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### **NOTICE:**

New Temporary web site is: <http://www.ah-sar.org/CG/SARCG-index>

**THE MOST VISIBLE FACE OF THE SAR - THE COLOR GUARD**

## FROM OUR COLOR GUARD COMMANDER (and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter report)

The third quarter is now closed and we had a very successful, and busy, summer. The Color Guard had 116 uniformed members busy over the summer and that was shared by only 14 consistent participants of the 58 color guard members. It has been busy for all of us.

As we begin our 4th quarter with only three events on the calendar, I ask all of you to consider finishing off the year with support of the Color Guard.

1. On Nov 3rd we will be posting the colors at the DAR National Defense luncheon in Bellevue. A luncheon will follow and the DAR requests you sign up for the lunch in advance. The cost is \$30. If you can be part of the Color Guard and do not want to participate in the luncheon that is your option, too.
2. On November 10th there is the Auburn Parade. We start the morning with breakfast at the Rainbow Cafe. Why you may wonder? The answer is quite simple, often the weather in Auburn is cold, wet and rainy. By having breakfast we are warm, inside, and then move to the muster station. The parade begins at noon but we normally don't step off until after 1PM. Arrive any time before we begin marching and all are welcome.
3. No matter where you live, December 15th is Wreaths Across America. Check with your local chapter for participation in your area. Tahoma National Cemetery along with the JBLM military Cemetery will be holding ceremonies so if you don't have a military ID check with your chapter for carpool muster stations.

A final thought for November include the midterm elections. Alexander Hamilton strongly promoted a President be elected for life as a condition for the office. This concept was soundly rejected resulting in a two term limit for the position of President. King George was actually surprised when Washington stepped down and the office was next filled by John Adams. We do not need term limits in Washington, we have the power of vote to determine who stays and who is replaced.

With this in mind, read, consider, weigh the strength and weaknesses of all candidates and VOTE! In the United States your elected officials serve at the pleasure of the governed which is you. Vote, because if you do not vote, you give the choice of who you want in office to someone else. This is true for local, county, state and nationally elected officials. In 2015, my wife and I traveled far and wide across China. Our tour guide made an interesting comment. He said, "In China, the party (Communist) tells us who the candidates will be, we vote for them and we like the outcome. In the United States you select your candidates through a primary, then vote for them in the National elections, and then complain about their job performance." Use your Constitutional Right to select the candidate of your choice, then be proud of your choice. To do that you must VOTE. Which is one of our founding principles of Patriotism.

Remind friends and family to vote, also. Turn out is the key to all successful elections. Washington has one of the easiest methods for voting which is voting by mail, and YOUR POSTAGE IS ALREADY PAID! In a recent Washington State survey, many 18-21 year old voters say they do not vote because they don't want to do it wrong. Be a mentor, educate the youth in your surroundings and help them enjoy a lifetime of voting.

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



## FROM OUR COLOR GUARD VICE COMMANDER

**Compatriots...**As leaders of our WASSAR Color Guard we are depended upon for knowing everything there is to know about the Color Guard. Many times we guess, based on our extensive knowledge in these matters. However it is always nice to have the documentation to prove our guidelines are correct.

I recently discovered this 32 page pamphlet in the American legion documents. This booklet along with a copy of the American Flag Code is a must for all members of the Color Guard and any SAR member. This pamphlet and the Flag Code are available from the American Legion website.

The pamphlet is \$1.00 the flag code is \$.25. Above are a couple of images you can get an idea of what is in it. I have ordered enough for the Eastern regiment. If money is not available for the west side Color Guard let me know and I will order it for them. I also have them available at the Flag Museum.

Respectfully, **Stan Wills**, Sons of the American Revolution, Washington State Color Guard Vice Commander



**A THOUGHT FROM THE EDITOR:**

Still need input from 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 the 5 Ws (Who, What, When, Where, Why)



**Please send to the [Newsletter Editor](#)**

Here is a question for you, submitted by Stan Wills (Answer on page 9)

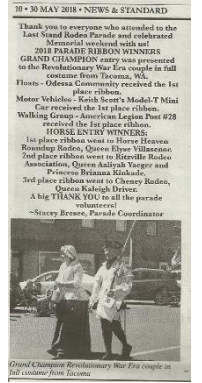
**What Flag was flown in Independence Hall when the Declaration of Independence was signed?**

**LATE DISPATCH (May 26) from Coulee City:**

On Memorial Day in Coulee City, WA, one of the great crossroads in the Washington Territory, held their Last Stand Rodeo Parade.

SAR Color Guard supporter, Ralph Liening, and his Lady Melonie (DAR member), stood out in the Parade as **GRAND CHAMPIONS**, winning a Blue Ribbon, as they marched to honor in Memory to our First Veterans.

**Congratulations** to our CG supporter and Melonie for their great showing in memorial to our veterans.



**SPECIAL INTEREST: 3 generations of Patriots Participate in 4<sup>th</sup> of July event!!**

Two families of 3 generation patriots participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Stielacoom.

First family was our Commander, Art Dolan, son Tom, & grandson Jack. All were in uniform and marching proudly.



Second family was DAR member Kate Bendickson and Mom (Dian Moor) with the grandchildren, Danika and Mikey who is an SAR member & our new drummer. Again all were in period clothing or uniform, and marching proudly.



**HMMMM...** Our tricorn hat was also used in Viet-Nam. Even worn by a 4 Star General. One sold on EBay for \$478!



**REPORT FROM THE FIELD** From Stan Wills:

**7 Jul: Hard work pays off!!!** After some hard work to put our trailer together we are seeing some fantastic results. Yesterday I received another grant check for the flag museum. This month alone we have received donations totaling \$2500 for the flag museum. I have just ordered many more flags and will soon exceed 200 flags in the flag museum including all 50 state flags, all 27 versions of the American Flag since 1783 and 50 flags from the Rev War era, plus many more. Today I will have the Flag Trailer set up in Spokane for a salute to veterans program. The trailer will have 20 current Military flags on 10 foot poles and 40 small US flags on it for the display. I am averaging two or more requests a week for Flag programs or tours of the Flag Museum. I am working on a grant to build our own Flag Museum Building with more space but it will take some great campaigning on our part. Stan Wills, Flag Museum Custodian



**WESTERN WASHINGTON**  
[Schedule of events](#)

**EASTERN WASHINGTON**  
[Schedule of events](#)

**WESTERN WASHINGTON REGIMENT** (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Activity Highlights)

**4 Jul: Steilacoom.** First event this quarter was a big success. The group assembled at the Steilacoom Pub & Grill for comradery and lunch.



Bob O'Neal read the essence of the Declaration of Independence. Many hisses and boos followed the reading of the list of British depredations against the Patriots, whilst many great Huzzahs were heard at the news that we "**are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown**".



Pre-muster parade participants catch up with each other (Dick Motz, Ralph Leaning, Kent Sterling, & Larry Barns)



Photo at left shows SAR Color Guard & the DAR members that turned out for the event. 40 some combined participants

They all marched as a unit, led by the SAR/DAR Fife & Drum Corps & Commander Art Dolan.



**21 Jul:** West Seattle Parade. The Washington SAR Parade Unit is led by Color Guard Commander Art Dolan (carries a 'spontoon', symbol of authority) followed by Drum Major Viren Lemmer, and then by the Colors, Color Guard-Dick Motz, Carrying the Betsy Ross Flag-Neil Vernon, Washington State Flag-Jim Lindley, the SAR Flag-Kent Sterling, the flag of the Philadelphia Light Horse Troop-Ralph Liening



**9-12 Aug:** ... Northwest Colonial Festival at the George Washington Inn, Port Angeles. It was a big event for the western regiment. It was sponsored by the JPJ chapter, but was attended by many. The booth was well manned by Noah Chase, Gene Tenny, Fred Gilbert, Larry Flint (from Mid-Columbia Chapter), Bob Smalser, Neal Vernon, Tony Abbott, Doug Nelson, Ralph Liening ( Non SAR), Mick Hersey (the Town Crier), Art Dolan, Ross Abbott, and David Irons.



**19 Aug:** Woodinville parade.



**3 Sep: Labor Day Parade in Black Diamond. The combined SAR/DAR/CAR/F&D took 1<sup>st</sup> place award!**



Present were: **SAR members:** Alex Lemmer, Art Dolan, Dick Motz, Greg Emerson, Little Moore, Michael Moore, Viren Lemmer, **our new members:** Stephan Clayton, Christopher Clayton, Michael Hutchins. **Non-SAR:** Ralph Liening & with the F&D were Jan Lemmer, Jeannine Stephen, Stephanie Conroy, Terry Baker

**3 Sep:** The USS Oriskany Reunion, Bremerton WA. Mick Hersey read a narration at the start of the reunion about the battle of Oriskany. The Color Guard consisted of members of the different eras WWII, Vietnam, the present, and Mick as the Revolutionary War.



**16-17 Sep:** Washington State Fair. SAR recruiting booth participants this year were: Michael Moore, Art Dolan, Neil Vernon, and HODARs -Ralph Liening & Larry Barnes, &



**17 Sep:** Honor Flight. Meet and greet returning veterans Location: Sea-Tac International airport. Flight ETA is 7:00 pm



**EASTERN WASHINGTON REGIMENT** (2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Activity Highlights)

**SPOKANE AREA** (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Activity Highlights)

**4 Jul:** Stan Wills had the first grade class from North Wall elementary school stop by the Flag Museum. Stan has the museum open various times during the months.



**7 Jul:** The annual Salute to Veterans Day at Harley Davidson Motorcycle of Spokane. The trailer was a big hit. We picked up a couple of prospective members and some more donations.



Pictures of the trailer, Stan Wills, Bill Pickett,

Dale Ryan & Will Palmer.

**28 Jul:** In near 100 degree weather the Spokane chapter participated in the Deer Park Settlers Day parade.

SAR CG members marching were Stan Wills, Dale Ryan, Dennis Shaw, Will Palmer, Greg Reihl, and Bill Pickett.

Also marching were several Ladies Auxiliary, Patience Ryan, Vicki Pickett, & Theresa Palmer & her 3 grand kids.



**15 Sept:** Spokane chapter also marched in the Rockford Washington Festival parade.



**17 Sep:** as part of Constitution Week Stan Wills & Dale Ryan presented flag pins to 97 new citizens from 39 countries in Spokane at Mireabeau Park Event Center.



**21 Sep:** Spokane chapter participated in the Spokane Valley Festival. We were honored to have the ladies Auxiliary accompany us. The May Hutton DAR chapter also marched with us for Spokane Valley Festival.

L/R Stan Wills, Patience Ryan (Ladies Auxiliary), Will Palmer, Dale Ryan, Dennis Shaw. (Picture taken by Brenda Shaw Ladies Auxiliary. Will Palmer's grand children also marched with us in period costumes but were not in the pictures.



**24 Sep:** Stan Wills participated in the sendoff of 103 Veterans, including 4 lady Vets and guardians on the Honor Flight (161 total). There is heavy rain and wet weather in Washington DC but they were all enthusiastic about the trip.

They will return tomorrow at 7:30 pm. Stan will meet and greet them all and present them with a salute.



**25 Sep:** Return of Honor Flight. Stan Wills, Dale Ryan & Gale Palmer of Spokane greeted the 103 Veterans and 60 guardians returning home on the Honor Flight. The Veterans were also greeted by 1,000 Spokane residents, friends and families.



While at the event Stan raised almost \$700 for the Honor Flight by selling an Honor Flight patch for \$5.00. OBTW... They cost 75 cents to make.

We also gave each Veteran one for free.



**MID-COLUMBIA AREA** (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Activity Highlights)

**A couple of events missed the last issue but did not want to miss these (the editor).**

**16 Jun: Scottish Fest in Prosser.** John & Loretta Tipton, Kelly & Karen Schultz, and Larry Flint attended this event. The Mid-Columbia SAR Chapter was selected as the Honored Society for 2018.

We were also honored to present the Colors again this year. Both the SAR and The DAR, booths gained several friends and potential members. Overall it was a beautiful day but unfortunately the afternoon festivities were cut short with some strong gusts of wind and rain that not only blew our display items off the table but we almost lost our canopy as well.



**That is a really big sword you have there, Karen!!!**

**Jun 19:** Larry Flint attended a flag retirement ceremony at the Badger Mountain Elementary School. The event was coordinated by Susan Faulkner of the Columbia River DAR for the CAR.



1-Susan explains flag retirement 2-The kids deconstruct the flags 3-The flag pieces are burned 4-Ceremony is completed

**4 Jul: Kennewick,** Larry Flint, Conn Clark, Kelly & Karen Schultz set up an information booth at the River of Fire event at



Columbia Park. The group was also the main information booth for the event.

Kelly and Larry talking with Florida SAR member Bill Nelson

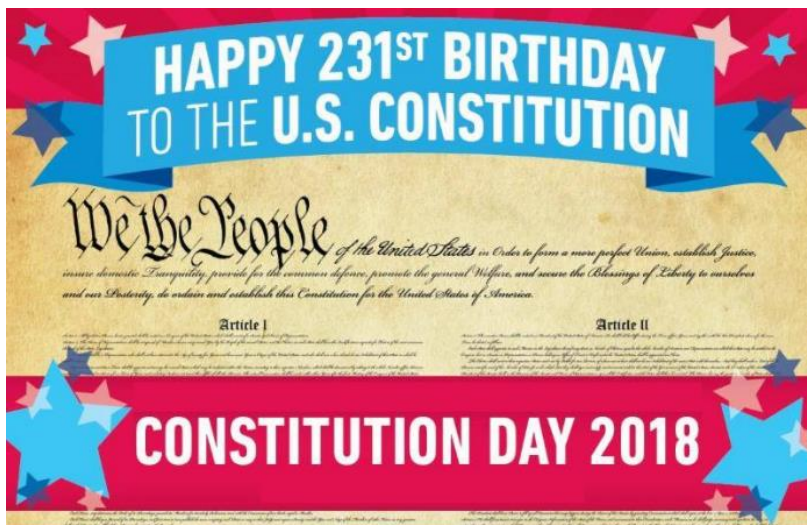


**9-12 Aug:** Larry and Junko Flint attended the Northwest Colonial Festival in Sequim. This four-day event was packed with talks and battle reenactments of the 1775 Battles of Lexington and on a recreation of the North Bridge at Concord. About 700 British Army regulars from Boston, under Lieutenant Colonel Francis Smith, were given secret orders to capture and destroy Colonial military supplies reportedly stored by the Massachusetts militia at Concord. The John Paul Jones Chapter had an information booth with lots of Colonial artifacts and guns.



**17 Sep:** Kelly Schultz and Larry Flint attended the Naturalization Ceremony at the Richland Federal Building. The event didn't disappoint. There were 27 new citizens sworn in from 10 different countries. A young Vietnamese girl told her story of escaping from Vietnam. One actually had gone to Yakima and had to rush down to Richland but made it in time to be sworn in after the larger ceremony.

Kelly & Larry with two new citizens



**Wanted:** **UNIFORM ITEMS WANTED/FOR SALE**

Name	Item	Size	Contact

**For Sale:**

Name	Item	Size	Cost	Contact

If you have anything you want or have for sale, please send information to the [Newsletter Editor](#)

**SPECIAL OFFER TO SAR MEMBERS:** (Ken Roberts)

As a life member of **NSSAR & WASSAR** as well as life member of the **NRA & WAC**, I would like to offer our SAR members special discounts on life all-inclusive memberships (and lesser options) at Front Sight Fire Arms Training Institute.



The top all-inclusive Life Commander Membership certificate is offered on the Front Sight website at \$25,000. In the current WAC magazine I offer the exact same membership certificate to members of the WAC for \$1,000. This membership has it all - that being said - I have many other Life memberships with less features and that cost less.

Front Sight is the Premier Firearm and Self Defense Training Institute in the USA. In addition to the Life membership Certificates I can offer 2 day or 4 day certificates. All options can be viewed at [www.frontsight.com](http://www.frontsight.com). Just contact me, [Ken Roberts](#), for special SAR pricing.

What Flag was flown in Independence Hall when the Declaration of Independence was signed?

A: The Grand Union Flag. It is displayed in most of the paintings of the recreation of the event. However, no one can confirm it.

“Grand Union” or “Cambridge Flag” was first flown over Prospect Hill, overlooking Boston in January 1776 during the Siege of Boston. While never sanctioned by the Continental Army, it is widely believed to be the first flag of this nation.

