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YEAR END LETTER FROM THE COMMANDER

* * * HONOR * * *

Honor is a word having lots of meaning and emotion attached to it. In some places it is a position of esteem such as the "Honorable". It is also a sign of respect and recognition to be "Honored". It can also mean respect for bringing credit to an organization such as, "I would be Honored". There are times when it conjures a sense of ethical conduct when described as a person of "Honor", or militarily to serve with "Honor".



As this year comes to a close, and we look forward to 2018, my personal pride for every member of the Sons of the American Revolution, choosing to participate in one or more Color Guard events, makes my heart swell.

When I took command in May, my first duty was to honor one of our fallen compatriots, Darrell Holt. His love of the Color Guard and SAR gave us the opportunity to show our respect by posting the colors and Honoring his final resting place.

On July 4th, once again, a sign of respect and recognition presented itself when the Color Guard was asked to lead the Steilacoom Parade. No greater honor could have improved our parade pride. As descendants of the American Revolution, celebrating the signing of the Declaration of Independence, leading the parade honors everyone in attendance, and especially the SAR, because our families were here when it was signed.

From Woodinville, to Black Diamond, we proudly drummed, fifed and marched, displaying our heritage, honoring those whose courage and commitment provided us with the freedoms we enjoy today.

From Labor Day, Veterans Day, to Wreaths across America, our respect given to patriot ancestors, in conjunction with our respect to past veterans, and those who have, are, or will serve in the future, it is our Honor to be there.

During this time of love, family, and sharing, I wish all of you, Joy and the Happiest of Holidays. It is my Honor to be your Color Guard Commander.

Art Dolan

Washington State Color Guard Commander

Sons of the American Revolution

"Our History is the Nation's History"

WESTERN WASHINGTON ACTIVITIES

Feb – Massing of the Colors, Tacoma WA





Jul 4th – Parade in Steilacoom







May 20th – Parade in Bremerton













Aug - Parade in Woodinville







Aug – Constitution Day, Puyallup Fair







Oct - DAR Memorial bench dedication (2), Tahoma Memorial Cemetery and Orting Soldier's Home







Nov - Veteran's Day parade in Auburn





Nov - DAR National Defense Luncheon; The Color Guard was selected to post the colors in Bellevue, WA.



Dec - Wreaths Across America, Ceremony, Camp Lewis Cemetery, Joint Base Lewis McCord (JBLM)



AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, there is Mick Hersey of JPJ who has personally logged in over 111 hours in just 6 months, doing everything from Memorial Preservation, to Posting of the Colors, to assisting the DAR & the Boy Scouts, to repainting curbs, to cleaning veteran's tomb stones, to you name it. Mick has done it!!! He is like Chicken Man from the 50s, "He's everywhere! He's everywhere!" (3) (3)



EASTERN WASHINGTON ACTIVITIES

Oct - Constitution Day







Nov - Dedication of the new Veteran's Memorial at Einan's at Sunset Cemetery (M-C Ch)







Nov - Dedication of DAR bench that overlooks the Soldiers Memorial (M-C Ch)







NOV - Veteran's Day Parade, West Richland (M-C Ch)







Nov - Naturalization Ceremony (M-C Ch)







Dec – Wreaths Across America, Sunset Gardens and Resthaven Cemetery's in Richland (M-C Ch)









Dec - Wreaths Across America, Pines Cemetery, Spokane (S-CH)





WE HAVE BEEN BUSY!!!!

2018 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Event level codes: (N) - National, (S) - State, (Ch) - Chapter

WESTERN WASHINGTON REGIMENT

- (Ch) Jan 4th, Parkside Elementary, Des Moines, Colonial Life (O'Neal)
- (S) Jan 26th & 27th, Friday Afternoon, DAR Board of Management Meeting (ends after lunch).

Location: Best Western, Silverdale WA (Mick Hersey speaker).

(S) Feb 19th, President's Day. 4 SAR Color Guard to Post and Retire Colors at the Presidents Day Ceremony

Location: University of Washington Campus 3925 15th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98105

Part 1 LDS Institute of Religion 10:00 - 11:00 am.

Part 2 - George Washington Statue Wreath Laying Ceremony,

(N) Feb 24th, 2 PM Massing of the Colors.

We need 2 Color Guard Bearers (US and SAR Flags only) representing the WASSAR and Alexander Hamilton Chapters. This is a National Event, approved in 2016 by NSSAR! WA State SAR Fife and Drum will lead all units in the procession! Location: Stadium High School, 111 North E Street, Tacoma WA 98403

(N) TBD, NSSAR National Meeting

Location: Louisville, KY.

(Ch) Apr 7th 8 am – 2 pm Olympia Genealogical Society Meeting 2 Color Guard members necessary to post the colors and man the booth. Minimum, one drummer needed. Location TBA

(S) Apr 27th, WA State SAR Meeting.

All Color Guard encouraged to attend.

Location: Red Lion, Columbia Center, Kennewick, WA

(Ch) *Mar 10th, Bremerton Rotary*, Noon, Flag History, (O'Neal)

(S) May 19th, 10am Bremerton Armed Forces Day Parade.

All Color Guard 5 color guard, 2 banner carriers, minimum plus Fife and Drum on Deck.

Location: Bremerton, WA

(Ch) May TBD - Spokane Lilac Festival 2018, Armed Forces

Appreciation Parade Location: Spokane, WA

(N) May 27th, 10 am, Memorial Day Celebrations.

4 Uniform Color Guard.

Location: Fir Lane Memorial Park 924 E. 176th. St. Spanaway, WA 98387

(S) Jul 4th, Parade

5 Uniformed Color Guard, 2 banner carriers. All Color Guard

Invited to attend.

Location: Steilacoom WA

(N) Jul NSSAR National Congress

Location: Houston, TX

(Ch) Aug, Dates TBA, Northwest Colonial Festival

Location: Port Angeles, WA

(Ch) Sep 3rd, Black Diamond Labor Day Parade.

8 Color Guard plus as many flag bearers as possible. Muster

9 am, parade begins at 10 am.

Location: 25313 Baker St. Black Diamond WA

(Ch) Sep Date TBA, SAR recruiting booth.

More information to follow.

Location: Puyallup State Fairgrounds

(S) Nov 11th, Veterans day parade.

Muster at 11 AM, parade begins promptly at noon. A preparade breakfast will take place at the Rainbow Cafe.

Location: Auburn WA

(N) Dec, Wreaths Across America

Location: (TBD)

EASTERN WASHINGTON REGIMENT

(S) Feb 6, 13 27, New Citizens ceremonies

Location: Spokane Federal Courthouse (Ch) *Mar Big Horn Show recruiting booth*

Location: (TBD)

(N/S) May 19, Armed Forces Parade

Location: Spokane (N/S) *Jun-Jul, Four Parades*

Location: (TBD)
(S) May 1, New Citizens ceremonies

Location: Spokane center Place

(S) Sep 17, New Citizens ceremonies

Location: Spokane center Place

(S) WASSAR- Annual Meeting post colors

Location: Kennewick (Ch) *Living history program*

Location: (TBD)

(S) ROTC/JROTC/Sea Cadets/Civil Air Patrol award ceremony's

Location: (TBD)

(Ch)Flag History programs and tours of Flag Museum

Location: Pines Cemetery in Spokane

(S) Honor Flights
Location: (TBD)

(Ch) DAR supporting Events

Location: (TBD)

(N) Dec, Wreaths Across America

Location: Pines Cemetery in Spokane

WASHINGTON STATE 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!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PART OF THE WASSAR COLOR GUARD?

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EASTERN WASHINGTON

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For more SAR information in your area, click on links below for meeting day, contact point, & location.

Alexander Hamilton Chapter (Fife, WA)

alexander-hamilton

Cascade Centennial Chapter (Bellevue, WA)

cascade-centennial

Fort Vancouver Chapter (Battle Ground, WA)

fort-vancouver

George Washington Chapter (Mt. Vernon, WA)

george-washington

John Paul Jones Chapter (Bremerton, WA)

john-paul-jones

Mid-Columbia Chapter (Richland, WA)

mid-columbia

Seattle Chapter (Seattle, WA)

seattle

Spokane Chapter # 1 (Spokane Valley, WA)

spokane-chapter--1

LINKS TO OTHER SAR WEB PAGES THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST:

Sons of the American Revolution, National (sar.org)

Sons of the American Revolution, WA State (www.washingtonsar.org)

Washington State SAR Color Guard (www.washingtonsar.org/color-guard.html)

OFFICIAL STATE & NATIONAL SOCIETY COLOR GUARD EVENTS

(REF: SAR Handbook, Vol. V and SAR Color Guard Handbook)

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

Month	Level	Event	Activity	Location
Feb	S	Washington Birthday Memorial	Present Colors (DAR)	UW Seattle
Mar	Ν	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting		Louisville KY
Apr	N	Pacific District Meeting		OR or WA
Apr	S	WASSAR Annual Meeting	Present Colors	OR or WA
May	S	WSSDAR Annual Conference	Booth & Colors	E or W WA
May	S	Armed Forces Day Parade	Parade	Bremerton
May	N	Memorial Day Activity		Various
Jun	S	WSGS Annual Conference	Booth & Colors	E or W WA
Jul	S	Independence Day Parade	Parade	Steilacoom
Jul	Ν	Independence Day Activity		Various
Jul	Ν	National SAR Congress		Various
Sep	S	Labor Day Parade	Parade	Black Diamond
Sep	S	Washington State Fair	Booth	Puyallup
Sep	S	Citizenship Celebration	Booth & Colors	Tacoma
Sep	N	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting		Louisville KY
Nov	S	Veterans Day Parade	Parade Auburn	WA
Nov	Ν	Veterans Day Activity		Various
Dec	Ν	Wreaths Across America		Various

EASTERN WASHINGTON (Additional State Level Events):

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

Month	Level	Event	Activity	Location
May	S	Lilac Torch Light Parade Veterans	Parade	Spokane
Sept	S	Constitution Day/Citizenship Ceremony	Meet & Greet	Spokane
Nov	N	Richland Veterans Day Parade	Parade	West Richland
TBA	S	DAR State Events	Post Colors	Various
TBA	S	Honor Flight for WWII/Korea Veterans	Meet & Greet	Spokane

COLOR GUARD MEDALS: 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.



REVOLUTIONARY WAR MILITARY ATTIRE WAS LESS THAN UNIFORM

The iconic American soldier of the Revolutionary War is attired in a blue regimental coat with red facing. In reality, Americans wore many different military uniforms during the Revolution. In 1777 the Continental Congress ordered 40,000 soldiers' uniforms from France. Half of the coats were produced in blue with red cuffs and facings, and half in brown with red cuffs and facings. A lottery was held to determine how the coats would be distributed. The states that drew brown coats – Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Hampshire – could redraw for leftover blue coats. Although a general order in 1779 standardized all Continental Army regimental coats to blue with one of four facing colors – white, buff, red and blue – assigned to each of the 13 states, some of the "lottery coats" may have continued in use.

Variations of American Revolutionary War uniforms, worn by historical interpreters at the Yorktown Victory Center, are pictured here. Musicians' coat colors (top left), shown as red with blue facing, were the opposite of the coat colors of soldiers in their regiment so that they could easily be identified as non-combatants. At top center and right, "lottery coats" are shown in



brown and blue, both with red facings. At bottom left, a black hunting shirt represents a militia unit from Virginia's Gloucester County. Bottom center, a regimental coat with white facing on blue represents the Connecticut Light Infantry. A 3rd Continental Light Dragoons stable jacket is shown at bottom right. This regiment was formed in New Jersey in 1777, and many of its recruits were skilled horsemen from Virginia and North Carolina.

Research for the following information provided by Compatriot **Bob O'Neal** and will provide the new Color Guardsman an idea of the cost of a recommended uniform. (**NOTE**: All items are not required to make up a complete uniform for Color Guard events)

<u>Regimental Uniform:</u> (preferred uniform for Color Guard leaders and flag bearers)

- Typical items: Tricorn hat, coat, waistcoat (vest), breeches or long overalls, stockings, buckled shoes.
- Tricorn Hat: Small (\$50.00) larger (\$64.00 to \$200.00)
- Coat: (\$134.00-\$355.00) Purchase of a coat can be deferred, as the other items make a suitable uniform
- Waistcoat: (\$40.00 or purchase a pattern for \$12.00 and DIY)
 - (or purchase the Kit with pieces already cut for \$35.00 and have it sewn to fit locally
- Soldier Shirt: (\$45.00) or Ruffled shirt (\$60.00) (optional: collar, puffed sleeves, ruffles at throat & cuffs)
- Knee breeches: (\$90.00) or Long pants/leggings (\$85.00)

Optional accoutrement items:

Leather Belt (\$22.00), Haversack (\$20.00), Canteen (\$50.00), Sword (\$80.00), pistol/musket replica (\$150.00), Bayonet (\$20.00), Powder Horn (\$20.00), Neck stock/tie (\$8.50), Long stockings (\$12.00), Shoulder boards/Sash (\$130.00 up) (Officers wear, 54" crimson silk sash, sword) (NCO's wear Red sash/epaulets, red wool)

<u>Colonial Militiaman's Uniform:</u> (desirable for armed color guardsmen to flank the flag bearers)

Typical items (sample cost):

- Round hat (\$40.00)
- Hunting frock (\$90.00)
- Waistcoat (\$40.00 or purchase a pattern for \$12.00 and DIY)
 - (or purchase the Kit with pieces already cut for \$35.00 and have it sewn to fit locally.)
- Cravat (\$14.00)
- Long pants and/or leggings (\$85.00)
- Leather Belt (any will do)
- Moccasins, work boots, hiking boots, shoes/boots not critical (on hand)
- White soldier shirt or regular farm-type checked shirt. (\$45.00)
- Officers wear colored sash, NCO's colored wool sash (\$130.00)

Optional accoutrement items:

Leggings: \$33.00, Haversack: \$20.00, Canteen: \$45.00, Rifle replica: \$180.00 (non-firing) Musket replica: \$150.00; Bayonet: \$20.00, Powder Horn: \$15.00; Tomahawk: \$15.00; Hunting knife.

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, and 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.

Uniforms Only:

Costume Discounters: Good quality costume to serve as a loaner uniform.

http://www.costumediscounters.com/adult-regency-collectionred-white-and-blue-soldier-costume-r90822.html

Hong Kong Tailors (Axis Powers): Made to measure. Includes coat, shirt, & long pants in polyester.

Delivery, 5-8 weeks. (Best buy, but not the best quality)

http://www.ebay.com/itm/Axis-Powers-APH-Revolutionary-War-Cosplay-Costume-Uniform-/391008373657

American Heritage Clothing Reenactor wool coats. Prices for American regimentals ... \$495 and up. Good quality but long delivery times

http://www.colonialuniforms.com/

Full Service Vendors: (Uniforms, Accessories, and Accoutrements)

Jas. Townsend & Sons, Inc.: Excellent quality period accouterments, clothes and uniforms. Good delivery. www.jas-townsend.com

Just Two Tailors: Custom Tailored Uniforms and accessories. http://www.just2tailors.com

C. & D. Jarnagin Co: A complete source; good quality. Good delivery.

www.jarnaginco.com

The Sutler of Mount Misery: Epaulets, Shoulder Knots, Shoes, Military Egpt, etc. Good quality (Beware of long wait for custom made uniforms!!)

http://gggodwin-com.3dcartstores.com

The Weeping Heart Trade Co.: Will research and then make Revolutionary War Uniforms.

http://www.revwarsupplier.com

Jodi's Costumes and Formals: Custom made coat, waistcoat, pants and shirt for \$400 plus \$23.15 shipping (no hat). Customers can select color, fabric (cotton, wool, polyester..) design (plain or officer brocade) of the coat. (may be negotiable on the selling price)

https://www.ebay.com/usr/sugar352? trksid=p2047675.l2559

Weapons

Guns and Swords: Arms, replicas, flintlocks, rifles, muskets, bayonets, swords at competitive prices

http://www.gunsandswords.com/

Track of the Wolf: Specializing in Muzzle loading guns, kits, parts, accoutrements, rendezvous gear & primitive Americana. https://www.trackofthewolf.com/Index.aspx

Accessories

Madame Joan's Wee Wiggies: Hairpiece http://madamejoan.homestead.com/

Militia, Riflemen & Accoutrements

Dixie Gun Works: Good source for hunting frocks.

http://www.dixiegunworks.com

Missouri Trading Co: Ready-made militia & riflemen clothing.

Patterns if you want to make your own

http://www.missouritrading.com/patterns-mountainman.htm

Crazy Crow Trading Post: Native American Craft Supplies &

Mountain Man Craft Supply

www.crazycrow.com

Smoke & Fire Co: Accessories, accoutrements

http://www.smoke-fire.com/

Smiling Fox Forge: Miscellaneous period clothing &

accoutrements

https://smilingfoxforge.com

Avalon Forge: Accoutrements at reasonable prices

http://www.avalonforge.com/index.html.

Najecki Reproductions: Full line of accoutrements for reenactors (do not seem to be anxious to fill orders??)

http://www.najecki.com/repro/reproindex.html

Quarter Master General: Full line of accoutrements for reenactors. Just about everything.

https://www.thequartermastergeneral.com/store/index.php?ro ute=common/home

OneBlanket Trading Co: Clothing items related to muzzle loading & black powder clubs

http://www.oneblanket.com/main.sc

Other Sources

Mountain Man shows: Used items are often on sale at these

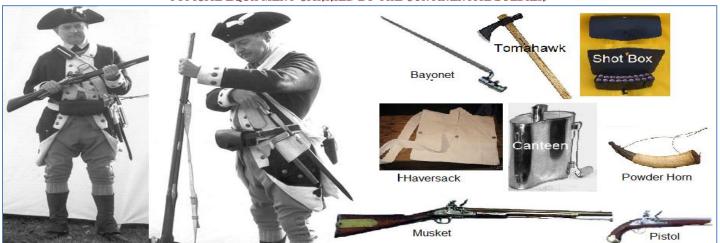
http://www.wamuzzleloaders.com/2017-rendezvousschedule.html

Cascade Mountain Men Gun Show: Cascade Mountain Men (CMM) is a black powder muzzle loading club in Western Washington.

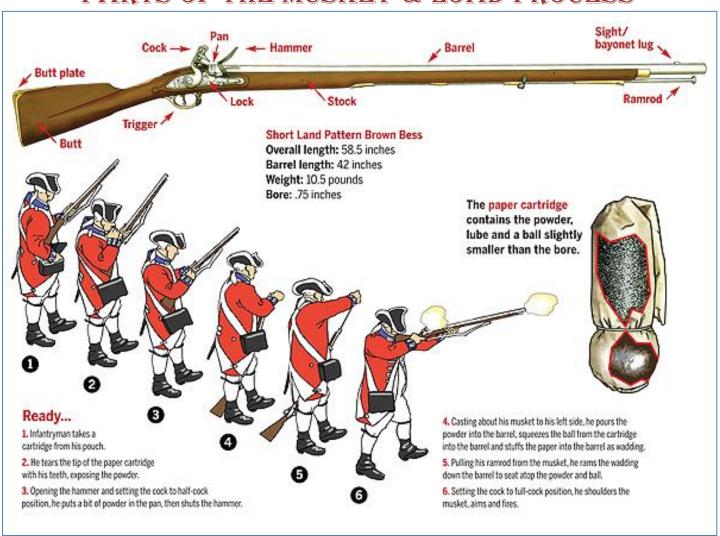
http://www.cascademountainmen.com/

Fort Nisqually Gift Shop at Point Defiance in Tacoma: Items of colonial life for presentations in the classroom.

TYPICAL EQUIPMENT CARRIED BY THE CONTINENTAL SOLDIER



PARTS OF THE MUSKET & LOAD PROCESS



PROPER WEAR OF TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH ATTIRE

(By Bob Parish)

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 to 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
- Stockings knee length of wool or cotton, with or without, garters or leg- buckle ties.
 (A great source from Bob O'Neal: Stockings are 75% cotton, 22% polyester, & 3% Spandex and come up to the knee! www.golfknickers.com/)
- 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.

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.

A FINAL THOUGHT FROM THE EDITOR:

I am fairly new at this newsletter game, so there is lots of room for improvement. That is where all of the membership comes in.

I need suggestions as to what you would like to see in future issues and I welcome any and all news items/photos that may be of interest to the masses.

Please send anything you have to dickmotz@hotmail.com

