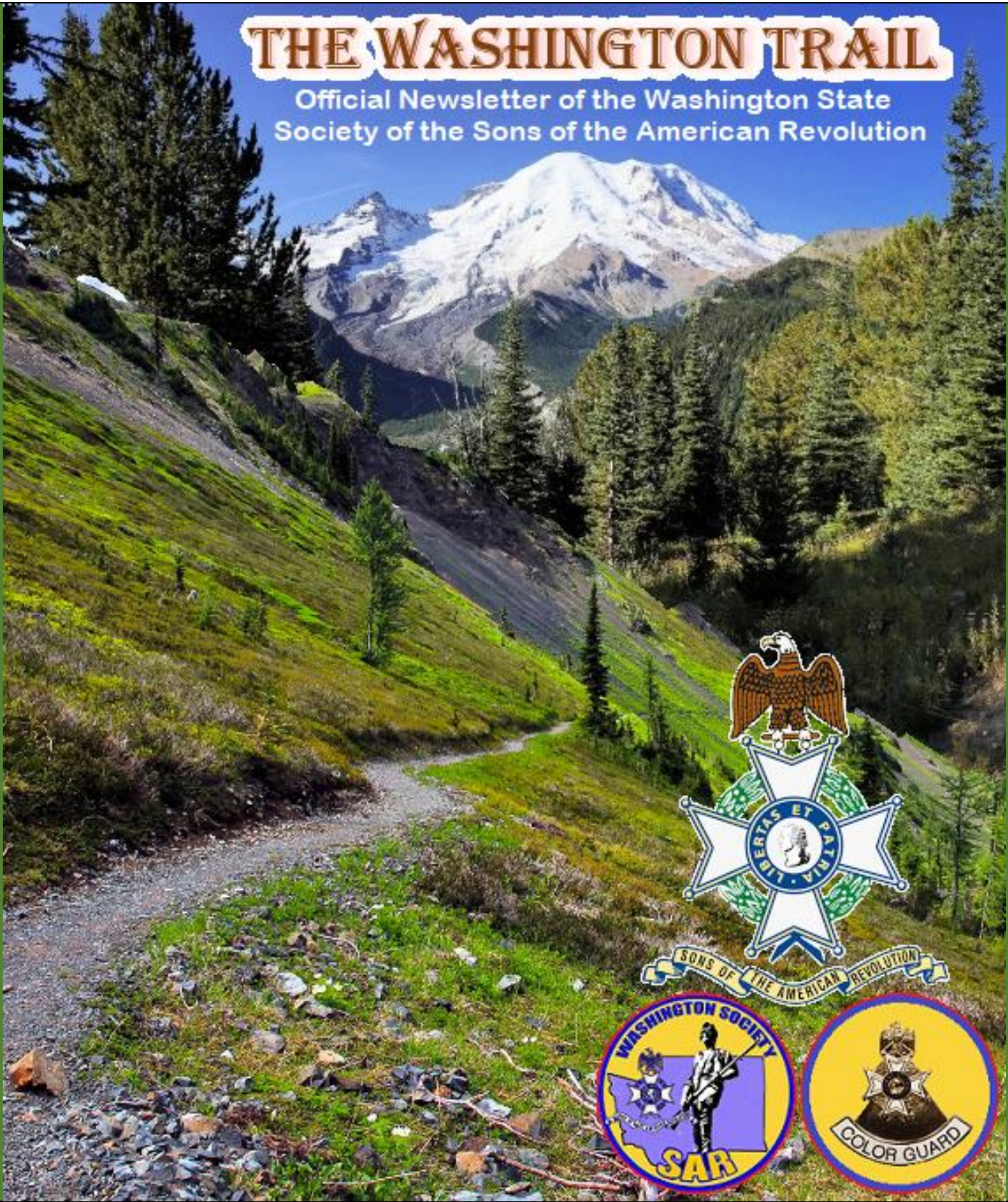


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2022

- Chapter Meetings (see [Media Links](#))
- 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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A Moment of Silence for Our Fallen Compatriots

Colonel Robert W. (Bob) Wagers, age 92 (US Army, Ret.), passed away on Saturday, October 16, 2021 in Mooresville, North Carolina. A longtime resident of Gig Harbor, he was Born May 25, 1929 in Salem, Oregon, Colonel Wagers was a veteran of 32 years active service-service that saw him go from Private E-1 to Colonel O6 and serve in such diverse places as Panama, Iran, Germany, Vietnam and Canada. Wagers was an active member of the Alexander Hamilton Chapter, and was a past President of the Chapter 2003-2004 and served as the Chapter Secretary for at least 10 years.



William Pickett, age 75, passed away on Sunday, 26 Nov, 2021 at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane WA. Bill was a member of the Spokane #1 Chapter. A memorial service was held in Spokane and a burial at Veteran cemetery in Four Lakes WA. Bill was a long time FB friend of the editor.



He will be missed

On 19 Jan, Spokane SAR attended the Funeral service for Compatriot Bill Pickett Over 150 people were in attendance. SAR members: Dale Ryan, Stan Wills, Denny Shaw, and Carl Durkoop (not pictured).



Washington State SAR President's Message – Fall 2021 (4th Quarter)

Compatriots,

I am truly excited! The SAR is rousing from its slumber. Chapters are meeting in person. Christmas parties are being held. We get to spend time with our fellow SAR brothers and sisters who we have missed so much. I believe the essence and the foundation of the Society is the people and the fellowship we share. Absence does make the heart grow fonder and we should take every opportunity to reestablish old friendships and form connections to make new ones.



The end of the year also brings a time of reflection and for some Chapters the election of new Officers. With that process, we must also pause to recognize the tireless and outstanding contributions to our Society. Unfortunately, confusion still surrounds the available medals and awards of the Society. To that end, I have put together some charts with brief summaries to provide a basic understanding of the material. Complete information on all medals and awards can be found in Handbook V (<https://www.sar.org/nssar-handbook/>)

The awards available at the Chapter level are included in the chart below. They are listed in approximate order of "rank," but not exclusively.

Chapter			
Award	Criteria	Approved by	Subsequent Award
Distinguished Service <u>Certificate</u>	To recognize outstanding personal service exemplifying the finest American ideals, of a lesser degree than criteria for medals	Chapter Medals and Awards Committee	Yes
Bronze Roger Sherman Medal	For outstanding services to a Chapter; minimum 2 yr. Officer, 3 yr. Chairman, or 4 yr. committee member	Chapter Medals and Awards Committee	Yes
Outstanding Young Member Medal	Member 40 years old or younger for <u>continued, exemplary</u> service to a Chapter, especially focused on leadership and service to youth and younger members.	Chapter President (submitted on special application form)	No
Meritorious Service Medal	For <u>long, faithful, and meritorious</u> service to their Chapter (beyond criteria for Roger Sherman)	Chapter Medals and Awards Committee	No
Medal of Distinguished Service (Bronze)	In recognition for conspicuous service to the Chapter and President <u>during the President's administration.</u>	Chapter President	No

Washington Superior Service Medal	For exceptional service to Chapter; above and beyond; for exemplary contribution; must have previously received Medal of Distinguished Service or Meritorious Service Medal (acts as a second awarding of MDS or MSM)	Chapter President (if used as second MDS) or Executive Committee (if used as second MSM)	Yes
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Note, the Washington Achievement Medal is currently not authorized at the Chapter level. This issue is an agenda item on the Board of Directors meeting to be held in January. Also, the Outstanding Young Member Medal is new. It has just received its final approval from the National Medals and Awards Committee and the Executive Committee. I do not know when it will be available from Merchandise. It does require a specific application form.

State			
Award	Criteria	Approved by	Subsequent Award
Distinguished Service <u>Certificate</u>	To recognize outstanding personal service exemplifying the finest American ideals, of a lesser degree than criteria for medals	State Medals and Awards Committee	Yes
Washington Achievement Medal	For outstanding achievement to advance the mission, programs, or activities of the State; for a <u>significant act, project, or accomplishment</u> ; not for time in service	State Medals and Awards Committee	Yes
Silver Roger Sherman Medal	For outstanding services to a State; minimum 2 yr. Officer, 3 yr. Chairman, or 4 yr. committee member	State Medals and Awards Committee	Yes
Outstanding Young Member Medal	Member 40 years old or younger for continued, exemplary service to a State, especially focused on leadership and service to youth and younger members.	State President (submitted on special application form)	No
Meritorious Service Medal	For <u>long, faithful, and meritorious</u> service to their State (beyond criteria for Roger Sherman)	State Medals and Awards Committee	No
Medal of Distinguished Service (Silver)	In recognition for conspicuous service to the State and President <u>during the President's administration</u> .	State President	No
Patriot Medal	<u>Highest award presented by State</u> ; recognizes long, faithful, outstanding, and distinguished service to State and/or Chapter	State Medals and Awards Committee	No
Washington Superior Service Medal	For exceptional service to State; above and beyond; for exemplary contribution; must have previously received Patriot, Medal of Distinguished Service, or Meritorious Service Medal (acts as second awarding of MDS or MSM)	State President (if used as second MDS) or Board of Directors (if used as second MSM)	Yes

And finally, we cannot forget our ladies. They should all get medals just for putting up with us, right guys?

Ladies (Same for Chapter and State)			
Award	Criteria	Approved by	Subsequent Award
Distinguished Service <u>Certificate</u>	To recognize outstanding personal service exemplifying the finest American ideals, of a lesser degree than criteria for medals	Medals and Awards Committee	Yes
Washington Achievement Medal	For outstanding achievement to advance the mission, programs, or activities of the State; for a <u>significant act, project, or accomplishment</u> ; not for time in service	State Medals and Awards Committee	Yes
Martha Washington Medal	For outstanding service to the SAR (criteria similar to Roger Sherman)	Medals and Awards Committee	Yes
Medal of Appreciation	Given specifically to a <u>member of the DAR</u> in appreciation for outstanding services rendered to the SAR	Medals and Awards Committee	Yes
Lydia Darragh Medal	To the lady who has provided significant service to the incumbent President (criteria similar to Medal of Distinguished Service)	Chapter or State President	No
Daughters of Liberty	For unselfish devotion, tireless efforts, and assistance to the SAR. Highest lady's medal (consider analogous to Meritorious Service Medal or Patriot Medal)	Medals and Awards Committee	No

Remember, any Compatriot can help with the process by making a nomination, recommendation, or suggestion. So much of the good service rendered goes unrecognized. Take the time to tell your Medals and Awards Chairman or your President about contributions that might be unknown to them.

Once again, may your Christmas season be healthy and happy. Cyndi and I wish you all the best in the coming New Year!

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

Washington State SAR Vice President's Message – Fall 2021 (4th Quarter)

I sometimes hear from fellow Compatriots that what happens at National has little impact on our State and Chapter Societies. I used to agree. But if that was ever true, as Bob Dylan so aptly crooned, "*The times they are a-changin'*". Indeed, not only does National affect us; we affect National.

There is little doubt that the 2021 Congress changed us in a big way. Once an SAR backwater, the Washington Society became a dominant player on the National scene. Our Congress is now history, but the experience set an extraordinarily high bar for future host societies. As they struggle to surmount it, they will improve future Congress experiences for all who attend. Congresses will evolve in part because we excelled.

But National affects us in so many other ways. Consider the SAR Library. We think of it as a Louisville institution that few of our members will ever enjoy; its benefits limited to those who live near or make the trek to Kentucky. But due to the efforts of countless enduring souls, including one of our own – Minuteman and Kentucky Colonel Jim Lindley – the library has scanned more than 10,000 volumes that are available to you here and now as searchable resources. And that list is growing.

Consider, also, the SAR Museum and Education Center that have been under development for years. NSSAR understands that we cannot hope to impact American thought in any significant way unless and until we become a national resource, available to everyone at the touch of a keystroke. As Big Data revolutionizes the dissemination of information and knowledge, the days of stagnant museum displays are waning. For that reason, the Museum and Education Center project is being designed, not only as a brick-and-mortar showplace, but as an electronic interactive experience that animates the study of the American Revolution, our patriot ancestors and our founding documents. Upon completion, you may enjoy it from the comfort of your favorite internet connection. A recent \$1,000,000 donation, with the hope of more to come, is accelerating the projected completion date. And for those concerned that the costs associated with developing the SAR Museum and Education Center will be reflected in dues increases to members, be assured that NSSAR is committed to the proposition of developing the project based on directed donations and new gifts.

The election of President General Davis Wright in July also changed the way we view the future. Past PGs had pet projects that could be completed within their one-year term. PG Wright chose, instead, to focus on the Mission and Purposes of SAR, which by their very nature cannot be accomplished in a single term. His vision of adopting a meaningful rolling five-year strategic plan – anchored on the Mission and Purposes of our Society - will transform SAR at every level. By setting realistic, achievable, stretch goals, with implementation plans, timelines and targets for how they are achieved, and modifying the strategic plan as facts, circumstances, money, growth, and new resources allow, State Societies and Chapters will become real-life actors in accomplishing the job laid out for us by Congress at 36 U.S. Code Chapter 1533. In retrospect, the SAR annual budget only makes sense in the context of our Mission and its implementing strategic plan.

How else are we experiencing our relationship with National? PG Wright streamlined the committee structure by creating organizational groupings of related committees. Certain previously free-standing committees became sub-committees of other so-called "supercommittees" for reporting and oversight purposes. For example, the Patriotic Outreach and Operation Ancestor Search committees became sub-committees under the overall supervision of the Veterans Committee Chair. Similarly, the Officer Training Committee, the Compatriot Training Committee and the Patriot Chest Committee each became sub-committees under the auspices of the Education Committee. The super-committees have enhanced clout, enabling them to become more competitive in seeking funds that advance the Mission by achieving their respective committee objectives. How will that affect you? In the next twelve months, you will begin to see output from national committees that: (a) are consistent with and coordinated with the strategic plan; (b) advance the Mission of SAR; and (c) make our work at State and Chapter levels relevant to the overall Mission and Purposes of SAR. For example, the Officer Training Committee will develop a series of training videos accessible to you locally when you log into the SAR website. Associated print materials will be available to you to be downloaded at your convenience. You will have the ability to learn first-hand how the structure and operation of SAR comport with federal, state and local laws and regulations. You will see, in a dynamic way, how the Mission and Purposes of SAR affect your fiduciary duties as officers and trustees of the organization. Rather than being dissociated from National, you will find that you are the gears that make the machinery of SAR work.

But I barely scratched the surface. The relationship between National and our respective State Societies and Chapters is becoming increasingly dynamic. Committees, such as the Council of State Presidents, are beginning to appreciate their role in the bi-directional flow of information.

This is an exciting time in our history. As we enter the 250th anniversary celebration of what our forefathers created for us, we have the ability not only to look to our past, but forward to our future. The times they are a-changing... Stay healthy. We need you.



Respectfully submitted, Gregory D. Lucas, Vice President, Washington Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

WASHINGTON SOCIETY NATIONAL SERVICE

During his acceptance speech at the National Congress in Renton, newly elected President General Davis Wright announced a significant reorganization of the National Committee structure. Essentially, many of the Committees with similar focus were grouped together as sub-committees of a unifying Committee. For example, the Records Digitization, Patriot Records, and GRS Sub-committees are now grouped into the Information Technology Committee.

One of the many goals of this reorganization was to reduce the number of individual meetings at Leadership and Congress. Under this new model the Sub-committees will meet via Zoom throughout the year. Then, the Committees will meet in person at the Leadership Conferences and Congress with the Sub-committee members in attendance if possible.

This new structure presents a unique opportunity for members of the Washington Society. Since many of the Sub-committees will be meeting via Zoom, it is now possible to become a member of a National Sub-committee. Active participation and contribution is a requirement of committee membership. In the past this was only possible by traveling to in-person conferences. For some, this requirement was not possible or practical. Now that barrier has been removed and several Washington men have joined National Sub-committees and will be actively participating electronically.

I invite you to review the new Committee and Sub-committee listing and consider your potential involvement in these worthy programs. **Keith A Weissinger, MD, State President, Washington Society**

America 250 SAR Committee

Americanism Committee

Audit Committee

Budget Committee

Bylaws, Rules & Resolutions Committee

Chaplains Committee

Color Guard Committee

Communications Committee

- Branding & Engagement Sub-Committee
- Magazine Sub Committee
- Newsletters & Publications Sub-Committee
- Social Media Sub-Committee

Congress Committee

- Congress Planning Sub-Committee
- Congress Review Sub-Committee

Council of Presidents General

Council of State Presidents

Council of Vice President Generals

Council of Youth Programs

- American History Teacher Award Sub-Committee
- Brochure & Poster Award Sub Committee
- C.A.R. Liaison Sub-Committee
- Eagle Scout Sub-Committee
- Knight Essay Sub-Committee
- ROTC/JROTC & Service Academies Sub-Committee
- Rumbaugh Orations Sub-Committee
- Youth Exchange Program Sub-Committee

Education Committee

- SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution Sub-Committee
- Officer Training Sub-Committee
- SAR Compatriot Training Sub-Committee
- School Educational Program Sub-Committee

Ethics Committee

Finance Committee

Flag Committee

Genealogy Committee

GWEF Board

- GWEF Distribution Sub-Committee
- GWEF Fundraising Sub-Committee

Handbook Committee

Headquarters & Maintenance Committee

History Committee

- Historic Sites & Celebrations Sub-Committee
- Re-enactors & Living History Sub-Committee

Hospitality & Music Committee

Human Resource Committee

Information Technology Committee

- Records Digitization Sub-Committee
- Patriot Records Sub-Committee
- GRS Sub-Committee

Insurance & Risk Management Committee

Investment Committee

Ladies Auxiliary Liaison Committee

Legal Advisory Committee

Library & Archives Committee

Medals and Awards Committee

Medical Committee

Membership Committee

- Veterans Recognition Sub-Committee
- DAR Liaison Sub-Committee
- Younger Members Sub-Committee

Merchandise Committee

Minuteman Awards Committee

Museum Board

National Dues Billing System Task Force

Nominating Committee

Protocol Committee

Public Service & Heroism Committee

SAR Education Center & Museum Committee

Strategic Planning Committee

Veterans Committee

- Operations Ancestor Search Sub-Committee
- Patriotic Outreach Sub-Committee

Meetings/Activities Around The State

Car 54, Where Are You????

The Mid-Columbia SAR Chapter held their monthly meeting on September 18 **via Zoom**.

Following the opening, President Kelly announced that he had three new members to swear-in. The swearing in of one of them turned out to be very unique. The new member was Gaven Marble, from Dallesport, WA.



President Kelly swears-in Compatriot Gaven Marble via Zoom

Compatriot Marble is a deputy for the Klickitat County Sherriff's office. The fact that he was working and on patrol didn't stop him from joining the meeting to be "sworn in" as a new member. Gavin was afraid he would miss the meeting when it was going to be an in-person affair. He was however able to find a rest stop where he pulled in and joined from his patrol car where the swearing in took place. He and his partner had to leave the meeting early to respond to a call.

What is the WA SAR Membership and Chapter Support Committee?

The WA SAR Membership and Chapter Support Committee is responsible for bringing resources to support WA SAR Chapters as requested and offering proven solutions to assist in building and maintaining strong Chapters.

We are WA SAR members with diverse skill sets and backgrounds. Our membership includes WA SAR President Keith Weissinger. Past WA SAR State President Doug Nelson who is also the immediate past committee chairman. Art Dolan, President George Rogers Clark Chapter and immediate past WA SAR Color Guard Commander. Russ Oliver, WASSAR State Flag Chairman, Assistant WA SAR State Secretary, George Washington Chapter Secretary. C. Marshall Eberhart, George Washington Chapter Historian and Membership Retention. Perry Taylor, VP John Paul Jones Chapter, Member NSSAR Veterans Recognitions Sub-Committee and Chairman Mike Hutchins, VP George Washington Chapter, and Color Guard Captain.

The Committee was reorganized as of April 2021. We have analyzed 2020 dropped members and reported the findings to WA SAR Board of Directors, reviewed the extensive collection of e-earning tools developed by preceding committee members. Mostly authored by Compatriot Doug Nelson. These tools are easy to use templates for a variety of presentations supporting strong chapter development. Included are position descriptions for almost all committee and officer jobs. We are currently working with the WA SAR webmaster to establish a page on the WA SAR website for WA SAR member resources. We are excited that these and other web-based resources will be available to WA SAR members on demand.

In addition to the above activities since April we discuss, collect and share "Best Practices" relating to membership retention, new member induction, and mentoring with WA SAR Chapter Presidents. In September Perry and I attended NSSAR Fall Leadership and are both energized by the experience.



Respectfully submitted, Leland Hutchins, Chairman, Membership & Chapter Support Committee

2021 SAR Fall Leadership Conference, 23-26 September 2021

This year's Washington State contingent consisted of Jim Lindley, Keith Weissinger, Tony Abbott, Greg Lucas, Rob Sexton, and first-time attendees Perry Taylor, and Mike Hutchins. President General Davis Wright has made the America 250th Celebration a prime focus of his term. He asks that each state and chapter society develop a program that commemorates at least one significant event from the American Revolution annually. SAR Membership is 37,205. One interesting historical note is that since the founding of the SAR we have had over 220,000 members.

Application status: It is currently taking 6 weeks to process new member applications and 21 weeks for supplementals. This is an improvement from the beginning of the summer when new member applications were taking 12 weeks and supplementals 37 weeks.

1) Membership Committee

- i. Is working on a National new member packet.

2) Education Committee

- i. Education Outreach has a new online domain. <https://education.sar.org>. Some of the available items are:
 1. Long May She Wave: History & Etiquette of the American Flag
<https://issuu.com/sonsoftheamericanrev/docs>.
 2. Causes of the American Revolution – Eleven lessons created in collaboration with the University of Michigan School of Education
 3. Keyholes to History – These are one-minute recordings that reflect a variety of topics on the American Revolution
 4. Speaking Out About History Author Series
 5. Early American History Videos
 6. Artifact Discovery Program
 7. Officer Training – To implement a series of videotaped training modules that can be provided down to and including Chapter level. Three training modules will be recorded and edited for approval by NSSAR not later than Fall Leadership, 2022. The training modules will include downloadable lesson plans, syllabi, and training notes to be access from the NSSAR website.
 8. Annual Conference of the American Revolution – The topic for 2022 will be The Revolution in the West. It will be held in Pittsburgh, PA June 3-5, 2022.
 9. Proposal of a new Youth Education Medal. The criteria will be presenting 15 school presentations. A Lifetime Achievement bar is also in the works.
 10. Names are posted on the National website of people who are giving Patriot Chest presentations. National would like to add the names of all compatriot in each state to this list

3) Education Center and Museum

- i. SAR Museum Collection – There are a variety of lesson plans and virtual presentations of the museum collection
- ii. The design of the museum is almost complete. The final design is expected Dec 21. The goal is to have the Museum open for the 250th anniversary of the Revolution
- iii. \$1.3 million on hand, another \$533,000 in pledges towards the construction of the SAR Education Center and Museum

4) Library & Archives Committee

- i. The SAR Genealogical Research Library was named a TripAdvisor 2020 Travelers' Choice Winner! The SAR Library is ranked in the top 10% of attractions worldwide based on reviews.
- ii. Library staff members are adding full text electronic book links to its online catalog. This means you will see a growing number of books in our Library becoming available to you from your home computers! www.sar.org/sar-library-catalog. Over 10,000 books are available from the library in digital format. 50% of the SAR Institutional History has been digitized
- iii. Council of State Presidents has a program to recognize states where all officers have completed the Youth Protection Program Training

5) Color Guard Committee

- i. Color Guard members from 25 state societies attended the National Congress
- ii. Washington's birthday is now a National Color Guard event
- iii. The virtual events policy that was put in place as a result of COVID ended at the National Congress. There was reported an increase in participation during this period, especially from West Coast Color Guard members.
- iv. Working on two new medals.
 1. The first is for youth participation for non-members under the age of 21 who provide service to the color guard. It will have the same requirements as the award of the Bronze Color Guard Medal
 2. The second is a lifetime service medal for 20 years of service. There was some discussion about whether the award of the Von Steuben Medal will be a pre-requisite.

6) Congress Planning Committee

- i. Awarded 2025 Congress to Connecticut
- ii. Awarded 2026 Congress to North Carolina
- iii. Tours for the 2022 Georgia Congress will include Ft Morris, Midway Church, and the 8th Air Force Museum
- iv. America 250 has a new website: [SAR 250th Committee News.pdf \(connecticutsar.org\)](#) - A toolkit is in the works to help state and chapter societies establish programs in support of this program.
- v. Voted to support the Homecoming 250 initiative in Philadelphia. This is the 250th birthday of the Navy and Marines at their birthplace of Philadelphia. It has an impressive list of supporters including 14 living

Secretaries of the Navy. They did want any monetary contributions from us. All they asked for was an endorsement.

- vi. Changed the criteria for the Stark and Westmoreland Awards
- vii. The Poster/brochure contest was moved from the Americanism Committee to Youth Programs

7) Communications Committee

- i. Is working on a branding guide for chapters. A media kit is also in development

8) Legal Advisory Committee

- i. Is looking into guidance about political activities. In particular as it relates to political activity. What can/cannot be done to insure preservation of our non-profit status
- ii. SAR Foundation has \$11million in investment account
- iii. George Washington Endowment Fund has \$2.7million
- iv. Approved \$7500 for a backup server for the HQ building
- v. Approved \$7500 to repair water damage to the HQ building
- vi. Established an investment fund account combining all donors instead of a separate account for each donor.

9) Insurance/Risk Management Committee

- i. Preparing a document for state societies to use in determining what insurance is needed at the state level
- ii. Researching into a SAR wide insurance policy



Respectfully submitted, Viren Lemmer, National Trustee Washington Society SAR

Minutes from the BOD Meeting, 21 Oct 2021 (Ellensburg, WA)

The October 2021 meeting of the Sons of the American Revolution Washington SAR Society Board of Directors was convened at 11:14AM, Saturday, October 30th, 2021 in-person at the Buzz Inn Steakhouse, 2202 Canyon Road, Ellensburg, WA 98926. A quorum was present with a total of ten voting Members, and four additional non-voting attendees also in attendance.

- WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger called the meeting to order.
- WA SAR Chaplain Edwin Dierdorff gave the Invocation.
- WA SAR Vice President Greg Lucas led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- WA SAR Assistant Secretary Russ Oliver led the Compatriots in the Pledge to the SAR.
- A moment of silence was observed in honor of a recently deceased WA SAR Compatriot.

Opening Remarks

WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger welcomed all in attendance and noted one modification to the printed agenda (removal of the Old Business item for "Accept Minutes of 8-16-2021").

Old Business:

Approval of 31 July 2021 WA SAR Society State BOD meeting minutes

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the 31 July 2021 as written, which was seconded, and was approved by unanimous consent.

Officer and Chapter President Reports:

- State President: WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger had nothing additional to add and encouraged all Officers and Committee Chairmen to point out only the highlights or issues needing discussion from their pre-read reports.
- State Vice President: WA SAR Vice President Greg Lucas drew attention to exhibit A in his report, the strategic plan of 2016, as a starting point for a dynamic go-forward strategic plan. Arthur Dolan, President of George Rogers Chapter, noted one update for the last page.
- State Secretary: WA SAR Assistant Secretary Russ Oliver, attending for State Secretary Al Pinkham, had nothing additional to add.
- State Treasurer: WA SAR Treasurer Robert Sexton asked the BOD how to distribute the remaining surplus balance from the National Congress account. After a short discussion that determined that all National Congress bills had been paid, a motion was made to move the remaining National Congress surplus funds to the WA SAR State general account and close the National Congress fund. The motion was seconded and was approved by unanimous consent.
- State Registrar: WA SAR Registrar John Kraft was not present this meeting.
- State Chaplain: WA SAR Chaplain Edwin Dierdorff had nothing additional to add. In response to a question from WA SAR Vice President Greg Lucas, Edwin confirmed that all the families of deceased Compatriots from this year had been contacted, and the passing of all the Compatriots reported to NSSAR.

- State Historian: WA SAR Historian Allen Wenzel was not present this meeting. National SAR Historian Jim Lindley was in attendance and had nothing additional to add.
- State Color Guard Commander: WA SAR Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon encouraged all those present to include their Color Guard members in events and presentations. Neil also encouraged Color Guard member attendance at the upcoming April 2022 WA SAR Annual Meeting.
- National Trustee: State National Trustee Viren Lemmer drew attention to several NSSAR medal proposals currently in discussions: a proposed medal for presentations to youth, plus a proposed lifetime achievement award for presentations to youth; a proposed color guard lifetime achievement (20+ years) medal; and a proposed color guard medal for non-SAR, non-CAR youths.
- Alt. National Trustee: State Alternate National Trustee Robert Sexton had nothing additional to add.
- At Large Director#1: State At Large Director Doug Nelson was not present at this meeting. WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger shared with those in attendance that Doug was pulling back from his SAR responsibilities to focus on his family responsibilities, and that WA SAR Vice President Greg Lucas will be taking over the Council of Chapter Presidents.

Break for Lunch

Officer and Chapter President Reports, Continued:

- Alexander Hamilton Chapter: Chapter President Jerry Bordelon reported that a \$2500 donation from his chapter to the 2021 National Congress fund was not needed and was returned to his chapter. Jerry reported that \$1000 will go to 2022 WA SAR meeting support, and the balance to acquire rifle raffle tickets for his chapter members.
- Cascade Centennial Chapter: Chapter President Mark Shaffer was not present this meeting. WA SAR Vice President Greg Lucas pointed out the Veteran's Day event in Bellevue, WA, sponsored by the Cascade Centennial chapter would be a state-level event, second only to the Auburn Parade in scope and attendance. Technology limitations will prevent online participation. WA SAR Treasurer Robert Sexton also noted that the Cascade Centennial chapter held their first hybrid chapter meeting, with technology allowing for online participation as well as in-person participation.
- Fort Vancouver Chapter: Chapter President Jeff Lightburn commented that his chapter started hybrid chapter meetings in September 2021 with modest technology investments (iPhone at the podium), noting that audio, video, and funding for the technology are all challenges. Jeff also noted his chapter honored their first female Eagle Scout.
- George Rogers Clark Chapter: Chapter President Art Dolan commented launching a new chapter during COVID was a challenge, and that they are still settling on a physical location for chapter meetings. Despite this, his chapter enjoys a strong initial culture, with a chapter member signing ceremony as a special highlight that other chapters noted as a best-practice to emulate.
- George Washington Chapter: Chapter President Dr. Dale Harshman was not present this meeting. Chapter Secretary Russ Oliver had nothing additional to add.
- John Paul Jones Chapter: Chapter President David Irons was not present this meeting. Compatriot Perry Taylor had nothing additional to add.
- Mid-Columbia Chapter: Chapter President Jerry Schultz commented his chapter has also experimented with hybrid meetings and need to continue improving the audio technology. Growing to 41 members, his chapter received press coverage for their veteran's standdowns held in Yakima and Kennewick, with three of his chapter officers attending in color guard uniform.
- Ranger Chapter: Chapter President Bill Barnsdale was not present this meeting. WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger noted that Ranger Chapter also launched during COVID and has had challenges. They have not held meetings during COVID and may need support and nurturing from all chapters as they restart their chapter meetings.
- Seattle Chapter: Chapter President Grant Rauzi was not present this meeting. WA SAR Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon noted the chapter has a growing membership, with the first in-person chapter meeting coming soon at a new location with AV support.
- Spokane #1 Chapter: Chapter President Carl Durkoop was not present this meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- 2022 WA SAR Annual Conference update: Compatriot Dick Paul commented that the 2022 conference will be held 8-9 April 2022 at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, WA. Theme will be "Leading and Learning for Future Success", and the meeting will be held in concert with the Pacific District meeting and the Oregon State Society Annual meeting. Hotel rooms can be reserved now, 888-475-3100, ask for the SAR rate. Expect registration to start early January 2022. Attendance goal is 15% of the State Society membership, which will be tracked by chapter via a thermometer chart. There will be re-enactors, tours, area events, a strong agenda, and a noted guest speaker to help draw attendance.

Dick encouraged all to promote in-person attendance at your upcoming individual chapter meetings and events, augmented with a strong advertising campaign via the chapter Secretaries.

- WA SAR Challenge Coin update: WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger showed the 1st draft of the coin art to all those present and asked for input. Many comments and suggested improvements were discussed by those present (art changes, color changes, art size changes, art placement adjustments). Keith noted those and will pursue a 2nd draft of the coin art. Goal is to have them in-hand by the time of the 2022 WA SAR Annual Conference, with the State Society to pay for the first batch of 100 and sell them to the chapters at-cost. Production is expected to take 3-4 weeks once the design is finalized, with MSRP price of \$20, and all profits going to the chapters.

New Business:

- Appoint 2023 WA SAR Annual Conference Chairman: WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger stated that Compatriot Dick Paul was doing a stellar job planning the 2022 WA SAR Annual Conference and made a motion that he also be appointed to lead the planning for the 2023 WA SAR Annual Conference. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous consent.
- Discussion of 2023 WA SAR Annual Conference location: WA SAR Bylaws determine the 2023 location must be in eastern Washington, and Keith is proposing Spokane (with Spokane #1 Chapter initial support of the idea). The formal vote for the 2023 location will be postponed until the next BOD meeting in January, to gain Spokane chapter representation for the vote.
- Appoint Member and activate Nominating Committee to Select VPG: WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger noted that a candidate will be needed by the time of the 2022 WA SAR Annual Conference. Two BOD members are needed, with the Nominating Committee also made up of one member of each chapter. Keith asked WA SAR Vice President Greg Lucas to lead the Committee, who accepted. After a call for volunteers for the second BOD member, Keith asked George Rogers Clark Chapter President Art Dolan to join Greg on the Committee, who accepted. Keith then asked each chapter President to work with Greg and Art to achieve one member from each chapter, either the chapter President or another appointed chapter member.
- Proposal to increase award amounts for youth programs: WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger lead a discussion on increasing the monetary amount awarded for youth award winners. Most of the discussion dealt with the difficulties of the state mandating award amounts for chapter finalists, given each chapter having unique budgets. Keith made a motion that this discussion should be brought to the Council of Chapter Presidents for further exploration, with a goal to standardize chapter award amounts and increase state award amounts. The motion was seconded and passed with unanimous consent. State Treasurer Rob Sexton made a motion to support this effort by spending endowment funds, which was seconded and passed with unanimous consent.
- Appoint Strategic Planning Committee (new state committee): WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger proposed a new standing committee, to prepare and maintain a rolling 5-year plan. WA SAR Vice President Greg Lucas noted that we have a plan from 2016 that needs light refreshing and ongoing attention. After discussion, Keith made a motion to create a new standing Strategic Planning Committee, which was seconded and passed with unanimous consent. Keith appointed Greg Lucas as Chair, with Rob Sexton, and himself to be initial committee members, with Greg to nominate additional members. Greg suggested Neil Vernon for Color Guard representation, and Neil agreed. Neil mentioned that Mike Hutchins and Kelly Schultz as potential members. Keith made a motion to start the committee with these 6 initial members (Greg as Chair, Rob, Keith, Neil, Mike, and Kelly), which was seconded and passed by unanimous consent. Next steps: Greg will draft a mission statement and description of the committee, and research Bylaws and Admin Procedures for guidance. For the January BOD meeting, vote on the mission statement.
- Appoint State Education Coordinator: this will be a new state appointed position, WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger appointed Viren Lemmer, who accepted. Viren noted that he is new to the NSSAR Education Committee, but that NSSAR wants each state to have this position for new member training, mentoring programs, new youth medals, and officer training. After discussion, Viren made a motion that this new position work closely with the existing state Membership & Chapter Support committee and will have a state-level governance role (not overstepping the local chapters) and could contact each new state member to offer support and mentorship, which was seconded, and passed by unanimous consent.
- Propose Youth Protection Training streamer award: Compatriot Perry Taylor proposed a new WA SAR society streamer award for chapters, to encourage and recognize each chapter for completing SAR Youth Protection training. A sample streamer was displayed, white with gold text "Youth Protection Training". While current training completion tracking is at NSSAR, local chapter training completion tracking will be researched. Goal is to award the first set of these streamers at the 2022 WA SAR Annual Conference. Perry will continue to refine his proposal, for a future vote.

- NSSAR George Washington Fund: WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger shared that this NSSAR fund can help cover 50% of under-funded SAR projects, if you have the other 50% already arranged. Can't fund awards, but other SAR projects (patriot grave marking). Also, inquire with WA SAR state contacts, the state might help fund your project too!
- WA SAR existing Ethics rules: WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger noted that NSSAR is increasingly asking state societies to have formal Ethics rules, policies, and processes. Keith appointed Compatriot Russ Oliver (who agreed) to research the current state Bylaws and Administrative Procedures and compile all current references to ethics, compare to NSSAR, and to send the results to WA SAR Vice President Greg Lucas, with the goal to eventually publish consistent state rules and processes.
- New Youth Award Proposal: WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger is talking with NSSAR about a new proposal for a Youth Visual Arts contest, 5–10-minute videos with a Revolutionary War focus. Info only at this stage. First step would likely be a pilot program in 5 state societies. WA SAR is not committed yet, but if excitement exists, Keith would love for WA SAR to join in the pilot.
- 250th Anniversary Celebration: WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger noted that this is the current focus for NSSAR and should be the focus of the state and chapters too. NSSAR has a list of 3000+ anniversaries to celebrate, leading up to the 250th anniversary itself. 250th anniversary banners are available, \$35, and it is recommended to fly them at these events.
- Presentation of Liberty Medals: WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger received several Liberty Medals at the 2021 National Congress for members of our state, and didn't want them to sit awaiting the 2022 WA SAR Annual Conference, so he is distributing them now:
 - Compatriot Jean Tinney – Liberty Medal Certificate, and Oak Leaf (subsequent award)
 - Compatriot Viren Lemmer - Liberty Medal Certificate, and Oak Leaf (subsequent award)
 - Compatriot Mike Moore - Liberty Medal Certificate, and Oak Leaf (subsequent award)
 - Compatriot Neil Vernon, Liberty Medal Certificate, and 2xOak Leaf (subsequent awards)
 - Compatriot Rob Sexton, Liberty Medal Certificate, and Oak Leaf (subsequent award)
 - Compatriot George Vernon, Liberty Medal and Certificate (first award) (Neil's Dad)
 - Compatriot John Kraft, Liberty Medal and Certificate (first award)
- Question on state History Teacher Award: George Rogers Clark Chapter President Art Dolan asked if home schoolteachers meet the criteria and can be eligible? Greg Lucas said yes, but that the award criteria of letters of recommendation from other teachers might be tough to acquire.
- Distribution of 2020 Chapter Flag Award Program participation awards: State Flag Award Chairman Russ Oliver distributed to chapter representatives their 2020 participation certificate awards, and Old Glory streamer pins. Ranger Chapter awarded their very first US Flag display in 2020, and earned their Old Glory streamer.

Those Voting Members and Guests in Attendance (14)

(Voting Members - 10)

WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger

WA SAR Vice President Greg Lucas

WA SAR Treasurer Robert Sexton

WA SAR Chaplain Edwin Dierdorff

WA SAR Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon

State National Trustee Viren Lemmer

Alexander Hamilton Chapter President Jerry Bordelon

Fort Vancouver Chapter President Jeff Lightburn

George Rogers Clark Chapter President Art Dolan

Mid-Columbia Chapter President Jerry Schultz

(Non-Voting Guests - 4)

National SAR Historian Jim Lindley

Compatriot Russ Oliver

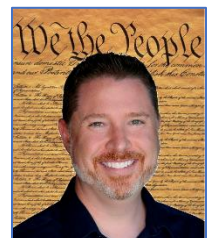
Compatriot Dick Paul

Compatriot Perry Taylor

WA SAR Chaplain Edwin Dierdorff gave the Benediction.

WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger adjourned the meeting at 2:44PM, with peace and harmony prevailing.

Respectfully submitted, Russ Oliver, Assistant Secretary, Washington State, Sons of the American Revolution



Secretary's Corner XX Dec 2021

Compatriots,

We have come to the end of another year although it has been challenging for many as we try to maintain our Society under the restraints of a Pandemic.

I have seen outstanding work by all of you in maintain our meeting and participation in our communities. Take a deep breath and enjoy the Thanksgiving and Christmas with your most important family members.

Please **do not forget to pay your dues** and make plans to attend the annual conference.

You may also want to visit the [Society web site](#). Our webmaster, Curtis Hanner, has done an outstanding job with updates.

Visit the [National website](#) and review your information in the new database the **BLUE** data base. I believe that this new tool will be a great asset for all especially if you are in a leadership position.



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

News From The WA State SAR Ladies Auxiliary (LAWASSAR)

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Happy Fall everyone!

I thought I would take this time to say how thankful I am to this organization and its wonderful members.

You have enriched our lives and I am grateful. Though we come from many and varied backgrounds we share a common love of this country and our shared history, and strive to share that knowledge with the next generation. May you all have good health, a happy home and a loving family. **Merry Christmas!**

I would also like to share with you a message called the Truth about Santa Claus. (From Facebook).

Son: Dad, I think I'm old enough now. Is there a Santa Claus?

Dad: OK, I agree that you're old enough. But before I tell you, I have a question for you. You see, the "truth" is a dangerous gift. Once you know something, you can't unknow it. Once you know the truth about Santa Claus, you will never again understand and relate to him as you do now. So, my question is, Are you sure you want to know?

Son: Yes, I want to know

Dad: OK, I'll tell you. Yes, there is a Santa Claus

Son: Really?

Dad: Yes, really, but he's not an old man with a beard in a red suit. That's just what we tell kids. You see, kids are too young to understand. The truth about Santa Claus is that he's not a person at all: he's an idea. Think of all those presents Santa gave you over the years. I actually bought those myself. I watched you open them. Did it bother me that you didn't thank me? Of course not! In fact it gave me great pleasure. You see, Santa Claus is THE IDEA OF GIVING FOR THE SAKE OF GIVING, without thought of thanks or acknowledgement. When I helped a woman on the subway last week and called for help, I knew that she'd never know that it was me. I was being Santa Claus when I did that.

Son: Oh

Dad: So now that you know, you are part of it. You have to be Santa Claus, too, now. That means you can never tell a young kid the secret, and you have to help us select Santa presents for them, and most importantly, you have to look for opportunities to help people. Got it?

Help each other this Christmas and be kind.

Cynthia Weissinger, President, Ladies Auxiliary, WASSAR

WA State Challenge Coin

The new Washington Society challenge coin has arrived!!!

Contact your Chapter President to find out how to get yours.

Don't delay!

You don't want to miss this opportunity



WA CAR State Project 2021-22 ([LINK](#) to NL)



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.

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

From The Archives:

MAXWELL FRANKLIN LESLIE: Navy War Hero

By Allan Wenzel,
WA SAR State
Historian



Maxwell (Max) Franklin Leslie was born on October 24, 1902, at Seattle, Washington, the son of William Franklin Leslie and Inez Leone Maxwell.

After high school Max attended the University of Washington before being accepted to the United States Naval Academy, at Annapolis, Maryland in 1922. Graduating in the Class of 1926 Maxwell was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Navy. In 1929 he began flight training at the Pensacola Naval Air Station in Florida, and was designated a Naval Aviator in 1930. He was married to Elizabeth Harris Black.

At the time of the United States' entrance into World War II, Max was executive officer of Bomber Squadron 3, stationed aboard the U.S.S. Aircraft Carrier *Saratoga*.

Luckily, he had departed Pearl Harbor several days before the Japanese attack on the battleships at anchor in the harbor on a mission to deliver fighter planes to Wake and Midway Islands.

He and his squadron were part of Task Force 17 assigned to the U.S.S. Aircraft Carrier *Enterprise*, while on convoy escort duty to protect the U.S.S. Aircraft Carrier *Hornet*, engaged in a top-secret mission to launch Doolittle's Raiders which were enroute to bomb Tokyo, Japan.

Lieutenant Commander Leslie served with distinction during the Battle of Midway (June 4, 1942). He was stationed on board the U.S.S. Aircraft Carrier *Yorktown* where he commanded Bomber Squadron 3, flying Dauntless Dive Bombers. While following the Japanese Destroyer *Arashi*, which had been counterattacking the U.S.S. Submarine *Nautilus*, Leslie and Lieutenant Commander [Wade McClusky](#), from the U.S.S. *Enterprise*, arrived high above the Japanese task force at the precise moment its [combat air patrol](#) were below them engaged in repelling U.S.S. *Yorktown's* torpedo bombers. This was the critical time, when the Japanese First Air Fleet was most vulnerable. With Zeros forced to fly too low to be effective, Leslie's and McClusky's squadrons dove from above through a clear sky and unloaded their bombs on the Japanese carriers, their decks cluttered with fuel lines and munitions Admiral Nagumo had ordered for the refueling and rearming of his aircraft. Max and his squadron attacked the Carrier *Soryu*, McClusky's squadron attacked the Carrier *Kaga*, and Lieutenant Dick Best with his squadron attacked the Carrier *Akagi*.

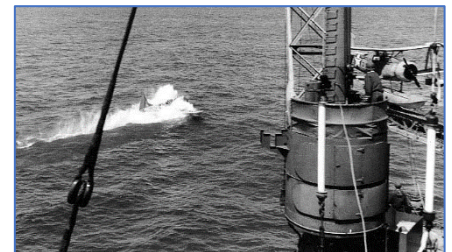
In just five minutes, *Enterprise's* Scouting Squadron 6 and Bombing Squadron 6 destroyed two Japanese fleet carriers. The *Kaga* was abandoned and sank. The *Akagi* was abandoned just after *Kaga* went down, and was [scuttled](#) before dawn on June 5th. Attacking nearly simultaneously with McClusky's squadron, *Yorktown's* Bombing Squadron 3, led by Max, inflicted heavy damage on the Japanese Carrier *Sōryū*, and she also sank that evening. After successfully attacking the *Sōryū* Leslie and his wingman Lieutenant J.G. P. A. Holmberg ran out of fuel and ditched their planes next to the Heavy Cruiser U.S.S. *Astoria*, due to their Carrier the *Yorktown* being under heavy attack preventing a return landing. Leslie, Holmberg, and their gunners were rescued by one of the cruiser's whaleboats. A single carrier, *Hiryū*, which was ten miles to the north of the other three carriers, escaped damage the morning of June 4th, but she was sunk on June 5th. For his heroism during the Battle of Midway, during which he is credited with playing a major part in winning the battle and consequently the war in the Pacific, Max was awarded the United States Navy's second highest decoration for valor, the [Navy Cross](#).

Max continued to serve overseas during World War II, and after the war spent the rest of his career on various ships and at shore stations. He retired in 1956 with the rank of Rear Admiral. In addition to the Navy Cross, he was awarded the Bronze Star decoration with "V" (Valor), and the Presidential Unit Citation issued to the crew of the U.S.S. *Enterprise*. He also received: the American Defense Service Medal with Fleet Clasp, the American Theatre Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

Maxwell was admitted to the Washington State Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Spokane Chapter #1, through his Patriot ancestor (Great-Great-Grandfather) Benjamin Dolbier, on November 13, 1923. His two sons and his Father also held membership in WASSAR.

Compatriot Maxwell Franklin Leslie died on September 26, 1985 at San Diego, California. A biography states he was buried in the Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, at San Diego, California. A search of all National Cemetery records does not show a listing for him. I believe he was buried at sea.

Photo: **Caught on film by a Navy photographer the moment Lieutenant Commander Leslie ditches his plane next to the Heavy Cruiser U.S.S. Astoria, June 4, 1942.**
National Archives photo.





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



The Washington Society's annual meeting is open to all WASSAR members where we will conduct business, celebrate accomplishments, hold educational sessions & workshops, and enjoy camaraderie.

In addition to our Conference, there will be concurrent meetings of the Pacific District and the Oregon State Society.

There is no registration fee this year, but you do need to register!

(NOTE: Registration will not officially open until 7 Jan 2022)

- Download a printable [registration form](#) and return on/after 7 Jan 2022.
- Download the [conference agenda](#)
- Purchase a [Call-To-Arms raffle ticket](#)



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](mailto:dickpaulinc@comcast.net): dickpaulinc@comcast.net.
- Phone: (425) 373-6542

Do you have family that wants to enjoy the Conference or you don't want to stay at the hotel?

For additional lodging click this [LINK](#)

Do you have a four-legged family member you don't want to leave behind? For pet lodging click this [LINK](#)



132nd National Congress - 2022 Savannah GA

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 American Legion Post Hall #14, 4607 NE St. James Rd, Vancouver, WA.

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,

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CAR (State Wide)

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

SAR Ladies Auxiliary (State Wide)

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WA State Daughters of the American Revolution

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Birthday Wishes To All Compatriots Born In Oct/Nov/Dec

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



October	November	December
Aaron Justin Giebel	Alan Wayne Blackstock	Allan Ray Wenzel
Alexander Viren Lemmer	Aubrey Richardson Carter Jr	Arthur Theron Broady
Andrew John Klippert	Christopher Brant Fridley	Brainerd Wood
Andrew Todd Asher	Clayton Melville Kirkland	Bryan Douglas Klippert
Arthur William Dolan	Colby Miles Auckland	Charles Edward Johnson Jr
Baxter Franklin Gray	Danny Michael Boon	Charles Vance Waid
Brian Marcus Judd	David Paul de la Vergne	Christopher Lee Olson
Carver Clark Gayton	Donald Elmer Maymon	Colby James Doughty
Daniel Alvin Abbott	Donald Roderick Scott	Curtis Dale Hanner
Darron Elwood Nelson	Duane Gregory Nascimento	Daniel José Weedin
Devon Ray Parman	Dustin Adam Berry	Darwin Eugene Kampman
Donald B Kennedy	Edward Baker Faust	Dean Ladd
Donald Eugene Condit	Edward Lawrence Tropp	Evan Wynn Nascimento
Donald Michael Giese	Edwin Prentice Dierdorff Jr	Fred Lambert Templin
Guy Kent Troy Jr	Eric Leon Chastain	Gordon William Struve
James Abraham Garfield Lightburn II	Erwin Bradley Pace Jr	Gregory Thomas Faherty III
James Claiborne Martin	George Courtney Berthiaume	Hugh Edward Empey
Jeffrey Scott Bradshaw	Graham Robert Parman	Ian Connor Robison
John Charles Hughes	Gregory Nicholas Hullender	Jack Earl Fletcher
John David Hosfield	Guy Volkert Moellendorf	James Orlo Sparks
John Ray Tremain	Harold Lee Steenbergen	John Edward Ernest
Karl David McCowen	Harvey Raymond Crowder	John Harvey Klippert
Keith Glenn Underwood	Howard Berryman Edwards Jr	Jon Mark Clements
Keith Leroy Phillipy	James Patrick Cadd	Joseph Donald Barnes
Lawrence Edward Clay	Jerry Michael Bordelon	Keith A. Weissinger
Leonard Paul Pearson	John Michael Landis	Kenneth Allen Nelson
Luke Patrick Sowieralski	Joshua Robert Cummings	Kenneth Duane Powe
Michael Lovelace	Kevin James Underwood	Leonard Will Kearney
Michael Neal Jacobs	Kirby Neill Thomas	Liam Arthur Carroll
Paul Gregory Webster	Leslie Lewis Steele	Matthew Patrick Sexton
Paul Montgomery Carver	Lynn Lyman Briggs	Matthew Roy Bendickson
Peter Joseph Hale	Mathew Wade Spradlin	Michael Timothy Berry
Philip Augustus Ratcliff	Matthew James Covella	Nicholas William Reichert
Richard Warren Roddy	Morgan John Iacolucci	Paul Frederick Ocker
Scott Allen Bean	Nathan Patrick O'Connell	Roger Wayland May
Thomas Evans Williams	Paul Richard Clifton	Ronald David Irons
Thomson Pray	Richard Robert Paul	Scott Christopher Enyeart
Trevor C. Lane	Robert Alan Sexton	Stephen John Clayton
Warner Gibson Taylor III	Robert Jeffery Waid	Stephen Lee Zirschky
Wesley Patrick Corder	Robert Joseph Zache	Tanner Jackson Roach
	Ronald Owen Mains	Tim T. Bendickson
	Ronn William Mercer	Timothy Martin Van Houten
	Timothy Walter Doughty	William Wallace Van Cleave Jr
	Walter Daniel Heidt	
	Wayne Everett Gardner	
	Wayne Russell Marshall	
	Willard Joseph Gueringer	
	William Ray Miller	
	William Robert O'Neal	

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.



THE DRUMBEAT

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YOUR COLOR GUARD, THE FACE OF THE SAR



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

From The Commander

Compatriots,

Happy Holidays and Seasons Greetings! What a wonderful year we have had the privilege of participating in. The Color Guard continues to strive forward in meeting the objectives of Education, History, and Patriotism.

We continue to encounter roadblocks for our public appearances, yet we have also found creative ways to continue to make our presence known. This past year we had the opportunity to participate in the **2021 National Congress** that was held in Renton Washington, July 9/15. What an opportunity it was to work together with the other members of the Color Guard from throughout the country. I know those who did attend and participate gained great insights and it was an enjoyed by all. To the Washington State Color Guard in attendance, again I say thank you. We received several praises for our performance and professionalism. At congress we also had the opportunity to attend a Grave Marking ceremony. During the installation banquet, Commander Neil Vernon, Deputy Commander Dick Motz, Fife and Drum Major Viren Lemmer, and Past Commander Art Dolan were honored in participating in the Ring Bearing Ceremony. A once in a lifetime opportunity to be that close to the actual relic once owned by George Washington. Since Congress we have been actively engaged once again and showing our public face. Throughout the State of Washington, we have once again attended parades and other public appearances. From what has been reported to me the Color Guard was present at 15 locations and placed nearly 4,200 wreaths on Veterans Graves during the Wreaths Across America held on December 18, 2021. Great work by all.

Looking forward there are a few important events to keep an eye on. The George Washington Birthday Celebration (Feb 21) **is now considered a national event**. In April we will have our annual State Conference which will be held in Vancouver, Washington. I encourage as many Color Guardsmen who can attend to be present. We will have a Color Guard meeting Friday, April 8 and several assignments to fulfill for Posting of Colors, plus our annual Color Guard photo.

Beyond this, keeping seeking for opportunities to be engaged. Some schools are beginning to open up to the idea of having external presenters once again. Be sure to follow the required protocol. Remember to ensure a safe environment for learning. As a reminder for all presenters, the online NSSAR Youth Protection Training course is mandatory.

Color Guard Membership numbers continue to ebb to and fro. We have lost several members who have not renewed their membership or have left the area. Our current Color Guard member count hovers around 84 members from 9 chapters. This is up from 73 from when I started as Commander 2 years ago. 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.

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



NSSAR Color Guard Magazine

The Oct 2021 issue is available at this [LINK](#)

Back issues are available by visiting SAR.org, logging in, then click on this link [Magazine link](#)



How Historically Accurate is the Old Guard?

I found this to be a very interesting evaluation of the Commander-in-Chief's Guard, a ceremonial unit within the 3rd United States Army Regiment, also called "**The Old Guard.**" The Old Guard performs a variety of ceremonial duties on top of their role as regular soldiers, including putting on displays of 18th Century-inspired

You Tube [LINK](#)



Color Guard Events Throughout The State

Regional Area Events In Jan, Feb, Mar

Northern Region

12 Oct: The George Washington Chapter Color Guard proudly presented a new DAR flag and posted the colors for the Ann Washington DAR chapter in Mt. Vernon, WA.

(L/R) John Kraft, Marshall Eberhart, Hugh Jonson, Mike Hutchins, and Bob Wall.



16 Oct: 9 members of the George Washington Color Guard paraded and posted colors for the Ann Washington DAR Chapter 100th Anniversary held at the Skyline Beach Club in Anacortes WA. Approximately 100 guests celebrated with the DAR ladies.

(L/R) Mike Hutchins, Hugh Jonson, Patricia Francisco, Marshall Eberhart, John Kraft Sr, Chris Fridley, Russ Oliver, Bob Wall and Bruce Bock.



4 Dec: Anacortes Xmas Parade.

Proudly carrying the 250th Anniversary with Betsy Ross colors the George Washington Color Guard lead by WA SAR Color Commander Neil Vernon.

The Ann Washington Chapter DAR who had a seasonally decorated vehicle with a Christmas tree festooned with red, white and blue ornaments, and proudly flying the Ann Washington DAR Chapter flag. Although the weather forecast was dismal, the rain mostly stopped before the parade started. The 38-degree temperature and the brisk pace made for a quick event. Many of us retreated to a local deli for a welcome warm lunch and lively post parade discussion. A pleasant chance to catch up, share and chat with each other.

Participants were: (Photo at right l to r) Patricia Francisco, Neil Vernon, Kieth Wiessinger, John Kraft, Bruce Bock, Dick Whittemore, Ken Marshall, Mike Hutchins, Karen Manatt (DAR) (Not in picture was Marshall Eberhart).



Southern Region

6 Nov: Auburn Veterans Day Parade. There was light rain for the group photo. When marching time arrived the rain was turned off for the parade.



CG members present were: Jerry Bordelon, Viren Lemmer, Noah Chase, Mike Moore, Fred Gilbert, Bob Korn, John Herr, Dennis Case, Jan Lemmer, Skip Stephen, Perry Taylor, Neil Vernon, and Dick Motz
Other support personnel were: Keith Weissenberg (our State President), Ralph & Melonie Leaning, Roxane Hreha, Stephanie Conroy, Terry Barker, Diane Moore, Kate Bendickson, and Susan Nelson

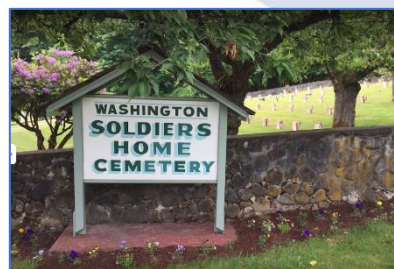
17 Dec: Working closely with Marc Perez (location coordinator WAWSHO WAA), the AH Chapter provided a truck escort from the trucking terminal in Sumner to the cemetery in Orting. Jerry Bordelon & Dick Motz participated in the escort. (Video [LINK](#))



Mark Perez



On the 18th the Chapter Color Guard posted the Colors at the ceremony that took place at the WA Soldiers Home Cemetery in Orting.



At right (L-R) Jan Lemmer
Skip Stephan John Herr
Michael Bendickson Michael Moore
Keith Weissinger Ralph Liening
Viren Lemmer



Eastern Region

23 Oct: Yakima County Fairgrounds. The Mid-Columbia Chapter maned an information booth at the Veterans Stand Down
Attendees were: Kelly & Karen Shultz, John & Loretta Tipton, and Larry Flint.



6 Nov: veterans Day: The Mid-Columbia SAR Chapter, joined with the Kennebec and Columbia River DAR Chapters and the Rattlesnake Mountain CAR Chapter to march together in the West Richland, Veterans Day Parade.



12 Nov: The Mid-Columbia SAR Chapter again participated in a second Veteran's Stand Down in Kennebec.

(L/R) Larry Flint, Kelly Schultz, Afghan Vet & his son, Brian McReynolds and Randal Roach



20 Nov: Spokane Lilac Parade.

After being cancelled for two years due to Covid the Spokane #1 was one of over 40 entries in the parade watched by several thousand spectators.

(L/R) Dennis Shaw, Rob Scott, Will Palmer, Stan Wills, Rob Hill, Koda Palmer, Carl Durkoop and Dale Ryan.



Stan Wills of the Spokane Chapter/Spokane Flag Museum donated a large American Flag to the Summit Christian Academy of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. The 10'X20' Flag was part of the Veterans Day celebration conducted at the school. I am glad the flag found a good home.



18 Dec: Spokane SAR participated in Wreaths Across America. The snow storm stopped just long enough to put out 90 wreaths at the Pines Cemetery in Spokane. Stan Wills, Dale Ryan, John Knauer



18 Dec: The Mid-Columbia SAR Chapter joined with the Columbia River DAR and the Columbia Basin Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, on December 18th, to participate in the Wreaths Across America Program. In 2053 cemeteries around the country and others around the world, let by Arlington Cemetery, we had a ceremony and laid wreaths on the graves of our Nations veterans. The Ceremony was opened by Laura Nunnelle, Regent of the Columbia River DAR. Chris Crowder, Washington State DAR Regent and wife of our Harvey Crowder, spoke. Commander Brad Klippert, of the State Legislature, 8th District was the keynote speaker. Dan Newhouse, our congressman also spoke. The Civil Air Patrol presented Wreaths for each of the service branches, including the Space Force. We gave the pledge of allegiance and Hank Cramer sang the National Anthem. We all then went outside to lay over 600 wreaths on the graves of servicemen.



Western Region

18 Dec: Ivy Green Cemetery, over 300 volunteers came out in the wind and rain to honor and remember our Veterans and the lives they had. Wreaths Across America location coordinator and Master of Ceremony Mick Hersey of the John Paul Jones Chapter WASSAR led the event.



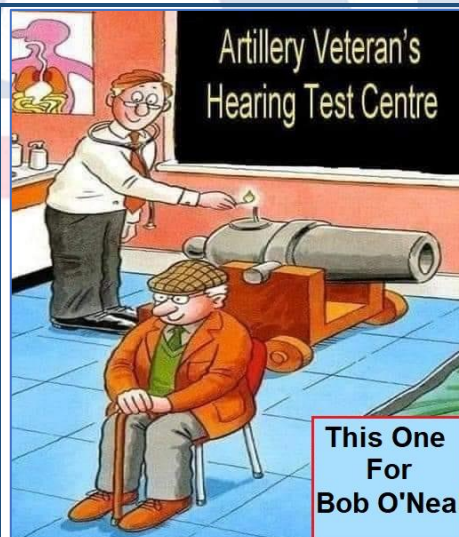
Chapter President David Irons provided the Honor Guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns as Chapter members Perry Taylor, Conrad Plyler, Fred Gilbert and Bob Schneider presented Service Wreaths. Behind the scenes help was provided by Noah Chase. At noon a second ceremony was held at Bethel Cemetery with the ceremony being held in the Grace Bible Church gym. Color guard Captain Fred Gilbert, David Irons, Chapter President and Noah Chase brought in the colors presented to active-duty Marines and Sailors for Salute. Mick Hersey was again the Master of Ceremony. Over 100 volunteers participated.



Military Humor & More



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



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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).



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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.

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