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Color Guard Unit

Major General William Moultrie Chapter
National Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Introduction

If you are a member of our chapter, please consider joining our Color Guard Unit.

Purpose of our Color Guard Unit



The Major General William Moultrie Chapter Color Guard is comprised of Compatriots who attend events properly uniformed as either Continental Soldiers or Militiamen. Our Color Guard Unit seeks to visibly promote the stated objectives of the SAR which are declared to be Historical, Patriotic and Educational. These Compatriots are the most visible public face of the Sons of the American Revolution. Color Guardsmen provide an easily identifiable and colorful focal point at parades and memorial events. The variety of uniforms and flags encourage children, spectators, and potential members to come forward and ask questions about the American Revolution.

Our Chapter's Color Guard Unit participates in Parades, Funerals/Memorials, Posting Colors at meetings, Recruiting booths, etc.

Color Guard Membership

Membership in the Gen Wm Moultrie Chapter Color Guard is open to any member in good standing. Color Guardsmen need to purchase a uniform in order to participate. While there is no requirement for participation in a minimum number of events, Color Guardsmen are encouraged to participate in as many events as possible. The NSSAR Color Guard Handbook lists a number of medals that recognize participation in the Color Guard.

Uniform

There are two types of Color Guard units that can be formed based on the type of uniform that the unit primarily uses.

- The first and most recognizable is the Continental Unit. This unit is comprised of men who are uniformed in the familiar tricorne hat, blue coat and knee breeches or fall-front trousers identified with the soldiers of the regular army during the Revolution.
- The second type of unit is the Militia Unit. There is no set uniform associated with the Militia. As in the time of the Revolution, the Militia consisted of everyday men who wore the clothes that they wore in normal everyday activity when called to service. As such, there is more leeway in the type of clothing that the Militia Color Guard wears.

Please note, that while the above references separate units based on the type of uniform, this does not preclude having a mixture of uniform types in a single unit. As a matter of fact, most national events will have color guard members in a variety of uniforms – both continental and militia. The common practice in this situation is that those wearing continental uniforms will be towards the front of the unit while those wearing militia attire will be toward the rear.



The Major General William Moultrie Chapter Color Guard is a mixed unit. While we strive to properly represent our patriotic ancestors, members of the Color Guard are not re-enactors and are not held to that high standard of authenticity. Prospective Color Guard members who are also interested in re-enacting should first contact their unit and purchase an approved uniform.

To help minimizing the initial cost, a new member may begin with either a basic continental or militia uniform, completing it as funds become available. Following is a list of options. **(Note: Please See Vendors' Links Below)**

Basic continental uniform:

1. Tricorn hat
2. White Shirt
3. White or buff knee breeches or fall-front trousers
4. White stockings (if wearing knee breeches)
5. Buckle shoes or slip-on shoe buckles (if wearing knee breeches)

Full continental uniform:

6. Waistcoat
7. Regimental coat

Basic militia uniform:

1. Hat
 - a. Tricorn hat
 - b. Round hat
 - c. Voyageur's cap
 - d. Monmouth cap
 - e. Work cap
 - f. Highland bonnet
2. White or checkered shirt
3. Knee breeches or fall-front trousers
4. Stockings (if wearing knee breeches)
5. Buckle shoes or slip-on buckles (if wearing knee breeches)

Full militia uniform:

6. Hunting shirt or hunting frock

Once the uniform is completed, there are many accessories that can be added. Experienced color guardsmen will be happy to make suggestions.

Vendors (Below, in RED are Live Links.)

- [Jas Townsend & Son](#)
- [G Gedney Godwin](#)
- [C&D Jarnigan](#)

Much of the information herein has been borrowed from the NSSAR [Color Guard Handbook](#). Additional information can be found in The SAR [Color Guardsman](#) online magazine.

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***A military background is not required;
Steve will provide full instruction.***

Note: Compatriot Edd Richburg's wife (Kathryn) has graciously agreed to construct at cost the militia outfit. This should reduce individual costs to the fabric and thread.