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THE MOST VISIBLE FACE OF THE SAR - THE COLOR GUARD

For those that missed it, here is a link to the Jan National [Color Guard Magazine](#)

MESSAGE FROM THE STATE COLOR GUARD COMMANDER:**PATRIOTISM***By Arthur Dolan, Washington State Color Guard Commander*

The origin of the word "Patriot" whether from French (countryman), Latin (fellow countryman) Greek (of the same country), fatherland or simply a person who loves and supports his/her country, all are embraced with the same exuberance.

Patriotism inspires us. It unites us. It fills our hearts with pride and optimism. And sometimes it brings us to tears. It is symbolized in our beliefs, values, traditions, and other intangible ideas that make our country unique. It is the National Anthem, the flag, citizens in uniform, both civilian and military, it is the bald eagle or pledge of allegiance, the Liberty Bell or Statue of Liberty. While these symbols may change over time, they can help to bind a nation together by reminding its people of their nation's history and its most important principles.

According to Webster's dictionary, patriotism is "love for and devotion to one's country." Today that definition seems inadequate in our complex world. Patriotism inspires us, unites us and when necessary, raises it head giving us the ability to go beyond the ordinary, like our vacationing soldiers on a train to Paris. We are humbled by patriotic actions, the bravery of common citizens during times of struggle and stress. We help each other, and support each other, because we are bound by our belief in the strength of our country.

We are patriotism. We, individually, are the patriots. The SAR Color Guard proudly march in our patriot uniforms, display our national pride through fife & drum and National Colors. Patriotism is in us. Simple but poignant acts of American patriotism occur every day. They rarely attract headlines but these are the actions that strengthen this great nation – and teach us the true meaning of love of country. It is your simple daily acts that make all the difference.

Believing in the promise of America is enough, for some to give their lives for it; in war, or protest marches for equal pay, women's rights, the right to vote or just believing in fairness of the middle class. This is patriotism in action because the action is YOU.

As a retired teacher, I know patriotism inspires educators to see hope for America in the children they work so hard to educate. Our local Police, who patrol the streets every day, maintaining law and order in our communities, serve as patriots knowing without law enforcement, our nation would stumble.

The Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution supported by their 3 fundamental pillars of Education, History and Patriotism are patriotic by design. Each and every one of you, by participating in Color Guard, Boy Scouts, JROTC, marching in parades, educating adults and children about our heritage, serving on a chapter committee, is a patriot in every sense of the word.

Patriotism is us. Don't look left or right, but rather in the mirror and ask yourself, "As a member of the SAR/DAR, what did I do today to promote patriotism?" It is the small act of 1 on 1 communication with another person about who we are, who we represent, where our families came from, shouts Merriam Webster's definition "love for and devotion to one's country."

Patriotism can't be bought or sold, it is passed on from one generation to the next from father to son, mother to daughter. I cannot imagine the United States without patriotism. People from around the world would give up home, family, fortune, and their business to come to America. Foreigners, too, believe in our founding principles.

In times of crisis, patriotism unites us. We put our differences aside to help our countrymen in need. After Hurricane Katrina, millions of Americans made charitable donations and many went to the Gulf coast, unselfishly, to help rebuild communities. Strangers unite at Christmas to send cards and care packages overseas to our troops. It is you and me, making the choice to make a difference.

You live in the United States, your families were here before we were the United States, sitting around the dining room table, tavern fireplaces, and military campfires discussing, not the Constitution, but what should be IN the Constitution. We are the recipients of those discussions.

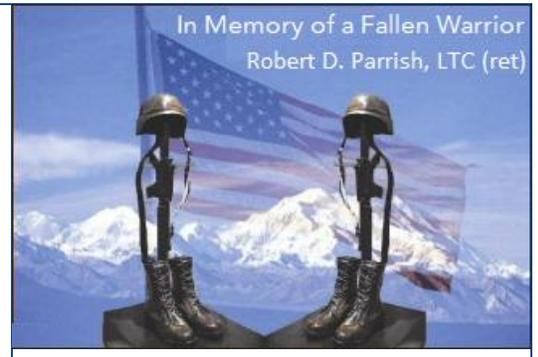
Take the bold move and join a committee, become a speaker or march with your chapter color guard (form one if you don't have one), and proudly display your American Patriotism. You are a member of the "Sons of the American Revolution", and you are a Patriot.



"OUR HISTORY IS THE NATION'S HISTORY, BE PROUD OF YOURS!"

Respectfully, **Art Dolan**, Sons of the American Revolution, Washington State Color Guard Commander.

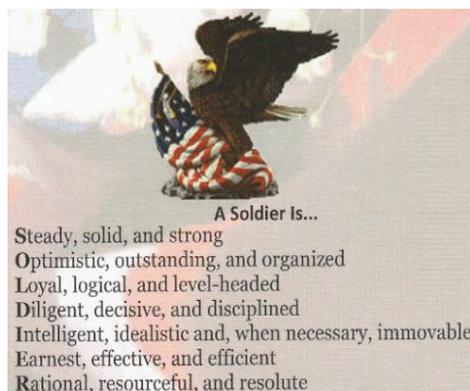
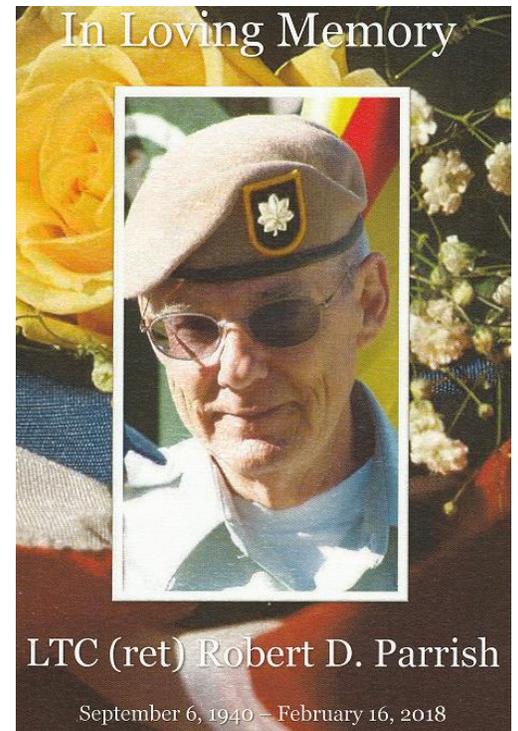
**A MOMENT OF SILENCE.
FOR A FALLEN COMPATRIOT
ROBERT D. PARRISH
6 SEP 1940 – 16 FEB 2018**



Robert D. Parrish, LTC (ret). was born in Des Moines, Iowa, to the late Donald F. Parrish and Virginia McGowan. Raised in northern CA and NV, he graduated from the University of Nevada in 1966. He was a Regular Army officer until he retired in 1985. He served two combat tours in Vietnam, the first embedded with the Vietnamese infantry and rangers from 1967-1968, where he was wounded on February 21, 1968, during the Tet Offensive and Was subsequently awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action and the Purple Heart for wounds received during that same operation. The second tour was in 1970-1971 as a rifle company commander with the 1st Cavalry Division.

He was a Ranger Instructor for 18 months between Vietnam tours, received an MBA from the University of Alabama and closed out his military career at NATO Headquarters, Allied Forces Central Command (AFCENT), Brunssum, The Netherlands. He was awarded the Legion of Merit at his retirement ceremony. Following retirement, he worked for BDM Corporation as an operational research analyst and was in the Republic of Panama from 1987-1988 for the United States government.

He was the author of two books, *Combat Recon* and *Schwartzkopf, An Insider's View of the Commander and His Victory*. Throughout his life he was active in community service with the Lions Club, Scouting, Scottish organizations and the Sons of the American Revolution, to name a few.



He is survived by his wife of fifty-three years, Muriel Ellis Parrish; son, COL (ret) Robert D. Parrish II, and Robin, Puyallup, WA, step-grandchildren, Sean Hansen and Lauren Quackenbush; daughter, Anne Parrish Pecunia and Andrew Pecunia, Yorktown Heights, NY, and grandchildren, Andrew Pecunia II and Ainsley Pecunia.

Participating SAR members: Robert Doughty, Viren Lemmer, Doug Nelson, Bob O'Neal, Chuck Waid, Keith Weissinger.

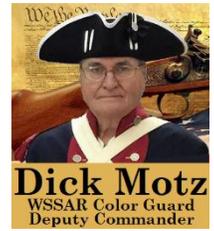
Participating members of the Scottish American Military Society: J.R. Bigelow, Bruce Birchall, Robert Donaldson, Vernon Johnson, Tim Lally, Kelly Mchregor, Eideann Nicnil and Don Scobie

THOUGHTS FROM HIS COMPATRIOTS: Bob was quite a character, you never knew how to take things that he said. When he would make a strange remark, he would always pause and wait for a reaction. This happened to me the 1st time I met him. He was very proud of his Scottish heritage & his kilt uniform and loved to talk about it and anything else for that matter. Bob had a steel trap mind and his clarity of thought was a gift to all. All you had to do was mention your Patriot Ancestor and like the hum of a computer, he recalled his relationship to you. Our cousin is gone yet his memory remains with us all. As a fellow Color Guard Compatriot, I will speak for all the other members who knew him, in saying he will be sorely missed!!



A REQUEST FROM THE EDITOR:

A request to the membership: 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 include photos (if available), and the 5 Ws (Who, What, When, Where, Why)



Please send to DM-SAR@comcast.net

A FUN VIDEO FROM YOUR WESTERN WA FIFE & DRUM CORP

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FROM ONE OF LAST YEAR'S EVENTS - WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA 2017

Member of Columbia Society NSCAR funds Wreath laying by making Christmas Ornaments

As told by Carrie Huffaker Byrd to Mick Hersey (JPJ WASSAR WAA Chairman)

I wanted to let you know what my son, James, did at age 10. Starting in September he made miniature wreath Christmas ornaments and sold them for \$15.00 each. Then he used the money to purchase Wreaths for the Wenatchee cemetery. He purchased \$400.00 of Wreaths! Then - he placed them himself at 7am on wreath laying morning in Dec. He had an event that morning so he needed to get to do he had to get up early. I was quite proud of him. It was entirely his project from start to finish. He is a member of Columbia Society, NSCAR. Where a veteran and wife were buried next to each other he put the wreath between their graves. He said, "I'm sure their wives earned this, too."



This shows you that even the youngest members of the NSCAR can teach us how to support this program

ATTENTION TO ORDERS:

Effective 17 February 2018, Walter Richard Motz (Dick) is promoted to the rank of Major and appointed the duty of Deputy Commander of the Washington State Color Guard. He has served proudly in the military for 34 years (Navy, Airforce & Army). His primary career field was logistics and retired from the Army on 3 Jun 1993.



He also served as Plain Captain (crew chief) on a Navy PB4Y-2 in the late 50s.

He said "The engines had these spinning things on them so you could tell they were working" 😊.

-----WESTERN WASHINGTON ACTIVITIES-----

27 Jan: Mick Hersey of JPJ, was proud to present Letters of Appreciation to the American Heritage Girls and their families, at Star of the Sea Church in Bremerton, for their assistance in the cleanup of the Ivy Green Cemetery and placing of flags in honor of Veterans Day. Thank you, American Heritage girls and your families. See you all again this fall.



29 Jan: Mick Heresy presented almost 50 LOAs to the Cub Scouts and Webeloes of Pacific Lutheran Pack 4506, in Bremerton. The certificates were presented to them, their siblings, parents and pack Leaders, for cleaning the cemetery, placing flags and placing wreaths during WAA



19 Feb: President's Day, the Color Guard posted and retired the Colors at the Presidents Day Event, first at the LDS Institute of Religion for the DAR and then again at the George Washington Statue wreath laying ceremony, both on the University of WA Campus. in attendance were, **SAR** members: Doug Nelson, Art Dolan, Bob O'Neal, Dick Motz, Mick Hersey, Noah Chase, Ken Roberts, Viren Lemmer, Alex Lemmer, Skip Stephen, Kent Sterling, and Neil Vernon (new CG Member at right).



Neil Vernon

Non-SAR were Jan Lemmer, Stephanie Conroy, Terry Barker, and Jeannine Stephan (F&D). Ralph Liening (HODAR).



24 Feb: Art Dolan presented a history of our flags program to the John Paul Jones SAR Chapter in Bremerton.

Art was presented with a certificate of appreciation after the program.



Then it was off to Tacoma for the Massing of the Colors Event. **Take a breath ART!!!**

24 Feb: Massing of the Colors: Location, Stadium High School in Tacoma. The WASSAR, AH, and JPJ Chapters were represented. This is a National Event, approved in 2016 by NSSAR. Flag bearers were: **State:** Dave Jackman (SAR flag), Kent Sterling (US flag), **JPG:** Noah Chase (US Flag), Fred Gilbert (US Flag) **AH:** Dick Motz (13 Star American flag), Ken Roberts (Chapter flag). The SAR Fife and Drum lead the event Color Guard in posting the Colors. Also, in attendance were, Doug Nelson, Bob O'Neal and Art Dolan.



Guest Speaker MG Willard M Burleson, CG, 7th Inf Div

REPORT FROM THE FIELD: 1 Mar: (narrative by Bob O'Neal) Last week I presented *The Early Life of George Washington* to Mrs. Brannon's first grade class at a Christian school. My eighth year doing this since 2011. I answered A LOT of good questions from excited young students, like "What is that thing on your belt there?" and, "Did you know George Washington?" and, "My grandfather was in the War." and "Could you talk about your hat?" After telling them all about George, passing out his surveyor's instruments, (telescope and compass) and putting his character traits (honesty, determination, good manners) on the board, and telling them that his favorite food was ice cream, Teacher broke out some Dixie cups for the whole class! We all sang "Yankee Doodle", and also held a coloring contest. I came back later with their prizes.

Compatriots, this is what it is all about. Color Guards make a huge difference in the community. Our Color Guard participated in over 200 uniformed events last year reaching thousands of citizens young and old. 90 of these were living history presentations. Go to a school with one of your compatriot presenters and just watch the proceedings. There is no greater satisfaction than leaving a classroom to the cheers of students excited about the American Revolution!



Winners of Coloring Contest

REPORT FROM THE FIELD: 8 Mar, (narrative by Art Dolan). On Thursday, the last day of the Washington State House of Representatives 2018 session, the WA State, Sons of the American Revolution posted the colors in the Great Hall in Olympia, Washington. Art Dolan and Bob O'Neal were the flag bearers with Viren Lemmer as the drummer for this occasion. We were introduced by the speaker with:



"The Sons of the American Revolution is the largest all male lineage society tracing their ancestry back to the Revolutionary War which provided all of us the freedoms we enjoy today and are protected by this House of Representatives."

The pride on the faces of all the Representatives, on both sides of the isle, would warm the hearts of every SAR member. What surprised us the most were the number of members of the House wanting their pictures with us. Our part of the ceremony ended at 9:10 AM but we did not leave until after 10. Demand for our attention was strong and our presence deeply appreciated. The three different colored uniforms promoted many questions and as always "Why do we have a Red Coat Drummer". Our gracious drummer, Viren, is always happy to provide the answer. The power of force of the leading drum compels the audience to briskly come to their feet as the flag passes.



Additional thoughts from Bob O'Neal:

Our SAR Color Guard HQs & Staff had the Honor of posting our beloved Old Glory and ye State Colors at the final gathering of ye State Legislature. Art Dolan carried Old Glory, Bob O'Neal the State Flag, & Viren Lemmer beat smartly the march to the dais. Before and after, there was much social interchange with ye Representatives, Art's wife Laurie being chief among them as she represents the Capitol City district. Some 25-30 lawmakers posed for many pictures and were quite interested in our uniforms. They spoke of the Founding and the current status of our Forces in the Glorious Cause. Commander Art did a splendid job & is to be commended! Huzzah!



And from Viren Lemmer:

I had one of the coolest experiences today!!! Members of the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard posted the colors at the Washington State House of Representatives. Today was the last day of the legislative session. It was a great honor. Marching down the center isle to post the colors I had the sudden realization of where I was and what I was doing. As I marched in, I looked directly at the Speaker of the House. Above his head was a video screen that had our names on it. Following the posting, the Speaker of the House thanked each of us by name. (He actually pronounced my name correctly!) There was a lot of energy and excitement in the chamber. About 25% of the Representatives requested to take photos with us. As excited as we were to post the colors, the Representatives were just as excited to have us there. It didn't matter if you were Democrat or



Republican the energy was contagious. Next year, on to the state senate!!!

WESTERN WA COMPATRIOTS...

Mark your calendars for **April 23rd & May 21st** 2018. We will meet at the South Arrivals Hall, SeaTac Airport approximately 7:30pm to welcome back the Puget Sound Honor Flight veterans!



REPORT FROM THE FIELD: 5 Mar: (narrative by Bob O'Neal)

1. NEWS: In Seattle Chapter, President Neil Vernon has taken the lead by 1) getting uniformed, 2) participating in Washington's Birthday and other events, 3) obtaining a "SAR Traveling Chest" of colonial artifacts for school presentations and 4) planning to march in the West Seattle Rotary "Grand Parade". Kudos to Neil!
Seattle Chapter members, borrow a loaner uniform or wear your blazer and join with Neil Vernon! State Officers, set the example, borrow a loner uniform or wear your blazer and join and support Neil Vernon! You will make an IMPACT for Washington SAR in your community

2. Compatriots:
 I enclose here an email and newsletter (below) from Tom Long of Bremerton Rotary, where I presented last Monday. This I send to show - especially to the new chapter presidents - the power of our SAR Outreach and Color Guard. Presentations like this reach

-----Original Message-----
 From: Thomas Long
 To: Bob O'Neil
 Sent: Thu, Mar 15, 2018 10:11 pm
 Subject: Bremerton Rotary Bulletin 3/12/18

Bob,
 Here is our Rotary bulletin for last Monday's meeting when you gave us your presentation on Old Glory. I have had several positive comments on your presentation. It was quite well done.
 Thanks again.
 Tom
From: Rotary Club of Bremerton
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 8:37 PM

community leaders, and young people alike. Our now 54-man Color Guard presents some 200 uniformed events each year all over the State. Some 20 WA SAR Brochures were passed out Monday.

PROGRAM (Bremerton Rotary)



Inbound exchange student **Nanda Putri** introduced the speaker, **Bob O'Neal**, representing the Sons of American Revolution (SAR).

The SAR program is a historical and educational program that emphasizes how much our lives have benefited from the activities of the generations before us who supported and stood for our freedom. It provides a living history for providing in-depth historical information to individuals ranging from elementary grades to the elderly.

Mr. O'Neal provided a tremendously interesting presentation on the evolution of the flag we currently wave (Old Glory). He had many examples of the flags leading up to our current one. It was noted that serious consideration was given to the flag with the rattle snake and the slogan "Don't Tread on Me." Our national symbol might have been the rattle snake instead of the bald eagle.



Mr. O'Neal had many examples of the earliest versions of the flag. He shared these visually and described the rationale behind their design. Then, as he continued his presentation, he turned the page on his flag portfolio and revealed the green and blue Seahawks 12th man flag. That got a big laugh.

More information on the Sons of the American Revolution in Washington state can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonSocietySAR/>

----- **EASTERN WASHINGTON ACTIVITIES** -----

9 Jan: Kelly Schultz, Barry Moravek and Larry Flint went to a home school group of about 24 students in Kennewick. We all spoke briefly about our ancestors in the War for Independence and our uniforms. Since the class was in a Church instead of a school Larry was able to bring his musket, tomahawk, and bayonet. Kelley gave his talk about "A Day in the Life of Colonial America". The students were quite enthusiastic.



23 Jan: Kelly Schultz, Barry Moravek, and Larry Flint attended a Pasco Boy Scout meeting. Kelly presented a on a living history program. Prospective SAR Junior Member Elijah Saba dropped in as he had another meeting in the same building.



29 Jan: Stan Wills presented a Flag Program to the Coeur d'Alene Idaho Mason's.

30 Jan: Stan Wills presented a Flag Program to the Broadway Court Retirement Center Spokane WA

2 Feb: Stan Wills & Gale Palmer posted the colors for cub scout troop 430 Blue & Gold ceremony at Redeemer Church, Spokane WA.



5 Feb: Stan Wills presented two flag programs, one in Idaho for a branch of the Mason's (no photos) and one at the Broadway Court Estate Retirement Center in Spokane (photo at right). He was assisted by a couple of scouts who attended with their grandparents.



6 & 13 Feb: Lane Elliott & Stan Wills of the Spokane chapter, welcomed 32 new citizens from 16 countries. The event took place at the Federal Building in Spokane. Another event is scheduled for the 27th of Feb.



21 Feb: Stan Wills presented an SAR related program to a class of elementary students at Spokane Valley Christian School. As we all know, Stan is so good at doing this and is in great demand for his very interesting and educational presentations.



26 Feb: Stan Wills presented a Flag Program for one of the Boy Scout Troops in Spokane



27 Feb: Dale Ryan & Stan Wills attended a New Citizen Ceremony at the Federal Courthouse in Spokane. The event was attended by 28 new citizens from 18 countries

(Thanks to Greg Riehl and the Spokane #1 Chapter newsletter)



Mar: Spokane #1 just completed a 4-day recruiting booth at the Big Horn Adventure Show in Spokane. It is our 10th year to participate in this event. We received contacts for dozen new perspective members. The booth was manned 10 hours each day



2 NEW CG MEMBERS IN SPOKANE:



Bill Picket in Militia Uniform he also has a regimental uniform from Pennsylvania

And **Greg Riehl** also in in Militia Uniform.



WASHINGTON STATE COLOR GUARD REPORT

1ST QUARTER, 2018

From Art Dolan: The Color Guard activity increased dramatically over last year and below are the active, uniformed Color Guard participated activities.

- 33 members were in attendance at events
- 52 Living history presentations in uniform
- 32 Members uniformed members Posting the Colors
- 6 members involved in special ceremonies
- 123 Total uniformed Color Guard activities during the first Quarter

Three new members were added to the Color Guard this quarter, Bill Picket, Greg Riehl, and Neil Vernon. The Color Guard is growing and our activities listed above show a significant growth in interest in the Sons of the American Revolution.

Newsworthy events were the Massing of the Colors in Tacoma, and proudly I admit we had a strong showing from the State CG, John Paul Jones, and Alexander Hamilton Chapters. The new arrangement for seated Color Guardsmen representing all units, left a little to be desired but the ceremony was well received. The SAR Fife and Drum corps preceded the posting of the National Colors, and, just as last year, was very well received by all in attendance.

All chapters are rising to a new level of participation in community expansion. The newest addition is Neil Vernon of the Seattle chapter. As you will see in the newest Spring-Summer Events calendar, Neil is organizing the SAR contingent to march in the July 21st, West Seattle Parade. This parade will announce the insertion of SAR in the Seattle area which could result in our largest market presence in the state.

I would truly be remiss if I did not mention the strong showing in Eastern Washington under the direction of Vice Commander, Stan Wills. From Boy Scouts, to School presentations and community clubs, the Eastern Washington region is also on a course for record breaking community involvement.

To all Color Guardsmen, check your calendars to identify the events in which you can participate, then let me know of your participation. We are strong and getting stronger as we move into the busy time of school presentations, and the beginning of parade season.

Respectfully submitted, Arthur Dolan, Washington State Color Guard Commander

From Stan Wills: Western Washington Activity.

Jan: Sea Cadets Awards, Post Colors (Cub Scouts), Flag Program (Coeur d'Alene Masons & Broadway Estates).

Feb: Post Colors & Living History (Cub Scouts), New Citizens Ceremony (3), Living history (Pioneer Elementary), Flag Museum tour (Cub Scouts), Living History program (Boy Scouts).

Mar: Living History (Spokane Valley Elementary), Recruiting Booth (Big Horn Show).

Respectfully submitted, Stan Wills, Washington State Color Guard Vice Commander

The Color Guard is the Face of The Sons of the American Revolution
 Let's keep our Face in the public eye, and once noticed, share with them,
"Our History is the Nation's History" Join us!

2018 FUTURE EVENT (TENTATIVE SCHEDULE)

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

EASTERN & WESTERN REGIMENTS

(N) **TBD, NSSAR National Meeting:** Location: Louisville, KY.

(S) **Apr 27th, WA State SAR Meeting** Location: Red Lion, Columbia Center, Kennewick, WA (All Hands)

WESTERN REGIMENT

(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

(Ch) **April 15 DAR Dedication of Women's Bench**

Location: Fort Lewis (all hands)

(Ch) **April 23 Honor Flight returns 7:30pm**

Location: SeaTac Airport, South Arrivals Hall

(S) **May 5, WSSDAR Annual Conference, SAR Booth.**

Location: SeaTac Red Lion Hotel (all hands invited)

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

Location: Bremerton, WA

(Ch) **May 21st, Honor Flight returns :7:30pm**

Location: SeaTac Airport, South Arrivals Hall

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

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

(N) **Jul 4th, Parade**

Location: Steilacoom WA

(N) **Jul NSSAR National Congress**

Location: Houston, TX

(Ch) **Aug, 9th-12th, Northwest Colonial Festival**

Location: Port Angeles, WA

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

Location: 25313 Baker St. Black Diamond WA

(Ch) **Sep (Date TBA), SAR recruiting booth.**

Location: Puyallup State Fairgrounds

(N) **Nov 10th, Veterans day parade.**

Location: Auburn WA

(N) Nov 11 Kitsap Veterans Day Celebration

Location: Sun Pavilion Bremerton

(N) **Dec 15, Wreaths Across America**

Location: (TBD)

EASTERN REGIMENT

(S) **May 1, New Citizens ceremonies**

Location: Spokane center Place

(N/S) **May 19, Armed Forces Parade**

Location: Spokane

(Ch) **May (Date TBD), Spokane Lilac Festival 2018, Armed**

Forces Appreciation Parade

Location: Spokane, WA

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

Location: (TBD)

(S) **Sep 17th, 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 15, Wreaths Across America**

Location: Pines Cemetery in Spokane

NEW THIS ISSUE

Wanted:

UNIFORM ITEMS WANTED OR FOR SALE

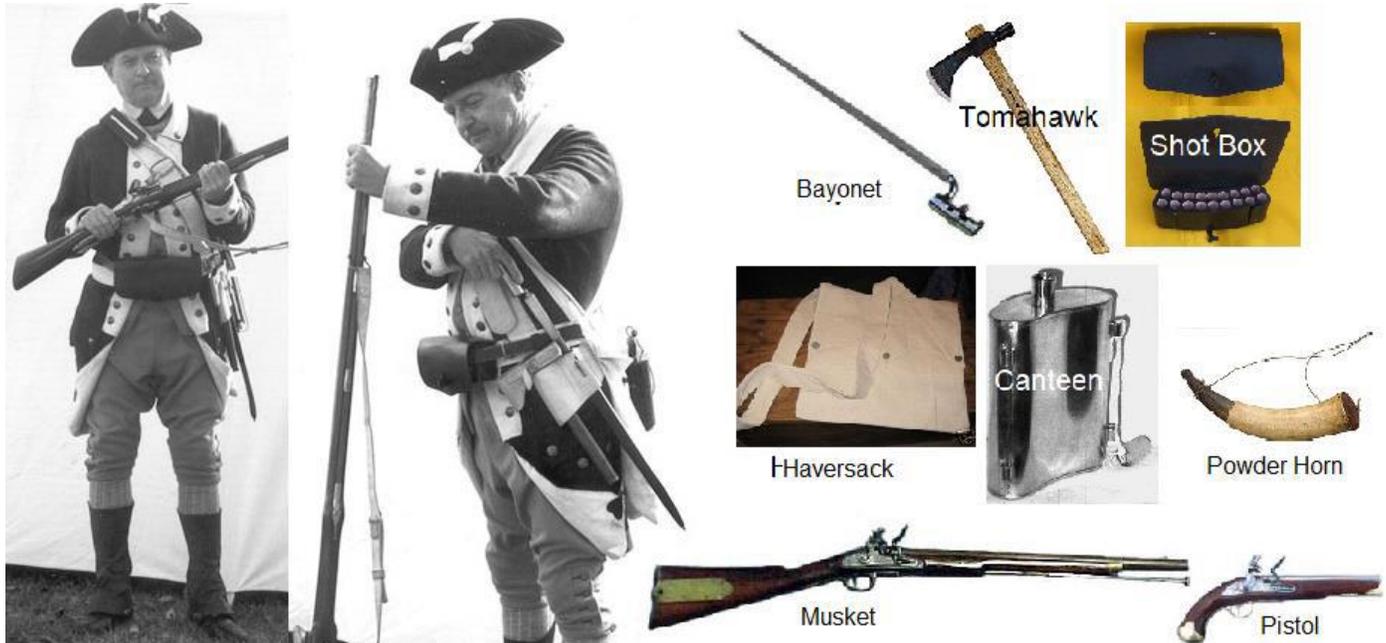
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| John Jones | Uniform Coat | 42 | jj@myspace.com |
| Jimmy Howser | Bayonet | | jh@myspace.com |
| Doug Anyone | Sargent Epilate | | doud@myspace.com |

For Sale:

| Name | Item | Size | Cost | Contact |
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| Doug Anyone | Uniform Coat | 42 | \$50.00 | doug@myspace.com |
| Wee Willie Winkle | Bayonet | | \$25.00 | www@myspace.com |
| John Jones | Sargent Epilate | | \$10.00 | jj@myspace.com |

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TYPICAL EQUIPMENT CARRIED BY THE CONTINENTAL SOLDIER

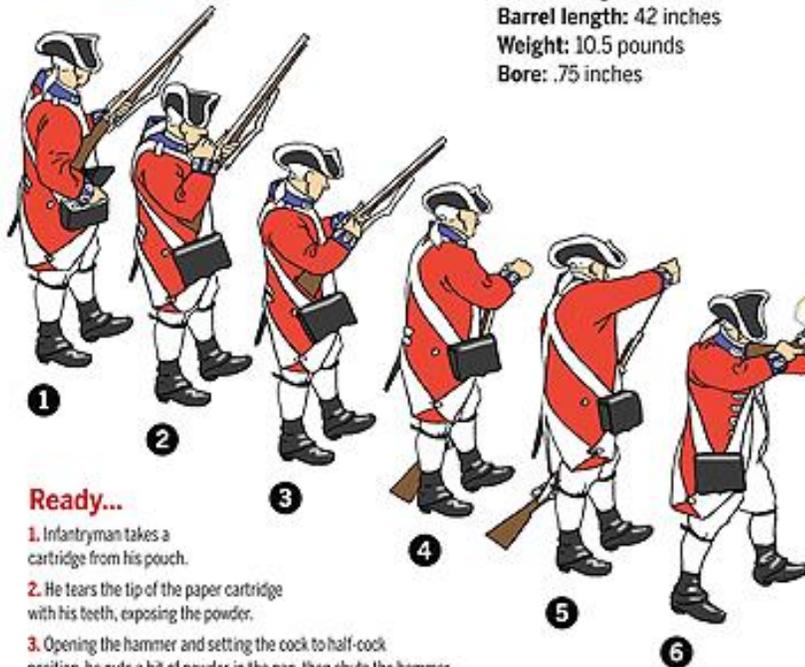


PARTS OF THE MUSKET & LOAD PROCESS



Short Land Pattern Brown Bess
 Overall length: 58.5 inches
 Barrel length: 42 inches
 Weight: 10.5 pounds
 Bore: .75 inches

The paper cartridge contains the powder, lube and a ball slightly smaller than the bore.



Ready...

1. Infantryman takes a cartridge from his pouch.
2. He tears the tip of the paper cartridge with his teeth, exposing the powder.
3. Opening the hammer and setting the cock to half-cock position, he puts a bit of powder in the pan, then shuts the hammer.

4. Casting about his musket to his left side, he pours the powder into the barrel, squeezes the ball from the cartridge into the barrel and stuffs the paper into the barrel as wadding.
5. Pulling his ramrod from the musket, he rams the wadding down the barrel to seat atop the powder and ball.
6. Setting the cock to full-cock position, he shoulders the musket, aims and fires.



(This article is an extract from the National Color Guardsman Magazine.)

Color Guard Safety Policy & Procedures

“ THE FIRING OF ORIGINAL FIREARMS IS PROHIBITED.
Only reproductions that are manufactured for black powder are to be fired. ”



Foreword

This document is a culmination of discussions on items submitted to an Ad Hoc Committee established for the purpose of developing standard safety policy and procedures for the National SAR Color Guard.

The formatting of this document was divided into three sections with sub-sections:

(1) Policies that are shall do or shall not do, (2) Event Procedures that are more how to in nature and (3) Firing Commands which are the recommended standard for all firings.

It is the intent that once these Safety Policies and Procedures are adopted, that all color guard units – National, State and Chapter levels – will adopt and conform to these items. The final end of this process has been to develop a standardized method of performance so that a Color Guardsman may be able to easily perform at events regardless of where they are held in a safe and comfortable manner

Policies

A. Insurance:

1. Any chapter that has members who fire a weapon will have a liability policy that covers the firing of Black Powder
2. All liability insurance policies shall name the respective State Society and National Society as additional insureds.

B. Training:

Any member firing will be trained in the safe operation and firing of their firearm. The NRA-NMLRA Basic Muzzle Loading Shooting Course or the National Park Service's class in muzzle loading will be the recognized training standards.

1. The NRA-NMLRA is a one-time training that is good for a lifetime.
2. The National Park Service's training is offered several times at numerous National Park Service locations

C. Firearm(s):

1. As the historical period being portrayed is the American Revolutionary War only muskets and

rifles of that period listed below are allowed:

- a. British Long Land Pattern (Brown Bess)
 - b. French Charleville
 - c. Flintlock American Long Rifle correct for period
 - d. American Fowler
2. Only reproductions that are manufactured for black powder are to be fired. THE FIRING OF ORIGINAL FIREARMS IS PROHIBITED.
- a. Firearms will have a flash protector and Frizzen/hammer stall cover.
 - b. Firearms will always be pointed in a safe direction.
 - c. Firearms will not be loaded until ready to fire.
 - d. Finger shall never be on the trigger unless firing firearm.
 - e. Safety inspection will be performed prior to any event and immediately after an event.
 - f. The minimum age to fire a musket is 18 years old and only by a trained member of the chapter.
 - g. At no time will a member of the general public be allowed to

handle any musket, rifle or edged weapon belonging to a member of the color guard.

h. Firearms shall remain unloaded until instructed to load.

i. Charged rifles/muskets shall be carried at half-cock.

D. Powder:

1 Use and type of Powder is an area where there should be some discussion during a color guard meeting. There are three different recommendations:

- a. Recommendation #1
 - Muskets will use FFFg and no more than 90 grains
 - Rifles will use FFFg and no more than 70 grains
- b. Recommendation #2
 - The grains of black powder loaded should be no more than 1.5 times the caliber of the rifle/musket with a maximum load of 100 grains.
- c. Recommendation #3
 - Muskets will use FFg to a maximum of 100 grains
 - Rifles will use FFg to a maxi-

mum of 90 grains

- FFFG shall only be used in the flash pan and never down the muzzle (NRA muzzle loading class)
- 2 Firearms are to be loaded directly from a paper cartridge and NEVER from a powder horn.
- 3 Paper cartridges shall be discarded and not used as wadding.
- 4 A small brass powder measurer can be used for FFFG in the pan.
- 5 Powder should only be kept in paper cartridges. No plastic cartridges or containers are allowed due to potential static electricity charges.
- 6 A ball or other projectile shall never be loaded into firearm.
 - a. BLANK CARTRIDGES ONLY
 - b. Wadding/patches are never to be used for Color Guard purposes.
 - c. Ramrods and/or other objects shall not be inserted into charged barrels.
- 7. Members participating in the gun salute should keep the black powder cartridges in a leather covered pouch or box with a flap that completely covers the opening. The pouch or box should be worn external to the members clothing (i.e. no cartridges should be kept in pockets or under coats).

E. Edged Weapons:

1. All edged weapons (Swords, Bayonets, Halberds, Tomahawks/Hatchets, etc.) will be kept in their scabbards until appropriate time for use.
2. Edged weapons at no time will be pointed at an individual.
3. Bayonets will only be placed on muskets during outdoor ceremonies and parades.
4. Halberds and Pikes will always be carried in the upright position and only pointed at the ground during a salute.

F. General Safety

1. Only natural fiber fabrics or

leather will be worn if color guard member is firing or is next to a member that is firing. No clothing shall contain any gabardine, polyester or polyester like material.

2. All firing participants are recommended to have eye and hearing protection.
3. Eye protection that may be worn includes either period or modern glasses. (If the color guardsman has prescription glasses, there is no need to obtain period glasses. The purpose of wearing glasses is not for ballistic protection but to protect against powder flash.
4. Hearing protection may be worn at the discretion of the color guards- man.

Event Procedures

General:

1. Color Guard Commander, or his designee, will be responsible for enforcing the policies as much as practical; however, each individual Guardsman is ultimately responsible for his own health and safety including, but not limited to, obtaining the necessary liability insurance.
2. Color Guard Commander, or his designee, will be responsible for ensuring that adequate or other appropriate liquid refreshments are available for the participants.
3. It is the individual's personal responsibility to be aware of their physical limitations and to excuse themselves from parades or events that will exceed their capabilities.
4. At no time will a color guard member be impaired by alcohol or medication while firing.

Site Safety:

1. Check weather forecasts for the period of the event (i.e. high winds, high/ low temperatures, lightning, precipitation, and/or

slick/slippery conditions).

2. Identify/provide appropriate shelter if practical.
3. When the potential for lightning exists, appoint an observer to monitor the proximity of lightning strikes to the event.
4. Provide drinking water/heated area as weather dictates.
5. Advise participants of any adverse weather conditions that may be expected.
6. Inspect color guard assembly area, route of march, and ceremonial area for hazards. Identified hazards should be managed by (in order of preference) removal of hazard, avoidance of hazard, or mitigation of hazard. Specific hazards considered should include:
 - a. trip/fall hazards,
 - b. low hanging obstacles (i.e. electrical lines, tree branches),
 - c. potential falling objects (i.e. dead tree branches, falling nuts),
 - d. potential breach of the down range perimeter after identifying the gun salute firing line, and
 - e. combustible material in area (if gun salute is part of ceremony).
7. Ensure that no individuals, animals or combustible materials will be in front of the firing team for 150 feet.
8. Careful consideration should be made when firing between buildings or structures that will contain the blast and resonate the sound.
9. Safety Officer must be present at every event where firing occurs.

Firearm Inspection:

Pre-Event: The Color Guard

Commander or his designate will perform the musket check procedure and document the Musket Check Procedure on the proper form. The inspection sheets will be kept in the Commander's Color Guard Binder. The inspection will begin with ensuring that the musket/rifle is

confirmed to be unloaded by pinging the ramrod. The Ramrod will be returned to its normal position after barrel has been confirmed that it is empty. This return will be documented

Lock

1. Muskets/rifles will be equipped with a flash guard and Frizzen cover/hammer stall.
2. No charring should be evident around the top of the lock.
3. Two-piece locks will have sections securely joined.
4. The lock will work smoothly.
5. The hammer or cock fits tightly on the tumbler.
6. All hammer or cock positions are firm and solid.
7. The lock must not fail in the half- cock position. If the lock fails in the half-cock position that musket or rifle will not be allowed to fire.
8. When trigger pulled it lets off smoothly without catching on half- cock.
9. Trigger pull is proper, not too heavy and not a hair trigger.
10. If a set trigger, it is adjusted properly and works smoothly.
11. Lock fits properly into the stock and snugly against the barrel.
12. The cock screw works smoothly, jaws use lead or leather to grip the flint securely.
13. The flint is in good condition and set at a proper angle, and produces adequate spark for firing the musket.
14. The Frizzen is in good condition, not gouged and functions smoothly.
15. The pan is clean and fits snugly against the barrel.
16. The flint is not striking the barrel.

Stock

1. The stock will have no cracks or splits that affect the operation of the musket.
2. Butt plate, trigger guard, etc., will fit tightly.
3. No burrs on butt plate or trigger

guard screw heads that would snag clothing or hands.

4. Generally, no splintering or rough edges.

Barrel

1. Barrel bands must be secure.
2. If pin fastened, all pins will be present, tight, and wood not splintered.
3. The barrel fits the stock properly.
4. The barrel is free from visible dings or cracks.
5. The touchhole is clear and of acceptable size.
6. No signs of heavy corrosion around the touchhole.
7. If sights are present they are complete and operable.
8. The barrel bands or pins hold the barrel securely.
9. The ramrod is straight, fits the stock properly, and if equipped with threads at the lower end, threads are clean and free of burrs.

Post Event/Misfire Safety Check

1. The musket/rifle is confirmed to be unloaded by pinging the ramrod.
2. If the musket or rifle is confirmed to still have a charge due to a miss fire after pinging the ramrod then that musket or rifle will be taken away to a point of safety. A safety officer will be appointed to watch the clearing to ensure that all safety precautions are observed.
3. The pan will be re-primed and the musket fired.
4. If for some reason the musket or rifle fails to fire again the flint will be checked to ensure that the flint has not failed.
5. If the flint has failed then it will be replaced and the pan re-primed and the musket or rifle re-fired.
6. Once the musket or rifle has been successfully fired then another ramrod check will be done to assure there is no latent powder remaining in the barrel.

Firing Muskets in parades:

1. Color Guard Commander or his

designee will ensure that the parade officials will allow the firing of muskets.

- a. Parade officials should ensure that no equestrian units or other participants that object to being near the firing are placed near the color guard.
- b. Color Guard Commander or his designee will advise parade officials and obtain approval of the locations where the firing will occur.
2. Color Guard Commander or his designee will make contact with the Law Enforcement liaison for the parade and advise him that the color guard:
 - a. Is firing.
 - b. Locations where firing will occur.
 - c. Allow the local law enforcement to inspect firearms and powder.
3. Color Guard Commander or his designee will make contact with the participant in front and back of the Color Guard advising each group that the Color Guard will be firing.
4. During safety checks all ramrods will be screwed into the firearm to prevent use during the parade, and All other safety procedures apply during parades such as, but not limited to, no use ramrod in charged barrel or the use of paper cartridges or patches as wadding.
5. A non-firing Safety Officer will be assigned to monitor the safety of the Color Guard and the participants near the firing.
6. Color Guard Commander or his designee will ensure that at least one hundred yards separates the participants in front of the color guard from the color guard.
7. Firing will be aimed directly forward with muskets pointed upward with at a least a forty-five (45) degree angle and never over parade observers.

8. Color Guard Commander or his designee will post someone walking in front of the color guard at a safe distance warning the spectators that the Color Guard will be firing and young children should cover their ears.
9. Firing should only occur in open spaces or major intersections where the concussion will not damage building windows.

Firing Commands

1. The Designated Team Leader/Commander, at the appropriate time, will give the order for the rifle/musket squad to: **"Fall In "**.
 - a. All firearms are to be unloaded at this time.
 - b. Team Members are to form a single rank, shoulder to shoulder with approximately 3 feet between each member
 - c. Firearms are to be at **"Left Shoulder Arms."**
2. Command will be given: **"Prime and Load"**.
 - a. At this time, the firearms will be briskly shifted to the loading position.
 - b. A blank cartridge is then removed from the cartridge box, bullet bag or powder bag.
 - c. Bite paper cartridge at the powder line and Prime Pan

- d. Frizzen Cover/Hammer Stall shall be in place over the Frizzen
 - e. Rotate rifle/musket to the barrel up position and pour remaining black powder down barrel.
 - f. Empty paper cartridges are to be discarded and are NOT to be used for wadding!
 - g. Ramrods will NOT be used!
 - h. Firearms will be then be shifted to the "Poise" position.
3. Command will be given: **"Make Ready"**.
 - a. At this time, the hammer will be moved from the half-cocked, or safe position, to the full cocked position,
 - b. The hammer stall (leather Frizzen cover) is then removed.
 4. Command will be given: **"Present"**.
 - a. At this time, the firearms will be shifted to the firing position and elevated to approximately 45 degrees.
 5. Command will be given: **"Fire"**.
 - a. Firearm will be discharged, and briskly rotated to loading position.
 - b. Immediately repeat **"Prime**

- and Load"** procedure and return to "Poise" when completed.
 6. Repeat Command Series until designated number of volleys have been fired. After completion of last Volley, return firearms to the **"Left Shoulder Arms"**.
 7. If at any time an unsafe situation is identified by a participant in the rifle squad or an observer, the command "Cease Fire" should be given at which time the rifle squad will cease their actions and return to the **"Poise Position"**. The rifles/muskets should be maintained with the muzzle positioned above head level and pointed upwards until further instruction is provided.
 8. All guardsmen who are assigned to fire rifles/muskets shall be certified as to their competency by the State Society Color Guard Commander, his designee or the safety officer, based upon the following criteria:
 - a. Demonstrated knowledge of and compliance with the above stated standards.
- Demonstrated efficiency insafely loading and firing the weapon



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