

2013 National Chapter of the Year



Chapter 1036

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Color Guard History



Chapter 1036 Color Guard



*The Chapter 1036
Color Guard Plays
an Integral Role in
Our VVA Chapter
Activities*

Color Guard Traditions

- Before the 20th century, military colors were carried covered except for ceremonies or when in sight of the enemy.
- A unit's colors provided battlefield recognition for both friend and foe. These were always the soul and reputation of the unit.
- To ensure that the men knew the flag of their own regiment the two flags were paraded before them during reviews and other ceremonies. From this practice developed our modern color guard.

Color Guard Traditions – Cont.

- Following British custom, American infantry first had a junior officer (called an Ensign) to carry and guard the regimental colors.
- Since each company had an Ensign and there were eight companies, the ensigns had to take turns guarding the flags.
- Later, the color guards were selected from among the strongest and bravest soldiers. So the task was performed by enlisted men instead of officers. They wore the same uniform as other troops.

Flag Courtesy

- In a line of flags (such as a color guard marching down the street) the U.S. flag must be on the right. Only this flag has an eagle finial, and the eagle should face forward.
- Other flags go on the left in precedence of other nations (in alphabetical order), states, and organizations.
- No other flag may be larger or higher than the U.S. flag. These other flags have spear head or ball finials
- In an auditorium or similar place, the U.S. flag is posted to the speaker's right.

VVA Chapter 1036 Flags

The Chapter Color Guard Carries Four Flags During Events:

- U.S. Flag
- Vietnam Veterans of America Flag with Campaign Award Streamers
- VVA Chapter 1036 Flag with Chapter Award Streamers
- POW/MIA Flag



Vietnam Veterans of America Flag

The Vietnam Veterans flag was designed to honor and remember the sacrifices made by U.S military men during the war in Vietnam.



The Vietnam Veterans flag features a yellow background with seventeen brown stars on the left side of the flag.

- The stars are arranged in three vertical lines.
- The Stars represent the seventeen official campaigns of the Vietnam War.

VVA Chapter 1036 Flag & Streamers



Flag Streamers
Represent Various
Recognition Awards the
Chapter has Received
Over the Years

New VVA Chapter 1036 Flag



At the September 2016, Chapter 1036 meeting, members recognized Rose Luehrsen, a Village resident and an accomplished seamstress who fabricated our new Chapter Flag.

Color Guard Member, Bob Van Nuisse (behind flag) coordinated the new flag project.

VVA Chapter 1036 Flag Streamers

A Chapter Flag Streamer Presentation by Jim Knotts (far left), President of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund



POW/MIA Flag



The POW/MIA flag is “the symbol of our Nation’s concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia, thus ending the uncertainty for their families and the Nation”



Chapter Color Guard Members

- **Active Unit Members**

Larry Basile

Mike Kendall

Rick Rademacher

Fred Brighton

Claire Madson

Mike Tweedy

Richie Gunther

Arti Miglio

Bob Van Nuisse

- **Past Unit Members**

Marjorie Fada

Rick Keeney

Larry Miloscio

Robert (Greg) Gregoire

Ed Koehn

Bob Przybylski

Ron Irwin

Tim Krawczyk

Bill Stattman

Dave Krueger

Ron Wygonik

Roll of the Chapter Color Guard Commander

- Plan/Coordinate Color Guard Events with the Chapter President and Board of Directors
- Procure Color Guard Uniforms and Supplies
- Hold Color Guard Planning/Training Meetings
- Plan/Schedule Color Guard Member for Events
- Encourage new members for the Color Guard
- Coordinate the availability of Flags, Stands, Parade Banners, etc. for events



Color Guard Events

Typically, Seven Color Guard Members are Needed for Each Event:

- Color Guard Commander
- Four Flag Bearers
- Two Rifle Bearers



Color Guard Tasks

- Attend Color Guard Member Meetings (Monthly/as required)
- Present the Flags at the Chapter Meetings (Up to 12/year)
- Support Events at Veterans Memorial Park (About 4/Year)
- Lead the Chapter Members at Village Parades (About 2/Year)
- Represent Chapter 1036 at special events (Up to 4/Year)



Color Guard Meetings



Canal Street Recreation Center



Color Guard Planning Meeting



Color Guard Monthly Meetings

- Color Guard Meeting is Held Last Wednesday of every month at 9:00 AM – **Canal Street Recreation Center**
For Info contact Bob Van Nuisse at bigorangecj@aol.com
- Coffee and Doughnuts are Normally Available
- Ongoing Activities and Plans are Reviewed
- Our Chapter Provides Color Guard Uniforms/Accessories
- Chapter members are encouraged to attend the meeting to learn more about the group's work. No commitment or experience is required



Veterans Memorial Park Ceremonies



**POW/MIA Recognition Day
September 2018**



Chapter Color Guard Event



**Eisenhower
Recreation
Center**

Prior Chapter Color Guards



Community Events



Italian/American Fest



German/American Fest



Irish/American Day



Welcome Home Ceremony Photos



(Photos by Stan Misiorski)



Color Guard Award



**Chapter 1036 Color Guard Receives Chapter Service
Appreciation Award – February 2015**



Chapter 1036 Color Guard

Chapter 1036 Wishes to Recognize and Thank All Current And Past Color Guard Volunteers for Their Dedicated Work and Participation Representing and Supporting Our Chapter Events Around The Villages