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Commander's Report

Compatriots,

Fellow SAR Colorguardsmen,

As you know, on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) a pandemic of enough severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia.

Because of this, county, state and national health departments have recommended event cancellations, especially on groups of more than 200 individuals, but even for smaller gatherings or companies. Schools have been cancelled. Amusement parks have been closed. Companies have been shuttered. Opening days of Major League Baseball have been delayed and the NBA and NHL seasons are suspended. Of special note to us, even the yearly Hereditary Society Fortnight of meetings in Washington DC has been largely cancelled.

In the Western District the California and Nevada Societies cancelled their face-to-face meetings instead utilizing teleconferences. Fortunately, the Hawaii Society held their state meeting just before the President declared the pandemic a national emergency. Luckily for myself, my wife Un Hui, Charles Smith (NVSSAR) and his wife Phyliss we returned home from the Hawaii Society meeting on March 13th.

I know color guard events at the chapter and state level are being cancelled all around the country. We are a patriotic organization and do not need to unnecessarily risk adding to the strain of the health care system. Plus, as patriots, our communities may need us during these times to help organize relief efforts and support those who are sick or become needy due to the pandemic.

If you as an individual color guardsman or as a color guard unit decide to participate in an event (if such events have not been cancelled), please practice social distancing and use the utmost care not to become infected or spread COVID-19 to others. I know we all hope the numbers of ill with this disease does not grow.

I look forward to us gathering for the 130th Congress. The Congress is still planned to be held in Richmond, Virginia in July. President General Manning and the SAR staff are monitoring the situation regarding the Coronavirus.

On the brighter side, Compatriot Bob Sapp of the Georgia Society was selected the National Color Guardsman of the Year at the Leadership Color Guard Committee meeting on February 28, 2020.

Compatriot Sapp will receive the SAR Gold Color Guard Medal, which is awarded to each Color Guardsman of the Year, at the annual Recognition Night ceremonies at the 2020 Annual Congress in Richmond. For the following year, Compatriot Sapp will carry the SAR Flag at each of the Leadership meetings and the Annual Congress.

At the Spring Leadership, it was my honor to present National von Steuben Medals for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard to Compatriots David Perkins, Lou Raborg, Allen Greenly and Dr. Rudy Byrd. Second Adjutant Scott Collins accepted a von Steuben Medal for David Martin.

On Thursday, February 27th NSSAR Color Guard Artillery Officer Dr. Rudy Byrd

taught a dry fire cannon safety class utilizing a cannon from the SAR Museum. The class was conducted at SAR Headquarters. Photos of the students going through their paces are posted in this issue.

If there is enough interest, the cannon safety class may be presented again in conjunction with a future Leadership

Dr. Byrd presented Certificates of Appreciation to Don Shaw, Colleen Wilson, Rae Ann Sauer, Zac Distel, Ken Goodson and Dr. Kent Gregory. The class would not have been possible without their cooperation.

A final note: The NSSAR Color Guard Command Staff selected Robert "Bob" Meyer of the New Jersey Society as the incoming Second Adjutant to fill in behind by terming out as commander and Vice Commander Lou Raborg moving



into the commander position.

In conclusion, let us all hope and pray for an early end of the Coronavirus – not only in the United States but around the World.

I look forward to seeing you all in Richmond.

James Fosdyck
Commander, 2019-2020



Covid-19

Last month before Leadership in Kentucky I got an early start on this quarter's safety message that was only in need for some fine tuning. However, as we met the first Covid-19 deaths were occurring in the State of Washington. Instead of my planned safety message I would like to discuss a safety issue that will affect all of our compatriots; one way or another.

As the situation regarding Covid-19 seems to be getting worse, I would like to recommend that all of you make good decisions regarding this pandemic. Most of us make decisions based on available information and past experiences. Last week the SAR Harbor Chapter President (California) and I cancelled a black powder class that we had been scheduling since last May. Even though there would only be six individuals involved in this class, most of those were in the at-risk population. During this pandemic we are bombarded with information that seems to change daily and although I expect the impact and remedies will change, I believe we need to make our decisions based on current information of the CDC and the President's Coronavirus Task Force.

As patriots and good citizens, we need to follow the guidelines of our government experts. Please remember that as more information becomes available tactics will change. I say this based on my past experience. In the early eighties I was a firefighter/paramedic in Southern California when AIDs came to light. At the time the route of transmission was unknown and there were AIDs patients I was dealing with in my roll area. We were briefed almost weekly regarding this mysterious disease and the expected causes and routes of transmission; they the scientists and doctors did not have all the answers and were just trying to figure it out as they are today. As more information was known our protocols as how to reacted to this disease were changed.

By the time you read this more information will be available and conditions will have changed. However, what we do know is that basic strategies such as social distancing, washing hands and refrain from touching your face. Each of our chapters has individuals who are in the at-risk population for this virus. As color guard commanders, state society or chapter officers it is our duty to consider the welfare of our members. I am not going to advise everyone to cancel your events, but I would like you to consider the risks vs benefits of your attendance or participation. Remember based on current information the incubation period is up to fourteen days this does not mean your area doesn't have someone infected. This will be the time when you will need to consider the information available and your past experiences in evaluating the risks relate to this pandemic. I would recommend that you evaluate your local situation and do not needlessly risk even one of our members unnecessary.

Oh, for those who were wondering, the safety message I was writing was regarding the safe handling of a misfire – next quarter.

Be Safe.
Compatriot Mark Kramer

National Color Guard Events - 2020 -

Approximate 2020 Date	Color Guard Event	Location	Host
January 18	Battle of Cowpens	Chesnee, SC	Daniel Morgan SAR
February 16	Battle of Cowans Ford	Huntersville, NC	Mecklenburg SAR
February 8	Battle of Kettle Creek	Washington, GA	Georgia
February 15	Crossing of the Dan	South Boston, VA	Virginia
February 22	Washington Birthday Parade	Laredo, TX	Texas
February 22	Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge	Currie, NC	North Carolina
February 28-30	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY	
March 7	Last Naval Battle of the Revolution	Merritt Island, FL	Florida
March 14	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC	North Carolina
April 18	Halifax Resolves	Halifax, NC	North Carolina
April 18	Patriot's Day	Nationally	
April 30	Kentucky Derby Pegasus Parade	Louisville, KY	Kentucky
May 2	Battle of Pensacola	Pensacola, FL	Florida
May 9	Raid on Martin's Station	Ewing, VA	Virginia
May 16	Armed Forces Day		
May 23	Battle of Fort San Carlos	St Louis, MO	Missouri
May 23	Buford's Massacre	Lancaster, SC	General Francis Marion SAR
May 22-24	Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous	Vincennes, IN	Indiana
May 25	National Memorial Day Parade	Washington DC	District of Columbia
May 25	Memorial Day events *	Various locations	
June 6	Action at Machias	Machias, ME	Maine
June 13	Battle of Ramseur's Mill	Lincolnton, NC	Catawba Valley SAR
June 15	Battle of Bunker Hill	Charlestown, MA	Massachusetts SAR
June 27	Battle of Monmouth	Monmouth Cty, NJ	New Jersey SAR
July 4 every year	Let Freedom Ring / July 4th Events *	Various locations	
July 9-15	NSSAR National Congress	Richmond VA	
July 25	Siege of Fort Laurens	Bolivar, OH	Ohio
August 15	Battle of Blue Licks	Carlisle, KY	Kentucky
August 28 - Sept 3	National American Legion Parade	Various	
August 29	Battle of Groton Heights	Groton, CT	Connecticut
September 19	Battle of Saratoga	Stillwater, NY	Empire State
September 19	Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Elizabethton, TN	Tennessee
September 19	Vigil at George Washington's Tomb	Mt Vernon, VA	
September 24-26	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY	
October 2-4	Point Pleasant Battle Days	Point Pleasant, WV	West Virginia
October 7	Battle of Kings Mountain	Blacksburg, SC	Kings Mountain SAR (NC) / Daniel Morgan SAR (SC)
October 19	Yorktown Days	Yorktown, VA	Virginia
November 11	Veterans Day Events *	Nationally	Various
December 5	Battle of Great Bridge	Norfolk, VA	Virginia
December 12	Wreaths Across America	Various Locations	
Events that can occur on random dates throughout the year			
	Massing of the Colors		
	Fields of Honor / Healing Field		
	Honor Flight		

THE CALENDAR DATES ARE MOSTLY APPROXIMATE IN NATURE. PLEASE VERIFY ANY DATE WITH THE HOST STATE/CHAPTER. ALSO, THERE MAY BE ONE OR TWO EVENTS THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED THAT SHOULD BE. IF THERE ARE ANY EXCLUSIONS, THEY ARE UNINTENTIONAL. ANY EVENTS THAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMANDER FOR LATER ADDITION.



* SAR color guardsmen who participate in a local event on the actual day or the weekend closest to **July 4th, Memorial Day or Veterans Day** can count that event toward the Silver Color Guard Medal and the Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Color Guard Service. This is limited to a single event. Multiple events on these days cannot be counted multiple times.

** Date Added refers to first appearance in Color Guard Handbook after approval by National Color Guard Committee. Those national events that do not have a date, were listed in the first edition dated 9/24/2000 thus signifying approval prior to that date. Events with Date Added next to them cannot be counted for Color Guard Medals prior to the earlier of the date added or the actual date the event would have occurred after it was added.

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

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



State Society Color Guard Commanders

Welcome to the NSSAR Color Guard.

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

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

Changes are noted in **RED** text

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This is the current listing of state society color guard commanders with confirmed data. Those state societies that are not confirmed are asked to submit updated data to the editor. **No Color Guards:** Alaska, Arkansas, Dakotas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Indiana, Montana, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wyoming.

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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
- Just Two Tailors
- 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
- Townsends
- Track of the Wolf
- Turkey Foot Trading Company
- Clearwater Hats
- Ye Armes Shoppe

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN GENERAL

Gentlemen and Brothers,

At this difficult time dealing with the unknown little deadly virus, I want you to know that I am praying for your safety and health. You are our SAR Leaders, we rely on you and your guidance. As Chaplain General, I pray for you often. I have also encouraged the Chaplains across America to pray for you as you lead us.

General George Washington had his own Chaplain most times, the Continental Congress and the Second Continental Congress each had their Chaplains appointed from the very beginning. The men gathered for business, yet they each were well aware of deep individual reliance upon God, his mercy, grace, providence, guidance, wisdom, and direction. I pray for all of those for each of you as you carry out your office and mission daily, but especially during this horrible pandemic.

I encourage you to rest assured of the Lord's care and guidance in your lives as you lead us.

Blessings all.

Dave

Rev David J Felts Chaplain General, NSSAR

Color Guard Committee Meeting

20 September
Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY

1. Sign in sheets passed out.(see attached)
2. Introductions of Color Guard Staff by CG Cdr Jim Fosdyck
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Pledge to the SAR
5. Introduction of Past National Color Guard Commanders in Attendance
6. Introduction of Color Guardsman of the Year.
7. Presentation of Awards:
 - a. Von Steuben medal to William Sharp (IN)
 - b. Molly Pitcher Medal to Maryanne McCollough (CA)
 - c. Silver Color Guard Medals to: Robert Hites (TX), William Sharp (IN), Ernest McCollough (CA), Allan Martin (KS), and William Motz (WA)
8. Discussion on the damage to the Color Guard Flag Cases incurred on shipment from National Congress and the pending Insurance Claim. Proposal to ask GWEF Distribution Committee to cover any expenses above and beyond what the Insurance pays.
9. 250th Flag Presented and discussed. Awaiting 250th Cmte Decision on funding for initial procurements. Article in last two CG Newsletters, still only a dozen responses.
10. Patriot Grave Marking Event in Bardstown discussed. Dr Rudy Byrd (AZ) and Scott Gittner (KY) points of contact. Event is 1400 Sunday 22 Sep in Bardstown, KY.
11. Dr. Rudy Byrd (AZ), National Color Guard Artillery Commander discussed the use of the cannons on display in the museum for training. Asked which societies have cannons. New Jersey and Georgia volunteered that they own cannons as part of their organizations.
12. Eight-six Compatriots in attendance.



Cannon Class!

On Thursday, February 27, 2020, at the request of Commander Fosdyck (and Mrs. Commander Un Hui – who took the class!), it was my privilege to teach a class on how safely to load and fire an 18th century cannon. This was dry fire – we did not actually fire a cannon inside the Museum (although it would have been fun!). However, all the steps of the Stevens British-American cannon drill were learned, with some modifications as done by the National Park Service. Each of our 10 stalwart participants learned every one of the 5 standard positions.

The Museum Board graciously allowed us to use the replica cannon “The Intrepid” (donated by former PGs Russell Page and Raymond Musgrave and their wives) for this exercise. Many thanks to Kent Gregory and the Museum Board, and I can assure them that ‘No cannons were injured in the making of this class.’ Also, many thanks to our wonderful museum staff with Colleen Wilson and Rayann and Zack and all who assisted in making this happen. And thanks especially to Charley Scott of the KY Society who came early to help and run the projector for the class.

My hope, of course, is that ultimately the National Color Guard will be able to have our own cannon and – with our other members who are already knowledgeable and adept in firing a cannon – be able to do live fire presentations.

Respectfully,
Abraham R. Byrd III, M.D.

Spring Leadership Conference



Jim Fosdyck presents Silver Color Guard Medal to Dwight Elam



Jim Klingler accepts Molly Pitcher Medal for Brenda Torres



Jim Fosdyck presents the Molly Pitcher Medal to Nancy Alter. PG ALter pins the medal on his wife.



Jim Fosdyck presents Von Steuben Medal to David Perkins and William Greenly



Bill Sapp named Colorguardsman of the year



Rae Ann Sauer, Dr. Byrd, Zac Distel, Colleen Wilson and Dr. Kent Gregory



Jim Fosdyck presents Von Steuben Medal recipients: Loy Raborg, David Martin, William Sharp, and Dr. Abraham Byrd

Color Guard Meeting



Guard Cordon



Jim Fosdyck and Lou Raborg



Mark Kramer and Bernard Wolff



Our Drummer leads the way

Comments and Questions

This is a magazine section set aside for color guardsmen to ask a question or post a comment. Questions received would be directed to the leadership command structure for necessary answers. Questions should work their way through the local/state command structure - to ensure that the command structure would have the chance to provide the answer and thus be aware of any issues within their command.

Questions should be related to color guard procedures, obtaining vendor lists, or similar general Color Guard subject matter questions.

Q: There is a drummer in a picture which is under the age of consent with the name of the drummer. Should it be allowed to be printed?

Steve Frash, OH Color Guard Commander

A: The question was referred to the COLOR Guard Commander Fosduck and Vice Commander Lyles. They in turn queried SAR Magazine Editor Steve Vest. His answer is "I do not know of any issue as long as it is for editorial/journalistic reasons. You need everyone's permission if using it for promotional or advertising."

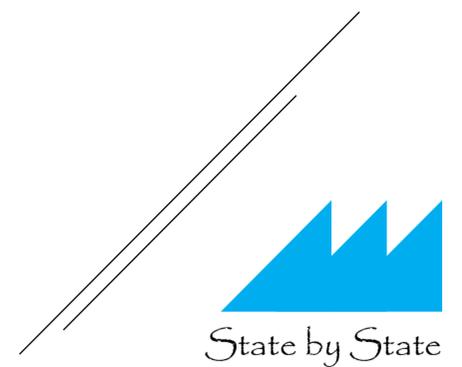


Sam Powell and Gary Green carry the Colors



Scott Collins and Brook Lyles

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

The previous high water mark was 27 state societies' color guard reports. **This issue has 25!**

There are some things about submitting content, especially for state Color Guard Commanders or their designee, that need to be explained and understood in order to reduce any future controversy.

- The color guard events or activities must be from only the three months immediately prior to the issue's publication date.
- **Please do not send PDF files.** Send the native document: WORD, Text, etc.
- **NOTE** Submit events when color guard units participate in designated chapter color guard events, designated state color guard events, and/or designated District/National color guard events. A compatriot dressed in colonial garb and presenting as a chapter member is **not** functioning as a Color Guard unit. **State Color guard commanders should pass on these guidelines when communicating with his state's color guard members.**
- **The deadline for submission of content is the end of the month prior to the Issue date:** December 31 for the January Issue, March 31 for the April issue, June 30 for the July Issue, and September 30 for the October issue.
- The state Color Guard Commanders should be sending that message to all of their state's chapter color guard members/commanders.
- Please use the chain-of-command when submitting content. Chapter Color Guard Commanders should submit to their state's Color Guard Commander who then uses his judgement to submit to this Editor.
- **IMPORTANT** - When submitting photos, **please do NOT embed them into any document** (PDF or WORD) but send them in the original resolution.
- **IMPORTANT** - When submitting photos, **for any event please submit no more than two photos for any single event.** When submitting text to explain the event using photos please accurately label which photo goes with what text. I get a photos titled IMG-12345, IMG 45678 and the text will say photo 1 and photo 2. Which is photo 1 and which is photo 2?

I look forward to the issue that has all state color guard units with something in the issue. Missing in this issue are: **Alabama, Colorado, Georgia, Louisiana, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, & Washington.**

Thank you, one and all, for making this section showcase and shine a light on **your** color guard units' activities and community involvement.

EDITORIAL

Departing from the usual editor's note I will separate the submission guidelines from any comments I might want to add to the issue.

With the COVID19 pandemic marching through the U.S. everyone is feeling the stress of these days. Long anticipated events and activities are either being streamed over the Internet or cancelled outright. Those of our friends and families who aren't retired and are more or less use to spending time in the house are struggling. You will note that in some states I have added content from the state commander on what is happening or has happened to their state events and color guardsmen.



We need to help each other get through these times in whatever manner we can. Maintain a positive attitude. Follow medical experts' advice in keeping a safe distance from others when necessary trips are made. Yes, and wash hands frequently, wear a mask if possible to keep from spreading germs to others. Learn and practice patience is possible. Return to reading books, listen to music, send emails or similar digital communications to friends and relatives.

We **will** get through this together.

Steve

Correction

In the January issue, within the George Washington Farewell article a spelling error was made for Compatriot Keene. His last name was misspelled as Keane.

The editor apologizes for the error and has corrected it in the native document. We hope that Compatriot Keene accepts our apology for misspelling his name.



With concern rising regarding Covid-19, our local Chapter cancelled their monthly meeting. The Board will meet via teleconference. With many members of the Color Guard in higher risk groups for Covid-19, Color Guard activities have also been curtailed. All Color Guard activities for March were cancelled. Additionally, April Color Guard activities are also cancelling; most notably an upcoming Easter Parade. We are carefully assessing each CG request and will continue to do so until social distancing precautions are lifted and we see an improvement in present pandemic conditions. David Bonnett, AZ SAR Color Guard Commander



Arizona Society Color Guard in the Scottsdale Parade.

The Arizona Society Color Guard participated in the Parada del Sol Parade in Scottsdale AZ on February 8, 2020. This parade had over 30,000 spectators and eleven reviewing stands. At each reviewing stand we heard our 100-word narration read. This was a great way to introduce the Sons of the American Revolution History. The narration heard by all pertains to the history, education of the children and our commitment



to our veterans. Our color guard members joined us from Phoenix, Prescott, Payson, and Sedona. They are from left to right Steve Monez AZ CG Commander, Dr. William Baran, David Bonnett, Celeste Cates, Greg a junior member, Gene McCarthy, Dr. James Cates, Jerry Davis and Paul Wescott. We were Fortunate to have two Hopi High School JROTC students carrying our Banner. One JROTC member had received his JROTC Bronze Medal the year before.

Written by Steve Monez



AZ Society Color Guard at Annual Meeting February 15, 2020

AZ Society Color Guard at Annual Meeting February 15, 2020

At the Arizona Society Annual meeting on February 15, 2020 Color Guard Commander Steve Monez was honored to present a Molly Pitcher Medal and Certificate to Barbara Collins a DAR member. Barbara Collins originally preferred working in the shadows and was happy working diligently behind the scenes. She has spent numerous hours creating storage bags for flags and poles, she has reorganized the equipment of her color guard.

She firmly believes in the cause of SAR and since leaving the shadows to take her place in the ranks, has trained to bring honor to our ancestors in her performance in many Color Guard events.

Photo by Al Niemeyer



The Arizona Society Annual meeting was held at the Hilton Phoenix Chandler on February 15. The Color Guard members and Distaff attending from l/r kneeling Gerry Lawford, Adjutant Richard Collins, Rudy Byrd, Commander Steve Monez and incoming Commander David Bonnett. Standing l/r Barbara Collins, Sandra Lawford, Matt Scott, Gene McCa-

rthy, Robert Hoover, Charles Howey, Dr. James Cates, Gerry Davis, Jack Berry, John Niemeyer, Paul Wescott, Christopher Frances and Jan Huber. Not in picture Society Secretary and Adjutant Dr. Bill Baran.



Photograph by Al Niemeyer



Orange County Chapter Color Guard presents the colors for the Mojave Chapter, DAR; Feb 23, 2020.



Color Guard left to right:
Dan Mckelvie, Larry Hansen,
Mark Torres, Dan McMillan, John Blake,
Spencer Torres. Wearing Period Clothing but
not in photos:
Brenda Torres.



LAGUNABEACH
PATRIOT'S DAY PARADE
March 7, 2020 / Orange County Chapter
Color Guard and camp follower

L to R: Karen Carlson, Mark Torres, Jim Blauer, John Blake,
Larry Hansen and Christopher Keene.

From Un Hui

Revolutionary War Reenactment, February 15, 2020,
Huntington Beach Library Park / Orange County
Chapter Color Guard

Dan Shippey (as George Washington) and Dan McKelvie.

Un Hui Yi





MASSING OF THE COLORS

A tribute to General George Washington & our Military Forces, Sunday, February 16, 2020

The CASSAR Color Guard poses for a group photo with Sonora HS Army JROTC members who participated in the event.

Un Hui yi

'Everyday Heroes' celebrate Patriots Day Parade in Laguna Beach / March 7, 2020 / Orange County Chapter Color Guard

L to R: Christopher Keene, Mark Torres, Jim Blauer, John Ferris, John Blake, Karen Carlson and Larry Hansen.

Un Hui



Massing of the Colors at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Los Angeles; Feb 16, 2020

Left - CASSAR Color Guard advancing the Colors. Right - VPG Western District and NSSAR Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck bringing greetings on behalf of President General Jack Manning

Un Hui



'Let Freedom Ring' event on July 4, 2019 in Cerritos CA before the 2019 Congress in Costa Mesa

The California Society presented "Let Freedom Ring" streamers to compatriots from the 8 state societies that had representatives at the "Let Freedom Ring" program in Cerritos, CA.

The state societies receiving the streamers are: AZ, MA, FL, MD, MI, NC, OH and GA.



Posting Colors at FSSDAR Annual State Conference Opening Banquet March 6, 2020

Left: Color Guard before banquet, evening Mar 6th - McGuire, Elam (hat only), Wolff, Bill Elder, Chuck Farmer, Jax Chapter member, Brunelle, Young.
 Right: DAR singing National Anthem



Commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution

The 237th Anniversary Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution memorial sponsored by The Sons, Daughters and Children of the American revolution took place on March 7, 2020 at the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center in Merritt Island Florida. This event originated at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, but due to security changes after 9/11, the memorial marker and services have been relocated to Brevard Veterans Memorial Center in 2012. More than thirty organizations supported this year's event with some 180 participants.

The Florida Brigade had 21 members that marched in the Parade of Flags past the podium, lead by Florida Commander Richard Young, Vice Commander Steve Fields and Adjutant Scott Breckenridge. Florida Brigade Compatriots came from as far south as the Miami Chapter and as far north as the Jacksonville Chapter. Two SAR Chapters from Georgia were also represented at the Commemoration.



A 2-pound period replica canon started the memorial with a bang!

The Florida Society was honored to have President General John and First Lady Shelia Manning present at this year's event. PG Manning made a presentation about rebellions that occurred in the New England area prior to the Revolutionary War, which included his ancestors. PG Manning was introduced by Florida's own former PG Lindsey Brock.

The keynote speaker was US Navy Captain Benjamin Schupp, Commander of the Navy Ordnance Test Unit (NOTU). Captain Schupp made a presentation on the importance of this 1783 naval battle to the Continental Congress as well as a description of the battle itself and the maneuvers made by Captain John Barry to secure the cash cargo and save the day. NOTU's mission is to support US Submarines, United Kingdom Fleet Ballistic Missile program, the US Atlantic Fleet as well as the Military Sealift Command and foreign navies. Captain Schupp recently took command of NOTU operations at Port Canaveral.



A social gathering followed the memorial service with First Lady Shelia Manning utilizing a ceremonial sword to cut the

cake inside the VMC White Hall. During the social gathering, fundraisers for the 2023 Congress in Orlando were announced and displayed by FLSSAR President Lee Popham and the Florida Society Ladies Auxiliary

The success of this Commemoration would not have happened without all the organizations that supported operations at the VMC beginning with the Courageous Division of Sea Cadets for their labors on setting up the seating before the memorial and getting all equipment to its proper places hours after the event. We would like to extend our appreciation for assistance given by the following organizations and apologize for any we may have missed:

US Navy, Marine Corps League Brevard, Fleet Reserve Branch 253, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12167, Disabled Veterans Chapter 123, American Legion AUX Post 344, American Legion Post 344, Rolling Thunder FL Chapter 1.



Florida Update

Tampa Chapter at Wreaths Across America

Our December meeting was the Chapters participation in the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the USS Tampa Post #5 American Legion Veterans Cemetery in Tampa.

For the seventh year, our Chapter Color Guard Presented the Colors to open the Ceremony. Color Guard members present were David Bryant, Terry Doan, John Sessums, John Stewart (St Petersburg), Dick Young and Bill Swain. Other chapter members were present for the Ceremony, as well as a prospective member and Pat Niemann, Past President of Florida SAR. The DAR and C.A.R. were also present at this WAA Ceremony. As always, while there, the Chapter also recognized a Vietnam Veteran, resting in the public side of the same cemetery.



Battle of Pensacola

This is, unfortunately, the email that I was hoping I would not have to send regarding the Battle of Pensacola for 2020. Wesley Odom and I talked this morning, and we are in agreement that the Battle of Pensacola event scheduled for May is going to have to be cancelled for this year. With the current national (and I believe state) COVID-19 guidelines being in place at least



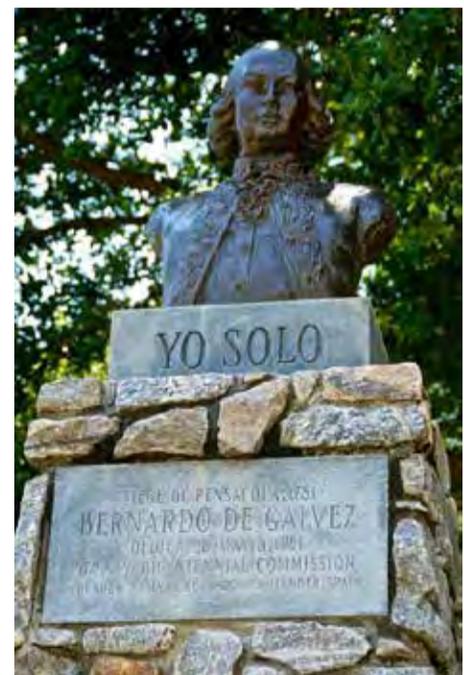
through April 30, and many other states being on "shelter in place" status at least into May, it is highly unlikely that the event would even be allowed to proceed. Even if all restrictions were to be lifted on April 30th, we have received no commitments from any outside organizations or SAR color guard units to participate, and it's highly unlikely that we will at this point. Additionally, the logistics of pulling this together at the very last

minute if restrictions ARE lifted would be nearly impossible.

Wesley and I both hate to make this call, but we agree it's the best course of action. With that said, we are already getting plans started for the 2021 celebration, and we will have time to get the event put together and make it bigger than what it could have been this year.

Additionally, I just saw in an email that was forwarded from Dave Bussone that there is going to be a SAD meeting on the Friday before the BOM in June. I will assume based on that email that we can safely cancel all plans that we have been making for the SAD meeting here in Pensacola in May. Please advise if I am incorrect in that assumption!

Chris Washler
President
Pensacola Chapter
Florida Society,





Iowa Color Guard Mike Rowley and Vietnam Veteran Mike Quance at IOWA Veterans cemetery March 5, 2020 (1)

On Wednesday, March 4, 2020 I received an email that said, "... a Navy veteran at the Marshalltown Soldiers Home had died and that as he had no family and it was very likely his court appointed guardian may be the only person graveside at the Veteran Cemetery in Van Meter, Iowa." The email asked for others to attend if possible.

Iowa Color Guard member Mike Rowley and Vietnam Veteran Mike Quance were present at the Navy veteran's graveside service on March 5, 2020 at the Veteran Cemetery in Van Meter, Iowa . It was feared that no one would attend the service, since the veteran had no family. However, hundreds turned out to honor him, including the Iowa SAR color guard.



Iowa Color Guard Grave markings

As some of our Iowa SAR and War of 1812 members may know we have placed 6 gravestones on War of 1812 and 2 Civil War veteran's unmarked graves in Woodland and Glendale Cemeteries in Des Moines in the last couple of months.

Much of the research that allowed these markings was due to the efforts of Bob Niffenegger and Danny Krock. The installations were carried out by members Tim Rowley, Bob Niffenegger and Mike Rowley.

As a rather ironic twist of fate the last stone placed in Glendale today was actually only about 10' from the grave site of the great-great-grandmother of member Tim Rowley.

Above: Stone to mark the grave in Woodland Cemetery of Robert Dickens of the 60th USCI



Right: Taken at the G.A.R. section of Glendale Cemetery-Tim Rowley at the site of his g-g-g-grandmother Mary Ann (Cook) Pennock (widow of Sgt. Lewis T. Pennock). Robert D. Niffenegger at the site of newly installed stone marking the grave of Robert Dickens a veteran to the 60th USCI.

Far Right: SAR & GSW 1812 members Tim Rowley and Bob Niffenegger observing Covid -19 safe distance while installing Civil War veteran stone in Glendale Cemetery

KANSAS -

The first quarter of 2020 was a bit slower, but still active for the Kansas Society Color Guard until the Coronavirus interrupted it. The year started with a Naturalization Proceeding at the Robert J. Dole US Court House where 86 petitioners from 30 countries took their Oath of Citizenship. Two Color Guardsmen, Dewey Fry and Bruce Bowman, presented the colors and, as has been the custom for several months, led in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Many of the new citizens and oft times their family members wish to have their photos taken with the Color Guard. The photo session often last as long as the court proceedings in which they became a United States citizen. Nearly all the new citizens and their families recognize the uniform fashioned after that of George Washington that is worn by many of the Kansas Society Color Guard. Dewey Fry estimates that photos of the new citizens with the Kansas Color Guardsmen have been taken during the past 10 years and shared with the new citizens families and friends in at least 184 of the world's 197 countries recognized by the United Nations. Left to Right in AT LEFT are Compatriot Bruce Bowman, featured speaker Andrew Teigen, a new citizen, the Honorable Danile D. Crabtree (presiding judge) and Compatriot Dewey Fry.

Another Naturalization proceeding was held in the same court house on February 21 in which 91 petitioners from 37 countries became new citizens. Color Guardsmen for that ceremony were, from left to right in Photo BELOW, Compatriots Alan Martin, Robert Grover, Jerry Vest and Dewey Fry, followed by Chief Magistrate James P. O'Hara, featured speaker and President of the Wyandotte County Bar Association, Kelsy Allison, Esquire and Wyandotte County Judge William P. Mahoney. Unfortunately, a Naturalization proceeding at Johnson County Community College scheduled for March 18, in which approximately 400 petitioners were to have become new citizens was postponed due to the Coronavirus.

On February 1 at the Board of Governors meeting in Emporia, Kansas Color Guardsmen Dewey Fry, Steven French, Kirk Rush, Ken Ludwig and Robert Grover presented the colors.



February 22, several Color Guardsmen participated in the combined Color Guard of Kansas City area chapters of the Kansas and Missouri Societies at their annual George Washington Birthday Celebration. In Photo LEFT are Color Guardsmen Advancing the Colors.



In Photo RIGHT the persons, from left to right, are the following.

Back Row: Compatriots Alan Martin, John Stewart, Roy Hutchinson, Gavin Kurtz, Craig Dillavou, Thomas Bardon, John Forbes, and Dirk Stapleton
Front Row Standing: Steven French, Peter Reynolds, Robert Wandel, Robert Grover, Stephen Sullins, Kirk Rush, Kenneth Bailey, and Dewey Fry.



Seated: Event General Chairman, Robert Corum, Medal of Heroism honoree Deputy Mark Davis, Certificate of Appreciation Honoree Pat Fry, Silver Good Citizenship Honoree and Featured Speaker Dr. James B. Martin, SAR/CAR Bronze Medal of Appreciation Honoree, Kansas C.A.R. Society President Andrea Jacques, and SAR/CAR Bronze Medal of Appreciation Honoree, Missouri State Society C.A.R. Peter Doole. Color Guardsmen not in photo were Brian Vazquez, Michael Robertson, David Stick and Richard Wright.



Religious Freedom Day Celebration

A celebration of Religious Freedom Day was held on 16 January at the Pritchard Center in Elizabethtown, KY. The presentation of the colors and standards for this event was provided by the Kentucky Central Brigade Color Guard. The color guard was composed of members of the Col. John Hardin, Lafayette, Lt. Robert Moseley, and Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapters of the SAR and the Capt. Jacob van Meter chapter of the DAR.

The event was hosted jointly by the Col. John Hardin SAR chapter and the Capt. Jacob van meter DAR chapter. The keynote speaker was historian and playwright Don Patterson who provided a message entitled "First Freedom: The Journey to the Constitution". The celebration was attended by approximately 150 people.



Naturalization Ceremony – SAR Headquarters

The National Society of Sons of the American Revolution has hosted a Naturalization ceremony at its Louisville, KY headquarters each year since 2007. This year was to be no exception. The NSSAR Staff members had been diligently planning to make the 27 March ceremony a memorable patriotic event for the 100+ candidates for citizenship.



The Central Brigade Color Guard of the Kentucky Society has provided the color guard for the previous ceremonies and was eagerly looking forward to providing the color guard for this event. The Central Brigade Color Guard Commander had been recruiting color guard members for more than a month and had lined up a color guard of 15 flag bearers, two riflemen, two fifers, and one drummer. Members from various SAR chapters including the Robert Moseley, Gov. Isaac Shelby, Louisville Thruston, Lafayette, and Simon Kenton had committed to participating in the color guard along with members of the John Marshall and Mary Ingles DAR chapters.

Recruitment of additional color guard members was still underway when, during the week of 9 March, the COVID-19 came to town. The United States District Court, Western District of Kentucky at Louisville, who administrates the Naturalization Ceremony, determined that the ceremony should be postponed in the interest of public health since social distancing would not be possible. The Naturalization Ceremony has been postponed to August of 2020 although a specific date has not been set.

Kentucky DAR State Conference

The Kentucky Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution had scheduled their annual conference for the weekend of 27 March at the Hilton/Lexington Downtown hotel in Lexington, KY. The Central Brigade Color Guard of the Kentucky Society SAR had been requested to present the colors for the DAR banquet on Saturday, 28 March. The Central Brigade had provided this service at the KSDAR banquet for

many years and was preparing to present the colors again.

The Simon Kenton, Lafayette, Gov. Isaac Shelby, and Louisville Thruston SAR chapters along with the Jack Jouett CAR chapter had answered the call for color guard members. Unfortunately, the officers of the Kentucky Society DAR determined that their Annual Conference should be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This event will not be rescheduled much to the disappoint of everyone involved.

MASSACHUSETTS



250th Anniversary Boston Massacre

The Massachusetts Society's Col. Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard participated in an event organized by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Boston Massacre. On March 5, 1770, a small group of British soldiers, deployed in Boston to enforce the despised Townshend Acts, opened fire on a group of townspeople in response to them being ridiculed and pelted with stones and snowballs. Three of the victims died at the scene while the other two succumbed to the wounds in the weeks that followed. Those that died were Crispus Attucks, Samuel Gray, James Caldwell, Samuel Maverick and Patrick Carr. The deadly riot occurred, on King Street in Boston alongside the Boston Customs House.

This event was the first significant episode that led to our nation's fight for independence. As the first formal observance in honor of America's Semiquincentennial, more than 200 Daughters representing 19 states and their guests traveled from across the nation to mark the 250th anniversary of the Boston Massacre



on March 5th.

The ceremony was held on March 5, 2020 at Boston's Old Burying Ground on Tremont Street. The Col. Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard presented the colors for the event. [Previous page] "We are honored to pay tribute to the victims that lost their lives in the Boston Massacre, and are thankful for the opportunity to help others connect to this significant milestone marker in American history," said DAR President General Denise Doring VanBuren.

A wreath was placed at the grave marker of the 5 victims of the Boston Massacre by President General Denise Doring VanBuren and Lynn Forney Young, U.S. Semi-quincentennial Commissioner after which the Col. Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard fired three volleys in remembrance of the victims. [Right]



MARYLAND



Jan. 4 – Our first event of 2020 was the MDSSAR Quarterly meeting and the Annual War of 1812 in Maryland Jackson Day Luncheon at the Maryland Club, Two great events to start off the year. Guardsmen present were, David Embrey, Micheal Kelly with William and Christopher Smithson.

photos by William Johnson



Feb 15 The Color Guard Posted Colors at the Maryland SAR Annual GW Luncheon which was held at the Eagle's Nest Country Club Phoenix –Color Guard members David Embrey, David Hoover, Lou Raborg, Ron Habaugh and Christopher Smithson participated.

photos by Vicki Embrey





MISSAR Color Guardsman Warren Alter receiving a Color Guard Silver Medal Award.

Spring MISSAR - BOM.

Date: February 2, 2020

Location: Waldenwoods Resort Howell, Mich.

Pictured: L/R : MISSAR Vice Commander Norman Palmer, Past President General Warren Alter, wife; Nancy Alter, MISSAR Color Guard Commander Gerald Burkland.



The Silver Color Guard Medal is for service at the District and National levels. The medal is awarded for at least three years of service at the applicable level. The three years may be broken, not continuous. Award of each medal may be for retroactive service, so that any living compatriot may receive it, even if he cannot march anymore. An SAR Color Guardsman must have the Bronze Color Guard Medal before he can be awarded the Silver Color Guard Medal.

Appalause and congratulations followed his Color Guardsman achievement presentation.



CAR Annual State Meeting

Spring MISSAR - BOM.

Date: Feb. 22, 2020

Location: 7501 Saginaw Hwy. Lansing, Mi

Pictured: Left: The “Children of the American Revolution” celebrated their State Annual Meeting. Ceremonies took place In the “American Room” at the Ramada Inn Conference Center., The event took place in Lansing Michigan offering many dignitaries from around the state. The MISSAR Color Guard along with the Paul Emery chapter color guard members presented and proceeded with the posting of the colors to begin and a silent retirement of the “Star and Stripes” to conclude the festivities.

Back row; MISSAR Color Guardsmen, Paul Callahan,

Jim Petres, VC Norman Palmer, VC Ken Goodson, Bob Hawcroft, Chip Severs.

Front row; CAR state officers, with center CAR State President, Alice Kraatz. Elections took place for providing new officers and celebrations.

At the beginning of her office CAR State President (center) Alice Kraatz had a vision.

Her 2019 presidential project was to send an “Honor Flight of Vietnam Veterans” to Washington D.C. Her dream was fulfilled. Donations accrued enough to move her idea forward. Surrounding her at the CAR Convention was her VP (right) and all Veterans of the Vietnam Era complimenting most branches of the armed forces. A “Thank You for your Service” plaque was presented to all veterans attending the CAR conference.

Pictured: ABOVE: MISSAR Color Guard / Veterans Norm Palmer, Dave Vanhoof (left of Alice) Paul Callahan far right.

MISSOURI

Presentation of a Missouri Society, SAR Broadside on the Battle of Golden Hill

On January 18, 2020 Independence Patriots Chapter Colorguardsman Stephen Sullins presented to Music Gear Store in Independence, Missouri owner Rob Schwaller a Missouri Society, SAR Broadside, which commemorates the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Golden Hill, January 17, 1770 (1st Armed Confrontation of Colonists and British Troops, Jan 19, 1770).

Compatriot Stephen Sullins and Music Gear Store owner Rob Schwaller

Photo provided by Compatriot Stephen Sullins (IPC).



Independence Patriots Chapter Colorguardsman Stephen Sullins spoke at the January meeting of the Lee's Summit, Missouri Kiwanis Club.

On January 21, 2020 Independence Patriots Chapter Colorguardsman Stephen Sullins spoke on the Pinkertons at the January meeting of the Lee's Summit, Missouri Kiwanis Club. He also presented Broadside leaflets which commemorates the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Golden Hill (1st Armed Confrontation of Colonists and British Troops, Jan 19, 1770). The Kiwanis Club of Lee's Summit meets from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Missouri Room at the Lakeside Grille in John Knox Village, 600 N.W. Shamrock, Lee's Summit.

Left to right: Compatriot Stephen Sullins, Lee's Summit Kiwanis President Cheryl Anderson, and Wilma Brown.

Photo provided by Compatriot Stephen Sullins (IPC).

Color Guard Members at the Quarterly Missouri Society, SAR Board Meeting

Color Guard Members from five (5) of the State's chapters presented the Colors at the January Quarterly Missouri Society, SAR Board Meeting. Their participation at the Board meeting was very much appreciated by the Missouri Society Officers and Board Members.

Left to right: James Scott (AMC), Frank Furman (OPC), Stephen Sullins (IPC), Michael Hahn (IPC), Richard Matthews (AMC), Steven Biggs (SSL), John Bedell (SSL), and Charles McMillan (OMC).

Photo provided by Compatriot Tom Sentman (OMC).





MOSSAR Colorguardsman participated at the Annual Bess (Mrs. Harry S Truman) Truman Tea hosted by the Midwest Genealogy Center

On February 9, 2020 MOSSAR Colorguardsman from the Alexander Majors, Harry S Truman, and Independence Patriots Chapters participated at the Annual Bess Truman Tea, which was hosted by the Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S Lee's Summit Rd, Independence, MO 64055. Guest speaker was David Wallace, Harry S Truman's nephew (not pictured).

Left to right: Roberts Grover (HST), Western Missouri District Color Guard Commander James Scott (AMC), Stephen Sullins (IPC), Roy Hutchinson (HST), John Stewart (HST), Tom Haney (HST), and J. Michael Robertson (WCC).

Photo provided by Compatriot Stephen Sullins (IPC)

Members of the Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard participated in a Cub Scout Arrow of Light Ceremony

On February 13, 2020 the members of the Ozark Mountain Chapter Color Guard participated in the Arrow of Light Ceremony for a local Cub Scout Pack.

Left to right: The Compatriots are Jeff Patrick, Missouri Color Guard Commander Steve Perkins, Chapter President Gary Gift, and Daniel Piedlow. The Cub Scouts left to right are John Michael Pichler and Riley Gift.

Photo provided by Compatriot Daniel Piedlow (OMC).



Ozark Mountain Chapter conducted a Birthday Memorial for George Washington at Washington Park in Springfield, Missouri

On February 15, 2020 the Ozark Mountain Chapter conducted a Birthday Memorial for George Washington at Washington Park in Springfield, Missouri. Assisting in the Memorial were members of the Branson High School AF JROTC Color Guard.

Compatriots from left to right: Charles McMillian, Jeff Patrick, Steve Perkins, Norm Knowlton (not in uniform), Ben Edmonson (not in uniform), Ken Lawrence, Gary Gift and Daniel Piedlow. The three young people in the center are members of the Branson Missouri High School AF JROTC.

Photo provided by Compatriot Daniel Piedlow (OMC).



56th Annual George Washington's Birthday Commemoration held by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Cornelia Greene Chapter on February 17, 2020 at the George Washington Statue in Lafayette Park, St. Louis, Missouri.

On February 17, 2020 the Cornelia Greene Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) held their 56th Annual George Washington's Birthday Commemoration at the George Washington Statue in Lafayette Park, St. Louis, Missouri.



In attendance was Katrina Collette Prather, a descendant of Nathan Cole, Mayor of St. Louis (1869-1871) who dedicated the George Washington statue in Lafayette Park in 1869. Nathan Cole served as the second President of the Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (1891 & 1892). He was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1876, serving from 1877 to 1879.



In front, left to right: Doug Niermeyer and Sumner Hunnewell (SSL).

Colorguardsmen, Left to right: Eastern District MOSSAR Color Guard Commander Bill Grote (FDL), Steve Biggs (SSL), Don Turner (OPC), Terry Grogan (SSL), Marvin Koechig (FDL), Frank Furman (OPC), and John Bedell (SSL).

Photos provided by Compatriot Robert A. Ackley (SSL/FDL)



Flag presentation at the Old Towne Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at their chapter monthly meeting.

On March 7, 2020 MOSSAR Colorguardsmen from the Fernando de Leyba (FDL), Ozark Patriots (OPC), and Spirit of St. Louis (SSL) Chapters conducted a flag presentation at the Old Towne Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at their chapter monthly meeting in Fenton, Missouri.

Left to right: Eastern District Missouri Color Guard Commander Bill Grote (FDL), Don Turner (OPC), Greg Watkins (SSL), Terry Grogan (SSL), and Frank Furman (OPC).

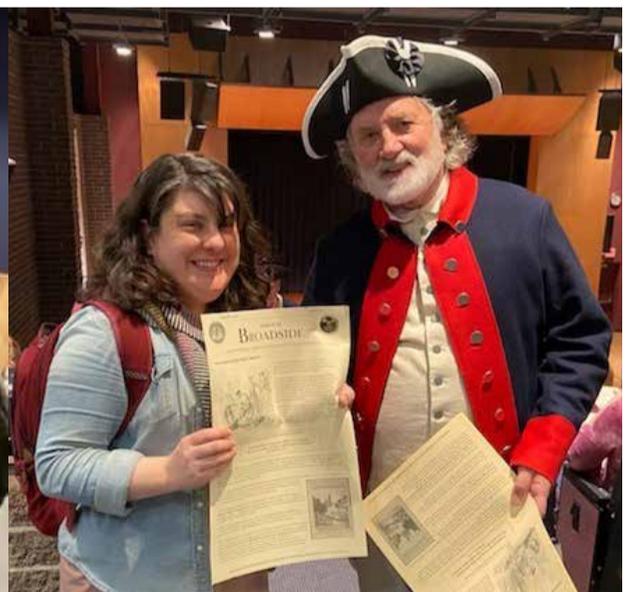
Photo provided by Compatriot Don Turner (OPC).

Passing out copies of the Missouri Society, SAR Broadside at Missouri State University History Day (1st Armed Confrontation of Colonists and British Troops, Jan 19, 1770).

On March 6, 2020 Colorguardsmen from the Ozark Mountain Chapter passed out the Missouri Society, SAR Broadside leaflets which commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Golden Hill (1st Armed Confrontation of Colonists and British Troops, Jan 19, 1770) the University's History Day.



Left: Compatriots left to right: Ken Lawrence, Missouri Society Color Guard Commander Steve Perkins, and Charles McMillan .



Right: Compatriot Charles McMillan with a Missouri State University student

Photos provided by Compatriot Norm Knowlton (OMC).



Presentation on the Missouri Society, SAR Broadside #3, 'The Boston Massacre'

On March 10, 2020 Independence Patriots Chapter President Stephen Sullins participated in presenting the Colors at the William Boydston DAR Chapter meeting. He discussed the Missouri Society Broadside #3, 'The Boston Massacre'. The meeting was held at the North Cross United Methodist Church, Kansas City, Missouri. Presiding at the meeting was Chapter Regent Margaret Henderson. Flag Bearers were Compatriot Stephen Sullins, Kay Schaefer, and Gail Bynum. Right: Compatriot Charles McMillan with a Missouri State University student

Left to right: Compatriot Stephen Sullins, Kay Schaefer, and Gail Bynum.

Photo Provided by Stephen Sullins



Casket Guard Provided by SAR Chapters for the wife of a deceased Compatriot

On March 13, 2020 the funeral for Barbara Morris (nee Jones) was held at the Meramec Bluffs Chapel in Ballwin, Missouri. Members of the Fernando de Leyba Chapter of St. Charles, Missouri and Spirit of St. Louis Chapter of St. Louis County, Missouri Color Guards provided a casket guard. Barbara was a Member of the DAR and the Mayflower Society. She was wife of deceased SAR Member Ray Edward (Ed) Morris and the mother of SAR Member Keith E. Morris. Interment followed at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery with her husband. In lieu of flowers, contributions were requested to be made to Wreaths Across America. Barbara faithfully attended the Fernando de Leyba Chapter meetings and events with her husband and son. She will be greatly missed.

Left: L to R: Charles Lilly (FDL) and Bill Grote (FDL)

Right: L to R: Marvin Koehig (FDL) and Steve Biggs (SSL)

Photo Provided by Compatriot Dennis J. Hahn (FDL).

NEW JERSEY -



January 18. Winterfest in Lambertville Revolutionary Pub Crawl.



The New Jersey Society Color Guard participated in the 7th annual Revolutionary Pub Crawl in Lambertville, NJ & New Hope, PA. The Color Guard led the day's marching accompanied by fife and drum and provided regular musket volleys along the way. Participants are encouraged to dress in 18th century "costume." (LEFT - 2nd row-l/r: Gary Beauregard (partially blocked), Ed Glidden, Sam Davis, Jay Hershey, and Jim Howard. Stops along the march provided a speech by Color Guard member Sam Davis, portraying George Washington and a demonstration and presentation about army life from Ed Glidden and Gary Beauregard. (Right) This event was a great opportunity to showcase our Color Guard and recruit for the SAR. The hosts intend to have additional Revolutionary War events in New Hope and Lambertville, leading up to 2026



New Jersey Society SAR Washington's Birthday Meeting

The first NJSSAR meeting of the year was held at the Princeton Marriott. New Jersey President Robert Meyer opened the meeting by announcing the visit by National SAR President General John T. Manning.

The New Jersey Society SAR Color Guard were massing in preparing for the inspection by P/G Manning. Color Guard Adjutant Rich Serfass assisted P/G Manning through the Color Guard line. (Left) Color Guard members (l-r) Larry Jackson, Jim Howell, and Jay Hershey were ready at attention for the inspection.

Later in the meeting P/G Manning led the SAR New Member Induction ceremony. President General Manning and NJSSAR Secretary Ed Glidden presented SAR certificates and Rosettes to New Members Scott Lukens (South Jersey Chapter), Tod Mershon (Princeton Cranbury Chapter), Hiland Turner (Jockey Hollow Chapter), and David Lukens (South Jersey Chapter).

NSSAR Leadership Conference, Louisville Kentucky

Three members of the New Jersey Society Color Guard attended the SAR Spring Leadership Conference/Trustees Meeting in Brown Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky. Attending were President Robert Meyer, Roger Williams, President of the Princeton-Cranbury Chapter, and Billy Locke, State Historian.

Pictured here are all the Veterans attending this Conference. Rob Meyer is in the upper left wearing the forage cap. (Left)

President Robert Meyer is pictured with past Chaplain General Rt. Reverend Louis V. Carlson, Jr. of the California Society. (Right)





NORTH CAROLINA



239th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowans Ford

The National SAR Color Guard, led by Scott Collins, Adjutant, at the 239th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowans Ford in Huntersville, NC., on 1 February 2020.



239th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens

Nine members of the North Carolina Color guard participated in the 239th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens in Gaffney, SC., on January 18, 2020.



244th Anniversary of Moore's Creek Bridge

The National SAR Color Guard, led by NC Color Guard Commander, George Strunk at the 244th Anniversary of Moore's Creek Bridge, in Currie, NC., on 22 February 2020.



239th Anniversary of the Crossing of the Dan

Five members of the NC Color Guard and Dual member, Bill Schwetke (VA State President), attended the 239th Anniversary of the Crossing of the Dan, in South Boston, VA., on 15 February 2020.



Color Guard members who are Veterans participated in the Veterans Photo at a Spring Leadership banquet.



Color Guard members perform with the "Sar Preemes" at a Spring Leadership Banquet



The Fifer's Corner

The Duty tunes for this issue will be The Assembling, which was usually 30 minutes after the beating of The Reveily, and Troop the Colours.

(Trooping the Colour is a ceremony performed by regiments of the British and Commonwealth armies. It has been a tradition of British infantry regiments since the 17th century, although its roots go back much earlier. On the battlefield, a regiment's colours, or flags, were used as rallying points. Consequently, regiments would have their ensigns slowly march with their colours between the ranks to enable soldiers to recognise their regiments' colours.) From Wikipedia

This issue will include the musick for Troop or Assembling, Troop the Colours, Rakes of Marlow, Marquis of Granby's, Rose Tree

I know a number of State Color Guard's have Musick, so please send me some information about your group with photos so they may be featured.



Please email me at (fiferdave@comcast.net) or like (Fifer Dave) on fb and message me with any questions you may have, topics you would like covered and any feedback you have.

HUZZAH,
Fifer Dave
aka David Embrey



TROOP or ASSEMBLING - FIFE THOMPSON p.7.

A Favorite Troop for two Drums Ashworth p.26-7

All Drums

THE ROSE TREE

Troop for the Colours

The Marquis of Granby's, or 1st Troop of Horse Grenadier's March

Rakes of Mallow



NEVADA -

Nevada Color Guard

Winter is always a slow time for the Color Guard to have functions. However, the Battle Born Patriots NSSAR had three functions at the end of March. The Nevada Order of the Colonial Dames, the State Chapter of SAR and the Nevada Camino dinner were all cancelled. We were to preform at all three functions. Alas and alack, we are now setting on our thumbs and letting our feet dangle. Hope this Virus calamity ends soon. Paul Hicks. NSCGC



NASA's Day Of Remembrance

The NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio honored the memories of NASA's fallen astronauts during a special ceremony Thursday, January 28, the 30th anniversary of the Challenger space shuttle tragedy. This ceremony also took place in two other NASA facilities; Marshall Space Flight Center in Alabama, Johnson Space Center in Houston and at Arlington Cemetery.

Four members of the NSSAR Color Guard from Ohio performed Color Guard duties at the Glenn Research facility ceremony, including presenting and retrieving the Colors and placing a memorial wreath in front of the stage.

The ceremonies paid tribute to the three astronauts lost January 27, 1967 in the Apollo 1 fire during final testing of the Command Module, Challenger's seven-member crew who died on January 28, 1986 during launch, as well as the seven who died when the shuttle Columbia broke apart February 1, 2003 during reentry. left to right: Lance Beebe, Kirt Bacon, Shaun Cotterill, Norm Miller. (Photo by Connie Beebe)



The Woman's Club of Ashtabula County's 100th Year Anniversary Celebration.

Tuesday March 5th, 2020, the Ohio SAR Color Guardsman from the Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 provided Color Guard duties, posting and retiring Colors at The Woman's Club of Ashtabula County's 100th Year Anniversary Celebration. The program was held at the Blue-Gold room of the Ashtabula Campus of Kent State University. Note: This event was the first event that our Drummer, Sean Howe has participated in. Permission given for including Sean in this photo.

Front row: Troy Bailey, Commander; Sean Howe, Drummer, back row: Dan Matheke, Guardsman, Jim Gilbert, Guardsman; Steve Hinson, Guardsman; and Jim Pildner Guardsman.

Photo by: Evan Howe



Luncheon to Honor "The Dayton Six"

At a special luncheon held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 the Dayton Police Officers now known as the Dayton Six were honored by the Sons of the American Revolution with the National NSSAR Medal of Heroism. The Medal is recognition of exemplary bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger and only awarded in unique situations. The Officers honored were Sgt. Chad Knight, Officer Jeremy Campbell, Officer Vince Carter, Officer Dave Denlinger, Officer Ryan Nabel and Officer Brian Rolfes.

The Luncheon was held in conjunction with the Winter Board of Management of the Ohio Society at the Hope Hotel in Fairborn, Ohio next to the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Key Note Speaker was Ohio Attorney General David Yost. Ohio SAR Presentation were made by First Vice-President Lee Wilkerson and State President Steve Hinson. State Chaplain Dr. R Edgar Bonniwell. Color Guard was led in by State Color Guard Commander Steve Frash. Ninety people were in attendance.

(Photo by James Schaffer)





250th Anniversary Commemoration Held in Winchester, VA

On 5 March 2022, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of Winchester, Virginia sponsored and participated in a 250th Anniversary Commemoration event of the Boston Massacre. This included ringing the bell atop the Shenandoah Valley Civil War Museum (the former Courthouse on the Loudoun Street Mall) and the nearby 1st Presbyterian Church bell. The ceremony began at 9:00 PM and had 35 attending. Participants included the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Association, the 1st Presbyterian Church, the Fort Loudoun Chapter DAR, the French and Indian War Foundation, the Korean War Veterans Association, the Adam Stephens Chapter of the West Virginia Society, NSSAR and the Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society. Also in attendance were members of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The Colonel James Wood II Chapter Color Guard presented National Colors and bells were rung at the Old Court House, the 1st Presbyterian Church, and by representatives of the SAR and DAR. This event was organized by Brett Osborn, Chairman of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution Reenacting and Living History Committee. In addition to getting publicity with the local newspaper, the Winchester Star, he sought and obtained permission from the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation, which owns the Civil War Museum to conduct the ceremony. Proof of liability insurance was required for the event. Osborn said "You should have seen the look on the insurance agent's face when asked for liability insurance for a massacre!" Those attending as Honor Guard and participants included individuals pictured: Dale Corey, Deborah Hilty, Allen Phillips, Sean Carrigan, Marc Robinson, Erik Moore, Art LaFlam, Brett Osborn, Becky Ebert and Rev. Jim Simmons. Also participating were Vangy Robinson, Jack Owens, Tom Jones and Colonel James Wood II Chapter members Marshall DeHaven and Thomas Reed. The DAR was represented by Fort Loudoun Chapter Regent Sara Boppe and Anne Simmons.



Presidents Day Presentation Winchester, Virginia

On 17 Feb, the Fort Loudoun Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and Mercer's Company of the French and Indian War Foundation participated in ceremonies to honor George Washington on President's Day in Winchester, Virginia. Washington first came to Winchester in 1748 as a member of a surveying party led by George Fairfax, son of the cousin of Lord Fairfax. He returned in 1755 as a military officer to design and oversee the construction of Fort Loudoun. The event began with a procession along the walking mall, ending at Washington's Headquarters Museum. Mercer's Company led the procession and was closely followed by the Colonel James Wood II Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard. Tony Elar of the F&I Foundation gave a presentation on Washington's years in Winchester and Mercer's Company in the French and Indian War. The SAR Color Guard presented the colors, which was followed by Regent Sarah Boppe, Fort Loudoun DAR presenting an overview of Washington's life." Left Pictured are the Mercer's Company for the French & Indian War Foundation followed by the Colonel James Wood II Color Guard. RIGHT picture is a group photo of the DAR and SAR representatives in front of Washington's statue.





Commemoration of Peter Muhlenberg - Jan 2020

On 18 Jan 2020, members of the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution based in Winchester, co-sponsored an event in Woodstock, VA to honor Peter Muhlenberg, a hero/patriot of the American Revolutionary War. He was one of the fighting parsons from the Shenandoah Valley who answered the call to arms to support the colonial cause. On 21 January 1776, Muhlenberg was preaching at his Woodstock Church. At the end of the sermon, he removed his clerical robes to expose a regimental colonel's uniform. At the request of George Washington, he recruited a complement of 300 men which became the 8th Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line. He commanded a unit at Valley Forge and was in the Battles of Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth. Afterwards, he was sent to the south where he led the 1st Brigade under General Lafayette at the Battle of Yorktown. The ceremony was led by Larry Johnson with assistance from Dale Carpenter and Jim Simmons. The

color guard as pictured (r-l) are Virginia State Color Guard Commander Ken Bonner, Paul Christensen, Clay Robinson, Erik Moore, Nathan Poe, Dale Corey, Eric Robinson & Marc Robinson. Further attending were members of the Narrow Passage Daughters of the American Revolution and members of the Shenandoah Christian Alliance.

Culpeper Washington's Birthday 22 Feb 2020

On 22 February 2020, the Culpeper Minute Men Chapter along with the Colonel James Wood II and Fairfax Resolves Chapters of the Virginia Society, conducted a commemoration ceremony to honor George Washington on his birthday. The event was held at the Masonic Cemetery in Culpeper, Virginia at the graveside of Colonel John James, Commander of the Culpeper Minute Men Battalion. The Color Guard included Virginia Society William Schwetke, VASSAR Color Guard Commander Ken Bonner, Culpeper Minute Men Chapter President Charles Jameson, Colonel James Wood II Chapter President Marc Robinson, Culpeper Minute Men Color Guard Commander Mike Dennis, compatriots Tom Hamill, Dale Corey, Nathan Poe, Eric Robinson, potential compatriot Erik Moore, and Doug Graves from the Virginia Society of Founders and Patriots of America. Compatriots Don Hollar, Corey, CJWII Pres. M. Robinson, VASSAR Pres. Schwetke, CMM Pres. Jameson, Donnell Hubbard & DAR Carol Simpson read portions of Washington's Farewell Address, followed by a Tribute to George Washington by CMM Past President Tom Hamill. This was followed by wreath presentations by the SAR (VASSAR, CMM, CJWII, F), DAR (Culpeper Minute Men, Fauquier Court House), C.A.R. & OFPA with a bell toll for each of the 13 original colonies



Greetings from VASSAR CGC

Compatriots and fellow Guardsmen,

I extend the greetings of the Virginia Society Color Guard (VASSAR CG), and our best wishes to you during this challenging time facing our Nation.

Members of the VASSAR CG participated in numerous National, State and Chapter – level events, including the commemorations of the Battles at Cowpens, Cowen's Ford, Kettle Creek, and the Crossing of the Dan. We also supported the laying of numerous wreaths, honoring "fighting parson" Col Peter Muhlenberg in Woodstock, the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary Soldier and Washington's birthday parade in Alexandria, and the 1766 signing of the Leedstown Resolves in Oak Grove, VA.

Our guardsmen also supported the VASSAR annual meeting, induction of new State officers, and recognition of Chapter achievements, in the State Capitol of Richmond in early February. We had a terrific turnout and welcomed our newest member of the guard from the Nansemond Indian Patriots Chapter – also the State's newest Chapter, chartered in 2019.

For the National Society, 2020 represents an especial opportunity to recognize the 250th anniversary of many noteworthy events leading

Accompanying picture, left to right are

Tom Badamo, Nansemond Indian Patriots Chapter, Charles Jameson, Culpeper Minutemen Chapter, Bill Greaf, Williamsburg Chapter, Ken Bonner, Fairfax Resolves Chapter, Bill Schwetke, Culpeper, Minutemen Chapter, dual member TXSSAR, and VASSAR President, Tom Hamill, Culpeper, Minutemen Chapter, Mike Dennis, Culpeper Minutemen Chapter, Doug Schwetke, Culpeper Minutemen and dual member TXSSAR, Vern Eubanks, Fairfax Resolves Chapter

up to the Revolution. On March the 5th, several VASSAR Chapters marked the occasion of the Boston Massacre with simultaneous observances on the steps of local courthouses throughout the State. Also, in July this year, Virginia is proudly looking forward to hosting the National Congress in Richmond, and many of our guardsmen are eager to participate and play a role in welcoming Compatriots to the Old Dominion from across the Nation.

While we've had a strong start to what is otherwise planned to be a banner year for our State Society and guard, our schedule was interrupted abruptly in early March by the unplannable (and unwelcome) arrival of the novel coronavirus 2019 or COVID-19. Over the past three weeks, we've seen the cancellation of events – small and large, beginning with the 239th commemoration of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. In addition, many if not most of our Chapters have canceled monthly meetings, and we're beginning to see cancellations in April and May. However, as we reflect on our present circumstances, we are mindful of the broad

demographic of our membership, recognize the prudence of “social distance” and “stay-at-home” countermeasures, and prayerful for the continued health of all our Compatriots.

It seems now most appropriate to include some words of encouragement here from General Washington. “We must never despair; our situation has been compromising before, and it has changed for the better; so, I trust it will again. If difficulties arise, we must put forth new exertion and proportion our efforts to the exigencies of the times.”

Best wishes to you all for your continued health and,
In Patriotism,
Ken Bonner, Color Guard Commander
Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution

WASHINGTON –

The Washington State SAR membership consists of 447 members in eight chapters. Each chapter has a Color Guard representation with a total roster of 73 members. In addition the Washington State Color Guard augments their ranks with a Fife and Drum Corp, non-uniformed SAR Members providing support, and non-SAR members.



DAR Memorial

On the cold and windy day of January 5, 2020 members from the Seattle and George Washington SAR Chapters supported the DAR in honoring four State Leaders interned at the Lakeview Cemetery in Seattle. This is part of the Washington DAR State Society's 125th birthday program. Honored on this day were Honorary State Regent Eliza Ferry Leary, Vice President General 1914-1920. Honorary State Regent Angie Burt Bowden, State Regent 1915-1917. Honorary State Regent Julia Mildred Head, State Regent 1935-1937. Honorary State Regent Barbara Herbst-Anderson, State Regent 2000-2002.

Pictured here as a Color Guard escort for the DAR procession through the Cemetery are (L-R, Washington State SAR Color Guard Commander Neil A. Vernon (Seattle), Washington State SAR President Craig Lawson (Seattle), James Blanton (Seattle), Leland “Mike Hutchins (George Washington), Jeanne Pittenger (Sacajawa DAR Chapter), Marshall Eberhardt (George Washington), and Nicholas Reichert (Seattle).

Living History

On January 31, 2020, members of the Alexander Hamilton, George Washington, and Seattle Chapters presented Living History to 75 students at the Island Park Elementary School on Mercer Island. A special treat was in store for this student body where we were accompanied by a family of presenters. Picture in the photo to the right are (L-R): John Kraft Sr. (George Washington), James Blanton (Seattle), State Registrar Michael Moore (Alexander Hamilton), Robert Korn (Seattle), Washington State SAR Color Guard Commander Neil A. Vernon (Seattle).



Family of Presenters

In the photo to the left are family members of Compatriot Michael Moore – wife Diane, granddaughter Danika, and Mikey Bendictson (Alexander Hamilton and Fife and Drum).

Founding Fathers

On February 10, 2020, members of the John Paul Jones Chapter presented the founding documents to the Kitsap County Commissioners. Included in the frames are the Declaration of Independence, a framed print of the signing, and the Constitution. Pictured with the Commissioners L-R in the photo are: Mick Hersey, Doug Nelson, Chapter President David Irons, Color Guard Captain Fred Gilbert, Noah Chase, and George Washington, by Vern Frykholm.



Klahowya

This was followed by a February 14, 2020 Living History presentation by the John Paul Jones Chapter. Presentations included – A Day as a Soldier and A Day in Colonial Life to 5 groups of Students at the Klahowya Secondary School. Pictured with the Librarian are L-R: Bob Smalzer, Color Guard Captain Fred Gilbert, and Doug Nelson behind Patriots Chest items they have acquired.



UW Presidents Day

President's Day, February 17, 2020, on the University of Washington campus a wreath laying ceremony was held at the George Washington statue. Multiple organizations including Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution, and others laid wreaths at the base of the statue.

The statue was unveiled on Flag Day, June 14, 1909 and was donated by the DAR Rainier Chapter of Seattle, who undertook the project in 1905.

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olution, Sons of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution, and others laid wreaths at the base of the statue. The statue was unveiled on Flag Day, June 14, 1909 and was donated by the DAR Rainier Chapter of Seattle, who undertook the project in 1905.

The joint SAR/DAR Fife and Drum Corps led the group to the dedication following a program by Jean Sherrard author of the book "Seattle Now and Then.

As the wreaths were being laid a Bald Eagle soared overhead.

"A lovely day honoring our first President." - Past Regent Muriel Parrish, Elizabeth Forey Chapter DAR



2020 Patriots Day

George Washington's birthday, February 22, 2020, representatives from four of the Washington State SAR Color Guard chapters, Fife and Drum, and DAR members participated in the Massing of Flags Ceremony at Stadium High School in Tacoma, Washington. The State of Washington has declared this as Patriot's Day.

Photo on RIGHT

Present at the Massing of Flags ceremony are the three WA SAR Color Guard Commanders, in our first 10 years:

- 2020- Neil Vernon (center)
- 2017-2019 Art Dolan (at left)
- 2011-2017 Bob O'Neal, Founder.

Commander Neil wears the commander's gorget as a symbol of the office. It is engraved with the Washington family coat-of-arms in honor of the General. It is passed on to successive commanders and their names are engraved on the back.

The Color Guard Commander is also a State officer position.



SenatePosting

Two exceptional WASSAR Color Guard events occurred in 2020, under the Capitol Dome, Olympia, Washington.

March 4th, Washington State Senate, Mike Moore, Matt and Mikey Bendixson and me, had our first posting of the colors ever in the Washington State Senate. From preferred parking to first class greetings by security at the Senate Chambers, our Color Guard were treated like exceptional guests. This posting had three firsts in our Color Guard Capitol events: 1 We wore three different uniforms, Blue Regimental, Hunting Frock, and Red musician regimental; 2 We had a 3 generational family presenting the colors Grandfather, father and son; 3 Our first posting in the Senate including photo's with our respective Senators. After the posting we received a standing ovation from the floor Senators. We anticipate another opportunity in 2021. Following the posting each color guard member received a Senate Lapel Pin, tour of the Capitol, and many photos taken by other Capitol visitors.

AH Memorial

On February 29, 2020, DAR State Regent Lanabeth Horgen and ye SAR Color Guard and Fife and Drum at Mountain View Cemetery, Auburn, Washington. Grave marking ceremony for DAR Honorary State Regent Blanche Wiley Adamson (1972-1974). In the Photo L-R are Jerry Bordelon (Alexander Hamilton), Ralph Liening (HODAR), Viren Lemmer (Drum Major, Alexander Hamilton), Stephanie Conroy (Fife and Drum), State DAR Regent Lanabeth Horgen, Terry Barker (Fife and Drum), Jan Lemmer (Alexander Hamilton), WA SAR Commander Neil A. Vernon (Seattle), Deputy SAR Commander Dick Motz (Alexander Hamilton)





March 5th, the 250th anniversary of the Boston Massacre, colors were posted in the House of Representatives. Doug Nelson, Ralph Liening, Jan Lemmer and myself proudly representing the WASSAR on the floor of the House. Because the previous days session ended at 2:30 am on the 5th many members were slow to arrive combined with many last minute meetings, all the House members were not able to meet the SAR color guard.

Colors were posted, and “House of Representatives” lapel pins were awarded to the Color Guard. At your next chapter meeting, look for their blazer “bling”. Our activities were followed by a tour of the Capitol, views of voting and bills being passed by the Senate as we viewed then from the gallery seats. The House was in Caucus meetings and not voting at the time.

Photos with our legislators frequently appear in their constituent newsletters providing increased visibility of the SAR in communities across our state. Our membership is growing so join us in beautiful Washington State for the 2021 national conference. You might even see Orcas, Mt. Rainier and some of the most beautiful scenery anywhere in the Northwest.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS WITH OLD GLORY IN THE HALLS OF FREEDOM - WASHINGTON STATE SENATE - Sons of the American Revolution parade our National Colors before the Senators. Washington SAR Color Guardsmen and military veterans (l to r): Jan Lemmer (MSGT USAF Ret.); Doug Nelson (engineer USN Dept. Ret.); Ralph Liening (veteran US Army); and Art Dolan (Vietnam War veteran US Army) proudly representing the WA SAR on the floor of the State Senate. HUZZAH!

Washington State SAR Color Guard Addendum – COVID-19 Effects.

Just prior to the recent outbreak of COVID-19 in the State of Washington it was announced that two teachers submitted by the Ft Vancouver Chapter were selected by National for Dr. Tom and Betty Lawrence History Teachers of the year award. These were select for the primary and middle school categories. The Ft Vancouver chapter was able to present the chapter awards just hours prior to the Washington State Governor’s proclamation of closing Washington to Schools.

COVID-19 has had several impacts both for the Washington SAR State Society and for the Washington State Color Guard. With the Seattle metropolitan area being the epicenter of the outbreak, activities which congregated bodies of members over the age of 60 began cancellation early on. Quickly following have been the closing of schools with the recommendation to “self-isolate”.

Within the State of Washington at least six of the eight chapters and one of two new chapters working on formation elected to cancel their meetings in March. In addition, the Washington State Annual State Conference of 2020 has been postponed to a later date.

As for Color Guard activities there have been a number of postponements and cancellations which include:

- Due to School Closures, several school presentations held within Western Washington are either cancelled or postponed.
- The DAR Rainier Chapter Mini Colonial Days has been cancelled for 2020. This event would had been held at the Rainier Chapter House on Capitol Hill in Seattle which just last year was entered into the National Historical Registry.
- Viet Nam Veterans Day Parade – Cancelled.
- CAR State Conference 2020 – Cancelled.
- Pacific District Meeting – Cancelled.



WISCONSIN -

Our Wisconsin color guards participated in several noteworthy activities over the last several months. [BELOW LEFT] During January two guards conducted a presentation to 4th & 5th grade students at Longfellow Middle School in West Allis. To hold student attention we invited them to fetch uniform pieces and suspensory equipment that was piled on tables as we dressed. We also awarded prizes of replica colonial scrip for correct answers to questions about our presentation. Pictured with students are Commander Brian S. Barrett and grandson Shane Barrett. At Chappell Elementary in Green Bay Bob Haglund presented a historical program to 5th graders.

In February, in honor of land surveyor George Washington, we presented the colors at the annual Wisconsin Land Surveyors Institute [Photo Below RIGHT]. The institute was attended by over 1000 patriotic licensed land surveyors who extended a warm welcome and genuine appreciation. This was our sixth consecutive appearance at the annual institute.



Pictured are Captain-of-the-Guard of the Nathan Ames Chapter Bill Austin, Bob Haglund and Mike and Mark Nelson.

We also participated in a Wisconsin DAR Presidents Day celebration in Oshkosh. Russ Buhr, Captain-of-the-Guard of the Raymond Chapter, made a toast to George Washington at the DAR luncheon. Color guard members attending with Russ were Bill Austin, Bob Haglund, Gerald Helgeson, and Mike and Ben Meador. Guards also presented the colors at the Washington Monument in Menominee Park in Oshkosh. Photos by Amy Asher, Annis Avery Hill Chapter, at the lunch (l to r) Ben Meador, Mike Meador and Russ Buhr and at the George Washington Monument (front to rear) Russ Buhr, Bob Haglund, Gerald Helgeson, and Bill Austin.



In March, commander Barrett (Next Page - pictured far left) appeared with the Lake-Sumpter Florida Chapter color guard at their meeting in Fruitland Park, FL.

Of course the activities mentioned above preceded restrictions brought about because of the COVID19 Virus pandemic.



LEFT - President's Day

RIGHT - Lake/Sumter FLS-SAR Meeting



LEFT - President's Day lunch

RIGHT - Chappell Elementary in Green Bay



WEST VIRGINIA -



Association of Counties

The West Virginia state Color Guard presented colors for the states Association of Counties. Color Guard Commander Ed Cromley, Randy McGill, Dave Siders and drummer Cary Campbell.



Mayflower Guard

By Brett Osborn

This coming September 12-19th, 2020 will be the 400th Anniversary celebrations of the landing of the Mayflower. In the fall of 2016 with the Maryland General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) Compact Dinner in Annapolis, Maryland it was suggested and approved to establish a color guard unit for the GSMD who would wear armor and dress like the Pilgrims did when they arrived in the New World in the Fall of 1620.

The Mayflower Guard Commander is James Battle, a retired Naval Captain, former Maryland Governor GSMD and now a resident of Texas. Captain Battle is also a member of the Texas Society SAR.

The Mayflower Guard is now an official GSMD committee, reporting to the Captain General and appointed by the Governor General of the GSMD. The GSMD functions as the color and ceremonial Guard for the General Society.¹

How does this apply to the Revolutionary War? The Pilgrims who landed in 1620 as an Elizabethan style militia, largely based on the English Muster Law of 1572.

The early colonists used this militia arrangement that required every man to have weapons and service was required from age sixteen to sixty. Each time a new town was created, a new company of militia was organized. Musters were frequent and mandatory; punishments were assessed for absence or for not being properly outfitted. The governor had sole right to call out the militia. These regulations for the militia were reflections of English militia laws of the day. Modifications were made, because in England, militia musters were for training as there was no immediate threat to English Towns. In the New World, all militia soldiers had to be ready to assemble on short notice as ready to fight as to train. There were upwards of 10,000 Native Americans in nearby forests.



The Plymouth Pilgrims were fortunate to have Captain Myles Standish as their military leader in Plymouth. He served the Massachusetts Bay Colony as part of a council of war, an eleven-man committee presided over by the Governor until his death in 1656.

By 1635, Massachusetts Bay had three counties with a militia regiment in each. Massachusetts established these Militia Regiments, North, South, East with the Massachusetts Bay Colony, General Court on December 13, 1636. From the lineage of these Militia units, the Massachusetts Army National Guard has three units, the 101st Engineer Battalion, the 181st Regiment and the 182nd Regiment that are the only U.S. Army units that can display Lexington-Concord Battle Streamers. Known as "Nation's First".²

Guardsmen's Arms and Armor

Militia of the 17th century had to be trained in the use of all the arms of the day, the sword, the musket (matchlock), and the pike. The militia company would have a mixture of each and it was beneficial to have everyone cross-trained in all the arms.³

The Matchlock was the most common musket used in the first half of the 17th Century. A lighter smaller version was called the caliver. The ammunition for the matchlock was carried on a bandolier, a pocketed belt worn over the shoulder with 12 vessels containing gunpowder called apostles and a bag for lead bullets. The mechanism of the matchlock was cheap to produce and relatively reliable so that matchlocks continued in use until 1700.

The next generation for guns was the wheellock, earliest specimen was 1530, a complicated action which did not come into widely accepted use until after 1550. The wheellock mechanism was complicated and give to unpredictable failures (lock-ups), as well as being slow in operation. It required a spanner (wrench) to wind up the mechanism. The cost of the lock mechanism of the wheellock was too great for mass acceptance, and the simple and cheap matchlock had the obvious drawback of requiring the packing of a lengthy, lighted match-cord by the shooter wanting instantaneous discharge of his firing piece.⁴

The interest in types of arms is my Mayflower ancestor, John Alden, also had a wheellock rifled carbine. In 1924 while doing restoration on a later home be-

longing to the Alden Family in Duxbury, Massachusetts, where both John Alden and Myles Standish moved their families from Plymouth, a Mayflower gun was discovered. This was in a hidden panel near the door of the Alden home. It was an Italian made wheellock carbine (a Beretta connection) and it was rifled. It is now in possession of the National Rifle Association Museum in Fairfax, Virginia.⁵

Pikemen were expected to have a helmet, a full iron back-and-breast corselet, and a pike 15-18 feet long.⁶

Pikes became considerably shortened as in North American they were not facing mounted knight charges and was considered a defensive weapon and used in early colonial years of the 17th century. Halberds were staff weapons also with the Mayflower militia. A halberd was found in the 19th century in the cellar of John Alden's first house in Duxbury, MA and is now in the Pilgrim Hall Museum.⁶ In 1580 each Dutch mixed-arms company was to have six halberdiers. Sergeants or onderofficers were to carry halberds.⁷ Everyone carried a sword, officers, musket men and pikemen.

All pikemen wore armor that included breast and back plates and attachments below the waist to protect the groin and thighs called tassets. The pikeman's armor was the standard for infantry men of the 17th century in Europe and England. In Jamestown, Virginia, warfare with the Native Americans required a change. In 1611, Sir Thomas Dale made the observation that many men were dying from Indian arrows. He ordered that all men, even those carrying muskets, to wear plate armor. It appears the lessons of Jamestown were communicated though the Virginia Company to those embarking on the Plymouth expedition. The field armor of the late 16th and early 17th centuries was almost universally blackened or russeted, and consequently the great majority of armor used in America during this period was either black or brown.⁸

Dutch Influence

When English Pilgrims under the leadership of Pastor John Robinson and William Brewster moved to Leiden in 1609, they and the male members of the con-

gregation did join the militia in Leiden. They were not soldiers and needed to be trained in using the weapons of the day, swords, pikes and muskets as citizen soldiers.

It was Maurice of Nassau, later Prince of Orange and Nassau, the Captain-General of the Dutch forces who would create a new army. During the phase between 1588 and 1610, Maurice of Nassau built a new, tightly-drilled army of 'pike and shot' on the foundation of ancient Roman infantry tactics an army which would defeat the Spanish and their allies, and which became the blueprint for the armies that subsequently allowed the West to conquer the world.⁹

The key to standardizing tactics was the training of forces in the use of arms. Prince Maurice of Orange and Nassau, commissioned the engraver/painter Jacob DeGheyn to develop an illustrated military training manual which was published in 1609.¹⁰ Known in its English translation as *The Exercise of Armes*, this became the standard throughout England and Europe. Today it serves as the training manual for the Mayflower Guard.

The Mayflower Anniversary

The 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower's landing will start on September 12, 2020 at Provincetown, Massachusetts with the Mayflower Guard participation. There will be other activities going on in Plymouth and Boston, Massachusetts from September 13-19, 2020 with the Mayflower Guard in some of those events. The author will be participating as a member of the Mayflower Guard.

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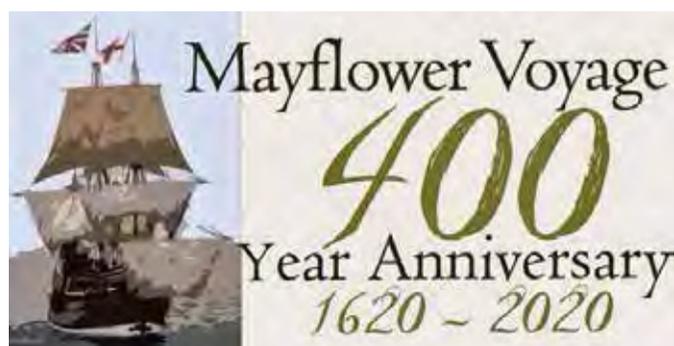
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Color Guard Firelock Cleaning Kit

By Brett Osborn

Cleaning just like "they" did!



These suggestions follow an article I read in 2001 from the re-enacting organization The Northwest Territory Alliance and items I have added over nineteen years of using black powder firearms with NSSAR Color Guard and 18th Century re-enacting organizations. This includes the "essentials" for cleaning your firelock during Living History demonstrations or Color Guard events. This will fit in your haversack, hunting bag or knapsack.

Find a small square tea tin. Burn off any painted lacquer coating and buff the tin down with superfine steel wool.

I have added a 4" Magnetic Parts Holder from Harbor Freight that cost about \$2.99. It holds all the loose parts, pins and screws when you start taking your gun apart and it clamps to the top of your tea tin. Not a period item, looks like a shiny metal bowl. Reduces lost parts and time spent looking for them.

Items to consider for your gun kit:

- Adapter – Attach to cleaning rod/ramrod if attachments have different size threads.
- Cleaning jag – also known as a pump, attaches to cleaning rod/ramrod if threaded, creates a vacuum to pull water up the barrel when cleaning.
- Canteen or cup – For pouring water (preferably hot) down gun barrel to clean.
- Funnel – Small brass, copper or tin for assisting with pouring water down gun barrel (optional).
- Main Spring Vice – When you are ambitious and decide to take your gunlock apart.
- Metal containers – Brass, copper, or tin for oil and pill boxes for grease, Never Dull, spare flints, etc.
- Patches – For drying out and greasing the gun barrel bore, 2" x 2" patches out of heavy cotton or linen. Raw tow may also be used (period correct).
- Pin Punch - If you remove the barrel to clean your gun, you may have to punch out the pins. Not needed if you have a Charleville musket. A 1/16" or 3/32" punch will do, select one that fits in your tea tin.
- Pliers – Hand forged steel, assist with pulling out pins or holding main spring when disassembling (optional).
- Scraper – attaches to cleaning rod/ramrod if threaded, used to break loose caked black powder in breech and barrel of gun.
- Turn screws – screwdrivers that will fit in tin.
- Worm – To attach patches or tow (course fiber used in linen making) for swabbing out gun barrel.

Cleaning just like "they" did!

I attach a scraper to the ramrod and run it down the barrel to knock loose any caked black powder residue.

Prior to pouring hot water down the barrel, I use tooth picks to plug my firelock's venthole when cleaning. The earlier article suggested cutting a piece of 1/8" dowel down and tapering it in a pencil sharper to plug the venthole.

After pouring hot water down the barrel I attach the cleaning jag (the worm may be used with wad of tow attached) to ramrod and use it like a plunger to work water up and down the barrel to clean out black powder, then dump it out. Repeat till water appears clear.

Remove venthole plug or toothpick and swap out barrel with worm attached to ramrod with either cloth patches or tow material. Repeat till barrel is clean and dry.

It was suggested to use a piece of buff leather for polishing out any light rust. I use Never Dull (Magic Wadding Polish). This looks like white cotton and I tear off small pieces and clean up the brass parts on my guns. Wipe clean with a cloth or rag. The Never Dull tin is too big for my smaller tea tin, so I put a handful of this polisher in a tin pill box.

Use a good gun oil to wipe down your gun barrel and lock parts. Do not use WD-40 as it evaporates and does not protect as well as gun oil. To finish the rustproofing, use a single greased patch. I prefer the Thompson Center's Natural Lube 1000 Plus Bore Butter for inside the gun barrel. Some reenactors use beef tallow, but the Bore Butter will "season" your gun bore and will make it easier to clean in the future. The Bore Butter tube is too long for my tea tin so I can put it in a tin pill box or use a 1-1/2" percussion cap tin with the paint removed for holding grease or bore butter. Give those percussion caps to someone that has a percussion gun.

You can use this kit as part of a living history demonstration as you clean your firelock.

NOTES:

- Original article is no longer on line, "A Pocket-size Musket Cleaning Kit" Northwest Territory Alliance, Couriers, November 1996.
- Supplier of gun cleaning accessories in addition to James Townsend, Smiling Fox Forge, Track of the Wolf and G. Gedney Godwin that are listed on the National Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard Magazine:
- Crazy Crow - https://www.crazycrow.com/muzzleloader-shooting-supplies/?-CatListingOffset=0&Offset=0&Per_Page=12&Sort_By=disp_order

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SAFETY

Approved Safety Policies and Procedures

Are you ready?



By Mark Kramer

The Safety Policies and Procedures for firing black powder firearms has been approved. I would like to thank everyone who provided input during this process. Several years ago, at the leadership meeting it was brought to the attention of the Color Guard Committee that had no direction regarding the safe handling of black powder firearms. This was concerning as insurance companies were requesting copies of our safety policies and training before issuing liability insurance. The Color Guard board directed the formation of an Ad Hoc committee to research the safe handling of black powder firearms and bring back a recommendation. A request for participants was published in this electronic magazine and the Ad Hoc committee was

formed. The members of this committee examined several examples of safety policies from reenactor groups, SAR chapters and the National Park Service. The result was a large and comprehensive safety policies and procedures recommendation from the Ad Hoc committee. When the first draft of approximately thirteen pages was presented it was considered too large and detailed to be practical and there was some concern that if someone inadvertently violated the policies or procedures, they could be liable for any accidents or injuries that occurred. When presented it was emphasized that this was just the beginning of what was to be a long journey and that input, criticism and corrections were very much welcome. The prevailing feeling was that the more input the Ad Hoc committee received the better the end product would be. Color Guard Commander Anthony requested frequent updates as to the progress of the Ad Hoc committee and provided suggested corrections regarding structure and wording of the document. At the Costa Mesa Congress, the updated Safety Policies and Procedures were approved by the Color Guard Committee with the acknowledgement that approval was simply one step in the approval process.

As the policies and procedures were greatly reduced to a more manageable form other Society entities became aware of the workings of the Color Guard Ad Hoc committee. Liability insurance for firing black powder firearms had been the reason for beginning this journey; therefore, it was only natural that the Insurance and Risk Management Committee have input. After last year's Congress a conference call was scheduled with key personnel from both the Insurance and Risk Management Committee and the Color Guard Committee to discuss the safety policies and procedures approved by the Color Guard Committee. This conference call was not only productive but was informational for all who participated. Unbeknownst to the Color Guard Ad Hoc committee, while they were working on their safety document the Insurance and Risk Management Committee was looking at liability insurance that would cover National and State Societies as well as local chapters which would include firing of black powder firearms.

Our current Color Guard Commander Fosdyck continued the work of Commander Anthony to ensure the Safety Policies and Procedures were approved. Commander Fosdyck once asked me how many revisions had the Safety Policies and Procedures been through since we started. I could only hazard to guess that with all the input provided by members that we have probably had at least ten revisions.

As one of the individuals who participated in this journey, I would like to thank everyone who participated and especially thank those who provided constructive criticism. It has been my experience that the best products come from being challenged and required to defend your position, while being open to input. I would like to finish with what I said with the first introduction of the original Safety Policies and Procedures. "This will be long journey of a living document that will require future changes." We now have an approved document but the journey continues.