

NJSSAR Color Guard UPDATE 2024-02 (March 23, 2024)

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Greetings New Jersey Society SAR Color Guardsmen:

Welcome to the 2024 NJSSAR Color Guard Programs and Events.



NJSSAR Color Guard News

- 1.. If you are on Facebook, the NJSSAR Color Guard has a Facebook page where members of our Color Guard can post pictures and comments from events we attend and other matters of direct interest to the Color Guard. Its name: [New Jersey SAR Color Guard](#)
- 2.. The **New Jersey Society Web Site** is at WWW.NJSSAR.org for all matters related to your State Society. Our Color Guard events will also be posted here at [Future Events — New Jersey Society, Sons of the American Revolution \(njssar.org\)](#)
3. The **2024 NJSSAR Calendar** is attached. Details for the last three 2024 Quarters will be updated in future UPDATES.



CHAPTER PRESIDENTS: We have had requests from New Jersey members to be informed of the activities of the Color Guard around the state. **Please forward this** and future updates to your Chapter members. You and they can attend events as spectators and/or put on 18th Century attire and participate with the Color Guard!! Really!!



Sat-Sun Apr 13-14	Commemoration of the Battle of Bound Brook, Bound Brook, NJ The Battle of Bound Brook began as a foraging raid by a combined force of British and Hessian troops out of New Brunswick. On Sunday, April 13, 1777, a four-column force of 4,000 British Crown troops led by Cornwallis attacked a small American garrison of about 500. An advance column of Hessian Jaegers were pinned down by the Americans at the Old Stone Arch Bridge. The skirmish bought precious time for the bulk of the American force. When a second column of 1,000 British soldiers charged over the Queen's Bridge to attack, the Colonials retreated, escaping the trap. Both days will feature American and British troop reenactors in street battles, military drills and camp life with camp followers and sutlers (merchants selling goods) of that period. <i>Our participation in this wreath laying is important to attain National SAR Event status for this battle. There</i>	Old Presbyterian Cemetery, 402 East High St, Bound Brook, 08805 Staats House, 17	State
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	<p><i>are now six National Level events in NJ: Monmouth, Trenton, Princeton, Chestnut Neck, Red Bank and Springfield.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A cannon detail is needed at the Staats House on both days <u>if a cannon crew of 8 trained members can be raised</u>. <i>As a result of a decision by the NJSSAR Board of Managers at their October 2023 meeting, the Cannon Crew will NOT perform if a cannon crew of 8 men can't be arranged.</i> 2. For <u>Saturday's</u> Wreath Laying, arrive at 11 a.m. at the Old Presbyterian Cemetery, 402 East High St. Color Guard members are invited to lunch after the event. If you plan to stay for lunch, contact Rich Serfass or Jay Hershey. Event Host: Raritan Chapter, Frank McGonigle. Site Contact: Mary Swarbrick. 3. If a Cannon Crew of 8 members can be raised, please arrive BOTH DAYS at 9 a.m. for set-up and duty from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bound Brook encampment at the Abraham Staats House at 17 von Steuben Lane, South Bound Brook, 08880. <i>To join the Cannon Crew Contact Ed Glidden or Frank McGonigle.</i> 	Von Steuben Ln, South Bound Brook, 08880	
Sat Apr 13	<p>Moorestown Chapter DAR Placing a Plaque at the grave of Lt Col Bowes Reed, 1st NJ Regiment</p> <p>New Jersey Secretary of the State, Legislative Council & General Assembly 1778-1783 11am St Mary's Episcopal Church. 145 West Broad Street, Burlington, New Jersey DAR Contact: Diane Donnelly, Moorestown Chapter DAR, NJ & Rich Serfass SJCSAR</p>	145 West Broad Street, Burlington	Chapter
Sun May 5	<p>DAR America 250 Patriots Marker at the First Presbyterian Church,</p> <p>Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell Chapter will be hosting a celebration/dedication of the placement of a DAR Patriot Marker, the First Presbyterian Church, 600 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge, NJ beginning at 1pm on Sunday, May 5th <i>Diane Waugh Oliver State Regent,</i> NJDAR732.673.8369 dwo2nj@me.com</p>	600 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge, NJ	Chapter

Sat May 11	History Day at East Jersey Old Town, Piscataway, NJ Activities at this all-day event include, possibly, NJSSAR Cannon Crew, Revolutionary and Civil War reenactors, vintage baseball players, live music, historic gardening and agriculture, stone carving, a 19th century print shop, home and hearth demonstrations, music, horse-drawn wagon rides, food trucks, children's crafts, and more. <i>To view the full schedule of events, click here.</i> 1. Cannon crew arrive at 9 a.m. for duty 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., <u>if a trained cannon crew of 8 men attends</u> . Contact Ed Glidden. Matthew Stroh, Program Manager, Middlesex County.	Piscataway, NJ 1050 River Road Piscataway, NJ 08854	State
Sat May 25	Princeton Memorial Day Parade 9:30 - 11:30 - the Spirit of Princeton Committee hosts the Princeton Memorial Day Parade. Ken is mustering reenactor recruits for the parade. (see attached). Noon to 12:45 - DAR Princeton Regent, Rosemary Kelley would like a detachment of up to reenactors to attend a Grave Marking Ceremony at Princeton Cemetery. Reenactors will receive an extra bounty of \$10 from the DAR on top of their Spirit of Princeton Parade scrip. Mershon grave site, ancestors of Princeton Chapter Member, Jeffery Mershon. requested NJSSAR Color Guard to attend also. <i>(I'm not sure of the logistics of this event. There are 35 Mershons at the Princeton Cemetery!)</i> 1:00 to may 3'ish - The Princeton Battlefield Society might be hosting some sort of events at the Battlefield. We hope to have and SAR presence there as well	Princeton Where	
May 27	Memorial Day: *A local event celebrating Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day may be counted as a National Color Guard event for the purposes of applying for a Color Guard Medal if you are in Color Guard uniform.	Various locations	Natio nal
Wed, May 29	Fairview Cemetery for SAR, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Fair View Cemetery in Red Bank, NJ. <i>For Details contact Clark McCullough.</i>	Fairview Cemetery, 456 Route 35, Red Bank, NJ, 07701	State
Sat June 8	Lexington and Concord Luncheon and Board of Managers Meeting, Princeton Marriott at Forrestal, Princeton, NJ (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.). If you are not attending the meeting, arrive at 11:30 a.m. Color Guard will post the colors. Lunch immediately follows with a speaker to be determined. Forrestal Marriott, Princeton, NJ. . Details forthcoming. Invitations will be sent out by Ed Glidden. Speaker to be determined. 1.	Princeton Marriott at Forrestal, Princeton NJ	State
TBA Either June 8	The 1776 Arrest of Royal Governor William Franklin, Proprietary House, Perth Amboy, NJ	Proprietary House, 149 Kearny	State

or Jun 9	<p>Each summer, on a weekend still to be determined, the New Jersey Proprietary House in Perth Amboy stages a reenactment of the 1776 Arrest of Governor William Franklin with the help of the NJSSAR Color Guard. The Proprietary House was built in 1762 and was the home of the last royal governor of New Jersey, William Franklin. It is the only colonial governor's mansion still standing in the U.S. The reenactment depicts the moment in June 1776 when Franklin was arrested by Colonial militia (played by members of the NJSSAR Color Guard) and sent to Connecticut for imprisonment. <i>Details for this year will be shared as they become available.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Details will be announced as they become available 2. Free parking is available on the Proprietary House parking lot. 	Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ	
Sat June 8	<p>South Jersey History Day, Gabreil Daveis Tavern Museum House Grounds, Gloucester Township, Camden County, NJ</p> <p>The Gloucester Township Historic & Scenic Preservation Committee will hold its second South Jersey History Fair on the grounds of the historic Gabreil Daveis Tavern Museum House on Saturday, June 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be historical groups and committees from seven South Jersey counties, Camden, Gloucester, Burlington, Salem, Cumberland, Atlantic, and Cape May, and a representative from Mercer County.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrive at 9:30 a.m. to help man South Jersey Chapter Recruiting Table; and a separate table where Color Guard Quartermasters Ed Glidden and Gary Beauregard will display 18th Century weapons; and the NJDAR also will have a table. 	500 3rd Ave, Glendora, NJ 08029	State
Sat Jun 15	<p>Wreath Laying for the Battle of Monmouth and General Friedrich von Steuben, Monmouth Battlefield State Park, Manalapan Township, NJ</p> <p>This is a National SAR Color Guard Event sponsored by the Monmouth Chapter. SAR Color Guard members from multiple states can be expected. The wreath laying coincides with a weekend-long encampment by reenactors who in years past have staged several reenactments of the battle, fought on June 28, 1778. The NJSSAR Color Guard honor both the battle and General Von Steuben, the Drillmaster of Valley Forge, without whose disciplined instruction the Continental Army might have fared poorly indeed. Von Steuben's efforts at Valley Forge are said to have first shown results on a major scale here. <i>(Note: A Battle of Monmouth Flag Streamer is available for participating chapters.) For event details contact: Jake Rue.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrive by 11 a.m. to prepare for the ceremony at noon. Color Guard will present a wreath at the Von Steuben memorial. Speakers TBD. 	Monmouth Battlefield State Park, 20 NJ-33 Business, Manalapan Township, NJ 07726	Natio nal

	2. Monmouth Chapter members should arrive by 10 a.m. to help set up and man an SAR Recruiting table next to the Visitor’s Center. It will start at 10:30 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. You are invited to participate with them.												
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Thurs Jul 4	<p>Two Possible Cannon Crew Events: 1. The “Let Freedom Ring” Independence Day Bell Ringing Ceremony in Perth Amboy, NJ, in the morning; 2. Feu de Joie at East Jersey Old Town, Piscataway, NJ, in the afternoon</p> <p><i>IMPORTANT NOTE: Both of these events are dependent on enlisting and training a Cannon Crew of 8 men.</i> The bell ringing in Perth Amboy is a National Level SAR Color Guard Event and takes place at midday. This is a grand and glorious July 4th event, so we need as much participation as possible. <u>However, as a result of a decision of the Board of Managers at their October 2023 meeting, the NJSSAR Cannon cannot be part of either event if a cannon crew of 8 men can’t be arranged.</u> The Perth Amboy event begins with food and drink at the Proprietary House, 149 Kearny Avenue. Next we move to Market Square, City Hall, 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, where a replica of the Liberty Bell was presented to the people of New Jersey by direction of the Secretary of the Treasury.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Arrive at 11 a.m. at Liberty Bell Park (Market Square, City Hall, 260 High Street) to help set up the cannon before heading over to the Proprietary House, 149 Kearny Avenue, for food and refreshments.2. 12:30 - 1:30 pm: Return to City Hall Circle for the Liberty Bell Ringing Ceremony, cannon firing, numerous speeches and a performance the New Jersey Fife & Drum.3. Following the Ceremony: Load the cannon on the trailer and proceed to East Jersey Old Town. SEE NEXT ENTRY	Downtown Perth Amboy Market Square, Perth Amboy City Hall, 260 High St. Proprietary House, 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy	National										
Thurs , July 4	<p>East Jersey Old Town for afternoon cannon firing until 5 p.m.</p> <p>Once again, <u>if NJSSAR can get 8 members to perform cannon duty,</u> our cannon will join Crew Lamb's Artillery and the West Jersey Artillery firing cannons on the hour and with muskets at the end of the day in a <i>feu de joie</i>. Bill Snow, Commander, Lamb's Artillery Company, is acting Range Officer.</p> <table><tr><td>12pm</td><td>Fife & Drum</td></tr><tr><td>1pm</td><td>Von Steuben</td></tr><tr><td>2pm</td><td>George Washington</td></tr><tr><td>3pm</td><td>Single fire demo by SAR, Lamb's and West Jersey Artillery</td></tr><tr><td>3-5pm</td><td>Mark Heter Band</td></tr></table>	12pm	Fife & Drum	1pm	Von Steuben	2pm	George Washington	3pm	Single fire demo by SAR, Lamb's and West Jersey Artillery	3-5pm	Mark Heter Band	East Jersey Old Town, 1050 River Road, Piscataway, 08854	State
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July 4	Moorestown 4th of July Parade with Moorestown DAR South Jersey Chapter			Moorestown Township, 08057	National
Wed-Tue July 10-16	<u>SAR 134TH ANNUAL CONGRESS - 2024, LANCASTER, PA</u> 134th Congress Master Schedule Web Link			Lancaster Marriott Penn Square, 25 N. Queen Street	National
Fri-Sun Aug 9-11	<i>Atlantic Middle States Conference 2024</i> <i>Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia</i> <i>Friday-Sunday, August 9-11</i> 134th Congress Master Schedule Web Link			<i>Williamsburg Lodge, 310 South England Street, Williamsburg, VA 23185</i>	National
Sat Aug 24	Commemoration of the Battle of Brooklyn, Aug. 27-29, 1776, The Old Stone House, Brooklyn, NY This event draws SAR Color Guard from multiple states and Society of the Cincinnati who specifically honor the Maryland 400. Under the tent are chairs for up to 100. Quote from NJSSAR President Robert Meyer: "Let's make this the best event on the East Coast. Let's get a hundred color guards in the show up." <i>For questions, contact Dave Nelson.</i> 1. Color Guard arrive 10 a.m., for those not displaying materials. We start getting lined up for the ceremony at 11:30. 2. If you have items you would like to display or want to engage with visitors, please arrive at 8. Spectators and participants arrive throughout the morning and will have questions. Food and water are on site. The "early birds" also will get the good parking spaces. 3. Parking is on 4 th Street (a dead-end) between 5 th and 4 th Avenues. You'll enter from 5 th Avenue. Just move the barrier aside and drive in, then please close the barrier. We'll have parking passes for everyone. Park entrance at the end of the street. 4. 12 p.m.: Color Guard advance and post colors for Maryland 400 Remembrance Ceremony, with speeches and speakers to be determined. 5. 12:30 to 12:45 pm: Wreath presentations and gun salute. 6. 1 p.m. Lunch			The Old Stone House, 336 Third Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215	???

	7. 1:45 p.m. Visit Maryland Monument in Green-Wood Cemetery, 500 25 th Street, Brooklyn, NY.		
Sun Aug 25	<p>March to Yorktown Day in Westfield, NJ</p> <p>This event celebrates the 243rd anniversary of the day Continental and French troops marched through Westfield, NJ, on Aug. 29, 1781, on their way to Yorktown, Va., where they would fight, lay siege to and force the surrender of Cornwallis. Thousands of troops led by Gens. Washington and Rochambeau crossed New Jersey on their way to Yorktown that August, and several columns passed through Westfield including the 1st Rhode Island, with many African American soldiers. <i>For more detail contact Jay Hershey.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This event's chief sponsor is Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route-NJ, but the NJSSAR and West Fields Chapter and Westfield DAR all play important supporting roles. In some years there has been a parade at midday, in others an all day encampment in Mindowaskin Park. 2. Please await further details. 	Mindowaskin Park, Westfield, NJ, 07090	Chapter