

Winter 2013

The Washington Trail

Activities of the Washington Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Winner of the 2009 Jennings H. Flathers Award

~ State President's Message ~

Dear Compatriots,

We have an expanding Washington Society SAR. Due to the help of John Ernest, we now have a chartered chapter in Mount Vernon. The George Washington Chapter has formed with the necessary ten members and the officers have been elected. Eric Howard is the new chapter president, whom you may remember as a former Spokane Number 1 Chapter President and State Society President. Congratulations to all involved in this process as a North Sound chapter has been needed for some time.



A movement is afoot to increase participation in the Knight Essay contest. We have procured a very nice and professional broadside that state Knight Essay Chair Gale Palmer has distributed. Allen Gray of the Cascade Chapter has also given the broadside to the various JROTC Commanders to be passed on to the cadets in their commands. The cadets are very motivated and they will probably take advantage of the award that is available from the state.

I wish to thank Bob Wagers of the Alexander Hamilton chapter, publicly, for his ten years of service as the state ROTC/JROTC Coordinator. Allen Gray of the Cascade Chapter has agreed to take over for Bob. Thank you, Allen for volunteering. Bob O'Neal and the Color Guard attended and marched the Auburn Veteran's Day Parade. Fifteen thousand spectators and dignitaries were lining the streets of Auburn.

Enjoy your Society and all that it brings you.

Jim Lindley, WSSAR President

~ Washington Chapters Meeting Schedules ~

- Alexander Hamilton** Third Saturday of the month, except June, July and August
- 9:00 a.m.**
Fife City Bar and Grill <http://mapq.st/KAODYx>
3025 Pacific Highway East
Tacoma, WA
(253) 922-9555
- Cascade Centennial** First Saturday of the month, except July, August, and September
- 9:00 a.m.**
Courtyard Seattle Kirkland <http://mapq.st/L97ipW>
11215 NE 124th Street
Kirkland, WA
(425) 602-3200
- John Paul Jones** Fourth Saturday of the month except July, August and December
- 9:00 a.m.**
Family Pancake House <http://mapq.st/KNCUYR>
3900 Kitsap Way
Bremerton, WA 98312
(360) 479-2422
- Mid-Columbia**
- City of Richland Public Library <http://mapq.st/JDe1j>
955 Northgate Drive
Richland, WA
(509) 942-7454
- George Washington** Third Saturday of the month except July, August and December
- 10:00 a.m.**
Calico Cupboard <http://mapq.st/V6SILU>
121-B Freeway Drive
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
(360) 336-3107]
- Seattle** Second Saturday of the month, except June, July and August
- 9:00 a.m.**
13 Coins Restaurant <http://mapq.st/L3u7Ah>
123 Boren Avenue North
Seattle, WA 98109
- Spokane Number 1** Second Friday of the month, except July and August
- High Noon**
Timber Creek Buffet <http://mapq.st/LuF91B>
9211 E. Montgomery
Spokane Valley, 99212

~ Chapter News and Activities ~

Alexander Hamilton Chapter

NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN

On **October 20, 2012**, a cadre of compatriots braved the ever-changing fall weather of western Washington and ventured to Chehalis for their annual meeting at the Veterans Memorial Museum.

Alexander Hamilton Color Guard Captain Lee Thomasson and Lieutenant John Herr posted and retired the colors. Vice President General Bob Doughty presented challenges to the members for the upcoming Pacific District conference and possibility of hosting the 2018 NSSAR National Congress in the Evergreen State. Museum Administrator Chip Duncan gave the members an update about the museum, which was followed by a financial donation presentation to the museum by Alexander Hamilton Chapter President, Darrell Holt.

The museum was established in 1977 to make sure our veterans will not be forgotten. It features a nine thousand square foot main gallery that has eighty-five display cases and a military history reference library with thousands of volumes.

STALWART COMPATRIOT BRAVES THE WEATHER

On **December 19, 2012**, a very cold, inclement day, twenty hearty members of the Mason United Methodist Church "Adult Noon Lunch" group braved the wintry weather to listen to compatriot O'Neal give his presentation on the *History of Old Glory*. This living history presenter showed fifteen historic flags from the Revolutionary War and covered the battles and events each flag represented, from the Battle of Lexington to Surrender at Yorktown. The lunch group was also shown a block of compressed English tea, a Kentucky flintlock pistol, and a few other items from the British colonial era.



Cascade Centennial Chapter

WSSAR PRESIDENT VISITS CARRIAGE CREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On **November 11, 2012**, Carriage Crest Elementary School of Renton, WA held its annual Veterans Day assembly to honor the service and sacrifice of America's veterans. The school's Parent Teacher Students Association invited WSSAR President Jim Lindley to attend as the guest speaker.



The school's six hundred fifty students, many of whom were dressed in red, white and blue, brought the attending audience to the verge of tears, by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and singing the National Anthem in perfect unison.

Jim thanked the students for their patriotism and commended them for honoring our veterans in such a splendid fashion. In addition, he spoke briefly about the mission of Sons of the American Revolution, and his patriot heritage. He encouraged them to seek out their patriot roots. He concluded his remarks by presenting the school principal with a flag certificate and thanking the students and the school's Principal Mrs. Wick, for inviting him to the event.



WINDS OF CHANGE

Cascade Centennial Chapter, along with several Seattle DAR chapters, participated in Seattle Chapter's Wreaths Across America event at Lake View Cemetery on **December 15, 2012**. Cascade Centennial Chapter's members and friends contributed at least thirty-eight of the seventy-two wreaths distributed at Lake View Cemetery.

One of Cascade Centennial's compatriots attended a Navy League Wives' sponsored Wreaths Across America at Evergreen Washelli Cemetery and was interviewed on KIRO-TV. He attended the Evergreen Washelli event in order to place a wreath on his uncle's grave.

Cascade Centennial Chapter lost eleven compatriots in 2012 and expects to lose an additional ten compatriots to the newly formed George Washington Chapter because they live significantly closer to that chapter than Cascade Centennial. Since compatriot Albert Bingham is transferring to the George Washington Chapter, his position as Cascade Centennial Chapter Vice President will be filled by appointment. Compatriot Dan Heidt will be appointed to serve the remainder of compatriot Bingham's term.

John Paul Jones Chapter

MEMORIAL REPLICA REDEDICATED

Did you know that Bremerton, Washington has one of only three replica memorials of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery and that it is congressionally recognized? It is located in the heart of town! This empty, one-third size replica at Bremerton's Ivy Green Cemetery is considered by some to be a silent tribute to the unknown dead of the USS Saratoga, who lost their lives in action on February 21, 1945, as well as those unknowns who have lost their lives since. Originally brought to Bremerton as a traveling memorial in 1950, it was permanently placed at Ivy Green Cemetery in 1967 and

officially dedicated in 1977 by Representative Norm Dicks. The city of Bremerton let it fall into disrepair and only cut the grass around the area, without even trimming around it and the neighboring brass grave markers, which gave it less than the honored designation it deserves.

In 2012, two patriot heroes named Todd Best, a Bremerton business owner and former New York firefighter, and Josh Fisher, a young architect, got together and designed new surroundings for the hallowed ground, which includes a ribbon-shaped walkway that leads to a place for silent prayer and reflection.



The grounds adjoining the tomb were renovated by over 200 volunteers on August 4, 2012. New ADA compliant sidewalks that appear as grey granite slabs were poured; a raised, semi-circular concrete seating area, featuring the volunteer etched phrase “In Honor of the Unknown,” was built; and, Arborvitae were planted behind the seating area to detract from the chain link fence at the edge of the cemetery property. A native, low-maintenance landscape design, light emitting diode solar powered lighting and

an infographic designed, light-grey, polished granite marker gives the area a sense of protected prominence. All of this was accomplished through the hard work of American citizens and personal donations of time and materials.

The rededication ceremony was spearheaded by patriot hero Best and John Paul Jones Chapter compatriot Mick Hersey. After months of planning and backbreaking labor, invitations were extended to the residents of the community and the surrounding area for the upcoming rededication ceremony.

On **September 29, 2012**, the tomb was rededicated and around two hundred people attended, including many Navy men and women from throughout the Puget Sound area and ladies of the DAR. Patriot Riders lined the entrance roads with flags as people arrived.



As the visitors arrived, Commander O’Neal stood watch as the lone sentry in the tomb area for thirty minutes before the ceremony, while the theme for “Band of Brothers” played over the sound system.

As people arrived, compatriots Nelson and Herr welcomed them to the event, answered questions and directed them to the seating area.

After the NJROTC Cadets posted the colors and the USS Ronald Reagan Chiefs chorale sang the National Anthem, the Bremerton Naval Base chaplain delivered the Invocation, which was followed by speeches from dignitaries.

Throughout the ceremony, WSSAR Commander O’Neal, Alexander Hamilton Chapter and Doug Nelson, John Paul Jones Chapter Color Guard Captain acted as sentries, with Lieutenant John Herr, Alexander Hamilton Chapter assisting.



The guest of honor, Captain Thom W. Burke, USS Ronald Reagan, gave an eloquent address.



Afterward, Commander Bryan Brooke's fine NJROTC Color Guard Flag Detail lifted the beautiful twenty-foot US ensign, on loan from USS Turner Joy, off the tomb; seven, crack shot sailors fired the three rifle volleys and compatriot O’Neal sounded “Taps”.



At the final note of taps, the cadets folded the flag with precision and presented it to compatriot Nelson.

This rededication ceremony was a poignant moment in the life of this military community. It will be remembered for years to come. The compatriots who were privileged to take part in this event feel honored to have been given the opportunity of helping restore dignity to such a memorial.

KITSAP COUNTY VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

On **November 12, 2012**, compatriot Doug Nelson attended the annual Kitsap County Veterans Day Celebration and at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds.

The event featured Rear Admiral Douglass T. Biesel, commander of Navy Region Northwest, as the master of ceremonies, and Charlie Tyrian, motivational speaker, leadership trainer and consultant, who is a member of the National Speakers Association, as the keynote speaker.

Doors opened at eight o'clock in the morning and the event ran until half-past four that afternoon. Compatriot Nelson acted as a greeter to a crowd of fifteen hundred and also had an SAR informational booth set up for attendees to learn more about the national Society and the local chapter.

JOHN PAUL JONES CHAPTER – WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

A chilling, drizzling rain and five to ten mile an hour winds did not keep the hearty John Paul Jones Chapter compatriots, their friends and the ladies of the NSDAR, Elizabeth Ellington Chapter from conducting their Wreaths Across America ceremony at the recently rededicated Bremerton Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on the morning of **December 15, 2012**.

The ceremony opened with the posting of the colors by the Naval Base

Color Guard followed by introductory remarks from

Navy Wives Clubs of America, Kitsap #46 President Joey Price. Bremerton Mayor Patty Lent then issued a proclamation designating December 15, 2012 as *Wreaths Across America Day*, in Bremerton, which was followed by an emotive

tribute to our veterans from military guest speaker Submarine Group 9 Command Master Chief Rusty Staub.

Presentation wreaths in honor of the six branches of the military service and the MIA/POW's were placed at the replica Tomb of the Unknown. Afterward, one hundred wreaths were placed on veterans graves throughout the cemetery.



The memory of the righteous is blessed, But the name of the wicked shall rot. ~ Proverbs 10:7 (KJV)

Seattle Chapter

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



The Seattle Chapter hosted the “official” NSSAR Wreaths Across America tribute at the Lake View Cemetery on **December 15, 2012**.

Seattle Chapter President, Stefan Kovalenko presided as Master of Ceremonies. Lieutenant John Herr, Alexander Hamilton Chapter, Commander O’Neal, Alexander Hamilton Chapter, and Craig Lawson, Seattle Chapter Treasurer and Trustee acted as Color Guard for the occasion.



Jim Lindley and SAR Applicant Greg Emerson, Cascade Centennial Chapter were among the individuals who placed wreaths for each of the six branches of the military service and the MIA/POW’s during the ceremony.

Vice President General Bob Doughty, WSSAR Commander Bob O’Neal, WSSAR President,

To round out the ceremony, seventy-two wreaths were distributed throughout

Lake View Cemetery to honor those in the military, who are laid to rest there. The



graves for Frederick K. Kirsch, Granville Owen Haller, a noted American Indian fighter and United States Army military officer; Ashbury F. Haynes, Civil War Congressional Medal of Honor recipient; Gilbert Simrall Meem, brigadier general who commanded the 7th Brigade, 3rd Division of the Virginia Militia during the Civil War; Simon Manly Preston, Civil War Union Brevet Brigadier General; and, John Beard Allen, who served during the Civil War as a Corporal in Company D, 135th Indiana Volunteer Infantry are among the military gravesites.

Mid-Columbia Chapter

On **September 22, 2012**, Mid Columbia chapter welcomed two new members, Wayne Ross and Lloyd Coughlin into their chapter. WSSAR State President Jim Lindley administered the oath and Vice President General Bob Doughty pinned on the rosettes after each new member took their oath.



Compatriot Stan Wills has started a new community outreach program for the Mid Columbia Chapter. They hold our meetings at the Public Library. After the chapter meeting has concluded compatriot Wills conducts a history tutorial, which is open to the public.

This informal, living history lecture series includes the history and significance of flags in colonial America and how the current U.S. flag came into being; cursive writing and the art of using a quill pen, the evolution of the US Revolutionary War uniforms from the pre-war militia organizations to the 1782 regulation standard;

and techniques for tracing one's ancestors to the Revolutionary War. It appears to have been successful because the chapter, which was chartered on March 24, 2012, has grown to twenty-two members with several applications awaiting approval at NSSAR.

George Washington Chapter at Mount Vernon

NEW CHAPTER CHARTERED

On November 17, 2012, a petition to the state Society was circulated and signed by prospective chapter members conveying their wish to establish a new chapter within the state and call it the George Washington Chapter. The initial signers of this petition were: Eric C. Howard, David J. Vandaveer, Dale Harshman, Brian L. Bork, Thomas Peloquin; Ralph H. Nichols, Perk Albert Bingham, Larry D. Miller, James Lindley, Robert Huson and John E. Ernest.

On **January 12, 2013**, the George Washington Chapter received its official charter with thirteen compatriot members at Mount Vernon, Washington. NSSAR Vice President General Bob Doughty and his wife Jan attended the charter service.

WSSAR Color Guard Commander Bob O'Neal and First Lieutenant Mick Hersey posted the colors. WSSAR President Jim Lindley administered the oath of office to chapter president Eric Howard and his officers.

State Registrar John Ernest, presented the chapter with a US flag that had flown over George Washington's home at Mount Vernon. He then recited, "**A Toast To The Flag**", by John Jay Daly of Washington, D.C. (1888-1976).

Lady Teri Lindley, National Ladies Auxiliary SAR, presented a gavel to Chapter President Howard and Lady Jan Doughty, WSSAR Ladies Auxiliary, presented a desktop flag to President Howard.

WSSAR Color Guard commander presented the chapter with Washington's Commander-in-Chief flag, which features a blue field with thirteen, six-pointed stars in three narrow lines crossing one another with the lines tapering off at the ends and the points on the stars pointing in random directions.

We are pleased to welcome a this new chapter into the Washington Society, Sons of the American Revolution. May it grow and prosper in the coming years



Spokane Chapter No. 1

NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED

Junior compatriot Ashton Goff, son of compatriot Robert Hollis Goff and ancestor to Sergeant Isaac Parker of Connecticut, and compatriots Michael Woodruff and Jonathan Woodruff were inducted into the Spokane No. 1 Chapter on **September 14, 2012**.



Compatriots Woodruff are ancestors to Soldier Abednego Inman of North Carolina, Private James Walker, of Virginia, and Harwood Bacon of Virginia, who rendered patriotic service.

AWARD BESTOWED

In **October 2012**, Young Justin Peterson, who has raised over \$20,000 for the Honor Flight program, won a contest sponsored by Safeco. Safeco asked Americans to vote for the person whom they thought has done the most for Honor Flight. Justin received more votes than any one in America. He will be receiving a check for \$15,000 from Safeco, to go toward Honor Flight. Thank you to all those friends of Honor Flight who voted for him. Way to go Justin!



On **October 7, 2012**, compatriots Gale Palmer and Stan Wills took time out their hunting season to welcome back thirty-five World War II Veterans returning from Washington D.C., after visiting the World War II Memorial. There were Four Lady World War II Veterans on the flight. The SAR and the DAR presented each World War II Lady Veteran with a dozen red roses.

The Veterans pay absolutely nothing to go on this flight. They have already paid by serving. Stan attends every Honor Flight and personally talks with every Veteran on each flight. None of them thinks they did anything special that requires they should be recognized for doing their



job. So Honor them by saying "Thanks". That simple expression means more to them than any piece of paper. If you really want to salute these Veterans, contribute to Honor Flight with fundraising. It costs over \$800.00 for each Veteran to go on this trip. World War II veterans waited patiently for over 65 years for a memorial that recognizes their service and accomplishments. The World War II Memorial also recognizes the ultimate sacrifices of their friends who never made it home



THE ROAD TO MEMBERSHIP

In the past, many compatriots have been puzzled by the length of time it takes from first beginning the membership application to the induction ceremony. In an effort to make it easier for compatriots to explain the membership application process to prospective members, the following is a step-by-step rundown on the road to membership.

1. The applicant connects with the chapter genealogist, who is the main starting point for submitting a membership application, through the NSSAR Genealogical Committee, the state registrar or a current member.
2. Together, the applicant and the chapter genealogist complete the membership application. They review all of the documentation as they go.
3. Once the chapter genealogist determines that all of the required documents are complete, the chapter genealogist prints two copies of the completed application onto 11 x 14 paper with the S.A.R. watermark.
4. The chapter genealogist obtains the signatures of the sponsor and the co-sponsor, who are usually the chapter genealogist and another member of his choice.
5. The chapter genealogist sends the both copies of the completed application to the applicant for his signature.
6. The applicant returns the signed applications to the chapter genealogist along with two checks made out to the WSSAR and NSSAR
7. The chapter genealogist forwards both copies of the signed applications and all supporting documents to the state registrar.
8. The state registrar verifies, proves, approves and signs the applications.
9. The state registrar sends the applications to the state secretary.
10. The state secretary records the required information, signs the application, forwards copies of the required information to the newsletter editor for addition to the e-mail list and to the database manager for addition to the state database and prepares an application packet to send to national.
11. The state secretary forwards the application packet to the NSSAR Genealogical Committee.
12. Genealogists at NSSAR sign the application as received.
13. After review and approval by the NSSAR Genealogical Committee, the application is sent to the genealogist general.
14. The genealogist general signs the application as approved.
15. The genealogist general sends the approved application to the NSSAR registrar.
16. The NSSAR registrar adds the national membership number, records the necessary information and stamps the application as registered by NSSAR.

17. Once recorded and registered, the Registrar sends a postcard to the approved member.
18. The NSSAR registrar mails the approved application and membership certificate to the state secretary.
19. Upon receipt, the state secretary enters the state number, signs the approved member application, records the necessary information into the active member state roster and forwards copies of the required information to the newsletter editor to update the e-mail list and to the database manager to update the state database.
20. Upon completion, the state secretary forwards the application and certificate on to the State President.
21. The state president signs the approved application, adds a “Welcome” letter to the packet and forwards it on to the chapter secretary.
22. When the chapter secretary receives the approved application packet materials, he makes up a chapter packet consisting of the “Letter from the State President”, a copy of the approved application and the national membership certificate.
23. The chapter secretary notifies the chapter president that the application is ready for the induction ceremony.
24. The chapter secretary invites the new member to the upcoming chapter meeting for the swearing in ceremony.
25. The new member is inducted into the Society and sworn in as an approved member, where he receives his approved application packet and all of the associated privileges.

~ A Hearty Welcome to New Members in 2013~

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Alexander Hamilton Chapter

Lionell Paul “Anderson” Marlowe	National No.: 184770	Patriot: Pvt. Roger Root, MA
Robert Dale Parish II	National No.: 185826	Patriot: Col. David Sutherland, NY

Cascade Centennial Chapter

Applications Pending

John Paul Jones Chapter

Paul Rodger Carson	National No.: 185586	Patriot: Pvt. Noah Greeley, NH
Mark Russell Downen	National No.: 185558	Patriot: Militiaman Josiah Downen, SC
Marion Thomas Hersey	National No.: 185587	Patriot: Sgt. James Hersey, MA
Thomas Carmi Peloquin	National No.: 185343	Patriot: Capt. Ichabod Pinkham, MA
Rex Peter Stickle	National No.: 186200	Patriot: Pvt. David Hill, NJ

Seattle Chapter

Melvin Asel Beard
Brian Lawrence Bork
Darrell Irwin Gibson
Dean Matthew White

National No.: 185296
National No.: 185395
National No.: 185121
National No.: 18575

Patriot: 2Lt. Samuel Wilcox, MA
Patriot: Pvt. Nicholas Gibbs, NC
Patriot: Sgt. Phileom Wright, MA
Patriot: Sgt. James Russell, VA

Mid-Columbia Chapter

Christopher Fabian DeLorme
Trevor Joseph DeLorme
Fred Tomas Moser
Andrew Kent Pettit
Grayson Ward Pettit

National No.: 185711
National No.: 185712
National No.: 184897
National No.: 185557
National No.: 185558

Patriot Service: Makepeace Gates, MA
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Patriot: Pvt. Jacob Moser, MD
Patriot: Michael Kintzer, VA
Patriot: Michael Kintzer, VA

George Washington at Mount Vernon Chapter

New Chapter formed on January 1, 2013

Eric Howard	127226	President
Brian L. Bork	185395	Vice President and Secretary
Thomas Peloquin	185343	Treasurer
Dale Harshman	175045	Webmaster and Historian
John E. Ernest	155079	Genealogist
Larry Miller	138438	
Perk Bingham	175046	
Ralph H. Nichols	168602	Trustee
David J. Vandaveer	182464	
James Lindley	162611	
Robert Huson	(None)	Applicant for membership

Spokane No. 1 Chapter

William Joseph Brooker

National No.: 185041

Patriot: Civ. John Reed, PA

DID YOU KNOW?



The thirty-two pound long-rifle cannons from “Old Ironsides” were from the spar deck of the ship, and since they were not part of the original 1797 armament, they were donated to Washelli Cemetery, placed, and officially dedicated on June 9, 1933, after the ship itself lay at anchor in Elliott Bay.



~ New Applicants ~

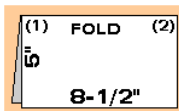
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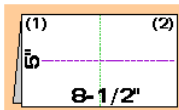
Rodger Lind Dent	Patriot: Capt. Walter Dent, MD
Gregory Dan Emerson	Patriot: Pvt. Dudley Stephens, VA
James Lewis Fleming	Patriot: Pvt. Adam Spitler, VA
Frederick Banks Galer	Patriot: CS Darius Peck, CT
Morton Dyas Hurt	Patriot: Pvt. Johannes John Kuntz/Koontz, NC
Robert Dale Huson	Patriot Soldier John Gilliland, Sr., (no state)
Derek Steven Riffel	Matthew Rippey, Soldier, VA
Kevin Gordan Riffel	Matthew Rippey, Soldier, VA
William Fredrich Riffel	Matthew Rippey, Soldier, VA
William Leo Robinson	Pvt. John Billingsley, NC
Dale Eugene Ryan	Patriot: Pvt. Asa Matson, NY

YOU, TOO, CAN MAKE A FIVE-POINTED STAR

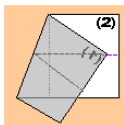
New members will want to get involved in community outreach programs like living history presentations. One of the first things they will want to master is the art of cutting a five-point star so it can appear like magic when giving a presentation in front of school age children. Thanks to Betsy Ross House, everyone can learn how to cut a perfect five-pointed star.



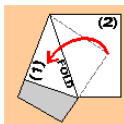
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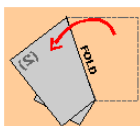
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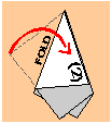
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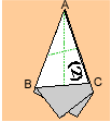
Step 4. Bring corner (1) left till edges coincide, then make the fold.



Step 5. Bring corner (2) left and fold.



Step 6. Bring corner (2) right until edges coincide. Then fold.



Step 7. Bring right edge AC and the left edge AB together, crease, and unfold. Join points A and C, crease, and unfold.



Step 8. Cut on the angle as shown in the picture (from point C, through the intersection of the fold lines from step 7, to the left edge). Then unfold the small piece.



Step 9. Voilà! You have just completed making a five-pointed star. If your star is not perfect, the children for whom you are making it will be just as amazed as ever, anyway.

~ WSSAR Color Guard Events 2012 ~

“I AM AN AMERICAN DAY” – CITIZENSHIP CELEBRATION 2012

On **September 22, 2012**, the Alexander Hamilton Chapter Color Guard participated in the Pierce County Citizenship ceremony for one hundred two people who became new citizens of the United States of America.



These people, who brought their families with them, represent thirty-two countries throughout the world. Among them were five active duty soldiers. There were people from Ukraine, the Philippines, Korea, Cambodia, Uganda, Israel, Russia, Vietnam, El Salvador, Ecuador and Mexico, who stopped by the table.

The table was set up next to the Mary Ball Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution table. The DAR had ten 4-H volunteers helping them, who handed out small flags, children's activity books, greeted over four hundred fifty attendees and escorted the new citizens and families to their seats.

Compatriots Herr and O'Neal handed out the WSSAR "*Citizenship Week*" brochures and guidelines for displaying the U. S. flag, along with copies of the *Constitution* and *Declaration of Independence*, which were printed on parchment and suitable for framing.



There was a period of about two hours when the families of the citizenship inductees waited in the reception area as the inductees lined up to register and receive their packets before going into the ceremony. During that time, compatriot O'Neal entertained people at their tables with his tales of Betsy Ross and the first flag and made one-cut-stars for the children and adults.

It was exhilarating for both compatriots as they stood high and looked down upon the faces of the people who were soon to become citizens, when the colors were presented on stage for the "The Star-Spangled Banner". When the inductees took the oath of citizenship, it was profoundly poignant.



TV Channel 12 had four cameras set up for the ceremony and recorded the entire event. The Tacoma Tribune and Tacoma Weekly took pictures also. The event was later televised on KBTC Public Television.

Afterward, many of the new citizens asked to have their picture taken. They lined up holding their certificates and many, many pictures were taken. It was a great time. The Alexander Hamilton chapter would like to thank DAR Regent Christy McElroy, who helped in getting us the opportunity to participate in this event.

WSSAR COMMANDER PEDDLES HIS WARES



The WSSAR Color Guard has just received a shipment of "Betsy Ross" flags and Gadsen flags. They are made of outdoor fabric and are perfect for flying either at home or at your place of business.

Reasonably priced.

\$25.00 each or two for \$40.00.

Flags sizes: 2'x3' or 3'x5'

Proceeds will benefit the WSSAR Color Guard.



Contact Color Guard Commander, Bob O'Neal today at wroneal@aol.com to get one of these flags.

The WSSAR Color Guard is trying to raise money to buy living presentation colonial period items and less expensive loaner uniforms for compatriots to use when representing the Society at community-oriented events. Although flags are readily available on-line, we would like to encourage compatriots to consider purchasing one through the color guard, instead. They would make great housewarming presents or items to purchase and use as raffle items for other social or service organizations to which you may belong.

WSSAR COLOR GUARD EVENTS SCHEDULE

Feb 18th	9:00 a.m.	Presidents Day at UW George Washington Memorial wreath laying ceremony
March 2nd		C.A.R. Conference at Fort Steilacoom post colors and give a presentation
March 1st through 3rd		NSSAR Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville, KY
April 27th		SAR 2013 Pacific District Conference in Kennewick post colors , presentations, retire colors
April 27	8:00 a.m.	WSSAR Annual Meeting
May 3rd		112th WSDAR Conference post colors at opening session
May 18th		Armed Forces Day Parade march with the Bremerton DAR

~ **Mark the Date on Your Calendar** ~

President's Day Observance

Monday, February 18, 2012

George Washington Birthday Observance

Friday, February 22, 2013

Last Naval Battle of the Revolution Cape Canaveral

Sunday, March 10th

Patriot's Day

Monday, April 15, 2013

Every April on the third Monday of the month, the Battle of Lexington is commemorated and back East a moving tribute is paid to those patriots who first fell on Lexington Green on the morning of April 19, 1775. Field of Honor 1776 Flags of Freedom

It has been suggested that the state society have some commemorative activities on that day, which could include musket firing, colonial life demonstrations, a pancake breakfast and other family oriented activities. If you would be interested in helping organize this event, please contact our esteemed state president. Please make arrangements to set aside time on this day to participate in the planned activities.

112th Washington State Daughters of the American Revolution Conference

Compatriot Peggy Goldenman, DAR Chair for the 112th Washington State DAR Conference has requested that the Washington State Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard post the colors for the conference

on **Friday, May 3, 2013**. The conference will be held in Tukwila, where the National President General, Merry Ann T. Wright will be in attendance. WSSAR Color Guard Commander O'Neal has accepted the request. More information will become available as we get closer to the actual day of the conference.

Armed Forces Day

Saturday, May 18, 2013

National Memorial Day Parade

Last Monday of May

Flag Day Observance

Friday, June 14, 2013

Battle of Bunker Hill

Monday, June 17, 1775

Independence Day

Monday, July 4, 1776

VETERANS DAY RECOLLECTIONS

On Veterans Day, I remember. I remember as if it were only yesterday, being at SeaTac Airport and waiting with my buds for the deplaning of our friend. I remember seeing, the first to exit the plane, the arrival home of a United States Infantry Sergeant. I remember as my eyes moved from his missing arm to his chest covered in ribbons. There they were the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, all medals for gallantry in battle, decorations for heroes.



I remember him seeing me and the look of uneasiness that was etched on his face. Would I be one of those who would harass him like other soldiers had experienced upon their return home from Vietnam? I remember him finally realizing that I recognized the significance of those ribbons for valor on his chest and would not chastise but instead would only pay a silent tribute. I only regret that I did not openly say so to him. As his loved ones surrounded him with their homecoming greeting, I regretted not having the courage to tell this soldier of my pride in him for his sacrifice; but I was afraid. Afraid of what my anti-war peers, who were with me at the time, might say. I remember. I was proud of this soldier and our nation but I was afraid. I remember.

I will never again be silent in the face of socialists, communists, and all other anti-Democracy radicals who seek to destroy the ideals of the United States just to replace them with their own self-serving desires.

I've thought of this Infantry Sergeant many times over the past forty-five years. To my unknown soldier, I salute you, sir! It is many years late, but I do remember.

~ Allan Wenzel

Hear ye! Hear ye!

**THE PACIFIC DISTRICT
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
ANNUAL MEETING**

will be held in

Kennewick, Washington

on

April 26 and 27, 2013.

**Red Lion Hotel
1101 North Columbia Center Boulevard
Kennewick, WA 99336
(509) 783-0611**

As responsible patriots remembering the sacrifices our ancestor patriots made so we can be living the freedom they purchased, we will be gathering to discuss ways we can better present our message to people living in Washington, Oregon and Alaska.

Mark your calendar now for some good times with great people.

Compatriot Room Rate \$109.00 per night with discount

The shots fired by the embattled farmers on that memorable April day have not lost their power. Today, they reverberate in the hearts and echo in the minds of men and women, who live under the oppression of dictatorships in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and wherever people year to be free.

Join in the fun workshops and educational meetings.

Sponsored by:

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SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE SAR

With the rise in on-line networking through social networks, many organizations have been confronted with challenges for attracting members, generating capital for administrative costs and obtaining volunteers to help with community outreach programs.

Networking within groups on the internet offers an opportunity to touch bases with compatriots across the length and breadth of this country, without even leaving the comfort of your home or office, and it opens doors for recruiting new members.

If you're not familiar with social media, perhaps you should become acquainted with how it can expand your horizons and be an asset to the Society on the chapter level. Social media networking is the twenty-first century version of meeting and greeting friends, business associates and likeminded individuals. SAR members have established social media beachheads on two of the most popular sites – Linked-In and Facebook.

With SAR members living throughout the world, these two sites now only allow compatriots to reach a broader range of people, when making announcements about chapter activities, they also make it easier for those who are interested in learning more about the Sons of the American Revolution and allows them to ask questions pertaining to patriot ancestor searches. The SAR portal at Linked-In, http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2716293&trk=myg_ugrp_ovr acts as a gateway to a business discussion forum for professionals who belong to the SAR, while Facebook, [\(https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/sonsoftheamericanrevolution/](https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/sonsoftheamericanrevolution/) acts as a portal to more casual internet surroundings where friends and associates catch up on what is happening “in real time” and where prospective members can be cultivated.

The nice thing about having access to both of these websites is there are no membership fees! The only thing you need is a computer with internet access and a web browser for retrieving, presenting and navigating information resources that are on the World Wide Web.

Both portals require some personal information to set up a membership; but joining both groups takes only a few minutes. Once you become linked to each group, you can access these sites at your convenience – twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. There is a wide-range of discussion forums and the depth of experience among the users is amazing. Any questions you ask, especially on Facebook, are usually answered within thirty minutes or less.

I know what you're thinking, “Why should I join Facebook? I'm too busy to waste time surfing the internet!” Although it may seem like a waste of time, the counsel of many advisors through these social media networks can be invaluable when tracking down ancestral records and informational leads to complete a membership application so it will not be pended by National.

Additionally, what may seem like a waste of your time, could act as a means by which a new compatriots are recruited into your chapter. Like any other organization, the Sons of the American Revolution can exist only through recruiting new members. Being knowledgeable about not just the internet, but social media can be a great recruiting tool for those interested in joining.

A few recent posts include:

- A discussion concerning, "*Last Men of the Revolution*," a book concerning the last six living Patriots alive in 1864.

- Announcements of two Google Groups concerning the establishment of discussion forums for state chapter secretaries.
- Numerous inquiries about joining SAR.

Besides serving as a platform for discussing historical events and membership application questions, Facebook is quickly becoming an inexpensive means through which chapters are communicating their upcoming events, posting updates and publishing pictures for members and the general public to see. This gives individual chapters great exposure and it can be an excellent means for encouraging other patriots to take a pro-active stance and join in the fellowship of the monthly meetings and chapter sponsored community outreach programs.

A few chapters within the state of Washington have created chapter Facebook sites:

- Seattle SAR: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/SeattleSAR>
- The Alexander Hamilton Chapter: <https://www.facebook.com/SeattleSAR#!/pages/Sons-of-the-American-Revolution-Alexander-Hamilton-Chapter/548926211791363?fref=ts>
- SAR Spokane: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/sar.spokane>



If your chapter has a Facebook portal, go on-line and invite others to “Share” it with their Facebook friends. If you have a LinkedIn account, log in and join those groups that talk about ways for better positioning within the realm of social media. Create your own group and start some meetings of your own where you can cultivate new members.

Meetings are important in social networking because they accelerate the process of people getting to know each other. Although the open and fluid style of social media is making those using it impatient with committee-style meetings and conferences dominated by traditional speakers, on-line meetings can make it possible to bring things back around to the in-person setting of monthly meetings. Circulating material and presenting ideas through a social media platform like Facebook, LinkedIn, Google+ and Twitter brings traffic to your website or webpage and helps brand the SAR. It will not only build relationships but will also create opportunities to invite participants to continue those discussions at monthly meetings, after your on-line chat has ended.

National Society Sons of the American Revolution One Hundred Twenty-Third Congress.



It is not too late to represent the Washington Society, Sons of the American Revolution at the upcoming congress. Enjoy the fellowship of other compatriots from throughout these United States.

Learn how and why “breakout sessions” like the one to the left take place.

ATTEND THE CONFERENCE

July 6- 10, 2013
Kansas City, Missouri

The NSSAR Congress opens formally on the evening of Saturday, July 6, 2013 and runs through a banquet on Wednesday evening. As in the past, the Executive Committee will meet on Thursday and/or Friday before the opening of the Congress. Other pre-Congress activities will include a genealogy workshop on Friday and area tours on Saturday.

Thursday, July 4, 2013:	Executive Committee Meetings
Friday, July 5, 2013:	Possible Genealogy workshop
Saturday, July 6, 2013:	Kansas City area tour in the morning Host Reception in the evening
Sunday, July 7, 2013:	Morning Activities Orator's Breakfast First round Rumbaugh Orator's contest Committee Meetings Afternoon Activities Memorial Service Evening Activities Final Round Rumbaugh Orator's Contest
Monday, July 8, 2013:	Morning Activities: Council of State President's Breakfast Orations Committee Breakfast Luncheon Youth Awards
Tuesday, July 9, 2013:	Morning Activities District Breakfasts Business Meeting Luncheon George Washington Fellows Vice President Generals, President General Council Committee Meetings Executive committee Ladies Auxiliary
Wednesday, July 10, 2013	Morning Activities 1000 Club breakfast Possible Business Meeting Afternoon Activities Kansas City Area tour Evening Activities Banquet

Accommodations:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mcidt-kansas-city-marriott-downtown/>

~ WSSAR Activities ~

US NAVY SEA CADET CORPS AWARDS BANQUET



The Capitol Council Navy League and U.S. Navy Sea Cadet Corps held their awards banquet at one o'clock on Sunday, the ninth of December at Panorama City in Lacey, where they honored the Sea Cadets of Tumwater's Capitol Battalion. Lieutenant Bill Safford, USN (Ret.) presented many awards to the cadets to honor their achievements, promotions and service. These Cadets are able to obtain rigorous training at several of our Puget Sound Naval installations in official US Navy programs. Some sixty cadets, parents, grandparents and family members attended the Banquet.

Compatriot O'Neal felt privileged to present the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to a very deserving Chief Petty Officer Lana Sergiojan for her outstanding leadership, community service and accomplishments.

Chief Petty Officer Sergiojan is the first Chief Petty Officer in a four county area. She is a junior liaison to Navy League, instructs younger Cadets in military history, marching and formation, military rank structure, and customs and courtesies. She is the leader of the Honor Guard and Rifle Drill Team at parades, funerals, other official events. She received the distinction of Cadet of the Year and participated in demanding trainings at Joint-Base Lewis-McCord for Honors and Ceremonies, Camp Riley for the Petty Officer Leadership Academy and the Air National Guard Camp at San Luis Obispo, California. Her shipboard training leadership positions with Naval Station – Everett, during Fleet Week in Seattle, for three years gave her the opportunity to polish her skills in Yeoman and VIP Escort duties at the Admiral's Shipboard Reception.



The Bronze Good Citizenship Medal was the only outside award presented to any of these cadets. This medal was authorized by the National Society Sons of the American Revolution in 1895 and recognizes persons whose achievements are noteworthy in their school, community or state. This medal can be awarded to both adults and minors.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION RAINIER CHAPTER HOUSE VISIT

WSSAR Color Guard Commander O'Neal and John Paul Jones Chapter Color Guard Captain Doug O'Neal attended the Rainier Chapter DAR September 11th Remembrance. DAR Regent Catherine Roberti, Vice Regent Kim Cambern and the other ladies of the DAR were most gracious to compatriots Nelson and O'Neal.

The Invocation memorializing the memory of the 9-11 victims, included a prayer request for Margaret Ernest, a member of the chapter and her husband, John Ernest, our



fellow SAR compatriot, who lost their son on September 1, 2012.



Regent Lanabeth Horgen, the newly inducted Regent for NSDAR Cascade Chapter out of Bellevue gave a short summary of the 2012 Daughters of the American Revolution Continental and their new National DAR administration.

The two compatriots gave a presentation on the history of Old Glory and passed out leaflets depicting the different flags mentioned in their talk as a follow-along item.

Living History Presentations

On **October 4, 2012**, compatriot Bob O'Neal gave his "History of Old Glory" presentation to twenty-four eager and gifted 4th grade students at Chambers Primary in University Place. Before his presentation, he laid out the colonial period items from his colonial times treasure chest and positioned them between his easel board with the different flags on it and the "Betsy Ross" flag.

First, he gave his "History of Old Glory" portion of his presentation and explained the significance behind each of the seven flags he had with him and ended that ten minute segment with an explanation of how the idea of the "Betsy Ross" flag was conceived and the important element of that flag – the "one-cut-star".



Then, during the rest of the time he was with the students, he gave them insights into colonial living showing them items that were used each day for survival in the "Day in Colonial Life" section of his presentation and a short history of colonial money. The students were captivated by the tinder box, the beeswax candles, the lye soap, the pig's-bristle toothbrush, the horn spoon, the wood bowl, the tin cup, the "brick" of tea, the school slate, the quill pen, the lamp-black ink, the wax seal and the children's colonial toys and games. He also passed out copies of a Regimental soldier's service record jacket that had their own last name on them and gave them copies of colonial period currency as a lead into his discussion about currency and coin from that era.

On **November 3, 2012**, compatriot Stan Wills, Spokane #1 Chapter President, attended Betty Keifer Elementary School, in Hayden Lake, Idaho where he presented an American History program to eighty-nine students and teachers. During the presentation, he was overwhelmed with questions ranging from, "Are you Napoleon Bonaparte?" to "How old are you?" The well-behaved students now know how to make the infamous "one-cut star".

On **December 9, 2012**, Compatriot O'Neal presented "The History of Old Glory" to an appreciative audience at the Capitol Council Navy League and U.S. Navy Sea Cadet Corps awards banquet. Several of the adults

came forward asking for information about joining our National Society and asked that this presentation be given their other organizations at some time in the future.

Flag Certificates

David and Torie Sanbeck's son was a Marine in Iraq. His squad was in a tight spot in 2006. They took on heavy fire. Many in the squad were wounded. His son was hit and down. Five of the Marines protected him. In the process, they all lost their lives; but they saved his son, Ben.

In their honor, the Sanbeck's fly both "Old Glory" and the USMC flag at their home and David also flies a large US flag at his business, "Sandy's Concrete". His son, Ben, is taking over the business. They will never forget the five Marines. The five names are on a plaque at the base of the flagpole at his home.



On June 5, 2012, Dennis Garrett, a long time Committee Chair with Boy Scouts of America, Troop 224 of was presented with a flag certificate. Dennis lives in the north end of Tacoma and has a twenty-foot flagpole on which he flies his flag twenty-four hours a day. After he put in his flagpole and started flying his flag, many of his neighbors also began flying their flags.

Fred and Vick Barovich, Donald Taylor, Don and Patricia Clifford and Michael Cormis where all recognized recently for flying their flags.



Veterans Corner



While at Newburg-on-the-Hudson, General George Washington issued an Order on August 7, 1782, and established the Honorary Badge of Distinction, otherwise known as the Badge of Military Merit or Decoration of the Purple Heart. The Badge of Military Merit is considered the first award decoration of the United States military.

The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President to those who have been wounded or killed while serving on or after April 5, 1917. It is the official successor decoration of the Badge of Military Merit. It is thought that Washington's intent was to set a precedent for

presenting military awards honoring enlisted men of the lowest rank based on his remarks, “The road to glory in a patriot army and a free country is thus open to all.”

Regarding the Badge of Military Merit, Washington recorded the following:

“The General ever desirous to cherish virtuous ambition in his soldiers, as well as to foster and encourage every species of Military merit, directs that whenever any singularly meritorious action is performed, the author of it shall be permitted to wear on his facings over the left breast, the figure of a heart in purple cloth, or silk, edged with narrow lace or binding. Not only instances of unusual gallantry, but also of extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way shall meet with a due reward.”¹

Regarding the Honorary Badges of Distinction, he wrote:

“Honorary Badges of distinction are to be conferred on the veteran Non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the army who have served more than three years with bravery, fidelity and good conduct; for this purpose a narrow piece of white cloath of an angular form is to be fixed to the left arm on the uniform Coat. Non-commissioned officers and soldiers who have served with equal reputation more than six years are to be distinguished by two pieces of cloth set in parellel to each other in a simular form; should any who are not entitled to these honors have the insolence to assume the badges of them they shall be severely punished. On the other hand it is expected those gallant men who are thus designated will on all occasions be treated with particular confidence and consideration.”²



These service stripes, descendants of the General’s Badges of Distinction, are found today on the left sleeves of the non-commissioned officers and soldiers of all services just George Washington desired.

US Army soldiers wear one stripe for each three-year service period, while those in the US Navy and Marines wear one stripe for every four-year period. The Air Force issues a ribbon in lieu of stripes.



In addition, overseas bars on the right sleeve denote service outside the contiguous United States. Generally, one stripe is worn for each six-month period of service. If the time for service outside the contiguous United States is less than six months, the time may combined to determine the total number of credible overseas service bars, but it depends on the military action and the other requirements for awarding overseas service bars.

So, the next time you see a member of the military service in uniform, you will know how long they have served and how long they served in combat. Make certain to go up o them and thank them for their service.”

¹ "The George Washington Papers at the Library of Congress, 1741-1799". George Washington, August 7, 1782, General Orders. August 7, 1782. Retrieved October 1, 2006.

² *ibid*

~ WSSAR Ladies Auxiliary ~

submitted by Jan Doughty, Member



The National Ladies Auxiliary's next meeting will take place in conjunction with SAR Spring Leadership in March. I encourage all ladies attending leadership with their spouse to plan on joining Teri Lindley and me at the NLA business meeting even if you are not a member as it will give you the big picture of what this organization is doing and how successful they have been. In addition, there is an interesting guest speaker included in the program. A second event to attend is the Ladies Luncheon, usually at one of Louisville's historic places. This is always a fun event plus gives us the opportunity to meet others from across the country. The lunch is followed by the opportunity drawing held in one of the rooms at The Brown Hotel, one of the fund raisers for the NLA.

Our Pacific District Meeting taking place the end of April will include a luncheon for all ladies attending. This will be hosted by Teri Lindley and me. Be sure to sign up for the lunch on the registration form your spouse will receive in early 2013. We are not sure at this time if the President General's wife, First Lady Janet Leishman, will be coming, but if she does, this will give us all an opportunity to meet with her. We will return in time to attend most of the District Business Meeting taking place in the hotel beginning at 1:00 p.m. Donations to the opportunity drawing are welcome as the funds raised are used to offset the cost of the meeting. Donations may be given to your chapter president or any member who will be attending if you are unable to be at this meeting. While Teri and I are visiting chapters with our husbands, we would gladly accept your contributions. We will again have three levels of drawings: items to be raffled at the \$1.00 per ticket level, items at the \$5.00 per ticket level, and a silent auction for high end items.

The Washington state membership dues for 2013 were paid in early December. Presently we have 14 members. We welcome any woman relative of an SAR member to join our organization. I encourage the ladies to help the chapters in any capacity they can such as welcoming people before the meeting and thanking them for attending at the conclusion; also donating items for the chapter's opportunity drawing.

~Vice President General Report~

First, I'd like to commend the Washington Society for their Color Guard activities which far outshine some of our larger State Societies. Then offer compliments to the Washington Society for establishing the new George Washington Chapter. Well Done! As your VPG, in addition to National Society requirements, I have a personal goal to attend at least one meeting of each Pacific District Chapter. I've enjoyed some success yet have a long way to go, figuratively and literally. I visited the Alaska Society twice, one Oregon Society Board of Managers meeting, one Oregon Chapter meeting, and several Washington Chapter meetings.

Speaking of Chapters, about this time of year Chapters are often changing officers, and if you are among them, you may not fully understand what may be required of you in your new position. A golden opportunity awaits you to get free instruction and knowledge of how to lead and manage your Chapter into the future. On March 1 and 2, 2013, the SAR holds its Spring Leadership Conference and Trustees meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. Come with me and take advantage of all the educational sessions available to you. Plus, you'll meet many smart, intelligent Compatriots like yourself interested in American history and Patriotism. You probably will also meet a cousin or two. Bring your spouse and make it a mini-vacation. You needn't be a Chapter Officer to attend, and it will significantly benefit yourself, your Chapter, and the State Society as a

whole, if one member of each Chapter were to attend the Spring Leadership meeting with me. Think of it . . . one member of every Washington Chapter attending Leadership? This would be a “first” in Washington Society history, and the envy of every other State Society attending! I guarantee you’ll have a great time while discovering new things about the SAR and how to manage Chapter affairs more efficiently . Come with me, I’ll personally introduce you to the President General.

Another educational opportunity presents itself to you on April 27, 2013, closer to home in Kennewick, Washington, and this is the Pacific District Meeting. Workshops and educational sessions are planned. Additionally, two important questions will be asked, and your vote is essential to determine the outcome. First is the question of whether to continue to pursue the proposal to host a SAR National Congress in the Pacific Northwest in about 2018. Holding a Congress here will be a feather in our cap and an opportunity to show off our beautiful state to those eastern Yankees; however, it also means we’ll have to raise about \$30,000 to host a reception for nearly 500 Compatriots and their spouses. Second, a new Pacific District Vice President General will be nominated, giving you an opportunity to select our National Representative for 2013-2014.

I also encourage you to attend the National Congress in July, 2013 in Kansas City, Missouri. If you haven’t attended a National Congress, you are missing one of the more exciting and entertaining benefits of membership in our noble organization. You need to do this at least once in your SAR Career. It’s a blast! Come with me, I’ll show you the ropes. Great Barbeque! The Harry S. Truman Presidential Library!

And on your Bucket List for 2015, the SAR National Congress will convene in Louisville, Kentucky to celebrate the grand opening of our new National Headquarters building and Colonial American History museum. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for you to take part in a majestic affair.

Bob Doughty
Vice President General, Pacific District

SHOULD WE OR SHOULDN’T WE?

By now, our esteemed Vice President General has been to visit with each chapter about hosting the Sons of the American Revolution National Congress in the Pacific Northwest.

You have had time to consider the pros and the cons and it is time to start making a decision about whether the Washington Society, Sons of the American Revolution wants to take on the challenge of hosting the *2018 NATIONAL CONGRESS* in the Seattle Metropolitan area or stand aside and allow some other state to bask in the glory of such an achievement.

What better way would there be to showcase the beauty of the Pacific Northwest and demonstrate to the Societies back East that the stock of people who live in the Emerald City and its surrounding communities can put on a show that can outshine any others.

Encourage other members within you chapter. Let them know that you are willing to do your part to act as the Host Society by helping raise the \$30,000.00 needed to put on a phenomenal host reception.

Step up to the plate and let the Vice President General know that you would be willing to volunteer to be a chairperson for one of the following committees:

**TOUR GUIDES BUS CAPTAINS REGISTRATION DESK CLERKS
ACTIVITY DIRECTORS ELECTION MONITORS CONCIERGE SERVICES
BANQUET TABLE DECORATIONS.**

Make plans to coordinate you volunteer skills with the Ladies Auxiliary volunteers to assist them in organizing their functions that will entertain ladies accompanying their husbands to the congress.

Our Vice President General will be asking for our decision at the Pacific District Meeting this coming April. Let's take a pro-active position and say, "Yes!" Cast your vote to organize a Steering Committee.

Compatriots,

If you have any photographs, articles or other items of interest that you would like to have considered for publication in *The Washington Trail* and feel they will be of interest to the members of the Washington Society, Sons of the American Revolution, please send them to me by way of electronic mail. My e-mail address is: jherr11@hotmail.com. Please try to keep the length of the articles to around 350 or 400 words. If you name a society like the DAR within your article, please supply the formal chapter name: i.e. *Mary Ball Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution*. Since not everyone may be familiar with a particular acronym, when using an acronym within an article you would like to submit, please write out the entire name that represents the acronym as follows: Selected Current Aerospace Notices (SCAN).

When submitting photographs for consideration, please supply a one to two paragraph summary about them that indicates the names of the individuals in the picture, why they are in the picture, what event took place at the time the picture was taken, where the picture was taken and the date on which the picture was taken.

Thanks.

~ Compatriot Herr

Deadlines for publication

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| Spring Newsletter: | Articles need to be submitted no later than April 30th .
The newsletter will be published toward the end of May or first part of June. |
| Summer Newsletter: | Articles need to be submitted no later than August 30th .
The newsletter will be published toward the end of September or first part of October. |
| Winter Newsletter: | Articles need to be submitted no later than December 30th .
The newsletter will be published toward the end of January or first part of February. |

Editor: Compatriot John W. Herr, Alexander Hamilton Chapter
Editor's Assistant: SAR Applicant Greg Emerson, Cascade Centennial Chapter

~ One Last Farewell ~

"Day is done, gone the sun, from the lake, from the hills, from the sky; All is well, safely rest, God is nigh . . ."

Compatriot Douglas Vincent Ernest, NSSAR No. 168409, WSSAR No. 1940, a member of the Seattle Chapter and son of our WSSAR Registrar John Ernest, passed away. Douglas Vincent Ernest, born May 19, 1964 and died on September 1, 2012. A funeral Mass was held for family and friends at St. Bridget's Church, in Seattle, at 10 a.m., Saturday, September 15, 2012. A reception followed in the Parish Fireside Room. Compatriot Ernest is interred at Holyrood Cemetery.

Compatriot Ray O. O'Keefe, NSSAR No.: 145223, WSSAR No. 1691, a member of the Spokane #1 chapter, passed away on October 18, 2012 at the age of 94. He was born in Northport, Washington on May 28, 1918 to Clyde and Jessie O'Keefe. He was one of eight children and grew up as the son of a pioneer logging family among the huge timber stands of northern Stevens County.

Ray had three children, Barbara Rae O'Keefe, born May 12, 1940; Kelly Ray O'Keefe, born July 7, 1948; and Clair Lee O'Keefe, born July 31, 1949. He was married twice. His second wife passed away in 1988.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Riplinger Funeral Home and Crematory in Spokane, Washington.

Arthur Ernest Keeler, NSSAR No. 174873, WSSAR No. 2003, a member of Spokane, #1 died on October 21, 2012. Arthur Ernest Keeler was born on December 18, 1926.

Art was born to Fred and Mary Keeler in Spokane, WA, on December 18th 1926, where he had been a lifelong resident. His father was a lawyer from Chicago who moved to the West for his health and became a fruit farmer. Mary was the daughter of Norwegian immigrants. She was confined to bed with tuberculosis when Art was 11, and died when he was 14. His brother, Fred, was killed 3 years later in Belgium fighting in World War II. Art worked on the farm, was active in the Millwood Presbyterian Church, and in his youth wanted to be a medical missionary. He graduated from West Valley High School and then served in the Army.

After military service, he graduated from Macalester College in St. Paul, MN, majoring in political science and history. His first employment was an entry level position with Modern Electric Company, where he worked his way up to Water Superintendent and remained until his retirement.

Arthur met Elizabeth Updike at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane where they were both active members. Their marriage in 1974 at her Spokane home was witnessed by her three adult children, Susan, Mary and David. Arthur greatly enjoyed his role as stepfather and spent many happy times with his new family. Arthur loved the outdoors, and many of his hobbies - bicycling, skiing, boating, and photography – he pursued there. He also maintained his academic interests in history, philosophy, and religion throughout his life, through extensive reading, Bible studies, travel, and membership in Sons of the American Revolution. Art was a former member of the Spokane Club.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; her daughters Susan (Bruce) Ridley and Mary (David) Nielsen; her son David (Michael Nelson) Updike; her granddaughters Elisa (Gregg) Ridley Greene, Katherine Ridley, and Elizabeth Nielsen; her grandson Timothy Nielsen; her great-grandson Max Greene; a sister, Emily Keeler, and her children Christopher (Susie) and Kathryn Kime; and her grandchildren Keeler, Lychelle and Mandalyn Kime. Arthur was a caring and generous husband, stepfather, step-grandfather, brother and uncle.

A memorial service was held at two o'clock in the afternoon on Sunday, November 11, 2012 at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane.

Compatriot Edwone Wafford Conrad, NSSAR No. 90923, WSSAR No. 1300, was a life member of the Spokane #1 chapter. He passed away in November 2012 at the age 102. He was born on September 26, 1910 to Edwone and Rosiana (Unobt) Conrad. He was the mining editor for the *Spokane Daily Chronicle* and wrote hundreds of articles on mining in the Coeur d'Alene area.

In 1933, he married Mabel Enid Rice, who was a member of Spokane Garry Chapter of the DAR, the Mayflower Society, the San Antonio Company of the Jamestown Society and the Huguenot Society.

His funeral service was on November 19, 2012 at the Heritage Funeral Home and he was buried in Greenwood Memorial Terrace Cemetery.

Compatriot Glenn Stuart Oliver, NSSAR No. 121871, WSSAR No. 1505, was a member of the Alexander Hamilton Chapter. Glenn Stuart Oliver died peacefully on November 25, 2012. He was surrounded by family and was holding Esther's hand, his beloved wife of 71 years.

The passing of compatriot Glenn Stuart Oliver marks the end of an extraordinary survivalist's life. Glenn was born on April 28, 1919, at Brainerd, Minnesota, the son of Stuart and Erma Oliver. In 1940, he enlisted in the 34th Tank Company Minnesota National Guard. On February 10, 1941 his old National Guard unit became Company A, 194th Tank Battalion United States Army, of which he was a radioman and gunner. On September 8, 1941, he and his unit were sent to the Philippines.

When war started on December 7, 1941 the Japanese moved quickly to capture the Philippine Islands. Glenn's tank unit was in heavy fighting during which he was wounded on January 2, 1942. By April 9th the American and Filipino forces were overwhelmed and compelled to surrender. Glenn was among the thousands forced to join the *Bataan Death March* along the Bataan Peninsula to prison camps scattered around Luzon Island.

The next three years were spent as a POW forced to work re-building the bridges destroyed during the fighting at Calau, Batangas, Candelaria, and the runway at Nichols airfield. The slave laborers worked under the worst possible conditions, including malnutrition, disease, and regular beatings by the Japanese guards. Glenn believed he only survived due to his going thirsty, never drinking the dirty water, taking the quinine allowed him, and trading any tobacco he got his hands on for food. From a U.S. Army wool blanket he fashioned a vest, into the seam of which he hid the ring given him by his wife Esther and a contraband pocketknife. During these three years, Glenn was only allowed to send home a few form-letter type postcards via the Red Cross.

When General Douglas MacArthur started his military push northward, the Japanese began transporting as many of the POW's off the island as was possible. Glenn was sent to Manila where on October 10, 1944, along with 1868 other prisoners, he boarded the infamous Arisan Maru. This ship was unmarked with the customary prisoner ship recognition symbol of a white cross. It sailed south to Palawan Island, where it remained at anchor for ten days before returning to Manila. After taking on supplies the ship left Manila harbor October 20th joining a convoy heading north.

On October 24th, in the Bashi Straits of the South China Sea, about 225 miles east of Hong Kong, U.S. Naval records indicate that around 5:00 PM, the U.S.S. Submarine Shark (SS 314) attacked a Japanese freighter. The U.S.S. Shark was lost with all 87 hands in that same action, but it is believed it torpedoed the Arisan Maru.

While waiting for his meal (consisting of a little rice and a couple sips of water), Glenn heard two load bangs as torpedoes hit the hull. The Japanese closed the hatches and cut the rope ladders descending into the hold, then quickly abandoned ship to be picked-up by an escorting Japanese destroyer. The prisoners eventually broke through the hatches and scrambled up on deck to find the ship in two pieces, the aft section sinking. Some began to loot the galley of rice and water, while others swam towards the Japanese destroyer hoping to be rescued. These men were not allowed to board the ship but were forced back into the sea. Glenn waited until the Arisan Maru was near sinking before he jumped over board. Finding some wreckage to cling to he floated alone through the night until being spotted by a Japanese destroyer, the crew of which didn't allow him to board. After the destroyer left him afloat Glenn came across another surviving prisoner of the sinking named Philip Brodsky, and the two of them floated alone for four days until being picked-up by a Japanese destroyer and taken to Takao, Formosa. After being questioned, they were joined by two other survivors, Martin Binder and Charles Hughes. The four were assigned to another prisoner freighter, the 'Hell Ship' Hokusen Maru, for transport to Japan, but it returned to Formosa. Binder and Brodsky remained at Formosa for the rest of the war. Glenn was sent to Osaka Japan.

Glenn remained in Japan until after the war's end on August 15, 1945, being repatriated in September. The next nine months were spent in veteran's hospitals. Glenn later learned that he was one of nine to survive the sinking of the Arisan Maru; five had made it to China and freedom. Binder, Brodsky and Oliver were re-interred at POW camps, and Charles Hughes had died in Formosa shortly after arriving. Glenn was discharged from the army on November 11, 1946. In 1950, he enlisted in the Inactive Enlisted Reserve, and was recalled to active duty at Fort Lewis, Washington to train recruits for the Korean Conflict. He was honorably discharged as a Sergeant First Class in 1951.

Glenn was admitted to the Sons of the American Revolution, Washington State Society, on March 8, 1983, becoming a member of the Alexander Hamilton Chapter. During his years as a Compatriot Glenn served as the WSSAR Secretary-Treasurer from 1985-1988, and as a Delegate to the 96th, 97th and 98th National Congresses. He was awarded the *Patriot Medal* (in February 1986, for his service as the WSSAR Secretary-Treasurer), the *Meritorious Service Medal* (September 9, 1995, presented by NSSAR President General William Gist), the *Liberty Medal* (at the June 1994 104th Congress), a *President's Appreciation Certificate* (in December 2008), a *Certificate of Appreciation* (May 17, 2003, for his lecture on his having been a Japanese POW), and more recently the *War Service Medal* with WWII Bar and the *WWII Certificate of Patriotism* both on April 21, 2012.

Compatriot Glenn Stuart Oliver passed from our ranks on November 25, 2012, and was interred at the Mountain View Cemetery, at Lakewood, Washington.

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WSSAR Historian

James O. Wood, NSSAR No. 126823, WSSAR No. 1550, a member of the Seattle chapter died on December 27, 2013. Compatriot James Orton Wood, 88, passed away in his home surrounded by his family on December 27, 2012 in Seattle, WA. He was born on a ranch in Fleming, CO on April 12, 1924. At age 19, he enlisted in the US Navy Sea Bees and served in the South Pacific until the conclusion of World War II.

Following his discharge, he attended the University of Denver where he graduated with majors in Religion and Education and a minor in Business. While attending college, James was a United Methodist Pastor and met his lovely bride Virginia Sandstead. They were married in Colorado Springs, CO in June 1947. He moved his wife and firstborn daughter, Sarahjane to Seattle in 1951 to accept employment with The Boeing Company. During his thirty-three year career with Boeing he held various management positions in Tooling, Operations, and in Finance.

James was a faithful member and leader of his neighborhood church Bryn Mawr United Methodist as well as Unity of Bellevue. He often attended both church's Sunday services until the time of his passing.

James was a fifty-two year member of St. Andrew's Masonic Lodge in Renton, WA. He served as the leader of almost every Masonic, York Rite and Scottish Rite Body of the fraternity. He served as Grand Master in 1977-78; Potentate of Nile Shriners in 1999 and Grand Commander of the Knight Templar in 2004. He was honored with the Purple Cross of York Rite Sovereign College and the Thirty-third Degree of the Scottish Rite. His articulate presence and quick wit kept him in high demand for speaking engagements.

James enjoyed raising and riding Tennessee Walking Horses, raising American Roller Pigeons and Peafowl, growing his garden, and playing golf. He delighted in playing with his grandchildren and sharing his love of animals.

James is preceded in death by his four sisters and his grandson Alex Capperauld. He is survived by his wife of sixty-five years, Virginia, his three daughters; Sarahjane Harcourt, Debby Kinsley and Tami Capperauld, four grandchildren, one great granddaughter, and nieces and nephews.

James loved his family in a powerful and visible way. All that knew him will miss his beaming presence and smiling face. Remembrances may be made to Bryn Mawr United Methodist Church or the Shriner's Hospital for crippled children for the benefit of the Spokane and Portland Hospitals. Memorial services was held at Bryn Mawr United Methodist Church and the Nile County Club. James was interred at Tahoma National Cemetery, with full military honors.

COMPATRIOT ANCESTORS HEADSTONES

Did you know that the Federal Government will place a military headstone on the grave of an ancestor. The headstone is provided free of charge. The family member requesting it, however, must coordinate with the cemetery owner or manager for receipt of the stone and its placement.

To receive a free headstone, there cannot be an existing headstone already in place and the grave must be unmarked. In addition, documentation of the individual's military service must also be provided along with documentation of death.

If you are interested, the Department of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery Administration, Memorial Programs Services handles this service and has the form to fill out and submit.

Having this done for one of your ancestor compatriots is an extremely gratifying endeavor. You can contact the DAR chapter in your patriot ancestor's area and ask them if they would like to attend the headstone placement ceremony and you can make arrangements with the state SAR society to see if their Color Guard will perform Honor Guard duty.