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## From The Commander

### **Compatriots,**

I hope we all had a pleasant and eventful summer. The WASSAR Color Guard sure was busy performing in parades and other ceremonies. To each of the area event organizers, job well done! We certainly are the face of the SAR!



Each quarter I report to the WASSAR Board of Directors the counts of the Color Guard members and the activities that we have been involved in. My last report to the Board of Directors stated that we had 90 Color Guard members covering 9 of our 10 chapters. At this time, we already had 33 events for the year. Items that we are tracking are:

- |                                       |                                |                           |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1) National events that were attended | 4) Posting and retiring colors | 8) Honor Flights          |
| 2) Living History Presentations       | 5) Dedication Ceremonies       | 9) Citizenship Ceremonies |
| 3) Parades                            | 6) Ceremonies and meetings     |                           |
|                                       | 7) Memorial / Internment       |                           |

Be sure to keep your Color Guard Captains informed on the activities you are engaged in.

Just to note, the WASSAR Color Guard were engaged in at least 5 separate locations for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. I am aware of at least 3 other requests from local communities that we were unable to attend.

**Color Guard Medals:** As a reminder to all. Each Color Guard member is responsible for tracking the events that they have attended. The criteria and forms for tracking and reporting are available on the Washington SAR website. Be sure to review. Part of the tracking requirements is to collect documentation or photos of your participation in the event in uniform. When the requirements are met for the Color Guard medals the tracking and photos are submitted to your Color Guard Captain who reviews the and recommends to the Color Guard Commander. For clarity, the Color Guard Commander approves the Bronze Color Guard medal and recommends to the National Commander for the Silver and Von Steuben medals. With these recommendations I have to supply to the National Commander proof that the requirements have been met.

I continue to be amazed at the unselfish sacrifice of time and resources that the Color Guard put forth with enthusiasm and dedication. It is an honor to serve with you!

Have a safe and pleasant fall. Now is the time to re-engage with your local schools and organizations for living history presentations!

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

## Color Guard Patch Available

The Deputy Commander has created a sew on patch for the WA State Color Guard members only.

The patch measures 4"x4" (at right)

A limited quantity is still available. The cost is \$3.25 each. Shipping is \$8.95 if you want them mailed to you.

Members of the CG may ontact the [Deputy Commander](#) for purchase



## National Colorguardsman Magazine - July 2022 issue

Is available at this LINK: [https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/38-colorguardsman\\_v11-i2.pdf](https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/38-colorguardsman_v11-i2.pdf)

## Who Took Command After Washington Resigned At The End Of The War?

From: Stan Wills, Vice Commander WA State Color Guard

***The Treaty of Paris was signed on Sept 3, 1783 ending the Rev War (our true Independence Day).***

This created the United States as country free to govern itself. On 23 Dec 1783 George Washington resigned his commission as the Commander of the Army at the State House in Annapolis, Maryland (Capital of the United States). It was preceded by a party of 200 friends and colleagues. During which was given 13 toasts and a 13-cannon salute. Accepting his resignation was President of Congress Thomas Mifflin. Congress ordered the Army disbanded. With the bulk of the Army disbanded only Colonel Jackson's Regiment and Major John Doughty's artillery Regiment remained. On June 2, 1784 Congress reissued to order to disband the army and stated "standing Armies in time of peace are inconsistent with principles of a republican government, dangerous to the liberties of a free people, and generally converted into destructive engines for establishing despotism". Jackson's regiment was disbanded later that month and Doughty's regiment was retained at West Point guarding artillery and ammunition.

On 3 June 1784, Congress passed a new resolution:

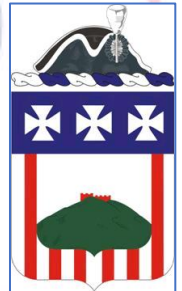
Resolved, That the Secretary of War take order for forming the said troops when assembled, into one regiment (2,631 men), consisting of eight companies of infantry, and two of artillery, arming and equipping them in a soldier-like manner: and that they be authorized to direct their destination and operations, subject to the order of Congress, and of the Committee of the states in the recess of Congress".

Thomas Mifflin, President of Congress, named his former aide, Josiah Harmar to be the commander of the new Regiment with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, on 12 August 1784. Harmar would command the army from Aug 12, 1784 to Jan 1, 1792. This was the creation of the "First American Regiment". Doughty's Regiment of Artillery would be called the "Second American Regiment". Half of these regiments enlisted and noncommissioned officers were born outside the United States.

In October 1815, the first infantry regiment was consolidated with other units to become the 3<sup>rd</sup> US Infantry Regiment, the oldest regular Army Regiment in the United States Army. The uniform at the time was a blue coat with red facings, white -pants, shirts, under coat & Tri corn hat.

This replica flag now flies in the Spokane Flag Museum.

Above data provided by Wikipedia.



### Color Guard Events Throughout The State

### Regional Area Color Guard Events In Apr, May, Jun

#### Northern Region

**4 July:** The GW chapter Color Guard joined forces with the ladies of the DAR and marched in the Anacortes 4th of July Parade. The weather was perfect, and the streets were lined with many patriotic families celebrating our nation's founding. What an honor to be invited to this beautiful town!



CG Members present were:  
**Chris Fridley, Patricia Francisco (fifer), Bill Bentler, Mike Hutchens, Ken Carlson, and John Kraft.**

**23 July:** Members of the State CG Participated in the West Seattle Grand Parade, the first parade of Seafair.

The group won the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy for the Community Group Category.

Here Jim Carpenter & Neil Vernon receive the trophy.



Members present were:

AH Chapter: **Dick Motz, Jerry Bordelon, Skip Stephen, Viren Lemmer, Jan Lemmer**

JPJ Chapter: **Fred Gilbert & Mick Hersey**

SE Chapter: **Neil Vernon, Stephen Clayton, Christopher Clayton, Robert Korn, Chris Grabowski**



**6 Aug:** Members of the George Washington chapter CG participated at the Vietnam Veterans Picnic NE of Sedro Woolley WA. There were about 500 + attendees at the picnic.

Pictured **Darlene Carlson, Bill Bentler, Mike Hutchins, Bruce Bock, Hugh Jonson, Ken Carlson, and Chris Fridley**



**11 Sep: DAR bench Dedication.** The bench was in honor of the 11 "Mercer Girls" who ventured west to educate and contribute to society in the Washington territory. Neil Vernon & Stephen Clayton posted the Colors at the event that took place on UW Campus



**Southern Region**

**4 July: Parade at Steilacoom.** First was a gathering for some great comradery at the Steilacoom Pub & Grill.



**CG Participants were:** Ken Roberts, Jim Carpenter, John Korn, Eric Olsen, Dick Moody, Neil Vernon, Mike Moore, Dennis Case, Dick Motz, Jan Lemmer, Viren Lemmer, Skip Stephen, and Michael Bendickson.



Also attending were: WASSAR President Keith Weissinger, Kent Troy, and Harold Steenbergen

Additional Fife & Drum members were: Jeannine Stephan, Alonde Droege, Terry Barker, and Stephanie Conroy

**4 July: Annual Celebration by the Meeker Mansion Group.**

**Jerry Bordelon**, of the AH Chapter, gave a flag presentation to about 200 attendees. A US Flag replacement ceremony was also performed.



**19 Aug:** The DAR/SAR participated in the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party celebration for USA Retired Lieutenant Colonel Barbara Nichols at the JBLM Military Museum. Col Nichols was greeted with much fanfare as she walked up the ramp to the museum. (below)



As a teenager during WWII, she was one those who helped build the 5,000th B-17 bomber at Boeing. In 1950, First Lieutenant Nichols was one of the first nurses to land in Korea and one of the last to be evacuated. In Vietnam she received the Bronze Star and later, at Walter Reed hospital was selected as the personal nurse to President Eisenhower for an emergency



surgery. She got to know both him and Mamie quite well. At right Col Nicholas pauses to salute the American flag

**Color Guard and F&D members present were:**

(Back row) Art Dolan, Dick Moody Lee Thomason, Jerry Bordelon, Lew Maudsley (Front row) Jan Lemmer, Joe Coorough, Terry Barker, Stephanie Conroy, Melonie Leaning, Alonde Droege, Viren Lemmer



**20 Aug: WashJam 2022**, Pacific Harbors Council Regional Scout Jamboree. There were 2,114 Attendees at the event! The 200 Scout Units consisted of: 119 Scouts BSA Troops, 74 Cub Scout Packs, 4 Venture Crews, and 3 Sea Scout Ships.

An SAR static exhibit was also on site to answer questions from the attendees. (below)



Above: Color Guard Captain Mike Moore presents an American flag to the Scouts for their event.

CG members attending were **Dennis Case, Dick Motz, John Herr, Jerry Bordelon, Ralf Liening (HODAR), and Mike Moore.**

State President Keith Wiesenberger also attended.



**5 Sep: Black Diamond Labor Day Parade:** There was a great turn out for the annual Black Diamond Days parade.

Members present were:

- Top row - Neil Vernon, Greg Emerson, Mat Bendickson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> row - Dick Motz, Bruce Bock, Mike More, Jim Carpenter, Ralph Leaning (HODAR), John Herr, Jerry Bordelon, Melonie Leaning (F&D).
- 3<sup>rd</sup> row - Cindy and Keith Weissinger, Danika Bendickson (F&D), Ken Roberts,
- Bottom row – Mike Bendickson, Terry Barker (F&D), Viren Lemmer, Skip Howard, Jan Lemmer



**20 Sep: Constitution Day:** Jerry Bordelon represented the SAR at the Constitution Week event held at the Naches Trail Elementary School, in Tacoma. Jerry and 3 DAR ladies handed out flags to the students and then gave a 20-minute presentation.



**30 Sep: Burial of WWII Veteran:** WWII veteran, Army Tech Sgt, Ross H Thompson (50, of Maryville, TN) was buried at the Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent. Sgt Ross and thousands of US & Filipino service members were captured when the Japanese invaded the Philippines. They were subjected to the 65-mile "Bataan Death March".



CG members attending the event were:  
 (Back row) Dick Motz, Mike Moore, John Herr, Fred Gilbert, Bob Korn, Bruce Bock, Bill Bentley, & Dan Costello.  
 (In front) Burney the bugler, Ken Roberts, & Neil Vernon.

### Eastern Region

**4 July:** Independence Day, River of Fire Festival. The Mid-Columbia Chapter hosted a SAR information table at Columbia Park in Kennewick. They set up about 1:30 pm and stayed until about 7:30 pm. Fireworks were then due to kick-off at dusk (approximately 10:00 PM).



This event is now run by the Three Rivers Convention Center.

Members of the Mid-Columbia Chapter participating were: **Conn Clark, Larry Flint and Brian McReynolds.**

**6 Aug: WAA.** Several Mid-Columbia Chapter members attended the Wreaths Across America Mobile Education Exhibit and Fundraiser on August 6. We participated with an information booth, representing Americas First Veterans. Both DAR Chapters also had information tables.

**Kelly Schultz, Brian McReynolds, Richard Roddy, Larry Flint, Randal Roach** were the participants here.



**30 Aug: Veteran Burial.** The Mid-Columbia Chapter was honored to represent America's First Veterans in the Repatriation and Committal Service for Gunnery Sergeant Arthur B. Summers in Wenatchee on August 30. **Randal Roach, George Boice, Kelly Schultz and Larry Flint** participated in a wreath hanging at the gravesite. Society President, Keith Weissinger came over from the West side to attend. He presented the family with a Wounded Warrior Coin and Certificate. A U.S. Marine Corps Honors Team from Seattle were the casket bearers, folded the casket flag for his family and gave a rifle salute.



**14 Sep: Naturalization Ceremony,** The Mid-Columbia Chapter was pleased to congratulate and honor new Americans at the Richland Federal Building.

Members **Luke Sowieralski, Randal Roach, Kelly Schultz and Larry Flint** attended the event. They handed out crossed flag pins (Betsy Ross & current flags) to the new citizens.

The DAR was also there to congratulate these new Americans and offered cookies and punch. Some of the new citizens and families took pictures as representing Americas First Veterans. Eighteen immigrants from several countries were sworn in as new citizens.



**16 Sep:** As part of Constitution Week, Spokane #1 attended the Naturalization ceremony of 50 new citizens from 28 Countries. This was held at the Central Valley Spokane High School football field. The entire school turned out for it and it was the best ceremony in 10 years.

Members present were **Stan Wills, Dale Ryan, and Rob Hill**. There were also three DAR Chapters in attendance.

Each new citizen was presented with a US/Betsy Ross Flag Pin.

Stan Wills also attended the opening ceremonies at the traveling Viet Nam wall which arrived at Liberty Lake Park in Spokane on the 15<sup>th</sup>. He will be volunteering this weekend to answer questions for visitors.



**17 Sep:** Mid-Columbia chapter posted the Colors at the DAR meeting held at the Columbia Center Red Lyon Hotel in Kennewick

Members present were: (L to R) **Randal Roach, Brian Smith, Jerry Noor, Brian McReynolds, a DAR page, Conn Clark, Kelly Schultz and Larry Flint**



**23 Sep: Hearts of Gold Parade.** The Spokane chapter marched in the Spokane ValleyFest Parade at 7:30 in the evening. They were accompanied by ladies from the various Spokane DAR chapters.

(l to r) Stan Wills, Will Palmer, Dennis Shaw, Rob Hill, Rob Scott, Carl Durkoop.

Not in the photo: Dale Ryan and his daughter Patience.





**23-24 Sep:** The Mid-Columbia chapter participated in the Heritage Days Celebration for the first time. The event took place at Sacajawea Park in Pasco. Heritage Days, basically a two-day event, this year featured a Lewis and Clark living history encampment, mountain man camps, Native American cultural displays, vintage steam engines and much more.

Special thanks go to Connie Boyce for overall assistance, including tent pitching, stew cooking, and coffee making



Here you see Connie Boice cooking up a great stew



They set up a period encampment with a display of colonial artifacts. Kelly & Larry stayed the night.

On Friday they met with 500 school children in small groups and Saturday they hosted primarily families and some local groups and passengers from the Snake and Columbia River tours.

(l to r) Brian McReynolds, George Boice, Randal Roach, Kelly Schultz & Larry Flint. Not pictured is Brian Smith who also participated. In attendance were Richard Roddy and Fen Simmons



**24 Sep:** The Spokane chapter marched in the S.E. Spokane County Fair Parade in Rockford, WA. parade first thing Saturday morning. It is the start of the Southeast County Fair. They march there every year as the opening color guard. Towns included are Rockford, Valleyford & Fairfield. It is about 20 miles south of Spokane in the Palouse farming communities.



(l to r) Jamison Valentine (Will Palmer's, granddaughter), Koa Barnes (Will Palmer's, Grandson), Will Palmer, Dale Ryan, (drummer), Dennis Shaw, Rob Hill, Rob Scott, Stan Wills, Patience Ryan (Dale Ryan's daughter).



A great time was had by all.

**Western Region**

**4 July:** Mick Hersey of the JPJ chapter represented the SAR at the parade in Forks, WA.

He marched with the Michael Trebert Chapter WSSDAR.



**1 Aug:** A great day at the Wreaths Across America Mobile exhibit in Sequim. Over 200 visitors came through the exhibit and 66 Vietnam Era Veterans were honored and welcomed home with pins, challenge coin and ball caps.



The JPJ Chapter was part of the event. Perry Taylor, Mick Hersey, and Fred Gilbert manned the display table.



Thank you, Regent Judy Tordini, and Ladies of the Michael Trebert Chapter WSSDAR for inviting us to the event.



Mick Hersey, Wreaths Across America coordinator led the SAR support of the Wreaths Across American traveling museum. The traveling museum stopped in Sequim; WA sponsored by the DAR. Mick is not only the chapter coordinator for WAA, he is the Chairman of the WAA for the city of Bremerton.

### 11-14 Aug: NW Colonial Festival...



The SAR participated in the annual Northwest Colonial Festival in Port Angeles, WA, the second weekend in Aug 2022. SAR members from various WA State chapters (John Paul Jones, George Washington and Seattle) teamed up for a very busy and successful mid-eighteenth-century festival. The SAR team gave 15 presentations resulting with educators signing up for school presentations and prospective new members.

#### The festival team included:

(L to R): Patrick Kane, Fred Gilbert, Mike Hutchins, Hugh Johnson, Noah Chase, Neil Vernon, Dick Moody, Mick Hersey, and Perry Taylor.

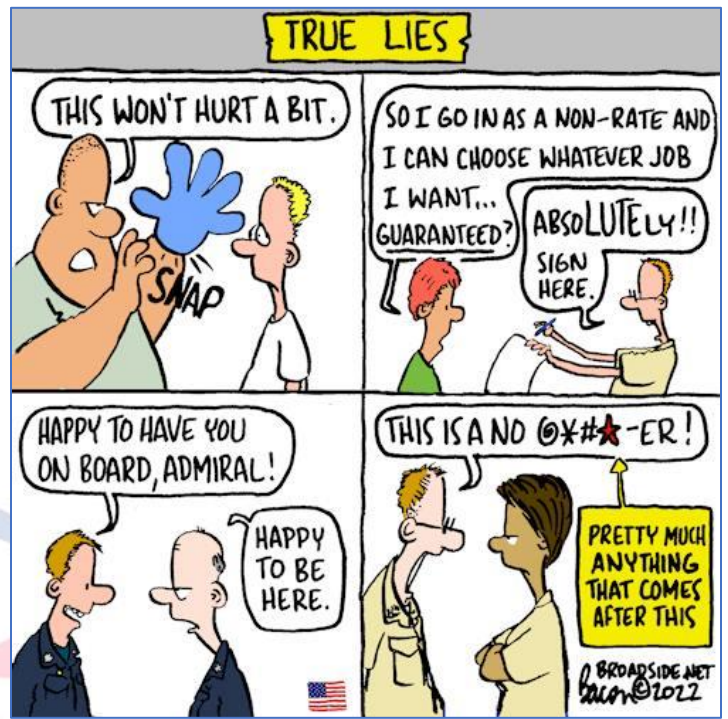
Keith Weissinger, Stan Granburg, and Marshall Eberhart were also seen at the event.



# Military Humor & More



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



## From The Editor... For All My Fellow Star Trek Fans:



## Uniforms & Other Items Wanted/For Sale

If you have anything, you want or have for sale, please send information to the [Newsletter Editor](#)

### Wanted:

Contact	Item	Size	Note

### For Sale:

Contact	Item	Size	Cost	Notes
<a href="#">Dick Motz</a>	Sewing Machine		<b>Free!!!</b> Just come pick it up... Great for sewing those uniform accessories.	
<a href="#">Jim Carpenter</a>	Wool uniform blue with white facings	Will Fit a 6-footer	<b>\$100.00</b> <b>(Original cost \$209.99)</b>	New, never been worn! It came to me grossly oversized. It looks like it would fit somebody 6' tall or more.  It measures 48" from top of collar to the bottom edge



## The Washington Trail - Publication Schedule

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

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