

Kentucky Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Color Guardsman of the Year

The Kentucky Society, Sons of the American Revolution Color Guardsman of the Year Award was established in 2021 to recognize sustained support of the Society through color guard activities. As the objectives of this Society are declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational, the Color Guardsman of the Year should also reflect these objectives through his color guard activities.

Examples of the types of color guard activities fulfilling each of these objectives is as follow:

Patriotic – participation in civic and patriotic events and observances such as the Fourth of July, Veterans Day, Armed Forces Day, Flag Day, Patriots Day, Bill of Rights Day, Yorktown Day, Constitution Day, and important battles of the Revolutionary War.

Historical – commemorations and support of memorials for the people and events of the American Revolution.

Educational – providing color guard displays to inform the community about the events of the American Revolution. This may also include promoting flag etiquette, as specified in the United States Code, Title 4, Chapter 1, within the NSSAR and the community.

The guidelines for the selection of the Kentucky Society Color Guardsman of the Year are as follows:

Nomination

- 1) Each KYSSAR Chapter may nominate one (1) compatriot each year for the Kentucky Society Color Guardsman of the Year. Chapters should consider that Compatriot who best exemplifies both the spirit of the Sons of the American Revolution and the use of Color Guards to display that spirit.
- 2) The nomination should include a written resume of the nominee's color guard activities covering all his years as a member of the Kentucky Society. The resume should address the selection criteria provided below.
- 3) Nominations should be submitted to the Kentucky State President no later than 31 January of each year. The Kentucky State President will then forward the nomination to the Kentucky State President-Elect, and the Kentucky State Color Guard Commander(s) for review.

Criteria

- 1) Each year, there shall be no more than one (1) Kentucky Society Color Guardsman of the Year.

- 2) The selection process shall consider both the nominees' years of service as a color guard member and the number of color guard events in which they have participated. All the years of service and color guard events considered in the selection process must have occurred while a member of the Kentucky Society.
- 3) A Color Guardsman must be an active member of the Kentucky Society and have both the Bronze and Silver Color Guard Medals before he can be considered for the Kentucky Society Color Guardsman of the Year. The Kentucky Society Color Guardsman Award should be presented by the Kentucky State President at the Spring Meeting of the Kentucky Society.
- 4) To be considered for Kentucky Society Color Guardsman of the Year, a Color Guardsman must have completed three (3) years of service at the state level by attending state meetings and state color guard events.
- 5) In order to be considered for Color Guardsmen of the Year, each nominee must adhere to the following when performing color guard duties:
 - a. uniform and all accoutrements are worn correctly,
 - b. uniform and all accoutrements are period correct,
 - c. be knowledgeable on the names and purposes of his clothing and accoutrements, and
 - d. color guard protocols as established by the Kentucky Society and National Society.
- 6) A Compatriot may receive this award more than once, however not in consecutive years.

Selection Process

- 1) The Kentucky Color Guardsman of the Year shall be selected pursuant to procedures set forth by the Kentucky State President, State President-Elect, and State Color Guard Commander(s).
- 2) The Kentucky State President, State President-Elect, and State Color Guard Commander(s) shall each have one vote. In the event of a tie for the award recipient, the Kentucky State President will select the recipient to break the tie.

Other

- 1) For the year following his election, the Kentucky Society Color Guardsman of the Year will carry the National flag at all State events.