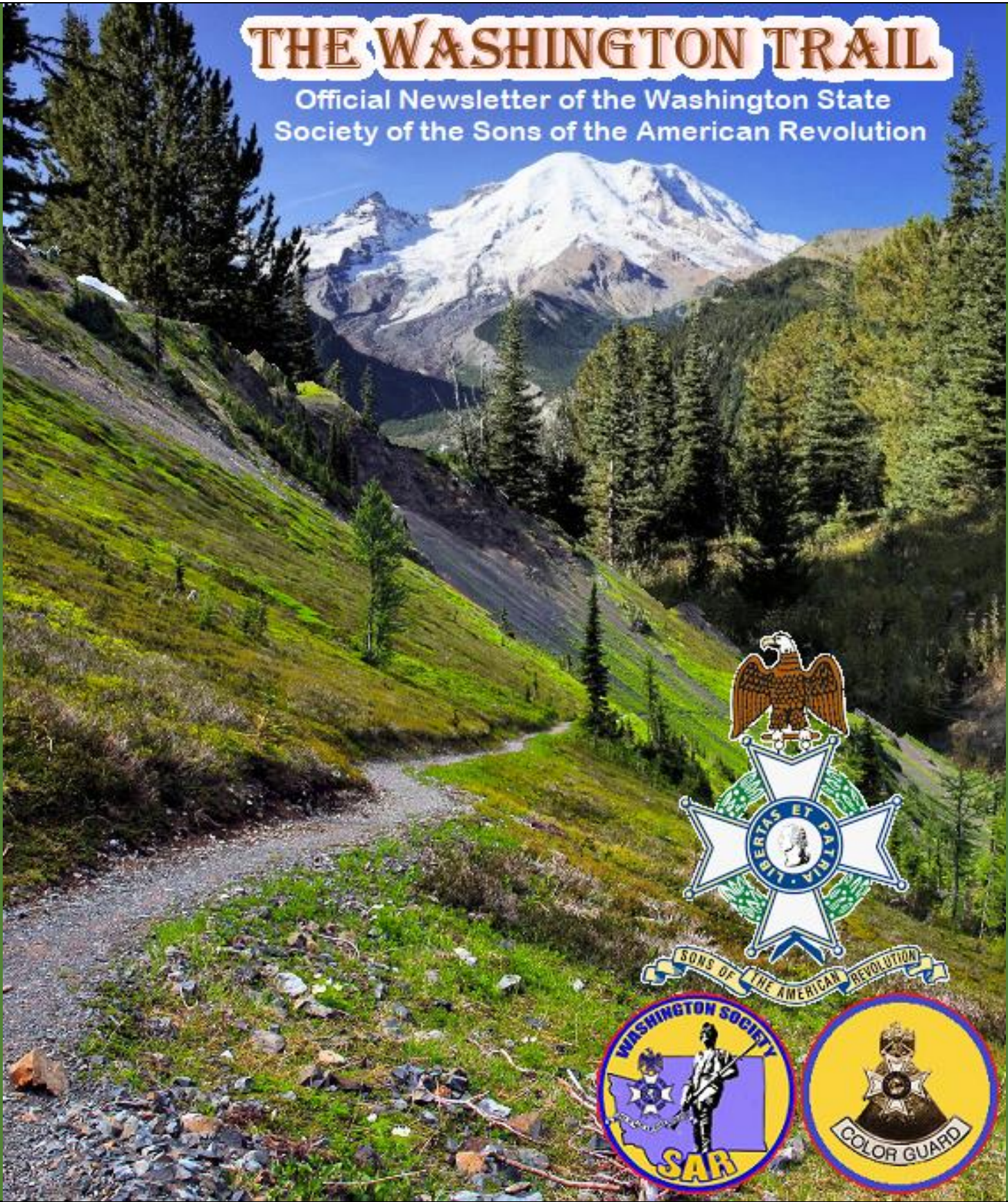


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Upcoming Meetings and Events



2021

- Chapter Meetings (see [Media Links](#))

2022

- 8-9 Apr [Annual State Conference](#),
The Heathman Lodge, Vancouver, WA
- 10-15 Jul: 132nd [National Congress](#)
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Savannah GA
- Color Guard [Schedule](#)

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Washington State SAR President's Message – Summer 2021 (3rd Quarter)

Compatriots,

First let me pass along a hearty thank you and a “job well done!” The 131st SAR National Congress held in Renton, Washington and hosted by the Washington Society was a huge success. The compliments from our guests were frequent and exuberant. For all the many men and women who worked so hard I give you the official thanks of the State President. Cyndi and I also want to express our personal appreciation for your dedication and support.



Although it is summer and the Chapters are taking a break from holding meetings, many of your Compatriots have been busy with the work of the Society. Mike Hutchins, Chairman of the Membership and Chapter Support Committee, has been leading his team in the re-evaluation of member drops from the roles. They are examining reasons for members leaving the Society and initiatives to recapture these lost friends and assets. The pandemic has been a struggle for all of us, but with in-person Chapter meetings beginning, we need to reach out to all our member. You don't have to be an Officer to call a friend and invite him to meeting or offer him a ride. We are all stronger when we pull together so let's get the gang back together again!

As some of you know, the National Officers are mandating Youth Protection Training (YPT) for many members holding key positions. This training is educational in nature. It is quick and easy and it may protect a child from harm. I personally believe all the men and women of the Washington Society should take 20 minutes and complete the training. To that end, I have appointed Perry Taylor as Chairman of the YPT Program. His committee will be awarding a special certificate and flag streamer to every Chapter whose Officers have completed the YPT. This initiative is in its early stages so more details will be coming soon. In the meantime, you can take the YPT by going to the [National Web Site](#), login or register, then click on eLearning (in the blue bar). Follow the simple instructions and when complete you can save or print your certificate.

Regarding the youth of our community, I have long wanted to re-establish the Rumbaugh Oration Contest in our state. I am pleased to announce Mark Shaffer has agreed to champion this cause and serve as the State Rumbaugh Oration Contest Committee Chairman. He has a large task ahead of him, but it is a worthy endeavor. Young people in America are severely lacking in education about history and patriotism. These topics are the mandate of the SAR! I strongly encourage you to help Mark as he builds this new program. Please offer to help him with spreading the word, or contacting a history teacher, or reaching out to a home school organization. Along with Jeff Lightburn, Chairman of the Knight Essay Contest Program, and VP Greg Lucas, Chairman of the History Teacher Award Program, we are growing the youth focused programs in the Washington Society. I urge you to be a part of it.

It is not too early to mark your calendars and save the date: The Washington Society Annual Conference will be held **8-9 April 2022 at the [Heathman Lodge \(360-254-3100\)](#) in Vancouver, Washington**. Registration for the conference will open months in advance of the conference, so **check with the hotel early** to make your reservations. Ask for the Washington SAR room discount. Conference Chairman Dick Paul and Vice Chairman Jeff Lightburn are creating a very special event. This will not be the same old stale meeting. A significant focus has been placed on scheduling workshops of interest to all members, not just Officers. Tours are being planned for the ladies. Our special guests will be Secretary General Bruce Pickette and his wife Rita. We will also be joined by the Oregon Society as they hold their annual membership meeting and then join us for workshops and Officer training sessions. We will also host the Pacific District meeting where we anticipate some bylaws changes as well as the essential duty of electing the next Vice President General. The Heathman Lodge is a beautiful destination resort surrounded by numerous fine restaurants and activities. A supreme effort has been made to move forward in the spirit of SAR fellowship and camaraderie. If you have not attended an SAR State Conference for a while or have never attended, please give renewed consideration to joining us.

I genuinely hope to see you there!

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

A Moment of Silence

One of our compatriots has passed.

A member of the Alexander Hamilton chapter, **Russell Franklin Pringle**, passed peacefully in his sleep on Thursday, 16 September, 2021.

Russ was a past president of the chapter and resided in Olympia.



Meetings/Activities Around The State

July 2021, National Congress at the Marriott in Renton. (See [Congress in Pictures](#))

Chapter Signing/9-11 Observance

The George Rogers Clark Chapter held the formal charter signing event in the city of DuPont. It was combined with an observance of the 9-11 attack on the twin towers in NY in 2001.

The day began with a few words from DuPont's Mayor, compatriot Ron Fredrickson. The Color Guard then escorted members of the DuPont Police/Firefighters to raise



and lower the Flag to half-staff as Taps was played by Bob O'Neil. (see Color Guard News)

The Chapter and guests relocated to City Hall Chambers for the charter signing ceremony. The Chapter charter members were arranged standing on both sides of u-shaped tables, each with a copy of the original Charter before them, and a pen. Those instrumental in formation of the new Chapter were honored: Viren Lemmer, Past President, Alexander Hamilton Chapter (sponsoring chapter) and Lee Thomasson, our first Color Guardsman. Past SAR State President and SAR Historian General Jim Lindley recalled some of the history of the chapter's formation. City Mayor Ron Fredrickson read his Proclamation.

President Art Dolan then directed every compatriot charter member to "Sign the back of our original Charter and every other compatriot's copy of the Charter." Every charter member left the proceedings with a signed copy of the Charter, a 'quill' pen set and copies of the Mayor's Proclamation. Founding President Art Dolan has cemented a strong foundation for his Chapter in this unprecedented Charter Signing. The group then adjourned to MacNamara's Tavern for lunch, libation, and liberating conversation!

Minutes from the BOD Meeting, 31 July 2021 (virtual)

President Keith Weissinger opened the meeting at 0900. A quorum of BOD members and four guests attended using ZOOM. Chaplain Edwin Dierdorff offered the invocation.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

The Congress was a great success many cards and letters have been received from attendees

Compatriot Mike Hutchins reported on the work his membership team is doing to reduce the number of members that are dropped. In contacting the dropped members, he has determined that some members only wish to document their Revolution Ancestor but do not continue with Society work. There is also a loss of many new members that are approved by family memberships. Six members asked to reinstate, and Secretary Pinkham acknowledged that there have been a number of reinstatements completed. Mike will continue to review the dropped list and help Chapters reduce the number of dropped members.

Dick Paul the Society Conference Planning Chair reports that the 2022 Conference will be held at the Heathman Lodge Vancouver Washington 8 & 9 April. The next planning meeting is scheduled 9 August 0900. For those planning to attend it is recommended that reservations are made now.

Vice President Greg Lucas moved to have the Washington Society request the SAR Wounded Warrior Certificate and Coin be discontinued.

SAR Wounded Warrior Certificate & Coin: The Wounded Warrior Certificate & Coin can be presented to any member of the U.S. Military injured in the line of duty. SAR membership is not required for presentation

The award has several issues and is in conflict with Wounded Warrior copyright. The recommendation includes a recommendation to develop a new award to recognize those that have made the sacrifice of valor. The motion was M/S/A. The National Trustee will take this for action.

The By-laws and the Administrative Procedures require the Annual Conference to be held in alternating locations from East to West. The Conference in 2023 is a year for the Eastern side of the State and Spokane is the recommended location. The current Washington Society Challenge coin is no longer available. It was M/S/A that a committee research and design a new coin and return a proposal for BOD consideration. The Committee assigned are Neil Vernon, Chuck Waid, Mark Shaffer, and Keith Weissinger

President Keith Weissinger recommended the appointment of Conrad Plyler to the Awards Committee. The BOD unanimously approved the appointment.

A motion was M/S/A to participate in the Rumbaugh Oration Contest the Chairman of the Rumbaugh Committee is Mark Shaffer. The 2022 budget will contain a line item for support of the contest.

President Keith Weissinger appoints Compatriot Perry Taylor as the Program Chairman for Youth Protection Program and will monitor the required training of all officers and School presenters. The appointment unanimously approved by the BOD.

Treasurer Robert Sexton reported the money donated by Alexander Hamilton Chapter In support of the 2021 Congress was in excess recommended the funds be returned to the Chapter. M/S/A by the board.

President Keith Weissinger requested the BOD members to review the National awards volume 5 of the Sar Handbook.

Respectfully submitted, Alfred Pinkham, Secretary, Washington State, Sons of the American Revolution

Secretary's Corner 24 SEP 2021

Compatriots,

The air is telling me that Fall is soon to be with us. Congress was a great success and all of you that contributed to that effort should be proud of your accomplishment. It is time to pay dues please ensure your dues are submitted prior to 31 December. This is an appeal from an old guy, when you do not pay on time it generates a lot more work for me and I am tired.



We have been buffeted by Covid 19 and it has disrupted every Chapter and every program. However, in the spirit of the Revolution all have continued to function. Now is the time to return to making the programs work again. Enjoy the Fall stay well.

Respectfully submitted, Alfred Pinkham, Secretary, Washington State, Sons of the American Revolution

Dues Time!! (Fees & Changes)

It is dues time again and the chapter treasurers would greatly appreciate it if you would send in your dues early if you can.

Below are is the current **dues** fees.

Type of Membership	Total
Regular Member	\$75.00
Junior Member	\$5.00
Exempt All Dues	\$0.00
Chapter Dues Only	\$20.00
NSSAR Dues Exempt	\$40.00
WASSAR & Chap, Exempt	\$35.00
WASSAR Dues Exempt	\$55.00
New Member Exempt	\$20.00

New **Application Fees** were voted on and approved at the 131st Congress. Application Fees increases went into effect at the close of the 131st Annual Congress.

Below are the changes.

Type of Application	Old	New
Regular New Member	\$80.00	\$100.00
Junior Member	\$80.00	\$100.00
Memorial Member	\$80.00	\$100.00
Supplemental Applications	\$60.00	\$100.00
New Member Regular, aged 18 to Under 25 w/ Established Lineage	\$30.00	\$40.00
New Member Regular, Family Plan	\$30.00	\$40.00
Junior Member, age newborn to Under 18	\$30.00	\$40.00
Supplemental Application, Family Plan	\$30.00	\$40.00



Happy Fall everyone! The chapter meetings are in full swing, and it is so good to see people in person! There is so much happening in our state. Veterans Day parades, apple harvest picnics, and much more. I want to thank each and every one of you that helped with the National Congress. It was a success beyond all measure. I especially want to thank Beth Caulkins, Karen Schultz, Cindy Lucas, Charlott Abbott, and Teri Lindley whose time and talents were greatly appreciated and thoroughly needed. We couldn't have pulled this off without you! Some of the comments after Congress and many written Thank You notes express this quite eloquently. First Lady Sheila Manning wrote, "Thank you to all the members of the WASARLA for all they did during the week of Congress. Your assistance with the Tea and beautiful table decorations at the luncheon were much appreciated. Each day there was such a warm welcome in the Hospitality Room, I was very lucky to have you all helping me." Others wrote, "You have set the bar quite high!" and, "I'm glad we're not Georgia, this will be a tough act to follow, great job." We now look to the State Meeting April 8-9, 2022 and I am at a loss. I have been asked why the ladies don't come to the meetings with their husbands; even the ladies who go to the Chapter meetings. I don't have an answer. With a state membership of 500, why are there only 33 Ladies Auxiliary members? Who are we as a group? How do we partner with our SAR members, Chapters, and Society? I would like you to think about those questions and hopefully help us come up with the answer at our Ladies Auxiliary Meeting in April. I would also like to know more about you and your Chapter. What interests you? The planning committee would also like to know what you would like to do in Vancouver. We have time for tours while our gentlemen are meeting and working. Current options include: touring Fort Vancouver, visiting the Portland International Rose Garden, driving the waterfall trail to Multnomah Falls (some walking or hiking is available, but not required). Ladies Auxiliary Calendar:



September 28, noon, fall membership zoom meeting.
 October 8, Ellensburg 11:00 LA Board Meeting.

March 3-6, 2022 Spring Leadership, Louisville, KY.
 April 8-9, 2022 State Meeting, Vancouver, WA.

I look forward to seeing you in person and thank you for all your service to this great organization.

Cynthia Weissinger, President, Ladies Auxiliary, WASSAR

WA CAR State Project 2021-22



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:** \$1700 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 North Cascades National Park was designated a National Park on October 2, 1968 – 60 years after people first started trying to get its designation. **But, Did You Know:** The North Cascades National Park hosts more large land animals than any National Park in the continental United States.

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

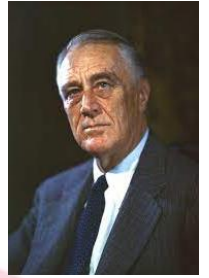
From The Archives:

By Allan Wenzel,
WA SAR State
Historian



Where Compatriot FDR got the idea

SAR Compatriot Franklin Delano Roosevelt wasn't the first President to be elected to serve four terms in office. The Sons of the American Revolution President General Messmore Kendall was elected to serve in 1936, 1937, 1938 and 1939. He was a member of the Empire (New York) Society, which was the largest Society at the time. With being the largest society New York State in those years was able to control the voting. After President General Kendall ended his last term as SAR President General the Empire (New York) Society attempted to promote the idea of having a bronze statue of Messmore cast and have it erected in front of the National SAR Headquarters. The National State Societies voted the proposal down.



Save The Date 8-9-April 2022 WASSAR 2022 Annual Conference, Vancouver WA

This is the Washington Society's annual meeting open to all WASSAR members where we will conduct business, celebrate accomplishments, hold educational sessions and workshops, and enjoy camaraderie. In addition to our Conference, there will be concurrent meetings of the Pacific District and the Oregon State Society.

NO REGISTRATION FEE THIS YEAR!

TO BOOK ROOMS EARLY:

- Call the **Heathman Lodge** at 888-475-3100 and ask for the Sons of the American Revolution rate (\$134/night plus fees/tax)
- Book on-line at:
<http://be.synxis.com/?hotel=39403&config=HMLGRP&group=2204WASTSO&arrive=2022-4-8&depart=2022-4-10>



QUESTIONS: Contact Dick Paul, chair of the 2022 WASSAR Conference Planning Committee:

- Send an **E-mail:** dickpaulinc@comcast.net.
- Phone: (425) 373-6542

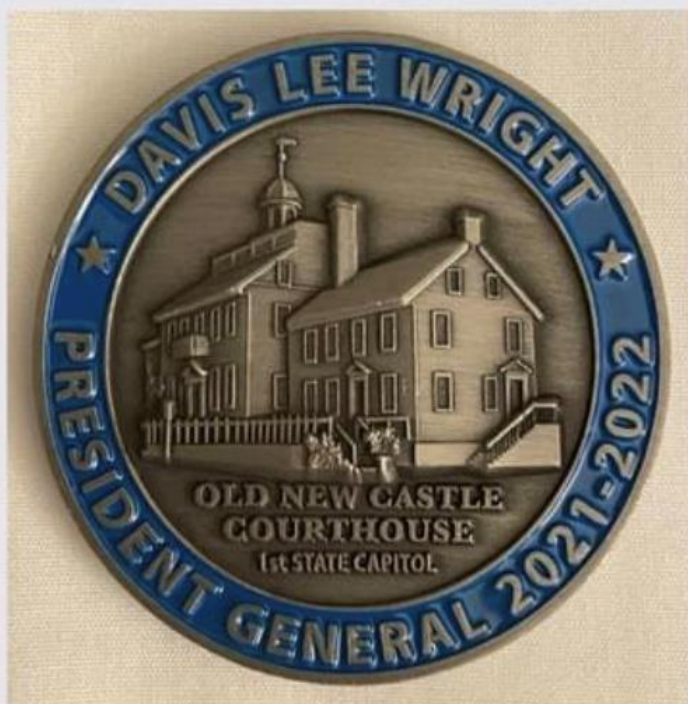
Winter Is Just Around The Corner



Are you ready???

**The 131st SAR National Congress 2021
Renton Washington**

**The New President General 2021-2022
National Society, Sons of the American Revolution**



131st National Congress 2021 in Pictures

At the Airport



Color guardsmen from our new George Rogers Clark Chapter, Art Dolan, Dick Moody, and Dennis Case, served as the 2021 SAR Congress “Meet & Greet” team.

They spent 20 hours on duty for two long days giving cheerful greetings to the SAR national delegates and state attendees at the SeaTac Airport Arrivals Hall.

Attendees had no trouble finding our uniformed compatriots!

In The Beginning There Were Volunteers....



A Big Thank You Goes Out To the Many Volunteers

Andy Akers
 Art Dolan
 Beth Calkins
 Bob Doughty
 Brian Waid
 Bruce Dennis
 Charlotte Abbott
 Chuck Miller
 Chuck Waid
 Cindi Lucas
 Claude Asher
 Craig Lawson
 Cyndi Weissinger
 Dan Heidt
 David Irons
 David Raese

Dennis Case
 Dick Moody
 Dick Motz
 Dick Paul
 Edwin Dierdorff
 Fred Gilbert
 Fred Templin
 Gary Price
 Greg Lucas
 Herr Dierdorff
 Jeff Doughty
 Jeff Lightburn
 Jim Lindley
 Joe Coorough
 John Herr
 Karen Schultz

Keith Weissinger
 Kelly Schultz
 Keven Mullen
 Kevin Mullin
 Larry Flint
 Lewis Maudsley
 Mark Hines
 Mark Schaefer
 Matt Bendickson
 Michael Bendickson
 Michael Moore
 Mick Hersey
 Nathan Bendickson
 Neil Vernon
 Noah Chase
 Pat Dierdorff

Perry Taylor
 Richard Caulkins
 Rita Pickette
 Rob Sexton
 Roman Millet
 Stefan Kovalenko
 Steve Little
 Teri Lindley
 Tim Doughty
 Tim Mather
 Tony Abbott
 Viren Lemmer

My apologies If anyone was missed.... The Editor.



Cindy Lucas Cyndi Weissinger Teri Lindley Karen Schult Rita Pickette
A Big Thank You Goes Out To The Ladies Auxiliary



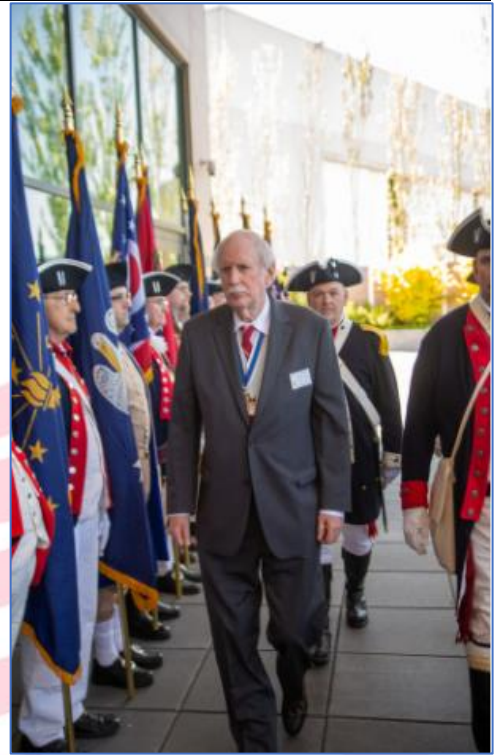
The Washington Society Delegates to the 131st SAR National Congress

Saturday - Museum of Flight





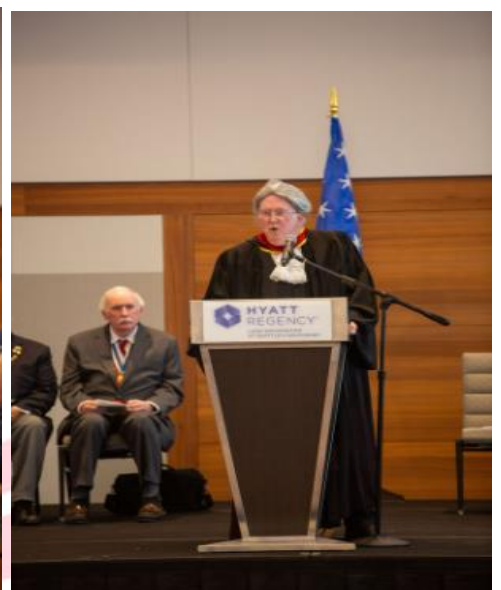
Sunday – Color Guard Review





Sunday – Memorial Service





Sunday- Ladies Tea





Monday – Opening of Congress







Monday – Youth Lunch





Monday - Awards Night







Tuesday - Breakfast





Tuesday - Ladies Lunch





Tuesday – President General’s Banquet









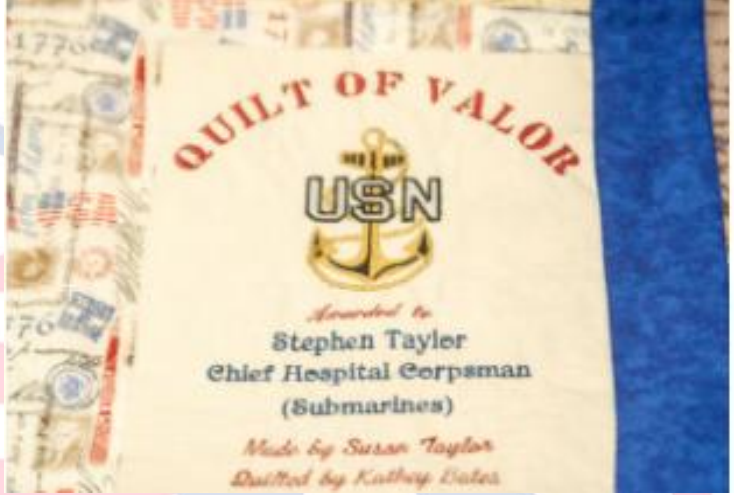
Wednesday – Grave Marking





Wednesday - Installation









The Guardians of the Ring



Hotel Reservations Open for 132nd Congress in Savannah GA, 2022

Compatriots:

I am happy to announce that you may start registering for Hotel Rooms at Congress in Savannah, GA for Jul 10-15 2022.

Please remember that the Congress dates have slipped one day because of the contract with the hotel.

- EXCOM/SAR Foundation will be on Saturday, 9 July
- Tours and Host Reception will be on Sunday 10 July
- Memorial Service, First Ladies Tea, Rumbaugh Orations will be on Monday 11 July
- Opening Ceremony, Youth Luncheon, and Award Night will be on Tuesday 12 July
- Ladies Luncheon and PGs Banquet will be on Wednesday, 13 July
- Last tour and Installation Banquet will be on Thursday, 14 July
- EXCOM/SAR Foundation will be on Friday, 15 July

The link for the on-line reservations is: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/SAVRS/G-NSSA>

Hyatt Regency Hotels do a centralized reservations number so make sure when you call you specify that it is for the Hyatt Regency Savannah. Phone number is (877) 803-7534. Use the **Group Code: G-NSSA**.

If you have any problems with the reservations, please contact me with the issue. I will work them as I can.

Thank you and see you in GA.

Paul Callanan

NSSAR National Planning Chair

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 (Tower Entertainment, 6323 6th Ave in Tacoma).

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 Jul/Aug/Sep

Data extracted from the National Database (YELLOW). If incorrect, contact your chapter secretary



July

Alan Ray Weatherhead
August David Kastigar Zenk
Brent Theodore Lawson
Bruce Glenn Bock
Bruce David Harrington
Craig Edward Anthony
Daniel Eugene Kampman
David Harold Wilson
Donald Scott Little
Douglas Paul Barber
Eric Paul Jensen
George Robert Vernon
Gerald William Lasser
Howard William Stephan
James Lewis Fleming
James Scott Grimes Jr
James Harrison King
Jan Linwood Callaway
John Irving Shotwell
John Samuel Shuttleworth
Joseph Bruce Allen
Kevin Clark Summers
Kristopher Lee Kanzler
Lawrence Arthur Flint
Michael Scott Brumback
Morton Dyas Hurt
Noah Isaiah Chase
Quentin Edward Gilman
Robert Alan King
Robert Lawrence Schneider
Russell Patrick Oliver
Talon Callahan Lane
Taylor Charles Johnson
Thomas Alan Bemenderfer
Victor Donald Dobyns
Viren Kenneth Lemmer
Walker Arthur Allen Samuelson
Will Robert Gates
William Edward Baxter Jr
William Benjamin Graeff
William T. Pickett
Zachary Wayne Chesley

August

Aaron Carl Warner
Aidan Joseph Ferrin
Alejandro Doughty Maghirang
Allen Eugene Phillips

Andrew James Brown
Andrew Merle Cowan
Andrew Francis Sexton
Anthony Alan Turcotte
Barry Charles Karl Moravek
Carl Thomas Hellings
Clarence Hugh Jonson
Dale Richard Harshman
David Lee Deacon-Joyner
David Oliver Perry
Dennis Michael Donovan
Douglas Paul Carson
George William Twigg
Gerard Heaney
Gregory Dan Emerson
Gregory Conrad Riehl
Harry Bartlett Vincent Jr.
James Richard Blanton
Jeffry Forrest Doughty
Jerry Scott Norr
Jimmy Viril Phillips
Kevin Douglas Brune
Kirk Gunnar Stensvig
Lee H Thomasson
Lewis Mariner Maudsley Jr.
Mark Robert Shaffer
Michael Zachary Borg
Nicholas Daniel Strode
Noah Christopher Bream
Reid J. Follansbee
Robert Eugene Marshall
Samuel Lee Hellings
Seddon Taliaferro Englund
Spencer Lyle Parker
Thomas W. Millett
Thomas Allen Pickford
Thomas James Shaver
Vernon LeRoy Wright
Victor Ray Nelson Jr.
Walter Monroe Knowles Jr.
William Barnsdale Jr
William Lohman Reichert

September

Alan David Blinn
Alfred Douglas Pinkham Jr
Alvin Ralph Schmidt
Andrew Neilson Pecunia II
Anthony Oscar Abbott

Bradley Neal Allen
Brendan Patrick Oliver
Brian Keith Bayley
Brian G. Fike
Caleb Anders Borg
Carl Carey Durkoop
Christopher George Hellings
Claude Douglas Asher
Craig Raymond French
Eric Scott Olsen
Eugene Lawrence Tenney Jr.
Frederick Martine Rauschenbach Jr.
Gary Franklin Gray
Gerald Marvin Strode
Greg Shippie
Gregory Frank Becker
Gregory Steven McKee
Herbert Alan Strouss
Jack William Foster
James Stewart Herbert
James A Hoehn
James Norman Mattis
Joel Cameron Black
John Grady Griffith
John Douglas Logsdon
Jon Malcolm Newton
Jonathan Henry Blind
Kelly Jay Schultz
Leland Michael Hutchins
Michael John Duerr
Oscar David Farrar
Paul Robert Kester Sr.
Richard Owen Calkins
Robert Dennis Baker
Robert Forrest Doughty
Robert Leslie Smalser
Scott Sutherland Carpenter
Sean Henry Luchessa
Steven Anton Bergquist
William Anthony Bentler
William Oren Palmer
William Thomas Parr
William Akins Thomas Jr.
William Burnett Zenk
Zachary Dean Klippert

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).
- 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).

Brought to you by the National Flag Committee.



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YOUR COLOR GUARD, THE FACE OF THE SAR



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.



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, is in the news again. Vern met with Jeff Bankston, the station manager of KSQM, a local radio station, this morning for an hour+. Jeff got pretty excited about having “George Washington Speaks” be a part of the weekly KSQM schedule and wants to take the audio portion of the website video files, one episode a week, and use it to open up a 60-minute time slot Thursdays at 4 pm. After the 4 pm news, Rich Henrickson, the announcer, will play the audio from a single episode with Vern “as George”, and then he will interview Vern, “as Vern”, and talk about the segment for elaboration and additional insight. The first 3 episodes aired in September. **The next broadcast will be at 4pm on the 7th of October on KSQM (91.5 FM), so tune in.** With 26 videos pre-recorded on Vern’s web site, the audio for the radio is potentially 6+ months pre-recorded, which could take the broadcast through the middle of March. Vern has appeared in support of many WA State Color Guard events and is a big hit at the **Northwest Colonial Festival** which takes place every year at the George Washington Inn, located between Sequim and Port Angeles in August.



So, if you want to know more, call Vern at 360-460-9302, send an [email](#) , listen to the radio show, or go [Vern’s website](#).

National Congress July 2021

(Participants From All Regions)



The NSSAR National Color Guard

WA State SAR Color Guard members attending the National Congress 2021

Alexander Hamilton		Cascade-Centennial	George Rogers Clark	George Washington	John Paul Jones	Mid-Columbia	Seattle
Dick Motz	Jan Lemmer	Richard Whittemore	Art Dolan	Bruce Bock	David Irons	Brian Smith	Craig Lawson
John Herr	Matt Bendickson		Dennis Case	John Kraft	Fred Gilbert	Kelly Schutz	Grant Rauzi
Michael Moore	Mikey Bendickson		Dick Moody	Mike Hutchins	Mick Hersey	Larry Flint	Kenny Marshall
Skip Stephen	Viren Lemmer				Noah Chase		Neil Vernon

Color Guard Events Throughout The State

Regional Area Events In Jan, Feb, Mar

Northern Region

7 Aug: Opening ceremonies at the Sedro Wooley Washington Vietnam Veterans annual picnic. The George Washington Chapter Color Guard lead by WASSAR Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon participated in the event which was attended by over 150 Vietnam veterans, their families, and veterans from other conflicts. Pictured are Commander Neil Vernon, Drummer Christopher Fridley, George Washington Captain Mike Hutchins, members Bob Wall, Cpl Bruce Bock, Hugh Jonson, Cpl Marshall Eberhart



Marshall Eberhart Hugh Jonson Bruce Bock Bob Wall Mike Hutchins Neil Vernon Chris Fridley

17 Sep: Constitution Day. The Ann Washington Chapter DAR and the George Washington chapter SAR on the steps of the Skagit County Courthouse Friday September 17, a very windy outing, Mt Vernon, WA



(l to r) Penny Platt, Bruce Bock, Mandy Harmon, Karen Manatt, Linda Macki, Kim Tomczak, Pam Hutchins, Cheri Lenssen, MarKay Neumann, Mike Hutchins

Southern Region

7 Aug: DAR Grave Marker Dedication. The Alexander Hamilton Chapter posted Colors at the honoring F1C Alfred Roach, a sailor that has laid in an unmarked grave for 69 years. *In Bob O’Neil’s words “The Chapter did a great job at the DAR Grave Marking! We had it all; five great Colors posted, two US Sailors folded the Flag, a Civil War soldier with rifle fired a volley, two buglers played Taps, a soldier in a Spanish-American War uniform, another in a WWI uniform, and a 1917 era nurse (a nurse in reality). The Alexander Hamilton Chapter was at least half the ceremony!”*

Members of the Color Guard were:

Mike Moore, Dick Motz, John Herr, Ralph Lienen (HODAR), and Melonie Lienen (DAR). Bob O’Neil played Taps for the event. Mick Hersey of the JPI chapter, was also present and was one of the event coordinators.



The event was sponsored by the Mary Ball, Sacajawea, and Elizabeth Forey & hosted by the Mary Ball Chapters of the DAR.

21 Aug: The Alexander Hamilton Chapter honored the service of Freeland Howe Benson and to celebrated the marking of his final resting place. This was a journey that the Alexander Hamilton Chapter has been on for about 10 years. The story actually starts in Spokane where Stan Wills and SAR Minuteman John Ellingson discovered that Washington State had three actual Sons of the American Revolution buried here. Alexander Hamilton President, Jerry Bordelon, was able to pull this all together. It's taken 10 years, but here we are. After obtaining official permission from the cemetery, Dick Motz and Mick Hersey cleaned the stone prior to the ceremony. (right).



From Viren Lemmer, MC; Let me share a few words about Captain Freeland Howe Benson. He was born May 2nd, 1835 in Marshall's Island, Maine. His parents were Jephtha Benson and Mary Kench. He married Elizabeth Sadler in 1860 on Swan's Island, Maine. Together they had nine children. Captain Benson first went to sea when he was about 14 years old and later became master of his own ship. He sailed the Atlantic until 1884 when he moved to the Pacific Northwest. Captain Benson joined the Washington State Society SAR #338 in 1896. Two of his sons, Edwin and Charles also joined, Numbers 349 and 347. Captain Benson died after a short illness on November 27th, 1911, at his son Edwin's ranch in Cle Elum. Captain Benson's father, Jephtha, was born May 14, 1759, and died March 10, 1859. He enlisted in 1778 and served as a private in the Massachusetts Militia, Maine Province during the war. He took part in the famous Bagaduce Expedition at Castine, Maine. He also fought in the War of 1812. Captain Benson's father's service qualifies him as a genuine Actual Son of the American Revolution.



The Color Guard Choir sang God Bless America and Taps was played by Bob O'Neal.

Color Guard members present were:

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| Viren Lemmer | Skip Stephan | Mike Moore | Jim Blanton |
| John Herr | Kent Troy | Bob O'Neal | Chuck Miller. |
| Jan Lemmer | Ken Roberts | Stephen Clayton | |
| Mikey Bendickson | Neil Vernon | Bob Korn | |
| Others present: | | | |
| Greg Lucas | Barbara Waid | Muriel Parrish | |
| Cindy Lucas | Harold Steenburgen | Sally Buckingham | |
| Chuck Waid | Bob Doughty | Chandra Prater | |

6 Sep: Labor Day Parade: First parade in over a year!!!Black Diamond



Participating members were:

Alexander Hamilton Chapter		Seattle Chapter	Cascade-Centennial Chapter	George Washington Chapter	NON-CG Supporters
Dick Motz	Mike Moore	Bob Korn	Dick Whittemore	Mike Hutchens	Jeannine Stephen (P&D)
Jan Lemmer	Mikey Bendickson	Bruce Bock			Ralph Leaning (HODAR)
Jerry Bordleon	Skip Stephen	Neil Vernon			Stephani Conroy (P&D)
John Herr	Viren Lemmer	Stephen Clayton			Terry Barker (P&D)



Combined SAR DAR parade group

11 Sep: GRC Chapter Charter Signing Ceremony & 9/11 Recognition. Flag raising/lowering to half-staff in recognition of 9/11. Greeting from the State SAR President. Location: DuPont City Hall Chambers,



The GRC Color Guard with the State CG Commander



11 Sep: Flag Raising & 9-11 Observance:

On the twentieth Anniversary of the 911 tragedy over 200 people gathered at the Pell Ranch in Covington, WA to honor those whose lives were taken by terrorist acts on September 11, 2001.

WSSAR Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon led compatriots Michael Moore, Matt Bendickson, John Herr, James Blanton, Michael Bendickson and Steve Clayton to the resonance of the Fife and Drum corps as they presented Colors to a backdrop of a 12-foot high by 18-foot-long flag at half-mast on a 70-foot-high flagpole.



19-20 Sep: WA State Fair. The Alexander Hamilton Chapter represented the SAR at the WA State fair in Puyallup.



Members manning the booth were: Dick Motz, Jean Paul Bordelon, Jerry Bordelon, John Herr, Mike Bendickson, Mike Moore, and Ralph Liening (HODAR)



DAR Pam Gassman at work as Ralph Liening looks on.



Eastern Region

20 July: Stan Wills and John Kaneau conducted a 13 Star Flag Program for the Southside Community Center Seniors in Spokane WA. There were 60 seniors in attendance. Many questions were asked by the seniors about American Flag History



Western Region

12-15 Aug 2021 NW Colonial Encampment: Four days of colonial fun and reenactment, period artisans, militia, redcoats, kids' activities, colonial demonstrations. There's nothing else like it in the Pacific Northwest. A variety of living historians and the Fife and Drum Corps provided entertainment throughout the weekend. WA State SAR members supported the event with displays of various period artifacts, lively discussions of the Revolution and Colonial times as well as answering many challenging questions by the encampment attendees.



In the photo at left, (JPJ members) are: (r to l) Perry Taylor, Mick Hersey, Bob Smalser, Mark Dunham, and CG Captain Fred Gilbert
Also, in attendance were: Noah Chace (JPJ) and Mike Hutchins, Hugh Johnson, and Bob Wall (all GW Chapter)

While at the event, Robert Smalser was awarded the Bronze Color Guard medal by Color Guard Captain Fred Gilbert for his dedicated service to the Color Guard and the Educational outreach program where he gave numerous presentations about the Colonial Frontier life during the American Revolution and how the Riflemen supported the Continental Army.



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The Scariest Things On Earth



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Wanted:

Item	Size	Contact	Note

For Sale:

Item	Size	Cost	Contact	Notes

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

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

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