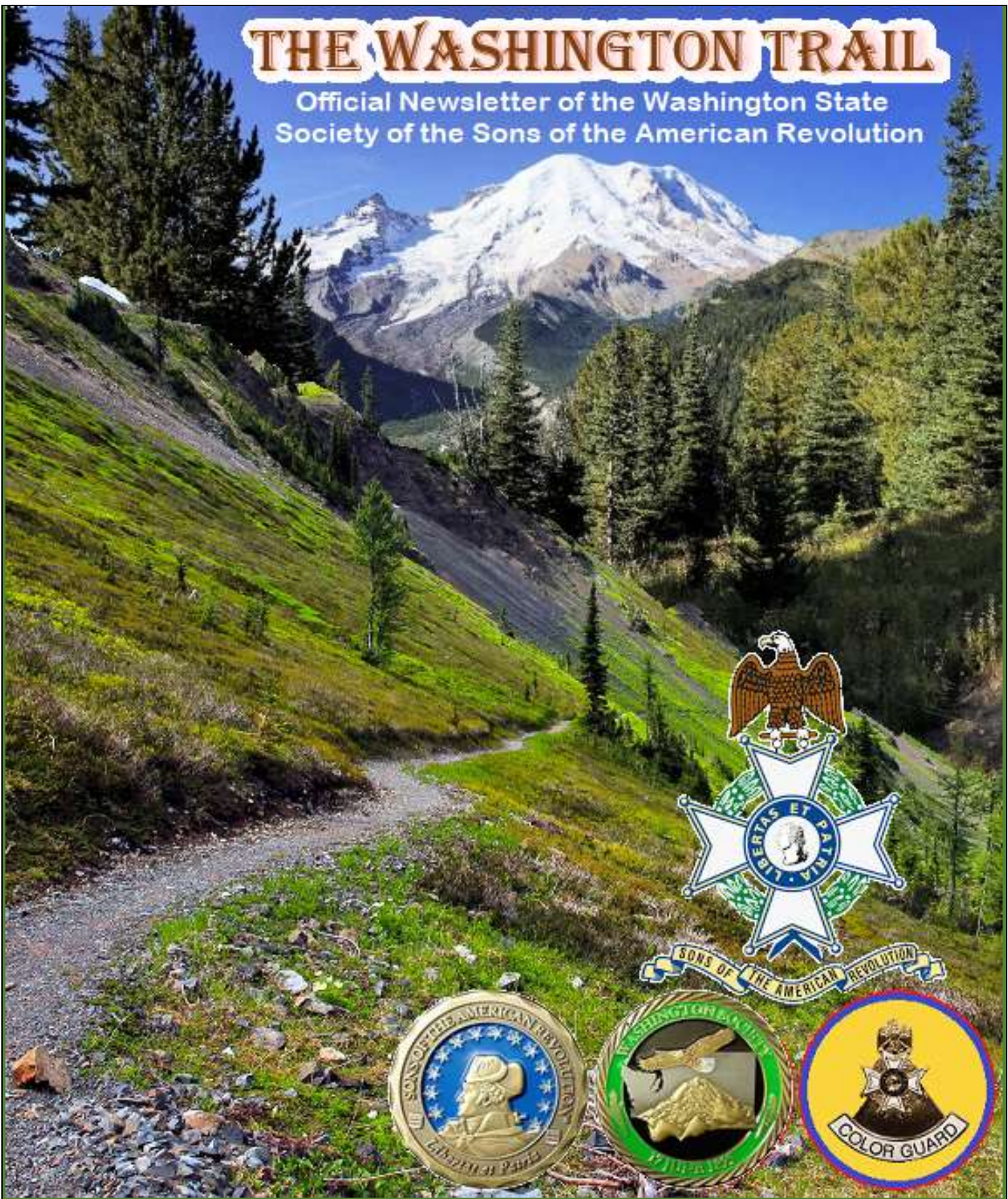


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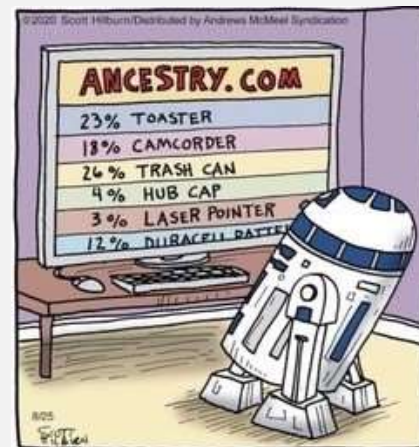
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- 8-9 Apr [Annual State Conference](#),
The Heathman Lodge, Vancouver, WA
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Washington State SAR President's Message – Winter - 2022 (1st Quarter)

Compatriots: Focus on the Youth

I recently had the honor to attend the CAR State Annual Conference and bring greetings on behalf of the Washington Society SAR. It gave me the opportunity to meet members and Officers of the CAR and share with them the wonderful youth programs and projects in our Society.



At the time of this writing, we are actively putting the finishing touches on our own State Annual Conference to be held in **Vancouver, Washington on 8-9 April 2022**. The entire first evening will be focused on the youth. Winners of our own youth contests will be recognized, several will read their essays, and teachers will receive well-deserved recognition. I know it will be a special evening and a proud moment for the Washington Society.

I encourage you to read the article I wrote for the CAR newsletter outlining our current youth programs. A copy should be included with this newsletter. You will note the Board of Directors recently reaffirmed our commitment to youth education by dramatically increasing and expanding the prize money awarded. You will also note some areas that could be improved. We currently do not have a chairman to oversee the Middle School Brochure Contest or the Elementary School Poster Contest. This position would require a minimum amount of time and training is available from our other fine Chairmen. Please consider offering your time and guidance to our youngest group of students who need to learn about our history and heritage.

Likewise, the Society needs a Chairman for the SAR Youth Video Contest currently under development. Several of your Compatriots have been working behind the scenes on this project, particularly in the George Rogers Clark Chapter. Still, we still need a chairman to oversee and coordinate the effort. A knowledge of video production is not required. The contestants will provide that expertise. We need a Compatriot to provide a point of contact, initiate advertising, and offer encouragement. The seed has already been planted.

Regarding the CAR, an issue was brought to my attention. The majority of the CAR Senior Leaders are ladies from the DAR. The SAR currently provides only two representatives. I offer no disrespect to our fine DAR Sisters, but the CAR needs and deserves strong male role models. Compatriots, I ask you to consider and recognize the benefits of your involvement with young people who have already made a commitment to history, education, and patriotism.

Finally, it is time to restart our school presentations. Mask mandates are ending and the students are back at their desks. Let's unfurl the flags, dust off the Patriot Chests, and don the uniforms so the kids can experience history live and in person. Viren Lemmer, our new Chairman of Education, will be helping to coordinate school presentations. The Youth Education Medal has been approved and is available to recognize your commitment to educating young Americans about their past and the sacrifices made to establish this unique homeland.

Join with us as we continue and redouble our *Focus on the Youth*. The need is real and the rewards will be immeasurable.

In patriotism and service, Keith A Weissinger, MD, State President, Washington Society SAR

Council of State Presidents Bulletin Jan 2022

The Bulletin, the newsletter for the Council of State Presidents, has become the "town square" for projects and initiatives from National. Many of the National Committee Chairmen have submitted articles. The Bulletin is a great resource of information. I hope you find it helpful.

It is available at this [LINK](#)



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

NSSAR Education Domain Overview

By Brooks Lyles (NC), Chairman, Education Committee

Let's start in the beginning, where all good stories should start. The SAR is descended from several lineal organizations primarily The Sons of Revolutionary Sires, San Francisco, CA and The New Jersey Sons of the Revolution, and was founded 30 April 1889, the 100th Anniversary of the inauguration of President George Washington. It was a fraternal and civic society composed of the lineal descendants of the men who fought for our independence in the Revolutionary War. On 9 June 1906, during the administration of Compatriot and President Theodore Roosevelt, we received a Congressional Charter that declared ***The Objects of this Society to be to be***

patriotic, historical, and educational; to unite and promote fellowship among the descendants of those who sacrificed to achieve the independence of the American people, to inspire them and the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom. It is from this that the Education mission of the SAR is derived.

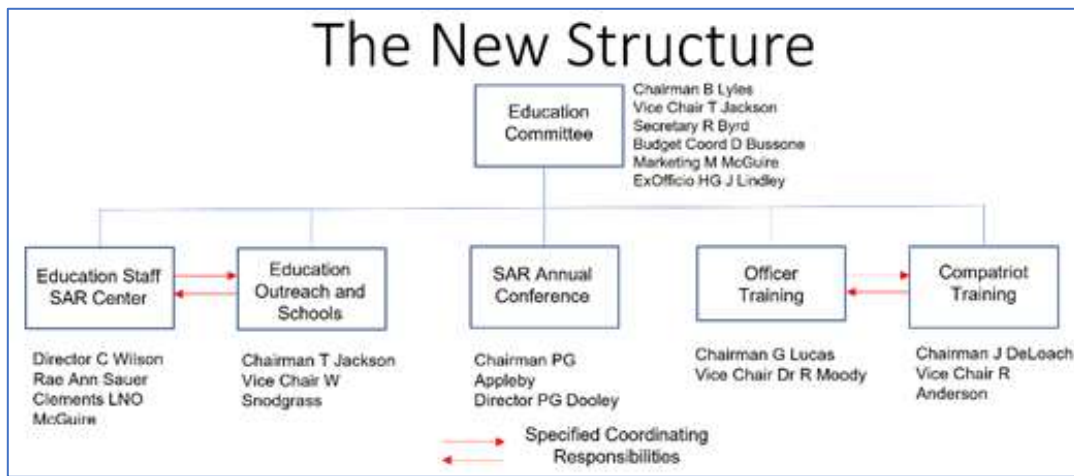
In the intervening century the SAR worked very hard to execute these missions and met with varying levels of success. They used to work with state boards of education to develop curriculum, developed many of our current youth programs/contests, worked with the National Park Service on historic sites and celebrations, and conducted education outreach in their local schools, but with varying levels of success. When the organization received exemption from Federal income taxes under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code 501 we were forced to tread a fine line of political neutrality to maintain our tax-exempt status. This has caused most chapters and state societies to shy away from interaction with their local governments in the education arena lest they be affiliated with a party or a position. And yes, it is harder to get into schools these days that it was, but it is not impossible.

Fast forward to this century and the 117th National Congress where a Resolution was passed regarding the SAR's commitment to expanding the Headquarters and Library complex to include a museum and naming it the Center for Advancing America's Heritage to emphasize our educational mission. "Therefore, this 117th Annual Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution requests that the President General now cause our National Society's governing documents to be examined and appropriate changes proposed so the **education function** would be identified in them, and, after due process, any proposed amendments would be submitted to future Annual Congresses for approval or disapproval." An additional result of this resolution was the hiring of a full time Education Director, Ms. Colleen Wilson, who has been critical in the growth of our Education Programs.

In 2017, during the term of past President General Mike Tomme I was appointed the Chairman of the Education Committee and was directed to develop a multi-tiered Education Outreach Program that included Youth Protection Training for Compatriots, The President General's Education Outreach Streamer Program to recognize chapters that were executing the SAR's Education mission, and the development of a central data base of Compatriot Presenters and Presentations. Also, that year Compatriot Wayne Snodgrass of Colorado established the Patriot Chest Reimbursement Program with a \$10,000 fund to reimburse State Societies up to 50% of the startup cost for two new Patriot Chests per state. That program was integrated under the oversight of the Education Committee and managed by our full time Education Director. Compatriot Snodgrass also developed the Patriot Chest 100 list of Patriot Chest presenters organized by state which available on the Education Domain website. In 2019 Compatriot Greg Ohanesian of South Carolina donated \$50,000 towards the establishment of the Ohanesian Family History Award to recognize with a \$500 cash award, chapters in four different size categories, for doing the most in-school uniformed history presentations.

Last year we were directed by President General Davis Wright to reorganize the Education Committee into a "Super Committee", incorporating several current standing committees (Education Outreach, Officer Training) as subcommittees, and developing others to bring "Training" into the Education Domain. For reporting and organizational purposes, The SAR's Annual Conference on the American Revolution was also assigned. This year we have debuted an Education Domain Website that is accessible to all members on SAR.org but is also available to nonmembers and educational professionals; proposed and received approval of a Youth Education Medal; developed a National Youth Protection Policy; developed the Compatriot Training Committee; and received a designated Education Funding line in the annual budget. That is a lot to digest, even for people who have been in the SAR for a long time.

To familiarize you with the current National Education Committee and to make sure all state leaders are current with our national initiatives, I have been asked to provide an overview of our national education programs and identify your rolls, responsibilities, and our expectations of the states.



This is how the National Education Committee is organized, as of 2021 Congress. The higher-level committee is responsible for interaction with National Leadership and oversees administration, policy, and budget while providing top cover for, and guidance to the subordinate committees. The Committee meets in person at Spring and Fall Leadership and via Zoom as the need arises. The subordinate committees are developing their own specific programs in support of the Society's education and training missions with a focus on developing five-year plans and funding projections to reach their goals in time for the opening of the SAR Education Center and Museum in Louisville and the 250th Anniversary of our American Independence in 2026. The various committees meet individually via Zoom whenever required. Chairs and Vice Chairs meet with the parent committee at Fall and Spring Leadership Meetings. To get where we want to be in Education, we need compatriots and committees that are willing to work on their mission's year-round, not just 2 or 3 times a year when we gather for Leadership and Congress meetings. Technologies like Zoom allow us to do that, and they expand our outreach opportunities as well.

Current National Education Initiatives and Programs:

- The President General's Education Outreach Streamer Award** - was established in 2017 and are awarded to Chapter's (based on size) that make a certain number of historical presentations annually. 'Presentations' included old presentations done in new venues and new presentations done in old venues. It encourages the presentations be done in period clothing but does not mandate it. Reports are due to National by 15 March and cover one year, 1 Jan to 31 Dec annually. Starting in 2022 the reporting information will be derived from the Americanism Report. The PG's Education Outreach Streamers have been presented at the Monday Evening Awards session at every Congress since, and the number of chapters and societies participating has grown each year to include this last one.

The Streamer will be awarded to Chapters, based on size, that do a certain number of presentations:

- Membership a/o 1 Jan of 1-40 Compatriots must do 3 Presentations
 - Membership a/o 1 Jan of 41-80 Compatriots must do 5 Presentations
 - Membership a/o 1 Jan of 81-120 Compatriots must do 7 Presentations
 - Membership a/o 1 Jan of 121+ Compatriots must do 9 Presentations
- The Patriot Chest Reimbursement Program and Patriot Chest 100 (<https://www.sar.org/patriot-chest-100/>)** - Includes information on the Patriot Chest Reimbursement Program, Patriot Chest Vendors, and the Patriot Chest 100, who are the active Compatriots who have Patriot Chests/Travelling Trunks and do presentations within their areas of operation. Also, there you will find Compatriot Presenters and their "Presenter Data Sheets" which are in effect, their resumes showing a picture, training, YPT Status and the available presentations they can do. There is a template for developing your own Presenter data sheets and examples of appropriate ones to emulate.
 - Youth Protection Policy and Training** -
 - Youth Protection Policy** - "The SAR strives to create and maintain a safe environment for all youth who participate in SAR sponsored activities. To the best of their ability, Compatriots and staff, their spouses and partners, and other event volunteers must safeguard the children and young people with whom they come into contact and protect them from physical, sexual, and psychological abuse."
 - Youth Protection Training** - Completion of the NSSAR Online Youth Protection Training (<https://www.sar.org/courses/youth-protection-training/>) within 3 months of assumption, appointment, or election to a leadership position at the National, Society or Chapter level, assignment as a National Committee Chair or Vice Chair, or assignment to a designated youth serving committee.

NSSAR online YPT must be retaken, and records updated every three years. All Compatriots should have an annual review presentation of the guidelines and potential signs of abuse and neglect, along with reporting procedures NLT than the annual congress. It is anticipated that the three years may be reduced to two years. The Compatriot is expected to maintain a copy of their individual completion certificate. Chapter and Society Education Directors should maintain a current roster of their members who have completed YPT and their expiration dates.

4. The SAR Youth Education Recognition Program

- a. **The Sar Youth Education Medal** - The NSSAR Youth Education Medal was established in 2021 to recognize sustained education of our youth by members of the Sons of the American Revolution.

To receive the Youth Education Medal, the following criteria must be met:

- 1) The Youth Education Medal will be awarded to a Compatriot after 15 educational presentations have been made. The look-back period for qualifying presentations will extend to 1 January 2021.
- 2) The presentations must be given to preschool or school age children.
- 3) The presentations may be given in both public and private schools. The presentations may be given in or out of the classroom.
- 4) Presentations made in different classes during the same day, in the same school, may be counted as separate presentations if specific data such as teacher or separate class periods is provided.
- 5) Presentations given as part of a 'school day' for living history events are acceptable.
- 6) The presentations may also be given to youth groups or organizations such as, but not limited to the following: Children of the American Revolution, American Heritage Girls, Trail Life, Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4H, home school COOPS, church youth groups, etc.
- 7) The presentations must be recorded in the Chapter and Societies' Americanism Report to be used towards the tracking and award of the PG's Education Outreach Streamer. Presenters should develop and submit Presenter Data Sheets to the National Education Committee and must have completed Youth Protection Training.
- 8) The Medal may be awarded multiple times.
 - a) After the initial Medal has been received, the recipient will receive a bronze oak leaf cluster for each additional 15 presentations given.
 - b) Five Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters can be replaced with one silver oak leaf cluster. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.
 - c) The presentation(s) must be approved by the Society Education Program Chairman or equivalent committee within the society.

- b. **The SAR Youth Education Medal with Lifetime Achievement Bar** - State Societies can award The NSSAR Youth Education Medal with 'Lifetime Achievement' Bar to two individuals annually.

- 1) An SAR Compatriot must have distinguished themselves in bringing the history of the American Revolution and the accomplishments of our patriot ancestors to young people by being involved in education outreach activities or by presenting Education Outreach Programs to our youth for a period of more than 10 years.
- 2) State Societies will purchase the Youth Education Medal and the Lifetime Achievement Bar and mount the bar on the drape prior to presentations within their states. Recipients will be reported on the Society's Americanism Report.
- 3) Special Awards of The NSSAR Youth Education Medal with Lifetime Achievement Bar to **non-SAR persons** can be proposed by State Societies to the Education Committee via email request. Requests will detail their rationale for the presentation and must include 1) who the proposed recipient is; 2) what they did to earn it; and 3) why they deserve our recognition.
- 4) The Education Committee will vote on a case by case basis whether to approve the awards for non-SAR persons based on the merits of the nomination and maintain a file of the recipients.
- 5) These non-SAR member awards will count against the State Society's annual allotment of 2 presentations of the Medal for Lifetime Achievement



- c. **The SAR Youth Education Lapel Pin** - Awarded by the Education Committee to any person who makes a donation of \$250 or more towards the SAR Youth Education Account. Donors will be recognized with a Certificate and Lapel Pin. Pins and Certificates will be paid for out of committee funds.
- d. **The Ohanesian Family History Presentation Award** - This is an existing program, approved by the Medals and Awards Committee prior to last year. It is designed to annually award Chapters, based on 4 different size categories, that have done the most oral presentations on any aspect of the American Revolution collectively, by its compatriots in schools during the last year. Presentations must be done in colonial clothing or uniform. The program is endowed by Compatriot Greg Ohanesian (SC) and his family. The individual chapter award is \$500 each, for a total of \$2000 in prize money annually. There is no minimum number of presentations required.



5. **The Education Domain Website** (Click on the Education Tab at sar.org)

- a. Lesson Plans
 - 1) Causes of the American Revolution – is online educational curriculum consisting of 11 Lesson Plans designed by Shae Luch, a University of Michigan Graduate student for the SAR. They are keyed to items in the collection of the William Clements Library at the University of Michigan, an Education partner of the SAR.
 - 2) 250th Anniversary Timeline
- b. Keyholes to History - Is part of an educational audio series about the American Revolution. Each segment is paired with lesson units and targeted to students, teachers, and the public. Approximately 60 seconds in length, each Keyhole to History is focused on providing background information to encourage further inquiry.
- c. Artifacts – Pictures and information about the artifacts we have assessed for the SAR Education Center and Museum
- d. Speaking Out About History – A series of interviews with best-selling authors of Revolutionary War focused books. The interviews are recorded one hour YouTube videos featuring an overview of the book by the author and a series of questions submitted by you, SAR Compatriots. To date we have interviewed David O. Stewart on the George Washington: The Political Rise of America's Founding Father; Patrick K O'Donnell on The Indispensables: The Diverse Soldier-Mariners Who Shaped The Country, Formed the Navy and Rowed Washington Across the Delaware; Jack Kelly on Valcour: The 1776 Campaign that Saved the Cause of Liberty and Nathaniel Philbrick on Travels with George. Soon to be added will be Mary Beth Norton's Book 1774, The Long Year of Revolution and William Sterne Randal's book on the Founder's Fortunes.
- e. Youth Awards – The Current National Level Winners in each of our contests
- f. Media
 - 1) Interpreter Videos
 - i. Colonial Surveying
 - ii. Blacksmithing
 - iii. American Flag Booklet

6. **What is expected of the State Societies?**

- a. The programs that national committees put together mean very little without the support of the state societies and chapters. Chapters are where the rubber meets the road and where the Compatriots executing the mission reside. The first thing we would like to see is two-way information sharing, both from National to the membership and from the chapters back to National. Some things like developing a NSSAR Youth Protection Policy and online Youth Protection Training must be done to protect both young people and the organization. Some like the Officer and Compatriot Training Programs (in the works under Compatriots Gregory Lucas (WA) and Jay DeLoach (NC)) are because of a perceived need in the organization. We need membership to tell us what you want to see in our Training Programs. We need to know how we can best support you in the accomplishment of the SAR's Education Mission. Is what we are asking achievable? Is everything we are doing making an impression on our membership or in our local communities? We can develop programs all day long, but unless compatriots know about them, unless there is interest in them, unless we are scratching an identified itch, and getting feedback from the field on their effectiveness it is all just wasted effort. We do not want to waste our efforts, nor your time.
- b. In an ideal world every state society in the SAR would appoint an Education Director and adopt the National Education Programs as a model, modifying them to meet their unique state and local requirements.

- c. State Education Directors would inform, track, and report the efforts and compliance of their chapters in the areas of YPT, education outreach and school presentations, Patriot Chest presentations and the activities of their resident Living History Interpreters and reenactors. All these are Education Outreach activities.
 - d. State Education Directors would track individual Compatriot outreach efforts and make sure Youth Education Medals are presented. Likewise, they would recognize older Compatriots and non-SAR persons who have done exceptional service in the Education Field with the Youth Education Medal with Lifetime Achievement Bar.
 - e. That State Education Directors would encourage Chapters to embrace the Societies' Education Mission as their own and share information about the NSSAR Education Domain website with their local schools, teachers, and youth group leaders so they could use the Curriculum, 250th Timeline, Keyholes to History, Artifacts, Speaker Series and Interpretive Videos in their schools or youth groups.
 - f. States that have not already done so would take advantage of the Patriot Chest Reimbursement Program and invest in their own Patriot Chests to enhance their Education Outreach Programs.
 - g. States and chapters would report these activities in their annual Americanism Reports so we can track and recognize those chapters who are doing the right things Nationally with The PG's Education Outreach Streamers and the \$500 Cash Awards provided for in the Ohanesian Family History Presentation Awards. Hopefully having these awards presented at a State Society BOM/BOG would inspire others to participate.
7. Education is a mission directed in our US Congressional Charter and we are building an Education Center and Museum at the National Headquarters in Louisville. SAR Congresses have passed resolutions focusing on our education efforts. Honoring the sacrifices of our Patriot Ancestors and keeping alive the memories of what they sacrificed in the founding of this nation is what we pledge to do every time we repeat the SAR Pledge. However, we need everyone on the oars and rowing together to get us across that river, full of all the obstacles and challenges of today, to accomplish that mission. I, my Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs, and the Education Committee as a whole stand ready to help you be successful in our common mission.

What do we mean by “*Sons*” of the American Revolution?

Lineage societies sometimes seem to speak their own language and the Sons of the American Revolution is no exception. Members are often referred to as compatriots.

So, what is a “Son?”

A Son is exactly what you'd expect. A Son is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution who was a biological descendent of a SAR qualifying ancestor. He is also referred to as a Compatriot. Our patriot ancestors may have been a soldier, militiamen, or frontier rifleman. Many were likely too old to fight but gave aid toward the cause. Others served the cause on committees supporting the cause while others paid taxes toward supporting George Washington's troops. As in other wars, the steady income of a Revolutionary War pension may have provided an incentive for a younger man to join the war effort. When the Sons of these relationships joined the SAR as adults, they were called “Sons or Compatriots” as opposed to those who were actually grandsons, great-grandsons, and great-great-grandsons.

Respectfully submitted, Doug Nelson, JPI Chapter, Washington Society, Sons of the American Revolution

SAR Youth Contests

The Sons of the American Revolution was started with a focus on **Patriotism, History, and Education**. Many of our programs were made to work toward these goals. Each program and contest encourage students to learn more about the American Revolution. Some of you may already know about our youth contests, but for those who don't, this is a short overview.

Several of the contests use the *written word*. The Knight Essay, Enhanced JROTC, and Eagle Scout Contest ask the students to research a topic related to the Revolution and write an essay about their findings. The Rumbaugh Oration contest is similar, but it uses the *spoken word*. Contestants will write, memorize, and then present their topic in a dramatic oration. For the younger students, the Middle School Brochure and the Elementary Poster Contests seek to combine colorful artwork with written captions to demonstrate an understanding of a Revolutionary War topic. Unfortunately, these two programs are currently inactive, but they could be reactivated if enough interest arises.

The Washington Society SAR has a long history of supporting these youth programs. I am pleased to announce we have taken some bold steps to increase our commitment. The Rumbaugh Oration Contest, long absent from our offerings has

now been reactivated. Our new Rumbaugh State Chairman is actively spreading the word about the contest and is currently accepting new contestants. In addition, the Washington Society has dramatically increased the prize money for all our contests. We now offer prize money for second and third place for many of our programs. Many of our first-place winner will now receive \$1000!

Award	WA SAR		
	First	Second	Third
Joseph Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest	\$1,000	\$500	\$250
George S. & Stella Knight Essay Contest	\$1,000	\$500	\$250
Enhanced JROTC Essay Program	\$1,000	\$500	\$250
Arthur & Brenda King Eagle Scout Scholarship	\$1,000	\$500	\$250
Americanism Middle School Brochure Contest	\$50	N/A	N/A
Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest	\$50	N/A	N/A
Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Contest	\$1000	N/A	N/A

We also want to announce something new. For some contestants, the *written word* and the *spoken word* may feel difficult. So, the Washington Society is working hard to create a **SAR Youth Video Contest** to express knowledge and understanding through the *visual arts*. The contestant will be asked to create a 5-to-10-minute video on some topic related to the American Revolution. There are very few limits placed on the contest, so the student is encouraged to be creative. The video may be a documentary, cartoon/anime, music video, pretend movie trailer, rap battle, or almost anything else! We want you to surprise us with your creation. We hope to have more information about this contest soon, but in the meantime, please feel free to contact us with your questions or comments. It will help us build a better program. Please contact your local SAR Chapter for more information and help with your entry. For complete information on contest rules and deadlines, go to washingtonsar.org and click on **Youth Programs**. Otherwise, use the list of State Chairmen below.

Rumbaugh Oration Contest: Mark Shaffer, mark.r.shaffer@hotmail.com

Knight Essay Contest: Jeff Lightburn, jclightburn@gmail.com

Enhanced JROTC Essay: Conrad Plyler, grayman@wavecable.com

King Eagle Scout Scholarship: Greg Emerson, emersongregoryd@gmail.com

Lawrence American History Teacher: Greg Lucas, gregorylucas@lucasandlucas.net

SAR Youth Video Contest: Keith A Weissinger, kweiss47@comcast.net

Respectfully offered, Keith A Weissinger, MD, Vice President General, Pacific District, National Trustee, Alaska Society, State President, Washington Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Meetings/Activities Around The State

Washington State Eagle Scout Scholarship Winner

Daisy Roberts of the Bonny Lake area, was selected as the winner of the Arthur & Berdena King Eagle Scholarship! Daisy was submitted as a candidate by the Alexander Hamilton Chapter. She competed against three other Eagle Scouts state level of the competition

She will receive the SAR Eagle Scout Medal and a cash award from the Alexander Hamilton Chapter. In April at the state meeting, her father will accept on her behalf a pewter SAR Eagle trophy and an additional cash award. She will now proceed to the national level of the scholarship competition, where she could be awarded \$10,000 for her college education



Congratulations on this accomplishment!

Minutes from the BOD Meeting, 29 Jan 2022

January 2022 WA SAR State Society BOD Meeting Minutes

The January 2022 meeting of the Sons of the American Revolution, Washington SAR Society Board of Directors, was convened at 9:03AM, Saturday, January 29th, 2022, online via the Zoom application. A quorum was present with a total of thirteen voting Members, and four additional non-voting attendees also in attendance.

Opening Ceremonies

WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger called the meeting to order.

WA SAR Chaplain Edwin Dierdorff gave the Invocation.

WA SAR Historian and Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

WA SAR Treasurer and Alt. National Trustee Robert Sexton led the Compatriots in the Pledge to the SAR.

WA SAR Secretary Al Pinkham verified we had a quorum.

Opening Remarks

WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger welcomed all in attendance, shared that we have a full agenda today, and noted he was a little under the weather today and asked for our patience and support.

Approval of October 2021 WA SAR Society State BOD meeting minutes

WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger asked if there were any additions or corrections needed for the minutes of the October 2021 WA SAR Society State BOD meeting. Hearing none, a motion was made to accept the minutes of the 30 October 2021

WA SAR Society State BOD meeting minutes as written, which was seconded, and was approved by unanimous consent.

Officer and Chapter President Reports:

- State President: WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger welcomed the new chapter presidents at our meeting and highlighted that he continues to receive compliments on the National Congress that our Society recently hosted – on time, under budget, and with a surplus no less! However, the membership drop rate in our Society was high this year at dues renewal and noted that Covid-19 impacts continue for the National Society and our State Society – the virus is still circulating, and good men are still dying. It is up to individual chapters and their good judgement whether and when to hold in-person chapter meetings.
- State Vice President: WA SAR Vice President Greg Lucas was not present this meeting.
- State Secretary: WA SAR State Secretary Al Pinkham reported that reconciliation is now complete and state membership stands at 496 members. Al shared that he is increasingly challenged with mobility and physical health issues and has asked Assistant State Secretary Russ Oliver to take over the meetings, minutes, and administrative duties. Al will keep all membership duties for one more year. Subsequent discussion noted that deputy or assistant roles could be helpful for all State roles.
- State Treasurer: WA SAR Treasurer Robert Sexton noted that for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2021, it was a strong year financially with a budget surplus and a net surplus from the National Congress budget as well. The Endowment fund was also up in 2021. See the December 31st, 2021, Treasurer's report for details. Rob reported he was putting the finishing touches on the 2022 operating budget.
- State Registrar: WA SAR Registrar John Kraft presented his Q4 2021 report and noted that we have no long-term pending applications for our Society. John shared that application timelines with National are still challenged, with roughly 3 months needed for new member application processing and roughly 9 months for processing supplemental ancestor applications.
- State Chaplain: WA SAR Chaplain Edwin Dierdorff noted that he is coordinating a few memorial certificates for compatriots who passed away.
- State Historian: WA SAR Historian Allen Wenzel resigned his membership in SAR, and the vacancy will be filled in the interim by Compatriot Neil Vernon.
- State Color Guard Commander: WA SAR Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon encouraged all those present to attend two upcoming Stark Award activities – a WW2 veteran re-interment in early February 2022, and a Korean War veteran interment in April 2022.
- National Trustee: State National Trustee Viren Lemmer was not present at this meeting.
- Alt. National Trustee: State Alternate National Trustee Robert Sexton, in deference to a full agenda, had nothing additional to add this meeting.
- At Large Director#1: State At Large Director Doug Nelson was not present at this meeting.
- Alexander Hamilton Chapter: Chapter President Jerry Bordelon, in deference to a full agenda, had nothing additional to add this meeting.

- Cascade Centennial Chapter: Chapter President Mark Shaffer, in deference to a full agenda, had nothing additional to add this meeting.
- Fort Vancouver Chapter: Chapter President Allen Furlow, in deference to a full agenda, had nothing additional to add this meeting.
- George Rogers Clark Chapter: Chapter President Art Dolan was not present at this meeting.
- George Washington Chapter: Chapter President Mike Hutchins, in deference to a full agenda, had nothing additional to add this meeting.
- John Paul Jones Chapter: Chapter President Perry Taylor, in deference to a full agenda, had nothing additional to add this meeting.
- Mid-Columbia Chapter: Chapter President Richard Roddy was not present at this meeting.
- Ranger Chapter: Chapter President Bill Barnsdale was not present this meeting.
- Seattle Chapter: Chapter President Grant Rauzi was not present this meeting.
- Spokane #1 Chapter: Chapter President Carl Durkoop, in deference to a full agenda, had nothing additional to add this meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- 2022 WA SAR Annual Conference update: Chairman Dick Paul appealed to all chapter presidents to plug registrations for our upcoming State Annual Conference in April 2022 – we are at 33% of our registration goal. State membership may be down, but the conference raffle is exceeding expectations. Dick also submitted an updated and revised budget for the annual conference, which continues to be a balanced budget. Dick made a motion to approve the revised budget, which was seconded by Compatriot Al Pinkham, and after discussion that clarified that there is a contingency included in the revised budget, the motion carried via unanimous consent. Dick then covered possible Covid contingency plans, in the case there is a spike in case counts or a new variant emerges, and the conference needs to be cancelled. Dick made a motion that in the event of a Covid cancellation of our annual conference, that we would request all donations to the conference stay, we would hold the raffle, and we would refund all other costs to the members. The motion was seconded by Compatriot Perry Taylor, and after discussion the motion carried via unanimous consent. Our Society is responsible to cancel by March 1st, 2022, so a go-forward decision is planned for that date. Compatriot Jeff Lightburn appealed to all chapter presidents to provide 1-page summaries of their chapter and the chapter accomplishments, and to prepare a chapter table display for the conference.
- WA SAR Challenge Coin update: WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger reported that the initial order of 300 coins have been distributed to the chapters (Mid-Columbia Chapter's shipment was stolen in transit but subsequently replaced by Keith). Keith started discussion if there is a desire to order more, in order that they arrive by the annual state conference. Compatriot Neil Vernon made a motion to order 150 more coins, Compatriot Rob Sexton seconded, and after discussion the motion carried via unanimous consent. Keith will verify with the vendor that 150 coins is a valid order amount, and if so, place the order or report back to the BOD on the order sizes supported by the vendor.
- WA SAR Strategic Planning Committee update: Chairman Greg Lucas was not present this meeting.
- WA SAR Education Coordinator update: Chairman Viren Lemmer was not present at this meeting.

New Business:

- Proposal for Eagle Scout Scholarship Awards – Chairman Greg Emerson was not present this meeting.
- Proposal for increasing award amounts for all State Youth Program Awards - WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger reported that National is increasing the monetary awards for the Youth Program portfolio and asked the question if we should increase the youth program monetary awards at the State-level. It was noted that these youth program awards are funded by our state investment account, not the state operating budget. Compatriot Rob Sexton made a motion that state-level youth program monetary awards be increased, as stated in the WA SAR State BOD Youth Award Increase - Amend Part 10 - Jan 2022 proposal - \$1000 for first place, \$500 for second place, and \$250 for 3rd place (see that report for specifics per contest). Compatriot Perry Taylor seconded the motion, and after discussion that clarified that the new amounts would apply to current contests in-progress, the motion carried via unanimous consent.
- Appoint new State Medals and Awards committee chairman - WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger reported that State Medals and Awards Committee Chairman Allen Wenzel resigned his membership in SAR. Keith recommended Compatriot Jim Lindley (not present at this meeting) be appointed and requested BOD approval of this appointment, pending Jim accepting. BOD approval of the appointment of Jim Lindley to this position carried via unanimous consent, subject to Jim agreeing.
- Proposal for authorization of WA SAR State Achievement Medal at the chapter-level – WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger pointed out an inconsistency in awarding authority currently for the WA SAR specific Superior Service Medal

(state and chapter-level awarding authority) and the Achievement Medal (state-level awarding authority only). Keith wants to encourage chapter-level awarding authority for rewarding deserving members. Compatriot Mark Shaffer made a motion that the awarding authority for the WA SAR Achievement Medal be changed to state and chapter-level awarding authority. Compatriot Perry Taylor seconded the motion. Discussion of the motion revealed that National Medals and Awards Committee approval will likely be needed for this proposal, so postponement of this motion was needed to allow for that coordination. Compatriot Perry Taylor made a motion to amend the motion for postponement, which was seconded by Compatriot Mike Hutchins, and the amended motion carried via unanimous consent.

- State Nomination Committee Report – Chairman Greg Lucas was not present this meeting.
- Proposal to establish an America 250th State Committee – WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger reported that this is a NSSAR President-General focus and noted that it would be helpful to have a state committee focused on this area to track points for earned awards, and he asked for volunteers. With no volunteers in evidence, Keith asked all present to talk with chapter members about this opportunity and report back to him.
- State Knight Essay Committee update – Chairman Jeff Lightburn reported that the winner from last year will read their essay at the upcoming Annual State Conference in April 2022, while in the current contest we have 8 submissions from Mid-Columbia chapter alone. Jeff is now on the National Knight Essay Committee as well, and he has a comprehensive toolkit for Knight Essay – see him for details.
- State Rumbaugh Oration Committee update – Chairman Mark Shaffer reported we have no orations submitted yet and the deadline is coming up soon! Mark admitted he got started late and will start in August the next cycle.
- Proposal for State donation to State CAR Annual Conference – WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger started discussion if our Society would be interested in donating to the State CAR Annual Conference. Compatriot Doug Nelson reported that we have a strong history of making these donations, and Compatriot Rob Sexton reported that our past budgets revealed we gave \$250 in 2018, and \$200 in 2019, with no donations for the 2020 and 2021 budget years. Compatriot Rob Sexton made a motion that we donate \$200 to help support the State CAR Annual Conference. The motion was seconded by Compatriot Mark Schaffer, and in discussion Doug supported that we amend the motion to provide \$200 each year. The amended motion was made, seconded, and carried via unanimous consent.
- State Membership & Chapter Support Committee update – Chairman Mike Hutchins reported his committee is preparing a state-wide dropped member report that will dig more deeply into why our members leave the Society. Mike also reported that his committee is taking the lead on curating a collection of eLearning's and Job Descriptions and is investigating a Members-Only page of the state website for storing these and making them available. State Webmaster Curtis Hanner has some technical challenges supporting this on the current technology platform, and Mike will work with Curtis and Compatriot Mark Shaffer on sizing the ask of the state website to determine if we need to do this in-house or need professional assistance.
- Proposal for electronic payments - Compatriot Art Dolan was not present this meeting.
- State Investment Manager Report - update – Chairman Chuck Waid reported that the State Endowment is down 14% so far this year, but this is not a reason to panic and recommended no changes to the investment structure. All audits were performed successfully when Treasurer Rob Sexton took over as Treasurer.
- State Ethics Committee discussion - WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger reported that Chairman Greg Lucas is on the National committee, and the goal of the recent National discussions on this topic is to create a common state framework. Eventually, the outcome will likely be a state-level Ethics Committee.

Those Voting Members and Guests in Attendance (17)

(Voting Members - 13)

WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger
 WA SAR Chaplain Edwin Dierdorff
 WA SAR Director At Large Doug Nelson
 WA SAR Historian and Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon
 WA SAR Registrar John Kraft
 WA SAR Secretary Al Pinkham
 WA SAR Treasurer and Alt. National Trustee Robert Sexton
 Alexander Hamilton Chapter President Jerry Bordelon
 Cascade Centennial Chapter President Mark Shaffer

Fort Vancouver Chapter President Allen Furlow
 George Washington Chapter President Mike Hutchins
 John Paul Jones Chapter President Perry Taylor
 Spokane #1 Chapter President Carl Durkoop

(Non-Voting Guests - 4)

Compatriot Jeff Lightburn
 Compatriot Russ Oliver
 Compatriot Dick Paul
 Compatriot Chuck Waid

Next State BOD Meeting

Our next State BOD meeting is scheduled for our upcoming April 2022 State Conference as an in-person meeting.

Closing Remarks

WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger encouraged all those present to advertise and support registration for our upcoming April 2022 State Conference, to match chapter-level talent to our open State-level opportunities and thanked all for a very productive meeting.

Closing Ceremonies

WA SAR Chaplain Edwin Dierdorff gave the Benediction.

WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger adjourned the meeting at 11:04AM, with peace and harmony prevailing.

Respectfully submitted, Russ Oliver, Assistant State Secretary

2022 SAR Spring Leadership Conference, 3-5 Mar 2022

Vice President General's Report

The following report summarizes a variety of information gleaned from the Spring Leadership Conference.

The NSSAR currently employs Fifth/Third Bank for its investment services. The Investment Committee performed extensive research into other financial institutions to evaluate their procedures and fee schedules. Essentially fees may be assessed as a set percentage of the total amount invested or they may be part of the investment instrument itself (e.g. mutual funds, ETFs, etc.) The former is straightforward and readily available, but the latter may be more difficult to assess. After evaluating their research, the Investment Committee opines that Fifth/Third Bank offers the best combination of service, performance, and fees and that the NSSAR should continue its current relationship.

The Society has hired a new Library Director, Sherry Daniels.

The Genealogist General reports the time to complete New Applications is 13 weeks and Supplementals is 38 weeks. There has been a large turnover in the employed genealogists. A search is currently ongoing to hire new genealogists. The Executive Director and the Genealogist General will be implementing an "emergency action plan" to specifically address the issue of lengthy application approval times.

The Registrar General reports the current membership is 35,493. The Trustees approved a proposal to increase the amount of the Registrar General's Award to \$200 when funds are available with a minimum of \$100. At the time of the Conference, four State Societies had not submitted any documentation for their annual reconciliation. Several State Societies still have reconciliation in progress or are incomplete. The deadline for completion of annual reconciliation is 31 January. The President General stated that any State Society with incomplete reconciliation by 1 May will not be allowed to seat Delegates at the National Congress in Savannah.

The Membership Committee reports that the Yellow Database will be closed **1 April 2022**. A training video is available on the national website for understanding the Blue Database.

The National Society is working toward a national billing and payment system that will extend to the State Societies and Chapters. It is anticipated to be available after April 2022. They are currently waiting for the Blue Database to become fully active.

The Ethics Committee has written model procedures and guidelines for the State Societies. These will include sample statements that can be easily adapted by the States for their use. A part of the guidelines includes the recommendation for the formation of a State Ethics Committee. It is anticipated that the majority of ethics issues, particularly those confined to the State, will be handled by the State Societies without involving the National Ethics Committee.

The Trustees approved a transfer of funds from the SAR Foundation to the NSSAR Invested Funds Account (NSSAR IFA). These funds were previously held by the NSSAR, but were transferred to the SAR Foundation in the past for a number of reasons. The funds to be transferred are:

- Alexander Hamilton Fund
- Life Membership Fund
- Building and Outreach Education Fund
- All Special Purpose Funds, including all investment, savings, or checking accounts related to such funds:
 - Eagle Scout Fund
 - Rumbaugh Historical Orations Contest
 - Knight Essay Contest
 - JROTC Contest
 - Education Fund
 - CAR

- Poster Contest
- Brochure Contest

The SAR Foundation will continue to raise and hold funds associated with the SAR Education Center and Museum and such other accounts as authorized by the Foundation Board and will continue to assist in the raising of funds for all NSSAR programs. Funds raised by or through the SAR Foundation not associated with the SAR Education Center and Museum will be transferred to the associated NSSAR IFA account monthly.

The Medals and Awards Committee reports approval of the following:

- Youth Education Medal with Lifetime Achievement Bar:
 - State Societies can award only two per year
 - The recipient must have presented Education Outreach Programs for more than 10 years
 - Non-SAR members can be nominated to receive the award

Note: The Youth Education Medal was previously approved. Specific information and criteria for this award will be available soon in the SAR Handbook.

- The Liberty Medal will now be presented in bronze, silver, or gold color. Sponsorship of 10 new members qualifies a Compatriot to receive the Liberty Medal. Moving forward, sponsors of 10-99 new members will receive the bronze; sponsors of 100-199 new members will receive the silver; sponsors of <200 new members will receive the gold. Individuals may purchase the appropriate color medal, or they will receive the appropriate color medal when the next award level is achieved. The wearing of oak leaf clusters will remain unchanged. Only one color Liberty Medal may be worn as they will all have the same precedence.
- The Washington Society Achievement Medal may now be authorized and approved by the individual Chapters.
- The Meritorious Service Medal will now be available in three colors: bronze, silver, and gold. This corresponds to the awarding level: Chapter, State and District, and National, respectively. When available from merchandise, Compatriots are encouraged to purchase and wear the appropriate color medal based on the awarding authority. In lieu of wearing two silver medals (State and Chapter), the silver medal should be worn with an oak leaf cluster.

The Trustees have approved a change to the DNA policy as relates to member applications. With the revision, DNA evidence may now be used to prove lineage from generation 1 to 2 **or** from generation 2 to 3. However, DNA evidence may not be used to prove both generational steps in the same application.

The National Society will be seeking to hire a Public Relations Director. This staff position will cover social media, public relations, and also serve as Press Officer. These services will become increasingly necessary as we move through the 250th Anniversary of the Revolution.

The Trustees have approved the 5-year Operational Plan for the 250th Anniversary. This plan has been distributed to the State Presidents who should in turn make it available to the Chapter Presidents. All Compatriots are encouraged to review this document and utilize its insight when planning for programs and events.

Respectfully submitted, Keith A Weissinger, MD, Vice President General, Pacific District, Sons of the American Revolution

Secretary's Corner XX Mar 2022

Compatriots,

We are all welcoming spring and hopefully the opportunity to participate in the SAR events we all look forward to attending. The Virus is somewhat under control and hopefully we will begin to spend time with people. The Society has been working very hard to plan a great Annual Conference if you have not registered it is time to do so. The membership has been reconciled if you are not receiving the SAR magazine you need to check your membership Status with your Chapter Secretary. I note that the next five Congress events are all on the East coast you may want to plan in advance for those events. There are many opportunities for National Participations however, local events support all those programs, and everyone can participate at the level they wish. I have had a fine time as Secretary of the Washington Society however, I have a lot of water under the keel, and I need to ease up. Russ Oliver has agreed to be my assistant for the rest of my term. I will continue to maintain the membership and Russ will take the administrative functions. I will continue to answer your questions but ask you to begin queries with you Chapter Secretary.



Be safe Be happy Be prepared

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

News From The WA State SAR Ladies Auxiliary (LAWASSAR)

[Facebook Page](#)


As I ponder Spring with birds chirping and chasing each other out my window, I look forward to seeing flowers bloom, family and friends. Winter was closed in (thank you Covid), but there is light at the end of the tunnel with mask mandates lifted and gatherings taking place.

Which brings me to the WASSAR State Meeting/Pacific District Meeting in Vancouver in April. We have over 130 people signed up to attend! 46 Guests! That's more than the entire auxiliary! I look forward to greeting every one of you!



We will have two lovely days together. Yes, we have a business meeting after the opening ceremonies and presentations. We will have a round table discussion about who we are and where we want to go as a group. We will have a new brochure, thank you Karen Schultz! We have a newsletter in our mailboxes, thank you Karen Schultz and Dick Motz! We will even have an ice cream social (I'm not a tea kind-a-lady).

In place of one tour, we have several options for Saturday afternoon. Carpool sign up will be available in the Hospitality room Friday and Saturday Morning. Options include, but are not limited to: Powell's Bookstore, Portland Quilt/Sew Fest in Multnomah Falls, Portland Zoo and Rose Gardens, Fort Vancouver National Park, and the Clackamas Town Center Mall (yeah, no sales tax!) Take your pick and spend time with friends new and old.

Our guests of honor will be Bruce Pickette, Secretary General, and his lovely wife Rita. It is a rare opportunity to discuss national aspects of our organization and to look into the future as we plan our 250th anniversary celebrations. There will be a place to gather in the Hospitality room. We will provide snacks and a water station. Feel free to wander the Chapter tables and come socialize. We will have a silent auction so please bring items to auction off, and your wallets to bid on others.

The dress for the event is business attire. On Saturday night it will be dressy (not formal). We want people to be comfortable and enjoy this special event. The Heathman Lodge has much to enjoy as well. There is a fountain with chairs at the front of the hotel, a pool, and a wonderful log cabin vibe. They even have doggie rooms with patios! It is close to numerous restaurants, but their food is good as well.

Saturday night I also have the honor of presenting two Quilts of Valor. The first was created and quilted at Congress and will be given to our Chairman Greg Lucas who himself is an Academy graduate and served in the Army. The second honoree is also a friend who served 27 years in the Coast Guard, Bob Doughty.

I have started a program with Quilts of Valor in the state of Washington to identify all of our veterans who have not yet received their quilt. We would like them to contact their Chapter Veterans Committee, who in turn will contact the State Veterans Chairman Ken Roberts. An order of Merit list will be made and the Auxiliary will take it from there. I would like to hear from anyone interested in helping. Yes, I need quilters, but I also need: interviewers to find out what the service member needs and likes; shoppers to check thrift stores/Facebook for fabric; hand sewers for binding; and writers to write about the veteran for the newsletter. Remember, sisters, this all counts for volunteer hours for DAR as well!



I hope I have sparked your interest and excitement in the event and hope to see you all real soon.

Take Care,

Cynthia Weissinger, President, Ladies Auxiliary, WASSAR

Deadline 31 March Don't Miss The Meeting

You still have a few days to get registered for the Washington State Annual meeting!!!

We had a great National Conference so let's have a great State Meeting!

NO REGISTRATION FEE THIS YEAR, but you must register at this [LINK!](#)

Last Day for registration is the 31st of March

WA CAR State Project 2021-22



Washington State Society C.A.R. Project Update:

Thank you to the many SAR, DAR, and CAR families and also to many community members who have supported the Washington State Society C.A.R. State Project. To date, I have given over 25 presentations on “Preserving Our Paths: National Parks” to include over 750 people. People have learned about our Parks' histories and how to care for these lands. In addition to those attending presentations, numerous more people have participated in the State Project by visiting parks and/or donations. To this date we have reached our initial goal by earning over \$10,000 in donations in money and goods toward this State Project. All proceeds will be split among the three National Parks located in Washington State: Olympic, Mt. Rainier, and North Cascades. I look forward to presenting to several more groups in the next two months.

The C.A.R. Needs Your Mentorship!

Washington State Society C.A.R. is growing, and we need your help! Every C.A.R. leadership position at the state level has a matching senior leader mentor. This mentor oversees the youth in completing their tasks as a state officer. For example, Nationals may send the youth State Historian a notification about a new exhibit at the C.A.R. museum. This notice will also be sent to the senior leader. The senior leader then watches to see if the youth notified the newsletter editor about the exhibit or if an announcement was made, and if it was not, step in and assist. Most of the time, the youth have it all done, so there really is not much work. We mostly just appreciate the great conversations and support! In addition, the senior leaders meet monthly on the 2nd Monday of the month to approve the expenditure of the organization and discuss any important youth functions. Many of the months, the senior leader meeting is not held. We really need the men of S.A.R. to help serve as a senior leader for Washington State C.A.R. The involvement of these men directly impacts the males of C.A.R. to see the next step in patriotic service. Right now, we have two open senior leadership positions: Historian and Librarian-Curator. If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact me (Luke Byrd), and he will get you connected. Thank you! My e-mail address is: WaStateProjectCAR@gmail.com.

The Washington State Society C.A.R. needs you!

This N.S.C.A.R. allows children to participate in patriotic activities and to learn about their heritage. We are the future for the SAR and DAR. Please consider assisting us in the following way:

- a. Serving as a Chapter representative for C.A.R. - receiving newsletter updates and being a point-of-contact
- b. Inviting a C.A.R. member to speak to your chapter about the State Project
- c. Holding a Chapter meeting jointly with C.A.R. members
- d. Serving as a mentor for a C.A.R. State Officer by being a Senior Leader
- e. Serving as a Senior Leader for a local society
- f. Assisting with paperwork for applications

Most of the positions have very minimal commitment of time but make a huge impact. You do not need to have children in C.A.R. to help. If you are interested in finding out how you can participate more with the Washington State C.A.R., please contact me at WaStateProjectCAR@gmail.com. Thank you, Luke Byrd, President, Washington State Society, N.S.C.A.R.

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

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, but you must register at this [LINK!](#)

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

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

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.

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 TBD

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 Pizza, 1769 Leslie Road, Richland.

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

Ranger (Snohomish Co. area)

Meets: 4th Sat of the month, except, (TBD) 9:00am, Harbor 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, Aurora Borealis, 16708 Aurora Ave N., Shoreline

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

Spokane #1 (Spokane area)

Meets: 2nd Fri of the month, Sep to Jun, 11:30am, Illinois Ave Bar and Grill, 1403 E Illinois Ave, Spokane

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

CAR (State Wide)

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

SAR Ladies Auxiliary (State Wide)

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

WA State Daughters of the American Revolution

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

Birthday Wishes To All Compatriots Born In Jan/Feb/Mar

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



January	February	March
Bruce Carroll Allen	Kent Owen Bassett	Gary Lucian Barton
Bryan Douglas Bechler	Anton Kumar Bergquist	John F. Baxter
Michael Owen Bendickson	George Debonham Boice	Frederick Joseph Becker
Hyrum Richard Berg	Andrew Glen Brewer	Ronald Eugene Black Sr.
Garry Clark Carpenter	Jeff Raymond Brown	William Allison Bolima
Larry Kent Carpenter	William George Cargill	Joshua David Bream
Conn Owen Clark	Terry Leroy Carver	George Thomas Clark
William David Cowart	John Stephen Colwell	Leland Jay Clise
Roger Lee Cox	Joseph Anthony Coorough	Charles Horace Craig
John Godfrey Dean	Kevin Robert Coyne	Sam Robert Doubleday
Mark Chessman Dunham	Rodger Lind Dent	Charles Emmett Estep
Norman Paul Eberly	Mark Richard Donges	Richard Gennaro Evans
John Michael Emrick	Steven Jay Drew	Daniel Alan Ferrin
Morris Konstandinos Estep	Alvin Wayne Farber	Allen Lee Furlow
Alfred George Folkerts	Paull Edward Fellman	Terry Dee Gobel
Maurice Luther Greiner	David Bruce Gibson	Kent Michael Gossman
Craig Allen Herkimer	Joshua Allen Giebel	Vernon Carl Gray
James Dwight Honeyford	Frederick Compton Gilbert	Jerry Lynn Harless
Duncan Clarke Hughbanks	Verne Allen Gray	Larry Keith Heckethorne
Stanley Scott James	George Evan Hanson	James Edward Karlstrand
John Eric Kraft	Gerald Alan Hevern	Donald Bowman Kraft
Christopher Alan Kuntz	Grayson Clarke Hughbanks	David Leonard Kruso
David Warren Lasser	Carlos Lee Malone	Kevin Scott Lake
Mickey Wayne Law	Alan Michael Mandigo	Robert Harrison Lamb
William Wilbur Mason	Richard David Moody	Donald Dale Mammen
Richard Lee McCormick	Michael Edward Moore	Lawrence Daniel Miller Jr
Michael Riland Menkin	Coleson Thomas Oliver	Mark Doherty Mitchell
Robert Dale Parrish II	Donald LeRoy O'Rear	Paul Allen Moutray
Gary Lee Pearson	Glenn Robert Orr	Douglas Harold Nelson
Grant Robert Rauzi	Larry Allen Peck Sr	Frank Alfred Pearce Jr
Christopher Reichert	Harold Martin Prather Jr	David Senna Raese
Kenneth Doster Roberts	Craig Wallace Rhyne	David Leroy Richardson
Connor John Stewart	Bruce Wayne Seiber	James Edward Rose
David Phillip Stockton	Thomas Walter Sparks	Kevin Robert Saville
Brian Tahsin Ugurlu	Neil Allen Vernon II	Richard Joseph Stride
Nelson Mathews Waring	Jon Gregory Wagner	Richard William Swymeler
Walter Paul Whittaker	Brian Joel Waid	Perry Von Taylor
Daniel Brent Widdis	Don Von Whittaker	Robert Clifford Todd
		John Gerald Whelton
		Steven Andrew Whitacre
		Thomas Stanley Wills



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From The Commander

Compatriots,

The SAR Annual Washington State Conference is fast approaching. With the COVID restrictions being lifted we have the opportunity to meet in person once again. I hope you will take this opportunity to attend the State Conference where we will once again have a Color Guard meeting, being held on Friday, April 8, 2022 at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver Washington. The meeting will begin at 4 pm. We have not had this opportunity since April 2019 when the regions of responsibility were outlined.



Our Services have been requested for Posting the Colors at several events during the State Conference, so it is time to spruce up your uniforms and polish your boots! During this conference the WASSAR Color Guard will be recognized in ways not done previously since I became an SAR member in January 2015. I look forward to seeing you there and working with you. As Color Guardsmen we make the events shine!

A couple of other notes I would like to convey to you this quarter. These do relate to one another in different aspects.

250th Medals – though these are not Color Guard medals specifically, the events that you have attended as Color Guard members dating back to 2014 count toward the point accumulation necessary for this medal. Contact your chapter representative for more information.

The second item has to do with a Bill that was recently passed in the Washington State House of Representatives (SSB 5756). This is where Washington State is getting engaged in the 250th Anniversary celebration. The Brief Summary States “Establishes the Semi quincentennial Committee to coordinate and provide guidance for Washington’s official observance of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States”.

The committee’s duties as outlined in the Bill is in strong alignment of the objectives of the Sons of the American Revolution. As these progresses and becomes more publicized and engrained into the Education system, our services can become in great demand! Polish up your presentation scripts and hold on for the ride!

Thank you for all you do in promoting the objectives of SAR. I look forward to seeing you at the State Conference.

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

LEGAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

FROM: EDMON H. MCKINLEY, CHAIRMAN, GENERAL ADVICE GROUP DATE: 15 NOV 2021 SUBJECT: 501(C)(3) ISSUE

The NSSAR is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. As such, the NSSAR, state societies, and chapters are governed by the rules that apply to those organizations.

Two areas that need to be of particular concern to the NSSAR at all levels relates to the 501(c)(3) charitable organizations absolute prohibition “from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in any political campaign on behalf (or opposition to) any candidate for elected political office.” You are encouraged to review the very fine instructive comments relating to this entire issue in the Handbook, Volume III of the Official Handbook, Requirements for Maintaining Tax Exemption; Additional Restrictions on 501(c)(3) Organizations – Paragraphs 3-4-5.

Participation of Color Guard Units and political comments or speakers at meetings are areas where extra caution should be exercised. For illustration purposes only, the following scenarios are presented:

1. A Color Guard Unit should not participate in an event or activity that clearly or indirectly that is political in nature or sponsored by an identifiable political party or group. This includes groups that are known to have partisan political positions or are supported by individuals who take strong political positions. Note that this includes organizations or activities that may promote or express liberal or conservative values not just Republican or Democrat agendas.
2. An individual SAR member who participates in such a partisan political event should clearly do so as a private individual and ensure that their actions or statements are not attributed to the SAR. No SAR flag should be used and the members should not wear any SAR medals and the program or other publicity should not identify them as SAR members. Also, this applies to units of individuals.
3. At any meeting, extra care should be taken to ensure that speakers do not give political campaign speeches supporting themselves or another political candidate. This prohibition includes a political candidate or elected officials seeking reelection.

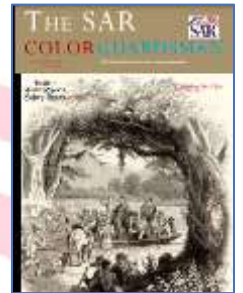
4. No political candidate or elected official should be endorsed by a SAR entity or member who does so as a SAR member.

It is understood that each activity or event must be considered on its own merits and circumstances to determine if it demonstrates support of a partisan political issues or point of view or political candidate.

It is strongly recommended if an SAR society, chapter or unit has a concern that they are being asked to participate in, support, or provide a venue that may violate or appear to violate political restrictions on a 501(c)(3), they seek advice from a person knowledgeable in this area. As a practical matter, it is also recommended that they become fully familiar with the organization or individual sponsoring an event or speaker at a meeting.

Jan issue National Color Guard Magazine

The January 2022 issue of the *SAR Colorguardsmen* magazine is on the National web site and is available at this [LINK](#).



Color Guard Events Throughout The State

Regional Area Events In Jan, Feb, Mar

Northern Region

3 Feb: 78 years after disastrous WWII mission, bombardier Anel B. Shay Jr. comes home to Seattle

The Color Guard represented the SAR at a funeral and burial for Army Air Forces 1st LT Anel B. Shay. Lt. Shay was shot down over Romania on August 1, 1943. Shay was 26 when he was killed in one of America's most disastrous air missions of World War II. And until last June, until arduous DNA work was complete, his remains had not been identified. For complete article [Click Here](#).



(L-R) Mike Hutchins, Dick Motz, Jerry Bordelon, Bill Bentler, State President Keith Weissinger, Mike Moore, Neil Vernon, John Kraft, and Bruce Bock.

21 Feb: President's Day. Posted Colors at the wreath laying ceremony, George Washington Statue, UW Campus.

CG Members present were:

Neil Vernon, Dick Motz, Jerry Bordelon, Michael Moore, Michael Bendictson, Skip Stephen, Dick Whittemore, Art Dolan, Dennis Case, Eric Olsen, Dick Moody, Robert Korn,



23 Mar: Members of the SAR gave a great classroom presentation to the St. Brendan's Catholic School in Bothell. Participants were: John Kraft Sr.(GW), Mike Moore (AH), Neil Vernon, Grant Rauzi, and Chris Grabowski (SE).



Southern Region

21 Jan: Posted colors at the DAR Winter Board Management Meeting, SeaTac Marriott. CG members present were, Mike Moore, Neal Vernon, Dick Motz, Viren Lemmer, and Lee Thomlinson.



5 Mar: Massing of the Colors: The WA State Patriotic day, one of the major events for the state, was able to take place once again, only this time in Dupont WA. It



had not been held for the past two years due to the pandemic. Many of the past participants turned out in force. The WA State Color guard was one of them. Units represented were:



WA State Color Guard
Neil Vernon/Dick Motz



Alexander Hamilton Ch
Mike Moore/Jerry Bordelon



George Rogers Clark Ch
Eric Olsen/Dick Moody



Seattle Ch
Robert Korn/Dennis Case

WA State Fife & Drum Corps

(L/R) Mike Bendickson, Jan Lemmer, Melanie Leaning, Jeannine Stephan, and Skip Stephan.

Also in attendance were Art Dolan and Lee Thomasson of GRC Ch.



The SAR contingent won 1st place

award in the adult category. Pictured is Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon accepting the award.



Leading the SAR group in to the event are CG Commander, Neil Vernon & Deputy Commander Dick Motz



Eastern Region

18 Dec 2021: (late report) Wreaths Across America: Mid-Columbia Chapter joined with the Columbia River DAR to participate in the event at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Richland. They then proceeded to the Resthaven Cemetery for another dedication.

Participants were Larry Flint, Conn Clark, Randal Roach, George Boice, and Brian Smith (photos not available)

29 Mar: Mid-Columbia Chapter presented a certificate to the winner of the regional George S & Stella M Knight Essay contest. Participating members were: Kelly Schultz, George Boice, Richard Roddy and Brian Smith (L to R), along with Larry Flint & Karen Schultz.



Western Region

None Reported

We Can Do It!

Celebrate Women's History Month!

Military Humor & More



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



Uniforms & Other Items Wanted/For Sale

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

Wanted:

Contact	Item	Size	Note

For Sale:

Contact	Item	Size	Cost	Notes

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.

