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**Note:** The new *Color Guard* web site is: <https://cg.wasar-ah.org/>

The *WA State* web site is: <https://washingtonsta10.godaddysites.com/>

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

## FROM OUR COLOR GUARD COMMANDER (and 4th Quarter report)

Something New: As the Washington State SAR Color Guard Commandeer, I declare the month of November as Chapter Color Guard Recognition Day (an idea I got from our AH Nov chapter meeting). \* Ok, none of you know this yet. Due to the importance of the Color Guard across the state, I believe these uniformed SAR community representatives should be recognized annually. No, not at the April, WASSAR meeting, but in each individual chapter. Amazing as it may sound, 25% of Washington's SAR chapters have reignited their dormant color guard.



**Mike Hutchins**, George Washington Chapter, and **Neil Vernon**, Seattle Chapter have inserted a bold new incendiary desire for color guard activity. This means new events, parades, and members! A tribute goes out to both these chapter captains for kindling a new excitement for uniformed presence in their respective communities.

\*The 17 Nov regular meeting of the Alexander Hamilton Chapter was declared Color Guard day by the President. The Color Guard Headquarters, all Chapter Captains, and all other members of the Color Guard were invited to attend. Representatives from half of the Washington Chapters as well as the State Color Guard Commander and 2 deputy commanders were there. At the meeting Art Dolan, the state commander, was promoted to Lt Colonel. The promotion was read by the Color Guard Adjutant, Bob O'Neal. (*see page 4 for more*) It was also suggested that all Washington Chapters recognize their SAR Color Guard members.

### The Color Guard is the face of the SAR while presenting a powerful recruiting tool in the community.

Our 61-state wide color guard members participated in 28 events, 6 parades, 125 living history presentations, ceremonies, posting of the colors, and Honor Flights, resulting in **557 uniformed appearances** throughout Washington.

Our state pride for these dedicated volunteers extends well beyond the three pillars of History, Education, and Patriotism. It is a core belief in their own heritage, and the willingness to share their ancestry within their community, drives these members to spread the story of a Revolution and those who fought in it.

If, as a Color Guard member you felt there was more activity in 2018, you are correct. Here is a history of Color Guard appearances since 2011. Please recognize, some of the CG activity may have been missed and the actual number is higher. Progression of Color Guard member appearances from 2011 - 2018:

2011 - 27	2013 - 116	2015 - 132	2017 - 295
2012 - 90	2014 - 167	2016 - 205	2018 - 557

All these appearances would not happen if all the members did not "believe". We are growing and this is reflected through the increasing number of community requests for our skills, abilities and talent. Each Chapter CG Captain is looking for new recruits. Look at your own schedule and see if your chapter CG appeals to you.

Click on either [Eastern](#) or [Western](#) Color Guard events schedule for 2019.

I would like to remind everyone that in the ancestry timeline, we all are part of that heritage. We learned our stories from those ancestors who recorded them. Now it is your turn. If you never questioned a parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle about their life and now they have passed, perhaps you should record your life, contributions and thoughts. Firsthand accounts of 911, first cell phone, first "personal computer", microwave, first non-elected president in your lifetime (Gerald Ford), Mt St. Helens and much, much, more. Future generations want to know you, too. Why did you do what you did and what was the motivation. I urge all of you to become good stewards of your role in your family lineage.

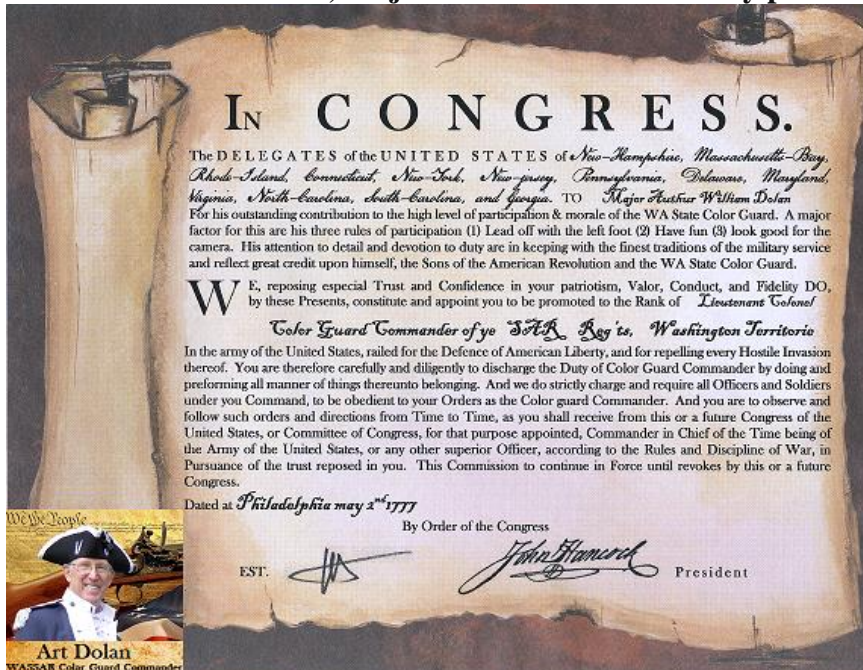
Finally, let's not forget the 2021 National Conference in Seattle. Visiting the Emerald City surrounded by ocean, mountains reaching 14,000 feet into the sky and vibrant vista's punctuate sightseeing excursions giving you a deep, lasting memory of our 42nd state.

Respectfully, [Arthur Dolan](#), WSSAR Color Guard Commander (H) 360-570-7456 (C) 509-998-3227

***Sons of the American Revolution - "Our History is the Nation's History"***

## ATTENTION TO ORDERS

Effective 17 Nov 2018, Major Arthur Dolan is hereby promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.



Lt. Col. Art Dolan receives the Commission from Deputy Commander Major Dick Motz



Members of ye Western Washington regiment assembled for the Orders at Headquarters.

Front row (l to r): **Mikey Bendickson** & **Skip Stephan** (Drummers), **Jeanine Stephan** (Fifer), **Joyce Jackman** (Drummer)  
 Back row: **Matt Bendickson**, **Lee Thomasson**, (Capt) **Captain Fred Gilbert** (Capt); **Viren Lemmer** (Drum major), **Michael Moore**,  
**Bob O'Neal**, (Lt Col, Brigade Adjutant), **Art Dolan** (Lt. Col, CG Commander), **Dick Motz**, (Major, CG Deputy Commander),  
**Ralph Liening**; **Neil Vernon** (Capt) and **David Jackman**

Color Guard Day was proclaimed at the Alexander Hamilton chapter regular meeting. *NO, not really*, it was just a way to get Art Dolan, our CG Commander, to the meeting in uniform without knowing why. It was evident that he was totally surprised.

Many CG members from other chapters were in attendance.

The promotion order was read by CG Brigade Adjutant Lt Col Bob O'Neil (right)



**The promotion is well deserved!!!**

## 11 November was Veterans Day (But why on the 11<sup>th</sup>?)

That's when the armistice ending World War I began in 1918, and that is the origin of Veterans Day (note that it is spelled without an apostrophe), a U.S. holiday often confused with Memorial Day.

Memorial Day honors America's war dead, while Veterans Day honors all American veterans, living and dead, and has a special emphasis on thanking living veterans for their service to the country.

Why Memorial Day is different from Veterans Day

In November 1919, one year after the armistice ending World War I went into effect, President Woodrow Wilson declared Nov. 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words:

To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations. . . .

In 1938, Congress made Nov. 11 an annual, legal holiday known as Armistice Day to honor the cause of world peace, but it was primarily used to honor World War I veterans. After World War II, in 1954, the law was changed, and "Armistice" was changed to "Veterans." Nov. 11 became a day to honor veterans of all American wars.

Veterans Day was moved to the fourth Monday in October in 1968 by Congress, but that was reversed in 1978 when it became obvious that Americans wanted the holiday celebrated Nov. 11.

Other facts about the holiday:

**The Tomb of the Unknowns:** In 1921, the United States laid to rest the remains of a World War I American soldier — his name "known but to God" — in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia on a hillside overlooking Washington. It became known as the "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier" and was meant to symbolize reverence for the American veteran. Today it is known as the "Tomb of the Unknowns."

At 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, a color guard consisting of members of every branch of the military renders honors to America's war dead at the Tomb of the Unknowns. The president or a representative places a wreath at the tomb, and a bugler sounds taps.

And here are some key economic and demographic statistics compiled by the Census Bureau on our nation's veterans.

**18.5 million....**The number of military veterans in the United States in 2016.

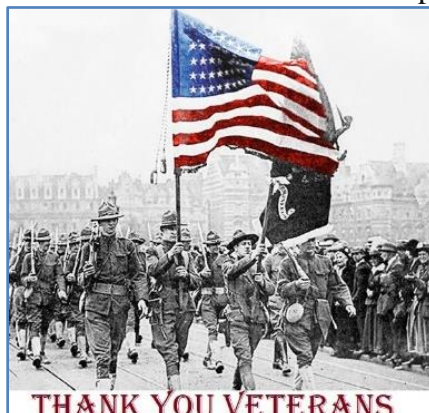
**9.2 million.....**The number of veterans ages 65 and older in 2016.

**1.6 million.....**The number of veterans were younger than 35 in 2016.

**6.7 million.....**The number of Vietnam-era veterans in 2016. Moreover, there were 7.1 million who served during the Gulf War (representing service from August 1990 to present); 768,263 who served in World War II; 1.6 million who served in the Korean War; and 2.4 million who served in peacetime only.

**14.4 million....**The number of veterans who voted in the 2016 presidential election. In that election, 69.6 percent of veterans cast a ballot, compared with 60.6 percent of nonveterans. These rates reflect the citizen voting-age population.

**398,453.....**The number of all U.S. employer firms that are majority owned by veterans. Veteran-owned firms make up 7.2 percent of the nation's 5.5 million employer businesses.



**WESTERN WASHINGTON**

[Schedule of events](#)

**EASTERN WASHINGTON**

[Schedule of events](#)

**WESTERN WASHINGTON REGIMENT**

(4th Quarter Activity Highlights)



**15 Oct: Honor Flight, Sea-Tac airport**  
CG Commander Art Dolan and CG Adjutant Bob O'Neal were there to greet all the returning veterans.



**3 Nov: Posting of the colors** at the Greater Seattle DAR Regents Council 2018 National Defense Luncheon "Honoring Those Who Served" In attendance were CG Commander Art Dolan & CG Deputy Commander Dick Motz, plus the F&D corps; Drum Major Viren Lemmer, Fifers Stephanie Conroy & Terry Barker



**16 Oct: DAR Rainier House, Seattle, Mini Colonial Days**  
CG Brigade Commander Doug Nelson and CG Captain JPI Chapter attended the event

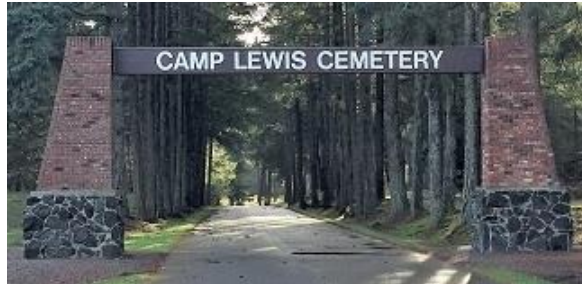


**11 Nov: Veterans Day parade, Auburn WA.**  
Pictured above are 27 of the 43 Continental Army patriots and ladies of the Color Guard and Fife & Drum Corps who marched in the parade. Five SAR Chapters in regimental or militia uniforms & five DAR Chapters were represented. Some 30,000 onlookers turned out on this sunny day to see our historic flags waving and hear our "Yankee Doodle" with drums and fifes.



**15 Dec:** “To remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and teach our children the value of Freedom.”

**“Wreaths Across America”**



**Joint Base Louis-McCord:**



L/R: Jan Lemmer, Skip Stephan, Darron Nelson, Jeanine Stephan, Bob O’Neal, Alex Lemmer, Kent Troy, Viren Lemmer



In attendance were CG Adjutant Bob O’Neal, Drum Major Viren Lemmer, Alex Lemmer, Darron Nelson, Kent Troy, , Skip Stephen, (all from AH). Jan Lemmer & Jeanine Stephen of the Fife & drum were also there.

The Commander & Deputy Commander were both on a special mission for General Washington and unable to attend.

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The JPJ Chapter sponsored the wreaths at 6 Cemeteries:

- Ivy Green & Miller Woodlawn (Bremerton).
- Bethel, Colby, Sedgwick & Fraola (Port Orchard).

687 wreaths were placed in honor of over 1000 Veteran's Graves.

In attendance were Brigade Co. Doug Nelson & Mick Hersey in uniform.

Also present and presenting wreaths were Conrad Plyer, Fred Gilbert, and Noah chase. All are from the JPG chapter



Even General Washington made an appearance.

**Artondale Cemetery, (Gig Harbor):**

Representing the CG here was Compatriot Ken Roberts, pictured here setting a wreath.



## EASTERN WASHINGTON REGIMENT

A big thank you to Stan Wills and Larry Flint for providing the following information

### SPOKANE AREA (4th Quarter Activity Highlights)

**News from the Flag museum:**

Stan Wells recently attended a program to Honor the Native Americans who served in Viet Nam and other wars who suffer from PTSD. Arnie Holt is the CEO. He travels around the state with a collection of memorabilia he has collected from various Native American Veterans. Arnie is the Color Guard Commander for funerals for Native American Veteran's Funerals. His organization donated this flag to the Flag Museum. Arnie's program is outstanding and should be seen by everyone. If you would like to contact him let me know. Stan is starting a new section in the flag museum for Native American Flags. Each tribe has its own flag



A flag was just donated to the Flag Museum by USMC retired Jeremy Armstrong. It is a WWI commemorative flag which has a Poppy on it, the symbol to wear to honor all war dead. The poppy was made famous by the poem written by Lt. Col. John McCrae in WWI, named "In Flanders Field".



**"In Flanders Field":**

In Flanders field the poppies blow  
between the crosses, row on row  
that mark our places: and in the sky  
the larks still bravely singing fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead: short days ago,  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
loved and were loved: and now we lie  
in Flanders Field

Take up our quarrel with the foe  
To you, from failing hands, we throw  
The torch: be yours to hold it high  
If ye break faith with us who die,  
We shall not sleep, though poppies  
grow  
In Flanders Field

**New Hats:** News from Stan - Our latest addition to the Spokane Chapter #1 uniforms. We will wear these with our vest to meetings and any other chapter functions.



**18 Oct:** New Citizen Ceremony. Stan Wills attended a New Citizen Ceremony in Spokane at the Federal Building where 28 new Citizens from 13 counties received their citizenship certificates and presented them with flag pins. These are of the families from Uganda and Mexico.



**22 Oct:** A dozen special education students from Spokane took a tour of the flag museum. We all had a great time. Stan gave each kid a flag to take home. Nothing makes him happier than showing kids all the flags.



**30 Oct:** Stan Wills presented 34 new citizens from 20 countries a flag pin at the Spokane Federal Courthouse.



**11 Nov:** On the 11th hour, 11th day, 11th month, 100 years ago today the Great War ended. Today to Honor that memory, Mick Hersey, of the JPG chapter, and Stan Wills, with the help of the DAR chapters in Spokane recreated the ringing of the Bells at the Flag Museum in Spokane.



**11 Nov:** Stan Wills and Mick Hersey then drove 50 miles to Rosalia, WA to honor all Veterans with a Flag retirement ceremony and dedication of the 11th Bench provided by Julie Pittman of the DAR.





**15 Nov:** Stan Wills provided a tour of the Flag Museum to 16 Home school kids.



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**16 Nov:** An original 38-Star flag, was donated to the flag museum by Edwin & Helen Harmon of Spokane. They recently moved to Spokane from Lake Stevens, WA. The flag flew at the grandparents of Edwin Harmon in Tamaqua, Schuylkill, Pa from 1876-1889. His grandparents were Harold Greenwalt and Lenora Krannch (German Immigrants). The flag was handed down to Edwin who mounted it in the frame. Edwin recently passed away and Helen wanted it to be placed in the Flag Museum. Estimated value of the flag is \$1500-\$2500. I was given documentation to verify where it came from. It now fly's in the flag museum under an original 48-star flag that flew in WWII.



The flag was used when Washington was just a territory. When Washington became a state in 1889, 5 states were added, WA., ID., MT., SD., and ND. This created a 43-star flag on July 4th, 1890.

**15 Dec:** [Pines Cemetery \(Spokane\)](#): The final event of the year for the Eastern Regiment. **“Wreaths Across America”**.



Present were (L/R) Dale Ryan, Denny Shaw, Michael More, Vice Commander Stan Wills, Will Palmer, and Koa Barnes (Will Palmer's grandson)



### MID-COLUMBIA AREA (4th Quarter Activity Highlights)

**13 Oct: 1st Celebration of Cultures (Quincy WA).**

The Mid- Columbia Chapter participated in the first “Celebration of Cultures” event which was to honor all the different cultures that make up the local community. Booths were set up from, Mexico, Native Americans, India, Scotland, England, Sweden, and many more. Each booth provided a sample of the foods from that country. Each country also provided a dance program from their perspective country. The flag museum trailer from Spokane was set up out near the road to draw people in and it worked great. There were large crowds all day. Mid-Columbia was well represented by; Stan Wills, Larry Flint, Brian Smith, John Tipton, Don Condit, Gar Pilliar, and several others. Many stopped by our booth to talk to us and we received several inquiries about how to join.



Pictured at right, Stan, Gar & Larry in front of Old Pioneer Church



**27 Oct Family Discovery Day (Hermiston, Oregon):** Kelly Schultz and Larry Flint were in attendance. Kelly and Larry presented the flags in the opening service. We had an information booth. Karen Schultz, Regent of the Kennewick DAR Chapter also had an information booth. There were other family genealogical displays and several very informative classes given throughout the day. Kelly gave his talk about a day in the life of Colonial Times during the lunch Break.

Kelly gives a presentation on Colonial Times



**6 Nov:** Kelly Schultz & Larry Flint attended the naturalization ceremony at the Richland Federal Building. Following the swearing in of new Citizens, they handed out flag pins and took a few pictures with proud new Americans.



**10 Nov: Veterans Day parade (West Richland):** Barry Moravek, Brian Smith, Kelly Schultz, Conn Clark and Larry Flint from the Mid-Columbia SAR Chapter; Karen Schultz and Sandra Meacham-Floberg of the Kennewick DAR Chapter; Laura Nunnele from the Columbia River DAR Chapter, her husband and two sons; and Natania with the Rattlesnake Mountain Children of the Revolution, her husband and the many children of that chapter participated. It was cold while we waited around to start, even getting a few of our first snowflakes of the season. It was great to have the three groups marching and riding together. At right, Conn Clark, Larry Flint, Brian Smith and Kelly Shultz march behind SAR banner.



Special thanks to Laura's two sons for carrying banners.

**15 Nov: Kiwanis Dinner.** Kelly and Karen Schultz, Laura Nunnele (Columbia River DAR Chapter) and Larry Flint attended the event to solicit their support of the Wreaths Across America Program. We each spoke briefly and left them with eight information packets for their chapters.



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**15 Dec: Sunset Memorial Gardens in Richland,** The Mid-Columbia Chapter participated in the Wreaths Across America with the Columbia River DAR Chapter, Civil Air Patrol Cadets and Several members of our Armed Forces and other guests. A inside ceremony was held, then moved outside to lay wreaths on Veterans Graves. Following this, several members proceeded to Resthaven Cemetery to place wreaths on the graves of our Civil War Veteran William Johnston and local Korean War Vet Thomas McMillin, who was instrumental in getting our Veterans Memorial in Columbia Park.



**UNIFORM ITEMS WANTED/FOR SALE**

**Wanted:**

Name	Item	Size	Contact

**For Sale:**

Name	Item	Size	Contact

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

**AND A FINAL 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](#)



**OBTW..... Did I Tell You All.....**

