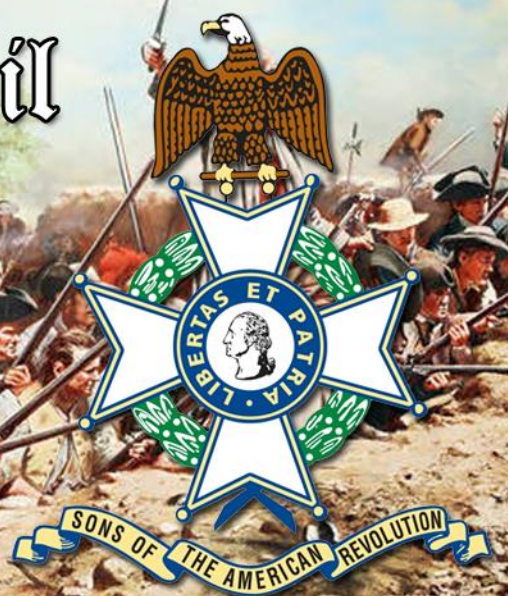


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Farewell Address – *The President's Message*

By Doug Nelson
Outgoing Washington SAR President

Greetings Sons,

As this is my last President's message, I want to say thanks to our chapters and their members for the warm welcome and very gracious hospitality shown to Kathi and me. I am very proud of the Washington Society and the eight chapters that make it up. Everywhere we have gone, there are SAR Sons making a difference within their communities.

We have an individual influence through our everyday associations. It has been most evident to me that eligible men in our sphere of everyday activity and social networking would gladly join our Society, subscribe to its principals and take part in its programs, if we would extend to them the privilege of membership. We just need to tell them who we are and what we do. We joined the SAR for several reasons, including to be part of an organization that does important work in our communities. We have an opportunity to give evidence that a group of people,



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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 Robb's 125th Street Grill on Aurora AVE

Spokane #1

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

See reports on Page 24, for the happenings for each chapter

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Your chapter news can appear in The Washington Trail. Email your draft prior to the deadline posted on the lower right. Please identify all individuals appearing in your photos. Space is limited; therefore the Editor reserves the right to edit all submissions.

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diverse in many ways, can work together on common goals because of our love of country and to honor our patriot ancestors who fought or gave aid towards America’s independence.

Chapter efforts to recognize our public servants with awards will show that we appreciate their sacrifices for us. Police Officers, Firemen, Emergency Medical Service (EMS) workers and ordinary citizens who do heroic things often do not receive the recognition they deserve and your chapter awards are appreciated by those you recognize, their family and their co-workers. The important work of the SAR is done in chapters and the leadership in our chapters is where it starts. I want to thank our chapters, and the officers, chairmen and coordinators in those chapters, who worked so hard this past year. Chapters who have active youth programs, JROTC/ROTC programs and who make flag and public service awards acquire an important visibility in their community.

Our state society will be recognizing state winners of our essay contests. We have 1st place winners for our High School Knight Essay contest, our Eagle Scout essay contest and our JROTC Enhanced Essay contest. Our board of directors has also approved recognizing two citizens with the Silver Good Citizenship Medal.

In closing, there are so many people I need to thank for their help and support these past two years. There is not enough time and space to mention each one individually in this message. I can only hope they know who they are and how much their influence and encouragement has been appreciated.

Fraternally yours,

Douglas H. Nelson

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.*



Bunker Hill 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 is a traditional academic realist painter, well known for his extremely accurate historical and military paintings, mostly of the Civil War and American Revolution. He was born in New York City in 1949 and studied at the Pennsylvania Academy Of Fine Arts and New York City's Art Students League between 1967 and 1971. He 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."

His critically acclaimed "Bunker Hill" graces the cover of the Spring issue, with the words "We The People" from the Preamble of the U.S. Constitution. Visit Don's website (<http://www.dontroiani.com/>), to learn more about his work and to find dealers in the Pacific Northwest.

Spring Leadership Report

By Doug Nelson, Washington SAR President

Attendees:

- ❖ Jim Lindley
- ❖ Bob Doughty
- ❖ Greg Lucas
- ❖ John Berg
- ❖ Doug Nelson
- ❖ Teri Lindley
- ❖ Kathi Nelson
- ❖ Keith Weissinger

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ 2017 Annual Congress, July 2-7, 2017, Knoxville, TN
- ❖ Fall Leadership Meeting, Sept 28-30, 2017
- ❖ Spring Leadership Meeting, March 1-3, 2018

Articles of Association Presentation. An early original copy of the Articles of Association of the Continental Congress signed on October 20, 1774 were on display. It bore the signature of Washington and many other noble historic American figures and was on loan to the SAR from the National Archives.

Patriot Biographies Committee. 5,250 patriot biographies have been submitted so far. Chairman Doug Collins said they are getting 50 a week. He reminded us to include our chapter name and state society so they get credit towards a flag streamer. Internet Technology Chairman Bill Marrs mentioned his IT committee is getting close to putting the patriot biographies online. The chairman also noted they plan to start working with the Patriot Graves committee. It was suggested that each state society put a link to the national patriot biographies committee on their state webpage:

<https://www.sar.org/compatriots/committees/patriot-biographies-committee>

The chair noted we need to let Chapter Presidents know how to make a patriot biography submission. There is a patriot graves form that can be used at <https://sar.org/sar-forms-and-manuals>. It was suggested, on new member electronic applications, if more data was added to the service section, with corresponding proof documents, this can be used in your patriot biography. Email patriot biographies to patriotbios@sar.org.

It was mentioned that all the information for a patriot biography is on your approved application. The committee chair encouraged everyone to write a patriot biography of their patriots. Patriot biographies can be used to attract new prospects for the SAR and State societies get a flag streamer if they submit patriot biographies.

Education Committee. National History Day in Washington State is Saturday, April 29, 2017 at Evergreen Community College in Auburn. This history event will be added to the Americanism program. We were encouraged



WASHINGTON SAR Delegates (L to R) – Greg Lucas, Jim Lindley, Bob Doughty, Keith Weissinger, Kathi Nelson and Doug Nelson

to participate in National History Day by having members volunteer to grade American history essays locally where you live. A link to National History Day for our state is <https://www.nhd.org/affiliate/washington>

This committee discussed education outreach and Youth Protection Training (YPT). It was mentioned that YPT is not a one-size-fits-all, but it covers the basics. The Insurance and Risk National Committee recommends YPT and says it will lower the state society's insurance premium. The committee chairman asked state societies to work on and submit Presenter Information Sheets (PIS) to him. These are like a flyer on what we talk about in schools and a little about ourselves. There is a flag streamer for chapters and state societies that comply. It was mentioned that there are issues with the national module for this program that need to be worked out.

Teaching American Documents. Our own compatriot Craig Rhyne is working on this and connected with this committee by conference call. Craig said they are taking the Hillsdale College curriculum, on our country's founding documents, and modifying it to build an American Documents module for teachers to use. It's a 20-hour class, but broken down into one hour classes.

A motion to continue to develop this program PASSED.



WASHINGTON SAR Compatriot Jim Lindley speaking, with Sam Powell at left

A motion to recommend a change to the SAR mission statement to add a line to "educate Americans on the knowledge and appreciation for our founding documents" PASSED. This motion will be sent to another committee for review and approval.

Americanism Committee. Seventeen states submitted an Americanism spreadsheet. More are still coming in. Chairman Mark Anthony said if you need more lines for a category, send your spreadsheet to him and he will add more lines and send it back to you. The PG's initiative on a mentoring program is being added. You will be putting in the mentor's name for each new member. Chapter's will get credit accordingly.

Americanism spreadsheet, Version 5, is coming out soon. It increases lines for the national poster and brochure contests. A Georgia member mentioned some Georgia School Boards are requesting YPT for adults

coming to schools. A member from the California Society said they are having their color guard take the training because sometimes children want their picture taken with them. It was noted that YPT is recommended and not yet required.

Middle School Brochure Contest. The chairman said we can promote this contest without going to schools. Just call or email Middle School teachers and give them a link to this contest. Another person said it's an easy contest to make happen.

Elementary School Poster Contest. The committee reduced the judging criteria to ten areas. Teachers don't always have the right paper for this contest. The chapter or its chairman for this contest may need to buy the right paper for this contest as teachers don't always have it. We were reminded to get our state C.A.R. members to participate in these contests.

Patriot Outreach Committee. The SAR Patriotic Outreach Committee focuses on encouraging and recognizing chapters and state-level societies who participate in organized programs with other veteran support organizations such as the American Legion, Am-Vets, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and other veteran organizations.

The chairman of this committee said we need to make a state and chapter report separate from the Americanism report. The report form is online at <https://www.sar.org/patriotic-outreach-committee>. A compatriot from Alabama Society talked about being a volunteer for Boys State. It was stated that 1.2 million wreaths were laid last year with Wreaths Across America (WAA). Also mentioned was the problem Cascade Centennial Chapter had for two-years in a row of not getting wreaths on time.

Boys State is an organization that learns about government. Boys can run for congress or the senate. The boys need sponsors. You can sponsor a Boys State member for \$300. A Chapter can also sponsor a member of Boys State. A link to the Washington Boys State is <http://evergreenboysstate.org/>

Operation Ancestor Search is a sub-committee, which helps wounded soldiers with their genealogy.

Color Guard Committee. The committee voted on Color Guardsman of the Year. They presented Von Steuben medals to color guardsmen who met the criteria.

A Resolution to make the Tacoma Massing of Colors a national event was discussed. Your state president stood and talked in favor of our resolution. After discussion, the committee amended the resolution to include all Massing of Colors throughout the United States. The amended resolution PASSED.

There was a proposal to recognize compatriots who are involved with Honor Flights, by making honor flights a national event.

There was a proposal for a Gold Molly Pitcher medal for presentation subsequent to receiving the Silver Molly Pitcher medal.



Left to right: Doug Nelson, Greg Lucas and Keith Weissinger

California Color Guard Commander. He said reenacting insurance for his state is \$345/year. They created a color guard policy and procedures manual which lowered insurance cost. He also mentioned that the NRA is offering musket safety and shooting training.

Safety. Safety was discussed including frizzen covers and flash guard protection. We were reminded if we go into national parks to shoot, we are required to have these two musket safety features. Musket safety comes from the muzzleloaders handbook.

Color Guard Magazine. The SAR Color Guard Magazine editor wants to hear from the state color guard commander and not chapter color guard commanders. He gets too many emails from chapters and wants only the state color guard commander to send him articles.

Branding. National has approved calling ourselves Washington SAR and deleting the word “Society.” They are working on a Style Guide. The style guide will address SAR fonts, colors, and style to represent us continually. Using a style guide makes sure we are all telling the same story. A style guide may also be used by outside media to tell our story.

The minuteman statue in front of headquarters will be our official logo but the committee accepts variants of this minuteman statue. They are also looking at vector art because it doesn't lose resolution as you increase or decrease size whereas pixel art loses resolution.

Internet Technology (IT) Committee. The chairman said they are moving Patriot Graves and Patriot Biographies to a new server. The latest module added to the system is “donations” which will track each member's donations to the SAR. They will be meeting with programmers next week to make more website changes. He encouraged State President's to pass down officer emails to the chapter level. The committee chair also said the national society plans to rebid the information technology contract currently held by Blackstone Media.

State and Chapter Webpages. State and chapter webmasters need to fill out the Robert B. Vance Award form and submit it to the committee chair. Deadline for submittal is April 1 annually. Your state president has this form and will send it out.

Computer Browsers. The national operations manager said he gets email from compatriots who can't open PDF files on the national webpage. The problem is with the browser you are using. Our contract programmers use different browsers like Google Chrome and Mozilla Firefox, which effect files downloaded from the national webpage. He suggested, if you have problems opening a file on the national webpage, change browsers. Try using Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer (the most current version is IE11), or Microsoft Edge. The problem being some browsers won't let you go to Adobe PDF documents. They want you to use different software to open these files.

The Genealogy Committee chairman mentioned his committee approved three changes: **1)** Each new applicant will have to sign an affidavit statement that says they meet Article III of the NSSAR Constitution (found in NSSAR Handbook Volume I) and more; **2)** The application is being changed to have the Genealogist General signature for genealogy approval whereas it used to be a staff genealogist signature. The staff genealogist will initial where the Genealogist General signs and **3)** Children of the applicant will no longer be listed on the application to protect their vital information.

The genealogy committee are also reformatting the electronic application such that it will be searchable in a new (not ready yet) Genealogical Research System (GRS) like the DAR GRS system. The have appointed a sub-committee to look at what a GRS should contain.

This committee is working to make the reconciliation report easier. Bob Cohen will replace chairman Bill Marrs in July.

Trustee Meeting. Pacific District Vice President General (VPG) report is on share file. A copy has been obtained and will be distributed to board members. A motion to use \$55,000 to reduce the debt on our headquarters building PASSED.

A motion to require transgender prospects to provide a birth certificate or a Court Order that identifies their gender as 'male' PASSED. Three doctors and one past President General rose to speak in favor of the motion. The past President General noted he discussed this with three past DAR National Regents and they approved transgender

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Nominee for Washington SAR President

by *Compatriot Tony Abbott*

Greetings WASHINGTON SAR Compatriots:

My name is Anthony (Tony) Oscar Abbott. I am a candidate for the office of President for the Washington SAR. I am the son of a military family and a Texan by birth. As I was growing-up we traveled and lived in both the Far East and Europe. I am married to my lovely wife, Charlotte Lantz. We live in the Magnolia area of Seattle. I have two sons, by my 1st wife (deceased), who live in Texas and Louisiana, along with their families. In those families, I have a total of five grandchildren and one great-grandson. I have a lovely step-daughter and two fine step-sons, one of whom is Stefan Kovalenko, an active member and past president of Seattle Chapter SAR.



Education:

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, University of Houston, Houston, Texas

Career:

- ❖ IBM – 35-years in Houston, TX, retiring as a Senior Systems Engineer
- ❖ Safeway – Nine-years and currently Fuel Station Manager for the last four-years.

Sons of the American Revolution:

Joined SAR in 2002 and to date have proven four Revolutionary War ancestors. Compatriot of the Seattle Chapter, having held the following offices:

- ❖ Treasurer (2004-2006, 2015-2016)
- ❖ President (2005-2006)
- ❖ Trustee (2007-2008)
- ❖ Genealogist (2009-2011)
- ❖ Chaplain (2012-2013)

Washington SAR:

- ❖ State Treasurer (2007-2012)
- ❖ Director-at-Large (2017-current)

NSSAR:

George Washington Fellow

Awards:

- ❖ Roger Sherman Medal
- ❖ Meritorious Service Medal
- ❖ Liberty Medal

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prospect applications, male to female, in the same way. Another person rose and said there is more than one of our state societies that have asked for a resolution on this issue.

Youth Awards. The Youth Awards chairman said \$22,500 has been donated so far for youth awards. This was one of our President General's initiatives. Youth contest "awards" is being raised. Check the national webpage for subject changes. This is in part because the national investment funds have increased earnings for the upturn in the stock market.

The submitted application for Washington SAR compatriot Lee Thomasson, for the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout award, was approved. This award will be presented to him at our Annual Membership Meeting in Olympia.

Construction at Headquarters. The national operations director said, the sewer line problem has been resolved. The LED lighting in the library has been fixed. The security system at headquarters has been updated.

National Congress committee chair said, if you want to get on a Hotel waiting list, where the 2018 Tennessee Congress is happening, Paul Callanan at lctmrsc@aol.com. He will help you find a room.

A motion to take \$2,500 from the SAR Foundation and use it for carpeting the headquarters 1st floor PASSED. They are using carpet squares so if section of carpet gets stained, they just replace a carpet square and not the whole carpet.

Medals. The Medals and Awards committee chair said his committee approved a new medal called a Life Saving medal. It can be presented to a person who performs lifesaving cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to save a life. The medals and awards committee also changed the order of the top SAR state medals. The State Patriot Medal will now be the highest medal and State Distinguished Service Medal will be the next lower medal. (Some members will need to change the order of the medals they wear)

Mentoring. The National Membership Committee approved a new mentoring program. It will be on the national webpage for chapters to use.

Council of State President's. The Alabama Society State President said his society conducted a survey of their membership. It had 60 questions. A member not feeling inclusive was a major feedback. Members felt they were not being informed of everything from what's going on at national down to the chapter level. More than 50 percent of their members had not tried to recruit anyone. A little less than 50 percent of members responded. They used surveymonkey.com. The results will be sent to sharefile for all state presidents to access.

Miscellaneous. Our Washington SAR State Eagle Scout essay placed 4th nationally!

**DID YOU
KNOW...**

Discoveries continue to be made concerning the American Revolution in the New York City area

Check out this article at:

<http://pix11.com/2017/03/25/vacant-brooklyn-lot-could-be-site-of-mass-grave-for-revolutionary-war-soldiers/>

Washington SAR Eagle Scout Ranks 4th in the Nation!

by Washington SAR Eagle Scout Committee



*SAR Mid-Columbia Chapter President Stan Wills
presents Eagle Scout Christian Pugh with his 2016
Washington State winner's certificate.*

Eagle Scout Christian Pugh, the Washington State winner of the Arthur and Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest has come in 4th in the Nation, at SAR Spring Leadership. As the Washington State winner, Christian received a \$500 check, the handsome Eagle statuette, the winner's medal and BSA-SAR patch.

Christian, a BSA Denali, Silver and Ranger level Venture scout and an Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor member is a man of many talents. He has earned the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal for Youth, National Medal for Outdoor Achievement, William T. Hornaday Award and is a member of the National Honor Society. He lettered in tennis as team captain, ran cross country and was on his high school Math Team, Band and Knowledge Bowl. As an LDS member his four-generation chart was completely filled. His activities, achievements and honors all gained him many points in his SAR scholarship entry. Placing a strong 4th Place at National SAR, Christian received another check for \$200.00.

You can read his essay, "*Boston Massacre Defender: John Adams – Patriot,*" on page 12.

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.

Boston Massacre Defender: John Adams – Patriot

by Christian Pugh, Eagle Scout

Sons of the American Revolution, Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Award Essay - December 31, 2016

On March 5, 1770, a British soldier stood guard in front of the Customs House in Boston, Massachusetts. His assignment was to serve as a protection to the agents responsible for the collection of import duties recently established by the Townshend Acts. These duties were far from popular, and a group of young men took the opportunity to heckle the soldier. After much harassment, reinforcement soldiers were called in, and the captain of the guards' efforts to disperse the crowd failed. Tensions escalated until shots rang out, echoing through the narrow streets. Within moments, three civilians lay dead on the cobblestones with two others wounded who would both later pass away from the complications. (*Wallenfeldt*)

I have stood at this site, roughly organized cobblestones and brass markers designated as the official site of the Boston Massacre. Today, the reverence of the site is obscured by noisy traffic, the mixed smells of urban streets, and Freedom Trail walkers attempting to get nearly impossible selfies with the underfoot site marker.

My thoughts are that the Boston Massacre was largely an unfortunate result of the actions of over-exuberant citizens; however, one important piece of Patriot history from the Boston Massacre is the ardent patriotism shown by one of our founding fathers. When the time came for the trials of the soldiers, attorneys were unwilling to defend the soldiers until John Adams agreed to the task. Adams was principled and had higher regard for order and the rule of law to let the soldiers stand undefended.

Had the trial been in the court of public opinion, the soldiers may have all been found immediately guilty of murder; however, with John Adams defending the soldiers, only two of them were found guilty of manslaughter, not murder. Adams said about the trial, "The part I took in defense of . . . the soldiers, procured me anxiety, and obloquy enough. It was; however, one of the most gallant, generous, manly and disinterested actions of my whole Life, and one of the best pieces of service I ever rendered my country. Judgment of death against those soldiers would have been as foul a stain upon this country as the executions of the Quakers or witches, anciently. As the evidence was, the verdict of the jury was exactly right." (*Adams*)



Actor Paul Giamatti as John Adams, in the HBO miniseries about the Founding Father

John Adams upheld his standard of excellence throughout the trial and viewed his work as extremely valuable to the integrity of himself and his country.

At the time when John Adams defended the soldiers, colony leaders were still years from meaningful discussions regarding independence from the British rule; however, Adams' willingness to support the principles he knew to be right (especially considering the circumstances), established his role of Patriot and future founding father and President.

I am proud to be a citizen of the United States of America and I know that wherever I stand, whether it be on <those> hallowed cobblestones in Boston or on the sidewalk in my hometown, I can feel and have pride in the strength of the governing principles laid out by our founding fathers. I can only hope that people today will base their actions upon the traits exhibited by John Adams and our other founding fathers.

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Recruiting New Members – Part I: *Elevator Speeches*

By Various Compatriots

An elevator speech is typically about 30-seconds, the time it takes people to ride from the top to the bottom of a building in an elevator. The idea behind having an elevator speech is that you are prepared to share this information with anyone – at any time – even in an elevator!

How would you in half a minute explain the SAR to someone? Some Washington SAR Compatriots have shared their speech:

- ❖ **Conrad Plyler:** *You asked about the Sons of the American Revolution and I'm happy to tell you a little about us. We are a men's lineage society and we all can trace our ancestry back to an American patriot of the Revolution, honoring our patriot grandfathers in this way and passing this information to our descendants. We teach and promote the value of being an American citizen. We recognize outstanding young Americans, and display patriotism in many activities. We would like the opportunity to work with you to discover your American Patriot, so that you too may honor him and his sacrifice for liberty.*
- ❖ **Bob O'Neal:** *We are the Sons of the American Revolution. We are like the DAR, you know, except we are the SAR. We trace our family back directly to patriot ancestors who fought in the Revolution. Our goal is to bring History, Education and Patriotism to the community. We do that by living history presentations in the schools – as in this picture [pulls wallet out]. We recognize outstanding young people with SAR awards, medals and scholarships for scholastic achievement and leadership - in high schools, ROTC, Boy & Girl Scouts, Sea Cadets. We have patriotic poster contests, essay and oration contests for middle and high schools. We also are available to speak to adult civic groups on our Nation's founding and the Revolutionary War. My card.*
- ❖ **Chuck Waid:** *Hi, my name is Chuck Waid and I am always looking for more cousins, especially if they served in the Revolutionary War! As Vice President of the Washington Society Sons of the American Revolution, I will help you document your lineage to any patriotic ancestor who fought to give us our freedom and the right to live in this great country. Were your ancestors in America before 1780? Here is my card. Call or e-mail me, we might be related.*
- ❖ **Doug Nelson:** *Hi, I'm Doug Nelson with the Sons of the American Revolution. We are a male lineage society. Did you know you have 256 chances of finding a patriot grandfather who fought for America's Independence? We can help you find a patriot. Joining us will then honor your grandfather's service and you will pass on a proven lineage to your decedents. We work to preserve America's Heritage, to teach the value of American citizenship and we sponsor educational contests on American History. Would you like to come to one of our monthly meetings to learn more about what we do firsthand?*

Washington SAR is one of the fastest growing state societies in the national organization. By cheerfully sharing your experiences with SAR and the Washington State Society, you can serve as one of our Ambassadors.

Recruiting New Members – Part II: *Tell Our SAR Story*

By Compatriot Doug Nelson, WASHINGTON SAR President

Help tell the SAR story. Write articles for your local newspapers; tell other groups we've been in Washington State since 1895, with years of service to our communities. Let them know what we have done and continue to do. Tell them about our education programs and about SAR in schools. Let them know about our elementary school poster



Compatriots Stan Wills and Lane Elliott welcoming one of 31 new citizens from 16 countries at a recent Citizenship event

contest, essay contests for middle and high schools, and our high school history teacher essay contest. Tell them we also honor high school superior JROTC Cadets and exceptional Sea Cadets as well as outstanding University ROTC cadets with awards and medals.

Spread the word about how we have a scholarship program for Eagle Scouts with a first-place national prize of \$20,000 for our essay contest. Don't forget to tell that we have public service medals to honor heroes and others with outstanding service in Law Enforcement, Fire Safety and Emergency Medical Services.

And, tell them about our enjoyable work with at Naturalization Ceremonies where our chapter color guards often present colors, offer congratulations and welcome new citizens to our great country. Don't

forget to tell about our work with veterans in VA hospitals, rest homes and other facilities. Let them know we participate in Wreaths Across America, laying a wreath on veteran's graves to honor their service.

We are a volunteer organization and are proud of our many contributions within the communities we live in. Best wishes in your endeavors to help us tell our wonderful SAR story.

**DID YOU
KNOW...**

The city of Philadelphia is reigniting an interest in the founding fathers and the American revolution?

Check out this article at:

<http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/Bronze-Sculptural-Panels-Outside-Museum-American-Revolution-417867173.html>

America's Founding Documents Education Initiative for Middle and High Schools

By Compatriot Craig Ryhne

I am pleased to report great progress with the Sons of the America's Founding Documents School Initiative since first envisioned by Compatriot Dick Calkins and myself in 2014. Since then, a Compatriot from Texas (Al Gibson) went with me to visit Hillsdale College in Michigan, last August and then the NSSAR Fall 2016 Leadership Meeting in Louisville to garner support for the project, including defining its scope. I was appointed chairman of a subcommittee of the NSSAR Education Outreach Committee to move it forward. Compatriots on my subcommittee are:

- ❖ Brooks Lyles (Kentucky), Education Outreach Committee Chairman, NSSAR
- ❖ Richard Calkins (Washington)
- ❖ Al Gibson (Texas)
- ❖ Jerry Gross (Kentucky)
- ❖ Mark Griswold (Washington)
- ❖ John Palmer (Washington)
- ❖ Richard Patten (Washington, DC) and
- ❖ teachers Clark and Kevin Summers (Washington)

In fact, on March 3rd, the NSSAR Education Committee overwhelmingly approved what we have come up with and gave us the go ahead to proceed.



*Eastern Washington Color Guard Commander
Compatriot Stan Wills giving a living history
presentation*

We have interviewed many teachers and curriculum developers, as well as several students (including my 15-year old grandson), and the lack of accountability to education on the founding documents is widespread. Not least is the problem that at least two generations of teachers were not taught some key things, which has led to many promoting a "Progressive" multicultural agenda that disparages the Founders. We concluded that we needed a way to ensure that teachers would stick to our curriculum so that important truths would be taught.

An exciting revelation for us was the appeal expressed by teachers and students if local SAR members came to the class on Day 1 and Day 20 (in our 20-class model) dressed in colonial dress and/or Revolutionary War uniforms. We found that teachers really like this and it brings excitement to the class, setting the stage for learning about the Founding Documents. This program would provide very tangible ways for our 34,000 members across America to help our country in significant ways and many of them already have Color Guard attire and relationships with local schools.

We are working to develop a 20-day lesson plan for middle schools, noting that the teachers we talked to sometimes referred to "crowded curriculum," and that we may want to offer an optional shorter

version. (We also envision a similar 20-day course for high schools, as well as an honors class focusing on the Federalist Papers and other documents, although we are restricted by our leadership to educate about events only between 1763 and 1801).

In our model, we control and ensure the teaching of American exceptionalism and important details of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. How can we do this? Because we will supply the Founding Documents and lessons to each student in a workbook, and would supply the quizzes and the SAR final exam in the Teacher's Guide. When students take OUR final exam (Day 19), and pass it with at least 60% correct, they would receive a graduation certificate from the SAR (presented by a local SAR member in Color Guard uniform) on Day 20!

Now comes the work of writing drafts of the curriculum, based on the draft lesson plan, the creation of the student workbook and Teacher's Guide, and an Implementation Guide for SAR members (to be prepared by Dick Calkins on how to introduce it into local schools).

We see this project as an extremely meaningful expansion of the work of the Sons of the American Revolution across America that will do great good for our country and its citizens.

For God and Country,

Craig W. Rhyne, Chairman

America's Founding Documents Subcommittee, NSSAR Education Outreach Committee

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Local Recognition for Washington SAR

By Compatriot Doug Nelson, Washington SAR President

Some of you saw on Facebook that the WASHINGTON SAR and DAR were both recognized by Pierce County as “Outstanding Volunteer Organizations,” who freely support their new citizenship ceremonies. There were about 500 people in attendance. The Pierce County Auditor nominated us for it. I was so honored to receive this on behalf of the WASHINGTON SAR, along with Compatriots Bob O’Neal and Viren Lemmer.

Compatriots from three chapters have participated in the Pierce County New Citizenship Ceremony since it began: Alexander Hamilton, Cascade Centennial and John Paul Jones. A HUGE “well done” to all!



Washington SAR's Outstanding Volunteer Organization Award

Living History Presentations Make a Big Impact

By Publius



*Compatriot Stan Will's traveling history
treasure chest*

the presentation, “*A Day in Colonial Life*,” Stan and other presenters share everything from samples of the clothing people (especially children) wore, how a flint and steel were used to light fires, kitchen utensils that were commonly used and examples of the bricks of tea that were used by families. They also learn about the roots of public schooling by getting to use a slate and stylus and they also get to try their hands at some of the games kids during that time played.

Compatriots Bob O’Neal and Art Dolan are experts at sharing the history of the American Flag and walk audiences through the history and design of all eighteen flags used during the American Revolution.

Compatriot Greg Emerson, the Color Guard Captain for Cascade Centennial Chapter has developed a living history presentation that has been very well received by numerous elementary schools and most recently, to the entire 7th Grade class (over 300 students) at Northwood Middle School, in Fairwood, WA.

“I have amalgamated aspects of Day in Colonial Life with biographical vignettes of children and young people who played

Ask any SAR Compatriot what his favorite activity in the organization is and many will say it is visiting youth organizations – schools, home school cooperatives, scout meeting and church group – and giving living history presentations. In Washington SAR these presentations are a staple of our organization.

Compatriot Stan Wills has lost count of the number of presentations he makes in a year’s time and it is likely that he has visited most of the elementary schools east of the Cascade Mountain Range. “The Living History Programs that the Washington SAR does is one of the most fulfilling projects we can do, whether it is for children or adults,” Compatriot Wills has said. Most schools have a history lesson in the 4th or 5th grades and most Middle School curriculums teach the American Revolution to 7th graders in their second semester. Stan shared, “I have done programs for elementary schools, high schools, colleges and adult groups.”

Washington SAR Compatriots present items from several travelling history treasure chests that have been assembled for the specific purpose of sharing what life was like for people living during the American colonial period and America’s war for independence from Great Britain. In



*One of Compatriot Will's audience gets to try on
colonial dress*



Compatriot Greg Emerson sharing the experiences of young people in the American Revolution with Middle Schoolers

pivotal roles in the American Revolution,” he said. He calls this presentation “*Liberty’s Children: The Important Role Children Played in Winning the American Revolution.*” He shared, “The kids love seeing and touching the items from the travelling history treasure chest and I also liven things up a bit, when I share some of the grosser aspects of colonial life.” He added, “Adding a little humor to your presentation can pay HUGE dividends.”

Along with items from the treasure chest, he includes some personal items for his collection. Greg shared, “I bring along actual musket balls of the various calibers used and recently I was able to find a six-pound cannon ball on e-Bay. These items are actual period pieces and the kids are amazed that they are getting to hold things that are over 200 years-old!”

Greg added one final piece of advice, “Unfortunately, most schools frown on even allowing replica muskets and long rifles on school property. If you contact the school in advance and explain that the props are completely non-firing, exceptions have been made.” He shared that at another recent presentation at Bellevue Montessori Academy allowed him to bring a replica Brown Bess and Kentucky long rifle. This was the highlight of the day for the kids as they got to compare the weight of both firearms.

Presenters should be encouraged to find other ways to engage their audiences. Washington SAR Color Guard Commander Bob O’Neal has a color contest for younger elementary school audiences. Most presenters reward their audience’s participation with copies of colonial scrip. Another way is to demonstrate the single-cut, five-pointed star as they tell the story of the creation of the Betsy Ross flag.

Compatriot Emerson provided one final piece of advice to presenters, “Find a way to challenge your audience. The kids I talk about helped to change their world. When I conclude my talk, I always challenge my audience to find a way to change theirs!”

In 2016, the Washington SAR Color Guard made 90 presentations across the state, reaching over 2,000 children and adults with the stories of the founding fathers.



A student at Bellevue Montessori Academy compares the weight of a Brown Bess musket to a Kentucky long rifle

2016 DAR Liaison Report

Compatriot Bob O'Neal, WASHINGTON SAR DAR Liaison



In 2016, the Washington SAR State and Chapters participated in many public events jointly with officers and members of Washington State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (WSSDAR).

This year we started off to continue our happy association with our Sisters. Our first gig January 28 was the WSSDAR *Board of Management Meeting* where our Fife & Drum Corps beat the march of Colors posted by the Knights of Columbus. DAR State Regent Julie Pittman mustered her daughters to

come out wearing their finery and so the picture shows all the many great period dresses, most of them hand made. Honorary SAR Color Guardsman Vern Frykholm was featured speaker in his great persona of George Washington. President Doug Nelson brought greetings. And y'rs truly observed.

The next engagement was the annual *George Washington Memorial*. Greater Seattle DAR Council President Lanabeth Horgen invited the entire Washington SAR to take part. Many Seattle compatriots and our Color Guard & Fife & Drum Corps participated. Next on Feb 20th was the *Massing of the Colors* at which there were four DAR Chapter units and four WA SAR units to carry their Colors. President Doug Nelson and 1st Vice Regent Lanabeth Horgen were honored to present a *patriotic award* to two deserving individuals. Ours went to Mick Hersey for his monumental works. Our SAR-DAR Fife & Drum Corps led the Posting of the Colors playing smartly of *Yankee Doodle*. SAR & DAR shined on this Washington Patriotic Day, now made a National SAR Color Guard Event!

Color Guardsmen made living history presentations to the DAR at Annie Pulliam Chapter (Greg Emerson), Auburn's Lakota Chapter (Viren Lemmer), Tacoma's Eliz. Forey Chapter (Viren Lemmer), and Demoinies' Tillicum Chapter (Bob O'Neal). Our Vice Commander Stan Wills, Capt. Dale Ryan and Capt. Larry Flint and the EWA Color Guards continue to attend joint SAR-DAR Events. Major Stan Wills plans to lead posting of Colors and man a Recruiting Booth at the *DAR Washington Annual Conference* at the Davenport Hotel in Spokane April 27-29. We are indeed fortunate to enjoy a very strong relationship with our DAR Sisters at State and Chapter levels.

SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal Awarded

Compatriot Bob O'Neal

In the past seven years, Compatriot Marion "Mick" Hersey, on his own personal initiative, expertise and leadership, led veterans and civic groups in restoring to like-new condition, over one hundred veterans' memorials in the Puget Sound area and was instrumental in restoring all the monuments in the 'Washington Territory', that mark the famous Oregon Trail.

Some of you may not realize the extent of Mick Hersey's patriotic efforts on behalf of the memory our military veterans and historic American roots here in Washington. Therefore, below attach the entire citation, which we did not have time to read at the award ceremony.

I think I speak for President Doug, when I say it was an honor to be able to present the SAR Silver Good Citizenship medal to Mick at such a large gathering of veterans and active duty military, VSOs and military families.

It was a pleasure to recognize Mick's work as a Compatriot promoting SAR ideals at the recent Patriotism Day and Massing of the Colors. This event has now become a SAR and DAR State event, sponsored by the Washington State Governor, and with seven SAR/DAR chapters and with State SAR & DAR leaders participating along with eight musicians of our growing SAR-DAR Fife & Drum Corps.

CITATION: Marion T. Hersey – SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal

The SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal is presented to Mr. Marion “Mick” Hersey for his patriotic achievement and dedicated service as a volunteer monuments preservationist in the years 2010 to 2017. The Silver Good Citizenship Medal recognizes outstanding and unusual patriotic achievement and bears a silver relief of our founding father Thomas Jefferson.

Mr. Marion Hersey, a retired US Navy veteran, was inspired by noting the lack of maintenance for the many veterans’ memorials in Bremerton, Washington. Upon learning that no entity was able maintain these venerable monuments and no funds were available, Mick decided to make it his personal mission. He dedicated himself and his considerable talents in monuments preservation, to the task of restoring as many as possible of these monuments, parks, plaques and statues to pristine condition.

Over these past seven years, Marion Hersey has been able to restore on his own initiative and leadership, and with the support of the Mayor and City of Bremerton and military and civic groups, over one hundred public memorials. Mick personally catalogued and documented these memorials. All the necessary funds Mick provided himself or raised by soliciting donations. His achievements commanded the attention of press, television news and city officials. Mick Hersey’s reputation spread and he has begun teaching his restoration techniques to other groups in the Puget Sound. He led and assisted in the restoration of 11 Oregon Trail markers from Olympia to Vancouver, Washington.

In addition, he has raised funds annually for Wreaths Across America and other memorial ceremonies and his dedication led to the major restoration of Bremerton’s Ivy Green Cemetery. Mr. Marion Hersey’s strong leadership, dedicated service and patriotic achievement in the restoration and documenting of our State’s historic and veterans’ memorials in Puget Sound region is most worthy of recognition by the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal.

2 January 2017

Huzza, Compatriot Mick!



Compatriot Mick Hersey (SCPO, USN, Ret.) receives the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Award from Washington SAR President Doug Nelson (at left). Color Guard Commander Bob O'Neal congratulates Mick. In the background is the U.S. Army Band from I Corps & Joint Base Lewis-McChord

Color Guard Report

Compatriot Bob O'Neal, Commander Washington SAR Color Guard

Please welcome a new member Compatriot and color guardsman, Lane Elliott. Doug Nelson swore him is a new member and Stan Wills swore him in as Color Guard No.39 - in uniform! Lane is a US Navy veteran and he volunteered to be Spokane Chapter Treasurer too.

RESOLUTION

Dated 28 February 2017

Whereas President George Washington led our Country in its struggle to become free and independent and is the foremost veteran and patriot of the United States of America; and Whereas the great State of Washington is the only one of the United States named for the Father of our Country, whose birth day occurs on February 22, 1732; and Whereas our Governor proclaims February 22nd, annually be designated as Washington State Patriotic Day holding a military formation called Massing of the Colors in the City of Tacoma

And whereas hundreds of military units, veterans, civic organizations, and both the Sons & Daughters of the American Revolution participate in Massing of the Colors; and Whereas the SAR Washington State Society Color Guard participates in full uniform annually at Massing of the Colors, with several SAR & DAR Chapters; and Whereas the Washington State SAR-DAR Fife & Drum Corps participate in full uniform to lead the posting of colors at Massing of the Colors;



*WASHINGTON SAR Color Guard was well-represented at Tacoma's
Massing of the Colors Event*



*Compatriot Lane Elliot (second from left) inducted as a
WASHINGTON SAR Compatriot*

And whereas the SAR of Washington State musters at 40 uniformed men participating in over 200 uniformed events every year, including the Massing of Colors; and Whereas there are only three (3) designated National SAR Color Guard Events west of the Mississippi River; and none in the Pacific District SAR, now therefore, be it Resolved, the Washington State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution: Urges that the National Society Color Guard designate that Massing of the Colors, on this Washington Patriotic Day, held annually February 22nd be listed as an official National Color Guard Event.

The other three SAR National Events are held west of the Mississippi River are in Missouri, Texas and California. Most are Revolutionary War battlefield events back East and in the "Colonies."



Compatriot and WASHINGTON SAR Drum Major Viren Lemmer presenting Music in the American Revolution

Compatriot and Washington SAR Drum Major Viren Lemmer of the Washington SAR/DAR Fife & Drum Corps continues his recruiting drive.

Recently, he gave a living history presentation for the DAR Elizabeth Forey Chapter. He presented "*Music in the American Revolutionary War*" to 21 ladies. He was able to recruit a new drummer and had two requests for presentations as well. Many ladies took the SAR brochure for their male relatives. The use of music by our Continental Army during the Revolution and how music was used as a signaling device on the battlefield.

Additional Color Guard information can be found on page 28 of this issue.

A Proclamation of Remembered Service

Compatriot Doug Nelson, Washington SAR President

Robert Charles Anderson (1933 – 2017)

Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Washington State Society SAR, on the death of Past Chapter President of the Fort Vancouver Chapter and Past Board Member of the Washington State Society Robert Charles Anderson, January 13, 2017

A Proclamation

WHEREAS, The Washington State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution has lost one whose interest in and devotion to its affairs were unceasing throughout his long service, which included the office of Chapter President and a Washington State Society Board of Directors member.

WHEREAS, his passing constitutes an irreparable and tragic loss, intensified by its suddenness, to his devoted wife and family, and WHEREAS, his energetic personality and unflagging efforts on behalf of the betterment of our organization and his devoted interest in all of its projects aroused the admiration and affection to all who came to know him.



Compatriot Robert Anderson

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors, on behalf of the members of the Washington State Society of the Sons of the American revolution, expresses the grief and sense of loss we bear in the death of our beloved compatriot; that we gratefully acknowledge the contributions he has made to the projects of our Society.

On behalf of the Washington State Society Board of Directors,

Douglas H. Nelson

State Historian's Report

Compatriot Bob O'Neal, Washington SAR Historian

Compatriots,

I want to thank those who gathered together and delivered to me here our WASHINGTON SAR archives.

These eight "tubs" of Archives were hauled from Idaho, gathered in Spokane and hauled again over the Cascade Mountains (no small task) thanks to Pres. Doug Nelson, Sec'y Bill Ailes, Trustee Bob Doughty. Thanks also to David Morse who delivered to us his brother's (Kenneth Morse who was Washington SAR Secretary-Treasurer in the 1960s) collection of Washington SAR and Seattle Chapter records, some dating back to the early 1900s.

I have not yet had the chance to examine them. Our last written history was completed by Historian Jim Lindley, dated 1895-2006.

GOALS: My tentative goals as Historian at this time (Should I be elected in April.) are:

1. To bring the Washington Society SAR History from 2006 up to date to 2017-18.
2. To review and investigate digitizing the Washington SAR archives.
3. To add to the archives any information that may be significant but not currently archived. (For example, NSSAR does not keep a record of any past positions held at the State or Chapter level.)

I have some experience in the retention and archiving of records. As Director of Corporate Services at Pay 'n Save Corporation (1980-90), I recommended and headed a project to assess the state of corporation Records Retention. I succeeded in both streamlining the type of records retained and reducing substantially the cost of archival and retrieval. The Company had merely kept and stored everything for many years. We were able to have several semi-trailer loads of records that were not necessary to be kept by the business, by IRS or for company history, eliminated at considerable cost savings to the company and also enhanced records retrieval for operations.

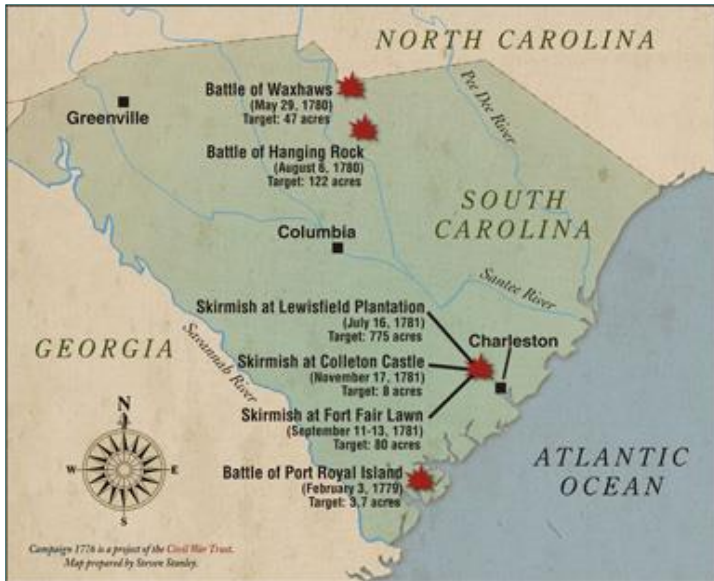
I plan to review non-profit records retention in general and at other SAR state societies, determine the types of archived documents on hand, considering their historical value to Washington SAR. I will seek Board approval for a prioritized list of Washington SAR documents to be gathered and retained. I plan also to evaluate the market for the cost and priority of retaining these documents in either hard copy and/or digitized format. An outside repository will be considered.

Your suggestions and ideas will be welcome. Give me some time; however, to review the archives on hand.

Patriot Spotlight

Conrad A. Plyler, Sr.

By Compatriot Conrad Plyler, President, John Paul Jones Chapter



Conrad A. Plyler, Sr., served in the Revolutionary War as a private soldier. He was a volunteer from “men of the country,” partisans (State Troops) who joined the militias during the war, and who fought in limited actions under militia commanders. In May 1780, the British under General Lord Cornwallis defeated the Continental Army at the Battle of Waxhaws and drove the Continentals out of South Carolina. In the absence of the regular army, American leaders: Francis Marion (The Swamp Fox), Andrew Pickens (The Wizard Owl), and Thomas Sumter (The Gamecock) formed militia groups to harass and destroy British supply lines to British garrisons in SC.

Sumter was successful in the northern part of the state, Marion in the South, and Pickens in the piedmont. Eventually, the Continental Army under General Horatio Gates, moved South from North Carolina and attacked the

British outpost at Camden on August 16, 1780. Cornwallis’ forces soundly defeated Gates. After that battle, Cornwallis detached his cavalry Commander Lieutenant Colonel Banastre (The Butcher) Tarleton and 350 troopers to seek out and capture Sumter, who was known to be operating in the area. Tarleton divided his forces, and with 160 cavalry, surprised Sumter and his 450 or so infantry and mounted horsemen at Fishing Creek, killing 150 and capturing 300. The militiamen, of whom Conrad was one, never had a chance. Tarleton’s men surprised Sumter’s pickets, and no alarm was given. The militiamen were swimming in the creek and taking their ease, having no idea of Tarleton’s intentions until too late.

Conrad was wounded in the hand and arm and was taken prisoner, but managed to escape that night. No more is known of his service, and it may be that that part of the militia was simply disbanded.

Conrad Plyler was born in 1752 to His father, Henry Pliler (sic), who had come to America in 1735 from Rotterdam, Holland and via Cowes, England and landing at Philadelphia, settling first in Lancaster County Pennsylvania. There Conrad was born, along with his four brothers. Eventually, the family moved South to the Carolinas, and owned land in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina and Lancaster County South Carolina. Nothing is known of Conrad’s childhood, but the families who settled these lands were almost always farmers.



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Depiction of a South Carolina Militiaman

Washington SAR Chapter Trails

Alexander Hamilton



Compatriot Dick Motz carrying the chapter's State SAR Flag along with Deputy Commander Art Dolan

The Alexander Hamilton Chapter has elected and installed a new panel of officers: President - Keith Weissinger; Vice President - Viren Lemmer; Secretary - Brandt Gibson; Treasurer - Rodger Dent; Chaplain - Mike England; Genealogist - Rodger Dent; Historian - John Knight; Trustee (*Projects*) - Paul Adan; Trustee (*Fund Raising*) - Skip Stephens; Immediate Past President - Bob O'Neal.

The Chapter was honored to present the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal to James and Loretta-Marie Dimond for their efforts to locate the remains of a Civil War veteran and arrange to have them interred with full military honors.

For 2017, we have 87 active members. We inducted two new members: Dick Motz and Dylan Barnett. We awarded a Supplemental Application to Ronald Black, Sr. We have five completed applications and eight applications in processing. Five New Member Guides have been assigned to prospective members.

Our JROTC/ROTC Committee is supporting 19 high schools and one college.

The Meritorious Service Medal was awarded to Compatriot Jerry Hull. The Bronze Roger Sherman Medal was awarded to Compatriots Mike England and Paul Fulmer.

We have a new member of the SAR Color Guard! He is Dick Motz, veteran of the U.S. Navy, who was just initiated into the chapter on February 18th and then carried our Chapter's SAR flag at the Massing of the Colors event!

Meeting guest speakers have included WASHINGTON SAR Compatriot Craig Lawson who spoke on the "Sons of the American Revolution and Campaign 1776," a national effort to save Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battlefields for historical and educational purposes. He is Treasurer of the Washington SAR and Secretary/Newsletter Editor and Past President of the Seattle Chapter. He joined the SAR in 2005.

Preparations are ongoing to serve as host chapter at the upcoming Pacific District Meeting. The Executive Committee authorized the Treasurer to donate \$500 to Campaign 1776 for their efforts to preserve a Revolutionary War battlefield in New York.

If you want to learn more about the activities of the Alexander Hamilton Chapter, contact Chapter Secretary: [Paul Adan](#).

Captain John Paul Jones

The first two-months of 2017 have been busy for the John Paul Jones Chapter. Steady growth and expansion of successful outreach have been the hallmarks.

Our membership is now at 65, with three new members being added in 2017 so far. There are three awaiting NSSAR approval and three more working. As a measure of activity, some 30 of our members routinely attend meetings, and well over half of those actively work in various committees and efforts of the Chapter. Supplemental applications are in the works for several Compatriots. Genealogist /Registrar Gene Tenney has done marvelous work.

2017 has been a VERY busy year this far. At our January meeting, we recognized the outstanding work of several of our Compatriots. Mike Donovan was awarded the Distinguished Service Certificate; David Irons, Noah Chase, Dave Blevins and Dan Weedon received the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal; Tom Herwer, Bob Smalser and Al Pinkham received the Chapter Meritorious Service Medal; and Mick Hersey and Fred Gilbert received the most prestigious Chapter Distinguished Service Medal. It was a distinct pleasure to reward such superior and necessary performance for the life of the Society. We presented Ambrosia Catering with a Certificate of Appreciation for providing us with a uniquely outstanding meeting place and scrumptious breakfasts. We installed several new officers. The slate stayed the same, but with David Irons relieving Fred Gilbert at Secretary, Gene Tenney as Genealogist/Registrar, and Keith Phillipy taking the reins from Mick Hersey as Programs Director. Dennis Carnagey assumed Membership coordinator duties, and Compatriot Fred Gilbert assumed the new position as Education and Americanism Coordinator (new position).

In the field of outreach and youth programs, we have been active! We have selected chapter winners in both Knight Essay and Eagle Scout Essay contests. We are looking forward to at least two entries in the JROTC Enhanced Program Essay Contest. Our JROTC unit Cadets will receive ROTC Bronze Medals in June.

Our educational activity has blossomed this year, as inroads have been made in the public schools, principally in the Central Kitsap and Bremerton Districts. Presentations on the *Life of the Continental Soldier, the Militia Rifleman,* and *A Day in the Life in the Colonies* have been well-received by the school students.

We have reached out to DAR Chapters in Kitsap, Clallam and Jefferson Counties and have briefed them on the SAR-DAR Liaison Program. A current initiative is in progress to conduct combined social events with the Elizabeth Ellington Chapter DAR.

Our Chapter Color Guard has actively participated in all WASHINGTON SAR Color Guard activities, in educational presentations, and is scheduled to participate at the Pacific District Meeting.

The John Paul Jones Chapter has just been named the sole sponsor for Wreaths Across America for this region.

Our Chapter intends to be a big part of the WASHINGTON SAR effort in support of the Northwest Colonial Life Festival in Sequim, WA in August.

If you want to learn more about the activities of the Captain John Paul Jones Chapter, contact Chapter Secretary: [Al Pinkham](#).

Cascade Centennial

The Cascade Centennial is making plans for the first WASHINGTON SAR Black Tie/Formal (Coat & Tie) Dinner, to begin raising funds for the SAR National Congress Seattle will host in 2021. We are requesting donations for the live and silent auctions. We need to raise no fewer than 100 auction items.

One of the busiest officers in our chapter is our Genealogist, Chris Bisgard. Besides holding the office of Vice President General for the Pacific District, he works almost non-stop on ensuring the paperwork and required documentation for prospective new Compatriots is 100% spot-on. As a result, the Cascade Centennial Chapter

continues to grow. At each meeting, we are inducting new members, as well as existing members are sharing supplementals that have been completed.

Reports have included progress being made on national SAR indicatives led by Chapter members, such as those by Compatriots Craig Ryhne and Dick Calkins (as reported on page 15). Compatriot Greg Emerson provided updates on sharing our Revolutionary War history with elementary and middle school students and the progress being made in the chapters Eagle Scout program.

The highlight of our chapter meetings has always been our presenters. In February, Washington SAR President Doug Nelson presented A Day in Colonial Life a talk that he has given in many elementary and middle schools, sharing many of the items in the Color Guards travelling history treasure chests. In March, Bill Knudsen, Board member of the Puget Sound Honor Flight organization, discussed that organization's mission to bring the veterans of the Greatest Generation on a visit to the national WWII memorial in Washington, D.C. Most recently, we had a Master fencing instructor and several of his students give a demonstration of Colonial era sword fighting.

If you want to learn more about the activities of the Cascade Centennial Chapter, contact Chapter Secretary: [Mark Griswold](#).



Compatriot J. Chris Bisgard and Guest Speaker, Bill Knudsen of Honor Flight

Fort Vancouver

Recently, we were privileged to meet Ms. Katie Klass, 3rd year history teacher at Woodland High School. A



From Right to Left: John Berg, Pacific District VP, Neal Van Houten President Ft Vancouver, Katie Klass, Gary Clark, VP Ft. Vancouver

graduate of Brigham Young University, she was recently awarded the James Madison Foundation Award, a \$24,000 award for graduate studies and known as the most prestigious award nationally for history teachers.

She shared her creative and challenging academic plans and activities with us and I think all members thank her for caring so deeply about education and history and appreciate her sharing that with us to-day. Her students are blessed to have her.

Chapter President Neal Van Houten and Compatriot George Vernon recently presented 10 Good Citizenship certificates and lapel pins to deserving Eagle Scouts, students of Kelso High School, on March 15th.

Other recent guest speakers were Fred Meyer Battle Ground Store Manager Matt Galli and HR Manager Mike Baron sharing their approach to management and employee value maximization when hiring veterans. They spoke of the natural fit, the training and discipline veterans bring to the job that makes them quality employees. Galli spoke of Fred Meyer and its parent Kroger Co.'s commitment to Food Share and the local food bank and that the Battle Ground store provides up to 400 pounds a day of food to these charities. The chapter thanked Matt and Mike for their store's contributions to making our community a better place to live.

If you want to learn more about the activities of the Ft. Vancouver Chapter, contact Chapter Secretary:
[George Vernon](#).

George Washington

Recently, the Knight Essay Contest Selection Committee made a motion to honor Emma James, a ninth grade student at Ferndale High School who presented an exceptional essay, with a bronze Good Citizenship Award to be awarded by the Color Guard as well as a gift of one hundred dollars.

If you want to learn more about the activities of the George Washington Chapter, contact: Chapter Secretary
[Chris Fridley](#).

Mid-Columbia

Kelly Schultz, on January 14th, attended the Annual Awards Banquet of the Columbia Basin Battalion Sea Cadets at the Richland Community Center. We were honored to award Cadet E3 Hunter with our Good Citizenship Medal.

The Mid-Columbia Chapter meeting January 21st at the Charbonneau Senior Home included a Colonial Life display and short talk by Stan Wills; Barry Moravek spoke about the upcoming Pacific District Conference, two short talks by Larry Flint and a rundown on the Wreaths Across America Program in Kennewick by Karen Schultz.

Compatriots Barry Moravek, Larry Flint and Kelly Schultz attended the Naturalization Ceremony at the Richland Federal Building on February 14th to welcome 21 new American Citizens.

At our February 18th Meeting Compatriot Arthur Broady gave a presentation on his Patriot Ancestor John Brody (John the Patriot) and his involvement in the Battle of Kings Mountain, North Carolina in rural Cherokee County, South Carolina, where the Patriot militia defeated the Loyalist militia commanded by British Major Patrick Ferguson. His ancestral research took some interesting turns, with uncovering family journal entries and using DNA tests.

Compatriot Larry Flint attended the Citizenship Class at Westside Church on February 28th and gave a short talk on the Privateers of the Revolutionary War.



Compatriots Kelly, Larry and Barry Pose with New Citizen and his Wife

We were especially honored at our March 11th meeting to be able to present the Washington State winner of the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Award, Christian Pugh. At the meeting Christian read his essay for those in attendance.

Also at our March meeting, Compatriot Stan talked about the Revolutionary War uniforms. He also shared about the significance of the pine tree on the hunting frock worn by Conn Clark. It became a symbol of the liberty tree and was used by the Vermont Militia. The rattlesnake also came to be used as a national symbol - "Don't Tread on Me!" Stan spoke briefly about Privateers of the Revolution and the use of cannon on our ships.

If you want to learn more about the activities of the Mid-Columbia Chapter, contact Chapter Secretary: [Larry Flint](#).

Seattle

If you want to learn more about the activities of the Seattle Chapter, contact Chapter Secretary: [Craig M. Lawson](#).

Spokane

In January, Compatriot Mike Moore of Spokane #1 presented the Good Citizenship award to Sea Cadet PO2 Hunter Cihal of the Spokane Sea Cadet Battalion. *(See photo on the back cover)*

Recently in March, Spokane # 1 attended the annual Big Horn Show in Spokane. Once again due to record attendance SAR was put on the map! We received many inquiries and a couple of new transfers from other state societies who recently moved to Spokane. We had 10 members man the booth on Saturday & Sunday.

If you want to learn more about the activities of the Spokane Chapter, contact Chapter Secretary: [Dennis Shaw](#).

Color Guard Report *(Continued from Page 21)*

We presented living history presentations to 14 elementary and middle schools, as well as civic organizations, reaching some 2,000 children and adults in our communities. In addition, we had articles in the first issues of *SAR Magazine*, *SAR Color Guardsman* and the local press. Compatriot Paul Adan produced another great issue of his Color Guard Newsletter, *DRUMBEAT!*

A major highlight of 2017 was the Massing of the Colors at Stadium High School, Tacoma. Our Fife & Drum Corps led the posting of Colors, we fielded four State & chapter Color Guard units, along with the DAR's four chapters. President Doug Nelson was invited by the Military Order of the World Wars Commander to present Compatriot Mick Hersey with the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal for his patriotism in restoring hundreds of veterans' monuments. Additionally, our Resolution we submitted to National to make Massing of the Colors here a National Event was approved by the NSSAR Color Guard Committee! They even designated the event "nationwide wherever held!" Washington SAR is on the Colonial map again.

Sadly, after six-years I will be stepping down as Color Guard Commander at the Annual Members Meeting.

At a change of command ceremony to be held the morning of April 22nd, Deputy Commander Art Dolan will, very ably, take command. Participating for so long in many hundreds of events with our great color guardsmen has been one of the most satisfying times of my entire life.

I have profound respect and admiration for each of these dedicated guardsman - volunteers, who give of their time, effort and some treasure “to bring History, Education and Patriotism to the publick”. During the period 2011-2017 our Washington SAR Color Guard participated in over 760 uniformed events, reaching many thousands of citizens.

I commend and thank our Color Guardsmen & Committeemen for a very successful run of six years – especially our Brigade Commander Doug Nelson, Vice Commander Stan Wills (my Inspiration!), Deputy Commander Art Dolan, our captains & our guardsmen, our fifers and our drummers. And to Drum Major Viren Lemmer for organizing & mustering the Fife & Drum Corps. It was a great privilege for me to lead and participate.

Commander Art Dolan, with his enthusiasm and leadership, will take our SAR Color Guard to new heights. I plan to join the ranks and continue having fun presenting in schools and marching with all my compatriots. Or maybe I'll try playing a drum!

Patriot Biography (Continued from Page 24)

Conrad married Mary Ann Funderburk, and the Plylers and Funderburks have stayed close to this day. Mary Ann was the daughter of German immigrant Hans Devauld Funderburk, who also served as a sutler, supplying food and material to Sumter's army. They had five sons, and lived near Lynches River and Otter Creek (sometimes Polecat Creek) in upper Lancaster County, SC. Conrad applied for a pension in 1823 at the urging of two friends with whom he served in the War, who vouched for his honorable service. It is known that he spoke broken English (German was his first language), read little except his German Bible, and could not write. His pension application bears his X mark. Conrad A. Plyler, Sr. died in 1837 in Lancaster SC at the age of 85. He is buried in the cemetery of Tabernacle Methodist Church with a VA headstone. Five of his descendants are buried alongside him.

Patriot Conrad, who fought for America's Independence, gave his name to seven descendants. Conrad Jr, his son; Conrad III, his grandson; Conrad IV a grandnephew; Conrad, his Great-Great-Great Grandson and father of Compatriot Conrad Plyler, to Compatriot Conrad himself, to his son and his grandson.

High School Student Alex Lemmer to Washington, DC



Alex Lemmer, son of Washington State SAR Color Guard Drum Major Viren Lemmer, has submitted his SAR application to join our society. He is also a member of our Fife and Drum Corps. and has marched with us in numerous parades. Alex is a JROTC member with the Admiral James S. Russell unit where he's the unit Operations Officer. As Operations Officer, he was responsible for Stadium High School's preparation and management of the Massing of the Colors. He was recently nominated and accepted to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on National Security, Diplomacy, Intelligence and Defense in Washington. DC. Students must be nominated to attend.

He will be visiting such sites as the U.S. Department of State, the Pentagon and other points of interest. A GoFundMe page has been established to help defray his cost, which are greater than \$4000. Alex would be very grateful for help in meeting this expense. The link to his GoFundMe page is:

<https://www.gofundme.com/alexlemmer>.

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Compatriot Mike Moore of Spokane #1 presents the Good Citizenship award to Sea Cadet PO2 Hunter Cihal of the Spokane Sea Cadet Battalion