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# YOUR COLOR GUARD, THE FACE OF THE SAR

(Current Color Guard Members: 74)

## From The Commander

State SAR Board of Director's meeting, WA SAR President Craig Lawson appointed me as the Washington State SAR Color Guard Commander. I accepted this appointment because of the love and respect I have for my fellow Color Guardsmen and recognizing the vacancy in the Color Guard leadership that needed to be filled. My short coming to this position is the lack of Military training. So in this stead I do ask for your patience as I learn the proper protocol. As in all officer positions in SAR it is a learning experience. My term began on January 1, 2020.



As a brief introduction, I joined the Sons of the American Revolution in January 2015 in the Seattle Chapter. My primary ancestor is Thomas Stark, Sr. Over the past five years I have served as the Seattle Chapter Registrar (2015 – present) and the Seattle Chapter President (2018-2019). In February 2018 I attended the Annual President's Day Ceremony at the University of Washington in my newly purchased hunting frock. Before I knew it, I was swept up by Commander Art Dolan and became a Washington State Color Guardsman that very day by participating in the Posting of Colors for this event. I owe much of my enthusiasm for being a Color Guard member to Past Commander Art Dolan who always provided a positive and exciting atmosphere.

What a great time to be serving as the Washington State Color Guard Commander! I am grateful for the action taken last year in separating the responsibilities of Washington State Color Guard events into the four established regions. This was a very wise move from the organizational and logistics perspectives. Again, kudos to Past Commander Art Dolan and Deputy Commander Dick Motz for making this happen. Another outstanding point to be made is that each of our chapters have a Color Guard representation.

The Washington State SAR currently stands at 477 members. Many of these members have other obligations and circumstances that keep them away from our chapter meetings. If we are fortunate enough to have 30% of our membership attending the chapter meetings, we are in pretty good shape. This would mean that roughly 143 of our membership attend throughout the year. With 73 Color Guard members, we represent more than 50% of meeting attendees and 15% of the overall membership.

Throughout the first quarter of 2020, I have had the opportunity to visit 6 of the 8 Washington State SAR Chapters. We are fortunate to have the amazing leadership of each of the Color Guard Captains who are committed to the growth of SAR and the Washington State Color Guard.

Many of the Color Guardsman throughout the State of Washington have made selfless sacrifices to participate in Color Guard events. Please encourage them to track their progress toward the Bronze and Silver Color Guard Medals. Please refer to the Washington State SAR Color Guard Field Manual on the Color Guard Web page of detail on the requirements for these awards. Several Color Guardsmen have already achieved the requirements and deserve to be recognized.

### Washington State SAR Color Guard Silver Medal Recipients:

Name	Chapter
Arlin Gale Palmer	Spokane #1
Arthur William Dolan	Alexander Hamilton
Douglas Harold Nelson	John Paul Jones
Frederick Compton Gilbert	John Paul Jones
Howard William Stephan (F&D)	Alexander Hamilton
Kenneth Doster Roberts	John Paul Jones

Lee H Thomasson	Alexander Hamilton
Marion "Mick" Thomas Hersey	John Paul Jones
Paul Franklin Adan	Alexander Hamilton
Thomas Stanley Wills	Spokane #1
Viren Kenneth Lemmer (F&D)	Alexander Hamilton
Walter R "Dick" Motz	Alexander Hamilton
William Robert "Bob" O'Neal	Alexander Hamilton

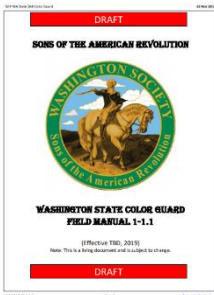
The first and only National Von Steuben Color Guard Medal recipient in WA State is William Robert "Bob" O'Neal. Past Color Guard Commander

I am humbled to be a part of a great brotherhood and grateful for the opportunity to serve. We are the face of the SAR, the greatest male society in the United States. Through our efforts in each of our communities we have the opportunity to share and change the perspective or what a great honor it is to be part of this nation.

I look forward to working with each of the chapters.

***Respectfully Submitted, Neil A Vernon, WA State-SAR, Commander, WA State Color Guard.***

## From The Deputy Commander



In an endeavor to consolidate several documents created over the past years, I have begun to compile a Field Manual as a guide for our Color Guard. At this point it is a living document and subject to change daily and even hour to hour.

I welcome your input and suggestions for items that should be added, removed, or corrected. It is available on-line at this [link](#).



**Respectfully Submitted, [Dick Motz](#), WA State-SAR, Deputy Commander, WA State Color Guard.**

## The Native American Moment

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

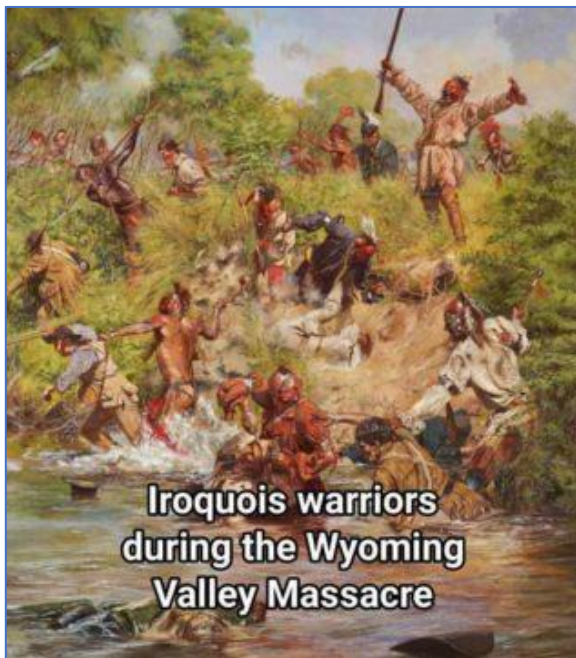
The Battle of Wyoming took place on July 3, 1778. Wyoming Valley is in Pennsylvania.

British General Burgoyne after losing the battle of Saratoga and heavy losses in the Battle of Oriskany had to come up with another strategy. With the British losses in the Saratoga Campaign France entered the war as an ally to the colonies. Burgoyne decided to conduct a war on the frontier. He enlisted Loyalist and Indian Allies to attack the Hudson Valley.

Colonel Butler recruited a regiment of Loyalist, Seneca warriors under chiefs Suyenqueraghta and Cornplanter (both fought at the Battle of Oriskany), and Mohawk warriors under Joseph Brandt. Butler and the Seneca's would attack Wyoming Valley while Brandt and the Mohawks would attack farther north. Butler was in command of 110 Loyalist and 464 Iroquois Indians. British forces arrived in Wyoming Valley on 30 June. Colonel Butler demanded the surrender on the Militia forces at Fort Wintermute. If the defenders surrendered the fort with all their arms and stores, they would be released on the condition that they did not bear arms again. The militia surrendered and headed to Fort Forty.

Upon arriving they gathered with the militia at Fort Forty (360 men of the 24<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Militia) and headed back to attack Colonel Butler's force. Little did they know they were headed into an ambush. The militia advanced to within 100 yards of the British Loyalist and fired three rounds.

The Indians arose from there hiding and fired one shot and attacked in fierce hand to hand combat. Over 300 Militia were killed. Those who tried to escape were captured and tortured horribly by the Iroquois. Only 5 prisoners survived. The next morning Colonel Denison surrender Fort Forty and two other posts to Butler.



Butler reported to Burgoyne that he had lost two Loyalist, and one Indian, taken 227 scalps, burned 1000 homes, drove off over 1000 cattle, sheep and hogs. It became known as the Wyoming Massacre.

The Wyoming Valley was named "xwé:wamənk" (which means "At the big river flat") by the Delaware Indians.

In 1809 Scottish poet Thomas Campbell wrote a poem about the Wyoming massacre called "Gertrude of Wyoming". It was a very popular poem. In 1865 when congress was considering a bill to make Wyoming a territory, Congressman Mitchell Ashley of Ohio came up with the name of Wyoming for the new territory, because "Gertrude of Wyoming" was his favorite poem.

Wyoming would become the 44<sup>th</sup> state in 1890 and was named for a battle in the American Revolution.

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

### Regional Area Activities

#### Northern Region

#### 28 Jan, George Washington Chapter:

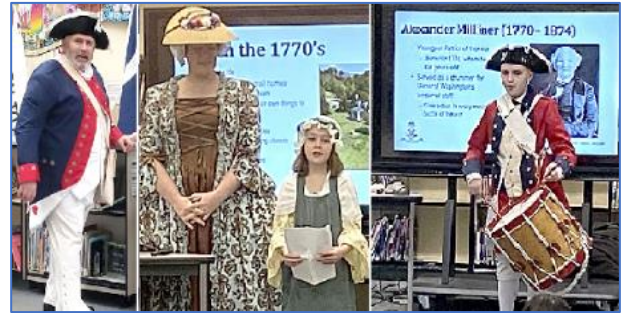
Color Guard Captain Mike Hutchins proudly presented the GW Chapter flag award to the Town of La Conner.



#### 31 Jan, George Washington Chapter:

The GW chapter was honored to be part of a historical presentation at Island Park Elementary School.

In attendance were Compatriot Michael Moore (AH), his Wife (DAR), Granddaughter, and Grandson, Michael Bendickson (AH).



Also present were compatriots John Kraft (GW), Jim Blanton (SE), and Robert Korn (SE) Neil Vernon (SE)



#### 17 Feb: George Washington Memorial, University of Washington:

"Today on President's Day on the University of Washington campus a wreath laying ceremony was held at the George Washington statue.

Prior to the wreath laying, Jean Sherrard, author of the book "Seattle Now and Then", presented a program on the book. After the program, the joint SAR/DAR Fife and Drum Corps lead the group to the Statue for presentation of wreaths.

Multiple organizations including Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution and others laid wreaths at the base of the statue. The statue was unveiled on Flag Day, June 14, 1909 and was donated by Rainier Chapter of Seattle, who undertook the project in 1905.

Symbolically, as the wreaths were being laid a Bald Eagle soared overhead.



Color Guard members participating were (l to r:

Dick Motz, Art Dolan, Christian Ferrin, Jan Lemmer, Jim Lindley, Neil Vernon, Mike Bendickson, Viren Lemmer, Lee Tomasson, Jerry Bordelon, Mike Moore, Dick Whittemore.

**Southern Region**

**18 Jan:** The CG Captain of the AH Chapter, Jerry Bordelon, Chapter gave a fascinating presentation on Louisiana's very important role in the Revolution.



**25 Jan:** The Color Guard from the AH chapter posted colors at the DAR winter 2020 Board of management at the Courtyard Marriot in Tacoma.

CG members present were Jerry Bordelon, Dick Motz, and Dennis Case.



**22 Feb: Massing of the Colors** is a patriotic ceremony honoring those who have served and are active in the U.S. military, and honoring those today who carry on the tradition. The ceremony (AKA "Washington State Patriotic Day") is intended to highlight individuals who deserve recognition in addition to active duty, Reserve and National Guard personnel. The I Corps Army Band played selection of music celebrating the long line of those who have served our country well. The Massing of the Colors began in 1919 by military officers, headed by General John "Black Jack" Pershing, who served in WWI. In 1923.



Pictured above are: (L to R) Jerry Bordelon, Mike Hutchins, Marshall Eberhart, Bruce Bock, Dennis Case, Christian Ferrin, Neil Vernon, Art Dolan, Mike Moore, John Kraft, Jim Lindley, Dick Motz, (front row) Jan Lemmer, Stephanie Conroy, Mike Bendickson, Terry Barker, Roxane Hreha, and Bob O'Neal. Not in the photo was Ken Roberts.



**Four Chapters and the Fife & Drum Corps were represented at the event**

**29 Feb: SAR CG Posts Colors** at the DAR memorial ceremony for Honorary State Regent Adamson, which took place at the Mountain View Cemetery in Auburn.

A great turnout for the dedication. HODARS, SAR CG, DAR, and F&D were all represented.

Pictured (l to r) Jerry Bordelon, Ralph Liening, Viren Lemmer, Stephanie Conroy, Lanabeth Horgen (DAR Regent), Terry Taylor Barker, Jan Lemmer, Neil Vernon, and Dick Motz.

**Eastern Region**

**18 Feb:** Kelly Schultz and Larry Flint of the Mid-Columbia Chapter attended the Naturalization Ceremony in Richland, handed out cross-flag pins to 34 new citizens from 5 continents and 16 countries. Congressman Dan Newhouse gave a congratulatory speech. The Columbia River DAR Chapter had cookies and punch.



**20 Feb:** Stan Wills of the Spokane Chapter presented a Living History Program to the Spokane Valley Elementary School 1st grade.



**21 Feb:** Stan Wills presented "Native Americans in the Rev War" to 50 DAR members and their Husbands in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.



**Western Region**

**10 Feb:** Members of the JPJ Color Guard presented copies of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution to the Kitsap County Commissioners along with a framed print of the Signing of the Constitution.



Pictured are **Mick Hersey**, Ed Wolfe, **Doug Nelson**, **David Irons**, Robert Gelder, **Fred Gilbert**, **Noah Chase**, Charlotte Garrido and Vern Frykholm (as George Washington). [Short Video](#) of the presentation.

**Feb – Mar: JPJ has also been active in the schools:**

- 14-Feb ..... Klahowya Secondary School
- 20-Feb ..... Pine Crest Elementary School
- 26-Feb ..... Crownhill Elementary School
- 10-Mar ..... Central Kitsap Middle School
- 19-Mar ..... North Kitsap Baptist Church

- 23-Mar ..... Emerald Heights Elementary
- 26-Mar ..... Poulsbo Elementary School
- 28-Apr ..... Cougar Valley
- 3-Jun ..... Brownsville



Hillcrest Elementary



Pind Crest Elementary

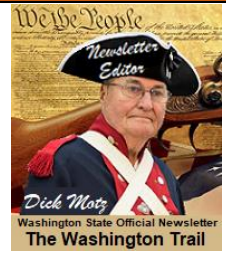


Klahowya Secondary School

## From The Editor

### The Washington Trail publication schedule:

I would like to include news from the chapters. I have added a section to the NL that is for articles to be submitted by the Chapters. These articles must be ready to publish and only need the formatting required to fit into the NL. I will use the same process that National does with their NL and publish one (1) chapter article in each issue. This is not a mandatory submission. It is entirely up to the chapter if they want to submit an article. If your chapter has a newsletter or Facebook page, I have posted a link to them under your chapter heading.



**Format Requirements:** Each article must be in Word format (text only) with any related photos to be in JPG or PNG format. Formatting of the article is not required as I must reformat it to fit the newsletter.

One member from each chapter should be selected to produce & submit the **“Chapter Article”** to me (via [E-Mail](#)) in accordance with the publication deadlines (below). Please let me know who has been selected to produce the chapter articles

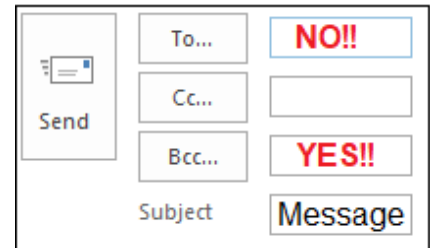
**Publication Schedule:** Publish four times a year (after each BOD meeting).

<i>Edition</i>	<i>BOD</i>	<i>Period covered</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Published on</i>
Winter (1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr.)	Jan	21 Dec to 31 Mar	No later than 20 Mar	31 Mar +/-
Spring (2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr.)	Apr	1 Apr to 30 Jun	No later than 20 Jun	30 Jun +/-
Summer (3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr.)	Jul	1 Jul to 30 Sep	No later than 20 Sep	30 Sep +/-
Fall (4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr.)	Oct	1 Oct to 20 Dec	No later than 15 Dec	20 Dec +/-

## Worth Repeating - Security Risk!!!

Because of what I do with the SAR, I receive a lot of E-Mail messages. All too often they are from someone that has used a distribution list and placed it in the **TO: Box** when they sent the message. This causes all the Address in the distribution list to be displayed on the incoming message. **Not a good idea.**

A better way to address a message if sending to more than 3 or 4 people (distribution list) is to put the distribution list in the **BCC: Box**. This will prevent the display of confidential addresses to display if the message is forwarded on to someone outside of the SAR. **The Editor**



# Military Humor



**Military Humor** is highlights from the [Facebook group](#) by the same name

**Pvt Andrews** entered the service on July 17th 1958. On the first day he was issued a comb. That afternoon his head was shaved. On the second day he was issued a tooth brush. That afternoon the post dentist pulled two of his teeth. On the third day he was issued a jock strap...



Pvt Andrews was never seen or heard from again.

**Just because** there are no complaints, doesn't mean all parachutes are perfect

**26 Jan 1945: This Day in History:** M1 Garand Becomes Greatest Battle Implement. Lieutenant General George S. Patton, Jr. uttered the famous phrase, "In my opinion, the M-1 Rifle is the greatest battle implement ever devised." Well, actually, he didn't say it - he wrote it. [Click here to read the complete article.](#)



## UNIFORMS & OTHER ITEMS WANTED/FOR SALE

### **Wanted:**

Item	Size	Contact	Note

### **For Sale:**

Item	Size	Cost	Contact	Notes
German Lederhosen & Suspenders	40	\$300.00	<a href="#">Dick Motz</a>	Original cost \$710.00. Photo on request
Samsung HD TV Wall mount	40"	Free	<a href="#">Dick Motz</a>	Model <a href="#">LNT4042HX</a>
Samsung HD TV Table stand	52"	Free	<a href="#">Dick Motz</a>	Model <a href="#">LNT5265HX</a>
Sony Blue-ray Player		Free	<a href="#">Dick Motz</a>	Model BDP-S1100
Sony Audio Video Receiver		Free	<a href="#">Dick Motz</a>	Model STR-DG720

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).

