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THE MOST VISIBLE FACE OF THE SAR - THE COLOR GUARD

A Moment of Silence for a fallen Compatriot, **Bill Rickett**, a Color Guard member of the Spokane unit has passed away. Compatriot Bill was a Viet Nam veteran and active in the color guard until his health prevented it. Compatriot Bill was buried in the Veterans Cemetery, Medical Lake WA., on 9 Jan 2019 with grave side services. Compatriot Bill was one of the first SAR applications that was completed by Stan Wills. Stan was close to Bill and his wife who passed early last year. They will be missed. Stan attended the service.



A Moment of Silence for a fallen Compatriot, **Dave Richard Jackman**. David resided in Lakebay, WA and was an active member of the chapter Color Guard. His patriot ancestor was Richard Jackman, a Pvt from NH.

Dave was a veteran of the US Army and was provided full military honors with the State Color guard in attendance. Dave was buried at the New Tacoma Cemetery



FROM OUR COLOR GUARD COMMANDER

Have you ever noticed how quickly time passes when you are doing something you like?

Your mind gets lost in the activity, your energy level remains high and your enjoyment seems never ending. This is my feeling towards the Color Guard. Members show up, smiles on their faces, happy to see each other at every event. Members arrive early, scope out the venue, share stories with friends, and always make the SAR look good.

Presidents Day was one of those events. Twelve Color Guard with Fife & Drum present at the wreath laying ceremony. A crisp temperature combined with cool refreshing rain added to the celebratory event. Prior to the event we met with campus police to explain how our “theatrical muskets” worked in the olden days and our presence on campus, with muskets, was no threat to visitors. Wreaths were laid, pictures taken, many by first time visitors to the campus. The joy at this observance erased the refreshing temperature outside.

The Color Guard fellowship continued on Saturday, February 23rd with massing of the Colors at Stadium High School in Tacoma. Hard to believe we had 18 Color Guard, Fife & Drum Corps members at this very limited participation event. Color Guard participation is alive and well in Washington State. The Fife and Drum Corps held the distinguished position of leading in the official colors of the event.

I mention this because my term of Color Guard Commander is coming to an end and I personally wanted to thank all of you for your willingness to give up Holidays, 3 day Weekends, and much more to be part of our “band of brothers”. There are so many stories to tell of members showing up at the last minute so we could meet the minimum to march in a parade, those who called at the last minute to say they could participate and the “regulars” who always stand out as the pillars of the Color Guard. Because of all of you, we had a very successful two years. For that I thank all of you as I leave this post.

As we look back over the past few years of the Color Guard, Fife and Drum corps I would be remiss if I did not mention two important historical points in Washington’s Color Guard history. The Color Guard was founded by Bob O’Neal in the Alexander Hamilton Chapter. We would not exist without his leadership and determination for founding the “Face” of the SAR. The second is Viren Lemmer, founder of the Fife & Drum Corps. Following the mentor suggestions of Bob O’Neal, combined with his wisdom of music, and leadership qualities, Viren created a group growing faster than the Color Guard. There is not a single event in which we participate that Fife and Drum does not appear on the front page of the paper, or a primary feature on local news video coverage. Both of these men are living history of our growth in Washington. In the sense of “Founding Fathers” we have two of our own “Founding Fathers” in **Bob O’Neal and Viren Lemmer**.



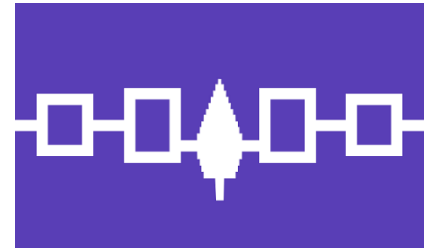
Respectfully, [Arthur Dolan](#), WSSAR Color Guard Commander (H) 360-570-7456 (C) 509-998-3227

NATIVE AMERICANS IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

By Stan Wills, Vice Commander, Washington State SAR Color Guard

We have a new addition to the Flag Museum. This flag represents the Iroquois Confederation during the American Revolution. It symbolizes the Hiawatha Wampum belt.

- 1st Square represents the Mohawk Nation
- The square nearest the heart represents the Oneida Nation
- White tree in the middle represents the Onondaga Nation
- The inner square to the right of the heart represents the Cayuga Nation
- The last square represents the Seneca Nation



Which Native American Tribes supported the Colonist during the Rev War?

In 1775 2.5 million people lived in the 13 Colonies. 500,000 were slaves & 200,000 were Native Americas (made up of 85 separate nations).

Of the 85 Tribes these tribes supported the Colonist: Tuscaroras, Catawba, Oneida, and Delaware

These tribes supported the British: Cherokee, Chickasaws, Creek, majority of Iroquois Nation, Seminole

Most of us can name the Major Generals of the American Revolution but can you name one Native American Tribal Chief from the Rev War? (**Answer on page 7**)

In Oct 1776 John Hancock, President of the Centennial Congress, issued a pass to the Iroquois Nation of Five (later Six Nations). This was to be a Council of the Indian Nations to see where they stood on the war with England held at Philadelphia. Most tribes were split and wanted to side with whoever won. The pass read as follows:

"All whom it may concern: Permit the following Indian Sachems & Warriors to return to Pittsburgh with the commissioners of Indian Affairs in the Middle Department, without hindrance or molestation and all committee and other persons of the said United States are hereby required to be aiding and assisting them during this said journey to Pittsburgh"

Iroquois Nations:

Chiefs, Cayeshuta, Jenontow, Waytaw, Shaw, Tegawshaingoyne

Delaware Nations:

Captain Pipe, Captain White Eyes, Captain Killbuck,

Shawnee Nations:

Nimina, Kohitha

The delegation of Native Americans were so impressed with John Hancock and George Washington who introduced him to the delegates that John Hancock was named "**The Great Tree**".

The Iroquois League of Five Nations (People of the Longhouse) consisted of:

Mohawk-Keeper of the Eastern Door, Onondaga-Keeper of the Council Fire, Seneca-Keeper of the Westerner Door, Cayuga-Keeper of the Swamp, Oneida-People of Upright Stone

When a council was held the Mohawk & Seneca set to the east, the Oneida & Cayuga set to the west, Onondaga set to the north (presided over the council meeting). The Iroquois League had a standing government with 51 delegates with a deciding vote by the council leader (Onondaga as called the Peacekeeper), women had an equal vote and appointed the chiefs, freedom of Religion, No slavery, each tribe was allowed to travel across any tribes land. No council member could be a War Chief. All votes conducted had to be unanimous. Much of the United States government was molded from the Iroquois League and Cherokee Nation.

Reference:

- "If you lived with the Iroquois" Scholastic by Ellen Levine
- "American Indians and African Americans of the American Revolution " by John Micklos



Respectfully, Stan Wills, WS SAR Color Guard Vice Commander

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Schedule of Events

WESTERN WASHINGTON REGIMENT

(1st Quarter Activity Highlights)



3 Jan: Ken Roberts was at the Harbor Ridge Middle School where he presented "Evolution of the American Flag" covering a period from the 1200's to the "Betsy Ross" flag of the revolution. His presentation was given to 2 different classes, one in the morning, the other in the afternoon



20 Jan: John Craft of the George Washington chapter helped present the SAR Good Citizenship Medal to a fine young Sea Cadet at Naval Station Everett. With John is President of the Seattle chapter Neil Vernon. John said he "felt privileged to participate in this event as a new member of the Washington State Color Guard."

22 Jan: Ken Roberts presented his flag presentation to the folks at Harbor Place retirement center located in Gig Harbor



26 Jan: Members of the Color Guard Posted the Colors at the DAR Board of Management meeting held in Bellevue.



Present were **Art Dolan** (CG Commander), **Dick Motz** (CG Deputy Commander). Fife & Drum members present were **Viren Lemmer** (Drum Major), **Stephanie Conroy**, and **Terry Barker** (both DAR).

At the same event, three veterans were presented with recognition certificates.



(L. to R.) Suellen Eberhart (Coast Guard), Judi Hine (Army), Karen Schultz (Navy). SAR Drum Major Viren Lemmer (USAF) read the certificates and DAR Liaison Bob O'Neal (Lt. Col. USA, Ret.) presented them to each veteran along with a military women's challenge coin.



Seven National Molly Pitcher Medals & certificates were also presented by Bob and Viren.



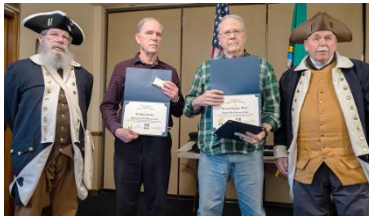
(L. to R.) Dorothy Reinhardt Marissa Goldman Pam Gassman Stephanie Conroy Terry Barker Muriel Parrish. Absent was Peggy Goldman. *(Muriel's was the first National MP Medal ever given in Washington State!)*

15 Feb: George Washington portrait dedicated to the Edison Elementary School in Tacoma.



The Color Guard with Muriel Parrish (DAR) posted the Colors to set the stage. After remarks by the Principal Henry Smith and Gen. Washington (Vern Frykholm), CG Adjutant Bob O'Neal read the dedication honoring the late William E. Baxter

16 Feb: John Kraft and Mike Hutchins present Veterans Service Corps certificates/medals to Rex Stickle and Tom Oliver, of the GW Chapter.



18 Feb President's Day at the University of Washington.



Members of the State Color Guard were present to post the Colors at the DAR Celebration of President's Day at the University of Washington.

The proceedings took place in Kane hall. After the conclusion of the DAR ceremony the group moved to the statue of George Washington where wreaths were placed by various members of the DAR & SAR.



A partial representation of the wreath presenters were (L to R): Tony Abbott (SAR WA State President), Viren Lemmer (AH Chapter President), Ken Roberts, Stephanie Conroy & Terry Barker (DAR), Craig M. Lawson (SAR WA State Vice-President), David Irons (JPG Chapter president)

23 Feb: Washington State Patriotic Day (Massing of the Colors) Patriotism is the purpose of Washington State Patriotic Day.



Webster's New World Dictionary defines a patriot as "**a person who loves and loyally and zealously supports his own country.**" For us, that country should be the United States of America whose flag known with affection as "Old Glory," is recognized worldwide as a beacon of freedom and greatness. Patriotism for the United States of America has to override individual attitudes in such as politics, religion and personal relationships for our Country to provide the freedom for these and other features that we hold dear to survive. Periodically, our Country's adults should take time to evaluate and assure their stand as a United States of America patriot. Also, adults have the responsibility to educate the youth in patriotism to the United States of America. This is essential to the continued being of our Country.

Washington State Patriotic Day provides a situational event for adults to evaluate their patriotism and to teach youth patriotism. Bring youth to the event for their education and development as patriots. Attendance is **PARTICIPATING** in patriotism.



State SAR Color Guard Alexander Hamilton Chapter Seattle Chapter George Washington Chapter

Representing the Color Guard were:

- State CG: Art Dolan & Dick Motz
- Alexander Hamilton Ch: Ken Roberts & Jerry BordeLon
- Seattle Chapter: Michel Moore & Neil Vernon
- George Washington Chapter: Mike Hutchison & John Kraft.

The George Washington Chapter took the 3rd place prize

Representing the Fife & Drum Corps:

Viren Lemmer, David Irons, Howard Stephan, Michal Cook, Jan Lemmer, Michael Bendickson, Roxane Hreha, Terry Barker, Stephanie Conroy, Jeannine Stephan.



Washington State Fife & Drum Corps

JPG has been active in the schools this quarter starting with **20 Feb** when Fred Gilbert and Doug Nelson gave an educational presentation to 52 students including three 5th grade classes together with home schoolers in Bremerton, Washington. Fred talked about his patriot ancestor, Sgt. John Gilbert, the Continental Soldier, and Doug talked about A Day in Colonial Life. About 40 colonial items were brought for the students to see and handle engaging the students and their inquisitive minds.

At the end of the presentation, all teachers were given a copy of the Declaration of Independence.

Additional presentations were given on:

- **22 Feb:** Klahowya Secondary School, Silverdale, Fred & Doug.
- **28 Feb:** Emerald Heights Elementary, Silverdale, Conrad, Fred, & Doug.
- **12 Mar:** Central Kitsap Middle School, Silverdale, (all day 6 periods), Fred & Conrad.
- **18 Mar:** Klahowya Secondary School, Silverdale, (all day 6 periods), Fred & Doug.



18 Mar: Neil Vernon, Robert Korn, John Kraft, & Michael Moore participated in a flag history presentation for the 5th Grade Classes at the West Mercer Elementary School on Mercer Island. Attending were 111 Students in 4 classes.



EASTERN WASHINGTON REGIMENT

(1st Quarter Activity Highlights)

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

SPOKANE AREA

5 Feb: New Citizen Ceremony.

Stan Wills and Dale Ryan attended the ceremony at the Federal Court House in Spokane WA. 30 new citizens from 23 countries were sworn in.



12 Feb: New Citizen Ceremony

at the Federal Court House in Spokane WA. Dale Ryan & Stan Wills presented Flag Pins to new Citizens from 17 countries.



26 Feb: New Citizen Ceremony.

Dale Ryan and Stan Wills presented flag pins to 28 new citizens from 14 countries. Event took place at the Federal Court House in Spokane.



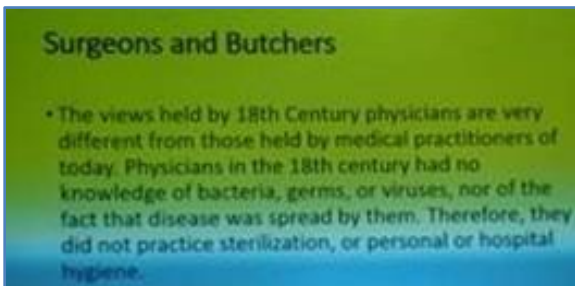
19 Mar: Stan Wills & Denny Shaw posted colors at the

House of the Lords Christian Academy in Oldtown Idaho. It is an annual salute to veterans.



MID-COLUMBIA AREA

19 Jan: Presentation by Kelly Shultz on Medicine in the Revolutionary War.



Here Kelly demonstrates the use of a tourniquet.



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:

I still 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](#)



Links to other SAR pages:

WA State *Color Guard* web site - <https://cg.wasar-ah.org/>

WA State *Color Guard* member directory - https://cg.wasar-ah.org/CG_MembershipDirectory.pdf

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

Answer to Stan's question.

Name	Life	Tribe Of Origin
Cornstalk	c. 1720–1777	Shawnee
Crazy Horse	c. 1840–1877	Lakota
Geronimo	1829–1909	Apache

Battles of the Revolutionary War and War Of 1812: 2 Sided Map is available from the National Geographic Society.

Link to order (\$15.99): <https://shop.nationalgeographic.com/products/battles-of-the-revolutionary-war-and-war-of-1812-2-sided-folded-map>

