



THE DRUMBEAT

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF
THE WASHINGTON STATE COLOR GUARD

Volume IV, Issue II (Jun 2019)



[The Editor](#)



IN THIS ISSUE

From the Commander	2	Web Site links	10
Native Americans in the Revolutionary War.....	3	Wanted & For sale.....	10
State Color Guard Event Schedule	4	Map from National Geographic.....	10
Regimental Area Activity Highlights.....	4		
Thought from the Editor	10		

YOUR COLOR GUARD, THE FACE OF THE SAR

From Our Color Guard Interim Commander

I am pleased to report we had 25 of our 57 Color Guard members in attendance for the Annual Meeting in Olympia on 12-13 April.



To all participants a hearty **thank you**. It should be noted that in addition to posting the colors for the conference, we were also asked to post and retire the colors for the Washington State Public Employee's conference next door. In all we completed 4 posting and two retirements in two days. What a tribute to all the members of the Color Guard.

For all the postings (5) in two days and the dedication of our fine volunteers, Patriotism is strong and growing in Washington.

On a special note, the Washington State Color Guard is granted the opportunity to post the colors in the House of Representatives once a year. This year, 12 Apr, we managed to squeeze in two CG members and one of our great drummers. Stan Wills (Vice Color Guard Commander, Spokane #1 Chapter) came over from Spokane and the tireless Dick Motz (Deputy Color Guard Commander, Alexander Hamilton Chapter) proudly posted this year's colors, assisted by Jan Lemmer (Fife and Drum).

When the drum sounded and the colors passed, Representatives stood taller, squared their shoulders and added a little more snap to their salute as the flags passed by. To all SAR members and especially to the Color Guard members, you were represented by the best the Society has to offer. (2018, Bob O'Neal, Viren Lemmer and I, posted the colors in the "House")

On Monday evening April 22, Bob O'Neal, Kent Troy and I, along with DAR Pam Gassman, participated in greeting the April "Honor Flight" return at SeaTac. The group included WWII (7), Korea and Vietnam vets. Simply saying "Welcome Home" to the Vietnam vets was one of the most moving returns we have attended. After 50 years (yes, half a century) many of the Vietnam vets said "This is the first time I have felt welcomed home since the war". Many of the vets were in tears giving Pam Gassman a hug. Sometimes we forget the wounds of wars past are still with these vets.



Check the Calendar for the next Honor Flight and Join us (7:30 pm) at the south end of the terminal just past baggage claim area. Wear your uniform

Finally, as I have noted on several past emails, Saturday, April 13th 2019 was my last day as WASSAR Color Guard Commander. It has been my honor to serve in this role, through heat, rain, cold and wind with lots and lots of waiting, we put our best Color Guard Face Forward. Your pride in the organization, commitment to purchase your own uniforms and follow the three rules:

1. Have Fun
2. Step off on your left foot (most of the time)
3. Always look good in your pictures, project the image we want for the SAR.

As 2019 moves forward, let's make it our goal to add 2 (or more) new Color Guard members to our ranks. Our community demand is increasing so if you would like to jump into the deep end of the pool and want to present to civic groups, contact your Jerry Bordelon your Color Guard Captain and find out where and when one might be in your area. Watch one being done, adopt a mentor, and continue our outreach keeping the Color Guard strong.

Respectfully Submitted, [Arthur Dolan](#), WA State-SAR, Past Commander, WA State Color Guard.

P.S. We need a new CG Commander!! Please consider this position.

Native Americans in the Revolutionary War

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



THE ONEIDA TRIBE

The Oneida Tribe was one of the 5 Native American Tribes of the Iroquois League during the American Rev. The Oneida Tribe was one of the first allies of the Colonist.

The Red on the flag represents the blood spilled before the union of the five nations. The trunk of the tree is white and represents purity while the four roots spread to the four directions of mother earth. The tree is the great tree of the Oneida and bears the three clans of the Oneida tribe, wolf, bear & turtle.



The Bear taught us gentleness and strength. It takes more strength not to raise your hand than it does to strike someone.

The Turtle taught us patience, never give up. Seen as strength and solidarity, old wise and well respected.

The Wolf taught us to use our eyes and be watchful. Strong sense of family.

The tee is topped with an eagle with wings outstretched. The Eagle will warn of any impending danger.

Famous Oneida Chief- Chief Skenandoah (1710-1816) known as "The Deer"

Samuel Kirkland an American Missionary converted Chief Skenandoah to Christianity. The Oneida Tribe supported the colonist and as a result the British burned their villages. Chief Skenandoah fought with General Herkimer at the Battle of Oriskany. In 1777 upon hearing word of the starving men at Valley Forge Chief Skenandoah sent 40 warriors and one Oneida woman (Polly Cooper) to Valley Forge to deliver 700 pounds of corn for the soldiers. The Mohawks captured Chief Skenandoah in 1780 and held him captive till 1784. He died in 1816 at the age of 110 and is buried at Hamilton College, Clinton N.Y. next to his friend Samuel Kirkland. When Polly Cooper arrived at Valley Forge she taught the men how to cook the corn. If they had eaten the raw corn it would have swelled up in their stomachs and killed them. Martha Washington was so grateful to Polly Cooper that she took her into town and bought her a black shawl. The shawl is still in the possession of the Oneida Tribe and is only put out on display on special occasions.



There is a statue of Polly Cooper, Chief Skenandoah and George Washington at the Natural History Museum for Native Americans in Washington D.C.

Respectfully, [Stan Wills](#), WA SAR Color Guard Vice Commander



WA State Color Guard Schedule of Events [Link](#)

Regimental Area Activities

===== Northern Regiment =====

30 Mar: The SAR/DAR team supported the National Vietnam Veteran Recognition Day Parade in Sedro Woolley

SAR members: (L to R) **John Kraft** (GW), **Ralph Liening** (HODAR), **Neil Vernon** (SE), **Nick Reichert** (SE), and **Charles Eberhart** (GW Applicant). This was the first official outing for the newest CG member, Nick Reichert.

DAR members: 1 & 3 are from the Mt Vernon Chapter. Center is Mrs. Liening from the Mary Ball chapter.



24 Apr: Honor Flight returns from Washington DC. They were greeted by (L to R) **Bob O'Neal** (Brigade Adjutant), **Pam Gassman** (DAR Regent), **Art Dolan** (CG Commander), and **Kent Troy** (AH Chapter & VP of the Fort Lewis Chapter of AUSA).



They all gathered to say, "Welcome Back!" to some 80 veterans of WWII, Korea and Vietnam. We dressed up for THEM!



3-4 May: SeaTac Airport Marriott Hotel. "It's 1894 Again!" The Color Guard was privileged to be invited by State Regent Lanabeth Horgen to post the Colors on the occasion of their 125th Anniversary at their Friday Dinner. Those present were (L-R) **Viren Lemmer**, **Terry Barker**, **Stephanie Conroy**, **Lanabeth Horgen**, **Ralph Liening**, **Lee Thomasson**, & **Dick Motz**.



The SAR Press corps was also on hand.



May: (L to R) **Neil Vernon**, **Jim Lindley**, **Mike Moore**, **Mikey Bendickson** (the drummer), and **Rob Kraft**. Mikey gave a drum demonstration.

All turned out for a presentation at the Island Park Elementary School on Mercer Island. There were 75 5th grade students present.



11 May: John Kraft & Mike Hutchins presented an SAR Medal of Appreciation to Regent Teri Lynn Scott of the Marcus Whitman chapter of the DAR.



17 May: The Sar was represented at the Ballard Parade, Community Outreach. Pictured her (L to R) Allen Vernon, Neil Vernon, Nick Reichert, Stephan Clayton, Robert Korn, Ralph Liening, & Laura Hanson



18 May: George Washington Chapter Padre David Stockton led us in a memorial tribute to our nation's war dead, as well as our deceased Compatriots, Robert Huson, Sean Oliver, and most recently Albert "Perk" Bingham.

Present were (L to R) Marshall Eberhart, David Stockton, John Kraft, & Mike Hutchins.



20 May: Honor Flight returns from Washington DC.

They were greeted by Neil Vernon, Pam Gassman, & Bob O'Neil.



21 May: Compatriots John Kraft, Mike Hutchins, and Marshall Eberhart (pending) presented a Veterans Certificate to Navy Veteran Petty Officer First Class Beth Wescovich, a member of Whidbey Island DAR, Freeland WA. The group also presented a flag to an Eagle Scout. (Right - folding the flag).



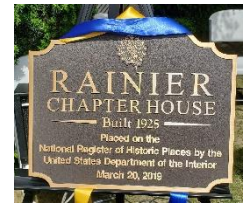
31 May: Neil Vernon (S), Stephan Clayton (S), Robert Korn (S) gave a Colonial Living History presentation to 75 Students at the West Woodland Elementary School in Seattle



2 Jun: The Rainier Chapter House in Seattle was added to the National Register of Historic Places.



The Color Guard was presented with certificate of appreciation by the DAR.



Participating in the event were: (L to R standing) **Mick Hersey, Ralph Liening, Neil Vernon, Stephen Clayton, Laury Long (DAR), Christopher Clayton, Mike Hutchins, John Kraft (in front) Viren Lemmer, Melanie Liening.**



13 Jun: Mike Hutchens had the pleasure of presenting The SAR Flag Award to the Anacortes Lions Club for their efforts in placing 325+ flags around town eight times a year.



Southern Regiment

12 Apr: Once each year the Washington State Color Guard is granted the opportunity to post the colors in the House of Representatives. This year we managed to squeeze in two CG members and one of our great drummers.



Photo at Right : (L to R) **Art Dolan (CG Commander), Stan Wills (Vice CG Commander from Spokane), Dick Motz (Deputy CG Commander)** proudly posted this year's colors, assisted by **Jan Lemmer (Fife and Drum)**.

12-13 Apr: 25 Color Guard members attending the Annual Meeting in Olympia, WA. For all the postings (5) in two days and the dedication of our fine volunteers, Patriotism is strong and growing in Washington. Photo at right: CG awaiting command to post colors at the banquet.

In a conference next door was the Washington State Public Employee's conference. They noticed the CG with their uniforms and ask if we could post and retire the colors for them also. What a tribute to all the members of the Color Guard.



CG awaiting command to post colors at the banquet



26 May: Memorial Day.

The SAR & DAR were well represented at the Memorial Day Ceremony that took place at Fir Lane Cemetery.



Pictured at right is (Top Row L to R):

Jeannine Stephan, Pam Gassman, Peggy Borgatti, Joe Coorough, Dick Motz, Larry Barnes, Ralph Liening, Jerry Bordelon, Muriel Parrish, Barbara Waid, Robin Barns. (Bottom Row) Skip Stephan, Viren Lemmer, Bob O'Neil

3 Jun: Ken Roberts gave a flag Presentation to 50-75 Senior Citizens at the Port Orchard Senior Citizens facility. Ken reported that "None fell asleep". Many came up afterwards thanking Ken for the presentation



Eastern Regiment

29 April: Stan Wills welcomed back 105 Veterans from the Honor Flight returning from Washington D.C. This little guy was waiting for his grandpa a Viet Nam Vet. Over 1000 people welcomed back 6 WWII, 25 Korea, 79 Viet Nam Vets.



30 April: Dale Ryan and Stan Wills presented flag pins to 105 new citizens from 36 countries. One of the benefits of this is you get to have your picture taken with several pretty ladies including Miss Spokane. (Right).



The event was covered by the 6:00 o'clock news on KREM2 TV. The big reader board provides a description of the SAR and what they do.



18 May: The Spokane chapter marched in the 81st Spokane Lilac Armed Forces parade in front of 25,000 spectators. The parade started at 7:45 pm and was a 5-mile course. They completed it in a little over 2 hours. Stan reported that he did not get home till after midnight and they received some great TV coverage. They were accompanied by DAR and SAR Ladies Auxiliary. There were 15 in the group.



SAR Members marching were Stan Wills, Dale Ryan, Dennis Shaw, Will Palmer, Rob Hill, riding in the trailer were Tom Clark and Craig French. DAR chapter's represented were Jonas Babcock and Esther Reed.

26 May: Stan set up a booth in the woods next to the Civil War Reenactors event in Cheney WA. There were 200-300 Civil War Soldiers with over a dozen cannons staging several battles Saturday & Sunday. A great place to get a few new members. There were also high school kids studying history from several schools were also there.



Pictured at right with the Cheney High School Students. They loved the living history exhibit.

27 May: Stan Wills, Dennis Shaw and Ladies Auxiliary Brenda Shaw attended the Memorial Service at Pines Cemetery.

The Flag Museum was open all day.



8 JUN: Will Palmer, Koa Palmer, Carl Durkoop, Stan Wills, Dennis Shaw & Dale Ryan ALL marched in the Fairfield Flag Day Parade. This is the longest continuous running Flag Day Parade in America. This was the 108th year in a row for this parade.



Western Regiment

19 May: The Armed Forces Day Parade in Bremerton was a big success this year.

A Great turnout



t



Pictured at left:
Row 1: David Irons, Jan Lemmer, Alonda Droege, Fred Gilbert.
Row 2: Joyce Jackman, Alex Lemmer, Skip Stephen.
Row 3: Dick Motz, Viren Lemmer, Ralph Liening, Jerry Bordelon.
Row 4: Neil Vernon, Mick Hersey, Doug Nelson.
Row 5: Noah Chase, Conrad Plyer.

27 May: Memorial Day ceremony locations in the regimental area were:



Ivy Green Cemetery



USS Turner Joy



East Bremerton Lowe's

Mick Hearsay and Noah Chase were both at Ivy Green then Mick moved on to the Turner Joy & Lowe's

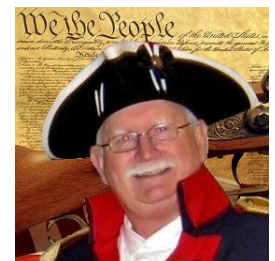
28 May: Bremerton Councilman Richard Huddy, Captain Alan Schrader CO Naval Base Kitsap, and Mick Hersey at the grave of **Medal of Honor** Awardee Navy Quartermaster **John H Nibbe** (1847-1902) located at Ivy Green Cemetery. The monument was recently been restored by retired Senior Chief Mick Hersey.

Photo by retired Navy Captain Alan Beam.



JPJ Color Guard Education Team presentations reported by **Doug Nelson:**

- Feb 20, Crownhill Elementary in Bremerton, Fred and Doug.
- Feb 22, Klahowya Secondary School. Silverdale, Fred and Doug.
- Feb 28, Emerald Heights Elementary, Silverdale, Conrad, Fred, and Doug.
- Mar 8, Klahowya Secondary School, Silverdale, (all day 6 periods), Fred, Doug.
- Mar 12, Central Kitsap Middle School, Silverdale, (all day 6 periods), Fred, and Conrad.
- Apr 10, North Kitsap Elementary School, (four classes).
- April 29, View Ridge Elementary, Fred Gilbert, Bob Smalser, and Conrad.
- May 22, Silverdale, Clear Creek Elementary, three 5th grade classes, 80 students, Bob, Fred, and Doug.
- May 23, Olympic Christian School. Port Angeles, Fred and Doug.
- May 27, Memorial Day
 - a. USS Turner Joy Memorial (Bremerton)
 - b. Forrest Lawn Cemetery Memorial (Bremerton)
 - c. Ivy Green Cemetery Memorial (Bremerton)
- May 31, Presentations (2) at Concord Bridge at the GW Inn in Port Angeles, Doug and Vern Frykholm.
- Jun 6, Brownsville Elementary, Bremerton.



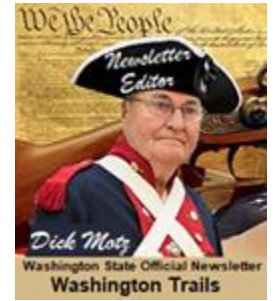
**CUDOS TO THE ENTIRE COLOR GUARD
WE CERTAINLY HAVE BEEN BUSY THIS QUARTER**

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](#)



Note: The *Color Guard* web site is: <https://cg.wasar-ah.org/>
 The *WA State* web site is: <https://washingtonsta10.godaddysites.com/>

UNIFORMS & OTHER ITEMS WANTED/FOR SALE

Wanted:

Name	Item	Size	Contact	Note

For Sale:

Name	Item	Size	Contact	Note

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

Battles of the Revolutionary War and War of 1812:

2-Sided Map is available from the National Geographic Society. [Link to order](#) (\$15.99).

