

MOSSAR CG History 1990 - 2015

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During the latter part of the 1980's several of us were favorable impressed with the State Color Guards from the East Coast who performed flag ceremonies at NSSAR functions.

In 1990, I. Craig Unchaper, FVPG SCD and Former MOSSAR President, secured a Patriot Uniform patterned after the traditional George Washington Uniform. With the help of a few SAR members from Kansas, we proceeded to organize Color Guard in each State. In the first year or two, when our members were few, the two States cooperated in several flag ceremonies in both States.

During I. Craig Uncapher's term as NSSAR Vice President General I 1991-92, promotion of Color Guards in several State in the South Central District was a part of Craig's objective for the District.

For several years the Kansas City SAR George Washington's Birthday Luncheon has featured various Color Guard groups from Military Bases, Boy Scouts in our area. When several Compatriots had secured Patriot's uniform, we began to furnish our own Color Guard for this affair. At first there were only few of us, but as the years have passed, the number who performs in the Color Guard from both States at the luncheon has grown materially.

The nucleus of the MOSSAR PATRIOT'S COLOR GUARD originated beginning in 1992-1993 with Joseph Morgan Chapter. Roy F. Hornbuckle and Jack H. Hansel, along with I. Craig Uncapher worked closely with the Kansas SAR to get more and more publicity through presenting ceremonies at DAR meetings, Grave markings, community parades, Living History events, School lectures and at MOSSAR Annual Conferences, South Central District meetings, NSSAR National Congress's. Other early members of the Color Guard were Robert L. Grover 1993 and Harley C. Davis of the Harry S Truman Chapter end of 1994.

Initially, both States used the same uniform. The Missouri members decided the uniform be patterned after that worn by "Washington Life Guard", a blue coat lined and face in buff, and a red waistcoat along with white stockings. The black tricorne hat is piped in white with blue Cockade on the hat. The officers also wore white gloves during formal occasions like the George Washington Birthday Celebrations in Kansas City held by MOSSAR and KSSAR Kansas City local chapters since 1992. Ready source of the uniform was the J. Layton Walker Co., of El Paso, Texas. With a average cost \$125.00. In 2013 business owners retired.

The MOSSAR Continental Guard uniform is based on Lamb's New York Artillery Company. The American artillery company at Bunker Hill did not distinguish itself, the rebels losing five out of their six field guns, and two of the five artillery companies retired precipitately. Captain Lamb's company was raised in New York in July 1775 for Continental Service. Alexander Hamilton, one of Washington's aides-de-camp was an officer in this company.

In 1995 Robert L. Grover was appointment as the MOSSAR Color Guard Commander by President Clarence M. Pickard. At end of 1995, we now have in excess of fifteen members in the Kansas City area, with Joseph Morgan, Harry S Truman, Spirit of 76, and Alexander Majors all represented in the group. In addition MOSSAR Chapters in Columbia, Jefferson City, St. Louis, and Cape Girardeau, have contributed to the Guard. They have all assisted in 77 different activities. His officers are Sterling E. Goddard, Western MO Flag Chairman; Mark S. Schrieber, Central MO Chairman; James L. Boyd, Eastern MO Chairman; James D. Coonrod, Historian.

From a modest beginning of 3 members in 1992-93, the Color Guard has increased to a total of 22 members in 8 chapters in Jan 1995 to 28 members in 11 chapters early in 1996.

At the 1995 MOSSAR Annual Meeting, action taken by the Society to approve a new award entitled, "Color Guardsman of the Year", by motion 1st of 2 by Robert L. Grover will provided a plaque will be awarded annually for next 20 years.. This will be based on participation in the activities of the Color Guard during the previous calendar year. The 2nd motion was and approve make up the History of MOSSAR Color Guard with I. Craig Unchaper to make up 10 pages, 100 copies were handed out in 106th 1996 MOSSAR Annual Meeting to Color Guard members present and others. Several copies are at MO Historical Society, Columbia, Missouri.

While at the 105th NSSAR National Congress at Louisville, Kentucky in June 1995 the MOSSAR Color Guard was presented a Certificate Celebration Award for 1994-1995 and our name of MOSSAR Color Guard is inscribed on the base of the Historical Celebration Silver Bowl in the President General Office. Harley C. Davis took upon himself put in great amount of time and effort to win the first National award for all Compatriots and Chapters.

Color Guard member Robert L. Grover rises over \$425 to donate the Harry S Truman Chapter treasurer. They bought 17 single web belts, 1 DAR Flag, 1 outdoor SAR Flag. Harley C. Davis bought 4 single web belts, First Navy Jack Flag, Liberty Bell, and donates use of his 16' trailer to haul members in 6 parades. Sterling E. Goddard donated material to fix up the trailer and bought the Taunton Flag. Harry Dexheimer bought the Bedford Flag; James D. Coonrod bought the US Army Flag.

The Color Guard has access of 26 flags, 20 were donated in the will to Harry S Truman Chapter by Compatriot Jerry C. Gilcrest, there 1st President. The Flags are British Union, Continental, Washington's Cruiser, Philadelphia Light House, Grand Union, Gradsden, Bennington, Betsy Ross, Fort Moultrie, Fort Mc Henry, Culpeper, John Paul Jones, Alamo, Fleur De Les, 20, 28, 34, 45, 48, 50 Stars. The other 6 flags are First Navy Jack, Taunton, Bedford, US Army, DAR, SAR. The flags were use at the Color Guard events all over Missouri. Chapter member Sterling E. Goddard in 1995 develops 16 colonial flag program for schools, Historical & Genealogical societies and etc. spoke before more than 5,000 attended, with help in 1997 continuing on from Robert L. Grover and James L. Scott with addition of a musket show and tell. At schools we hand out small American Flags. The 16 Flags are on display at Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence, Missouri. Midwest Genealogy Center invites Missouri Society Color Guard for its 2007 groundbreaking ceremony, June 2008 groundbreaking ceremony of the center and August 2, 2018 groundbreaking ceremony for the 3 and 4th floor addition.

To name few of events Color Guard appeared in are Massing of Colors, new chapter installation of Independence Patriots Chapter on 20 August 1995, naturalization 120 people outside at Harry S Truman Library on Sept 17, 1995, Kansas City Royals baseball game on Sept 26, 1995, Flag & disposal of them, parades of which were expect to lead them, genealogical & historical societies, attend churches, voting in uniform

The Color Guard performed with musketry 1st time by Sterling E, Goddard at Tombstone Dedication at Weston, MO on 14 Oct 1995. Robert L. Grover in 1993 bought a Flintlock French 1777 Charleville, bayonet with scabbard, sling cost of \$800.00. On Oct 13, 2002 held the first CG grave side memorial service at Ulrich, Missouri for Compatriot Goddard.

In 1996 Roy F. Hornbuckle was appointment as the MOSSAR Color Guard Commander by President Mark S. Schreiber. The Missouri place 2nd in the 1995-1996 President General's Color Guard Trophy, lost to Kansas by 5 points. By end of 1996 the Color Guard increased to a total of 32 members from 11 SAR Chapters.

In 1997 Robert L. Grover was appointment as the MOSSAR Color Guard Commander by President Mark S. Schreiber. Following respective areas MOSSAR Color Guard uniforms are Western Missouri and Jefferson City areas Bluff and Blue, with Red Vest; St. Louis area with Buff and Blue, with Buff Vest. President Schreiber awarded Commander Grover a sword has brought in most new members.

Evolution of CG rules and regulations drafted started in 1997 with committee members of Geoffrey D. Decker, Roy F. Hornbuckle, Burton M. Mayfield naming it "General Regulation for the Missouri Continental Color Guard of the Sons of the American Revolution" with help from Edward S. Gray got a copy of from Massachusetts Color Guard brother David J. Gray Commander Guard of National Society of Sons of the Revolution was presented at 1998 annual convention.

We begin to participate in The American Royal Parades in Kansas City 1997, 1998 winning first place awards view by more than 1 million people, Harry S Truman Library, Kansas City Chief 1999 football game with Bill W. Hartman, James L. Scott, John E. Yung, Gerald R. McCoy, Melvin J. McNeal and KSSAR CG member Paul May and Kansas City Royal Baseball games 1995 to 2003, Battle Days 1998 to 2015 at Point Pleasant, West Virginia, Yorktown Celebration Days 1997-2001, 2015 at Yorktown, VA, Voting in uniform, MO State Fairs 2003 to 2018, Flag burning

retirement ceremonies, Grave marking , Naturalization, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Wreaths Across America and etc.

On 25 June 2006 a draft of Bylaws MOSSAR Color Guard was approve. Article Eighteen page 31-33. In 2013 a Color Guard handbook was made up.

1st primary musket man in 1995 was Sterling E. Goddard later on in 1999 by James L. Scott, Alvin L. Paris, 2007 Russell F. DeVenney 2010 Jessie R. Lybarger, 2011 Fred P. Kaffenberger, 2012 Jack K. Quint, 2013 Richard A. Mathews, Doug E. Neff, Greg Walkins, Martin E. White and Steven M. White, 2014 Charles E. Lilly.

In 2011 an (SOP) Standard Operation Procedure was develop and approve including procedures for training, notification of insurance, recorded keeping and etc. Alvin L. Paris was in charge.

The first annual NSSAR National Historical Event for Silver Color Guard Medal Qualification was held on 25 May 2014 for the 234th Anniversary of the Battle of Fort San Carlos in St. Louis

Missouri Society Color Guard have participate starting in 1993 in all Chapter, State, South Central District meetings, National Trustees/Leadership meetings and National SAR Congresses

From 1990-2015 Missouri Society Color Guard members participate in 3,600+ events by membership of 100 CG members. Many CG members pass away and many donated there uniform on to chapters. Our active membership is around 50 members. Always welcome new members.

Section 16: Miscellaneous information

National Awards – From 1993 to 2003, “The President General Color Guard Award – Best State Society and Best Chapter” was awarded at the National level. The award was discontinued in 2004. It recognized the most active and best publicized state society for the year based on the number of points reported by competing states. A state was ineligible to complete for 1 year following 2 consecutive years of winning the award. A Color Guard scrap book must be made for the National Color Guard committee to determine the winners for the “Best State Society and Best Chapter” award.

Winners of the Best State award were:

1994	Kansas Society (MO place 4th)
1995	Kansas Society (MO lost by 5 points)
1996	Missouri Society
1997	Missouri Society
1999	Missouri Society
2000	Georgia Society (MO lost by 10 points)
2001	Missouri and Georgia Societies

Winner of the Best Chapter:

1998	Harry S. Truman, MOSSAR
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Gold Color Guard Medal

2000 June	Robert L. Grover
2013 July	Gerald R. McCoy

Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement

2013 June	Russell F. DeVenney , Jr.
2013 June	Robert L. Grover

NSSAR National Color Guard Adjutant

2013, 2014, 2015

Russell F. DeVenney, Jr.

South Central District Color Guard Commander

2002-2005

Robert L. Grover

National Society Flag Streamers

President General Honor Guard

twice

NSSAR Yorktown

1997 – 2001, 2015

NSSAR Point Pleasant Battle Days

1998, 1999, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2012, 2013, 2014

Trophy's

NSSAR Historic Award

1994

President General State Color Guard Trophy

1996, 1997, 1999, 2001

President General Best Chapter Color Guard Trophy

1998 Harry S Truman Chapter

Missouri Color Guard Commanders

1995

Robert L. Grover

1996

Roy F. Hornbuckle

1997-2014

Robert L. Grover

2014-2015

Robert J. Corum

2015-2016

William L. Groth

Missouri District Color Guard Commanders

Western MO

Sterling E. Goddard, James L. Scott

Central MO

Mark S. Schrieber, Russell F. DeVenney, Jr. Wayne J. Merrill

Eastern MO

James L. Boyd, Keith K. Brown, William L. Groth, Bill A. Groth

South Eastern

Jerry L. Driver

Missouri Color Guard Historians

1995

James L. Coonrod

1996-2015

Robert L. Grover

MOSSAR Color Guard Man of the Year

1995

Sterling Goddard

Harry S Truman

1996

Robert L. Grover

Harry S Truman

1997

Sterling Goddard

Harry S Truman

1998

Robert L. Grover

Harry S Truman

1999

James L. Scott

Independence Patriots

2000

William Hartman

Harry S Truman

2001

James L. Scott

Independence Patriots

2002

Robert L. Lantz

Martin Warren

2003

Stephen M. Baldwin

Fernando de Leyba

2004

James L. Scott

Independence Patriots

2005

Russell F. DeVenney, Jr.

M. Graham Clark

2006

William L. Groth

Spirit of St. Louis

2007

Russell F. DeVenney, Jr.

M. Graham Clark

2008

James L. Scott

Independence Patriots

2009	William L. Groth	Spirit of St. Louis
2010	James L. Scott	Independence Patriots
2011	William L. Groth	Spirit of St. Louis
2012	Russell F. DeVenney , Jr.	M. Graham Clark
2013	Alvin L. Paris	Independence Patriots
2014	William L. Groth	Spirit of St. Louis

Missouri Camp Followers Award

The Camp Followers Outstanding Citizenship Award pin and certificate is presented to wives whose husband has been active in the color guard for at least 36 months and his wife has attended at least ten (10) national and state events.

2009	Carolyn S. Grover	Harry S Truman Chapter
2011	Sandra Scott	Independence Patriots Chapter
2013	Laura DeVenney, Jr.	M. Graham Clark Chapter

Color Guard, State, National Medals Bronze Medal Silver Medal Gold Medal Von Steuben

Baldwin, Stephen M.	2006	2006		
Boyd, James L.	1997			
Brown, Keith K.	2008	2008		
Cantrell, Emmette D.	1997			
Coonrod, James D.	1997			
Cox, Dan C.	2003			
DeVenney, Jr. F.	2006	2006		2013
Downey, Richard	1997			
Durbin, David	1997			
Godard. Sterling E.	1997			
Gohr, Glen W.	2002			
Gray, Edward S.	1997	1997		
Groth, William L.	2008			
Grover, Robert L.	1997	1997	2000	2013
Hartman, William W.	1999			
Hood, Norval	2006			
Hornbuckle, Roy F.	1997	1997		
Hughes. Charles E.	1997			
Hughes, Ronald D.	1997			
Kelley, Phillip K.	1997			
Lantz, Robert L.	2006			
Lynch, Harold M.	2006			
Mayfield, Burton W.	1997			
McCoy, Gerald W.	2001	2001	2013	
McCoy, Timothy (CAR)	2007			
McNeal, Melvin J.	2002			
Morris, R. Edward	2008			
Paris, Alvin L.	2006			
Preston, Joseph A.	1997			
Schreiber, Mark S.	1997	1997		
Scott, James L.	1999	2002		
Uncapher, I. Craig	1997	1997		

Miscellaneous Information

Parades 207 – June 4, 1994 – December 31, 2013

1994 – 2; 1995 – 13; 1996 – 5; 1997 – 18; 1998 – 16; 1999 – 15; 2000 – 6 ; 2001 – 1; 2002 – 21; 2003 – 19; 2004 – 14; 2005 – 14; 2006 – 10; 2007 – 9; 2008 – 6; 2009 – 8; 2010 – 7; 2011 – 6; 2012 – 10; 2013 – 7. = **207 parades = 19 years average of 11 parades.**

MOSSAR EVENTS and National Points

1993 – 001 event –0005

1994 – 036 events –0507

1995 – 077 events – 2025

1996 – xxx events – 0835

1997 – 137 events – 2919

1998 – 122 events – 3855 (HST)

1999 – 215 events – 3595

2000 – 168 events – 2682

2001 – 219 events – 7096

2002 – 272 events – 8298

2003 – 239 events – 5571

2004 – 348 events – 7251

2005 – 195 events – 8339

2006 – 267+ events – 3342

2007 – 290 events – 9920

2008 – 228 events – 7763

2009 – 175 events – 5173

2010 – 192 events – 8104

2011 – 206 events – 6599

2012 – 296 events -

2013 – 210 events -)

Total – 3,649 events 9,3879pts – Events average 19 years 192.0 – Points average 20 years 4,694 per year

MOSSAR Color Guard was the first NSSAR Color Guard to carry Colors at a Major League Baseball game (in 1995, 1998, twice in 2000, 2001, 2002,) for the Kansas City Royals.

MOSSAR Color Guard present Colors in 1999 for the first time at a Kansas City Chiefs football game before 80,000 spectators.

MOSSAR Color Guard web page <http://hstchapter.com> has pictures back to year 1997. Webmaster Dirk Stapleton

Suggestions : More may be found in

I have all CG history books 3” binders from 1995-2014 with events and pictures.

SAR Color Guardsman

Ask Bill Groth

Photos have a least 3 or 4 picture

Great Photo of 18 CG members at 2013 KC holding NSSAR National Convention I have. Largest group of MO CG being together.

Musket firing

Color Guard is the face of SAR and are the Public relations. Picture is worth 1,000 words.

Keep me in the loop as I may miss few things to put in CG history.

Robert L. Grover

1995-2014 MO CG Commander