

GREAT LAKES DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

OPENING PROGRAM

October 27, 2017 - MIDDLETON, WISCONSIN – MARRIOTT HOTEL
FRIDAY EVENING AGENDA

- 4:35 pm Assembly of mixed color guards at first floor elevator with flags for floor assignments
- 4:45 pm Color guards with unit flags ascend to 5th floor and align around atrium,
- 5:00 pm Aide-de-Camp calls assembly to attention, announces flag ceremony;
Bugler plays “To the Colors”
- Unit flags: U.S. Flags are pre-positioned to spacing at six feet intervals around atrium
 - WISSAR color guard: Four members are pre-positioned with two large U.S. Flags on the fourth floor at 20 feet intervals about atrium holding rolled end inward
- 5:05 pm Aide-de-Camp introduces units present and distinguished guests
- 5:10 pm Marine Sergeant Tim Lau sings the National Anthem
- At first note of Anthem, first large U.S. Flag is draped from fourth level secured by two color guardsmen
 - At “...Oh, say does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave..”, the second large flag is draped from fourth level secured by two more color guardsmen
 - At “...and the home of the brave...”, the last flag is draped from fourth level secured by two more color guardsmen
- 5:20 pm Distinguished guest leads the group in the Pledge of Allegiance
- 5:25 pm The WISSAR president reads paragraph one of the “Declaration of Independence”
- 5:35 pm The NSSAR President General reads the “Preamble to the U.S. Constitution”
- 5:40 pm The GLD Vice President General reads the States in order of signing the Constitution
- Bell is tolled after each state is called
 - Bagpiper plays “America the Beautiful” during state recitation
- 5:45 pm MISSAR President leads Pledge to the SAR
- 5:50 pm ILSSAR President introduces the Holy Cross Choir to sing “Battle Hymn of the Republic”
- 6:00 pm Aide-de-Camp describes the evening’s activity and invites SAR and guests to join him in the [northwest corner] Room – Bagpiper leads group to banquet room playing “My Country ‘Tis of Thee”