural event for Lafayette's visit to Baltimore which happened 200 years ago this day and we had the Honor to escort the Marquis and his entourage which in-



cluded the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corp along other dignitaries and visitors. The Lafayette arrives The Line included David Embrey, SSG Gareth Ainsworth, Gerry Harris, Glenn Moss, Ronnie Howard and Jason Posey along with Ladies Auxiliary members Lynne Moss and Vicki Embrey.

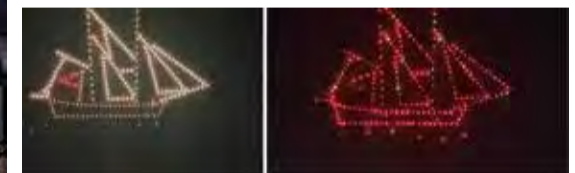
Oct 12 - 250th Carpenters' Hall, Philadelphia - 250th of First Continental Congress Commemoration - In 1774, the First Continental Congress, convening in Carpenters' Hall, issued what would be known as the "Declaration and Resolves of the First



Continental Congress." The Maryland "Old Line" Color Guard was represented by past National Commanders David Hoover and Lou Raborg along with current State Commander David Embrey. Compatriot Ken Bonner and David Embrey



Oct 13 Patterson Park, Baltimore -- Another



er "Great Day to be in Wool" for the Brigadier General Casimir Pulaski, father of the American Cavalry, Annual Wreath Laying at Patterson Park Pulaski Monument . The Color Guard included

John Davidson, Don Eberhardt and David Embrey - Advance the Colors Dismissed HUZ-ZAH to all involved. -

Oct 17 - 250 Patriot Marker at Carrollton Manor - The former home of "Signer" Charles Carroll of Carrollton, which is on the campus of Quantum Loophole in Frederick, was the site of another 250 Plaque Dedication by the Maryland DAR with SAR



“Old Line” Color Guard support of Colors and Musket Salute. The Line included Paul Turlington, Rick Abbot, Gerry Harris, Glenn Moss and David Embrey (pic 5-1) Fire (pic 5-2) Taps (pic 5-3)

Oct 19 – 250 Burning of the Peggy Stuart - - 250 years ago this day, the Burning of the Peggy Stuart occurred, our Annapolis Tea Party and Color Guard members David Embrey, Drummer Noah and Jason Posey were part of the crowd of outraged citizens that demanded the burning, with a drone show to simulate the burning.



Oct 19 – VFW Flag Retirement – The Color Guard joined the Charles Carroll Chapter and participated in the Yingling-Ridgelt VFW & Auxiliary Post 7472 Flag Retirement Ceremony in Ellicott City by rendering Honors with a Musket Salute by David Embrey. The Union part of the flag is always burned last and intact followed by the Musket Salute



Ladies Auxiliary member Vicki Embrey portrayed milliner Jane Nelson (pic 8-1) with her latest fashions in hats, laces and trims in her shop at 43 Pinkney Street and shared what Ms. Nelson had to say about the ban on imported goods 250 years ago as part of Historic Annapolis Peggy Stewart 250 events. HUZDAH to all involved.

Oct 19 – Historical Annapolis - DAR and Color Guard



Nov 2 – Partners in Care Maryland Bull and Oyster Roast - - John Davidson, Dave Embrey, Rick Abbott and Glenn Moss presenting and posting colors for Partners in Care 30th Anniversary Celebration. Fifer Dave provided the tunes as guests rose to greet us as we entered the facility. As we exited the stage Fifer Dave played a rendition of Yankee Doodle to a rousing applause from the audience Present

Nov 10 - Veterans Day Celebration, Columbia - It's always an honor to participate in the Veterans Day events by rendering Honors with a Musket Salute for the annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the Lake Front in Columbia Maryland. Guardsmen included, David Embrey and Gerald Harris, fire

Dec 7 - - John Paul Jones Chapter Wreath Laying It s a fine day on the USN Academy grounds as the Color Guard formed to support the Annual John Paul Jones



Michigan -

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The West Michigan Chapter of the Michigan Society participated in Wreaths Across America December 14 at the Grand Rapids Veterans Cemetery. Pictured from left to right: Michigan State Commander John Lepisto, Guardsman Mark Chamberlain, National 1st Adjutant Ken Goodson, Guardsman Dave Hill and Eric Winters and as a group honored those Veterans lost.



Missouri -

PATRIOT GRAVE MARKING - CAPT. WILLIAM ALEXANDER

MOSSAR, under the direction of host chapter Spirit of St. Louis, performed a first-time grave marker dedication at the grave of Capt. William Alexander, Farmington, Missouri. Greetings were brought by VPG James Osborn on behalf of PG Darryl Addington. A Resolution was presented by Reps White (Dist 116) & Henderson.



William Alexander was born in Lincoln County NC, he served in the 4th North Carolina Regiment, formed in January 1776, where it saw action at Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, and the siege of Charleston. The patriot moved to Jefferson County in 1817. For his war service, in 1821 the Missouri assembly conveyed land to him in Farmington. His family owned as much as 700 acres, which includes the location of the family cemetery land in the city of Farmington. Members of the Buckley Family, descendants of the patriot, received the proclamation, to be given to the library for permanent public display. Guest speaker Dr. Ryan Johnston, a veteran, delivered a complete historical review of the patriot's service, and his contribution to St. Francois County. Local Scout Troop 247 placed the wreath and unveiled the SAR marker at the gravestone. The event concluded with a Color Guard musket salute. The Sarah Barton Murphy DAR Chapter hosted refreshments for attendees. The DAR honored and marked the grave site June 9, 1916. Over the past century the small cemetery fell into disrepair, several stones broken or fallen over. Dr. Johnston undertook a restoration project using grant money to repair and clean stones, and where needed reset into a solid base.



Participating MOSSAR Color Guard: J Wayne Merrill (MGC), Terry Grogan (SSL), Matthew Toeniskoetter (ALO), Steve Biggs (SSL), Daniel Evans (FDL), Daniel Call (SSL), Bob Midyett (SSL), Jeffrey Willey (SSL), Brad Frazier (OPC), Doug Anderson (SSL), Ben Crouch (FDL), Kevin Hulsey (SSL), Gary LeClaire (SSL), Dan Piedlow (OMC), Dan Piedlow Jr (OMC), Don Turner (OPC), Steven Perkins (OMC). Scout Troop 247 Farmington-Wyatt Schaffer, Ethan Schaeffer, Remington Radcliff.

Chapter's Wreath Laying at the Crypt of John Paul Jones - Naval Academy Chapel - Annapolis. Maryland - Color Guard included - David Embrey, Glenn Moss, Rick Abbott, Ronnie Howard, Geof

Nebraska -

BATTLE OF POINT PLEASANT

Nebraska Vice President and Color Guard Commander, Paul Burreight, and State Registrar and Omaha Chapter Color Guard Lieutenant, Mark Byars, traveled to Point Pleasant, West Virginia for the October 10 celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Point Pleasant. Both Compatriots are descended from Patriot ancestors who fought in the battle, and both were excited to be able to participate in the National Color Guard that was assembled for the event, and to honor their ancestors who fought on that hallowed ground 250 years ago.

Left - - On November 10, the Nebraska SAR color guard marched in the Lincoln Veteran's Day Parade in downtown Lincoln, NE. This is an annual event on our calendar, and we had participation from members of the Lincoln Chapter helping to carry our parade banner and walking with the color guard through the parade.

Right - - On a cold and foggy December 15, we presented the colors at the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Omaha. Due to an ice storm the night before, the ceremony at Prospect Hill was postponed to Dec 15. Prospect Hill is Omaha's pioneer cemetery, and one of the oldest cemeteries in Nebraska. After the ceremony, the color guard members helped to place wreaths on the numerous veteran graves throughout the cemetery, including Champion S. Chase, Colonel in the Civil War, and Nebraska SAR's first State President in 1890.



Wood and Kevin Nietmann,



Dec 14 – Wreaths Across America -



Good Shepherd Cemetery, Ellicott City – This was the first year of SAR Color Guard participation at Good Shepherd and it certainly will not be the last as past CG Commander David Embrey rendered Honors with the Musket Salute Taps

NEVADA EVENTS

On Veterans Day, November 11th, six members of the Battle Born Patriots (BBP) Chapter Color Guard appeared at the Veterans Day Parade in downtown Reno, NV. These six members were: Rob Stoecklin (State President), Donn Dalton (BBP Chapter President), Rog Linscott (BBP CG Cdr), Jim Linscott, Rafael Ortiz, and Joe McCoy.

Later that same week, the BBP color guard presented the colors at the BBP chapter's inaugural Liberty Awards Dinner on Saturday, Nov 16th. This event was conducted to award two \$1500 grants for several outstanding high school students from northern Nevada, with this year's recipients being Riley Haymond and Richard Marvin Bousman. In fundraising efforts to benefit future awards, the evening included a raffle contest for a new Pedersoli Brown Bess musket, and the auctioning of a video poker machine. The guardsmen presenting the colors at this event were Rafael Ortiz, Jim Linscott, Rob Stoecklin, Donn Dalton, Bernie Hamm, and Rog Linscott, BBP Chapter's color guard commander.

Wreaths Across America

The Battle Born Patriots (BBP) Chapter Color Guard participated in several Wreaths Across America (WAA) events in northern Nevada on Saturday Dec. 14th, 2024. Fernley, Nevada: The first of these WAA ceremonies was held at 9:00 a.m. at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery (NNVMC), located in Fernley, Nevada. The SAR color guard was represented there by uniformed Compatriots David Hess, Jim Linscott, Rog Linscott, and Art Salt. These chapter members reverently placed a wreath at the columbarium site for their former BBP color guard member, Compatriot Brian Worcester, who was a US Navy veteran of the 1960's, who was present at the Bay of Pigs and the Cuban Missile Crisis. Brian was also a past VPG Western District, Nevada Society SAR President, and BBP Chapter President.

Reno, Nevada: A second WAA event which the BBP color guard attended, was held at 12:00 noon, at the Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery (G.A.R.C.) in Reno, Nevada. This cemetery contains the gravesites of 115 deceased Union Veterans of the Civil War. This G.A.R. ceremony was hosted by the SAR BBP Chapter in conjunction with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) Camp 25, of Reno, Nevada.

Representing the SAR in attendance were BBP color guard members David Hess, Jim Linscott, Joe McCoy, Rob Stoecklin, and color guard commander Rog Linscott. Several other BBP members attended in Union Civil War uniforms, representing their dual membership in the SUVCW in remembrance of the Union veterans buried at the Reno G.A.R. cemetery. These members were Jay Dickey, David Perdue, and Donn Dalton.

BBP Compatriot Rob Stoecklin, the SAR Nevada Society President, was the Master of Ceremonies. He spoke of the importance of the WAA's goal to remember, honor, and teach, upholding the memory of the service and sacrifices of present and past men and women of our great country's military services.

The BBP Color Guard performed the Flag Raising ceremony, and Compatriot Donn Dalton, BBP Chapter President, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ceremonial wreaths for each of the nation's services were then laid by children volunteering from among the spectators and participants. The Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine were recognized with their wreaths.

Nevada -

Bugler Jim Gardner of the Northern Nevada War Veterans Memorial Association then performed a stirring rendition of Taps before the numerous attendees placed WAA Remembrance Wreaths at each of the veterans' graves. Owing to driving snow and sleet weather conditions, no musket salute was performed this year.

Photo 1: BBP Chapter, Nov 11-2024 Reno Veterans Day Parade. Left to Right: Abby Hammond, Roger Linscott, Rafael Ortiz, Donn Dalton, Joe McCoy, Jim Linscott, Rob Stoecklin, Danny Hammond, photo by Wendy Hammond.



Photo 2: BBP Chapter, Nov 11-2024 Reno Veterans Day Parade. Left to Right: Abby Hammond, Roger Linscott, Rafael Ortiz, Donn Dalton, Joe McCoy, Jim Linscott, Rob Stoecklin, Danny Hammond, photo by Wendy Hammond.



Photo 3: BBP Chapter CG Presenting Colors, Nov 16-2024 at BBP Liberty Awards, Reno Elks Lodge. L-R: Roger Linscott, Bernie Hamm. Photo by S.Linscott



Photo 4: BBP Chapter CG, Nov 16-2024 at BBP Liberty Awards Dinner, Reno Elks Lodge. L-R: Jim Linscott, Rafael Ortiz. In Background are members Donn Dalton, Rob Stoecklin, Bernie Hamm, and R.Linscott. Photo by S.Linscott



Photo 5: BBP Chapter CG, Nov 16-2024 at BBP Liberty Awards Dinner, Reno Elks Lodge. L-R: BBP Treas. Jim McLane, Essay Contest Winner Riley Haymond, BBP Pres. Donn Dalton. Photo by Rich. Schori, Photo Release Signed.



Photo 6: BBP Chapter CG, Dec 14-2024 at WAA event, NNVMC, Fernley NV. L-R Art Salt, Jim Linscott, David Hess, Rog Linscott. Photo by S.Linscott.



Photo 7: BBP Chapt. CG, Dec 14-2024 at WAA event, NNVMC, Fernley NV, at Compatriot Worcester's columbarium site. Saluting, L-R David Hess, Rog Linscott, Art Salt, Jim Linscott. Photo by S.Linscott.



PHOTO 8: BBP Chapt. CG with SUVCW Camp 25 CG, 12-14-2024, at WAA event, Reno G.A.R. Cemetery



PHOTO 9: BBP CG, 12-14-2024, WAA event, Reno G.A.R. Cemetery. Bugler Jim Gardner of NNWVMA, Reno, NV



Photo 10: BBP Chapt. CG, Dec 14-2024 at WAA event, GAR Cemetery, Reno, NV, M.C. Rob Stoecklin, NVSSAR Pres. Photo by Angela Haakinson.



Photo 11: BBP Chapt. CG, Dec 14-2024 at WAA event, GAR Cemetery, Reno, NV. L-R Jim Linscott, Rob Stoecklin, Jay Dickey, Cody Ehlers, David Hess, Rog Linscott. Photo by Angela Haakinson.



New Hampshire -

VERMONT GRAVE MARKING

Members of the NHSAR Color Guard joined with VTSAR to honor Rev War Patriots Hezekiah Sanderson and Ephraim Spencer interred in the Gilson Cemetery and Patriots Jesse Burk, Joshua Cone, Joel Holton, Peter Lovejoy, John Morse and Street Richards in the Old Center Cemetery. The ceremony concluded by ringing the bell and announcing all 43 Patriots interred in the Westminster, Vermont Cemeteries. Photographs by Obe Lisia.

L-R: NHSAR Compatriot Thomas Gray, (hand o flag) and NHSAR Guardsmem Curtis Hermann and Brush Bradley (red tie) review details VTSAR Past President, Randy Robertson preparation of the ceremony at the Gilson Cemetery.



L-R: NHSAR Guardsmen Curtis Hermann, Doug Wood, Hans Jackson and Richard Wright at Mourn Arms while NVSAR President Robert Stoecklin announces the name and SAR Compatriot Ron Stoecklin rings the bell for each of the 43 Patriots interred in the Westminster Cemeteries.



BLACK HERITAGE TAIL MARKER

The New Hampshire sons of the American Revolution joined with the Black Heritage Trail New Hampshire and the Dunbarton Historical Historical Awareness Committee to unveil a marker to honor Scipio Page, a black Patriot who served in both the French and Indian War and the Revolutionary War. Scipio was the enslaved man of Captain Caleb Page (Major General John Stark's father in law) and went on to lead a Black militia spanning four towns. Photographs by Dan Comly.

L-R: Guardsmen Robert Chesley, Curtis Hermann, Al Lamson, Barry Lewis and Doug Wood.



Page Salute:L-R: Guardsmen Curtis Hermann (partially obscured), Doug Wood, Barry Lewis, Bob Chesley and Al Lamson (obscured) provide the musket salute



WARNER FALL FOLIAGE FESTIVAL

The NHSAR Color Guard Members joined with the Warner American Legion Post 39 to escort the Colors as they lead the Grande Parade to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the founding of Warner, New Hampshire

Warner Group Back Row L-R: Guardsmen Barry Lewis and Douglas Wood, (members of American Legion Post 39), Guardsmen Curtis Hermann, Hans Jackson and Al Lamson.



NHSAR Guardsmen escorting the Colors.



HONORING NEW HAMPSHIRE'S BLACK REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERANS

Members of the NHSAR Color Guard joined with the Piscataqua Rangers Fife & Drum Corps to present the colors and provide a 3 volley musket salute for the NH DAR's ceremony to honor New Hampshire's Black Revolutionary War Veterans. Photographs by Dick Baynes.

Left - -DAR_Black Patriots_Colors L-R: Guardsmen Barry Lewis (partially obscured), Paul Ford (obscured), Al Lamson (obscured), Hans Jackson (partially obscured), DAR Lois Hermann, Guardsman Bob Chesley.
Right -DAR_Black Patriots_Musket SaluteL-R: NHSAR Guardsmen Bob Chesley (obscured), Paul Ford (partially obscured), Barry Lewis, (obscured), DAR Lois Hermann, (partially obscured), Guardsmen Hans Jackson and Curtis Hermann.



VETERANS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

The New Hampshire SAR, Molly Stark Chapter DAR and John Stark Society CAR sponsored their annual Veterans Appreciation Luncheon on on November 9, 2024 in Manchester New Hampshire. 120 attendees honored the service of over 45 veterans, highlighted by the presentation of a Quilt of Valor to Compatriot Richard Wright. Photographs by Trish Jackson

VAL_Retire Colors:L-R: Guardsman Curtis Hermann, NHSAR Compatriots Russell Cumbee (US Flag) and Hans Jackson, Molly Stark Chapter Daughter Paetra Brailsford, unknown Boy Scout, NHSAR Compatriot Doug Wood and Molly Stark Daughter Linda Wood.



VAL_Vets: Group photo of the many of the Veterans in attendance.



MANCHESTER CITY MARATHON

The NHSAR Color Guardsmen Barry Lewis, Russell Cumbee and Curtis Hermann were joined by Molly Stark Chapter DAR Daughter Lois Hermann to officially start the Manchester City Marathon on November 10th. Also present to support the Honor Guard were Lydia Cumbee and NHSAR Compatriots Dennis Walsh and Richard Baynes. Photographs by Richard Baynes and Lydia Cumbee

Marathon_Group:L-R: Guardsman Russell Cumbee, DAR Daughter Lois Hermann and Guardsmen Curtis Hermann and Barry Lewis join the marathon race volunteers for a group shot before the race.



Marathon_Present Arms



VETERANS DAY SERVICES

The New Hampshire SAR Color Guard fired musket salutes as part of ceremonies held to honor the service and sacrifices of all Veterans. Guardsmen Dennis Walsh, Douglas Wood participated in a ceremony at Dunbarton, NH. Guardsmen Russell Cumbee, Ron White and Curtis Hermann participated in the ceremony at Troy, NH. Photos by Lydia Cumbee

Troy Vday_Group: L-R: NHSAR Compatriot Richard Wright, Guardsmen Curtis Hermann, Ron White and Russell Cumbee, American Legion Post Commander



Troy Vday_Salute1: Group photo of the many of the Veterans in attendance.



250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RAID ON FORT WILLIAM & MARY

Members of the NHSAR Color Guard joined the 1st NH and other reenactment groups to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the powder raid of Fort William and Mary in New Castle, NH on December 14th, 2024, 250 years to the day of actual event. The event started with Paul Revere arriving in Portsmouth, NH to warn the Committee of Safety. British ships were on their way to remove the powder, cannon and arms from Fort William and Mary. The militia then marched to the fort and overpowered the garrison, removed the powder and struck the Kings Colors. Photographs by Justin Murray, Lois Hermann and Brush Bradley.

FWM_CG with PR: Participants gather with Paul Revere after his ride into Portsmouth, NH. Back Row: Bob Allegretto as Paul Revere riding Egypt. In front, L-R: Lois Hermann (DAR), NHSAR Guardsmen Paul Ford, Curtis Hermann, Hans Jackson and Bob Chesley.



LITTLETON, NEW HAMPSHIRE CHRISTMAS PARADE

Compatriots of the NHSAR and the Daughters of the Molly Stark Chapter DAR participated in the 37 annual Littleton, NH Christmas Parade on the 29th of November.

Littleton Xmas_Group: L-R: Russell Cumbee (SAR), Lois Hermann (DAR), Kevin Stewart (SAR), Sean Walsh (SAR), Dennis Walsh (SAR), Susan Baynes (SAR), Barry Lewis (SAR), Curtis Hermann (SAR) and James Veach (SAR). Not pictured are Ron White (SAR) and Kirsten White (DAR).



Littleton Xmas_Parade 1: L-R: Russell Cumbee, Lois Hermann, Kirsten White (obstructed), Dennis Walsh, Sean Walsh, Curtis Hermann and Ron White.



FWM_Removing Barrels: After storming the Fort and overpowering the garrison, the militia removed about 100 barrels of black powder. Portraying militia raiders removing barrels are L-R: Unknown, NHSAR Guardsmen Bob Chesley and Curtis Hermann.



ARRIVAL OF POWDER BARRELS AT NEWMARKET

Members of NHSAR and the 18th Dover Regiment prepare to carry barrels of black powder, taken during the raid at Fort William and Mary and received in Newmarket, to the town meeting house for safe keeping. L-R: Curtis Hermann (NHSAR), Ron White (NHSAR), Bob Chesley (NHSAR), Sharon Beals (18th Dover), Hans Jackson (NHSAR), Doc Welch (18th Dover), Dennis Walsh (NHSAR), Dave Welch (18th Dover), Dale Sylvia (18th Dover), Matthew Sylvia (18th Dover), Mason Gower (18th Dover), Barry Lewis (NHSAR) and Jeff Durell (18th Dover). Farm Days event with SAR & Revolutionary War information booths. They also provided musket volley demonstrations throughout the day.

Newmarket_Group: L-R: Curtis Hermann (NHSAR), Ron White and Bob Chesley. (18th Dover) Hans Jackson (NHSAR), (18th Dover), Dennis Walsh (NHSAR), Dave Welch (18th Dover). Dale Sylvia (18th Dover), (18th Dover), (18th Dover), Barry Lewis (NHSAR) and Jeff Durell (18th Dover)



WAD_Salute: L-R: Don Larson (WAD Chairman), NHSAR Guardsmen Richard Wright and Dennis Walsh (obscured)



Newmarket_Pulpit: The militia form a "bucket brigade" to pass the powder barrels to the pulpit for safe keeping for later use. Town records document at least one barrel was sent to Bunker Hill.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The New Hampshire SAR joined the Molly Stark Chapter DAR in a Wreaths Across America Ceremony at Pine Grove Cemetery in Manchester, NH. The attendees braved the 15 degree temperatures to conduct a wreath laying ceremony to honor each branch of the service before placing wreaths through out the cemetery. Photographs by Trish Jackson, Abigail Ladd and Patricia Wright.

WAA_Group: Members of the Molly Stark Chapter DAR, tNHSAR Compatriots, and local residents gathered in 15 degree weather to honor the veterens interred in the Pine Grove Cemetery in Manchester, NH.



WREATHS ACROSS DUNBARTON

For the 8th consecutive year, NHSAR has supported Wreaths Across Dunbarton, NH. Guardsmen provided a musket salute for the wreath laying ceremony at the Caleb Stark statue before they joined SAR Compatriots helping to place wreaths at the Center Cemetery.

WAD_Group: L-R: Al Lamson (SAR), Don Larson (WAD Chairman), Dan Rinden (SAR), James Veach (SAR), NHSAR Guardsmen Richard Wright and Dennis Walsh, John Ginsberg (SAR), and Elwin Spray (SAR).



WAA_Salute2: NHSAR Guardsmen are joined by Lois Hermann, Molly Stark Chapter DAR to provide a 3 volley musket salute in honor of the veterans. Front to back: Guardsman Curtis Hermann, DAR Daughter Lois Hermann and NHSAR Guardsman Bob Chesley, Ron White and Hans Jackson.





New Jersey -

The Color Guard of the New Jersey Society Sons of the American Revolution had a very busy fall topped by five National SAR Historic Sites and Celebrations events, plus the 250th Anniversary of the First Continental Congress (in Philadelphia) and 250th Anniversary of the Greenwich, N.J., Tea Burning, the annual commemoration of the Abandonment of Fort Lee, Wreaths Across America, Veterans Day and other events. Here is a look at some of those events.

THE BATTLE OF CHESTNUT NECK

Let's start in South Jersey near the present-day community of Port Republic. The Col. Richard Somers Chapter hosted the annual memorial of the Battle of Chestnut Neck, a National SAR event, on Saturday Oct. 5th at 10 am at Chestnut Neck. On Oct. 6, 1778, British Capt. Patrick Ferguson led an attack on Chestnut Neck, N.J., a base for privateers on what is now known as the Mullica River near the present-day city of Port Republic, N.J.. When captured ships were brought in, the goods went overland to George Washington at Valley Forge. The British burned homes, destroyed 10 captured ships and destroyed whatever confiscated goods they could not carry off. Nevertheless, the port was back in business as soon as the British withdrew.



From left, NJSSAR Color Guard Commander Jay Hershey, Adjutant Richard Serfass, James Howard, Charles Morgan, Carl Hausman, Clark McCulloch, Ken McGill, participated in the annual Col. Richard Somers Chapter memorial of the Battle of Chestnut Neck on Saturday Oct. 5th, a National SAR level event.

In attendance were Richard Somers Chapter President Mike Mangum, NJSSAR Color Guard Commander Jay Hershey and Adjutant Richard Serfass, Lieutenant James Howard, Carl Hausman, Clark McCulloch, Charlie Morgan, Ken McGill and Larry Nelson. Port Republic Mayor Nikki Giberson also attended and gave remarks about the battle and its historic importance.

THE BATTLE OF RED BANK

On Oct. 22, 1777, some 400 Americans dug in at Fort Mercer, a strategic post on the New Jersey side of the Delaware River south of Philadelphia, came under attack by a large force of Hessians. The attack was part of the British effort to keep open supply lines to an occupied Philadelphia, captured by the British the previous month. An estimated 1,500 Hessians attacked the fort, defended by the 1st and 2nd Rhode Island, made up largely of African-American soldiers. The Hessians suffered over 500 casualties, the Continentals suffered 14 killed.

On Oct. 20, in a National SAR Color Guard Event at Red Bank Battlefield Park in National Park, N.J., the NJSSAR Color Guard participated in an annual memorial service honoring the Continental and Hessian fallen at Red Bank. American victories at Red Bank and at Saratoga (earlier the same month, on Oct. 7, 1777) showed the Europeans that the American Revolution was not a lost cause. Soon after these victories, France and Spain joined the American cause providing much needed funding, supplies, arms, and support

Those attending from the NJSSAR included James Howard, president of the South Jersey Chapter and host of the event, past chapter president and adjutant Richard Serfass, Color Guard Commander Jay Hershey and color guardsmen Earl Grondyke, Larry Nelson, Carl Hausman, Dave Tinker, Peter Moller and former NJSSAR

President Charles Morgan. And from Pennsylvania, the PASSAR Color Guard Commander Fred Fonseca.

SAR Color Guard from New Jersey and Pennsylvania teamed up for the memorial ceremony honoring the fallen at The Battle Red Bank held each year at Red Bank Battlefield Park, on the New Jersey side of the Delaware River.



VETERANS DAY REMEMBRANCE OF GOVERNOR LIVINGSTON

On Veterans Day, Nov. 11, the NJSSAR Color Guard was honored to be part of a ceremony rededicating a monument to wartime governor William Livingston, a delegate to the Continental Congress, firebrand for freedom and military leader during Revolutionary War. The monument stands in front of the colonial-era Livingston home that served as the governor's mansion during the Revolutionary War, now known as Liberty Hall, on the campus of Kean University in Union, N.J. Governor Livingston was Brigadier General of the New Jersey State Militia in addition to being the first state governor of New Jersey.



NJSSAR Color Guard Sergeant Ed Glidden, Gary Beauregard and Frank Hadley were among those who attended a Veterans Day ceremony honoring William Livingston, New Jersey's Revolutionary War-time Governor and Brigadier General of the New Jersey State Militia, at the governor's mansion, now known as Liberty Hall, in Union, N.J.

COUNTDOWN TO INDEPENDENCE

On Wednesday, Nov. 20, at Ocean County Courthouse in Tom's River, N.J., the NJSSAR Color Guard helped celebrate the county's Countdown to Independence and our nation's 250th birthday. In addition to the NJSSAR Color Guard, Michael T. Mangum, President of the Richard Somers Chapter was present along with representatives of the Captain Joshua Huddy Chapter of the New Jersey Daughters of the American Revolution. Ocean County during the Revolution served as a base for privateers of Chestnut Neck and was the scene in 1778 of both the Battle of Chestnut Neck and the Little Egg Harbor Massacre. The Cedar Bridge Tavern, in Barnegat Township, is considered by some to be the location of the last skirmish of the American Revolution.

THE ABANDONMENT OF FORT LEE

On Saturday, Nov. 23, the NJSSAR Color Guard performed a wreath presentation commemorating the Abandonment of Fort Lee on Nov. 20, 1776. The wreath presentation in Monument Park at noon included the participation of the Brigade of the American Revolution and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Fort Lee stood on the crest of the Hudson Palisades across the Hudson River from Fort Washington, which sat at the north end of Manhattan. Fort Lee's abandonment to the British shortly after the surrender of Fort Washington marked the end of a disastrous New York theater of operations for the Americans. But it also marked the beginning of a proverbial turning of the tide: Washington's strategic retreat across New Jersey and the stunning U.S. victories at Trenton and Princeton. Attending the ceremony for NJSSAR were State Secretary Edward Glidden and Quartermaster Gary Beauregard, Abraham Clark Chapter President Chris Sands and Captain Abraham Godwin Chapter President George Wright. Fort Lee Mayor Mark Sokolich also was present and spoke about the event and its historic importance.

Color Guard members Ed Glidden, Frank Hadley and Chris Sands at the 248th anniversary of the Abandonment of Fort Lee, which occurred Nov. 20, 1776. The ceremony takes place in Monument Park in what is now downtown Fort Lee, N.J. Fort Lee's abandonment was the start of Washington's strategic retreat across New Jersey which led to the stunning U.S. victories at Trenton and Princeton.



THE WREATH LAYING FOR WASHINGTON'S CROSSING

Every year, the reenactment of the Crossing of the Delaware stages a dress rehearsal on a Sunday early in December. For the original Crossing, on December 25, 1776, the most consequential day in American history, there was no dress rehearsal. George Washington's biggest gamble of the Revolutionary War took place in freezing darkness during a nor'easter and led immediately to a nine-mile march through ice and snow hauling cannons to Trenton. This feat, amazing in itself, led to the surprise, defeat and capture of an entire garrison of Hessian soldiers, thus reversing the course of the until-then disastrous Revolutionary War.

Those attending this year's wreath laying on December 8, the first part of the National SAR Event The Ten Crucial Days, included SAR Secretary General Michael J. Elston, NJSSAR State Historian and President of the Princeton-Cranbury Chapter Roger Williams, NJSSAR Color Guard Commander Jay Hershey, and PASSAR Color Guard Commander Fred Fonseca, who led the combined detail of the PASSAR, NJSSAR and ESSAR Color Guards.



Right From left, NSSAR Secretary General Michael J. Elston, NJSSAR Color Guard Commander Jay Hershey. PASSAR Color Guard Commander Fred Fonseca. Left Combined SAR Color Guard from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York took part in the wreath-laying ceremony honoring Washington's Crossing on Dec. 8, 2024.

250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TEA BURNING RIOT AT GREENWICH, NJ

On Dec. 22, 1774, a group of colonists in Greenwich, N.J., set fire to a shipment of tea in protest against the same British tax that had inspired a similar action by a group of Boston colonists the previous year in the famous Boston Tea Party. Protests of "no taxation without representation" were the rallying cry in similar protests against British tea in Philadelphia, New York and Charleston, S.C.

On Dec. 22, 2024, the NJSSAR Color Guard observed the 250th anniversary of the original Greenwich Tea Burning with a wreath laying in a ceremony held at the Greenwich Tea Burning Monument along with the New Jersey Daughters of the American Revolution and its Greenwich Tea Burning Chapter, representatives of Cumberland County Commission, the Cumberland County Historical Society and Greenwich Tea Burners Tea. Exactly 250 years after the Greenwich Tea Burning in Greenwich, N.J., the NJSSAR Color Guard honored the early patriots of colonial New Jersey who by their actions protested "taxation without representation."

BATTLES OF TRENTON AND ASSUNPINK CREEK

There were two Battles of Trenton, though most people don't know it. The first, known simply as The Battle of Trenton, December 26, 1776, was the surprise attack that shocked the Hessians and British and restored American faith that the Revolution could still be won. The Second Battle of Trenton, aka The Battle of Assunpink Creek, on Jan. 2, 1777, ended as a standoff but managed to hold at bay the British forces led by Lord Charles Cornwallis and set the table for another key American victory the next day, The Battle of Princeton, on Jan. 3.

The two Battles of Trenton make up the middle portion of the National SAR event known as The Ten Crucial Days, and were the focus of two wreath-laying ceremonies on Dec. 28 by Revolutionary War societies led by NJSSAR. The first was held at the Trenton Battle Monument, a 148-foot granite column designed by John H. Duncan, the architect of Grant's Tomb. NJSSAR Historian and President of the Princeton-Cranbury Chapter Roger Williams presided, assisted by Acting NJSSAR Color Guard Commander Ed Glidden. Commander Glidden led a detail of New Jersey and Pennsylvania SAR Color Guard consisting of Earl Groendyke and Chris Sands from New Jersey, and Chris Snyder and Spencer Snyder from Pennsylvania. Representatives of the New Jersey Sons of the Revolution participated as well. The second wreath laying was at Assunpink Creek, roughly half a mile away, in a green space preserved as Mill Hill Park, Trenton.

On Jan. 2, 1777, at the end of hours of cannon and musket fire as the two armies pummeled each other across Assunpink Creek on Jan. 2, Gen. Cornwallis is reported to have famously said to his troops, "We will bag the fox in the morning," referring to George Washington. Washington, as it turns out, had other plans.



Battles of Trenton

At the Trenton Battle Monument on December 28, laying a wreath from the NJSSAR, NJDAR, Sons of the Revolution and Society of the Cincinnati, and presenting the colors: From left, Sons of the Revolution Past President Dr. Rob Olsen and Current President Ken McKeever; Roger Williams, NJSSAR Historian and President of the Princeton-Cranbury Chapter; ESSAR Colorguardsman Chris Snyder from the Philadelphia Continental Chapter; NJSSAR Colorguardsman Earl Groendyke; NJSSAR Acting Color Guard Commander Ed Glidden; Spencer Snyder from ESSAR; and NJSSAR Colorguardsman and President of the NJSSAR's Abraham Clark Chapter Chris Sands.

New Mexico -

On 08 Nov, Compatriots of the Gadsden chapter gave a presentation on the Revolutionary War - weapons and tactics, to a home school group at Veterans Memorial Park in Las Cruces, NM. After the presentation, the children held a mock battle to put into action what they learned.

L-R: Compatriots Harry Murray, Bob Sherman, Tanner Guskey, Robert E. Vance



L-R: Compatriots TJ Vallejos, Bill Kinsella (Speaking on the Spanish soldiers in the



Presidio in Santa Fe, NM), Robert E. Vance

Compatriot Tanner Guskey supporting his troops in battle. Photos courtesy Cheryl Vance



On 09 Nov, the Gadsden chapter was represented in the Veterans Day Parade in Las Cruces, NM.

Left Compatriot Harry Murray with the Betsy Ross flag. Photo courtesy Shannon Franks



Below L-R: Compatriots Robert E. Vance, Tanner Guskey, Harry Murray, TJ Vallejos, Bill Kinsella, WOSAR Andrea Vallejos



Photo courtesy Don Berger



On 23 Oct, the Three Rivers chapter NM SAR along with the Desert Gold chapter DAR dedicated a liberty tree and plaque at Berg Park in Farmington, NM. L-R: Compatriots Robert E. Vance, Douglas Smith, Kris Jones, Cecil Scales, George Brenton, Elliott Hebert, Clifford Roberts Photo courtesy Cheryl Vance

“On Saturday, December 14, 2024, members of the Gadsden Chapter - New Mexico SAR Color Guard, (group photo L-R) William “Bill” Kinsella, Robert E. Vance, Tanner Guskey and Glen Porter participated in the Wreaths Across America activities at the Fort Bayard National Cemetery, Fort Bayard, NM.

For the 7th year in a row, family members and volunteers were able to place a wreath at every veteran’s marker at Fort Bayard, 4900 this year.

In addition to posting with the Colors at the entrance gate to the Cemetery and participating in the Remembrance Ceremony, more than 45 Vietnam War veterans were honored and presented commemorative Vietnam War Veteran lapel pins.”

(Photos courtesy Cheryl Vance)

Markers with wreaths at Fort Bayard National Cemetery



7055 - Gadsden - NM SAR Color Guard members (L-R): William “Bill” Kinsella; Robert E. Vance; Tanner Guskey; Glen Porter



9890 - Compatriot Tanner Guskey stands ready to present Vietnam War Veteran lapel pins to honor Vietnam War veterans.



9887 - Compatriot Robert E. Vance presents a wreath to 1 of 10 service representatives to lay at the Remembrance Ceremony



9762 - Compatriot Robert E. Vance presents Vietnam War Veteran lapel pins to 2 of the more than 45 Vietnam War veterans who were honored with this presentation.



4995 - Compatriot Tanner Guskey presents a Vietnam War Veteran lapel pin to a Native American Vietnam War veteran. Thank you,





VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day, Jacksonville Chapter, First Baptist Church, 11/10/2024
 Left to Right: Paul Tucker, Jim Gaskins, Gray Chandler, Mills Ramseur, Barney Thornton, Darryl Ingle, David Ramseur



Veterans Day, Jacksonville Chapter, City of Jacksonville Veterans Day Parade, 11/11/2024
 Left to Right: Front row: Mills Ramseur-David Ramseur
 Middle Row: Paul Tucker-Gray Chandler-R W Peters-Rick Sanders-Barney Thornton-Josh Jolly
 Back Row: Dick Cardel-Ken Norwood-nonmember-John Roberson



Veterans Day, Naples Chapter, 11/11/2024
 Left to Right: Mike Garey, Joseph Uhlrich, Jim Meerpohl



New York -



Veterans Day, Okeechobee Chapter, 11/11/2024

Left to Right: Dowling Watford, Brian Bray, Don Hanna, Paul Houlihan.

Veterans Day, Tampa Chapter, Veterans Day Parade, 11/11/2024
 Left to Right: Tim Shaner, Robbie Robinson, Will Wagner-Hart, Bill Swain, Joe Dato



Veterans Day, Tampa Chapter, Veterans Day recognition at Mission BBQ, 11/11/2024
 Left to Right: Dick Young, WWII veteran Fred Jenkins, Bill Swain, Will Wagner-Hart



The Saratoga Battle Chapter Color Guard participated in the 2024 Veteran's day ceremony at Saratoga Battlefield National Historical Park.

Color guard members from left to right in the attached photo are Timothy Butler, Compatriot Michael Golden, New York State Color Guard Commander Michael Companion, Kelly Nash, and Saratoga Battle Chapter 1st VP Michael Skelly.

Photo credit should go to Saratoga Battle Chapter President Edward Munger.



11/16/2024 - Memorial Service for Past PG Carl Hoffmann.

Left to Right: Paul Tucker, Robert Gearing, Rick Sanders, Patrick Thomas, Gray Chandler, Ken Norwood, Kevin Shurte, David Ramseur



Ohio

On a beautiful fall Saturday, October 5th, members of the Hocking Valley Chapter and Benjamin Franklin Chapter assisted the Lucy Knox Chapter DAR in a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony at Brandon Methodist Church Cemetery in Knox County near Mount Vernon, Ohio. The SAR compatriots provided a color guard, musket salute, bagpipes, and presented wreaths. L to R: Scott Humphrey, Bob Hill, Al Gummere, Tom Hankins, Steve Conrad, Jordan Irwin, Steve Kelley.



On another beautiful fall day, Thursday, October 10th, over a dozen Ohio Society compatriots from several chapters participated in the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Point Pleasant at Tu-Endie-Wei State Park in Point Pleasant, West Virginia. The Ohio compatriots presented wreaths and participated in the color guard and musket salute.



Photo # Point Pleasant 2024: Waiting to present the colors at the beginning of ceremonies at Point Pleasant, standing at far left is Steve Barlow, President of the Mahoning Valley Chapter, and fourth from left is Scott Freeman, President of the Cincinnati Chapter.



Photo # Point Pleasant 2024.2: Compatriots fire a musket salute towards the confluence of the Kanawha and Ohio Rivers at the end of ceremonies at Point Pleasant.





Led by Commander Troy Bailey, the Northeast Ohio Chapter Color Guard with some local DAR members carry the colors across the newly restored Harpersfield Covered Bridge during its rededication ceremony on Saturday, October 12th in Ashtabula County, Ohio.

The Northeast Ohio Chapter Color Guard leading a parade during the Grand Reopening of the Harpersfield Covered Bridge. Color Guard members included Kirk Bacon, John Wooding, Dennis Gadley, Larry Koval, and Troy Bailey.



Several Ohio Society members from various chapters participated in the Central District Patriot Grave Marking and commemoration of the Lochry Massacre in Aurora, Indiana on Saturday, October 19th.



L to R: Ohio compatriots Bob Hill (Hocking Valley Chapter) and Ed Bonniwell (Cincinnati Chapter) pose at the Yorktown Days Graveside Memorial Service for Governor / General Thomas Nelson in Yorktown, Virginia on Saturday, October 19th.



Camp Charlotte Chapter compatriots provided a color guard twice a day and manned a table with SAR information for four (4) days during the Circleville Pumpkin Show between Wednesday, October 16th and Saturday, October 19th. In this photo, L to R: Max Demp, Kevin Driesbach, and Tony Holbrook.

Ohio Society Color Guardsmen come to Present Arms on the stage at Ohio Christian University Maxwell Center in Circleville on Saturday, October 12th. The salute was part of a program commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Camp Charlotte Treaty shortly after the Battle of Point Pleasant, WV. The treaty ensured peace on the frontier between Shawnee-led Indian tribes under Chief Cornstalk and the colony of Virginia under Lord Governor Dunmore. The treaty was negotiated not far from present-day Circleville. Many descendants of Chief Cornstalk and Chief Logan were in attendance.



: On Friday, November 8th, five (5) members of the Hocking Valley Chapter and one (1) member of the Camp Charlotte Chapter provided a color guard for two (2) assemblies of school children for a Veterans Day Program at the Licking Heights South Elementary School in Pataskala, Ohio. The students of the school also invited family members who were veterans or currently serving in the armed forces. Pictured, the compatriots also visited two (2) fourth grade classes and gave presentations on the Revolutionary War.



: Color Guardsmen listen to instructions prior to the ceremony commemorating the Camp Charlotte Treaty. The program was hosted by the Camp Charlotte Chapter SAR located in Circleville, OH.



A combined color guard of compatriots from two (2) states participated in two (2) separate Patriot Grave Marking ceremonies at Coolville and Hockingport, Ohio in Athens County, not far from the Ohio River on Saturday, November 9th. The ceremonies were sponsored by the Captain James Neal Chapter WVSSAR, and were well-attended by various SAR and DAR chapters from West Virginia and Ohio. Pictured, the musket salute at the Coolville ceremony.



Current Ohio Society President and Richard Montgomery Chapter Color Guard member Steve Kaplan teaches 8th graders about the Revolutionary War at Jacob Coy Middle School in Xenia, Ohio. Steve's visit occurred on Friday, December 13th and he would teach six (6) rotating classes.



Photo # Mars Academy 2024: On Veterans Day, Monday, November 11th, four (4) compatriots from the Cincinnati Chapter, one (1) from the Camp Charlotte Chapter, and one (1) from the Hocking Valley Chapter posted the National Colors at a Veterans Day program at Mars Academy in Mason, Ohio. Afterwards, the compatriots gave a presentation on the Revolutionary War and an outside musket firing demonstration to 6th graders.



The Camp Charlotte Chapter hosted a Wreaths Across America ceremony on Saturday, December 14th at Forest Cemetery in Circleville, Ohio. The color guard consisted of Camp Charlotte Chapter members and were assisted by compatriots from the Hocking Valley Chapter led by State Color Guard Commander Bob Hill. The ceremony was well-attended by members of various local DAR chapters and the general public.



Photo # Cinci Chapter Monroe Mid School 2024: Compatriot Ed Bonniwell explains the Battle of Yorktown to 8th graders at Monroe Middle School in Monroe, Ohio near Cincinnati. Several Cincinnati Chapter Color Guard members taught various topics relating to the Revolutionary War to rotating classes of students on Thursday, December 5th.



Also on Saturday, December 14th, members of the Richard Montgomery Chapter Color Guard participated in a well-attended Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Dayton National Cemetery in Dayton, Ohio.

Oklahoma -



Wreaths Across America

During the Wreaths Across America ceremony held at Floral Haven Cemetery, Bro-



ken Arrow, OK, the Tulsa Chapter SAR Color Guard presented military wreaths designated to honor veterans of the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Merchant Marines and also a wreath to honor Prisoners of War. After the ceremony, which was sponsored by the Broken Arrow Starbase Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, Tulsa Chapter SAR Color Guard members assisted attendees in laying over 700 wreaths.

Left to right: Oklahoma SAR State President Phil Hunt, Oklahoma SAR Past State President (2017-2019) Ron Painter, Tulsa Chapter SAR First Vice President Bill Lee, compatriot Ron Shoaf, Tulsa Chapter SAR Historian John Thompson

The Tulsa Chapter SAR Color Guard presented colors at the opening ceremony of



“The American Revolution Experience,” a traveling interactive exhibit hosted by the Broken Arrow Creek Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution. “The American Revolution Experience,” a collaborative project of the American Battlefield Trust and the Daughters of the American Revolution, will travel to scores of libraries, historical societies and museums through 2025, introducing visitors to a cast of historical characters with diverse experiences throughout the conflict and the places they visited on their journey.

Left to right: Tulsa Chapter SAR Color Guardsmen Loyd Means, Steve King, Ron Painter and Oklahoma SAR State President Phil Hunt.

The Tulsa Chapter SAR Color Guard and members rode on a float hosted by the Tulsa Chapter DAR in the 106th Annual Tulsa Veterans Day Parade. The 53-foot trailer and patriotic “Eagle cab” were donated and driven by Melton Truck Lines of Tulsa. The Tulsa Veterans Day Parade is one of the largest in the country.

(l-r) Oklahoma SAR State President Phil Hunt, Tulsa Chapter SAR Historian John Thompson, compatriot Ron Shoaf, Oklahoma DAR Honorary State Regent Dr. Orriene Denslow, VFW Post 577 Commander Joshua Starks and Oklahoma SAR Past State President (2017-2019) Ron Painter.



Photo 2: Oklahoma DAR State Regent Grace Elsworth (front seat), rear, (from l-r) Tulsa Chapter SAR Historian John Thompson, compatriot Ron Shoaf, Oklahoma SAR Past State President (2017-2019) Ron Painter, Oklahoma DAR Honorary State Regent Dr. Orriene Denslow and Oklahoma SAR State President Phil Hunt.



The Bartlesville SAR Chapter Color Guard Presented the Colors and a Musket Salute for the Local DAR celebration of Wreaths Across America (WAA).

This is the first Color Guard event for this Chapter in many years. Only recently has their Color Guard been approved to perform officially. Present are Chapter President, Steve Domann; Color Guard Commander, Tom Windle; Senior Color Guardsman, Dennis Logan and Deputy Color Guard Commander Earl Agee.

Oklahoma City NBA Thunder Basketball game SAR OKC Chapter Color Guard

The Oklahoma City NBA team, The Thunder, invited the OKC SAR Chapter to perform the Color Guard opening ceremony for the 15 November 2024 Game. The Oklahoma City SAR Chapter was happy to assist. The Chapter Color Guard performed well and was seen on Channel 4 of the local OKC Television Station. A funny moment was when the “Jumbotron” zoomed in on Color Sergeant Major Sean Drake. For thousands viewing, Sean became the “Face” of the SAR.

The Colorguardsmen present were from Left to Right SAR Chapter President and Chapter Color Guard Commander, Mark Reichardt, Revolutionary Rangers and SAR Chapter Honor Guard Commander, Captain Steve Miller, OK Society Color Guard Commander, Joseph Sieber, Past Society Color Guard Commander and incoming Society President-Elect, Henry Baer III and Color Sergeant Major Sean Drake.



First Chapter Event at Fort Reno, Oklahoma

New Chapter President Eric Koonce invited assistance from other Chapters to put on an excellent show for the DAR Wreaths Across America (WAA) event at Fort Reno, Oklahoma. His first time out leading his Chapter and providing Color Guard, Musket Honor Team and even a cannon for an additional rendering of Honors. The Ceremony went well and Canadian Valley Chapter Color Guard Commander Mike Williams did a stellar job of helping President Koonce keep the firing line sequenced with the cannon fire. Captain Steve Miller, led and orchestrated the integration of Musket and Rifle fire in step with the cannon. His efforts achieved the desired effects.

Coupled with the clockwork precision of the Color Guard, Bugle playing and Wreath Laying, it was an outstanding Performance! President Koonce and his Color Guard Commander Williams put in an outstanding show their first time out. An impressive moment was when Society President-Elect Henry Baer III laid a wreath on the tomb of a Veteran with Dignity and Honor. This followed by a quiet prayer. Saying the Veterans Rank and name, then followed up with a slow but solemn hand salute.

It was a reverent moment



Tennessee -

The members of the Tennessee Society Color Guard were active in supporting more than forty events covering a wide range of community and society activities during the last quarter of 2024. Our members traveled across the state to participate in Patriot Grave Marking Ceremonies honoring Augustine Hackworth P-172086, Frederick Fisher P-158546, James Dooley P-149225, John Hillsman P-181844, John Minnis P-250229, and James McGill P-240701. Compatriot's Bertram "Bert" Chalfant, Wyatt French, Clarence Renshaw Avery, James Morrison, Jr., Paul Schriver Steward and Lyle B. West, Dr. were honored in Compatriot ceremonies. Educational events offering student engagement were conducted. Members participated in a joint ceremony and reenacting opening of the First Continental Congress with local DAR chapters from the Cleveland, TN Area. Support was provided to other DAR chapters around the state at various times. Veterans Day and Wreaths Across America events allowed us to engage numerous communities across the state as chapter color guards

mustered to salute our veterans and participate in the ceremonies prior to the placement of wreaths for those veterans past. Members of the Isaac Shelby chapter color guard were key to a successful Liberty Tree ceremony which was the first conducted within the state. The following is a fast look at TNSSAR CG in action:

October, 2024

10.05.24 TNSSAR Color Guard members and descendants honoring Patriot Augustine Hackworth P-172086



10.05.24 TNSSAR Color Guard members and descendants honoring Patriot Frederick Fisher P-158546



10.12.24 TNSSAR Color Guard members and family of Compatriot Bertram "Bert" Chalfant post ceremony.



10.19.24 TNSSAR Color Guard members, Compatriots, DAR ladies post ceremony at the John Sevier Chapter 99th Anniversary Compatriot Grave Marking Ceremony honoring five of the chapter's early members.



25 OCT 2024, Pioneer Days Event
 Steve Millhollin (Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter), Dr. Mark E. Young (Stones River), Robert Bolyard (Stones River), Doug Dickerson (Stones River Chapter)
 During the two-day event, we covered NC Land Grans, a portrayal of Maj. David Wilson, and promoted the 250th Anniversary of America and the 225th Anniversary of Wilson County. We spoke to 58 Wilson County 4th Grade classrooms and reached 1,367 students.



26 OCT 2024, Patriot Grave Marking in honor of Patriot James Dooley P-149225
 Color Guardsmen present: Klaus Lochman (Col. Hugh Brown); Don Winningham (Stones River), Steve Millhollin (Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter), Dr. Mark E. Young (Stones River), Doug Dickerson (Stones River Chapter, commander). Master of Ceremony was John Breyfogle (Col. Hugh Brown Chapter Past President). Col. Hugh Brown Chapter President Elect, Gary Butler, DAR members were also present.



November, 2024
 11.02.24 TNSSAR CG members, Compatriots and descendant gather for post ceremony photo at the Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony in honor of Patriot John Hillsman P-181844



11.16.24 TNSSAR Color Guard members form a firing detail for the musket salute in honor of Patriots John Minnis and James Magill in Madisonville, TN.



11.11.24 Veterans Day
 Overton Park, Memphis. CG members from left to right: Rick Treharne, Bradford Waters, Mac McKinney, PZ Horton, Shannon Bryant and Tom Powell.



11.11.24 Veterans Day Community Breakfast in Nashville. Color Guard members from left to right are Steve Millhollin, Sanford Payton, John Clark and Doug Evans.



Murfreesboro Veterans Day Memorial Service, 11.11.24. Color Guardsmen present: Gary Baggett (Stones River Chapter), Tom Duffield (Stones River Chapter), Harlan Dabney (Stones River Chapter), Don Winningham (Stones River Chapter), Jackie Young (Col. Hardy Murfree Chapter), Dr. Mark E. Young (Stones River), Robert Bolyard (Stones River), Doug Dickerson (Stones River Chapter).



On November 16th, the Col. Anthony Bledsoe Chapter TNSSAR dedicated a monument to American Revolution Patriot Capt. William Henderson. Capt. Henderson served under Col. Daniel Morgan. The new monument is located at the front entrance of the Hendersonville Tennessee City Hall. The city is named after Capt. Henderson. Pictured (l-r) are John Clark, Collin



Maddox, Ricky Skaggs, Rick Longton, TNSSAR President PZ Horton, Stewart Roberson, Neil Burgess, and Henry Puckett. Compatriot Skaggs generously provided the funding for the monument. About 16 descendants of the patriot attended.

December, 2024

12.14.24 Wreaths Across America Clarksville Sevier Ranging Company members joined with Valentine Sevier CG members to form a color guard and firing party for Wreaths Across America. Honoring the veterans buried at Resthaven Cemetery on December 14th were (l-r) CG Commander Robert Nichols, Nico von Kannon, David Sickmeier, Dave von Kannon, Johnny Head, Rick Longton, Elyon Davis, Wesley Wood, Steve Litteral, Bill Maddox and Randy Underhill.



12.28.24 Service to Veterans salute to Patriot George Walker. John Sevier Chapter Color Guard members Tyler Bobenhausen, Scott Pryor, Paul Bobenhausen and Cliff Kent (not pictured) supported by descendants post a new grave site flag in honor of the Patriot's service. Ten members of the Gavit family attended the short ceremony with one traveling as far as California. The family had rallied in Huntsville, AL the day prior for a wedding.



Texas

WILLIAM GATES

An American Revolutionary War Patriot Honored

The Freedom Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Coughatt Trace Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, remembered and honored an American Revolutionary Patriot, William Gates, on Saturday, November 16, 2024. A Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony was held at the Gates-Perry Family Cemetery, to remember and honor this great American. We had a great turnout with great weather. There were over 100 people with several descendants in attendance. The Color Guard of the Sons of the American Revolution opened the ceremony with the presentation of the colors. A 250th Anniversary Marker was dedicated by the Daughters of the American Revolution. We then had a Patriot Grave Marking ceremony honoring William Gates for his participation in the founding of our country. Closing with a black powder musket volley and a prayer.

William Gates was born about 1759 in Lincoln County, North Carolina. William was the son of Charles and Elizabeth Gates. He married Catherine Hardin of North Carolina in 1783, and they had four sons and three daughters. Gates and his family moved from North Carolina to Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, and then joined Stephen F. Austin's Old 300 colony in Texas in 1821. Gates received land, now in Washington County in 1824, approximately 5 miles from Washington-on-the-Brazos. William's wife Catherine, died in 1826. William Gates died in Texas on August the 20, 1828 and is buried in the Gates-Perry Family Cemetery in Washington County, Texas.



Honoring and Remembering our Veterans at Christmas

The Freedom Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, held their Wreaths Across America, wreath laying ceremony, Saturday December 14th at the Montgomery New Cemetery. We were there to celebrate our mission to **Remember** the fallen, and Honor those that have served our country, and to help teach the next generation the values of our freedom. We had a great turnout even with a little intermittent rain. We would like to thank everyone that came out to help us celebrate and to lay wreaths for our veterans that served our great nation. The freedoms we have today have not come without a price. This country was founded on the ideals of **Freedom, Justice and Equality**. Our nation stands as a shining beacon of liberty and freedom to the world.

Quoting our 40th United States President, Ronald Reagan, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction, we didn't pass this on to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will be telling our children and their children what it was once like where men were free."



Virginia

On 6 October 2024, the Col James Wood II Chapter, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution conducted a grave marking ceremony to honor Major Lawrence Butler at the Dearmont Farm Cemetery, White Post, Virginia. Major Butler was a prominent figure in Virginia during the American Revolution. He was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia. He enlisted in December 1776 as a 1st Lieutenant in the 15th Virginia Regiment and was promoted to Captain lieutenant 18 March 1777. The unit was re-designated 11th Virginia on 14 September 1778, and he was promoted to Captain on 14 May 1779. On 12 May 1780 at the Battle of Charleston, he was taken prisoner and held until exchanged in July 1781. Butler was transferred to the 4th Virginia Regiment 12 February 1781 where he served until the end of the war. He reentered the Army as a Major in the 8th Infantry on 24 April 1799 and honorably discharged 15 June 1800. He was the owner of several properties and on 26 March 1783, had received a land grant of 4000 acres for his service to the county. He owned his farm in White Post a house in Winchester and a bridge in Westmoreland County to go along with the western lands in Kentucky. At the time of his death, he had 350 acres of land on the Seroto River in Ohio which was in dispute in the Superior Court. After Butler was given the land grant in Kentucky, he went to survey and look at his holdings. After the war, he returned to Virginia and settled in the White Post, becoming an active member of his community and serving as a local magistrate.

The Virginia State Color Guard presented and posted the colors, led by commander Allan Phillips. After a presentation by Richard Tyler, a dedication of the monument was made with the unveiling by John Engles, owner of the property. A wreath presentation was conducted. Wreaths were presented by Paul Christensen, Colonel James Wood II; Paul Parish, General Daniel Morgan; Ken Bonner, Sgt Maj John Champe and the DAR by Michelle Phillips, Pack Horse Ford and Anita Bonner, Lanes Mill. A musket squad fired three volleys to honor Major Butler followed by Dale Corey and Phil Hunter leading the singing of "God Bless America".

The first photo is the color guard, l. to r. Allan Phillips, Will Reynolds, Paul Christensen, Richard Tyler, Charles Hunter, Ken Bonner, Dennis Parmerter, Paul Parish, Michelle Phillips and Sean Carrigan. The 2nd photo is the musket squad firing a salute. Photos courtesy of Deborah Corey.



Williamsburg Chapter: Veterans Day 2024

The Virginia Society's Williamsburg Chapter annually joins with Colonial Williamsburg to conduct a joint Veteran's Day commemoration. The ceremony is held in Colonial Williamsburg on the Palace Green in front of the Governor's Palace. The commemoration takes place mid-morning and routinely draws about 200 to 300 attendees. This year guardsmen from VASSAR's Williamsburg, Thomas Nelson Jr., Norfolk, and Great Bridge Chapters participated in the ceremony. The event's 2024 VASSAR color guard was twice the size of its usual pre-COVID-19 pandemic color guard.



Colonial Williamsburg also holds a separate event in the afternoon: its annual Veterans Day Parade. Parade formations include a fife and drum corps, Colonial Williamsburg role players for George and Martha Washington, veteran organizations (e.g. American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, etc.), and individual veterans. Some individuals come dressed in reproduction uniforms representing 19th Century 9th or 10th Cavalry Regiments (the "Buffalo Soldiers,") World War One, World War Two, and the Vietnam eras.) The parade forms at the Colonial Capitol and marches down Duke of Gloucester Street (Colonial Williamsburg's "Main Street") to a large field behind the Colonial Courthouse. Here Colonial Williamsburg's "George Washington" makes an appropriate speech, cannons are fired, and individual veterans and veteran organizations pass in review in front of the speaker podium where the General stands.

This year a VASSAR color guard marched in the parade. The VASSAR unit was comprised solely of veterans wearing regimental uniforms. Once at the parade field it was posted by the VIP section where "Washington" stood. It remained there through the end of the pass in review. The unit helped make a connection to the earliest US Veterans during the ceremony. VASSAR chapters contributing to the color guard were Williamsburg, Norfolk, and Great Bridge.



The Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution participated in three Wreaths Across America ceremonies. On Saturday, they were at Ketocin Church Cemetery with the Ketocin Daughters of the American Revolution, Boy Scouts and American Legion to place over 76 wreaths on graves of American veterans. The group then went to North Fork Baptist Church and placed wreaths on 41 veteran graves. A three round musket salute was fired to honor the service of all the veterans buried in the cemeteries. On Sunday 15 December, despite rain and cold conditions, the Chapter joined the Boy Scouts Troop 4G in placing 49 wreaths on veterans graves at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Front Royal. After each ceremony, Taps is played and honors rendered in the memory of those who served to ensure we have a free and independent country. Each December, the mission is to remember, honor and teach through wreath laying at cemeteries throughout the United States and abroad. The wreaths are made of fresh evergreens and are used as a symbol of honor and a living tribute to honor veterans. When a wreath is placed, the service member's name is said out loud and then honors are rendered to commemorate the veterans service. Wreaths Across America is a program



that began in 1992 when the Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine had extra wreaths near the end of the holiday season. This led to the wreaths being placed on veterans graves at Arlington National Cemetery. It has grown so that in 2022, more than 2.7 million wreaths were placed on headstones of veterans at 3,702 locations. It is annually held on the second or third Saturday in December. Participating for the Sons of the American Revolution in Purcellville were Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen, Dale Corey, Chip Daniel, Brett Osborn, Allan Phillips, Will Reynolds, Eric Robinson and Marc Robinson. Participating at Prospect Hill in Front Royal were Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen, Dale Corey, Chip Daniel, Lewis Moten, Allan Phillips and Will Reynolds. The first photo is the Color Guard marching at Ketocin Baptist Church, Purcellville, Virginia. Second photo is the musket squad preparing to fire at North Fork Baptist Church in Purcellville. Third photo are the SAR participants and Prospect Hill Cemetery in Front Royal, Virginia. Photos courtesy of Chip Daniel.



On 20 December 2024, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter along with the Sgt Maj John Champe and Culpeper Minutemen Chapters of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution participated in a Ketocin Daughters of the American Revolution grave dedication ceremony. The ceremony was in honor of Captain Elisha Marks of the Loudoun County Militia who served during the Revolutionary War. The ceremony was conducted at Ketocin Baptist Church and Cemetery. A recognition ceremony was conducted inside the church and then moved to the cemetery for a dedication of the marker. After the dedication, a three round musket salute was fired by the Virginia State Musket Squad in honor of Marks service to the country. The Musket Squad Commander was Brett Osborn leading a squad of seven muskets. The Color Guard was composed of Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen, Dale Corey, Chip Daniel, Mike Dennis, Charles Jameson, Marc Robinson, Bill Schwetke, Barry Schwoerer, Mark Sink and Steve Van Deusen. During the ceremony, Ketocin DAR Chapter Regent Stacey Bassett was recognized for planning and conducting 250th Anniversary Events with the SAR Chapters. She was presented the Silver 250th Anniversary Medal for her contributions to the anniversary. First photo is the SAR participants front row 1. to r. Steve Van Deusen, Mike Dennis, Chip Daniel, Bill Schwetke, Charles Jameson, Paul Christensen, Marc Robinson, Barry Schwoerer. Back row 1. to r. Dale Corey, Brett Osborn, Sean Carrigan, Mark Sink. (Photo courtesy of Chip Daniel.) Second photo is the guard in the cemetery 1. to r. Marc Robinson, Brett Osborn, Barry Schwoerer, Mark Sink, Chip Daniel, Charles Jameson, Sean Carrigan, Mike Dennis and Steve Van Deusen. (Photo courtesy of Dale Corey.) Third photo is the musket salute. (Photo courtesy of Chip Daniel.)



MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR COMPATRIOT COLOR GUARDSMAN

On 27 December 2024, compatriots of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution, Northern Virginia Emerald Society Pipe Band and Firefighters from the local area and additional Pipe and Drum players honored the passing of compatriot Stephen Wayne Boulton of the Colonel Fielding Lewis Chapter. Steve served his life as a first responder. He was a firefighter, paramedic and water rescue team member with the Prince William County Fire Department, Virginia. He retired from public service as a



Lieutenant and left a legacy of bravery, dedication and selflessness. He was a proud member of the Northern Virginia Emerald Society Pipe Band, playing in parades, ceremonies and for the national Fallen Firefighters Memorial each year. He became a compatriot of the Sons of the American Revolution because of his love of history and respect for his personal heritage. He joined the color guard and had a profound impact on his chapter and the Virginia State Color Guard. Services at the cemetery included a playing of the pipes and a musket salute from the Virginia State Color Guard. Compatriot guardsmen participating included Virginia State Color Guard Commander Brett Osborn and Adjutant Dale Corey; John Hamilton and Bill Tugman from Col Fielding Lewis Chapter; Sean Carrigan, Paul Christensen and Chip Daniel from the Col James Wood II Chapter; Andrew Mills and Jack Mills from Col William Grayson Chapter; Peter Davenport from George Mason Chapter; Barry Schwoerer from Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter; and Gary Hodges from Thomas Nelson, Jr Chapter. First photo is the Virginia State Color Guard, l. to r. Dale Corey, Jack Mills, Bill Tugman, Sean Carrigan, Andrew Mills, John Hamilton, Paul Christensen, Chip Daniel, Barry Schwoerer, Brett Osborn, Gary Hodges and Peter Davenport. (Photo courtesy of Peter Davenport.) Second Photo is the musket squad firing a salute. (Photo courtesy of Barry Schwoerer.)



Washington -

Washington State SAR

Veteran's Day Parade

Members of the WASSAR Color Guard and Fife and Drum, attended the 59th annual Veteran's Day Parade in Auburn, Washington, on November 9. The City of Auburn has hosted the Veterans Parade since 1965, focusing on honoring our country's veterans and active military personnel. The parade has grown into one of the largest parades of its kind in the US. KOMO Media station was proud to sponsor, film, and photograph the event.

Color Guard Members representing 5 chapters were: Alonde Droege (F&D), Brian Dorr, Charley Frisk (F&D), Dave Witter (OR), Christopher Clayton, Eric Olsen, Fred Gilbert, Harold Steenbergen, Jan Lemmer, John Herr, Michael Moore, Neil Vernon, Noah Chase, Paul Winter, Perry Taylor, Stephanie Conroy (F&D), Stephen Clayton, Terry Barker (F&D), Timothy Smith, and Viren Lemmer.



Alexander Hamilton

On September 2 the WASSAR Color Guard, along with the Fife and Drum participated in the annual Labor Day Parade in Black Diamond, Washington. On September 16, members of the WASSAR Color Guard greeted Veterans at SeaTac who were returning from the Honor Flight. (L-R) Timothy Smith (AH), Neil Vernon (SE), Michael Moore (AH), John Herr (AH), Stan Granberg (SE).



Glenn Oliver Grave Dedication

GLENN OLIVER GRAVE DEDICATION On Monday, October 14, 2024, Elizabeth Oliver Cook and Cynthia Oliver Moffett, the daughters of Glenn Oliver, along with Glenn's grandson David S. Moffrett and his wife Monica helped render honors by placing floral bouquets in the gravesite memorial vase. The dedication was attended by members of the following Washington State Society Chapters: Alexander Hamilton, George Rogers Clark and John Paul Jones. They were introduced by the NSSAR Pacific District Vice President General Perry Taylor. Ladies who attended from the Lakota, Mary Ball, Elizabeth Forey and Mary Fell Stevenson Chapters of the Washington State Society Daughters of the American Revolution were introduced by D.A.R. State Regent Jacqueline Riddell. Chuck Horton, Northwest District Captain for the Washington State Patriot Guard Riders rendered honors while his riders kept watch over the attendees throughout the ceremony.

(L-R) Mick Hersey, John Herr, Viren Lemmer, Skip Stephan, Thomas Barham, Perry Taylor, Dick Moody, Ralph Liening, Melonie Liening, Timothy Smith, Charlie Frisk, Jan Lemmer



Wreaths Across America -

Submitted by John W. Herr, Color Guard Captain

On December 14, 2024 at the Washington Soldiers Home Cemetery in Orting, Alexander Hamilton Chapter Color Guard. L-R: Ralph Leining, Charlie Frisk, Mike Bendickson, Thomas Barham, Michael Moore, John W. Herr and Timothy Smith aside the Civil War Medal of Honor Memorial.



Ft Vancouver

Salute The Return of Major General Marquis de Lafayette: Hero of The American Revolution As our nation prepares to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our independence, one American Revolution hero was feted at the VITA Elementary School, 1111 Fort Vancouver Way, in Vancouver, on Saturday, October 19, 2024.

It was the 200th anniversary of Major General Marquis de Lafayette's return to the United States. The Vancouver event will feature a special presentation focusing on Lafayette and his many accomplishments.

It was sponsored by the VITA School in concert with the Ft. Vancouver and Lewis and Clark Chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), The Fort Vancouver and Mary Richardson Walker chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and a local chapter of the Colonial Dames Of The 17th Century.

The October event was the kickoff for a series of historic local events conducted by SAR, DAR and Colonial Dames leading up to our 250th Anniversary on July 4th , 2026.

Special Presentation on Major General Marquis de Lafayette by Jonathan Dickey, Historic Scholar and Past President of the Nevada State SAR Society.

Also in attendance, Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle, city of Vancouver WA.

George Washington

Constitution Day: Bells rang out loudly Tuesday afternoon, September 17 on the steps of the Skagit County Courthouse as community members gathered to celebrate the building's 100th anniversary. The building, constructed in 1924, is in the midst of the removal of its fourth floor to correct structural safety issues.

Tuesday's celebration of its creation was held on Constitution Day, which commemorates the signing of the U.S. Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787.

Each year, the Ann Washington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and George Washington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution ring bells on the courthouse steps in honor of Constitution Day.

This year, Superior Court judges, county commissioners and county staff were also present to honor the courthouse's centennial. In his remarks, Commissioner Peter Browning called the building "a symbol of justice" within Skagit County.

The Harmony Northwest Chorus performed songs, including the national anthem. Kim Kimmy, Ann Washington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution

regent, presented Lee Schuirman with a Community Service Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution state society. Schuirman, who was raised in Sedro-Woolley and served in the Marine Corps, often performs recitations throughout Western Washington on days such as Memorial Day. SAR Members (L-R) Lee Schulrman, Rodney Jenny, Bruce Bock, Marshall Eberhart



George Rogers Clark

On October 18, 2024 the Olympia Harlequin Theater, George Rogers Clark S.A.R. chapter and the Sacajawea D.A.R. chapter, were proud to participate in opening night ceremonies of the Broadway play "What the Constitution Means to Me". Our participation was to generate excitement for the play, call attention to the Constitution and encourage all people to exercise their constitutional right to vote. The success of our presence

was measured by conversations with theater patrons as well as the homeless. We were surprised at the number of people who had already voted by October 18th. This proved to be one of our more enjoyable community outreach projects.

L-R Dick Moody, Jeni Swanson, Sacajawea Regent, Lew Maudsley, George Rogers Clark President, Franida Maudsley, Art Dolan.



On Saturday October 19, The George Rogers Clark chapter S.A.R. Partnered with the City of Tumwater, Sacajawea DAR chapter to present the first ever "Talking Headstones". The program featured the DAR headstone cleaning project. The headstone cleaning and repair process was explained by master restorer, Mick Hersey, John Paul Jones Chapter, SAR and the headstone rededication at the Tumwater Cemetery.

Following the ceremony the crowd was separated into 8 groups to visit SAR/DAR presenters at 8 prominent historical figures. The newly cleaned headstones and the story behind the names on the headstones were accurately presented to the public. Approximately 200 community members attended the tour with a high number of those visitors requesting a repeat performance next year. In keeping with History, Education and Patriotism, partnerships with D.A.R. and community outreach to the city of Tumwater, WA the George Rogers Clark chapter has embraced the direction of national leadership.

L-R Shirley Stirling, Franida Maudsley, Mick Hersey, Lew Maudsley, Shannon Wells, Dick Moody, Art Dolan, Della Stenstrom, Jeanne Pittenger

On Oct, 27, 2024 members of the George Rogers Clark Color Guard



gathered at the Violet Prairie Grange in Tenino, WA to post colors for the 2024 Veterans Appreciation Day. This was the 2nd year that this type of event was held at a Thurston County Grange but the 1st year for the color guard to post colors. The event had a veteran singing several patriotic songs, Color Guard Capt. Art Dolan giving a presentation of the history of the U.S. flag and 3 U.S. veterans from the US Army and US Navy being awarded a quilt of valor. Great things were heard about the color guard after the event and they were asked to return in 2026 when it will be held at a

different grange.

(L-R) Eric Olsen, Lawrence Bowman, Art Dolan, Dennis Case, Lew Maudsley (chapter president), and Kevin Saville



Wreaths Across America

On December 14, 2024 members of the George Rogers Clark Chapter Color Guard gathered at the Masonic Cemetery in Tumwater, WA for what has become their last main event of the year. Working with the local DAR Sacajawea Chapter they posted colors, helped lay wreaths in front of Veterans of the Spanish American War memorial they then helped lay wreaths around the cemetery.



John Paul Jones

Kitsap County WA, celebrated and honored their veterans-on-Veterans Day. The county's celebration takes place in the Kitsap County Fairgrounds Pavilion. The event has booths by various groups to show their support to our veterans. The John Paul Jones chapter has supported this event for more than 10 years and has the largest display recognizing and honoring Our First Veterans.

The JPJ Chapter volunteers include (from R to L) Brian Door, Hugh Tucker, Mark Whitaker, Chapter President Perry Taylor, Noah Chase, Mick Hersey, Bob Smalser, Fred Gilbert and Bob Schneider.

JPJVet.jpg

The John Paul Jones Education/Living History team and the Daughters of the American Revolution had a full day of presentations at Central Kitsap Elementary School, Silverdale, WA, on 25 Nov. The presentations covered; Events leading up to the American Revolution until General George Washington departs Valley Forge (from 1765 to 1778), the Western Frontier and how their experiences differed from the coast towns and villages, what a day would be like for the students in 1775, and the DAR spoke on the women's contribution to the revolution.

The presenters were Fred Gilbert the Continental Soldier, Bob Smalser the Western Frontiersman, Pat Birch on the daily life in the colonies and Jane Richie for the DAR. The team gave 18 presentations to the eight-grade classes. Fred Gilbert the Education Coordinator presented the teachers with a John Paul Jones Chapter challenge coin thanking them for inviting the SAR into their classrooms.

Teachers: Stacie Monz, Melissa Moser, Angela Capilli 8 classes with 199 students and 6 adults

The John Paul Jones Education/Living History team had a full day at Klahowya Secondary School, Silverdale, WA, on 6 Nov. The presentations were; Events leading up to the American Revolution until General George Washington departs Valley Forge (from 1765 to 1778), the Western Frontier and how their experiences differed from the coast towns and villages, and What a day would be like for the students in 1775. The presenters were Fred Gilbert the Continental Soldier and Bob Smalser the Western Frontiersman. Fred and Bob wove into their presentations how their patriot ancestors played a role in the Revolution, from militiaman to soldier supporting General Washington. The team gave a total of eight presentations. Fred Gilbert presented the teachers with a John Paul Jones Chapter challenge coin. Teachers: Jeff Witte and Kerry Gibbison 9 class for a total of 164 students and 4 adults

Ridgetop Middle School

The John Paul Jones Chapter, Education Team gave presentations to the Ridgetop Middle School 8th grade history classes. The topics were;

- What Lead up to the American Revolution with a militia man and Continental Soldier perspective
- Experiences on the Western Frontier and how they differed from the more populated regions of the colonies
- A day in The Life of an eight-grade student in 1776
- Followed by the Daughters of the American Revolution discussion the importance of women in the American Revolution.

The SAR and DAR bring a more complete perspective of the revolution to both the young men and women in the classes. The four-person team gave presentations to five period to seven classes. The team members are; Fred Gilbert the Education Lead, Robert Smalser, Pat Burch and Jane Ritchey. At the end a day filled with presentations and display of period artifacts, Fred Gilbert presented Ms. Shauna Barnett with a 250th SAR Anniversary challenge coin, thanking her for her dedicated service to her students and our community. History Teacher: Shauna Barnett, Total Students: 134



Mid Columbia

Compatriots from the Mid-Columbia Chapter assisted Thera Buczel of the Richland Washington School District in the presentation of the American Heritage Merit Badge to the Boy Scout Troop 150. Information was provided regarding the American Revolution patriots, genealogy, and various artifacts of the period. SAR as represented by Larry Flint, Kelly Schultz, Richard Roddy, and Brian Smith.

Wreaths Across America

The Mid-Columbia Chapter supported both Sunset Gardens in Richland and Desert Lawn Memorial Park in Kennewick. Tom Mattis (brother of member James Mattis) was the featured speaker at Sunset Gardens. Kelly Schultz attended the ceremony in Kennewick with Karen Schultz and Color Guard members Randal Roach, Arthur Broady, Jerry Noor and Larry Flint attended in Richland attired in uniform, along with Conn Clark and Jan Hughes to lay service wreaths during the indoor ceremony and of course outdoors on our veteran's graves. Following Sunset Gardens several of us adjourned to Rest Haven Cemetery, also in Richland to lay a wreath on the grave of Civil War Veteran William Johnston.



Seattle

The Madrona School on Edmonds, Wa., invited the Seattle SAR Color Guard to their Veterans Day Assembly. Three Guardsman: Neil Vernon, Steve Clayton, and Acki Muller presented the History of the American Flag and of the American Armed Forces to a student body of 600 ranging from K-8. This was well received, and we have been invited back for the Assembly next year. We also will be returning in the spring to celebrate the Anniversary of Lexington and Concord!

Wreaths Across America



On December 14, 2024, The Seattle chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution were joined by the NJROTC Blue Angel Squadron, Ballard VFW, DAR, Colonial Dames, University of Washington employees, Boy Scouts, and several other community members at the annual Wreaths Across America Ceremony at Lakeview Cemetery in Seattle. The cemetery is the oldest cemetery in Seattle and the final resting place for many of the founding families of Seattle, Bruce and Bandon Lee, and 528 veterans. During the ceremony we were honored to have one of the cadet to be the keynote speaker, who is scheduled to ship out following graduation. This ceremony represented honoring those who are no longer with us, Veterans and current active duty, and future service persons.

We were honored by two local news stations who covered the event: Seattle KOMO 4 and FOX 13.

<http://www.fox13seattle.com/news/wreaths-seattle-veterans-important>

Spokane

On December 14th Spokane #1 assisted in laying over 750 wreaths at Pines Cemetery and performed the 13 Folds of the Flag Ceremony. The weather was un-seasonably good in the low 40's and the first time we haven't had snow on the ground in 5 years. Right - - (L-R) Dale Ryan, Willy Palmer, Tracey Prock, Stan Wills, Denny Shaw, and Rob Scott.



Wisconsin -

Pulaski Day Banquet

The Wisconsin Color Guard participated in the 77th Annual Pulaski Day Banquet hosted by the Milwaukee Society of the Polish National Alliance, Group 2159 held on October 20, 2024, Honoring the legacy of Revolutionary War General Casimir Pulaski held at the Polish Center of Wisconsin.

In the Below picture, back row left to right is Wisconsin SAR President Robert Haglund, Bob Plastine, Wisconsin MK-chapter President Don Skarda, Jim Greer and Mike Meador. The Color Guard is joined by our Wisconsin DAR sisters.

Left picture -left to right: Jim Greer, Ben Meador, Mike Meador, Don Skarda

Far Left Picture left to right: Robert Haglund, Bob Plastine, Mike Meador, Dr Don-ala E. Pienkos, and Don Skarda. Dr Pienkos is a Polish American Professor of Political Science at UW-Milwaukee who was honored by Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson who proclaimed October 20th to be Donald Pienkos Day throughout Milwaukee.



Great Lakes District Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Great Lakes District, Sons of the American Revolution of the States of Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan was held Oct 25 & 26, 2024 in Brookfield, Wisconsin.

The picture Below shows Ken Goodson of Michigan leading the Color Guard. Followed by Wisconsin 1st Vice President and MK-Chapter President Don Skarda shouldering a musket Guarding the Colors of the American Flag being carried by Wisconsin



SAR Secretary and Nathaniel Ames Chapter President, William Austin. The Color Guard marched in to the tune of "Chester" played by the Fife and Drum Corps, Bob Plastine and James Mil

The picture below shows the Color Guard presenting the colors. At the podium is



Great Lakes District Vice President General, and Wisconsin SAR President, Command Sergeant Major Robert M. Haglund (Ret.)

The Wisconsin Color Guard attended a Liberty Tree Dedication at Oak Hill Cemetery in Brookfield, Wisconsin on November 2, 2024. Oak Hill Cemetery is the resting place of Revolutionary War Veteran Nathan Hatch.

Nathan Hatch was born in 1757, he fought four tours of duty with the Continental Army from 1776 to 1780. He moved to Wisconsin in 1843 when he was 85 years old with his 2 sons. He passed away in 1847. He is one of 43 Revolutionary War Veterans buried in Wisconsin.

Pictured left to right are Bob Plastine and Jim Greer. They are joined by their Wisconsin DAR sisters.



The Wisconsin Color Guard participated in the Veteran's Day Ceremony at Veteran's Park, Waukesha, WI at the 11th hour, Day, and Month of 2024. The ceremony featured many Veteran Service Organizations that honored and expressed gratitude to those who served.

Pictured left to right: Don Skarda, Matt Sonnenburg, Bob Plastine, James Atlee, Jim Greer, Greg Heal



The Wisconsin Color Guard presented the Colors at the Union Grove Veterans Cemetery Wreaths Across America Ceremony on December 14, 2024. Pictured left to right are: Ben Meador, James Greer, Bob Plastine, Greg Heal, Isaiah Atlee, James Atlee, Mike Meador.

We then stopped by the gravesite to honor our Color Guard Commander Brian Barrett who passed away on May 7th to say hello and that we miss him. Below Left



We also stopped by the gravesite of the former Wisconsin State SAR President Sam Keith to honor him and say hello and that we missed him. He passed away 2 days later on May 9th. Below Right

Just 2 miles north of the Union Grove Cemetery is the United Presbyterian Cemetery. This is the final resting place of Revolutionary War Veteran Major Andrew Lytle of the New York Militia. Bob Plastine and Greg Heal paid their respects to this Patriot on Wreaths Across America Day.



Please note the Sign was made possible by a Grant from the George Washington Endowment Fund of the NSSAR and a matching grant from WISSAR.



Dec 7 WISSAR Holiday Luncheon

The Morgan-Kosciuszko Chapter of the Wisconsin Society of The Sons of the American Revolution hosted a Holiday Luncheon in Milwaukee on December 7, 2024. The Color Guard presented the flags. A toast to the Society was given by WISSAR State President Robert Haglund. This was followed by an explanation of the origin and a spirited singing of "Yankee Doodle". The program that followed discussed "Hannibal of the Northwest", Colonel George Rogers Clark, who captured British Forts in the Northwest Territory and eventually persuaded the Native Americans in the Milwaukee Area to side with the Americans.

Pictured are SAR members in attendance:

1st picture: seated Bob Burell. Standing left to right: Jim Greer, Ben Meador, Mike Meador, Matt Sonnenburg.



2nd picture seated left to right: Jim Rogge, Illinois State SAR President Bill Wheeler, Wisconsin SAR Secretary Bill Austin, WI SAR 1st Vice President Don Skarda Standing L to R: Duane LCM Gales (MN), Michael Swisher (MN), Thomas Curtis, William Erbes, John Emory, Wisconsin SAR President Robert Haglund



3rd picture seated L to R: Greg Heal, James Atlee, Isaiah Atlee Standing L to R: Bob Wylie, Ken Hausch, Bob Plastine.

Below picture; shows the entire group.



WISCONSIN COLOR GUARD BRONZE MEDAL

On December 7, 2024, the Morgan-Kosciuszko Chapter held its annual Holiday Meeting. MK-Chapter Secretary Matt Sonnenburg presented a Bronze Color Guard Medal to Ben Meador.

