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### Year in Review

By Greg Emerson

Editor, *The Washington Trail*

Regardless of age, station or career, stage in life or political affiliation – you must admit it was an incredible year. It was no less so for the Washington State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (WASSAR). Since the last Washington Trail hit the streets, several chapters participated in events that honored the service of our veterans – some of whom gave their last full measure of courage, to defend the freedoms we enjoy today.

WASSAR continues to be one of the fastest growing societies in the SAR. Across the state of Washington, men of all ages are becoming interested in

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## WASSAR Elected State Officers

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your draft prior to the deadline  
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appearing in your photos. Space  
is limited; therefore, the Editor  
reserves the right to edit all  
submissions.*

## WASSAR Chapters

### Alexander Hamilton

Tacoma/Fife. WA

**Meets:** 3rd Saturday, September to June, at  
Johnny's at Fife

### Cascade Centennial

East Side of Lake Washington

**Meets:** 1st Saturday, September to June at the  
Red Lion in Bellevue, WA

### Fort Vancouver

Southwestern Washington counties.

**Meets:** 3rd Saturday of each month, Mill Creek  
Pub & Grill in Battle Ground, WA

### George Washington

Skagit and Whatcom counties.

**Meets:** 3rd Saturday at the Farmhouse  
Restaurant, Mount Vernon, WA

### John Paul Jones

Kitsap Peninsula

**Meets:** 4th Saturday of each month, except  
July, August and December at Ambrosia  
Catering

### Mid-Columbia

South Central Washington.

**Meets:** 3rd Saturday of each month at various  
locations.

### Seattle

Greater Seattle area

**Meets:** 2nd Saturday, September to May  
(excluding December) at Robb's 125th Street  
Grill

### Spokane #1

Greater Spokane area

**Meets:** 2nd Saturday except July and August,  
at the Timber Creek Grill Buffett

*See reports on Page 25, for the happenings for  
each chapter*

## The Washington Trail

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# WASSAR 2017 Upcoming Events

Official **WASSAR** scheduled events in **BLUE**, **NSSAR** in **RED**

**Jan 9:** (5:30pm) Tillicum DAR Des Moines, Dana Buss: *Women in the American Revolution* - (O'Neal).

**Jan 24:** SAR Exec. Board Meeting – Telecon

**Jan 28:** (12 Noon) - DAR BOM Luncheon – SeaTac Radisson Drummers with 2d Conn. Militia Reenactors - Nelson & O'Neal – DAR awards.

Feb TBA: Lake Youngs Elementary School 4<sup>th</sup> Grade *“Day in Colonial Life”* (Emerson)

Feb TBA: Northwood Middle School 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade *“Liberty’s Children”* (Emerson)

Feb TBA: (1:35 pm) Heritage Christian School 1<sup>st</sup> Grade *“George Washington’s Birthday”* - 40 (O'Neal)

Feb TBA: (1:35 pm) Heritage Christian School 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade *“Colonial Life & Betsy Ross”* - 40 (O'Neal)

**Feb 20:** (9:00 am) Presidents Day with GSDARRC: George Washington Memorial Wreath Laying at Univ. of Washington – SAR & DAR Color Guard. Contact: Lanabeth Horgen

**Feb 25** (2:00 pm) *“Patriotic Day”* - Massing of the Colors – Stadium High School Gym – O'Neal, Dolan & Lemmer. Color Guard from AH, JPJ, CC Chapters – only 2 Color bearers with Nat'l & SAR Colors from each Chapter. Fife & Drum Corps.

**Mar 2 - 4:** NSSAR Leadership Conference - Louisville KY (Nelson, Lindley, Doughty, Lucas)

Mar 6 – 5:00pm Sea Scout Ship 110 Bridge of Honor awards- Mt. Tahoma HS - (O'Neal)

**Apr 21 – 22:** WASSAR Pacific District Conf. – Red Lion, Olympia WA (Nelson, O'Neal, Dolan, Wills, Thomasson, Gibson, Emerson, Adan, Hersey, Gilbert, Dolan, Gaddis, Wills, Palmer, Flint, Moravek)

Apr/May TBA: Lake Youngs Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade *“Liberty’s Children”* (Emerson)

Apr/May TBA: Carriage Crest Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade *“Liberty’s Children”* (Emerson)

**April 22:** (8:00 am) WASSAR Annual Meeting – Color Guard, Dolan (All Hands)

**Apr 24:** Monday 8:00 pm Honor Flight at SeaTac Airport – All Compatriots (uniforms OK)

Apr 27 – 29: WSSDAR 2015 State Conference - Davenport Grand Hotel Spokane WA. Contact: Esther Reed & May Hutton. – (Wills, Flint, Moravek, Powe, & CG)

May 9 (5:00 pm) Cascade DAR Bellevue: *Flags of the American Revolution* – O'Neal

**May 20:** (9 am) ARMED FORCES DAY Parade - Bremerton with DAR – Contact Marissa Goldenman. SAR & DAR Color Guard Marching unit of four Color Guards, two banner carriers, and 10-20 blazer-clad SAR compatriots. (Dolan, Nelson, O'Neal, Adan, Lemmer, Hersey, Gilbert, Plyler, Herwer, Blevins, etc.) – (All compatriots & Color Guards)

May 22: Monday 8:00pm Honor Flight at SeaTac Airport – All Compatriots (uniforms OK)

**May 28:** (9:00 am) Memorial Day Fir Lane Memorial Park, 924 E. 176<sup>th</sup>, Spanaway, AH Chapter (O'Neal, Thomasson, Adan, Dolan, Lemmer, Stephan, Asher, Gibson)

**May 29:** (9:00 am) Memorial Day at USS Turner Joy and Ivy Green Cemetery (Nelson & Hersey)

**May 29:** (10:00 am) Memorial Day at Tahoma National Cemetery.

**Editor’s Note:** *These are the major upcoming WASSAR events. It’s always great when Compatriots show up to lend a helping hand. If your chapter has upcoming events from April to June/July that you would like to appear in the Spring 2017 edition, please submit the information to the Editor at: [emersonregoryd@gmail.com](mailto:emersonregoryd@gmail.com).*

## Year in Review (Continued from Page 1)

exploring their Patriot roots and are turning to our organization for assistance. As our chapters grow, plans are also being made to expand WASSAR by adding a chapter on the Olympic Peninsula, based in the Port Townsend/Port Angeles area. Along with expanding our local chapters, WASSAR is expanding its footprint on the national organization as well. 2016 saw several WASSAR compatriots volunteer or continue to serve on SAR committees that will plot the course for future growth for the national society.

Along with expanding membership, chapters across WASSAR are expanding their influence in the community. 2016 saw WASSAR invited into local schools and other community organizations to give living history presentations, interacting with Boys Scouts of America to promote the King Eagle Scout Scholarship and promoting the completion of various merit badges. Additionally, efforts are being made to promote a greater education concerning the Constitution and the other foundational documents of the United States of America.

Although not having many historic sites similar to other state organizations, WASSAR partnered with our siblings in the Daughters of the American Revolution, to restore several monuments that were dedicated by SAR and DAR in the previous century.

Lastly, as 2016 ends, the local chapters are selecting and voting into office the leaders who will chart the course for continued growth and change in the new year. In this issue, several of the chapters have provided their new officer rosters. The other local chapters in WASSAR will follow suit in the Spring 2017 issue.

## The Washington Trail Masthead Credit

*Masthead* – Noun – The title of a newsletter or magazine, at the head or top of the front cover or Editorial page.



*Christmas Illumination at Mount Vernon*

Every year the home of Founding Father and First President of the United States, George Washington, decorates for the Christmas holiday season. Colonial artisans and reenactors demonstrate the 18th-century process of creating chocolate and making 18th century holiday decorations. Visitors keep toasty by warming-up by a bonfire, visiting the blacksmith shop, or enjoying some hot chocolate or cider.

Visitors can take a stroll through the estate, while being serenaded by local choirs, visit with re-enactors from the First Virginia Regiment in winter encampment and learn 18th-century dance moves from costumed guides in the Greenhouse. “General George and Martha Washington” are

also on site to greet Mount Vernon’s holiday guests. Lastly, there are nightly (rain or shine), colonial-style fireworks (known as illuminations) that light up the sky.

A scene of one such illumination graces the cover of the Winter issue, with the words “We The People” from the Preamble of the U.S. Constitution. Visiting Mount Vernon or Colonial Williamsburg during the holiday season, can be a very memorable experience.

## The President's Message

Washington SAR Sons,

We hope your Christmas season and the year 2017 will be filled with good health and abundant blessings. 2017 promises to be a good year for the Washington SAR. We hope you have renewed your SAR membership but if not, get reinstated now! January, the first month of the year, was named for Janus, the Roman deity who had a face looking backward as well as one looking forward.

As we look backward to our past, we are strengthened by our achievements to move confidently into an even stronger future. January marks inventory time; an appraisal of the past, a projected look toward the future. Change takes place rapidly in this modern world. As we stop to think about what the New Year may hold for us, let us be open to new ideas and challenges.



In making our 2017 New Year's Resolutions, let us –

- ❖ **RESOLVE** to build our membership using the varied and multiple talents of all our members. As our chapter membership grows, so grows the strength and scope of our State Society.
- ❖ **RESOLVE** to rededicate ourselves to our objective of **Education** by strengthening our support for all of our schools, our scholarships and encouraging high standards of education. We know that education alone will not solve all of the nation's problems, but we also know with certainty that none of the problems will be solved without it.
- ❖ **RESOLVE** to rededicate ourselves to our **Historical** objective by keeping history alive in our programs, our remembrance of historical occasions and continued emphasis on the importance of our nation's history.
- ❖ **RESOLVE** to rededicate ourselves to our objective of **Patriotism**, true Patriotism which works for the very best for our country and all of its citizens. Love of Country is our inspiration for all our objectives and for the many goals for which we strive.
- ❖ **RESOLVE** to Bind more closely our connections one to another, for it is these connections in our work, in our friendships and in our aspirations which unite us and build our strength.

I have been honored to be your President this past year and attending the many functions at the State and National levels is certainly a rewarding experience. Finally, I urge everyone to support our new chapter officers as they perform their duties to make our society even greater. When they call for your help answer with a resounding "CAN DO!"

Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a bright and joyous New Year.

1776,

*Douglas H. Nelson*

# Registrar's Report

*By Compatriot J. Cris Bisgard, WASSAR Registrar*

The following are Compatriots that joined the fraternity of the Washington State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution during 2016:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Patriot Ancestor</b>
Schultz, Kelly Jay	MC	01/12/16	Johnson, James C.
Miller, Richard W.	SP #1	01/12/16	Gillam, Peter
Clay, Lawrence Edward	MC	01/28/16	Rucker, Lemuel
Bream, Noah C.	CC	01/28/16	Neal, James
Bream, Joshua David	CC	01/28/16	Neal, James
Frederick, Ronald	AH	02/09/16	Weygandt, Cornelius
Willard, Kenneth James	AH	02/09/16	Willard, Oliver
Benton, Eric David	AH	02/09/16	Scruggs, William
Everitt, Robert Dean	CC	02/09/16	Freeman, Jesse
Everitt, Trevor Ward	CC	02/09/16	Freeman, Jesse
Everitt, Keaton Robert	CC	02/09/16	Freeman, Jesse
Everitt, Jase Thomas	CC	02/09/16	Freeman, Jesse
Sparks, James Orlo	AH	02/16/16	Callaway, Micajah
Stagnaro, Evan Michael	FV	02/16/16	Scovell, Thomas Sr.
Rose, James Edward	CC	02/16/16	Hogg, Gideon
Serrill, James Duncan	JPJ	02/16/16	Serrill, Isaac
Serrill, Ryan Duncan	JPJ	02/16/16	Serrill, Isaac
Serrill, Duncan Andrew	JPJ	02/16/16	Serrill, Isaac
Burke, Colin Michael	JPJ	02/16/16	Serrill, Isaac
Burke, Grady James	JPJ	02/16/16	Serrill, Isaac
Webber, Stuart Gordon	SEA	02/16/16	Bradford, Jonathan
Smith, Robert Berdette*	FV	02/29/16	Standish, David
Lane, Trevor C.	SP #1	03/08/16	Pentacost, Dorsey
Lane, Talon Callahan	SP #1	03/08/16	Pentacost, Dorsey
Robeson, Colin A.	CC	03/29/16	Peers, William
Porter, Russell Trexler	JPJ	03/14/16	Porter, William
Hawley, Travis Michael	AH	03/14/16	Large, Joseph
Gibson, Brandt Joseph	AH	03/14/16	Sanford, Ezekiel
Dobyns, Victor Donald	FV	03/29/16	Barger, Philip
Porter, Jonathan Hall	JPJ	04/05/16	Porter, William
Leske, Raymond C.	SP #1	04/05/16	Bobbitt, Isham
Allen, Thomas F.	MC	04/12/16	Paine, Jonathan
Collins, Tracy Scott	SP #1	04/12/16	Pulsipher, David
Jines, Jackie Lee	AH	04/12/16	Hallmark, George
Whittemore, Richard L.	CC	05/04/16	Brown, Nehemiah
Estep, Charles Emmett	CC	05/04/16	Kilgore, Charles
Estep, Morris K.	CC	05/04/16	Kilgore, Charles
Haywood, Arthur M.	JPJ	05/04/16	Harding, Joseph
Pickett, William H.	SP #1	05/10/16	Niswonger, Peter
Kauffman, Alden Mark	CC	05/26/16	Hait, Benjamin
Warner, Aaron Carl	CC	05/26/16	Warner, John
Warner, Benjamin C.	CC	05/26/16	Warner, John
Gossman, Kent Michael	AH	06/03/16	Fromm, Frederick

Name	Chapter	Date	Patriot Ancestor
Mains, Ronald Owen	MC	06/17/16	Hoffert, Christian
Bixby, Richard Allan	CC	06/17/16	Cochran, James
Enger, Leroy Steven	SP #1	06/17/16	Keyser, William
Johnson, Joe David	CC	07/05/16	Casey, Benjamin
Schmidt, Alvin Ralph	SP #1	07/29/16	Staley, George
Jory, Jack Duane	AH	07/29/16	Hardy, Ephraim
Riehl, Gregory Conrad	SP #1	07/29/16	Caton, Charles
Norr, Jerry Scott	MC	08/09/16	Stannard, William
Pierre, John	SP #1	08/09/16	Pier, Thomas
Wickens, Jeffrey Loren	SEA	08/23/16	de Silva, Joseph
Pratt, Joshua Van Doren	JPJ	09/01/16	Pratt, Phineas
Hanner, Curtis Dale	CC	09/01/16	Snyder, Martin
Dierdorff, Edwin P., Jr.	CC	09/09/16	Peabody, Aaron
Rockabrand, Nathan	CC	09/09/16	Basye, Edmund
Pillman, Brian Lane	SP #1	09/09/16	Falley, Richard
Broadly, Arthur Theron	MC	10/04/16	Brodie, John
Martens, David Baker	JPJ	10/04/16	Dyer, Christopher
Lindeman, Jon Erik	CC	10/04/16	Wolcott, Josiah
Fehlings, Erich Donald	CC	10/04/16	Kremer, Conrad
Bolima, William A.	SEA	10/04/16	Peter, Wilhelm/William
Swymeler, Richard W.	SEA	10/04/16	Sinor, John
Graham, Frederick Kurt	JPJ	11/15/16	Graham, David
Parsons, Paul Stewart	SEA	11/30/16	Parsons, Charles

*\*Deceased*

## Upcoming Drawings

The Pacific District will be holding two drawings. The first, is a framed print of “*Making of a Nation*” by Don Crock. With the frame the print measures 30” x 36”. Tickets are \$5 each. The drawing will be held on April 22, 2017 at the SAR Pacific District Meeting in Olympia.

The second, is for an original 1777 Charleville AN IX flintlock musket. The Charleville muskets were used in large numbers by American Colonists and French troops fighting the British – the French arms saved the American Revolution. This beautiful restored musket with bayonet is a good example of the main infantry weapon of the Revolutionary War.

More information on both offerings are available on page 13 and 14.



*Charleville AN IX flintlock musket and Bayonet*

## Chaplain's Corner

By *Compatriot Conrad Plyler, WASSAR Chaplain*

### ***Bear With One Another***

A lot of craziness is sweeping the Nation as we prepare to inaugurate Donald J. Trump as the 45<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. Citizens who took opposite sides in the election are dividing distinctly along political lines. In societies such as ours, such division over the long haul are harmful and destructive. After all, the wisdom of the Founding Fathers is something we in the SAR hold dear and cherish. That wisdom, down through the years has resulted in the peaceful transition of power, without violence and revolution – during wartime and in times of peace. The division of powers set out in the Constitution remains an effective curb on any branch of the government's power to rule over the others.

The Bible offers guidance when temptation to division strikes and the founders were very familiar with it! St. Paul, writing mostly from prison, penned these words, inspired by God, to churches he had founded.

*Be **completely** humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.*

*Ephesians 4:2*  
(New International Version)

*Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, **forgiving each other**; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.*

*Colossians 3:13*  
(English Standard Version)

The churches in Ephesus and Colossi were in different circumstances, but their problem was the same: division in the ranks. Paul's counsel was effective and it applies to life situations like the one we are experiencing now.

No matter what your personal political views, we work better together when we concentrate on our unifying principles and strive to love and respect our common inalienable rights. Looking back on the history of this great country, politics always ebbs and flows – sometimes for good and sometimes not so much, but in this Constitutional Republic (it's not a Democracy) things have a way of working-out for good in the end. This is an exceptional country and I believe it is the direct recipient of God's grace.

Have a safe, happy and above all, a Blessed New Year.

*Conrad Plyler*



*Opening the First Continental Congress with Prayer*



## WASSAR Chapter Leadership Transition

The following are the officers that will serve their chapters, during the 2017 calendar year after being duly elected. All other leadership transitions will be reported in the Spring 2017 issue. Congratulations and Godspeed on all your endeavors!

### Alexander Hamilton

- ❖ **President** - Keith Weissinger
- ❖ **Vice President** - Viren Lemmer
- ❖ **Secretary** - Brandt Gibson
- ❖ **Treasurer** - Rodger Dent
- ❖ **Genealogist** - Rodger Dent
- ❖ **Chaplain** - Mike England
- ❖ **Historian** - Dr. John Knight
- ❖ **Trustee** - Paul Adan
- ❖ **Trustee** - Skip Stephan

### Cascade Centennial

- ❖ **President** - Greg Lucas
- ❖ **Vice President** - Greg McConaughy
- ❖ **Secretary** - Mark Griswold
- ❖ **Treasurer** - Mel Mocabee
- ❖ **Genealogist** - J. Cris Bisgard
- ❖ **Chaplain** - Dick Paul
- ❖ **Historian** - Mort Hurt

## Answers to Fall's 'Are You Smarter' Quiz

The following are the answers to the 'Are You Smarter Quiz,' that appeared in the Fall edition.

1. Apply for a federal job; Vote; Run for political office; Carry a U.S. passport.
2. Freedom of expression; Freedom of speech; Freedom of assembly; Freedom to petition the government; Freedom of worship; The right to bear arms.
3. The United States; The flag.
4. Give up loyalty to other countries; Defend the Constitution and laws of the United States; Obey the laws of the United States; Serve in the U.S. military (if needed); Serve (do important work for) the nation (if needed); Be loyal to the United States.
5. Eighteen (18) and older.
6. Vote; Join a political party; Help with a campaign; Join a civic group; Join a community group; Give an elected official your opinion on an issue; Call Senators and Representatives; Publicly support or oppose an issue or policy; Run for political office; Write to a newspaper.
7. April 15.

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# Twas the Week Before Christmas and All Across America

*By Compatriot Mick Hersey, Captain John Paul Jones Chapter*

Twas the Week before Christmas and all across America,  
Trucks came from Maine all loaded with wreaths,  
Why do they do it, drive across America,  
“We will honor our Veterans from coast to coast,” was their reply.



We received donations all year, to fund them and received them with care ...



We remember their name with Respect and show them Honor for their service, by placing these wreaths ...



It was well below freezing, “we’ll keep the ceremony on,” as DAR Elizabeth Ellington Sisters provided Refreshments, Hot Coffee and snacks to keep us going ...



We will not be deterred from honoring our Veterans! We placed 500 wreaths and then went down south to honor more.



Colby, Sedgwick, Fraola and Bethel, all too small and often forgotten, We remembered to say their names and honor the Veterans placed there as well ...



Bethel was a ceremony, most won't forget, we honored 30 veterans from wars long ago, hard fought ...



Civil War, Prussian War and even a Canadian from WWI. You never know how much you will learn when cleaning their graves ...



We honored them on this cold day a week before Christmas, with Wreaths from Maine.

Remember, Honor and teach those that will someday come out to honor us! Many thanks to WASSAR JPJ Chapter members, Noah Chase, Fred Gilbert, Bob O'Neal, Chapter President Conrad Plyler and Vice President Dave Blevins (*Not pictured David Irons*) for assisting.

## Wreaths Across America in Eastern Washington

*By Compatriot Stan Wills, Vice Commander WASSAR Color Guard and Mid-Columbia Chapter President*

On Saturday December 17, 2016, the Spokane #1 Chapter participated in Wreaths Across America (WAA). The first ceremony was at Pines Cemetery with Compatriots Stan Wills, Dennis Shaw and Dale Ryan in uniform. Compatriots Jim Herbert, Rene Lebouris and Perspective member Lane Elliot participated. Compatriot Dennis Shaw played the fife and Dale Ryan played the drums during pre-event ceremonies.

WASSAR Color Guard Vice Commander Stan Wills gave a speech about the Battle of Trenton and how the weather then was the same as the day of the event – bitterly cold, with lots and lots of snow! We then led about 75 people out into the snow to place 130-wreaths.



*The armed Forces remembrance wreaths at the Pines Cemetery  
WAA event*



*The Veterans Administration National Cemetery at Medicine Lake,  
Washington*

Later in the day, Compatriot Wills went to the VA cemetery in Medical Lake, to place a wreath on Compatriot John Ellingson's grave and the final resting places of several other SAR Compatriots.



*Compatriot John Ellingson's Wreath*

## Serving Those Who Served

By Compatriot Conrad Plyler, President, Captain John Paul Jones Chapter

Since inception and each Christmas season, the John Paul Jones Chapter has engaged in an effort to solicit donations of small personal items and donating them to the Washington State Veterans Home in Retsil, near Port Orchard. At every chapter meeting, a donation box is placed and items such as toiletries, warm throw blankets, socks, books and magazines are requested from Chapter members.

This drive has been spearheaded by Compatriot Dave Blevins, the current Chapter Vice President and Chapter members have always been generous. *But this year was over the top!* Several large shopping bags of gifts and many extra boxes of donated items were given on December 9th to the approximately 300 residents. The John Paul Jones Chapter has maintained close ties with the Retsil Home, giving back to those who have honorably served.



Left to right: Compatriots Conrad Plyler, Dave Blevins and Gary Earl,

Compatriot Blevins (center) assisted by John Paul Jones President Conrad Plyler hand delivered these, “bundles of joy.” Accepting on behalf of the Retsil staff was Mr. Gary Earl, Retsil’s Occupational Therapist.

### SAR Mission

The purposes of the Sons of the American Revolution are patriotic, historical, educational and include those intended or designed:

1. To perpetuate the memory of the men who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people;
2. To unite and promote fellowship among their descendants;
3. To inspire them and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers;
4. To encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution;
5. To acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics and landmarks;
6. To mark the scenes of the American Revolution by appropriate memorials;
7. To celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the war and of the Revolutionary period;
8. To foster true patriotism;
9. To maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and
10. To carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble to the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

## Honoring Those Who Served

*By Compatriot Stan Wills, Vice Commander WASSAR Color Guard and Mid-Columbia Chapter President*

In Late October 2016, Compatriots Dale Ryan and Stan Wills attended another Honor Flight at the Spokane Airport. 91 Veterans returned from Washington, D.C. To our surprise the Governor Jay Inslee was there. We tried to get him to join SAR. It was touching to see another man (*pictured below*) who comes to the Honor Flight showing a poster of his brother, who was killed in WWII. He was looking for Veterans who may have known him. Sadly, there were no airmen from the 100th Air Group in attendance. He keeps coming back hoping to find someone who can give him some answers and provide him a degree of closure. He realizes it is probably a lost cause, but will not give up the search. This puts over 1,400 Veterans we have sent back so far.

Honor Flight Network is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices. The network is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing veterans with honor and closure. They transport our heroes to Washington, D.C., to visit and reflect at their memorials. Top priority is given to the senior veterans – World War II survivors, along with those other veterans who may be terminally ill. Of all the wars in recent memory, it was World War II that truly threatened our very existence as a nation and as a culturally diverse, free society. Per the Department of



*Compatriots Stan Wills and Dale Ryan with Washington Governor Jay Inslee at the recent Honor Flight Event*



Veterans Affairs, an estimated 640 WWII veterans die each day. Our time to express our thanks to these brave men and women of the Greatest Generation is quickly running out.

Washington State has two "hubs" in the organization's network - SeaTac International Airport in the Puget Sound region and Spokane International Airport, serving the eastern part of the state. If you would like more information on the Honor Flight Network and to learn how your chapter can participate in honoring the service of our veterans, check out their web site at: [www.honorflight.org](http://www.honorflight.org).



*The Honor Flight Network Hubs*

## Washington Flag Museum

*By Compatriot Stan Wills, Vice Commander WASSAR Color Guard and Mid-Columbia Chapter President*



*Students, teachers and parents from Pioneer Elementary school take a tour of the WASSAR Flag Museum*

On a cold blustery day in early December 2016, students, teachers and parent chaperones of Pioneer Elementary school were given a tour of the WASSAR Spokane Flag Museum.

The students came in different groups by class. Each of the 50 attending students came prepared with a question about flags. They included: "Who made the flag of Brazil; Who made the Flag of Alaska; How many Flags are there; When was the very first flag made?" It's a good thing I can tap dance!

The Flag Museum was established in 2008, when we had a recruiting booth where we asked people as they walked by history questions most of which involved the American Flag. *90% could not answer simple question, how many stars, how many stripes, what color, etc.* We then decided to start a program to educate the Spokane area about flags.

## Pacific District Meeting 2017

*By Compatriot Chuck Waid, WASSAR Vice President*

*Excitement is in the air as the Pacific District Sons of the American Revolution gather for a Conference. Our special guest this year is NSSAR Treasurer General Warren Alder.*

"Muster" is an old Middle English term meaning "a cause to gather." After the Revolutionary War, militia would usually muster to drill twice each year, once in the spring and the other in the fall. They would be joined by their families and celebrate with good food and drink, music and games. While some group business was conducted, speakers would share with the troops on matters of general importance. While WASSAR officers conduct several business meetings, we also host guest speakers who are experts in a wide range of domestic and military colonial matters. There will be events for the Ladies who attend, both Friday afternoon and a private tour of the state Capitol on Saturday morning.

- ❖ **Where:** The Red Lion Hotel Olympia, 2300 Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia, WA 98502. Phone 360-943-4000 or see [www.redlion.com/Olympia](http://www.redlion.com/Olympia)
- ❖ **When:** In 2017 on April 21 and 22, which is Friday and Saturday.
- ❖ **Reservations:** Thirty rooms are reserved at \$99 a night. They will go fast! When you call let them know you are with the SAR to get this low rate.
- ❖ **Activities:** Seminars, Presentations, Colonial displays, drawings for a \$1,200.00 Charleville musket & \$300.00 "Making of a Nation" print, by Don Crock!

The Washington State general membership meeting and election of officers for 2017 - 2019 will be held on Saturday morning.



*Making the Nation by Don Crock*

Any questions should be made to Charles “Chuck” Waid, PDM chairmen, [cbwaid@comcast.net](mailto:cbwaid@comcast.net). Or call (253) 862-6557

**Mark Your Calendar Now!**





## Answers to Fall's 'Are You Smarter' Quiz (Continued from Page 8)

8. At age eighteen (18); Between eighteen (18) and twenty-six (26).
9. Freedom; Political liberty; Religious freedom; Economic opportunity; Practice their religion; Escape persecution.
10. Native Americans; American Indians.

*Stay tuned ... in 2017, this will be a reoccurring feature in TWT!*



*Compatriots Ken Powe, Kelly Schultz and Larry Flint with New Citizen*

## Central Kitsap High School Visit

*By Doug Nelson, WASSAR President*

On Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, some one thousand Central Kitsap County High School students gathered in the school's gymnasium to honor veterans and sang America the Beautiful. Honored guests were veterans of the John Paul Jones Chapter, SAR, each of whom received a long stem flower for their service.

Afterwards, the students were offered "first person" accounts of a soldier's life during the Revolutionary War, in the school's auditorium. Chapter President Conrad Plyler introduced the three soldiers, talked about the SAR, its mission and objectives, before introducing the time travelers.



*Compatriot Bob Smalser talking about the life of a Frontier Militiaman*

Fred Gilbert wore the revolutionary war uniform of a Sergeant and talked about the militia, minuteman and continental soldier. Bob Smalser appeared as a frontier rifleman. He talked about frontier militia, self-sufficiency, differences between frontier and continental soldiers, as well as the differences between the musket and rifle. WASSAR President Doug Nelson, dressed in a revolutionary war uniform of Col. Henry Knox's Regiment of Artillery, gave a summary of our young nation in 1776 and its diversity.

We were informed the next day the students were asked if they wanted the Revolutionary War soldiers back next year and they resoundingly said, "YES!" The high school then offered the John Paul Jones Chapter a display case to show students Colonial items from the revolutionary war period.

## Unit in the Spotlight

### Morgan's Riflemen

*By Compatriot Doug Nelson, WASSAR President*

An elite light infantry unit commanded by General Daniel Morgan in the American Revolutionary War, which served a vital role executing his tasks because it was equipped with what was then the cutting-edge – long rifles instead of standard issue, smooth bore muskets that afforded superior accuracy at up to ten times the distance of the typical troops of the day.

Daniel Morgan got his start in the Revolutionary War in 1776 as the captain of a small rifle unit set-up by the state of Virginia – one of 10 such units commissioned by Congress. Morgan's had 69 men, and quickly got the nickname Morgan's Sharpshooters. Morgan's most significant action in this period was support for the invasion of Canada, and the Battle of Quebec in which he was a hero, despite General Benedict Arnold's overall failure and their subsequent capture.

Freed from captivity in early 1777, Morgan returned to Continental service and was commissioned a Colonel. He was given command of the 11th Virginia Regiment and within a few months was also instructed by General Washington to form a Provisional Rifle Corps of men skilled with the use of the long rifle, from his and other nearby regiments.

Having done so, his first assignment was to harass Colonel William Howe as he retreated through New Jersey. Colonel Morgan did so by having his 500 riflemen snipe the enemy troops as they moved, using their longer range to do so from safety, an unusual tactic for that day that was adopted from tactics used by Native American Indians, during the French and Indian War.

Sent to join the northern army headed by General Horatio Gates, Morgan's Riflemen helped establish better conditions for the coming Battle of Saratoga, by a series of quick attacks on the Indian allies of British General John Burgoyne, driving them back to interfere with British intelligence of the American troops' movements. His Riflemen proved pivotal in several engagements, including driving back an advanced unit all the way to the enemy's main forces and later helping turn the main battle by attacking from the right flank. Morgan's men were additionally credited with forcing the British retreat.

After a series of similar successes, Morgan left active service for a year, then joined the southern army under General Nathaniel Greene, where he was promoted to the rank of General. There his Riflemen's string of successes was capped when they were again pivotal in a key victory, the Battle of Cowpens.



*General Daniel Morgan*

#### **Primary Service:**

- ❖ Battle of Saratoga – 10/1777
- ❖ Battle of Cowpens – 1/1781

Facing a superior British line commanded by Colonel Banastre Tarleton, they met it head-on to fire three rounds (before the marching British muskets were in range), conducting a planned withdrawal to another location and duplicating the effort, then joined the main force against the now-depleted and disheartened British lines, who quickly fell into retreat.

This was the worst British defeat since the battle at Saratoga, both victories credited to Morgan's Riflemen and described as key turning points in the war.

**Research Source:** *Wikipedia*

**Editor's Note:** *If you have a specific unit associated one or more of your Patriot Ancestors, the Unit Spotlight will be a reoccurring feature. Submit your draft to Editor at: [emersonregoryd@gmail.com](mailto:emersonregoryd@gmail.com).*



*Surrender of General Burgoyne. Col. Morgan, having led his Riflemen in this victory, shown in white, right of center*

## Patriot Biography

### **Benjamin Gilford - Minuteman 1775, Middlesex Co., Massachusetts Militia**

*By Compatriot Doug Nelson, WASSAR President*

The Benjamin Gilford (*Guilford*) family faith was Church of England. His mother and father left Boston, Massachusetts for Maryland, due to religious reasons and eventually moved back to the Casco Bay Colony in Massachusetts, who were largely of that faith. They were then driven back to Salem, Massachusetts as a result of the French and Indian War of 1754 to 1763 and settled in Salem Village, Massachusetts later called Danvers. During these travels, their son and patriot Benjamin Gilford was born in 1730 in Danvers, Essex Co., Massachusetts. His father's name was William Guilford and mother Mary Benjamin of Salem Village, Massachusetts. Son Benjamin married Lydia Sarah Goodale of Salem, Massachusetts on March 17, 1755 and they had ten children – all born in Danvers. Benjamin Gilford died in Danvers, Massachusetts on June 30, 1796 at age of 66.

Benjamin Gilford at age of 45, had nine children at home in 1775, the oldest child was 19 and youngest two years old. He answered the alarm on the day April 19, 1775 and marched under the Command of Capt. Asa Prince with a company of Minutemen.

Following the alarm, he joined Captain Eleazer Lindsey's Company and took the oath in Middlesex County on July 6, 1775 as Congress required of the Massachusetts forces. He appears on the muster roll of Captain Eleazer Lindsey's company in Colonel Samuel Gerrish's 2<sup>nd</sup> Essex County Regiment where there is a signed receipt for advance pay signed by him at Maiden on August 3, 1775.

Additionally, he appears on the muster roll of Captain Eleazer's Company, Col. Woodbridge's Regiment, dated August 1, 1775. The company returned in October 1775. This service was for two months and 14 days. In the same company and regiment is an order for a bounty coat or its equivalent in money dated in Maiden, December 22, 1775.

As the disputes with the mother country worsened, the colonist began to arm the local militia and form special Alarm Companies of minutemen who could turn out fully armed and equipped in a moment's notice. They turned out



*Minutemen by Don Troiani*

clothed in much the same way as they would for hunting or shooting activity. They showed early on they were not to be despised as skirmishers. Whether among these bold few who aligned on Lexington Common or those at Bunker Hill and elsewhere, the Minuteman is resolute determination personified. **Footnote:** Benjamin Gilford's military service record is recorded in the *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolution, Volume 6*, Boston: Wright & Potter Printing Co., State Printers, 1899, page 434.

**Editor's Note:** The Washington Trail is actively seeking Patriot Biographies for submission in future editions of the newsletter. You can honor your Patriot Ancestor(s) and reawaken the memory of their service in an upcoming reoccurring feature! Submit your draft to the Editor at: [emersonregoryd@gmail.com](mailto:emersonregoryd@gmail.com).

## DID YOU KNOW...

### That George Washington May Have Been More 'Trendy' Than We Originally Thought?

*Check out this article at:*

<http://www.massar.org/new-research-shows-george-washington-was-trendier-than-we-thought/>

## Color Guard Report

*Compiled by the Editor*

Your Washington State SAR Color Guard now 37 members strong, has participated in 140 uniformed events this year to date. These include:

- ❖ Living History presentations to schools, churches DAR and civic organizations.
- ❖ Posting of Colors at organizations and civic ceremonies.
- ❖ Participation in ceremonies like re-dedication of Oregon Trail, NW Colonial Festival, Memorial Day.
- ❖ Marching in parades on Armed Forces Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day, Labor Day and Remembrance Day.
- ❖ Manning Recruiting booths at State Fair, DAR Conference, Ancestry Day, Big Horn Show, Prairie Days, Educator Nights.
- ❖ Participation in the National Color Guard at NSSAR Leadership and Congress.
- ❖ Funerals and memorials like Constitution Day.
- ❖ Honor Flight departure and arrival ceremonies for veterans.
- ❖ Flag Museum presentations and visits in Spokane.
- ❖ Citizenship ceremonies.
- ❖ Presentations at local SAR Chapter meetings.



*WASSAR Color Guard Commander Bob O'Neal and Cub Scout Henry Aitken*



*Our Washington SAR-DAR Color Guard From left, Lt. Paul Adan, 1st Lt. Mick Hersey, Maj. Jim Lindley and DAR Lynn Pittier of Tillicum Chapter marching in the Auburn Veterans Parade*

On October 21, 2016, WASSAR Color Guard Commander Bob O'Neal was privileged to return to his Scouting roots and present to the 75 Cubs, siblings & parents of Maple Valley Cub Pack 712. Cubmaster Randy Aitken is a loyal Son of the Revolution from Connecticut and found us on Paul Adan's great new Washington SAR website.

Compatriot O'Neal presented "Flags of the Revolution" and covered some of the citizenship requirements for the Webelos' Arrow of Light Achievement. When Randy's 13 Webelos Scouts move on to become Boy Scouts, they will also be well on their way to earning the BSA "Tenderfoot" badge - the first mile on the Scouting Trail to Eagle. It was a real pleasure to see what a great job Randy has done with Pack 712 and the many parents involved. Last



SAR with both Columbia R. & Kennewick DAR getting ready to start parade. From left: Ken Powe, Barry Moravek, Larry Flint, Con Clark (in background). Susan Faulkner, Cameron McElroy, Kelly Schultz, our drummer, Anita Wies, Shirley Schmunk, Christy McElroy (in background), Karen Schultz, Cary Campbell and Nancy Daily



WASSAR friend General Washington sharing with Washington Elementary School students

Veterans Parade – the largest Veterans recognition event west of the Mississippi River. After five years of little to no rain, 2016 turned out to be a rainy year. Gathering before the parade were: Fifer Dave Irons, DAR Fifer Stephanie Conroy, Drum Major Viren Lemmer, Drummer Jan Lemmer. Compatriot Color Guardsmen were: Jack Barney, Noah Chase, Maj. Jim Lindley, Skip Stephan, Deputy Commander Art Dolan, Lt. Paul Adan, and 1st Lt. Mick Hersey as John Paul Jones. What a great group of patriots!

On a cool foggy day on November 5 in eastern Washington, the East State WASSAR Color Guard attended the West Richland Veteran's Day Parade. Compatriots Larry Flint, drummer Kelly Schultz, Barry Moravek and Ken Powe, both local chapters of the DAR and one lady from the Walla Walla DAR Chapter. It's always a special opportunity to participate in joint operations with the DAR Ladies.

In other Veteran's Day events, his Excellency, Gen. George Washington and HQs staff, Alexander Hamilton and Henry Knox, paid a visit to the local Washington Elementary School to present his persona (Vern Frykholm) to the 480 students, in a special Veterans Day event.

year the Pack sold \$50,000 worth of popcorn - over 70% of those proceeds go to providing snacks to deployed member of the US armed forces.

Randy Aitken's younger son Henry posed with Bob for a picture. As it happened, I had copied the record service jackets from [Fold3.com](http://Fold3.com) to find a soldier that would match each of the Webelos boys' names. When I matched Randy's Webelos son, Ken Aitken, the match was a soldier named Henry Aitken - the same name as his little brother! Ken promised to make a copy for Henry.

On a rainy November 5, 2016, a combined WASSAR and WADAR Color Guard participated in the Auburn

# WASSAR Chapter Trails

## Alexander Hamilton

The chapter has been very active with Compatriots awarding 11 Flag certificates to patriots in the community. In 2016, the chapter recognized 37 Eagle Scouts with SAR certificates and currently they are looking for a volunteer chairman for the BSA Puget Sound District in Tacoma. ROTC Medals have been presented by 12 compatriots in person, to outstanding ROTC/JROTC cadets at 19 area high schools and one to a Pacific Lutheran University Cadet. Cadet Major Carlos Alvarez of Washington High School here won the JROTC Essay Contest.

Several Compatriots have been awarded medals and other recognition for their volunteer service. Compatriot Viren Lemmer was awarded the SAR Distinguished Service Medal for organizing, training and fielding the WASSAR Color Guard's Fife and Drum Corps. The SAR Distinguished Service Medal was also presented to Compatriot Paul F. Adan for his strong and faithful service to the Alexander Hamilton Chapter, during the years 2014 to 2016. The SAR Bronze Roger Sherman Medal was presented to Compatriots Treasurer Rodger Dent and VP Keith Weissinger.

The SAR Distinguished Service Certificate is presented to Chapter Trustee Art Dolan to recognize his outstanding service as the Alexander Hamilton Chapter's Trustee for Fundraising during the period January to December 2016. The SAR Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Compatriots Claude Asher and Harold Steenberge. Both men have consistently supported the Chapter and State Color Guard over the past four years.

*Report compiled by the Editor*



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*Past State President pins the SAR State Meritorious Service Medal on Drum Major Viren Lemmer for organizing, training and fielding the famous Washington SAR Fife & Drum Corps. Chapter President Bob O'Neal reads the citation*



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## Captain John Paul Jones

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- ❖ Vice President - Dave Blevins
- ❖ Program Director - Keith Phillipy
- ❖ Secretary - Al Pinkham
- ❖ Treasurer - David Irons
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❖ Chaplain - Noah Chase

Also notable is the new Membership Chair Dennis Carnagey and DAR Liaison Coordinator Ken Dunlap.

Membership is now at 62 dues paying Compatriots for 2017. New members inducted in 2016 have counterbalanced losses for various reasons. Our meetings have been well attended with about 30 attending on average. Over 20 are active in officer positions or as committee coordinators. The goal this year has been to spread out the workload to as many members as possible, but there's more to do. Supplemental applications have been approved for Eight Compatriots, with several more in the works. We have used the Northwest Colonial Life Festival and the Kitsap Veterans Day Event to recruit new members directly from the public.

The chapter has recognized Good Citizenship on two occasions, presented Eagle Scout Certificates to 44 Eagles, recognized the WASSAR Knight Essay award winner, presented six JROTC Bronze Medals, as well as two medals and a significant monetary prize to the WASSAR winner of the JROTC Enhanced Essay Competition. One Good Citizenship Bronze Medal was presented to a US Naval Sea Cadet.

Our educational activity has really taken off this year, as in-roads have been made in the public schools, principally in the Central Kitsap District. Presentations on the *Life of the Continental Soldier*, *the Militia Rifleman*, and *A Day in the Colonial Life* have been well-received – not only by the school students, but also by our local DAR Chapters. Our Veterans Day presentation is the first time we have been invited into a High School, and our educational team was honored as veterans, by Central Kitsap High School in November.

We have reached out to three DAR Chapters in the area and brief the Ladies on the SAR/DAR Liaison Program. A more vigorous effort is planned for 2017.



*From Left to right: Capt Fred Gilbert, VP David Blevins, President Conrad Plyler, 1st LT Mick Hersey, David Irons – John Paul Jones Chapter Education Team*

Our Chapter Color Guard has participated with the WASSAR Color Guard in several events, including the Auburn Veterans Day Parade, Bremerton Armed Forces Day Parade and the Steilacoom Independence Day Parade.

Several of our members participated in the Northwest Colonial Life Festival in August as part of the Washington SAR effort. These Compatriots, most in Colonial dress, but a few in civilian attire, manned a recruiting booth and gave “hay bale theater” presentations on the Revolutionary Soldier and Life in the Colonies. Almost a dozen prospect names were added to the work list because of their efforts.

*Report submitted by Compatriot Conrad Plyler, Chapter President*



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*Compatriot Larry Flint driving the official Mid-Columbia  
Chapter parade truck*

In early October, Brian Smith, Ron Mains, his Sister Beverly (in the DAR) and Larry Flint set up an information booth at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center for the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society Jamboree at The Dalles, Oregon. It was nice to have another joint event with a Genealogical Society and a DAR chapter from another area. We were invited to this event because of Compatriot Ron's Sister.

On October 22, Barry Moravek, Kelly Schultz and Larry Flint attended and manned a chapter booth at the Hermiston Family Discovery Days. This event was also attended by Karen Schultz of the Kennewick DAR and Art Kelly of the Tri-City Genealogical Society. It was a great day with a coloring contest, where we awarded pieces-of-eight sets. Larry also gave a living history talk to a young group.

Mid-Columbia chapter members were present for the various citizenship ceremonies and the West Richland Veteran's Day Parade, as reported earlier in this edition of The Washington Trail.

The Mid-Columbia SAR Chapter participated with the Columbia River DAR Chapter and Einan's at Sunset and Resthaven Cemeteries, along with veterans and other local folks from the Tri-Cities and Yakima to lay wreaths on veteran's graves. It was a cool day with 7-degree temperature and snow on the ground, as a light snow was falling, but the undertaking went rapidly with so many willing hands. It helped a lot to have the opening ceremonies inside with hot coffee and donuts available. Special thanks go to Steven and Marshall of Einan's at Sunset for the use of their facilities, Cub Scout Pack 164, Boy Scout Troop 224 and Spokane Young Marines who posted colors. Following the Wreath laying ceremonies, we held our December meeting there.

*Report submitted by Compatriot Larry Flint, Chapter  
Secretary*



# Closing the Books on 2016

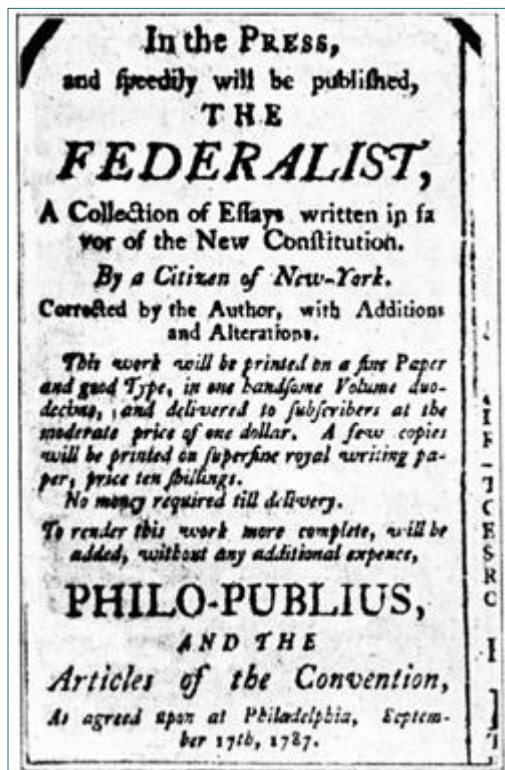
By *The Washington Trail* Editor

In closing out my first year as your Editor-in-Chief of *The Washington Trail*, I want to close it just as it was opened. As you probably noticed there wasn't much variety among the contributors, the same names kept popping-up on the by-lines and the same faces kept appearing in many of the pictures. Additionally, many of the chapters in our great state society were remiss in providing reports of their activities.

I don't want to be a noodge, but I am hoping that WASSAR can do a little better in 2017.

As I stated back in the March of 2016 - My vision for *The Washington Trail* is a modern version of the Committees of Correspondence – a group of likeminded individuals coming together to inform the members of our State Society on the activities of our chapters, the Pacific District and the National Society and as a recruiting tool for new membership. This is your publication, as I am merely the Editor and I **petition** your participation. Without your help in this endeavor, each quarterly issue of *The Washington Trail* will likely be a very short issue. We all lead very busy lives and I know that WASSAR is a volunteer organization, I am only asking for a few moments outside of normal chapter meetings to help make this publication a success.

I did some checking and rediscovered an interesting bit of trivia – none of our founding documents were the product of a single individual. None of them. Not the Declaration of Independence. Not the Federalist Papers. Not even the Constitution.



In 2017, I would like your assistance with a single goal – each chapter contributes a report of their activities, each quarter. Several chapters take a break from meeting during the summer, but I'm sure things are still taking place – new members are joining, supplemental are being submitted, good citizenship and achievement among our youth is still occurring. These things can be reported on.

Additionally, The Washington Trail is also seeking a variety of other types of articles – Patriot Biographies. Unit summaries, C.A.R. (Children of the American Revolution) and SAR activity updates, just to name a few.

I can't do this alone. As I have previously stated... without your help, each quarterly issue of *The Washington Trail* will likely be a very short.



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