

Summer 2012

The Washington Trail

Activities of the Washington State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Winner of the 2011 Jennings H. Flathers Award

~ State President's Message ~

Dear Compatriots,

After returning from the 122nd NSSAR Congress, I would like to report to you the unbelievable success of the Washington Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. We have a new Vice President General in Robert Doughty of Washington. Yours truly was elected to the NSSAR Nominating Committee from the Council of State Presidents.

Our ten members passing on to a new life were honored at the Memorial Service on July eighth. I have saved ten of the programs for disposition by our Chaplin and I will mail them to him to be passed on to the surviving relatives or spouse. The Memorial Service is a very touching and important part of Congress.

The most amazing is the number of awards received by compatriots and chapters of our state. I was nearly worn out walking to collect the vast array of awards. This state, for its size, must have been number one in awards per capita.

Tony Abbott received the **Liberty Medal** for recruiting 10 new members.

Stan Wills received the **Liberty Medal** for recruiting 10 new members.

John Ernest received two **Liberty Oak Leaf Clusters** for recruiting 20 new members.

Chuck Waid received the **Liberty Oak Leaf Cluster** for recruiting 10 new members.

James Lindley received the **Liberty Oak Leaf Cluster** for recruiting 10 new members. In James' case the award should go to Genealogist Dan Heidt of the Cascade Centennial Chapter as the award is for top line signers on applications. Dan does all the work. But it is done this way for some reason.

Bob Wagers received the **Carl F. Bessent Award** for editing the Chapter Messenger as runner up in the most outstanding multiple sheets Chapter newsletter.

The Washington Society received the **Admiral William Furlong Memorial Award** for 100 percent chapter and state flag presentations. Thanks to you Gary Pearson and Tim Doughty for pushing us. We received a star for our flag streamer.

The Alexander Hamilton Chapter received the **Partners in Patriotism Award** for working hand in hand with veterans groups. Thank you all involved in the Alexander Hamilton Chapter.

The Washington State Society received the **Officer Attendance Award** for the President and National Trustee attendance at the preceding Trustees meeting and Congress. Thanks to you Bob Doughty and John Ellingson. We receive a streamer for our flag that will be passed on to Bob O'Neal for the flag.

The Washington State Society received the **Jennings Flathers Award** for the best newsletter with less than 500 members. This includes a check for \$250.00. Thank you Rick Hutchins.

The Spokane Chapter received the **Partners in Patriotism Certificate** for working hand in hand with the veterans groups. Thank you Spokane!

I will present these awards at the various chapter meetings I will be attending when we resume meetings in the fall. If you need your award now let me know and I will get them to you or your chapter.

Members attending the Congress were Bob and Jan Doughty, James and Teri Lindley, Bob and Ronnie O'Neal, John Ellingson. Thank you all for your attendance and willingness to subject yourselves to the "Dry Heat" and expense of attendance! I wish to especially thank Bob O'Neal for carrying the Washington Flag in so many presentations at 113 degree heat.

Once again thank you for all your hard work over the last year. All these awards are quite an honor for our society.

Enjoy your Society and all that it brings you.

Jim Lindley

~ 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
3025 Pacific Highway East
Tacoma, WA
(253) 922-9555

<http://mapq.st/KAODYx>

Cascade Centennial First Saturday of the month, except July, August, and September

9:00 a.m.

Courtyard Seattle Kirkland
11215 NE 124th Street
Kirkland, WA
(425) 602-3200

<http://mapq.st/L97ipW>

John Paul Jones Fourth Saturday of the month except July, August and December

9:00 a.m.

Family Pancake House
3900 Kitsap Way
Bremerton, WA 98312
(360) 479-2422

<http://mapq.st/KNCUYR>

Mid-Columbia

City of Richland Public Library
955 Northgate Drive
Richland, WA
(509) 942-7454

<http://mapq.st/JDe1Jj>

Seattle Second Saturday of the month, except June, July and August

9:00 a.m.

13 Coins Restaurant
123 Boren Avenue North
Seattle, WA 98109

<http://mapq.st/L3u7Ah>

Spokane Number 1 Second Saturday of the month, except June, July and August

High Noon

Timber Creek Buffet
9211 E. Montgomery
Spokane Valley, 99212

<http://mapq.st/LuF91B>

~ Chapter News and Activities ~

Alexander Hamilton Chapter

On June 14th, compatriot Bob O'Neal donned his regimental blue coat with red facings at two o'clock in the afternoon and prepared to present his "History of Old Glory" speech to about forty wheelchair bound veterans, who live at the American Lake VA Home in Lakewood. He had been invited by Alexander Hamilton compatriot Dr. Doug Lane, VA staff psychologist.

It was heartwarming for him to see these disabled veterans. Before the presentation, compatriot O'Neal spoke with the World War II, Korea and Vietnam veterans and listened to the unique story that each had to tell. One veteran had been on the USS Yorktown; one had been a WAC nurse; two were Army vets from the Korean conflict; and two had been in the Air Force and had fought during the Vietnam conflict. One Army vet had been in World War II, the Korean conflict and the Vietnam conflict. Another had been a prisoner at Battle of the Bulge. A leg amputee wanted to see O'Neal's Pedersoli pistol. They all liked the one-cut-star segment and they all sang "*It's a Grand Old Flag*" for the finale. They asked many questions afterward.

John Paul Jones Chapter



On August 21st, compatriots Bob O'Neal and Doug Nelson escorted local chapter of D.A.R. Regent, Jean Thomas, and Vice Regent, Sharon Fishaut to the San Juan County Council meeting, where a *Proclamation* was voted on and read by the Mayor in recognition and observance of Constitution Week from September 17th to September 23rd.

They stayed overnight as houseguests of compatriot Dave Vandaveer, John Paul Jones Chapter, and his wife, Dorothy. After some cocktail refreshments, they were joined by Minnie Knych, D.A.R., and her husband Jim for a delightful meal of roast beef on what appeared to be hot-cross buns with all the trimmings. They slept in a cabin among the tall timber of the "wild island" and awoke to rabbits, deer, peacock and turkeys wandering aimlessly about the property.

The next day, compatriots Nelson and O'Neal mingled with the genteel D.A.R. ladies at the annual San Juan Islands D.A.R. Potluck Picnic. They were the honored guest speakers, who had been invited to present

“*A Day In The Life of a Revolutionary Soldier*” and took with them their regimental uniforms, their historical flags of our Ancestors and their circa 1776 equipment.

Among the crowd of more than fifty were several prospective D.A.R. and S.A.R. members, who have been working on their membership applications. John Paul Jones Chapter president Nelson has allowed no stone to go unturned in his quest to increase S.A.R. membership.



Chapter president Nelson also awarded two flag certificates, while they were at the picnic. One to compatriot Vandaveer and his wife and the other to one to their neighbors, Dan and Kitty Sorgen, whose daughter sang our National Anthem to start the event.

Mid Columbia Chapter

Due Honors



Mount Washington is a 6,260 foot mountain in the Olympic Mountains on the Olympic peninsula. The trail to the top is 4.2 miles with a 30-35% uphill grade most of the way, someplaces steeper. Troy, my son and member of the S.A.R. Mid-Columbia Chapter, and I left the eastern part of the state to make the trip and found out the trail we were going to use was closed to due high fire hazard and roaming bands of mountain goats. One mountain goat had killed a hiker, early this summer, when he was gored and bled to

death. We had to change our plans and take a longer and steeper route. Here is our story.

On February 18, 2012, my beloved wife passed away, the day of our 40th Wedding Anniversary. We have a saying in the military, "Behind every man stands a good woman". Mine was the best. I am a retired Navy Veteran and my wife was with me for seventeen years of my military service. In all that time I never had to worry about the home front. She took care of everything, never once adding any stress to my already stressful job. She also took care of other Navy wives when it was needed. She had two brothers who served in Viet Nam and two sisters that also married Navy men. Our home has always been open to the military men and women who have served our country. The military was as much a part of her as it is with me. As

with all military personnel you always prepare for death, but hope it never comes. In our case we had talked about what to do if one of us died. She wanted to be cremated and have her ashes scattered in the mountains so she could look down on her friends, family and most of all the 4th of July fireworks over Puget Sound. You see, she loved the red, white and blue. From the time we first met she loved anything red, white and blue. The first item we bought as a newly married couple was a red, white and blue candle stick phone. I still have it.



Over the course of forty years of marriage we accumulated over three hundred items in our home that are red, white and blue. When she had her stroke's twenty years ago, the first thing the doctor asked me was, "What was her family history? Do heart problems run in the family?" I did not know anything about either of her grandparents' families. So, I started researching the family history. Heart problems did run in the



family. As luck would have it, I found out she also had a relative who served with George Washington in the Revolutionary War. Because of this, she was eligible to join the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.). When she found this out she was overjoyed with pride. She now knew why she loved the red, white and blue so much. She was not just an American, because she was born in America, but she had an ancestor who served with George

Washington. Her family had been in America for over 250 years. She was so proud of her heritage and in becoming a member of the D.A.R.

It is only fitting that since I am so proud of her military support and D.A.R. heritage that I am privileged to give her the Military Honors befitting a Military Veteran, both of the current military and the past military. She deserves it as much as any active /retired military person, and any spouse of a military service man or woman.

I carried her ashes to the top of Mount Washington. There I positioned her ashes so she could see her beloved Puget Sound, family and friends. I placed a D.A.R. plaque at the spot, wearing my red, white and blue Revolutionary War uniform, which has the same colors as her D.A.R. ancestor's uniform. I sounded Taps, saluted her D.A.R. plaque and the flag placed along side it, and then bid her farewell.





My father taught me that as long as a person is remembered they live forever. Due to her love of the red, white and blue, every time I see a flag I will remember her. The next time you see a flag, remember my beloved "Beaver". As we got ready to leave, I said, "I will be back next year my love, when I bring your favorite flowers." You guessed it, "Red, White & Blue" As we left, an eagle started circling her spot on the mountain. We figured he approved of what we did.

~ Stan Wills, Husband

Spokane No. 1 Chapter

Flag Day



On June 14, 2012, the Washington State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Spokane No. 1 Chapter honored Flag Day by facilitating a flag retirement ceremony at the Lake Elementary School in Suncrest, Washington. About 450 students, teachers and parents attended the event. Eleven flags honoring veterans of Spokane and Stevens counties were retired in a ceremonial fire, which burned wood from both the Tahoma National Cemetery

and a tree George Washington planted himself, in 1790.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 19 and Cub Scout Troop 91, who were trained in flag decorum by S.A.R. compatriots prior to the ceremony, carried out the ritual.



During the last portion of the ceremony, the school's tattered flag was lowered as a mark of the end of the school year and retired in the ceremonial fire. A new flag was hoisted in its place.

The Fairmount Memorial Association, a not-for-profit lot-owner owned cemetery association consisting of five cemeteries, was also acknowledged for its partial sponsorship of the ceremony.

Revolutionary War Remembrance

Compatriots Stan Wills, Gale Palmer, Tom Clark and John Caskey were in uniform for the Medical Lake VA Cemetery Revolutionary War plaque placement commemoration. Through the concerted efforts of the Washington Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Spokane Chapter, Washington Society, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Jonas Babcock Chapter and the Washington Society, Children of the American Revolution, Spokane Valley Chapter, this event attracted approximately one hundred people. The event program listed the Revolutionary War ancestors for S.A.R., D.A.R. and C.A.R. compatriots in the Spokane area.

Amid the background of a military guard, compatriot Father Ted Bradley gave the Invocation. WSSAR Private John Caskey delivered the commemorative address and WSSAR Color Guard Captain Stan Wills placed the patriot tree plaque.



Afterward, Captain Wills rendered a salute to the “Patriot Tree” and Ms. Julie Pittman, C.A.R., placed the commemorative wreath, which was followed by a flintlock musket salute from WSSAR Captain Tom Clark, the sounding of the drum by WSSAR Private John Caskey and the playin’ of the pipes.



To honor the Revolutionary War Soldier, compatriot John Ellingson, WSSAR Trustee, received a flag from Captain Wills that was folded in a VA Table Top Ceremony, which is the same as a flag on a coffin folded by the VA Honor Guard. Compatriot Al Daniels, a World War II, Korean conflict and Vietnam conflict pilot, also attended the event.

After the ceremony, refreshments were served, courtesy of the D.A.R. The VA Cemetery at Medical Lake is a few miles west of Spokane. It has been in existence for only a couple of years and serves eastern Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon.

*They fell, but o'er their glorious grave
Floats free the banner of the cause they died to save.*

~ Francis Marion Crawford

Sandpoint Boat Show and Parade

On Saturday, July 14, 2012, two hundred people from Washington, Idaho, California, Oregon and Canada attended the Classic Boat Festival in Sandpoint, Idaho, which showcased upwards of fifty wooden boats that dated back to the mid 1920's. The coordinators of the show permitted the Washington Society, Sons of the American Revolution to set up a booth, which allowed us to greet and talk with almost everyone who attended.



Compatriot Stan Wills, Mid-Columbia Chapter, presented Christopher and Zachary Taylor their Eagle Scout Awards. He and the scouts' parents spent more than an hour viewing the classic Criss-Craft Boats that had been built between 1921 and 1964. Later in the day, they were honored guests of the Sandpoint Chamber of Commerce. They even got a write up in the Boat Show program. They are two great young men.

The Chamber also honored the S.A.R. Spokane No. 1 Chapter by allowing them to display their Revolutionary War flag collection along the pier, and to carry select flags as the boats passed the master of ceremonies grandstand for review. Compatriots John Ellingson and Dean Ladd, both of Spokane Number No. 1 Chapter lead out in the first boat. They were followed by Stan Wills, Mid-Columbia Chapter, and other Spokane No. 1



Chapter members, Gale Palmer and Rob Goff, along with his family.

These fine compatriots have been asked to come back next year. Everyone had a great time, especially compatriot Dean Ladd, Spokane No. 1 Chapter, who was the *Guest of Honor* at the opening banquet. They had a little trouble getting John Ellingson out of the boat because he did not want to leave. There were several pretty ladies riding in his boat.

Mount Vernon Chapter

On Saturday, June 30th, Ralph Nicholas, Eric Howard, Lawrence Miller, Donnie Ruyle, Dave Harshman and John Ernest met at the Farmhouse restaurant in west Mount Vernon to decide some issues about establishing a Washington Society, Sons of the American Revolution chapter in Mount Vernon. They decided that the name of the chapter ought to be Mount Vernon and that either *The Calico Cupboard* or *Mr. T's Family Café* would be suitable places to conduct their meetings. Dale Harshman agreed to set up and maintain a web page. Since there are only eleven applicants at this time, it was decided that John Ernest would fill the position as chapter genealogist until one can be found. They plan to meet on the fourth Saturday of the month.

~ Challenge Coins ~

Have you bought your Challenge Coin, yet?

The Washington Society, Sons of the American Revolution sells these “challenge coins” to generate funds so we can purchase demonstrative materials to use for educating our communities about our history, the events leading up to the Revolutionary War and the sacrifices our patriots made to secure our Independence. Imparting this information to the public gives meaning to why we of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution are devoted to our ancestors, the founding documents and the great flag of this country that has been blessed by the Lord Above.



Get Your Coin, Today! Ask any Executive Board member or your Chapter president about buying one.

They only cost \$15.00.

Members of the U.S. military have a long-standing tradition of carrying a special coin that symbolizes unit identity and morale. Soldiers back to World War I and the Civil War left for battle with a coin from home in their pocket and kept it after the conflict as a lasting remembrance of their wartime experiences. American soldiers stationed in Germany after the war adopted that country's popular “pfennig check.” The pfennig was the smallest unit of German currency. When someone announced a pfennig check, a soldier who could not produce one had to buy a round of drinks for his buddies. That practice endures to this day.

~ A Hearty Welcome to New Members in 2012~

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Alexander Hamilton Chapter

Harry Percy Justice III National Number: 184070 State Number: 2144
Patriot Ancestor: PS John Justice, NC

Charles Nicolas McKenna National Number: 184824 State Number: 2166
Patriot Ancestor: Pvt. Samuel Burnham, NH

Thomas Richard Hixson National Number: 183122 State Number: 2128
Patriotic Ancestor: Pvt. Francis Hughes, NC Supplemental

Cascade Centennial Chapter

Lynn Lyman Briggs National Number 1841 State Number: 2148
Patriot Ancestor: Pvt. Solomon Briggs, NH

John Paul Jones Chapter

Alfred Douglas Pinkham Jr. National Number: 184388 State Number: 2151
Patriot Ancestor: Capt. Ichabod, MA

Robert Leslie Smalser National Number: 184390 State Number: 2153
Patriot Ancestor: Pvt. George Frederick Neuhart/Newhard Jr., PA

John Hickman McAuliffe National Number: 184453 State Number: 2155
Patriot Ancestor: Sol. Lewis Wells, SC

Sean Gerard McAuliffe National Number: 184454 State Number: 2156
Patriot Ancestor: Sol. Lewis Wells, SC

Patrick Anderson McAuliffe National Number: 184455 State Number: 2157
Patriot Ancestor: Sol. Lewis Wells, SC

Christopher Gerard McAuliffe National Number: 184456 State Number: 2158
Patriot Ancestor: Sol. Lewis Wells, SC

Matthew Gabriel Popp National Number: 184457 State Number: 2159
Patriot Ancestor: Sol Lewis Wells, SC Youth Member

Evan Anthony Aguilar National Number: 184458 State Number: 2160
Patriot Ancestor: Sol. Lewis Wells, SC Youth Member

Mid Columbia Chapter

Laurence Kenneth Lee Patriot Ancestor: Pvt. John Lee, NC	National number 182768	State Number: 2141
Kenneth Michael Beck Patriot Ancestor: Cpt. Jabez Beebe, CT	National number: 184361	State Number: 2150
Barry Charles Karl Moravek Patriot Ancestor: Capt. Asa Harris, NY	National Number: 184389	State Number: 2152
Wayne Allen Ross Patriot Ancestor: Pvt. Oliver Davis, MA	National Number: 184434	State Number: 2154
James Richard Janecke Patriot Ancestor: Pvt. Varsell Fuller, NY	National Number: 184517	State Number: 2163
Lloyd Ray Coughlin Patriot Ancestor: William Maxey, VA	National Number: 184549	State Number: 2164
Michael Joseph Ruttan Patriot: Martin Hewlett (Hulett)	National Number: 184605	State Number: 2165

Spokane No. 1 Chapter

William Henry Rickett Patriot Ancestor: Casper Rickett, PA	National Number: 184483	State Number: 2161
Ashton Robert Goff Patriot Ancestor: Isaac Parker	National Number 184516	State Number 2162 Youth Member

Junior Members

David Allen Chambers	National Number: 184071	State Number: 2145
Jonathan William Dean Woodruff	National Number: 184072	State Number: 2146
Michael Kristopher Don Woodruff	National Number: 180473	State Number: 2147

~ New Applicants ~

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Applications for the following individuals have been forwarded to the National Society:

Adult Applications

Brian Lawrence Bork	He is targeted for the Mount Vernon Chapter.
Kyle Sagan Lopez	He is targeted for the Seattle Chapter.

Darrell Irwin Gibson

He is targeted for the Seattle Chapter.

Fred Thomas Moser

He is targeted for the mid-Columbia Chapter.

William Joseph Brooker

He is targeted for the Spokane No. 1 Chapter.

Thomas Carmi Peloquin

He is targeted for the Seattle Chapter.

Supplemental Applications

David Senna Raese

National Number: 137102

State Number 1632

Patriotic Ancestors:

Joshua Morris Civilian, VA

Tobias Wilhoit Pvt. VA

Michael Rader, Maj. VA

Edward/Edmund Cornwell, Pvt. VA

David Keeney Sr., Civilian, VA

James Shirley, Pvt. VA

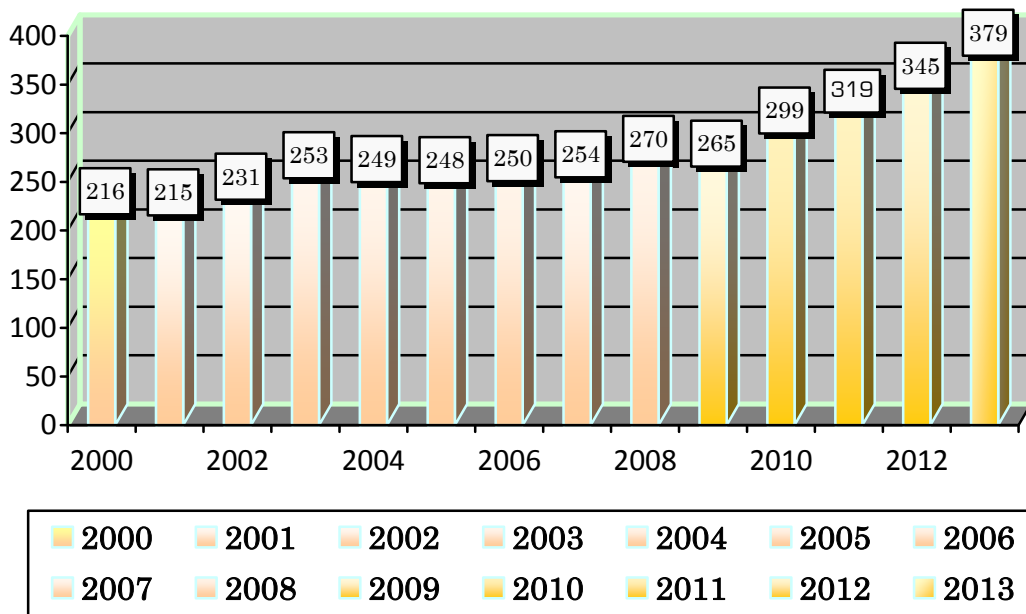
Moses Fugua, Capt., VA

Mary "Polly" Hawkins Craig, Civilian, KY

Simon Luck, Pvt. PA

John Peak/Peake IV, Pvt.

Washington Society, Sons of the American Revolution Membership has Increased by 43% between 2009 and 2012



~ WSSAR Color Guard ~

A donation to the National Society, Daughters of the American Colonies, National President's Project was made in honor of the Washington Society, Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard, for their efforts this past summer. The National President's Project is raising funds to build an outdoor learning pavilion, which will be named, Mistress Margaret Brent Pavilion, at historic St. Mary's City Museum, an archaeological and living history museum of Maryland's first colony and capital.

Western Washington Summary by Commander Bob O'Neal:

As of August 2012, the Washington Society, Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard has participated in twenty-four uniformed events. Last year at this same time, the Color Guard participated in only fourteen uniformed events. We continue to have twelve members statewide. The Seattle and Cascade Centennial chapters still do not have color guardsmen. Alexander Hamilton Chapter has received a complete regimental uniform from compatriot Glenn Oliver, which will be available to anyone who wants to help the Color Guard at scheduled events. In addition, there are a rifleman's hunting frock, tricorne hat and accouterments available for loan as well. Over the summer months, the Washington Society Color Guard has been featured in July issue of "The S.A.R. Colorguardsman".

Fall Schedule

October 15th – 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – **Veterans Memorial Museum**, 100 Southwest Veterans Way in Chehalis. Captain Thomasson and Commander O'Neal will post the colors for the Alexander Hamilton Chapter meeting.

October 27th - 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - **John Paul Jones Chapter meeting** in Silverdale
Color Guard Commander O'Neal will be at the meeting to recruit new color guard participants.

November 10th - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – **47th Veterans Day Parade** – Auburn Main Street and East Main Street in Auburn. Marching color guard unit with drummer, banner carriers, and blazer-clad S.A.R. compatriots, followed by honored Veterans in motor vehicles.

November 11th - 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - **John Paul Jones Chapter recruiting booth**
Kitsap Fairgrounds Sun Pavilion at 1200 NW Fairgrounds Road in Bremerton

December 15th – 9:00a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - **Wreaths Across America 2012**
Lake View Cemetery flagpole at 1554 Fifteenth Avenue East in Seattle
Officer in Charge: Craig Lawson, Seattle Chapter

122th NSSAR Congress Color Guard



At the far left is National Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard Commander, Mike Tomme.
Kneeling in front of him is National Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard Adjutant Mark Anthony.
In front, at the drum are Vice President General Larry Magerkruth and incoming Vice President General Stephen Leishman.
Our Washington Society Color Guard Commander is just behind the Vice President General to his left.

~ Color Guards Events 2012 ~

War of 1812 Monument Dedication June 23, 2012

Compatriot Linda Rae Lind, Daughter of the American Revolution and President of the Washington Society U.S. Daughters of 1812, invited the Washington Society, Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard to participate in the Dedication of their new *War of 1812 Bicentennial Monument*, on Saturday, June twenty-third, at Evergreen Washelli Cemetery, in Seattle. The monument, donated by the United States Daughters of 1812, honors sixteen veterans of that War, who are buried in Washington State. Washington Governor Christine Gregoire issued a Proclamation naming June eighteenth as *War of 1812 Remembrance Day* in Washington.



Washington Society, Sons of the American Revolution Eastern Washington Color Guard Captain Stan Wills, President, Mid-Columbia Chapter, donated an 1812 era “*Star Spangled Banner*”, which flew over the Fort McHenry National Monument. It was presented to Washelli Cemetery, raised during the ceremony and will be flown during the Bicentennial 2012. WSSAR Lieutenant John Herr, Alexander Hamilton Chapter, had the privilege of raising the flag during the National Anthem.



As each name of the sixteen war veterans was read, Lieutenant Herr also tolled a full-size replica of the Liberty Bell. Captain Stan Wills and WSSAR Color Guard Lieutenant, Gale Palmer, in colonial hunting shirt uniform, fired a flintlock musket salute after all of the names were read. Buglers Glenn Ledbetter with the Veterans of Foreign War, Post 1040, and WSSAR Color Guard Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Bob O’Neal, played *Echo Taps*.

Following the monument unveiling, Commander O’Neal, Captain Wills, Lieutenant Palmer and WSSAR Color Guard



Captain Thomasson also posted the “*Star Spangled Banner*” during the remembrance portion of the program, which was held in the Washelli Chapel. In attendance were lineal descendants of the sixteen, who were acknowledged during that part of the event. One descendant family had traveled up from Florida.



Jerry Handfield, Archivist for the Washington State Secretary of State, was the guest speaker. During his address, he indicated that the Washington State Digital Archives, the nation's first archives dedicated specifically to the preservation of electronic records that have permanent legal, fiscal or historical value, proved valuable to the organizers of the Dedication, when they were trying to find irrefutable information regarding the honored veterans. A reception for the one-hundred attendees followed, where the

names and biographical sketches of each honored veteran were on display.

Patriot Tree Dedication

“PATRIOT TREE” by Compatriot John Caskey, Spokane Chapter, WSSAR

On Aug 14, 1765, a huge elm tree in Boston Commons, Massachusetts, was dubbed the Liberty Tree by a group of American Patriots who would later come to be known as the Sons of Liberty. In protesting British oppression they hung straw dummies of the Royal Tax collectors in effigy from the tree, strung up patriotic banners from its limbs, tacked revolutionary posters to its trunk and hoisted revolutionary flags from its highest branches. The patriots of Boston would meet on the grass beneath the tree, which they called Liberty Hall. The idea of a Liberty Tree caught on, and soon many towns in colonial America had their own Liberty Trees.



The Americans placed the Liberty Tree as a symbol on their Revolutionary Flags and military banners. The British occupiers of Boston hated the Liberty Tree and what it stood for. They tarred and feathered at least one patriot beneath the tree during the siege of Boston, and in the winter of 1775, while the patriots and revolutionaries looked on from the siege positions in the hills surrounding the city, the British cynically cut down the cherished Liberty Tree and hauled it off for firewood.

Since 1775, there have been many other Liberty Trees, Patriot Trees and Freedom Trees planted in America, and today as we stand once again in our own Liberty Hall beneath this young oak tree, we dedicate once again this tree to the American Patriots who fought, and died, in the Revolutionary War. We christen it the Patriot Tree, and like patriotism itself, its roots will run deep in the American soil. Like Patriotism itself, its lofty branches will symbolize the lofty ideals of the common everyday American Soldier. And, should by night an enemy of freedom cut down this tree as our country's enemies did in 1775; then, by day we will come and plant it again. And, plant it again, and plant it again, if necessary, because we will not allow the memory of our patriotic men in arms to be forgotten. We must not let their memories be forgotten. As long as there are trees to plant left in America.



Julie Pittman, C.A.R. lays Commemorative Wreath

World Series Babe Ruth Playoffs August 22, 2012

At the invitation of Ms. Nancy Loeffelholz, the WSSAR Color Guard appeared at the Gene Lobe Ballpark, in Bremerton, on August 22nd to present Colors for the Championship Game of the 2012 Babe Ruth League World Series. Bremerton's hometown Olympic Gold Medalist, Nathan Adrian, was present to the delight of 1,800 supporters. WSSAR Commander Bob O'Neal, Alexander Hamilton Chapter, carried a Betsy Ross Flag, which was recently donated by Dick Heinmiller, Alexander Hamilton Chapter. WSSAR Color Guard Captain Doug Nelson, John Paul Jones Chapter, carried the Washington Society colors. The four-man crack Color Guard unit was filled out by WSSAR Color Guard Captain Lee Thomasson, Alexander Hamilton Chapter, and WSSAR Color Guard Lieutenant John Herr, Alexander Hamilton Chapter, as guards with muzzle-loading, smoothbore long guns.



IS THAT ALL IT COSTS?

Our WSSAR Color Guard is made up of several men who wear the militiaman or rifleman's uniform. These uniforms are built around either the hunting shirt or the hunting frock. Most soldiers in State or Continental units wore a hunting frock or shirt. In fact, General Washington encouraged it. His regimental uniformed soldiers also had a hunting frock for fatigue or combat duty, just as our military does today. Note WSSAR Ensign Fred Ramsey's rifleman's uniform to the right. More recently, WSSAR Color Guard Captain Stan Wills and WSSAR Color Guard Lieutenant Gale Palmer were in colonial hunting shirt uniforms, when they fired a flintlock musket salute during the War of 1812 Monument dedication.



Also, in AN ILLUSTRATED ENCYCLOPEDIA OF UNIFORMS AND CLOTHING, FROM 1775 to 1783, VIRGINIA MILITIA & FIRST VIRGINIA REGIMENT, by **ROBERT DUCOTE**, it lists the typical items worn by those fighting against the tyranny of the Crown from 1775 to 1776 as follows:

Linen Bodyshirt	Wool Stockings	Leather Garters	Linen or Wool Breeches
Black Leather Shoes or Hi-Lo Boots		White Linen Cravat	Linen or Wool Weskits
Linen or Wool Frock Coat as the top garment		Tricorn Hat, Wool Kit Cap, or Canadian Fur Cap	

Linen and wool sleeved weskits could be worn as outer garments or underneath hunting frocks to provide an additional layer of warmth during the winter months. Moreover, the weapons and military equipment for those in the militia were the following:

Leather Bayonet Carriage or Double-Frog Bayonet/Tomahawk Carriage	
Leather Tomahawk Carriage (if double-frog carriage is not used)	
Leather Belly or Shoulder Cartridge Box	Natural Linen Haversack
Leather Hunting Pouch Powder Horn	Wood, Leather, or Tin Canteen
Bed Roll or Linen Knapsack-Haversack	Flintlock Musket

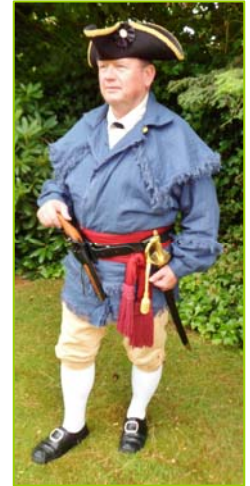
I recently put together a militia uniform to honor my ancestor, Thomas McElfish of Maryland. I did this for several reasons: First, to enable me to fire flintlock pistols and rifles. Second, so I could wear the militia uniform for living history presentations at schools. Third, so I could illustrate that this type of uniform is not costly.

I began with an open front, hunting frock from *Jas. Townsend & Son*. They have these in several colors in cotton or linen. I pulled the fringe myself. Their colored canvass hunting shirt is \$70.00 and their linen

hunting frock is \$140.00. The period cotton or osnaburg shirt is \$35.00; fly front, off-white, canvas knee breeches are \$70.00; shoe buckles are \$15.00; cotton stockings are \$10.00; a black linen neck stock is \$7.50 and a hand-finished tricorne hat is \$52.00. Then, I was able to get a flat tassel, officer sash from *G. Gedney Goodwin* for \$84.00. At *guns and swords. com* you can pick up a Bunker Hill sword for \$66.67 and a 1750 double-barrel flintlock for \$58.95.

The total cost for my uniform comes to \$413.50. However, if you switched out the linen hunting frock, white shirt and linen neck stock for the colored canvas hunting shirt and an osnaburg shirt, and exchanged the flat tassel, officer sash for a generic officer sash that costs \$34.00, the overall cost for a militiaman uniform would be **\$286.00**. Add in the sword and the flintlock and you have a basic ensemble for \$411.62.

Later, you could build on your militia uniform by ordering a custom-made, polyester, regimental coat for as little as \$250.00 from *Darlene Neuhaus Uniforms*, in Texas. Another reputable merchant who specializes in Revolutionary War uniforms is *G. Gedney Godwin*, where you can get a wool American regimental coat for \$262.50 or a wool 1781 Continental Line contract coat for \$367.50.



Our purpose as color guardsmen is to represent our ancestors from the thirteen colonies and the frontier territory in period dress that was unique to each of them. Our goal is to promote the Revolutionary War and the ideals of liberty expressed in the Declaration of Independence through education. We do not have to be uniform in dress to explain and preserve our heritage. Please come join us in the WSSAR Color Guard – it is great fun!

Bob O'Neal

~ Save the Date ~

Auburn's 47th Veterans' Day Parade and Observance



Saturday, November 10, 2012

11:00 AM

Auburn, WA

Join in the camaraderie of fellow compatriots and the excitement of being in the largest Veteran's Day parade west of the Mississippi. It is a great opportunity to let the community know that there are descendents on the west coast of men who fought and gave their property, land and lives so that Americans can enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We shall start

the start the day out early, with breakfast at one of the restaurants in downtown Auburn. After breakfast, we will take up our position in the parade route. When the parade is finished, we will see who has their challenge coin with them. We would like to have the following individuals for this patriotic event:

Two Banner Carriers in S.A.R. Blazers, & a drummer
Four Color Guards in Regimentals or Hunting frock
Two of these with Musket or Rifle
Twelve flag bearers to carry our two-foot by three-foot,
Historic Colors, which include:



The Bedford Flag, the Taunton Liberty Flag of 1774, the Gadsden Flag of 1775, the Continental Colors of 1775, Trumbull's Bunker Hill Flag of 1775, the Betsy Ross Flag of 1776, George Washington's headquarters Flag, the Hopkinson Flag, the Bennington Flag of 1777, the "Don't Thread on Me!" and Rattlesnake Ensign, and the Serapis Flag 1779.

Please contact compatriot Bob O'Neal at wroneal@aol.com if you are interested in taking part in this event. We would like to have a WSSAR five man Color Guard at the head followed by a four man Color Guard representing each chapter, if possible. With **139 state society members** who are 62 or younger, we ought to be able to come up with **twenty-five people** who would be willing to "step up to the plate" and carry the Colors.

Kitsap County Veterans Day Celebration

On November 12th, the John Paul Jones Chapter will greet an anticipated 1500 attendees to the Veterans Day celebration, which is scheduled to be held in the Kitsap Sun Pavilion at the Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Fairgrounds Events Center. The doors will open at 8:00 a.m. to allow vendors and organizations to set up their booths. The event will end at 4:30 p.m. The keynote speaker on that day will be Charlie Tyrian, a retired marine and a motivational speaker who has a business in the same field. Please consider helping compatriot Doug Nelson with this event. In addition to greeting attendees, the John Paul Jones Chapter will have a recruiting booth set up. So, we will also need volunteer compatriots to man the booth. It would be an opportune time to endorse the Washington Society, Sons of the American Revolution and honor those who have given so much and their families.

Valor is stability, not of legs and arms, but of courage and the soul." ~ Michel de Montaigne

Wreaths Across America



*Remember our fallen heroes. Honor those who serve.
Teach our children about the sacrifices made by veterans
and their families to preserve our freedoms.*

This year the Wreaths Across America ceremony will take place on
Saturday, December 15, 2012.

Color Guard participants should plan to be there by 8:15 a.m.
Compatriot Craig Lawson, Seattle chapter Secretary-Treasurer is
spearheading this event, which will be held at

Lake View Cemetery, 1554 Fifteenth Avenue East in Seattle.

Since this is an NSSAR event, would like to have all Color Guard members for all of the chapters in western Washington attend. Given the time of year, we would love to have the members from all of the chapters in eastern Washington; provided road and weather conditions are conducive to travel. As with any other event, we would like to encourage all WSSAR members to join in this event.

Please also consider being a sponsor of a wreath. Sponsor wreaths will be placed on veterans' graves at one of our participating locations across the nation. You can choose to have one or many wreaths placed, just click on the link below and it will take you to the site where you can make the necessary arrangements.

<http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/store/>

The following locations are participating in this event:

- The Ivy Green Cemetery in Bremerton;
- The Tahoma Cemetery in Yakima;
- The Wenatchee Cemetery in Wenatchee;
- The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary in Covington;
- Greenwood Memorial Terrace in Spokane;
- Lake View Cemetery in Seattle; and
- The Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent.

Freeland Benson Gravesite Dedication

We had to postpone this event until later in the fall or sometime early next year. The WSSAR Color Guard will act as the Honor Guard for the Dedication of the WSSAR Real Son gravesite of Freeland Benson at the Old Tacoma Cemetery.



Captain Freeland Howe Benson was born May 2, 1835 on Marshall Island, Maine. His parents were Jephtha Benson, an American Revolution soldier, and Mary Kench. Captain

Benson married Elizabeth (Hannah) Sadler in 1860 on Swan's Island Maine. Captain Benson died 27 November 27, 1911 at his son Edwin Benson's ranch "Alta Vista" in Cle Elum, Washington.

Captain Benson went to sea at the age of 14 and became a master at an early age. He stayed at sea until 1884 when he moved to the Pacific Northwest. He first settled in Lincoln County, Washington. He moved to Seattle in 1888 and after a short move to Yakima in 1895 he returned to Seattle in 1900. His son, Edwin Freeland Benson, was a Judge, who held grazing rights for 3 million acres in Washington State. Captain Benson was a "Real Son" of the Sons of the American Revolution (S.A.R.). To be a "Real Son" he had to join the S.A.R. and have a father who served in the Revolutionary War. Captain Benson joined the S.A.R. in 1896. Edwin and his brother Charles were both members of the S.A.R. with there father.

Patriot's Day 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. 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. There will be additional information regarding this community outreach activity in the Winter newsletter, as well as e-mail updates. Please make arrangements to set aside time on this day to participate in the planned activities.

Pacific District Annual Meeting

April 26 to April 27, 2013



Red Lion Hotel
1101 North Columbia Center Boulevard
Kennewick, WA 99336

Mark Your Calendar. As hosts to this summit, we would like to encourage all Washington Society members to arrange to attend this event. Make plans today

to join in the fun and the overall experience. Come along and meet fellow compatriots from Alaska, Oregon and Washington. “This is going to be such a fun event,” said Bill Ailes, Spokane Chapter, and one of the organizers of the event. The setting should be perfect. The President General Stephen Leishman will be attending. There will be educational workshops, workshops on what’s working, winery tours and much more.

Remember Their Sacrifices

Living in the Freedom They Purchased.

Washington State Society Daughters of the American Revolution 112th State Conference

The Washington State Society Sons of the American Revolution has been asked to post the colors to open the convention on **Friday, May 3, 2013**, in Tukwila. Come join the WSSAR Color Guard and experience the rewards of promoting our society in one of the most honorable ways.

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

July 6- 10, 2013
Kansas City, Missouri



The Washington Trail **email distribution program** has proven to be extremely successful. As a result, the Executive Board has determined that it would be beneficial for us to go paperless and publish the newsletters by way of electronic communication and by posting on the state society website. When we started the idea of e-mailing the newsletter, over 247 members, applicants and prospective members were receptive to receiving their copy of the newsletter in their “Inbox”. By sending recipients the newsletter electronically, we not only save money for our society but the members also enjoy a color copy of the newsletter instead of a black and white version. When the bulk rate permit expires, it will not be renewed. This way we can use the money in other areas.

WSSAR Activities ~

2012 – 2013 Poster Theme Announced:

During the 122nd Annual Conference Youth Awards Luncheon in Phoenix, Arizona, the theme for the 2012 – 2013 poster contest was announced. It is the "**Declaration of Independence**".

This contest tries to arouse interest in American History. It is held in conjunction with the established school curriculum and is directed toward students in the third, fourth or fifth grades, depending on which year the American Revolution is taught in their private or public educational systems.

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts who are in the same grades but whose school system may not be participating in the contest may also participate. If you know students who are taking American History this year, please encourage them to take part in this fun activity.

WSSAR Veterans Service Committee

The Washington Society Sons of the American Revolution Veterans Services Committee coordinates and fosters support of military veterans at the Chapter and State Society level. It is also responsible for overseeing the National Society Sons of the American Revolution USS Stark Memorial Award Competition.



The committee was set up to encourage our members to donate their time to VA facilities or other approved VA volunteer service activities and to recognize outstanding chapters for their participation and interaction with the Veteran community. To speed this undertaking along, President Jim Lindley appointed compatriot Bob O'Neal the first Washington Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Veterans Service Committee Chairman, on May 1, 2012.

Compatriots are asked to support our veterans by visiting them in hospitals or nursing homes, providing outings for veterans who are homebound, offering emotional support for military families by attending veterans' funerals and by donating materials to veterans' facilities.

The Veterans Committee will also encourage recognition of S.A.R. veterans for their service by awarding the S.A.R. War Service or Military Service Medals to members who qualify.

Moreover, the committee will also support a new project at Alexander Hamilton Chapter called “Operation Ancestor Search”. This program introduces veterans who are in rehabilitation to genealogy and helps them document their family history. The family search website, Ancestry.com, provides these veterans a free subscription. The idea is to get our S.A.R. compatriots to work one-on-one with these veterans to guide and assist their research efforts.

As part of overseeing the NSSAR USS Stark Memorial Award Competition the committee will help chapters understand the Award rules and encourage them to compete. Each chapter will have a committee representative appointed by their president, who will track member contributions for award qualification and verify those chapter members who qualify for the S.A.R. Service to Veterans Medal by receiving 5000 points.

Chairman O’Neal received the S.A.R. Veterans Service Medal at the WSSAR Executive Board meeting on June 16, 2012. To be recognized achieve this award he served 531 hours, earning over 5,000 “Stark points”. He served most of those hours as a VA Volunteer bugler with the honor guard at Tahoma National Cemetery. The balance came from serving at various veterans’ activities in the local area and donations of books and materials. O’Neal is a retired Lieutenant Colonel, who served twenty-three years in the U.S. Army field artillery. He served in Europe, NATO, Fort Sill OK, and two combat tours with the 25th ID and MACV in the Vietnam War. He is also the WSSAR Color Guard Commander and a member of Alexander Hamilton and John Paul Jones chapters.



Be Prepared United States Military Veterans

Bob Parrish is a U.S. Army veteran and has always planned to be buried in either Arlington National Cemetery, at Arlington, Virginia or Tahoma National Cemetery at Kent, Washington. On May 30, 2010, that almost happened when he died of sudden cardiac arrest. Fortunately, his beloved wife kept him going with CPR until the paramedics arrived and shocked his heart to beat again. After recovering, Bob realized that he had not adequately prepared his wife for what would be required after he died. He knew a funeral director would assist his wife with arranging for a military funeral, but she would also have to provide the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) with information and documents that they required. Since he is in the best position to provide the necessary information, he decided to assemble the needed documents and at least partially fill out two of the required forms so it would take some of the burden off his wife when she will most need it.

For those S.A.R. members who are United States military veterans and would like to do the same for your spouse. These forms are available on the VA Web site and can be downloaded.

Application for Burial Benefits, VA Form 21-530.

This form is required even if the deceased is not buried in a national cemetery. Most of the information on this form cannot be provided until the veteran dies, but the military service can be filled in now and doing so will avoid possible mistakes later. This form can be downloaded at:

http://www.va.gov/vaforms/form_detail.asp?FormNo=21-530

Application for Standard Government Headstone or Marker, VA Form 40-1330.

This form is required if the deceased is buried in a national cemetery or if he is buried in a private cemetery and wishes a government headstone. Like the Burial Benefits form military service information is required, but it also requires other information such as valor or Purple Heart awards, war service, religious emblem, and optional inscription. This form can be downloaded at:

<http://www.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/VA40-1330.pdf>

Both of these forms require copies of the DD 214. Importantly, they require copies of DD 214s for all periods of active military duty. For example, Bob served in the Army twice and has two DD 214s. Both periods of service are listed on the forms. Proof is required if the individual claims the Purple Heart and/or a medal for valor. More information can be had at the VA “Burial and Memorial Benefits” web site at:

<http://www.cem.va.gov/>

We would like to thank Bob Parrish, Alexander Hamilton Chapter Representative to the WSSAR Veterans Service Committee for his research regarding this information

State Flag Chairman Appointed:

During the 2012 District meeting , State President, Jim Lindley, appointed compatriot Tim Doughty, Cascade Centennial Chapter, Washington Society Sons of the American Revolution flag chairman. The state flag chair makes sure all the chapters and the state give out flag certificates throughout the year to assure that will win the award for 100 % participation for chapters and state.

To win the award each chapter must give out one flag certificate and the state president must give out one. It is easy and we win a star for our flag streamer. The state has already given a flag certificate to Sharp Rifle Company, in Big Timber, Montana.

Tacoma Neighbors Recognized For Patriotism



When traveling around the north end of Tacoma, there are numerous places where one can find patriotic citizens flying “Old Glory”. To begin the journey, there is the *"North End Tavern"*, which is owned by Ron and Maurie Kerns and located at 2622 North Proctor Street. It is one of the very few individual businesses in the Proctor District to fly its flag year round. It is also viewed as a semi-quiet place where one can go, when tired of crowds, and enjoy inexpensive drinks, a good pool table and a good, rock juke box.

Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Community, located at 1301 North Highlands Parkway, has flown their flag for some years and just put up a new one on their beautiful, thirty-five foot high, freestanding flagpole. The community provides independent living, assisted living, assisted care and skilled nursing care for its residents and is located just across the street from a nine-hole golf course that the residents enjoy.

Robert Simmons, a former member of the *82nd Airborne Division*, flies both the beautiful “Betsy Ross” flag and the “*82nd Airborne*” flag. The *82nd Airborne Division* is an active airborne infantry division of the United States Army that specializes in parachute landing operations. It is currently based at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and is a strategic fighting sector of the *XVIII Airborne Corps*. The *82nd Division* was formally established as a conscript force of the National Army on August 5, 1917, and was organized on August 25, 1917, at Camp Gordon, Georgia. The initial members came from all forty-eight states. Consequently, the unit acquired the nickname “All-American”, which is the origin for its famed “AA” shoulder patch.



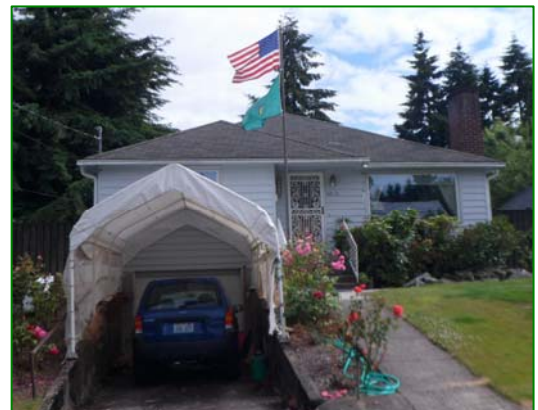
Marvin and Kirsten Matson are patriots that always have their flag flying outside their beautiful brick bungalow.



Judith Olson has a neat home here with a brand new US Flag flying from a pole in her yard. She just replaced her flag the last part of June and it looks terrific.

Joel and Sara Nielsen have what looks to be a thirty-foot pole with Old Glory flying high. It is hard to miss if you are in the neighborhood. Sara's father fought in Vietnam, her brothers in Afghanistan and Iraq. She and Joel also proudly put up a brand new flag.

Welmer and Sylvia Sackman: Welmer spent four years of Navy service in Korea. After boot camp, he was posted on board the heavy cruiser USS Los Angeles (CA135) in 1950 for 45 months. He saw combat in the war at Inchon, Pusan, and Won San Korea. Their eight-inch-fifty-five-caliber guns supported shore operations and did air-sea search and rescue in the waters along the west coast of Korea for "Banshees" flying off the Essex-class flattops then. The F2H Banshee, manufactured by the McDonnell Aircraft Corporation before it merged with the Douglas Aircraft Company, was a single-seat, carrier-based, jet fighter aircraft that was deployed by the United States Navy and United States Marine Corps from 1948 to 1961. It was one of the primary American fighters used during the Korean War. Welmer was an electrician's mate aboard the USS Los Angeles (CA135) and was one of only five sailors in the fleet, who was promoted to Seaman 2nd Class.



These seven places will be receiving flag certificates in recognition for their patriotism

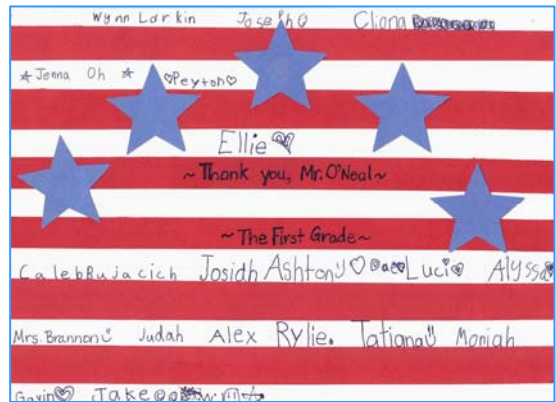
New Boy Scout Merit Badge

On June 25th, Eagle Board Chairman Thomas Thomas, Alabama Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Birmingham Chapter, advised his fellow compatriots that Boy Scouts can now earn a Boy Scout S.A.R. Merit Badge. The letters “S.A.R.” will be boldly embroidered on the badge and is not to be confused with search and rescue. National S.A.R Eagle Scout Committee Chairman compatriot Dr. Rex Legler has all of the details, which he will share upon request.

Classroom Presentations

As you are aware, compatriots within our Society promote the history of this beloved country by giving educational presentations through the patriotic eyes of our ancestors.

We need more compatriots who would be willing to contribute their time to this humbling and most satisfying experience. Compatriots Bob O’Neal, Doug Nelson and Stan Wills would be more than willing to coach anyone who



wants help educate the youth of this state. Presenters can even borrow compatriot O’Neal’s “colonial life travelling chest”, which is full of colonial items to use for demonstrative purposes.

This outreach educational program is an excellent opportunity to let communities throughout Washington learn about our Society and our mission, while we impart to the younger generation those values and principles of freedom that made this country great. Please consider taking two hours out of your month to promote this cause. Contact your chapter president and make a difference in a young person’s life.

~ National Ladies Auxiliary, Sons of the American Revolution~



~submitted by Jan Doughty, Member

Welcome new member, Cathy Sergeson. Cathy joined the Washington Ladies Auxiliary in May, 2012, and new member Betty Roberts, Connie, Lynda, and Rachel Anderson. Both husbands, Bob Sergeson and Ken Roberts, are members of the John Paul Jones Chapter. The Anderson family is related to Lionell Anderson Marlowe, who is also affiliated with the John Paul Jones Chapter.

National Ladies Auxiliary dues need to be paid by December. A reminder letter will be sent out from our state by the end of October. Dues remain at \$5.00 per year; there are no Washington state dues. New members are always welcome; membership in the Auxiliary is open to women related by marriage or bloodline to S.A.R. members in good standing or deceased S.A.R. members, who were in good standing with the NSSAR at that time. Please contact me at doughtyjan@aol.com for an application form. You can also complete a membership form on-line at the National Ladies Auxiliary website directly at www.nlasar.org or through the S.A.R. website.

This year our Auxiliary ladies again assisted in tallying the votes cast for the new WSSAR officers. During the **April Pacific District Meeting**, they helped organize the opportunity drawing, sold tickets and staffed the registration desk. Special thanks to Kathy Nelson and Teri Lindley for their help with this event. This year's drawing yielded \$500.00; which is \$200.00 more than last year! The money generated from the drawing went to the District Meeting to help offset expenses.

In July, several of us accompanied our husbands to Phoenix, Arizona for the **122nd National Congress**. It was delightful to have Ronnie O'Neal and Teri Lindley attending the various functions with me. We also had two ladies from Oregon, Barbara Croy and Lynn Wight, making this a truly Pacific Northwest representation at the ladies activities.

Our hostesses from Arizona and New Mexico, had a different project for this year's Congress. Their project was to provide prepaid telephone calling cards to the patients in Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. Over \$3,000.00 was raised for this project. During breaks from meetings, attendees wrote cards of thanks to our troops, which were included with the calling cards.

At the NLA business meeting, it was voted to donate another \$3,000.00 toward the new buildings in Louisville. This is money raised by the Auxiliary specifically to assist the NSSAR. This year's opportunity drawing didn't generate as many items as in the past.

Valerie Wilke sent off another thirty patriot boxes to our troops in Afghanistan. She did this from her home because it was too difficult to travel from Indiana with the usual number of items for these boxes. The NLA members donated cash to assist in the ongoing project.

The speaker at the business meeting was Ann Howard, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer of Archeology, Arizona State Parks. Her subject of early people, Hohokam Indians of the southwest, was an interesting topic for all attendees. At the ladies luncheon, our speaker, Jo Andress, presented a history of early music in America titled "The Beat Goes On" and then delighted the audience by playing many patriotic songs on her clarinet. The music was so enticing, the ladies stood to sing along. Neat way to get a standing ovation!

During the **Sons of the American Revolution Fall Leadership Meeting**, which was held at NSSAR Headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky on September 25 to 27, 2012, Teri Lindley and I attended National Ladies Auxiliary functions. The Auxiliary continues to raise funds to assist construction of the CAAH building. The guest speaker at our meeting was the Center for Advancing America's Heritage Acting Director, Colleen Wilson. Colleen's speech titled, Washington Crossing the Delaware, History through Art, is a presentation she does at local schools in Louisville. The art is a large puzzle picture of the crossing and as she puts each piece on a magnetic board, Colleen, the teacher, and class discuss the action taking place and



the feeling the class gets from seeing this reproduction of the event. This puzzle is also available for purchase at the S.A.R. Merchandise Store.

The second NLA event was the First Lady's Luncheon, which was held aboard the CQ Princess, a chartered yacht. While eating our delicious lunch, the ship cruised the Ohio River for an hour. Sorry guys, you were not invited to a fun trip and had to attend meetings in the hotel.

Photo courtesy of Teri Lindley

Pacific District Attendees to the 122nd
S.A.R. Congress in Phoenix, Arizona.

Front row left to right:

Lynn Wight, Teri Lindley, Jan Doughty,
Ronnie O'Neal, Barbara Croy.

Second row left to right:

Bob Bogardus, Eugene Melvin, Bennet Wight,
Jim Lindley, Bob Doughty, John Ellingson,
Bob O'Neal, Don Thomas, Ken Betterton.



Children of the American Revolution



The Children of the American Revolution as an organization that trains young people in true patriotism and love of country, in order to develop leaders who will promote love of the United States of America and its heritage.

It is their duty to use their influence to create a deeper love of this beloved country, instill a loyal respect for our Constitution, inspire a deep reverence for the flag and extend the principles of American liberty and patriotism among young people with whom they interact.

As Sons of the American Revolution, we should make every opportunity to include them in all of our scheduled activities, from acting as drummers in Color Guards to attending community outreach discussion groups.

Including them in our activities will make them

more enthusiastic about promoting what patriots did to make this country great! There are seven chapters within the state of Washington full of young compatriots, who would probably love the recognition.



U.S.S. Constitution



When we attended the War of 1812 Monument dedication at Washelli cemetery in Seattle, we discovered that there are cannons from the U.S.S. Constitution at the base of the hill leading to the monument. While we were talking about our discovery, compatriot Wills mentioned that he had

purchased a replica of the U.S.S. Constitution, when he was in Spain in 1970. The frigate, U.S.S. Constitution is wooden-hulled, has three-masts and is the world's oldest commissioned naval vessel of the United States Navy. It was named by President George Washington after the Constitution of the United States of America.

At the time of the Revolutionary War, she carried twenty-two 32-pound cannon on her spar deck. She also carried twenty-eight 24-pound cannons below decks. Each 32-pound cannon took ten



pounds of black powder and had a range of 2000 yards. It took a crew of sixteen men to handle it. When she got under way, she carried 10,000 pounds of black powder and 16,000 pounds of various cannon balls. Several times, she came home with no powder left. All stores had to be loaded by hand, where one stands side by side to another and everything is passed from one person to the next all the way down to where it is stored.

Evergreen Washelli Memorial Park is located at 11111 Aurora Avenue North in Seattle. If you are traveling north on Aurora, at the light that leads to the entrances, turn right and drive toward the flag pole. You can't miss the cannons.

~ 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 . . . ”

Carl Burton Kennedy

National SAR Number: 071576
Chapter: Seattle

State Society: Washington
Date of Death: June 27, 2012

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 D.A.R. within your article, please supply the formal chapter name: i.e. *Mary Ball Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution*. Thanks.

~ Compatriot Herr

Deadlines for publication

- Spring Newsletter:** Articles need to be submitted no later than **April 30th**.
The newsletter will be published toward the end of May or the 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.