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YOUR COLOR GUARD, THE FACE OF THE SAR

From The Commander

Compatriots,

The season of the 2021 National SAR Congress being held in Seattle is now upon us. Planning continues within the designated committees to ensure that the organization and format of the Washington State's responsibilities are covered.

Regardless of where we are with the current COVID-19 pandemic and the social distancing orders by the Governor we cannot ignore our responsibilities to support the upcoming Congress. A wise man from my youth stated "If you fail to prepare, you prepare to fail". This was from a goal setting seminar but I have been able to apply this in many settings throughout my own life.

From the perspective of the Color Guard there are a couple of immediate needs that require addressing.

I recently received an email from the NSSAR Congress Planning Chair, Compatriot Paul Callanan who outlined the needs of National and SAR Colors. To ensure that enough Colors are available we are needing a set from each Chapter. Multiple flag sets are required on certain days. A flag set is placed within each meeting room with several meetings running parallel.

We will need to mark our flags, poles, and stands so they are identified as be Washington State Chapter property such that they do not get mixed in with National's property. The maximum number of flag sets will be 6 for Tuesday AM activities though it is recommended to have a couple of spares as the need arises. Most of the Colors can be removed following Wednesday afternoon meetings and returned to the Chapters care.

We have a very unique and once in a lifetime opportunity to participate and be a part of the National SAR Congress. WASSAR Color Guard members who normally do not get to participate in National Events are welcome to join with the National Color Guard for any events that are scheduled (Memorial, PG Review, Opening, and both Banquets)

Aside from the flag requirements and participating in Color Guard activities there remain a number of other volunteer positions that need to be covered. I was asked by Compatriot Greg Lucas for the WASSAR Color Guard to act as Security – monitoring the outdoor parking lot, manning doors (inside the meeting room and in the hallway), and ushers – All in Uniform. Outside of the Color Guard activities there are also needs to break down the pallets of National's Congress equipment before Congress and the repacking after.

Compatriots, we are being called to serve! Let us answer that call with enthusiasm and show National the strength of the Washington State Color Guard.

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



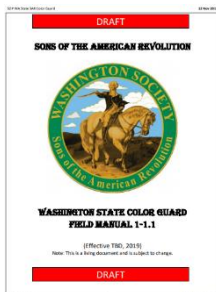
The Native American Moment

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

The Mohegan Indians were skilled sailors. They traveled the Great Lakes in canoes in all kinds of weather. When the Rev War started several Mohegans were used to assist in building ships and serve on all kinds of ships for the Continental Navy. One of those ships was the "Confederacy". The "Confederacy" was commissioned on 8 Nov 1778 and carried 36 cannons. She provided escort duty for Continental merchant ships. She was eventually captured by the British on 14 April 1781. Most of the crew were sent to the infamous "Jersey" prison ship. The British broke up the ship in 1782. Other ships the Mohegans served on were the "Putnam", "Shark" and "Oliver Cromwell"



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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY UNITED STATES



9 September 1776: On this day, the [Continental Congress](#) formally declares the name of the new nation to be the “**United States**” of America. This replaced the term “**United Colonies**,” which had been in general use.

In the Congressional declaration dated September 9, 1776, the delegates wrote, “That in all continental commissions, and other instruments, where, heretofore, the words ‘United Colonies’ have been used, the stile be altered for the future to the “United States.”

A resolution by Richard Henry Lee, which had been presented to Congress on June 7 and approved on July 2, 1776, issued the resolve, “That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States....” As a result, John Adams thought July 2 would be celebrated as “the most memorable epoch in the history of America.” Instead, the day has been largely forgotten in favor of July 4, when Jefferson’s edited [Declaration of Independence](#) was adopted. That document also states, “That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES.” However, Lee began with the line, while Jefferson saved it for the middle of his closing paragraph.

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

**ALL SCHEDULED COLOR GUARD EVENTS
HAVE BEEN
CANCELED OR POSTPONED
DUE TO THE
CORONAVIRUS**

Regional Area Activities

Northern Region

Activities canceled due to stay home, stay safe policy.

Southern Region

Activities canceled due to stay home, stay safe policy.

Eastern Region

Activities canceled due to stay home, stay safe policy.

Western Region

3 Sep: The JPJ Chapter Color Guard provided an honor guard for retired US Navy Commander Oliver G. Everette. Commander Everette was a career Navy man and a very active member of his SAR chapter in California. Mrs. Everette was very thankful to Fred Gilbert and the JPJ Color Guard for being there for her and her husband.

Other Activities canceled due to stay home, stay safe policy.

SAR Photo Shoot At The WA State Capital Grounds

30 Aug 2020: The George Rodger Clark Chapter had an opportunity to participate in a photo shoot on the Washington State Capital grounds.

The photo shoot was arranged by Dick Moody, AH/GRC chapters dual member. Gatherings on Capitol grounds must be permitted by the Department of Enterprise Services and cleared with security (Washington State Patrol). All agencies approved the gathering and the WSP was delighted to know we carried *theatrical, non-firing muskets!*



In this photo are the original members of the GRC Color guard:
(L-R) Art Dolan, Eric Olsen, Kevin Saville and Joe Coorough.

In this photo are the combined primary and dual members of the George Rogers Clark Color Guard:
(L-R) Lee Thomasson, Bob O'Neal, Viren Lemmer, Art Dolan, Kevin Saville, Joe Coorough, Kenneth Roberts, Eric Olsen



In the 3rd photo are the George Rogers Clark Chapter members:

(L-R) Steve Drew, Treasurer, Lee Thomasson, Awards, Bob O'Neal, Viren Lemmer, Art Dolan, President, Kevin Saville, Secretary, Joe Coorough, Historian, Ken Roberts, Eric Olsen, Registrar in training, Norman Dodge, Eagle Scouts, Dick Moody, Registrar Alexander Hamilton/George Rogers Clark during its formation



Photo 4 is a collection of firsts. (L-R):

- 1st Washington State SAR Color Guard Commander, Bob O'Neal
- 1st, Washington State SAR Fife and Drum Commander, Viren Lemmer
- 1st George Rogers Clark Chapter President, Art Dolan
- 1st Washington State Uniformed Color Guardsman, Lee Thomasson



NOTE: Except for brief photo clustering we were masked and exercised social distancing

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.

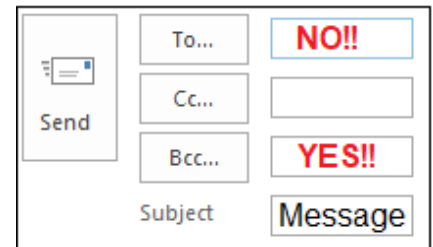
All articles/submissions are to be sent to the [Editor](#) no later than the above indicated dates.

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

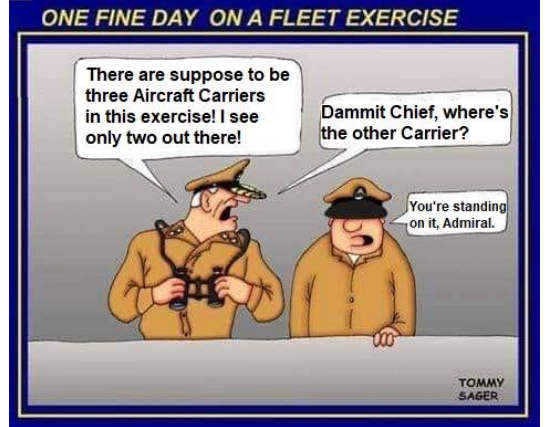
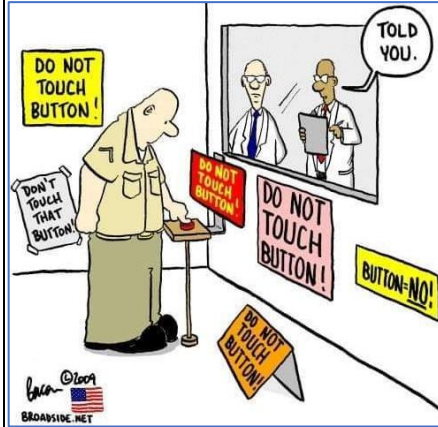


NORMAL PATROL

MARINE RECON

LCPL ON SATURDAY

2nd Lt WITH A COMPASS



UNIFORMS & OTHER ITEMS WANTED/FOR SALE

Wanted:				
Item	Size	Contact	Note	
For Sale:				
Item	Size	Cost	Contact	Notes

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).

