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### And The Children Shall Lead

By Greg Emerson

Editor, *The Washington Trail*

*The wolf shall dwell with the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.*

*Isaiah 11:6 (English Standard Version)*

Author and speaker Andy Andrews published an outstanding book a few years ago called, *"The Boy Who Changed the World."* This is a seriously inspirational book – not only for kids, but for adults as well! In it he tells the story of how one person has saved billions of people through the development of climate resistant grains. The story doesn't end there though. He goes on to tell the story of all the people who made this possible – going all the way back to the days of the U.S. Civil War.

The subject of this book goes hand-in-hand with this verse from Isaiah and the privilege we have in the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), to inspire the next generation.

For the past few weeks, I have had the opportunity to enjoy one of my passions. As an SAR member and the Captain of the Color Guard for the Cascade Centennial Chapter, I have the privilege of going into elementary schools and sharing with the children about life in Colonial America and the importance of the freedoms we enjoy, that our founding fathers bought and

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## WASSAR Chapters

### Alexander Hamilton

Tacoma/Fife. WA  
**Meets:** Third Saturday, September to June, at Johnny's  
at Fife

### Cascade Centennial

East Side of Lake Washington  
**Meets:** First Saturday, September to June at the Red Lion  
in Bellevue, WA

### Fort Vancouver

Southwestern Washington counties.  
**Meets:** Third Saturday of each month, Mill Creek Pub &  
Grill in Battle Ground, WA

### George Washington

Skagit and Whatcom counties.  
**Meets:** Third Saturday at the Farmhouse Restaurant,  
Mount Vernon, WA

### John Paul Jones

Olympic Peninsula  
**Meets:** Fourth Saturday of each month, except July,  
August and December at Ambrosia Catering

### Mid-Columbia

South Central Washington.  
**Meets:** Third Saturday of each month at various locations.

### Seattle

Greater Seattle area  
**Meets:** Second Saturday, September to May (excluding  
December) at 13 Coins

### Spokane #1

Greater Spokane area  
**Meets:** Second Friday, September to June

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

## The Washington Trail

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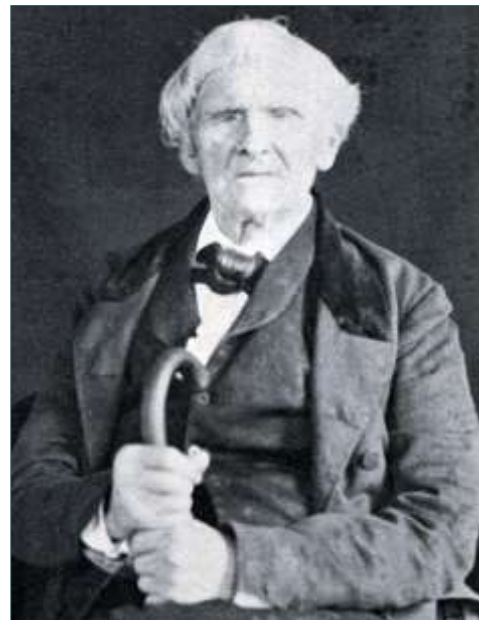
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## And The Children Shall Lead (Continued from Page 1)

paid for at such a high price. Recently, I have been sharing with 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes a presentation I put together entitled, “*Liberty’s Children*.” Besides sharing about what life was like for Colonial American children, I highlighted some of the mighty deeds that were undertaken by children, who changed their world!

One of those children was Alexander Milliner (1770 – 1874), who is likely the youngest person to ever serve in the US armed forces. At the age of *six years-old*, he joined the New York Continental Line with his father. It was justly recognized that he was too young to carry a musket, so he was given a drum instead – a very important position for someone his age. His abilities to communicate orders with the drum were acknowledged by General George Washington, who recognized him for his service. He fought in practically all of the major battles in the northeastern portion of the war, including White Plains, Monmouth, Brandywine (where he was wounded in the leg) and wintering at Valley Forge. Surviving the war, he lived to the age of 104 and was able to see over one hundred of his descendants. He was truly a kid that changed his world!



*Alexander Milliner at 94 years of age*

In giving these presentations I have discovered that Liberty’s Children were not just a products of the past. They exist today as well. These presentations were the inspiration for this issue of *The Washington Trail*. I wanted to focus the lion’s share of this issue on the children leaders of our day and the SAR programs that encourage today’s youth to change their world. This issue will feature the essays for the Washington state Knight and King Eagle Scout Scholarship winners, a status report on the WASSAR Arthur & Berdena King Scholarship program and the state society’s Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) winner.

The goal of the Summer issue of *The Washington Trail* is to inspire the members of the Washington State Society of SAR (WASSAR) to become involved in these and other youth and adult educational and achievement recognition programs. By doing so, we can inspire others to follow the dream of our founding fathers, as well as the men, women *and children* who contributed to that dream through their monumental efforts, for a better future for these United States.

### 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.

The image that graces the front page of our state newsletter this month is one of the many majestic views of Mount Rainier. On the Alternating months that we don’t feature the work of Don Trojani or other significant historical artists, we will feature some of the beautiful scenes the Pacific Northwest features, along the many trails in Washington state.

These scenes will continue to feature the words “We The People” from the Preamble of the U.S. Constitution, to highlight the fact that this publication is the product of a modern version of the Committees for Correspondence.

## The President's Message

Greetings to all Sons and Friends,

We share a great heritage! We celebrate the accomplishments of those Patriots who fought tyranny and oppression against dreadful odds; those lovers of liberty who sacrificed lives, fortunes and sacred honor to give us our inheritance of freedom. ***We are them today.*** We are descendants of these Patriots by birth. We didn't do anything to earn that status but we have an obligation to stay engaged in the SAR and its objectives to honor our patriot ancestors.

SAR is a dynamic, living organization. We all have different gifts and the Society has diverse needs. I encourage every member to become involved in the programs of their respective chapter and the Washington Society. We are proud of our youth scholarships, veteran recognition activities and relationships with various community organizations. Washington Society's Color Guard is recognized as an example that other societies seek to emulate. Let's all strive to realize the full experience of membership.



One way to experience membership is to keep patriotism visible and facilitate that objective through recognition of community workers and volunteers via our numerous community award programs. The presentation of Public Service awards and medals like Emergency Medical Services, Fire Safety Commendation, Law Enforcement Commendation, Heroism, Good Citizenship, JROTC, ROTC and the medal for Sea Cadets are excellent programs. Criteria for these awards and medals are given in the NSSAR Handbook. My personal ***goal*** is to assist each chapter in recognizing community leaders.

At our April Annual Membership Meeting, we elected John Ellingson, Sr. National Trustee and Bob Doughty as Alternate National Trustee. We owe both of these Compatriots a debt of thanks, for representing us at national meetings. They are gifted leaders and mentors. Congratulations to Seattle Chapter Compatriot John Berg who was the Oregon Society nominee for Vice President General, Pacific District. His nomination was approved by the Pacific District and he will be sworn in this coming July, at Congress.

Several of us attended the DAR State Conference at Sea Tac, manned an SAR recruiting booth and presented colors at their opening ceremony. I was honored to bring SAR Greetings to our sister society and we surprised them by presenting the SAR Martha Washington Medal to eight deserving ladies.

Kathi and I have traveled throughout the state visiting all eight chapters. Everywhere we go, we meet new friends. The whole process provided a great opportunity to enhance my understanding of what SAR does and to see the dedication of Compatriots who serve our organization at all levels. Thank you for all you do.

I look forward to meeting all of you and thank you for your membership in the Washington Society SAR.

In Liberty and Patriotism,

*Douglas H. Nelson*

## State of the State Society

*By Compatriot Doug Nelson, President of the Washington State Society SAR and given at the Washington Society Annual Membership Meeting*



*WASSAR President Doug Nelson giving his State of State Address at the WASSAR Annual Membership Meeting*

Fellow compatriots, thanks to all of you, I'm happy to report that our state society is in good shape with a bright future. Our society is active and continues to grow.

We started 2015 with 380 members and added 73 new members for an amazing **19 percent increase**. Eleven members passed away, one member transferred out and 39 members dropped – many of whom were *out of state new members* joining on the family plan. We started 2016 with 401 members and are **now at 436**. Compatriots continue to document their heritage to patriots. Thirty-one supplementals were sent to the national society in the last year.

We have fifteen committees doing the Society's work. This includes three Standing Committees, one National Congress Committee, three Patriotic Committees, and eight Operational

Committees. We have eleven appointees who oversee different operations of our Society.

Our society's three main goals are educational, historical and patriotic. I want to say a special thanks to uniformed members who are active in all three goal areas.

### Educational Outreach

1. ***We participated in the Knight Essay Contest:*** Recognizing *Heather Schronce* of Silverdale as our state winner at the February Capt. John Paul Jones Chapter meeting. Her winning essay has been forwarded to the national society to compete with other state winners for the national competition.
2. ***We participated in the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest:*** Our state winner was *Draevin Luke* of Tumwater. He will be recognized at the May Alexander Hamilton Chapter meeting. His winning essay was also forwarded to the national society where Draevin will compete for the national winning essay.
3. ***We participated in the JROTC Enhanced Essay Contest:*** Our state winner was Cadet Lt. (J.G.) *Kylee Reid* of Port Angeles High School. She was recognized at the April Capt. John Paul Jones Chapter meeting and her essay has been forwarded to our National Society for state competition. We believe her essay was excellent and that she has a chance to be a national winner.
4. ***We plan to add the Rumbaugh Oration Contest for 2016-2017:*** Our state chairman of this contest has done competition speaking so what we need is for chapters to add this program and get a volunteer to work with high school speech teachers. As a minimum, we hope our three largest chapters, CC, AH and JPJ, work to stand up this contest.

We recognized outstanding ROTC, JROTC and Sea Cadets throughout our state. Alexander Hamilton Chapter participated in 19 award night events in the past year.

Our chapters recognized new Eagle Scouts at their Court of Honor's where we presented them the SAR Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition. I especially want to recognize Cascade Centennial Chapter who reached out and partnered with the Boy Scouts of America, Chief Seattle Council. They attended the Chief Seattle Council's annual banquet in 2015 where they recognized *147 new eagle scouts*. Cascade Centennial Chapter is the only organization

in the history of the Chief Seattle Council to be invited to their Eagle Scout Recognition Banquet. The 2016 annual Eagle Scout banquet was held on April 28<sup>th</sup> and the Capt. John Paul Jones Chapter joined the Cascade Centennial in honoring these amazing Scouts.

We recognized outstanding **Sea Scouts** with the SAR Good Citizenship Medal. Our educational outreach included *73 living history* presentations in the past year. And, one of our members took to the radio to educate the public about the SAR.

## Historical Outreach

- ❖ We have three Real Sons, sons of proven revolutionary war patriots, buried in our state. They are called Real Sons because they were also SAR members. Our state society needs to mark their graves at a future date.
- ❖ We have *The George Washington Inn* at Port Angeles, a bed and breakfast inn, which is a replica of George Washington's Mount Vernon home. Reenactments of the *Battle for Concord Bridge* and *The Skirmish on Lexington Green* were held there in 2015.
- ❖ We have a one-tenth replica of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Ivy Green Cemetery in Bremerton, where we hold Memorial Day ceremonies and remember past veterans on Wreaths Across America Day.
- ❖ We have replicas of the Liberty Bell at the Federal Courthouse in Tacoma and at Evergree-Washelli Cemetery in Seattle.
- ❖ And, as I mentioned before, we have given 73 living history presentations related to the history and people of the period from 1750-1800 throughout our state.



*Compatriot Stan Wills presented the SAR good Citizenship award to Civil Air Patrol Cadet William Roltgen*

## Patriotic Outreach

- ❖ We laid wreaths at the base of the George Washington statue on the University of Washington campus for "President's Day."
- ❖ We participated in "Massing of the Colors" at Stadium High School in Tacoma.
- ❖ We celebrated "Memorial Day" in Spanaway, Bremerton, Spokane and Kent.
- ❖ We marched in the "Armed Forces Day Parade" in Bremerton. This is the **largest and longest** running Armed Forces Day Parade in the nation.
- ❖ We marched in the "Independence Day Parade" in Steilacoom.
- ❖ We marched in the "Labor Day Parade" in Black Diamond.
- ❖ We marched in the "Veterans Day Parade" in Auburn.
- ❖ We participated in "Veterans Celebration Day" in Silverdale.



*Mount Vernon's George Washington Bed & Breakfast*

- ❖ We put wreaths on veteran's graves on Wreaths Across America Day in Spokane, Seattle, Bellevue and Bremerton.
- ❖ We attended "Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day" in Keyport.
- ❖ Our members participated in outreach programs to organizations such as the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.
- ❖ We partnered with state organizations, such as the Association of Washington Generals, to increase awareness of the SAR.

***Our patriotic outreach extends to*** New Citizen Naturalization Ceremonies in Bremerton, Tacoma and Spokane and to World War II Honor Flights at SeaTac and Spokane International Airports. All eight of our chapters participate in the Flag Recognition program. Spokane Chapter is recognized by the Spokane Chamber of Commerce who advertises their "Flag Museum." Tourist come to see Spokane Chapter's 98 historical United States flags.

## Our Color Guard

They are the face of the SAR. I'm proud to be a member of the color guard and especially to see it grow. Seven percent of our members are active in the State Color Guard. We have 32 uniformed color guardsmen in six chapters. They took first place in "marching" at both the November 2015 Auburn Veterans Day Parade and the September 2015 Black Diamond Labor Day Parade. This year, Color guardsman Paul Adan, of the Alexander Hamilton Chapter, issued our first Washington Society Color Guard Newsletter, called "The Drumbeat." Two of our color guardsmen earned the SAR Silver Color Guard Medal and two others, the Bronze Color Guard Medal. Our color guard participated in over 100 uniformed events across the State.

We participated with the "Washington State Genealogical Society" at their State Conference by presenting colors and manning an SAR recruitment booth. We also partner with the C.A.R. and DAR in many events. All rewarding experiences.



*One of the many elementary school classes visited by WASSAR Color Guard Commander, Bob O'Neal*

## 2016 State DAR Conference

Thanks to you, we recognized nine deserving Daughters with the Martha Washington Medal. They were happily surprised. Presenting these medals was very well received and appreciated.

## 2016 STATE C.A.R. CONFERENCE

As some of you may know, compatriot John Berg is the Senior C.A.R. State President. We presented colors at their conference and brought SAR Greetings. We need to partner with the C.A.R. more. Right now DAR Ladies fill most of the Senior Leadership positions. There are always opportunities for SAR members to become senior leaders and help C.A.R. children learn chapter officer responsibilities. So I ask, if you have a little extra time once a month, you consider volunteering to help a C.A.R. chapter in your area, as the boys are future SAR members!

## Pacific District Conference Report

*By Compatriot Robert F. "Bob" Doughty and photos provided by Cindy Lucas*

The 2016 annual Pacific District Conference was hosted and organized this year by the Oregon State Society of SAR and took place at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Portland, Oregon, near the International Airport.

The formal meeting of Pacific District members convened Saturday afternoon, April 30 at 2 p.m. in the Oak Room with about 40 attendees present, including SAR President General Tom Lawrence, from Texas and SAR Inspector General Warren Alter, from Arizona. Pacific District Vice President General J. Cris Bisgard (Washington SAR, Cascade Centennial Chapter) called the membership to order and after the usual opening ceremonies got down to business.



Alaska SAR Alternate National Trustee Allen Gray (Anchorage Chapter) reported on their astounding success over the past year, inducting eight new members and presenting 14 JROTC awards, both records for this growing Chapter. Alaska now has 38 members, the most in history.

Oregon SAR President David Devin (Republic Chapter) reported a steady roster of 142 members, and their success with the Wreaths Across America efforts. President Devin displayed their new challenge coins for sale to raise money, to complete their Revolutionary War memorial project.

Washington SAR President Doug Nelson (John Paul Jones Chapter) reported on our state growth, now over 400 members, a 19% increase in the past year. President Nelson was eager to announce that our state submitted contestants for three national competitions this year: the Knight Essay, the King Eagle Scout, and the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Enhanced program, and looks forward to bringing all three trophies home to Washington.



*Compatriot Larry Flint manning one of the many great table displays*

The major item of new business was nominating a candidate for the next Pacific District Vice President General. The nominee for this important and prestigious national officer is selected at this meeting, and is elected by the National Trustees at National Congress, this year at Boston, Massachusetts. He normally serves one year, his duties and obligations are outlined in the SAR Handbook, Volume II.

This year, the Oregon SAR is privileged to select the nominee. Two candidates were proposed, and after the necessary state caucuses concluded, Compatriot





*Compatriots Bob O'Neal, Paul Adan and Conrad Plyler at the musket display table*

John Berg (Oregon SAR Lewis and Clark Chapter) was confirmed as the Pacific District Vice President General nominee. Compatriot Berg will be elected and installed this coming July at National Congress, after which he assumes his duties until the following July.

Washington SAR Vice President Chuck Waid (Alexander Hamilton Chapter) announced a few details about the 2017 Pacific District meeting to be hosted by the Washington SAR and convened in Olympia, Washington, from April 21 - 22, 2017. Earlier in the day, the Oregon SAR elected new State officers for 2016-2017 and President General Lawrence duly swore them in to their new positions.

Following this, President General Lawrence updated the assembly on activities at SAR National Headquarters, commenting on the electronic new member application system, the merchandise ordering system, the events module to register for Congress, and SAR web site upgrades. He also touched on the donor module, the data base module, and negotiations with the Family Search organization to digitize the SAR collection of member applications and proof documents, a three to five year effort. He concluded his remarks by saying how we are going ahead with the Kings College project to review and digitize the newly discovered documents of King George III of England, and the decision to move forward with construction of the SAR Education Center in Louisville, Kentucky and the associated program to raise the necessary \$7.5 million to see this project come to fruition.

National Congress Planning Committee Chairman Greg Lucas (Washington SAR Cascade Centennial Chapter) displayed a classy PowerPoint presentation concerning our effort to secure a national congress here in the Pacific Northwest, in 2021.

With no further business to conduct, the 2016 Pacific District Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

## Registrar's Report – Electronic Applications

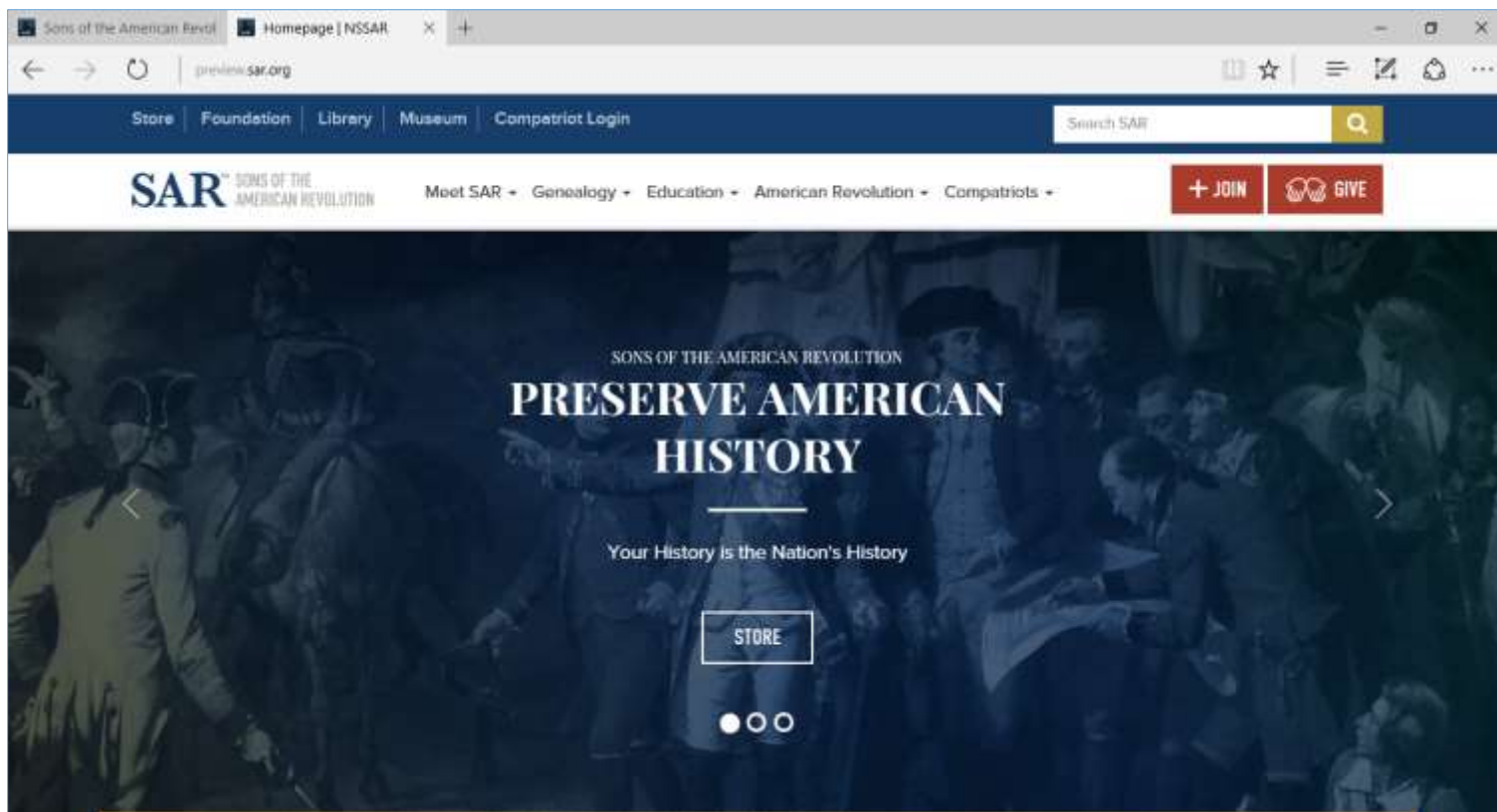
*By Compatriot J. Chris Bisgard, WASSAR Registrar and SAR Pacific District Vice President General*

There is a new single National SAR website that will soon replace the several websites we've been using for years. Every member should go now to <https://members.sar.org> and click "Sign Up" to establish a log in that will be used for all online transactions. Then click on "View/Change Profile" in the upper right corner. That will migrate your information from the old system to the new system. Some information may not show yet, but it will be added as the system continues to develop.

At the top of the left column on the screen is "SAR Website" where you can click to go to the new home page and the store. As the system develops, it will be used to collect dues, register for events and facilitate chapter to chapter transfers and dual memberships.

Of interest to many members is the new electronic application system that should now be used for all categories of membership. The National Genealogy Committee is working on a new *Application Preparation Manual* for the electronic system, but meanwhile you can use the following guidelines.

Prospective and current members can sign onto the new website, go to "My Applications" in the left column, then click the blue "Start a New Application" button on the right side of the screen. Prospective members would select the "Regular" membership and current members would select "Supplemental" membership. Fill in the subsequent screens for "Basic Information," "Generations," "Children" and "Finalize" sections. Be sure to save your application!



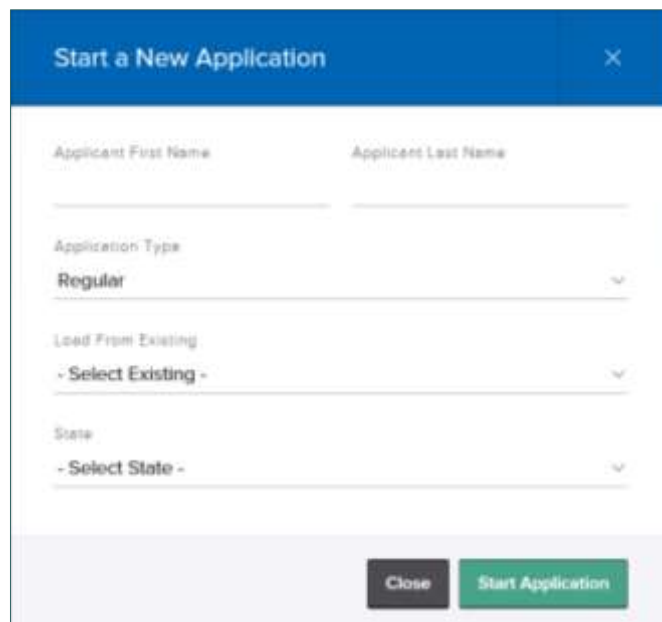
*The new look of the SAR web site*

You can return to an application any time and continue working on it. On this application form, you enter the references in the box below each generation. Source information appears on the printed form at the bottom of each generation instead of in a separate section on page two. Use the same guidance for entering information shown in the current *Application Preparation Manual*.

There are still a few bugs in the system. Please skip the “Process” box in “Overview.” If you click “Submit” in that section, it will lock the application and no change can be made. An applicant should email his chapter genealogist to let him know that an application is ready for his review. As soon as someone has started an application, whether new or supplemental, the chapter genealogist can edit/view the application online and assist the applicant.

Although applications will be electronically submitted to national by the state registrar, each application must still be printed in duplicate on SAR watermarked paper and signed just as we did with the old PDF form. Checks and proof documents will be mailed to National with the printed applications just as before.

A database will be built using the entries on the electronic applications. That database will eventually enable proven information on patriots and their lineages to be entered automatically as applications are constructed. It will also provide a wealth of accurate information about our patriot ancestors that can't be found in a single location today.



*The New SAR Application Portal*

## 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.

## SAR Ladies Auxiliary Report

By Kathi Nelson, WASSAR Ladies Auxiliary President

Greetings,

I have had a wonderful year traveling around the state with Doug and getting to know you all better. We have some great ladies giving time and energy to support our SAR members.

The Spokane #1 Chapter Ladies Auxiliary has been growing steadily. I would like to thank Tamara Rizzuto for her enthusiasm and commitment to adding members to the chapter.

We had a good time attending our first SAR Congress last July. I learned firsthand how much the Ladies Auxiliary does to make the national congress a good experience. It would be wonderful if we could incorporate within the next year to enable us to be more pro-active

as a group for the 2021 congress we are hoping to host. If anyone is willing to lead us in this endeavor, please let me know. Teri Lindley and I had a chance to talk to Nancy Alter at our recent Pacific District Conference (PDC) about how she did it in for the Arizona Society SAR. She had some helpful ideas. Sandra Meacham Floberg, who is DAR and attends the Mid-Columbia Chapter meetings, has also offered to help.

We are now considered Members at Large, National Ladies Auxiliary. If we incorporate we would pay state dues only and would be automatic national members.

We will be attending the National Congress in Boston this July and I hope to get more information and also find out more about what is going on nationally.

Ladies Auxiliary was not directly involved with the PDC this year. Oregon Society handled the arrangements and we didn't have any raffles or other duties. Nonja Bisgard, Teri Lindley and I did enjoy, along with our spouses, entertaining the visitors which included President General Tom Lawrence, Inspector General Warren Alter and his wife Nancy. Mickey Jo Lawrence was unable to attend because of family obligations.



*Teri Lindley and Nonja Bisgard*

Doug and I both appreciate all efforts made by the ladies of SAR members. If all you can do is attend SAR Chapter meetings occasionally, that is a valued contribution. It has been an honor to meet you and I hope to meet more of you in the coming year. You can contact me by email at [nelsonkat39@comcast.net](mailto:nelsonkat39@comcast.net).

In Friendship and Service,

*Kathi Nelson*

Washington State Society, NLA



## C.A.R. Report

Early this year the officers for the 2016 – 2017 term were sworn into service.

- ❖ **President:** Daniel Johnson
- ❖ **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** William Fleck
- ❖ **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Tully McCombs
- ❖ **Chaplain:** Elise Schmidt
- ❖ **Secretary:** Steven Johnson
- ❖ **Treasurer:** Rebecca Johnson
- ❖ **Registrar:** Shayla McCombs
- ❖ **Historian:** Dinah Lee
- ❖ **Librarian-Curator:** Savannah Berg



*C.A.R. 2016 - 2017 Officers being sworn into service, by outgoing President Emma-Grayce Tinker-Fleck*



*Flag Box Design*

### Outgoing President

Emma-Grayce Tinker-Fleck was able to raising over \$1,000 dollars for the restoration historic women's armed forces uniforms from the Second World War (See *The Washington Trail*, Spring 2016 issue).

The 2016-2017 C.A.R. State Project will consist of partnering with local chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), to provide recycling containers for flags of the United States which are worn out and no longer suitable for display. Containers will be acquired and placed in local Home Depot stores where customers may deposit used flags for disposal. These will then be collected and made available for flag disposal ceremonies to be conducted by C.A.R., DAR, SAR, Boy Scouts and other groups. The cost of each container is approximately \$650, including shipping and artwork. This program was originally developed by the Robert Forsyth Chapter SAR, of Cumming, Georgia.

Pictured to the left is an example of the type of containers to be used. The Boy Scout logo will be replaced by the C.A.R. logo and the SAR insignia by the SAR logo. Website addresses for the C.A.R., SAR and DAR will also appear on the containers.

This program benefits the public because they have a proper way to dispose of their flags. Home Depot is

benefited by more sales of new flags. The SAR, DAR and C.A.R. are benefited by more public exposure for their organizations. Donations to support the project may be sent to: Washington State Society C.A.R., PO Box 112, Southworth WA 98386-0112.

In May, C.A.R. members weathered the rainy weather on the Olympic Peninsula and participated in the annual Bremerton Armed Forces parade. A major event for the organization is the upcoming 2016 C.A.R. Western Regional Meeting, which will take place in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on June 24 & 25.



*C.A.R. Participates in the Bremerton Armed Forces Parade*

# Turbocharging the SAR Chapter-Level Program to Recognize and Encourage Continuing Growth of New Eagle Scouts

*By Compatriot Richard “Dick” Calkins, Cascade Centennial Chapter Historian and Compatriot David Irons, Eagle Program Coordinator, Captain John Paul Jones Chapter*

Early last year at a meeting of the Cascade Centennial Chapter’s Executive Committee, Chapter President Gregory Lucas challenged each officer to undertake a project to increase the Chapter’s impact on the community. One of the projects was to invigorate the Chapter’s Eagle Scout programs. One program is to provide frame quality, personally signed and individually named Certificates of Recognition to each year’s new Eagle Scouts in the Chapter’s area of responsibility. The other program is to encourage Eagle Scouts in the Chapter’s area to undertake the research and effort required to participate in the national SAR Arthur M. & Berdena King Scholarship Competition. Not knowing any better, I accepted responsibility to create and execute a plan to breathe new life into the Chapter’s Eagle Scout programs.

My research into the SAR Eagle Scout programs around the state indicated that virtually all of the WSSAR chapters are having difficulty reaching a significant proportion of the new Eagle Scouts in their areas of operation. Indeed, in the previous year, there was only one entry for the King Scholarship competition in the entire State of Washington.



*The combined Captain John Paul Jones and Cascade Centennial Chapter Table at the 2016 Chief Seattle Council Eagle Recognition Banquet with nearly 300 recognition packages ready to be presented*



*Compatriots Greg Emerson, Dave Irons and Dick Calkins presenting Eagle Scout recognition packages in Bellevue, WA at the Chief Seattle Council recognition banquet*

A major problem with reaching the new Eagle Scouts is the number of Boy Scout Troops operating at different locations in each SAR Chapter's area. For example, just in the Cascade Centennial Chapter's area alone, there are 133 different Boy Scout Troops organized into nine geographically separate BSA districts of the Chief Seattle Council, BSA. Virtually all of the troops meet at different locations and many of them meet on the same day and often at the same time as the others. Even the district leaders hold their monthly meetings at different locations on the same day of the month and at the same time as the others. Good luck meeting them all to plan and execute a timely program to reach all of their new Eagle Scouts.

Based on the circumstances, it was clear that we needed to establish a working relationship with the Chief Seattle Council BSA and work the program from the top down rather than from

the bottom up. This serves as a key lesson learned for any local or state Society that desires to deepen their involvement in the King SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship program.

Establishing such a working relationship required overcoming some significant obstacles. For example, providing individualized Certificates of Recognition to new Eagle Scouts requires knowing who they are and where they are located. And notifying those Eagle Scouts who are eligible for the King Scholarship competition requires knowing which ones will be less than 19 years of age at the end of the competition year. Like most public institutions dealing with minor membership, the BSA is reluctant to divulge personal information about their Eagle Scouts to outside parties.

As it happens, three of the twelve BSA Divisions in the Chief Seattle Council operate in the area served by the John Paul Jones Chapter. This provided an opportunity to work jointly with another SAR chapter in the region and on April 28th 2016, members of Cascade Centennial and Capt. John Paul Jones chapters met at the Bellevue, Washington Hilton for the yearly Eagle Scout banquet. Compatriots Emerson and Irons wore their Color Guard uniforms. A table was set up prior to the banquet room where new Eagle Scouts could stop by and pick up their certificate along with scholarship information. Besides the color guard presence, Cascade Centennial Compatriot David Raese, an Eagle Scout himself was a great help in handing out the packets and answering questions.

Having established a program that reaches 100% of each year's new Eagle scouts for both chapters, we stand ready to assist any other state society chapters that would like to consider this approach. Please feel free to contact Greg Emerson at [emersongregoryd@gmail.com](mailto:emersongregoryd@gmail.com) or Dave Irons at [ssbn21@gmail.com](mailto:ssbn21@gmail.com), for more information on how our program operates.

## DAR Liaison's Report

*By Compatriot Bob O'Neal, WASSAR (WWA) Daughters of the American Revolution Liaison*

From April 22 – 23, 2016, the WSSDAR Annual State Conference was held at SeaTac Marriott. There were well over 300 attendees, more than expected. I attended along with our SAR Booth volunteers and Color Guards. Traffic at our booth was very good. We had the most inquiries of all the display tables, as well as giving out the most brochures & cards than ever before.

In addition WASSAR President Doug Nelson brought greetings and we were able to present seven of nine SAR Martha Washington Medals to deserving Daughters.

SAR has five medals with which to recognize ladies who support our Society. These are intended for ALL ladies, not just DAR. Those women who support us at different levels in different ways. These medals are:

- ❖ SAR Daughters of Liberty Medal
- ❖ SRA Medal of Appreciation
- ❖ SAR Martha Washington Medal
- ❖ SAR Lydia Darragh Medal
- ❖ The Molly Pitcher Medal

The Martha Washington Medal was authorized in 1971 and may be given by the National Society, a state society or a chapter to a woman over 18 years of age in recognition of outstanding service to SAR. Oak Leaf Clusters may be presented to an individual, if she qualifies by service to SAR rendered subsequent to the presentation of the medal or an oak leaf cluster.



*SAR Martha Washington  
Medal*



*2016 – 17 Washington State DAR Regent Julie Pittman*



*SAR Martha Washington Medal Recipients Peggy  
Goldenman and Hilda Meryhew with  
Compatriot Bob O'Neal*



## Washington State Knight Essay Award Winner

### *The Power of Perseverance*

*By Heather Schronce*

In the wake of the American Revolution, Patrick Henry's passionate declaration "I am not a Virginian, I am an American" echoed across the Appalachian Mountains. His words, in support of a separation from British colonial rule, reflected the ardent cries of many Americans in the late 1700's. Henry, a leading politician and orator during the American Independence Movement, later came to hold an important position as a member of the renowned Continental Congress where he contributed significantly to the advancement of the American Revolution. The First Continental Congress, which first met in 1774, served as the governing body of the thirteen colonies, formed in opposition to the heavy taxes placed on the colonies by Parliament, and in support of growing nationalist sentiments. In reaction to one of the many taxation enforcements, the Tea Act, a group of men disguised as Mohawk Indians, boarded a British shipping vessel and dumped hundreds of cases of British tea into Boston Harbor. After this so-called Boston Tea Party, the British enforced the Coercive Acts, in 1774, in retaliation. They closed off the Boston port, passed yet another Quartering Act, and passed the Quebec Act as well, which allowed Catholicism in Quebec, Canada; this angered many colonists, who were largely protestant at the time.

The First Continental Congress met shortly after the Coercive Acts were sanctioned, in an effort to make decisions in the nature of equal participation, and in the hopes for freedom from the callous laws that Britain had enforced, and the heavy taxing that was largely part of these laws. At the end of the meeting, after great debate and discussion, the participants of the Congress conducted a "Declaration of Rights," which affirmed the colonies' loyalty to the Mother Country, but strongly advocated their feeling that Parliament had no right to tax them. As a planned call to action, they created the "Articles of Association," which encouraged the colonies to halt the importation of British goods on



*The Boston Tea Party as depicted on US postage stamps*



*A depiction of the Continental Congress in Philadelphia*

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1774, if the Coercive Acts were not annulled by then, at which time the Congress would meet again. The meeting of the First Continental Congress represented an imperative step towards freedom for the colonies. American ideals of nationalism and liberty began to emerge; a revolution was on the horizon.

When December 1<sup>st</sup> came and went, without a repeal of the Coercive Acts, the majority of the colonists loyally responded to the “Articles of Association,” by forming boycotts against the British, and refusing to import British goods. On April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1775, 240 British soldiers arrived on the Lexington Green, with the plan to steal supplies, where they were met with 70 minutemen from the colonial militia. Suddenly, the shot of a bullet sounded through the morning air; “the shot heard around the world.” The events that followed would forever be remembered as the crossing of a threshold, which would push these two sides apart. There were numerous casualties on both sides, in the battles at Lexington and Concord; this shedding of American blood on American soil would greatly sever British relations with the colonies, and lead to the advancement of the Revolution. After the British were defeated at Concord, they retreated back to Boston; the Revolutionary War had commenced.

As promised, the Congress met again, in Philadelphia, on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1775, as the Second Continental Congress. Contrary to popular colonial opinion, the Congress continued to abide by its decision to remain loyal to Britain, but rejected their ways of governing the colonies, though Lexington and Concord had certainly altered these ideals of diplomacy. On June 14<sup>th</sup>, 1775, the Second Continental Congress created the Continental Army, placing George Washington in the position of commander and chief.

In a final effort to negotiate with the British Monarchy, hoping to avoid a full-scale war, the Congress asked King George III to help the colonists resolve their disputes with the British, with John Dickinson’s “Olive Branch Petition.” The King refused to read the petition, which pleased many colonists who sought complete separation from the British Crown, and supported the coming Revolution. Although the Congress had remarkably united in the agreement to remain loyal to Britain, after a year of warfare, they withdrew this notion, realizing that negotiation with the British was a false hope, and complete independence remained the only way to find peace and freedom for the colonies.



*Signatories of the Declaration of Independence*

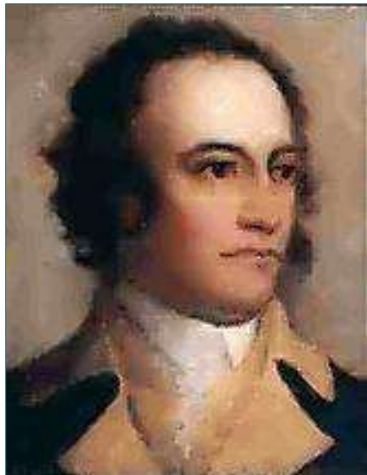
In the early months of 1776, many factors strengthened the call for independence, such as Thomas Paine’s “Common Sense” pamphlet. It created a compelling argument for independence and called upon colonists to support the movement, evoking strong feelings of nationalistic pride, and a thirst for liberty. The vigor and support of the growing independence movement made evident, soon provided the means for a proposal of independence to be submitted to the Continental Congress. Written primarily by luminary Thomas Jefferson, this proposal, entitled the Declaration of Independence, was ratified by the Congress on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776. The Revolutionary War continued however, as Britain refused to accept the colonists’ independence, only further driving the colonists to defeat the British. Their fate, however, fell into the hands of the weak Continental Army, who lacked supplies, soldiers, and funding. Unable to tax the colonies to finance the war, the Congress relied on contributions from the colonies, which did not provide adequate support. The new Declaration of Independence, however, enabled the Congress to seek alliances with foreign lands, allowing the feeble nation to form its most prominent alliance early in 1778 with France. This great achievement by the Congress is still seen today as one of their greatest successes, for without the aid of France, America could have very well lost the Revolutionary War.

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## Washington State Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scholarship Essay Award Winner

### *John Luke in the Era of Independence*

*By Draevin Michael Luke*



*General John Sullivan*

From the early days of the Revolutionary War, people of all origins banded together in rebellion against the British Empire, in an effort to drive the newly-declared United States of America into an era of Independence. John Luke enlisted in November of 1776, participating in engagements throughout the duration of the war. He served honorably, and with an admirable personal responsibility to his country. He received his pension at the age of 71, recounting the events of a younger life; the life of a man only sixteen when he began his tour of duty. John Luke was my 5<sup>th</sup> Great Grandfather.

In 1776, John Luke entered the service under the command of Captain Dunham. His first recalled major engagement was their collaboration with the regulars under General Sullivan's command for the raid on Staten Island on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1777. He recalled the engagements with the British regulars, as well as the captures of a number of prisoners. Following this and other events with this group, he was

ordered out and returned to his home in March. Despite this brief intermission, he returned to the field again when the shores of New Jersey fell under attack at Woodbridge, where he served under Captain Manning for the duration of his one month stay before returning home again.

Further in the war, John was assigned to the company of Captain Seaborn, on the familiar shores of Woodbridge for another month. This was a relatively inactive period, noting only the occasional shell launched between shores of the bay. Following this, he transitioned into the company of Captain Dunn (also at Woodbridge) in April, 1779. Under the command of Captain Dunn, John Luke's company rendezvoused with that of Colonel Crow in Elizabethtown, where they cut off a march of British regulars from the Jersey Shore. Despite a number of casualties in all parties, the units were successful in repelling the British forces.

Towards the end of his time with the revolutionary forces, John served a total of three more months on the Woodbridge shore: October 1778, April 1779, and October 1779. He served under Captain Randall, Captain Freeman, and Captain Dunham respectively. In 1780, John again took arms for his last time, again under the eye of Captain Dunham. They were to guard another section of the Jersey shore against the British encamped on Staten Island. He recounted one night on watch when approximately a dozen British regulars crossed over and attempted to overtake the men on



*Eagle Scout Dreavin Luke accepts his WASSAR Berdanna Essay award with his father Michael Luke*

watch, only to be promptly driven away. Following this month, John ended his career in the military and returned home for a final time.

In 1833, the Wayne County, Ohio Court of Common Pleas saw John Luke, at the age of 71, to claim his pension for service. Despite his age, he held the memories of these events firmly in his mind, and recounted the details of his service. He was referred to the court by John C. Sharp and Charles Regan of his hometown as an upstanding citizen, and "a man of truth and veracity," and was awarded a pension of one hundred dollars. John Luke was an incredible example of a patriot and a role model, whose tradition I will strive to perpetuate through my own devotion to the improvement of my life and my nation.

Dreavin Michael Luke began his scouting adventure in 2008 as a Cub Scout. During his seven-years as a Boy Scout he was a member of three troops where he served in a number of leadership positions and earned 21 merit badges. He achieved the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout in 2015 as a member of Troop 9033 of the Pacific Harbors Council in Olympia, WA. The Berdena Essay Award is a family tradition for the Luke's, as Draevin's older brother Chandler was the 2012 winner of the WASSAR essay competition.

### ***Conclusion of Heather Schronce's Knight Essay Submission***



*John Paul Jones Chapter Vice  
President putting the Knight Essay  
Medal on Heather Schronce*

The Continental Congress's final victory came with the Treaty of Paris in 1783, which officially ended the Revolutionary War. In the treaty, Britain officially recognized the colonies' independence, and gave them claim of territory south of Canada and west of the Mississippi River. The Revolutionary War had finally ceased; the Continental Congress's steadfast perseverance to protect the colonists' liberties will forever be remembered and appreciated by American citizens for generations to come. Although the Congress struggled to find financial stability for the colonies and deter interstate rivalries in the years following the Treaty of Paris, it aided the nation through a time of terrible crises, declared its independence, and helped the colonists achieve victory, to secure that rightful freedom from the impeding shackles of Great Britain.

**DID YOU  
KNOW...**

**The musket that fired the shot that was heard "Round the World," has been preserved and was recently in the news?**

***Check out the story at:***

<https://revolutionaryoaks.wordpress.com/2016/06/05/the-musket-that-fired-the-shot-heard-round-the-world/>

## Washington SAR JROTC Enhanced Program Outstanding Cadet Places 4th in the Nation

### *How JROTC Has Prepared Me to Be a Better Citizen of the United States of America*

*By Cadet Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Kylee Reid*



*Port Angeles High School  
NJROTC logo*

Over the previous years of being involved in JROTC, a citizen development program, I have been prepared to be an outstanding citizen throughout my experience. There are many assets to this program that have aided in my learning of how to be an exceptional citizen. The first of these is being taught about the importance of putting others before myself. Next, the skill that I have been most successful in that has helped me become a better citizen is being taught how to lead my peers after undergoing a significant amount of time as a follower, and then being placed in a leadership position. Finally, my personal belief is that the most important part of being a genuinely outstanding citizen is having the critical characteristic: integrity.

One of the first concepts I learned in JROTC was how to put others before myself. This program has better prepared me to help others and be a selfless citizen. Often times I find the cadets who participate in the program sacrificing their needs for the needs of their followers and the unit. Another example of this selflessness is the many hours of community and unit service that I have completed. In the first semester of my junior year alone, I completed 68 total hours of serving others in various events including but not excluded to: a variety of Color Guards, Beach Clean-up, Wounded Warrior Picnic and Toys-for-Tots. JROTC has provided me with the opportunity to participate in all, and more, of the previously listed events. Another example that pertains to my everyday life is the extended amount of time that other cadets and I spend outside of school to do the obligations involved with our positions in the program.

Not only has JROTC provided me with the chance to participate in events that help serve and provide for others, but it has also provided me with the opportunity to lead my fellow peers in my school and in my community. I began this program as a cadet who was learning how to be a follower and hopefully one day, a leader. After a short period of time in the unit, I had graduated as a leader to my peers. The program has taught the other cadets and I to set the example in many areas including wearing the uniform properly, following rules and regulations, always working hard, doing our best work and demonstrating the leadership traits it takes to be a leader. The leadership skills that I have acquired, and am still acquiring from JROTC, have given me the



*The PAHS NJROTC Drill Team*

confidence and knowledge that I need to be an exceptional citizen.

The most valuable characteristic of being an outstanding citizen happens to be a major part of the training received in JROTC. Integrity is a high-quality characteristic that not all citizens have. With this program, I have learned to discipline others along with myself. Another side to this characteristic is that JROTC cadets have been taught to carry out our best work even without the supervision of our peers or superiors. Cadets in this program are extremely honest and trustworthy which is a significant achievement. Being in JROTC has taught me the importance of all the qualities needed to be a superb citizen.

JROTC has prepared me most, out of the range of high school activities that I participate in, to be a remarkable citizen. This program continues to advance my knowledge about citizenship and my experience of being a leader to my fellow peers and followers. As a result of what I have learned in the program, I am a selfless citizen who consistently puts others before myself. The most critical skill that I have obtained is learning how to have genuine integrity. Over the previous years of being in the JROTC program, I have been extensively prepared to be an extraordinary citizen.

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*Com Patriot Conrad Plyler present Cadet Reid with her  
award medal, certificate and scholarship check*

Cadet Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Kylee Reid, of Roughrider Company, Port Angeles High School, was selected the winner of the John Paul Jones Chapter Outstanding Cadet award in March 2016. Her package, which included a 600 word essay, entitled, “*How JROTC Has Prepared Me to be a Better United States Citizen,*” a complete resume of her JROTC, scholastic, sports and extra-scholastic activities, along with letters of recommendation by her Senior Naval Science Instructor and school Principal, was submitted to the Washington SAR review board. In a tight competition, she was selected as the Washington SAR Outstanding Cadet. She received both Chapter and State Outstanding Cadet Medals (a neck-ribbon award), Certificates and monetary awards totaling \$800.00.

Cadet Reid’s winning essay and package were submitted to the National SAR review board on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Matched against 20 entries from state societies nationwide, she placed fourth overall – an impressive performance!

A full list of Cadet Reid’s accomplishments could literally fill this entire newsletter. In year three alone, she has served her unit as Platoon Commander, Color Guard Team Captain, Drill Team member and Squad Leader and Administration Officer. She has the potential to become Commanding Officer of the Unit next year. Her resume is packed with academic Extra-curricular activities, including both JROTC activities and community service sponsored by the school. She is an outstanding athlete in Fast-pitch Softball and Swimming, a State Finalist in both. Activities in her church youth group and the North Olympic Health Clinic round out her impressive list of accomplishments.

Cadet Kylee Reid has certainly done her unit, her community and Washington State proud by her dedication, commitment and superb record of accomplishments. It has been a privilege for the Washington SAR to have worked with her in promoting this award to a truly remarkable young woman.

## State Color Guard Report

*By Compatriot Bob O'Neal, WASSAR Color Guard Commander*



*WASSAR Color Guard at the 2016 Pacific District Conference*

parade. An anonymous benefactor enabled us to purchase the reversed-color uniforms for fife & drum musicians.

Our Eastern Washington Regiment under Vice Commander Stan Wills also is growing. They are adding fife and drum to their two chapter color guards and turned out leading Armed Forces Day parades and other events in Spokane and the Tri-Cities.

Our color guardsmen continue to present living history in schools and other organizations, and to participate in civic events. They will be involved across the State in Memorial Day ceremonies at Bremerton, Tacoma, Spokane, Kennewick and elsewhere.



*The Mid-Columbia Chapter Color Guard marching in the Richland, WA Armed Forces Day Parade*

Our State Society Color Guard continues to grow! One measure is that there were 19 uniformed color guardsmen at the April Pacific District Conference in Portland. We now muster at 36 WASSAR Color Guards with two Fife & Drum units.

The latest news is the addition of our new Fife & Drum Corps to the Color Guard. We have invited our DAR sisters to join us since many ladies were musicians and some even played the flute, cousin to the fife, in school bands. As a result several DAR ladies are joining. Drum Major Viren Lemmer invited Terry Barker and Stephanie Conroy to come down from Woodinville for fife lessons and to play and March in the Bremerton Armed Forces Day



*Compatriot Art Dolan Presenting "A Day in Colonial Life" with a WASSAR Traveling Treasure Chest*

In 2015, our 10 living history presenters in the "Speaker's Bureau" presented 65 interactive presentations at schools, chapters and outside organizations. If you figure an average size group at about 25, that means we have reached over 1,600 kids and adults with our message of *History, Education and Patriotism*. So far, in 2016 near 50 presentations have been made – ***which means we are on our way to far surpassing last year's outreach!***

On Memorial Day, WASSAR Chapter color guards participated in several places of hallowed ground across the State. John Paul Jones Chapter were at Ivy Green Cemetery and the *USS Turner Joy* destroyer monument in Bremerton. Alexander Hamilton Chapter was with the Elizabeth Forey

Chapter DAR at the Fir Lane Cemetery in Spanaway, and Vice Commander Stan Wills spoke at the SAR Flag Museum in Spokane.

Finally, we recognized the long and faithful service of several of our outstanding SAR Color Guardsmen. The Bronze Color Guard Medal is awarded for participating in 50% of scheduled state/chapter events over a three year period. The Silver Color Guard Medal is earned by attending three National level events over each of three years. The time frame can be concurrent for both medals. The following is the citation of one such Compatriot Color Guardsman:

### Ensign Fredric R. Ramsey – SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal



*SAR Bronze Color  
Guard Medal*

The SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal is presented to compatriot Frederic R. Ramsey by the SAR Washington Color Guard in recognition of, and in appreciation for his honorable service in the Alexander Hamilton Chapter Color Guard over a long period from 2002-2011. The Color Guard Medal is cast appropriately to show the “Spirit of ‘76” in bronze relief, the Betsy Ross flag flying proudly, draped in the buff & blue colors of General Washington’s uniform.

Ensign Fred Ramsey has served in the Color Guard for more than six-years as a Pennsylvania Rifleman, to honor his ancestor, Ensign David Agnew. For a few of those years in fact, *he was one of ONLY four active uniformed color guardsmen* in our Chapter and indeed, in all of the Western Washington SAR.

As such, he was one of the founders of our modern SAR Color Guard. During these years Fred carried our Chapter’s flags in countless events including the Massing of Colors at Fort Lewis, Memorial Day services, Independence Day parades, and the Washington’s Birthday Memorial in Seattle. He did these events even while serving as our Chapter President and as the State Society Registrar and Secretary. Ensign Fred Ramsey’s consistent and long dedication to the Alexander Hamilton Chapter Color Guard and the Washington Society is most worthy of recognition by the SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal.



*Compatriot Ensign Fred  
Ramsey*

## DID YOU KNOW...



*Actor Scott Foley*

### Actor Scott Foley Was Recently Featured on the TLC Reality Show “Who Do You Think You Are?” and Has Patriotic Roots?

Best known for action drama roles in *The Unit* and other shows, actor Scot Foley recently explored his paternal roots and discovered his 5<sup>th</sup> Great Grandfather played a very important role in the American Revolution, as a member of General George Washington’s personal guards, known as *Washington’s Life Guard*. Other actors like Rob Lowe and Bill Paxton have also been featured on the popular celebrity ancestry program and discovered Patriot Ancestors. One can only hope that Mr. Foley will explore membership in SAR.



## Patriot Spotlight

### David Thurston, New Jersey Troops

*By Compatriot John C. Ellingson, Sr., Spokane Chapter and WASSAR National Trustee*

David Thurston, born March 20, 1762 at Rahway, New Jersey and was a child of Israel Thurston and Christina Pangburn.

In March 1780, at Woodbridge, New Jersey, David enlisted for one year in Captain John Craig's Company in the New Jersey troops called "Year's Men," serving first as a substitute for his father Israel. At the expiration of that year he re-enlisted under the same Captain for another year, spending much time at Rahway, Woodbridge and Newark. Many skirmishes took place around the New Jersey villages of Elizabethtown and Springfield. In August 1781 they were at Dobbs Ferry and lay in camp until General Washington crossed there and marched to Elk on their way to take Cornwallis at Yorktown. As a scout in Colonel Sylvanus Seeley's Regiment, David reported to



*"Give 'Em Watts, Boys!" A famous depiction of the important battle of Springfield, New Jersey*

General Washington on the locations of Cornwallis. After the defeat of Cornwallis's army, David was discharged having served seven years.

In 1785, David married Elizabeth Taylor, also born in Rahway, February 23, 1769 and they removed to Northumberland County, Pennsylvania where they lived for 15 years and raised 11 children.

For his War service David was awarded 150 acres of bounty land near Meadville in Crawford County, Pennsylvania and he relocated his family there, settling in Wayland Township where David was a weaver by trade, a much respected member of the community, and a member of the Baptist church. His wife Elizabeth passed away April 11, 1814 at their home in Wayland Township, Crawford County, Pennsylvania.

October 6, 1832 at age 70, David applied for a pension for his Revolutionary War service.

David Thurston died October 22, 1843 at Crawford County, Pennsylvania. Both David and his wife Elizabeth are buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Crawford County, Pennsylvania.



*A typical New Jersey Continental  
Line uniform*

## WASSAR Chapter Trails Alexander Hamilton

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*Compatriot Blake Maresh inducted with his daughter holding the infamous Chapter cannon ball*



*Compatriot Rodger Dent and one of the many JROTC cadets recognized by the Chapter in 2016*

On February 20th, 1896, approximately six years after Washington became the 42nd state, seven visionary men established the Alexander Hamilton Chapter of the SAR. The chapter celebrated its 120th birthday at the June 2016 meeting.

The AH Chapter has enjoyed steady growth during first half of 2016, as eight new Compatriots were inducted as members during the period of April thru June.

The AH Chapter has always been very active in the State Society's effort to recognize the outstanding young men and women involved in the JROTC/NJROTC program. Each year, in the months of May and June, the Alexander Hamilton

Each year, in the months of May and June, the Alexander Hamilton Chapter presents SAR medals to ROTC and JROTC cadets from 19 local schools and colleges. Compatriot Treasurer Rodger Dent is the man who oversees this program.

Thus far in 2016, AH Chapter members have volunteered to serve as award-presenters, including: President Bob O'Neal and Compatriots Bob Parrish, Mike England, Skip Stephan, Viren Lemmer, Darrell Holt, Russ Pringle, Chuck Waid and David Morse. Additionally, at the April meeting Pacific District VPG Dr. J. Chris Bisgard spoke on "Committees of Safety during the American Revolution" and at the May meeting, Compatriot Greg Emerson from the Cascade Centennial Chapter presented "The Shadow Patriots: How Intelligence and Espionage Helped Win the American Revolution."

*Report submitted by Compatriot Bob O'Neal, Chapter President*



## Cascade Centennial

No report was submitted.



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WASSAR's newest chapter is steadily growing. Recently, President Neal Van Houten, supported by John Russell, inducted Compatriot Victor Dobyns as a new member. Additionally, current members are active delving into their Patriot Ancestry, as Compatriots Harry Justice and George Vernon have been presented with Supplemental certificates.

Recently, the Ft. Vancouver lost one of its founding members. Compatriot Ray Lester Ganner slipped the bonds of this earth, on March 29, 2016. Ray was the first Genealogist for the chapter as well as being a member of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon. He was well respected and liked by all his Compatriots.

The chapter is actively discussing community outreach service projects. Among the possibilities are an Adopt-a-Veteran initiative and participation in the state society's Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship.

*Report submitted by Compatriot Neal Van Houten, Chapter President*



*Chapter President, Neal Van Houten Presenting the SAR Certificate of Membership to Victor Dobyns*

## George Washington

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Our membership is now at 62, with several new members being added in the first half of 2016. The latest is Art Haywood, a veteran of WWII, Korea and Vietnam (Army Air Corps and USAF). It was particularly meaningful to induct him in May. As a measure of activity, over 35 of our members routinely attend meetings, and well over half of those actively work in various committees and efforts of the Chapter.

In the field of outreach and youth programs, the JPJ has been very active indeed! We have 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, two medals and a significant monetary prize to the WASSAR winner of the JROTC Enhanced Essay Competition.

Our educational activity has blossomed this year, as inroads 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 Life in the Colonies" have been well-received – not only by the school students, but also by our local DAR Chapters.

We have reached out to DAR Chapters in Kitsap, Clallam and Jefferson Counties and have briefed them on the SAR-DAR Liaison Program. Additionally, our Chapter Color Guard has actively participated in all WASSAR Color Guard activities, in educational presentations and at the Pacific District Meeting.

*Report submitted by Compatriot Conrad Plyler, Chapter President*



*Compatriot Art Haywood inducted by Chapter President Conrad Plyler and witnessed by family members*

## Mid-Columbia

Spring has been a very industrious time for the Mid-Columbia Chapter. Along with the DAR Compatriots participated in one of our favorite activities - attending a New Citizen ceremony in Richland - where we handed out our crossed flag pins with the current and Betsey Ross flags. Also during this past month, we participated with our sisters from DAR in a garage sale at the Pasco TRAC Facility. We met lots of people, gave out SAR brochures and signed up a few new friends/potential members. In addition we raised a little money for Wreaths Across America.

Chapter Secretary Larry Flint and his wife Junko attended the Walla Walla High School JROTC Military Ball on May 21st. The caliber of people at the Ball was quite impressive. What a great group of cadets and staff. This year is the 100th Anniversary of the JROTC, but Walla Walla High School has had a military cadet program for some 120 years. Their rifle team competes on a national level and they often send graduates on to our military academies. Cadet Evan Jameson that received our award also got a full ride scholarship at the University of Idaho.

On the cold, windy and rainy night of May 21st and along with the Color Guard of the Spokane Chapter #1, the Mid-Columbia Chapter Color Guard marched in the 78th Spokane Lilac Festival Armed Forces Parade. The parade started at 7:45 P.M. and ended after 10:00 P.M. With over 200 entries and 50,000 spectators, we marched the six-mile parade route. This was our first time participating and the parade was televised locally, so we enjoyed some great exposure. Riding behind us was the four DAR chapters, including the State Regent.

*Report submitted by Compatriot Barry C. K. Moravek,  
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*Compatriots VP Barry Moravek, Secy. Larry Flint, Trustee  
Conn Clark, Kelly Schultz and Webmaster/Sergeant of Arms  
Ken Powe with New Citizens*



*Some 200 Cadets (young men and women) and guests at the  
Walla Walla High School Military Ball*

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## Spokane

On May 21st, the Spokane Chapter #1 Color Guard joined the Mid-Columbia Chapter Color Guard in the 78th Spokane Lilac Festival Armed Forces Parade. With over 50,000 spectators the joint Eastern WASSAR Color Guard detachment. This was the first time the Spokane Color Guard participated in the event. The parade was televised locally and it was great to receive some exposure.

Marching in the parade were Rene Loubouris (militia), Vice Commander Stan Wills (Betsey Ross Flag), Ret. Lt. Col. Dennis Shaw (SAR Flag), Spokane Chapter President Dale Ryan (drummer) and Will Palmer. Riding in a vehicle towing a trailer with a dozen flags from the Flag Museum were Gale Palmer, Mike Moore and Norm Park. Walking along taking pictures was Tom Clark giving us nine Compatriots who participated.

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*Members of the Spokane Color Guard in the 78th Spokane  
Lilac Festival Armed Forces Parade*

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*Spokane #1 participated in the 105th Flag Day Parade in Fairfield Washington: Stan Wills, Dale Ryan (Drummer), Dennis Shaw (WA State Flag), Ron Lebourhis (81 year old retired US Marine, Militia uniform)*