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ANNIVERSARY ISSUE!

The first known Washington State Society newsletter was called the Newsletter of WASSAR and WASSAR Newsletter, with issues dating back to at least January 1980. At that time a small couple page newsletter was mailed out every month. Commencing with the May 1984 issue the name was changed to The Washington Trail. So, it is only fitting we begin a new cycle of the newsletter with this 30-year anniversary edition.

LAST HALF YEAR IN REVIEW

WASSAR President's Message

I am glad to report the re-emergence of the Washington Trail Newsletter for The Washington State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. I wish to thank Allan Wenzel for taking on this project and I hope you are glad to hear from the state society in this format.

We have a very successful organization with a growing membership. We will soon break the five hundred-member threshold and we continue to have seven chapters statewide with the hope of another in the Vancouver area. Thank you John Ernest for your work on this project.

As a growing society we determined the need for both Liability and Directors and Officers insurance. This, along with our soon to be incorporation, will lessen the risk to our Color Guard and the risks incurred in the many activities we have been engaged.

On the subject of activities, the "Wreaths Across America" event last December was a massive success. Several chapters took part and I want to especially thank Compatriots Greg Lucas and Allen Gray for the Cascade Centennial Chapter event. It was attended by Congressman Dave Reichert and other dignitaries. Over five hundred wreaths were placed at the Sunset Hills Cemetery by the Cascade Chapter. I am sure Greg and Allen will continue with this project next year.

The Spokane Color Guard has been very active in many civic pursuits under the auspices of Color Guard Vice Commander Stan Wills. The Mid-Columbia Chapter hosted the Pacific District Meeting in Kennewick last spring to a rousing success. I will remind you that this years Pacific District Meeting is in Eugene, Oregon on the 25th and 26th of April. See you there.

From the national society I have several items to report. The Washington State Society was awarded a flag streamer and a certificate for the donation of \$750 by an individual in the state. The matching funds by Compatriot Sam Powell of North Carolina and President General Dooley pushed the total to \$2000. I wish to thank the compatriot for the donation. This donation benefits the Center for Advancing American Heritage in Louisville.

Color Guard Commander O'Neal reports that the Color Guard will be present in at least 100 activities both in schools and in other events around the state this year. We did have a winner in the Knight Essay contest for the state. Knight Essay Chairman Gale Palmer has done a great job with this and he is stepping aside for Allen Gray to assume the position next fall. Allen has been the ROTC/JROTC Chairman and that job will be handled next fall by Alan Mandigo of the Alexander Hamilton Chapter. I wish to thank both Compatriots for jobs well done and wish them luck in their new positions.

We do have a standout Compatriot at the national level. Compatriot John Berg is acting as the NSSAR Parliamentarian and sits at the raised dais overlooking the rest of us. John's expert advice is well taken and I expect he will continue in this pursuit.

It appears the present slate of state officers will continue through the coming year. I will point out that your state society needs you. If you have a wish to serve the state society let one of us know. We need new and younger members to step up to positions of leadership. We are "penciled in" for the NSSAR Congress in 2021 and we need everyone to pitch in with leadership, ideas, and help.

With all of this, and more not mentioned, I will report that the Washington State Society is growing and healthy. A big thanks to you!

James Lindley

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice President's Corner

This has been a busy time for the VP whose responsibilities include helping to manage the Pacific District Conference held this year in Eugene, Oregon. Our NSSAR President General is attending. To help raise revenue for this conference we purchased a beautiful Pennsylvania Rifle, the choice of Riflemen & Rangers all along the frontier in Pennsylvania before and during the War. A BIG thanks to gunsmith Compatriot Bob Smalser for making the purchase and refurbishing to new for us. Our goal was to sell 500 tickets at \$5 each. We have sold 413 tickets as of this writing. Thanks to all who bought tickets and made this a success. Hope to see you at the Pacific District Conference.

Doug Nelson

Secretary's Corner

WASSAR Membership continues to increase.

WASSAR began 2013 with 332 members. We added 76 new members during the year. We lost 47 members by death transfer or not paying their dues. So we ended the year with 361 members. This marks the third straight year in a row that WASSAR has grown. Our goal is to end 2014 with over 400 members, which is realistic if everyone keeps on the lookout for prospective members.

Fees for Supplementals may be going up.

The SAR national Congress will vote this summer on increasing the fees to process supplementals from the present amount of \$40.00 to \$80.00. Studies by national have shown that it costs over \$70.00 to process a supplemental application. If the congress approves the new rates will go into effect on July 24th.

New method of electing WASSAR officers.

In 2015 the current practice of electing WASSAR officers by mailing all members a ballot and asking for a mail return will be replaced by an annual meeting in which all members may participate. Those present at the annual meeting will elect the WASSAR offices for the next two years. It is planned that the annual WASSAR meeting will take place in conjunction with the Pacific District meeting which is held in Washington on odd numbered years. With the old method of mailing out ballots less than 20% of the membership have been voting. The cost for sending out ballots is over \$300.00. With a face to face election at a biennial election there can be more nominations from the floor and more of a chance for interaction with the nominees as well as a considerable savings of money. In preparation for this changeover a motion will be made at the WASSAR meeting on April 27th that the present officers serve until the meeting in 2015. The 2015 annual WASSAR membership meeting is tentatively scheduled for the last weekend in April, 2015 to be held in Bellevue, Washington.

WASSAR Executive Board meetings

The WASSAR Executive Board, made up of the elected officers and the chapter presidents along with several key appointed leaders meets four times per year. The meetings are in January, via conference call, April, at the Pacific District meeting, August, usually in Ellensburg and October, via conference call. Any member is invited to the face to face meetings. Any member have something they want the Executive Board to consider should send it to the Secretary by the first of the month in which the board meets.

Bill Ailes

Treasurer's Corner

Washington SAR Financially Steady

Good news! After emerging from the very painful step of ending the WASSAR Life Membership Program, our society is financially stable and solvent. We have money in the bank to support our many activities, and our annual budget is balanced.

On the revenue side, WASSAR receives 60% of its income from state dues, and another 22% comes from new member, supplemental, and reinstatement fees. We earn 11% of our revenue from dividends on our savings.

What may be surprising to you is that we generate the remaining 7% from donations and the sales of books (e.g. *Patriots Passed*) and medals (e.g. WASSAR Challenge Coin). Donations and these kinds of purchases are an important source of revenue for our programs and activities.

And what do we spend this money on? Almost 40% of our revenue supports our programs and contests (e.g. Knight Essay), new state chapters, and for awards and medals, our incredible Color Guard, donations to other organizations (e.g. CAR), and the Pacific District meetings.

Unfortunately, the rest of our budget is needed to cover our administrative costs (e.g. insurance) and to reimburse our officers for their expenses. However, while we budget for their full expenses, many officers decline to submit some or all of their expenses, which has often allowed us to produce a budget surplus. This is great, but officers expenses can be high (e.g. President's quarterly trips to NSSAR meetings) and we want to make sure the money is there if an officer cannot afford to pay these expenses himself.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the WASSAR budget or finances (craiglawson@comcast.net). Thank you for your support.

Craig Lawson

Registrar's Corner

2013 was the best year ever. I approved 69 new applications and 65 Supplementals (total 134). The quality of these applications was the best I have seen. Congratulations to our chapter genealogists.

In 2011, I approved 80 applications and Supplementals. In 2012, I approved 91 Applications and Supplementals. In 2013, I approved 134 applications and supplementals.

We can expect to create a new chapter south of Olympia to Vancouver. Several applicants and current members have contacted me and expressed an interest in helping me do that. We will have to enroll a few more members to make the required number. We can expect to have our first meeting in May in Battleground. A meeting place has been selected. We currently have a list of 28 potential members.

John E. Ernest

FROM THE CHAPTERS:

Alexander Hamilton Chapter

We have had a great year at the Alexander Hamilton Chapter. Our Chapter Genealogist (Bob Parrish) has been busier than a one-armed paperhanger. He has processed 19 new applications of which four are still at headquarters. He also processed 16 supplemental applications.

We have settled into our new meeting location, which is Johnny's at Fife, located just off I-5 at Fife.

We are getting prepared for the ROTC/JROTC medal presentations at 28 high schools.

On a personal note, when I was in the hospital I had a visit from our Chapter Chaplain, Paul Adan. He turned a lot of heads when he walked by wearing his colonial soldiers uniform. The good news is that he left his musket at home.

On a final note the members of the Alexander Hamilton Chapter SAR would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Russ Pringle, Chapter President

Cascade Centennial Chapter

At its November 2nd meeting, the CCC was entertained by Captain Don Ulmer, USN Ret., whose dramatization of his book "Where or When," about the WWI war experiences of Lt Malcolm Gunn, USAF, is an ongoing presentation at the Museum of Flight in Seattle. The Dec 7th meeting was enlivened by retired Washington State Assistant Attorney General Richard Kovak's interpretation of Light-Horse Harry Lee who shared a few tales about his personal friend George Washington. WASSAR President and Chapter member Jim Lindley spoke at the February 1ST meeting, relating the story of how airplanes were first used in battles in WWI (and how they were able to shoot down enemy planes without damaging their own propellers). Jim is a docent at the Museum of Flight in Seattle and a retired commercial pilot. March's speaker was Dr. Tom Taylor, chair of the History Department at Seattle University, whose presentation, World War One: The United States' Entrance onto the Global Stage, focused on the US entrance into the war and Woodrow Wilson's role in the peace settlements in Paris. Dr. Michael Allen, University of Washington Professor of History and American Studies, spoke at the chapter's April 5th meeting on America in 1763: An Exceptional People on the Eve of Revolution. Many thanks to Chapter Vice President Greg Lucas who has done an outstanding job lining up many great speakers to educate, enlighten, and entertain us.

On January 4th WASSAR President and Chapter member Jim Lindley presided at the Chapter's induction of officers for 2014: Dan Heidt, President; Greg Lucas, Vice President; Craig Rhyne, Secretary; and Mel Mocabee, Treasurer. It was also the group's first meeting at their new location - the Red Lion Hotel in Bellevue.

New members inducted since October 2013 include Ben Lucas, George Vernon, Cris Bisgard (transfer from Virginia), and Lon Brown (transfer from Montana).

After a long battle with colon cancer, Chapter member Carleton Hart passed away on February 14th. An advocate for the Center for Advancing America's Heritage in Louisville, he will be missed.

The Chapter's Color Guard Commander, Greg Emerson, USN Ret., and Bob O'Neal made three presentations at the Lake Youngs elementary school in Renton. Using the new WASSAR Traveling Chest, their show and tell about how colonial people made everything they needed to live and work, thrilled some 90 children and even engaged some adult staffers who sneaked into the classroom to enjoy the sights and smells.



Greg Emerson and students

The Chapter's JROTC coordinator Jeff Doughty presented an Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Curtis Russell of the Sea Cadets Blue Angel Squadron annual awards program on March 8th.



Curtis Russell and Jeff Doughty

The Chapter received a Partners in Patriotism certificate from NSSAR for participation in this program which encourages working with veterans groups in pursuit of a common goal.

On December 14th, CCC participated in Wreaths Across America with a ceremony at Sunset Hills Cemetery in Bellevue. Sunset Hills is the final resting place for 1,800 veterans. The chapter's goal of providing 500 wreaths was a lofty one but was accomplished under the leadership of member Greg Lucas, who even managed to obtain the backing (and attendance) of US Congressman Dave Reichert. Greg was ably assisted by members Ross Hoover, Allen Gray, and Craig Rhyne.



Greg Lucas and Congressman Dave Reichert



University of Washington Air Force ROTC Cadets

In appreciation of his great work in launching the chapter's sponsorship of this program, Lucas received a Chapter Distinguished Service Medal. Ross, Gray, and Rhyne received Certificates of Distinguished Service. The Ladies Auxiliary presented gift certificates to junior member Colby Doughty and three of his friends who directed traffic and performed numerous tasks on the day of this event. And, the chapter received a certificate of appreciation from Wreaths Across America in recognition of its outstanding efforts in helping to further their mission: Remember-Honor-Teach.

Dick Calkins for Dan Heidt, Chapter President

George Washington Chapter

The George Washington Chapter is growing to the point where we have out grown our meeting place, and are once again in search of a new location. Our search committee has a few possibilities in mind. This will be one of our agenda items at our meeting on 19 April. We have a series of 'On the Road Chapter Meetings,' with the May 17th meeting being hosted by Compatriot Albert Hall and his wife at their Friday Harbor home, on San Juan Island.

Our Flag Certificate Program is holding to its goal of at least one certificate a month. The next presentation will be to the City of Bellingham for its Flag Plaza at the main entrance to City Hall, where six United States flags proudly fly every day, with the POW/MIA flag flying with them. The presentation will be to the Mayor and the City council, and will be covered on our local television channel BTV10 and the local newspaper.

As many of you know, the National Society has requested that the Chapters have City, State and National proclamations reflecting that 30 April 2014 as SAR day in observance of the SAR's 125 anniversary, our Chapter has a proclamation on Bellingham's Mayor Linvilles desk, as well as one with Mount Vernon's Mayor, Jill Boudreau. We hope to have these at the Pacific District Meeting to present to SAR President General Dooley.

Eric Howard, Chapter President

John Paul Jones Chapter

John Paul Jones chapter continues working very hard to establish the chapter and SAR Programs on the Kitsap and Olympic peninsulas. Our membership has steadily increased. Currently we muster sixty four Compatriots. Our Genealogist David Lasser is very busy helping new candidates complete their family searches and applications he is currently working with forty-five potential candidates. New compatriots for this period include Bruce McCain, Noah Chase, Ned Cook, Randy Roberts, Ross Abbott, Ken Dunlap, and Jerry Shumaker.

We invite compatriots traveling on the Peninsular to join us on the fourth Saturday of the month at our new meeting place Ambrosia in East Bremerton.

John Paul Jones Chapter received the Partners and Patriots award. Awards to our members include Doug Nelson, our Color Guard Captain, received the Liberty Medal and Chapter Distinguished Service Medal. Bronze Good Citizen Medals were awarded to Dan Weedin, Fred Gilbert, Tom Hower, and Al Pinkham. A Chapter Distinguished Service Medal went to Tom Hower, and a War Service Medal to Michael O'Hallaran.

Chaplain Plyler reported that the JROTC cadets assisted with the Veterans Day program with Retsil residents and they were very respectful in their assistances of veterans. The Color Guard supported veteran's events at Kitsap county fairgrounds by greeting veterans as they arrived.

Our Flag coordinator on one of his home visits to present a flag certificate met a WW II Medal of Honor recipient, Mr. Bud Hawks. Although Mr. Hawks' health was failing, he completed the application for membership and became Compatriot Hawks. This was a very significant event for all and very meaningful for Compatriot Hawks who passed away in November. We has also been very busy with Wreaths Across America and are currently actively fund raising for this year's event. At our March meeting the chapter as well as the city of Bremerton recognized Christopher Douglas one our local Lowe's managers for his outstanding support of the SAR flag program by providing flags from Lowe's and materials for monument restoration and maintenance. Mr. Douglas received the Bronze Good Citizen Medal. Bremerton's Mayor Lent was present and read a proclamation naming the day Christopher Douglas day as well as presenting the key to the city to MR. Douglas. Mayor Lent acknowledged the work of Compatriot Hersey, and the SAR. We presented the mayor with framed copies of the Declaration of Independence and The Bill of Rights, which will hang in Bremerton city Chambers. Many local businesses are now displaying flag certificates over 27 flag certificates were presented in 2013.

We have recognized over 37 Eagle Scouts in 2013 and currently have many more scheduled in the next few months.

The Chapter received Essays for the Knight Essay contest and the Enhanced JROTC Award. both were very well done and were forwarded to the State competition.

Al Pinkham for Ken Roberts, Chapter President

Mid-Columbia Chapter

The Mid-Columbia Chapter Color Guard took an active part in the Richland Veterans Day Parade in November. We have changed the format of our meetings. We hold our meetings at the library for two hours. The first hour is business and the second hour is a program, which is open to the public. We have started putting American History displays in the Library. Several people including DAR attend these programs. We attend ROTC/JROTC awards, issue Flag Certificates, and support the local Sea Cadets, Young Marines, BSA & GSA. Our membership continues to grow as we have moved into the Walla Walla area for new members.

Stan Wills, Chapter President



Members of the Mid-Columbia Chapter Color Guard at the Richland Veterans Day parade.

Seattle Chapter

For its first meeting of the 2013-2014 season, on September 14th, the Seattle Chapter presented Military Service Medals to Compatriots John Edward Ernest, William Richard Griffith, and Donald Henry Wingerson for their Armed Forces service in uniform to the United States. A Meritorious Service Medal was presented to Compatriot Don Wingerson for the numerous years of dedication he has spent presenting ROTC, JROTC and Eagle Scout medals to university and high school cadets, and scouts. The Seattle Chapter also presented a rarely awarded Silver Good Citizenship Medal to Compatriot Paul Allen Moutray for his 30 plus years of volunteering in the Snohomish County Search and Rescue unit as a helicopter Crew Chief. Paul has the dangerous job of guiding the helicopter into and out of harrowing positions to extract injured persons in an effort to save lives. WASSAR President Jim Lindley presented Compatriot Allan Ray Wenzel with the State Distinguished Service Medal for his organizing, cataloguing and indexing the many years of WASSAR Historian's Archived records, and for researching, writing and publishing the booklet *Compatriots Past, Luminaries of the WASSAR*, earning revenue for the Chapters and State Society.

In October Compatriots Tony Abbott and wife Charlotte, Scott Grimes and Bill Griffith (Veterans Committee Chair) served dinner at the Veterans Puget Sound Fisher House.

On December 14th the Chapter held it's annual Wreaths Across America celebration at the Lakeview Cemetery on Capital Hill in Seattle. This year, at the instigation of Compatriot Bill Griffith, wreaths were placed on Seattle Chapter Compatriots buried in Lakeview who served in the Armed Forces.

At the April Chapter meeting Compatriots were presented with a presentation on the Museum of History and Industry followed with a visit to the museum.

Allan Wenzel for John Berg, Chapter President

Spokane Chapter #1

Spokane is continuing to participate over the next two months in as many events of which are as follows: Honor Flight for WWII Veterans, ROTC/JROTC awards, School Programs, DAR functions, Two parades are also coming up, May 1-Law Day-new Citizen swearing in ceremony, Flag Retirement ceremonies & Living History Programs. Membership continues to grow.

Gale Palmer, Chapter President



Stan Wills, Gale Palmer and Bob Doughty swear in new member Dennis Shaw

COLOR GUARD EVENTS

WEST

No report submitted by the WASSAR Color Guard Commander.

EAST

Since September 1, 2013 the Color Guard of Eastern Washington, Commanded by WASSAR Color Guard Vice Commander Stan Wills, took part in 27 events, including: 2 Honor Flights, 2 New Citizens Ceremonies, 5 Posting of the Colors, 4 Awards Ceremonies, 4 DAR Functions, 9 History Programs, and 1 Parade.



Compatriots Gale Palmer, Dale Ryan and Stan Wills rang the Liberty Bell replica 83 times for the Vietnam War servicemen from Spokane as their names were read during the Spokane Veterans Day ceremony. The Compatriots in front of the traveling portable Vietnam Memorial Wall.

EXECUTIVE BOARD BUSINESS MEETING SUMMERY

The January 30, 2014 meeting of the Executive Board, which convened via telephone, resulted in few agenda items being finalized. The voting on some issues was postponed until the Rules Committee could review them. The April 26th meeting minutes arrived too late for inclusion.

PASSING OF COMPATRIOTS

Carleton Wells Hart, of Cascade Centennial Chapter, passed from our ranks on February 14, 2014. He was admitted to SAR on July 22, 2005 joining the Alexander Hamilton Chapter. His Patriot ancestors were Privates Andrew Morrison and James Price, both of Virginia. In 2013 Carlton was a recipient of the Lamplighter Award from the SAR Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

Mark Jon Lewis, of Spokane Chapter #1, passed from our ranks on April 23, 2014. He was admitted to SAR on July 7, 1982. His Patriot ancestor was Private Augustus Lewis of Connecticut.

LOOKING FORWARD

UPCOMING EVENTS

Memorial Day activities on May 26th, followed by Flag Day on June 14th, and Independence Day on July 4th. These will undoubtedly include active participation by members of the WASSAR Color Guard.

NEW MEMBERS

Since last September 1st we have welcomed the following new members to WASSAR:

To the Alexander Hamilton Chapter: *Andrew Ashes, Howard Brady, James Greer, James Harris, Kevin Kirkemo, Kevin Munro, and Julian Steenbergen.*

To the Cascade Centennial Chapter: *Cris Bisgard, Lon Brown, Benjamin Lucas, and George Vernon.*

To the George Washington Chapter: *Robert Bowman, and Oscar Farrar.*

To the John Paul Jones Chapter: *Ross Abbott, Noah Chase, Ned Cook, Kenneth Dunlap, Bruce McCain, Randy Roberts, and Jerry Shumaker.*

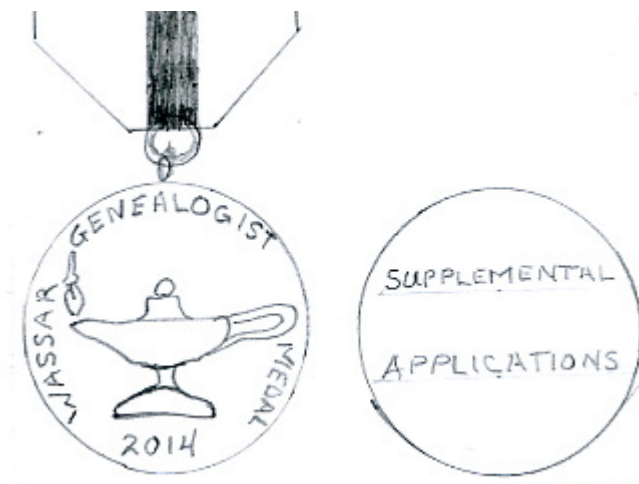
To the Seattle Chapter: *Steven Johnson, and Curtis Winningham.*

To the Spokane Chapter #1: *Donald Bright, Michael Conway, Lawrence Jones, Robert Scott, Bryan Shaw, Dennis Shaw, and Edwin Shaw.*

Welcome New Members!

AWARDS

A new medal for Genealogists was designed and submitted to the NSSAR Awards Committee. This medal would recognize the many hours each Chapter Genealogist must spend in proofreading, correcting, and (in some cases) obtaining further documentation for Supplemental Patriot Applications. Originally this medal was to be a WASSAR award only, but it may be changed to being a NSSAR award.



Rendering proposal, obverse and reverse

SUBMISSIONS OF INTEREST

THE FIRST MONUMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ERECTED FROM BLOOD IN FREEDOMS CAUSE

By Allan Ray Wenzel

The very first monument created by the new government of the United States was to honor the memory of those Patriot Minutemen who fell in battle against British Redcoat forces at the very out-break of the Revolutionary War during the Battle of Lexington on April 19, 1775, precipitating "*The shot heard 'round the world.*"

The monument is located at Lexington Center, at the junction of Bedford Street and Massachusetts Avenue, in the city of Lexington (Middlesex County), Massachusetts. Built on what was originally the site of the Town's first schoolhouse, this first monument of the Revolution is the oldest war memorial in the country. It was erected by the citizens of Lexington in 1799, and dedicated on July 4th of that year to the eight American Revolutionary War Minutemen, killed by British ball and steal at Lexington Green on the first day of the American Revolution. Seventy-seven Minutemen formed ranks on the Green facing several hundred British Regulars, ten were wounded and the eight killed were the first of fifty Americans either killed or mortally wounded on that day.

The monument inscription reads:

*Sacred to Liberty & the Rights of makind!!!
The Freedom & Independence of America,
Sealed & defended with the blood of her sons.*

*This Monument is erected
By the inhabitants of Lexington,
Under the patronage, & at the expense, of
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
To the memory of their Fellow Citizens,
Ensign Robert Munroe, Messrs. Jonas Parker,
Samuel Hadley, Jonathan Harrington Junr.
Isaac Muzzy, Caleb Harrington and John Brown
Of Lexington, & Asahel Porter of Woburn,
Who fell on this field, the first Victims to the
Sword of British Tyranny & Oppression,
On the morning of the ever memorable
Nineteenth of April, An. Dom. 1775.
The Die was cast!!!
The Blood of these Martyrs,
In the cause of God & their Country,
Was the Cement of the Union of these States, then
Colonies; & gave the spring to the spirit, Firmness
And resolution of their Fellow Citizens.
They rose as one man, to revenge their brethren's
Blood and at the point of the sword, to assert &
Defend their native Rights.
They nobly dar'd to be free!!
The contest was long, bloody & affecting;
Righteous Heaven approved the solemn appeal;
Victory crowned their arms; and
The Peace, Liberty & Independence of the United
States of America, was their glorious Reward.*

Built in the year 1799.



The monument with inscribed plaque.



Lexington Green, on which field the Minutemen met the British Redcoats, spreads out from the monument. Original buildings from that day can be seen in the background.

The remains of seven of the eight men killed during the brief battle are buried within the railing in the front of the monument. The seven colonists were exhumed from their common grave in the Old Burying Ground at Lexington and re-interred at the monument on April 2, 1835. The eighth man remains in his hometown grave a few miles away.

The eight men honored are:

JOHN BROWN

Born August 12, 1751, at Lexington, Massachusetts, the son of Daniel Brown and Ann Bright.

SAMUEL HADLEY

Born July 9, 1746, at Lexington, Massachusetts, the son of Thomas and Ruth Hadley.

CALEB HARRINGTON

Born 1751.

JONATHAN HARRINGTON

Born March 6, 1745, at Lexington, Massachusetts, the son of Henry Harrington and Sarah Laughton. He was married February 19, 1766, at Lexington, Massachusetts, to Ruth Fiske. It is recorded that after being mortally wounded, he crawled to the doorstep of his house, only to die at his wife's feet. A plaque commemorating this can be found on his still standing house.

ROBERT MUNROE

Born May 4, 1712, at Cambridge, Massachusetts, the son of George Munroe and Sarah Harrington. He was married to Anna Stone. Robert, a militia Ensign, was the Grandson of William Munro of the Scottish Clan Munro, who, himself a rebel, having been captured by England's Cromwell during the Battle of Worcester on September 3, 1651, marched to London, banished from Great Britain, and sent to the American Colonies as an indentured servant. Robert stood with his brother-in-law Jonas Parker in the front line of the Minutemen. Both were bayoneted.

ISAAC MUZZY

Baptized December 16, 1744, at Lexington, Massachusetts, the son of John Muzzy and Rebeckah Ingham.

JONAS PARKER

Born February 6, 1723, the son of Andrew Parker and Sarah Whitney. He was married circa 1743, at Lexington, Massachusetts, to Lucy Munroe. It is recorded that he refused to give the enemy one inch of ground, was hit by enemy fire, had returned fire, and was attempting to reload his rifle while on his knees, before being cut down by bayonet thrusts.

ASAHEL PORTER

Born in 1746/52, at Danvers, Massachusetts. While returning home to Woburn from Boston earlier that morning he had been taken prisoner by British forces. After the British formed ranks on the green he was instructed to leave or attempted to escape and was shot dead. This shooting may have been what precipitated both sides to begin, without orders, to fire upon each other. At any rate Porter was the eighth American fatality that morning at Lexington Green. His memorial listing is a cenotaph. Asahel is buried in the First Burial Ground at Woburn, Massachusetts. He has a replaced headstone, nearly identical to his original.



Here lies Buried the Body of
Mr. ASAHEL PORTER who was
kain in *Lexington Battle*,
on y 19th of April 1775

*Although a Man of Peace
he was caught in a conflict
not of his choosing.*

*As a result he became
one of the first to die
for his New Country.*

Baldwin Historical Society

1975

PATRIOT BIOGRAPHY

PATRIOT JOSE MANUEL VALENZUELA

Compatriot Ronald Dean Valenzuela of the Seattle Chapter is our first member whose Patriot ancestor served in the Army of Spain. The Seattle Chapter now has members whose ancestors served in both of our allied armies, Spain and France.

Spain became our second ally, following Holland, during the American Revolution. As a direct result of the widely known voyages of British Navy officer Captain Cook, Carlos III, King of Spain, gladly joined the cause of liberty with the revolting thirteen Colonies. On June 21, 1779 he declared war on England, sending his forces to engage the British on several fronts, until peace was signed on September 3, 1783.

Captain Cook had been sailing all over the southern Pacific and north along the western coastline of the Americas, claiming everything he saw, and charting them for England. Fearing the British would stake a claim to their own holdings and to establish a resistance to any possible military or naval confrontation, the Spanish government raised and sent expeditionary forces from Mexico to Southern California to establish colonies and forts.

A fourth expedition, in 1781, was led by Captain Don Fernando Xavier de Rivera y Moncada. His orders were four-fold: (1) to found a pueblo (community) at/of Los Angeles, (2) to found a ninth mission at San Buenaventura at the southern end of the Santa Barbara Channel, (3) to found a fifth Presidio (fort) to be located at/of Santa Barbara, and, (4) to found two other missions at the Santa Barbara Channel, Mission Santa Barbara near the Presidio in the middle of the Channel and Mission La Purísima Concepción at the northern end of the Santa Barbara Channel. Most of the founders of Santa Barbara were members of this expedition.

Captain Moncada between December 1779 and November 1780 recruited the needed soldiers for the expedition from Sonora and Sinaloa. He was authorized to recruit as far south as Guadalajara, but was able to find almost the entire needed number from Sonora and Sinaloa alone. A roster of the soldiers taken on July 1, 1782 lists those who were recruited by Captain Rivera y Moncada in 1781, and was comprised of seven officers and fifty soldiers.

The expedition members reassembled at the Real de los Álamos, Sonora on February 2, 1781. The expedition split into two groups. In one group were the settlers and their families accompanied by seventeen soldiers and their wives and children. The larger force was destined to build and occupy the new fort at Santa Barbara. In preparation for establishing communities it was required that all the soldiers be married. These people established what are now the Cities of Los Angeles and Santa Barbara.

During one stage of the expedition Indians massacred Captain Moncada and six men.

After establishing the new mission of San Buenaventura, Governor Felipe de Neve, Captain José Francisco Ortega, Father Junípero Serra, and thirty-six soldiers and their wives and children arrived at Santa Barbara. On April 21, 1782, the cross and the flag of Spain were raised, and the Presidio of Santa Barbara was founded. It was commanded by Lieutenant (later as presidio commandant, Captain) Alférez José Darío Argüello, and included Ron's fourth great-grandfather, Jose Manuel Valenzuela. He was born circa 1761, at Villa de Sinoloa, Mexico, and died on July 13, 1799, at Santa Barbara, California. Several others comprising the Santa Barbara presidio company are also direct ancestors to Ron, whom he intends to provide Supplemental Patriot Applications for in the future.

Cascade Centennial Chapter Sponsors Wreaths Across America Ceremony

Although December 14, 2013 dawned cloudy, the typically blustery late fall weather of the Pacific Northwest abated long enough for Cascade Centennial Chapter to complete nearly a year's planning, by sponsoring the first Wreaths Across America ceremony at Sunset Hills Memorial Park in Bellevue, Washington..

Planning for the Wreaths Across America ceremony began in early 2013, when Cascade Centennial chapter President V. Allen Gray reached out to Sunset Hills Memorial Park as a site for the event. A committee consisting of Greg Lucas, Craig Rhyne, Ross Hoover, Jim Lindley and Dan Heidt supported the event. A Cascade Centennial chapter fund raising page was set up on the Wreaths Across America website. The months of hard work and planning culminated on December 14th, when the Sunset Hills ceremony joined 910 Wreaths Across America ceremonies conducted worldwide.



Cascade Centennial Chapter President V. Allen Gray

During the Sunset Hills ceremony, remembrance wreaths were laid as follows:

- Colonel Carl Steven Fletcher, Jr for the United States Army.
- Gold Star Mother Monica McNeal, in memory of her son Lance Corporal Eric L. Ward and for the United States Marine Corps.
- Commander Christopher Sutherland, for the United States Navy.
- Captain Gary Beard, USAF-Retired for the United States Air Force.
- Captain Frank A. Selden, for the Army National Guard
- Commander Robert F. Doughty, USCG-Retired, for the United States Coast Guard.
- NJROTC Cadet Matthieu Blanchet, for the United States Merchant Marines.
- Major Joseph Crecca, Jr., USAF-Retired, for the United States Servicemen from all branches whose last known status was Missing in Action or Prisoner of War.

Special guests included Congressman David G. Reichert and Ralph Ibarra, President and Commanding General of Washington Generals.

Craig Rhyne of Cascade Centennial Chapter led those in attendance in singing the "The Star Spangled Banner". Piper Craig Thorpe played a medley of Highland airs, including "Highland Cathedral" prior to the opening of the ceremony and "Amazing Grace" at its conclusion. Organizations assisting with the Sunset Hills ceremony included Cascade Chapter DAR, University of Washington AFROTC cadets, Liberty High

School NJROTC cadets, the Chief Seattle Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Patriot Guard Riders and the WASSAR Ladies Auxiliary.

Local businesses, heritage societies, families and individuals donated over 500 wreaths for the ceremony. Over 20 individuals and organizations generously provided goods and services that made the Sunset Hills ceremony such a success.



WASSAR Color Guard (L to R - Fred Ramsey, Bob O'Neal, Paul Adan, Art Dolan and Greg Emerson)

Five members of the Washington State Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard led by State Color Guard Commander, Bob O'Neal, served as the Honor Guard and presented, the US, Washington State and SAR flags. Additionally, Bob O'Neal played "Taps" at the end of the ceremony.

After the conclusion of the formal Wreaths Across America ceremony, the nearly 125 attendees quickly decorated the graves of almost one-third of the over 1,800 veterans who are laid to rest at Sunset Hills Memorial Park.

Submitted by V. Allen Gray

What's New with the Ladies Auxiliary by Jan Doughty

The National Ladies Auxiliary's last meeting took place in conjunction with SAR Congress held in Kansas City last July. I encourage all ladies who might attend a Congress with their spouses to plan on taking in 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 always an interesting guest speaker included in the program. A second event to attend is the Ladies Luncheon hosted by the First Lady; this is always a fun event plus gives us the opportunity to meet others from across the country.



Ladies Auxiliary members at a Kennewick winery.

*Welcome new members: **Ronnie O'Neal** (Alexander Hamilton Chapter), **Margaret Ernest** (Seattle Chapter), and **Tammy Rizzuto** (Spokane Chapter). Our state membership is now at 17.*

During the SAR Spring Leadership Conference in early March, Teri Lindley and Ronnie O'Neal attended both the NLA business meeting and Ladies Luncheon with me. At the business meeting, we learned the NLA has set a goal of reaching \$100,000 in donations by the end of this year for the new building. The membership is continuing to prepare and mail packages to our troops overseas. Remember, if you know of someone who is on deployment to Afghanistan; give us their address so we can include them in our mailings. There was an interesting presentation regarding Fraunces Tavern built in 1719 and its impact on the American Revolution. This historic tavern is still serving drinks and meals today; if you are in New York City you might want to include a stop at this venue for refreshments and to reflect on the patriotic history that took place here. Maybe even your ancestor sat at one of the tables listening to George Washington's farewell speech. The Ladies Luncheon was held in the 16th floor ballroom of The Brown Hotel. We were delighted not to be leaving the hotel as the weather was cold and very windy...we even had snow flurries. Our speaker was a NLA member employed by McCormick's, the spice company. I'm sure you've all seen that white spice can with the red and blue writing; chances are you even have some in your pantry. She presented a slide show and talk regarding the history of spices...where they grow, how they are harvested and prepared for your use.

Jan

What's New with the DAR by Charlotte Abbott

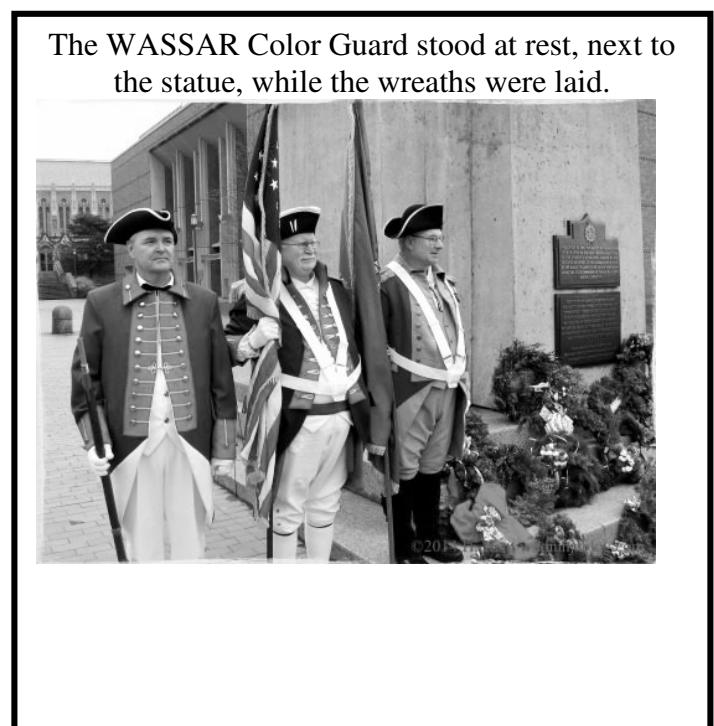
On Monday, 17 February 2014, the Greater Seattle DAR Regents' Council (GSDARRC) sponsored the annual George Washington Statue Memorial. The event began at 10:00AM with a program at the LDS Institute for Religion, just a few blocks from the statue's location on the University of Washington campus. Following the program, the WASSAR Color Guard led the participants to the George Washington Statue.



The one DAR member in the WASSAR Color Guard is Jane Richey, who is holding the DAR flag. Members of the GSDARRC, Hilda Meryhew, WSSDAR Historian and Lanabeth Horgen, Regent of Cascade Chapter NSDAR, called the representatives of the various patriotic and hereditary organizations to come forward to lay wreaths at the base of the statue.



Lanabeth Horgen and Hilda Meryhew





Compatriot John Berg, President of Seattle Chapter, laying wreath with Lanabeth Horgen in the rear.



After the ceremony

Charlotte Abbott

What's New with the C.A.R. by Stefan Kovalenko

Steven Johnson, President of the Washington State Society Children of the American Revolution brought greetings at the SAR Pacific District Meeting in Eugene, Oregon April 26th. He was recently installed on the grounds of Mt. Vernon, Virginia at the C.A.R. National Convention. Steven was also installed into the SAR as the newest member of WASSAR and the Seattle Chapter. President General Joseph Dooley conducted the installation.

The C.A.R. National Project for 2014-2015 is to restore period flags at the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House in Baltimore, Maryland. This museum is at the home of Mary Pickersgill, who made the original Star-Spangled Banner that flew over Ft. McHenry and inspired our National Anthem. The Washington State C.A.R. project is in support of the National Project. Steven is available to address SAR chapter meetings as requested. www.WaStateCAR.org.

Stefan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The publication deadlines for newsletter submissions are as follows:

Fall/Winter Edition	by	December 31st
Spring/Summer Edition	by	May 31st

Article submissions should be in Microsoft Word 2000 or an earlier version, but not in docx or Word Perfect...it isn't! You can also either type or cut and paste the text as an email. Photos need to be as jpegs, with identifying information (who, what, when, where). I reserve the right to alter and re-word officer and chapter submissions as space requirements necessitate.

Compatriots Past, Luminaries of the WASSAR, a book on 25 of our state society history makers, war heroes, and politicians. Copies can be purchased at \$10.00 each plus \$4.25 for packaging and postage, from Jim Lindley (j.m.lindley@msn.com) and Allan Wenzel (stsporto@q.com). Contact them directly for availability. Your Chapter may still have some available.

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Information
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Prospective Applicants
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The General Society of the War of 1812, Washington State Society is new and is accepting members. To date nearly every member is also a member of the WASSAR. For membership information contact: Allen Gray (cpml2@comcast.net).

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Editor's Desk:

I'm Allan Wenzel and I have assumed the position of Editor of your newsletter. A few of you know me, some of which probably wish they didn't. Tough! I'm not a likeable guy, and I don't try to be. That'll make it much easier for you to criticize and threaten, and easier for me to ignore. ☺

Seriously, this is YOUR newsletter. Its success and continuation is in your hands. Officers should look upon this as a vehicle of communication with the membership. Chapters without newsletters can communicate through the Trail with your members. I encourage each Compatriot to submit articles on your Patriot ancestor(s), relevant American history, announcements, upcoming events, or any SAR information of interest. If you want a newsletter you will have to contribute to it to keep it going. No one wanted to take this job on, but after seeing this edition perhaps someone with actual skills and programs will step forward and take it off my hands. Maybe we should call this issue The **Washington Rough Trail**. I wish to thank Tony Abbott and Dan Weedon for their advice, and Allen Gray for his assistance.

Allan

From the Assistant to the Editor:

I chased a Tory squirrel up a tree. It was fun. The end. Elliot

