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# YOUR COLOR GUARD,

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

# THE FACE OF THE SAR

**Compatriots,****From The Commander**

With great joy I look forward to re-uniting with you as the pandemic restrictions are lifted. It has been a long haul yet I am very mindful of the struggles of our ancestors and the hardships they faced. We truly are in a blessed society to where we have the communication power, the medical expertise, and technology to combat this pandemic. We have persevered and come out on the other side. At the same time, we need to be mindful of our fellow S.A.R. members and Color Guardsmen that have been affected adversely during the last 15 months. I pray that we will find strength and let the healing begin. Our fore-fathers did not have it so fortunate. So now is the time to be counting our blessings.



**2021 National Congress** is now upon us and many members from across the country are ready to head to Renton Washington, July 9 – 15. We are living in unprecedented times. The first time the NSSAR Congress has been held in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. Be sure to check out the Color Guard schedule during the Congress. There are a few events where we will mingle with the rest of the Color Guard from across the County. Sunday, July 10 is a very eventful day for Color Guard participation. This will begin with the Morning breakfast for those who paid for Congress through the Memorial Service in the afternoon. Then there is the Rumbaugh Orations in the evening where we will need nearly 16 Guardsmen at the doors of the room. On Tuesday, July 14, there will be Grave Marking ceremony at the G.A.R. Cemetery on Capitol Hill in Seattle. Many of us will be carpooling up early to assist in set up and transport of our equipment. This is where the W.A.S.S.A.R. Color Guard will shine in front of the N.S.S.A.R. dignitaries.

There are also other opportunities of Color Guard participation.

This will truly be a once in a life-time opportunity for many of us. How wonderful it will be to be together once again! Hope to see you there in Renton!

**New Color Guard members and Recruitment**

The only new member that I am aware of is Kenny Marshall from Seattle. As we emerge and once again available to meet in person. I would like for each chapter to renew their efforts in recruitment into the Color Guard. There are several new members added to our chapters that we have yet to meet in person. Extend the welcoming hand and introduce them into the exciting opportunities to service in our communities, honor our ancestors, and keeping our national history alive. Welcome Kenny!

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

**“George Washington Speaks”**

Our very own Vern Frykholm, the personification of George Washington, has been selected to be “George Washington” at the [Mt Rushmore Independence celebration](#) for 2021.

During the Pandemic, “**George Washington Speaks**” has done several virtual classroom presentations with the teachers, rather than the on-site presentation that have been done for 8 years. This led Vern to put together a team to develop “pre-recorded” videos that can go virtually anywhere and extend their outreach.

An updated [georgewashingtonspeaks.com](#) website is nearing completion, however there are several changes that will be made before it is released to the public.

Vern has also provided videos that can be copied and circulated for free on his YouTube Channel at this [LINK](#). Completed videos on the above YouTube channel are:

1763-10-07 Loyal Englishmen

1765-03-24 Quartering Act

1764-04-05 Sugar and Stamp Acts

1766-02-13 Dr. Franklin’s Testimony.

Videos that have been filmed, being edited and will go on the channel soon are:

1766-03-18 Declaratory Act

1773-05-10 The Tea Act

1770-03-05 Boston Massacre

1773-12-16 Tea Destruction

1770-10-24 Massacre Trial

Vern has appeared in support of many WA State Color Guard events. He is also a big hit at the [Northwest Colonial Festival](#) which takes place every year at the George Washington Inn, located between Sequim and Port Angeles. The festival this year takes place 12 thru 15 August.



*Color Guard Events Throughout The State*

Color Guard Schedule Of Events [Link](#)

**Color Guard Events In Apr, May, Jun (2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr.)**

**National Virtual Events**

(Participants From All Regions)

**16 May 2021**



[250th Patriot's Day](#)  
[Alamance Battleground](#)

**Alexander Hamilton Ch**

Dick Motz, Skip Stephen, Jerry Bordelon

**Cascade Centennial Ch**

Jim Lindley (not in uniform)

**George Rogers Clark Ch**

Art Dolan, Dick Moody

**George Washington Ch**

Bruce Bock

**5 Jun 2021**



[241st Anniversary of the](#)  
[Battle of Ramsour's Mill](#)

**Alexander Hamilton Ch**

Dick Motz, Skip Stephen, Jerry Bordelon

**George Washington Ch**

Mike Hutchens, Bruce Bock

**Mid-Columbia Ch**

Larry Flint

**12 Jun 2021**



[246th Anniversary of the](#)  
[Liberty Point Resolves](#)

**Alexander Hamilton Ch**

Dick Motz, Skip Stephen

**George Rogers Clark Ch**

Joe Coorough

**George Washington Ch**

Mike Hutchens, Bruce Bock

**Mid-Columbia Ch**

Larry Flint

**Northern Region**

Many activities had been canceled/postponed due to stay home/stay safe policy. (See virtual events listing.)

**19 Mar:** News article from the Whidbey Island news



Mike Hutchins & John Kraft read the citation

**Oak Harbor woman awarded 'Good Citizenship' medal**

By EMILY GILBERT

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Bobbi Lornson, past president of the Oak Harbor Lions Club president and volunteer, was recently recognized for her contributions to the community.

The George Washington chapter of the Washington Sons of the American Revolution presented Lornson with the bronze Good Citizenship medal last month.

"Bobbi does not just preach community service, she exemplifies it," said John Kraft in his letter nominating Lornson.

Lornson has lived in Oak Harbor since 1981. She joined the Oak Harbor Lions Club in 2012 and recently served as its president. Her volunteerism includes organizing local toy collection drives during Christmas and leading the Memorial Day production.

She also sits on the board of directors for the Whidbey Homeless Coalition.

Krystal Hamlin, who runs The Haven emergency shelter, praised Lornson in the nomination letter.

"Bobbi is truly an inspirational person, and much of that comes from her unwavering selflessness and generosity," Hamlin wrote.

Lornson said she was shocked when she was presented with the award. "I was so flattered, I couldn't even talk, and they even commented that that was so rare for me."

She is currently collecting plastic to turn into benches with the Lions. Trex, a company that turns plastic waste into deck boards, offers a program where a group can turn in 500 pounds of plastic over six months to receive a free bench.

Lornson started the effort as a way to do something to take people's minds off the coronavirus, but

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Color Guard Capt. Mike Hutchins, at left, and John Kraft present the Sons of the American Revolution Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Bobbi Lornson, center.

she said it's taken on a life of its own after the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce and Wallin-Stucky Funeral Home partnered with her. She said she's collected hundreds of pounds of plastic since March.

"You'd be amazed how little it weighs," she said.

People from all over the island have gotten involved, she said.

"If you join with others to do it, there's so much more you can achieve as opposed to doing it by yourself," Lornson said.

**22 May: Formal Flag Retirement Ceremony at Maple Leaf Cemetery, Oak Harbor: The chain of command works!** William "Bill" West, staff at the Maple leaf Cemetery requested the WASSAR, President Craig Lawson, to retire their flag and help replace it. **Participants at the event were:**



**Sea Chapter:** Neil Vernon, Christopher Clayton, Stephen Clayton, James Blanton, Robert Korn

**AH Chapter:** Michael Moore, Michael Bendickson

**GW Chapter:** Mike Hutchins, John Kraft Sr., C Marshall Eberhart, Bruce Bock, Christopher Fridley, Hugh Jonson, Robert Wall.

**Ann Washington DAR Chapter:** Bonnie Jonson, Pam Hutchins, and Orion Sea Cadets.

Also, at this event medals were presented to:

- John Kraft Sr, Lafayette Medal with 4 OL clusters
- Bruce Bock Lafayette medal.
- Mike Hutchins Lafayette Medal and 2 OL clusters.
- Michael Moore Lafayette medal.

Neil and Mike promoted Compatriots Marshall Eberhart & Bruce Bock to the rank of Corporal.



L to R front row: Chris Fridley, Michael Bendickson, Bonnie Jonson, Pam Hutchins, Jim Blanton, John Kraft, James Clayton, Chris Clayton, Back row: Bruce Bock, Michael Moore, Bob Korn, Bob Wall, Marshall Eberhart, Hugh Jonson, Neil Vernon, Mike Hutchins

**29 May: Maple Leaf Cemetery, Oak Harbor:** In preparation for Memorial Day, six members of the George Washington Chapter color guard and several members of the DAR came together at Maple Leaf Cemetery in Oak Harbor to help plant flags on the graves of more than 600 veterans.



Bob Wall Bruce Bock Chris Fridley Mike Hutchins Marshall Eberhart John Kraft

**31 May 2021 Memorial Day:**

The George Washington Chapter and two others were honored to participate in the “**A Service of Remembrance**” at Maple Leaf Cemetery in Oak Harbor, for the 2nd year.

The event took many months of planning and coordinating by Kelly Davidson of Wallin-Stucky Funeral Home, and we are proud to be associated with her and her Lions club.



**Sar Participants were:**

**Alexander Hamilton Chapter:**

- Mike Moore
- Mikey Bendickson
- Viren Lemmer

**George Washington Chapter**

- John Kraft
- Mike Hutchins
- Bob Wall
- Hugh Jonson
- Bruce Bock
- Marshall Eberhart
- Chris Fridley

**Seattle Chapter**

- Neil Vernon
- Christian Ferrin
- Kenny Marshall

**Some of the other participants were:**

- Oak Harbor Mayor Bob Severns
- U.S. Representative Rick Larsen
- State Senator Ron Muzzall
- Many Gold Star families
- Many Veterans & families
- Oak Harbor Fire Dept
- Oak Harbor Police Dept
- NAS Whidbey Island
- VFW Post 6785 Kent WA
- Oak Harbor Lions Club
- PBY Memorial Foundation
- Washington State Patrol
- Naval Sea Cadet Corps (ORION Sq)
- American Legion George Morris post 129
- Fleet Reserve Association Branch 97
- VFW Post 7392 Oak Harbor, WA.

**Southern Region**

**Many activities had been canceled/postponed due to stay home/stay safe policy. (See virtual events listing.)**

**9 May:** The Gorge Rogers Clark Chapter Color Guard participated in the rededication of a restored DAR marker on the location of the Fort Chehalis site in Westport. The event was in conjunction with the Robert Gray Chapter WSSDAR.



The GRC Chapter CG Members present were Art Dolan, Lee Thomasson, Joe Coorough, & Dennis Case. Also in attendance were Page Carter of GRC Chapter, Mick Hersey of the JPJ Chapter, and John Berg of the Lewis & Clark Chapter in OR.

**14 Jun FLAG DAY:** The Mary Ball chapter members of the DAR, along with Art Dolan of the SAR, joined the Tacoma Elks Lodge in a special Flag Day Ceremony. Mary Ball ladies carried the flags during the ceremony and Art was as entertaining as always. It was a fun night!



Lynne Stallcop, Mary Ball DAR Regent

**21 Jun:** Jerry Bordelon and Dick Motz of the Alexander Hamilton chapter posted the Colors at the Make Music Festival in Federal Way. The festival was a live, free musical celebration on the longest day of the year, with concerts on streets, sidewalks, in businesses, all around town.



**29 Jun:** The WA St Color Guard attended the burial ceremony of Navy Seaman 1st Class Gerald J. Bailey. Seaman Bailey was buried with honors by the US Navy. He was killed in WW II but his remains were just been identified via DNA. The Ceremony was performed at Tahoma National Cemetery.

Color Guard members were:

L/R Skip Mike Jim Bruce Mike Stephen Jerry Neil Dick  
 Stephen More Blanton Bock Hutchens Clayton Bordleon Vernon Motz



**Eastern Region**

**Many activities had been canceled/postponed due to stay home/stay safe policy. (See virtual events listing.)**

**14 Jun FLAG DAY:** "After being shut down for over a year due to Covid, the Spokane Chapter Color Guard was able to march in a parade again. They marched in the Flag Day Parade in Fairfield WA. The longest running Flag Day Parade in America. Both the SAR & DAR were well represented in the parade." The Fairfield Flag Day Parade is the longest running Flag Day Parade in America. It is the chapter's 10th year to march in the



parade.



(L-R) Stan Wills, Koa Barnes, Will Palmer, Dennis Shaw, Dale Ryan, John Knauer, not pictured is Carl Durkoop and Wes Corder (perspective member).

**Western Region**

**Many activities had been canceled/postponed due to stay home/stay safe policy. (See virtual events listing.)**

**31 May: Memorial Day services at Ivy Green Cemetery in Bremerton**

Members of the John Paul Jones Chapter and over 100 community members attended the Memorial Day Service hosted by the local VFW. After a short service, David Irons, representing the CG, along with numerous other groups placed wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknowns.



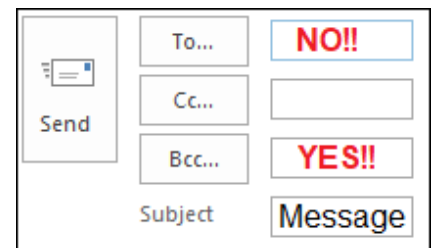
Other CG members present were Mick Hersey & Noah Chase. Chapter Vice President Perry Taylor was also in attendance and was "the man behind the camera".



**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 & More



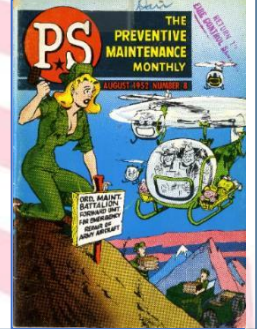
Military Humor highlights is from the [Facebook group](#) by the same name

## In Country



## “Preventive Maintenance Monthly”

Does anyone else remember these from a bygone era???  
 ([Link to library](#))



## UNIFORMS & OTHER ITEMS WANTED/FOR SALE

### Wanted:

Item			

### For Sale:

Item	Size	Cost	Contact	Notes

The State Newsletter will be published quarterly to include the State BOD meeting.

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

### News from the Chapters:

A [media links](#) page has been provided to give access to each Chapter’s Facebook page, Newsletter, and Web Site for those that have them.

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