

## National Flag Day – June 14, 2024



**Members of Freedom Chapter and Robert Rankin Chapter SAR march in for the celebration of Flag Day at The Lone Star Monument & Historical Flag Park in Conroe.**

Flag Day is celebrated annually on June 14th, commemorating the adoption of the flag of the United States of America by the Second Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. Per the resolution: "the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

National Flag Day was established by an act of Congress on August 3, 1949, but is not considered an "official" federal holiday. It is at the discretion of the President of the United States to proclaim the



### The Mission of the SAR

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country.

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## CHAPTER EVENTS

### Independence Day

July 4, 2024

### National Congress

Lancaster, PA  
July 10 - 16

### Summer Zoom BOM

July 27th

### Constitution Day

September 17, 2024

Participants of this event included Compatriots from Freedom Chapter and Rankin Chapter SAR. Not in the picture are several members of local DAR and Children of American Revolution (CAR). The speaker for the event was Compatriot Matt Hoffman.

### Myth #7: A flag that touches the ground must be destroyed

According to the Flag Code, the American flag should never touch anything beneath it, including the ground, the floor, or the water. "People have taken that to mean that if it ever does that, then it should be destroyed," said Jeff Hendricks, deputy director of Americanism at the American Legion.

However, that's not necessarily the case. Flags should be destroyed only when they are no longer in good enough condition to be displayed. If touching the ground didn't render the flag unfit for display, then it shouldn't be destroyed. Once a flag is unfit for display, burning it is the preferred method of destruction.

# Flag Day



observance. The first proclamation to be issued by a President was by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916, prior to the acts passage.

The week of June 14th (this year from June 9-June 15, 2024) is designated as National Flag Week. During National Flag Week, the President will issue a proclamation "urging the people to observe the day as the anniversary of the adoption on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States of America."



### ITINERARY

- Call to Order
- Presentation of Colors, National Anthem, and Pledges
- Invocation
- Flag Day Remarks: Our Flag and 250 years ago (1773 to 1774)\*
  - Compatriot Matt Hoffman
- Retirement of Colors

*You are cordially invited to join us for brunch at Honor Café – Conroe, following the ceremony. Brunch is at individual purchase (Dutch).*

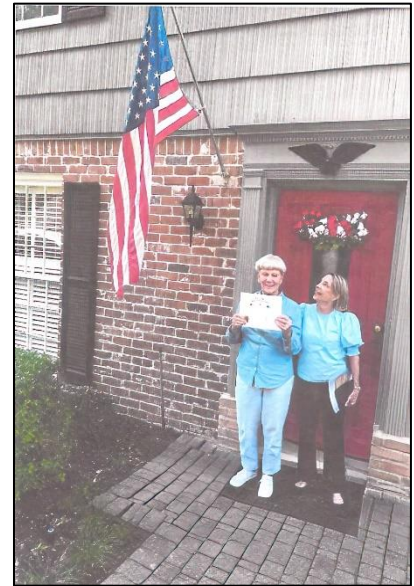
\*Information on the Flag of the United States of America, the Sons of Liberty, the Sons of Liberty flag, or other information contained in today's speech can be found from multiple sources used for the presentation:

Wikipedia.org; Drexel.edu; Revolutionary-War-and-Beyond.com; Flagdom.com; BostonTeaPartyShip.com; USA.gov



# Flag Certificate

The Flag Certificate is presented to any individual, company, authority, or agency that flies the United States flag for patriotic purposes only. It is not to be given to any commercial enterprise that obviously flies it for advertising purposes. The certificate has a line in the lower left corner for the name of the presenting authority. It also has a line for the appropriate president to sign, and a line for the Flag Chairman. This is usually the person that recommends or presents the certificate.



Two former Eastern Airlines flight attendants observe the American flag at 415 Glenchester Dr Houston, TX 77079. On the left is Brenda Jackson, housewife extraordinary and on the right is Pam Boehm of the Woodlands, TX. Pam grew up in Riverside, CT living next door to Peter Allard, Brenda's husband's best friend in childhood. Assisting but not shown in the picture, Fred Jackson.

# Flag Retirement Certificate



Under the direction of Allan Perkins, VFW Post 8905 collected and destroyed 1,407 flags.

The Flag Retirement Certificate is presented to any individual or organization that participates in the collection and destruction of worn, soiled, or otherwise unserviceable United States Flags. The certificate has a line in the lower left corner for the name of the appropriate organization to be engrossed. It also has a line for the appropriate president to sign, and a line for the Flag Chairman. This is usually the person that recommends or presents the certificate.

## Houston Honor Flight #31

On May 31, a group of veterans left Hobby Airport bound for Washington DC to visit monuments, Museums of their various branches and time of service. On their return on June 1<sup>st</sup>, they were met by several hundred well-wishers. Organizations such as the DAR, SAR, Scouts, VFW posts, as well as family and friends welcomed them home. Both Freedom Chapter and Rankin Chapter were involved.



### Flag Day Observance Launched

#### **PATRIOTIC LEGACY OF SAR AUGUST 18, 2008**

#### **JAMES DAVID SYMPSON PRESIDENT GENERAL 2010 KENTUCKY SOCIETY SAR**

The first SAR national program was the observance and general display of the "Stars & Stripes," the national ensign, on Flag Day, June 14, of each year. The program was a result of a Connecticut Society resolution in 1890. In 1891 throughout New England, New York, Chicago, Washington, and many other cities, thousands of American flags were flown. In 1895, with the cooperation of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the observance of June 14 as Flag Day was national in scope. An SAR resolution in 1895 resulted in the American Flag being flown continually at the White House. Previously, it had been flown only on special occasions.

June 12, is Women Veterans Recognition Day,

## Happy WOMEN VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY





## “If you get an outfit, you can be a color guard compatriot too” \*

The National SAR Color Guard was first formed in 1989 during the term of President General James R. Westlake (GA) as the National Society Color Guard Committee under the chairmanship of Compatriots David Gray and Donald Moran. This first National Color Guard consisted of six compatriots representing five state societies. The initial purposes of the Color Guard were:

1. To provide guidance to and coordination of the activities of the various State Society and Chapter Color Guards at National Congresses and Trustee meetings, and
2. To provide assistance to the various State Societies and local Chapters in establishing their own Color Guards.

Today, the Color Guard is 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 invite children, spectators, and potential members to come forward and ask questions about the American Revolution.

With respect to the uniform that is worn, many Color Guardsmen choose to wear a uniform like that worn by their patriot ancestor(s). There are two types of Uniforms that may be worn. The first and most recognizable is the Continental Uniform. While the blue coat predominated, the coat could have a different facing color on the cuffs and collar, depending on where the soldier was from, and the hat could vary from unit to unit.

The second type of unit is the Militia Uniform. There is no set uniform associated with the Militia. As in the tie 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. To find appropriate colonial clothing go to <https://txssar.org/suppliers.htm> or google American revolutionary uniforms or apparel.

Robert Rankin Chapter Color Guard Commander is Ralph Reed. Commander Reed will notify all interested CG members of events. Attending Color Guard events is not mandatory. Participants attending gain “points” depending on the level of event. Chapter events gain 5 points, State events -10 points, and District/National 20 points. When the participant gains 300 points, they are eligible for the bronze medal. The chapter also gets benefits from your attendance as we compete against other chapters and states on many levels.

**\*From an old Smothers Brothers song – “The Streets of Laredo” – “If you get an outfit, you can be a cowboy too”**



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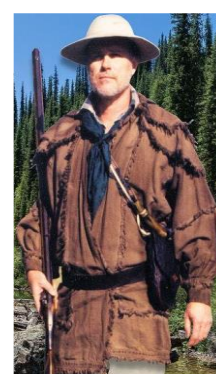
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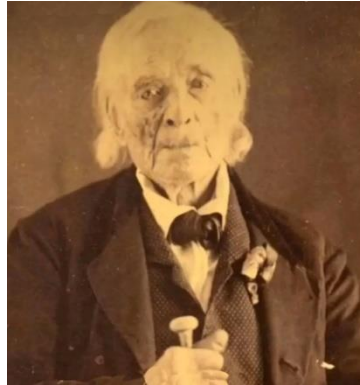


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## So, Who Was the Last Surviving Veteran from The American Revolution?

### William Hutchings

He was just 17 years old and a private in Samuel McCobbs Massachusetts Militia when he was captured by the British Army and made a prisoner of war. The battle was the Siege of Castine off the coast of Maine and the year was 1779. He would go on to live a colorful and eventful life and, in the process, become a piece of living history. He was Captain William Hutchings and in 1863 at the extraordinary age of 101 he was the last living combatant from the Revolutionary War. He was also one of only a handful of Revolutionary War veterans to ever have their photograph taken.



At the time of his death Hutchings counted 17 great, great grandchildren among his staggering 355 descendants sadly he would live long enough to see four of them killed during the Civil War. When asked what the key was to his longevity, he cited smoking and drinking daily. William Hutchings Passed away in 1864 his final words being it's time to rest

This Date in History

I forgot to post the link to the special Boston Tea Party edition Henry Rifle, Remember, it will only be available until about October

[HENRY GOLDEN BOY SAR 250TH ANNIVERSARY BOSTON TEA PARTY EDITION LEVER-ACTION RIFLE | BASS PRO SHOPS](#)

## The 250<sup>th</sup> is here. Will You Join Us In Celebration?

July 4, 2026 will be the 250<sup>th</sup>  
birthday of our country.

It didn't start or stop on that day,  
but was a decade long process:  
1773 - 1783

[america250sar.org](http://america250sar.org)

## Memorable events 250 years ago...

- 2023 Boston Tea Party
- 2024 The First Continental Congress
- 2025 Battles of Lexington and Concord.
- 2026 Declaration of Independence
- 2027 Battle of Saratoga
- 2028 French Alliance
- 2029 Siege of Vincennes/Kettle Creek
- 2030 Battle of Kings Mountain
- 2031 Siege of Yorktown
- 2032 Battle of Blue Licks
- 2033 Treaty of Paris

# National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution



## INDEPENDENCE DAY PROCLAMATION

Calendars worldwide have a 4th of July. However, in the United States, the 4th of July is special. It is Independence Day, commemorating the date on which the Declaration of Independence was adopted formally, after initially being presented to the delegates at the Second Continental Congress on July 2, 1776. John Adams wrote to Abigail he believed the 2nd of July would be “celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great Anniversary Festival” because it was the date on which Congress resolved the colonies were free and independent states, no longer subject to Great Britain.

History has decreed otherwise, with July 4 being the date we commemorate as the birth of our Nation. The Declaration lists a variety of long-forgotten grievances against “the present King of Great Britain,” but it is Jefferson’s timeless language which echoes through history, reminding us today of why our Nation is special.

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,”

It was in support of these principles that the signers pledged “our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.” The Sons of the American Revolution honors the vision and sacrifices of our Patriot Ancestors and the principles expressed in the Declaration. As you celebrate this Independence Day with family, friends and community, please take a moment to re-read the Declaration, reflect on the courage of the men who signed it, and thank them for giving birth to the United States of America.

Happy Independence Day!



John L. Dodd  
President General, 2023-2024