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From The Commander

Compatriots,

The year 2020 began with such promise and already having many activities scheduled for both chapter and state activities. As you know, the scheduled events came to a screeching halt in March due to the Governors Order to practice Social Distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With an air of disappointment, we began watching chapter meetings, schools, and other activities cancelling. We began a wait and see. That now has stretched on for three months. We all have felt the impact and effects to our desires in achieving our goals.



I do believe it was a wise decision to engage in Social Distancing to curtail the pandemic which is unprecedented in our lifetimes. From my work life I see how serious of a situation we are combating. I encourage all of you compatriots to follow the directives to ensure the safety of yourself, your families, and members in your community.

How we get through this COVID-19 event depends greatly upon our mindset and our creativity. A few cases that I have heard of or have been able to participate in are:

The John Paul Jones Chapter has been able to put together online presentations for students.

Through the creativity of the Maple Leaf Cemetery in Oak Harbor, the George Washington Chapter, along with other civic organizations were able to partner in filming a Memorial Day presentation that streamed live on Memorial. This filming was all performed with Social Distancing in mind.

As the restrictions of Social Distancing are relaxed, I do urge caution. Many of us fall within the perceived "at risk" category. This pandemic is not respecter of persons or age group. The older generation has a higher risk due to the communities in which they may live and how rapidly this virus can spread.

Business may never return to "normal" if normal is how things use to be. It could be that we will have to look to 2021 before the nation comes to grips with the effects of our situation. I do believe that there are opportunities to be learned along with new methods to reach out to the community and our members. Many businesses are using avenues in conducting meetings. The Ft Vancouver held their May meeting using zoom.

We all miss the socializing and comradery of participating in the Color Guard events. I too look forward to when we can once again congregate, though again I will urge caution from rushing into the fire.

I look forward to working with each of the chapters.

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

The Native American Moment

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

Ely S. Parker Seneca Warrior

Ely Samuel Parker was born 1828 in Indian Falls, N.Y. to William and Elizabeth Parker, a prominent Seneca family. He was known as "Donehogawa". He completed his schooling at a missionary school and later attended college. He worked for a law firm in New York and applied for the Bar exam. He was not allowed to take the exam because he was an Indian and therefore not an American citizen. Indians did not become citizens until 1924. Parker would then apply to study engineering where he became a civil engineer in New York state. As an Engineer he contributed to upgrades and maintenance on the Erie Canal which is on Seneca ancestral lands.



When the Civil War starts, he attempted to raise a company of Iroquois volunteers, but the Governor turned him down. He attempted to join the Union Army as an Engineer, but the Secretary of War said "No" because he was an Indian. He contacted a friend, Ulysses S. Grant who needed Engineers. Parker was commissioned in May 1863 as a Captain. He served at the battels of Vicksburg, Chattanooga, Overland Campaign, Siege of Petersburg and Appomattox. Parker was later appointed as an Adjutant to Grant and later became his personal secretary. Parker was at the surrender of Robert E. Lee in April 1865 and wrote the surrender documents for Grant. Parker was by then a Brevetted Brigadier General of the United States Army.

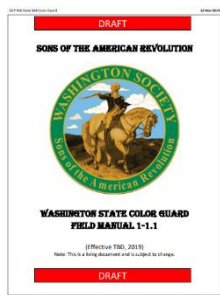


Ely Parker (L), Ulysses S. Grant (at table)

After Grant became president, Grant appointed Ely Parker as Commission of Indian Affairs. The first Indian to hold that position. Like many people Parker lost his fortune in the panic of 1873.

Ely Parker lived his last years in poverty, dying on 31 Aug 1895 in Fairfield, Connecticut where he was buried. The Seneca would have his body moved to Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo, New York, next to his ancestor "Red Jacket", famous Seneca orator of the Rev war.

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.

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

Regional Area Activities

Northern Region

25 May - Oak Harbor's special COVID-coping-presentation of Memorial Day 2020: A Service of Remembrance.

The GW Chapter participated in an unusual presentation for this event. They were part of a group that videotaped segments that would later be assembled into the complete production that was then later "Live Streamed" on various sites.

[\(YouTube Link](#) to complete presentation)

The first SAR segment was the dedication of a SAR Grave Marker for GWSAR member Stanley Engle Kraft, Jr. USN Ret.

Pictured here being accepted by CG Member John Kraft



The 2nd part was the presentation of "Old Glory" by the Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon.



An excerpt of both CG presentations is available at this [LINK](#)



Color Guard members present were, (l to R) Gary Gray, Marshall Ebert, John Kraft, Neil Vernon, Bruce Bock, & Mike Hutchens.

Southern Region

Activities canceled due to stay home, stay safe policy.

Eastern Region

Activities canceled due to stay home, stay safe policy.

Western Region

Activities canceled due to stay home, stay safe policy.

The Washington Trail - Publication Schedule

Newsletter to be published 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 st Qtr.)	Jan	21 Dec to 31 Mar	No later than 20 Mar	31 Mar +/-
Spring (2 nd Qtr.)	Apr	1 Apr to 30 Jun	No later than 20 Jun	30 Jun +/-
Summer (3 rd Qtr.)	Jul	1 Jul to 30 Sep	No later than 20 Sep	30 Sep +/-
Fall (4 th Qtr.)	Oct	1 Oct to 20 Dec	No later than 15 Dec	20 Dec +/-

News from the Chapters. A section has been added that provides [media links](#) to the chapters that have them. This will provide access to the chapters from all that receive this Newsletter.

All articles/submissions are to be sent to the [Editor](#) no later than the above indicated dates.

From The Editor

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 long list of addresses in the open is hacker bait.**

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



UNIFORMS & OTHER ITEMS WANTED/FOR SALE

Wanted:					
Item	Size	Contact	Contact	Contact	Note
For Sale:					
Item	Size	Cost	Contact	Contact	Notes
German Lederhosen & Suspenders	40	\$300.00	Dick Motz		Original cost \$710.00. Photo on request
Samsung HD TV Wall mount	40"	Free	Dick Motz		Model LNT4042HX
Samsung HD TV Table stand	52"	Free	Dick Motz		Model LNT5265HX
Sony Blue-ray Player		Free	Dick Motz		Model BDP-S1100
Sony Audio Video Receiver		Free	Dick Motz		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).

