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Renewed Hope

By Greg Emerson

The Washington Trail Editor

With the constant stream of sad news, one can find themselves becoming pessimistic about the future of this great nation. Many feel its best days are past, never to return. What with bickering, gridlock and partisanship in government, muck-racking in the media, selfishness and me-ism, as well as the disrespect of our national institutions and symbols there can be a lot to be depressed about. This sad diagnosis is not true, if you know the right place to look.

As Compatriot of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), we should rejoice in the opportunity we have follow the mandate of our organization. Ours is a patriotic, historical and educational organization. Like our patriot forefathers, we are the watchmen on the wall of our nation.

We honor and celebrate the service and sacrifices of members of the armed forces, first responders and their families. We work together to protect and bring emphasis to national landmarks of significance to the America's fight for independence. We also support the education of the public – young and old alike – of the significance of 'The Great Experiment' the founders began and that past, present and future generations in this nation enjoy the blessing of participating in.

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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 29, for the happenings for each chapter

The Washington Trail

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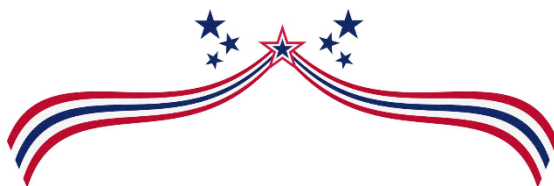
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Renewed Hope (*Continued from Page 1*)

Along with the standard fare of reports and chapter news, this issue of *The Washington Trail* will highlight several of these bright lights that are chasing away the darkness of ignorance. These include opportunities that we have to partner with several worthy causes to protect a national landmark, so that future generations can see and experience the life of one of General Washington's key lieutenants – General Nathanael Greene and to participate in the development and launch of a fun game based on America's war for independence.

October is significant as it is the time we remember the key battle of Yorktown, which was the last major engagement of Continental and British forces in the eastern theater of the American Revolution. In this issue of *The Washington Trail* is an interview of Don Troiani about the painting that graces this issue's masthead.

All of these stories are intended to encourage all of us and to give you the Compatriot on the walls in Washington State the reason continue fighting the good fight in furthering the cause and principles of SAR. Enjoy!



The Washington Trail Masthead Credit

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



The Artillery of Independence 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 "*Artillery of Independence*" graces the cover of the Spring issue, with the words "We The People" from the Preamble of the U.S. Constitution. Learn

more about this painting on page 13 and visit Don's website (<http://www.dontroiani.com/>), to learn more about his work and to find dealers in the Pacific Northwest.

President Message

Anthony Abbott, Washington State Society President

Compatriots,

Here we are moving from summer to fall. It was an enjoyable time this past summer with the NSSAR Congress in Knoxville, Tennessee and the Fall Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. Your President was able to attend both and had a re-education of the NSSAR conference and the Leadership (Trustee) meeting. As your President, I am automatically a member of the Council of State Presidents and I attended those meetings as well as several committee meetings dealing with Genealogy, the Genealogical Research System, the Conference Planning and the first Officer Training meeting. I will try and share some of my experiences with you in future messages.

NSSAR has challenged all SAR state societies to increase the membership significantly. I am pleased to report that since I took office in April, the Washington Society SAR has received over 90 approved applicants! This is a substantial number and each of you long-serving compatriots will be needed to welcome these new members and mentor them. Our chapters and state need them with the coming in 2021 of the national Congress coming to the Seattle area. The work is not hard it just requires time, some effort and patience. As the planning committee's needs are developed, there will be compatriots needed to staff the work and get it done. Please help when Greg Lucas sends out his call.

I am currently attending chapter meetings throughout the state. I am hoping to meet you and get to know you.

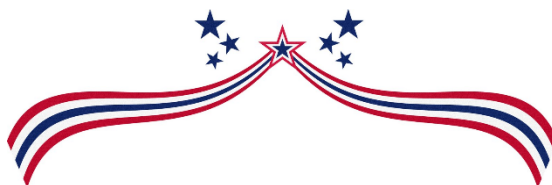
Patriotically yours,



Anthony O. Abbott
President, Washington State Society
Sons of the American Revolution



*Washington Society SAR President
Anthony Abbott*



From the Desk of the President General

Compatriot Larry T. Guzy, SAR President General 2017-2018

I want to depart slightly from the form of my last communications because I felt you should have some idea of what has been happening in our Society. All of us have been concerned with the safety and hardships of our members affected not only by Hurricane Harvey, but now by Irma. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all, and would hope that if there is anything others can do to assist, you will ask (I know that is not what we guys do, but perhaps we can change!)

On a bright note, Paul Chase of the Virginia Society has just published a new book. Why is this news here? Well, Paul is donating the proceeds to the Sons of the American Revolution! The book, "*The American Revolution: A Compendium of Terms and Topics*", is one of those few places where one can find definitions of terms that no longer exist and cannot be found easily anywhere else. It is a very cool reference as well as read since it also acts as a source of battles throughout the Colonies. It is available through Amazon, as well as Barnes and Noble. It can also be used as a fundraiser by local Chapters. Paul will be getting this information out shortly. Thank you, Paul, for this great gift.

The website resolution is a top priority. It affects membership across the spectrum of our Society, and membership growth is our focus, at least for this year. The Internal Audit Committee Chairman, John Beard of Texas, is spearheading an Ad Hoc Committee to obtain an independent, outside the SAR, evaluation of our IT. The request for proposal (RfP) by this committee has just been completed and sent to various companies for their bids. Once



SAR President General Larry T. Guzy

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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.

From the Desk of the President General (*Continued from Page 5*)



*Book by Virginia Compatriot
Paul Chase*

these are in, we can determine what it will cost to do this. This will be taken up at the Executive Committee Meeting in Louisville just before the start of the Leadership meetings in only two weeks. Why an audit? To build a massive building, or just a small structure, the base must be sufficient to support the superstructure. Is our current website able to support our future Genealogical Research System (GRS)? If not and we do not determine that now, well you get the point. I feel this is “due diligence” so we will see what the rest of the Executive Committee and Trustees feel once we can see this RfP result.

We have been tossing our dollars at the current website contractor to “fix” glitches and add the numerous items that should have been part of its design. As most of you now realize, it takes a long time to design and produce a product of the scope and complexity as is our website.

The contract for the build and maintenance of our site has been with a company called Blackstone for several years. It will be up to the Trustees to say if they want to just keep the current contract or allow us to cancel it when it comes up for renewal and recommend a new contract in the Spring. The design, just for the RfP, for a new contract is very complicated, and is not yet completed by the IT Committee. We must have a comprehensive RfP before it is sent out and it cannot be rushed just because we want it now.

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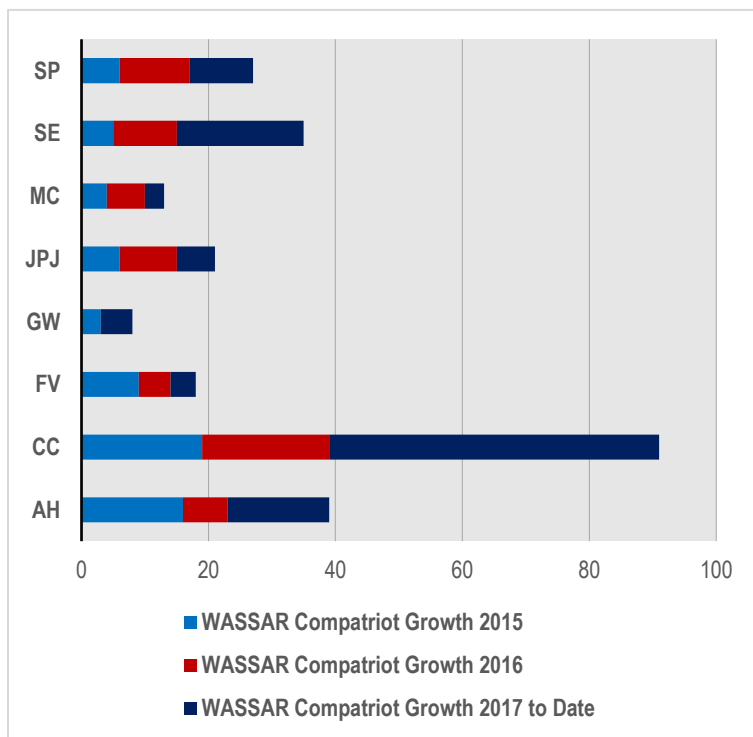
State Secretary & Registrar's Report

By *Compatriots Al Pinkam and Cris Bisgard*

There is the good news on Membership. We had 401 members in January 2017 and we now have 523! There have been 116 new members and the breakdown is as follows:

- ❖ Alexander Hamilton (AH) 16
- ❖ Cascade Centennial (CC) 52
- ❖ Fort Vancouver (FV) 4
- ❖ George Washington (GW) 5
- ❖ Capt. John Paul Jones (JPJ) 6
- ❖ Mid-Columbia (MC) 3
- ❖ Seattle (SE) 20
- ❖ Spokane #1 (SP) 10

The difference in numbers is due to transfers and deaths we have lost some very great Compatriots this year to father time. As you can see from the chart that accompanies this report, the Washington Society SAR is growing by leaps and bounds! Overall our State Society has experienced at least a 30% increase in membership and I hope we can keep up the momentum.



New Compatriot Membership, Listed by Chapter

Chapter	Application Type	Date Approved	Patriot
Alexander Hamilton			
	Junior	02/03/17	Dilley Sr., Ephraim
	Regular		Tobey, Zaccheus
	Regular	03/17/17	Somes, Abraham
	Junior	03/17/17	Parks, John
	Regular	08/23/17	Prickett, Jacob Sr
	Regular	08/23/17	Tillinghast, Pardon
	Regular	04/14/17	Meacham, Joseph
	Regular	04/14/17	Meacham, Joseph
	Junior	04/14/17	Meacham, Joseph
	Junior	04/14/17	Meacham, Joseph
	Regular	08/23/17	Meacham, Joseph
	Regular	04/14/17	Meacham, Joseph
	Junior	04/14/17	Meacham, Joseph
	Regular	02/03/17	Burnett, Robert
	Regular	09/08/17	Chase, Benjamin

Sterling, Kent Lee	Regular	08/04/17	Avery, Solomon
Stride, Richard Joseph	Regular	09/08/17	Redfield, Levi

Cascade Centennial

Allen, Bruce Carroll	Regular	04/21/17	Maxson, David
Allen, Joseph Bruce	Junior	04/21/17	Maxson, David
Aragon, Carlos Andres	Regular	05/04/17	Vestal, Thomas
Aragon, Jose Luis	Junior	05/04/17	Vestal, Thomas
Bakula, Michael Matthew	Regular	08/04/17	Slocomb, William
Barker, Harold Dwight	Regular	08/04/17	Peckham, Joseph
Bayley, Brian Keith	Regular	01/27/17	Bayley, Jacob
Brune, Kevin Douglas	Regular	01/27/17	Burrows, Hubbard
Carroll, Liam A	Junior	12/02/16	
Colwell, John Stephen	Regular	04/14/17	Gray, Edward
Dean, John Godfrey	Regular	04/14/17	Dean, James
Fraser-Koehler, Graeme Thomas	Regular	04/28/17	Quackenbush, Reynier
Gibson, David Bruce	Regular	02/17/17	Stillwagon, Peter
Hellings, Carl Thomas	Regular	07/19/17	Quackenbush, Reynier
Hellings, Christopher George	Junior	07/19/17	Quackenbush, Reynier
Hellings, Samuel Lee	Junior	07/19/17	Quackenbush, Reynier
Hopwood, Allan Blake	Regular	08/04/17	Burbank, Eliphalet
Hubbard, Michael George	Regular	07/28/17	Hubbard, Daniel
Johnson, Joe Arley	Regular	08/11/17	Casey, Benjamin
Jones, Jordan Leland	Regular	06/09/17	Heinlein, George
Keeler, Samuel David	Regular	06/09/17	Gano, Jacob
Kenney, Gale Hamilton	Regular	05/12/17	Buchanan, Benjamin
Klein, Jesse Michael	Regular	05/04/17	Baker, Sherebiah
Koehler, Christopher Joseph	Regular	04/28/17	Quackenbush, Reynier
Koehler, Gerard Michael	Regular	04/28/17	Quackenbush, Reynier
Kruso, David Leonard	Regular	06/16/17	Mead, William Bingham
Kruso, John Terrance	Regular	06/16/17	Mead, William Bingham
Latham, Robert George	Regular	09/05/17	Dickinson, Seth
Lento, John Miles III	Junior	09/05/17	Morse, Thomas Sr
Lento, John Miles Jr	Regular	09/05/17	Morse, Thomas Sr
Lento, Pearson Hunter	Junior	09/05/17	Morse, Thomas Sr
Logsdon, Andrew Douglas	Junior	02/10/17	Fullwood, William Jr.
Logsdon, John Douglas	Regular	02/10/17	Fullwood, William Jr.
Logsdon, Mark Fielden	Regular	02/10/17	Fullwood, William Jr.
Logsdon, Patrick David	Junior	02/10/17	Fullwood, William Jr.
Martin, James Claiborne	Junior	02/10/17	Waring, Robert Payne
Martz, Hudson Daniel	Junior	09/05/17	Dickinson, Seth
Martz, Liam Blair	Junior	09/05/17	Dickinson, Seth
Megargel, Nicholas King	Regular	08/23/17	Achenbach, Johann Philip
Megargel, Robert King	Regular	08/23/17	Achenbach, Johann Philip

Myers, Charles Michael	Regular	05/19/17	Gibson, George
Poremba, Evan Nathaniel	Junior	07/26/17	Bosley, John
Price, Gary Andrew	Regular	04/21/17	Hamm, John
Sexton, Andrew Francis	Regular	04/28/17	Sexton, Timothy
Sexton, Matthew Patrick	Regular	04/28/17	Sexton, Timothy
Sexton, Robert Alan	Regular	04/28/17	Sexton, Timothy
Showalter, Alan Donald	Regular	04/21/17	Royall, William
Summers, Clark Holcomb III	Regular	01/27/17	Rowley, Joseph
Summers, Kevin Clark	Regular	01/27/17	Rowley, Joseph
Summers, Preston Ray	Regular	06/09/17	Duncan, John
Waring, Nelson Mathews	Regular	02/10/17	Waring, Robert Payne
Waring, William Michael	Regular	02/10/17	Waring, Robert Payne
Wehrli, Justin Allen	Regular	04/21/17	Maxson, David
Wehrli, Sebastian Cole	Junior	04/21/17	Maxson, David

Fort Vancouver

Kearney, Leonard Will	Regular	09/05/17	Geer, Aaron
Ocker, Paul Andrew	Regular	09/08/17	Shapleigh, James

George Washington

Harman, Richard Lee	Regular	04/28/17	Graybill, John
Harman, Robert Edward	Regular	04/28/17	Graybill, John
Harman, Thomas Howard	Regular	04/28/17	Graybill, John
Hutchins, Leland Michael	Regular	05/19/17	Twilley, George
Stockton, David Phillip	Regular	06/02/17	Horton, Thomas

John Paul Jones

Anthony, Craig Edward	Regular	05/19/17	Marshall, Francis
Anvik, Ardean Arthur	Regular	05/19/17	Eskridge, George
Dunham, Mark Chessman	Regular	09/08/17	Donham/Dunham, Cornelius
Lorence, Mark Andrew Martin	Regular	02/17/17	Streeter Sr., John
Peterson, Park Michael	Regular	04/14/17	Palmer, Thomas
Summerfelt, Caleb Neal	Regular	02/17/17	Mims, Drury

Mid-Columbia

Beldin, Bernard Earl	Regular	02/28/17	Belding, Othniel
Walter, Kenneth Earl	Regular	06/30/17	Walter, Georg/George
Wentworth, Russell Eugene	Regular	06/16/17	Steinbrecher/Stonebraker, Sebastian

Seattle

Campbell, Christopher Alan	Regular	01/13/17	Cousins, Elisha
Carpenter, Scott Sutherland	Regular	01/13/17	Sutherland, George
Fortney, Andrew Cooper	Junior	04/21/17	Stucky, John

Fortney, John Cooper	Regular	04/21/17	Stucky, John
Fortney, Nicholas Ray	Junior	04/21/17	Stucky, John
Germano, Vernon Paul	Regular	08/23/17	Hartman, John Sr
Godfrey, Edmund Raymond	Regular	09/08/17	Austin, Benjamin
Hatfield, David Nathan	Regular	07/19/17	Boone, Daniel
Hatfield, Everett Stanley	Regular	07/19/17	Boone, Daniel
Hilton, Bernard Edmund	Regular	04/21/17	Hilton, Dirick/Richard
Hilton, Robert John	Regular	04/21/17	Hilton, Dirick/Richard
Jorstad, Thomas Richard	Regular	08/23/17	Adams, Asa
Joyce, Christopher Michael	Regular	04/21/17	Hilton, Dirick/Richard
Joyce, Samuel Hilton	Regular	04/21/17	Hilton, Dirick/Richard
Keen, Daniel Joseph	Regular	08/23/17	Adams, Asa
Keen, Tyler Kentaro	Junior	08/23/17	Adams, Asa
Miller, Adam Richard	Regular	09/22/17	Killinger, George
Miller, Joshua Daniel Ronald	Regular	09/22/17	Killinger, George
Miller, Patrick Allan	Regular	09/22/17	Killinger, George
Snelson, Kermit Lee	Regular	09/08/17	Hull, George
Steele, Leslie Lewis	Regular	09/22/17	Moody, Nathaniel Peaslee
Strode, Gerald John	Regular	09/05/17	Strode, John
Strode, Gerald Marvin	Regular	09/05/17	Strode, John
Strode, Nicholas Daniel	Regular	09/05/17	Strode, John
Ugurlu, Brian Tahsin	Regular	08/04/17	Pomeroy, Quartus

Spokane #1

Bendickson, Matthew Roy	Regular	09/05/17	Whipple, Zebulon
Bibby, Sean Joseph	Regular	06/02/17	Hopkins, Gardner
Bjork, John Gary	Regular	01/13/17	Fleshman, Robert
Haldeman, Justin Ray	Regular	08/04/17	Marney, Amos
Hatcher, Timothy Gene	Regular	08/11/17	Sturgill, Francis
Hill, Robert Homer	Regular	02/28/17	Bottoff, Martin
Lawson, Brent Theodore	Regular	06/09/17	Moore, Andrew
Lawson, David James	Junior	06/09/17	Moore, Andrew
Lawson, Timothy Daniel	Regular	01/27/17	Moore, Andrew
Teaford, Harry Gilmore	Regular	01/27/17	Redcross, John

**DID YOU
 KNOW...**

4th Graders Were Recently Transported Back to the 1780's?

Check out this article at:

http://www.morganton.com/news/fourth-graders-immersed-in-revolutionary-war-era-lifestyles/article_33a30108-a52d-11e7-b167-573bc482a959.html

Honoring Those Who Served

By Compatriot Bob O'Neal, Alexander Hamilton Chapter



SAR Compatriots personally greeting returning Honor Flight veterans at SeaTac International Airport

On September 25, 2017, members of SAR and DAR were among the hundreds of enthusiastic supporters and loved ones to greet Alaska Airline HONOR FLIGHT #AK 859. If you have never been to an Honor Flight return, it is exciting meeting a planeload of WWII, Korea and Vietnam Veterans, fresh from visiting their War Memorials in Washington, D.C.

The crowd of loved ones and members of SAR/DAR gathered early to welcome their favorite veteran back from D.C. with flags, balloons and signs, in the South Arrivals Hall. In attendance were Compatriots Dick Motz (MSGT, US Army Ret.) and Bob O'Neal (LTC, US Army Ret.) and three lovely ladies of the Whidbey Island Chapter DAR, making a four-hour round trip from Langley WA! A few minutes later, lovely Colonial dames Lynn Pittier and Carol Davis from Tillicum Chapter DAR (Des Moines, WA) arrived in

beautiful period dresses.

The Navy Band from nearby Bremerton/Bangor Naval Operations Base was on hand to play service songs and some oldies for the veterans. Soon afterwards, local members Patriot Guard Riders marched down the escalator with their flags. It was a truly awe-inspiring moment as the Patriot Guards lined up to form a funnel of Old Glories, where the arriving veterans pass through. Many folks gathered up above on the concourse balconies to view the proceeding and applaud.

While preparations were taking place in the Arrival Hall, the veterans arrived and lined-up "offstage," along the baggage carousels. The SAR/DAR contingent got the chance to welcome them back casually, one-on-one! This was a great privilege and honor to meet, greet and listen to these guys' stories, who fought all over the world for us. The veterans all had something to say - a great group of mostly men. Also present on this flight was one of the few lady veterans the organization has the privilege of honoring. The military escorts, especially chosen, were great examples of our young fighting men and women.



Compatriots Bob O'Neal and Dick Motz greet the only lady veteran in this group and her Navy PO1 escort with some roses on behalf of the SAR. She was a lab technician in the Army hospitals during WWII

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You Never Know ...

Compatriot Marion (Mick) Hersey, Flag Chairman John Paul Jones Chapter

You Never Know what will happen when you restore Honor and Dignity to the Past! Last year, I had the privilege of working with quite a few of the Daughters of the American Revolution Chapters in the Southwest Region of Washington State, restoring the Oregon Trails Markers along the trail from Oregon to Olympia. One of these markers was at Matilda Jackson State Park, located near Centralia, WA.

Just down the road from there is the John R. Jackson House, built in 1845. It was refurbished this year and I volunteered to restore their marker as well.



Read more about the Jacksons in the following article: <http://www.lewistalk.com/2017/01/30/jackson-house-remembrance-restoration/>

On the 6th of October, the house was reopened to the public after a ribbon cutting ceremony. After the ceremony we could go in to the house and see some of the artifacts left from the Jackson estate.

As the Flag Chairman of the John Paul Jones Chapter Washington Society SAR, of immense pleasure was seeing the Matilda Jackson flag. It is a flag that was made by the lady of the house to be flown over their house. It is her interpretation of the U.S flag. It had three rows of cotton stars, hand-cut and hand-stitched in 2 rows of five and a row of three. The background was dyed linen. The red and white stripes were also of linen and only numbered eight, as she ran out of material so she used what she had.



What an Honor it was to see the flag that is usually in controlled storage at the Historical Society Archives in Tacoma!

Painting History

Compatriot Greg Emerson, Editor, The Washington Trail Newsletter



Under the watchful eyes of Generals Henry Knox, the Marquis de Lafayette, Baron Von Steuben and accompanied by the cheers of his military family and of Continental troops, Washington had put the wick to the touch-hole of an 18-pounder, whose discharge gave the signal for “a furious discharge of cannon and mortars,” as Thacher reported.

“Earl Cornwallis has received his first salutation.” With “good effect,” as Washington commented.

Not even 24-hours later, most of Cornwallis’ 244 pieces had been silenced, but the allied artillery barrage from 155 pieces, including 18-howitzers and 30-mortars, continued almost unabated for the next eleven-days.

The following is an interview with the painting’s artist Don Troiani, who has graciously allowed his work to be used in past mastheads of *The Washington Trail*:

Painting the Revolution: An Interview with Don Troiani

Reprinted from George Washington's Mount Vernon



Artist Don Troiani

Mount Vernon had the opportunity to speak with famed historical artist Don Troiani. Don has had a lifelong interest in the American Revolution and has recently finished a new painting that shows General George Washington at the Battle of Yorktown.

You have painted many remarkable Revolutionary War subjects. What interests you about this historical period?

Don Troiani: Growing up in Westchester County, NY I was always surrounded by Revolutionary history and as a young collector, I often went digging for artifacts and collected Colonial weapons and accoutrements that still turned-up in homes. Although I do a lot of Civil War and some 1812 subjects, the Revolution is my first love and I am trying to document the most important military events. I like the uniforms as well!

As an artist how do you go about selecting topics to paint?

DT: It’s a tricky question and it depends on quite a few factors. Information can be spotty and sometimes a subject has to be abandoned, because of lack of information. It’s very different from writing as I have to show everything and sometimes details like the color of horse a particular officer might have ridden is just not known. Generally, though it’s just reading about something and it’s pictured in my mind.

As we speak you are completing a new painting that shows George Washington at Yorktown. Can you tell us about this new painting of yours?

DT: This is the General firing the first American gun after the battery was finished. The French had already completed their batteries and had commenced firing for a few hours by this point. A soldier from a New York regiment recalled the scene and described a large American flag being hoisted, when Washington's gun went off.

You are widely known as a painter that pays attention to historical accuracy. What sort of research went into this new Yorktown painting?

DT: Recreating the setting and background is often the most daunting challenge. First, all the available information must be collected and other experts like Bob Selig and Jim Kochan were also consulted on details within their specialties. I visited Yorktown with Bob to see everything in person. Next all the information on the uniforms, artillery and other details are studied from primary accounts. Of value were several eyewitness accounts and orderly books and general orders covering the siege operations. A sketch by a French officer of a Continental Artilleryman provided some good insights to their actual appearance.



Preliminary sketch of Don Troiani's Yorktown painting (Source: Don Troiani, Historical Art Prints)

There is some thought that a number of the Patriot cannon were mounted on garrison carriages; however, inventories I ran across of what was shipped to Yorktown from Philadelphia for the siege clearly stated that the large 18lb. and 24lb. guns were mounted on traveling carriages. Some garrison carriages are included on the manifests, but seem to be without barrels. I suspect they were sent along in case they were needed for a special purpose. There was a good deal of redundant material sent to allow for damage during the fighting.

The distinctive red and blue flag above the gun emplacement may not be familiar to most. Can you tell us about that?

DT: I based that on a period sketch done from across the river. It's not very detailed, but shows that the flag definitely had either blue and red stripes also possibly white.

You've had a chance to paint George Washington at many Revolutionary War battles. What are some of your favorite George Washington moments?

DT: I think when he rallied his troops at Princeton and led them forward into the hail of enemy fire heedless of the dangers to himself. I did a painting of that and it was a challenge to show the General in action as he is rarely portrayed that way. After all the stoic paintings which show him brooding, it's easy to forget he was in his physical prime and an excellent rider.

As you look forward, are there other Revolutionary War subjects that you are looking to paint?

DT: There are many, I just hope I can get to them all before I shuffle off. My goal is to cover each major battle and event with at least one painting. The New York campaign of 1776 definitely needs some attention. I've done the

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Telling Our SAR Story

Compatriot Doug Nelson, John Paul Jones Chapter

Although we are recruiting a tremendous number of new Compatriots to our merry band of brothers, we can't rest on our laurels. You can help tell the SAR story and be a recruiter! 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. Here are but a few suggestions:

- ❖ Tell them about our education programs and about SAR in schools. Let them know about our elementary school poster 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 and Summit Venturers, with a first-place national prize of \$10,000 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, homes and other facilities. Let them know we participate in Wreaths Across America, laying a wreath on veterans' 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.

Elevator Speeches

By Various Washington Society SAR 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. Some Compatriots have shared their speeches:

- ❖ **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. 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?*

How would you in 30-seconds promote the SAR?

New Citizens Welcomed

By Compatriot Stan Wills, <Position>

On September 18, 2017, Spokane #1 Compatriots Stan Wills and Dale Ryan as part of Constitution Week, welcomed 116 new U.S. citizens from 39 countries. Also in attendance was Spokane #1 Compatriot and Congressman George Nethercutt. Representative Nethercutt has been an SAR member since his DAR mother had him join the Children of the Americana Revolution (C.A.R.), when he was a boy.



Left: Compatriots Stan Wills and Dale Ryan with two new fellow citizens. Right: A picture of the huge crowd of new citizens and their joyous supporters.

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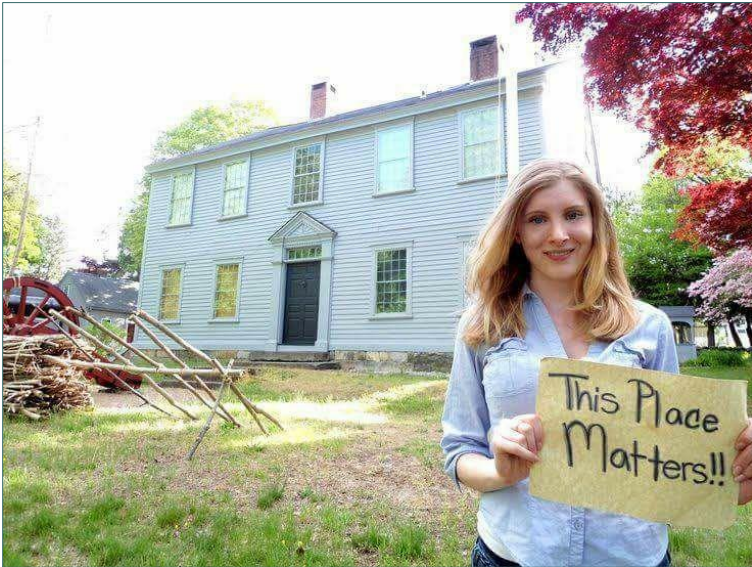
The SAR is now strategically using social media?

Check out this article at:

<https://members.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/201/yI9Vwvz4CsNU.pdf>

Raising Money to Paint & Preserve the Gen. Nathanael Greene Homestead

*By Compatriot David Matthew Procaccini, Gen. Nathanael Greene Homestead President and Rhode Island SAR
State Genealogist and Greg Emerson, Editor, The Washington Trail*



Thought-provoking picture from the campaign's Facebook Page

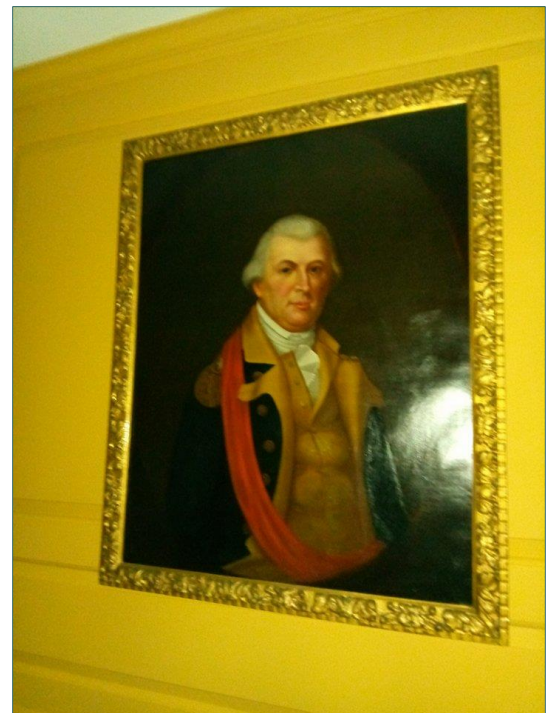
What's so special about this old house? Greene is considered by most to have been a logistical and organizational genius, knowing every detail – the strengths and weaknesses of his army from the lowest to the highest ranks and how to best utilize them, how to procure supplies, to think ahead, to anticipate events.

These are the qualities that made him a great businessman prior to America's War for Independence, as the Forge Master at his family's large trip-hammer forge in the wilderness of Coventry, Rhode Island, where he built his Homestead, where he held the success of the business and the livelihood for his hundreds of workers and their families in his hands. He learned how to be a great general by managing the Forge and all of the details associated with this business.

The Homestead was acquired 1919 by members of the Rhode Island SAR who founded the General Nathanael Green Homestead Association (GNGHA) the same year, after the house had become a rapidly deteriorating boarding house having last been occupied by a member of the General's family in 1899. It is a National Historic Landmark and is on the National Registry of Historic Places. The current 44-acres of property is a mere shadow of what was once more than 800-acres owned by the General. It contains numerous historical artifacts owned by the General, including a painting attributed to the Gilbert Stewart Studio showing Gen. Greene in his uniform wearing his General Officer's Sash (also in the museum's collection).

The Homestead is in 90% original condition; however, a recent survey of the exterior of the structure has revealed an urgent need of repairs; extensive rot to lower trim boards, many loose clapboards requiring re-nailing and severely deteriorated paint, as the harsh New England climate has done considerable damage to this historic place over the years.

Three members of RISSAR are on the GNGHA Board of Trustees including GNGHA President and Compatriot David Procaccini and they have put together an important drive to raise the funds, to restore the property to its original condition, with modern and more durable



Gilbert Stewart painting of General Greene



*Compatriot Procaccini pictured with Generals
Washington and Greene*

components. Doing so will allow the property to continue to be open to the public as a museum and other educational outreaches promoting the prominent role General Greene played in the American Revolution.

The current estimates for the repairs range from \$20,000-\$30,000. We have received \$7,000 towards a \$10,000 match, but still have a long way to go to reach our high estimate. You might be thinking, “What can I do?” A little bit can go a long way, if all of us pitch to help. The Association is seeking donations toward meeting this goal. Our Compatriot brothers in the East will be doing all the leg work, as we provide the coal to heat this historic forge of liberty.

Compatriot David Matthew Procaccini is a collateral descendant of General Greene and has been a member of RISSAR since 2009. Besides being that State Society’s Genealogist, he is serving as the Project Manager for this important endeavor. This place matters and deserves to be preserved along with Gen. Greene’s memory. Please help by giving today! Donations may be mailed to:

Gen. Nathanael Greene Homestead Association
50 Taft ST
Coventry, RI 02816

Donation may also be made by credit card through the GNGHA Facebook page at:

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

The Gen. Nathanael Greene Homestead Association is a 501 (c)3 non-profit and all donations are tax-deductible.

Honoring Those Who Served (*Continued from Page 11*)

The Honor Flight Network is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America’s veterans for all their sacrifices and dedicated to providing veterans with honor and closure. They transport our heroes to Washington, D.C., to visit and reflect at their memorials. Top priority is given to the senior veterans – World War II survivors, along with those other veterans who may be terminally ill.

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

Painting History (*Continued from Page 14*)

battle of Fort Washington (Margaret Corbin) and Long Island and White Plains are in long range planning. Some of the important southern battles like Savannah and Camden are also on the “to do” list along with Quebec, and Trenton needs further consideration. Sometimes commissions dictate subject matter as well. I recently completed a painting of the Wyoming Massacre and another of Oriskany for the Oneida Nation. These were not under original master plan consideration but after digging into the research I realized that the significant frontier fighting was overlooked. Sometimes though a patron might say “what would you like to paint?” That’s my favorite!

Consider Becoming a Merit Badge Counselor

By *Publius*

The SAR is defined as a Historic, Educational and patriotic organization. By being involved with youth organizations – like Boy Scouts of America – we can fulfill each of these strategic objectives. Over the next few issues of *The Washington Trail*, we will cover some of the merit badges that are ideal for SAR participation. These merit badges are:

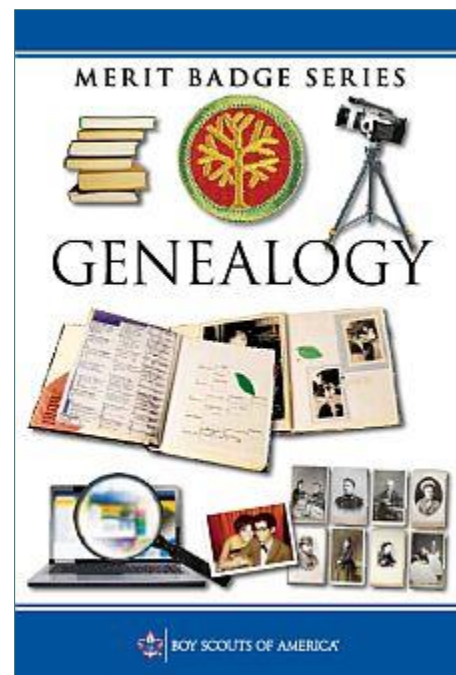
- ❖ Citizenship in the Community (*Eagle required*)
- ❖ Citizenship in the Nation (*Eagle required*)
- ❖ American Heritage*
- ❖ Genealogy*
- ❖ Law*

* *Extra credit merit badges for King Eagle Scout Scholarship*

There are a set number of merit badges that scouts are required to earn as they attain the senior ranks (Star, Life and Eagle). To attain scouting's highest rank – Eagle Scout – the young man must earn 21 merit badges, 13 of which are required. These achievements are designed to make the boys, "Jacks of all trades," as Benjamin Franklin aptly described a successful, learned and well-rounded individual.

Merit badges are designed to give the scout experience exploring and learning new things. Most are relatively easy to complete, but do require a degree of effort. One such merit badge is **Genealogy**. The merit badge requirements are:

1. Explain to your counselor what the words genealogy, ancestor, and descendant mean.
2. Do ONE of the following:
 - A. Do a time line for yourself or for a relative. Then write a short biography based on that time line.
 - B. Keep a journal for six-weeks. You must write in it at least once a week.
3. With your parent's help, choose a relative or a family acquaintance you can interview in person, by telephone, or by e-mail or letter. Record the information you collect so you do not forget it.
4. Do the following:
 - A. Name three types of genealogical resources and explain how these resources can help you chart your family tree.



Scouts practicing annotating genealogical records, as part of a merit badge clinic

- B. Obtain at least one genealogical document that supports an event that is or can be recorded on your pedigree chart or family group record. The document could be found at home or at a government office, religious organization, archive, or library.
 - C. Tell how you would evaluate the genealogical information you found for requirement 4b.
5. Contact ONE of the following individuals or institutions. Ask what genealogical services, records, or activities this individual or institution provides, and report the results:
 - A. A genealogical or lineage society – *Like SAR or DAR!*
 - B. A professional genealogist (someone who gets paid for doing genealogical research)
 - C. A surname organization, such as your family's organization
 - D. A genealogical education facility or institution.
 - E. A genealogical record repository of any type (courthouse, genealogical library, state or national archive, state library, etc.)
 6. Begin your family tree by listing yourself and include at least two additional generations. You may complete this requirement by using the chart provided in the Genealogy merit badge pamphlet or the genealogy software program of your choice. *If you are adopted or in foster care, you may use the family tree of your adoptive/foster parents.*
 7. Complete a family group record form, listing yourself and your brothers and sisters as the children. On another family group record form, show one of your parents and his or her brothers and sisters as the children. This requirement may be completed using the chart provided or the genealogy software program of your choice.
 8. Do the following:
 - A. Explain the effect computers and the Internet are having on the world of genealogy.
 - B. Explain how photography (including microfilming) has influenced genealogy.
 9. Discuss what you have learned about your family and your family members through your genealogical research.



Compatriot Greg Emerson leading a recent Genealogy Merit Badge clinic at a local public library, for Seattle-area Boy Scouts

The Genealogy merit badge is one of the three merit badges that an Eagle Scout can earn extra credit, when competing in the Author & Berdenna King Eagle Scholarship competition.

Becoming a merit badge counselor is quite easy. A Compatriot simply needs to contact his local Boy Scout Council. Provide them your location and they can put you in contact with the appropriate district in your council's

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DAR Liaison Report – 3rd Quarter 2017

Compatriot Bob O'Neal, Washington Society SAR DAR Liaison – Western Washington

Some of you may not be aware of the many events we share annually with the Washington Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).



Recently, SAR presented 34 awards to deserving DARs for restoring our SAR-DAR Oregon Trail Monuments. Washington Society SAR President Tony Abbott presented the Medal of Appreciation to Regent Shirley Stirling who led the effort.

Our SAR President, Color Guard and SAR Compatriots, have been invited for about four-years now to many other little-known DAR/SAR combined events. We have hundreds of pictures to prove it!

DAR Washington's Birthday at University of Washington in Seattle

DAR Annual Conference in East & West Washington

DAR Board of Management Meetings

DAR guest speakers at SAR chapters

SAR Speakers at DAR chapters

DAR/SAR Parades – SAR/DAR Color Guard,

SAR/DAR Fife & Drum Corps at parades

DAR/SAR State Fair Booth

DAR/SAR at NW Colonial Festival

DAR & SAR at the Oregon Trail Restoration and Re-Dedications

SAR awarded 34 DARS & HODARs on Oregon Trail

SAR invited to DAR's National Defense Luncheon

SAR invited to DAR Bench Dedication - Tahoma National Cemetery, King County

SAR invited to DAR Bench Dedication - Orting

SAR sends DARs our SAR Color Guard Schedule

SAR-DAR march in 6 Spokane & Tri-Cities parades

DAR joins SAR regularly at Honor Flights

SAR Mid-Columbia does all events with DAR

SAR & DAR work jointly on sponsoring C.A.R. societies

SAR has presented or visited at 24+ of the 38 Washington DAR chapters! We were welcomed at every one and some chapters *REALLY* like us!

MARY BALL - Tacoma - much collaboration, bonded at State Fair, parades and citizenship ceremonies

ELIZ FOREY - Tacoma – Regent & DARs loves SAR

SACAJAWEA - Olympia - bonded on Oregon Trail

CASCADE - Bellevue - great friends with SAR

ELIZ ELLINGTON - Bremerton - They do Wreaths Across America with SAR

LAKOTA - Auburn - Marches with SAR every year

BLACK DIAMOND - Marches with us, big fans of SAR

WHIDBEY ISLAND - Come to Honor Flights with SAR

TILlicum - Des Moines - Very friendly to SAR!

RAINIER - Seattle - At Washington Birthday with SAR

SUSAN WOODIN - Two Fifers come to ALL our parades

KELSO/LONGVIEW - SAR presenting 12 awards

SAN JUAN ISLANDS - Will never forget Doug and me

LADY STIRLING - Seattle - supporters of SAR

FORT VANCOUVER - Neal attends ALL their meetings!

ADMIRALTY INLET - Doug & Mick attend their "Teas"

ANNIE PULLIAM - Has asked SAR for guest speakers

KENNEWICK - Mid-Columbia does all events with SAR

JONAS BABCOCK - Spokane –DAR Annual Conference

SPOKANE GARRY – Veterans' parades & ceremonies

ESTHER REED - Does honor flights with SAR

MAY HUTTON - Spokane Valley -new citizen ceremonies

COLUMBIA RIVER - SAR does WAA with this chapter

Consider Becoming a Merit Badge Counselor (Continued from Page 20)

area of responsibility. An Adult Volunteer form is required to be completed and other than that, annual training in youth protection is required by BSA for all volunteers who have direct contact with scouts.

Compatriot Greg Emerson is the Scout Program Coordinator for the Cascade Centennial Chapter, which is located in the Chief Seattle Council. The council comprises 12 districts in King County and nearly half of the Olympic Peninsula. He has conducted several clinics – two for the Genealogy merit badge. He has developed a PowerPoint presentation and conducts a three-hour clinic that engages scouts in exploring their family roots. “It’s great that as a member of SAR, I can answer the boys’ questions concerning Requirement 5A.” He suggested one tip for other Compatriot counselors, “Look on Patriot muster rolls and pension application web sites. The boys are fascinated to know that someone with their last name was a Patriot. It prompts them to further explore their family history, to see if there is a link to that person.”



SAR's Partnership for Good Citizenship Patch

A fellow Compatriot, Lyle Russell of the Tennessee State Society SAR shared this on Facebook, "I am a counselor for 10 merit badges, including Genealogy, Citizenship in the Nation and American Heritage. I wear my "Partnership for Good Citizenship" SAR/BSA patch as my temp patch on my right pocket, as an outreach gesture and am asked about it a lot by youth and adults regularly. When the occasion arises that I do a group class on Genealogy, American Heritage or Cit. in the Nation, I always display my SAR certificate, and use it and the research I've been fortunate enough to find as a teaching tool." What a wonderful way of promoting SAR to the community!

Hopefully, this article will help to inform our state society's chapters on how they can get involved with youth programs like Boy Scouts of America.

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Did You Know: A New Quarter Honors a hero of the American Revolution?

Check out this article at:

<https://www.usmint.gov/coins/coin-medal-programs/america-the-beautiful-quarters/george-rogers-clark-national-historical-park>

A New Game That Needs Our Support

By Americanus



Just in time for Christmas, Patriots & Redcoats is a fast and fun card game of hidden identities and social deduction that plays in 20-minutes. In it, 4 to 10 players take on the roles of the Americans fighting to win independence and the British fighting to stop the rebellion. Watch out—there are spies and turncoats among you, and war by its nature can take on a character all its own.

Want to play a game where you can...

- ❖ Recruit and assassinate the other players?
- ❖ Be King George III or General Washington?
- ❖ Fight to amass battlefield victories for your cause?

Oh yeah!

The game was created by Tom Butler (*The Pirate Republic*) with some help from world-renowned painters, and the Green Feet Games team. We think this game is everything we're best at creating—a lovely little story that makes history compelling and fun!

Patriots & Redcoats is a family-and-friends free-for-all, about the Revolutionary War, not a Revolutionary War history lesson trying to be a party game.

You can check out how to support this game development and get a copy of it, from their Kickstarter campaign at:

<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1637269442/patriots-and-redcoats>

Color Guard Report

By Compatriot Art Dolan, Washington Society SAR Color Guard Commander

What a busy fall we have had and it does not seem to be slowing down any time soon. We have two upcoming events for you to consider.

Of the three founding principles of the Sons of the American Revolution, History, Education and Patriotism, this is our opportunity to show our Patriotism.

The biggest change in the past four-months is the team of DAR and SAR on the west side of the mountains. From the Oregon Trail Markers to the DAR Women Veteran Benches, along with combined teaching events, we have been busy with recognition of all involved.

Mick Hersey, John Paul Jones, was a huge contributor to the marker effort completing 11 markers in just a few months. For the DAR/SAR efforts, the Washington State DAR won the National Marker Restoration Award. This is the highest award from the DAR and it came to Washington State through a combined DAR/SAR effort.

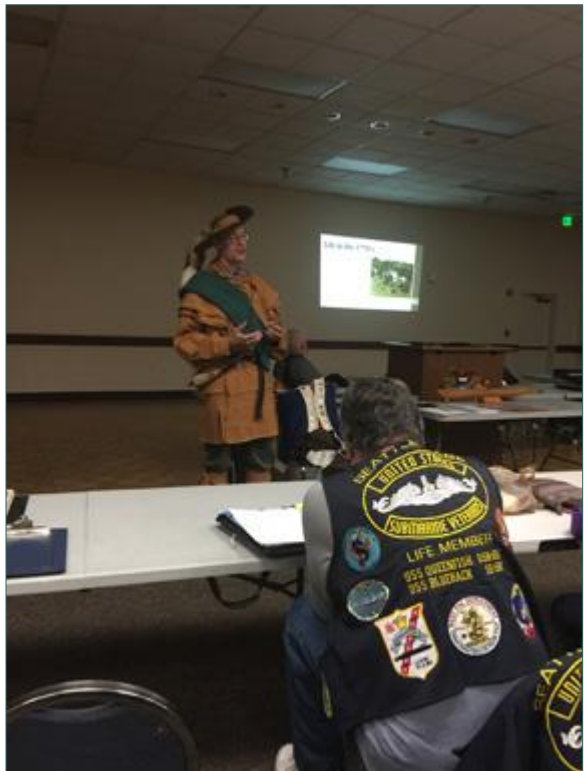
The combined SAR/DAR Drum & Fife Corps continues to wow audiences. They marched with the Color Guard in the Black Diamond Labor Day Parade (again winning First Place Marching Unit) and at the DAR Bench Dedication at Tahoma National Cemetery.



The combined SAR/DAR Fife and Drum Corps breaking bread together



Compatriot Stan Wills Sharing the Equipment of the Revolutionary War Soldier



Compatriot Greg Emerson presenting to members of
U.S. Submarine Veterans, in Redmond, WA

Living history presentations continue to be the bread and butter of the Washington Society SAR Color Guard. In early September, Eastern CG Commander, Compatriot Stan Wills presented, “*The Equipment of the Revolutionary War Soldier*,” to a group of 50+ senior citizens and fun was had by all. In October, Cascade Centennial Color Guard Captain, Greg Emerson, presented “*Liberty’s Children: The Key Role Young People Played in Winning Our Independence*,” to members of the Redmond Submarine Base of U.S. Submarine Veterans. The importance of presenting history in this way was once again emphasized when one Submarine veteran told Compatriot Greg, “Thank you, so much for coming! You made history come alive and not boring like it was in school.”

Saturday, November 4th Lunch begins at 12 noon Bellevue Red Lion DAR National Defense Luncheon. Plan to be there early since there are lots of booths to see and of course the Color Guard will have a practice at 11:30. Below is the invitation from Lanabeth Horgan and above is the luncheon form. Registration is due by the end of the month for an accurate food count.

Saturday, November 11th 11AM, Auburn Veterans Day Parade. The attachment "Dear Veterans Parade Entry" gives you all the information and more information about the parade along with maps

and no parking areas. We will all be meeting for breakfast earlier in the day with more information to follow as the parade gets closer.

Your support of the SAR in parades and Color Guard is deeply appreciated and every event we attend potentially generates new members. Let’s make this parade a huge membership event.

Other upcoming events include:

- ❖ November 11 DAR Oregon Trail marker presentations American Legion Hall, 4607 NE St. James Rd, Vancouver 98663. Fort Vancouver 11:45 am Ft Vancouver and Mary Walker Richardson Chapters (O’Neal)

❖ **2018**

- President’s Day (Monday, February 19, 2018), 10:00 am, SAR Color Guard to Post and Retire Colors at the George Washington Presidents’ Day Event, University of Washington, Seattle.
- Feb 24, 2:00 pm, Massing of the Colors Stadium High School we need Color Guard Bearers (US and SAR Flags only) from AH Chapter, John Paul Jones, Cascade Centennial, and ... all other chapters who would like to participate. This is a National Event, approved in 2016 by NSSAR! WA State SAR Fife and Drum preceded all unit to lead the procession! Let’s hope we can do it again.

Patriot Spotlight

Compatriot Greg Emerson



Map of Virginia showing Bedford County

Ansel Goodman, Sr. (Abt 1752 - 1841)

**Bedford County Oath of Allegiance Taker & Militia
Rifleman, Scout and Spy**

Ansel Goodman, Sr. was the second son of Bartelott Goodman and his wife, Tabitha Baley, who lived in the colonial frontier of Bedford County, Virginia. Nothing is known of his early life.

According to pension application (S13175) testimony that was taken on October 29, 1832 in Jamestown, Russell

County, Kentucky, he took the Bedford County Oath of Allegiance (one of the largest oath taking events in Virginia) in September 1777. The oath stated:

I do Swear that I renounce and refuse all Allegiance to George the Third, King of Great Britain, his Heirs & successors and that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to the Common Wealth of Virginia as a free & Independent state & that I will not do or cause to be done any matter or thing that will be prejudicial or Injurious to the freedom & Independence thereof, as Declared by Congress and also that I will Discover & make Known to someone, Justice of the Peace, for the said State all Treasons or Traitorous Conspiracies, which I now or hereafter shall Know to be formed against this or any of the United States of America.

According to testimony given by a close friend, Ansel then married Edith Brown and then enlisted in the Bedford County Militia under Captain Charles Watkins. The company consisted of approximately 50 able-bodied men. They were promised 40 shillings per month, for an enlistment of six-months. Soon after enlistment, the company marched west, crossing the Proclamation Line – the treaty settlement demarcation line of the French and Indian War, where they entered the Kentucky frontier.



An illustration of Boone's Station during the time Goodman was there

The company marched to Boone's Station (Boonesborough), a fort in what is now Madison County, KY and he testified, declaring, "At which place we found Col. Daniel Boone and some men and families under his command. We were placed under the command also, of Col. Boone and acted in the capacity of defenders of the Fort against the enemy and as Indian spies ..."

He served as a Scout for Colonel Boone and was involved with several skirmishes with British forces, Tory subordinates and Indian allies. He and Captain Watkins company were valuable assets in helping to defend the wilderness station.

In February 1778, Goodman accompanied Boone and other riflemen scouted about 70 to 80-miles northeast of the fort to a place called, The Blue Licks, there they skirmished with Shawnee under the command of Chief Blackfish. Seeing they were outnumbered and wanting to prevent any loss of life, Boone ordered the men to stack their arms and surrender. What followed was a harrowing eight-month ordeal of captivity.

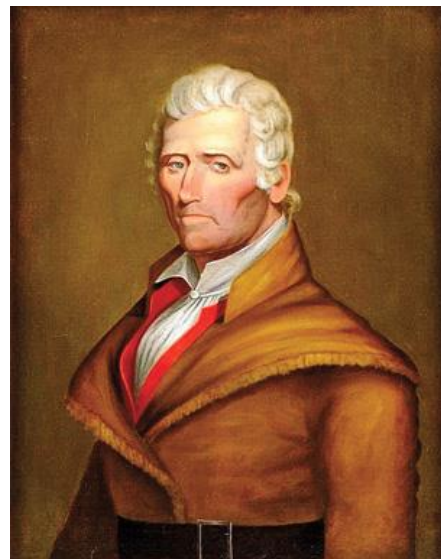
In his pension hearing, Goodman testified, “We were all taken first to the Indians town (Little Chillicothe) over the Ohio River on the Little Miami. Some of the company were taken to the British. This applicant and a few others were retained by the Indians and from the day we was taken up to the time I run off (a period of eight months) I suffered misery and wretchedness, hunger, cruelty and oppression of almost every sort. The night after I was taken, my arms were tied behind me, a rope or Buffaloes Tug [raw hide] and secured fast around my middle, then made fast to an Indian on each side of me, and the rope around my arms was made to go around my neck and tied fast to a tree. In that position I had to sleep upon the Snow. A little while before reaching the Indian town, I was compelled to strip myself cold, and entirely naked, with my arms again made fast and a load of bear meat packed upon him. It was a heavy load, indeed as I was packed heavily, from the time I was taken until we arrived at the Town and just as he got there, he was met by many Indians from the Town and run through the Gantlet with the load of meat and was very severely beaten & bruised in the race.” He and other prisoners were forced to do the work of women and we repeatedly demeaned and forced to run the gauntlet on many occasions, as a way of entertaining their captors.

After eight torturous months of captivity he and two other men managed to escape. They evaded pursuit by the Indians and were eventually able to meet up with members of the frontier militia under Captain William Harrod and served two-months, near was is present day Louisville, KY. His total time of service was one-year and nine-months.

After his service he returned to Bedford County, VA for a time. In 1790, he is reported in the first U.S. Census as living in Stokes, NC. In the early 1800's he and his family moved to Adair County, KY and settled on land granted to him for his war service. While living here, his wife Edith passed-away in 1810 and he was left to raise his family as a widower. This property eventually became part of Russell County. In the book *Russell County, KY - Histories and Families*, he is listed as one on the Patriots of the American Revolution that resided in the county. Pension records show he was, “... A Preacher of the Gospel and a man unmatched character.” It is not known the amount of pension he received.

Soon afterwards he moved to Wilson County, TN where he re-married to a lady named Polly Wilson and lived the remaining years of his life. Both he and Polly died within months of each other, in 1841. His name appears on Boonesborough Monument, as one of the settlement's defenders.

Goodman is my 4th Great Grandfather along the Bowmer line on my father's side. After over one-year of research I established him as one of my Patriot Ancestors – no one had previously accomplished this!



Colonel Daniel Boone



Boonesborough Monument

Where Will Tomorrow's 'Sons of Liberty' Come From?

Reprinted from Summer 2017 SAR Magazine



"Freedom is never more than one-generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream.

It must be fought for, protected and handed on for them to do the same, or one-day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States, where men were free."

President Ronald Reagan

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Washington SAR Chapter Trails



Classic sword fighting demonstration at a recent Alexander Hamilton meeting

Alexander Hamilton

SWORDPLAY AT SAR MEETING! No, not a duel between rival compatriots, but a demonstration of the fine arts of Swordsmanship. Professionals from Seattle's Salle St. George, "Traditional School for the Fencing Arts" led by Cecil Longino, put on an exciting display of swordsmanship at a recent Chapter meeting. They spoke of deadly demands for 'satisfaction', dueling, street fighting, the French, Italian and Spanish culture of swordsmanship, and to our delight, as well as demonstrated 18th Century bayonet fighting with military musket!

If you want to learn more about the activities of the Alexander Hamilton Chapter, contact Chapter Secretary, Paul Adan.

Captain John Paul Jones

Compatriots Fred Gilbert and Bob Smalser played a very important part as participants and presenters, as well as good will ambassadors for the Washington Society SAR and the JPJ chapter, at the recent Northwest Colonial Festival in Sequim, WA. The event would have been a much smaller event without the SAR and DAR tents, to support their cause. Patriotism was strong and deep at this event.

If you want to learn more about the activities of the Captain John Paul Jones Chapter, contact Chapter Secretary, Al Pinkham.

Cascade Centennial

We had an amazing meeting on October 7th, with the induction of several new members to our Chapter and an outstanding presentation by Ed Nixon, who spoke about the life of his older brother, including a fun story of a cross country road trip from Michigan back to California. If you missed this meeting, we do hope you can join us in the future and we have lots of opportunities coming up soon!



Compatriots from the John Paul Jones Chapter sharing with visitors at the Northwest Colonial Festival

As you may have heard, our chapter is hosting the 2021 National Congress. This is an extreme honor, but with such honor comes great responsibility to make sure we show our Compatriots guests from around the nation and the world a worthwhile time when they visit Seattle. To that end, we have started in on our fundraising goal by holding an online auction. There were many great items available including black powder weapons, artwork, a prize-winning quilt designed especially for this auction, and many trips and experiences including an Alaska Cruise, a Safari to Africa, the chance to drive a NASCAR in Charlotte, NC, and many more! Other auction opportunities will take place in the future, along with a number of other fundraising initiatives.

Among the reports provided by officers the partnership with Hillsdale College for teaching Middle and High School students about the founding documents was updated. Other Youth program updates included the Chapter's first nominee for the SAR's Rice American History Teacher Award and anticipated broadened participation in the King Eagle Scout Scholarship contest.

Another opportunity to support the chapter and our veterans is coming on Veterans Day, November 11th at Sunset Hills Memorial Park. The Cascade Centennial Chapter has hosted the largest Veterans' Day remembrance ceremony in the Pacific Northwest for several years. Last year we had quite a sizable crowd show up and know we can surpass even those numbers again this year.

If you want to learn more about the activities of the Cascade Centennial Chapter, contact Chapter Secretary, Mark Griswald.



Ed Nixon shares his memories of his older brother, President Richard Nixon



Fort Vancouver President Neal Van Houten with American Legion Post 44 Commander Bryan Laycoe (left) and Ridgefield Mayor Ron Onslow (right)

Fort Vancouver

With summer recess over the Fort Vancouver SAR Chapter met on 16 September 2017. We had 13 attendees of which eight were Chapter members. As we move into the Fall of the year we are preparing for Chapter elections in November to fill the Chapter offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Genealogist/Registrar, Chaplain, Historian and Trustee(s).

The Chapter has 3 new members. Chapter Genealogist, has been invaluable in ushering through applications. A very special kudo to his son Neil, who is the Seattle SAR Chapter Genealogist and has been of immense help in these efforts. And to our Compatriot Tom Boardman whose dogged and scholarly investigative pursuit of his supplemental Patriot

Ancestor application left George Vernon a bit in awe ... and finally stormed the walls of the National Society Genealogist's domain. That application has been approved.

The Chapter recognized the collaborative efforts of the city and American Legion Post 44 in displaying some 200 U.S. Flags on city streets during key holidays throughout the year.

If you want to learn more about the activities of the Ft. Vancouver Chapter, contact Chapter Secretary, George Vernon.

George Washington

Chapter Flag Award chairman Russ Oliver presented two Flag Award nominations. Compatriot Kevin Coyne researched and nominated a private residence flag display belonging to Marty Kuljis of Ferndale, WA. Compatriot Russ Oliver researched and nominated the Historic Fairhaven Associations' flag display at the Fairhaven Library in Bellingham, WA.

Chapter Law Enforcement Award Chairman, Compatriot Kevin Coyne made a motion to recognize prosecutors and support personnel in addition to patrol officers for the Law Enforcement Award. The motion was moved by Chapter President Eric Howard and seconded by Chapter Vice President Dale Harshman.

The Chapter President presented new member certificates to new Compatriots David Stockton from Blaine, WA and Mike Hutchins from Anacortes, WA. The new Compatriots recited the Oath of the SAR and were warmly welcomed by the Chapter.

Chapter President Eric Howard gave a presentation about the historical places in Bellingham ... Ft. Bellingham, the Pickett House, Pickett Bridge and the territorial courthouse that are recently in consideration of closing, renaming or repurposing due to the recent complaints from local citizens that refer to these historical structures as racist. This presentation spurred a healthy discussion among the Chapter regarding the recent removal of statues and monuments across the USA and the degradation of U.S. History in public schools.

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

Mid-Columbia

During the summer, a Time of Remembrance tribute for our fallen military heroes was held in Pasco on July 4. Kelly and Karen Schultz attended for the SAR and DAR. We joined forces again with the Kennewick Chapter of the DAR, for the Independence Day, River of Fire event at Columbia Park in Kennewick. We had information booths for both of our organizations and again we also acted as the information booth for the event.

Einan's at Sunset in Richland was the venue on August 10th for the Dietrich Schmieman Cemetery Procession. Sergeant Schmieman was a graduate of Hanford High School in Richland. He was a member of the Second Division Marine Raider Battalion, Marine Special Operations Team 8232. Schmieman was among the 15 Marines and a Navy Sailor who died Monday, July 10, 2017, in the crash of a military transport plane in the Mississippi Delta.

Our September Chapter Meeting was held in the Old Pioneer Church in Quincy on September 16, 2017. Twenty-one people were in attendance, fourteen members and five spouses. Three new members John Pierre, Russ Wentworth and Ken Walter, were sworn into our Chapter, giving us a new total of 32 Compatriot members.



Compatriots John Pierre, Russ Wentworth and Ken Walter sworn in by Stan Wills. John also received the Military Service Medal and Certificate

President Stan Wills entertained those present with a talk on, “*Florida: The 14th Colony.*” He also had some interesting flags, including the 43-star flag when Washington became a State in 1889. There are 27 different flag configurations. Stan had a very difficult flag to find, the Lewis and Clark Peace Flag with 15 stripes and 17 stars (Ohio and Tennessee were added just as they were leaving on their journey so two more stars were painted on).

On Constitution Day, September 18, Barry Moravek and Larry Flint attended the Naturalization Ceremony at the Richland Federal Building. 29 new citizens, from nine countries took the oath of American Citizenship and were sworn in by Judge Mendoza.

If you want to learn more about the activities of the Mid-Columbia Chapter, contact Chapter Secretary, Larry Flint.

Seattle

No report was received. If you want to learn more about the activities of the Seattle Chapter, contact Chapter Secretary, Craig Lawson.

Spokane

Old #1 continues to be one of the most active Chapters in the Washington Society SAR. During the summer they continued to meet, participated in five parades – including representing SAR at the local Military Appreciation Day event. Additionally, they partnered with our sisters from DAR in presenting colors at the gravesite dedication ceremony for Thomas and Elizabeth Tannatt. The Tannatt’s were instrumental in establishing the Steptoe Battlefield Monument.

The Chapter continues to grow. Recently, Compatriots Sean Bibby and Timothy Hatcher were inducted at the September meeting.

The Chapter was saddened by the loss of long-time Compatriot, Alston M. “Al” Daniels, a devoted member of Chapter #1 of Spokane SAR left us on September 9, 2017. Al was 94 at the time of his passing.

If you want to learn more about the activities of the Spokane Chapter, contact Chapter Secretary, Dennis Shaw.



Compatriot Al. Daniels

Thomas Jefferson Medal

Compatriot Jim Lindley – National Chairman, Knight Essay Committee



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(L. to R.) Gen. Washington, Maj. Gen. Henry Knox, Lt. James Monroe, Major Paul Revere, Lt. Col. Alexander Hamilton