



The Standard Bearer

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Sons of the American Revolution



M. Graham Clark Chapter Columbia, Missouri

Commander's Corner by William Voight



Greetings Compatriots

Your M. Graham Clark Color Guard has been quite active since our last report in the September issue of the Standard Bearer. In this October issue you will be pleased to see reports and pictures of the following events in which we participated: 1) Battle of Fort San Carlos plaque dedication at Ballpark Village in St. Louis and accompanying presentation of colors at Busch Stadium; 2) Memorial dedication for Patriot Archilles Eubanks at Bunceton; 3) Columbia/Boone County Library display featuring Revolutionary War display items and presentations by Randy Palmer on typical food rations of Colonial era American soldiers and Rob Ingram who provided a short explanation about our display, uniforms and the SAR; 4) Chartering Ceremony of the Wm. H. Pope SAR Chapter in Linn Creek and 5) opening ceremonies at the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia.

This issue also features long-time MGC Color Guardsman (and my personal mentor) Russ DeVenney. Please know that the MGC Color Guard is proud to carry on the traditions of those who went before us. And lastly, this issue of the Standard Bearer includes an article describing the Spirit of St. Louis Chapter's decision to purchase a replica artillery piece for use in future live-fire events. We hope you enjoy this October issue of the Standard Bearer. There are other events MGC Color Guard will be participating in this fall, such as on October 17th when the Missouri State Color Guard will be providing musket salute for a Revolutionary War monument dedication at Ft. Leonard Wood. MGC has also been requested to present colors at an October 4th event in Higbee honoring War of 1812 veteran William Truman Naylor, for which a muster will be sent forth. We look forward to presenting those activities to you in a future addition of this newsletter.



Kindest Regards;
Billy Voight
MGC Color Guard Commander





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



OCTOBER 4th - DAR event in Higbee, Missouri and nearby New Hope cemetery honoring an 1812 veteran William Truman Naylor. Wreath laying. Skullsplitter Spirits and Distillery. My understanding is John Coutts attending. Time is 1:00 to 3:00 with doors opening at 12:30. Melissa Applegate coordinator. No potty at the cemetery. Color Guard Commander to send out muster call for this event.



OCTOBER 10th - DAR monthly meeting in Columbia. Melissa Applegate is requesting MGC show up in uniform and someone talk for 20 minutes or so on the difference in Revolutionary War patriot uniforms. We are currently searching for volunteers.



OCTOBER 17th - Monument dedication Rev War Patriots, "Architects of Freedom" 250th Event, Ft. Leonard Wood, 25350 State Hwy H, Waynesville, Missouri
Muster time: 10:00-am Drills, Safety, Flag assignments
Event time: 11:00-am **[MOSSAR]**



OCTOBER 17th - MGC Meeting, American Legion 9-am
<https://mgcsar.org/meetings26-27.html>



NOVEMBER 7th – Marker Ceremony, Patriot Isham Burks
Vice Regent of the Howard County DAR Chapter.
Sponsored by Howard County DAR Chapter
Mary Ellen Kerr Vice Regent *(More details to follow)*



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[MOSSAR] President Ken Lawrence Visit

Recent Events of the MGC Color Guard



Missouri's Journey to 250 at the Columbia Public Library. The theme was "Trails Across Missouri and Beyond" August 9, 2026 **Above:** Mitchell Moore, Rob Ingram, John Coutts, Hank Hammon, Randall Palmer, & Nicholas Barber. **Lower Left:** VP Rob Ingram explains the display items. **Lower Right:** Randall Palmer discusses typical rations of the Colonial American Soldiers.



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MGC Chapter Secretary Mitchell Moore, and Genealogist John Coutts at the Library display.

Vice President Rob Ingram delivered a short explanation about our display, uniforms, and the SAR.

Our Chapter was invited to this event by Melissa Applegate, from the local DAR Chapter.



Spirit of St. Louis Chapter to soon have a Replica Artillery Piece

The Spirit of St. Louis Chapter, SAR will soon have a Verbruggen-pattern 3-pounder "Grasshopper" Cannon. This was shared by Larry Montgomery, Secretary, of the St. Spirit of St. Louis Chapter, via an email from Mark Parks, Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

Color Guard members wishing to qualify on the Cannon, must complete an SAR Safety and Instruction course.

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(Photo: French Re-enactment unit with similar Cannon)



Recent Events of the MGC Color Guard



August 13, 2026 Sedalia, Missouri



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(2025 Color Guard Photo)

<https://www.mostatefair.com/>

2027 Missouri State Fair

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FAIRGROUNDS

August 13, 2026
Sedalia, Missouri



Recent Events of the MGC Color Guard



Chartering Ceremony
William H. Pope Chapter



August 29th, 2026



SAR Chartering Ceremony **August 29th, 2026 Linn Creek, Missouri** **Introducing the** **William H. Pope Chapter**

<https://www.facebook.com/ozarkgatewaysar/posts/congratulations-to-the-new-william-h-pope-chapter-of-the-american-re/122174437304723076/>

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Congratulations!

...to the new
William H. Pope Chapter,
From the
M. Graham Clark
Chapter

Chartering Ceremony
August 29, 2026
Linn Creek, Missouri



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**Color Guard at Chartering Ceremony for the new,
 William H. Pope Chapter, Linn Creek, Missouri**



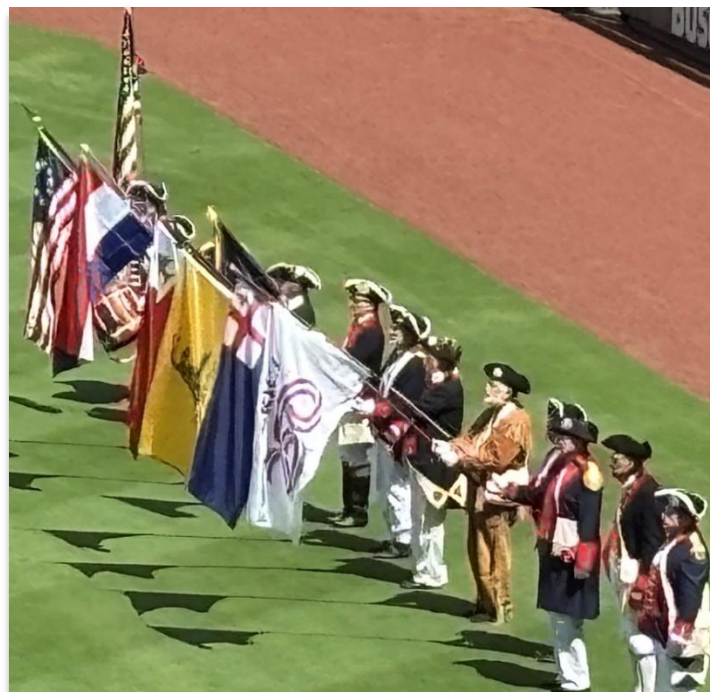
Recent Events of the MGC Color Guard



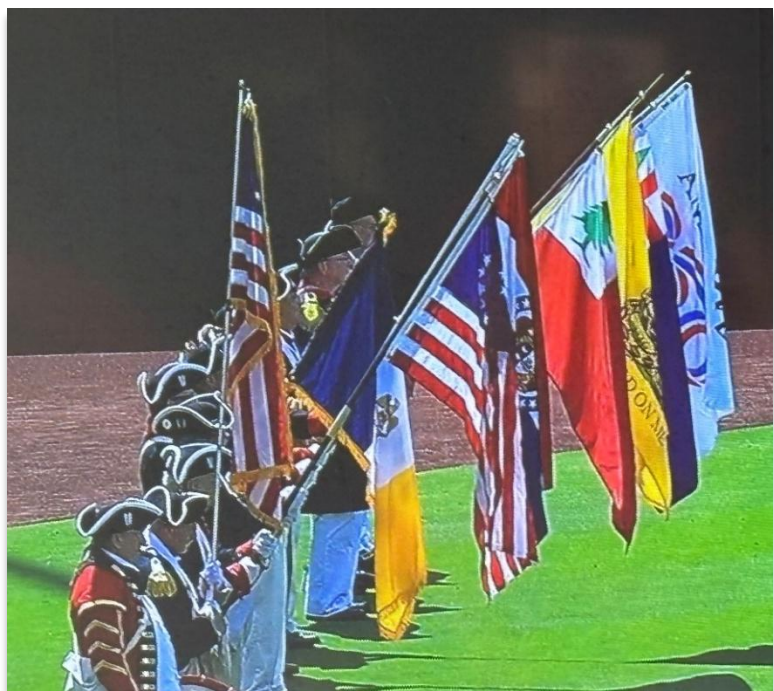
**Presentation of Colors before the Cardinals and Pirates baseball game at Busch Stadium.
 Photos showing M. Graham Clark Color Guard participation. August 30, 2026**



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**The Battle of Fort San Carlos Dedication, and the
 250th Anniversary of the United States of America
 Hosted by the Fernando de Leyba Chapter of the SAR
 Sunday August 30, 2026 at Busch Stadium**



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Dedication Ceremony for Achilles Eubank, 1758-1844
September 6, 2026 Bunceton, Missouri



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Left & above: Color Guard posting Colors.

Left: MOSSAR CG Commander, Mark Parks, William Voight, MGC CGC, & Gene Henry.

Below: William Voight, and Mark Parks firing the salutes.



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Color Guard at Eubank Dedication Ceremony September 6, 2026 – Bunceton, Missouri

MGC CG Participants were, William Voight, Rob Ingram, John Coutts, & Randall Palmer as photographer (not in uniform) **Below:** Gene Henry delivers Taps, and with US Flag, & John Coutts.



Members of the Color Guard

Russell F. DeVenney

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Compatriot DeVenney is currently retired after spending nearly 40 years as an Office Manager of two different Mechanical Contracting Companies dealing with plumbing, heating and air conditioning in the Columbia, MO area.

Russ has been a SAR member since 3 OCT 2002. He served in all major offices of the MGC Chapter and as chairman of numerous committees. He has dual membership in The Spirit of '76 Chapter (MO), SGT Lawrence Everhart Chapter (MD), General Henry Knox Chapter (OH), and San Antonio Chapter #44 (TX).

He is an Honorary Vice-President 2010-Life; Missouri National Trustee 2009; Missouri State President 2008; Alternate National Trustee 2008; Executive Vice President 2007; 1st Vice President 2006; 2nd Vice President 2005, Co-Chairman 2013 NSSAR Convention Planning Committee; 2010 Chairman Missouri Annual Membership Convention; Nominating Committee Chairman 2006; multiple other State Chairmanships

At the National level, he became a Life Member in 2005, received the Minuteman Award in 2016, and is a George Washington Fellow. He has held the following National Offices: Registrar General 2015-2016 & 2016-2017, Recording Secretary 2013-2014 & 2014-2015, National Color Guard Adjutant 2013-2017, George Washington Endowment Fund Chairman 2017-Currently, Vice Chairman of Veterans Committee 2010-2012, Vice Chairman of C.A.R. Liaison Committee 2009-2013, Vice Chairman of DAR Liaison Committee 2008-2012, President's Advisory Committee 2009, Council of State President's Committee 2007-2009, Congress Planning Committee 2012-2014, Eagle Scout Committee 2007-2010, and a number of other Committees.

Compatriot DeVenney is closely involved with the CAR, having sponsored his many grandchildren and guided their participation as State Officers.

He is also highly involved in the Society of the War of 1812 in which he has held several offices.

Amazingly enough, he is also an active member of MISSOURI MASONIC LODGE, Scottish Rite 32nd degree KCCH, Knights Templar, INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS, and KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Russ is married to Laura, who is a DAR member and a retired nurse.



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