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Members of the Commander in Chiefs Guard made their ninth annual appearance in the Redlands' 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Pictured left to right: Richard Towne, Will Langford, Michael Harrell, Melvin Harrell, and Charlie Frye.

The Colonial contingent: Zanja Fife & Drums, Morgan's Rifle Company, and Redlands Guard seek relief from the heat while waiting for the parade to begin.



The Guard's encampment display in Sylvan Park attracted many visitors throughout the day.



End of a long day



Bringing the Colors into the Redlands Stadium

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**Chapter News**

While the Chapter has been in summer recess, our out-reach activities have continued. The registrar has been busy with processing membership and supplemental applications; awards have been presented to local Eagle Scouts at their Honor Courts; the Color Guard participated in the Redlands' 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, with other chapter members assisting in setting up and taking down the encampment exhibit in Sylvan Park. The Guard also presented the National Colors at the Fireworks Pre- show in Ted Runner Stadium.

*The Chapter will reconvene on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion Hall on 814 W. Colton Ave. at 1130 AM.* The change of venue for our meetings was dictated by the increased cost for the accommodations at the University Club. With a new venue, later meeting time, and reduced price of the meal, hopefully more members will attend the monthly meeting. See you there!



Will Langford presents the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate to George Beal at his Eagle Scout Induction ceremony at Troop 11 sponsored by The Holy Name of Jesus Church. George's two brothers are also Eagle Scouts as are his Father and Grandfather, former Scoutmasters of the Troop.

## Significant Dates and Events of the Revolution

**June 14, 1777** - The Congress mandates that the Flag of the United States will consist of 13 alternating red and white stripes, and a blue field with 13 stars. The arrangement or pattern of the stars was not defined.

**June 17, 1777**- General John Burgoyne with 7700 troops leads an invasion from Canada. He plans to link up with General William Howe who is to bring his force up from New York, and General Barry St. Ledger who will capture fort Stanwix and move in from the West, thus separating the Northern Colonies from the rest. The plan is doomed almost from the start when Howe takes his troops south to capture Philadelphia rather than joining Burgoyne (Professing he failed to receive the orders to support Burgoyne until after he had departed); and St. Ledger's defeat at Ft. Stanwix, and the desertion of his Indian allies, forced him to retreat back to Canada.

**July 6, 1777** – Gen Burgoyne captures Ft. Ticonderoga on Lake Champlain without a shot being fired. The loss of the Fort and its precious supplies stuns the Americans.

**July 27, 1777** – The Marquis de Lafayette arrives in Philadelphia. The 19 year old French nobleman offers to serve without pay. He is promoted to Major General and will become a favorite of Washington and one of his most trusted aides.



**August 16, 1777** –Gen. Burgoyne, desperately in need of supplies after his 23 mile trek through wilderness to reach the Hudson, sends 800 Hessian troops to Bennington, Vermont to seize food and horses. The Hessians are wiped out by the Vermont militia and Green Mountain Boys led by General Starke and Seth Warner. The losses will be a major factor in Burgoyne's defeat at Saratoga.

**August 25, 1777** – Gen. Howe reaches Chesapeake Bay with 260 ships carrying some 17,000 troops, landing 40-50 miles southwest of Philadelphia.

**September 9-11, 1777**- The Battle of Brandywine Creek takes place. The British outmaneuver Washington forcing him to retreat. A heroic rear guard action by General Casimir Pulaski's cavalry regiment allows the Americans to retreat in order, although they had to abandon most of their cannon.

**September 26, 1777** – General Howe occupies Philadelphia. The American Congress moves to York.

**October 7, 1777** – General Burgoyne is defeated at the Battle of Saratoga by Generals Gates and Arnold. The British suffer 600 casualties. Gen Gates gets the credit for the victory, which was actually won by the aggressive and skillful leadership of Arnold and Daniel Morgan, while Gates remained at his headquarters.

**October 17, 1777** – General Burgoyne surrenders his army of 5700. The British are further humiliated when marched to Boston and loaded on transports back to England, after having sworn not to take up arms against Americans again. The victory brings French recognition of American Independence and a treaty of alliance.

**September 11, 2001** – 2977 Americans perish in attacks on the World Trade Center and The Pentagon.

