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### Upcoming Events



#### Chapter Meetings: ([map to locations](#))

- Alexander Hamilton, Tacoma/Fife. WA  
Meets: Third Saturday of the month, September to June, at Johnny's at Fife
- Cascade Centennial, East Side of Lake Washington  
Meets: First Saturday, October to July at the Red Lion in Bellevue, WA
- Fort Vancouver, Southwestern Washington counties.  
Meets: Third Saturday, 9:00 am at the Mill Creek Pub and Grill, 1710 SW 9th Avenue, Battle Ground WA.
- George Washington, Skagit, and Whatcom counties.  
Meets: Third Saturday September to June 10:00 am, Farmhouse Restaurant, 13724 Laconner Whitney Rd, Mt. Vernon, WA
- John Paul Jones, Kitsap Peninsula  
Meets: Fourth Saturday of each month, except July, August and December 9:00 am, Ambrosia Catering, 4954 State Hwy 303, East Bremerton, WA
- Mid-Columbia, South Central Washington.  
Meets: Third Saturday of each month September to June, at Round Table, 1769 Leslie Road, Richland.
- Seattle, Greater Seattle area  
Meets: Every second Saturday of the month, except June, July, August and December, 9:00 AM, 125th Street Grill, 12255 Aurora Ave. N., Seattle, WA.
- Spokane #1, Greater Spokane area  
Meets: every second Friday of the month, except July and August at 11:30 AM, The Timber Creek Grill Buffet, 9211 E Montgomery, Spokane Valley, WA

#### Color Guard Schedule

Published quarterly, for the pleasure of members of the Washington State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Please submit text and photos electronically to [The Editor](#).

Photos should be in JPG/PNG format. If you do not have a computer text & photos can be mailed to:

Dick Motz, 818 SW 295<sup>th</sup> St, Federal way WA 98023-821258.

**Next Submission Deadline: 15 Dec 2019**

## Washington State SAR President's Message - Summer 2019 (3rd<sup>rd</sup> Quarter)

### Compatriots:

I hope you had a great summer and are now ready to resume our SAR activities! Despite the break from chapter meetings, it has been a busy summer.

### 2020 Washington SAR Annual Meeting

Our annual state society meeting will be held April 3–4, 2020 in Yakima, WA. Please mark your calendar now, and look for registration information later this fall. We will be raffling a reproduction of a 1777 French Charleville flintlock pistol!

### 2021 National SAR Congress

As you know, the Washington SAR is hosting the SAR National Congress for the first time. It will be held in July 2021 in Renton, WA. As the host society, we need to provide two things for the Congress: our time and our money. We can contribute our time by volunteering to help at the Congress itself. We need 52 volunteers during the Congress. If you live outside the Seattle area, we will try to arrange home stays to make it easier for you to volunteer. We can also donate money to underwrite the Saturday night reception and dinner, which our society is hosting at the Museum of Flight. We have already raised about half of the anticipated costs of hosting the Congress. Your help is needed to finish the job. I strongly urge you to write a check today to help us host the Congress. Checks should be made out to "Washington SAR, 2021 Congress Account" and sent to Washington SAR Treasurer Tom Clark, 2002 W. Hamilton Rd., Deer Park, WA 99006.

### Operation Ancestor Search

At its April meeting, the Washington SAR Board of Directors approved our participation in the SAR Operation Ancestor Search program. This is a free genealogy program offered to injured, ill, or wounded service members in military hospitals, veterans' hospitals and armed forces/veteran retirement homes across the US. It helps service members, veterans, their families and caregivers discover their roots and better understand themselves through family history. Washington SAR Vice President Keith Weissinger is getting the program started at Madigan Army Medical Center at the Joint Base Lewis-McChord near Tacoma, WA. Please contact him at kweiss47@comcast.net if you are interested in helping with the program.

### Flag and Flag Retirement Certificates

Our chapters did a great job last year by awarding 58 Flag Certificates to individuals, companies, and government agencies that fly the US flag for patriotic (not advertising) purposes. In 2018, the National SAR created a US Flag Retirement Certificate for individuals (including compatriots) or organizations that participate in the collection and respectful destruction of worn, soiled, or otherwise unserviceable US flags. Please look for opportunities to award this new certificate, and tell your chapter's Flag Certificate Chairman about them. In June, I participated in a flag retirement ceremony hosted by the Mary Fell Stevenson DAR Chapter in Black Diamond, WA. As always, it was a very moving ceremony.

Have a great fall!

*Respectfully submitted, Craig Lawson, President, Washington State, Sons of the American Revolution*



Craig Lawson  
State President 2019 – 2021

## From the Editor:

Taking on a new job can be a traumatic experience. This one however should not be too big of a shock, as I have been doing other newsletters for the SAR. I will endeavor to provide pertinent and interesting subject matter for all.

As you can see, I have my new hat on ⇒

I will need all the help I can get so if you have anything that you would like to share with the membership, feel free to contact me.

Please include the **5 Ws (Who, What, When, Where, Why)**

Thank You

### Note:

The **WA State** web site is <https://www.washingtonsar.org>

The **WA State Color Guard** web site is <https://cg.wasar-ah.org/>



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## The Tennessee State Library and Archives

**The Tennessee State Library and Archives** has just launched a Revolutionary War veterans' digital project, "Patriot Paths."

Tennessee State Library and Archives' new Revolutionary War project (<https://sos.tn.gov/tsla>)

Thousands of veterans flooded into Tennessee at the conclusion of the war, and about 2,000 pension files exist for those who came here. Since most of the soldiers were not eligible for a pension until they were in their 80s, the number who received a pension was relatively small compared to the number who served.

Staff and interns at the Library & Archives pored over those pension files to find the dates and places where the soldiers were born, married, enlisted and died. Soldiers who had been born throughout the colonies and even Europe ultimately made their way to Tennessee. After the war, many crossed the mountains from Virginia and North Carolina, but some came from as far away as New York and Massachusetts.

That information was added to a database and then coordinated with GIS mapping software. The result is Patriot Paths, where historians and genealogists can search for veterans and study the patterns of migration.

"Patriot Paths uses modern mapping tools to tell the stories of those who fought to secure independence at the time of our nation's founding," Secretary of State Tre Hargett said. "I'm proud of the continued efforts of the Library & Archives to find innovative ways to make records like these more accessible."

**Respectfully submitted, Dick Moody**

## Modern Day Communication

To keep current with up-to-date on WA SAR activities, there is a wealth of information to be had on the internet. We have 7 state/chapter **Facebook pages** and several **web pages**.

The State Facebook page is titled: [Washington State Society Sons of the American Revolution](#).

Chapter FB Pages are: [Alexander Hamilton](#), [Cascade Centennial](#), [George Washington](#), [John Paul Jones](#), [Seattle](#), and [Mid-Columbia](#). The **National** Facebook page is titled: [Sons of the American Revolution](#).

The Washington SAR [Color Guard web site](#) provides current schedules, events, activities, and articles for our State Color Guard. The site is maintained by webmaster Dick Motz (Deputy Commander of the Color Guard).

Very few WA SAR State leaders even look at these fine pages but should all be clicking likes on them frequently. Many pictures and stories of WA SAR events and activities. You do not have to be active on FB but you do need an account. Just get one and can keep your data totally private. Most of our WA SAR pages are "**public**" which means that you can view, click, like, and comment if you like or not. There is a whole world of communication out there with our younger State SAR members just waiting for our leaders to access.

**Respectfully submitted, Bob O'Neal**

Editor/Contributor WA SAR Facebook

SE Chapter Facebook Contributor

Editor, AH Chapter Facebook Editor/Admin

DAR Washington FB Contributor


CC Chapter Facebook Contributor

## Security Risk!!!

Because of what I do with the SAR, I receive many E-Mail messages. All too often they are from someone that has used a distribution list and placed it in the **TO: Box** when they sent the message. This causes all the Address in the distribution list to be displayed on the incoming message.

**Not a good idea.**

A better way to address a message if sending to more than 3 or 4 people (distribution list) is to put the distribution list in the **BCC: Box**. This will prevent the display of confidential addresses to display if the message is forwarded on to someone outside of the SAR. **The Editor**

 Send	To...	<b>NO!!</b>
	Cc...	
	Bcc...	<b>YES!!</b>
	Subject	Message

## Pacific District Conference

The location of the Pacific District Conference has finally been set. It will be at the Hilton Garden Hotel in Beaverton, Oregon on Saturday the 25th of April 2020. Meetings will be held from 9am to 5pm at the Hotel. We have booked two special meeting rooms to hold assembly and presentations during the day and have reserved their dining area for our buffet awards luncheon. More specific information to follow as to what specific meetings will be held during the day. Part of the morning will be devoted to the Oregon State Society Annual Meeting and part will be allocated to the business portion of the Pacific District Meeting - nomination of next year's VPG, etc. but the remainder of the day will be filled with various "how to" instructions and information that you will not want to miss. The awards luncheon will provide opportunity to have members from the three State Societies be recognized for their service and receive awards and medals accordingly. Note: Michael Tieman has graciously offered to provide Oregon War Memorial coins to attendees who pre-register and pre-pay for the event prior to February 15, 2020 We need to prepay for the buffet luncheon and so we need an accurate count on those who will be attending. In addition, Ken Roberts is offering to provide a Free Commander membership to *Front Sight Firearms Institute* to those who pre-pay and pre-register before 15 February 2020

Checks for registration should be made out to **Pacific District**.

**Mail to:** Ken Roberts, Oregon SAR State Treasurer  
5411 69th St Ct NW  
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

***Respectfully Submitted, Ken Roberts***

## Warning: Political Storms Are Here!

When I was younger, political campaigns started at the beginning of the year in which the election was being held. Not so anymore; now the campaigns begin long before that.

We are already in the midst of the 2020 Presidential election campaign, and state and local races are heating up as well. This is a good time to remind Washington SAR members of how to treat politics while participating in an SAR event or conducting SAR business.

As stated in the SAR ***Official Handbook*** (Vol. III Membership, Compliance & Other Policies, pp. 11-13), the SAR is tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This means that it "cannot be an action organization, i.e., it may not attempt to influence legislation as a substantial part of its activities and it may not participate in any campaign activity for or against political candidates.

State Societies, Chapters, and Compatriots must be mindful of the above restrictions and conduct SAR operations in a manner that preserves and protects the SAR's tax-exempt status for everyone's benefit."

The *Handbook* makes clear that the SAR is a non-political organization:

State Societies and Chapters must never endorse or recommend any candidate for public office, *nor may meetings include the discussion of merits or demerits of such candidates*. The merit of any public question involving the social, economic, moral, or physical welfare of the people may be fairly and intelligently studied and discussed at a meeting for the enlightenment of those attending. SAR may take a position on any bill or measure, which may be submitted to a vote of the elected representatives of the people or to the vote of the people.

We always need to treat each other in a civil and courteous way. Our meetings and activities should avoid the same subjects as at a tavern: religion and politics. We come together to promote the SAR's patriotic, historical, and educational goals, not to argue or berate each other about political parties or candidates.

Let us keep our meetings, activities and communications free of politics, and focus on our mission. With your help, we will survive the next 12 months and all still be compatriots.

Thank you!

***Respectfully submitted, Craig Lawson, President, Washington State, Sons of the American Revolution***



## News from the Washington Ladies Auxiliary (Reported by Teri Lindley)

- The Ladies Auxiliary had a successful fundraiser at the Washington SAR State Meeting in Olympia in April 2019. Through the raffle of the donated baskets from the chapters and the 50/50 opportunity drawing, they raised \$982.00. The Ladies Auxiliary paid to the men the \$147.89 deficit from the state conference. We will continue to conduct fundraisers to help defray the costs for hosting the 2021 Host Reception for the upcoming SAR National Congress.



- Three of our ladies (at right), **Charlotte Abbott**, **Cindy Lucas** and **Teri Lindley**, attended the 2019 SAR National Congress held in July in Costa Mesa, CA.

- The Ladies Auxiliary Board members also held their summer board meeting in Ellensburg on 3 August.



- Chaplain Conrad Plyler swore in the new 2019-2021 Ladies Auxiliary Board members.

(L-R) President **Teri Lindley**, Vice President **Cynthia Weissinger**, Chaplain **Kathi Nelson**, Secretary **Candi Plyler**, and Treasurer **Brenda Shaw**.

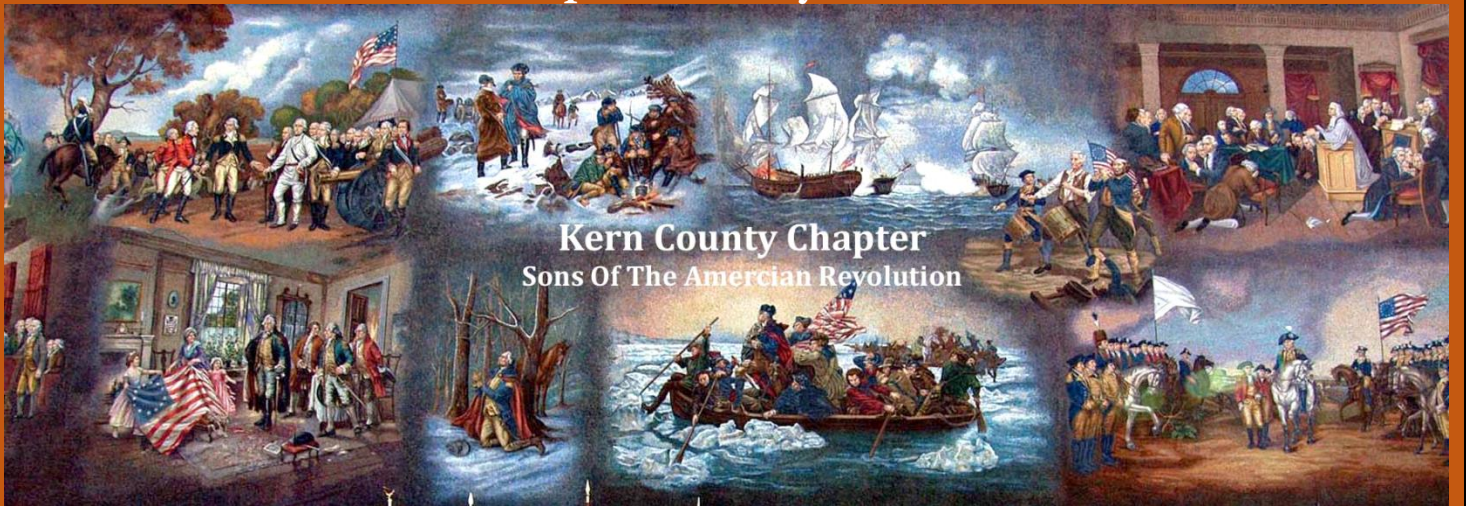


- Teri Lindley has started a Facebook Page in an attempt to increase their exposure and interest for the group. Click [HERE](#) to go to the page.

## 129<sup>th</sup> Annual SAR Congress Costa Mesa, CA



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### As Seen Around The Congress





## Minuteman Award Presented

**8 July 2019, Costa Mesa, CA:** During the 129<sup>th</sup> annual SAR Congress, Compatriot **Jim Lindley** was awarded the highly prized Minuteman Award. The Minuteman Award is the most prestigious award of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Only those Compatriots who have made distinguished and exceptional contributions of service to the National Society may be recognized. The award has been presented annually since 1952. Since 1967, a maximum of six awards may be presented each year. This year's class was: **Michael Elston** (VA), **Jim Faulkinbury** (CA), **Larry Leslie** (KY), **Jim Lindley** (WA), **J. Thomas Showler**, (PA) and **William O 'Bill' Stone** (AL)

Being escorted to the front of the auditorium where he was inducted by President General Warren Alter, Compatriot Lindley took his place among the organization's Minutemen. The honor was well deserved. His citation read as follows:



"Compatriot Lindley has served the National Society as Vice President General of the Pacific District. He has also served as a National Trustee for six terms and as a member of the Executive Committee, and five terms on the Nominating Committee. Compatriot Lindley has served on the following committees: the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Committee for six years, serving as Vice Chairman for three of those years and Chairman for three years; the Membership Committee for five years; the Congress Planning Committee for three years; the Council of Youth Awards for four years, and the NSSAR Fundraising Committee for two years, serving as Chairman for both of those years. He secured a cell site marketing agreement to benefit the SAR monetarily. Compatriot Lindley is the first line sponsor on forty-four new members and assisted in organizing two Chapters in the Washington SAR. He has attended seven Congresses and fifteen National Leadership Meetings. He is a George Washington Fellow, and a contributor to the JROTC Endowment Fund; the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest, and the SAR Center for Advancing America's Heritage."

Jim is only the fourth Washingtonian since 1952 to receive this honor. He follows in the footsteps of **Lewis A. Smith** (1952), **Jean A. Hibbard** (1958), and **John C. Ellingson** (2010). Through 2019, only four hundred and six Compatriots have received the Minuteman Award.

On hand to witness and celebrate his accomplishment were his wife, Teri, and fellow compatriots Keith Weissinger, Rob Sexton, Jim Doughty, Tim Doughty, Gregory Lucas and his wife, Cindy, Tony Abbott and his wife, Charlotte, Stefan Kovalenko, Ken Betterton, and VPG-elect Ken Roberts.

Jim's honors follow close on the heels of his having been named as a Kentucky Colonel.

Let's all join in congratulating Jim for serving our Society so well, and for restoring Washington to its rightful place in the limelight. Well done, Jim!

**Respectfully submitted, Gregory D. Lucas**



Compatriot Lindley & wife Teri celebrate following the Minuteman Award

The SAR Minuteman Award is the highest award presented to a member by the SAR. It is presented for distinguished service rendered to the SAR on the national level. Members are selected by the SAR's Minuteman Committee, made up of previous medal recipients and appointed by the SAR President General. The medal is presented by the President General at an annual Congress. It is not presented in absentia. The Minuteman Award was authorized in 1952 and, beginning in 1968, the medal is awarded to no more than six recipients every year. It is awarded to individual members on a one-time basis.





## The "Green Machine" Invades California!

### 7 July 2019, Newport Beach, CA:

Attendees of the 2019 National SAR Congress were treated to a harbor cruise aboard the *Hornblower*. To those of us who followed the celluloid exploits of John Wayne, anchored nearby was the Duke's own *Wild Goose*. Duke, if you are reading this, she is still looking proud and standing tall.

As fellow Compatriots and guests boarded the ship, they were serenaded by a local barber shop quartet. Filling the *Hornblower's* three decks, Compatriots rubbed shoulders with SAR members from around the country, forming fast friendships, or reuniting with friends past. The celebration was memorable for all present.

But one group stood out among all the rest. Washington's own "**Green Machine**". With one of the largest delegations Washington has yet sent to Congress, the Washington delegation sported bright green polo shirts bearing the 2021 National Congress logo. The brainchild of Compatriot Keith Weissinger, a long-standing and faithful member of the Congress Planning Committee, the



"The Green Machine" (l to R) Keith Weissinger, Gregory Lucas, Cindy Lucas, Teri Lindley, Tony Abbott, Jim Lindley, Bob Doughty, Tim Doughty

(Photo by Keith Weissinger)

delegation's fashionable attire formed the centerpiece for the Congress cruise.

Back at the hotel, Green Machine members representing the Ladies Auxiliary included Teri Lindley, Charlotte Abbott and Cindy Lucas. Creating a stunning display to focus Congress' attention on 2021, our Ladies sold 2021 Congress Medals, challenge coins, business card holders and notebooks, while insuring that every passing Compatriot received a "Save the Date" card. But the deal got even sweeter. Compatriot Rob Sexton, also a faithful member of the Congress Planning Committee, obtained the donation of 500 pieces of Almond Roca, to be given to each person who took a "Save the Date" card.

Meanwhile, the Congress video produced by Compatriot Gary Price took center stage, showing the beauty of our fair state. Compatriots watched transfixed as images of Washington crossed the screen. Almost all of them promised to see us in Washington in 2021.

To Keith Weissinger, Rob Sexton, Gary Price, Teri Lindley, Charlotte Abbott, and Cindy Lucas, thank you for all you did to make our efforts pay off. You are the greatest! And to all members of the Green Machine, well done.

**Respectfully submitted, Gregory D. Lucas**

## WA State Trustee Report (Update)

- **Software:** A check scanning device was approved for deposits at the cost of \$50 per month
- **Mission Data Website Data Base:** The new data base will be rolled out soon. When this happens use your national number and date of birth to sign in. You will be asked to form a password and when you do write it down and do not set up more than one password or you will have more than one sign in. You will have to call Mike Scroggins to correct that problem. There will be a dashboard to update your medals and awards. This will not be rolled out until all the bugs are out. Coming soon.
- **Membership:** 35,975--15 weeks for supplementals and 8 weeks for applications. Forty-eight memorials were sold.
- **Headquarters:** The executive office is complete. A new library person has been hired and an assistant for Sarah Dennison the Director of Fundraising.
- **Center for Advancing Americas Heritage: (Museum)** A content video has been distributed and should be shown to chapters to see what is planned. FYI the ship has sailed on this project, so it is going to happen. Phase 2 part 3 is under way. \$780,000 was needed for this is it now down to \$600,000 needed. New Liberty Tree Campaign is coming in the mail to a mailbox near you soon. Phase three is the buildout of the Center.
- **Application forms:** Well if you like the long form of application it will be going away by Fall Leadership. We presently have 5 form for applications. The computer form will be the only form by fall. This is a Single Application Online Deadline.
- **Strategic planning:** National is working on National Dues Collection. All dues including state and chapter will be done by national. Chapter increases and state increased will be passed to national for collection. This is in the planning stage. 30 60- and 90-day warnings for member to pay dues. Also, Perpetual Memberships are being

considered. Twenty times dues cover members for 20 years and grandpa can pay junior dues in advance to keep juniors in the society. (all this is in the planning stage)

- Hillsdale Release: The Hillsdale release form for the Americas Founding Document project was sent to the committee.
- Budget: 2020 budget income projection 1,986,818 out 1,686,700 for 292,200 after transfers for debt pay down and other transfers we net 7918. This is about the same for 2019. We are a nonprofit, so we need to spend what we take in. So, we show a small profit.
- Two-year terms and other Indiana Bylaws: Two-year terms and other Indiana Society bylaws all failed or were pulled.
- Officers Elected: New PG is Jack Manning and the only contested race was for Registrar. Douglas Collins was elected. The new WA Trustee is Keith Weissinger with Bob Doughty Alternate. AK Trustee Jim Lindley with Tim Doughty Alternate. OR Trustee John Berg with Greg Lucas Alternate. VPG Pacific Ken Roberts.
- Minuteman: A WA member was honored as a Minuteman. Jim Lindley  
WA Trustee and now AK Trustee

## Washington State Society Sons of the American Revolution Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 4 August 2019

- Compatriots assembled in Ellensburg Washington, President Craig Lawson called the meeting to order at 1000. Seventeen members provided a quorum to conduct Washington SAR business. President Lawson reported he had attended the Northshore Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony, the Mary Fell Stevenson Chapter DAR Flag Retirement Ceremony, and three chapter meetings. He will be attending the SAR Fall Leadership Meeting in September.
- Flag Respect and Recognition Chairman Russ Oliver presented streamers and pins to state Chapters for participation in the program. Fort Vancouver received the first-place award. The members were reminded that state-level awards may be presented and a request for potential recipients was made. Oliver also told chapters about the new SAR recognition for flag retirement ceremonies.
- Vice President Keith Weissinger returned from the National Congress with awards and information. He presented Chaplain Conrad Plyler with the annual memorial booklets. The BOD observed a moment of silence in respect for our departed Compatriots.
- The Washington SAR received the following awards:
  - The Liberty Medal Award Neal Vernon, Eugene Tenney, Douglas Nelson, Michael Moore, Gregory Lucas, Robert Sexton.
- The Washington SAR received the following streamers for program participation:
 

Eagle Scout	Admiral William R Furlong	Outstanding Cadet
Officer Attendance	Award	Education Outreach
Knight Essay Contest	American History Teacher	Genealogist Award
	Award	CAR activity
- Compatriot Greg Lewis reported that the 2021 Congress Planning Committee has been very busy both here and at this year’s Congress. The team designed a shirt for wear at the Congress, which was well received and was an outstanding advertisement for the 2021 Congress. Our Ladies Auxiliary supported an information table at the Congress selling Challenge Coins and messenger bags, which raised \$1,445. The donations supporting the 2021 Congress are now \$28,160, one third of the anticipated cost of hosting the Congress. President Lawson will send a request for additional donations in September. The Committee will support a table at the Fall Leadership Conference, and has produced a video inviting Compatriots to the 2021 Congress with information on the Great Northwest. The video is available for Chapter viewing.
- Chaplain Plyler announced that a decision by the Air Force to not allow cadets to wear SAR decorations has been rescinded. Chapters are encouraged to continue awarding Cadets with the ROTC and JROTC medals.



- Compatriot Dick Motz has stepped up to edit the Washington Trail. He has been doing a tremendous job as the Color Guard newsletter editor. Please support Dick in his editor role.
- The Annual Document Review Committee is tasked to review the vacant positions in the Officer Roster to determine if they need to be filled or removed as part of the annual review.
- Compatriots in the Olympia area wish to establish a new Chapter. The Membership and Chapter Support committee will provide information and assistance with establishment of the new Chapter.
- The weekly e-learning message will continue to be sent as a weekly e-mail.
- The Washington SAR Achievement awards proposed by the Medal & Awards Committee for Compatriots Michael (Mikey) Bendickson and Gary Price were approved.
- The change to the Administrative Procedures submitted by Treasurer Tom Clark was approved.
- The proposal to create a new Quartermaster Position was discussed. The consensus of the BOD was to task Program Chairmen accountable for the Society resources they maintain, rather than to create a new Quartermaster position.
- The proposal by the Medals & Awards Committee to change the Administrative Procedures manual was amended and approved as follows:  
**Part 6 Committees, 15. Medals and Awards Committee**  
d. viii. The Treasurer Medals and Awards Committee Chairman obtains the award from National with WASHINGTON SAR funds, or collects the funds from a chapter when a chapter is the presenter of either of the two state society medals.
- Compatriot Chuck Waid will continue as the third at-large member of the Board of Directors.
- President Lawson presented a request from Washington CAR President Olivia Emerson for support of her fundraising project for Quilts of Valor. After discussion, the BOD asked President Lawson to distribute the request to the BOD for individual contributions.
- Compatriot Neal Vernon has volunteered to serve as Color Guard Commander commencing in January 2020.
- The Washington SAR 2020 Annual Meeting will be conducted in Yakama on April 3-4, 2020. The 2021 Annual Meeting will require planning now as meeting locations are very limited in availability.
- The next BOD meeting is scheduled for 7 November as a telephone meeting.
- The meeting was adjourned at 1430.

***Respectfully submitted, Al Pinkham, Washington State SAR Secretary.***

#### **Secretaries Update 9-11-19**

The society has been very busy this summer; you will find lots of news in this newsletter and in the many Websites being maintained by chapters and Program managers. Each of us contributes to the goals and objectives in a personal way and that is what makes this a great organization. I continue to add new members to the roster; we now have 532 active members. The Chapter Secretary and Treasurer will be collecting dues for the next three months please help them by remembering to pay your dues. The due date is 31 December, but Tom and I will have a much better holiday if we are complete by December 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have a family member that has moved away from the area, I can help them find a new Chapter and help them with the transfer.

I am developing a society calendar to help our leaders plan and accomplish our goals please submit input to significant events that your Chapter supports.

***Respectfully submitted, Al Pinkham, Washington State SAR Secretary.***

## News from the Chapters

### Alexander Hamilton

Links: [Facebook](#) [Newsletters](#) [Web Site](#)

**Keith Weissinger**, of the Alexander Hamilton Chapter, recently had the honor to serve as a “**Person Guardian**” with his friend Charles V. “Chuck” Cook in Washington DC as part of the **Honor Flight Program**. Veterans represented service in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. Some served in more than one war and, in the case of Chuck Cook, all three! With the help of his mother, Chuck forged his birth certificate and at the age of 16 joined the army in May of 1946. This began a career that spanned 24 years in the military.

The mission of Puget Sound Honor Flight is “To transport our heroes on One Last Mission”, a trip to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at the memorials built in their honor. This trip is free to the veteran, and made possible solely through individual donations and corporate support. No Federal funds are allocated to this program. Over 180,000 veterans have made this cathartic journey.

During a busy weekend, the veterans have the opportunity to visit a multitude of memorials and receive recognition for their service from a grateful nation. From the beginning of the journey they are treated with the respect and appreciation they so richly deserve. This was especially heartfelt by the Vietnam veterans, many of whom originally returned home to jeers and insults. With this journey and return, Puget Sound Honor flight attempts to atone for that past disrespect. During the journey, each veteran is accompanied by a Person Guardian. The Guardian serves as a personal attendant to provide any assistance that might be needed. Many of our older veterans need assistance with transfers or require wheelchairs for mobility. Guardians serve in any capacity necessary to allow the veteran to experience each memorial in an up-close and individual manner. However, their first and most important role is that of friend.

If you know a veteran who deserves recognition for his wartime service or if you would like to serve as a **Guardian**, contact Puget Sound Honor Flight (<http://pugetsoundhonorflight.org>) or your local Honor Flight Affiliate.



### Cascade Centennial

Links: [Facebook](#) [Newsletter](#) [Web Site](#)

- 14 Jun: Several Chapter members attended the memorial service for our recently departed Chapter Treasurer, Mel Mocabee.
- 19 Jun: The Chapter Mentor Group met to discuss upcoming mentoring activities and assignments.
- 5-10 Jul: Five Chapter members and two wives attended the 2019 SAR National Congress in Costa Mesa, California. They all survived the large earthquake while there. Jim Lindley, was presented the prestigious SAR Minuteman Award (see page 7)
- Chapter Genealogist Rob Sexton recruited a new member whose application is on its way to Headquarters.
- 22 Jul: The 2021 Congress Planning Committee held a meeting.
- 1 Aug: Chapter President Clark Summers resigned his office and moved to North Carolina to take a teaching position as a College Professor. Chapter Vice President Ed Dierdorff moved up to become Chapter President pro tem until the Chapter leadership election in December.
- 4 Aug: Four Chapter members and two wives attended the Washington SAR Board of Directors meeting in Ellensburg.
- The Chapter Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for 9 Sep to plan events for the coming nine Chapter meetings.

*Respectfully submitted, Bob Doughty, Chapter Secretary.*

### George Washington

Links: [Facebook](#) [Newsletter](#) [Web Site](#)

- Four George Washington chapter members attended the celebration of life of Compatriot Perk Bingham 20 July 2019 on Camano Island, with chapter Padre David Stockton delivering an inspiring eulogy
- George Washington chapter continues to grow! Three new members will be inducted at our upcoming September meeting; Charles Marshall Eberhart, Clarence Hugh Jonson, and Jimmy Viril Phillips. In addition, pending new member, Alvin Wayne Farber's application has been approved by our state registrar and is on its way to National.
- George Washington chapter members, led by chapter Conference chair Compatriot Carlos Malone, proudly represented the Washington State SAR at the 2019 Northwest Genealogy Conference hosted by the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society August 14 – 17, 2019, in Arlington, WA. It was a packed event with many interesting seminars, displays, and speakers, and was a productive recruiting event for the chapter with interest from multiple potential new members.



*Respectfully submitted, Russ Oliver, Chapter Secretary.*



## John Paul Jones

Links: [Facebook](#) Newsletter Web Site

During the summer break 16 of our fellow SAR compatriots from across the state came together and superbly supported the John Paul Jones Chapter at the Northwest Colonial Festival. The SAR team gave a total 30 presentations by: Fred Gilbert, Art Dolan, Doug Nelson, Bob Smalser, Neil Vernon and Mike Hutchins. All the SAR presentations were well received by the Festival attendees and recognized by the festival host and organizers. Mick Hersey, again this year, was the Town Crier announcing events throughout the entire festival area. The four-day event kept the SAR team busy answering questions, telling our stories of our patriots, and the selfless sacrifices made by our ancestors fighting for our freedoms. Many thanks to everyone; our speakers, booth attendees and Gene Tenney and Perry Taylor for the set up.



## Mid-Columbia

Links: [Facebook](#) Newsletter Web Site

John Tipton interviewed Russ Wentworth, a WWII Veteran, about his experiences for the Library of Congress, "Veterans History" project. Kelly Schultz videotaped the interview and Larry Flint attended. Karen Schultz will edit the video and Larry will be filling out the forms for the project. A link will be provided for on-line access to the interview.

WWII Veteran Russ Wentworth talking about his wartime experiences.

Russ was born and raised in Illinois where he was part of the Victory Corps in high school (perhaps similar to JROTC). After receiving his draft notice on graduation day, he went into the Army. Following basic training at Fort Knox, KY, he went to war on the Queen Mary, a luxury liner converted to a troop ship. The destination was Glasgow, Scotland and then by train & ferry to Europe. He walked most of the way to Paris, and then boarded boxcars for Luxembourg, where he joined the 712th Tank Battalion for action at the Battle of the Bulge. The 712th Tank Battalion, worked together with the 90th Infantry Division, part of General Patton's Third Army. The weather was severely cold but being in a tank, he was able to keep warm and his boots dry. In one of the great moves of the war, Patton turned the Third Army's axis of advance through ninety degrees and set it upon the south of the German forces. By January 1945, the remainder of the process of closing up to the Rhine could be completed. Vicious fighting took place, including the Battle of the Ardennes but by April, there was but one great natural barrier, the Rhine River. They won the bridgehead and Third Army embarked on another great eastward dash. In May, they liberated the Mauthausen-Gusen concentration camps. The Third Army spent 281 days of incessant victorious combat, their penetrations advanced further in less time than any other army in history.



Russ Wentworth

**Respectfully submitted, Larry Flint, Chapter Secretary.**

## Fort Vancouver

Links: Facebook [Newsletter](#) [Web Site](#)

## Seattle

Links: [Facebook](#) [Newsletter](#) [Web Site](#)

## Spokane

Links: Facebook [Newsletter](#) Web site

## From The Archives by Allan Wenzel, WA St SAR Historian

### JULY 4<sup>th</sup>, 1925 - PARADE PHOTO

From the 1920's until at least 1963, the Seattle Chapter marched in the Seattle Fourth of July Parade. The Chapter rented Revolutionary War uniforms from Brocklind's Costume Company, at the time located in Seattle at Ninth & Olive, now at Fifth and East Pike. The Seattle Chapter even had a float for the parade in the early 1930's.

During those years, the Seattle Chapter was basically *the* State Society. The other chapters were very small in numbers, whereas Seattle had 90+ members. This due to the fact that the Alexander Hamilton Chapter had folded, staying so for 50 years, and the membership transferred to Seattle. The photo is from the WASSAR Historian Archives.



### A Message from NSSAR Education Committee Chairman, Brooks Lyles (reprint)

The requirement to receive the **President General's Education Outreach Streamer** is for the compatriots of a chapter to do a certain number of new Historical Presentations or to present an existing presentation in a new venue or to a new audience. Examples of Historical Presentations would be speaking on a Revolutionary War Battle or Campaign; a significant Personality or Founding Father; a political event or process; life as a soldier (uniforms, weapons, camp life, etc.); life as a colonist (clothing, money, community and religion, etc.); life on the frontier (clothing, Native American relations, living conditions, etc.); life as an indentured servant or as a slave; period flags; period music, etc. It should be left to the chapter Education Team Leader and the State Education Outreach Coordinator to make the call on what constitutes an appropriate presentation. A new venue or audience is just that. If you have a presentation you have done for your chapter and go do it for another chapter, the local DAR Chapter or the Lions Club those are new venues. If you have a class you do for the local 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class every year then that is a new audience every year.

The number of presentations required is based on the size of the chapter. The larger the chapter the more presentations required to earn the streamer. The reason is that a larger chapter has more compatriots who can give presentations and therefore more opportunities than the smaller chapters.

The objective of the PG's Program is to recognize those chapters who are taking education outreach to the American people and raising the profile of the SAR in their communities.

Program Streamer Requirements:

- Chapter with less than 41 Members: 3 Presentations
- Chapters with 41 to 80 Members: 4 Presentations
- Chapters with 81 to 120 Members: 5 Presentations
- Chapters with more than 120 Members: 7 Presentations

In order to be considered for streamers Chapters must have their information submitted to the Education Director [Colleen Wilson](#) or Education Committee Chairman [Brooks Lyles](#), via email, no later than 10 June annually.

You can download a form for recording and reporting your Education Outreach Events or you can simply send me an email with the pertinent details included. We have a lot of reports already and it is not my intent to add another task to your already crowded days. However, we do want to recognize those chapters that are doing the things that the National Society encourages! Warm Regards, Brooks Lyles

**NOTE:** I have placed the above-mentioned form on the web site for [download](#). The editor





# THE DRUMBEAT

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# YOUR COLOR GUARD, THE FACE OF THE SAR

## From Our Color Guard Past Commander

Let us begin with the most important news. At the July meeting of the Board of Directors in Ellensburg, **Neil Vernon** was appointed as the new Washington State Color Guard Commander. Congratulations to Neil and along with this promotion please be advised he needs your help. How you may wonder? Neil has the responsibility to submit articles to the "Colorguardsman", "SAR Journal", and "Washington Trail" newsletter. He is the eyes and ears across Washington so be sure to send him you color guard activities and pictures. Speaking of pictures:



I hope all of you had the opportunity to see the July issue of the Colorguardsman magazine. It is a digital publication so it would have come in your email.

Why this issue? Seems the WASSAR Color Guard was on the cover. Jan Lemmer of Alexander Hamilton Chapter was the selected photo. It was a current photo of Jan posting the colors in the Olympia, House of Representatives, but could have served as a recruiting poster for any war in US history. Congratulations to Jan along with a huge thank you, for finding time to post the colors in the Capitol.

I was particularly proud of our State Color Guard for their participation in so many events across the state from Idaho to the Pacific Ocean.

Perhaps the greatest tribute to our Color Guard is the devotion by all the chapter Captains stepping up in their role to organize activities in their respective geographical regiments. Captains are now the top of the event planning chain of command. ***This is where it should be!***

One of the best examples is the 4-day Northwest Colonial Festival in Sequim. John Paul Jones set up two full tents to present Education, History, and Patriotism to all interested. Bob Smalser is the rapid fire weapons expert, Fred Gilbert spy and why a teenager would join the revolution while Doug Nelson explained life in the colonies. Town crier, Mick Hersey, faithfully announced each upcoming event every half hour for the four day event. Kudo's to John Paul Jones for organizing the living theater SAR speakers and all their tent activities.

Neil Vernon, President, and Color Guard Captain represented Seattle chapter. Operating the tent while still finding time to present about the "14 Forgotten Presidents" Neil generated interest in his chapter while extending an open hand to all possible new members. The Color Guard was well represented.

Across the state through local parades, memorial events, fairs, recruiting booths, and genealogical meetings, the SAR color guard presence is increasing while color guard membership is expanding. If you are interested, visit our [Color Guard Website](#) click on [Information and Data Links](#) and look for [Uniform Information](#) so you too, can be part of the Color Guard.

Just a final thought, I would like to remind every chapter, the Color Guard is the **face** of the SAR. Uniforms are a community magnet where the public gathers to ask questions. This is the opportunity for every chapter to get their name out in public while increasing membership at the same time.

Just as the color guard is **The Face of the SAR**, each chapter meeting is the **voice**. Be sure your chapter meetings are sending an invitational message combined with a sense of pride to all members for having family members who served and supported the American Revolution.

The American Revolution is a time when 13 independent colonies, formed for a variety of reasons, then combined to become "The 13 United States of America". It was a time when a unique constellation of minds, virtually unknown to each other in 1774, brought together through a common cause to form a new country. This experiment in a Democratic Republic still works today 243 years later. Your family, and you, are a part of that passage. Honor the past, participate in the present, and work to preserve our future.

***Respectfully Submitted, [Arthur Dolan](#), WA State-SAR, Past Commander, WA State Color Guard.***



Washington SAR Color Guard Featured In July National SAR "COLORGUARDSMAN" Magazine



**Commander Art Dolan writes:**

"Our Color Guard has been marching in tandem with the SAR Fife and Drum Corps. This is an interesting mix of SAR, DAR and community members. When the DAR march with us the husbands (HODARs) accompany their wives and become outstanding candidates to join SAR. They are already at the event and have firsthand knowledge of how much fun it is to march in uniform along with a Fife and Drum. The general public members of the Fife and Drum also serve as conduits providing future SAR members. Even our parade banner reads "Sons of the American Revolution, Join Us"! We have a positive presupposition every male wants to join the SAR" [\(Link to this issue\)](#)

Image of the article

**WASHINGTON**



President's Day,  
University  
of Washington  
February 18, 2019



It is not often that Patriotism, Education and History coincide but on April 12th, 2019 such an event happened. The Washington State Color Guard was honored to post the colors in the Washington State House of Representatives, Olympia, WA. As State Color Guard Commander I honored three members from around the state to perform in the ceremony. Ordinarily we only get two color guard members but I added a drummer.

When the command "Forward March" was given, the drums pounded out a sound resulting in the Representatives standing taller, heads held high and a deep sense of pride glistened in their eyes.

I am attaching two pictures of the event and I would request the one of the drummer at attention on the "House Floor" be considered for the June cover of the Colorguardsman. If a picture is worth a thousand words, this photo speaks volumes of Duty, Honor, Patriotism, History and Education.

The significance of the single drummer photo has deep roots. The drummer, Jan Lemmer, has supported the SAR at nearly every event yet never joined, even though his son is president of the Alexander Hamilton Chapter. Jan joins nothing, yet the honor we showed him to drum in the colors was a turning point in his life and he submitted his application. Since his son is in SAR, his application will be approved quickly. It may be approved already.

His courage to attend and participate with no ulterior motive, the honor he bestows at every Washington State SAR color guard event and his eventual application to join SAR is the highest distinction he could give to the SAR. See Cover Photo.

**Washington State Color Guard is visible!**

Our outreach into the community has doubled in the past year to include school Patriot Chest presentations, Honor Flight greeters, parades, public speaking to community organizations, JROTC, New Citizen ceremonies, Boy Scouts and much, much, more. With only 60 Color Guard members across the state we had 754 uniformed individuals in the field. Obviously those 60 have been actively supporting the SAR at nearly 11 events per member.

Two chapters, Seattle and George Washington, have expanded their Color Guard activities into areas in which we have not participated in the past. Seattle Chapter (Neil Vernon, Color Guard Captain) has embraced the city center during the annual SEAFAR festival participating in the popular West Seattle Parade. George Washington Chapter (Mike Hutchinson, Color Guard Captain) is filling a void near the Canadian Boarder where, in the past, we did not have a presence to meet the community requests.

Every Color Guard member is a recruiting tool for the SAR and we should all recognize the Uniform is a conversation magnet! Its presence invites conversation and combined with a welcoming smile, we increase SAR interest resulting in increased membership. The Color Guard is the FACE of the organization while the meetings are the VOICE. When working in concert with each other a powerful invitational message is sent "You want to join us!"

Our Color Guard has been marching in tandem with the SAR Fife and Drum Corps. This is an interesting mix of SAR, DAR and community members. When the DAR march with us the husbands (HODARs) accompany their wives and become outstanding candidates to join SAR. They are already at the event and have first hand knowledge of how much fun it is to march in uniform along with a Fife and Drum. The general public members of the Fife and Drum also serve as conduits providing future SAR members. Even our parade banner reads "Sons of the American Revolution, Join Us"! We have a positive presupposition every male wants to join the SAR.

As a special note, once a year, the WA SAR Color Guard has the opportunity to recognize two outstanding members from across the state to post the colors in the Washington State House of Representatives. It is quite an emotional time to know you are posting colors, to quote the words from "Hamilton", "in the room where it happens". We always manage to squeak in a drummer and next year a fifer for this event. When the Color Guard marches in with the drums, Representatives stand a little taller, their shoulders are more square and their salutes more crisp as the Color Guard passes by. It is deep honor to be part of the Washington State Color Guard.

Finally, I would like to remind all Color Guard members of the 2021 National Congress in Seattle! The majestic Mt. Rainier (14,410 ft volcano) combined with the beauty of Puget Sound and to the west, the Olympic Mountains, will make this a perfect setting for the 2021 event. Do not miss out on the Pacific Northwest in all its natural beauty combined with a fantastic National Congress, this will be an event talked about for years to come.

Hall Lineup for Posting Colors at the Washington Annual Meeting  
Left to right: Dick Motz, Fred Gilbert, Bob O'Neal, Kelly Schultz, Dennis Shaw, Kelly Schultz, Mike Moore, Doug Nelson, Christopher Clayton, Ken Roberts, Larry Flint, Noah Chase, Jeannine Stephan, Skip Stephan, Mike Hutchins, David Irons, Neil Vernon, Carl Durkopp.



Front Row seated left to right: Bob O'Neal, Jeannine Stephan, Skip Stephan, Virus Lemmer, David Irons, Neil Vernon, Standing  
Back Row, Left to Right: Fred Gilbert, Dick Motz, Kelly Schultz, Jim Lindley, Mike Moore, Christopher Clayton, Arthur Dolan, Doug Nelson, John Kraft Sr., Dennis Shaw, Mike Hutchins, Carl Durkopp, Larry Flint, Noah Chase, Stan Will.





## Native Americans in the Revolutionary War

By Stan Wills, Vice Commander, Washington State SAR Color Guard

### Battle of Barren Hill May 1778

George Washington's army was preparing to leave Valley Forge, he sent Lafayette with 2000 militia & 47 Oneida Indian Warriors, to scout for any movement of General Howe's British movements near Philadelphia. When Lafayette arrived at Barren Hill, half way between Valley Forge & Philadelphia, he set up a defensive position.



The British had learned from spies and deserters of Lafayette's plans and sent 8000 troops to capture Lafayette and attack Washington while the Continental Congress was convened nearby. The British launched a three prong attack. At the sight of British troops, the militia retreated without firing a shot. Lafayette sent the 47 Oneida warriors to protect the rear guard retreat.

Yelling war hoops and attacking the British head on, the Oneida warriors startled the British advance guard. The British retreated and attempted to regroup not knowing how many troops they were facing. This gave Lafayette time to retreat and Washington time to set up a defensive blocking position. Six Oneida Indians were killed in the rear guard action. The actions by the Oneida warriors saved Lafayette, Washington and the Continental Congress from being captured. If captured this would have ended the war. In 1825 when Lafayette returned to Barren Hill, he held a special celebration with the Oneida tribe and thanked them for their sacrifices. He called them the "Forgotten Allies".

The Hill was later renamed Lafayette Hill and a plaque has been placed there to commemorate the sacrifices of the Oneida Warriors.

WA State Color Guard Schedule of Events [Link](#)

## Regimental Area Activities

### Northern Regiment

### The Napkin Brigade



**22 Aug:** Napkin Brigade of the GW Chapter, practices for an upcoming chapter event showing off our napkins provided by Suellen Eberhart, Vice Regent Ann Washington DAR.

They practiced once a month over the summer and in August held a "full "dress practice to include a demonstration of coordinated drawing and fixing napkins to show our appreciation of Snellen's work. Aug 22 2019.





**20 Jul: West Seattle Grand Parade.** First parade this year and CG Captain Neil Vernon reported that they won 3rd place in the Community Category! Huzzah!



Pictured at right:  
 Back Row: Neil Vernon, Ralph Leining  
 Center Row: Stephan Clayton and Robert Korn  
 Front Row: Jim Blanton, Michal Cook, Christian Ferrin, Stefan Kovalenko, Christopher Clayton, Dan Ferrin, Daniel Keen, Tyler Keen

**17 Aug: Celebrate Woodinville Parade.** Again, we had a great turnout for this event. We had 26 members in the group.



Matt Benedictson, Mike Benedictson, Jerry Bordelon, Art Dolan, Jan Lemmer, Viren Lemmer, Michael Moore, Dick Motz, Bob O'Neal, and Skip Stephan from the Alexander Hamilton chapter. Mick Hersey from John Paul Jones, Christopher Clayton, Stephen Clayton, Robert Korn, and Neil Vernon from the Seattle chapter. Also from the DAR were Danika Benedictson, Kate Benedictson, Diane Moore, Terry Barker, Stephanie Conroy, Jeannine Stephan, and Ralph Leining (HODAR).

Many enjoyed some pancakes at the firehouse prior to the parade...





We also had a 3 generation team of  
1<sup>st</sup>: Mike & Diane More  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Matt & Kate Bendictson  
3rd: Mike & Danika Bendictson.



Stephanie Conroy was promoted to the rank of Lt.



With the addition of the flag trailer, it was a large parade group.

**22 Aug:** The George Washington Chapter CG members at the Burlington Library.

L to R Marshall Eberhart, Bruce Bock, Captain Mike Hutchins, Gary Gray, Hugh Jonson and Sgt John Kraft.



**19 Sep:** Constitution Day. Hooray for “Ringing the Bells”. The George Washington SAR members, Marshall Eberhart, Hugh Jonson, and Mike Hutchins participated along with the DAR





**Southern Regiment**

**4 Jul: Steilacoom.** There was a great turnout for the birthday celebration of our country. SAR CG members present were:

**Harold Steenbergen, Mick Hersey, David Irons, Jerry Bordelon, Dick Motz, Conrad Plyer, Mike More, Joe Coorough, Art Dolan, Alex Lemmer, Viren Lemmer, Mike Bendickson.**

Also marching was **Ralph Lining (HODAR), Melanie Liening (DAR), Alonda Droege (F&D), Andrew Hunter (F&D), and Jan Lemmer (F&D),**



The combined SAR/DAR group provided quite an assembly on the parade route



It was also the maiden voyage of the new flag trailer. The trailer is the brain child of Dick Motz who said "I have this trailer that I have not used for a few years and thought I might repurpose it to use in SAR parades."

It has four seats for those that can no longer march



It seemed to be a big hit.

The town crier (Bob O'Neal) rushed in to announce that the congress had voted to declare independence!!







Dick Motz and Mick Hersey presented a special Award to Art Dolan for his leadership of the Color guard for the past two years.

**2 Sep: Labor Day Parade Black Diamond.** Another great turn out for this Labor Day Celebration. Over 40 members of Washington State SAR, DAR, and CAR marched in the parade and passed out over 1000 American flags to attendees. The Group was awarded the First Place Plaque for Music/Band. In the words of **Mick Hersey** "Good Time was had by all".



### The Combined SAR/DAR/CAR: "A force to be reckoned with!"

**SAR members from 5 chapters were:** **AH:** Mat Bendickson, Mikey Bendickson, Jerry Bordelon, Alex Lemmer, Jan Lemmer, Viren Lemmer, Michael Moore, Dick Motz, Skip Stephan. **CC:** Greg Emerson. **GW:** Mike Hutchins. **JPJ:** Mick Hersey. **SE:** Christopher Clayton, Stephen Clayton, Robert Korn, Neil Vernon. **DAR/F&D:** Melonie Liening, Terry Barker, Stephanie Conroy. **F&D:** Jeannine Stephan (WOSAR).

**Also in the combined group:** Danika Bendickson (DOSAR), Ralph Liening (HODAR), Kate Bendickson (WOSAR), President and Members (CAR), Regent and Members, Mary Fell Stevenson Chapter (DAR)

Once again, we had a 3 generation team. This time they were all musicians.

**Jan Lemmer** (father), **Viren Lemmer** (son), and **Alex Lemmer** (Grandson). Alex was also promoted to the rank of Sergeant. This will be his last event for a while as he is off to a career in the US Navy.



Here the F&D practice before the parade.

This might explain why the group took another 1<sup>st</sup> place award.







Jerry Bordelon, CG Captain from AH Chapter, gives commands to the group.



The CAR was out in force.



Here we see the DAR representatives.



The flag trailer was well received.

**15-16 Sep: WA State Fair:** We only the 2 education days at the fair this year.

Scheduled supporters of the booth this year were:

- Jerry & his son Jean Paul Bordelon
- Mike More
- Ralph Liening
- Dick Motz
- Joe Coorough
- Chuck Waid

Bob O'Neal also pitched in to help.



**16 Sep: Honor Flight:** SAR/DAR participated in welcoming our vets back from Washington DC on the "Honor Flight".

**SAR** participants were:

- Christian Ferrin
- Daniel Ferrin
- Conor Ferrin
- Neil Vernon

**DAR** participants were:

- Nancy Moreyra (Lady Stirling Chapter)
- Claudia Underhill (Cascade Chapter)
- Sally Buckingham (Lady Stirling Chapter).





**Six Oregon Trail Markers in WA Rededicated By DAR. 27 Jun – 27 Sep**  
 Supporting this effort were SAR Color Guard members from several chapters

**27 Jun:** First site was in **Kelso.**



Attending this Event were Viren Lemmer, Mick Hersey, Jerry Bordelon, and Dick Motz

**13 Jul:** Second site was in **Tumwater.**



In attendance were, Jerry Bordelon, Joe Coorough, and Art Dolan.

**13 Jul:** The third site was in **Bush Prairie.**



Jerry Bordelon, Joe Coorough, and Art Dolan also attended this event.

**18 Jul:** The fourth site was Mathilda State Park, Chehalis.



**18 Jul:** The fifth site was at **Ground Mound, Centralia.**



CG members Art Dolan and Jerry Bordelon attended both events. Dar member Jeanne Pittenger carried the DAR Flag.

**27 Sep:** The sixth site was at the Joseph Borst House in **Centralia.**

CG members at this site were, Jerry Bordelon, Art Dolan, Dick Motz, Joe Coorough, and Lee Thomasson.



Jeanne Pittenger carried the DAR Flag.

Mick Hersey served as our official photographer.



**Posting of the Colors**

This was the last of eleven markers re-dedicated in the State of Washington





## Eastern Regiment

**26 Mar: Mid-Columbia Chapter participates in two events the same day.**

First event - a presentation for the Americanization class at the West Side Church in Richland, by **Kelly & Karen Schultz** and **Randal Roach**.

They talked about their period dress and what it meant to have their own ancestors involved in the founding of our country.



Karen Kelly Randal Brian

**Second event** - at the same time in Pasco with two Cub Scout troops at their annual Blue and Gold Dinner, **Brian Smith** and **Larry Flint** spoke about their uniforms and Patriot Ancestors and gave a demonstration on several colonial items, including the 1777 Charleville, Flintlock Musket. The scouts really liked the hands-on.

**15 Jun: Richard Roddy, John & Loretta Tipton, Kelly & Karen Schultz, and Larry Flint**, all attended the Scottish Fest in Prosser.

They added ten people to their friends and potential members list. Of those four were from towns closer to other chapters, including one from Tennessee.



They were again asked to present the flags for the opening ceremonies.

This was accomplished with the help of two members of the Scottish American Military Society.



**13 Sep: Stan Wills** presented a Indian History Program for the Spokane chapter. As you can see, he made a new Indian Headdress for his outfit. It is a replica of the Oneida Indian Headdress. The headdress is decorated with Turkey feathers and elk teeth that he harvested. The buckskin is from the same elk that he harvested. The wampum beads around his neck are a replica from the movie "The Last of the Mohicans" starring Daniel D. Lewis. He will be doing a Native American Program for the State DAR BOM in February.



**17 Sep: Stan Wills & Will Palmer** along with the DAR chapters in Spokane presented Flag Pins to 98 new citizens from 40 countries at the new citizen ceremony. Stan reported that they finally received TV and Newspaper coverage of the event.



**19 Sept:** Stan Wills provided a tour of the flag museum to Cub Scout Troop 426.  
 "There is nothing better than teaching kids about the American Flag."  
 Said Stan.



**20 Sep:** The Spokane chapter participated in the Spokane Valley Fest Parade.  
 L-R: Carl Durkoop, Dale Ryan, Will Palmer, Stan Wills, and Denny Shaw.



**21 Sep:** Stan Wills was the guest speaker at the WA DAR BOM meeting held in Spokane. He presented a program on Native American History. He received a Community Service award from the DAR and presented the Lady Veterans with the WA SAR Lady Veteran Challenge coin.



**24 Sep:** Stan Wills presented flag Pins to 28 new citizens from 15 countries during the New Citizens ceremony at the Spokane Federal Courthouse.





**Western Regiment**

It was 1775 again at the Northwest Colonial Festival in Sequim.



Here are some of our members in action



Art does his Flag Presentation



Mike Moore, Mike Bendickson



Mike Hutchins & Wife at the snack tent



The JPJ Booth



The Seattle Booth



Doug & Art



John Kraft, Mike Hutchins, Hugh Johnson



Bob Smalser talks guns



Mike Hutchins, Bob O'Neal, Hugh Johnson



Fred gives a presentation





**The Punishment for Insubordination  
(We all know who this is!)**



**The Town Crier (Mick Hersey)**



**The General (Vern Frykholm)**

**Members from four of our chapters participated:**

From AH: Art Dolan, Bob O'Neal, Mike Moore, and Mike Bendickson

From JPJ: David Irons, Fred Gilbert, Bob Smalser, Doug Nelson, Mick Hersey, and Noah Chase

From GW: John Kraft, Mike Hutchins, and Hugh Johnson

From SE: Neil Vernon

**CUDOS TO THE ENTIRE COLOR GUARD  
WE CERTAINLY HAVE BEEN BUSY THIS QUARTER**

# Military Humor



**This is an actual radio conversation between the British & the Irish off the coast of Kerry in Oct 1998**

**Irish:** Approaching vessel. Please divert your course 15 degrees to the south to avoid collision.

**British:** Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the north to avoid collision.

**Irish:** Negative. You will have to divert your course 15 degrees to the south to avoid collision.

**British:** This is the Captain of a navy ship. I say again divert your course.

**Irish:** Negative. I say again. You will have to divert your course.

**British:** This is the aircraft carrier HMS Britannia! The second largest ship in the British Atlantic Fleet.  
Three destroyers, three cruisers, and numerous support vessels accompany us.

I demand that you change your course 15 degrees north. I say again that is 15 degrees north or counter-measures will be undertaken to ensure the safety of this ship.

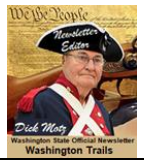
**Irish:** We are a light house... **Your call.**



A Final thought from the editor: I still need suggestions as to what you would like to see in future issues and I welcome all news items/photos that might be of interest to the masses.

Please include the **five Ws (Who, What, When, Where, Why)**.

Please send to the [Newsletter Editor](#)



### UNIFORMS & OTHER ITEMS WANTED/FOR SALE

**Wanted:**

Name	Item	Size	Contact	Note

**For Sale:**

Name	Item	Size	Contact	Note

If you have anything, you want or have for sale, please send information to the [Newsletter Editor](#)

**Battles of the Revolutionary War and War of 1812:  
2-Sided Map is available from the National Geographic Society.**

[Link to order](#) (\$15.99).

