



Friday Opening Ceremony



GREAT LAKES DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

October 27, 2017 - MIDDLETON, WISCONSIN – MARRIOTT HOTEL

- 4:35 pm Assembly of mixed color guards at first floor elevator with flags for floor assignments
- 4:45 pm Color guards with unit flags ascend to 3rd floor and align around atrium,
- 5:00 pm Aide-de-Camp calls assembly to attention, announces flag ceremony;
Bugler plays "To the Colors"
- Unit flags are pre-positioned to spacing at six feet intervals around atrium
 - WISSAR color guard: Four members are pre-positioned with large U.S. Flag on third floor of the atrium
- 5:05 pm Aide-de-Camp introduces units present and distinguished guests
- 5:10 pm Marine Sergeant Tim Lau sings the National Anthem
- At first note of Anthem, first large U.S. Flag is draped from fourth level secured by two color guardsmen
- 5:20 pm President General Guzy leads the group in the Pledge of Allegiance
- 5:25 pm The WISSAR president reads paragraph one of the "Declaration of Independence"
- 5:35 pm The NSSAR President General reads the "Preamble to the U.S. Constitution"
- 5:40 pm The GLD Vice President General reads the States in order of signing the Constitution
- Bell is tolled after each state is called
 - Bagpiper plays "America the Beautiful" during state recitation
- 5:45 pm MISSAR President leads Pledge to the SAR
- 5:50 pm ILSSAR President introduces the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" by Sgt. Lau and SAR
- 6:00 pm Aide-de-Camp describes the evening's activity and invites SAR and guests to join him in the Monona Room – Bagpiper leads group to banquet room playing "My Country 'Tis of Thee" or "Yankee Doodle"