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# AMERICA'S FIRST VETERANS

# AND THE FACE OF THE SAR

## From The Commander

**Compatriots,**

The WASSAR Color Guard continues to be actively engaged in promoting the objectives of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution! Nearly every issue of the SAR Magazine and SAR Guardsman we have a 3-6 page spread, reporting on the activities that we have been engaged in. This is something that every one of the Color Guard participants should be proud of. After all, you are the very faces of the SAR and you are doing a fantastic job in Washington State.



For those of you who are unfamiliar with the SAR Guardsman, this is an electronic only quarterly magazine dedicated to the Color Guard. The magazine can be located on the SAR.org website after some trying navigation, or on our state website. Currently, on the State website, the Color Guard links are under the Community link. When in the Color Guard pages, if you go to the Documentation link, there will be a link to the "National Color Guard Newsletters" which will take you to the current and past issues of the SAR Guardsman, under the title of SAR Guardsman Magazine. If you look at the latest issue, you will see our own State Registrar, John Kraft during a Wreaths Across America Ceremony. Yes, we got the cover of the magazine! I try to communicate that the new issue is available through the Chapter Color Guard Captains for dissemination.

This past quarter has as usual, a busy time, particularly for school presentations as the students in our local communities are completing the studies of the Colonial Period. So far this school year, from what has been reported to me, we have presented to over 1,000 students and there is still 2 ½ months to go. Way to go and keep it up!

Other activities included the President’s Day (George Washington Birthday), ROTC presentations, and Washington State Patriotic Day.

**Looking Forward:** We are once again in the time of year where Honor Flights will be running. What a wonderful opportunity to thank a Veteran for their service. Check in your local areas for the times.

There are two (2) Veteran re-internment memorial services coming up in May in the Centralia part of the State. Details are still be worked out. Keep an eye on the Color Guard Calendar for more information on the events.

State Conference (Apr 26-27): There are several activities where the Color Guard will be posting and retiring colors during the State Conference week. These will be printed and available to you both at the Color Guard meeting and in your Conference packet. A Color Guard meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 26 from 11-12pm. Following lunch there will be a Color Guard rehearsal, starting at 1:30. Then at 5pm we will have the annual Color Guard Photo. All of these activities will take place in the Conference center in Ocean Shores.

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to all of the Color Guard members, their service and sacrifices for making WASSAR one of the greatest societies of the Sons of the American Revolution. It is an honor to server with you. As a final note, for Color Guard members within your chapter that may be less active, be sure to invite them and include them in the activities. They may need a little coaxing.

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

## Color Guard Patch Available

A limited quantity of the sew on Color Guard Patches are still available at a cost of \$3.25 each.

If you want them mailed the postage cost is:

- 3 or less .....\$1.00                      4-6.....\$2.00
- 7-9 .....\$3.00                              10 or more.....\$9.90

CG Members may contact the Deputy Commander for purchase.



NOTE: Authorized for WA State Color Guard members only.

The patch measures 4"x4"



## Color Guard Events Throughout The State

### Regional Area Color Guard Events In Jan, Feb, Mar

#### Northern Region

**19 Feb: President's Day, UW Campus Seattle.** CG members attending were (l-r): Art Dolan, Ralph Liening (HODAR), Grant Rauzi, Eric Olsen, Neil Vernon, Bruce Bock, Dick Mody, Bob Nofsinger, Bill Bentler, and Lew Maudsley. Attending but not in uniform were Mike Moore and John Herr. Fife & Drum Corp present were: Viren Lemmer, Jan Lemmer, Melonie Leaning, Stephanie Conroy, Alonde Droege, and Terry Barker.



**9 Mar:** The George Washington chapter attended the 2-day **Cascade Mountain Men Show** at the King County Fairgrounds in Enumclaw. Bill Bentler & Mike Hutchins maned an informational booth sharing SAR benefits and activities. We are encouraged with the interest demonstrated and the number of SAR brochures taken after chatting with numerous individuals during the two-day event. It was also an opportunity to connect with reenactor organizations, the black powder community at large and we received several invitations to participate in community events across the state.



#### Southern Region

**24 Feb: Longview WA.** The Ft Vancouver & George Rogers Clark chapters from WA, and the Lewis & Clark chapter from Portland joined forces to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Mary Richardson Walker chapter of the DAR. After a brief ceremony inside the Longview Library, the group marched to the town park where the MRW DAR dedicated a Liberty Tree planted 2 days earlier.



**Washington** members were: Mike Fitzpatric, Jeff Lightburn, Eric Olsen, Paul Winter, Larry Heckethorne, Greg Stewart, Rick Cline, George Vernon. **Oregon** members were: Jole Simmons, Matt Rosenberg, Dave Witter



**9 Mar:** Members from the Alexander Hamilton, George Rogers Clark, Seattle, and John Paul Jones Chapters with the Fife & Drum corps participated in the WA State patriotic day (AKA Massing of the Colors) at Pioneer Middle School.

Color bearers were (L/R) Acki Muller, Perry Taylor, Fred Gilbert, Tim Smith, Michael Moore, Dick Moody, Eric Olsen, John Herr, Art Dolan, Neil Vernon.



Fife & Drum were (L/R) Viren Lemmer, Jan Lemmer, Michael Bendickson Stephanie Conroy Skip Stephen, Charlie Fisk, Terry Barker

**Eastern Region**

**16 Feb:** Stan Wills and Doug Jonas presented a program for the George Farragut DAR Chapter in Coeur 'Alene Idaho.

The program was "The Washington Family arrives in Washington State and its impact".

It was attended by 38 DAR members and 18 HODARs (Husband of DAR).

Stan does a program for them each year and they invite the HODARs.

(l-r) Doug Jonas, Pamela Thomas, Stan Wills



**26 Mar:** Members of the Spokane #1 chapter attended the Naturalization Ceremony held at the Shriners Event Center in Spokane. There were 94 New Citizens and more than 350 people in attendance. In the reenactment photo from left to right, Stan Wills, Willy Palmer, Tracey Prock, Doug Jonas, and Rob Scott.

In the SAR-DAR photo is Bob Korn. Six total SAR members attended.



**Western Region**

**3 Mar:** The John Paul Jones Chapter and the Elizabeth Ellington Chapter of the DAR teamed to honor our military and their families at a Military Appreciation Day sponsored by the Kitsap County Chamber of Commerce. Many of the military families are from the US aircraft carrier Nimitz and the trident submarine fleet all stationed in Kitsap County. Many attendees stopped at the SAR/DAR booth to share in the celebration and to recognize our nation's, "**First Veterans**". The JPJ Chapter shared their historical display with period items, family genealogy and the chapter's support and recognition of outstanding individuals in the various Scouting programs along with the upcoming 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

JPJ Color Guard Captain was also recognized for being an Eagle Scout by the JPJ Chapter Scout coordinator Mark Whiteaker at the event.

The SAR Chapter members were: Fred Gilbert, Patrick Burch, Hugh Tucker, Mark Whiteaker and Mick Hersey.

WSSDAR members from the Elizabeth Ellington Chapter also there were: Marissa Goldenman, Dorothy Reinhardt, Linda Ellen Maynard, and Wanda Meeker





## School Presentations (Summary)

(Note: photos no longer provided due to requirement for parent's permission to use photos)

### Alexander Hamilton Chapter

**23 Feb:** Jerry Bordelon and Mike Moore visited the Wabash Church School in Auburn. Their first Patriot Chest presentation was for the K to 3rd grade, approximately 34 kids. Their second presentation was to 4th to 8th grade. There was a total of approximately 34 youngsters with all kinds of questions.

### John Paul Jones Chapter

**19 Jan:** the JPJ Education Team presented at Baker Creek Community School. Topics about the Revolutionary War and 18th century life were shared with 25 students and 10 parents/guests by Fred Gilbert, Bob Smalser, and DAR member Jane Ritchie. JPJ Members Patrick Burch and Brian Dorr assisted.

**13 Mar:** The John Paul Jones Education Team gave historical and education presentations to the fourth through eighth grades at the West Hills Elementary STEM School in Bremerton, to 71 students. The team gave presentation on what lead up to Revolutionary War and the beginning of the war to Valey Forges (1765-1783) followed by the discussion on the Western frontier alone with the challenges facing the colonist and concluded with a chat on what life was like living in the colonies of 1776. The SAR presenters were Fred Gilbert, Bob Smalser and Doug Nelson..Ms. Annjanette Morris, Jocelyn Esguerra and Tom Hornburg were presented a JPJ Chapter challenge coin for their support of the SAR in the classroom.

**14 Mar:** The John Paul Jones (JPJ) Education Team of Fred Gilbert and Bob Smalser with support from the DAR, Ms. Jane Richie gave educational presentations to three fourth grade classes (71 students) at Hidden Creek Elementary in Port Orchard. The team tailors their presentations to the needs of the teacher(S). Here at Hidden Creek Elementary was a first for our team: the presenters were set up in three different classroom discussing different topic. Fred's discussion was on a Mercantile Store Keeper in Boston during the time of British occupation to include the Boston Tea Party. Bob's discussion was the Life Western Frontier during the American Revolution and how the families cleared the land to build a self-sustaining farm. Jane demonstrated how flax was harvested, processed into raw flax, spun into thread, and woven into linen. The team followed their tradition of presenting the teachers (Alison Piper, Amy Cantrell, Aryn Robinson, and Maxine White) with their chapter challenge coins and thanking them for their dedication to education and supporting the SAR and DAR in their history studies.

**15 Mar:** Fred Gilbert, John Paul Jones Education Coordinator, gave a presentation to 27 students on the Historical Events that Influenced the Framers of the US Constitution during the Constitution Convention of 1787 at the Baker Creek Community School, Bremerton, Washington. This unique school environment brings together fourth through ninth grade home school students to learn and discuss a wide variety of subjects. This is the second presentation sponsored by Janice Jacobson, teacher and coordinator in the Baker Creek Community School.

### Seattle Chapter

**19 Jan, February 8, 9, 16 Feb:**, members of the Seattle Color Guard gave a presentation to 225 students at the Madrona School in Edmonds. The presentation given to 4-6 graders consisted of the History of the American Flags, A Soldiers Life, and A Day in Colonial Life. Members of the team were Stan Granberg, Grant Rauzi, and Neil Vernon. This was the first of four sessions scheduled with the school. For the calendar year of 2023-2024, they have reached 79 students through living History Presentations. After the presentation was over, Neil Vernon presented and certificate of appreciation to the host instructor, Judi MacRae, along with a Washington State SAR Challenge coin for promoting History, Education, and Patriotism during the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Revolutionary War Events.

**14 Mar:** Seattle chapter presented to 48 students at Whittier Elementary, a new school in Everett. They presented the "History of the American Flag" and "A Day in a Life". After the presentation, Neil Vernon presented to the instructors a certificate of appreciation for promoting Education, History, and Patriotism during the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Revolutionary War Events, a Washington State Challenge coin, and a set of hand-crafted soldiers. SAR members that participated were Neil Vernon (SE), Stephen Clayton (SE), Acki Mueller (SE), and Bill Bentler (GW).

**18 Mar:** Seattle chapter presented to 69 students at the West Mercer Elementary School on Mercer Island in 3 separate class sessions. This is one of the Seattle Chapter's charter schools for presenting the "A Day in a Life" presentation. Before we left for the day, the first class had completed the challenge of writing a feedback response of what they learned. After the presentation, Neil Vernon presented to the first instructor (Julie Langley) a Certificate of Appreciation for promoting Education, History, and Patriotism during the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Revolutionary War Events, and a 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-shirt designed by the Seattle Chapter. She was truly overwhelmed by the gift of the T-shirt. SAR members that participated were Neil Vernon (SE), Grant Rauzi (SE), and Jim Lindley (CC).

### Spokane #1 Chapter

**12 Feb:** Stan Wills and Doug Jonas presented a Living History Program to 42 cub scouts and 21 parents at the Ramsey Elementary school, in Coeur d'Alene Idaho.

# Military Humor & More



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

## When you are told something is military grade!!!

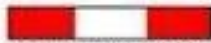
**Civilians**



**Veterans**



## Ribbons That Should Have Been, But Aren't



**NEVER LEFT THE USA RIBBON**

For 20 years of "continental" service



**MY WIFE'S UNCLE KNEW SOMEBODY WHO SERVED IN WWII RIBBON**



**DADDY IS A GENERAL RIBBON**

Star devices denote daddy's actual rank



**CPL/CAPT FOR LIFE RIBBON**

☺ device worn on captain's ribbon only to denote the extra pay incentives



**ALWAYS BEEN IN THE FIELD RIBBON**

☹ device denotes an additional 5 year tour



**CLOSE FRIEND OF THE CAREER MANAGER RIBBON**

🌴 Palm tree device for each really cushy posting



**SOLDIER OF THE MOMENT RIBBON**

I came! I saw! What the heck.



**EVERYBODY WENT TO GERMANY EXCEPT ME RIBBON**

Numeral denotes number of years you have been asking for overseas posting



**MY UNCLE SPENT WWII HIDING IN A SMALL CAVE NEAR DARTMOUTH RIBBON**



**RDE or EN HQ TOUR RIBBON**

☠ Skull device for each life sucking 3 year period spent in HQ



**D.U.I. AND STILL IN THE SERVICE RIBBON**

🚗 Device denotes number of convictions



**I'M NOT MOVING! RIBBON**

🏠 House device denotes each successful threat of release if posted



**GOT MY LAST BOSS PROMOTED RIBBON**

Numeral denotes number of superiors promoted by your hard work who have already forgotten your name



**DRINKING BUDDY'S COMMENDATION RIBBON**

🍷 device denotes consecutive awards



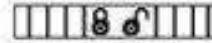
**NEVER SERVED OVERSEAS RIBBON**

Globe device added for each additional tour weaseled out of 🌐



**GOT DIVORCED AGAIN RIBBON**

💵 device for each divorce



**I DIDN'T GET MY CIB BECAUSE I WAS IN JAIL RIBBON**



**NEVER BEEN IN THE FIELD RIBBON**

☺ device denotes an additional 5 year tour



**EIGHT TO FOUR RIBBON**

Shows up for work, does the minimum requirement of work, and goes home.



**RENTAL CAR NOT AUTHORIZED WHILE TDY RIBBON**



**NEVER EARNED A RIBBON RIBBON**



### ORDER OF WEAR

NO PRESCRIBED ORDER IAW AR 670-1  
SOLDIERS ARE DARED TO WEAR IN COLOR  
COORDINATED FASHION OR EYE-PLEASING  
MANNER THAT DOES NOT CAUSE RETINAL FATIGUE

DISTRIBUTION: UNLIMITED

IN THE EVENT OF WEAR BY PHONES, WALMART RANGERS, AIRSOFT TACTICAL STRIKE FORCES, OR OTHER ELEMENTS NOT AFFILIATED WITH MILITARY FORCES - IMMEDIATELY REDUCIBLE AND PHOTOGRAPH FOR WIDESPREAD INTERNET DISSEMINATION



## Publication Schedule

### The Color Guard Newsletter Will Be Published Quarterly

**Format Requirements:** Each article must be in Word format (text only) preferred font is **Calibri**.

Any related photos to be in **JPG** or **PNG** format.

Formatting of the article is not required as I must reformat it to fit the newsletter.

**The Plan:** Publish quarterly.

### Publication and article/event submission deadlines

Articles are due the **20<sup>th</sup>** of the **last month** of the edition quarter

<b>Edition</b>	<b>Qtr</b>	<b>Published on</b>	<b>Period covered</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Winter	1	31 Mar +/-	1 Jan to 31 Mar	No later than 20 Mar
Spring	2	30 June +/-	1 Apr to 30 Jun	No later than 20 Jun
Summer	3	30 Sep +/-	1 Jul to 30 Sep	No later than 20 Sep
Fall	4	31 Dec +/-	1 Oct to 31 Dec	No later than 20 Dec

Thank you



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