



# Newsletter

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## Paul Emery Chapter



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The Paul Emery Chapter color guard recently gathered at the Packard Proving Grounds to celebrate the eightieth anniversary of D-Day. They honored a World War Two veteran who was in attendance at the ceremony and they were eager to hear him recount his story of his service experiences during the war.

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(Article for SAR Colorguard Magazine, Courtesy of Jay Taylor)

### **Michigan Colorguard Highlights Historical Significance at Boston Tea Party Anniversary Event**

Michigan Colorguard members played a pivotal role in an educational event commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party, organized by the Paul Emery Chapter. Held at the Brandon Township Public Library in Oakland County on June 24th, the event attracted over 50 diverse community participants keen to delve into this historical moment.

The session began with a ceremonial presentation of colors by the Colorguard, led by Vice-Commander Bob Hawcroft and supported by notable members, including former Commander Gerald Burkland, Chapter Vice-President Aaron Wiles, and Former President Ronald Barnard, who also performed as a bagpiper. Their participation provided a vivid and symbolic glimpse into the past, enhancing the educational experience for all attendees.

Gerald Burkland shared insights into the historical importance of Colorguard uniforms and George Washington's influence on their design, enriching the audience's understanding of the attire. The event featured a presentation by Compatriot Jay R. Taylor and Outreach Librarian Fran Hotchkiss, who provided historical insights and showed a brief video recounting the events leading up to December 16, 1773.

This gathering highlighted the Boston Tea Party's historical significance and underscored SAR's mission to promote patriotic and educational programs. The Colorguard's participation was a big draw, bringing history to a larger number of people. The event demonstrated the Chapter's commitment to educational outreach and patriotic display, fostering historical awareness and honoring the legacy of our revolutionary forebears.



## **Brandon Library celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party.**

**Attendees, left to right-**

**Fran Hotchkiss**, Brandon Library Outreach Liaison Librarian

**Bob Hawcroft**, Vice Commander, SAR Michigan Colorguard

**Aaron Wiles**, SAR Paul Emery Chapter Member

**Ronald Barnard**, Bagpiper and SAR Paul Emery Chapter Member

**Gerald Burkland**, former SAR Michigan Colorguard Commander

**Jay R. Taylor**, Library Trustee and SAR Paul Emery Chapter Trustee

The program was entitled, "Journey into the Past: Sons of the American Revolution". It detailed the pivotal moments leading up to the American Revolution, focusing on the Boston Tea Party's role in rallying the colonists against British tyranny.

The program kicked off with an impressive presentation of the colors by the Michigan Colorguard led by Vice-Commander Bob Hawcroft, including bagpipes eloquently played by Ronald Barnard. They presented the colors, setting a patriotic tone for the evening. Gerald Burkland, Michigan's former Colorguard Commander, explained the significance of various uniforms worn and their historical context.

Throughout the event, Compatriot Jay Taylor and Outreach Librarian Fran Hotchkiss engaged community attendees with a mix of historical insights provided by the SAR 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and a brief video detailing the events of that fateful night on December 16, 1773. The session highlighted the historical importance of the Boston Tea Party. It emphasized the ongoing mission of SAR to promote patriotic and educational programs. This event was a prime example of how the SAR continues to celebrate critical historical events, fostering unity and a deeper appreciation for our nation's founding.

## Fenton 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. 7/4/24.

Color Guardsmen Aaron Wiles and Norman Palmer represented the Paul Emery Chapter, MISSAR. Also in attendance were Chris Palmer, Judy Palmer, and Jay Taylor. Photos were taken by Jay Taylor.



The Paul Emery chapter color guard members for the third year waved to the crowds of the Fenton Freedom Festival's 4th of July parade. Color guardsmen Aaron Wiles and Norman Palmer attended the event. Judy Palmer and driver Chris Palmer also showed chapter support in the ride along. The crowds were very enthusiastic for our colonial presence. There was clapping, cheering and saluting by many. Chapter Chaplin Jay Taylor also attended and provided the photos of this issue from the crowd. Thanks Jay! Prayers were spoken as we left to our homes.



## **Paul Emery Chapter SAR Notes-**

The next meeting of the Paul Emery Chapter (PEC) is scheduled for Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the White Horse Inn, at One East High Street in downtown Metamora. The meeting starts at 10:00 a.m.

**Miss. Parker Hagle**, President of the Michigan Society, Children of the American Revolution (MISCAR) will be there to give a presentation on this year's MISCAR State Project entitled, "Restoring Hope."

### **Items you may wish to add to your calendar-**

1. September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 - Paul Emery Chapter Meeting at the White Horse Inn in Metamora from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.
2. October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – MISSAR Board of Managers (BoMs) meeting hosted by the Paul Emery Chapter at the White Horse Inn in Metamora.
3. November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - Paul Emery Chapter Meeting at the White Horse Inn in Metamora from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.
4. January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Paul Emery Chapter Meeting at the White Horse Inn in Metamora from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.
5. March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Paul Emery Chapter Annual Meeting at the White Horse Inn in Metamora from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

If you have an article or news item that our chapter would be interested in knowing about, please send it to me at [wethompson@yahoo.com](mailto:wethompson@yahoo.com). I am also looking for photographs or graphics that would be suitable for inclusion in future issues. Any help you can give is appreciated and will help to make this newsletter a success.

Thank you,

Bill Thompson