

# THE SAR



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Battle of Red Bank & Fort Mercer

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# Commander's Report

## Fellow Color Guardsmen,

My second year as Color Guard Commander is off and running and more 250th Anniversary events for the Decade of the American Revolution (1773 to 1783) are upon us.

Many great things are happening in our organization but, recently I received an email that was discouraging.

For background the National SAR Color Guard is comprised of all the various Society Color Guards and comes under National Command at National Society SAR events. We have a handbook that is currently being updated and several training videos. This material can be found on the sar.org website on the Color Guard committee webpage once you have logged into the site as a member of the SAR. Many societies have adopted the national color guard policies as their own.



The recent email was regarding a Color Guard that was stopping SAR members from participating because their uniforms did not meet Brigade of the American Revolution (BAR) standards. The standards of the BAR are NOT those of the National Society SAR.

I want to emphatically state that the National Society SAR Color Guard has never adopted BAR standards and there are no plans to adopt these standards or the standards of another organization.

We are commemorators not reenactors. Our Mission Statement states that "The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country."

My belief is that we should strive to include every compatriot possible into the color guard. Many compatriots will improve their uniforms over time as they are able. While we want to achieve as much visual authenticity as possible, we should not be "stitch counters" or turn someone away with a modern-day fabric. We do have guidelines for those participating with black powder due to safety concerns but please find a place for everyone in the color guard.

Let us make this experience as enjoyable as possible. Getting a compatriot into the color guard is a great way to keep that compatriot involved for many years. The final decision is up to the society commander but please support and encourage your compatriots to be in the Color Guard.

The actual "FACE of the SAR" is the local guardsmen on a chapter and state level. Without the participation of our compatriots and the time and effort that goes into attending commemorations, grave markings, patriotic events, and other programs we would not have the level of visibility in our communities that we currently enjoy.

Now on to other matters.

Insurance is still one of our major items and it becomes increasingly expensive as the years go by. 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. This has been the policy for several years so this should not surprise anyone. Even if you do not have black powder usage you really need to have liability insurance.

Also, if individuals that will be participating in the black powder usage are coming from other states it is up to the organizer to make sure that either your policy will cover these individuals or make sure that these individuals come from societies that have coverage and that these individuals have been approved by their state commander/safety officer to use black powder.

The National Society SAR Insurance Committee is trying to obtain a national liability policy, but so far it has only received information from about 60% of societies. Until we get information from every society the committee does not have the information to provide to the underwriter for a quote.

Did you know –If you participate at any capacity in the color guard and are around children you are supposed to complete the NSSAR's Youth Protection Training that is under the eLearning tab on the sar.org website. Once done you receive a certificate

that is good for three years.

The eLearning tab has some beneficial Compatriot, Registrar, PRS, and Blue Database training videos. The Color Guard training videos on sar.org is under "Members" then "Committees" then "Color Guard Committee"

If you have any questions or items, you wish to have addressed please send me an email at scottcollins1775 "at" gmail "dot" com. If you have questions on best practices or about specific items, please reach out to me. Just realize that I am still working full-time, but I will certainly try to be of assistance.

New National Events – At the Fall Leadership the Historic Sites and Celebration Committee approved three new national events:

Battle of Bound Brook (NJ) – 13 Apr 1777

Battle of Baton Rouge (LA) – 21 Sep 1779

Flag Day – June 14th – anywhere

As we start moving down the list of National SAR events, please realize that if your event has been granted "National" status then that comes with certain expectations and responsibilities. These have been detailed in several articles over the last year but some of the key ones are:

Invitations, Communications, Publicity, Protocol, Insurance, Youth Protection Training, and the completion/filing of After-Action Reports.

It has been my honor to serve as your National Commander while participating at the three day Commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of Fairfax Resolves in Virginia, the Commemoration for Battle of Blue Licks in Kentucky, Commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the New Bern Resolves in North Carolina, the Vigil and George and Matha Washington's tomb at Mount Vernon, Virginia, the laying of a wreath with the president General at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery, the Fall Leadership meeting in Kentucky.

Unfortunately, the Battle of Kings Mountain on the South Carolina/North Carolina line was cancelled due to damage to the Kings Mountain National Military Park from Hurricane Helene.

Later this week I will be leaving to attend the 250th Anniversary of the First Continental Congress in Philadelphia followed by Yorktown in Virginia the next weekend.

**Color Guardsman of the Year nominations.**

*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.*

These nominations must be turned in by end of Day on December 31ST to be considered for this year. If you have previously nominated a compatriot, it would be best if you would update and resend the nomination.

Each State Society and Chapter Color Guard may nominate ONE compatriot each year for the SAR Color Guardsman of the Year. While not required, state endorsement is strongly encouraged.

There is not a particular format, but most prior nominations have been in a similar format as the general officer candidate publicity material. Please note that



while a guardsman may be very active at the chapter and state level the National Color Guardsman of the Year looks at their service on the national level and at events classified as national events no matter where held.

The National Color Guardsman of the year looks at the guardsman that best exemplifies both the spirit of the Sons of the American Revolution and the use of Color Guards to display that spirit. Please see the Handbook for other requirements and for expectations if your nominee is selected.

We on the National Color Guard Staff are here to help you with growing and expanding your Color Guards, and we are never more than an email or telephone call away.

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

Yours in Patriotism

K. Scott Collins,  
National Society SAR Color Guard Commander

# 2024 National Congress



Brett Osborn escorted after receiving NSSAR Color Guardsman of the Year

## Upcoming 2024 - 2025 Events

Upcoming National SAR events *per state society calendars*

10-Oct-24	Saturday Battle of Point Pleasant	West Virginia
12-Oct-24	Saturday 250th – 1st Continental Congress	Pennsylvania
19-Oct-24	Saturday Nelson Tomb - Yorktown	Virginia
20-Oct-24	Sunday Battle of Red Bank	New Jersey
11-Nov-24	Monday Veterans Day	
23-Nov-24	Saturday Fort Morris - Come and Take It	Georgia
07-Dec-24	Saturday Great Bridge	Virginia
08-Dec-24	Saturday Ten Crucial Days - Trenton	New Jersey
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	



President General Dodd reviewing the Color Guard at Congress



Leaving hotel for march to Memorial Service - Adjutants Goodson and Wesolosky





Leaving hotel for march to Memorial Service - Commanders Collins and Myers



Rainy march to the church



Rainy march to the church



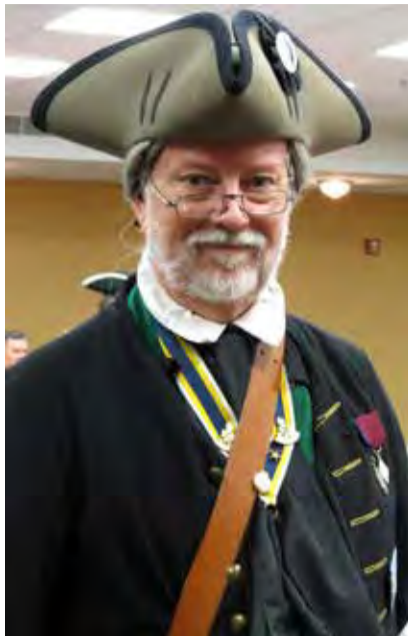
Color Guard photo after Memorial Service



Commander Tomme and Lady Cilla as part of George Washington ring ceremony.



# Editor's Notes



Very happy to note that again **26** states have submitted content for this issue.

Let me say that for the next issue, PLAN HEAD and get your report started well before the deadline.

I am aware that the deadlines for issues especially January, July and October involve a time crunch for the state commanders/submitters and for me. I can't start compiling the issue (putting articles on pages) until I get **all** of the states contents since I list the state articles alphabetically. It takes at least two whole days to compile and recheck the placement of text and photos.

To hopefully make it easier on you, the state submitters, and me, I will extend the delivery deadline to an extra 4-7 days into certain issues month, e.g., January (7th), July (5th), October (4th). The time frame for the activities/events is still the preceding 3 months. For the July 2025 issue, color guard activities from April 1st to June 30th inclusive should be what's submitted.

## PLEASE NOTE:

I would ask all submitters to help me in processing those submissions. Items to note are:

1. Some submissions had photos that were time consuming in getting them ready to include. They were (1) small in resolution and thus had to be placed as tiny graphics, (2) too blurry/DARK and had to be manipulated to sharpen the photos to be easily viewed. SO - PLEASE send photos in largest resolution possible and make sure that the submissions are not blurry.
2. **DO NOT SUBMIT HEIC** graphics. The Apple photo application does have the capability to save the HEIC photo as a jpg file - so please do so.
3. **DO NOT** embed photos in documents or messages. Send them separately as file attachments e.e., **Parade1.jpg**
4. **DO NOT** send in content that does not have Color Guard involvement.
5. **DO NOT** send graphics/pictures from within IDrive/Google-Drive or other cloud based storage
6. Identify which photo goes with which event. e.g., **(event-name)1.jpg Event-name2.jpg, etc**

Submissions will be reviewed upon receipt and if necessary I will send the submission back for correction.

Yours in Patriotism

Steve

## 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.

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## 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.

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# SAFETY

Safety Officer - Brett Osborn

*We've Always Done It This Way*

## WE'VE ALWAYS DONE IT THIS WAY

Greetings Color Guardsmen and Compatriots, getting into the fourth quarter of NSSAR Color Guard event season and sharing some observations and thoughts of events over this last year.



There have been changes in the last year and as my title suggests, for some catching up with the changes which are related to safety has not happened.

Last Spring Leadership Color Guard Committee meeting the Color Guard Commander decided that the NSSAR Color Guard would not be firing while participating in parades. Within a couple of months, we had a safety incident involving bayonets and black powder shooting at a parade.

At the July Congress, the Commander stated at the Color Guard breakfast that for all future National Events the host state must have liability insurance for black

powder firing.

In the Virginia Society SAR our insurance committee is now called Risk Assessment. It's not just black powder shooting insurance, but trips and falls has been the most common incidents and having coverage is a priority.

I participated in a new National Event this month at Fort Story, Virginia which included the French Navy for the 243rd Anniversary of the Battle of Virginia Capes. There is limited space on the site, it started raining that morning and the attendance was 230-250 people including more than 40 French military with their families and half a dozen US Navy personnel. The Virginia Beach 250th Anniversary Committee contributed a large sum of money to have a large tent erected the day before the event which kept the ground dry for seating. We had to adapt and change several

plans as we had a inclement weather Plan B to use the Post Chapel, but the size of the attendees and all the accessories would have been tight, and we decided to use the large event tent. One of the nuances that we learned was that the site of the monument was now controlled by National Park Service, and they did not want tent stakes inserted in the ground. I had sand filled bags for the pop-up tent for our Color Guard but was surprised to see the large concrete blocks covered with a white canvas bag that was securing the large festival tent (picture 1), something new and adapted to the circumstances.



Due to the limited space by the monument, no more than six wreaths, which included the NSSAR, DAR, CAR, and France were placed by the monument with enough room for the Combined Color Guard to post the US and France flags (picture



2). The rest of all the wreaths were placed in a row in the back of the tent, the names of the wreath presenters were read off and acknowledged. This saved time and only the VIPS including the NSSAR President General, were escorted for wreath presentations.



This is where I raise my concern on Wreath-A-Rama. The NSSAR National events have now gotten to eighty or more wreaths showing up. Yes, we've always done this. Here are factors to consider: cost of wreaths, logistics to haul and emplacing, time to acknowledge and or escort for each wreath. On site you have weather like the event I just mentioned with rain, cold or hot. You have space limitations with both indoor and outdoor sites for wreath placement.

What are the safety concerns? I've already mentioned the weather where with summer heat index the longer your program runs, the higher the risk, winter weather is another. Every event outdoors I've seen wreaths blown over and guardsmen scrambling to upright them. For years at the National event at Cowpens the wreaths around the monument in front of the Park museum was in such a wind vortex that the Park Rangers started bungee cording the wreaths to a railing. Long wreath ceremonies at a National February event every year have at least one Junior ROTC Color Guard pass out both indoors and outdoors. This last year we had a National event in the Carolinas where a Color Guardsman did a face plant on the steps of the monument. Then there is the trip and fall hazards as both DAR and SAR try to walk the terrain for wreath presentations.

This is a great wreath option that was offered by the New Jersey Society for the Battle of Princeton, NJ, (Ten Crucial Days). The walk from the road to the ceremony monument is a quarter of a mile, that's not counting the walk across the road from a parking area. It's uphill on grass in January. Lugging a wreath is not safe. This last year there were only two wreaths. There was a large five-foot wreath which honors NSSAR, NSDAR, NSCAR, Sons of the Revolution (SR), The Society of Cincinnati and lineage societies and a wreath presented by the Masons. All names are read and acknowledged as presenting wreaths. Shorter and safer ceremony and well done.

For grave marking ceremonies, the following criteria are required to get credit for a grave marking medal: Master of Ceremony, Music, Musket Salute, On Program, Labor, Funding, Research or Wreath.

The Kentucky Society came up with this solution for a grave marking event after a Leadership Meeting. Sing a song and you have provided Music. Now at our Virginia Society grave marking events we sing "God Bless America". Another simpler way to get credit. Another positive idea for change.

Some of our Patriot ancestors plowed their fields with oxen. Now we use tractors. Times have changed, so think about that phrase "We've Always Done It This Way" and consider not all changes are bad, some are better! Stay safe please.

Brett Osborn  
NSSAR Color Guard Safety Officer

## GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON'S ANNUAL VIGIL



Pictured are the Guards at General George Washington's annual vigil. Guardsman Jack Mills, Andrew Mills, Emil Decker, John Elliott, past National Commander Lou Raborg, 1st Adjutant Ken Goodson, National Vice Commander Rob Meyer, National Commander Scott Collins, Mark LaFrance, Glenn Moss, Michael Aycock, Gene Moyer. Not pictured but present for the event Phil Thomas, Daniel Thomas, Jeff Thomas, James Cunningham.

The vigil of General George Washington's tomb is an annual event and the only National event coordinated by the National Color Guard Staff. This event is scheduled with the curators of the property and the date is on the same Saturday that there is a colonial fair at Mt. Vernon. This is the only event for a Guardsman to receive the Washington tomb pin.

The Guard begins with a march to the front of the mansion at 8:30 AM continuing to the tomb. Guards sign up for 15 minute shifts at specific times during the day. Anywhere from two to four guards stand vigil at a time and every 15 minutes Commander Scott marches replacement guards for and conducts the replacement ceremony.

Prior to the commands to change guards the following statement is read to the 20-50 spectators who are visiting the tomb at each change.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are the Color Guard of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, whose mission is to honor our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

We are here today standing vigil at the tomb of General George Washington, the first President of our United States, and the father of our nation.

This is an Honor Guard and while you may speak to and have your pictures taken with the Tomb Guards, they will not respond to your questions or move from their post. Feel free to come and speak to us about the Sons of The American Revolution where each of us prove lineage to a Patriot who fought or supported the American Revolution and have pictures taken with our guards when they are off shift.

At 4:00 PM the Commander marches the remaining guards back to the muster point. This year was very special since Color Guard Andrew Mills was able to organize a private tour of the Mansion.

Consider this event in your future plans Guardsman it is a moving experience.





# National Color Guard Events - 2024 - 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.

Send event updates to [sarwilliamssa\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:sarwilliamssa@gmail.com) and Color Guard Commander

*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.

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

Changes are noted in **RED** text

## Vendor List

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

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

Type the listed name of the vendor into your browser tab

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

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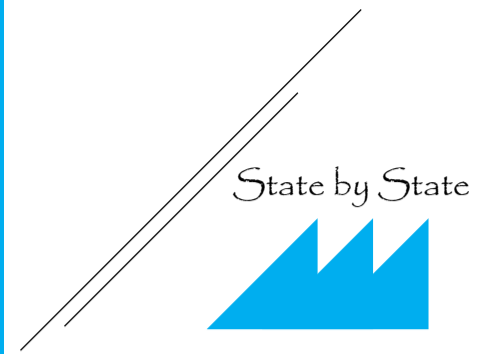
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# Reports from The Field



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

## Color Guard Units' Highlights!

### Submission Guidelines

As I continue to receive submissions that are not in conformance to the guidelines I will reiterate these in Large print. The most common submissions deal with photos - then text.

#### To Submit Photos:

- DO NOT embed in a text document - send as **file attachments** only.
- Send as JPG, GIF, PNG files. **Do NOT** send HEIC format.
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- Name the files after the event, e.g., Parade1.jpg, Parade2. jpg and for multiple events ensure that you do not use the same file name twice!

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- Within the document use the proper photo file name(s) **for the specific event.**

- When listing the participants in the photo **use this format only** -
- “(Photo name )-(Event name) Color Guard members L-to R - John Jones, Sam Smith, David Daniels, Edward Evans, etc”

#### Do not do this - using tabs

(Event1) John Jones, Sam Smith, David Daniels, Edward Evans, Frank Fields

(Event2) John Jones, Sam Smith, David Daniels, Edward Evans, Frank . .

Remember, this is for Color Guard events - not chapter events wherein a chapter member makes a presentation that does NOT include color guard participation. Such Chapter presentations are suitable for the SAR Magazine. It must be an activity that the **Color Guard UNIT** is doing.





## California -

On September 8th, CASSAR Exec. VP John Ferris along with members of the CASSAR Color Guard took part in the San Pasqual C.A.R. Society's reorganization meeting. The California Society honored the new C.A.R. Society by presenting them with an American Flag. The event was notably attended by C.A.R. and DAR State and National officers. In addition to presenting the Colors for the ceremony, the SAR also displayed artifacts and items from the Patriot Chests.

Below Left: CAR Meeting 9-8-2024 (1)  
Flag Presentation by CASSAR Exec. VP John Ferris and CASSAR Cmdr Brandon Villardi



Patriot Chest 9-8-2024 (2) & Patriot Chest 9-8-2024 (1)  
Nolan Forrest, Lucas Villardi

Below Right:

CAR Meeting 9-8-2024 (left to right) Lucas Villardi, Nolan Forrest, Brandon Villardi, Karlie D., C.S.S.C.A.R. State President, Sophia K., N.S.C.A.R. Curator, Julia H., C.S.S.C.A.R. State Vice President and San Pasqual Society President, Kevin Forrest, John Ferris



(L to R)  
Brandon Villardi (H), Dan McKelvie (OC), Jim Klingler (OC), John Blake (OC), Liz Ferris (OC), John Ferris (OC), Kent Gregory (OC), Mike Miller (OC), Dyke Dooley (OC), Nolan Forrest (SC), Kevin Forrest (SC)

This was the Let Freedom Ring Event on the evening of July 4th. Several of the members that attended the HB Parade, were also at this event.

On the evening of July 4th, Orange County Guardsmen, together with members from the South Coast and Harbor Chapters, united once again for the 52nd annual Fourth of July Let Freedom Ring celebration in Cerritos.

The official Let Freedom Ring Proclamation was read by CASSAR Executive Vice President John R. Ferris, who had the honor of ringing the 13th bell. The event was designated as an SAR National Color Guard event in 2013 following a proposal by long-standing OC Chapter member and Guardsman Larry Wood.

Let Freedom Ring Group.jpg





# JULY 4TH - CALIFORNIA



Left -- Parade



Right and Below  
Grizzlies Baseball game



## Florida

On September 6 and 7, 2024, members of the Florida Society SAR gathered together in support of the Florida State Society DAR 54th Annual Fall Forum held at the Omni Orlando Resort in Championsgate, Florida. FLS-SAR members manned a SAR table for the two main days of the event, providing information to attendees and gathering names of perspective members.

Phil Markoe, Immediate Past President of the Central Florida Chapter SAR, presented Cynthia "Cindy" Addison, Florida State DAR Regent, with two certificates from the National Society SAR to the DAR State Society. One award was for third place for the number of submitted and approved DAR/SAR members. The other award was a first place for the number of submitted and approved SAR members for 2023 – 2024.

Saturday evening culminated with a banquet, which began with presentation of the National Colors by a fourteen-man color guard, led by Florida State Color Guard Vice-Commander, Jeff Brunelle. Members from around the state traveled as long as six hours in order to participate in the color guard and make it the largest color guard to participate in the Florida DAR Fall Forum.







## Georgia -

### Independence Day

The Lyman Hall Chapter participated in the Braselton, Georgia Independence Day Parade. The Chapter has been part of every such event since its inception. With assistance from Robert Forsyth, Button Gwinnett and Athens Chapters the Color Guard was the lead element of the parade this year. NSDAR Chapters James Pittman, Sunbury and Jacob Braselton marched with us along the 2.2-mile route. Elisha Winn Society, C.A.R. had a very large presence



The Georgia SAR under the direction of Commander Scott Collins participated in a Patriot Grave Marking Service Honoring Patriot Thomas Dinwiddie, Patriot James Duncan, Private Thomas McClure, Private Robert Marshall, and Captain Joseph Patterson, at the Bethel Presbyterian Church Cemetery, 4260 Bethel Rd., Lexington, KY., Sunday August 18, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Dignitaries and Guests in attendance included Darryl Addington, President General, NSSAR, Wayne Ells, Vice President General, Central District, NSSAR, K Scott Collins, Vice President General, South Atlantic District, NSSAR, Steve McCain, President, Kentucky Society NSSAR, and Linda Conrad, State Regent, KYDAR.

Tribute to the Patriots by Dale Henley, Past President, Lafayette Chapter, KYSSAR.

Numerous Floral Tributes from State Societies and Chapter representing SAR, DAR, and C.A.R.

### Flag Pole Dedication

### Grave marking



At the Marietta Country Club Recognition and Flagpole Dedication, Saturday, August 10, 2024, 04:00 p.m. Scott Collins, National Color Guard Commander, led the Color Guard and Muskett Salute, followed by the Captain John Collins Chapter presenting the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution a Certificate of Com-



mentation in Recognition of Exemplary Patriotism for the Display of the Flag of the United States of America. Thanks to Bill and Janet Edelen for the photos.

### Constitution Day (at Right)

Georgia Color Guard at Constitution Day at St. Paul's Church - Members of the Skunk Brigade of the Brier Creek Militia traveled to Augusta on September 17, 2024, to participate in the Constitution Day Event at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The event started at 11:00 with a ceremony inside the Church. The SAR Color Guard, Commanded by Commander Scott Collins, presented the colors after which the Pledge of Allegiance was said by the attendees. During the ceremony, Mark Albertin, acted the part of Col. William Few, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. Then everyone followed the Color Guard outside for the rest of the ceremony. The Presentation of the Wreaths was held after which the Militia fired and 3-round volley with our Flintlocks and then taps was played by Compatriot Don Bazemore on his bugle. Those Skunk Brigade members in attendance were Allen Mincey and Don Bazemore of the Brier Creek Chapter, Alton McCloud and Tommy Chappell of the Little River Chapter, Dess Smith III of the Wiregrass Chapter and Ted Walker of the Henry Laurens Chapter of the SCSSAR. Thanks to Dess Smith and Bill Edelen for the photos.



### Indiana -

### MISSING



Due to an apparent power failure at my home a few state INBOX email folders were deleted. I had saved the attached files from those emails which were sent as separate files into data folders which contained any photos and text sent as file attachments in the email messages.

I requested the submitting states to resent their messages. Those that did are complete. Missing messages such as for this state will have only what content I had saved before the loss of the original email messages.



### Iowa -



Below Left to right Mike Rowley, Trevor Points with his daughters at July 4th Parade in Norwalk, Iowa

2nd Below Right North Central District Color Guard members from Iowa, MN, NE





## Kansas -

The Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard started off the third quarter with members of the Monticello Chapter, Dr. Alan Martin, President Bryan Wampler, Steve Martin, Jeffrey Winters, and Dewey Fry of the Delaware Crossing Chapter telling the some of the history of America. Below is what Dr. Martin, and Rev. ChangSu, shared with the congregation.

On Sunday June 30, 2024, shortly before our nation's 248th birthday, compatriot Alan Martin, Monticello Chapter, presented a Patriotic church service to the Shawnee United Methodist Church. On display in the narthex and sanctuary were 18 Revolutionary War flags with historical descriptions, along with the church's treasured World War II Gold Star Banner. Compatriot Martin served that Sunday as his church's liturgist. Both Compatriot Martin and Pastor ChangSu Kim shared the presentation of the patriotic message, extolling our right of religious freedom in America given to us by our Patriot forefathers and defended by every veteran of our blessed nation ever since. Dr. Martin discussed the writing of our Declaration of Independence, by Thomas Jefferson and the "Committee of Five". He then described the actions of the 77 brave Lexington militiamen on April 19, 1775, on Lexington Green. Their actions led to the founding of our United States of America.

Reverend Kim then talked about his family's personal connection to the founding of America. Pastor Kim is from South Korea. He came to the U.S. 15 years ago. He described the slavery, slaughter, and abuse put upon the Korean people, first by the Japanese army and then by the Chinese army a few years later. He described stories from his parents and Grandparents about what they went through in World War II and then the Korean War. The United States of America, this country halfway around the world, sent their young men to die for the Koreans and to stop the evils being placed upon them. Rev. Kim stated that he believed the actions of the American soldiers in WW II and in the Korean War, to defend the defenseless people of Korea, is and was, the most Jesus like behavior that he could imagine. To stand in harm's way to defend the innocent, shows what a great and Christian nation that America is. He said that is why he and his wife moved to the U.S.A. and want their two children to be Americans.

Compatriot Steve Martin MC sang a solo of his inspiring rendition of all four verses of "America the Beautiful". Also in attendance were Compatriots Jeffrey Winters MC and Bryan Wampler MC who presented the church with an SAR certificate of commendation for their patriotic, 24 hour- a-day, display of our country's flag. Compatriot Dewey Fry, Delaware Crossing, was present with his authentic Brown Bess musket and answered all questions from many curious church members.

God Bless America, those Patriots who founded our country, and every service member of America to the present time. (Below)



Four days later, members of the Kansas Color Guard, helped celebrate America's 248th birthday by marching in parades in several towns in Kansas. Starting with several members of the Monticello, Delaware Crossing, and the Charles Robinson chapters. (Below)



Two hundred miles away in Derby, another group of guardsmen, and family mem-

bers marched in the Derby's celebration of our countries Independence. Not only did the Wahington Chapter march in Derby, but they took the time to help the little town of Mulvane enjoy celebrating America freedom. (Below) Though the



big or small. The Son's of the Plains Chapter did so, as they have done for the past ten years. Past South-Central Vice President, Bobbie Hulse has been very instrumental in keeping that tradition. Thank you, sir. (Right)



majority of Kansas towns are small, the chapters make sure we share our belief in our great nation by supporting all towns,



As our country continues to find remains of service men, and women, I am honored to be part of the ceremonies that lay our comrades to rest. In Leavenworth we assisted with the internment of a fallen comrade. Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. John E McLaughlen Jr., 25, of Detroit, Michigan, killed during World War II, was laid to rest. While taps were being played, a B1 bomber flew over with wings tipped down in honor of him. The Kansas Color Guard was part of the ceremony as we have been in the past. This was the third internment we have been a part of in just the last year. (Below)



Past Commander Dewey Fry, along other members were asked to present the colors at the Kansas City's Monarchs baseball game on July 26th. As usual they did a great job, thank you gentlemen. (Below)





About eight years ago, Past President Mark Naughton, and myself, started marching in the Abilene Wild Bill Hickok Parade, since then it has grown a lot. This year was no different than any other year, with the temperature above 100, nine members marched one-half miles, followed by everyone sitting on my porch enjoying some ice-cold hard lemonade. (Below)



For the second time this summer, the Commander Bill Marshall, and Brian Vazquez, Thomas Jefferson President, helped the Nebraska Color Guard by marking the grave of a real DAR Daughter, and a Liberty Tree Dedication in Hastings, Nebraska. It is always a pleasure to help a neighboring state. The event was hosted by the Nebraska DAR. Thank you, ladies, for allowing Kansas to be part of your events.

As DAR chapters in America are busy with the traveling display, "The American Revolution Experience" which explains what the real revolutionary generation was faced with, pledge loyalty to the Patriot cause and a new nation or remain loyal to the King and the British Empire, Commander Bill Marshall, Bobbie Hulse, and Frank Hottman was available to answer questions from the many Abilene citizens who attended the grand opening. Bobbie Hulse was asked by Abilene Chapter Regent, Dee Marshall, to cut the cake, which he did with his sword. (Right)



The exhibit then moved on the Belleville and was again ready for the public to experience it also. The Mankato, Desire Tobey Chapter, invited Bill Marshall to welcome students from the surrounding towns. As always, the students want hold the weapon. (Left)



With the color guard, and SAR members being so busy, Bobbie Hulse, and Joe Hulse helped welcome home a couple veterans who are members of the Son's of the Plains Chapter. (Below)



With America starting to celebrate "America 250!", the dedication of the Edward Grover bench, was a part of the Kansas State Fair, in Hutchinson. The project was made possible with the help of the Son's of the Plains Chapter, Dodge City DAR, Uvedale Chapter DAR, Kansas Buffalo Society CAR, and the family of Edgar and Emalene Grover. This will be part of the State Fair for people to enjoy for many years. Present for the dedication were, South Central President James Osborn Chaplain General Vern Welkner, Kansas SAR President Bryan Wampler, Past South-Central President Bobbie Hulse, Past President Son' of the Plains Mark Buckley, VP Son's of the Plains David Parks, Patty Winger, DAR, Willow Tharp, CAR, Commander Bill Marshall assisted by the Kansas Color guard. Thank you, gentlemen. (Above and Right)





With the upcoming celebration of America, the Kansas SAR color guard, officers, and wives of SAR members had the pleasure of helping the State of Kansas committee “Celebrating America 250!”, promote the way communities can help celebrate our Independence. Citizens were asked how, and if their towns are preparing for the big event. Among the many visitors that stopped and chatted with. Lt. Governor David Toland was present with us. (photo no 18)



Last year, while visiting with Ron Neujahr, the manager of the Pride of Kansas building, he told me that what he really wanted most was to be able have the American flag that was

flown over the President Eisenhower Library in Abilene on Ike’s birthday to hang in his building. Not knowing that I live in Abilene; I able to make that happen since Ron was a big advocate of getting American flags to be displayed in every building at the state fair. On opening day, I presented Ron with the flag that he wished for. Pictured with us is Kansas SAR Treasure John Schwartz. (Below)



Joe Hulse, a member of Son’s of the Plains, was also a huge advocate in getting flags displayed in the buildings. Nearing the end of the Honor Flights for 2024, the members of the Kansas and Missouri color guard, welcomed home veterans of the Korean, and Vietnam. Even if the flights arrive after 11:00pm, the compatriots are always standing by to welcome them home. Their dedication to the veterans is unending. (Left)

‘WE THE PEOPLE’

Constitution week found the Charles Robinson Chapter involved with the students of the Raintree Montessori school in Lawrence. SAR members Peter Grassl, John More, Bruce Flanders, and Jim Cooper, read the Constitution with the help of several judges of the Lawrence Judicial Court. After reading all 7,591 words of the Constitution, many of the students gave high fives with the color guardsmen, who presented and retired the colors. In speaking with the students, the SAR members explained to the fifth graders about the SAR poster contest that is held every year. Upon hearing this several students asked how to participate in the contest. The SAR members were more than happy to explain how they will be able to do this. A big thank you to the members of Charles Robinson for doing a great job of doing the reading. (Representative photo below)



I look forward to continue working with the Kansas SAR color guard as we start another busy, and great 4th quarter.

Bill Marshall  
Commander Kansas SAR Color Guard



Kentucky

BATTLE OF BLUE LICKS MEMORIAL CEREMONY

The 242nd Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks was commemorated by the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter of the Kentucky Society on 17 August 2024. Present were approximately 300 attendees consisting of the SAR, DAR, CAR and the general public. Participating in the memorial ceremony were President General Darryl Addington, Wayne Eells (Central District Vice-President General), and K. Scott Collins (South Atlantic District Vice President General & National Color Guard Commander). Taking part in the ceremony were 45 SAR chapters, 16 DAR chapters, and 4 CAR societies. Fourteen SAR state societies were also represented. Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter President John Doss served as the master of ceremonies.

The Battle of Blue Licks, one of the last battles in the American Revolution, occurred on 19 August 1782 on a hill next to the Licking River in present day Kentucky. American Militia under the command of Colonel John Todd with subordinate officers Lt. Col. Stephen Trigg and Lt. Col. Daniel Boone were led into an ambush and defeated by a combined force of American Indians and British Rangers. The vastly outnumbered American force of approximately 182 suffered casualties of approximately 72 killed and 11 captured.

The color guard for the ceremony, commanded by National Color Guard Commander K. Scott Collins, consisted of one fifer, one drummer, 34 riflemen, and 40 flag bearers. During the memorial ceremony, the Honor Roll of those Patriots killed in the battle was read and accompanied by the tolling of a bell after each name. Amazing Grace was played on fife and drum as the musical tribute while members of the rifle/musket detail performed the drill ‘mourn on arms’. The Patriots were also honored with 89 wreaths laid at the monument and a flag folding ceremony. The ceremony concluded with a flintlock gun salute followed by the sounding of Taps. **Right:**Members of the color guard preparing to post the colors







Left. Members of the Kentucky Society provided sentry duty during the wreath presentation.

Right SAR members from 45 chapters and 14 state societies participated in the memorial ceremony.



## FORT JEFFERSON MONUMENT DEDICATION

The Col. Stephen Trigg and Capt. Virgil McCracken chapters of the Kentucky Society joined forces on 21 September to co-sponsor the dedication of the Fort Jefferson monument outside Wickliffe, KY. The monument was dedicated to the civilians, soldiers, and native allies who gave their lives settling/defending the fort during the American Revolution. In addition to the monument dedication, a grave marking service for five Patriots buried in the fort's cemetery was included as part of the event.

The construction of Fort Jefferson was proposed by George Rogers Clark in 1779 to protect Virginia's western border after he captured Kaskaskia and Vincennes. The plan for the fort was approved by the government of Virginia and put into action by Gov. Thomas Jefferson. Fort Jefferson was the only settlement in Kentucky established by the Virginia legislature. The location of the fort was high upon the east bank of the Mississippi River with a strategic view both up and down stream and across the river to Spanish controlled territory. The population of the fort was initially 350 people, but would eventually grow to more than 550 during the fort's existence. The fort existed for only a short period of time (April 1780 to June 1781) as the fort had served its purpose and the men were required for the planned expedition against Detroit.

Attending the ceremony were the following eight SAR chapters: Col. Stephen Trigg (KY), Capt. Virgil McCracken (KY), Gov. Isaac Shelby, (KY), Col. Benjamin Logan (KY), Lafayette (KY), Col. Anthony Bledsoe (TN), Long Knives (IL), and Fort Valley (IL). Also in attendance were three DAR Chapters: Paducah (KY), Ballard Co. (KY), and St. Charles (MO) as well as the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge – KY Brigade, Sons & Daughters of Officers of the Colonial Militia, Society of Cincinnati, and the 24th Connecticut Re-created. Eight descendants of the fort's occupants were also present for the ceremony including one who travelled from Spain to attend. The color guard for the ceremony included 15 flag bearers, 8 rifle/musket men and a fifer. The ceremony concluded with a gun salute performed by 15 rifle/musket men followed by the firing of four cannon and the sounding of Taps.

Right Above. Posting of the colors by SAR compatriots from Kentucky, Illinois, and Tennessee.

Right Middle. Members of the Kentucky society folding the American flag for presentation to a descendant of a Patriot buried at Fort Jefferson.

Right Bottom. Compatriots of the SAR in attending the Fort Jefferson monument dedication.





## INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter has sponsored an Independence Day program for a local community for each of the past 16 years. To increase Patriotic outreach, children from the community are given roles in the ceremony, such as reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The chapter reviewed the timeline and events leading up to and following the signing of the Declaration of Independence as well as a reading of excerpts from the Declaration of Independence. The program is formatted to be interactive for the children, questions were asked during the program with door prizes in the form of patriotic items being provided.

The program also included a flag folding ceremony and a gun salute. The highlight for the children was a parade led by the SAR through the neighborhood. Twenty flags were available for the children to carry in the parade with the assistance of their parents. Approximately 125 children and their parents participated in the parade. The flags consisted of the current National flag of the United States, the first five National flags of the United States, the Kentucky State flag, and various battle flags of the Revolutionary War. Also, in the parade where children riding bicycles that had been decorated for the event. After the parade a "Let Freedom Ring" ceremony was held where each child had an opportunity to ring the bell in commemoration of Independence Day. Nine members from the Gov. Isaac Shelby, Louisville Thruston SAR chapters, and the Jack Jouett CAR Society made up the color guard for this event. The SAR members also provided riflemen, a fifer, and additional flag bearers for the parade.

Left. SAR riflemen preparing for the gun salute.

Left. The SR member conducted the "Let Freedom Ring" program by letting the children ring a bell after the parade.



## Louisiana -

Right - - Louisiana America 250 Kick-off Ceremony (including unveiling of America 250 vehicle tag for the state of Louisiana), 3 July 2024, Old State Capitol, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; The GPT Color Guard posted and struck the colors at the event; l-r: Stephen Estinopal (GPT), Robert Free-land (Granaderos y Damas de Galvez, La Luisiana Chapter), Steve Kubicek (GPT), Paul Bergeron (GPT), and Mitch Pratt (GPT).



Left Louisiana America 250 Kick-off Ceremony, 3 July 2024, Old State Capitol, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; The GPT Color Guard posted and struck the colors at the event; l-r: Steve Kubicek, Mitch Pratt, Stephen Estinopal, and Paul Bergeron.



Left Louisiana America 250 Kick-off Ceremony, 3 July 2024, Old State Capitol, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; The GPT Color Guard posted and struck the colors at the event; Paul Bergeron is carrying the Spanish Bandera del Regimiento de Infanteria de Luisiana, 1779-1781, the flag carried by the Spanish Army in Louisiana under General Galvez.



Below The GPT Color Guard was asked to participate in the wreath laying at the Louisiana Old State Capitol grounds, hosted by the La Luisiana Chapter, Los Granaderos y Damas de Galvez on July 3rd, 2024. Stephen Estinopal is standing behind the wreath with the flag of Spain. Paul Bergeron is holding the Spanish Bandera del Regimiento de Infanteria de Luisiana, 1779-1781, the flag carried by the Spanish Army in Louisiana under General Galvez. The event was part of the kickoff of the Louisiana America 250 Commission.



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.

Below GPT-SAR Color Guard members (l-r) Neil Hohman, Jeff Truax, Steve Kubicek, and Derrick Spell are seen with members of the Capitol City Composite Squadron, Louisiana Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, June 2024.



Below Color Guard members from General Philemon Thomas, Bernardo de Galvez Chapter (Shreveport, LA) and the James Huey Chapter (West Monroe, LA) chapters of Louisiana SAR, the Isaac Shelby Chapter of Tennessee SAR, and Granaderos y Damas de Galvez, La Luisiana Chapter marched with colors from the Louisiana State Museum to the Fort San Carlos memorial plaque, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as part of the 245th anniversary of the Battle of Baton Rouge on June 20-21, 1779. Seen here are Compatriot Jerry Madden (Galvez Chapter, Lake Charles, LA), Leonard Rohrbough (Rousseau chapter, Covington, LA), Steve Kubicek (GPT), Christopher Achee (GPT), Paul Bergeron (GPT), and Ted Brode (Huey Chapter, West Monroe, LA).



Below Color Guard members from General Philemon Thomas, Bernardo de Galvez Chapter (Shreveport, LA) and the James Huey Chapter (West Monroe, LA) chapters of Louisiana SAR, the Chapter of Tennessee SAR, and Granaderos y Damas de Galvez, La Luisiana Chapter marched with colors from the Louisiana State Museum to the Fort San Carlos memorial plaque, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as part of the 245th anniversary of the Battle of Baton Rouge on June 20-21, 1779. Here, the Guard has posted the colors at the scene of the Battle of Baton Rouge. (l-r: Bradford Waters, Isaac Shelby Chapter, Tennessee SAR, Jeff Truax, (GPT), Paul Bledsoe (GPT) and Gary Phillips, a member of the Granaderos y Damas de Galvez, La Luisiana Chapter)



Left Paul Buller, Bagpiper, The Caledonian Society, Baton Rouge, joined the Joint SAR Color Guard to observe the Battle of Baton Rouge.

Below Compatriot Jeff Truax and his wife Natalie attended the Fairfax Resolves 250th Anniversary in Alexandria, VA. Jeff met fellow Compatriot Donald Francisco, a fellow Louisianan, at the event. Jeff and



Donald are standing in front of the tomb of George Washington at Mount Vernon. Donald is a veteran and a is now a fifer at Mount Vernon. While in the Army Donald was with the US Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps.

Right The Color Guard of General Philemon Thomas, LASSAR, posted and struck the colors at their monthly business meeting on August 2, 2024; l-r: Neil Hohman, Jeff Truax, Mitch Pratt.





## COMMEMORATION OF THE BATTLE OF BATON ROUGE

Members of the General Philemon Thomas Chapter and the Louisiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution participated in a commemoration of the American Revolution's Battle of Baton Rouge on Saturday September 14, 2024. Members of the Color Guard led a procession in downtown Baton Rouge from the Capitol Park Museum to the fort's historic plaque located near the Pentagon Barracks. The procession also included members of the Louisiana and Tennessee Societies of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution, Tennessee Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Spain, the United Houma Nation, Los Isleños and Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez. A brief memorial service and wreath-laying ceremony were then completed.

Spain declared war on the British on June 21, 1779. Spanish Louisiana Governor Bernardo de Gálvez assembled an army of 1427 troops and marched from New Orleans to Baton Rouge. These soldiers included Spanish regulars in addition to French, German and Spanish settlers, Native Americans and freed African Americans. Gálvez and his troops initially captured Fort Bute at Bayou Manchac on September 7th. They subsequently captured the British Fort at Baton Rouge on September 21st. Upon surrender, Gálvez also convinced Colonel Alexander Dickson to relinquish Fort Panmure at Natchez. These victories spoiled the British plans to capture New Orleans and control the lower Mississippi River. When General Washington learned about Gálvez's victories in Louisiana, he wrote to Spain's informal ambassador in Philadelphia that these victories "will probably have a beneficial influence on the affairs of the Southern States."

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) recently designated the Battle of Baton Rouge as the secondary signature event for 2029. Celebration of these events are an integral part of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the founding of America. The events are listed on the NSSAR Decade of the American Revolution calendar found online at [america250sar.org](http://america250sar.org).



Color Guard Members from the General Philemon Thomas Chapter and the Louisiana Society leading the procession with the colors.



Color Guard Members from the Louisiana and Tennessee Societies marching to the Fort of Baton Rouge's historic plaque.



Color Guard Members from the General Philemon Thomas Chapter and the Louisiana Society at the wreath-laying ceremony.

## 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)





Mount Vernon –As usually, we had a few Guardsmen at ‘His Excellency’s Estate’ for the ‘An American Celebration’ as Glenn and Lynn Moss participated in the VASSAR George Washington Chapter’s March to the Tomb and Ceremony – Lynn is a member of our ‘Old Line’ Ladies Auxiliary and Glenn in The Line, third from the right,(Below with the 1Va Regiment as Musick on drum. (Right) -



Thomas Stone Historical Site –



Wreath Laying ceremony at Thomas Stone grave site with Color Guard and Thomas Stone Chapter members Mike Morthland and Kevin Nietmann with chapter member Norm Saunders.



Solomons Island, MD – This was our first time setting up camp for 4th of July at Solomons as Color Guard members Jason Posey and Geoff Wood engages the public at the table display while Lawrence Price talks about the blanket displays (Left) The day also included some drill with the New Recruits by and Safety Officer Jason Posey. (Right)



Congressional Cemetery, D.C. Color Guard member Michael Fryar joined The District of Columbia Society Sons of the American Revolution (“DCSAR”), the District of Columbia Daughters of the American Revolution (“DCDAR”), the Children of the American Revolution (“C.A.R.”) and members of many other lineage and patriotic organizations gathered on the Fourth of July 2024 for our traditional Independence

Ceremony at Congressional Cemetery. The purpose was to honor and remember Vice President Elbridge Gerry and all the other Signers of the Declaration of Independence. Vice President Gerry is the only Signer buried in Washington D.C.



July 9 - 250th Caroline Resolves – Throughout May and July 1774, committees of correspondence in Maryland counties met and resolved to stand with Boston beginning with Kent, Talbot and Caroline and eventually leading to the Annapolis Convention where delegates were selected to the First Continental Congress. “At a very full Meeting of respectable Inhabitants of Caroline County, at Melvill’s Warehouse, on Saturday, 18th day of June 1774. - We gathered at the Caroline County Court to Commemorate the ten resolves that were agreed to that day. Advance the Colors (pic , The Line with Glenn Moss, David Embrey, Don Eberhardt and Rick Abbott - Another 250 event in the books – HUZZAH!



July 13 – Braddock Monument - The Frederick Maryland Chapter of the DAR celebrated the 100th year marking of the Chapter’s Braddock Monument in Braddock Heights. (Right and next page) This location is part of the “Old National Trail carved out by British General Braddock and Lieutenant Colonel George Washington’s armies as they left Frederick to battle with the French and Indians at Fort Duquesne in 1755. Erected by the Frederick Chapter Daughters of the





American Revolution 1924.” District Commander Gerry Harris traded in his Regimental for his Maryland Provencal uniform as he gave a talk about a young Lieutenant Colonel named George Washington and General Braddock.



America as they interpret the lives and work of various women who lived in the city of Philadelphia during the Revolutionary War. Engaging the public (Right) busy work (Far Right)



Aug 10 - Atlantic Middle State Conference, Williamsburg, Virginia, David Embrey, traded in his Blue Regimental for red and played ‘Welcome here again’ as the Colors were advanced and ‘Yankee Doodle’ as the Color Guard was dismissed. The SAR



July 27 – 1812 Marking of Samuel Neale, Samuel was an African-American who

served at both the Battle of Bladensburg and Baltimore as a steward and medical assistant to Dr. William Hammond, surgeon of the First Maryland Cavalry where he primarily cared for wounded soldiers on the battlefield; he is notable for recently receiving recognition for his service after years of being



denied a proper military headstone due to historical discrepancies regarding Black soldiers’ status in the war. Such an Honor it was for Color Guard members Will Johnson, Glenn Moss, Gerry Harris and David Embrey – Fire (Above) ‘The Line’ (Right)



‘Old Line’ participants included Rick Abbott, Gene Moyer, David Embrey and David Hoover (Top) The Maryland Contingent (Above)

Sept 5 - Paca House 250 Marker Dedication, Annapolis – Another 250 event for the Maryland DAR with the dedication of a bronze patriot marker at the William Paca House in Annapolis who was a Maryland signers of the Declaration of Independence. The Line included David Embrey, Gerry Harris, Jason Posey, John Davidson Tony Zecca and Glenn Moss. (Left), Fire (Below) Kathy Hersey sounds Taps

July 27 – Women of Philadelphia - Museum of the American Revolution – ‘Old Line’



Ladies Auxiliary member Vicki Embrey portrayed Sarah Melton a mantua maker (Below) along with other members of the Ladies Association of Revolutionary





Sept 7 Cooch's Bridge – The 247 Anniversary Battle of Cooch's Bridge, also known as the Battle of Iron Hill, was the only Revolutionary War battle fought in the state of Delaware. Having multiple events that day we were only able to field Color Guard member Gene Moyer (Below and (Bottom))



Sept 11 – Annual Remembrance Ceremony, Thurmont - It is always an honor for the Color Guard to participate in this Annual tribute in Thurmont, MD. The Thurmont Lions Club was the host of this community tribute to the thousands of Americans who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, including the heroic first responders. Featured Color Guards were from Scout Troop 270, American Legion Post 168, AMVETS Post 7, and the Sons of the American Revolution. Advance the Colors - Carroll Manor Chapter of the DAR lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Steve Hess provided patriotic music. District Commander Gerry Harris represented. Post Musket Salute



Sept 14 - SAR Tomb Vigil At Mount Vernon – What a 'Great Day to be in Wool' for the Annual Tomb Vigil of 'His Excellency' George Washington, as "Old Line" Color Guard mem-



bers Gene Moyer and District Commander Glenn Moss participated. – Gene Moyer (Previous) – Glenn Moss (Above)

Sept /17 - Proclamation Day Ceremony, Alexandria - It's always a pleasure for Fifer David Embrey and Ms. Vicki to be part of the DAR's Annual Alexandria City Constitution Week Proclamation with Mayor Justin Wilson, City Council Members, The VASSAR Honor Guard, ACPS Superintendent, choirs from four city schools, members of SAR, CAR, DAR District V Director, and members of several local chapters. Guardsman David Embrey traded in his Blue Regimental for Red as he opened the Program marching in to Yankee Doodle. (Below) Fifer Dave gave a talk on the Fife, Drum and the importance of the Field Musick in camp life during the War and was accompanied by Ms. Vicki of the 'Old Line' Color Guard Ladies Auxiliary, who portrayed Mrs. Jolley who owned a Milliner's Shop on Fairfax St. in 1784 Alexandria. ,



David Embrey on fife performing Yankee Doodle by Richard Shuckburgh. Behind him is the Alexandria City High School choir, who would next sing the Star-Spangled Banner. Photo: Judith Fogel/The Zebra Press



Group Photo with DAR and SAR (Above)

Sept 17 - Constitution and Citizenship Day , Academy Art Museum in Easton, The Colonel Tench Tilghman Chapter supported the third annual Constitution and Citizenship Day event with Color Guard members Paul Turlinton and District Commander





Ronnie Howard “Advanced the Colors” (Right) to commemorate the signing of this important historical document. Rick Culotta, Paul Turlington, Kurt Smith and Ronnie Howard (Below)



Sept 19 Franco-American - Franco-American Alliance Memorial Commemoration, US Naval Academy, Annapolis - Several military organizations and lineage societies joined to honor the French Soldiers that encamped here on their way to the battle of Yorktown. Why we are here (Left). This ceremony marked 244 years since those brave soldiers and sailors camped at what is now the US Naval Academy. The Naval, SAR and ROTC Color Guards (Below). SAR ‘Old Line’ Color Guard members Rick Abbott, Gerald Harris, David Embrey and Glenn Moss. (Next column)



Sept 21 – 250 Charles County Resolves - The 1774 Charles County Resolves were part of the vanguard of the American Revolution where local patriots rose up in support of the people in Boston who objected to the tyrannical British rule. The Charles County patriots who signed the resolves went on to have a profound impact on Maryland and the Revolution. This event was re-enacted by the Thomas Stone Chapter of the SAR and the Port Tobacco Chapter of the DAR with the “Colors” being “Presented” by the JROTC Color Guard from McDonough High School. (Left)



The commemoration included the reading of the Resolves by chapter member Mike Mazzeo and the reading of a proclamation made by the Charles County Commissioners that commended Thomas Stone Chapter for commemorating the Resolves of 1774. Charles County Commissioner Gilbert “BJ” Bowling read the Commissioners’ proclamation. The signers of the Resolves were honored with a musket salute. and Thomas Stone Chapter President Mike Morthland presided over the ceremony.

The “Old Line” Color Guard included David Embrey of the Charles Carroll of Carrollton SAR Chapter, Fred Bloch and David Nelson of The First Maryland Regiment, Glenn Moss and Rick Abbott of the John Paul Jones SAR Chapter and Jason Posey, Kevin Nietmann, Lawrence Price and Michael Morthland of the Thomas Stone SAR Chapter.

Like or follow us on facebook at SAR ‘Old Line’ and War of 1812 Society In MD. Color Guard and Field Music; The SAR “Old Line” Field Music in the field July - September

## Michigan -



### GRAVE MARKING

The Michigan Color Guard participated in a Grave Marking on September 21st, 2024 for Revolutionary War veteran John Wall. (L to R) Guardsman David Hill, Guardsman Mark Chamberlain, Guardsman Chris Blunt, Commander John Lepisto, National Adjutant Ken Goodson.





## Missouri -

### LIBERTY TREE DEDICATION

The South Central District Color Guard gathered at King Jack Park, Webb City, Missouri Friday evening, August 23, 2024, for a Liberty Tree Dedication. Host MOSSAR Chapter Sgt. Ariel Nims planted the tree this summer and had a plaque affixed upon a granite stone at the base of the tree, which memorializes John Jasper's short life and gallantry during service in the American Revolution.

German-born Johann Wilhelm Gasper immigrated to Philadelphia in 1767 at the age of 16. He placed his X after taking an oath before a colonist who recorded his name as John William Jasper.

He joined the Georgia militia in 1775, demonstrated leadership skills, and was promoted to sergeant. He ultimately found himself under the command of Col. William Multrie at Charleston harbor where defenses were constructed from Palmetto logs and there was flown the famous Multrie Flag as we know it today. On June 28, 1776, the flag staff was broken during British naval bombardment. Jasper, refusing to fight without a flag, retrieved it and with a makeshift staff, set the flag on the rampart during the continuing barrage. He received honors and given special scouting missions. He died October 9, 1779, during an assault to retake Savannah from British control. It is in his honor that Jasper County Missouri was named.

Colors were posted followed by a biography of patriot Jasper, presentation from Webb City's Mayor pro-tem, Councilman Jerry Fisher, a fife tune, and a musket volley. Color guard were under the command of Missouri State Commander Steven Perkins and Missouri NW District Commander Mark Parks. Other special guests included MODAR Regent Lisa Parks, and Jasper County Commissioner John Bartosh.



(photos courtesy of Dan Piedlow) <https://webbcity.net/liberty-tree-dedicated-in-honor-of-county-namesake-sgt-william-jasper/#content>



22 SCD CG with (L-R standing front row) MOSSAR President Gene Henry, PG Darryl Addington, VPG James Osborn, OKSSAR President Mark Reichardt, KSSAR President Bryan Wampler, Past VPG Charles McLemore.

## Nebraska -

### INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE,

The Nebraska SAR Color Guard participated in the Ralston Independence Day parade, in Ralston, NE, on July 4. This is the 7th year we have participated in Nebraska's largest Independence Day celebration. Omaha Compatriot Jim Sly represented Nebraska SAR in the National Color Guard at the National Congress in Lancaster, PA in July.

On Aug 17, the Nebraska SAR Color Guard participated in a full day of events in Hastings, NE. The day began



with the Kool-Aid Days Parade in downtown Hastings. The popular drink, Kool-Aid, was invented in Hastings. We marched in conjunction with members of the Nebraska DAR, with the color guard leading the way and members walking behind, handing out flags to the spectators. Our day continued with our first Liberty Tree dedication, a 90-foot Cottonwood tree (Nebraska's state tree) in the arboretum on the grounds of Hastings College. Hastings is in Adams County, and during the ceremony, we also commemorated the 250th anniversary of the First Continental Congress, of which John Adams was a part and Adams County was named.

After the Liberty Tree dedication, we traveled to Parkview Cemetery to assist the Niobrara Butler Johnson Chapter of the Nebraska DAR in rededicating the gravesite of DAR Real Daughter Caroline Lois Herrick Johnson, whose father fought in the Revolutionary War. On Sep 17, Constitution Day, the color guard traveled to North Platte, NE, and participated in Bells Across America, with the Sioux Lookout Chapter of the Nebraska DAR, on the grounds of the Lincoln County Courthouse, to commemorate the signing of the Constitution of the United States. Afterward, the Nebraska SAR dedicated our second Liberty Tree, this one a 100+ year old American Linden tree on the grounds of the Lincoln County Courthouse.





## CHARTERS OF FREEDOM DEDICATION

BBP color guard at the Charters of Freedom Dedication, Sparks, NV.

On Monday, July 1st, four members of the Battle Born Patriot (BBP) chapter Color Guard presented the Colors for the dedication ceremony of the newly installed Charters of Freedom Display at the Nevada Veterans Plaza, in Sparks, NV. The Charters of Freedom displays enshrine America's Founding Documents in nearly indestructible encasements, which are placed in open public settings, to allow year-round viewing by all members of the public. The Charters of Freedom Displays promote patriotism by showing the founding documents and evoking contemplation of their eternal importance to the nation.

The featured speaker at the dedication ceremony was Mr. Vance Patterson, who with his wife Mary Jo, founded the Foundation Forward, Inc. (501-c3) organization, which endows and coordinates the nationwide Charters of Freedom Display installations. During the past 13 years, the Pattersons have contributed many displays of the Charters of Freedom for the public to enjoy, and this is the third Charters of Freedom Display to be installed in Nevada. Their contact information is available at: The Founders | Charters of Freedom | Foundation Forward

In supporting the Charters of Freedom Displays, the SAR's BBP chapter name was inscribed with others on a donor plaque, which was mounted on the center display.

At the conclusion of Mr. Patterson's remarks, seven (7) signal cannons were fired in salute, which was performed under the direction of cannoneer CSM (Ret.) Snider Perry.

The Sparks city mayor offered comments to close the event.

On Independence Day, four members of the BBP Chapter Color Guard appeared at the annual Bell Ringing Ceremony in Carson City at the Nevada State Museum, to celebrate the July 4th 1776 adoption of the Declaration of Independence. The chapter hosted the event, and was supported by the Douglas County High School's JROTC Tiger Battalion Color Guard, which posted the National Colors.

The color presentation was followed by the BBP Color Guard reading the Declaration of Independence aloud, and then to symbolically honor the patriots from each of the original thirteen states, past president David Hess tolled the Nevada Liberty Bell 13 times as the audience called out each state.

The audience members later took turns ringing the bell.

BBP Color Guard members at the ceremony were: Rob Stoecklin, Roger Linscott, Donn Dalton, and David Hess, who performed M.C. duties.



Left: BBP Chapter Color Guard Members, Jul 1-2024 at Charters of Freedom Dedication. Left to Right: Rafael Ortiz, Roger Linscott, Donn Dalton, David Hess, by S.Linscott.

Right: BBP CG, Jul 1-2024 Presenting Colors at Charters of Freedom Dedication, Nevada Veterans Plaza, Sparks, NV, by S.Linscott.



Left: BBP Chapter CG, Bell Ringing event at Nev. State Museum, Carson City, NV, 4 July 2023. Photo by S.Linscott.

Center- BBP Chapter, Jul 1-2024, DONOR PLAQUE re Charters of Freedom Display - Sparks, NV, photo by C.Slavin, CoF.

Right – BBP CG, NIGHTTIME VIEW Charters of Freedom Display, Sparks, NV, photo by C.Slavin, CoF





# New Hampshire -

## JULY

Andover Old Time Fairs  
 NHSAR Compatriots set up the static display at historic Potter's Place in Andover, NH to share information on the SAR and provide demonstrations to the public.

Below L-R: Guardsmen Hans Jackson Barry Lewis and Russell Cumbee; Compatriot Dick Baynes and Guardsman Doug Wood, NSODAR Linda Wood and Guardsman Curtis Hermann.



Guardsman Hans Jackson answers questions about his uniform and musket.



4th of July  
 New Hampshire Color Guard members along with representatives from NSODAR participated in the Woodsville, NH 4th of July Parade. Guardsmen Richard Right, Ron White, along with Dennis and Sean Walsh elected to march the entire 1.5 mile route while others rode on our trailer. CG Commander Curtis Hermann accepted an invitation to march with American Legion Post 20 to represent America's 1st Patriots. Photographs by Lydia Cumbee.

On the float L-T: Guardsman Russel Cumbee, NSODAR Lois Hermann, Compatriot Brush Bradley, Guardsmen Ron White and Sean Walsh, NSODAR Kirsten White and Compatriot Dick Baynes. In front of float, L-R: Guardsmen Richard Wright, Hans Jackson, Dennis Walsh, Barry Lewis and Curtis Hermann. Not pictured is driver, James Veach.

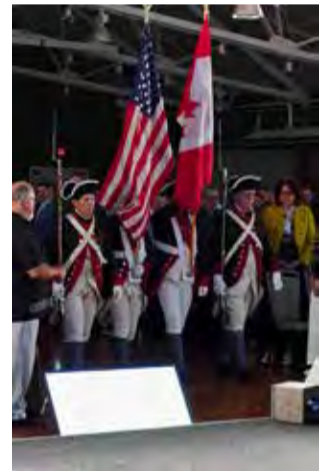


Marching in front of the NHSAR Float, L-R: Guardsmen Richard Wright, Sean Walsh, Ron White, Dennis Walsh and NSODAR Kirsten White.

NASTO24  
 Members of the NHSAR Color Guard were honored to join with the Piscataqua Rangers Drum & Bugle Corps. to present the colors at the Northeast Association of State Transportation Officials' annual conference, NASTO24 in Manchester, NH on 22 May 2024. Photographs by Dick Baynes

NASTO Present:  
 LR: Guardsmen Curtis Herman, Ron White (obstructed), Bob Chesley (obstructed) and Doug Wood.

NASTO Group: NHSAR Guardsmen and Piscataqua Rangers during the National Anthems.



General Knox Birthday Observance  
 Members of the NHSAR Color Guard joined with members of the MASAR Color Guard and the MESAR Color Guard to present the colors and provide a musket salute for the annual commemoration of General Henry Knox's Birthday in Thomaston, ME. Photographs by Patti Wright.



Combined Color Guard, L\_R: Curtis Hermann, (NHSAR), Dennis Walsh (NHSAR), Brad Bittenbender, (MASAR), Richard Wright, (NHSAR), Ken Sterling, (MASAR), Scott Tourtellot, (MASAR), Wayne Mallar, (MESAR), and Chris Tourtellot, (MASAR).

Combined Color guard musket salute.





**Cathedral of the Pines**

The New Hampshire and Massachusetts Color Guards joined forces to Present the Colors for the annual Cathedral of the Pines Memorial Service sponsored by the New Hampshire Society of DAR.

The Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire, is a national memorial dedicated to the memory and honor of all Americans who serve the nation. NHSODAR has hosted an annual Memorial Service at the majestic outdoor chapel since 1947. The Cathedral of the Pines event offers people from around the state, and across the coun-



try, the opportunity to come together for a time of fellowship and inspiration. Each year, a National Society DAR officer or other distinguished guest, brings an inspiring message for guests to contemplate.

**CofP Group:**

L-R: Dennis Walsh (NHSAR), Glean Eaton (MASAR), Lois Hermann (NHSODAR), Jim Holmes (MASAR), Barry Lewis (NHSAR), NH State Regent Kay Sternberger (NHSODAR), Richard Wright (NHSAR), NH State Chaplain Shannon Croteau (NHSODAR), Hans Jackson (NHSAR) in back partially obstructed, Bob Chelsey (NHSAR), Unknown, Curtis Hermann, (NHSAR), Doug Wood, (NHSAR), Chris Tourtellot (MASAR), Scott Tourtellot (MASAR) and Drummer, Taryn Holmes (MADAR)



**CofP Present:**

L-R: Curtis Hermann, (NHSAR), Doug Wood (NHSAR), Richard Wright (NHSAR), Drummer Taryn Holmes (MADAR) and Chris Tourtellot (MASAR)

**Battle of Bennington**

NHSAR Color Guard Commander Curtis Hermann represented the NHSAR at the Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony commemorating the Battle of Bennington.



Right - -BoB Wreath: Commander Hermann saluting the wreath placed on behalf of NHSAR.

Left - -BoB Salute: Members of the 2nd Continental Artillery, Descendants of the Green Mountain Boys, VASAR and NHSAR provide a salute to those who fought in the Battle of Bennington.

**Muster Field Farms**

Compatriots of the New Hampshire Society participated in the Muster Field Museum Farm Days event with SAR & Revolutionary War information booths. They also provided musket volley demonstrations throughout the day.



Left - - Muster Field Exhibit: NHSAR Color Guard member Doug Wood speaks with attendees about Revolutionary War era muskets.



Right - - NHSAR Guardsmen Barry Lewis and Doug Wood were joined by a Civil War reenactor for a musket firing demonstration.

**Battle of Rhode Island**

Members of the NHSAR, Color Guard, Henry Knox Color Guard of MASAR, 1st and wnd R.I Regiments and the Varnum Continentals provided a "sunset salute" at the annual commemoration of the Battle of Rhode Island at Butts Hill Fort in Portsmouth, RI.

Below - Combined Honor Guard



Ceremony: Honor Guard preparing to fire the musket salute.



**Londonderry Old Home Days**

Compatriots of the New Hampshire Society set up the SAR & Revolutionary War information booth at the Londonderry Historical Society during Old Home Days. They also provided musket volley demonstrations throughout the day.

NHSAR Color Guard member Curtis Herman reviews the anatomy of an 18th century musket.





**Grave Marking Ceremony**

The NHSAR performed a grave marking ceremony honoring Revolutionary War Patriots: William Alexander, William Moore, Thomas Patterson, James Nesmith, David Crowell and John Bell to conclude their activities at the Londonderry Old Home Days. Patriot John Bell was among those who stored gunpowder captured from the raid of Fort William and Mary in 1774.



**Londonderry GM Present Arms:**

L-R: NHSAR Color Guard members Curtis Herman, Hans Jackson present arms as the grave markers are unveiled.

**Lafayette Arrival Langdon House**  
L-R; Guardmen, Ron White, Doug Wood, Bob Chesley (partially obscured), Richard Wright, Curtis Hermann (partially obscured) and NHSODAR Lois Hermann escort the Marquis de Lafayette as he is welcomed at the historic Langdon House in Portsmouth, NH.



**Lafayette Group**

L-R; NHSAR Guardmen Paul Ford and Curtis Hermann, NHSODAR Lois Hermann, NHSAR Guardsman Richard Wright, General Lafayette (Ben Goldman), NHSAR Guardsmen Doug Wood, Hans Jackson, Bob Chesley, Ron White and Dennis Walsh.

Not pictured are NHSAR compatriots Brush Bradley, John Ginsberg and Dick Baynes who provided logistical support to move equipment, set up flags and maintain field of fire safety zones at each location.

**Color Guard Enlistment**

Color Guard Commander Curtis Hermann conducted an enlistment ceremony during the NHSAR Constitution Day on September 14th., 2024.

Compatriot Bob Chesley recites the Oath of Service to complete his enlistment as a member of the NHSAR Color Guard.



**Wright Grave Marking**

The NHSAR was joined by members from the NHSODAR and the Wright family in a ceremony to mark the grave sites of NHSAR Compatriot Richard Wright's Patriot ancestors John Wright Sr. and John Wright Jr. at the Old Dundatable Cemetery in Nashua, NH on September 2th, 2024.

**Wright GM Salute** ;Members of the the NHSAR Color Guard provide a 3 volley salute as descendants of Rev War Patriots, John Wright Sr. and John Wright Jr., look on.



**Wright GM Group** – NHSAR Compatriots and members of the Wright family.



**Lafayette Tour**

The New Hampshire sons of the American Revolution joined with the American Friends of Lafayette to commemorate the bicentennial of General Lafayette's visit to the NH seacoast and dinner with General John Langdon just as he did 200 years ago, during his triumphant return tour to America in 1824. The commemoration involved celebrations in four towns in the all day event.

Members of the NHSAR Color Guard escorted General Lafayette's carriage, greeted him at each stop and provided a musket salute to conclude ceremonies in Hampton Falls NH, Hampton NH, Greenland, NH and Portsmouth, NH.

**Lafayette Carriage Escort:**

L-R: Guardsmen Doug Wood (partially obscured), Curtis Hermann and Bob Chesley escort Marquis de Lafayette's (portrayed by Ben Goldman) carriage as it arrives in Hampton Falls, NH.



**Battle of Groton Heights**

The NHSAR Guardsman Russell Cumbee joined with CTSAR Color Guard to participate in the ceremony to commemorate the 243rd anniversary of the Battle of Groton Heights at Fort Griswold Battlefield State Park in Groton CT. This ceremony is held annually to honor the 88 Patriots who were killed during the bloody massacre.

**Groton Heights:** NHSAR Guardsmen Russell Cumbee (4th from the front) joins the Connecticut Line – CTSAR Color Guard as they march into the remains of Fort Griswold to start the ceremony.



**Lafayette Arrival Greenland:**

L-R: Guardsmen Doug Wood, Curtis Hermann, Ron White and Bob Chesley (obscured) salute General Lafayette as he is greeted at Greenland, NH.





## New Jersey -

### NEW JERSEY

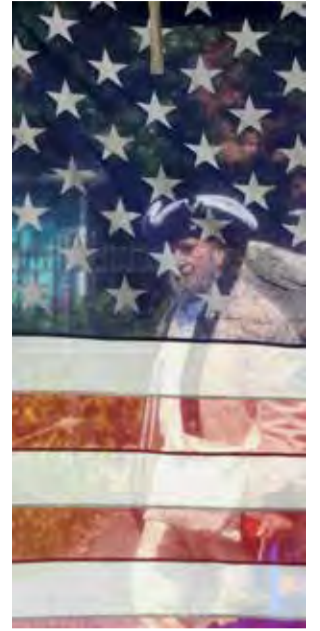
#### PERTH AMBOY

On July 4, the New Jersey Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard assembled in Perth-Amboy for the city's annual Let Freedom Ring ceremony. Perth Amboy Mayor Helmin Caba rang the city's Liberty Bell replica on Market Square and a series of citizens of all ages took turns reading the Declaration of Independence. The NJSSAR Color Guard was well-represented and took the occasion to introduce its new 3rd New Jersey flag, a gift from longtime color guardsmen and quartermasters Gary Beauregard and Ed Glidden.

NJSSAR Colorguardsmen David Tinker and Gary Beauregard proudly display the unit's new regimental flag (from the Continental Army's 3rd New Jersey), being used for the first time that day, fittingly enough, on July 4 for the Let Freedom Ring ceremony in Perth Amboy, NJ.



NJSSAR Color Guardsman Robert Anderson as seen through Old Glory on the grounds of The Old Stone House.



#### COOCH'S BRIDGE

On Sept. 7, NJSSAR Color Guard took part in another national SAR historic site event, this time in Iron Hill, Delaware, the Commemoration of The Battle of Cooch's Bridge, fought on Sept. 3, 1777. This annual event was held at the Pencader Heritage Museum, which is located on part of the battlefield. More than 100 people gathered to pay tribute to the colonial soldiers killed at the Battle of Cooch's Bridge, the first battle of the Philadelphia Campaign and the only battle fought on Delaware soil during the Revolutionary War. At least two-dozen Continental soldiers were killed during that battle and are believed to be buried in forgotten, unmarked graves somewhere on the battlefield.



Participating organizations supporting the commemoration: Pencader Heritage Area Association, Friends of Coach's Bridge Historic Site, Delaware Division of Historic and Cultural Affairs, Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, 1st Delaware Regiment and the W3R.

NJSSAR Color Guard Commander Jay Hershey and Color Guardsmen Chris Sands and Ken McGill were among those present to commemorate the Battle of Cooch's Bridge on Sept. 7 in Iron Hill, Delaware.

#### BROOKLYN

On August 24, members of the NJSSAR Color Guard traveled to the Old Stone House in Brooklyn, New York, to celebrate a national SAR historic site event, the wreath laying commemorating the Aug. 28, 1776, Battle of Brooklyn, the largest battle of the Revolutionary War, and the sacrifices of the Maryland 400 in that battle. This ceremony, hosted by The Old Stone House, part of the New York City Parks System, the Empire State SAR's Battle of Brooklyn Chapter and the Society of the Cincinnati of Maryland, drew SAR color guard members from New York and New Jersey and members of the Society of the Cincinnati from Maryland and Connecticut. The central focus of this ceremony is the sacrifices of the Maryland 400, many of whom gave their lives covering the retreat of the main body of the Continental Army that day to Brooklyn Heights. Earlier on the same day some color guard members also attended a ceremony honoring the Prison Ship Martyrs, also in Brooklyn, honoring the multitude of Continental soldiers taken prisoner by the British and who died in captivity aboard the ships moored in New York Harbor.

Advancing the colors for the Battle of Brooklyn Commemoration and Maryland 400 Remembrance, a Color Guard unit consisting of New Jersey and Empire State Color Guard members at The Old Stone House in Brooklyn, NY.



#### ABRAHAM CLARK

On Sept. 14, the NJSSAR's Abraham Clark Chapter hosted a ceremony honoring its namesake, the patriot Abraham Clark, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, a lawyer, early congressman and avid supporter of the Revolution. Abraham Clark worked as a surveyor and taught himself law. He became known as "the poor man's councilor" as he offered to defend poor men who could not afford a lawyer. Clark and his wife Sarah had 10 children, including sons who fought in the Revolutionary War, were captured and imprisoned on the Jersey, the enemy's deadliest prison ship. The British offered to release them if Clark recanted his stand for independence, but he refused. The Clark House, in Roselle, NJ, is the headquarters of the New Jersey Society Sons of the American Revolution. Chris Sands is president of the Abraham Clark Chapter. In 1919, a monument with a stone and plaque honoring Clark were installed on the property where his house (a replica) now stands. Participants included the mayor of Roselle, Donald Shaw, and the JROTC Color Guard of nearby Abraham Clark High School.

At the Sept. 14 rededication of the monument for Declaration of Independence signer Abraham Clark on the grounds of the Abraham Clark House in Roselle, NJ. From left, Color Guardsmen Dave Nelson, Tom D'Amico, Earl Groendyke, Commander Jay Hershey, Abraham Clark Chapter President Chris Sands, Jake Rue, Roger Williams, Adjutant Richard Serfass and Peter Moller.







## New York -

### WREATH LAYING

The Walloomsac Battle Chapter participated in the annual wreath laying ceremony at the Bennington Battlefield on the battle anniversary date. The Color Guard fired artillery salutes and placed a wreath in this oldest continuing commemoration of a revolutionary war battle in the United States.

One September 15th the Walloomsac battle chapter also participated as color guard and placing a wreath at the annual memorial ceremony for the those who fell in the battles at Saratoga Battlefield.



## Ohio

July 4 Centerville: The Richard Montgomery Chapter Color Guard waves to the crowd from their parade wagon at the Centerville, Ohio Independence Day Parade.



Color Guard members of the Hocking Valley Chapter and Camp Charlotte Chapter met at the Columbus Zoo & Aquarium in Powell, Ohio on Saturday, July 6th to participate in a Veterans Administration Welcome Home Event. A special pavilion was set up with many tables offering information on various VA benefits and enrollments. The compatriots manned an SAR table with brochures and flyers and talked with veterans and members of the public about the SAR, how to gain membership, our Youth Contest Programs and other activities.



On Sunday, July 7th, Hocking Valley Chapter Color Guard members Bob Hill and Steve Conrad provided a small color guard for Cincinnati Chapter compatriot Pastor Ed Bonniwell's special God & Country church service in Blue Ash, Ohio. The compatriots also awarded two lady graduates of West Point and combat veterans of Afghanistan, The Boston Tea Party Medal.

Guard led by State Color Guard Commander Bob Hill prepares to "Form line by column" after doing a "Right Face" in preparation to post the colors around the Tomb of the Unknown Patriot during the annual Siege at Fort Laurens Memorial Service held on July 27th this year. Fort Laurens in Bolivar, Ohio is Ohio's only Revolutionary War era fort and battle site. 21 patriots are known to have died there in 1778-79.



Photo # IMG\_20240728\_133804\_2: SAR group color guard photo at the Siege of Fort Laurens Memorial Service. Compatriots from across Ohio were joined by compatriots from West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Past NSSAR President Joe Dolittle also joined this year's ceremony and stands at far left





Harpersfield Covered Bridge Dedication: Members of the Northeast Ohio Chapter Color Guard joined by Ladies Auxiliary and CAR members participated in the Grand Reopening Ceremony of the Harpersfield Covered Bridge on August 3rd. L to R: Troy Bailey, Kirk Bacon, Charlie Reynolds, a CAR member, Christine Bailey, Gage Georgeff, Vinie Hinson, Mark Tyler, Annie Reynolds, a CAR member, Karla Gadley, John Wooding, Steve Hinson, Vernon Palo. Not pictured is Dennis Gadley.



The combined Central District Color Guard with members from Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana march forward to present the colors led by Ohio Society Color Guard Commander Bob Hill, at the Dedication Ceremony for the General Anthony Wayne Memorial in Defiance, Ohio on August 24th. Fifer Scott Giltner of Kentucky played a tune as the column marched forward.



Below Left - - The Presentation of the Colors by the combined Central District Color Guard at the beginning of the Dedication Ceremony.

Below Right - - General Anthony Wayne reenactor David Rousculp stands by the newly unveiled granite General Anthony Wayne Memorial, designed by compatriot David Lupien of the North West Territory Chapter.



Blue Licks 2024: D. Scott Freeman, President and color guard member of the Cincinnati Chapter prepares to render honors at the Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Service in Carlisle, KY on August 17th. Ohio compatriots from several chapters joined with SAR compatriots from several states at this event.



Right - - Richard Montgomery Chapter member Robert Pruitt plays the fife as veterans return from an Honor Flight at the Dayton International Airport on September 21st. Rob was joined by four other chapter color guard compatriots greeting the veterans. Rob also plays the fife at many SAR color guard events across the state.



Left - - Fletcher Chapel PGM 2024: A musket salute is fired by Ohio Society Color Guard members at the end of a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony at Fletcher Chapel Cemetery near Millersport, Ohio on September 28th. The Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony was hosted by the Hocking Valley Chapter. In foreground at left, Chapter President and State Color Guard Commander

Bob Hill. Muskets, L to R: Bob Shetrone (Hocking Valley Chapter), Kevin Driesbach (Camp Charlotte Chapter), Al Gummere (Hocking Valley Chapter), Max Talley (Camp Charlotte Chapter), Ed Bonniwell (Cincinnati Chapter), Larry Potter (Benjamin Franklin Chapter)

## Oklahoma -

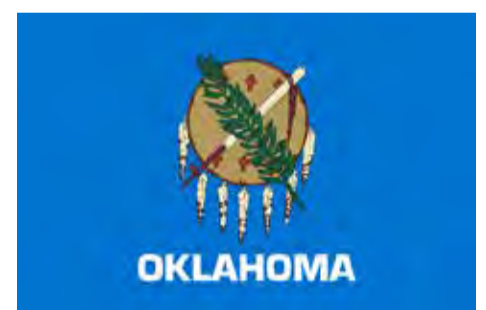
### Oklahoma / Oklahoma City Chapter, NSSAR

On September 4, 2024 the OKC Chapter Color Guard Presented Colors for the Pledge of Allegiance at the opening of Hobby Lobby's Monthly Corporate Management Meeting at their Headquarters in Oklahoma City. In attendance were Joe Sieber, Craig Crow, Martin Reynolds, Steve Miller, Mark Reichardt, Tom Rupert, Tom Thompson, Bob Thomas, and Ken Young.

CG Commander Reichardt gave a brief introduction to the SAR and presented Peter Dobelbower with the Patriot Medal for his work in helping to establish the SAR Special Interest License Plate for the State of Oklahoma. Mr. Dobelbower is the General Counsel and Senior VP for Hobby Lobby and a member of the OKC Chapter, NSSAR.

Immediate Past Chapter President Craig Crow presented a Flag Certificate to CEO David Green for proper display and flying of the American Flag at the Headquarters.

The Colors Presentation Ceremony was well received by the Hobby Lobby Staff.





July 4 was a very busy Holiday for the OKC Chapter Color Guard. One crew was at the Liberty Fest parade in Edmond and the other crew was in the Bethany 4th of July Parade. That evening the Baseball Club of Oklahoma (Triple A Dodgers Club) hosted us for the Presentation of the Colors at the game along with a spectacular fireworks display.

In attendance for the Liberty Fest parade were Compatriots Terry Handley, Tom Thompson, Al Lankford, Sean Drake, Bob Thomas, Ken Young, and Mark Reichardt. At the Bethany Parade were Craig Crow, Steve Miller, Tom Rupert, Terry McClain, Eric Koonce, and Henry Baer III.



Members of the Tulsa Chapter SAR, six area chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Green Country Society Children of the American Revolution celebrated the national July 4th Let Freedom Ring ceremony on the campus of the University of Tulsa. Pipe Major William Tetrick of the City of Tulsa Pipes and Drums opened the ceremony with patriotic pipe music. Tulsa Chapter SAR Color Guardsmen Loyd Means, Ron Shoaf, John Thompson, Steve King and Jim Seward presented the colors. Tulsa Chapter DAR member Kelley Friedberg sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "My Country Tis of Thee." SAR, DAR and C.A.R. members rang the Pergola Bell, one toll for each of the original 13 colonies. Tulsa Chapter SAR President Clint Anderson and Oklahoma SAR State President Phil Hunt assisted in the program. The event was well attended by the public and received local newspaper and tv coverage.

Tulsa Chapter SAR Color Guard, left to right, Tulsa Chapter President Clint Anderson, Loyd Means, Ron Shoaf, Steve King, John Thompson, Jim Seward and Oklahoma SAR State President Phil Hunt.



First row, members of the Reverend John Robinson Chapter DAR. Second row, Tulsa Chapter President Clint Anderson, guardsmen Loyd Means, Ron Shoaf, Steve King, John Thompson, and Jim Seward.

On Saturday the 21st of September 2024, The Oklahoma City Chapter of the SAR celebrated its 100th Anniversary as an SAR Chapter that has been in continuous operation for over 100 years. Interestingly, the 50th Chapter President Craig Crow came up with the idea and the 51st President Mark Reichardt, executed the Plan. The event was an unparalleled Success. The Vice President General of the South Central District, The Honorable James E. Osbourn was the Key-note Speaker. Shown in the Photo on stage are From Left to Right, Chapter President and Color Guard Commander Mark Reichardt, Honor Color Guard for the Society and District Colors 1LT Eric Koonce, Vice President General James E, Osbourn and Master of Ceremonies 1LT(P) Sean Drake (Winner of the Raffle and a Nifty Flintlock!) The Color Guard Presented and Retrieved the Colors with a Bagpipe Escort with nearly 100 people present. The future looks Bright for the Oklahoma City Chapter of the SAR for the next 100 years! The Chapter is certainly looking forward to 2124!



#### Passing the Torch,

September 21st 2024, Past Chapter President and Past Society Color Guard Commander Compatriot Henry Baer III with more than 20 years in the SAR and New Compatriot Eric Koonce are serving in the Color Guard for the 100th Anniversary of the Oklahoma City Chapter in the NSSAR. Compatriot Koonce is striving to establish his own SAR Chapter in Oklahoma, comprised of the cities of Mustang, Yukon and El Reno Oklahoma. He was surprised at how active and encouraging the SAR had been for him. Compatriot Koonce was also impressed with the amount of experience and knowledge there was in the Chapter. Compatriot Henry Baer III is the epitome of the knowledge and experience a member can attain with the drive and will to do so. He is not alone. There are several SAR members in the Chapter and Society who have collectively developed more than 200 years of valuable experience and knowledge, which they are happy to share with a new Compatriot! Compatriot Koonce takes full advantage of this wealth in his design for the new SAR Chapter he is organizing.



#### Norman Chapter Color Guard Activity

On August 21, 2024, the Norman Chapter, NSSAR hosted a Wounded Warrior Ceremony at the Norman Veteran's Center in Norman, Oklahoma to honor three Purple Heart recipients with Wounded Warrior Coins and Certificates of Appreciation. All three Veterans are residents at the Norman Veteran's Center. Pictured, front row, they are Lewis Jackson, Donald Northcut, and Gary Monks. The Norman and Oklahoma City Chapter Color Guard in a joint effort Posted Colors for the event. Pictured, back row were Bob Thomas, Terry McClain, Steve Miller (all OKC Chapter), Mark Atterson (Norman Chapter President), Tom Thompson (OKC), Stephen Outon (Norman), Tony Eastmond (Vice President, Norman Chapter), and Mark Reichardt (Color Guard Commander, OKC).



Congratulations to our Veterans! The Norman Chapter of the SAR has had several of these Wounded Warrior Award Ceremonies and plans are underway to hold another in November.

#### Oklahoma City Chapter

The South Central District held their Annual Conference In Joplin, Missouri on August 23 and 24, 2024. The OKC Chapter Color Guard was represented by Henry Baer III, Craig Crow, Tom Rupert, Terry Handley, and Mark Reich-







ardt. There was a Musket Salute by a combined Honor Guard for the Dedication of the Liberty Tree at Webb City Park, provided by the SGT Ariel Nims Chapter, NSSAR.

Oklahoma City Chapter

On September 7, 2024, the Oklahoma City Chapter Color Guard participated in the Mustang, OK Western Days Parade. Western Days is held each year on the first full weekend following Labor Day. Crowd size has been estimated as high as 30,000 due to the many events and attractions bringing in visitors. Participating in the event were Color Guardsmen Terry Handley, Mark Reichardt, Martin Reynolds, Tom Rupert, Eric Koonce, Tom Thompson, Steve Miller, Henry Baer III and Joe Sieber.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Tulsa Chapter SAR on September 14, 2021, compatriot Steve King of the chapter color guard was awarded the NSSAR Silver Color Guard Medal presented by Oklahoma SAR State President Philip Hunt.



left to right. Tulsa Chapter SAR Color Guard Commander Ron Painter, compatriot Steve King and Oklahoma SAR State President Philip Hunt



On September 11, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., at Washington Irving Park in Bixby, OK, a 9/11 remembrance ceremony was hosted by the Wealaka Chapter of the NSDAR. The ceremony opened with bagpipe music played by Tulsa Chapter SAR member and Pipe Major William Tetric of the city of Tulsa Pipes and Drums.

The presentation of colors was performed by members of the Bixby High School Marine JROTC and the Tulsa Chapter SAR Color Guard. The events of 9/11 were narrated by Wealaka Chapter DAR member Shirley Zeiler with moments of silent prayer and bell ringing to pay tribute to the lives lost at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the United Airlines crash site in Shanksville, PA.



left to right. The Bixby High School Marine JROTC members and Ron Painter and Loyd Means of the Tulsa Chapter SAR Color Guard

Oregon -

MISSING

Due to an apparent power failure at my home a few state INBOX email folders were deleted. I had saved the attached files from those emails which were sent as separate files into data folders which contained any photos and text sent as file attachments in the email messages.

I requested the submitting states to resent their messages. Those that did are complete. Missing messages such as for this state will have only what content I had saved before the loss of the original email messages.



Pennsylvania -

On Sept 15th the Phila. Continental Chapter presented colors for the DAR Constitution Week Prayer Service at Washington Chapel. Afterward Spencer Snyder, Glenn Tyson, CPT Fred Fonseca and Chris Snyder posed behind the Lancaster Congress SAR Bench.

At Congress in Lancaster, Pennsylvania guardsmen formed the honor guard for the Ring Ceremony during installation of PG Darryl Addington. Leading was past PG and past Nat. Color Guard Commander J Michael Tomme, followed by Phila. Continental Chapter President Steven Kopsick and PAS-SAR Color Guard Commander Fred Fonseca. Cilla Tomme carried the ring with rear guard provided by past Maryland Society President Eugene



Moyer and Continental Congress Chapter President Edward Kopsick (out of view).

PASSAR Color Guard members Steve Kopsick, Ed Kopsick, Joe Clark, CPT Fred Fonseca and Arlo Duff prepare to present colors at Lancaster Congress York Bench Dedication.



## South Carolina -

### Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter

This year's 243rd Anniversary of the Battle of Eutaw Springs included tours of Fort Motte, Fort Watson and the Eutaw Springs Battleground site Friday, Aug. 30, with a presentation by archaeologist Jim Legg at Fort Motte and narrations by David Reuwer at Fort Watson and Eutaw Springs.

Seventy-one attended the Friday night dinner/program to hear Steve Smith's presentation on the artifacts discovered at Fort Motte. The Saturday morning church program with Rick Wise as speaker and wreath presentation ceremony drew more than 130 attendees from eight states. Twenty-five members of the Washington Light Infantry chartered a bus from Charleston to present the colors at the wreath ceremony, where 23 wreaths were presented.

The Francis Marion Tomb Wreath Ceremony had about 25 in attendance along with the South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust Cannon and color guard who executed a joint cannon and musket volley.

At the patriotic program, SAR Color Guard members commanded by National SAR

Color Guard Commander Scott Collins posted the colors. They also performed a musket volley along with the SCBPTrust Cannon team at the wreath laying ceremony. SAR and DAR Chapters from eight states were



represented. The South Carolina Society C.A.R. also participated in the event.

SAR Color Guard members commanded by National SAR Color Guard Commander Scott Collins post the colors. [Photo by Linda Walker]

### General James Williams Chapter

The General James Williams Chapter and the Colonel James Williams Society, SC C.A.R. joined with the Battle of Musgrove Mill State Historic Site to host the 244th anniversary commemoration of the Patriot victory Aug. 17. In the Aug. 19, 1780, around 200 mounted Patriots, Georgians under Col. Elijah Clarke, "Over Mountain Men" from Tennessee under Colonel Isaac Shelby, and South Carolinians commanded by Col. James Williams, inflicted heavy losses on a Tory garrison of more than 500 men with few casualties in the Patriot ranks. This was a Patriot win.

More than 50 people gathered to pay their respects at the event where Joseph Smith, President of the Colonel James Williams Society C.A.R., was master of ceremonies. Greetings and remarks were given by Mike Monahan, SC SAR Senior Vice President, and Ranger Dawn Weaver, Park Manager. Eight SC SAR chapters, one C.A.R. Society and seven DAR chapters came forward to render honors along with the Virginia SAR Col. George Wailer Chapter represented by Compatriot Judson LeViner.



Historian Mark Stanford, Interpretive Ranger for the Battle of Musgrove Mill State Historic Site, spoke on the variety of uniforms worn by British loyalist forces. After the commemoration Stanford gave a 45 minute lecture at the Visitor Center that covered events leading to the battle and the battle itself.

The commemoration concluded with a three volley musket salute by the SC SAR Color Guard followed by refreshments

on the visitor center's porch and Ranger Stanford's presentation.

### Col. William Bratton Chapter

The Col. William Bratton Chapter commemorated the 244th anniversary of the Battle of Huck's Defeat July 13. In the July 12, 1780 Battle 140 area militia men led by Col. William Bratton defeated 120 British and Loyalist troops led by Capt. Christian Huck.

From left: Karl Wichmann, President of the Col. William Bratton Chapter; Scott Bruton, State Color Guard Commander; Pete Widell; and Carl Widell.





# Tennessee -



The members of the Tennessee state color guard continue to support numerous chapter, state, and national events across the state and on the road to neighboring states during the third quarter of 2024. Members traveled to events in KY, NC, VA, LA, MO, and Congress. In TN, the quarter started off with a maximum effort as we conducted Independence Day celebrations at James White Fort in Knoxville and a salute to John Sevier. Chapter color guards supported events in several counties partnering with their local DARs often to read the Declaration of Independence. July 2024 was capped off with a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony (PGMC) in honor of Patriot William Elliott P-154037. Color Guard members participated in the TN State Fair's Opening ceremony in Wilson Co. The Isaac Shelby Chapter hosted a Southern District (SD) event in which we honored late Compatriot Bill McKinney who during his life had served as the TNSSAR's President and the Southern District's VPG. We were honored to have SD VPG David Billings and Color Guard CDR David Jones attend.

Patriot Day saw the John Sevier Chapter team with VFW and American Legion Post in Collegedale to conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony which three local JROTC units supported. The cadets were key in helping retire the couple hundred flags collected for the ceremony. September has a full slate of activities with the society initially focused on the annual "Gathering" at Sycamore Shoals to honor the Over Mountain Men. Sycamore Shoals was the rally point for Patriot Militia prior to their march to what became the Battle of Kings Mountain. The weekend celebrations starting on Friday, 13 SEP included two Patriot Grave Marking Ceremonies honoring three Patriots (David Dearth P-145904, Robert Patton P-266874, and CPT Joseph Crouch P-141703) and were followed on Saturday, 14 SEP by the national ceremony event at Sycamore Shoals State Park. We had the honor of having the PG participate with us for the weekend's events. Immediately following the "Gathering" our chapter color guards joined with local DARs across the state to salute the Constitution in several Constitution Week Celebrations. We were fortunate to be able to get in three more Patriot Grave Marking ceremonies honoring four Patriots prior to the weather impacting the state from Hurricane Helene. The Patriots honored in these ceremonies were William Strong P-299730, John Adair, Sr. P-101130, Edward Smith P-291797, and Hugh Brown P-122522. Patriot Hugh Brown being the Namesake Patriot for one of our chapters.





## Texas

### First Youth Color Guard Medal awarded in Texas Society



Tracy Pounders, President Texas SAR, presented Reagan van Heyst the Youth Color Guard Medal at the Dallas Chapter meeting on September 14, 2024. Reagan, a member of the David Pendleton C.A.R. and the East Fork Trinity Chapter SAR attends Poteet High School. This is his second National Medal, having been awarded the Bronze 250 Medal last year. He is a past President of the David Pendleton Chapter C.A.R. and enjoys being a member of the Texas SAR Color Guard. He is now working on his Bronze Color Guard Medal.

(left to right) Texas SAR President Tracy Pounders, Reagan van Heyst, and Bill Watts

### Remembering the “Battling of Medina”

Known as the bloodiest battle on Texas soil.

This year a ceremony commemorating the 211th Anniversary of the Battle of Medina was held in Leming, Texas, where we celebrated and remembered those that fought and died in this battle to free Texas from Spain. Each year, more than 100 historical researchers and descendants gather to discuss this bloody battle, and the ways in which its violent aftermath set the tone in early Texas for a successful independence more than 20 years later in 1836. This event included the SAR color guard presenting the colors, and a joint musket volley with the SAR, and Texas Army.



The Battle of Medina, known as the bloodiest battle, ever fought on Texas soil, was fought south of San Antonio on August 18, 1813. We are trying to better understand life before and after the 1811-1813 revolution, in an attempt to break away from the Spanish Empire and form a state in an independent Mexican Republic. In order to better understand what was going on in Texas at this time, is to review a little bit of Texas history. Texas belonged to Spain in 1812, as did all of Mexico. Spain did little to settle this land and most of the inhabitants in 1812, other than the Native American tribes, were from other

Mexican states or from the United States. These settlers were not happy with the oppression of the Spanish control and were encouraged by the recent revolt in Louisiana, so they planned their own revolution. Jose’ Bernardo Gutierrez de Lara and Augustus Magee, encouraged by the United States, organized an expedition to take Texas from Spain. They formed, what was known as the Republican Army of the North. This army consisted of about 1400 men. They crossed what was known as the neutral ground in Louisiana into Texas on August 7, 1812, and soon captured Nacogdoches, Trinidad de Salcedo, La Bahia and San Antonio where a declaration of independence for the State of Texas under the Republic of Mexico was proclaimed on April 6, 1813. This, however, was short lived for the Commandant General Arredondo, organized an army of 1830 men and marched them early in August from Laredo toward San Antonio, to quell this rebellion. The Republican Army of the North consisted of 1400 men composed of Anglos, Tejanos, Indians and former Royalists and chose to meet the enemy south of the city of San Antonio. The night of August 17th, the Republican Army forces camped about 6 miles from General Arredondo’s camp and planned to ambush them as they traveled along the Old Laredo Road. The next morning, however, royalist scouts flushed the Republican Army and lured them into an ambush. The Republican Army of 1400 rebels who met the enemy, came really close to defeating the Spanish Royal Army during the four-hour afternoon conflict. Many of them were on foot trudging through the sandy brush country in the summer heat, while the royalists had a large, mounted cavalry.



In recent years, archaeological researchers have unearthed lead balls, and many other military artifacts believed to have been used in the Battle of Medina, including a heavy concentration found on private property. More research is being done to find the actual battle site.

Under a 2010 expansion of Texas State social studies standards, the Battle of Medina has been included in seventh-grade Texas history classes under the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills.

David Hamaker, Freedom Chapter President of the Sons of the American Revolution, is a sixth great grandson of Peter Sides, who fought the British in the American Revolutionary War for Independence. Peter Sides is the only known and proven soldier that is known to have fought and died in the Battle of Medina at the age of 63 years of age, when the country he left behind was fending off the British in the War of 1812. “We can only speculate as to what would motivate a man of this age to take on this fight. Maybe it was the promise of land or a chance to make another stand for freedom, or maybe just a quest for adventure. Whatever it was, I would like to recognize and honor my grandfather, Peter Sides, for his beliefs in the liberties and the freedoms that we have today.”



# Virginia

Sons of the American Revolution Color Guardsmen from across Virginia and from Tennessee, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania gathered on the grounds of the St John Lutheran Church and Cemetery in Wytheville, Virginia, on August 24 to pay respects to forgotten Patriot George Daniel Flohr. More than sixty came to participate in or witness the ceremony to dedicate a monument to Patriot Flohr, who came to America with General Jean-Baptiste de Rochambeau and fought in the thick of the battle to defeat British General Cornwallis on October 19, 1781, at Yorktown, Virginia. Generals George Washington and de Rochambeau had arrived from as far away as Rhode Island, a 681-mile march to Yorktown.



Among the gathering were President William Greaf of the Virginia Society, Past President Bruce Myer as well as several other past presidents of the Virginia Society. The NSSAR French and German Societies were represented, and the German Society Deux Pont Regiment flag was present. The keynote speaker for the day was Dr Robert Seilig of the National Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association. A volley of fire by the Color Guard was part of the conclusion of the day's ceremony.

After the war, Patriot Flohr returned to America and settled in the Wytheville area. He became known as Father Flohr, a Lutheran circuit-riding pastor of several churches. As an enlisted soldier with the French Royal



Deux-Pont Regiment in the American Revolution, Patriot Flohr kept a diary about his march to Yorktown, Virginia. The NSSAR trip in France on Monday, April 15th went to the Sathonay Camp, Lyon, France and visited the Royal Deux-Ponts Museum and saw a video of the history of the Deux-Ponts Regiment in the Revolutionary War, which mentioned Patriot Flohr's diary.

The Battle of the Chesapeake, also known as the Battle of the Virginia Capes or simply the Battle of the Capes, was a crucial naval battle in the American Revolutionary War that took place near the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay on September 5, 1781. The battle lasted only two-and-a-half hours and did not involve any Americans. The combatants were a British fleet led by Rear Admiral Sir Thomas Graves and a French fleet led by Rear Admiral Francois Joseph Paul, the Comte de Grasse. The battle strategically prevented the Royal Navy from reinforcing or evacuating the besieged forces of Lieutenant General Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, Virginia. The French achieved control of the sea lanes against the British and provided the Franco-American army with siege artillery and French reinforcements. These proved decisive in the Siege of Yorktown, effectively securing independence for the Thirteen Colonies. On October 20th, 1781, General George Washington gratefully wrote Admiral Comte de Grasse to thank him "...in the Name of America, for the glorious event for which she is indebted to you..." The Admiral responded with a masterful understatement on November 3rd "I consider myself infinitely happy to have been of some service to the United States..." (Note: this event was approved to become a National Level Event by NSSAR leadership on March 3rd, 2024.) In 2022, the head of the French Navy designated this battle as only one of two Navy-wide commemorative events celebrated by the French Navy worldwide. Rear-Admiral Frédéric de Rupilly, French Navy, was the guest speaker for the September 7, 2024, Battle of the Capes event hosted by The Battle of the Virginia Capes Planning Committee and the Norfolk Chapter, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution at the Admiral Francois Joseph Paul, Comte de Grasse, Marquis de Grasse-Tilly Statue on the Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

First photo is from Thomas "Chip" Daniel at the Comte de Grasse statue, with Combined Color Guard, VASSAR Color Guardsmen Bonner, Schwetke, French Navy Color Guardsman Premier Maitre Franchi, VASSAR Color Guardsmen Thompson, Phillips.

Second photo also from Chip Daniel, with Combined Color Guard, VASSAR Color Guardsmen Bonner, Schwetke, French Navy Color Guard Premier Maitre Franchi, VASSAR Color Guardsman Phillips, CG Commander Thompson.

Third photo from Tim Ahlgrim with the French Navy (Marine National) military formation under the tent due to rain and Brett Osborn, VASSAR Color Guard Commander in foreground.



## Virginia SAR Color Guard Supports DAR Constitution Day Commemoration

The Virginia Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Color Guard, joined by a Maryland Color Guard compatriot, was the face of the SAR at the headquarters of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in Washington DC on September 17, 2024, commemorating the 237th Anniversary of Constitution Day.



The SAR was invited by the National Constitution Week and National Flag of the United States of America Committees, in partnership with the National DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations Committee, to present current and historic National colors during the annual celebration of "Bells Across America," marking the date and time the Constitution was signed by 12 state delegations. Participating in the Color Guard were Brett Osborn, Virginia SAR Color Guard Commander and member of the Colonel James Wood II Chapter, Bill Schwetke, Past President Virginia SAR and member of the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter, Ken Bonner, 3rd VP of the Virginia SAR and immediate Past President of the Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter, and Rick Abbott, 3rd VP of the Maryland SAR and member of the John Paul Jones Chapter in Maryland.

Brett Osborn was Color Guard Commander; Bill Schwetke advanced the Flag of the United States, Rick Abbott carried the 13-star Betsy Ross flag, and Ken Bonner trailed as rear guard.







### Washington State SAR

WASSAR Participates in largest group interment in last 150 years.

On 22 August the Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Washington held a ceremony to honor and inter the remains of 30 Civil War veterans and 31 spouses.

The ceremony took place at 12:30 PM at the cemetery, located at 18600 SE 240th St. in unincorporated King County. The Washington state chapter of the Missing In America Project identified the remains, which were stored at a Seattle cemetery and included 12 married couples. The event is thought to be the largest group interment of Civil War soldiers in the last 150 years. The remains of each Civil War Veteran passed between the SAR CG compatriots that were at the mourning position in honor of the fallen. (right) (Below) CG Compatriots in the formation were: Tom Barham, John Herr, Dick Motz, Tim Smith, Eric Olsen, Mike Moore. At right are Melonie Leaning (DAR) & Ralph Leaning (HODAR) who carried remains.

Sgt Price (USAF) laid to rest.  
Submitted by Eric Olsen



On Friday August 30, 2024 4 members of the WASSAR Color Guard representing the George Rogers Clark, Seattle and Fort Vancouver Chapters joined forces in Centralia, WA for the interment of Sgt David Price. USAF Sgt Price was killed in Laos on March 11, 1968 leaving behind a wife and kids. Sgt Price was a dedicated husband, father and Airman. In addition to members of the WASSAR Color Guard there were many veteran organizations in attendance. The USAF Honor Guard from McChord did the final honors and represented the USAF well. The family when speaking expressed their gratitude as seeing so many people attending the funeral of their father and loved one.

Pictured left to right: Eric Olsen (GRC), Dennis Case (GRC) Neil Vernon (Sea), Bob Vernon (FV).

### George Rogers Clark

Four members of the George Rogers Clark Chapter hosted an informational and recruiting table at the 25th Annual Olympic Air Show, June 15-16. Eric Olsen, Dick Moody, Lawrence Bowman, Robert Beets had a constant flow of many of the hundreds of attendees from across the Pacific Northwest stopping to talk about the replica musket, contents of a soldier's backpack and other items on the show table. The show was a recruiting success with several filling out a "For More Information" card and checking off SAR, DAR, or CAR. Those contacts were provided to the respective societies.

The show featured a Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress, Curtiss P-40E Kittyhawk, PB9767 Catalina, Russian Yak-3, and a Japanese Mitsubishi A6M Zero. Demonstrations of Washington State Department of Natural Resources Aerial Firefighting with a mock fire-fighting mission utilizing modified UH-1H Huey helicopters using both belly tank and longline water (Bambi) water bucket methods of fire suppression, and several aerial acrobatics highlighted the show.

2024 Jun 15 Olympia Air Show.jpg





Hudson Bay Heritage Days (Aug 24-25, 2024) is an annual event the third weekend in August celebrating the History and community of DuPont, Washington. Each year there is a food festival featuring a national BBQ contest with contestants from all across the United States. Recognizing the opportunities available to the George Rogers Clark Chapter, when joined with the D.A.R. Sacajawea chapter, we combined efforts at this event. Over a 2 day period of time through the alternating efforts of S.A.R and D.A.R every half hour, we offered 25 minute mini lessons on the hour and half hour for the fair attendees. This years S.A.R.'s new contributions included: The many uses of animal horn, heritage grains, children of the revolution, and the haversack spy. D.A.R.'s new contributions included: The colonial kitchen, cobbler skills, and spinning wool into yarn.

On the second day of the fair, compatriot Lawrence Bowman attended his first event in uniform and was presented his color guard lapel pin. Our outreach into the community, resulted in increasing our visibility while generating greater interest in our chapter membership.

L-R - Lew Maudsley, GRC Chapter President, Lawrence Bowman, Eric Olsen, Registrar and Arthur Dolan. Absent from the photo: Joe Coorough.



John Paul Jones

The Early American Heritage Festival was held in Port Gamble, Washington on July 5-7. Mick Hersey coordinated the event for the SAR. Patriot Chest items were on display which caused much interest and conversation. Other SAR and support who participated were Brain Dorr, Noah Chase, Bob Smalser, Mark Whitacre, Kevin Seville, Hugh Tucker, Dan Abbott, Steve Whitehall, Ralph Liening, Pat Burch, and Vern Starks.



Seattle

The WASSAR Color Guard and Fife & Drum assembled for the annual Woodinville Parade on August 10, 2024. Five SAR chapters were represented. L-R front row: Terry Barker, Viren Lemmer, Jan Lemmer, Stephanie Conroy, Grant Rauzi. Back row: Dick Motz, Russ Oliver, Alonde Droege, Charley Frisk, Christophe Clayton, Stephen Clayton, Eric Olsen, Jim Lindely, Stan Granberg, Neil Vernon.



Warrior Night

The Wisconsin Color Guard presented the Colors at an event that was in the tradition of a United States Marine Corps "Warrior Night". It was hosted by ETF Architect, A Marine owned company. It was held in Milwaukee, WI on September 19th, 2024. ETF Architect holds these events to celebrate the Marine Corps and expose civilians to the military and their Esprit de Corps.

That evening a Gold Star Family was honored, along with two Marines who served with him.

Far Right shows Color Guard being led by MK-Chapter President Don Skarda.

Middle Photoshows left to Right: Bob Plastine, Jim Greer, Mike Meador, Matt Sonnenburg, and Don Skarda

Bottom Left is wider shot of 2nd picture showing the American Flag and The Marine Corps Flag



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## Warrior Night

The Wisconsin Color Guard attended the Funeral of Staff Sergeant Ralph H. Bode. The service was held at Graceland Cemetery, Racine, WI, Sept 27, 2024. There was a Military Flyover at 10:03 AM, exactly 80 years to the minute after his B-24 Liberator was shot down by German aircraft on their return flight from a bombing mission over Kassel, Germany. SSgt Bode was a tail gunner from Racine, WI.

In 1951 in the woods outside Richelsdorf, Germany, several downed bombers were found and the remains of the service members were collected. SSgt Bode's remains were identified by DNA analysis Dec 26, 2023.

Color Guard members pictured left to right with the Rifle detail are: Bob Plastine, Bob Haglund, Mike Meador and Matt Sonnenburg.

