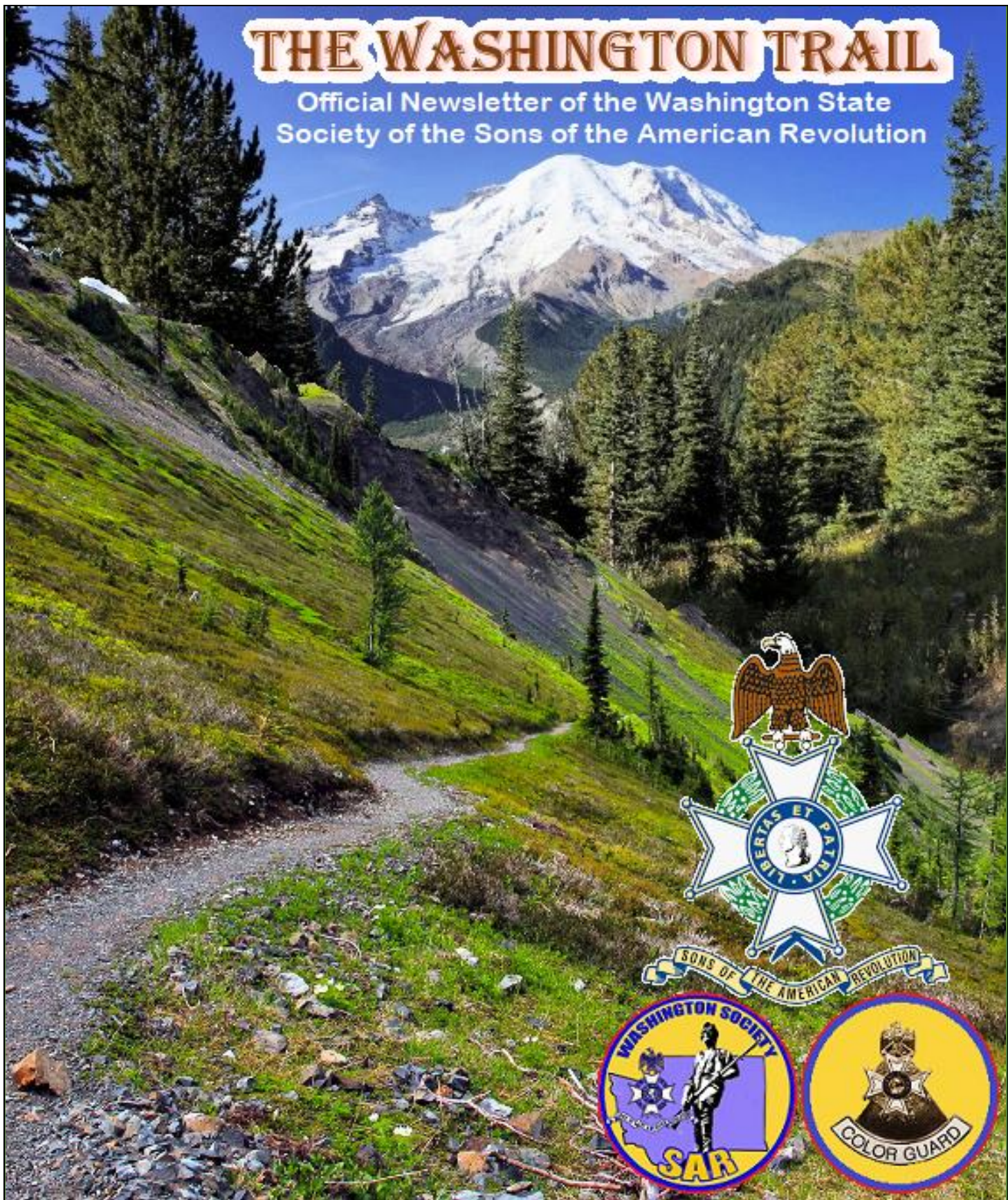


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Upcoming Meetings and Events



- Chapter Meetings (see [Media Links](#))
- 10 Apr: Annual State Conference 9:00 am Virtual
- 7 thru 15 Jul: SAR National Congress in Renton, WA at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington. Note: **If the State stays at pandemic stage 2 (or better), it will be held as planned.**
 - * Registration for the congress is not open as yet. Check the National site for updates.
 - * To make hotel reservations use this [Booking LINK](#).
- Color Guard [Schedule](#)

Note: Some links in this electronic document may not work on an Apple device. I have tried to fix all but may have missed some. Please let me know if you find one [The Editor](#)

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Dick Motz, 818 SW 295th St, Federal way WA 98023-8212

Washington State SAR President's Message – Winter 2021 (1st Quarter)

Compatriots,

This my last President's Message as Washington SAR President. My two-year term has gone by quickly, at least to me. Dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic over the second year of my term has been my biggest challenge, as it has been for all of us. However, I have thoroughly enjoyed every day as President, and being able to meet so many of our members has been the best part of the job.

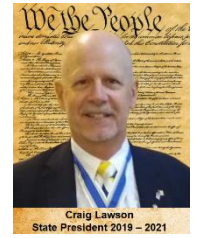
When I took office in April 2019, I stressed the need for us as a state society to participate in only the programs our members want to do and are willing to lead and participate in. I think we have done that. While we do not participate in every National program, those in which we do participate we do well. For example, last year two teachers from Washington were given the National SAR Lawrence History Teacher of the Year award.

I also stressed when I took office that the Washington SAR's chapters are the lifeblood of our organization, and that the officers and appointees of the state society are here to support our chapters. Over the last two years we have added two new chapters, the George Rogers Clark Chapter in the Olympia area, and the Ranger Chapter in south Snohomish County. I had the pleasure of visiting all of our chapters during my term, either in person or virtually, and I am proud to say that all of them are functioning well with good leaders, despite the pandemic. In fact, one benefit of meeting virtually has been to allow chapter members who do not or cannot ordinarily attend chapter meetings to do so using their computers. It would be great if we can somehow incorporate virtual chapter meeting attendance into in-person attendance once regular chapter meetings resume.

Another bright spot during the past two years has been the growth in the Color Guard, which is the face of our organization. Under the leadership of Commander Art Dolan and now Commander Neil Vernon, eight of our ten chapters now have a Color Guard, and it has grown 25% to 83 members since late 2018. The Color Guard has participated in hundreds of events, and has continued to do so despite the pandemic. I urge every member to join the Color Guard, or to participate in a Color Guard event. No uniform required!

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your state society President the past two years. It has been an honor, a pleasure, and a privilege!

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



Redcoats or Just Red Coats? (Article source: Bob O'Neal of the AH Chapter)

20 Jan: Amy Brooks, a member of the DAR, asked a good question:

"During the review of the troops on inauguration day, they had American Revolutionary War era soldiers (which looked awesome), but why was there a British red coat unit following right behind them?"

The Answer:

Amy, these are not British Redcoats. They are members of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, Fife & Drum Corps "**The Old Guard**", a unit dating back to the Continental Army! ([Link to YouTube video](#) at the Lexington Patriot's Day 2018)

The fifer and/or drummer assigned to each Continental Army unit were signalers, used to transmit audible signals from the commander to his troops.

They wore coats of "**reversed colors**" so the commander could quickly find them in the smoke and fog of battle, to issue his orders. Their red coats are faced with blue lapels, collar and cuffs which is the reverse of the soldiers' coats.

These battle signals were sent to move forward, move left or right, fall back, fix bayonets, etc. In camp, drums or fifes signaled for morning reveille, assembly, mess, church, fatigue, etc. In fact, a soldier had to learn 27 different fife or drum commands in camp or in battle! You can see the comparison in the phot below.

In 1779, Gen. Washington issued Uniform Regulations requiring all soldiers to wear blue coats and each of the state units to wear different color facings (lapels, collar, cuffs). White for New England states; buff for NY & NJ; red for PA, MD, DE, and VA, and royal blue for NC, SC, & GA.



The National Database - YELLOW

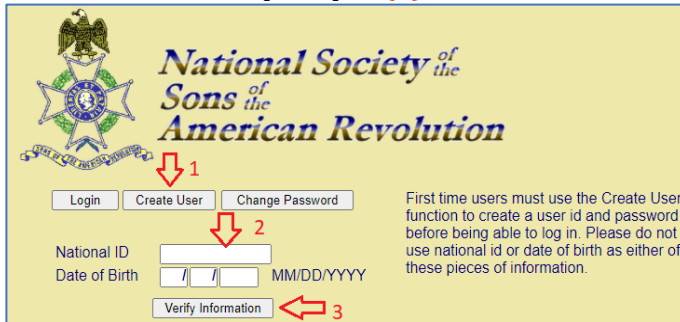
Have you had a problem getting your E-mail? It may be because your data may be wrong or just out of date. When I send out E-Mail to the membership, many times I get several back as **“undeliverable”** for one reason or another. In today’s world our E-Mail address is used for more than just communication. It is also used as an **ID for access to Web Sites/Accounts**. That being the case, when we change our address, we must update all instances of that address. One that is often overlooked is your E-Mail address in the **SAR National database (Yellow)**.

Did you know? ... You can log-in to the **National SAR Yellow Database** and update your E-Mail address and other data. Use This Link to log in.

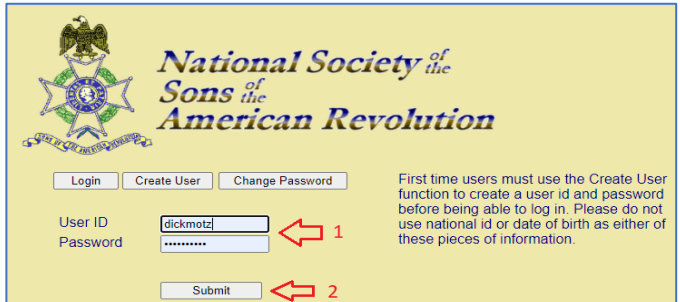
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 - If you do not have a user ID, click on **“Create User”** and go to step 2.
 - If you already have a user **ID/Password**, click on **“Login”** and go to step 3



- If you do not have a user **ID/Password**, you must first create an account. (1). Fill in your data and follow the screen prompts. (2)



- When you click on **“Login”** you will see the below screen. Enter your user **ID/Password** (1) and click on **Submit** (2).



It is very important that you keep your data current in order to receive Important Announcements, Newsletters, and other important information.

Note: If you find that your **“Awards, Patriots, & Positions Held”** data is not up to date, contact you chapter secretary and ask him to update what he has access to. Other data must be updated by National.

OBTW: If you have a user ID/Password but forgot them, send a note to technology@sar.org Provide your Name, National #, State #, & Chapter. They will send you the data.

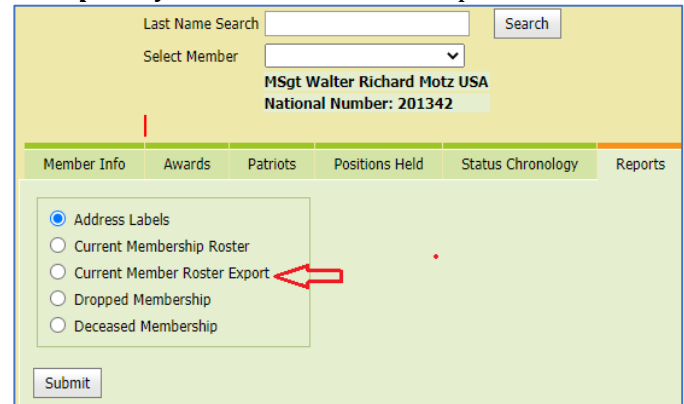
Respectfully Submitted, Dick Motz, WA State-Newsletter Editor.

- On the main screen below, you can update your E-Mail address, Street address, City, State, Zip Code, Phone Number, and any data contained in the white boxes. (1)

On the main screen you can also check your Awards, Patriots, Positions Held, and Status (2) See Note Below



- You will notice at position (3) on the main screen is **“Reports”**. When you click on it you will see the below screen. If you select **“Current Member Roster Export”** you can download a Chapter Roster



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



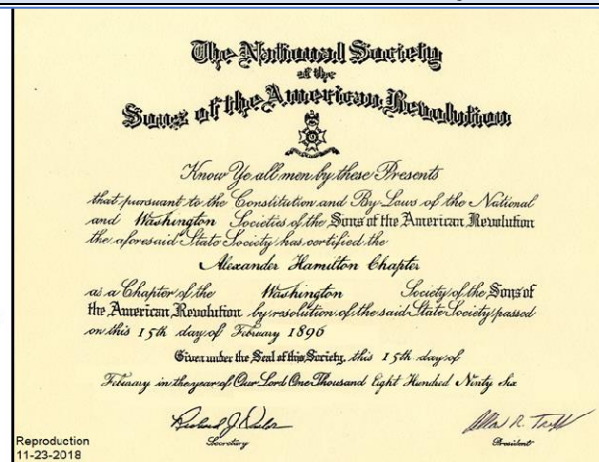
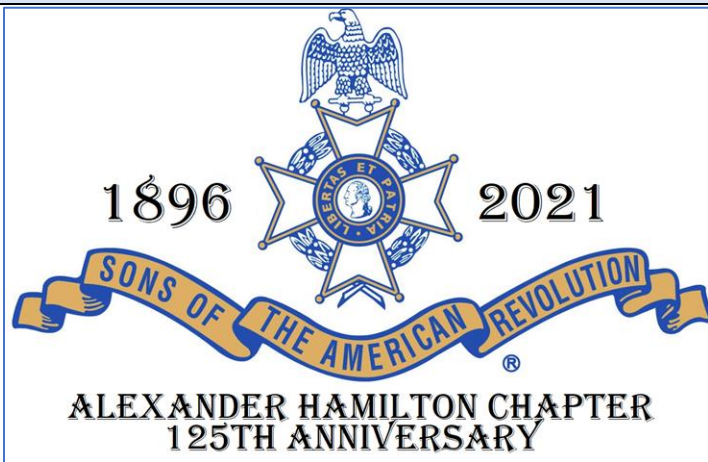
Activities Around The State

WA State SAR Member Turns 100

16 Mar, 1921: Jacque Lee Hutchens was born in Baltimore, MD and will celebrated his 100th birthday in March. Jacque has been a member of the **George Washington Chapter** since October of 2019. After graduating High school, he joined the US Navy and served aboard the USS Sterett (Benham-class destroyer DD 407) from 1939 to 1941 in both Pacific and North Atlantic theaters. He then served aboard the USS Hamilton (a high-speed minesweeper DMS 18) December 1941; then the USS Hercules (Hercules-class transport ship AK 41). He was reassigned to the Navy's V12 college training program in July 1943 and graduated from Georgia Tech with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He was then commissioned as an Ensign USNR. He transferred to Retired Reserve in 1962 at the rank of Lieutenant. His working career was spent at Westinghouse Corporation and he resides in Pittsburgh, PA with his wife Laurel.



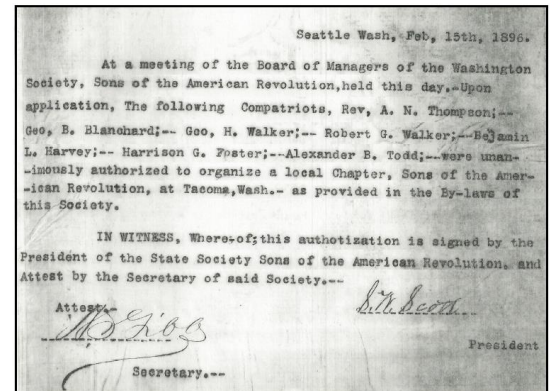
Alexander Hamilton Chapter Celebrates 125th Anniversary



In 1895 there were enough SAR members living in the State of Washington to form the Washington State Society. Interested SAR members met in Seattle on Monday, June 17, 1895 to organize the Washington State Society. October of 1895 the Constitution and By-laws of the Washington State Society. Sons of the American Revolution were printed in a small booklet. of 20 pages, measuring 4 inches wide by 5 1/2 inches high, printed by Lowman & Hanford Stationery and Printing Co., in Seattle. Saturday, February 15, 1896-The Board of Managers of the Washington Society, Sons of the American Revolution (WSSAR) met in Seattle and authorized the organization of the Tacoma Chapter No.3 by Charter Members:

- Rev. Arthur N. Thompson**
- George B. Blanchard**
- George H. Walker**
- Benjamin L. Harvey**

- Robert G. Walker**
- Harrison G. Foster**
- Alexander B. Todd**




Authorization signed by State President Simon W. Scott; attested Arthur S. Gibbs. The Alexander Hamilton Chapter (No 3) was the first organized under the auspices of the Washington State Society (proper)

During 1896 thru 1899 the chapter was very active, held frequent meetings, generally at the members' homes, and had a delightful social history.

On a lighter note, it would appear that one of the chapter's past presidents from 1917 was not of this earth??? Wonder if he was really green???

(Record found on ancestry.com by Keith Weissenberg)



 View	Name:	George O Swasey
	Birth Date:	13 Feb 1868
	Birth Place:	Beverly, Erney, Mars
	SAR Membership:	20998
	Role:	Applicant
	Application Date:	2 Feb 1910
	Father:	Oscar F Swasey
	Mother:	Mary Philbrick Swasey

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First EMS Commendation Medal Is Presented

5 Jan: Brian Martin, a Senior Emergency Medical Tech (EMT), was presented with the **SAR Emergency Services Commendation Medal** by Bob O'Neal. It is the first medal of this kind to be presented in the area.



Citation:

"The Sons of the American Revolution presents the SAR Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal to Brian L. Martin of Tacoma Washington, for his dedicated service to our local communities during the recent pandemic.

For the past 30 years, Brian Martin has served as an emergency medical technician. Working out of Auburn, Washington, he covered Pierce and King County and served through the MERS & SARS epidemics.

With the onset of the Covid19 pandemic, Brian Martin reported every work day during the dangerous March-June period working 12 to 14 hours per day.

As a senior technician among 350 EMTs, he used his past experience to educate and reassure the younger EMTs in the special procedures to be taken during epidemics. He braved exposure to the pandemic by often

entering dangerous, non-sterile environments in infected homes and treating patients in close quarters at great risk to himself and his team. Even as many other EMTs became indisposed with virus, he stayed the course with courage. His calm, steady demeanor set a solid example for the younger EMTs.

Brian Martin's dedication and commitment led him to go above and beyond the efforts normally expected to bring emergency medical services to those vulnerable people at risk in our community. He is most worthy of recognition by the SAR Emergency Services Commendation Medal."



George Washington Chapter Student Wins Night Essay Honors

Congratulations to Oak Harbor High School's Zachary Badaouie who won the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution chapter-level essay. For his accomplishment, Zach was awarded a \$100 check, framed certificate, and a medal. The items were presented by John Kraft and Mike Hutchins along with Principal, Nate Salisbury.



The essay had to be based on an event, person, philosophy, or ideal associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution. Each student's essay was judged based upon its historical accuracy, clarity, organization, grammar and spelling, and documentation.

Congratulations Zach!



The George & Stella M. Knight Essay Award

Ft. Vancouver and George Rogers Clark SAR Chapters Take Fifth Grade Students Back In Time

When Battle Ground schools returned to a hybrid learning format recently, the local *Sons of The American Revolution (SAR)* chapters were there to present a special program for fifth grade students at *Tukes Valley Elementary School*. All SAR members are historically certified descendants of families who fought in or supported the American Revolution.

The Ft. Vancouver and George Rogers Clark (Olympia) SAR Chapters teamed up to give fifth graders a glimpse of what life was like living in rural America during the late 1700's. Some 140 students attended by logging onto *Zoom* from their homes or by viewing the presentation on a projected screen or laptop computers in the classroom. Hybrid scheduling provides students a chance to attend school in person on certain days (adhering to strict health safety protocols) as well as from a distance on their home computers.

The SAR presentations were given in two back-to-back sessions. Five Compatriots from the two chapters split the duties of telling the story of what was required for a family to survive and thrive on their rural farm. The historic journey included a trade apprenticeship to the cities. The Compatriot members also appeared in Continental and Militia military uniforms, talking about the aspects of their Colonial attire and sharing some details about their own ancestors who participated in The American Revolution.



The SAR participants: (l to r)

Jeff Lightburn, president of the Ft. Vancouver chapter, **Arthur Dolan**, president of the George Rogers Clark Chapter (Olympia), and Ft. Vancouver members **Carl Gray**, **Larry Heckethorne**, and **George Vernon**.

"We were able to contrast what life was like in 1776 versus the amenities we all enjoy today," says Jeff Lightburn. "We essentially took the program that we would have normally presented in person and delivered it over Zoom. It also allowed us to combine resources of two chapters, leveraging the personal knowledge and experiences of our members. In turn, the students were able to ask questions directed to each of us."

Living on a farm in the 1700's meant a family had to be self-sufficient, from tilling the land for crops to raising livestock and harvesting food to eat. It also meant families had to safeguard themselves against ever-present dangers on the frontier. In many instances, young men and women reaching the age of 10 left the farms to apprentice in various trades that would provide them a lifetime of work.

"If you didn't grow it, raise it, make it, or collect it, your family didn't have it!" added Art Dolan. "In times of drought and food was scarce, family members often went hungry. Older children were sent to apprenticeships in the city so the rest of the family had food."



News From The WA State SAR Ladies Auxiliary (LAWASSAR)

[Facebook Page](#)



Greetings from the Ladies Auxiliary of Washington State! **It looks like the 2021 Congress in Renton is a go!!!**

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

Minutes from the BOD Meeting, 28 Jan 2021 (via Zoom)

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

President Lawson recommended and the BOD approved the Washington SAR Annual Meeting being conducted online using Zoom from 9:00 am to Noon, April 10, 2021. The current Zoom license allows 100 participants. Based on an e-mail message from President Lawson, the chapter secretaries will poll the membership to determine the number of participants and if the number exceeds 100 the license will be upgraded to support all.

The slate of officers provided by the Nominating Committee was approved by vote of the Bod. The vote for Society officers will be open for nominations from the membership and the final vote will be conducted by e-mail.

The BOD discussed scheduling presentations by Zoom as part of the Annual Meeting.

The BOD approved a proposal for a Patriot Medal for Gregory Lucas for his efforts to plan and conduct the 2021 National SAR Congress.

The proposal for the Cold War Bar to be authorized for the Military Service Medal and Veterans Service Medal was returned to the Medals & Awards Committee for more research.

A \$500 stipend for General Mattis travel as a keynote speaker for the 2021 National SAR Congress was approved.

The proposed budget for grave marking the graves of the two known First Sons in Washington was returned to the committee for more information. As the Alexander Hamilton Chapter has already funded one grave marking, it was recommended that all chapters should receive equal financial assistance for grave marking from the Washington SAR.

The recommendation to support the Rumbaugh Oration Contest was encouraged and promoted a discussion of Youth awards. The BOD notes that all youth awards are important with the key factor for success being a champion in each chapter. The public-school closure has a negative impact, although those submissions from homeschooled and private school participants have been highly successful.

Treasurer Tom Clark stated that communication is paramount to the success of the organization. In the past he and Secretary Al Pinkham have stated that all chapter officers should have up-to-date software. The Administrative Policies will be updated to reflect the software requirements for society officers.

The Registrar moved that an Assistant Registrar be appointed the President. The motion was approved. President Lawson appointed John Kraft as Assistant Registrar.

The Registrar was tasked to complete an SAR Membership Application for General Mattis for presentation at Congress.

The meeting adjourned 2100.

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

Spring Leadership/National Trustee Meeting, 6 Mar 2021 (via Zoom)

The National Executive Committee approved a motion to present an increase of the new membership application fee from \$80 to \$100. This motion will be presented for consideration by the Trustees at the National Congress to be held in Renton, Washington in July 2021.

To that end, Paul Callanan, Chairman of the National Congress Planning Committee, reported to the Trustees that the 2021 National Congress will be held in Renton and in person. No streaming or electronic attendance will be available.

The Executive Committee also placed the following action items before the Trustees. All were approved by the Trustees

- The Fifth/Third Bank recommended some minor changes to the asset allocations of the SAR Foundation, the George Washington Endowment Fund, and the restricted (new) funds. Therefore, there will be a slight increase in the fixed income investment positions. Similar adjustments are typically made twice a year.
- The Trustees approved a new *Naming Opportunities* policy statement. Likewise, a Naming Opportunities Brochure was approved. These items will be employed in the solicitation of very large donations (\$100,000 to \$500,000) to the SAR Museum.
- The SAR National Headquarters includes a large, unfinished space and balcony. Discussions have occurred in the past regarding the utilization of this space. The Trustees have approved the authorization to proceed with a request for proposal (RFP) to consider utilization options and build-out costs.

The Treasurer General reports successful completion of a general audit. A clean opinion was returned.

The Chancellor General cautions the membership that while the new SAR logo has been approved and copyrighted, it may only be used with the included copyright symbol ©. Approved versions of the new logo may be obtained from Don Shaw at National Headquarters. The Chancellor also reports the concern regarding copyright infringement of SAR insignia. He urges the membership not to purchase unauthorized items from online retailers or other sources.

The Genealogist General reports the hiring of another part-time genealogist at Headquarters. This will bring the genealogy staff back up to full strength. He also reports that staff is now being assigned to scan in supporting documents for applications.

The SAR Foundation Chairman updated the membership on a long-term and ongoing concern. The Foundation has received, over the past several decades, numerous donations intended for naming privileges. In some cases, these were designated for structures that no longer exist. An *ad hoc* subcommittee has exhaustively researched the financial records and generated a report of all the donors. Subsequently, a report of alternative naming options will be completed and will be presented to the Trustees at the Congress this summer.

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

Secretary's Corner – 16 Mar 2021

Compatriots,

Although we had fresh snow to start the week of clocks ahead, it appears that Spring is on its way.

As we emerge from our isolation of a Covid year I would suggest meetings where Compatriots can once again share time together. This is a great time to seek out those who have perhaps left our ranks and help them to reinstate. If you know someone trying to reconnect with the SAR please contact your Chapter Secretary to start the process. I note that there are many new applications in progress.

Dick Motz has provided information on how to access the National **YELLOW** data base. You can update your personal data (contact address, phone number, e-mail, etc.). When you review your SAR data, contact your chapter secretary with corrections or additions to your Awards, etc.

The 2021 Congress will be held in Renton support if you can by attending and volunteering. Another opportunity to return to meeting and being with other Compatriots.

Be Safe enjoy the Summer I am looking forward to the newsletters celebrating our Society.

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:

By Allan Wenzel,
WA SAR State
Historian



THE SEATTLE PATRIOTIC ORATORICAL CONTEST

At least as early as 1924 the Seattle Chapter started including a citywide Patriotic Oratorical Contest for Seattle High School students as a part of the February George Washington Birthday celebrations. First, second and third place medals (gold, silver, bronze) were awarded. The National Society, from whom they were obtained, referred to these medals as "all-purpose." They have no titling on them (medal photos). The medallions are what are called a cased table medal.

The Patriotic Oratorical Contest became a very popular event every year with the various high schools in Seattle. Contest rules were distributed and programs printed for the night of the event. High School Principals took an active part in the organizing and promotion. The contest competitions were held at night in the old Broadway High School on Capitol Hill, which was the first Seattle high school, dating from 1902. The building is now home to the Seattle Central Community College. The local newspapers covered the event. The medals were inscribed on the reverse with the winning name of the recipient, and presented to the students generally by early April during a school assembly. The contest normally took place a couple nights prior to the Washington Birthday banquet, in order for the three winners to be able to attend the banquet as guests.

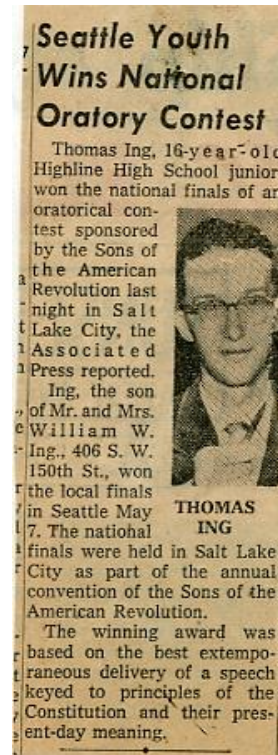
In the early 1940's Compatriot Douglas High of the Ohio Society heard of the Seattle Chapter's contest and decided he would start a similar contest in one of the Cincinnati high schools in 1945. The following year the Ohio Society incorporated the event into their state society programs. In 1949 the National Society, thinking it a wonderful contest, even though they were already well aware of the same project being done by the Seattle Chapter and for over 20 years, decided to sponsor it on the national level and named the project the Historical Patriotic Oration Contest. National added the word "Historical" even though that was outlined in the Seattle contest rules, and changed the word "Oratorical" to "Oration," two similar but different meaning words. Compatriot High became the national chairman for the contest, serving until his death in 1952. In 1953 the National Congress named the contest for Compatriot High.

From 1949 through the 1950's the Seattle Chapter and Washington State Society never refer to the contest by either of the two names given it by the National Society (Historical Patriotic Oration Contest/Douglas High Historical Patriotic Oration Contest). It was always referred to as simply the "Oratorical Contest."

In 1957 Highline High School student Thomas Ing, sponsored by the Seattle Chapter, became the Washington State Society and then the National Society winner. (newspaper clipping-right)

In 1993 the National Society renamed the contest for a Florida Society Compatriot who had submitted lots of money to the NSSAR.

It then became the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Patriotic Oration Contest. A more fitting name would be the Rumba Contest, since it's had some real dancing around when it comes to giving credit where credit is due.



New SAR Logo Items in the SAR Store



Coaster Set - \$12.50



Beanie Hat - \$15.00



Black Cap - \$25.00



Canvas Tote Bag - \$25.00



Acrylic Keychain - \$5.00

WA State SAR - Media Links

National, WA State, Chapter, CAR, Aux - (Face Book, News Letters, and 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 Rogers 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 Jan/Feb/Mar

Data extracted from the National Database. If not correct your chapter secretary.



January

Bruce Darrel Carpenter
William David Cowart
William Wilbur Mason
David L Morse
Robert Dale Parrish
Bruce Carroll Allen
William Anderson Brown
John Godfrey Dean
Norman Paul Eberly
Morris Konstandinos Estep
Maurice Luther Greiner
Craig Allen Herkimer
Allan Blake Hopwood
John Earl Palmer
Gary Lee Pearson
Nelson Mathews Waring
Daniel Brent Widdis
Alfred George Folkerts
Kenneth Doster Roberts
John Eric Kraft
Elijah Jameson Lyle Moores
Ethan Jarrod Langden Moores
David Phillip Stockton
Roger Lee Cox
Mark Chessman Dunham
David Warren Lasser
Cruz Hudson Strom
Conn Owen Clark
James Dwight Honeyford
Stephen Eugene Singleton
Bryan Douglas Bechler
Russell Craig Enyeart
Hyrum Richard Berg
Mickey Wayne Law
Michael Riland Menkin
Grant Robert Rauzi
Christopher Reichert
Kermit Lee Snelson
Brian Tahsin Ugurlu
Michael Owen Bendickson
Christian Daniel Anthony Ferrin
Richard Lee McCormick

February

Kent Owen Bassett
Gilbert Stover Bruce
Rodger Lind Dent
Mark Richard Donges

Paull Edward Fellman
Alan Michael Mandigo
Richard David Moody
Russell Franklin Pringle
Bruce Wayne Seiber
Jon Gregory Wagner
Anton Kumar Bergquist
John Stephen Colwell
David Bruce Gibson
Verne Allen Gray
Pearson Hunter Lento
Craig Wallace Rhyne
Andrew Glen Brewer
Gerald Alan Hevern
Larry Allen Peck
Michael Shaun Wright
Joseph Anthony Coorough
Steven Jay Drew
Kevin Robert Coyne
Alvin Wayne Farber
Carlos Lee Malone
Coleson Thomas Oliver
Glenn Robert Orr
Edward Charles Strum
Frederick Compton Gilbert
Philip Aubry Hamlin
Brent Martin Maggard
Sean Michael O'Connell
Maxwell Carson Strom
Bodie Harrison Strom
George Debonham Boice
Harold Martin Prather
Joshua Allen Giebel
George Evan Hanson
Neil Allen Vernon
Brian Joel Waid
Jeff Raymond Brown
Terry Leroy Carver
Michael Edward Moore
Donald LeRoy O'Rear
Don Von Whittaker

March

John F. Baxter
Allan Bernie Cail
Kent Michael Gossman
Joshua Tadashi Hosfield
Jack Duane Jory
Sydney Merron Meacham

Edward James O'Neal
Frank Alfred Pearce
Richard Brown Samuelson
Richard Joseph Stride
Joshua David Bream
Charles Emmett Estep
Erich Donald Fehlings
David Leonard Kruso
Lawrence Daniel Miller
Mark Doherty Mitchell
James Edward Rose
Brian Scott Walter
Charles Horace Craig
Allen Lee Furlow
Vernon Carl Gray
James Sidney Wiggs
Ronald Eugene Black Sr.
Richard Alan Goforth
Kevin Robert Saville
Robert Clifford Todd
Gary Thomas Hebert
Jacque Lee Hutchins
Ralph Henry Hunt Nichols
Donnie Max Ruyle
Rex Peter Stickle
Randall Ross Wall
Robert Harrison Lamb
Douglas Harold Nelson
Jack Roger Nelson
Perry Von Taylor
Paul Allen Moutray
Kenneth Eugene Pease
David Senna Raese
Frederick Joseph Becker
William Allison Bolima
William Richard Griffith
Donald Bowman Kraft
David Leroy Richardson
Richard William Swymeler
Curtis Michael Winningham
Gary Lucian Barton
George Thomas Clark
Terry Dee Gobel
Glen Harold Gower
James Edward Karlstrand
Kevin Scott Lake
William Howard Pickett
Thomas Stanley Wills
Daniel Alan Ferrin

Customary Dates to Fly American Flag at Half-Staff

- Peace Officers Memorial Day, May 15th, unless that day is also Armed Forces Day. (sunrise to sunset)
- Memorial Day, last Monday in May (sunrise to noon)
- Patriot Day, September 11th (sunrise to sunset)
- National Firefighters Memorial Day, October (typically a Sunday during Fire Prevention Week and along with a memorial service held in Emmitsburg, MD)
- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, December 7th (sunrise to sunset)

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YOUR COLOR GUARD, THE FACE OF THE SAR

From The Commander

Compatriots,

I bring you greetings as we emerge out of the winter months and begin to embrace a new spring. As with many of you I am hoping that the worst of the pandemic is behind us. It is still necessary at this time to practice safety and follow the Governor's mandate, regardless of personal opinion. Especially when we are in Uniform, participating or making presentations. We remain the light and face of the National Society of the Sons American Revolution. We therefore are held at a higher standard for setting the example with the focus to see us through these darker hours. I pray that each of you will be diligent in protecting yourself and your family. We all look forward to the time when we can be reunited.



New Color Guard members: We have been fortunate over the past quarter to welcome five (5) new Color Guardsmen to our ranks. Bob Wall (George Washington), Chris Fridley (George Washington), Dick Moody (Alexander Hamilton), Alan Furlow (Ft Vancouver), and Larry Heckethorne (Ft Vancouver).

We now have 77 members of the Washington State SAR Color. Please welcome the new members.

Awards: Over the past quarter we have had new opportunity to present two (2) Bronze and two (2) Silver Color Guard medals. These color guardsmen completed their requirements in December 2020 with their Silver Color Guard medals approved by National in January 2021. We now have 18 recipients in the Washington State Color Guard who have earned their National Silver Color Guard Medals. Please congratulate Michael Moore (Alexander Hamilton) & Neil Vernon (Seattle).

Events: Many of us have participated in ZOOM sessions beginning back in September for our Chapter meetings. In December ZOOM sessions began to become available for Color Guard members across the Nation with the introduction of the ZOOM presentation of the Battle of Trenton. Several others have followed, namely, the Battle of Princeton, The Battle of Kettle Creek, The Battle of Cowan's Ford, The Battle of Thomas Creek Bridge.

I have been notifying the Chapter Color Guard Captains of these events as I learn of them and rely upon them to disseminate to the Color Guard of their chapters. The Deputy Commander also posts the events on the [CG schedule](#). Each of the above events have been classified as National events and meet the requirements of both National Color Guard Medals - the Silver medal and the Von Steuben medal. ([Link](#) to complete list of **potential** National events).

These are unique opportunities for us to participate. We need to register for each of these events before receiving the ZOOM links. It is also required to be wearing your uniform and be visible on ZOOM in order to receive credit for your participation. During the Battle of Kettle Creek, 20 WASSAR Color Guardsmen were in attendance of the over 250 participants from across the nation. HUZDAH! What a great showing.

Be sure to see the write up on the Ft Vancouver School presentation in this issue. This presentation was the pilot presentation of the Ft Vancouver chapter.

The WASSAR Spring Conference is upon us. We will be missing our annual photo once again during April as this meeting will be held over ZOOM. Nevertheless, be sure to mark your calendars for April 10, 9am – 2pm. Please contact Al Pinkham at wasarsec@hotmail.com on your intentions of attending so an appropriate ZOOM license may be obtained.

2021 National Congress is right around the corner now. Planning continues to move forward and several contacts from the National ZOOM sessions are eager to come to the 2021 Congress being held in Renton July 9 – 15. We are in need of 8-12 Color Guardsmen throughout the day during meeting sessions. There are also other opportunities of Color Guard participation.

We are in need of six sets of National and SAR flags with indoor stands so they can be distributed during the various meetings at Congress. National is limiting the number of shipped items due to COVID. Captains, contact me at trdba@yahoo.com of your intention on attending and if you have a set of flags we can use for the Congress.

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

Humankind has not woven the web of life,
 We are but one thread within it,
 Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves,
 All things are bound together,
 All things connect.

Chief Seattle. 1854



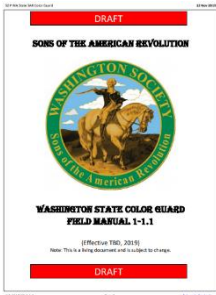
The Native American Indians followed 10 Commandments.
 We should follow their lead.



The Native American Ten Commandments.

1. Treat the earth and all that dwell thereon with respect
2. Remain close to the Great Spirit
3. Show great respect for your fellow beings
4. Work together for the benefit of all humankind
5. Give assistance and kindness wherever needed
6. Do what you know to be right
7. Look after the well-being of mind and body
8. Dedicate a share of your efforts to the greater good
9. Be truthful and honest at all times
10. Take full responsibility for your actions

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](#).



Virtual National Color Guard Events, a great way to work towards your Color Guard Medals!

Many of the National CG events that normally are performed on site are now being conducted in a virtual environment. This presents an opportunity for all our guardsman to attend a national event that takes place on the East coast.

So far in the last 3 months there have been 6 national events take place, including our own Massing of the Colors (listed on next page). These events fulfil the requirements of the Bronze/Silver Medals as well as the Von Steuben medal.

For a complete list of National events (*not virtual at this point in time, but potential*) use [this link](#).



Below are the rules for participation: (Extracted from "The SAR Color Guardsman" Vol 9 Number 3, October 2020, Page 4)

"A local event celebrating Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day may be counted as a National Color Guard event for the purposes of applying for a Color Guard Medal. Only a single event on each day may be counted. Multiple events on the same day cannot be counted multiple times. If the event is on a weekend nearest the actual holiday, that can be counted with respect to the single event limitation. For example, if a Veterans Day Parade occurs on a Saturday such as the 8th, then an event on the 11th does not count.

Note: As of the 2020 Spring SAR Leadership Meeting, a policy was adopted by both the National Color Guard and National Historic Sites & Celebrations Committees formally establishing that only the National Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee may designate National Historic Events based on that committee's established criteria. The only exception being that established Color Guard policy of recognizing President General, or his designated SAR General Officer representative, attendance at an otherwise unrecognized event will make that event a National Event."

Each event requires preregistration. I try to post all events on the [CG Schedule](#) as soon as I hear about one and have included a registration link (when available).

[Check the schedule](#) for updates. It can change daily sometimes even hourly!

Respectfully Submitted, [Dick Motz](#), WA State-SAR, Deputy Commander, WA State Color Guard.

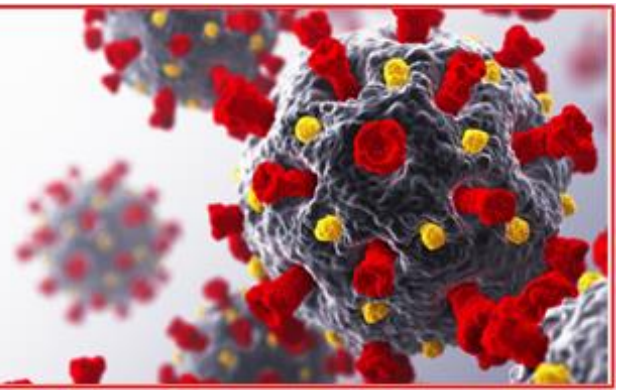
National Virtual Events

(Participants From All Regions)

<p>26 Dec 2020</p>  <p>Battle of Trenton</p> <p>Alexander Hamilton Chapter Dick Moody, Jerry Bordelon, John Herr, Mike Moore</p> <p>George Washington Chapter Bruce Bock</p> <p>Seattle Chapter Neil Vernon</p>	<p>3 Jan 2021</p>  <p>Battle of Princeton</p> <p>Alexander Hamilton Chapter Dick Moody, Mike Moore, Skip Stephen</p> <p>George Rogers Clark Chapter Art Dolan</p> <p>George Washington Chapter Bruce Bock</p> <p>Seattle Chapter Neil Vernon</p>	<p>30 Jan 2021</p>  <p>Battle of Cowan's Ford</p> <p>Alexander Hamilton Chapter Dick Motz, Jerry Bordelon</p> <p>George Rogers Clark Chapter Art Dolan</p> <p>Fort Vancouver Chapter George Vernon</p> <p>George Washington Chapter Bruce Bock, Hugh Jonson</p> <p>Seattle Chapter Neil Vernon</p>	<p>13 Feb 2021</p>  <p>Battle of Kettle Creek</p> <p>Alexander Hamilton Chapter Dick Motz, Jerry Bordelon, John Herr, Skip Stephen</p> <p>George Rogers Clark Chapter Art Dolan, Joe Coorough, Kevin Saville</p> <p>George Washington Chapter Bruce Bock, Mike Hutchens, Marshall Eberhart, John Kraft</p> <p>Seattle Chapter Neil Vernon</p> <p>Fort Vancouver Chapter Jeff Lightburn, Allen Furlow, Larry Heckethorne, Larry Peck, George Vernon</p> <p>Mid-Columbia Chapter Larry Flint, Kelly Schultz, Randal Roach</p>
<p>20 Feb 2021</p>  <p>WA St Patriotic Day 2021 (AKA <i>Massing of the Colors</i>)</p> <p>Alexander Hamilton Chapter Dick Motz, Michael Moore, Dick Moody, Skip Stephan</p> <p>George Rogers Clark Chapter Art Dolan, Eric Olsen, Lee Thomasson (not in Uniform)</p> <p>George Washington Chapter Bruce Bock, Mike Hutchins, Bob Wall</p> <p>Seattle Chapter Neil Vernon, Stephen Clayton, Christopher Clayton</p>	<p>27 Feb 2021</p>  <p>Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge</p> <p>Alexander Hamilton Chapter Jerry Bordelon, Dick Motz, Skip Stephen</p> <p>George Rogers Clark Chapter Art Dolan, Joe Coorough, Dick Moody</p> <p>George Washington Chapter Bruce Bock</p> <p>Seattle Chapter Neil Vernon, Stephen Clayton</p> <p>Fort Vancouver Chapter George Vernon, Jeff Lightburn, Allen Furlow</p>	<p>13 Mar 2021</p>  <p>Battle of Guilford Courthouse</p> <p>Alexander Hamilton Chapter Jerry Bordelon, Dick Motz, Dick Moody, Mike Moore, Skip Stephen</p> <p>George Rogers Clark Chapter Art Dolan, Joe Coorough</p> <p>George Washington Chapter Mike Hutchens, Bruce Bock</p> <p>Seattle Chapter Neil Vernon</p> <p>Fort Vancouver Chapter Jeff Lightburn, Allen Furlow, George Vernon, Carl Gray</p>	

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

CHECK THE SCHEDULE FOR UPDATES



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

Regional Area Events In Jan, Feb, Mar

Northern Region

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

15 Jan: The Crescent Harbor Elementary School in beautiful Oak Harbor was presented with a "Flag Award" for the school's exemplary patriotism in the display of the American Flag. John Kraft and Marshal Eberhart from the George Washington Chapter presented principal, Kate Valenzuela with the certificate.



It's quite an honor for the school! Nice job CHE!



Also See virtual events listing.

10 Mar: Washington State Commander Neil Vernon and State President Craig Lawson presented a Flag Retirement Certificate to Services of America representative Jeff Hammond.

Mr. Hammond first contacted the Washington State Society to retire the 30' x 50' American Flag at the office complex based upon the presence of a Flag Certificate a few years prior. The Flag Retirement Certificate was just recently discovered by the Washington State Society and we intend to continue to promote the Certificate to desiring participants and organizations



Southern Region

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

See virtual events listing.

Eastern Region

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

See virtual events listing.

Western Region

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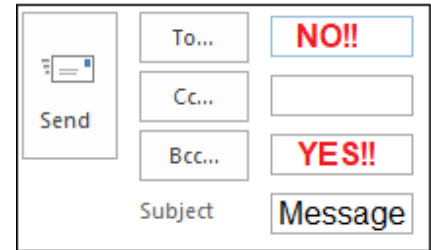
See virtual events listing.

STAY SAFE

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*



Military Humor



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



UNIFORMS & OTHER ITEMS WANTED/FOR SALE

Wanted:

Item	Size	Contact	Note

For Sale:

Item	Size	Cost	Contact	Notes
1. Japanese Training Rifle	6.5mm	\$195.00	Ken Roberts	For additional information on these items click here
2. Winchester Model 290	.22 Cal	\$325.00		
3. Winchester Model 1894 (Commemorative Rifle)	30-30 Cal	\$520.00		
4. Winchester Model 1849 (Gold Spike Commemorative Rifle)	30-30 Cal	\$620.00		
5. H&R Guardsman Model 732	.32 Cal	\$295.00		
6. 2 Reproduction Powder Flasks		\$65.00 Ea.		
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	Mike Hutchens	Trade gun with a serpent side plate installed on the left side of the stock
Reproduction Colonial folding table.		\$45.00 Ea.		2 available
John Paul Jones uniform		\$150.00	Mick Hersey	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).



The Washington Trail - Publication Schedule

The State Newsletter will be published quarterly to include the State BOD meeting.

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

News from the Chapters:

A [media links](#) page has been provided to give access to each Chapter’s Facebook page, Newsletter, and Web Site for those that have them.

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