

The Standard Bearer

Color Guard Newsletter

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LIBERTY TREE

RECOGNIZING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY
AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE 1776 - 2026

Princeton Elm Honoring
Major General Marquis de Lafayette
Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette
The City of Fayette, Missouri's namesake &
French General who played a vital Role in Securing
American Independence and Championing
Human Rights Around the World.



Dedicated May 23, 2026
M. Graham Clark Chapter
Missouri Society SAR
Howard County DAR



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Funeral of Compatriot Roys



M. Graham Clark Chapter – Columbia, Missouri
Sons of the American Revolution

Commander's Corner by William Voight

Greetings compatriots, and welcome to a reading of our first MGC Color Guard newsletter. It is anticipated that a similar newsletter will be forthcoming each quarter. As one with a strong aversion to self-aggrandizement in any form, I was quite hesitant to start off with a picture of me on the front cover in this, our very first edition! But after mulling over the idea, I decided to go with this format so that all readers will know who's primarily responsible for this newsletter content, as I am still a relatively new member of our organization. As a matter of full transparency, here is my contact information for those who may have questions or comments for this newsletter as well as all things pertaining to MGC Color Guard: WLVoight@gmail.com. I anticipate future editions of this newsletter will eventually feature all the compatriots of MGC Color Guard. We are anxious for you to be informed of our activities.

Your MGC Color Guard has been busy celebrating America's 250th birthday. One of the more significant events was M. Graham Clark's May 23rd sponsorship of the Liberty Tree planting in Fayette honoring Major General Lafayette. I am most grateful to the M. Graham Clark chapter for sponsoring this occasion. This event had special meaning to me as there was a lot of planning and coordination required – everything from national SAR involvement right down to local officials such as Mayor Greg Stidham, coordinator Bekki Galloway, the Fayette Parks Department and Tree Board, arborist Dakota Wells, and all those skilled craftspeople from Howard County who planted and regularly care for the tree. In the end, I am most pleased that we planted a large locally-sourced Princeton Elm that will be watered and cared for by professional arborists and the city of Fayette.

In closing I would like to thank the members of M. Graham Clark Color Guard for your enthusiasm and professionalism in carrying out our color guard duties. I look forward to continued service with you.

Kindest regards; Wm. Billy Voight, Color Guard Commander.

M. Graham Clark Chapter Color Guard at the Memorial Day Parade, Columbia Missouri



*Wm Voight, CGC, Rob Ingram, VP, Mitchell Moore, Sect.,
John Coutts, Genealogist, Randall Palmer*



UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

13th Missouri State Fair 2503 W 16th Street Sedalia MO, 65301

<https://www.mostatefair.com/> *More information to come*

29th Lamar Free Fair Parade Lamar, MO Parade: 2:00pm Muster Time: 1:15 at High School POC: Brian Willet <https://www.bartoncounty.com/fair/> **[MOSSAR]**

SEPTEMBER

19th MGC Meeting American Legion 9-am <https://mgcsar.org/meetings26-27.html>

OCTOBER

17th Monument dedication Rev War Patriots, "Architects of Freedom"

250th Event, Ft. Leonard Wood, 25350 State Hwy H, Waynesville, MO

Muster time: 10:00-am Drills, Safety, Flag assignments

Event time: 11:00-am **[MOSSAR]**



Remember to confirm your participation directly with the Color Guard Commander.

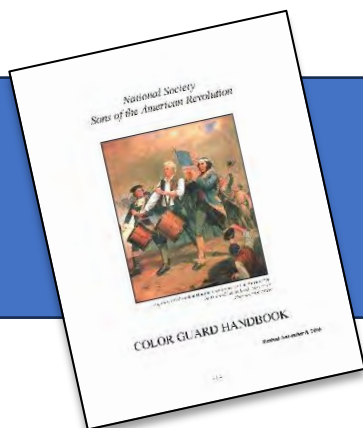
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MGC COLOR GUARD DRILL SCHEDULE

No.1 July / Date & Time to be announced

Loc: American Legion Post 202

CG Members will receive a Muster Call – Drill

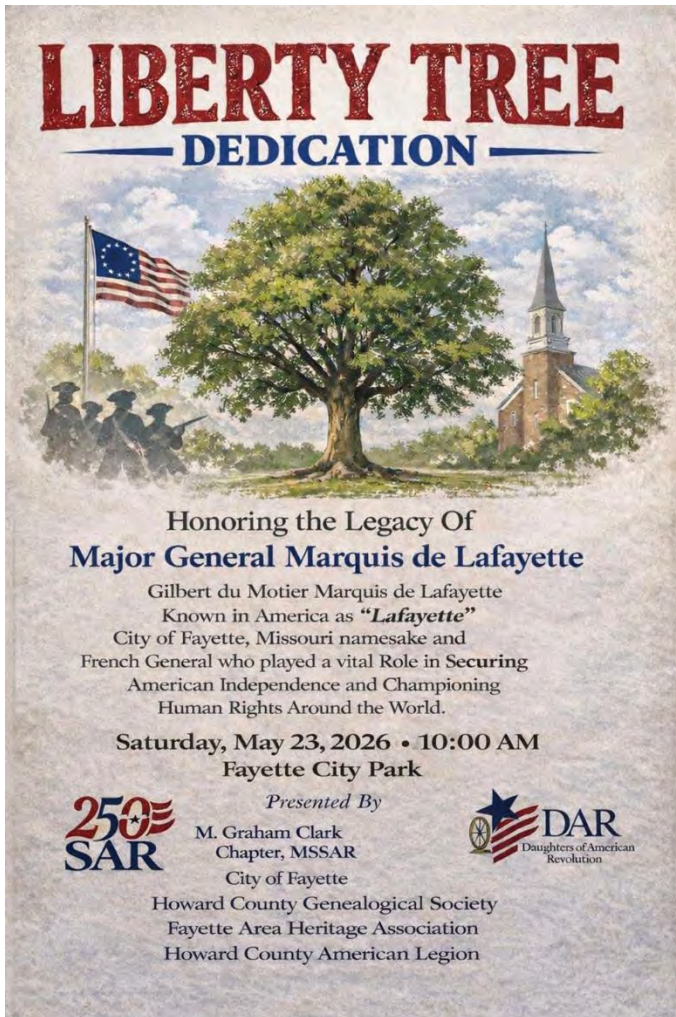


SAR COLOR GUARD HANDBOOK

<https://members.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/201/E2YTtwVFUMOkY.pdf>

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Saturday, May 23, 2026 • 10:00 AM
Fayette City Park

Presented By

250 SAR M. Graham Clark Chapter, MSSAR
 City of Fayette
 Howard County Genealogical Society
 Fayette Area Heritage Association
 Howard County American Legion

DAR
 Daughters of American Revolution



Bottom R: Wm Voight, J.Y. Miller, Mitchell Moore, French-speaking Jonathan Hostetter as Lafayette & John Coutts

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MGC CGC Wm Voight, Stephen Sullins, MOSSAR NW District Commander Mark Parks, Drummer Jeffery Willey



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Esther Rosner, MSSDAR East Central District Director; MGC-SAR **J.Y. Miller**, **Diane Kohm**, NSDAR Chair for Commemorative Events; **Barbara Comegys**, Howard County Chapter DAR

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Top Left: Mitchell Moore, M. Graham Clark Chapter



Top Right: Stephen Sullins, Independence Patriots Chapter President

Bottom Right: French Major General Marquis de Lafayette
Full Name: Marie-Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de La Fayette. Known as "Lafayette" 1757-1834

News Articles about this Event

<https://www.fayettenewspapers.com/stories/liberty-tree-dedication-saturday-at-fayette-city-park,191779>





In Memory of Compatriot Dr. Keith Roys, Sr. M. Graham Clark Chapter



IN LOVING MEMORY

Dr. Keith B. Roys, Sr.

March 25, 1931 - July 1, 2026



Graveside salute for Compatriot Roys

OBITUARY

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/columbia-mo/keith-roys-12953922>

Compatriot Roys was the descendant of Lieut. Titus Morse, 2nd Co. of the 7th Regt., CT.

He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and M. Graham Clark Chapter, for 25-years.

Rest in Peace



*M. Graham Clark Chapter Funeral cortege.
Wm Voight, CGC, Mitchell Moore, Sect.,
Rob Ingram, VP, Wayne Merrill, Chaplain,
and Russell DeVenney*

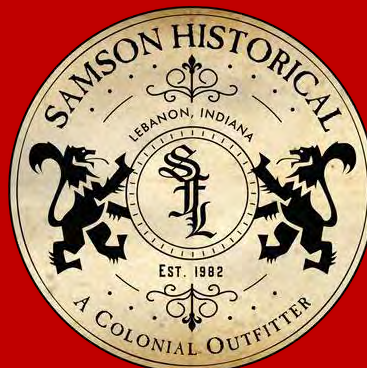
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