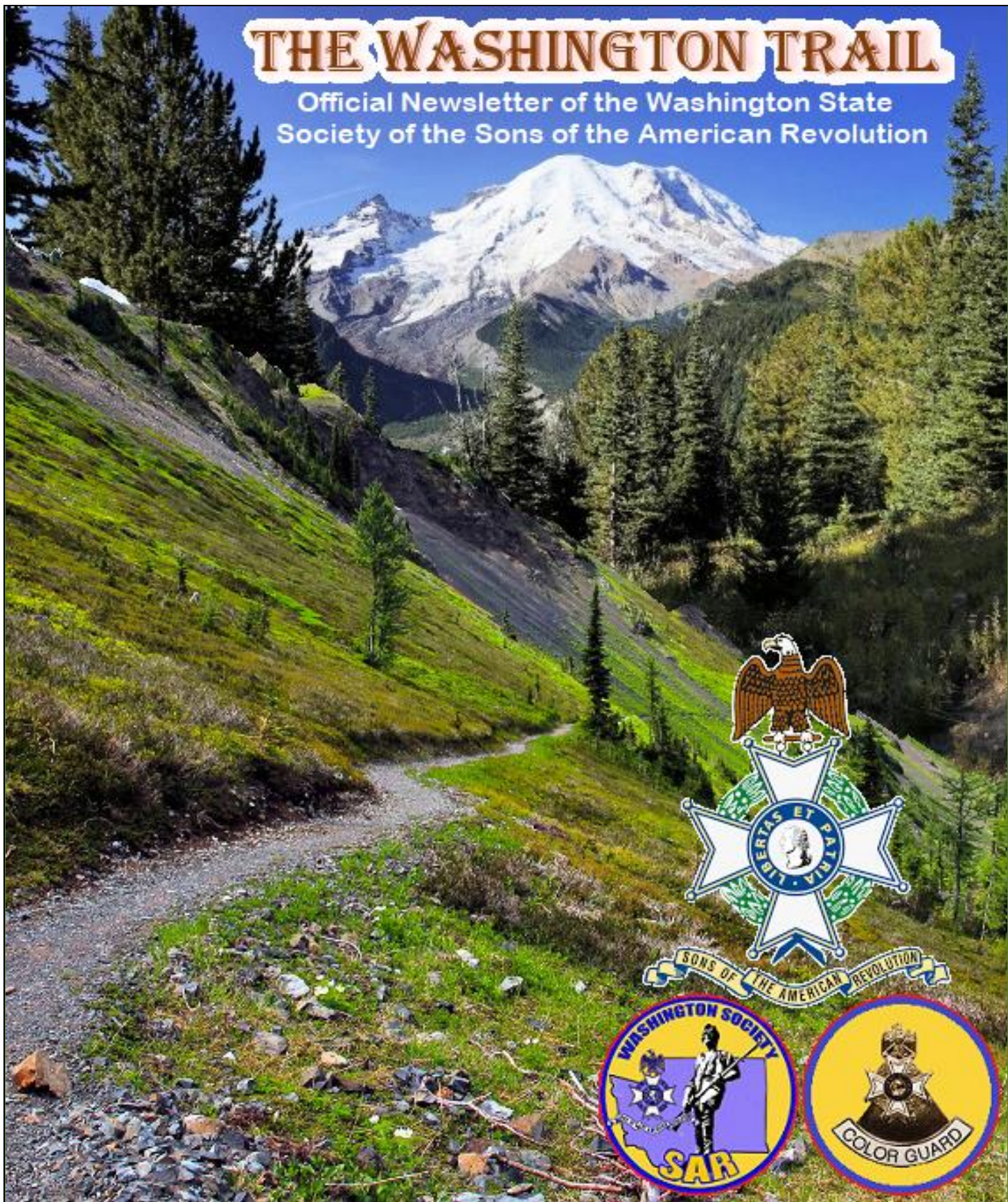


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Upcoming Meetings and Events



- Chapter Meetings (see [Media Links](#))
- 2021 – 7 thru 15 July: SAR National Congress in Renton, WA at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington
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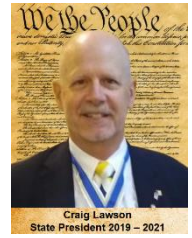
Washington State SAR President's Message - Summer 2020 (3rd Quarter)

Compatriots,

I was very much hoping by now **not** to be writing about the COVID-19 epidemic! But it continues, so I must.

Chapter Meetings

Traditionally, after most of our chapters have enjoyed a summer hiatus, they begin meeting again in the fall. While last spring a number of chapters did not meet in the face of the epidemic, a few did continue meeting, using Zoom and other online meeting tools. Now that it appears the current COVID-19 conditions will continue for the foreseeable future; the Board of Directors has strongly urged every chapter to begin meeting again by using these communication tools. We must stay connected and continue our work. Frankly, we can potentially reach more members by using the Internet because it allows compatriots who don't usually attend chapter meetings to do so from the comfort of their own home (and even in their pajamas!).



Leadership Meetings

Each February and September, the National SAR holds Leadership Meetings in Louisville, KY at the Brown Hotel near the national headquarters. While any SAR member may attend these meetings, they are primarily intended for state society and chapter leaders to gather in order to conduct national business. As Washington SAR President, I attended these meetings in September 2019 and February 2020. Thankfully, the September 2020 meetings have not been canceled (unlike the National Congress in July) but will be held virtually on September 24–26. Because of this, if you've ever wanted to attend any of the meetings that occur there, you can do so at home this time.

Please contact me if you'd like to see the meeting schedule (craiglawson@comcast.net).

Color Guard Service

If you haven't already, I encourage every Washington SAR member to participate in a Color Guard event sometime soon. You don't have to be a permanent Color Guard member to do so, and you don't need to buy a uniform. You can wear your blazer and tie or you can borrow a uniform. The Color Guard marches in parades, visits classrooms, provides honor guards at memorial services, and participates in other events.

A good example of the kind of selfless service our Color Guard provides happened recently in Port Angeles. In July, I received a letter from Patsy Everette, the widow of US Navy Commander Oliver G. Everette (Ret.), who died of Alzheimer's Disease in May in California. Everette was a career Navy man and a very active member of his SAR chapter in California. Mrs. Everette asked me if the Washington SAR could provide an honor guard at her husband's burial at Ocean View Cemetery in Port Angeles on September 3rd. I forwarded Mrs. Everette's request to Washington Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon, who sent it to Color Guard Captain Fred Gilbert of the John Paul Jones Chapter. Fred represented the Washington SAR and his chapter in paying tribute to Commander Everette at his interment, an act of kindness that can never be repaid. Mrs. Everette was very thankful to Fred and the Color Guard for being there for her and her husband.

Stay Safe

It appears that a COVID-19 vaccine may be available in the coming months, which should go a long way to helping resolve the current epidemic. Until then, please stay safe, continue wearing a mask whenever you're around anyone not in your personal circle, and avoid crowds. And please remember to get your regular flu vaccine this fall; that disease isn't going away anytime soon.

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

STAY SAFE

2021 SAR Conference Update

Update: 2021 National Congress Planning Committee, Update - 2019

Mission: The SAR National Congress will be held in July 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 stay 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.

Special 2021 Note from our President: The Louisiana Society has created a special medal honoring one of their Spanish Revolutionary Hero's. It is called the Galvez Medal set. Regular and Miniature are being offered for total of \$40 including postage. You can order them directly from their Society website at www.lassar.org. I have asked the Louisiana Society to help support our National Congress in Washington and thought it only fair to promote their Galvez Medals since we have quite a few members in our District with Spanish heritage. I recommend you review their website to see if there are any ideas you may want to consider.

Update: 2021 National Congress Planning Committee, Update - 24 Oct 2019

The Planning Committee for the 2021 SAR National Congress continues to meet monthly. Progress has been positive and steady. We are well on track in terms of venues, logistics, and materials. However, we will need your aggressive and total support to put us over the top.

From the outset, it was known the implementation of a National Congress by a relatively small state society would be a bold endeavor. Courage and vision were applied and now this project is well underway and succeeding. Critical to the completion of this undertaking will be volunteers and money. To date, spending has been in line with budget projections and funds are available to cover current obligations. However, more funds are needed as we move into the final year of preparation. To that end, the Committee will be approaching the Chapters for financial support. A variety of fund-raising options is also being considered. The Committee firmly believes the financial goals are achievable, but not without the support of the Chapters and the Members. Likewise, volunteers will be lifeblood of this Congress. National and international visitors will travel to Washington, many for the first time. We, as hosts, want to provide them with a memorable, stress-free experience. The Committee estimates at least fifty volunteers will be needed to complete a successful Congress. Organization and sign-up are beginning now. Many of the roles are quite easy and even enjoyable. Your help with this Congress is essential.

Now for some of the fun details. The Washington Society's Host Reception will be held at the Museum of Flight. Guests will be able to tour the museum during the day followed in the evening by a seated dinner beneath the SR-71 Blackbird jet. Dress shirts and tote bags have been purchased and embroidered with the Congress logo. Planning is well underway to provide a cruise to Alaska on Holland America for attendees who wish to extend their visit. Two tours to Tillicum Village, a Mariners baseball game, Pike Place Market, Chihuly Glass Museum, and the Space Needle are among the activity offerings for our guests.

The Committee is considering utilizing computers and bar coding to streamline the registration and tour process. We request anyone with knowledge in this area contact the Committee. Your services will be well rewarded. (Hint: chocolate.)

Please know that many people are working very hard behind the scenes. Countless decisions have already been made. Numerous details have been discussed. The dream is happening and this Congress will be pride of the Washington Society. Please join us on this journey and get involved in this rare opportunity. You are the SAR and the world is coming to visit.

Update: 2021 National Congress Planning Committee, Update – 20 Nov 2019

The 2021 National Congress Planning Committee met again on 20 November 2019. Planning is generally going well and many items have been completed. Fundraising remains a high priority and we are beginning to receive some additional contributions. Annual pledges are trickling in so remember to honor your pledge before the year's end to qualify for the 2019 charitable contribution on your tax return. Two of the Chapters have pledged large contributions in addition to contributions made by individual members. One Chapter has agreed to match member contributions up to a specified

limit. We challenge all the Chapters to do likewise. To those who have contributed already, please accept our profound thanks. You will be appropriately recognized.

The host reception is set and confirmed for the Museum of Flight. Likewise, the tour to Tillicum Village is in place. Jim Lindley is working hard with a local company to provide additional tours. Among the options under consideration are wine tours, trips to the Aquarium and Pike Place Market, and city tours. We also welcome other suggestions for ways to introduce our guests to the great Pacific Northwest.

Our official Congress messenger bags, black collared embroidered shirts for the volunteers, and embroidered aprons for the Hospitality volunteers have been approved, ordered, and received. The second order of Congress Challenge Coins was shipped on November 20th and receipt is due any day. For those of you wanting Challenge Coins and Congress medals, I urge you to take advantage of buying them when they are available. They sell out quickly, so do not put off your decision to buy them when you can. Several medal sets are still available for purchase. More green polo shirts have been ordered and may be available for purchase at the Annual meeting.

The Committee is seeking an incredible voice to sing the National Anthem at a Mariners ball game. We are working on having the Honor Guard post the colors at Congress, with the Color Guard lining the first and third baselines. Our President General will throw out the opening pitch. In any event, we need someone with a strong and beautiful voice to fill that massive stadium. We also are in need of a truly impressive Congress website. If you have talent in this regard, please contact the Committee.

The Committee has chosen the official coffee for the Congress. After some tasting and consideration, we have chosen Brazil Dark Roast Coffee by the Camano Island Coffee Roaster Company. We will attempt to acquire a one-pound bag for each of the host reception tables.

The Committee will have its next meeting in January, but hard work continues behind the scenes. We encourage all members of the Washington Society to attend the 2021 National Congress in Renton on 7-15 July 2021 and join in the fun and celebration.

Update: 2021 National Congress Planning Committee, Update – 16 Jan 2020

The Planning Committee for the 2021 National Congress to be held in Renton, Washington met on 16 January 2020. The pieces are falling into place as the team meets many of the challenges ahead.

The Committee is seeking a strong voice to sing the National Anthem at one of the Congress events. If you know someone who can fill a stadium with awe and inspiration please contact one of the Committee members. After some delay we are pleased to report the 2021 National Congress medals are once again available. They will be for sale at the upcoming Washington Annual Conference in Yakima on 3-4 April 2020. Make plans to attend and pick up your set. The medals are \$35 for the pair.

Challenge coins are \$20. We also hope to have our green 2021 Congress polo shirts available for \$35. They are limited so grab yours while you can!

Our next meeting will occur 12 March 2020. We plan to focus on the day-to-day event schedule and begin the process of assigning volunteers to their duties. This is a huge task, but compatriots are stepping forward to be a part of this momentous event. We can feel the excitement beginning. The Washington Society is hosting domestic and international Compatriots to a truly memorable experience. Come be a part of the best SAR National Congress ever!

Respectfully submitted, Keith A Weissinger, MD, Member, 2021 National Congress Planning Committee



2021 National Congress Store

The 2021 SAR Congress Store is now open! Take a look and place your orders. Some items are in limited Supply.

SHOP NOW!



2021 Congress Notebook \$3.00



2021 Congress Card Case \$5.00



2021 Congress Medal Set \$35.00



2021 Congress Challenge Coin \$8.00



Green Polo Shirt Large \$35.00



Green Polo Females Large \$35.00

Reminders for 2020/2021

2021 National SAR Congress

The annual National Congress meeting will be held July 7th thru the 15th. The location will be in **Renton** at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington At Seattle's Southport, 1053 Lake Washington Blvd North.

Activities Around The State

SAR Photo Shoot At The WA State Capital Grounds

30 Aug 2020: The George Rodger Clark Chapter had an opportunity to participate in a photo shoot on the Washington State Capital grounds.

The photo shoot was arranged by Dick Moody, AH/GRC chapters dual member. Gatherings on Capitol grounds must be permitted by the Department of Enterprise Services and cleared with security (Washington State Patrol). All agencies approved the gathering and the WSP was delighted to know we carried *theatrical, non-firing muskets!*

In this photo are the original members of the GRC Color guard:
(L-R) Art Dolan, Eric Olsen, Kevin Saville and Joe Coorough.



In this photo are the combined primary and dual members of the George Rogers Clark Color Guard:
(L-R) Lee Thomasson, Bob O'Neal, Viren Lemmer, Art Dolan, Kevin Saville, Joe Coorough, Kenneth Roberts, Eric Olsen



In the 3rd photo are the George Rogers Clark Chapter members:
(L-R) Steve Drew, Treasurer, Lee Thomasson, Awards, Bob O'Neal, Viren Lemmer, Art Dolan, President, Kevin Saville, Secretary, Joe Coorough, Historian, Ken Roberts, Eric Olsen, Registrar in training, Norman Dodge, Eagle Scouts, Dick Moody, Registrar Alexander Hamilton/George Rogers Clark during its formation



Photo 4 is a collection of firsts. (L-R):

- 1st Washington State SAR Color Guard Commander, Bob O'Neal
- 1st, Washington State SAR Fife and Drum Commander, Viren Lemmer
- 1st George Rogers Clark Chapter President, Art Dolan
- 1st Washington State Uniformed Color Guardsman, Lee Thomasson



NOTE: Except for brief photo clustering we were masked and exercised social distancing

Spokane #1 Chapter Member Featured in Spokane Newspaper (08/30/2020: Reprinted from the Spokane "Spokesman-Review". By Jim Allen)

At the age of 99, **Dean Ladd** just made another sacrifice for his country.

It doesn't compare to the Japanese bullet that almost took his life at Tarawa, or the shrapnel wounds he suffered a few months later at Saipan. Or to the sacrifice of the men who fell at his side.

"Those poor kids, some of them were just 17 or 18 years old," Ladd said, shaking his head.

Still, it had to hurt for a man who has spent the last four decades touring battle sites and writing books about the war.

Ladd got the bad news last weekend: Six days before he was to fly to Pearl Harbor for ceremonies marking the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II, his trip was canceled by a rise in coronavirus cases in Hawaii.

The ceremony itself will go on, aboard the same USS Missouri where the war officially ended on Sept. 2, 1945.

But it will go on without Ladd and several other veterans.

"He's actually taking it pretty well," said his daughter, Lia, as they stood outside their home. Nestled in the foothills south of Mt. Spokane, it looks out onto a field of wheat – amber waves of grain behind an American flag.

Three months from turning 100, Ladd stood as straight as a flagpole during an interview and recalled a life that's the embodiment of the Greatest Generation.

Raised in northeast Spokane, he attended Bemiss Elementary and Rogers High School before enrolling in the fall of 1939 at Washington State College in Pullman.

Barely out of high school, Ladd also enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve. One year into college, he was called to active duty. A year later – just a month after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor – he was shipped to American Samoa to prevent the island from falling into Japanese hands.

Two months into the epic battle of Guadalcanal, Ladd and the 2nd Marine Division went into the line and stayed there for three months until the island was secure.

He wasn't as lucky at Tarawa. Wading toward the beach on Nov. 20, 1943, Ladd felt a searing pain in his gut.

"I didn't think I'd ever make it back to dry land," Ladd recalled.

But help came immediately, almost providentially.

He was rescued by a landing craft commanded by actor Eddie Albert, who took them back to a hospital ship.

The bigger miracle came aboard a troop transport, where Ladd's wound was treated by an abdominal specialist from the Mayo Clinic.

Recalling that moment, Ladd found it easier to deal with the missed opportunity this week in Hawaii.

"You always have life's problems and pressures, and I would always compare it to what I went through, almost dying," Ladd said.

"God's will, I guess," he said.

Ladd needed several months to recuperate, but was back in action as a first lieutenant during the bloody battle of Saipan in June 1944.

Seriously wounded by shrapnel from American artillery, he was sent back into action to help mop up after the largest Japanese banzai attack of the war.

Now with two Purple Hearts, Ladd saw more action as a company commander on the neighboring island of Tinian, where a year later the Enola Gay took off on its way to deliver the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

By then, Ladd was back in the states, at Marine headquarters in Quantico, Virginia. That's where he was when the war ended, training troops.

"I don't recall celebrating that much," Ladd said. "But I guess things got crazy in New York."

Ladd considered staying in the Marines. Instead, he got the best of both worlds. He joined the reserves, where he remained for 30 years and retired as a lieutenant colonel.



He also helped win the peace.

"I really wanted to get my engineering degree," said Ladd, who went back to Pullman and went on to senior positions with Kaiser Aluminum, North American Rockwell and Lockheed.

And he married Vera Michel, a Rogers classmate. They raised three daughters and traveled the world until her death in 2007.

Many of those journeys took Ladd to former battle sites, even those he didn't see in wartime.

Last year, Ladd and other Pacific War veterans were given an all-expenses-paid trip by the Best Defense Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping veterans and their families.

Ladd appreciated the generosity, even more so the attitude of local kids in Saipan.

"They knew the history when it happened. Different than our young people here now, they don't know anything about it," Ladd said.

But Ladd isn't giving up. In the basement of his home is the "war room," which holds hundreds of books and manuscripts, many written by Ladd.

He's most proud of his book "Faithful Warriors," published in 2009 by the U.S. Naval Institute Press.

"I just don't want people to forget," he said.

This photograph taken in 1945 at Quantico includes WWII veteran Dean Ladd, front row seated fourth from left is on display at his home in Spokane on Monday, August 24, 2020. He served in the Pacific and was set to participate in V-J anniversary ceremonies on Sept. 2 aboard the USS Missouri in Pearl Harbor but the trip was cancelled due to Covid-19.



(Kathy Plonka/The Spokesman-Review)

Submitted by Mike Moore

New DAR Regent in the State of WA

The WA State DAR has a new Regent for the 2020-2022 term. Her name is Lauri Langton and has been a member of the Mercer Girls Chapter Since 2006. She has lived in WA State for over 40 years and considers herself a true Northwesterner. She retired in 2003 after managing the real estate department of a mid-sized law Seattle firm. Genealogy led Lauri to the DAR sisterhood when in 2006 she became very active in the organization. She stated the she "was very honored to now represent the Washington State Daughter as their State Regent for the 2020-2022 term"



THE 2 NEW CHAPTERS ARE OFFICIAL!!!

- **George Rogers Clark Chapter:**

On 2 July 2020 The President of the George Rogers Clark Chapter was notified by the State Secretary that the Chapter was officially on the National roster. The President has recorded this date as the official incorporation date of the chapter, which also is the 244th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The charter signing will take place at some time and some place in the future once groups can again meet.

Art Dolan, President Elect, George Rogers Clark Chapter, Washington SAR

- **Ranger Chapter:**

On 2 July 2020 The President of the new Ranger Chapter was also notified by the State Secretary that the Chapter was officially on the National roster. The President has recorded this date as the official incorporation date of the chapter, which also is the 244th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

WE NOW HAVE TEN CHAPTERS IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Patriot Research System Project Complete Ahead Of Schedule (Update)

On **13 Feb 2020** President Lawson tasked **John Kraft** of the George Washington Chapter to put together a team of volunteers with the goal of attaining 100% of WA SAR membership applications entered into the Patriot Research database System. The goal was to do it in 20 weeks. John and his crew of 15 volunteers reached that milestone On 31 May, 32 days ahead of schedule. This involved entering and linking almost 1700 applications carefully and completely.

26 July 2020 John Kraft now reports that the entire Pacific District (AK, OR, WA) is now 100% entered and linked in the PRS. After we completed WA State, several members were instrumental in entering apps for Alaska and Oregon, specifically, Dave Hosfield (#502) of WA, Dick Motz (#430) of WA, and William Alexander (479) of SC. A huge THANK YOU to these gentlemen!

John E. Kraft, Sr., MCPO, USN, (Ret), George Washington Chapter Registrar, Washington State

News From The WA State SAR Ladies Auxiliary (LAWASSAR)

[Facebook Page](#)



Greetings from the Ladies Auxiliary of Washington State! Things have been very quiet in the Ladies Auxiliary the last 3 months. Our Treasurer, Brenda Shaw, has emailed dues notices for our Auxiliary. We have 36 members, 29 of whom are Life Members and 7 annual members who pay dues annually. So, dues for the annual members are payable now and delinquent as of December 1, 2020. There is also an optional line for donations if anyone is interested in donating to our Auxiliary. Our Auxiliary will be electing new officers for our Board of Directors in April 2021 at the SAR State Meeting. Ladies, please consider serving on the board as an officer for our Auxiliary!

Teri Lindley, LAWASSAR President

Meetings Around The State

Interim Report, Trustee Meeting, 20 Aug 2020

The following is a brief summary of most recent Trustees Meeting:

Due to the threat of mayhem in Louisville the repair and upgrade to the window and façade needed to be expedited.

Two motions were approved:

Motion 1: Renovation of the building façade including protective window coverings. \$176000 to \$210000 max to be spent. **Passed**

Motion 2: Use existing funds and projected surplus funds and if necessary, the line of credit not to exceed \$100000 to complete the project. It appears existing funds will cover the costs. **Passed**

Cover the Minuteman Statue with a canvas cover proceeding without motion

Respectfully submitted, Keith A Weissinger MD, National Trustee and VP Washington Society

Minutes from the BOD Meeting, 30 Jul 2020

President Craig Lawson opened the meeting at 7:00PM. A quorum of 20 BOD members and two guests were present using ZOOM. Chaplain Edwin Dierdorff offered the invocation.

President Craig Lawson welcomed everyone. He was happy to see a large number in attendance as we have been isolated for many months by the COVID-19 virus meeting restrictions. He encouraged the Chapters to conduct similar meetings and instructed Secretary Al Pinkham to research the cost of Zoom licensing.

Compatriot Greg Lucas reports there is a shortfall in the funding of the 2021 National Congress of \$7500. However, the expenditures are greatly reduced as firm plans cannot be made until the COVID-19 virus isolation is resolved.

The Treasurer recommended that all Chapters review their By-laws to ensure they are in alignment with National and Society By-laws. He strongly recommends that Chapters review their 501(c)(3) requirements and review their procedure to support and IRS audit.

Secretary Al Pinkham and Treasurer Tom Clark will conduct a training and planning meeting in August with all Chapter Secretaries and Treasures to support the dues collection and reconciliation process.

Reports were discussed. President Craig Lawson noted that the reports were informative and professionally written. He thanked all for their continued efforts in support of the Society.

Secretary Al Pinkham briefed the members on changes in the National data base. He will continue to monitor the changes. National is operating on reduced hours during the COVID-19 virus isolation.

The members discussed the use of Zoom for regular meetings. The consensus is to meet using Zoom including inductions. The physical certificate may be presented later.

The Board congratulated Compatriot Jim Lindley on his candidacy for National Historian. President Craig Lawson will send a letter of recommendation to National leadership.

Respectfully submitted, Alfred D. Pinkham, Washington State Secretary, SAR

Secretary's Corner – 19 Aug 2020

I sincerely hope this newsletter finds you well these are difficult times for all of us. The BOD is taking action to encourage online meetings by providing applications to do so. Many of you are currently using zoom and should continue. It is particularly important that we continue to be connected as Compatriots.

National is now on reduced hours but they are answering the mail even if it is somewhat slow. The New membership data base is coming online, and I recommend that all of you review your information. After accessing the web site choose **Quick links**. The drop-down menu will indicate a *Members (blue)* and *Member (yellow)*, blue is the new data base, and yellow is the old one.

If you find errors or missing information submit the required change to your Chapter Secretary. Please provide your given name (no Nick names) and your national number when submitting changes.

I have reported five deaths to date this year. This is always a difficult part of my job and often I am concerned that I have all the correct information. I would ask you to report the passing of a Compatriot with their given name and national number, I prefer to receive this information from the Chapter Secretary. Please include the next of Kin. Please be mindful of those who are older and in poor health too often I learn of their passing long after they have passed or the end of the year.

The leaves are already turning, by the time you read this we will be collecting dues for 2021. Please try to pay your dues prior to December as we will all have a much better holiday if you can do so.

There have been many cancelations this year however, we look hopefully to the future. Your Compatriots are busy planning the 2021 national Congress, there is still much work to do to prepare and all should consider what role you are able to play in welcoming our Compatriots to the Great North West.

Respectfully submitted, Al Pinkham, State Secretary

OBTW...If you have a need to send an e-mail to many members please send to me and I will forward it.

A long list of addresses in the open is hacker bait.

Five Golden Rules of Genealogy

- 1. Leave no stone unturned, unless it is a headstone.**
- 2. Handwriting legibility is inversely proportional to a document's importance.**
- 3. The further away a cemetery or library is, the more awkward the opening hours will be.**
- 4. The relative you most need to talk with is the one whose funeral you are currently attending.**
- 5. Wherever you find two or more siblings, there also will you find two or more surname spellings.**

From The Archives

By Allan Wenzel,
WA SAR State Historian



THE SAR WAR SERVICE MEDAL

The SAR War Service Medal has an interesting history. According to the National Society the War Service Medal is listed as being established in 1899, for presentation to Compatriots who had served in the Spanish-American War of 1898. But, I find this to be nothing more than an assumption. It doesn't fit the known chronological history.

The pictured (photo 1) 1898 medal (reverse) is purported, but not confirmed, to be an example of the said SAR War Service Medal. I have reservations as to it being made in 1899. I believe it was manufactured in 1934. I have found no mention of it in the National SAR Magazine - The Minute Man, the forerunner to today's SAR Magazine.



The Spanish-American War was a very short war, less than 4 months, with a small number of participants, so few that it would not warrant the creation of a medal. Especially since the SAR had a small membership in 1898, having very few young members capable of serving in a war. But the full conflict did not end until July 4, 1902, having many thousands more involved. Only then would there be enough SAR members eligible for a medal. But this medal only has "1898" on it.

Admiral Dewey, a Compatriot of the SAR, did not receive a SAR War Service Medal for his service in the 1898 conflict. Thus, the pictured example had to be manufactured after his death, which occurred in 1917, or he most assuredly would have been presented one.

The first known established recognition for war service, were bars created in the early 1920's to be placed on a Compatriot's SAR Membership Medal ribbon (photo 2). Bars representing the *Civil War*, *Spanish-American War*, and *World War* were made for Compatriots. The actually known War Service Medals were manufactured for the First World War and World War II. The Great War medal, has the dates "1917" & "1919" on the obverse (photo 3) and "World War" on the reverse, and was probably manufactured in 1934. That's the year the bars for placement on a Compatriot's Membership Medal ribbon stopped being advertised. A second medal was introduced after and for World War II, having that inscription on the obverse (photo 4), and manufactured around 1948. The big question is why would the pictured 1898 medal, if it truly was for war service, not be similar to those for World War I and II?



How do I know that the War Service Medal did not come into being until the 1930's? Because; there isn't a medal for the *Civil War*, only a bar from the 1920's. That means that by the time the SAR started producing a War Service Medal there were no Civil War veterans alive as members in the SAR, or not in enough numbers to warrant the making of a medal. Thus the pictured 1898 medal had to have been manufactured around 1934, or it was some type of commemorative medal for Compatriots to buy.

One needed clarification; the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal of 1895 is the first award created by the SAR. It was first produced as a cased table medallion, the draping being added in 1932, making it a medal at that time.

By the advent of the Korean War a generic variety of the War Service Medal was created to cover all the subsequent wars and campaigns the United States may engage in, once again having bars, to recognize the conflicts from and including World War II onwards.

The medal photos are from the Historian's personal collection of Orders, Decorations and Campaign Medals. The WASSAR Historian Archives also has a couple examples amongst its artifacts.

I am beginning to think that my ancestors are a part of the witness protection program

HAPPY BIRTHDAY UNITED STATES



9 September 1776: On this day, the [Continental Congress](#) formally declares the name of the new nation to be the “**United States**” of America. This replaced the term “**United Colonies**,” which had been in general use.

In the Congressional declaration dated September 9, 1776, the delegates wrote, “That in all continental commissions, and other instruments, where, heretofore, the words ‘United Colonies’ have been used, the stile be altered for the future to the “United States.”

A resolution by Richard Henry Lee, which had been presented to Congress on June 7 and approved on July 2, 1776, issued the resolve, “That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States....” As a result, John Adams thought July 2 would be celebrated as “the most memorable epoch in the history of America.” Instead, the day has been largely forgotten in favor of July 4, when Jefferson’s edited [Declaration of Independence](#) was adopted. That document also states, “That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES.” However, Lee began with the line, while Jefferson saved it for the middle of his closing paragraph.



Sons of the American Revolution - Media Links

National, WA State, Chapter, CAR, Aux - (Face Book, News Letters, and other web sites)

SAR National Society

Links: [Facebook](#) The [SAR Magazine](#) The [Colorguardsman Magazine](#) [Web Site](#)

WA State Society (State wide)

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

Alexander Hamilton (Tacoma area)

Meets: 3rd Sat of the month, 9:00am, Sep to Jun, at Johnny's in Fife

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

Cascade Centennial (Bellevue area)

Meets: 1st Sat of the month, Sep to Jun at the Red Lion in Bellevue

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

Fort Vancouver (Vancouver area)

Meets: 3rd Sat of the month, 9:00am at the Mill Creek Pub and Grill, 1710 SW 9th Avenue, in Battle Ground.

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

George Rodgers Clark (Olympia area)

Meets: TBD

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

George Washington (Mt. Vernon area)

Meets: 3rd Sat of the month, Sep to Jun 10:00am, Farmhouse Restaurant, 13724 Laconner Whitney Rd, Mt. Vernon

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

John Paul Jones (Bremerton area)

Meets: 4th Sat of the month, except Jun, Jul, Aug, & Dec, 9:00am, Ambrosia Catering, 4954 State Hwy 303, East Bremerton

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

Mid-Columbia (Richland area)

Meets: 3rd Sat of the month. Sep to Jun, at Round Table, 1769 Leslie Road, Richland.

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

Ranger (Snohomish Co. area)

Meets: 4th Sat of the month, except , 9:00am, Harbour Pointe Golf Club, 11817 Harbour Pointe Blvd, Mukilteo

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

Seattle (Seattle area)

Meets: 2nd Sat of the month, except Jun, Jul, Aug, & Dec, 9:00am, 125th Street Grill, 12255 Aurora Ave. N., Seattle

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

Spokane #1 (Spokane area)

Meets: 2nd Fri of the month, Sep to Jun, 11:30am, The Timber Creek Grill Buffet, 9211 E Montgomery, Spokane Valley,

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

CAR (State Wide)

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

SAR Ladies Auxiliary (State Wide)

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

WA State Daughters of the American Revolution

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

Birthday Wishes To All Compatriots Born In Jul/Aug/Sep



July	August	September
Alan Ray Weatherhead	Aaron Carl Warner	Alan David Blinn
Bernard Earl Beldin	Alan Joseph Ferrin	Alfred Douglas Pinkham
Brent Theodore Lawson	Alejandro Doughty Maghirang	Alvin Ralph Schmidt
Bruce David Harrington	Allan Kent Scribner	Andrew Neilson Pecunia II
Bruce Glenn Bock	Allen Eugene Phillips	Anthony Oscar Abbott
David Harold Wilson	Andrew Francis Sexton	Arron Curtis Smalser
Donald Scott Little	Andrew James Brown	Benjamin Lee Goss
Douglas Paul Barber	Andrew Merle Cowan	Brad John Hays
George Robert Vernon	Barry Charles Karl Moravek	Bradley Neal Allen
Gerald William Lasser	Carl Thomas Hellings	Brendan Patrick Oliver
Howard William Stephan	Clarence Hugh Jonson	Brian Keith Bayley
James Alexander Griswold	Dale Richard Harshman	Caleb Anders Borg
James Harrison King	David Oliver Perry	Carl Carey Durkoop
James Lewis Fleming	Dennis Michael Donovan	Christopher George Hellings
James Scott Grimes Jr.	George William Twigg	Claude Douglas Asher
Jan Linwood Callaway	Gerard Heaney	Craig Raymond French
John Irving Shotwell	Gregory Conrad Riehl	Eric Scott Olsen
John Miles Lento III	Gregory Dan Emerson	Eugene Lawrence Tenney
John Samuel Shuttleworth	H. Bartlett Vincent Jr.	Frederick Martine Rauschenbach Jr.
Joseph Bruce Allen	James Paul Stark	Gary Franklin Gray
Kevin Clark Summers	James Richard Blanton	Gerald Marvin Strode
Lawrence Arthur Flint	Jeffry Forrest Doughty	Gregory Frank Becker
Morton Dyas Hurt	Jimmy Virl Phillips	Herbert Alan Strouss
Noah Chase	John Edward Lauman	Jack Willaim Foster
Quentin Edward Gilman	Kevin Douglas Brune	James A. Hoehn
Russell Patrick Oliver	Kirk Gunnar Stensvig	James Stewart Herbert
Scott Robinson Harriage	Lawrence Robinson	Joel Cameron Black
Talon Callahan Lane	Lee H Thomasson	John Douglas Logsdon
Thomas Allan Bemenderfer	Macartney Caton Brunson	John Grady Griffith
Victor Donald Dobyns	Michael Zachary Borg	Jon Malcolm Newton
Viren Kenneth Lemmer	Nickolas Daniel Strode	Jonathan Henry Blind
Walker Arthur Allen Samuelson	Noah Christopher Bream	Jorden Blaine Nissell
Will Robert Gates	Paul Franklin Adan	Kelly Jay Schultz
Willaim T Pickett	Reid J. Follansbee	Michael John Duerr
William Benjamin Graeff	Robert Eugene Marshall	Oscar David Farrar
William Edward Baxter Jr.	Samuel Lee Hellings	Perry Von Taylor
York James Barrett	Sean Joseph Bibby	Richard Owen Calkins
	Seddon Taliaferro Englund	Robert Daniel Young McNeese
	Spencer Lyle Parker	Robert Dennis Baker
	Thomas James Shaver	Robert Forrest Doughty
	Thomas W. Millett	Robert Leslie Smalser
	Tom Pickford	Ronald Eugene Black II
	Tyler Kentaro Keen	Scott Sutherland Carpenter
	Walter Monroe Knowles Jr.	Willaim Anthony Bentler
	William J Barnsdale Jr	William Oren Palmer
	William Lohman Reichert	William Thomas Parr



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YOUR COLOR GUARD, THE FACE OF THE SAR

From The Commander

Compatriots,

The season of the 2021 National SAR Congress being held in Seattle is now upon us. Planning continues within the designated committees to ensure that the organization and format of the Washington State's responsibilities are covered.

Regardless of where we are with the current COVID-19 pandemic and the social distancing orders by the Governor we cannot ignore our responsibilities to support the upcoming Congress. A wise man from my youth stated "If you fail to prepare, you prepare to fail". This was from a goal setting seminar but I have been able to apply this in many settings throughout my own life.

From the perspective of the Color Guard there are a couple of immediate needs that require addressing.

I recently received an email from the NSSAR Congress Planning Chair, Compatriot Paul Callanan who outlined the needs of National and SAR Colors. To ensure that enough Colors are available we are needing a set from each Chapter. Multiple flag sets are required on certain days. A flag set is placed within each meeting room with several meetings running parallel.

We will need to mark our flags, poles, and stands so they are identified as be Washington State Chapter property such that they do not get mixed in with National's property. The maximum number of flag sets will be 6 for Tuesday AM activities though it is recommended to have a couple of spares as the need arises. Most of the Colors can be removed following Wednesday afternoon meetings and returned to the Chapters care.

We have a very unique and once in a lifetime opportunity to participate and be a part of the National SAR Congress. WASSAR Color Guard members who normally do not get to participate in National Events are welcome to join with the National Color Guard for any events that are scheduled (Memorial, PG Review, Opening, and both Banquets)

Aside from the flag requirements and participating in Color Guard activities there remain a number of other volunteer positions that need to be covered. I was asked by Compatriot Greg Lucas for the WASSAR Color Guard to act as Security – monitoring the outdoor parking lot, manning doors (inside the meeting room and in the hallway), and ushers – All in Uniform. Outside of the Color Guard activities there are also needs to break down the pallets of National's Congress equipment before Congress and the repacking after.

Compatriots, we are being called to serve! Let us answer that call with enthusiasm and show National the strength of the Washington State Color Guard.

Respectfully Submitted, Neil A Vernon, WA State-SAR, Commander, WA State Color Guard.



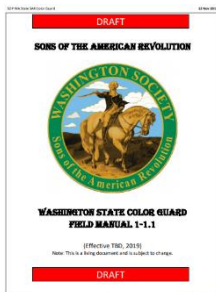
The Native American Moment

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

The Mohegan Indians were skilled sailors. They traveled the Great Lakes in canoes in all kinds of weather. When the Rev War started several Mohegans were used to assist in building ships and serve on all kinds of ships for the Continental Navy. One of those ships was the "Confederacy". The "Confederacy" was commissioned on 8 Nov 1778 and carried 36 cannons. She provided escort duty for Continental merchant ships. She was eventually captured by the British on 14 April 1781. Most of the crew were sent to the infamous "Jersey" prison ship. The British broke up the ship in 1782. Other ships the Mohegans served on were the "Putnam", "Shark" and "Oliver Cromwell"



From The Deputy Commander



In an endeavor to consolidate several documents created over the past years, I have begun to compile a Field Manual as a guide for our Color Guard.

At this point it is a living document and subject to change daily and even hour to hour.

I welcome your input and suggestions for items that should be added, removed, or corrected. It is available on-line at this [link](#).



Respectfully Submitted, Dick Motz, WA State-SAR, Deputy Commander, WA State Color Guard.

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

**ALL SCHEDULED COLOR GUARD EVENTS
 HAVE BEEN
 CANCELED OR POSTPONED
 DUE TO THE
 CORONAVIRUS**



Regional Area Activities

===== Northern Region =====

Activities canceled due to stay home, stay safe policy.

===== Southern Region =====

Activities canceled due to stay home, stay safe policy.

===== Eastern Region =====

Activities canceled due to stay home, stay safe policy.

===== Western Region =====

3 Sep: The JPJ Chapter Color Guard provided an honor guard for retired US Navy Commander Oliver G. Everette. Commander Everette was a career Navy man and a very active member of his SAR chapter in California. Mrs. Everette was very thankful to Fred Gilbert and the JPJ Color Guard for being there for her and her husband.

Other Activities canceled due to stay home, stay safe policy.

The Washington Trail - Publication Schedule

Newsletter to be published four times a year (after each BOD meeting).

<i>Edition</i>	<i>BOD</i>	<i>Period covered</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Published on</i>
Winter (1 st Qtr.)	Jan	21 Dec to 31 Mar	No later than 20 Mar	31 Mar +/-
Spring (2 nd Qtr.)	Apr	1 Apr to 30 Jun	No later than 20 Jun	30 Jun +/-
Summer (3 rd Qtr.)	Jul	1 Jul to 30 Sep	No later than 20 Sep	30 Sep +/-
Fall (4 th Qtr.)	Oct	1 Oct to 20 Dec	No later than 15 Dec	20 Dec +/-

News from the Chapters. A section has been added that provides [media links](#) to the chapters that have them. This will provide access to the chapters from all that receive this Newsletter.

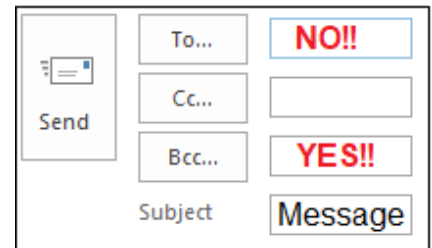
All articles/submissions are to be sent to the [Editor](#) no later than the above indicated dates.

From The Editor

Worth Repeating - Security Risk!!!

Because of what I do with the SAR, I receive a lot of 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 long list of addresses in the open is hacker bait.**

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**



Military Humor



Military Humor highlights is from the [Facebook group](#) by the same name

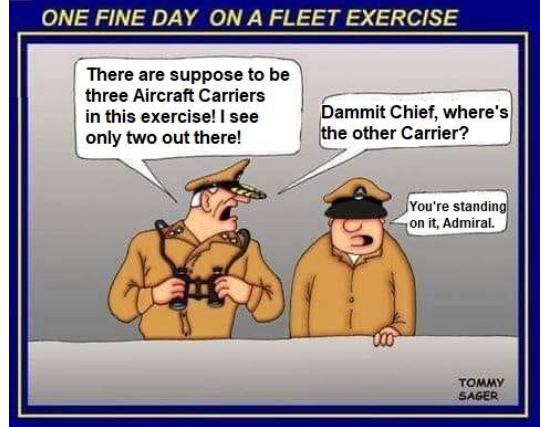
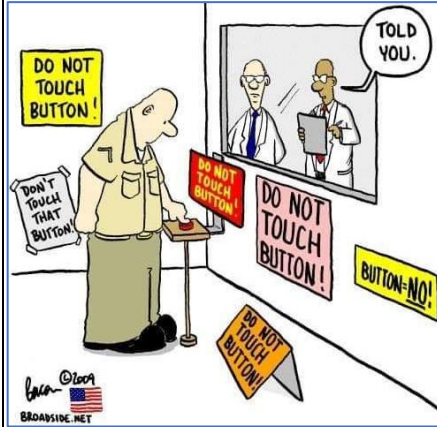


NORMAL PATROL

MARINE RECON

LCPL ON SATURDAY

2nd Lt WITH A COMPASS



UNIFORMS & OTHER ITEMS WANTED/FOR SALE

Wanted:				
Item	Size	Contact	Note	
For Sale:				
Item	Size	Cost	Contact	Notes

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).

