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We Hold These Truths, Self-Evident

By Greg Emerson

Editor, *The Washington Trail*

***Self-Ev-i-dent** (Adjective) - Not needing to be demonstrated or explained; obvious. Synonyms include: Clear, plain, apparent, manifest, patent and axiomatic.*

We are at a crossroads in the history of this great nation that it is more important than ever that the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) be active in our communities. Daily we see how the truths of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness the Founding Fathers who signed the Declaration of Independence and the Framers of the Constitution knew as self-evident, need to be re-taught to this generation. Why is that?

I truly think the failure is not on the part of our great organization. As Compatriots the Washington State Society of SAR is VERY active in our communities. We have eight chapters that span the four corners of our state, with possibly another being planned for the northern Olympic Peninsula. These chapters are comprised of members that take an active role in the leadership of the Pacific District and at the national level. We partner with the members of our sibling organization, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). We encourage our sons and daughters to follow in our footsteps by being active in Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.). Many of our Compatriots are active in Boys Scouts of America, in leadership

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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

Kitsap 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

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We Hold These Truths, Self-Evident (Continued from Page 1)

and as parent mentors. We recognize the service and accomplishments of those are serving, have served or aspire to serve in our armed forces and our communities, as first responders. What more could we possibly do? Are we casting our pearls before swine?

Sadly, the failure lies in the fact there is a general lack of appreciation for the freedoms we enjoy and a gratitude for the sacrifices that were made to win those freedoms we enjoy.

I firmly believe that SAR was organized for precisely this moment in the history of our great experiment of republican democracy. The term, "We hold these truths, self-evident," should apply to every facet of American culture. All lives matter and are sacred. Liberty doesn't translate into license to do whatever you want. You have the right to express your views, as long as you don't take advantage of the platform you have or infringe on the free speech rights of others.

What many fail to understand is, the truths that we hold as self-evident are extremely fragile. Although our organization is 127-years young, our mission is more important now than it ever was - find those first followers who will help to promote these truths. That's what makes SAR and the Washington State Society so important!



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.*



Answering Liberty's Call by Don Troiani

The Washington Trail is very grateful for the generosity of nationally known military artist Don Troiani (pronounced Troy-Anni), for giving us permission to use his artwork in our newsletter Masthead. Don has served as a consultant on early American military uniforms and equipment, as well as a historical advisor for the A&E Network mini-series, "*The American Revolution*."

In this masterwork, a Continental Army officer in the early part of the war bids farewell to his family at their modest homestead as his regiment departs for active service. His wife is presenting him with a silver hilted sword and her wish that he may return soon and safely, although it may be sometime until they're reunited. As with all Troiani paintings attention to the most trivial historical details (such as the green arsenic dyed ivory grips on the sword) is unrivaled. The original painting was commissioned by the Army

War College class of 2009 that had their own signed/numbered edition with the college emblem and some desktop prints.

Visit Don's website (<http://www.dontroiani.com/>), to learn more about his work and to find dealers in the Pacific Northwest.

The President's Message

Greetings Sons,

As the month of September begins, many young children are getting ready to enter school for the first time, others are planning to return to their respective schools and colleges. One of our Society's prime objectives is Education. Our children can only have a secure future when they have a knowledge of the events of the past. As members of the SAR, we have an obligation to our ancestors to pass on the collective memory of the past. Our school programs provide a great opportunity to touch that inner core of each individual and awaken the American spirit inside. I encourage you to contact your chapter president and see how you too can help.



The strength of the SAR is in the local chapters. As chapters begin to meet again, I look forward with excitement to all the upcoming events and opportunities we have to spread the SAR Story! I know that Washington SAR has made a true difference in the lives of our school children, veterans, active military and citizens of Washington State. I encourage you to continue to find ways to treasure those citizens in your community, thank them for their dedication, honor them for their involvement and show them that we notice what positive changes they are creating! We all owe a BIG thanks to the brave men and women in blue who protect our communities. Now is the time to recognize these unsung heroes who serve in law enforcement with the SAR Law Enforcement Medal.

Our State Board of Directors met July 30 in Ellensburg. Seventeen members were present including Vice President General Pacific District, John Berg, two committee chairs and a guest. The Directors voted unanimously to commit ourselves and submit a formal bid to the National Society that the 2021 Annual SAR Congress be held in Seattle. Our next step is to make a presentation to the National Congress Planning Committee at the October Leadership Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. We owe a debt of thanks to compatriot Chairman Greg Lucas and his committee who have worked on the proposal. The national planning committee then makes its recommendation to the National Trustees and Congress Delegates who in turn vote on the committee's recommendation. We will be victorious!

If you have never attended a National Leadership or Congress Meeting, I certainly encourage you to do so. You can sit in on business meetings, committee meetings, attend the awards ceremony, enjoy the banquets and just have fun being around a lot good folks. You will meet people and make friends, guaranteed! Read about upcoming events at sar.org. Just click the menu button, scroll down and click events.

As your President and SAR Representative, it has been my honor to represent you as I travel around our state and speak to other organizations regarding our Society, its purposes, history, and membership. My thanks to all the chapters and their members for the warm welcome shown to Kathi and me. I continue to be privileged to serve as your President, and hope to meet more of you in the coming months.

Fraternally yours,

Douglas H. Nelson

President's 126th Congress Report - Boston, MA

Five Washington State Society members attended the 125th National Congress including Cris Bisgard (Nonja), Jim Lindley (Teri), Bob Doughty (Alt. Trustee), John Berg (VPG Pacific District) and myself (with Kathi).

New PG Michael Tomme Inaugural Remarks

At the Spring Leadership and Trustees meeting, the Trustees voted to pay the final installment of the interpretive plan to Solid Light and approved moving ahead with the Educational Outreach Center, when they have the money in hand. PG Tomme will continue the Implementation Committee that past PG Lawrence started.

He is continuing the following committees and programs:

- ❖ Compatriot Doug Collins will continue as chair the Patriot Ancestors' Biographies.
- ❖ PG Brock will chair SAR Medal of Honor Recipients and work to finish this project.
- ❖ Compatriot Chuck Sweeney will chair the Veterans Recognition Committee.
- ❖ Compatriot Paul Callanan will chair the Congress Review Committee.
- ❖ Compatriot Dr. Rudy Byrd will chair the Council of Youth Awards.
- ❖ Compatriot John Dodd will chair the Governance and Organization Committee.

Education Outreach Initiative. He noted, an important part of SAR mission is *patriotic education* and to share our knowledge of the founding of our country and the struggles of our forefathers and ancestors. His first initiative is to extend a new Educational Outreach Team into our chapters and reach out to the children in their schools, scout organizations, civil groups, religious institutions, and other patriotic societies. The long range goal of this initiative is to develop and share educational program presentations by SAR members. Details can found on the National SAR website. There will be two levels of the program, (1) for those chapters who have never offered an educational outreach program and (2) for those chapters who already have an educational program in place.

Mentor Program Initiative. He asked, when does the mentor process begin? It begins when a new prospective member seeks information on becoming a member of the SAR by a casual conversation, email inquiry, or responding to an ad in local paper. At that time, the process should be “*an offer to assist or a referral to a mentor in the chapter.*” Chapter President should have a list of mentors in the chapter to assist in this endeavor. Each chapter should have mentors regardless of the size of the chapter. The mentor should assist the applicant through the process of acceptance and continue on once he becomes a member to assimilate the new member ensuring a meaningful relationship with current members. He also noted, the retention rate may be significantly increased by involving a new member in the activities of the chapter, state and national level through “mentoring” of new members. He has the National Membership Committee spear heading this project.



The WASSAR group picture ... well you know our members. John Berg is in the middle as our VPG Pacific District

Youth Programs Initiative. The Council of Youth Awards has put together a brochure listing all Youth Awards. Additional money is required to increase the awards provided by the various programs. **He issued a challenge to each State Society to donate \$1,000.00 or more to the Council of Youth Awards (not to the individual youth programs) between now and 1 June 2017.** Those states that meet the \$1,000 challenge will receive a streamer. If 100% of the state societies donate \$1,000, he will personally donate \$10,000 or more. The total donations would then be divided among the various youth programs with us.



Compatriots Jim Lindley, Doug Nelson and Steve Miller in uniform before they marched to the Church for Sunday services. Steve Miller is the Arizona Color Guard Commander. Jim is carrying the Montana Flag as he is a dual member of Montana SAR Doug is carrying the Washington State flag.

Children of the American Revolution. He asked National Chairman Darrin Schmidt to make sure that each State Society has a State CAR Chairman. He wants the State C.A.R. Chairman to encourage each chapter to create a CAR Liaison and chapters should encourage SAR members to become Senior Leaders in the local and state C.A.R. societies. Mike wants each SAR chapter to enroll C.A.R. members as Junior Members in our society. Once they become SAR Junior Members, the chapters are encouraged to get them involved in our committees and marching in patriotic parades.

National Park Service. This year the National Park Service is celebrating its 100th year of service. It's an opportunity for the National Historic Site and Celebrations Committee to build our relationship with the Park Service and partner with them in their year of celebration. The Park Service is engaging in a campaign to reintroduce the national parks and the work of the National Park Service to a new generation of Americans. Many of our American Revolutionary historic sites are maintained by the Park Service and with our increased involvement, this would bring increased visibility and promotion of the SAR to a potential new member base.

Other Items



SAR PG Tom Lawrence presents WASSAR President Doug Nelson with the Certificate and Flag Streamer for the Franklin Flyer Award

Awards. The Washington Society was recognized with the Franklin Flyer Award which is, for the largest recruitment of Friends of the Library.

Branding. A motion to use the National Society headquarters Minuteman Statue as our image passed. A motion to use "SAR" in our state society names, contests, and etc., passed. For example, Washington SAR. A motion to use the proposed Minuteman symbol was not adopted. The word adopt was replaced by "encourage" and the motion to use the minuteman symbol passed giving flexibility to state societies to use their own minuteman symbol.

Youth Contests. Most of the national society winners were “Eagle Scouts.” *President’s Note - Perhaps this is where we should get contest entries.*

FamilySearch. PG talked about how to pay for digitalizing old applications. Options include donations, volunteers and raise dues by \$2. A motion passed to complete a contract with FamilySearch to scan in record copies. Trustees will make the final decision. It will take two to three-years to complete and National needs to buy a scanner for \$11,000.00 to scan records.

Committees. National PG Tom Lawrence had committees set goals. *President’s Note - Perhaps we should ask our state society committees to set goals.*

National Webpage. SAR Store is about 98% complete on the new national webpage. Donor, events, dues, and patriot Genealogical Research System (GRS) modules are coming out next.

National Fees and Dues. Remain unchanged.

Swearing-In. Our Vice President General (VPG) Pacific District John Berg and our Trustee Bob Doughty were sworn into office.



The three ladies of our Ladies Auxiliary were (l. to r.) Teri Lindley, Nonja Bisgard and and Kathi Nelson

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.

WASSAR Awards from 2016 Congress

At the recent Congress, WASSAR and Compatriots from our state society were recognized for through a large number of awards. The following is a summary:

Partners in Patriotism Certificates: The Partners in Patriotism certificate is awarded to any SAR chapter or state-level society that participates in an organized program or event with another veteran's organization.

- ❖ Washington Society
- ❖ Cascade Centennial Chapter
- ❖ Mid-Columbia Chapter
- ❖ Spokane Chapter #1

Certificate of Participation Certificate: For sponsoring and submitting a candidate in the ROTC/JROTC Contest.

- ❖ Washington Society

Certificate of Participation Certificate: For sponsoring and submitting a candidate in the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest.

- ❖ Washington Society

Certificate – Franklin Flyer Award: For the largest recruitment of Friends of the Library.

- ❖ Washington Society and a \$100.00 check

Certificate – SAR Youth Award Streamer: For those Societies which entered a contestant in four SAR youth programs.

- ❖ Washington Society

Certificate – The C.A.R. Activities Award: To the State Society which has documented their work with the C.A.R.

- ❖ Washington Society

Certificate of Achievement: For 100% participation in the presentations of Flag Certificates.

- ❖ Washington Society

Certificate – Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award: To the State Society which have fulfilled the qualifications of NSSAR Flag Certificate presentations.

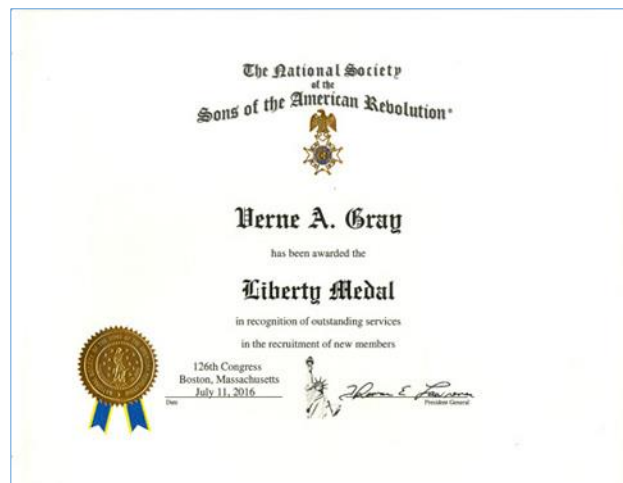
- ❖ Washington Society

Liberty Medal - Certificate: In recognition of outstanding services in the recruitment of new members.

- ❖ Jay C. Bisgard (Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
- ❖ John E. Ernest (Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
- ❖ Verne A. Gray (Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Patriot Ancestors' Biographies 20% Achievement 2015-2016:

- ❖ Cascade Centennial Chapter



One of the Many WASSAR Awards from Congress

2021 National Congress Site Selection

By Compatriot Greg Lucas, Cascade Centennial Chapter President

At the recent Fall Leadership Meeting, the national society Board of Trustees approved Seattle, Washington as the location for the 2021 National Congress. We competed against Florida and Georgia. A BIG thanks to the 2021 Congress Committee, who worked hard putting the necessary pieces together and worked many hours on the presentation. This will be the first time WASSAR has hosted a National Congress. It is expected that 500 to 700 SAR Compatriots and their wives will attend. This will put the Pacific Northwest in the spotlight and WASSAR onto the national stage in the life of SAR. I cannot overstate the importance of doing it well.

As you might imagine, there is an ENORMOUS amount of work to do in hosting a Congress. In anticipating those requirements, the current committee is already facing being overwhelmed by the workload. For that reason, we need to immediately add reliable working members to the committee, who are willing to devote time and attention to the project and who are willing to be accountable for the work they undertake.

We need to know if we can count on you to help us in that process. Please let our committee chair, Gregory Lucas at gregorylucas@lucasandlucas.net, know if you are willing to commit to helping the committee plan and organize this important event.

Sources of Volunteers

- ❖ SAR Chapters / Spouses
- ❖ Ladies Auxiliary
- ❖ Other Organizations
- ❖ DAR
- ❖ Rotary
- ❖ Kiwanis
- ❖ College Students
- ❖ High School Students (*Volunteer Credits Required*)
- ❖ Friends

Training Volunteers

- ❖ Protocols and Etiquette
- ❖ Registration Table Procedures
- ❖ Schedule
- ❖ Credentialing Procedures
- ❖ Money Handling
- ❖ Security
- ❖ Familiarization with Facilities
- ❖ Familiarization with Tours
- ❖ Familiarization with Area Attractions
- ❖ Familiarization with Area Services
- ❖ Familiarization with Area Transportation

Volunteers Needed (52 Minimum)

- ❖ Registration (2-3)
- ❖ Traffic Guides in Hotel Lobby (6)
- ❖ Credentialing (2)
- ❖ Host Society Concierge Table (2)
- ❖ Ladies Auxiliary Hospitality Room (3)
- ❖ Bus Captains For Tours (4-5)
- ❖ Host Society Ice Cream Social (3)
- ❖ Master Of Ceremonies For Welcome Reception (1)
- ❖ Door Guards and Security (3)
- ❖ Trouble-Shooters / "Gofers" (8)
- ❖ Polling Place Monitors (4)
- ❖ Clean-Up Crew (12)

Accommodation of Volunteers Who Live Outside Puget Sound

- ❖ Identify Host Homes from area SAR members
- ❖ Provide information about affordable hotels and rental transportation

SAR Foundation Announces New Challenge to Support Digitization of Records

ALBANY, NY – The SAR Foundation has established a new restricted fund to benefit the SAR’s digitization project. Donations are being sought from Individual Members as well as Chapters, State and District Societies. Foundation Board President Dr. Samuel C. Powell announced the establishment of the Fund at the recent Annual Conference of the Atlantic Middle States Association held in Albany, New York. In response, members present overwhelmingly approved a pledge goal of up to \$10,000 from the states represented by the Atlantic Middle States Association, which includes the Mid-Atlantic SAR District and the North-Atlantic SAR District.

Digitization of records is a major initiative of the National Society. With over 2.2 million paper records, it has become apparent that electronic copies complete with indexing are a must for our society. Done properly, digitization and indexing of our applications and proof documents could allow for the creation of a functional Genealogical Research System (GRS). Digitization would also provide an electronic backup system for our paper



Preserving Historical Documents

documents. The National Society Trustees approved the digitization project as a top priority for funding at the Spring 2016 Leadership Meeting. The GRS Fund’s initial fundraising goal has been set at \$100,000.

Multiple proposals that will define how genealogical records will be digitized, indexed and made available to members and prospective members are being received by the SAR Trustees. A final negotiated contract will be presented to the Trustees for approval at a future meeting. In the meantime, the Foundation felt it prudent to open an avenue for giving to support this worthwhile project.

Individual members, societies, and chapters that support the GRS project are encouraged to make pledges and donations to help achieve the initial goal of \$100,000. To

discuss a pledge for the GRS FUND, please contact the SAR Foundation at 502.315.1777. To make a donation restricted to the GRS FUND, please make checks payable to SAR Foundation, Inc. and designate its purpose. Checks should be mailed to: SAR Foundation, Inc., 809 West Main Street, Louisville, KY 40202-2619.

Thank you for your support!

Samuel C. Powell

President, SAR Foundation, Inc.

A Brief History of the U. S. Navy Jack

By CDR Michel T. Poirier, U.S. Navy

*The following excellent history of the “Don’t Tread on Me” First Navy Jack flag is excerpted from **Undersea Warfare**, the magazine of the U.S. Navy Submarine Force*

In the fall of 1775, as the first ships of the Continental Navy readied in the Delaware River, Commodore Esek Hopkins issued a set of fleet signals. Among these signals was an instruction directing his vessels to fly a striped Jack and Ensign at their proper places. The custom of the jack-type flag had originated with the Royal Navy in the 15th century or earlier; such was the likely source of Hopkins’ inspiration. This first U.S. Navy Jack has traditionally been shown as consisting of 13 horizontal alternating red and white stripes with a superimposed rattlesnake and the motto “Don’t Tread on Me.” The rattlesnake had long been a symbol of resistance to British repressive acts in Colonial America; its display on the new jack of the fledging Continental Navy fit naturally with the fervor of the times.



The U.S. Navy Jack

According to Dr. Whitney Smith of the Flag Research Center, the traditional design of the First Navy Jack has never been accurately determined. Historians inferred the design from Hopkins’s message and a color plate depicting a slightly different “*Don’t Tread On Me*” flag used as a Navy Ensign in Admiral George Henry Preble’s 1880 book, *History of the Flag of the United States*. Historians’ widely copied Preble’s rare color plate, thus providing the probable source of the traditional design of the First Navy Jack.

The first U.S. Navy use of the Union Jack (a flag replicating the canton i.e. white stars on a blue field of the U.S. Flag) probably occurred soon after the adoption of the First Stars and Stripes Law on June 14, 1777. The First Stars and Stripes Law stated that the Flag of the United States be 13 stripes alternating red and white and that the union be 13 white stars in a blue field representing a new constellation. Although the date of introduction of the Union Jack is not precisely known, a 1785 engraving of the frigate *USS Philadelphia* clearly depicts the Union Jack flying from her jackstaff.

As the number of states increased, the Union Jack was altered to conform to the canton of the national flag. General orders were issued from time to time by the Navy Department when a change in the number of stars was necessary.

Navy Regulations, first promulgated in 1865, prescribed the use of the jack. It is displayed daily from the jackstaff of all U.S. naval vessels in commission, from 8 a.m. to sunset while the ship is at anchor. Additionally it is flown to indicate a court martial is in progress, and as the President’s and Secretary of the Navy’s personal flag.

There have been two instances where the traditional First Navy Jack has been used in lieu of the Union Jack.

1. In 1975, the Secretary of the Navy directed that the First Navy Jack be flown in lieu of the Union Jack during the United States Bicentennial Year, as a colorful and historic reminder of the nation’s and the Navy’s origin.

2. In August 1977 (the date is sometimes mistakenly (?) given as 1980 or even 1981), the Secretary of the Navy specified that the ship with the longest total period of active service display the First Navy Jack until decommissioned or transferred to inactive service, at which time the flag shall be passed to the next ship in line with appropriate honors. Here are ships that have had this honor:



USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) flying the distinctive "Don't Tread on Me" Jack

- ❖ The *USS Enterprise* (CVN 65) received the distinction from the *Kitty Hawk* in May 2009.
 - ❖ The *USS Kitty Hawk* (CV 63) received the distinction from the *Independence* November 20, 1998. The *Kitty Hawk* was commissioned April 29, 1961 and decommissioned in May of 2009.
 - ❖ The *USS Independence* (CV 62) received the distinction from the *Mauna Kea* on June 30, 1995. The *Independence* was commissioned January 10, 1959. It was decommissioned September 30, 1998, in Bremerton, Washington.
 - ❖ The *USS Mauna Kea* (AE 22). The *Mauna Kea* was commissioned March 30, 1957. It was decommissioned June 30, 1995.
 - ❖ The *USS Prairie* (AD 15). The *Prairie* was commissioned on August 5, 1940. It was decommissioned March 26, 1993.
 - ❖ The *USS Dixie* (AD 14) received the distinction in April 1981. The *Dixie* was commissioned on April 25, 1940. It was decommissioned in 1982.
3. On June 3, 1999, the Secretary of the Navy authorized submarines and submarine tenders to fly a special Submarine Centennial Jack throughout the year 2000 in honor of the U. S. Submarine Force's Centennial. This marks the first occasion since 1775 that a specific class of ships has been so honored. To fly a special Submarine Centennial Jack throughout the year 2000 in honor of the U. S. Submarine Force's Centennial. This marks the first occasion since 1775 that a specific class of ships has been so honored.
4. On May 22, 2002, the U.S. Navy ordered all ships to display the First Navy Jack, during the Global War on Terrorism.

DID YOU KNOW...

There are some little known facts about the Battle of Princeton?

Check out this article at:

<http://www.mountvernon.org/george-washington/the-revolutionary-war/ten-facts-about-the-revolutionary-war/10-facts-about-the-battle-of-princeton/>

Oregon Trails Memorial Markers Cleaned for Their 100th Birthday

By Compatriot Marion (Mick) Hersey and Shirley Stirling

The Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution placed ten markers along the Oregon Trail from Tumwater to Vancouver – in what is now Washington State – during 1916, with the final 11th one complete in 1917. Over the last six-months, planning, preparations and cleaning to restore the series of 11 Oregon Trails Memorial markers took place, to ensure they were ready for their 100th Birthday. Over 30 volunteers from SAR and DAR helped over the course of the project. All markers are identical except the elaborate marker, formerly a fountain, in Vancouver.

Ms. Shirley Stirling of the Sacajawea Chapter WSSDAR and Compatriot Art Dolan of the Alexander Hamilton Chapter WASSAR were the coordinators of the first training and cleaning site in Tumwater. That site set a precedent for the remaining ten. Permission was granted from private land owners, school boards, counties and cities in preparation of the cleaning. This took more time than was anticipated, as they were all on government right-of-ways and stewardship agreements had to be verified. Sacajawea member Diane Smith assisted Shirley with the coordination of the other sites.

Cleaning and training was under the supervision of Compatriot Marion (Mick) Hersey of the John Paul Jones Chapter WASSAR. All markers along the trail have been cleaned and restored in the same style as when they were originally placed in 1916, using the vintage techniques of that time period tweaked slightly.



Before and after of the smaller plaques starting at Tumwater

Oregon Trail Marker Restoration Tumwater Volunteers



Front row: Della Stenstrom, Cindy Sakuma, Robert Beets, Shirley Stirling

*Back Row: Barbara Houtenbrink, Diane Smith, Art Dolan, Gary Sakuma, Mick Hersey-Trainer and Chuck Hornbuckle- Trails historian.
Not pictured were Judy Sapirstein, Lew Maudsley and Carolyn & John Shumate*

Oregon Trail Marker Restoration Vancouver Volunteers



Fort Vancouver Chapter Volunteers L to R: Merta Weese, Evelyn Campbell, Sandy Thompson, Billie Jo Westby, Charles Daniels, Anita Daniels, Lloyd Dockter and Karly Docter. Not shown are Phillip Thompson Sue Mills and Mick Hersey.



Before and after of the marker at Vancouver

Oregon Trail Marker Re-Dedication Ceremony Toledo, Washington

On Tuesday September 27, 2016 a 100th Birthday, Re-dedication and Unveiling Ceremony was held at the marker in Toledo, WA and sponsored by local community groups. A city street was blocked off for the event.



WASSAR and DAR Color Guard started the event with elegance and vigor. The program was patterned after the original 1916 program and that actual program was included in the leaflet distributed



Approximately 200 people were in attendance, including local citizens, representatives from historical groups, elected officials, local government staff, and the entire 4th grade class of Toledo Elementary School.

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WASSAR at the NW Colonial Festival

By Compatriot Bob O'Neal, WASSAR Color Guard Commander

NW COLONIAL FESTIVAL - Aug 11-14 - Mount Vernon Plantation, Sequim, Washington Territorie!



Fife & Drums of the "Army of the Columbia" provided signals

Revolution had begun!!

The John Paul Jones (JPJ) Chapter manned an SAR tent, actively recruited and chatted with interested visitors at their tent. The tent was manned by Col. Doug Nelson (USN DNC Ret.), State President and Color Guard Brigade Commander; Captain Fred Gilbert (Col. USAF Ret.) Chapter Color Guard Captain; and Bob O'Neal (Lt. Col. USA Ret.) State Color Guard Commander. Along with 1st Lt Mick Hersey (SCPO USN Ret.). The DAR tent was a popular place to visit during the Festival. These



WASSAR President Doug Nelson giving one of many "Hay Bale Theater" presentations at the Northwest Colonial Festival:

Dispatch From the Field - Several hundreds of the public gathered on these days to watch the daily reenactment of The Battle of Lexington and The Battle of Concord - the Shot Heard 'Round the World! And to hear Colonial presentations of living history by the SAR, the DAR and others. Our sibling organizations recruited from their tents actively. George Washington himself was encamped at Mount Vernon. Wiley Redcoats were about and reenactors of patriot and loyalist persuasion encamped in close proximity, with hostilities boiling over at Boston! The



WASAR Recruiting tent, ably manned by Color Guard Captain Fred Gilbert (Col. USAF Ret.) of the John Paul Jones Chapter, Bremerton

lovely Ladies, DAR State Recording Secretary Marissa Goldenman of Elizabeth Ellington Chapter, Bremerton and Pam Gassman of Mary Ball Chapter Tacoma.

The JPJ and other chapters of the Washington SAR present many living history talks to schools, churches, and civic groups each year. At the NW Colonial Festival numerous Hay Bale Theater presentations were given, including: "A Day in Colonial Life", "The Continental & Militia Soldier & his Kit", "Flags of the American Revolution" and "A Few Myths About the Revolution"



*Major Sir John Redmayne (Jack Pauley) and WASSAR Color Guard
Commander, Compatriot Bob O'Neal*

Our fearless leader Bob O'Neal often challenged the passing British troops, but also met with General Washington for our cause and even eventually set the local British Major on the right path with a stern lecture ... but in the end the Redcoats were also intimidated when none other than Napoleon showed up as the ultimate ringer for the colonials!

DID YOU KNOW...

SAR is on Social Media?

*Join Compatriots from around the
nation, on the National Society's
Facebook Page*

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/sonsoftheamericanrevolution/>

The WASSAR Facebook Page is

<https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonSocietySAR/>

Troops from His Majesty's 33rd Regiment of Foot, most ably led by Major Sir John Redmayne (Jack Pauley), was a force to be reckoned with! Ever the quintessential aristocratic English officer, Major Redmayne was voted by the SAR as "the most desirable British officer at which we would like to shoot." Preferably with our Pennsylvania rifles!



George Washington (Vern Frykholm) delivers an address to the visitors to Mount Vernon. The Potomac River (Straits of Juan de Fuca) can be seen at left. Washington was accompanied the expressive hands of a sign language interpreter, for the deaf visitors

WASSAR Supports Citizenship Ceremonies



Compatriot Color Guard Major Stan Wills poses with new US citizens

Many people sadly do not realize Constitution Day is on September 16th each year. Washington SAR Compatriots are very active in welcoming new citizens to participate in the Great Experiment, known as the United States of America.

In the eastern part of the state, every two-weeks Spokane federal court swears in new citizens as part of the Naturalization Program. SAR and DAR alternate giving out US flag pins to the new citizens. A ceremony was part of Constitution Week festivities, in which WASSAR recreated the reading of the Constitution in the park. The ceremony included 75 citizens from 31 countries. As each new citizen received his/her certificate Compatriot Stan Wills presented them with their flag pin. Spokane #1 does six such programs each year and the four DAR chapters do the rest.

In the western part of Washington, Julie Anderson is the Pierce County Auditor, elected in 2009. *On her own initiative*, in 2010 she convinced USCIS (Immigration Services in Seattle) to come to Tacoma and swear in local new citizens rather than requiring them and their families to travel all the way to Seattle for the annual Independence Day event on July 4th. This is not part of her job! In fact she is a hands-on volunteer just like SAR and DAR and the other non-profits.

She organized and staffed the event with volunteer individuals and community groups – all done in a non-partisan way. She arranges for prominent citizens who are also immigrants to speak to the new citizens. There is a tremendous amount of volunteer work to take care of 100 new citizens and 400 family/friends for five hours while they are processed. She even got 4-H kids from the Fair to take care of a children's play room, while the adults were processing!

In 2011, she invited the SAR to participate in a big way, meeting & greeting some 100 new citizens and 400 of their family/friends. We provide the patriotism handing out stick flags, Constitution Week brochures, flag etiquette brochures. We also present and post the Colors with fife & drum before some 500 attendees. Additionally, she includes our WASSAR logo in the program.

We have done this for the last five years with great success and much praise from the auditor and her staff. She has been especially supportive of our SAR Color Guard, wanting us at every ceremony and



WASSAR and DAR Color Guard members pose with new one of many new citizens at the Tacoma Tahoma High School citizenship event

American Citizenship Questions (*Are you smarter than a new citizen*):

1. What are two rights only for United States citizens?
2. What are two rights of everyone living in the United States?
3. What do we show loyalty to when we say the Pledge of Allegiance?
4. What is one promise you make when you become a United States citizen?
5. How old do citizens have to be to vote for President?
6. What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy?
7. When is the last day you can send in federal income tax forms?
8. When must all men register for the Selective Service?
9. What is one reason colonists came to America?
10. Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?

Prospective citizens in their Citizenship classes study 100 civics questions (those are the ones we are going through in this series. On the actual citizenship test they are asked 10 random civics questions. Of these 10, they must get 6 correct. The answers to these questions will be provided in the Winter edition of *The Washinton Trail*.

Oregon Trail Marker Re-Dedication (*Continue from Page 13*)

Approximately 200 people were in attendance, including local citizens, representatives from historical groups, elected officials, local government staff, and the entire 4th grade class of Toledo Elementary School. Just as Ezra Meeker organized children to write their names on rocks to place at the markers, Toledo teachers did the same and the children were a great addition to the program, each placing their rock at the marker and also assisting with other parts of the program.

Compatriot Mick Hersey gave a presentation on the marker restoration process and his role as teacher and mentor. Doug Nelson, WASSAR State President, told the moving story of his ancestors forging the Oregon Trail, Lanabeth Horgen.

**DID YOU
KNOW...**

President Calvin Coolidge said about the Declaration of Independence?

“It is often asserted that the world has made a great deal of progress since 1776, that we have had new thoughts and new experiences which have given us a great advance over the people of that day, and that we may therefore very well discard their conclusions for something more modern. But that reasoning cannot be applied to this great charter. If all men are created equal, that is final. If they are endowed with inalienable rights, that is final. If governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, that is final. No advance, no progress can be made beyond these propositions.”

Patriots in the Spotlight

James Forten, African-American Privateer

By Compatriot Doug Nelson, WASSAR President

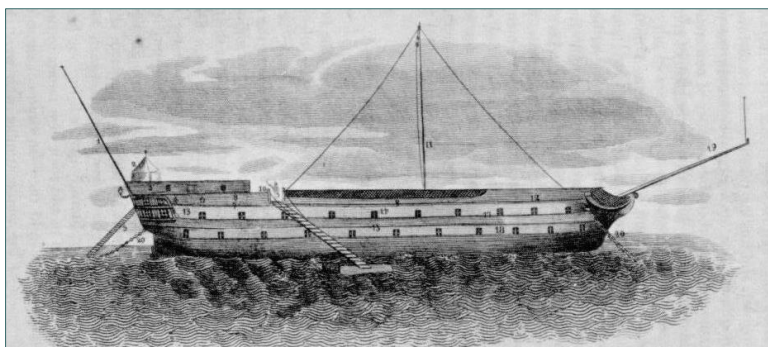
James Forten (1766-1843) was a 15 year-old Powder Boy on the privateer *Royal Louis*, commanded by Stephen Decatur, Sr. He was born free in Philadelphia and had already served as a Drummer in the Continental Army.

The *Royal Louis* had a crew of 200, 20 of were African-Americans. During her first cruise as a privateer, she captured a British Brig and on a second cruise she met the heavily armed British frigate *HMS Amphylon* and two others, being forced to surrender.

Young James expected to be sold into slavery in the West Indies, as was British custom with their black prisoners of war; however, on board the *Amphylon* he was befriended by the captain's son, a boy his age, who persuaded his father to send Forten to England. There Forten refused to be a traitor to his country and the *Amphylon's* Captain sent him to the Prison Ship *Jersey* back in New York Harbor, along with a letter asking he be treated kindly and exchanged, if possible.



James Forten



Etching of the British Prison Ship Jersey

Forten spent seven brutal months on the *Jersey*, sharing moldy bread and foul water with a thousand other privateers, soldiers and patriots – men and women alike. Once, he had a chance to escape by hiding in the baggage of an officer being exchanged for a British prisoner, but he allowed a younger white boy to take the space. Forten helped carry the chest off the *Jersey*. He was set free in an exchange of prisoners and walked home from New York to Philadelphia, where he became a successful businessman and a founder of the Abolitionist movement.

Henry Francisco – The Oldest Veteran

By Compatriot Doug Nelson, WASSAR President

Henry “Old Henry” Francisco was born in France in 1686. When he enlisted as a Private in Capt. Boroughs’ Company, Col. Warner’s Regiment of the Continental Army on January 15, 1777, the elderly soldier was 91 years old. He was discharged on April 20, 1778, and survived for another 42 years, dying on October 25, 1820 in Whitehall, New York, at the age of 134-years. He had been present at the coronation of Queen Anne of England. Twice married, he was the father of 21 children.

His Revolutionary War Pension was #S44864 and in his pension application he states his age as 130-years.

The Bronze Patriot (1752 - 1835)

The bronze patriot of American history rests at Independence Hall at Philadelphia, where both the Declaration of Independence and Constitution were first proclaimed. The Liberty Bell, with its beam of hand-hewn black walnut and great stilled tongue, is the very symbol of our Country. The proud letters around its crown, “*Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land Unto All the Inhabitants Thereof,*” is a Biblical reference from the Book of Leviticus (25:10), the words selected in the year 1751. Isaac Norris, Speaker of the Assembly of the Colony of Pennsylvania and a passionate patriot, was chairman of a committee to purchase a bell from England. The order was placed with Lister, the most prominent bell founder of that era, for an instrument of some 200-pounds.



The "Bronze Patriot" in Philadelphia, PA

After many problems with using brittle metals and an extremely poor sound, Charles Stow and John Pass melted and remolded the bell, adding American copper to make the metal less brittle. The tone of the new bell was horrible, and they had to cast a third one. The result was a fine bell to all sounds and appearances. The dimensions are: twelve feet in circumference around the lip; seven feet, six-inches around the crown; the metal is three inches thick at the lip; the clapper is three feet, two inches long; the overall weights is 2,080-pounds.

It was the town crier and the newspaper. It spoke to the people and for the people, for there was no musical instrument so uncensored as a bell. Its single tone expresses harmony and the Liberty Bell is the great voice of America, which no other on earth can shut down or command to be still.

Yet, in strict historical accuracy, it must be stated that the Liberty Bell did not ring on July 4, 1776. The Declaration of Independence was accepted by final vote on that day, but it was not read aloud by Col. John Nixon in front of Independence Hall until July 8, to the tune of cheers, musket shots, fireworks and a ringing of bells ... the voice of the Liberty Bell shouting above them all.

In September of 1777, it became apparent that the British were going to take Philadelphia, and Congress ordered the bell removed. In a rickety army wagon, it began its wild flight over wretched roads and hills. The wagon broke down and the sacred bell had a bad fall. At last, it was smuggled to safety in Allentown and secretly buried under the floor of the Zion Reformed Church. Meanwhile, in Philadelphia, Independence Hall was made a prison for patriots, and had the bell remained there, it might have been melted into muskets to be turned against George Washington's Continental Army.

Then on July 8, 1835 the anniversary of the day when it had first proclaimed liberty, it is long-believed to have cracked while tolling for John Marshall, who had died while in Philadelphia.

Our Liberty Bell is almost a person, an immortal bronze patriot hero of the Revolutionary War that was born in our greatest hour, lived through our youth, retreated, advanced, sang, shouted, fought and fell, in the line of duty, silent after eighty three years. **Postscript:** *There are three known Liberty Bells in Washington State – a Port Angeles at Veterans Memorial Park, Tacoma at the downtown Federal Courthouse, and the Evergreen Washelli Cemetery in Seattle.*

Color Guard Report

By Compatriot Lt. Colonel Bob O'Neal, Commander WASSAR Color Guard

September was the most active month ever, since formation of Washington SAR Color Guard! Our Compatriots participated in 12 major events:

- ❖ **Sept 5th - Labor Day Parade in Black Diamond:** Once again, the WASSAR Color Guard was invited by Regent Jeannette Carroll and we marched with Fife & Drum. The combined SAR-DAR unit of 20 compatriots received a First Place Award again this year!
- ❖ **Sept 16th - Citizenship Ceremony, Spokane:** Vice Commander Stan Wills presented flag pins to 75 new citizens from 31-countries.
- ❖ **Sept 17th - 5 Mile Prairie Days, Spokane:** Color Guards Mike Moore & Denny Shaw set up a recruiting booth. The Five-Mile Grange made a \$100 donation to the SAR Flag Museum.



SAD/DAR Combined Color Guard in the Black Diamond Parade



Compatriots Denny Shaw and Michael Moore of the Spokane #1 Color Guard

- ❖ **Sept 17th - Citizenship Celebration, Pierce County:** Washington SAR Color Guard & DAR Ladies from five chapters did a meet & greet for 82 new citizens from 32 countries in Tacoma at the annual Citizenship Celebration on Constitution Day! The Washington SAR & DAR Color Guard presented and posted the Colors marching to their own Fife & Drum playing "Yankee Doodle". **More details on page 17.**
- ❖ **Sept 17th - Constitution Day:** Spokane Chapter's Lt. Will Palmer, Dale Ryan, and Gale Palmer participated in the reenactment of the annual reading the Constitution in Manito Park with the ladies of the DAR.
- ❖ **Sept 24th - Ancestry Day Tacoma:** The Alexander Hamilton Chapter Color Guard presented Colors before 750 attendees at Ancestry Day! Introduced by Washington Sec'y of State Kim Wyman, who has patriot ancestors herself, they marched forward to the fife playing of "Yankee Doodle" and smart beat of drum. Participating were Lt Paul Adan, Maj. Art Dolan, Lt. Col. Bob O'Neal, drummer Jan Lemmer and son Drum Major Viren Lemmer. **More details on page 21.**
- ❖ **Sept 24th - "Time of Remembrance" Parade in Richland:** Mid-Columbia Chapter Color Guard marched for the first time in this parade, to honor the fallen soldiers from Washington State. A banner of each fallen soldier was carried by friends & family and our Color Guard carried three such banners. **Details on page 25.**



Compatriot Art Dolan and DAR's Cheryl Young and Evie Wilson

❖ **Sep 26 - Honor Flight at SeaTac:** Art Dolan and Bob O'Neal did a meet and greet for the veterans Honor Flight arrival at SeaTac Airport. DARs Cheryl Young & Evie Wilson were also there. We met, shook hands and talked with 56 veterans of WWII and Korea, many now 90+ in wheel chairs, but alive, alert and happy. There were two Navy WAVES and a Coast Guard SPAR gal (Semper Paratus Always Ready) among them. One aviator, 93, piloted B-17s on 35 missions in the ETO at age 21! A Navy aviator was crew chief on the huge PBM Mariner flying boat. Another loaded 40mm antiaircraft shells on board a destroyer. One man with crossed rifles and a CIB on his cap fought the Pacific islands and was in occupied Japan. Another served on a heavy cruiser. Many were proud of their service and happy to get together with the other veterans on the trip. Too busy with the veterans even to get a picture of them.



Compatriots Art Dolan and Bob O'Neal recruiting at the Pyallup Fair

❖ **Sept 18th -19th WA State Fair Booth - SAR** Recruiting Booth displaying the Constitution, our first official flag, and an SAR slide show. SAR & DAR had a double booth. Shown here are Art Dolan and Bob O'Neal. Nine compatriots served at our SAR Recruiting booth at the Fair.

❖ **September 27th - Oregon Trail Rededication, Toledo:** Mick Hersey led the monument restoration and said, "Standing in Remembrance of my ancestors that came across the U.S. as homesteaders to Illinois, South Dakota and trails westward. From Hingham Massachusetts in 1635 to me living in the Great state of Washington, my family has crossed our great country!! [Details on pages 13-14]

❖ **Sept 30th - SAR Leadership Louisville:** Color Guardsmen Doug Nelson and Jim Lindley served in the National Color Guard at SAR leadership. Jim bore the Montana State flag and Col. Doug our own State colors.

Editor's Note: Besides being active with the Color Guard, Bob O'Neal has been active on a national level. He has submitted an outstanding design of the SAR logotype, as part of the re-branding process NSSAR is undergoing. This design represents the historic legacy of our organization and easily identifies who we are.



Compatriot Bob O'Neal's SAR Logo design

WASSAR Chapter Trails

Alexander Hamilton

The Alexander Hamilton continues to grow with the addition of new Compatriot Jack Jory. Recent awards have included Kent Gossman being presented his SAR War Service Medal and Paul Adan receiving the SAR Bronze Roger Sherman Medal for his outstanding accomplishments as founder and editor of The Cannon Ball newsletter.

Members of the chapter's Color Guard recently presented colors at the first Tacoma Ancestry Day, a genealogical event attended by 750 family history enthusiasts and was hosted by Ancestry.com. Chapter members manned an informative recruiting table that was a very popular place to visit by the events attendees.

Nomination Committee Chairman Bb Parrish reports they have received nominations for all Chapter offices for the next biennial 2017-18 term. Guest speaker, author and historian, Mr. Les Eldridge gave an impressive presentation on, "*Scientists (Naturalists) of the Pacific Northwest – From Captain George Vancouver's 1791 - 95 Expedition.*"

Additionally, other local recruiting events have included the annual Washington State Fair in nearby Puyallup, WA.

Report compiled by The Washington Trail Editor

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Washington Secretary of State Kim Wyman picture with (l. to r.) Drum Major Viren Lemmer, Lt.Col. Bob O'Neal, Kim Wyman, Lt. Paul Adan, Major Art Dolan

Cascade Centennial

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Chapter President Greg Lucas, has been meeting with local leaders to organize *The Committee to Honor American Veterans*. The Cascade Centennial Chapter no longer participates in the national Wreaths Across America program, as there has been considerable problems with the delivery of wreaths for the two previous planned events. Instead, we will sponsor the "Veterans Day Ceremony" at Sunset Hills Memorial Park in Bellevue. This year it will be November 11th.

Color Guard Captain Greg Emerson reported recent successes with living history presentations held in area elementary schools (fifth grade classes). He

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*Chapter President Greg Lucas and Compatriot Jim Lindley
with Junior Member James Rose*



Guest Speaker Bob Herschkowitz

dressed in his Virginia Militiaman uniform and shared the presentation, “*Liberty’s Children*” that he developed on the role children played in the American Revolutionary War. Please contact Greg if you want to join in with him in this worthy effort.

Dr. Cris Bisgard MD reported seven more applications in process, with two others completed for processing. Five have recently been approved. Seven more applications for Supplementals have been submitted.

Compatriot Jim Lindley had the pleasure of inducting his grandson James Rose as a Jr. Member. James wore his Cub Scout uniform. Dr. Bisgard inducted Charles Estep. Both new members were awarded Certificates of Membership and given the SAR Rosette pin.

Retired US Navy Commander Bob Herschkowitz from the Seattle-based Holocaust Center for Humanity presented his stirring, personal story as a Holocaust survivor. This was by far one of the more popular presentations given at one of our chapter meetings, as numerous guests attended to hear Mr. Herschkowitz speak.

Report submitted by Compatriot Craig Rhyne, Chapter Secretary

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No report was submitted.



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George Washington

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No report was submitted.



Captain John Paul Jones

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. Several of the Color Guard members marched in the Steilacoom Fourth of July Parade with the State Color Guard.

Recently, another item of interest has revealed itself from an unexpected quarter. In late August, I received a message from Rob McCall, director of the John Paul Jones Cottage Museum on the Arbigland Estate, Kirkbean, near Dumfries in Southwest Scotland. The Cottage is the site of John Paul Jones’ birthplace, and has been renovated retrospectively to the style of the 1770’s. A museum wing has been added to display artifacts from his life. Recently, a contingent of US Navy Officers and Sailors from *USS John Paul Jones* visited and celebrated American Independence Day on the estate where the Cottage is located. I also found out that the then SAR President General Mr. Bruce Wilcox visited in 2008 and awarded the SAR International Medal to the Foundation’s Curatorial Advisor, Mr. David Lockwood.

Although considered a pirate by the British, it was even said that mothers could quiet their crying children simply by uttering his name. Mr. McCall was glad to hear that there was a SAR Chapter bearing Jones’ name and invited us to visit.

The John Paul Jones Chapter looks forward to a strong finish of 2016!

*Report submitted by Compatriot Conrad Plyler,
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The John Paul Jones Cottage Museum in Dumfries, Scotland



Mid-Columbia

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John Tipton, Kelly & Karen Schultz, Barry Moravek and Larry Flint attended the Scottish Fest in Prosser. We added 11 people to our friends and potential members mailing list and put one from the West side in touch with chapters over there. The

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Compatriots Larry Flint, Brian Smith, Barry Moravek, Kelly Schultz and Lloyd Coughlin (not shown) carried fallen hero and SAR banners. Conn Clark shown with musket

temperatures were cool this year, but it did rain about half the time. On July 4, 2016, the Mid-Columbia Chapter joined with the DAR and the Tri-City Genealogical Society to form a Patriotic Heritage Booth at Columbia Park to help celebrate our Countries Independence Day. Kids were encouraged to write to veterans and enter our coloring contest.

On September 24th, the Time of Remembrance Organization and the Gold Star and Surviving Families staged the first ever- ceremonial parade, sponsored by the City of Richland. The parade also featured a military flyover at 11:00 a.m. and members of the Mid-Columbia Color Guard carried banners of fallen heroes who died in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere since 9/11.

Report submitted by Compatriot Stan Wills, Chapter President



Upcoming Drawings

The Pacific District will be holding two drawings. The first, is a framed print of “*Making of a Nation*” by Don Crook. 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.

Pictures of both of these offerings are available on the next page. Contact Rodger Dent for your tickets for either or both drawings. Checks should be made payable to “Pacific District SAR.”



Making the Nation by Don Crook



Charleville AN IX flintlock musket and Bayonet

Remembering Compatriot John Ellingson

John Ellingson, Spokane #1 Chapter Secretary and longtime SAR Washington National Trustee died shortly before noon, October 3, 2016. Having joined in December 1981, John was an active promoter of SAR and there is insufficient room in this or any issue of *The Washington Trail* to give justice to his many accomplishments, as a part of the Washington State SAR family.

From the national membership database, John was awarded:

- ❖ 6/1/1987 - Patriot Medal
- ❖ 6/1/90 - State Meritorious Medal
- ❖ 7/1/98 - Liberty Medal
- ❖ 6/1/2007 - State Distinguished Medal
- ❖ 1/1/2008 - SAR Centennial Medal
- ❖ 6/13/2008 - 25-Year Membership Award
- ❖ 1/1/2009 - George Washington Bicentennial Medal
- ❖ 3/1/2009 - Military Service Medal, for service in World War II
- ❖ 6/28/2010 - Minuteman Award
- ❖ 7/12/2011 - Liberty Medal (Bronze cluster in-lieu of second award)
- ❖ 1/9/2016 - Chapter Distinguished Service Medal



From the national membership database – National and state positions held:

- ❖ History Committee
- ❖ Newsletter and Publications Committee
- ❖ Patriot Index / Revolutionary War Graves Registrar
- ❖ Historian Spokane #1
- ❖ Secretary Spokane #1
- ❖ Trustee Washington SAR
- ❖ WA National Trustee: 1996 to 2000; 2007 to 2016
- ❖ WA State President: 1986, 1987,
- ❖ Vice-President General Pacific District: 2001 to 2002 and 2004

DID YOU KNOW...

What Benjamin Franklin said about democracy and liberty?

“Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch. Liberty is a well-armed lamb contesting the vote.”

November 8th is Election Day – Practice your right to vote!

The Washington Trail

Greg Emerson, Editor

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DID YOU KNOW...

You can help promote SAR recruiting at your local library?

Print a few copies of the Washington Trail and ask to place them with other special interest flyers



*Photography by Sharon Barney
Hazel Weston Chapter DAR*

Combined SAR & DAR Color Guard Marching in the 2016 Steilacoom Independence Day Parade