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Upcoming Meetings and Events



- Chapter Meetings (see Media Links)
- 7 thru 15 Jul: SAR National Congress in Renton, WA at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington.
 - * Registration for the congress is now open. Registration LINK.
 - * To make hotel reservations use this **Booking LINK**.
 - * Congress Volunteer Signup 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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Washington State SAR President's Message – Spring 2021 (2nd Quarter)

Compatriots,

As I began to write my first President's Message, I specifically wanted to avoid over-used phrases and tired platitudes, but I just didn't seem to have the talent. I am genuinely humbled and honored to have been elected your President. It is a duty I accept with an understanding of the responsibility it carries. Representing the outstanding men of the Washington Society necessitates projecting their incredible diversity. Each member is a complex story of life experiences, rich with color and nuance. To know one of our members is to know one of our members. Then, another member will relay a completely different saga. It is the American experience.



First let me remind you GUESTS ARE COMING! The National Society is coming to our backyard and it is

time for **all hands-on deck!** Planning for the 2021 National Congress to be held 8-15 July 2021 in Renton is increasing rapidly. Hopefully, by the time of this publication, tour contracts will be complete and Congress registration will be open. Your Congress Planning Team is working diligently behind the scenes. The Color Guard has reported for duty and are making ready serve their Society. Now I am calling **you** to serve your Congress in two important ways.

Congress Delegates have exclusive voting privileges to guide the direction of the National Society. The Washington Society is authorized to send 13 Delegates plus one Delegate-at-Large to Congress. I request every member to deeply consider serving in this auspicious role. Offer your name to your Chapter President or Secretary to be considered by the Board of Directors. Your voice is important so make sure it is heard.

No less important is our need for Congress volunteers. We are the hosts of this Congress and we can expect International guests as well as our US brothers. Many of the volunteer positions are quite easy and limited in their time commitment. It is definitely possible to serve in the Color Guard and also volunteer to serve the Congress. Volunteers will also have the time to attend meetings, social functions, and banquets. In addition, attending Congress is a great deal of fun! For your service, you will be given a black, collared shirt which proudly displays the 2021 Congress logo. Go to the volunteer sign-up page today and donate a small portion of your time.

Link to sign up page: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ea8ae28a1f8c25-2021.

Please volunteer, we really do need your help.

Respectfully submitted, Keith Weissinger MD, President, Washington State, Sons of the American Revolution

The New SAR Logo

There are three separate logos available for download. They are a Black & White, a Color Logo (as shown on the SAR magazine), and a logo that can be used on dark backgrounds.







1. Black & White

2. Color

3. To be used on dark backgrounds

All of the new logos have the copyright symbol on them and these are the only logos approved for use. They are available by e-mailing <u>Don Shaw</u> and requesting the link to the downloads. Be sure to inform Don what you will be using the logos for. *Please do not use any other logos than the three above.*

2021 National Congress

7-15 Jul 2021 National SAR Congress. The annual National Congress meeting will be held July 7th thru the 15th. The location will be in **Renton** at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington at Seattle's Southport, 1053 Lake Washington Blvd North.

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Registration for the Congress is open, Registration LINK. To make hotel reservations use this Booking LINK.

What is the National SAR Congress?

It is the main event of the year for us occurring annually in July and hosted by a State Society. It's a time when we celebrate the accomplishments of the Chapters, State Societies and National Committees. It's a time when we honor remarkable individuals within the membership as well as the public for their outstanding efforts and work. It's a time when we recognize, honor and reward educational contest national winners and where the Rumbaugh oration contest competitors compete live for first place. It's busy and rewarding with an opportunity to connect with old friends, meet new friends and tend to the business of our society.

Attending Congress is one of the most meaningful and rewarding experiences you can have as a member. It's a fabulous way to learn about how our national society works. The week-long congress consists of business sessions, committee meetings, social functions, and is topped off with formal evening banquets and tours of the hosting city. You can attend committee meetings, become a committee member and participate. You can attend trustee meetings and listen to the business side of our organization, motions to move our society forward and watch our Trustee and Vice President General vote on issues representing us. You can see what other state societies and chapters are doing. All SAR members are welcome to attend and all attendees will gain a better understanding of our society on a national level. You will meet our national leaders and members like yourself from all over the country and from international societies.

The inspiration you gain by hearing what other chapters in our organization are doing will revive your sense of why you joined the SAR in the first place. You will return with fresh ideas of how to serve your community. The display of patriotism will create an urge within you to be a better citizen. You will feel more connected to our national organization. You will realize our national officers are also chapter members just like us. It will stir you to get involved in the goals of our noble society!

You will learn the SAR is a more viable organization than many of us realize. You will have an opportunity to meet our President General and other elected leaders of our organization. We encourage you to attend one or more of the following national congresses and then help us make the 2021 congress in Seattle highly successful.

Respectfully submitted, Doug Nelson JPJ Chapter

2021 National Congress Store

The 2021 SAR Congress Store is now open! Take a look and place your orders. <u>SHOP NOW</u> Some items are in limited Supply. Anyone that wants one should contact <u>Keith Weissinger</u>.















Activities Around The State

"History of the American Flag" Presentation

The COVID19 and SAR outreach has created a troubling dilemma which can only be addressed by innovation, technology, curiosity and delivery systems unfamiliar to most SAR chapters. March 19th, 2021 was no exception when the **North Thurston School District Retired Teachers Association** called for a "History of the American Flag" presentation. The Association normally has 50-60 members was reduced to 16 however we pressed forward with the presentation. With deep thanks to Neil Vernon, Washington State Color Guard Commander (Seattle Chapter) the presentation of historic flags was deeply enhanced by combination pictures of early British flag evolution. Commander Vernon's research to find the missing portion of my presentation provided the extra luster my presentation required.

The presentation of 23 PowerPoint images ended with the flag that never was. The 42-star flag, the flag of Washington State. The flag never authorized by Congress was discussed among the viewers. The story is told in 1889 four states entered the union: North and South Dakota, Montana and Washington bringing the total number of states to 42. In Washington, DC. designers were busy creating the new star pattern because, historically, any new flag would be designed the following year between January 1 and July 3, 1890. The newest flag reveal occurring on July 4th of the following year (1890). On July 3rd,

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1890, Idaho became the 43rd state. The Federal Government decided to dedicate a 43-star flag as the official new U.S. Flag. All the pre-dedication 42-star flags were never official flags and many fell by the wayside. To find one today is a gift worthy of compatriot Stan Wills' flag museum in Spokane. For those visiting the Capitol Building in Olympia, take the tour and your will see in the great room two flags. On the East wall the Washington State Flag (the only U.S. state flag to picture a president and created by the DAR) and on the West wall is an original 42-star flag. The flag that never was.

Presenting any topic to teachers is a daunting responsibility since collectively they represent a wide and deep collection of research and knowledge. Their questions were challenging while entertaining for everyone. This is the second of three presentations to such a distinguished group.

I am deeply appreciative of SAR presenter's statewide who sharing effective technology tips and instructional strategies. It is through this climate of cooperation our state society continues to grow. I suggest all chapters interested in outreach should keep in mind there are many others in the WASSAR village standing at the ready to assist anyone willing to get their feed wet in outreach. If a current presenter doesn't have the

answer, they know where to go to find it. Join us in expanding the WASSAR outreach with historic



Respectfully submitted, Art Dolan, George Rogers Clark Chapter, Olympia

WA CAR State Project 2021-22



presentations.





Washington State Society of the Children of the American Revolution

Hello! My name is **Luke Byrd**, and I am the **Washington State President for CAR**. I am excited about our State Project: "*Preserving Our Paths: National Parks*." Thank you so much to those who have already shown support of the CAR and this project by having me speak at your meeting. Thank you also to those of you who have already donated funds to our project or submitted tasks to earn a beautiful wooden ornament medal. For more information on the project please find my flyer which was sent to leadership.



Progress to Date: \$650 toward \$10,000 goal, 3 National Park presentations to CAR, SAR, and DAR chapters, and 10 individuals completing 100-points towards earning the wooden ornament.

National Park Note: The National Park holds several designations for the land it manages. A National Park is a large area of land set aside strictly for preservation. Washington State has three: Olympic, Mount Rainier, and North Cascades. A National Monument preserves a nationally significant resource (and much smaller than a park). Washington State has three: San Juan Islands, Mount St. Helens, and Hanford Reach. A National Preserve is protecting a very specific resource (a type of land) not seen elsewhere in the U.S. Washington State doesn't have any preserves, but Oregon has the Oregon Caves. The National Park Service also designates National Forests, Lakeshores, Seashores, Rivers, Scenic Trails, and Historic Sites

But, Did You Know: There is a difference between a National Park and National Forest! A National Park is land set aside for preservation in its natural state with very little alterations done to the land. Whereas, a National Forest is land under the government's control and used for various purposes: lumber, recreation, wildlife management, and more.

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Luke Byrd, State President, Washington State Society Children of the American Revolution (CAR)

Dedication of Witness Trees, Vancouver, WA

22 May: First "Liberty Tree" event in recent memory in the state of Washington.

Most of us remember the history of America's Liberty Tree. It was planted in Boston in 1646. Then, some 120 years later, the people gathered around this stately old elm tree to protest the Stamp Act. In the years following, Liberty Trees were planted and honored in cities all across America.

This tradition was continued on a bright, sunshine-filled Saturday afternoon in May. Representatives from the *DAR* (Vancouver Chapter), *SAR* (Fort Vancouver Chapter), and the *Colonial Dames of the 17thCentury* (Hannah Mayhew Daggett Chapter) gathered to dedicate three new elm trees. They were all part of the Witness Tree Program in Esther Short Park in Vancouver, Washington.

Vancouver's original Witness Tree was dedicated in 1846 by Amos and Esther Short. This sentinel cottonwood graced the city until 1911. However, the tradition continues and more information about the **Witness Tree Program** can be found at this link: https://www.cityofvancouver.us/publicworks/page/witness-tree-program

Under the guiding hand of Vancouver Chapter DAR member Phyllis Bruning, representatives and honored guests gathered on 22 May 2021to dedicate three new elm trees: The Patriot Tree, The Liberty Tree, and The Unity Tree. Upon opening the ceremonies, Ms. Bruning presided over the posting of the colors by the Fort Vancouver SAR Color Guard and Drum & Fife. Following the Invocation by Ft. Vancouver SAR Chapter Chaplain Andrew Brewer, the crowd was addressed by Keynote Speaker Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor, City of Vancouver and Guest Speaker Dr. Keith Weissinger, President, Washington Society SAR.

Vancouver DAR Chapter Regent Pamela Ragan presented the history of a Japanese flowering tree planted in 1932 in Esther

DAR Members From the Vancouver & Elizabeth Forey Chapters

Patriot Tree

Patriot Tree

Patriot Tree

(L-R) Pat Barber, Merta Weese, Cathy Zweig, Phyllis Bruning, Sue Mills, Pam Ragan, Susan Hoffman, Cyndi Weissinger

Short Park by the DAR during their State Conclave. She went on to dedicate a **New Horizons Elm** tree named "**Patriot Tree**" in honor of our ancestor Patriots.

SAR Members From Ft. Vancouver. Alexander Hamilton, and Cascade Centennial Chapters

In dedicating the *Liberty Tree*, Fort Vancouver SAR Chapter President Jeff Lightburn reviewed history of America's own Liberty Tree and reminded us how that venerable old tree's branches carried brightly lit lanterns to celebrate the repeal of the Stamp Act. It is hoped this new Liberty Tree will also serve as a gathering place for patriots and citizens to celebrate our hard-won freedoms.



(L-R) Larry Heckethorne, George Vernon, Larry Peck, Andrew Brewer, Paul A. Ocker, Carl Gray, Keith Weissinger, Alfred Folkerts, Greg Lucas, Jeff Lightburn and Dick Paul.

Recognizing contemporary strife and division, Cindy Swanson, Hannah Mayhew Daggett Chapter President of the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, urged the listeners to remember the values, hopes, and dreams that draw us together as Americans. She dedicated the *Unity Tree* as a symbol of our strength as one Nation and reaffirmed her organization's commitment to Education, Preservation, and Service.

The ceremonies concluded with a presentation by Vancouver Urban Forestry and Witness Tree Program Coordinator Jessica George. Her dedication to the park and the Witness Trees which it hosts was invaluable to the day's events. It is her sincere hope that Witness Trees will spread and see dedication throughout Washington and the Nation. Perhaps your community will be the site of a tree dedication. Ms. George, as well as all the representatives of these honorable organizations, offer their assistance and guidance should you wish to establish a similar program.

Contributed by Keith Weissinger (AH) and Jeff Lightburn (FV)

Traveling "Moving Wall" To Spend Four Days In Enumclaw

The wall, a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial that was dedicated in 1982 in Washington, D.C., was

originally planned to be on display in Enumclaw Aug. 6-9, 2020. Like so many things, the pandemic threw a wrench into the works and prompted local organizers to push things to this year. Now, everything is on track again. Keith Mathews, a member of Enumclaw's Post 1949 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, has confirmed the Moving Wall will be in Enumclaw Aug. 5-8.

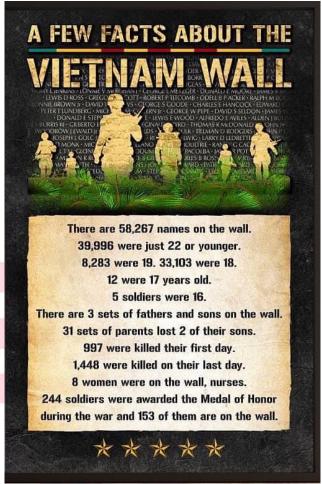
Many of the plans for the Moving Wall – which pays tribute to more than 58,000 American who lost their lives in Vietnam remain just as they were in 2020.

It was February of last year when Mathews stepped in front of the Enumclaw City Council to outline Post 1949's plans. He related that he had personally spent six years lining up an Enumclaw appearance by the wall.

The Moving Wall is engraved with the names of 58,228 Americans who died during the Vietnam War, with the final three added in May 2002. The war is generally considered to have been fought from late 1955 until the fall of Saigon at the end of April 1975, eventually spreading through several countries of Southeast Asia. (Event Link)

Contributed by G. Kent Troy







100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknowns

In honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknowns, "Never Forget" gardens were placed in numerous locations around the state. The WSSDAR placed 12 of these gardens with the assistance of numerous SAR members from the Spokane and Bremerton areas. Since 1921 the DAR has placed a wreath yearly at the Tomb of the Unknowns. In Bremerton, the Tomb of the Unknowns goes back to the 1960s when it was placed in honor of the unknown from the USS Saratoga that died from the Kamikaze attack. There was originally a single headstone that just was listed as USS Saratoga Unknown. In 1990 a plaque was



installed at the site listing the 61 sailors that were missing in action or buried at this spot. In 2012, the Tomb was restored through a volunteer effort with Mick Hersey of the John Paul Jones Chapter being one of the instrumental members. Since then, he has taken over the care and upkeep of the area around the Tomb and the placement of the service flags on all holidays.

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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!!!

Happy summer everyone! As regular chapter meetings break for the season, your Ladies Auxiliary is just heating up. There are so many planned activities and opportunities to help our gentlemen.

First on everyone's mind is the **National SAR Congress**. For the first time ever, we are the hosts. We have been planning this event for over two years and there is still more planning to do. The ladies are responsible for the decorations and the Hospitality Suite and have been asked to assist the bus captains on their tours in case a guest needs a Lady's assistance.

For the decorations, we will decorate the speaker's dais, head tables, and guest

centerpieces. Our theme is Pacific Northwest. We will have platters, candles and greenery that need arranging for each banquet. The youth luncheon will have bowls of apples. There will be 30-50 tables so please volunteer to help set up and take down decorations.

The Hospitality Suite is where the fun happens. We will be in the Renton Club on the third floor and have plenty of space. This will be a place to congregate, bid on auction items, meet for walks in the Coulon park, and grab a small snack or coffee. We will have an apple tasting event, a Quilt of Valor for quilting, and a quilting project. We will also have puzzles, cards, and knitting/crocheting available. We will need hostesses to see to our guests needs, replenish the refreshments and help with the daily projects.

So, we will know where we need more help, please Use this link to sign up. 2021 National Congress Volunteer Signup. Other opportunities include: Northwest Colonial Festival July 3-4 at the George Washington Inn chapter picnics and it is time to start planning Veterans Day activities.

I would also like to thank our State Officers Teri Lindley, Brenda Shaw, Kathi Nelson, and Cindy Lucas for all of their hard work this past year and their willingness to continue serving.

Cynthia Weissinger, President, Ladies Auxiliary, WASSAR

A Moment Of Silence For A Fallen Compatriot

Douglas William Lowell

A member of the Alexander Hamilton Chapter and a resident of Olympia WA, passed away at age 95 on 2 May 2021



Meetings Around The State

Minutes from the BOD Meeting, 10 Apr 2021 (virtual)

- President Keith Weissinger opened the meeting at 1330. A quorum of BOD memberswas present using ZOOM. Chaplain Edwin Dierdorff offered the invocation.
- A motion to amend the agenda was approved.
- The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written. A motion to approve the Audit Committee was approved.
- A motion to appoint Charles Waid as the Investment manager with Keith Weissinger asalternate was approved. Compatriot Waid is authorized to represent the Washington SAR with T. Rowe Price and make changes to our investment portfolio.
- A proposal to establish a Council of Presidents was approved. Doug Nelson is appointed as chairman of the Council.
- The BOD approved the continuations of all Committee Chairman and Presidential Appointments. Mike Hutchins is appointed Chairman of the Membership and Chapter Development Committee. Dick Paul is appointed as chairman of the Annual Conference Planning Committee. The Chairman and Presidential Appointees are listed below.

State Committee Chairmen

Membership/Chapter Support	Mike Hutchins	Eagle Scout	. Greg Emerson
Medals & Awards		JROTC Recognition	_
Audit Committee	Chuck Waid, CraigLawson	ROTC Recognition	. Alan Mandigo
Veteran's Services	Ken Roberts	Flag Respect & Recognition	. Russ Oliver

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Presidential Appointees

Asst. State SecretaryRuss Oliver	DAR Liaison – WestBob O'Neal
Investment ManagerChuck Waid	DAR Liaison – EastStan Wills
Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon	CAR LiaisonStefan Kovalenko
C.G. Newsletter/Webmaster Dick Motz	WebmasterCurtis D. Hanner
Newsletter EditorDick Motz	Facebook AdministratorStefan Kovalenko

- President Keith Weissinger informed the BOD of the National requirement for all Officersand anyone having contact with children to complete the online youth protection training. Secretary Pinkham will monitor the National report for compliance.
- The BOD discussed the current movement to remove the George Washington Statue from the Campus of the University of Washington. The Statue was commissioned by the DAR and is the location of annual recognition of our first President. To date the University has not published its plans for the statue.

The next scheduled BOD meeting is 0900, 31 July 2021 via Zoom.

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

Minutes from the BOD Meeting, 12 Jun 2021 (virtual)

President Keith Weissinger opened the meeting at 1300. Seventeen BOD members with one guest were present using ZOOM. Chaplain Edwin Dierdorff offered the invocation.

Treasurer Sexton reported that during the reconciliation of the Society accounts a check to the 2013 Knight Essay Contest winner had not been cashed. Cascade Centennial Chapter made the award. Gregory Lucas informed the board that the money must be paid to the awardee or submitted to the State. Cascade Centennial Chapter will try to contact the award winner to determine future action.

A list of delegates to the 2021 Congress was presented for approval. The Delegates were approved with one change. Neil Vernon was submitted as a Delegate from the Seattle Chapter.

2021 Congress Delegates:

Andrew Brewer (FV) John Kraft (GW) Mike Hutchins (GW) Robert Doughty (CC)
Dennis Case (GRC) Keith Weissinger (AH) Neil Vernon (SE) Robert Sexton (CC)
Dick Paul (CC) Kelly Schultz (MC) Perry Taylor (JPJ) Viren Lemmer (AH)

The list unanimously approved.

Compatriot Dick Paul presented a plan and budget for the 2022 Washington Society Annual Conference. The Conference is scheduled for April 8-9, 2022, at the Heathman Lodge, in Vancouver Washington. The Conference and budget including a \$1500 deposit were unanimously approved.

Chaplain Edwin Dierdorff offered the benediction.

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

Spring Leadership/National Trustee Meeting – July 2021

To be held at the National Congress



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Secretary's Corner 14 Jun 2021

Compatriots,

I wish you all a great Northwest Summer, enjoy the weather and the SAR events you participate in. Your Chapter secretary is verifying your contact information. Please insure you have provided the correct e-mail address. Please reach out to those who may be inactive.

The next BOD meeting is scheduled for 31 July. If you have agenda items, please submit via your Chapter Secretary for review.

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

USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced that Navy Seaman 1st Class Gerald J. Bailey, 24, of Seattle, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Nov. 30,2020.

On Dec. 7, 1941, Bailey was assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft. The USS Oklahoma sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Bailey.

Between June and November 2015, DPAA personnel exhumed the USS Oklahoma Unknowns from the Punchbowl for analysis.

To identify Bailey's remains, scientists from DPAA anthropological analysis. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA), Y chromosome DNA (Y-STR), and autosomal DNA (auSTR) analysis.

Bailey's name is recorded on the Walls of the Missing at the Punchbowl, along with the others who are missing from WWII. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

Bailey was buried on June 29, 2021, in Kent, Washington.

The SAR Color Guard was invited to honor Seaman Bailey (see Color Guard activities)

Service Member SEA1 GERALD JOHN BAILEY

Conflict WORLD WAR II

Service UNITED STATES NAVY

Status Accounted For

Date of Accounting 01/26/2021

On November 30, 2020, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) identified the remains of Seaman First Class Gerald John Bailey, missing from World War II.

Seaman First Class Bailey joined the U.S. Navy from California. He was aboard the USS Oklahoma (BB37) at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, when the ship came under attack from Japanese forces. The Oklahoma was capsized in the attack, and SEA1c Bailey was killed in the incident. His remains were recovered from the ship following the incident but they could not be identified at the time and were buried as unknown at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. In 2015, the DPAA received authorization to exhume and reexamine unknown remains associated with the Oklahoma using new forensic techniques. SEA1c Bailey's remains were disinterred and identified as part of this effort.

Seaman First Class Bailey is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

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From The Archives:

By Allan Wenzel, WA SAR State Historian



On the 150th Anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord (April 17, 1775) the Sons of the American Revolution presented a program in Seattle for which they solicited the support of the Commandant of 13th Naval District, who, in turn, contacted Admiral Edward Walter Eberle, Chief of Naval Operations, United States Navy, at Washington, D.C. Admiral Eberle granted permission allowing a 13-gun salute in celebration. At 1 pm on Monday, April 20th 1925 the U.S.S. Eagle fired the salute. In attendance and/or written communication were Seattle's Mayor, the Washington State Governor, and the Admiral of the 7th Fleet. As a side note: The U.S.S. Eagle may have been the same U.S.S. Eagle (#56), a patrol boat used as a submarine chaser, which was sunk by the



German submarine U-853, off the coast of Maine on April 23, 1945, killing 39 of its crew of 62.

10 Facts about Flag Day

- 1. Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the American flag by resolution of the Second Continental Congress in 1777.
- 2. The American flag, as we know it today, consists of 13 horizontal red and white stripes, each representing the 13 original colonies of the United States, and a blue rectangle in the canton with 50 white, five-pointed stars representing the 50 states of the Union.
- 3. The 1777 resolution did not set the size or proportions of the flag, or even what shape the constellation of stars should be. As a result, flags of the era showed the constellation of stars in different arrangements, and flags were made with differing proportions. It was not until 1912 that the flag's design was standardized.
- 4. A new star is added with the inclusion of every new state to the Union. The number of stars increased to 15 in 1795, 20 by 1818, and the trend continued. The 50th star was added with the inclusion of the state of Hawaii to the Union in 1959.
- 5. Until 1818, a new stripe was also added for each new state. The famous Star-Spangled Banner that inspired our national anthem had 15 stars and 15 stripes.
- 6. The first flag was not made by Betsy Ross. We do know that Ross was a seamstress and that she probably *did* sew American flags; she just didn't create the first one.
- 7. The flag got its nickname, "Old Glory," from William Driver, a Massachusetts-born resident of Nashville, Tennessee who hid his homemade flag from Confederate troops, unfurling it again when the city came under the control of federal troops.
- 8. The Pledge of Allegiance was written not for Flag Day, but for Columbus Day.
- 9. Flag Day was founded by a school teacher named Bernard J. Cigrand, who began observing the day with his class at Stony Hill School in Waubeka, Wisconsin.
- 10. President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation establishing June 14th as Flag Day on May 30, 1916.

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Alexander Hamilton (Tacoma area)

Meets: 3rd Sat of the month, 9:00am, Sep to Jun, at (TBD after Corona situation).

Links: Facebook Newsletters Web Site

Cascade Centennial (Belleview 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

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Birthday Wishes To All Compatriots Born In Apr/May/Jun

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



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Customary Dates to Fly The American Flag at Half-Staff

• Peace Officers Memorial Day, May 15th, unless that day is also Armed Forces Day. (sunrise to sunset)

Glenn Allen Snow

- 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)

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• Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, December 7th (sunrise to sunset)

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From The Commander

Compatriots,

With great joy I look forward to re-uniting with you as the pandemic restrictions are lifted. It has been a long haul yet I am very mindful of the struggles of our ancestors and the hardships they faced. We truly are in a blessed society to where we have the communication power, the medical expertise, and technology to combat this pandemic. We have persevered and come out on the other side. At the same time, we need to be mindful of our fellow S.A.R. members and Color Guardsmen that have been affected adversely during the last 15 months. I pray that we will find



strength and let the healing begin. Our fore-fathers did not have it so fortunate. So now is the time to be counting our blessings.

2021 National Congress is now upon us and many members from across the country are ready to head to Renton Washington, July 9 – 15. We are living in unpreceded times. The first time the NSSAR Congress has been held in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. Be sure to check out the Color Guard schedule during the Congress. There are a few events where we will mingle with the rest of the Color Guard from across the County. Sunday, July 10 is a very eventful day for Color Guard participation. This will begin with the Morning breakfast for those who paid for Congress through the Memorial Service in the afternoon. Then there is the Rumbaugh Orations in the evening where we will need nearly 16 Guardsmen at the doors of the room. On Tuesday, July 14, there will be Grave Marking ceremony at the G.A.R. Cemetery on Capitol Hill in Seattle. Many of us will be carpooling up early to assist in set up and transport of our equipment. This is where the W.A.S.S.A.R. Color Guard will shine in front of the N.S.S.A.R. dignitaries.

There are also other opportunities of Color Guard participation.

This will truly be a once in a life-time opportunity for many of us. How wonderful it will be to be together once again! Hope to see you there in Renton!

New Color Guard members and Recruitment

The only new member that I am aware of is Kenny Marshall from Seattle. As we emerge and once again available to meet in person. I would like for each chapter to renew their efforts in recruitment into the Color Guard. There are several new members added to our chapters that we have yet to meet in person. Extend the welcoming hand and introduce them into the exciting opportunities to service in our communities, honor our ancestors, and keeping our national history alive. Welcome Kenny!

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

"George Washington Speaks"

Our very own Vern Frykholm, the personification of George Washington, has been selected to be "George Washington" at the Mt Rushmore Independence celebration for 2021.

During the Pandemic, "George Washington Speaks" has done several virtual classroom presentations with the teachers, rather than the on-site presentation that have been done for 8 years. This led Vern to put together a team to develop "pre-recorded" videos that can go virtually anywhere and extend their outreach.



An updated georgewashingtonspeaks.com website is nearing completion, however there are several changes that will be made before it is released to the public.

Vern has also provided videos that can be copied and circulated for free on his YouTube Channel at this <u>LINK</u>. Completed videos on the above YouTube channel are:

1763-10-07 Loyal Englishmen 1765-03-24 Quartering Act

1764-04-05 Sugar and Stamp Acts 1766-02-13 Dr. Franklin's Testimony.

Videos that have been filmed, being edited and will go on the channel soon are:

1766-03-18 Declaratory Act 1773-05-10 The Tea Act 1770-03-05 Boston Massacre 1773-12-16 Tea Destruction

1770-10-24 Massacre Trial

Vern has appeared in support of many WA State Color Guard events. He is also a big hit at the **Northwest Colonial Festival** which takes place every year at the George Washington Inn, located between Sequim and Port Angeles. The festival this year takes place 12 thru 15 August.

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Color Guard Events Throughout The State

Color Guard Schedule Of Events Link

Color Guard Events In Apr, May, Jun (2nd Qtr.)

National Virtual Events

(Participants From All Regions)

16 May 2021



250th Patriot's Day Alamance Battleground

Alexander Hamilton Ch

Dick Motz, Skip Stephen, Jerry Bordelon

Cascade Centennial Ch

Jim Lindley (not in uniform)

George Rogers Clark Ch

Art Dolan, Dick Moody

George Washington Ch

Bruce Bock

5 Jun 2021



241st Anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill

Alexander Hamilton Ch

Dick Motz, Skip Stephen, Jerry Bordelon

George Washington Ch

Mike Hutchens, Bruce Bock

Mid-Columbia Ch

Larry Flint

12 Jun 2021



246th Anniversary of the **Liberty Point Resolves**

Alexander Hamilton Ch

Dick Motz, Skip Stephen

George Rogers Clark Ch

Joe Coorough

George Washington Ch

Mike Hutchens, Bruce Bock

Mid-Columbia Ch

Larry Flint

Northern Region

Many activities had been canceled/postponed due to stay home/stay safe policy. (See virtual events listing.)

19 Mar: News article from the Whidbey Island news



Mike Hutchins & John Kraft read the citation

Oak Harbor woman awarded 'Good Citizenship' medal

By EMILY GILBERT

conliggibler(@whidbeynewsgroup.com Bobbi Lornson, past president of the Oak Harbor Lions Club presi-dent and volunteer, was recently rec-ognized for her contributions to the

community.
The George Washington chapter of
the Washington Sons of the American
Revolution presented Lornson with
the bronze Good Citizenship medal

last month.

"Bobbi does not just preach community service, she exemplifies it," said John Kraft in his letter nominating Lornson

ing Lornson.
Lornson has lived in Oak Harbor
since 1981. She joined the Oak Harbor
Lions Club in 2012 and recently served
as its president. Her volunteerism includes organizing local toy collection
drives during Christmas and leading
the Memorial Day production.
She also sits on the board of di-

rectors for the Whidbey Homeless

Coalition.
Krystal Hamlin, who runs The
Haven emergency shelter, praised
Lornson in the nomination letter.

Lornson in the nomination letter.
"Bobbi is truly an inspirational person, and much of that comes from her unwavering selflessness and generosity," Hamlin wrote.

Lornson said she was shocked when she was presented with the award. "I was so flattered, I couldn't even talk, and they even commented that that was so rare for me." that that was so rare for me.

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She is currently collecting plastic to turn into benches with the Lions. Trex, a company that turns plastic waste into deck boards, offers a program where a group can turn in 500 pounds of plastic over six months to receive a free bench.

Lornson started the effort as a way to do something to take peo-

way to do something to take peo-ples' minds off the coronavirus, but



Color Guard Capt. Mike Hutchins, a left, and John Kraft present the Sons of the American Revolution Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Bobbi Lornson, center.

she said it's taken on a life of its own after the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce and Wallin-Stucky Funeral Home partnered with her. She said she's collected hundreds of

She said she's collected hundreds of pounds of plastic since March.

"You'd be amazed how little it weights," she said.
People from all over the island have gotten involved, she said.
"If you join with others to do it, there's so much more you can achieve as opposed to doing it by yourself," Lornson said.

22 May: Formal Flag Retirement Ceremony at Maple Leaf Cemetery, Oak Harbor: The chain of command works! William "Bill" West, staff at the Maple leaf Cemetery requested the WASSAR, President Craig Lawson, to retire their flag and help replace it. Participants at the event were:



Sea Chapter: Neil Vernon, Christopher Clayton, Stephen Clayton, James

Blanton, Robert Korn

AH Chapter: Michael Moore, Michael

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Bendickson

to R front row: Chris Fridley, Michael Bendickson, Bonnie Jonson, Pam Hutchins, Jim Blanton, John Kraft, James Clayton, Chris Clayton,

Back row: Bruce Bock, Michael Moore, Bob Korn, Bob Wall, Marshall Eberhart, Hugh Jonson, Neil Vernon, Mike Hutchin

GW Chapter: Mike Hutchins, John Kraft Sr., C Marshall Eberhart, Bruce Bock, Christopher Fridley, Hugh Jonson, Robert Wall.

Ann Washington DAR Chapter: Bonnie Jonson, Pam Hutchins, and Orion Sea Cadets.

Also, at this event medals were presented to:

- John Kraft Sr, Lafayette Medal with 4 OL clusters
- Mike Hutchins Lafayette Medal and 2 OL clusters.
- Bruce Bock Lafayette medal.
- Michael Moore Lafayette medal.

Neil and Mike promoted Compatriots Marshall Eberhart & Bruce Bock to the rank of Corporal.

29 May: Maple Leaf Cemetery, Oak Harbor: In preparation for Memorial Day, six members of the George Washington Chapter color guard and several members of the DAR came together at Maple Leaf Cemetery in Oak Harbor to help plant

flags on the graves of more than 600 veterans.





31 May 2021 Memorial Day:

The George Washington Chapter and two others were honored to participate in the "A Service of Remembrance" at Maple Leaf Cemetery in Oak Harbor, for the 2nd year.

The event took many months of planning and coordinating by Kelly Davidson of Wallin-Stucky Funeral Home, and we are proud to be associated with her and her Lions club.



Sar Participants were:

Alexander Hamilton Chapter:

- Mike Moore
- Mikey Bendickson
- Viren Lemmer

George Washington Chapter

- John Kraft
- Mike Hutchins
- Bob Wall
- Hugh Jonson
- Bruce Bock
- Marshall Eberhart
- Chris Fridley

Seattle Chapter

- Neil Vernon
- Christian Ferrin
- Kenny Marshall

Some of the other participants were:

- Oak Harbor Mayor Bob Severns
- U.S. Representative Rick Larsen
- State Senator Ron Muzzall
- Many Gold Star families
- Many Veterans & families
- Oak Harbor Fire Dept

- Oak Harbor Police Dept
- NAS Whidbey Island
- VFW Post 6785 Kent WA
- Oak Harbor Lions Club
- PBY Memorial Foundation
- Washington State Patrol

- Naval Sea Cadet Corps (ORION Sq)
- American Legion George Morris post 129
- Fleet Reserve Association Branch 97
- VFW Post 7392 Oak Harbor, WA.

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Southern Region

Many activities had been canceled/postponed due to stay home/stay safe policy. (See virtual events listing.)

9 May: The Gorge Rogers Clark Chapter Color Guard participated in the rededication of a restored DAR marker on the

location of the Fort Chehalis site in Westport. The event was in conjunction with the Robert Gray Chapter WSSDAR.





The GRC Chapter CG Members present were Art Dolan, Lee Thomasson, Joe Coorough, & Dennis Case.

Also in attendance were Page Carter of GRC Chapter, Mick Hersey of the JPJ Chapter, and John Berg of the Lewis & Clark Chapter in OR.

14 Jun FLAG DAY: The Mary Ball chapter members of the DAR, along with Art Dolan of the SAR, joined the Tacoma Elks Lodge in a special Flag Day Ceremony. Mary Ball ladies carried the flags during the ceremony and Art was as entertaining as always. It was a fun night!

Lynne Stallcop, Mary Ball DAR Regent



21 Jun: Jerry Bordelon and Dick Motz of the Alexander Hamilton chapter posted the Colors at the Make Music Festival in Federal Way. The festival was a live, free musical celebration on the longest day of the year, with concerts on streets, sidewalks, in businesses, all around town.

SONS THE AMERICAN REVOLUT



29 Jun: The WA St Color Guard attended the burial ceremony of Navy Seaman 1st Class Gerald J. Bailey. Seaman Bailey was buried with honors by the US Navy. He was killed in WW II but his remains were just been identified via DNA. The Ceremony was performed at Tahoma National Cemetery.

Color Guard members were:

L/R Skip Mike Jim Bruce Mike Stephen Jerry Neil Dick Stephen More Blanton Bock Hutchens Clayton Bordleon Vernon Motz



Eastern Region

Many activities had been canceled/postponed due to stay home/stay safe policy. (See virtual events listing.)

14 Jun FLAG DAY: "After being shut down for over a year due to Covid, the Spokane Chapter Color Guard was able to march in a parade again. They marched in the Flag Day Parade in Fairfield WA. The longest running Flag Day Parade in America. Both the SAR & DAR were well represented in the parade." The Fairfield Flag Day Parade is the longest running Flag Day Parade in America. It is the chapter's 10th year to march in the





parade.

(L-R) Stan Wills, Koa Barnes, Will Palmer, Dennis Shaw, Dale Ryan, John Knauer, not pictured is Carl Durkoop and Wes Corder (perspective member).

Western Region

Many activities had been canceled/postponed due to stay home/stay safe policy. (See virtual events listing.)

31 May: Memorial Day services at Ivy Green Cemetery in Bremerton

Members of the John Paul Jones Chapter and over 100 community members attended the Memorial Day Service hosted by the local VFW. After a short service, David Irons,

representing the CG, along with numerous other groups placed wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

Other CG members present were Mick Hersey & Noah Chase. Chapter Vice President Perry Taylor was also in attendance and was "the man behind the camara".



Worth Repeating - Security Risk!!!

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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 & More



Military Humor highlights is from the Facebook group by the same name

In Country





"Preventive Maintenance Monthly"

Does anyone else remember these from a bygone era???

(Link to library)



UNIFORMS & OTHER ITEMS WANTED/FOR SALE

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

If you have anything, you want or have for sale, please send information to the Newsletter Editor

The Washington Trail - Publication Schedule

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

Edition		BOD	Period covered	Deadline	Published on
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 <u>media links</u> page has been provided to give access to each Chapter's Facebook page, Newsletter, and Web Site for those that have them.

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All articles/submissions are to be sent to the Editor no later than the above indicated dates.