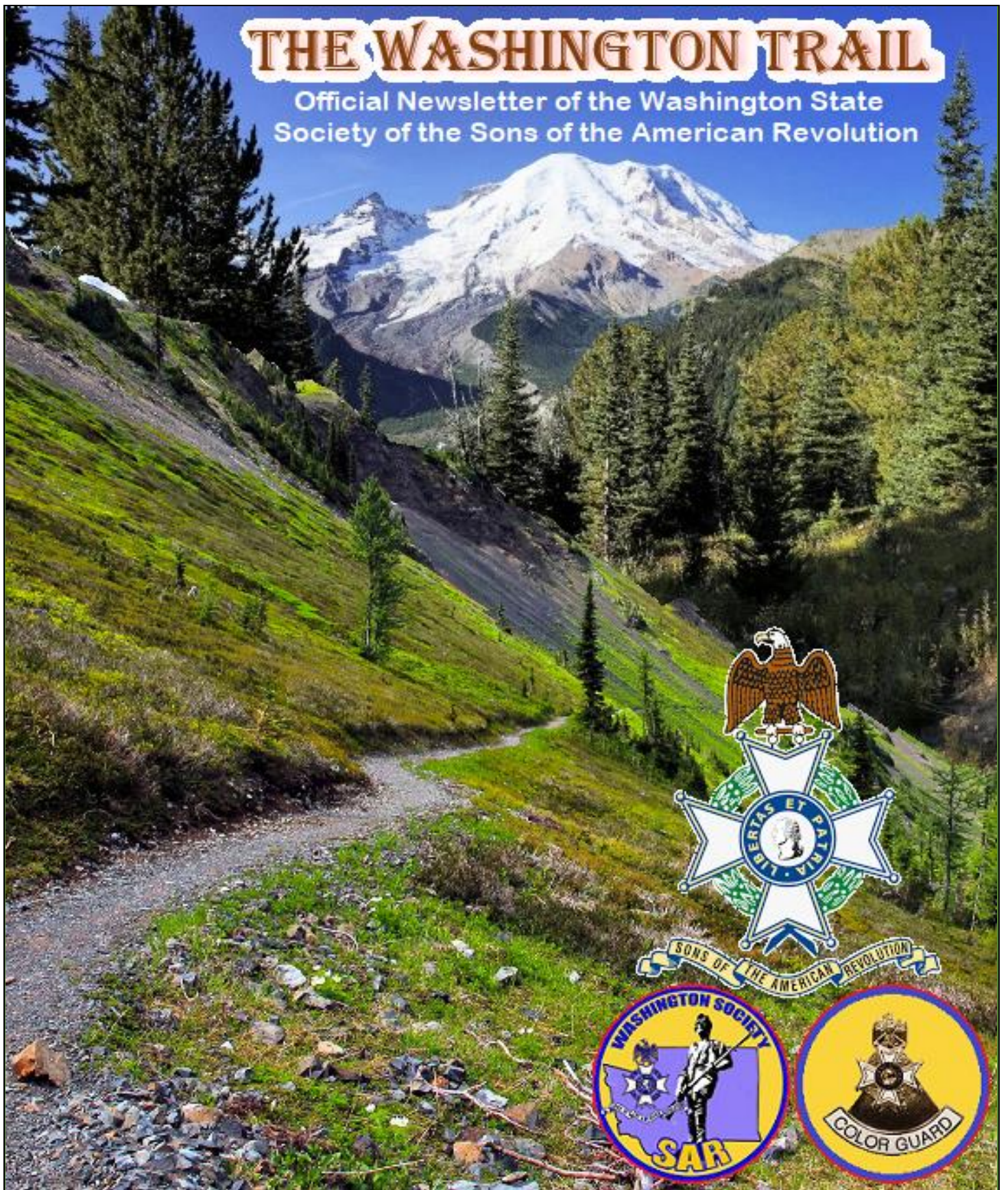


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- Chapter Meetings (see [Media Links](#))
- 2021 – 7 thru 15 July: SAR National Congress in Renton, WA at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington (**Pending**)
- Color Guard [Schedule](#)

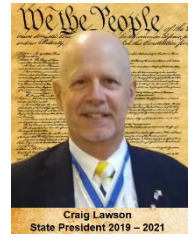
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Washington State SAR President's Message - Summer 2020 (3rd Quarter)

Compatriots,

I hope you're doing well and staying safe and healthy. Hopefully, we'll all get the COVID-19 vaccine in the next few months, and things will begin returning to normal.



Preserving the Past

My 87-year-old mother died last month, the first of my parents to pass away. I spent the week after her death at her home in Pasadena, California, with my brother, going through her belongings. As many older people do, she felt the need over the last few years to save everything, so we spent a lot of time throwing out things we couldn't understand why she had kept. Luckily, all of this saving included boxes of old photos, letters and documents, which provided hours of great memories with my brother as we reminisced and remembered her life.

This experience has made me realize many things. *One*, I need to make sure my own belongings are in order, so my children don't have to spend their time throwing out stuff no one needs, instead of remembering their life with me. *Two*, I need to make sure my will and other documents are up to date, and that they can be found when the time comes. *Three*, I need to talk with my older relatives to make sure their wonderful stories are preserved while they're still alive, and I need to write down my own stories so my descendants have them. Pictures may be worth a thousand words, but they're worthless without the stories behind them. *Four*, I need to preserve my family photos in proper scrapbooks, and label them so my descendants know who is in the photos. There's nothing worse than a great old photo of people you have no idea who they are. That's history lost.

Into the Future

As much as we'd like to meet together for our annual state membership meeting, it's looking more and more like that won't happen. Our meeting is scheduled for April 9-10, 2021, and we *will* have a meeting, one way or another. If nothing else, we need to meet in order to elect new state officers for 2021-2023, and I very much want to properly thank those officers and members who worked so hard the past two years to support our society and me as president. If we can't meet in person, we'll meet virtually, which will at least allow every member to attend the meeting, if they wish, without leaving their home.

Please stay tuned, stay safe and stay well.

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

STAY SAFE

National Selects New SAR Logo

26 Sep: At the fall Trustees meeting, the Trustees chose a new logo for the Sons of the American Revolution. This logo was one of four finalists out of over 300 entries into our logo contest.

The Branding and Engagement Committee is proud to reveal the winning logo (right)

This logo will be available soon on the SAR website for download.

Respectfully submitted, Allen Greenly, Chairman Branding and Engagement Committee



NOTE: National has requested that it not be used in public until the copyright process is complete.

2021 SAR Conference Update (Previous updates are available in [back issues of the News Letter](#))

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 Conference on the National Site



131ST ANNUAL CONGRESS – RENTON, WASHINGTON
Renton, Washington
July 10–July 15, 2020

While surfing the National web site for some data, I happened to trip over our 2021 Congress information. It is very well laid out and easy to navigate. **After you log on** to the National site you can [Click here](#) to visit the page.

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. The congress medals are currently out of stock. Anyone that wants one should contact [Keith Weissinger](#).

SHOP NOW



Reminders for 2021

2021 National SAR Congress (Pending)

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

Art Dolan Honored

6 Dec: Art Dolan, President of the George Rodgers Chapter, was presented with the *DAR 2020 community service award*. The presentation took place at a virtual meeting of the **Sacajawea Chapter NSDAR** where Art was under the impression that he was to be their guest speaker.

Art was totally surprised by the award.

Contributions were made by Bob O'Neal & Dick Motz



SAR JROTC Enhanced Program

Most of the members of the SAR are at least familiar with the ROTC Bronze Medals our chapters award to deserving cadets and midshipmen in the college and high school units we sponsor. But there is another parallel program which we in WASSAR have engaged in for the past 5 years. It is called the **SAR JROTC Enhanced Program**. It is sometimes called the JROTC Essay Competition for Outstanding Cadet.

Simply put, cadet candidates for this program and its awards are similarly qualified to those who receive our annual Bronze ROTC Medals. But in addition to basic qualifications, these Junior ROTC cadets write essays on the general subject of "How JROTC Makes Me a Better Citizen of the United States." Along with the essay, 600-700 words, letters of recommendation from their school Principals and their Senior Military or Naval Science Instructors are sent in. And their accomplishments are detailed in an application, which chronicles their JROTC, academic, and extra-curricular activities and accomplishments.

Junior Cadets who rank in the top 10% of their JROTC unit, in the top 25% of their high school class, and display excellence in patriotism, military bearing and qualification, and community service are eligible. Each unit determines its winner, and by March 1, submits that cadet's package to the local SAR Chapter. By April 1, Chapters submit their winners to the WASSAR Enhanced JROTC Program Director. A review board is convened, comprising educators, military veterans and others. Application packages are graded, and a WASSAR winner is selected. That cadet's package is then submitted to NSSAR for the national competition by May 1. NSSAR convenes a review board and selects the national winner by mid-May of each year.

Chapter winners receive the SAR Bronze Outstanding Cadet Medal with neck ribbon and a cash prize determined by the Chapter. The WASSAR winner receives the SAR Silver Outstanding Cadet Medal and neck ribbon, and a cash prize of \$500.00.

The National Outstanding Cadet receives a cash prize of \$5000.00 and an additional \$1500.00 in travel expenses. That cadet and parents are flown to the National Congress where the cadet is presented the NSSAR Gold JROTC Outstanding Cadet Medal and neck ribbon, and is declared the NSSAR Outstanding JROTC Cadet.

The 2020 Washington SAR winner is Cadet Commander Giles Bond of the South Kitsap High School. Cadet Bond is the Commanding Officer of his JROTC Unit, the South Kitsap Wolf Battalion, ranks number One in his high school class, and is Captain of the Rowing Team. His plans include a possible appointment to the US Naval Academy in 2021.

The Washington Society, SAR is pleased to recognize such outstanding leadership. For more information, please contact the WASSAR JROTC Coordinator:



Respectfully submitted, Conrad Plyler, Asst. Eagle Scout Chairman, JROTC Recognition Committee

Knight Essay Competition

When it comes to attracting entries for the 2021 Knight Essay Competition, the WSSAR Knight Essay Committee has taken some extra steps this year to help our 10 chapters proactively communicate to principals, teachers and news media representatives. The committee created a “Tool Kit” containing several aids that each chapter can adapt and localize to their own needs. The Tool Kit was emailed to each chapter president this past summer.

What’s In The Tool Kit?

Among the tools are a suggested email to history and civics teachers and a letter to principals. Chapters simply “fill in the blank” with their own information-- such as whom to contact at the chapter, along with email addresses and telephone numbers. Likewise, a list of “How To” steps are provided to guide Chapters through putting together a list of area teachers and principals, and key timelines as to following up. A printable flyer (right) on the Knight Essay is another element, enabling teachers to print it out and distribute to students.

Other tools include a generic press release, which also allows chapters to “plug in” the names of Chapter officers and their contact information. A list of “How To” elements also guide Chapters through the process of disseminating a press release to the media and how to follow up with local assignment editors.

“In this time of COVID, teachers have their hands full adapting to the current environment and their time is limited,” says Knight Essay Chair Jeff Lightburn. “There’s no guarantees, but it helps if we can be a bit more *proactive* in reaching out to these teachers and their administrators. Given the host of issues facing our nation today, there’s a multitude of timely subjects that the students can write about and perhaps tie into the curriculum their teachers are presenting. In the past, we’ve had students write essays about subjects such as *Freedom of The Press* and the *Importance of Voting*. Likewise, they discuss a subject or person who played a key role in the American Revolution—such as the *Role of Spies*.”

Who’s Eligible?

The Knight Essay competition is open to all public and private high school students in grades 9-12. Their essays are 800 to 1,200 words in length, and follow specific guidelines as outlined on our washingtonsar.org website. Details are spelled out on the website under the *Youth Programs* tab. The essays can deal with an event, person, philosophy or ideal associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence or framing of the U.S. Constitution. The deadline for entries to be received at the chapter level is December 31st.

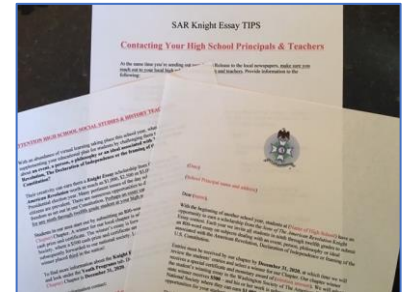
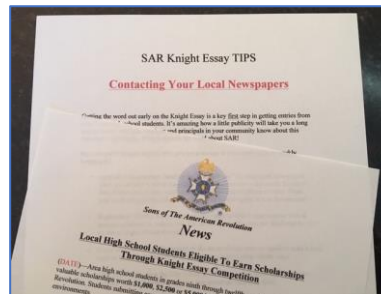
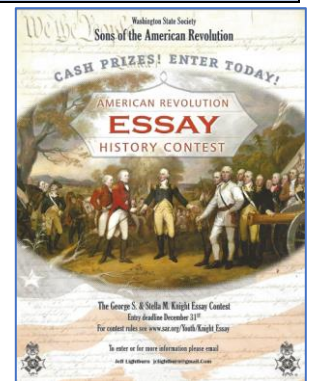
Each chapter receiving entries reviews the essays based on their merit (as specified in the rules on line), and selects a winner. Chapters can recognize the students in any way they see fit (a Chapter Knight Essay Certificate – available through the SAR store-- and, possibly, a cash award). Chapters forward their winners to Compatriot Lightburn in January 2021. A state committee reviews all the essays and selects one from amongst them. The state winner receives \$500 and a special certificate.

WSSAR then forwards the state winner to the National SAR Knight Essay committee, where it will be considered for a first, second or third place. First place receives \$5,000 along with a medal and recognition certificate. The winner also receives up to \$500 toward travel expenses, a one-night hotel accommodation at the SAR Annual Congress for the student and chaperone; Second place earns \$2,500 and a certificate; and Third Place receives \$1,000 and a certificate.

The Knight Essay is a terrific way to recognize excellent work among students, and to build strong working relationships within the schools. It’s also an effective way to get fellow Compatriots directly involved in a meaningful program for your chapter—giving them ownership in a value-added team effort!

At right is a copy of a story published in *The Columbian Newspaper* (generated by the press release included in the Tool Kit).

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Lightburn, President, Fort Vancouver Chapter



The Columbian Newspaper
Published: September 24, 2020, 6:00am

Knight Essay competition offers chance at \$5,000 for area high school students

BATTLE GROUND — Area high school students in grades nine through 12 are invited to participate in an essay-writing competition. Students submitting essays may attend public, private or home-school environments.

Held locally by the Fort Vancouver chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, The Knight Essay competition asks students to pen an 800-word essay that discusses subjects dealing with an event, person, philosophy or ideal associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence or framing of the U.S. Constitution.

“With the COVID-19 virus, all students are spending more time online for educational and research activities,” said Tom Boardman, education chairman with the Fort Vancouver chapter Sons of the American Revolution. “The (Sons of the American Revolution) Knight Essay competition is an excellent opportunity for tomorrow’s citizens to discuss topics relevant to our nation’s history at an important time and to earn valuable scholarships for use beyond high school. The essays can earn them valuable cash awards, and possibly augment timely subjects they’re studying in school as well.”

The chapter will select a winning essay from the community, then forward it to state and national levels, where the winner can earn up to \$5,000. Rules and more details of the Knight Essay are displayed on washingtonsar.org, under Youth Programs. Entries are due by emailing tomboardman@comcast.net no later than Dec. 30.

News From The WA State SAR Ladies Auxiliary (LAWASSAR)

[Facebook Page](#)



Greetings from the Ladies Auxiliary of Washington State! I have signed up to volunteer every day in the Ladies Hospitality Room at the July 2021 National SAR Congress. There are numerous volunteer opportunities available, including setting up table decorations for the Youth Awards Luncheon, the President Generals Banquet and for the Installation Banquet. Of course, there are also volunteers needed to remove the table decorations after each event as well.

Please consider joining me as a volunteer!

More information on volunteering at the Congress is available at [this link](#).

Use this link to sign up. [2021 National Congress Volunteer Signup](#).

Teri Lindley, LAWASSAR President



Meetings Around The State

Fall Leadership Conference, 26 Sep 2020

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the in-person Fall Leadership Conference was amended to a teleconference meeting. It was preceded by multiple teleconference meetings of the various committees.

The Executive Committee reported the following to the Trustees:

- The Medals and Awards Committee approved Sen. Lamar Alexander to receive the Gold Good Citizenship Medal
- The Medals and Awards Committee approved modification to Stark Awards points during the COVID-19 period. Further information is on Sharefile.
- The Executive Committee approved amendments to point system for Color Guard medals during the COVID-19 period.

Motions from Executive Committee that were approved by the Trustees:

- NSSAR Youth Protection Training program is a distinct program from the Boy Scouts of America youth protection training program. The NSSAR Youth protection program is required for the following groups. It can be found at: <https://sarcourses.org/>. The certificate is valid for three years. In addition to the following groups, it is recommended for all SAR members who have any interaction with children.
 - a. All General Officers
 - b. National Education Committee and/or CAR/SAR Liaison Committee members
 - c. All Chairs and Vice Chairs of National Committees
- The Conflict of Interest Statement will now be required of members of all the Bylaw 19 (Standing) Committees
- Approval of the 2021 Budget Package as presented by the Chairman of the Budget Committee
 - a. Increase PG discretionary fund from \$40K to \$45K
 - b. No payment on line of credit loan for 2021
 - c. Anticipate complete forgiveness of PPP loan (~\$273K)
 - d. Anticipate dues increase will be approved at 2021 Congress from \$80 to \$100 (~\$28K)
 - e. \$10K allocated to National Dues Billing Task Force
- Approval of the SAR Foundation clarification of the SAR Founder's Circle Policy
 - a. The purpose of the Founders Circle shall be to recognize planned giving that supports the Alexander Hamilton Fund, the income of which provides annual, unrestricted support for the NSSAR
 - b. Effective October 1, 2020, an individual shall be a member of the Founders Circle upon making a bequest of \$10,000 or more in cash or property to the Foundation for the Alexander Hamilton Fund through a will, trust agreement, retirement plan, insurance policy, or other means that will be paid or transferred at the time of the individual's death
 - c. Members of the Founders Circle shall provide documentation of the planned gift acceptable to the Development Manager and shall provide a reaffirmation of the gift along with current documentation at least once every five years to retain membership.
 - d. Members of the Founders Circle prior to October 1, 2020, will retain membership in accordance with paragraph 3 regardless of whether the planned gift is restricted or unrestricted, although the Development Manager may ask members to consider updating their planned gift to meet the requirements of paragraph 2.

- e. The Foundation staff shall update the Founders Circle form and the Foundation planned giving web page in accordance with this resolution as soon as practicable.
- Patriot Sons and Daughters Program as proposed by the 250th Anniversary Committee
 - a. The America 250 SAR Committee seeks to place grave markers on the graves of sons, grandsons, daughters and granddaughters of our Patriot Ancestors. The application must include the Patriot Lineage and Biography for use at the presentation ceremony and a letter of endorsement from the Chapter President, stating that the chapter will take part in the ceremony.
 - b. The America 250 SAR Committee proposes the use of a simple three-inch circular bronze marker with the SAR wreath and Maltese Cross in the center, surrounded by the words: Sons of the American Revolution around the top and Patriot Son or Patriot Daughter around the bottom.

Genealogist General report: The first application was approved utilizing DNA to establish lineage for the first to the second generation.

Bylaws Committee report: The committee is exploring the authorization to hold a Congress by alternative means (other than in person). However, this would require a vote by the delegates (not the Trustees) at an in-person Congress. A scheme was presented in which the Trustees could refer the proposal to a Special Congress. The quorum for this Special Congress would be 25 delegates. This would allow for limiting individual exposure and maintaining social distancing in this time of COVID-19.

- The Trustees voted to table this proposal and to readdress the issue at the 5 November 2020 Trustee Meeting teleconference.

The Trustees voted to adopt the following new logo (see below). The intention is that the Maltese Cross emblem will continue to be used for official correspondence. This new logo will be utilized for advertising and merchandise.

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

National Trustee Report, 5 Dec 2020

President General's report:

- Request for donations to the headquarters building facade renovation project.
- Update on the Education Center and Museum project: The project is currently on schedule and has started phase 2, step 3B. Step 3B has two parts: Part 1 is ongoing and has a budget of \$195,000; part 2 also has a budget of \$195,000 and is expected to be completed by 1 April 2021. These two steps will complete the design portion of the project. The entire project is anticipated to be completed by 2026. The PG requests donations for this project and reports a mailing for this purpose has been mailed to the membership.
- The PG reminds the membership of the Youth Protection Program. All General Officers, General Officer Candidates, Committee Chairmen, Vice Chairmen, and all members of the Education and CAR Liaison Committees are required to complete this training. The Training is available on the eLearning Portal of the National Website at: <https://www.sar.org/courses/youth-protection-training/> Your NSSAR logon information will populate the certificate and the NSSAR Data Base with your Name, National Number, and Completion Date. You will be able to complete the training in about 20 minutes. You are encouraged to print your certificate and maintain it for the record.

Secretary General's report from the Executive Committee meeting held on 2 Dec 2020:

- The Ex Comm recommend the referral of amendments to Articles V and VIII of the Constitution (below) to the next Annual Congress or any Special Congress held for the purpose of approving said amendments. This recommendation was approved by the Trustees.
 - a. Article V amendment: includes the authorization for Special Congresses of the Society. The definition of the term "location" is expanded to include designation of a Congress or meeting as occurring by alternative means in multiple locations. The definition of the term "alternative means" is clarified.
 - b. Article VIII amendment: allows any Special Congress to have the authority to amend the bylaws.
- The Ex Comm recommended the approval of a Special Congress specifically for the approval of Articles V and VIII of the Constitution (above) and no other business. This motion included the specific details of said Special Congress including the date (13 March 2021 at 10am), location (greater metropolitan Washington DC), authorization to alter the location, registration fee, agenda, authorization of the PG to appoint a Special Congress Chairman, and other details. The delegates entitled to attend and the quorum are unchanged and remain as specified in Bylaw No. 23. (i.e., 25 delegates). This recommendation was approved by the Trustees.
- The Ex Comm recommended the suspension of the UK Society Charter. The UK Society currently has only three members. They will transfer to the International Society. The recommendation was approved by the Trustees.

Treasurer General's report:

- The Form 990 has been filed with the IRS. A copy is available on ShareFile.
- The National Society received \$323,000 from the Payroll Protection Program. An application for loan forgiveness was submitted and approved.

Chancellor General's report:

- Efforts are ongoing to investigate copyright infringement of SAR materials and items sold on Amazon.com. The membership is encouraged to avoid purchasing such unauthorized items on Amazon or any other online seller.
- The new logo copyright application is still pending. However, the CG encourages delay of any release or use of the new logo in the public domain at this time as this may hinder or delay the copyright application process.

Historian General's report:

- The digitization program with national library going well. This in an effort to digitize all documents of the Society from its inception, in 1889, forward.
- The museum donor artifact program has been highly successful. Items desired for purchase have been selected and donors for these items have been solicited. To date, the program has raised \$125,000.

Librarian General's report:

- The deadline for the Franklin Flier contest is the end of the calendar year. He reminds the membership that their \$25 donation to the library fund is annual and he requests members renew their donation annually. He also reminds the membership of the Benjamin Franklin medal which is awarded for donations of \$300 or more. Medal bars are awarded for higher donations and recognition for said donations are cumulative.

Surgeon General's report:

- The SG reminds the membership to continue COVID-19 precautions including hand washing, social distancing, and mask wearing. Also note that standard paper masks are only 65% effective and cloth masks are less effective. N95 masks may be up to 95% effective.
- Individuals with additional health conditions such as obesity, diabetes, heart disease, lung disease, etc are at increased risk and additional precautions are recommended.
- The SG recommends all members get the COVID-19 vaccine when available.
- The SG recommends all members get the influenza vaccine and consider the shingles vaccine.

The Spring Leadership in-person meeting has been canceled. It will be held by virtual means on the same dates. Zoom meeting invitations are forthcoming. Committee Chairman are encouraged to hold their respective meetings prior to the virtual Leadership meeting.

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

Minutes from the BOD Meeting, 22 Oct 2020

President Craig Lawson opened the meeting at 7:00PM. A quorum of 16 BOD members were present using ZOOM. Chaplain Edwin Dierdorff offered the invocation.

President Craig Lawson welcomed everyone. He has attended a number of Chapter meetings using the Zoom format with much pleasure.

Compatriot Greg Lucas reports there is a shortfall in the funding of the 2021 National Congress of \$24,000.00. The congress will require 52 Volunteer Compatriots over the week to support the event. Compatriot Lindley has developed a schedule of work required. Chapter Presidents are tasked to encourage membership participation. A discussion of how to increase donations and participation in the Congress resulted in the decision to task President Lawson to send a letter to the membership through the Chapter Presidents and encourage chapters to match their members donations.

The Treasurer reports the chapters are in progress collecting dues however 50% are experiencing slow collection. 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. Compatriot Gregory Lucas noted an error in the report of funds for the National Congress.

Secretary Pinkham purchased the Zoom application for Society meetings. A motion to reimburse Secretary Pinkham was approved.

The Awards Committee received an application for a Gold Good Citizen award to be presented during the 2021 National congress. The Awards committee rejected the application for submission and process errors. The BOD forwarded the award application to the 2021 Congress Planning committee for review.

The Annual Meeting, which occurs in April each year, will require special attentions this year, because of Covid- 19 restrictions. The BOD discussed a regular in person meeting, a Zoom meeting, and a composite meeting. Many of the Hotels are not replying to scheduling request.

A Nominating Committee for the years 2021-2023 is required by our By-Laws, the committee is composed of two Members appointed by the BOD and one member from each Chapter. Compatriot Keith Weissinger and Jeff Lightburn were elected by vote to the Committee with Keith Weissinger serving as Chairman.

Treasurer Tom Clark asked the BOD to approve payment to the new Chapter's. A motion to pay was approved.

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

Minutes from the BOD Meeting, 5 Nov 2020

Vice President Keith Weissinger opened the meeting at 7:00PM. A quorum of BOD members and were present using ZOOM. Chaplain Edwin Dierdorff offered the invocation.

The BOD was asked to review the option to refund donated funds for the 2021 congress if the Congress is canceled by the Corvid 19 virus pandemic. After lengthy informal debate, a motion was made to table the question to allow for more research on the question. The motion was seconded and after more debate the motion was passed. This will be an agenda item at the next BOD meeting.

The Treasurer received a non-renew letter from our insurer. Secretary Pinkham was tasked to contact the agent for clarification of the requirements of the renewal.

The meeting adjourned 2030

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

Secretary's Corner – 20 Nov 2020

Compatriots,

As another year ends, we are still using Zoom for meetings and many of our activities have been canceled or postponed. Please pay your dues by December 31 to remain an active member.

Each year we lose a number of members. One of the reasons is that those who do family memberships to certify their children living outside of the Society's area. Please do not engage them in SAR activities, tell them I can help them find a chapter where they live.

Wishing you the finest of Holidays. Keep Christ and Patriotism in Christmas.

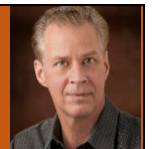
Respectfully submitted, Al Pinkham, State Secretary

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.

From The Archives: Famous Compatriots

By Allan Wenzel,
WA SAR State Historian

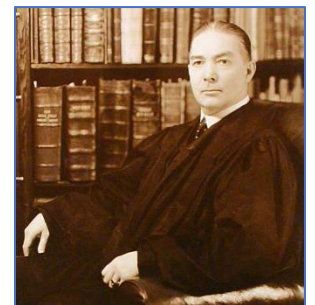


Walter Burges Beals: Nuremberg Trials Judge

Walter Beals was born on July 21, 1876, at Saint Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota, the son of James Burrill Beals and Katharine McMillan. Walter was a descendant of Roger Williams, founder of Rhode Island Colony. His family also included a chief justice of Rhode Island's supreme court, a chief justice of Minnesota's high court, and a senator from that state.

Walter attended the St. Paul public schools, graduating from high school in 1895. He began studying law, but ill health prompted a move to Bellingham, Washington. Within a year he became strong enough to work in a sawmill as a shingle weaver. In 1899 he entered the first law class at the University of Washington, graduating with a bachelor of laws degree (LL.B.) in 1901. His first law practice was in partnership with Fred Rice Power in Seattle. Sometime after his partner's death Walter became active in the Republican Party.

On July 14, 1904, Walter was married, in King County, Washington, to Othilla Gertrude Carroll, who had been a classmate of Walter's at the University of Washington School of Law. She was the first woman graduate in the school's first graduating class. She entered practice with her father and brother in Seattle, but resigned from practice when she and Walter were married. However, during World War I she replaced her brother as Seattle justice of the peace when he went into the Armed Forces. She resigned the position when he returned from the war. Active in civic affairs, she helped found the Seattle



Milk Fund, served on the board of the Seattle Girl Scout Council, was state president and national vice president of the American Legion Auxiliary, and was active in the Red Cross. Walter and Othilla had no children.

Walter became a member of the Washington State National Guard in 1909, rising from an infantry private to a major in the Judge Advocate General's division, serving until August 24, 1917. When the United States entered World War I Walter transferred to the U.S. Army, Judge Advocate's division, retaining his rank of Major. Later he was named Judge Advocate General of the 41st Division, and then the 81st Division. He was stationed firstly at Seattle, then Camp Jackson, South Carolina, Camp Greene, North Carolina, and again at Camp Jackson. Walter became a member of the American Expeditionary Force, serving in France from July 31, 1918 until October 28, 1919, and taking part in the Meuse-Argonne offensive. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel on February 26, 1919, and he was decorated with the French Legion of Honor. When he returned home, he became one of the founders of the American Legion. Fluent in French, he remained in Europe for several months after the armistice as a liaison officer with the French government. Walter received his discharge on October 31, 1919, but did remain in the reserves.

Returning to Washington State, Walter announced his intention to run for the State Supreme Court as a Republican, but in the September primary he failed to unseat any of the three incumbents.

In 1923 the Seattle City Council appointed Walter First Assistant Corporate Counsel. Retaining this position until 1926 when Washington Governor Roland H. Hartley appointed him to the King County Superior Court, filling the seat being vacated by a resigning incumbent. Two years later, in April 1928, Governor Hartley appointed Walter to the State Supreme Court, an appointment widely praised. So well liked Justice Beals received token opposition only once during his four reelection campaigns. He served from April 16, 1928 until October 1, 1946, and from September 10, 1947 to September 10, 1951. Walter served as Chief Justice from January 9, 1933 to January 14, 1935, January 8, 1945 to December 18, 1945, and May 7, 1946 to October 1, 1946.

At the termination of the hostilities of World War II Judge Beals in October 1946 took a leave from his position as Chief Justice of the Washington State Supreme Court to serve as the Presiding Judge in the Nuremberg Military Tribunals. During which time he would judge twenty-three leading German physicians and administrators charged with war crimes and crimes against humanity. The defendants were accused of organizing, participating, and undertaking experiments involving sterilization, abortions, freezing, use of pressure chambers, and other torturous, harmful, or fatal medical experiments and procedures inflicted on both civilians and prisoners of war. This became known as the "Doctors' Trial."

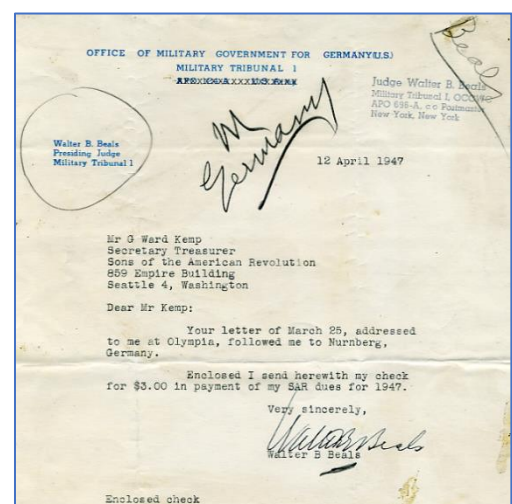
On December 6, 1946, the trial opened in the same Nuremberg courtroom where the first major war crimes trials led to the conviction of Hermann Goering and other top Nazis.

The Doctors' Trial lasted for nine months and, on August 20, 1947, sixteen of the defendants were found guilty, sentencing seven to death, and acquitting seven others. The seven defendants sentenced to death were hanged at Landsberg prison in Bavaria on June 2, 1948. Of his experience at Nuremberg, Judge Beals stated: *"I think the trials have been a healthy thing. The section of the court reserved for Germans was well filled throughout the trial, to a large extent by classes of high school and college students. The German lawyers especially like the American court procedure we followed. We went upon the principle that defendants were presumed to be innocent until proven guilty."* The chair he sat in at the Nuremberg Trials is now located in the Law Library at the University of Washington.

Europe's 1946 winter was one of the worst on record. His cold, damp hotel, late hours, and a heavy workload took a toll on the judge, an ordeal from which he never completely recovered. Nonetheless, he was back on the bench when the state court's term opened in September 1947. In August 1951, after twenty-three years on the high bench, Judge Walter Beals announced his retirement scheduled for 1952.

In 1952, Walter won the University of Washington Alumnus Summa Laude Dignatus Award, an honor designated for outstanding alumnae and alumni, distinguished for service and achievement.

Walter was admitted to the Washington State Society Sons of the American Revolution, Seattle Chapter, on May 4, 1899, as member number 126 through his Patriot ancestor (Great-Great-Grandfather) Samuel Beale. Walter added ten supplemental Patriot ancestors: William Greene, Joseph Nightingale, Samuel Nightingale, James Burrill, Ebenezer Burrill, Jonathan Arnold, Samuel McMillan, John Butler, John Gill, and George Corlis. Walter served as the Seattle Chapter President for 1920 and 1921, the WASSAR President for 1917, 1921 and 1922, and as the Pacific District Vice President General for 1931-1933, and as the WASSAR Registrar for numerous years.



He also served as the State Commander of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. He held membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Young Men's Republican Club, and he was a Thirty-second Degree Mason with membership in the Scottish Rite and Shrine of the Nile Temple bodies.

Over the years Walter accumulated a valuable collection of rare books and manuscripts, his Bible collection being one of the most complete held in private hands. He also had prized stamp, coin, and autograph collections. Cataloguing, displaying, and studying his collections occupied many of the judge's hours during retirement.

Compatriot Walter Burges Beals died on September 18, 1960, in his home at Olympia, Washington. He was buried in the Lake View Cemetery, at Seattle, Washington.

The 1961 Stanley Kramer produced and directed movie "*Judgment At Nuremberg*" starring: Spencer Tracy, Burt Lancaster, Richard Widmark, Judy Garland, Marlene Dietrich, Montgomery Clift, William Shatner, Maximilian Schell and Werner Klemperer is loosely based on Compatriot Walter Beals, played by Spencer Tracy.



The Nuremberg Military Tribunal,



(L-R) Harold L. Sebring, Walter B. Beals, Johnson T. Crawford, and Victor C. Swearingen.



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: 1st Sat of the month, 9:00am, Sep to Jun, at 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, (TBD) 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 Oct/Nov/Dec



October	
Aaron Justin Geibel.....	SE
Alexander Viren Lemmer.....	AH
Andrew Todd Asher.....	AH
Arthur William Dolan.....	GRC
Baxter Franklin Gray.....	GW
Carver Clark Gayton PhD.....	SE
Daniel Alvin Abbott.....	JP
Darron Elwood Nelson.....	AH
David Joseph Overmyer.....	FV
Donald B Kennedy.....	SP
Donald Eugene Condit.....	MC
Donald Michael Giese.....	SP
George R Nethercutt Jr.....	SP
Guy Kent Troy Jr.....	AH
James Abraham Lightburn II....	FV
James Anthony Young.....	AH
James Claiborne Martin.....	CC
Jeffrey Scott Bradshaw.....	AH
John Charles Hughes.....	AH
John David Hosfield.....	AH
Joseph Watson Kane.....	GW
Karl David McCowen.....	AH
Keith Roy Phillipy.....	JP
Lawrence Edward Clay.....	MC
Leland Michael Hutchins.....	GW
Leonard Paul Pearson.....	CC
Michael Keith England.....	AH
Michael Lovelace.....	JP
Paul Gregory Webster.....	RA
Paul Montgomery Carver.....	SP
Philip Augustus Ratcliff.....	SE
Richard Warren Roddy.....	MC
Scott Allen Bean.....	SP
Spencer Iacolucci.....	MC
Thomas Evans Williams.....	RA
Thomson Pray.....	CC
Trevor C Lane.....	SP
Warner Gibson Taylor III.....	GRC
November	
Alan Wayne Blackstock.....	AH
Aubrey Richardson Carter JR...CC	
Christopher Brant Fridley.....	GW
Clayton Melville Kirkland.....	AH

Colby Miles Auckland.....	R
Danny Michael Boon.....	JP
David Paul de la Vergne.....	JP
Donald Elmer Maymon.....	SP
Donald Roderick Scott Jr.....	JP
Duane Gregory Nascimento....	CC
Dustin Adam Berry.....	FV
Edward Baker Faust.....	SP
Edward Lawrence Tropp.....	AH
Edwin Prentice Dierdorff Jr....	CC
Eric Leon Chastain.....	AH
George Courtney Berthiaume..	AH
Gregory Nicholas Hullender....	SE
Guy Volkert Moellendorf.....	SE
Harold Lee Steenbergen.....	AH
Howard Berryman Edwards Jr..	CC
James Patrick Cadd.....	SE
Jerry Michael Bordelon.....	AH
John Julien Knight.....	AH
John Leslie Schilling.....	AH
John Michael Landis.....	AH
John Richard Berg.....	SE
Jon Erik Lindeman.....	CC
Leonard Paul Koplen.....	JP
Leslie Lewis Steele.....	SE
Lynn Lyman Briggs.....	CC
Mark Welles Griswold.....	CC
Mathew Wade Spradlin.....	AH
Morgan John Lacolucci.....	MC
Nathan Patrick O'Connell.....	JP
Paul Richard Clifton.....	JP
Richard David Moody.....	AH
Richard Robert Paul.....	CC
Robert Alan Sexton.....	CC
Robert Jeffery Waid.....	AH
Robert Joseph Zache.....	AH
Ronald Owen Mains.....	MC
Ronn William Mercer.....	CC
Timothy Daniel Lawson.....	SP
Timothy Walter Doughty.....	R
Vaughn Greor Henderson.....	FV
Walter Daniel Heidt.....	CC
Wayne Everett Gardner.....	SP
Wayne Russell Marshall.....	SE

Willard Jose Gueringer.....	FV
William Allison Bolima.....	SE
William Ray Miller.....	AH
William Robert O'Neal.....	AH
December	
Allan Ray Wenzel.....	SE
Arthur Theron Broady.....	MC
Brainerd Wood.....	JP
Charles Vance Waid.....	AH
Colby James Doughty.....	CC
Curtis Dale Hanner.....	CC
Daniel Jose Weedin.....	JP
David James Lawson.....	SP
Dean Ladd.....	SP
Devin Christopher Irons.....	JP
Douglas William Lowell.....	AH
Eric David Benton.....	AH
Evan Wynn Nascimento.....	CC
Gordon William Struve.....	SP
Gregory Thomas Faherty III....	SE
Hugh Edward Empey.....	CC
Jack Earl Fletcher Dr.....	JP
James Orlo Sparks.....	AH
John Edward Ernest.....	SE
John Miles Lento Jr.....	CC
Jon Mark Clements.....	SP
Keith Allen Weissinger DR.....	AH
Kenneth Allen Nelson.....	SP
Kenneth Duane Powe.....	MC
Kenneth Earl Walter.....	MC
Leonard Will Kearney.....	FV
Liam A. Carroll.....	CC
Matthew Patrick Sexton.....	CC
Matthew Roy Bendickson.....	AH
Michael Timothy Berry.....	FV
Nicolas William Reichert.....	SE
Paul Fredrick Ocker.....	FV
Scott Christopher Enyeart.....	CC
Stephen John Clayton.....	SE
Stephen Lee Zirschky.....	R
Timothy Martin Van Houten...FV	
Vernon Walter Wright.....	FV
William Wallace Van Cleave Jr..	SE





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YOUR COLOR GUARD, THE FACE OF THE SAR

From The Commander

Compatriots,

Tis the Season of Thanksgiving, Reflection, and Seasonal Joy. As we take this time to reflect, remember to give thanks and gratitude to the blessings that you do enjoy. For many of us it may simply be our health, our family and friends. One thing that I am especially thankful for is being a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, having the opportunity to honor and revere my American Patriot ancestors. This reflection goes beyond the American Revolution, but throughout all conflict since that time and for the sacrifices that each of my progenitors made on my behalf. This is very personal to me as I am sure it is for each of you.



As a member of the Sons of the American Revolution I am grateful for the bond of brotherhood and respect that we have for one another. Through the Washington State SAR Color Guard, we have a special bond and comradery by working together to achieve our local chapter, our State, and the Nation SAR Society goals.

I am personally grateful for my association with each and every one of you and for your support.

In the midst of this COVID-19 pandemic we have many other things to be grateful for. We live in a time where we have modern communications to hold our Zoom meetings, communications about how the pandemic is affecting us locally, statewide, and nationally. Let us not forget that we have the great blessing of modern medicine to assist us in combating and hopefully to overcome this crisis. We are blessed with the first wave of vaccines are already on the road at this date.

I know many feel isolated, restricted, and the pandemic has affected our life-styles. Yet I am reminded that as one looks into the future on a new endeavor or challenge the road seems long and potentially dreary. This may have been the beginning of Military Service, Missionary Service, or some other activity that has taken you away from your family and loved ones. Now, years later, we may reflect on those times, on how we grew through those experiences and realize it was just a short space of time, a drop in a bucket.

During these trying times I wish to emphasis tolerance, patience, and brotherly love. This too shall pass. I too long to regain the associations of the WASSAR Color Guard members and get out and enjoy our activities.

On another note, 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. I made mention of the needs of the Color Guard in my last address and as planning unfolds it will become clearer on where our support will be required.

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

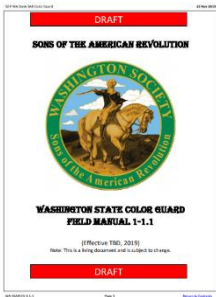
The Iroquois Indians were excellent farmers. One of their villages had 100 acres of fruit trees. The Iroquois worshipped the three sisters, corn, beans and squash. The Iroquois produced three times as much crop off the same land as the Colonist. They planted corn in mounds with beans. The beans would grow up the corn stalk and replace the minerals in the ground that the corn depleted. The squash was planted near the corn stalk to provide a cover crop for the soil to keep it moist. They then planted a fish head in the mound for fertilizer.



When the Europeans first encountered the Iroquois, they were not familiar with maize/corn. The Indians called it maize but Europeans called it "corn" meaning grain. Because Indians used it to make flour. The Indians were growing maize 1000 years before the Europeans arrived. The Indians would dry the maize by hanging it from the lodge ceiling. The peeled the husk back and suspended it from the husk.

In the 1500's the Iroquois met French explorers and gave them a deer skinned bag full of corn popped. This was often given to guest as prize. The Iroquois learned to cook corn by throwing the dry corn ears on fire or coals until it popped. It was then gathered from the ground and placed in the bags. It was not until the French traded copper pots for furs that the Indians learned to cook the corn in a copper kettle. We now call it "Kettle Corn". Dried corn was placed in a bag and pounded with a stone to make corn meal. This was used to make corn bread. This corn bread would last much longer than wheat bread. The corn meal was also made in to "parched corn soup" by boiling it with deer tallow or deer meat, fresh or dried. Corn was also boiled to make hominy. Deer fat or Bear fat was added to make it more palatable. The Indians also discovered how to make sugar from maple syrup. The syrup was then poured over the popcorn to create what the French called "snow food". We call it today "Cracker Jack".

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.

Your Help Needed

HALBERD

AN EXCELLENT & RARE FRENCH & INDIAN/AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR COLONIAL AMERICAN PERIOD (NEW ENGLAND TYPE) PIERCED HALBERD w/ ORIGINAL SHAFT, ca. 1760

In overall very fine+/excellent and a high-quality example of an American Halberd. In complete condition with an approx. 13 1/2" x 18", finely wrought American blacksmith made, decoratively pierced, Halberd-type blade of fine quality Colonial American design with its pierced, leaf-form spear-point with reinforced tip and matching axe head with triangular form rear fluke. The finely sculpted and cut, smooth steel surfaces with extensive piercings of classic Colonial American (New England) form of, ca. 1750. The adornment consists of numerous circular holed/punch-type Piercings, finely cut openwork Diamonds and Daggers. Finely turned and chiseled base with its brazed, collar type socket and finely turned borders on its neck. The axe blade, en suite with a nicely sculpted and contoured, stylized crescent form blade and various decorative piercings. Retains choice, smooth steel surfaces with lightly toned, gunmetal gray age-patina, very fine and sharp cutting edges; and only some light signs of use and wear. Complete with its original, tapered, turned, hardwood haft/handle with choice, richly patinated and oxidized, smooth wooden surfaces with some expected minor handling-marks/abrasions. The top of the haft with two (2), nail-fastened, 8", rectangular langets. An extremely rare example of an excellent condition and complete Colonial American Period Decoratively Pierced Halberd, ca. 1750. Of classic mid-18th Century New England form and in a near excellent state of preservation. Virtually identical to examples from the famed Kienbusch Collection of Philadelphia, PA and to those pictured in Rodney H. Brown's: "American Polearms 1526-1865", G. C. Neumann's: "Battle Weapons of the American Revolution", "Sword & Blades..." and in G. C. Neumann & F. Kravic's: "Collector's Illustrated Encyclopedia of the American Revolution". Other such examples also found in the collection of noted Author/Collector William Guthman; and a similar example from his collection was sold as, Lot No. 204 at Bonhams Auction's: Sale Oct. 12, 2006. Overall length, approx. 80"



Historian General Bill Stone has been searching for and finding items for the SAR Education Center and Museum with great success for several years. To facilitate this the SAR has implemented an Artifact Donor Program wherein compatriots and families can purchase Revolutionary War artifacts and donate them to the SAR for the Museum Collection. You can see many of the items purchased and who donated them on display at National Headquarters and in a series of articles in the SAR Magazine.

One of the items Bill has found is a rare French and Indian/American Revolutionary War period Pierced Halberd with original shaft, circa 1760. He has negotiated the price down from \$10,500 to \$9000.

Through the generous donations of past National Color Guard Commanders and current National Color Guard Staff we have raised \$6,600 of the \$9,000 purchase price. We are currently \$2,400 short of the designated target. The Halberd is only on

hold by the owner at the discounted purchase price for another 5 months, so we need to move quickly on this while we can.

Under the Artifact Donor Program, we now have an opportunity to secure a rare item for the SAR Museum collection and make it something purchased and donated by the National Color Guard.

As most of you know during the revolutionary period Continental Line Officers often carried Spontoons and Sergeants carried Halberds. The following is extracted from an article on Spontoons and Halberds by David A. Norris.

"Pikes and most similar pole weapons disappeared from European armies by the early 1700s. After all, bayonets let each man convert his flintlock into a pike that fired bullets. Nonetheless, 18th-century officers and sergeants still carried archaic-looking bladed weapons attached to six-foot-long shafts that seemed more appropriate to the Middle Ages than the Age of Enlightenment.

Halberds and spontoons represented military rank just as much as epaulets, gold braid, or other insignia, with the additional

benefit of serving as emergency weapons in dire situations. In several surviving written orders, General George Washington insisted that Continental officers carry spontoons. At Valley Forge on December 22, 1777, Washington directed that each officer "provide himself with a half-pike or spear, as soon as possible." Washington did not want his officers to carry muskets, which he believed had a way of "drawing their attention too much from the men." He needed the officers focused on commanding their men, not distracted with loading, and firing a musket. Additionally, Washington believed that an officer with neither a firearm nor spontoon had "a very awkward and un-officer-like appearance."

The opportunity exists for you, the members of the National Color Guard, to help secure this rare and unique piece of our **Pro Patria! Command Staff, National Color Guard**

Revolutionary War history for the SAR Education Center and Museum with your donations.

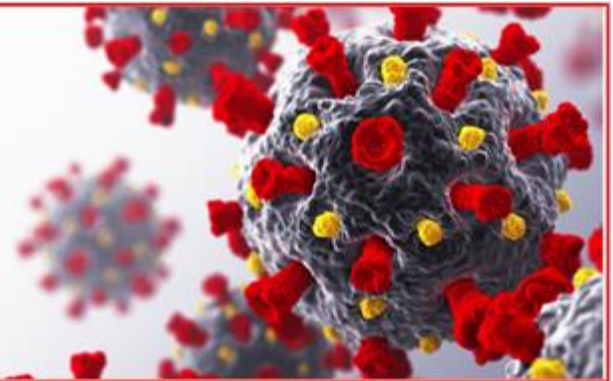
If you are interested in donating to secure this piece for the museum collection please send your check made out to "SAR," for whatever amount you can afford, to NSSAR Headquarters (Attn: Colleen Wilson) 809 West Main Street, Louisville, KY 40202 and put: 'Colonial Halberd' in the memo portion of the check.

You will receive a 'letter of receipt of a donation' for your tax records from the Museum Board and donations of \$100 or more will receive an SAR Museum Pin.

Thank You for your consideration of this exciting opportunity and for all that you do for the SAR day in and day out!

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

**MOST SCHEDULED COLOR GUARD EVENTS
HAVE BEEN
CANCELED OR POSTPONED
DUE TO THE
CORONAVIRUS
CHECK [THE SCHEDULE](#) FOR UPDATES**



Regional Area Activities In Oct, Nov, Dec

Northern Region

Most activities have been canceled or postponed due to stay home, stay safe policy.

7 Nov: John Kraft, Mike Hutchins, and Bruce Bock of the GWC Color Guard were joined today by the Ann Washington DAR chapter at Maple Leaf Cemetery in Oak Harbor, WA to help plant flags on the graves of over 600 veterans in honor of Veterans Day.



In the group Picture:

(Back L-R) Kim Tomczak, Karenn Manatt, John Kraft, Mike Hutchins, Bruce Bock, Pam McCunn, Penny Platt

(Front L-R) Andy Kuntz, Debra Dassler, Pam Hutchins, Gail Barlow.



11 Nov: Oak Harbor Community 2020 Veterans Day Program.

The event which was pre-recorded and broadcast via [Facebook](#) and TV



Pictured right: Bruce Bock, Mike More, Michael Bendixson, John Kraft, and Mike Hutchins, Carried the Colors.



12 Dec: Flag retirement ceremony. The WA State Color Guard was specifically requested to participate in a flag retirement ceremony at the West Seattle Corporate Center. This was the first opportunity to perform this in Seattle.

The flag was about 30' by 50' made of cotton, damp and very heavy.



With a lot of pulling and tugging they finally got it under control and put away.

They then completed the retirement by raising the new flag in its place. What a sight to see!

It was a huge undertaking by the 6 members present, (l-r) **Neil Vernon, Dick Motz, Christan Ferrin, Craig Lawson, Nick Reichert, Jerry Bordelon.**



The retired flag was later delivered to the VFW for proper disposal.

Southern Region

Most activities have been canceled or postponed due to stay home, stay safe policy.

17 Oct: "They Voted" Marker Dedication. The marker was dedicated by the Daughters of the American Colonists (DAC) and the Daughters of the American revolution (DAR). The GRC Chapter provided limited support participation. All participating Color Guard members of the George Rogers Clark Chapter are now officially recognized as members of the Washington State Color Guard. At the next meeting, each will be presented with the official Color Guard pin to be worn proudly on their blazer.

From L-R in the photo are:

- Kevin Saville*, GRC rifleman.
- Lee Thomasson*, American Flag
- Eric Olsen*, GRC Registrar.
- Laurie Dolan, Representative, 22nd district
- Arthur Dolan*, GRC Chapter President.
- Kim Wyman, Washington Secretary of State
- Jeanne Pettinger, DAC, Color Guard
- Dennis Case*, Rifleman.
- Joseph Coorough*, GRC historian.



*GRC founding member

7 Nov: Auburn Salute to Veterans. This year Auburn's Salute to Veterans was something a little different. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, Auburn was unable to host a traditional parade. Instead, the celebration began with a procession that was by vehicle only. The route was 3 miles long giving both parade participants and spectators an opportunity to maintain social distancing. The State Society was represented by the flag trailer and veterans **Dick Motz & Jerry Bordelon** of the AH Chapter.



Eastern Region

Most activities have been canceled or postponed due to stay home, stay safe policy.

19 Dec: Wreaths Across America. Mid-Columbia Chapter participated in Wreaths Across America at Sunset Gardens Cemetery in Richland. This is one of their few public events this year due to the pandemic. The event included the Columbia River DAR Chapter and Civil Air Patrol. By necessity it was a more limited program this year, all outside with flag raisings and laying of wreaths on the graves of our Veteran Servicemen. Some members then went to nearby Resthaven cemetery to read the story and lay a wreath on the grave of Civil War Veteran William Hadden Johnston. Pvt. Johnston of Ohio, fought and was taken prisoner at Gettysburg, 2 July 1863. He was freed in a prisoner exchange but was captured again in Florida on 12 Aug 1864 and held at Andersonville, He died in Jan. 1938 in Richland, WA.

Mid-Columbia Chapter Members present were:
(L/R) Luke Sowieralski, Fen Simmons, Conn Clark, Randal Roach, John Tipton, Larry Flint and Richard Roddy

Randal Roach places wreath



Western Region

Most activities have been canceled or postponed due to stay home, stay safe policy.

24 Oct: Presentation: Patriot Fred Gilbert of the (JPJ Chapter), supported the Michael Trebert Chapter of the DAR recognizing the First Veterans in Bremerton, WA. During the event General Washington presented Sgt. Gilbert a representative medal of thanks to all the first veterans. Patriot Gilbert portrayed his ancestor Sergeant John Gilbert of the 8th CT Line. The day consisted of a parade with Fife and Drum and presentations to local Port Angles, WA students in grades 1 through 3. At the conclusion, George Washington and Sgt. John Gilbert handed out token event coins to all the students.



19 Dec: Wreaths Across America. The John Paul Jones Chapter was scheduled to place wreaths at Ivy Green Cemetery in Bremerton but the event was canceled at the last moment. Prior to this the wreaths arrived via Heartland Express. Thank you, Colleen with, for the delivery.

Thanks go out to Mick Hersey, Perry Taylor, Jen & Will Taylor, and Bill Wright for helping offload the 53 foot long Semi truck.

There were 810 wreaths, 90 cases offloaded in less than 30 minutes.



The wreaths were actually placed by the cemetery employees on the 19th. Wreaths were also placed at Miller-Woodlawn, Colby, Fraola, and Sedgwick cemeteries.

20 Dec: Wreaths Across America. The John Paul Jones Chapter participated the unveiling of a plaque (below right) for the Heroes project and WAA wreath placement at the Bethel Cemetery in Port Orchard.



Present for the event were, David Irons, Noah Chase, Mick Hersey, Neil Vernon and Michael Moore. It was a closed event with no ceremony.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA.ORG

From The Editor

Genealogy Research

(A version of this article appeared in the [March/April 2016 issue of Family Tree Magazine](#) Author: [Lisa A. Alzo](#))

When it comes to online genealogy research, it's easy to become a creature of habit. You may find yourself, every time you start a new research session, making a beeline for your favorite websites, such as [FamilySearch](#), [Ancestry.com](#), [MyHeritage](#) or [Findmypast](#). But plenty of other websites that aren't necessarily designed for genealogists can nonetheless prove useful. To help you break the habit of sticking with the same sites, we've come up with a list of 23 websites that can help you solve genealogy research problems, find valuable new resources and connect with cousins. Which ones should be next on your list?

[Link to website list](#)

A word of Caution!!!

I wonder if it is wise to promote the social media (Facebook, Google, Instagram, Pinterest, Twitter, YouTube). Case in point -I received a call from a real estate agent saying that we had viewed a property on Zillow and wanted to follow up!!! If you have Netflix, I highly recommend you see the documentary "/The Social Dilemma". It is very scary. One can actually see how the social media is turning this country upside down. I no longer use google, but instead use "DuckDuckGo", which does not store your history of searches. All good resources, but must be very cautious of where these sites take you.

Respectfully submitted, Kent Troy.

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

Send	To...	NO!!
	Cc...	
	Bcc...	YES!!
	Subject	Message

Do you have a problem getting your medals to look right on your blazer? Are they crooked and not in a straight line?

Bob O'Neal has recommended a solution: [Military Image Maker](#) of Frenchtown MT. Several members have had their SAR and US military medals mounted by them. Outstanding communicators and workmanship. They understand SAR medal system. Each 'line' of medals is on a separate bar for vertical spacing. And if you need parts (in case of remounting due to having to insert a new mid-level medal) you can order the necessary ribbon drapes from the NSSAR Store at low cost. (Not on the web site but can be ordered.)

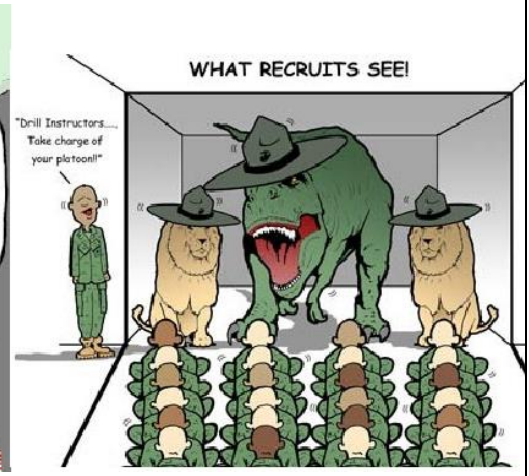
Other sources are: [Medals of America](#) & [Medal Medic](#).



Military Humor



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



RESERVE RECALLS:

The Department of Defense issued orders today to S. Claus, recalling him to active duty, with a RNLTD of 24 Dec 2020.

Senior Chief Claus, known to use the alias "Saint Nicholas", "Kris Kringle", "Father Christmas", or simply "Santa", is a reservist, with 1,743 years of service. He specializes as a tactical operator of the next generation DEC-25B, Cargo Airborne Delivery (CAN DY) Carrier. The DEC-25B is contractor-modified and fully equipped with Cargo Antlered Navigation Equipment Sensors (CANES). It has also been retrofitted with eight high-powered, air-cooled Rangifer Tarandus carrot-fed generators. As a single seat cargo delivery platform, it is capable of vertical delivery of high-value items, take-off and landing without pilot-controlled lighting (PCL). These unique specifications, coupled with the additional Public Affairs skill sets possessed by Senior Chief Claus, classify the entire deployable package as a low-density, high-demand (LD/HD) asset.



Also recalled, were Chiefs Dasher and Dancer, Petty Officers 1st Class Prancer and Vixen, Petty Officer 2nd Class Comet and Cupid, Petty Officer 3rd Class Donner, and Seaman Blitzen. Seaman Apprentice Rudolph is also authorized to report for duty; however, he must first successfully complete his Phase II SERE Training, which he has failed three times due to a medical condition related to his nose.

Although the above Sailors are on orders for only 24 hours, it is anticipated that they will submit a travel claim for 24,901 miles at \$0.56/mile, using a POV. Suitable Government transportation is not available. As a special operations unit, each member is granted a high level of uniform flexibility, as well as relaxed grooming standards. Per diem has been modified to include large quantities of hot cocoa and cookies. Government travel card use has been authorized.



UNIFORMS & OTHER ITEMS WANTED/FOR SALE

Wanted:

Item	Size	Contact	Note

For Sale:

Item	Size	Cost	Contact	Notes
Japanese Training Rifle	6.5mm	\$195.00	Ken Roberts	For additional information on these items click here
41" octagonal barrel rifle, no markings	.32 Cal	\$275.00		
Winchester Model 290	.22 Cal	\$325.00		
Half Stock Percussion Rifle	.32 Cal	\$500.00		
Half Stock Percussion Rifle	.38 Cal	\$350.00		
Percussion Plains Rifle	.50 Cal	\$300.00		
Winchester Model 1894 (Commemorative Rifle)	30-30 Cal	\$520.00		
Winchester Model 1849 (Gold Spike Commemorative Rifle)	30-30 Cal	\$620.00		
H&R Guardsman Model 732	.32 Cal	\$295.00		
19 Century Power Flask		\$125.00		
2 Reproduction Powder Flasks		\$65.00 Ea.	Mike Hutchens	Trade gun with a serpent side plate installed on the left side of the stock
Brown Bess carbine, Pedersoli reproduction. Does not have the extra-large trigger guard found on a trade gun and is really a Brown Bess carbine or navy version.		\$850.00		
Reproduction Colonial folding table.		\$45.00 Ea.	Mick Hersey	2 available
John Paul Jones uniform		\$150.00		Hat with emblem, coat, pants & vest (no shirt)

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](#) (\$16.95).



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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.