

**Scottish American Military Society
MGen Keith L. Ware Jr. Post 100**

December 2009

Wreaths Across America, 12 Dec 2009

The Event went well! The early morning sunshine was beautiful at Fort Logan Cemetery, and even warmed our knees up. Our Color Guard presented all of our Service Flags, and was much appreciated. Maggie led the singing of the National Anthem, and Commander Jerry spoke about the role of veterans in general and SAMS in particular. Special thanks go to bagpiper Ben Holmes! He was extremely professional: prepared, on time, instrument already tuned, ready to go. He played a selection of traditional tunes before the Ceremony – I don't think I've ever heard "Green Hills of Tyrol" played so beautifully. Ben gave it the meaning it deserves. Later came "Amazing Grace" and "Flowers of the Forest."

Color Guard: Harold Lif USA, Paul Dunlap POW/MIA, Gary Gain Colorado, Bob Burnham Army, Gary Mitchell Marines, Philipp Theune Navy, Dennis Orr Air Force, Roy Poole Coast Guard, Del Slaugh SAMS, Jerry Paul and Jim Rairdon, Protectors.



Then we went out and laid wreaths on various graves. We had fifteen requests from friends and members, and finding the sites gave us a good walking tour. Included were SAMS Own Dik Low, USN Danny Dietz (SAMS Trophy dedication 2007), USMC Walter "Bud" Roth (husband of DBE friend Patricia Roth).



Coming Up: 2010

Post 100 AGM, Saturday 16 January, 11:30 AM

Mount Vernon Country Club, west of Golden, CO, just north of Interstate 70

Our formal dining in! Shake out your glad rags, and bring the family.
Our 3-course meal will feature grilled pork medallions as main course. **Cost: \$22.50 per person.**
You are on your own for the cash bar.

RSVP to Adjutant Maggie Rothermel, who will send maps and directions as needed.

Agenda: Installation of Officers for 2010 – 2011. Announcements and preparations for an exciting year.



Group Photos of the 2009 AGM



February Meeting: Saturday, 20 February, 11:30 AM
Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum
Annual pot-luck luncheon, and meeting, in the Lowry Room
Agenda: TBA

Saturday, 6 March

Laura Merrill's Wedding

Laura is the daughter of SAMS Frank Merrill and Rita Merrill of Murray. She will marry Adam Skinner of MacGregor at the Scum of the Earth Christian Church, 11th Avenue and Kalamath, Denver. SAMS will provide a saber arch.

Saturday, 13 March

Denver St. Patrick's Parade, "Lower Downtown," starting at the Coors Field north parking lot off Park Avenue.

Tuesday April 6 is Tartan Day. Events TBA.

May: Picnic at Bob Anderson and Doris Steffe's home, Castle Rock.

July: Elizabeth Celtic Festival

August 14 – 15: Colorado Scottish Festival at Highlands Ranch

September 9 – 12: Longs Peak Scottish Irish Scottish Highland Festival at Estes Park

To be Addressed

National Elections: All staff positions are open – Commander, Vice Commander, Deputy Commander, Adjutant, Comptroller; plus three council positions. There is no incumbent for Comptroller – Mel Cooper passed away this year, and Councilor Al Ankrum has been filling in.

Incumbents:

William McKillop	National Commander
Jo Lawrence	National Vice Commander
Junny Jackson	National Deputy Commander
John Hassenplug	National Adjutant
<i>Vacant</i>	National Comptroller (Mel Cooper passed away this year, 2009)
Al Ankrum	Councilor
Merritt Powell	Councilor
James Rairdon	Councilor

SAMS Trophy 2010:

Please consider who may be worthy to receive the SAMS Trophy this year. It will be presented at the Colorado Scottish Festival on 15 August.

BSA Centennial:

Boy Scouts of America will celebrate their Centennial this year! They wish to conduct Flag Retirements as a commemorative project. SAMS will be in support.



No oops'es for 2010! Just planning and preparation.