



The Standard Bearer

Color Guard Newsletter



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Sons of the American Revolution



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M. Graham Clark Chapter Columbia, Missouri

Commander's Corner by William Voight



For the second edition of *The Standard Bearer*, we've chosen our front cover to feature two of M. Graham Clark's very finest color guardsmen. Mitchell Moore and Rob Inghram are troopers that can always be counted on to be on time, squared away, looking sharp, and willing to help. Plus, they're both just full of good ideas. In addition to duties as color guardsmen, Mitch and Rob serve as chapter officers: Secretary and Vice-President, respectively. I enjoy seeing the bonding and camaraderie taking shape among our MGC Color Guard. Mitch, a private attorney, and Rob, an IT expert, work well together in addressing the dynamics that can sometimes be challenging in carrying out color guard duties. This is especially true with an inexperienced commander such as myself. I do read manuals but still sometimes it seems like we have to make repeated on-the-spot decisions. We recently participated in the July 4th celebration at the American Legion. There were numerous groups and many people involved, and it was all new for our SAR Color Guard. It turned into a fun event, and we received many positive comments from the event sponsor and the various organizations and individuals. When we're faced with situations like that, it's good to know we've got people like Mitch and Rob on our side.

This September edition of our newsletter profiles Mitchell Moore and long-time member Wayne Merrill. I'm sure you'll find their profiles very interesting. I'm always interested in patriot ancestors: It's interesting to learn that in 1976 Mitch's family discovered a diary written by his patriot ancestor. Talk about a treasure! Compatriot Merrill's patriot ancestor is especially interesting to me as well. Turns out Wayne and I have a common ancestor who fought in the Virginia line; one John Sydebotham. From his pension papers it's obvious Corporal Sydebotham was a very brave soldier; Trenton was only one such battle in which he fought.

This edition of our newsletter also includes coverage of two events recently occurring in Boonville. The first event was two DAR Wreath Laying's on May 9th – one at the Hannah Cole Statue and another at the Cooper County Courthouse benches. The event included flag bearers and a two-volley musket fire commanded by Mark Parks, SAR NW District Color Guard Commander.

The second Boonville event was held on June 13th in observance of Flag Day. SAR color guardsmen were there to present the colors, which event was moved indoors due to rain. It was an honor to represent MGC at this annual event held at MSSDAR headquarters at Roslyn Heights, the beautifully restored Queen Anne style mansion in downtown Boonville.

MEMBERS OF THE MGC COLOR GUARD



William Voight, MGC CG Commander

Rob Ingram, MGC Vice President

Mitchell Moore, MGC Secretary

John Coutts, Genealogist

Wayne Merrill

Russell DeVenney

Randall Palmer, CG Newsletter



M. Graham Clark Chapter Flag Inventory



July 2026 – In addition, 4 poles and 1 carrying case and four indoor bases.
William Voight, MGC Chapter CG Commander



◀ **M. Graham Clark Chapter Flags, and DAR Flag on stage at the Missouri State Historical Society for the DAR America 250th reading of the Constitution. July 8, 2026 Columbia, Missouri**



AUGUST

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

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

Muster Time: 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Event Time: 6:00 pm [MOSSAR] (see MOSSAR Muster Call)



SEPTEMBER

19th - MGC Meeting, American Legion 9-am

<https://mgcsar.org/meetings26-27.html>

Program: Whiskey Rebellion



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]



17th MGC Meeting, American Legion 9-am

<https://mgcsar.org/meetings26-27.html>

Program: Lafayette and the Liberty tree.



17th Re-dedication Ceremony for Isham Burks, Revolutionary War Soldier

Sponsor: Howard County Chapter NSDR

Location: O.B. Brown road off of Route E in Boone County

John Coutts is to provide a tractor and wagon, if field allows, to transport us to the site.

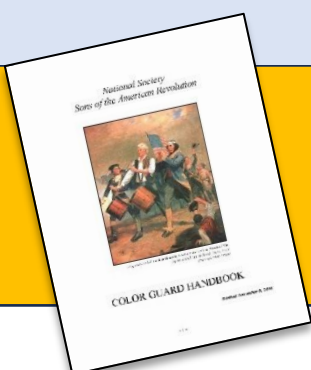
(refer to email sent by CGC Voight for further details)

NOVEMBER

21st MGC Meeting, American Legion 9-am

<https://mgcsar.org/meetings26-27.html>

[MOSSAR] President Ken Lawrence Visit



SAR COLOR GUARD HANDBOOK

<https://members.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/201/E2YTWVFUMOkY.pdf>

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Gold Star Mothers – Memorial Day Parade – Columbia, Missouri



Photo: KOMU 8 News

Wreath-laying ceremony at Boone County Courthouse
MGC Vice-President Rob Ingram and MGC Randall Palmer present the SAR wreath.



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Annual Memorial Day Parade

https://www.komu.com/news/midmissourinews/columbia-memorial-day-events-honor-fallen-service-members-and-gold-star-families/article_8af58646-6d19-4711-8892-82faa7ee6c58.html

<https://krcqt.com/news/local/led-by-gold-star-mother-sherry-wyatt-columbias-second-annual-parade-draws-thousands>

<https://abc17news.com/news/columbia/2026/05/25/hundreds-gather-to-honor-the-fallen-at-gold-star-memorial-day-parade/>

L to R: Wm Voight, Rob Ingram, Mitchell Moore, John Coutts, and Randall Palmer

Wreath Layings - Hannah Cole Statue & Courthouse Benches



May 9, 2026
Boonville, Missouri

Members from the local DAR, and SAR assemble for a Memorial Day observance, and wreath laying ceremony. William Voight represents the MGC Chapter.

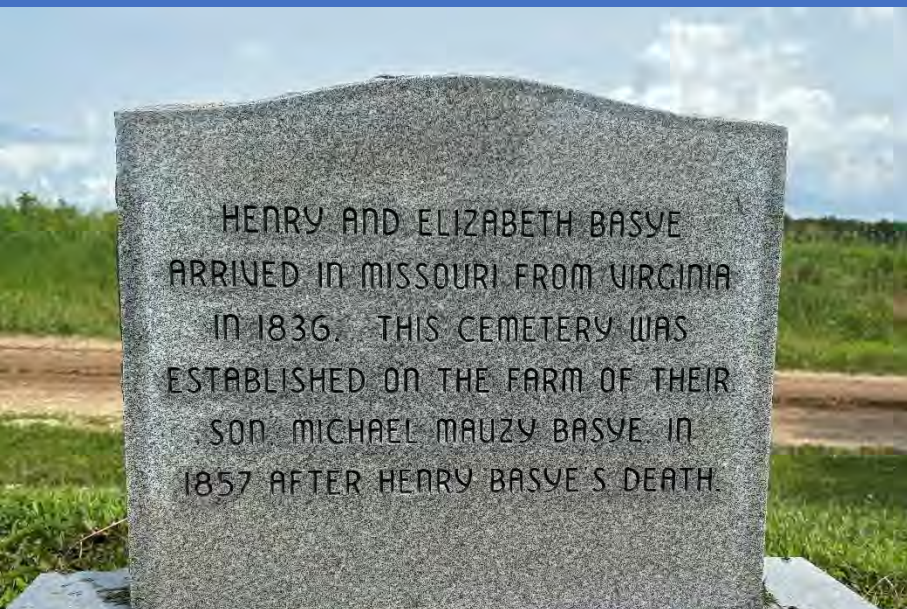


FLAG DAY CEREMONY AT DAR HEADQUARTERS



June 13, 2026
Boonville, Missouri

Recent Events of the MGC Color Guard



Top L-to-R: Tombstone of Henry Basye, MGC Chapter Color Guard at Grave Marking Ceremony, William Voight, MGC CG Commander, John Couffts, MGC Genealogist, and Rob Ingram, MGC Vice-President.

Middle L-to-R: Program, MGC Color Guard, Wm Voight, Commander, John Couffts, Genealogist, William Voight



Grave Marking Ceremony

Honoring

Pvt. Henry Basye

1777-1857

June 26th, 2026 at 10 O'Clock AM



Union School Museum
Located on Basye property, near the
grave of Henry Basye.

Private Henry Basye
War of 1812



American Legion Post 202 – July 4th Celebration



L-R: Randall Palmer, Wayne Merrill, Mitchell Moore, Rob Ingram, and John Couffts MGC Chapter Color Guard



J.Y. Miller, reads a portion of a speech by George Washington. L-R: Wayne Merrill, Mitchell Moore, J.Y. Miller, Rob Ingram, and John Couffts. All are members of the M. Graham Chapter, SAR.



MGC Chapter Displays with Weapons and gear of the Revolutionary War



WWII Display manned by Nick Barber, Junior SAR Member, and Randall Palmer at the SAR Display, both MGC Chapter Members.



Alan Hiles, Past-President, MGC Chapter, SAR wearing a WWII 5th AAF Baseball Team uniform, Displaying his collection of WWII-era timepieces.



Salute to WWII American Veterans

L-R: Alan Hiles, Randall Palmer, German soldier mannequin, & Nick Barber.

**J. Wayne Merrill**

Compatriot Merrill became a member of the Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution January 24, 1987. His patriot ancestor is John Sidebottom, who served as a Private in the Virginia line.

Besides serving on the Missouri Society Board as and Vice President, 1st Vice President, and Executive Vice President; he served as Chaplain for seven years and is now the alternate Trustee.

He served as Color Guard Commander for the Central District of Missouri for several years. As a member of the M. Graham Clark Chapter, he has filled the offices of Secretary, Historian, Chaplain, Color Guard Commander, Trustee, Vice President, and President.

As an ordained minister, he has served as Pastor for the Wooldridge Baptist Church since January 1979. He serves as a docent for the University of Missouri's Museum of Art and Archaeology and sings in the University's Choral Union. In 1975 he and his wife sang in the choir for the bicentennial celebration at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C..

He was one of the founders of the Missouri State Genealogical Association in 1981, serving on the board of directors, and was the first editor of the Missouri State Genealogical Association journal.

He is a life member of the American Hemerocallis Society and is a past Regional Vice President; serving Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma.

He also holds memberships in the American Iris Society and the Siberian Iris Society.

**Mitchell Moore**

Mitchell Moore has practiced law in Columbia since 1981 as a private attorney in general practice. A Columbia resident since 1965, he graduated from Hickman High School in 1973 and received a B.S.Ed. in 1977. He taught 7th grade history and English in Clinton for one year prior to attending law school at MU.

He married native Boone Countian Sharon Campbell in 1987, and she is employed as an Occupational Therapist. They raised one nephew, Joshua Montaigu.

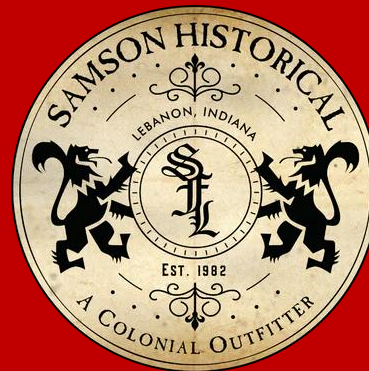
He ran as a candidate in five political campaigns from 1992-2000 with the purpose of educating voters about the benefits of liberty and freedom; helping to establish the Missouri Libertarian Party. He received recognition as a "Champion of Freedom" from the MOLP in 2000.

His patriot ancestor is Jeremiah Greenman whose previously unknown military journal surfaced during the Bicentennial Year in 1976. The descendants gave it to historians and it is now published as "Diary of a Common Soldier in the American Revolution 1775-1783."

Greenman was one of the first to enlist and one of the last to be mustered out. He joined the Rhode Island militia at 17 and was on Benedict Arnold's expedition to Quebec. Following a term as a prisoner of war, Greenman reenlisted in the Continental Army as a sergeant. By the end of the war, he was a first lieutenant and regimental adjutant. Wounded three times and a prisoner of war twice, he fought in the Battle of Red Bank and helped train the first black military regiment.

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