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YOUR COLOR GUARD, THE FACE OF THE SAR

From The Commander

Compatriots,

I bring you greetings as we emerge out of the winter months and begin to embrace a new spring. As with many of you I am hoping that the worst of the pandemic is behind us. It is still necessary at this time to practice safety and follow the Governor's mandate, regardless of personal opinion. Especially when we are in Uniform, participating or making presentations. We remain the light and face of the National Society of the Sons American Revolution. We therefore are held at a higher standard for setting the example with the focus to see us through these darker hours. I pray that each of you will be diligent in protecting yourself and your family. We all look forward to the time when we can be reunited.



New Color Guard members: We have been fortunate over the past quarter to welcome five (5) new Color Guardsmen to our ranks. Bob Wall (George Washington), Chris Fridley (George Washington), Dick Moody (Alexander Hamilton), Alan Furlow (Ft Vancouver), and Larry Heckethorne (Ft Vancouver).

We now have 77 members of the Washington State SAR Color. Please welcome the new members.

Awards: Over the past quarter we have had new opportunity to present two (2) Bronze and two (2) Silver Color Guard medals. These color guardsmen completed their requirements in December 2020 with their Silver Color Guard medals approved by National in January 2021. We now have 18 recipients in the Washington State Color Guard who have earned their National Silver Color Guard Medals. Please congratulate Michael Moore (Alexander Hamilton) & Neil Vernon (Seattle).

Events: Many of us have participated in ZOOM sessions beginning back in September for our Chapter meetings. In December ZOOM sessions began to become available for Color Guard members across the Nation with the introduction of the ZOOM presentation of the Battle of Trenton. Several others have followed, namely, the Battle of Princeton, The Battle of Kettle Creek, The Battle of Cowan's Ford, The Battle of Thomas Creek Bridge.

I have been notifying the Chapter Color Guard Captains of these events as I learn of them and rely upon them to disseminate to the Color Guard of their chapters. The Deputy Commander also posts the events on the [CG schedule](#). Each of the above events have been classified as National events and meet the requirements of both National Color Guard Medals - the Silver medal and the Von Steuben medal. ([Link](#) to complete list of **potential** National events).

These are unique opportunities for us to participate. We need to register for each of these events before receiving the ZOOM links. It is also required to be wearing your uniform and be visible on ZOOM in order to receive credit for your participation. During the Battle of Kettle Creek, 20 WASSAR Color Guardsmen were in attendance of the over 250 participants from across the nation. HUZDAH! What a great showing.

Be sure to see the write up on the Ft Vancouver School presentation in this issue. This presentation was the pilot presentation of the Ft Vancouver chapter.

The WASSAR Spring Conference is upon us. We will be missing our annual photo once again during April as this meeting will be held over ZOOM. Nevertheless, be sure to mark your calendars for April 10, 9am – 2pm. Please contact Al Pinkham at wasarsec@hotmail.com on your intentions of attending so an appropriate ZOOM license may be obtained.

2021 National Congress is right around the corner now. Planning continues to move forward and several contacts from the National ZOOM sessions are eager to come to the 2021 Congress being held in Renton July 9 – 15. We are in need of 8-12 Color Guardsmen throughout the day during meeting sessions. There are also other opportunities of Color Guard participation.

We are in need of six sets of National and SAR flags with indoor stands so they can be distributed during the various meetings at Congress. National is limiting the number of shipped items due to COVID. Captains, contact me at trdba@yahoo.com of your intention on attending and if you have a set of flags we can use for the Congress.

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

Humankind has not woven the web of life,
 We are but one thread within it,
 Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves,
 All things are bound together,
 All things connect.

Chief Seattle. 1854



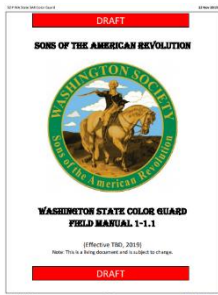
The Native American Indians followed 10 Commandments.
 We should follow their lead.



The Native American Ten Commandments.

1. Treat the earth and all that dwell thereon with respect
2. Remain close to the Great Spirit
3. Show great respect for your fellow beings
4. Work together for the benefit of all humankind
5. Give assistance and kindness wherever needed
6. Do what you know to be right
7. Look after the well-being of mind and body
8. Dedicate a share of your efforts to the greater good
9. Be truthful and honest at all times
10. Take full responsibility for your actions

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](#).



Virtual National Color Guard Events, a great way to work towards your Color Guard Medals!

Many of the National CG events that normally are performed on site are now being conducted in a virtual environment. This presents an opportunity for all our guardsman to attend a national event that takes place on the East coast.

So far in the last 3 months there have been 6 national events take place, including our own Massing of the Colors (listed on next page). These events fulfil the requirements of the Bronze/Silver Medals as well as the Von Steuben medal.

For a complete list of National events (*not virtual at this point in time, but potential*) use [this link](#).



Below are the rules for participation: (Extracted from "The SAR Color Guardsman" Vol 9 Number 3, October 2020, Page 4)

"A local event celebrating Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day may be counted as a National Color Guard event for the purposes of applying for a Color Guard Medal. Only a single event on each day may be counted. Multiple events on the same day cannot be counted multiple times. If the event is on a weekend nearest the actual holiday, that can be counted with respect to the single event limitation. For example, if a Veterans Day Parade occurs on a Saturday such as the 8th, then an event on the 11th does not count. Note: As of the 2020 Spring SAR Leadership Meeting, a policy was adopted by both the National Color Guard and National Historic Sites & Celebrations Committees formally establishing that only the National Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee may designate National Historic Events based on that committee's established criteria. The only exception being that established Color Guard policy of recognizing President General, or his designated SAR General Officer representative, attendance at an otherwise unrecognized event will make that event a National Event."

Each event requires preregistration. I try to post all events on the [CG Schedule](#) as soon as I hear about one and have included a registration link (when available).

[Check the schedule](#) for updates. It can change daily sometimes even hourly!

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

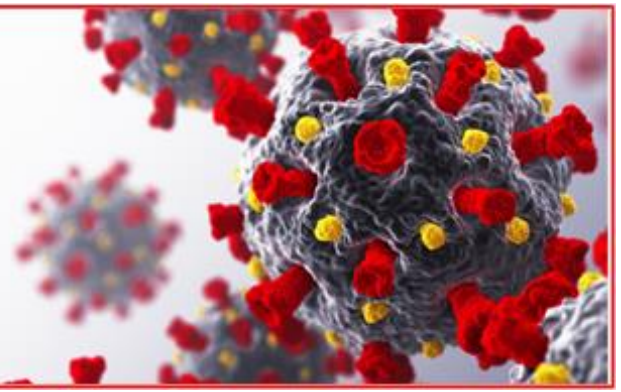
National Virtual Events

(Participants From All Regions)

<p>26 Dec 2020</p>  <p>Battle of Trenton</p> <p>Alexander Hamilton Chapter Dick Moody, Jerry Bordelon, John Herr, Mike Moore</p> <p>George Washington Chapter Bruce Bock</p> <p>Seattle Chapter Neil Vernon</p>	<p>3 Jan 2021</p>  <p>Battle of Princeton</p> <p>Alexander Hamilton Chapter Dick Moody, Mike Moore, Skip Stephen</p> <p>George Rogers Clark Chapter Art Dolan</p> <p>George Washington Chapter Bruce Bock</p> <p>Seattle Chapter Neil Vernon</p>	<p>30 Jan 2021</p>  <p>Battle of Cowan's Ford</p> <p>Alexander Hamilton Chapter Dick Motz, Jerry Bordelon</p> <p>George Rogers Clark Chapter Art Dolan</p> <p>Fort Vancouver Chapter George Vernon</p> <p>George Washington Chapter Bruce Bock, Hugh Jonson</p> <p>Seattle Chapter Neil Vernon</p>	<p>13 Feb 2021</p>  <p>Battle of Kettle Creek</p> <p>Alexander Hamilton Chapter Dick Motz, Jerry Bordelon, John Herr, Skip Stephen</p> <p>George Rogers Clark Chapter Art Dolan, Joe Coorough, Kevin Saville</p> <p>George Washington Chapter Bruce Bock, Mike Hutchens, Marshall Eberhart, John Kraft</p> <p>Seattle Chapter Neil Vernon</p> <p>Fort Vancouver Chapter Jeff Lightburn, Allen Furlow, Larry Heckethorne, Larry Peck, George Vernon</p> <p>Mid-Columbia Chapter Larry Flint, Kelly Schultz, Randal Roach</p>
<p>20 Feb 2021</p>  <p>WA St Patriotic Day 2021 (AKA <i>Massing of the Colors</i>)</p> <p>Alexander Hamilton Chapter Dick Motz, Michael Moore, Dick Moody, Skip Stephan</p> <p>George Rogers Clark Chapter Art Dolan, Eric Olsen, Lee Thomasson (not in Uniform)</p> <p>George Washington Chapter Bruce Bock, Mike Hutchins, Bob Wall</p> <p>Seattle Chapter Neil Vernon, Stephen Clayton, Christopher Clayton</p>	<p>27 Feb 2021</p>  <p>Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge</p> <p>Alexander Hamilton Chapter Jerry Bordelon, Dick Motz, Skip Stephen</p> <p>George Rogers Clark Chapter Art Dolan, Joe Coorough, Dick Moody</p> <p>George Washington Chapter Bruce Bock</p> <p>Seattle Chapter Neil Vernon, Stephen Clayton</p> <p>Fort Vancouver Chapter George Vernon, Jeff Lightburn, Allen Furlow</p>	<p>13 Mar 2021</p>  <p>Battle of Guilford Courthouse</p> <p>Alexander Hamilton Chapter Jerry Bordelon, Dick Motz, Dick Moody, Mike Moore, Skip Stephen</p> <p>George Rogers Clark Chapter Art Dolan, Joe Coorough</p> <p>George Washington Chapter Mike Hutchens, Bruce Bock</p> <p>Seattle Chapter Neil Vernon</p> <p>Fort Vancouver Chapter Jeff Lightburn, Allen Furlow, George Vernon, Carl Gray</p>	

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

CHECK THE SCHEDULE FOR UPDATES



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

Regional Area Events In Jan, Feb, Mar

Northern Region

Most activities have been canceled or postponed due to stay home, stay safe policy.

15 Jan: The Crescent Harbor Elementary School in beautiful Oak Harbor was presented with a "Flag Award" for the school's exemplary patriotism in the display of the American Flag. John Kraft and Marshal Eberhart from the George Washington Chapter presented principal, Kate Valenzuela with the certificate.



It's quite an honor for the school! Nice job CHE!



Also See virtual events listing.

10 Mar: Washington State Commander Neil Vernon and State President Craig Lawson presented a Flag Retirement Certificate to Services of America representative Jeff Hammond.

Mr. Hammond first contacted the Washington State Society to retire the 30' x 50' American Flag at the office complex based upon the presence of a Flag Certificate a few years prior. The Flag Retirement Certificate was just recently discovered by the Washington State Society and we intend to continue to promote the Certificate to desiring participants and organizations



Southern Region

Most activities have been canceled or postponed due to stay home, stay safe policy.

See virtual events listing.

Eastern Region

Most activities have been canceled or postponed due to stay home, stay safe policy.

See virtual events listing.

Western Region

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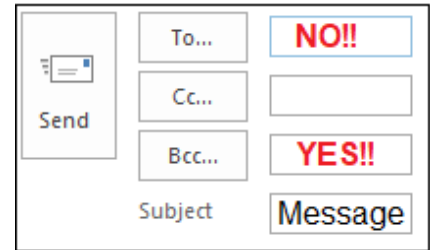
See virtual events listing.

STAY SAFE

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.**

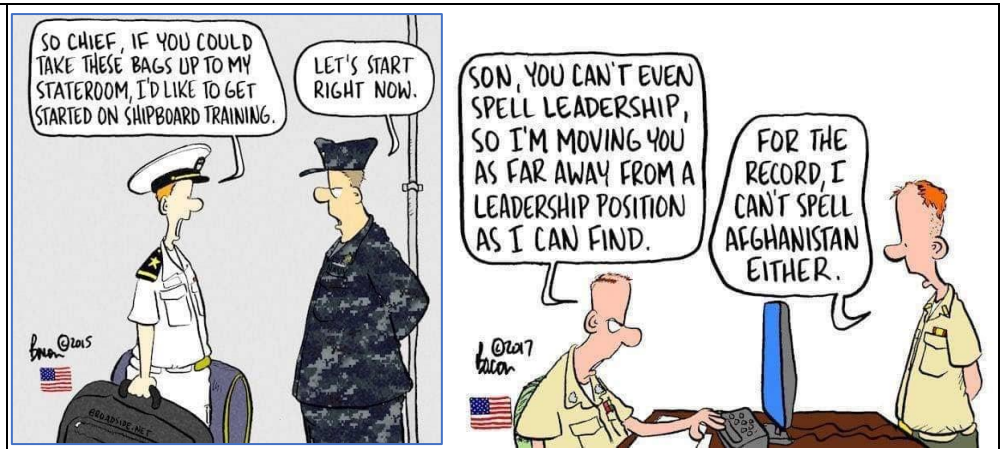
A better way to address a message if sending to more than 3 or 4 people (distribution list) is to put the distribution list in the **BCC: Box**. This will prevent the display of confidential addresses to display if the message is forwarded on to someone outside of the SAR. **A long list of addresses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

For Sale:

Item	Size	Cost	Contact	Notes
1. Japanese Training Rifle	6.5mm	\$195.00	Ken Roberts	For additional information on these items click here
2. Winchester Model 290	.22 Cal	\$325.00		
3. Winchester Model 1894 (Commemorative Rifle)	30-30 Cal	\$520.00		
4. Winchester Model 1849 (Gold Spike Commemorative Rifle)	30-30 Cal	\$620.00		
5. H&R Guardsman Model 732	.32 Cal	\$295.00		
6. 2 Reproduction Powder Flasks		\$65.00 Ea.		
Brown Bess carbine, Pedersoli reproduction. Does not have the extra-large trigger guard found on a trade gun and is really a Brown Bess carbine or navy version.		\$850.00	Mike Hutchens	Trade gun with a serpent side plate installed on the left side of the stock
Reproduction Colonial folding table.		\$45.00 Ea.		2 available
John Paul Jones uniform		\$150.00	Mick Hersey	Hat with emblem, coat, pants & vest (no shirt)

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](#) (\$16.95).



The Drumbeat - Publication Schedule

The Color Guard Newsletter will be published quarterly.

<i>Edition</i>	<i>Period covered</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Published on</i>
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Apr (2 nd Qtr.)	1 Apr to 30 Jun	No later than 30 Jun	1 Jul +/-
Jul (3 rd Qtr.)	1 Jul to 30 Sep	No later than 30 Sep	1 Oct +/-
Oct (4 th Qtr.)	1 Oct to 31 Dec	No later than 31 Dec	1 Jan +/-

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