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Mick Hersey (John Paul Jones Chapter) personifies what it means to be a dedicated patriot. As a member of the Western Washington Regiment of the Color Guard, he is fully committed to the SAR's strategic objectives of bringing History, Education and Patriotism to the public.

During the past six months, Mick could be found at various CG activities throughout the Puget Sound. His initiative and leadership set him apart from his compatriots and is worthy of recognition and thanks. *(See page 8 for the full story.)*

Color Guard Members!

If you would like to sell a surplus color guard item such as a Hunting Frock or Regimental uniform, accoutrements such as knives, canteens and belts, or whatever else you think might be of interest to your compatriots, please send me an email with photos, description, price, and contact information.

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Congratulations!

On November 5th 2016, in the city of Auburn, WA, the Western Washington Regiment of the Color Guard marched in its 6th Veterans Day parade. This parade is among the largest such event in the country. In 2011, when the Color Guard first participated in this event, there were only a handful of compatriots who marched. Since that time, the CG ranks have not only swelled dramatically but have also been complimented by the addition of a Fife and Drum Corps. In 2015, it all came together when the Color Guard unit was awarded the City of Auburn's "Best Non-Motorized Entry." This impressive feat occurred at a time when the Color Guard was competing against 167 other marching units. *(For additional information and photos about the Auburn parade, go to pages 9 - 10.)*

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The Color Guard Wants You!

Unlike any other component of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), the Color Guard provides newly inducted SAR members with multiple opportunities and challenges to do something meaningful with those handsome membership-certificates. Besides being a lot of fun, and a great way to form lasting friendships with other compatriots, the Color Guard is an excellent way to become an active participant in fulfilling the over-arching mission of our great organization. After all, where else but the Color Guard would you ever be given the opportunity to march in parades, participate in “Honor-Flight” homecoming welcomes for WWII veterans, post colors and congratulate new Americans at Citizenship ceremonies, honor individuals and businesses with Flag-Certificates, or teach our great American heritage to classrooms full of eager 4th and 5th graders? The answer is clearly, “nowhere.”

In an effort to encourage your participation, the Color Guard would like to give you the opportunity to use a loaner uniform (hunting frock or Regimental, free of charge) until you're able to purchase your own. During this transition phase, as you “build” a uniform, the Color Guard will also provide you with helpful tips and website addresses (see pages 4 – 7). By the way, you needn't be a military veteran to join the ranks of these modern day “patriot soldiers.” All that is required is the ability to smile, and wave a flag!



On July 4th, a large contingent of the SAR Color Guard (Western Washington Regiment) marched along crowded streets through the picturesque town of Steilacoom. They were joined by ladies from the DAR, some of whom carried muskets or played the fife.

Would you like to be a part of the famous WASSAR Color Guard? Call or email: Commander Bob O'Neal [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Deputy Commander Art Dolan [REDACTED] Vice-Commander Maj. Stan Wills [REDACTED]

Uniforms of the American Revolution

Massachusetts Regiment of Artillery, 1775-1776 "Knox's Artillery"



[REFERENCES: Letters of Henry Burbeck, an officer in the above regiment, written in 1845-1848, and printed in the New York Herald, June 15, 1913; descriptions of deserters, from the Providence Gazette, July 19, 1779, and the Connecticut Courant, November 24, 1778, printed post.]

This regiment was formed May 19, 1775, consisting of ten companies and 417 men under command of Colonel Richard Gridley. On November 17, 1775, Colonel Henry Knox took command and held it until December 27, 1776, when he was made Brigadier General and Chief of Artillery in the Continental Army. When the Army was reorganized in 1776, this regiment became the 3rd Continental Artillery under Colonel John Crane.

During the period 1775-1776, the men wore no uniform except what they could get, but the officers adopted a blue coat faced with red and lined with white cloth. These coats were cut in any style that the individual chose as there was no regulation, but the buttons were to be gilt and the buttonholes and lace the same. The coats were cut with tight sleeves and full skirts, as a rule, following the fashion of the day.

In 1778, this regiment was known as one of the best dressed in the Army. The men then wore blue coats faced with red, and lined with white, with white cross belts, red feathers in their hats, white serge breeches and waistcoats, white linen overalls or spatterdashes.

Later they wore the regulation artillery uniform adopted for all the artillery in accordance with Washington's general order of October, 1779. This order was about the same as given above except that the coats were to be faced and lined with red, and the buttonholes bound with yellow tape for the men, and gilt for the officers. Buttons for the men were of pewter with raised letters "U. S. A." on them, at this time.

[SOURCE: *Uniforms of the Armies in the War of the American Revolution, 1775-1783*. Lt. Charles M. Lefferts. Limited Edition of 500. New York York Historical Society. New York, NY. 1926.]

Third New York Regiment, 1775 Continental Line



[REFERENCES: Journal of the New York Provincial Congress, I, 59, 75, 385, 505, II, 37; New York in the Revolution (F. G. Mather, ed., 1900, p.70; Public Papers of George Clinton, IV, 120; Force's American Archives, 4th s., III, 447, 451. There is a photograph of the handsome flag of the regiment in Gherardi Davis's Regimental Colors in the War of the Revolution, plate VII.]

[SOURCE: *Uniforms of the Armies in the War of the American Revolution, 1775-1783*. Lt. Charles M. Lefferts. Limited Edition of 500. New York York Historical Society. New York, NY. 1926.]

This regiment, known also as the "Ulster Regiment," or "3rd Yorkers," was one of the four regiments raised by the Province of New York in the early summer of 1775, for the Continental service. These four New York regiments were brigaded under Brigadier General Montgomery and were with him in all his movements, ending in the assault of Quebec.

Each regiment had a different colored uniform coat, the distinctions in colors being as follows: 1st regt., Col. Alexander McDougall, blue, faced red. 2nd regt., Col. Goose Van Schaick, light brown, faced blue. 3rd regt., Col. James Clinton, gray, faced green. 4th regt., Col. James Holmes, dark brown, faced scarlet.

By the end of August, 1775, all the men were supplied with uniform coats, and although there was a shortage of arms, tents, and many articles of clothing, many of the men were completely equipped, as shown in the drawing, which may be described as follows:

Coarse cloth regimental coat of the colors given above, white linen cravats or stocks, waistcoats and breeches of Russia drilling, woolen home-knit stockings, low shoes, a felt hat with low crown and wide brim cocked up, knapsacks and haversacks of painted canvas, and wooden canteens.

General Montgomery was much pleased with their appearance, and is said to have remarked that they had "acquired the air of Regulars."

Many of the survivors of the Canadian Campaign of 1775-1776, both officers and men, served in different commands throughout the war.

Later these New York troops were provided with buckskin waistcoats and breeches, or overalls of wool, and woolen mittens and caps. Many also wore the rifle frock for service.

Their colors were of white, yellow, blue, and green silk.

In the Spotlight

Mick Hersey: Color Guard Stalwart



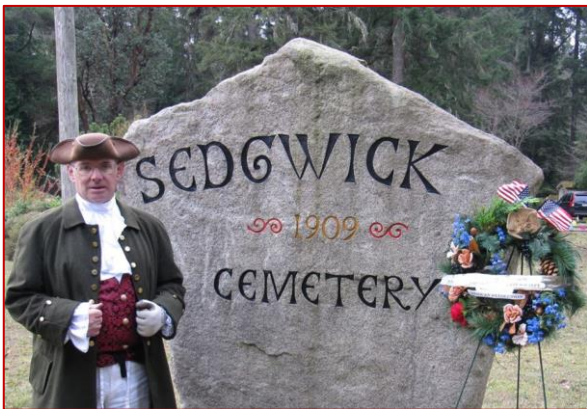
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A: Using some serious elbow-grease, 1st Lt Mick Hersey (USN SCPO Ret.) is shown restoring one of the Oregon Trail markers; **B:** Standing in front of a covered-wagon at the Oregon Trail marker rededication ceremony in Toledo, WA; **C:** At the NW Colonial Festival, in Sequim, where Mick was the Town Crier; **D:** As the Wreaths Across America Chairman, Mick visited Sedgwick Cemetery where he and others placed wreaths on our Veteran's Graves; **E:** Wearing a naval uniform that is similar to the one worn by his Chapter namesake, John Paul Jones.

BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE

Mick Hersey has been a busy man...

About six months ago, he was actively engaged in restoring 11 of the Oregon Trail markers that were placed by the DAR and SAR back in 1916. The skills that he used to complete the restoration process were learned from Mission Restore Bronze, an Arizona company that specializes in restoring veteran's memorials throughout the southern United States. Mick taught these skills during a 2-hour class to a group of 20 volunteers from the DAR and SAR (including Art Dolan, who helped coordinate the cleaning). One of the restored markers, located in Toledo, WA, was rededicated in late September in a remarkable ceremony that was attended by the mayor, townsfolk, and members of the SAR and DAR.

In mid-August, Mick participated in the NW Colonial Festival in Sequim. He was the "Town Crier" who made announcements and signaled the start of the wildly popular "Hay-Bale Presentations."

Recently, Mick participated in organizing and laying wreaths for Wreaths Across America.

The Auburn Veterans Day Parade



2011

Long ago: Our first entry in the 2011 Auburn Parade - 5 Nov 2011. Our Vice Commander Stan Wills and Gale Palmer came over from Spokane with fixed bayonets on their muskets to guard our Colors, carried by (l. to r.) Com'dr Bob O'Neal, Capt. Lee Thomasson and Capt. Doug Nelson. Pretty much five of the only seven SAR color guards in the State then. Now we muster 38 SAR Color Guardsmen. A long way back, compatriots.

Bob O'Neal

2013

The WASSAR Color Guard, seven abreast, leads SAR & DAR compatriots in the famous Auburn Veterans Day Parade. Flags carried were US Betsy Ross-Capt. Doug Nelson, John Paul Jones Chapter; WA State - Capt. Lee Thomasson, Alexander Hamilton Chapter; WASSAR flag - Lt. Paul Adan, Alexander Hamilton; SAR Chapter flag - 1st Lt Mick Hersey, John Paul Jones; & DAR flag - Art Dolan, Alexander Hamilton. On left Rifleman Ensign Fred Ramsey, & on right musketeer Gerg Emerson. Led by Lt. Col. Bob O'Neal, WASSAR Color Guard

The largest Veterans Day parade on the West Coast, there were 215 units with 6,000 participants and some 20,000 onlookers.



2015

With the addition of the Fife and Drum Corps, led by Drum Major Viren Lemmer, the SAR Color Guard received the Veteran's Award for "Best Non-Motorized Entry." Huzzah! An awesome achievement. (L to R) Drum Major Viren Lemmer (sporting period glasses), Bass Drummer Skip Stephan, Fifer Stephanie Conroy (DAR), Fifer Terry Barker (DAR). Fifer Dave Irons.



2015

After four or five years of marching under sunny – and frequently cloudy conditions – the sky opened up during the Auburn Veteran’s Day Parade and dumped buckets of rain on the Color Guard. Still, it was a grand ole’ time; in spite of the soggy tri-corns and wet shoes. Even the finely attired DAR ladies (Daughters of the American Revolution) braved the weather and turned out in force.

The parade on Saturday marked the 50th anniversary of Auburn’s veteran’s day observance. This year, there were 208 marching units – including 30 bands.

2016

Our combined SAR-DAR unit is comprised of 1) SAR & DAR banners, 2) SAR-DAR Fife & Drum Corps, 3) SAR-DAR Color Guard, 4) SAR & DAR Marching members, and added today, 5) 21 sailors carrying our historic flags. The marching unit is followed by the SAR Van and DAR vehicles carrying sister compatriots.

Sadly, this year’s Auburn Veterans Day parade will be the last time that Color Guard Commander Bob O’Neal (shown below) leads the way. He will be sorely missed, but not to worry: Art Dolan will take over in Bob’s place.



Constitution Week Ceremonies



In Spokane, Color Guard members (R to L) Dale Ryan (Lt.), Gale Palmer (Capt.), and William Palmer participated in a ceremony marking the anniversary of the U.S Constitution. They were joined by ladies from the DAR. This annual ceremony is held in Manito park next to the George Washington Statue.



Major Stan Wills, Washington State SAR Color Guard Vice-Commander, Eastern Washington Regiment, is shown congratulating and welcoming new Americans at a citizenship ceremony. There were 75 new citizens from 31 countries.

Similar ceremonies were held throughout the state. At Mt. Tahoma High School, in Tacoma, Commander Bob O'Neal and Captain Greg Emerson attended a ceremony where 82

immigrants, from 32 countries, took the oath of citizenship.

Citizenship ceremonies frequently occur during Constitution week. These ceremonies offer the SAR Color Guard the perfect opportunity to greet the new citizens, welcome them to America, and even provide them with some understanding about how our nation came into existence.

Color Guard members are highly encouraged to attend these events



Constitution Week: Commander's Message

“Our Founding Fathers gathered in Philadelphia in the summer of 1776 to draft our Declaration of Independence from Great Britain. On July 4 of that year, a free and independent United States of America was born. After the American patriots won independence on the battlefield, our Founding Fathers met again in 1787 to draft a plan for the governing of our new nation. That plan - our Constitution - was signed on September 17, 1787, by delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, presided over by George Washington. New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify the document, and it was subsequently agreed that government under the U.S. Constitution would begin on March 4, 1789. For 229 years, our Constitution has proven to be an enduring guide in our quest to secure our Founding Fathers' vision of a free and democratic America.

September 17, 2016, began the national celebration of Constitution Week. We celebrate our Constitution because it recognizes and protects both the sovereignty of our nation and our sovereignty as individual Americans. Under the Constitution, our Founding Fathers crafted a form of government that would be strong enough to secure our rights against domestic and foreign oppression and yet not so strong or extensive as to be oppressive itself.

The United States Constitution Week resolution signed into Public Law #915 on August 2, 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The aims of the celebration are to (1) emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution, preserving it for posterity; (2) inform the people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life; and (3) encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

Constitution Week is the perfect opportunity to read and study this great document which is

the safeguard of our American liberties. The Washington SAR encourages all citizens across the country to take time this week to guard that which is committed to us by our forefathers... “our freedom.” Keep faith with our founding fathers and fly the American flag during the week.”

Reconnect with the United States Constitution. Click [HERE](#).

In Patriotic Service

Douglas H. Nelson
President, Washington Society
Sons of the American Revolution

Note: The above message can also be found at: WassarToday.org



The Spokane Flag Museum



A - B: The Spokane SAR Flag Museum is up and running with 60 historic flags and 25 posters. It is operated by Spokane #1 Chapter and manned by the following SAR Color Guardsmen: Vice Commander Stan Wills (Docent), Chapter President Gale Palmer, Rob Goff, John Caskey, Tom Clark, Dale Ryan, and Jim Herbert. The museum is the largest museum of its type in the Northwest. It is located at the Fairmount Memorial Park at 1402 South Pines Road, Spokane.

C: Note from Major Stan Wills, Vice Commander WASSAR Color Guard: "Today I did a program for the Idaho CAR (Children of the American Revolution). I gave them a project to collect replica Flags for the 13 original colonies. I did a short flag program assisted by new member Rene Lebourhis. We did a fund-raising project in which I donated \$100, and with this we were able to purchase the flags and poles. I furnished everything else and used my connections to keep the project under budget. It turned out wonderful. It is a great addition the Flag Museum."

D: Mike Moore & Denny Shaw attended the 5 Mile Prairie Days where they set up a recruiting booth. The 5 Mile Grange made a \$100 donation to the flag museum.

It started with a simple request to honor his wife's first husband.

In 1971, a gentleman asked us if he could honor his wife's first husband who passed away. His wife often talked about how proud he was to be a veteran and serve his country. Because he truly loved his wife, he wanted to help her pay tribute to her first husband's memory and service by having a large American flag fly every Memorial Day Weekend, and asked if the cemetery would do that each year. We were proud to honor his request. He purchased the flag, the pole, and a small plaque with the veteran's name on it. This flag flies every Memorial Day Weekend. Thus began the **Fairmount Memorial Association's Flag Program**.

Now, over 3500 flags stand guard throughout our cemeteries, honoring veterans every Memorial Day Weekend. But many flags are fading and wearing out. Some have been replaced. Many more need replacing. **Would you help honor a Veteran for eternity?**



We have 3 different ways you can help!

Military Honor Guard Package

Includes a new 5'x 8' flag in our perpetual flag program, a 14' flag pole, and a 16" x 8" gray name marker for a veteran. \$520

Veteran Care Package

Includes a new 5'x 8' flag in our perpetual flag program and a 14' flag pole. \$170

Replacement Flag

One new 5' x 8' replacement American flag. \$50

Any and all donations are gladly accepted.

**We can never compensate the price our Veterans have paid.
But we can continue to honor their memory with your help.**



Fairmount Memorial Association

The Fairmount Memorial Association is comprised of the 7 Community-Locally Owned, Premiere Cemeteries.

Fairmount Memorial Park
326-3800

Pines Cemetery / South Pines Cemetery
926-2753

Riverside Memorial Park / Greenwood Memorial Terrace
838-1405

Spokane Cheney Memorial Park • Woodlawn Cemetery
448-2620 326-3800

Rosters & Activities

Official State & National Society Color Guard Events

(REF: SAR Handbook, Vol. V and SAR Color Guard Handbook www.sar.org/)

The listed events are hereby designated Official State Level Color Guard events by the WASSAR Color Guard Committee and are under the responsibility and control of the WASSAR Color Guard Commander. State level events are in blue ink and National in red for earning SAR color guard medals. Dates are approximate and should be confirmed on the current Color Guard Events Schedule.

WESTERN WASHINGTON

DATE (approx.)	EVENT	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Feb 15	Washington Birthday Memorial	(DAR) Present Colors	UW Seattle
March	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting		Louisville KY
Apr 29	Pacific District Meeting		OR or WA
Apr 30	WASSAR Annual Meeting	Present Colors	OR or WA
May 7	WSSDAR Annual Conference	Booth & Colors	EWA or WWA
May 21	Armed Forces Day Parade	Parade	Bremerton
May 30	Memorial Day Activity		Various
June 18	WSGS Annual Conference	Booth & Colors	EWA or WWA
July 4	Independence Day Parade	Parade	Steilacoom
July 4	Independence Day Activity		Various
July 5	National SAR Congress		Various
Sept 5	Labor Day Parade	Parade	Black Diamond
Sept 18-19	Washington State Fair	Booth	Puyallup
Sept 17	Citizenship Celebration	Booth & Colors	Tacoma
September	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting		Louisville KY
Nov 7	Veterans Day Parade	Parade Auburn	WA
Nov 11	Veterans Day Activity		Various
Dec 12	Wreaths Across America		Various

EASTERN WASHINGTON (Additional State level Events):

(EWA color guards may count their chapter color guard events as equivalent to State-level events.)

DATE (approx.)	EVENT	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
May 14	Lilac Torch Light Parade Veterans	Parade	Spokane
Sept 17	Constitution Day Citizenship Ceremony	Meet & Greet	Spokane
Nov 7	Richland Veterans Day Parade	Parade	West Richland
TBA	DAR State Events	Post Colors	Various
TBA	Honor Flight for WWII/Korea Veterans	Meet & Greet	Spokane

The SAR Bronze CG medal requires uniformed participation at 3 state level events or equivalent chapter level events over each of 3 years; The Silver medal requires 3 national/district events over each of three years; The Von Steuben medal requires 25 national/district events over at least 5 years.

Douglas Nelson, Col.
Brigade Commander
& President, WASSAR

Robert O'Neal, Lt.Col.
WASSAR Color Guard Commander
& Committee Chairman

Color Guard Roster (As of January 2017)

Brigade Commander: Col. Douglas Nelson [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Western Washington Regiment:
WASSAR Color Guard Commander

Lt. Col. Bob O'Neal, [REDACTED] Tacoma
[REDACTED]

WASSAR Deputy Color Guard
Commander

Major Art Dolan [REDACTED] Olympia
Email: [REDACTED]

Alexander Hamilton Chapter:

Captain Lee Thomasson, [REDACTED]
Hoquiam

Email: [REDACTED]
Drum Major Viren Lemmer Tacoma

Email: [REDACTED]

Lt. Paul Adan [REDACTED] Tacoma

Email: [REDACTED]

Ensign Fred Ramsey, [REDACTED]
Olympia

Email: [REDACTED]

Lt. Col. Bob Parrish [REDACTED]

Univ. Place

Email: [REDACTED]

John Welsh, [REDACTED] (Rochambeau)

Email: [REDACTED] Olympia

Skip Stephan [REDACTED] Steilacoom

Email: [REDACTED]

Claude Asher [REDACTED] Auburn

Email: [REDACTED]

* Brandt Gibson [REDACTED] Edgewood

Email: [REDACTED]

John Paul Jones Chapter:

Captain Fred Gilbert [REDACTED] Seabeck

Email: [REDACTED]

1st Lt. Mick Hersey [REDACTED] Bremerton

Email: [REDACTED]

Col. Bob Smalser [REDACTED] Seabeck

Email: [REDACTED]

Dave Gaddis [REDACTED] Poulsbo

Email: [REDACTED]

Ken Roberts [REDACTED] Gig Harbor

Email: [REDACTED]

Fifer David Irons [REDACTED] 5 Olalla

Email: [REDACTED]

Keith Phillipy [REDACTED] Bremerton

Email: [REDACTED]

Drummer Dan Weedon, [REDACTED] 3

Poulsbo Email: [REDACTED]

Noah Chase [REDACTED] 1 Burley

Email: [REDACTED]

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Capt. Greg Emerson [REDACTED] Renton

Email: [REDACTED]

Major Jim Lindley, [REDACTED] 6 Bellevue

Email: [REDACTED]

Eastern Washington Regiment:

WASSAR Vice Commander

Major Stan Wills, [REDACTED] Sprague

Email: [REDACTED]

Spokane Chapter:

Captain Gale Palmer, [REDACTED] Sprague

Email: [REDACTED]

Lt. Dale Ryan [REDACTED] Spokane

Email: [REDACTED]

Will Palmer, [REDACTED] Deer Park

Email: None

Bill Rickett, [REDACTED] Spokane Valley

Email: [REDACTED]

Mike Moore, [REDACTED] Spokane

Email: [REDACTED]

Dennis Shaw, [REDACTED] Spokane

Email: [REDACTED]

Will Gates, [REDACTED] Spokane

Email: [REDACTED]

Tom Clark, [REDACTED] Deer Park

Email: [REDACTED]

Mid-Columbia Chapter:

Captain Larry Flint [REDACTED] Richland

Email: [REDACTED]

Lt. Barry Moravek [REDACTED] Richland

Email: [REDACTED]

Conn Clark [REDACTED] Richland

Email: [REDACTED]

Ken Powe [REDACTED] Richland

Email: [REDACTED]

Kelly Schultz [REDACTED] Kennewick

Email: [REDACTED]

Other Western WA Chapters (TBA):

Seattle, George Washington, Ft. Vancouver

* Denotes newest Color Guard member

Western Washington Activities

Winter-Spring 2016

(Official WASSAR scheduled events in blue, NSSAR in red.)

Western Washington Regiment

Jan 9 - 5:30pm - Tillicum DAR Des Moines, Dana Buss: *Women in the American Revolution* - (O'Neal)

Jan 24 - SAR Exec. Board Meeting - Telecon

Jan 28 - 12noon - DAR BOM Luncheon - SeaTac Radisson Drummers with 2d Conn. Militia Reenactors - Nelson & O'Neal - DAR awards.

Feb TBA - 1:35pm Heritage Christian School 1st Grade "*George Washington's Birthday*" - 40 (O'Neal)

Feb TBA- 1:35pm Heritage Christian School 2nd Grade "*Colonial Life & Betsy Ross*" - 40 (O'Neal)

Feb 20 - 9:00am Presidents Day with GSDARRC: George Washington Memorial Wreath Laying at Univ. of Washington - SAR & DAR Color Guard. Contact: Lanabeth Horgen

Feb 25 - 2:00pm "*Patriotic Day* - Massing of the Colors - Stadium High School Gym - O'Neal, Dolan & Lemmer. Color Guard from AH, JPJ, CC Chapters - only 2 Color bearers with Nat'l & SAR Colors from each Chapter. Fife & Drum Corps.

Mar 2-4: NSSAR Leadership Conference - Louisville KY (Nelson, Lindley, Doughty, Lucas)

Mar TBA - 5:00pm Sea Scout Ship 110 Bridge of Honor awards- Mt. Tahoma HS - (O'Neal)

Apr 21-22 - WASSAR Pacific District Conf. - Red Lion, Olympia WA (Nelson, O'Neal, Dolan, Wills, Thomasson, Gibson, Emerson, Adan, Hersey, Gilbert, Dolan, Gaddis, Wills, Palmer, Flint, Moravek)

April 22 - 8:00am WASSAR Annual Meeting - Color Guard, Dolan (All Hands)

Apr 24 - Monday 8:00pm Honor Flight at SeaTac Airport - All Compatriots (uniforms OK)

Apr 27-29 WSSDAR 2015 State Conference: Davenport Grand Hotel Spokane WA. Contact: Esther Reed & May Hutton. - (Wills, Flint, Moravek, Powe, & CG)

May 9 - 5:00pm Cascade DAR Bellevue, Bronwen: *Flags of the American Revolution* - O'Neal

May 20 - ARMED FORCES DAY Parade - Bremerton with DAR - Contact Marissa Goldenman. SAR & DAR Color Guard Marching unit of four Color Guards, two banner carriers, and 10-20 blazer-clad SAR compatriots. (Dolan, Nelson, O'Neal, Adan, Lemmer, Hersey, Gilbert, Plyler, Herwer, Blevins, etc.) - **(All compatriots & Color Guardhands.)**

May 22 - Monday 8:00pm Honor Flight at SeaTac Airport - All Compatriots (uniforms OK)

May 28 - 9:00am Memorial Day Fir Lane Memorial Park, 924 E. 176th, Spanaway, AH Chapter (O'Neal, Thomasson, Adan, Dolan, Lemmer, Stephan, Asher, Gibson)

May 29 - 9:00am Memorial Day at USS Turner Joy and Ivy Green Cemetery (Nelson & Hersey)

May 29 - 10:00am Memorial Day at Tahoma National Cemetery.

End of Year Review (2016 Events)



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A: Prior to the **Independence Day** parade, in Steilacoom, members of the Color Guard met at a local Pub & Grill for grog and hamburgers. B: Newly appointed Color Guard photographer, Jack Barney, on the hunt for the perfect photo. He and his wife Sharon work as a team to create outstanding photographs. C: Claude Asher (L) and Harold Steenberg lead the way, followed by the a very large contingent of the Color Guard; D: Before the parade, the Color Guard prepares to step-off. From (R to L): Rachel Burdell, Joyce Jackman, Mick Hersey, Art Dolan, Doug Nelson, and Paul Adan.



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A: A platoon of Redcoats prepares to meet the rebels at the **NW Colonial Festival in Sequim**; B: Meeting of the adversaries: British Major Sir John Redmayne (Jack Pauley), commander of the composite unit, of Coldstream Guards, 33rd & 43rd Reg'ts of Foot, at left poses with Lt.Col. Bob O'Neal, the SAR Color Guard & artillery commander under a 'flag o' truce'; C: SAR Captain Fred Gilbert (Col. USAF Ret.), expert regimental infantry soldier of the Connecticut Line. In honor of his ancestor, he wears the red epaulet of an infantry sergeant and the chevron of a soldier with three years of service; D: WSSDAR Regent Julie Pittman (red blouse) with DAR ladies at the **Black Diamond Labor Day Parade**; E: WASSAR President Douglas Nelson (with American flag) speaks to the "troops" before the parade; F: Doug Nelson and Julie Pittman.



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A: Ancestry Day. Washington's Sec'y of State Kim Wyman, who has patriot ancestors herself, introduced the Color Guard. They marched forward to fife playing of "Yankee Doodle", and smart beat of drum. Pictured with Secretary Kim Wyman are (l. To r.) Lt Paul Adan, Maj. Art Dolan, Lt. Col. Bob O'Neal, and seated Drummer Jan Lemmer and son, Drum Major Viren Lemmer; **B:** The atrium where event-participants congregated to look at display tables; **C:** Drum Major Viren Lemmer looks at the many books, while Commander Bob O'Neal (in the background, red plume on hat) strikes-up a conversation; **D** Over 700 amateur genealogists attended the event. Here they are shown waiting for the opening ceremony; **E: Oregon Trail Marker Rededication, Toledo, WA.** Bob O'Neal (far left) stands with Mick Hersey in front of a covered-wagon. Far right, and barely visible, Art Dolan; **F:** Children place stones, inscribed with their names, at the base of the marker.

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A: Veterans Day Parade, Auburn. Commander Bob O'Neal leads the way along rain-soaked streets **B:** In front of the reviewing-stand, the Color Guard stopped to present colors; **C: Veterans Day event at Washington Elementary School** in Tacoma. (L to R): Commander Bob O'Neal, George Washington impersonator Vern Frykholm, and Drum Major Viren Lemmer; **D** Several hundred children gathered together in the gymnasium and listened to George Washington talk about colonial times; **E: Wreaths Across America.** (L to R) WAA Chairman Mick Hersey, Vice President David Blevins, President Conrad Plyler and Chaplain Noah Chase of the John Paul Jones SAR Chapter participated in placing wreaths at 6 cemeteries around Bremerton and Port Orchard; **F:** Civil War Veteran Orrin Mills is honored with a Wreath from Wreaths Across America.

Eastern Washington Activities

Mid-Year Review (2016 Events)



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A: Last Saturday (August 20th) the DAR asked us to assist in **honoring a past North Dakota Regent (1938-1940)**. The current DAR Registrar was finally able to track her down when she found out she was buried next to her mother in Spokane's Greenwood Cemetery. DAR from Washington, Idaho, California, North Dakota & Mexico were in Attendance. **B - C:** Spokane #1 posted colors. **D:** Will Palmer gives lessons on how to fire a musket; **E:** Stan Wills & Dennis Shaw folded a flag and presented it to the current North Dakota DAR Regent. Dennis Shaw played "Amazing Grace" on his fife and Dale Ryan accompanied a DAR Lady in singing "Amazing Grace", followed by a musket salute by Rene Lebourhis, Gale Palmer & Will Palmer. We later attended a reception help at the Airport Hotel. **Written by Stan Wills.**



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A - B: Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society Jamboree at The Dalles, Oregon. On October 8, Brian Smith, Ron Mains, his Sister Beverly (in the DAR) and Larry Flint set up an information booth at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center; C - D: Also, on October 8, Kelly Schultz represented the Mid-Columbia SAR Chapter at the local Sea Cadet Change of Command Ceremony; E: On October 22, Barry Moravek, Kelly Schultz and Larry Flint (not shown) attended and manned a chapter booth at the Hermiston Family Discovery Days; F: Kelly talking about SAR to interested party.



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A: On a cool foggy day on November 5, the Color Guard attended the **West Richland Veterans Day Parade**. Larry Flint, drummer Kelly Schultz, Barry Moravek and Ken Powe, both local chapters of the DAR and one lady from the Walla Walla DAR Chapter were present. Shown in the photo (L to R) Ken Powe, Barry Moravek, Larry Flint, Susan Faulkner, Cameron McElroy, Kelly, Anita Wies, Shirley Schmundk, Karen Schultz, Cary Campbell and Nancy Daily; **B:** Parade start on Van Giesen Boulevard; **C:** Ken Powe, Kelly Schultz and Larry Flint attended the **New Citizen Ceremony** on November 15, along with 4 ladies from the Columbia River DAR chapter, at the Richland Federal Building. 17 New Citizens were sworn in. We provided our crossed flag pins and the DAR provided punch and cookies.



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A: Wreaths Across America at Sunset and Resthaven Cemeteries. Barry Moravek is shown laying a wreath on the grave of Civil War veteran, William Johnston; **B:** Barry gave the opening remarks in the confines of a warm building. Outside, the temperature was 7 degrees with snow on the ground and more falling; **C:** Mid-Columbia Chapter members (L to R) Lt. Barry Moravek, Conn Clark, Art, Ken Powe and Capt. Larry Flint at Resthaven Cemetery. Following the wreath-laying ceremony, the Chapter held its December meeting. **D:** Spokane #1 Chapter also participated in **Wreaths Across America** at Pines Cemetery and the VA Cemetery at Medical Lake. (L to R): Vice-Commander Stan Wills, Dennis Shaw, and Lt. Dale Ryan at Pines Cemetery. Before the ceremony, Major Stan Wills gave a speech about the Battle of Trenton and described how the bitter cold weather and snow during the battle was similar to the weather they were experiencing that very day, in Spokane. Afterwards, the 75 or so volunteers placed wreaths on the graves of 135 veterans.

Uniforms and Suppliers

WASSAR Color Guard Uniforms: January 2017

Regimental Uniform

NOTE: This is the preferred uniform for Color Guard leaders and flag bearers.

Typical items: Tri-corn hat, coat, waistcoat (vest), breeches or long overalls, stockings, buckled shoes.

Undergarments: White soldier shirt, collar, puffed sleeves, optional ruffles at throat & cuffs.

Note: Officers wear shoulder boards, and a crimson silk sash; NCO's wear epaulets, red wool sash, and a sword.

Accoutrements: Neck stock (tie), haversack, canteen, pistol or musket/bayonet or long rifle

Minimum costs less tax & shipping:

Jas. Townsend & Son: www.jas-townsend.com/

Tricorn Hat: TH-905 (\$66), Other Models: (\$62 to \$200)

Coat: RC152 (\$345 - \$365. Purchase of a coat can be deferred, as the other items make a suitable uniform.)

Waistcoat: SW-130 (\$122-\$132); **Knee**

breeches: \$90.00 or **Long pants:** PA-125 (\$85.00) or **light color khakis**

Soldier Shirt: \$45.00 or **Ruffled shirt:** \$60.00;

Neck stock: \$8.50; **Long stockings:** \$13.00

Total Minimum Outlay: \$200 - \$300 as a starter uniform. (Regimental coat added later.)

Optional Accoutrement Items:

Leather Belt: \$22.00; **Shoulder boards:** \$15.00 (One or two, in red, green, silver, or gold; according to rank)

Sash: \$100.00. (Crimson for officers) **Note:** The 54" long sash was used as stretcher to carry fallen off the battlefield.

Haversack: \$20.00; **Canteen:** \$55.00; **Sword:** \$82.00 "Bunker Hill" sword widely available on web.

Rifle replica: \$180.00. Available as non-firing pieces; **Musket replica:** \$200.00 with **Bayonet;** **Powder Horn:** \$20.00



(Above): Major James Lindley



Fifer David Irons

Colonial Militiaman's Uniform

NOTE: Desirable for armed color guardsmen to flank the flag bearers.

Typical items: 'Round' hat, hunting frock, long pants and/or leggings, boots or moccasins;

Undergarments: White soldier shirt or regular farm-type checked shirt;

Note: Officers wear colored sash, NCO's colored wool sash.

Accoutrements: Belt, haversack, canteen, tomahawk, musket & bayonet or long rifle (no bayonet);



(L to R): Captain Greg Emerson, Lt. Paul Adan

Minimum costs less tax & shipping:

Jas. Townsend & Son: www.jas-townsend.com/

Round Hat: \$40.00 - \$52.00; **Hunting Frock:** \$65.00 (Dixie Gun Works) or \$95.00 - 110.00 (Jas-Townsend), **Waistcoat:** \$40.00 - \$122; (Options: Purchase your own cloth & a pattern for \$12.00 and make it locally; purchase the Kit with pieces already cut for \$35.00 and have it sewn to fit locally)

Leather Belt: On hand;

Long pants: \$85.00 (Or use light color khakis);

Cravat: \$14.00;

Soldier Shirt: \$45.00 (Or use any rough cotton, linen or homespun farm-look shirt, solid or check);

Moccasins or work boots or hiking boots: On hand – shoes, boots not critical;

Total Minimum Outlay: \$200-\$300 as a starter uniform. (Pants added later);

Optional Accoutrement Items:

Leggings: \$33.00; **Haversack:** \$20.00;

Canteen: \$55.00; **Rifle replica:** \$180.00 (non-firing)

Musket replica: \$200 with **Bayonet;** **Powder Horn:** \$20.00; **Tomahawk:** \$16.00; **Hunting knife:** \$40.00

NOTE: ALL the uniform items DO NOT need to be obtained to make up a COMPLETE uniform for Color Guard events.



Captain Fred Gilbert

Uniform Sources

Uniforms in polyester are less expensive and look dressier. But they cannot be used for firing flintlocks as sparks will burn through this material. Uniforms in wool and linen are more authentic, more expensive, and less comfortable. They can be used to fire flintlock weapons since the sparks will not burn through.

These are just a few sources. Check the internet for more.

Rick Haven: Uniforms are made to order (Dress regimental, and accessories, too). The uniforms are museum-quality, at reasonable prices. Fine Wool, Polyester/wool.

Email: 5elves@bellsouth.net

Web Address: www.just2tailors.com/

Jas. Townsend & Son: Hats, clothing, and accoutrements. All items, including uniforms, are good quality and reasonably priced.

Web Address: www.jas-townsend.com/

C&D Jarnigan Co.: All items of uniform – higher priced quality goods. Wool, linen, cotton.

Web Address:

www.jarniginco.com/revwarframe.html

Example: (Leggings for riflemen-\$33)

Avalon Forge: Accoutrements at reasonable prices. Also carries many items from colonial life for presenting in the classroom.

Address: 409 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD 21227

Phone: (410)242-8431

Web Address: www.avalonforge.com/

Smiling Fox Forge: All items of Uniform – gun supplies, colonial goods – reasonable prices

Web Address:

www.stores.ebay.com.au/smiling-fox-forge

Guns and Swords: Arms, replicas, flintlocks. Rifles, muskets, bayonet, and swords are sold at competitive prices.

Web Address: www.gunsandswords.com/

Crazy Crow Trading Post: Rifleman, mountaineer, Indian items (kits, crafts, and patterns). Also sells a variety of rifleman accoutrements. Round hats: \$25.00.

Web Address: www.crazycrow.com/

Dixie Gun Works.: Guns and accoutrements, including a very good hunting frock for only \$65.00.

Web Address: www.dixiegunworks.com/

Rendezvous schedule: Used items are often on sale at “mountain man” rendezvous.

Web Address:

www.cascademountainmen.com/gunshow.html

Fort Nisqually Gift Shop: Located at Point Defiance in Tacoma. They have many items of colonial life for presentations in the classroom.

Editor’s Note: Don’t forget to check out the following additional websites:

www.amazon.com/ (Muskets, powder horns)

www.caltld.com/ (Collector’s Armory – replica weapons)

www.colonialuniforms.com/ (Coats, breeches, waistcoats, shirts)



Great Deals

For a mere \$50, you can now purchase either the “wrap-around” hunting frock/shirt (shown in the photo), or a similar pullover version. Either of these frocks will take you a long way toward getting outfitted as either a militiaman or minuteman. Color Guard Vice-Commander Stan Wills (Mid-Columbia Chapter) rates the wrap-around as “one of the best.”



This from Commander Bob O’Neal: “With this hunting frock, a pair of white, off-white or tan khaki trousers, a sash or belt and a tri-corn hat from James Townsend, buckled shoes from ‘Buy Costumes,’ or your own street shoes or boots, you can march with us as a Militiaman. We have a loaner musket you can carry.”



Pullover Version

<http://www.oneblanket.com/>

Their superb hunting frocks are only \$55.00. Fringed on the edge, with pewter buttons on the sleeves, they’re made from natural cotton canvas. Sizes XS-4X. Larger sizes made by measurements.

<http://www.jas-townsend.com/>

Their "Standard wool felt Tri-corn in Black TH-905" is \$66.00. Their "Black Tri-corn Hat Special TH-915" is \$33.00. For those who want to take it a step further, you can get buckled shoes for \$35.00.

<http://www.buycostumes.com/>

The item is "Samuel Adult Shoes" in black item #33643. The soles of the shoes might be slippery on the wet brick, but under most circumstances they should work just fine.

Note: Website does not support Firefox browser.

RULES REGARDING THE WEAR OF TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH ATTIRE

During the Revolutionary War, many Americans of Scottish ancestry supported the patriot cause. In fact, 19 of the 56 delegates who signed the Declaration of Independence were Scottish-Americans. On the battlefield, those who fought the Redcoats often did so while clothed in traditional Scottish attire.

Recently, there was much discussion about whether or not Color Guard members should be allowed to march in their kilts. The following material addresses the controversy and the agreed upon solution.



As Presented, the suggested compromise actually is very close to what most supporters were seeking approval to wear. It is a good alternative.

The 1777 woodcut/image of a Georgia Scottish attire Militiaman was actually on our Georgia Patriot “Continental” money from 1777---War’s end.

• Per Mark Anthony: The SAR Color Guard is a representative body and NOT historically accurate in presentation of Revolutionary War-era Militia, Army, or other supporting Revolutionary War era materials. As such, as stated, a Representation of these Patriots in question would be sufficient.

• The kilt uniform would consist of:

- 1) A kilt (Modern/ Ancient) (long pleat or short waist pleat)
- 2) Waist Belt to hold pleats, over or under waist coat
- 3) Buckle shoes, boots or moccasins for foot wear
- 4) Stockings – knee length of wool or cotton, with or without, garters or leg- buckle ties
- 5) A colonial shirt (pull over) white – checkered--raw tan cotton-etc...
- 6) A neck sock-option, colonial waist coat, a bonnet, flop or Tricor hat
- 7) Ancient Sporrans “only”; sewn skin-leather bags tied at the apex and attached to a waist belt (under coat), or tied around the waist
These were in lieu of NO pockets on old/ancient pleat kilts or Scottish clothing.



Bob Parrish

• Accessories:

- 1) Haversack
- 2) Broadsword or claymore
- 3) Dirks/knife/tomahawk
- 4) Musket & cartridge box

• **NO Modern** sporrans, **NO** modern foot-wear, **NO** ties (bow or long), **NO** day coats, **NO** Prince Charlie Coats and **NO** modern uniform hats. **NO** ‘dicing’ on any article.

* Need Stockings? Made from 75% cotton, 22% polyester, and 3% Spandex. Even better, they come up to the knee! A tip from Color Guard Commander, Bob O’Neal: www.golfknickers.com/