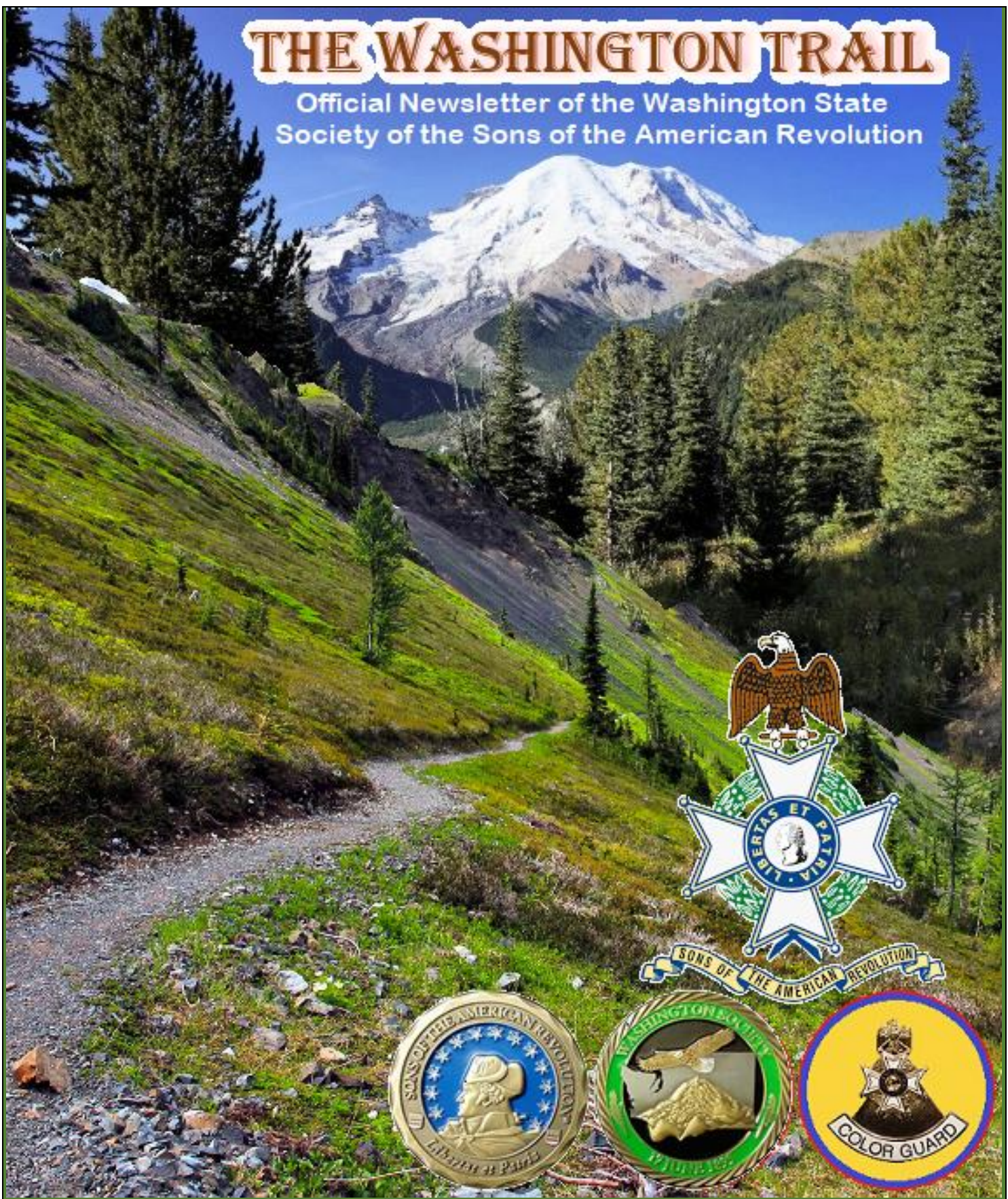


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- 10-15 Jul: 132nd [National Congress](#)
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Washington State SAR President's Message – Winter - 2022 (1st Quarter)

Compatriots:



As we move into summer, many of the Chapters will go on hiatus. However, the business and service of the Washington Society continues. In just a few days, I will join a Zoom meeting of the National Trustees. The primary agenda item is the Museum and Education Center project. After seven years, the planning phase is now complete. The Trustees will be presented the plans and budget for the anticipated three-year building phase. It is hoped the Museum will be ready for soft opening by January 2026 and full opening in time for the 250th anniversary celebration on July 4th. In other National news, the Medals and Awards Committee and the Executive Committee have given final approval to the Medals and Awards Precedence project. Handbook V will be completely revised and will include a new medal precedence chart. It will also include a separate precedence chart for the ladies. When completed and released, please review the new Handbook volume as the medal precedence is now markedly different. In addition, the Meritorious Service medal is now stratified with bronze, silver, and gold versions to correspond with the awarding authority.

Closer to home, on 3 June 2022, at Kentwood High School in Coventry Washington, the Washington SAR winner of the 2022 JROTC Enhanced Essay Competition for Outstanding Cadet was awarded her prize. In this Marine Corps JROTC Unit, Cadet First Sergeant Kendra Murrell-Byrd received the SAR Outstanding Cadet Medal, certificate, and a check for \$1000.00 from the State Society.

We welcome Rodger Dent from the Alexander Hamilton Chapter as our new State Veterans Services Chairman. Please submit your new member veteran's information to Rodger for their Military or War Service Medals. Also, continue to track and submit Chapter and individual Stark points for service to veterans.

The contracts have been signed and the dates set for the next State Annual Conference. Please mark your calendar and make plans to join us **28-29 April 2023 at the Mirabeau Park Hotel and Convention Center in Spokane**. We anticipate another outstanding weekend of educational seminars, Compatriot recognition, General Officer elections, and warm fellowship. We are exploring options to expand the time available for workshops and presentations. Now is the time to make your requests and suggestions known. As before, the planning is member driven. Please help us build another memorable event for you!

I wish you all a happy and healthy summer.

In Patriotism and Service, Keith A Weissinger, MD,
Vice President General, Pacific District, State President, Washington Society, Sons of the American revolution

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

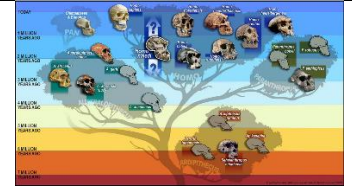
STRONG CHAPTERS
 WASSAR Membership & Chapter Support Committee
 Articles, ideas, and best practices offered to encourage strong membership relations and healthy WASSAR Chapters.

[LINK](#) to the "24 Month President's Planning Calendar"
 For additional Information, contact [Mike Hutchens](#)



Genealogy???

There were at least nine human species, some of whom existed for far longer than we have. Homo Sapiens is number nine. Who were the eight other human species? Find out [HERE](#).

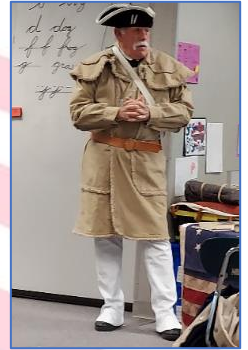


Meetings/Activities Around The State

Education Outreach Program

31 May: The education outreach program of John Paul Jones (JPJ) Chapter, sponsored two presentations to four classes, 4th and 5th graders at the Emerald Heights Elementary School in Silverdale, WA.

The presenters were; Fred Gilbert, JPJ Education Coordinator and Color Guard Captain for the chapter along with Jane Ritchey of the Admiralty Inlet Chapter of the DAR and a JPJ Ladies Auxiliary member. Fred and Jane were supported by the JPJ Chapter President, Mr. Perry Taylor. Fred’s presentation covered the years between 1773 to 1778; What lead up to the American Revolution, its beginnings, battles, Valley Forge, Culper Spies and the challenges and sacrifices his ancestor, continental soldier Sgt John Gilbert, 8th CT A Foot may have experienced.



Jane spoke on: How critical linen was to the colonist’s, how flax was grown and processed into linen along with a hands-on spinning demonstration for the students. She also addressed the critical role women played in our fight for independence. Fred and Jane passed around many period artifacts to enhance the students learning experience. The students and teachers were all engaging enjoying their 1776 Experience.

State Conference 9 Apr 2022

A Note From General Washington

To: Washington Society SAR Thursday, April 14, 2022
 Thank you for including “George Washington Speaks” in your 2022 Annual Conference! It was a great encouragement to me personally to participate in such a patriotic and fun event. Your reaffirmation of our founding generation and your support of the principles of liberty and our constitutional republic continue to be much needed in our nation. Your ongoing support and focus on the education of our youth also inspires me personally. Thank you again for inviting me to participate in your fine event.
 Sincerely, **Vern Frykholm, Jr.**, President, George Washington Speaks



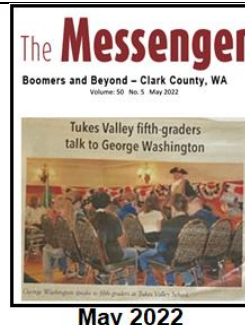
2022 Conference - Making Headlines



Click [HERE](#) for full story



Click [HERE](#) for full story



Nearly a month after our 2022 WASSAR Conference, local news media is still reporting on our activities



7 May 2022

Thursday – Early Arrivals...



Hotel Entrance

Some very high-level discussions took place the night before the conference!!!



I think they were trying to find a fix for the world problems???

Friday – Early Morning (Breakfast and Setup)



At left is an early morning breakfast gathering

At right Jeff Lightburn and helper setup the registration desk



Here they are setting up a typical encampment in the lobby.

CG Commander getting the flags ready.



The ladies' auxiliary gets ready for the silent auction.

Setup begins on the chapter displays



Friday (The Displays)



WASSAR Board of Directors Meeting



WASSAR Color Guard Meeting



Auxiliary Silent Auction & Refreshments Room open



Social Hour and Dinner Honoring the 2021 WASSAR Winners of: Knight Essay, Enhanced JROTC, and National Elementary History Teacher of the Year

George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay: Taylor Carpenter



Taylor was a homeschooled high school student who's lived in the Tri-Cities area all her life. She is the daughter of Brandon and Kim Carpenter and is a running start student at Columbia Basin College where she maintained a GPA of 4.0, earning her a spot on the President's Honor Roll.

This enterprising student is also a 2021 National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist and has competed in the National Bible Bee Competition where she qualified for nationals all four years of high school, and she earned the perfect oral award the past three years. She made it to semi-finals and won the Shelby Kennedy Foundation Chairman Oratory Award in 2020. Taylor is on the worship team of her church where she plays the piano nearly every week. She has plans to attend Ethnos 360 Bible Training Institute, and her goal is to translate the Bible for people who don't have it in their language.



Enhanced JROTC Essay: Regina Obnial:

Cadet Obnial attends South Kitsap High School in Port Orchard, and she is the daughter of Florencio and Evelyn Obnial. In addition to JROTC, she's been involved in several extracurricular activities at her school that include being a member of the Concert & Marching

Band and the Swim & Water Polo team. While active in her Navy ROTC program, Regina has

served as Battalion Commanding Officer, Platoon Commander and Color Guard Team Commander. Academically she is a member of the National Honor Society. Cadet Obnial has also served as President of the school's Model United Nations and was Senior Class



Senator for the Associated Student Body. She hopes to attend a service academy and pursue a career in law or medicine.

Elementary History Teacher: Linda Korum:



Linda Korum has always had a love of American history, and from the time she was a child she has enjoyed researching her family's history. It seems teaching history was her destiny. Linda earned her master's in education from Jones International University in Colorado where she graduated with highest honors. Before that, she earned her bachelor's degree in Sociology from Portland State University, also graduating with honors.

Linda's teaching abilities have expanded beyond her students, as she's been selected to serve as a mentor to her colleagues and chosen to be on the Number Talk Leadership team and as a Math Fellow for the Battle Ground School District. In 2020 she was selected as SAR's top elementary school history teacher in the nation by the Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence History Teacher of The Year Committee. As an innovator, she has developed a variety of interactive classroom activities where students receive much more than a lecture on U.S. history, but rather experience it first-hand throughout the school year. They are challenged to experience everyday life during the 1700's, along with discovering what it was like living under British rule as colonists struggled to gain their independence. At the end of each school year, Linda's students host a *Constitutional Congress* where invited VIPs from throughout the state visit the school to participate in a lively discussion on aspects of the U.S. Constitution. Guests have included the Washington State Superintendent of Education, state legislators, Clark County officials, judges, Battle Ground mayor, school board members, police chief and many more officials.



At The Tables:



Saturday April 9th

Society of the Order of 1812



WASSAR Membership Meeting



WASSAR Ladies Auxiliary Meeting



Fifth-Grade students meet General George Washington



Ice Cream Break, Ladies Auxiliary



Guest Speaker: Don Glickstein, author of *After Yorktown*



Banquet emceed by WASSAR VP Gregory Lucas Guest Speaker: Bruce Pickette, NSSAR Secretary General



Video link to [Posting of the Colors](#) by The Washington State Color Guard led by Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon

(Available till 8/1/2022)



Many more photos taken at the Conference are available at this [LINK](#)

(Available till 8/1/2022)

The Photographers:



Cynthia Lucas

Dick Motz

Franida Maudsley



Medals Presentation - State Annual Conference - 9 April 2022

Washington Achievement Medal:

Anthony Abbott
Charlotte Abbott
Lawrence Flint
Mike Hutchins

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Paul, Richard
David Raese,
Smalser, Robert

Perry Taylor,
Stan Wills

State Silver Roger Sherman Medal:

Edwin Dierdorff
David Irons
Viren Lemmer

James Lindley (OL)
Alan Mandigo (OL)
Russell P Oliver

Charles Waid (OL)
Daniel Weedin

State Meritorious Service Medal

Dale Harshman
Stefan Kovalenko (OL)

Jeffery Lightburn
Kelly Schultz

Neil Vernon (OL)

State Medal of Distinguished Service:

Gregory Lucas

Patriot Medal:

Alfred Pinkham

Martha Washington Medal:

Cynthia Weissinger

Daughters of Liberty Medal:

Teri Lindley (OL)
Cindy Lucas

Samuel Adams Congress Medal for 2021 Congress

Charlotte Abbott
Tony Abbott
Claude Asher
Elizabeth Calkins
Richard Calkins
Bruce Dennis
Edwin Dierdoff
Art Dolan
Tim Doughy

Fred Gilbert
John Herr
Mick Hersey
Eric Jarvi
Craig Lawson
Viren Lemmer
Teri Lindley
Cindy Lucas
Dick Moody

Michael Moore
Dick Motz
Kevin Mullin
David Raese
Rob Sexton
Mark Shaffer
Karen Shultz
Neil Vernon
Brian Waid

Chuck Waid

Cyndi Weissinger

Keith Weissinger

A Visit From Our Ancestors?

Did our ancestors visit our conference?



Were they caught on camera?

Flag Stuff

A Vexillologist is a person who studies and does research on Flags. A well-known vexillologist was asked what was the first flag of our country. He started doing research to find out. He researched documents and artifacts from 1775-1783 to find pictures of flags that flew during the Rev War. He found 39 variations of the 13-star flag. I have a copy of the report. I have 17 different 13-star flags in the Flag Museum in Spokane. I will post a different flag in the upcoming newsletters in no particular order. Here is the first one, **The Easton flag**:

This flag is consistent with the 1777 Flag Act that states the Flag will have 13 stars and 13 stripes. According to local legend, this flag was hoisted when the Declaration of Independence was publicly read in Easton Pennsylvania by Robert Levers on July 8, 1776, two days before a copy of the Declaration of Independence reached New York City.

The flag was used as a company flag under Captain Abraham Horn in the War of 1812. Some suspect that the design may only date to this era. The flag was given in 1821 to the Easton Public Library for safekeeping when the company returned. The Easton Public Library still holds this Flag.



Minutes from the Pacific District Meeting, 9 Apr 2022

April 2022 Meeting Minutes

The April 2022 Pacific District Annual Conference meeting of the Sons of the American Revolution was convened at

11:21AM, Saturday, April 9th, 2022, in-person at the Heathman Lodge, Vancouver, Washington. Aquorum was present with a total of fifteen Members in attendance (which included one voting delegate from each of the Alaska, Oregon, and Washington State Societies).

Opening Ceremonies

District VPG Keith A Weissinger, M.D. called the meeting to order.

Washington SAR Chaplain Ed Dierdorff gave the Invocation.

Oregon SAR State President Michael Tieman led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Alaska SAR

State Alternate Trustee Tim Doughty led all those present in the Pledge to the SAR. Washington State

Secretary Al Pinkham determined we had a quorum at our meeting.

Opening Remarks - District VPG Keith A Weissinger, M.D.

District VPG Keith A Weissinger, M.D. welcomed all those present, and promised a short meeting.

VPG, President, and Trustee Reports:

- District Vice President General - Keith A Weissinger, M.D.
 - Banking issues have been updated; Oregon Treasurer John Berg and Washington Treasurer RobSexton have been authorized as signers on the account. All other names have been removed from the account.
- Alaska: Alaska SAR State Alternate Trustee Tim Doughty
 - Deferred any additional comments
 - District Vice President General - Keith A Weissinger, M.D. commented that attended the annual Alaska Society meeting, and had a wonderful time.
- Oregon: Oregon SAR State President Michael Tieman
 - Deferred any additional comments
- Washington: Washington SAR State President Keith A Weissinger, M.D.
 - Deferred any additional comments

New Business

- Nominations for Pacific District Vice President General 2022-2023 term
 - Alaska Society has first right of nomination this cycle - Alaska SAR State Alternate Trustee TimDoughty nominated Washington SAR State National Trustee Viren Lemmer
 - Oregon Society - Oregon SAR State President Michael Tieman had no additional nominee
 - Washington Society - Washington SAR State President Keith A Weissinger, M.D. had noadditional nominee
 - There were no additional nominees from the floor
- **Election of Pacific District Vice President General for the 2022-2023 term**
 - Alaska SAR State Alternate Trustee Tim Doughty voted for Washington SAR State NationalTrustee Viren Lemmer
 - Oregon SAR State President Michael Tieman voted for Washington SAR State National TrusteeViren Lemmer
 - Washington SAR State President Keith A Weissinger, M.D. voted for Washington SAR StateNational Trustee Viren Lemmer
 - Washington SAR State National Trustee Viren Lemmer was duly elected by the three votingdelegates from each state society.
- **District Award Presentations**
 - District Silver Roger Sherman Medal:

▪ Berg, John [Oak Leaf Cluster]	▪ Lawson, Craig [Oak Leaf Cluster]	▪ Solomon, Gregory
▪ Roberts, Kenneth [Oak Leaf Cluster]	▪ Tieman, Michael [Oak Leaf Cluster]	
 - District Meritorious Service Medal:

▪ Clark, George Thomas	▪ Pinkham, Alfred
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 - District Lydia Darragh:

▪ Weissinger, Cynthia

- 2023 Pacific District Annual Conference
 - Place and Time - TBD
 - Hybrid meeting?
 - National Candidate Forum?

VPG's Closing Remarks

District VPG Keith A Weissinger, M.D. thanked all those present for a brief but productive meeting.

Closing Ceremonies

Washington SAR Chaplain Ed Dierdorff gave the Benediction.

District VPG Keith A Weissinger, M.D. adjourned the meeting at 11:33AM, with peace and harmony prevailing.

Respectfully submitted, Russ Oliver, Assistant State Secretary, Washington SAR.

Minutes from the State Membership Meeting, 9 Apr 2022

Washington Society SAR

Annual State Membership Meeting Minutes Saturday, 09 April 2022

The Heathman Lodge, Vancouver, Washington

April 2022 Meeting Minutes

The April 2022 Washington Society Annual State Membership meeting of the Sons of the American Revolution was convened at 9:42AM, Saturday, April 9th, 2022, in-person at the Heathman Lodge, Vancouver, Washington.

Opening Ceremonies

Washington SAR State President Keith A Weissinger, M.D. called the meeting to order.

Washington SAR State Secretary Al Pinkham determined that a quorum was present (5% of the voting membership as of 31 DEC 2021 – 5% of 577 = 29+), with members in attendance well exceeding the minimum quorum determination of 29 or more voting members.

Opening Remarks - State President Keith A Weissinger, M.D.

State President Keith A Weissinger, M.D. welcomed all those present, and dispensed with any additional opening comments in favor of diving immediately into our very full agenda.

Acceptance of Previous WA SAR Annual Meeting Minutes

As our first item of business, State President Keith A Weissinger, M.D. asked all those present if any corrections or additions were needed to the minutes of the 10 April 2021 WA SAR Annual Meeting – noting no comments or discussion, a motion was made to accept the minutes of the 10 April 2021 WA SAR Annual Meeting as written, which was seconded, and approved by the unanimous consent.

Presentation of National Congress Awards to the Ladies - National Congress Chairman Greg Lucas

The following Ladies were recognized and presented with awards for their support and efforts on behalf of the 131st National Congress held in Renton, WA:

Samuel Adams Medal (Gold):

- Keitha Callanan

Samuel Adams Medal (Bronze):

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| • Charlotte Abbott | • Teri Lindley | • Karen Shultz |
| • Elizabeth Calkins | • Cynthia (“Cindy”) Lucas | • Cynthia (“Cyndi”) Weissinger |

Presentation of State Awards to the Ladies - State President Keith A Weissinger, M.D.

The following Ladies were recognized and presented with awards for their support and efforts on behalf of the WA SAR society:

Martha Washington Medal:

- Cynthia Weissinger

Daughters of Liberty Medal:

- Teri Lindley [Oak Leaf Cluster]
- Cindy Lucas

Following these presentations to the Ladies, all Ladies in attendance were free to adjourn.

Presentation of National Congress Awards - National Congress Chairman Greg Lucas

The following Compatriots were recognized and presented with awards for their support and efforts on behalf of the 131st National Congress held in Renton, WA:

Samuel Adams Medal (Gold):

- Paul Callanan

Samuel Adams Medal (Silver):

- Jim Lindley
- Robert (“Bob”) Doughty

Samuel Adams Medal (Bronze):

- Tony Abbott
- Claude Asher
- Richard Calkins
- Bruce Dennis
- Edwin Dierdorff
- Art Dolan
- Tim Doughty
- Fred Gilbert
- John Herr
- Mick Hersey
- Eric Jarvi
- Craig Lawson
- Viren Lemmer
- Dick Moody
- Michael Moore
- Dick Motz
- Richard ("Dick") Paul
- Gregory ("Greg") Lucas
- Kevin Mullin
- David Raese
- Rob Sexton
- Mark Shaffer
- Neil Vernon
- Brian Waid
- Chuck Waid
- Keith Weissinger

The following Compatriots were recognized and presented with **Congress Delegate certificates** for their support and efforts as official voting Delegates representing the WA SAR Society at the 131st National Congress held in Renton, WA:

- Viren Lemmer (AH)
- Richard Paul (CC)
- Robert Doughty (CC)
- Robert Sexton (CC)
- Andrew Brewer (FTV)
- Dennis Case (GRC)
- John Kraft (GW)
- Leland "Mike" Hutchins (GW)
- Perry Taylor (JPJ)
- Kelly Schultz (MC)
- Neil Vernon (SEA)

Selection of WA SAR Candidate for Pacific District Vice President General

WA SAR Nomination Committee Chairman Greg Lucas reported that the Nomination Committee were pleased to nominate Washington SAR State National Trustee Viren Lemmer as the WA SAR candidate for Pacific District Vice President General. State President Keith A Weissinger, M.D. asked all those present if there were any additional nominations from the floor – one nomination from the floor was stated, for State Investment Manager Chuck Waid, who declined the nomination. With no additional nominations from the floor, State President Keith A Weissinger, M.D. asked for a motion to nominate Washington SAR State National Trustee Viren Lemmer as the WA SAR candidate for Pacific District Vice President General – the motion was made, seconded, and passed with none opposed.

Election of WA SAR National Trustee and WA SAR Alternate National Trustee

WA SAR Nomination Committee Chairman Greg Lucas reported that the Nomination Committee were pleased to nominate Compatriot Perry Taylor for WA SAR National Trustee, and Compatriot Rob Sexton for WA SAR Alternate National Trustee. State President Keith A Weissinger, M.D. asked all those present if there were any additional nominations from the floor – no nominations from the floor were made. State President Keith A Weissinger, M.D. asked for a motion to elect Compatriot Perry Taylor for WA SAR National Trustee, and Compatriot Rob Sexton for WA SAR Alternate National Trustee – the motion was made, seconded, and passed with none opposed.

WA SAR Year End Review - State President Keith A Weissinger, M.D.

State President Keith A Weissinger, M.D. highlighted the successful 131st National Congress, the first time WA SAR hosted a National Congress, as our crowning achievement of the year. New State Committees were established to further WA SAR goals with Youth Protection Training and Recognition, a Council of Chapter Presidents, appointment of a WA SAR Investment Manager, Rumbaugh Oration contest, WA SAR Strategic Planning, WA SAR Education Committee, a new WA SAR Youth Video contest, and a new WA SAR 250th Anniversary committee. WA SAR has also increased the monetary amounts for all Youth program awards and commissioned a new State Challenge Coin. Keith thanked the Fort Vancouver Chapter for their excellent work as host chapter of the Washington Society Annual State Membership this year, and looking forward, Keith commented on activities in flight to overhaul the WA SAR State website and improve our participation in Elementary School Youth Programs.

Patriot Research System Presentation - State Registrar John Kraft

WA SAR Registrar John Kraft took the stage to educate all those present on the National Patriot Research System, how to use it, and how to create and submit a biography of your Patriot Ancestor to the system.

Color Guard Awards and Recognition - State Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon

State Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon recognized and presented awards to the following Compatriots for their support, efforts, and service on behalf of the WA SAR Color Guard:

Color Guard Officers:

- Art Dolan (Past Commander
- Certificate and Pin)
- Bob O'Neal (Past Commander

- Certificate and Pin)
- Stan Wills (Vice Commander Certificate)

- Dick Motz (Deputy Commander Certificate)
- Viren Lemmer (Drum Major

Certificate)

Color Guard Captain Certificates:

- Michael Moore
- Gregory Emerson
- Art Dolan

- Leland "Mike" Hutchins
- Fred Gilbert
- Larry Flint

- Vernon Gray

Certificates for 10 years of service:

- Douglas Nelson
- William "Bob" O'Neal

- Lee Thomasson
- T Stanley Wills

Certificates for 5 years of service:

- Andrew Asher
- Claud Asher
- Noah Chase
- Conn "Owen" Clark
- Arthur Dolan
- Carl Durkoop
- Gregory Emerson
- Fredrick Gilbert
- Lawrence Flint

- Marion "Mick" Hersey
- R David Irons
- Alexander Lemmer
- Jan Lemmer
- Viren Lemmer
- James Lindley
- Michael Moore
- Barry Moravek
- Dick Motz

- Keith Phillipy
- Kenneth Roberts
- Kelly Shultz
- Dennis Shaw
- Robert "Bob" Smalser
- Howard "Skip" Stephan
- Daniel Weedon

Silver Color Guard Medals:

Jerry Bordelon – AH

Leland "Mike" Hutchins – GW John Kraft Sr. – GW

Presentation of Medals and Awards from National - State President Keith A Weissinger, M.D.

State President Keith A Weissinger, M.D. recognized and presented awards from National SAR to the WA SAR Society, Chapters, and individual Compatriots for their support, efforts, and service on behalf of the SAR:

State Awards from National:***Registrar General's Award for Membership Recovery – Flag Streamer***

(To the State Society based upon size with the highest number of membership recovery who were dropped longer than one year)

- Al Pinkham, Secretary
- Tom Clark, Treasurer

Special Recognition from the Genealogist General

(To the State Society with no Pended Applications for the years 2018-2021)

- Michael Moore, Genealogist

First Place for the Genealogist General's Award

(To the State Society with the lowest percentage of Pended Applications for the year 2020-2021)

- Michael Moore, Genealogist

The C.A.R. Activities Award – Flag Streamer

- Stefan Kovalenko, CAR Liaison Chairman

Certificate of Participation, George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest – Flag Streamer

- Jeff Lightburn, Knight Essay Contest Chairman

Certificate of Participation, Outstanding JROTC Cadet Contest – Flag Streamer

- Conrad Plyler, JROTC Recognition Chairman

Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award

(To the State Society which has fulfilled the qualifications of Flag Certificate presentations)

- Russ Oliver, Flag Respect and Recognition Chairman

Youth Protection Training Program Certificate of Appreciation

(Recognition by the Council of State Presidents for YPT completion by the President, Immediate Past President, and President-Elect)

Chapter Awards from National:***President General's Education Outreach Streamer – Flag Streamer***

(For surpassing the required number of new Colonial Era Historic or Educational programs presented annually)

- Fort Vancouver Chapter

Individual Awards from National:

Certificate of Appreciation, Vice-Chairman, Knight Essay Committee

- Keith A Weissinger

Certificate of Appreciation, Chairman, Officer Training Committee

- Gregory Lucas

Certificate of Appreciation, Vice-Chairman, Veterans Committee

- Gregory Lucas

Certificate of Appreciation, Chairman, Fundraising Committee

- James Lindley

Outstanding JROTC Contest, Tenth Place

- Regina May Obnial

Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal

(For volunteer service performed at Headquarters or other significant volunteer work; 40 hours)

- John E. Kraft – 3 Oak Leaf Clusters (Bronze); 123 hours of service
- John D. Hosfield – 1 Medal and 31 Oak Leaf Clusters (3 Gold, 1 Bronze); 1,319 hours of service

Dr. Joseph Warren Medal

(For support of the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest)

- Howard “Skip” Stephan – 1 Medal

Certificate of Recognition, Vice President General

- Kenneth Roberts

Presentation of State Medals and Awards - State Medals and Awards Chairman Jim Lindley

State Medals and Awards Chairman Jim Lindley recognized and presented awards to the following individuals for their support, efforts, and service on behalf of the Washington Society:

Washington Society Achievement Medal:

- | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| • Abbott, Anthony | • Ronn Mercer | • Taylor, Perry |
| • Abbott, Charlotte | • Paul, Richard | • Wills, Thomas “Stan” |
| • Flint, Lawrence | • Raese, David | |
| • Hutchins, Leland “Mike” | • Smalser, Robert | |

State Silver Roger Sherman Medal:

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| • Dierdorff, Edwin | Cluster] | • Waid, Charles [Oak Leaf Cluster] |
| • Irons, David | • Mandigo, Alan [Oak Leaf Cluster] | • Weedon, Daniel |
| • Lemmer, Viren | • Oliver, Russell P. | |
| • Lindley, James [Oak Leaf Cluster] | | |

State Meritorious Service Medal

- | | | |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| • Harshman, Dale | Cluster] | • Schultz, Kelly |
| • Kovalenko, Stefan [Oak Leaf Cluster] | • Lightburn, Jeffery | • Vernon, Neil [Oak Leaf Cluster] |

State Medal of Distinguished Service:

- Lucas, Gregory

Patriot Medal:

- Pinkham, Alfred

Martha Washington Medal:

- Weissinger, Cynthia

Daughters of Liberty Medal:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| • Lindley, Teri [Oak Leaf Cluster] | • Lucas, Cindy |
|------------------------------------|----------------|

Closing Remarks - State President Keith A Weissinger, M.D.

State President Keith A Weissinger, M.D. reminded and encouraged all those present of the opportunity to attend the Pacific District Annual Conference Meeting, which would start immediately following the conclusion of this meeting.

Closing Ceremonies

State Vice President Greg Lucas led all those present in the SAR Recessional. State Chaplain Ed Dierdorff gave the

Benediction.

State President Keith A Weissinger, M.D. adjourned the meeting at 11:00AM, with peace and harmony prevailing.

Respectfully submitted, Russ Oliver

Minutes from the State BOD Meeting, 8 Apr 2022

The April 2022 meeting of the Sons of the American Revolution, Washington SAR Society Board of Directors, was convened at 2:00PM, Friday, April 8th, 2022, in-person at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, WA. A quorum was present with a total of sixteen voting Members, and thirteen 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 Vice President Greg Lucas 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 (need 7+ voting members).

Opening Remarks

WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger welcomed all in attendance and extended a special greeting to NSSAR Secretary General C. Bruce Pickette who joined us at this BOD meeting. Keith deferred further comments in favor of getting started on our very full agenda.

Approval of previous 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 WA SAR BOD Meeting 29 January 2022 (online, via Zoom), and the minutes of the WA SAR BOD Email Voting 08-12 February 2022 (emailed proposals). Hearing none, a motion was made to accept both meeting minutes as written, which was seconded, and was approved by unanimous consent.

State Officer, Chapter President, and State Chairmen Reports:

WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger noted there was no need to repeat information already submitted in written reports and requested all to please keep their comments brief.

State Officers:

- State President: WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger deferred any additional comments.
- State Vice President: WA SAR Vice President Greg Lucas deferred any additional comments.
- State Secretary: WA SAR State Secretary Al Pinkham reported that he is increasingly challenged with mobility and physical health issues and introduced Assistant State Secretary Russ Oliver who will take over the meetings, minutes, and administrative duties. Al also reported that NSSAR is switching over to a new National Membership Database, referred to as the Blue DB. The existing membership database (Yellow DB) will be retired shortly, and Al encouraged all to extract any needed data from the Yellow DB just in case.
- State Treasurer: WA SAR Treasurer Robert Sexton noted that the state society is in sound financial condition and that he is currently testing an electronic payment method (Zelle) with NSSAR.
- State Registrar: WA SAR Registrar John Kraft noted that in his written report #2 the ACN number should be 102485, and in his written report attachment #4 the ACN number should be 102499.
- State Chaplain: WA SAR Chaplain Edwin Dierdorff reported he is working with Fort Vancouver chapter on a Compatriot Death Report.
- State Historian: new WA SAR Historian Neil Vernon is working to obtain and transfer the records from the previous Historian, Allen Wenzel, who resigned his membership in SAR.
- State Color Guard Commander: WA SAR Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon reported that the Color Guard is entering its active season, encouraged all BOD and Color Guard members to complete Youth Protection Training, and noted that Youth Protection Training could be done as a chapter meeting presentation to capture Compatriots who do not use computers.
- National Trustee: State National Trustee Viren Lemmer deferred any additional comments.
- Alt. National Trustee: State Alternate National Trustee Robert Sexton deferred any additional comments.
- At Large Director#1: State At Large Director Doug Nelson was not present at this meeting.

Chapter Presidents:

- Alexander Hamilton Chapter: Chapter President Jerry Bordelon deferred any additional comments.
- Cascade Centennial Chapter: Chapter President Mark Shaffer deferred any additional comments.
- Fort Vancouver Chapter: Chapter President Allen Furlow deferred any additional comments.

- George Rogers Clark Chapter: Chapter President Art Dolan deferred any additional comments.
- George Washington Chapter: Chapter President Mike Hutchins deferred any additional comments.
- John Paul Jones Chapter: Chapter President Perry Taylor deferred any additional comments.
- Mid-Columbia Chapter: Chapter President Richard Roddy deferred any additional comments.
- 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 deferred any additional comments.

State Chairmen:

- America 250th - Chairman Bruce Bock: was not present this meeting.
- Annual Conference - Chairman Dick Paul: deferred any additional comments.
- Council of Chapter Presidents - Chairman Greg Lucas: deferred any additional comments.
- Eagle Scouts - Chairman Greg Emerson: was not present this meeting.
- Flag Recognition - Chairman Russ Oliver: Russ reported on calendar year 2021 results with 8 of 10 chapters participating and distributed to all participating chapters their certificates of appreciation and OLD GLORY streamer pins. Fort Vancouver chapter came in first in volume of US Flag displays recognized (116, has now come in first place for the fourth year in a row). George Rogers Clark recognized their first US Flag display and earned their chapter OLD GLORY streamer. And WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger set a new record for the number of US Flags personally recognized by a State President in a year (10)!
- History Teacher Award - Chairman Greg Lucas: deferred any additional comments.
- JROTC/ROTC - Chairman Conrad Plyler or Perry Taylor, Alan Mandigo: deferred any additional comments.
- Knight Essay - Chairman Jeff Lightburn: Jeff noted a good Knight Essay season, with three chapters submitting essays for judging, and intends to expand participation next year.
- Medals and Awards - Chairman Jim Lindley: Jim noted that only NSSAR can enter National Awards in member profiles and that he has downloaded 10 years of award histories from the Yellow DB before it goes offline. Historian Neil Vernon asked for a copy, and Jim encouraged Chapter Presidents to reach out to him for archives. Entering awards in the Blue DB is the responsibility of each chapter. Jim also reminded all present that the WA SAR Achievement Medal and the WA SAR Superior Service Medal can now be approved by the state or chapter – President Keith has the medals, and funds to purchase them should be sent to Treasurer Rob.
- Membership and Chapter Support - Chairman Mike Hutchins: Mike noted that he attempted a survey of dropped members – half didn't respond – the ones who responded mentioned a variety of issues leading to them not paying dues. He encouraged all present to combat these issues with extra communication during dues season – don't let your members lapse from a simple lack of engagement. Work on the State website members page is going slowly and may have to wait for the new state website – Mike will make use of the state newsletter to share information.
- Operation Ancestor Search - Chairman Keith Weissinger: deferred any additional comments.
- Rumbaugh Oration - Chairman Mark Shaffer: Mark noted that the effort to update the State website is in the building phase.
- Veterans' Services - Chairman Kenneth Roberts: was not present this meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- Investment proposal: State Investment Manager Chuck Waid, State Treasurer Rob Sexton: Chuck reported that the state investment fund is healthy and in line with current macro market returns. Chuck submitted a written proposal, recommending changes to the WA SAR Administrative Procedures for section 9 (Investment Manager) – see the file “WA SAR BOD April 2022 Meeting - Proposal - Investment Policy Change Proposal 2022-3-9.pdf”. Compatriot Perry Taylor made a motion to implement the recommended changes as written, Compatriot Viren Lemmer seconded the motion, and the motion passed via unanimous consent. Assistant State Secretary Russ Oliver will implement the changes to the WA SAR Administrative Procedures text.
- Youth Video Contest proposal: Prior to the presentation and discussion, the Chair was turned over to VP Greg Lucas for the duration of this agenda item. State President Keith Weissinger submitted a written proposal, recommending WA SAR initiate a pilot program for a new Youth Video Contest – see the file “WA SAR BOD April 2022 Meeting - Proposal - State Video Contest.pdf”. Goal is to reach the modern young person where they are, on YouTube and Tik Tok, and encourage youth to curate a video with content relevant to the Revolution. There was extensive discussion of this proposal, ranging from consent of parents (will handle just like Knight Essay), storing the files (Historian), NSSAR input (which was to experiment with a pilot program), whether existing state insurance would cover the new risks (does not, will need a solution), how risks/issues over youth on video and copyright will

be handled (solve as part of the pilot), will chapters be burdened with yet another youth contest (chapter participation optional), and state budget impacts (modest addition to existing budget for youth contests).

After discussion concluded, three motions were made:

- 1) The Washington Society shall establish a youth contest to celebrate the visual arts by developing, conducting, and financially supporting the Youth Video Contest. Keith introduced the motion, Compatriot Mark Schaffer seconded, and the motion was approved by unanimous consent.
- 2) A State Youth Video Contest Committee be formed, with the State President appointing the Youth Video Contest Committee Chairman, subject to the Board of Directors approval, and all chapter chairmen of this contest being members of this Committee. Keith introduced the motion, Compatriot Mark Schaffer seconded, and the motion was approved by unanimous consent.
- 3) The financial awards will be funded by the investment accounts in the same manner as the other youth contests. The state award amounts are as follows: First Place \$1000, Second Place \$500, and Third Place \$250, which is in parity with all other youth contest financial awards. Keith introduced the motion, Compatriot Mike Hutchins seconded, and the motion carried with the majority approving and one opposed.

Assistant State Secretary Russ Oliver will implement the changes to the WA SAR Administrative Procedures text.

- YPT Streamer proposal: Chairman Perry Taylor: Perry submitted a written proposal, recommending a new streamer opportunity for chapters in WA SAR if the necessary chapter members complete Youth Protection Training – see the file “WA SAR BOD April 2022 Meeting - Proposal -YPT Streamer.pdf”. Annual awards thereafter for sustained performance via an embroidered star for the streamer. During discussion, Compatriot John Kraft suggested that a chapter completing Youth Protection Training for 100% of its membership be recognized with a different colored embroidered star – Perry agreed this was a great idea, and easily implemented. Compatriot John Kraft made a motion to implement the recommended changes as amended, Compatriot Neil Vernon seconded the amended motion, and the amended motion passed via unanimous consent. Assistant State Secretary Russ Oliver will implement the changes to the WA SAR Administrative Procedures text.
- State Website: State At Large Director#1 Doug Nelson: State President Keith mentioned that Doug was researching improvements to our state website and that our current state webmaster has resigned. The goal is to make the State website useful and easy to update – Compatriot Mark Schaffer volunteered to lead a new committee to modernize the state website, and Compatriot Mike Hutchins agreed to help.
- State Strategic Planning Committee: Chairman Greg Lucas: Greg reported that the State Strategic Planning Committee is a new standing committee with monthly meetings starting in May 2022. Goals are to flesh out the strategic plan, which is missing budgets and timelines.
- State Education Committee – Chairman Viren Lemmer: Viren reported he is working on a job description for this committee for the WA SAR Administrative Procedures. Viren is planning on connecting to all new members in the state, with new member training meetings two or three times a year via Zoom. Training will be much more than a packet and that SAR mentors and contacts will be critical for success.
- State Challenge Coin update – State President Keith Weissinger: Keith reported that due to demand the BOD authorized an additional 150 of the new state challenge coins to be produced and Keith has them in hand here for the Annual State Meeting. See Keith if interested, \$6.25 each!

New Business:

- State Ethics Committee – Models, Rules of Discipline – National Vice Chairman Greg Lucas: Greg reported that he is on the NSSAR Ethics Committee and that a solution is needed for ethics issues raised at the chapter / state level. New models and rules are being discussed that provide best practices and templates for the chapters and states for disciplinary and ethics issues, with due process and decisions made at the most local level possible. There may be changes to NSSAR Bylaw #33 as a result. Stay tuned!
- Site of 2023 State Annual Conference – Chairman Dick Paul: Dick reported the 2023 location has not yet been decided – this is usually done 18 months in advance, and we are late (only 12 months remaining). Dick and Compatriot Jeff Lightburn agreed to re-up and plan the 2023 State Annual Conference. A proposal was put forward for Spokane #1 Chapter to host, with the location as the Mirabeau Park Hotel & Convention Center in Spokane Valley, WA, on 28-29 April 2023. Discussion focused on whether the Spokane #1 chapter had the resources ready to take this duty on (yes, with others volunteering to help), gas costs for the Western Washington majority of WA SAR members (potential for a SAR train, \$29 each way, make memories!), and that a different NSSAR attendee will be needed given the 28-29 April 2023 timing. Dick introduced the motion, Compatriot Al Pinkham seconded, and the motion passed via unanimous consent. Compatriot Chuck Wait asked if we should be planning 2024’s location and timing, and this was postponed for the upcoming July 2022 WA SAR BOD meeting.

- Compatriot Fred Gilbert made a proposal for the WA SAR Society to fund the purchase of the Silver 250th Anniversary Medal set (\$45), the state-level award designed to encourage and recognize those compatriots to participate in local, state, national and international events which publicly educate, and recognize, honor, and celebrate the heroes of the American Revolution. During discussion, Compatriot Mike Hutchins jokingly asked if the state funding would apply retroactively to those who already paid themselves for their silver medal (No, and Mike was joking!). Fred made the motion, Compatriot Mark Schaffer seconded, and the motion passed via unanimous consent.
- WA CAR President, Luke Byrd, is turning 18 and wants to join SAR, and is a candidate for CAR Librarian General. Traditionally, WA SAR would endorse WA CAR candidates for national CAR roles. Compatriot Mark Schaffer made a motion that WA SAR endorse WA CAR President Luke Byrd for CAR Librarian General, Compatriot Jerry Bordelon seconded, and the motion passed via unanimous consent.

Those Voting Members and Guests in Attendance (29) (Voting Members - 16)

WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger
 WA SAR Vice President Greg Lucas
 WA SAR Chaplain Edwin Dierdorff
 WA SAR Historian and Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon
 WA SAR National Trustee Viren Lemmer
 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 Rogers Clark Chapter President Art Dolan
 George Washington Chapter President Mike Hutchins
 John Paul Jones Chapter President Perry Taylor

Mid-Columbia Chapter President Richard Roddy
 Spokane #1 Chapter President Carl Durkoop
 (Non-Voting Guests - 13)
 NSSAR Secretary General C. Bruce Pickette
 Compatriot Bob Doughty
 Compatriot Tim Doughty
 Compatriot Fred Gilbert
 Compatriot Hugh Jonson
 Compatriot Jeff Lightburn
 Compatriot Jim Lindley
 Compatriot Mike Moore
 Compatriot Russ Oliver
 Compatriot Dick Paul
 Compatriot Conrad Plyler
 Compatriot Fred Templin
 Compatriot Chuck Waid

Next State BOD Meeting

Our next State BOD meeting is scheduled for Saturday 30 July 2022, 0900, online via Zoom

Closing Remarks

WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger thanked all in attendance 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 3:53PM, with peace and harmony prevailing.

Respectfully submitted, Russ Oliver, Washington SAR: Assistant State Secretary

Secretary’s Corner XX Mar 2022

Compatriots,

Summer is early this year and along with that community activities are once again in progress. Please review the web sites to learn what is available to you for the season. We are validating the new Blue data base please review. Please review and contact your Chapter Secretary if you need to correct. Enjoy the Summer.

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



Al

Russ

News From The WA State SAR Ladies Auxiliary (LAWASSAR)

[Facebook Page](#)


I sit and I wonder... what's next. We had a wonderful State and Pacific District Meeting in April. Thanks again to the Fort Vancouver Chapter and conference planning committee for all your hard work. It was evident the amount of time and care you put into it.

Summer is arriving and people are anxious to get outdoors. Some Chapters have picnics with their sister DAR chapters. Fourth of July offers many opportunities to show your patriotism.

National Congress this year is in Savannah Georgia (July 10-14). I have purchased the salmon and other PNW goodies to go into our LAWASSAR basket as directed in Vancouver. Northwest Colonial Days on the peninsula are August 11-14. Then on to Labor Day! Fall Leadership is in Louisville, KY September 29-October 2.

The State Board of Directors Meeting will be held October 29. (Location TBD). This is also the state Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting, but all members are welcome to attend. We will be forming a nominating committee for the next officer elections in July 2023. Brenda Shaw recently resigned to dedicate more time to writing her dissertation and caring for her grandchildren. Thankfully we were blessed with Susan Taylor and Cheryl Smith who graciously accepted their appointments as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

The Quilts of Valor Project is continuing. However, I still need input from each Chapter's Veterans Services Chairman. I need to know who they would like to nominate for their Chapter's next recipient. Each chapter has a Ladies Auxiliary representative who can also contact me directly. Donations of fabric, piecers, sewers, and binders are always welcome but we also need people to interview the nominee and find out what they need/want in a quilt.

I hope this finds you well, take care.

Cynthia Weissinger, President, Ladies Auxiliary, WASSAR



28-29 Apr 2023: Annual State Conference, Mirabeau Park Hotel & Convention Center Spokane, WA ([Google map LINK](#))

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

Save The Date



WA CAR State Project 2021-22



Washington State can be Proud!

C.A.R. members and Senior Leaders from both D.A.R. and S.A.R. finished an exciting National Society C.A.R. Conference (April 22-24). Four attended in Arlington, Virginia and nine attended virtually.

CONGRATULATIONS! Honorary Washington State President (21-22), **Luke Byrd** won his election for **National Librarian**. Total votes cast 367. (Votes required for election: 184.) Luke received 250 votes. His opponent received 117. **Washington State is honored to have a National Officer for C.A.R.!** It is extremely difficult to become a National Officer, and it takes a lot of commitment. Luke was installed at Mt. Vernon in Alexandria, Virginia on April 24. He will be traveling the country this summer representing the C.A.R. and completing service activities in various communities. He would like to thank **Mrs. Jeannette Carroll, N.S.D.A.R.** and **Mr. Stefan Kovalenko, N.S.S.A.R.** for their support and advice during his campaign.

James Byrd was installed at Mt. Vernon as **Washington State President**. He was elected at the Washington State Conference held March 12. He is looking forward to meeting the Washington State D.A.R. and S.A.R. members and is planning some fun activities for the children.

Carrie Venable Byrd, N.S.D.A.R. was installed at Mt. Vernon as **Washington State Senior President**. She was appointed by Washington State Regent, **Laurie Langton, N.S.D.A.R.** and confirmed on April 21 by the National Senior Board.

John Berg, N.S.S.A.R., Washington State Senior Treasurer & Honorary National Senior, also attended the conference in person and supported both Luke and James in their conference events. (pictured at right with CAR members)

The **C.A.R. National Project** (May 2022 - Apr 2023) is **supporting the organization, "Our Military Kids,"** which provides extracurricular activity grants to children who have deployed family members.

The **Washington State Project** is entitled, **"George Washington: Our State's Namesake."** James will give theatrical performances to groups as George Washington. The performance will focus on George, the youth. James will also present on C.A.R. and the National Project. If you would like to have a presentation at your meeting or to another community group, please contact James for more information (ByrdJamesCAR@gmail.com).

With the support of D.A.R. and S.A.R. Washington Chapters and State Societies, Children of the American Revolution is growing leaders and instilling patriotism in the next generation. For more information about how you can be involved in C.A.R., contact Mrs. Byrd at DARcarrie@gmail.com. If you would like to register your child or grandchild in C.A.R., contact Mrs. Carroll at SSPCAR@hotmail.com.

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



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: 3rd Sat of the month, except, (Jun, Jul, Aug) 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, 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 Apr/May/Jun

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



April	May	Jun
Marshall William Anderson	Joseph Reza Arya	Andrew Marshall Ash
Ardean A. Anvik	Jean Paul Bordelon	John Gary Bjork
Jack Martin Baskin	Theodore Bradley	Charles Thomas Boardman
Samuel Ephriam Berg	Todd Richard Connell	Bryan Glenn Bock
Ronald Eugene Black II	Douglas Brenner Cooper	William Earl Brown
Gilbert Eugene Blinn	Matthew Weston Costello	Howard James Carlson
Donald Steven Bright	Mark Ferrier	John Granville Carlson
Kenneth Duane Carlson	Gregory Allen Gaydosh	Kelton Page Carter
Dennis Lloyd Carnagey	Donald Marion Gladson	Eugene Edwin Catlin
Dennis Dale Case	Ethan Henry Grabowski	Christopher Stephen Clayton
Jay Douglas Cooper	Dale LeRoy Hash	Donald Allen Deschenes
Robert E. Lee Eggenberger Jr	Clarke Hughbanks	Norman Earnest Dodge
Christopher Richard Gelatt	Jared William Hughes	Michael Bentley Donaldson
Frederick Arthur Hardy	Robert Eugene Korn Jr	Charles Marshall Eberhart
Richard Lee Harman	Stefan Michael Woods Kovalenko	John Jeffrey Elliott
Arthur Monroe Haywood	David Joseph Kuntz	Lane Carter Elliott
Robert Homer Hill	Benjamin Caldwell Lightburn	Robert Carlton Franz
Ethan Clarke Hughbanks	Sean Patrick Marley	Ronald Jon Frederick
Devin Christopher Irons	Kenneth Morton Marshall	Thomas Wayne Gates
Dominik Viggo Irons	Darnell James Metcalf	Richard Victor Gonzalez
Eric William Jarvi	Walter Richard Motz	Clinton Drake Goodison
William Douglas Jonas	Shawn Ray Parman	Christopher Gail Grabowski
Michael Abram Kanzler	Conrad A. Plyler Jr	John Winship Herr II
Gale Hamilton Kenney	William Harold Roof	Marion (Mick) Thomas Hersey
John Frederick Joseph Knauer	John Frederick Russell	Mark Denman Hines
Brian Joseph Langley	Dale Eugene Ryan	Jerome Leroy Hull
Jan Allyn Lemmer	Norman Clark Smith	Lawrence Alan Jones
Jeffrey Tyler Lewis	Brian Wade Smith	Patrick Joseph Kane
Timothy Deane Mather	Glenn Allen Snow	Daniel Joseph Keen
Brian Eric McReynolds	William Buckner Stakelin	Jeffrey Caldwell Lightburn
Richard W. Miller	Steven Lee Thomasson	James Morris Lindley
Paul Andrew Ocker	Cole Jarrett Turcotte	Gregory Dean Lucas
Robert Edward Pringle	William Michael Waring	David Baker Martens
Thomas Edward Sackville-West	Douglas Allen Webb	Charles Robert Miller
Dennis Michael Shaw	Stuart Gordon Webber	Mark Matthews Munns
Greggory Morris Stewart Jr	James Ricky Wells	Russell Thomas Oliver
Rupert Graham Tart Jr	Michael David Zenk	Gregory C. Parker
John Charles Tipton	Timothy Scott Zenk	Richard Thilo Porter
Thomas Troy Turcotte		Gary Andrew Price
David James Vandaveer		Randall L. Roach
John Christopher Wade		Robert William Scott
James Edward Whittaker		Fen M. Simmons
Paul Frederic Winter		Andrew Anthony Tadie
		Justin Thomas Underwood
		Neil Allen Vernon
		Robert Carl Wall
		Benjamin Conrad Warner
		Richard Leslie Whittemore
		David Michael Wilson
		Michael Earl Wilson
		Jason Thomas Zenk



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YOUR COLOR GUARD, THE FACE OF THE SAR



From The Commander

Compatriots,

The Washington State SAR Color Guard has experienced a whirlwind of activities this past quarter beginning with Washington States annual conference. At the State Conference, recognition as made to past State Color Guard Commanders, and those currently serving in leadership roles. This was followed by presenting 10-year and 5-year Color Guard participation certificates.



Following the conference, the Color Guard had experienced a flurry of activities from Honor Flights, holiday parades, JROTC /ROTC recognitions, and classroom presentations. Somehow, we managed to get some time to support DAR activities as well. We are the face of SAR and together we are meeting the requests for our services

During this past quarter we also were honored to award four (4) new Silver Color Guard medals. The recipients were:

- Leland “Mike” Hutchins (GW)
- John Eric Kraft Sr. (GW)
- Jerry Bordelon (AH)
- Michael Bendictson (AH)

Congratulations to each of these Compatriots and thank you for your unselfish dedication and service to the WASSAR Color Guard. WASSAR has now awarded 26 members with the Silver Color Guard medal. I know that there should be more completed by the end of the year.

We have a full agenda ahead of us this summer and I am confident that we will find ways to meet the challenges. I recently visited the Spokane Chapter. The day following their chapter meeting they had four (4) events all on the same day. Huzzah! Now that is a challenge.

I would like to remind all event organizers to be sure to include the 250th Anniversary flag in each of your events and to make it a talking item.

As Commander of the Washington State Color Guard, compatriots, job well done!

Let’s have a safe and eventful summer!

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

From The Deputy Commander

Compatriots:

I have just completed a visit to Boston with the primary mission to walk the Freedom Trail.

The trail is a 2.5 mile red-brick trail through the historic neighborhoods that tells the story of the American Revolution. It all starts at the Visitors Center and then you just follow the trail in the sidewalk. Each site is marked with the brass plate at the right. The sites include:



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| 1. Boston Common | 6. Boston Latin School | 12. Faneuil Hall |
| 2. Massachusetts State House | 7. Statue of Benjamin Franklin | 13. Paul Revere House |
| 3. Park Street Church | 8. Old Corner Bookstore | 14. Old North Church |
| 4. Granary Burying Ground | 9. Old South Meeting House | 15. Copp's Hill Burying Ground |
| 5. King's Chapel/King's Chapel Burying Ground | 10. Old State House | 16. USS Constitution |
| | 11. Boston Massacre Site | 17. Bunker Hill Monument |

The highlight was when I was at the Bunker Hill Monument where I met up with some of the MA Color Guard. It was an anniversary event at site.

If you get a chance to visit Boston, I highly recommend doing the trail



Visitor's Center



From The Vice Commander

Compatriots

As most of you know George Washington was elected President by the people in 1789. The War ended in 1783, who ran the country? The War started in 1775 and George was elected head of the Army. Who did George report too? The answer is the forgotten presidents. There were 14. Of those 14 there is one person that everyone forgets. Who was he? What did he do?

Charles Thomson of Pennsylvania was the secretary from 1775 till 1789. He is considered the most important patriot of all never to occupy the Presidents chair, nor was he provided a mansion and carriage at public expense. But, as secretary of congress for his entire fifteen-year history.

Charles Thomson was the driving force behind the gavel and the living institutional history of the nation's first government. Without his prodding and pleading, Congress would never have survived. Without his faithful service, the record of the First American Republic would be lost to history.

His life was itself the perfect embodiment of the American Dream. He arrived on these shores as a penniless orphan at the age of ten and now, over two centuries later, he and his wife rest beneath a magnificent obelisk in historic Laurel Hill Cemetery in the heart of Philadelphia. Throughout his long and immensely productive career he left a unique mark on state and national government, natural science and biblical scholarship. His friends and correspondents of fifty years included Franklin and Jefferson.

It was Charles Thomson, the Secretary of Congress, who officially notified Washington of his election as the first President of the Second American Republic and accompanied him from Mount Vernon to the inaugural ceremonies in New York. He was also responsible for Great Seal's approval in 1782 and was one of the first men to sign the Declaration of Independence.

So many of us take for granite our chapter secretaries for all the work they do. They are the backbone of our organization. Well done, Gentlemen.

Respectfully Submitted, Stan Wills, Vice Commander, Washington State SAR Color Guard

Color Guard Events Throughout The State

Regional Area Color Guard Events In Apr, May, Jun

Northern Region

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).



30 May: The Washington State SAR Color Guard was proud to be a part of this year's Memorial Day - Service of Remembrance at Maple Leaf Cemetery in Oak Harbor. Participants were, (L to R) John Kraft, Michael Moore, Michael Benedictson, Patricia Fransico, Viren Lemmer, Danika Benedictson, Chris Fridley, Mike Hutchins, Ken Carlson, Bill Bentler, Bruce Bock, Marshall Eberhart. Not in photo Neil Vernon who was taking care of history!.



Southern Region

21 Apr: Veteran Funeral/Burial, Tahoma National Cemetery. Kent WA Army Cpl. Benjamin R. Bazzell.

Participants were: (L to R) Jerry Bordelon, Mike Moore, Neil Vernon, Noah Chase, Ralph leaning (HODAR), and Fred Gilbert.



25 Apr SeaTac international Airport: Three members of the Washington Society SAR Color Guard greeted 53 WWII, Korea, and Vietnam war veterans' home as they returned Monday from a two-day Honor Flight to Washington DC.

Among the passengers were three WWII veterans, all over 90 years old. One told a SAR Color Guard member "It was a trip of a lifetime. I never imagined I would see Washington DC and the monuments."

Thank you, Puget Sound Honor Flight Association, for including the SAR in the welcoming home celebration.

Representing the SAR Color Guard were Neil Vernon, Mike Moore, and Dick Moody.

Reported by Dick Moody.



6 & 7 May: The Alexander Hamilton Chapter posted the colors on two days at the DAR Annual Conference. Sea-Tac Marriott Inn.

6 May Jerry Bordelon & Mike Moore



7 May: Mike Moore, Dick Motz,



& Amy Brooks

16 May: SEA-TAC International Airport:

The **Honor Flight** from Washington DC was met by members from 3 different chapters.

Participating members were (L-R): Art Dolan, Grant Rauzi, Mike Moore, Pam Gassman, Dick Motz, Dick Moody, Neil Vernon



21 May Armed Forces Day JBLM. 11am-6 pm. Heritage Hill on McChord Field



Present were: Eric Olsen, Lew Maudsley, Joe Coorough, Art Dolan, Mike More, Ralph Leining (HODAR), Jerry Bordelon, Dick Motz

29 May Memorial Day. The traditional Memorial Day Service was held at Fir Lane Cemetery in Spanaway. Participant were (L to R) Mike Moore, Ralph Liening, Jerry Bordelon, Skip Stephens, Eric Olsen



21 Jun: Make Music Day. The Lions Club presented a Make Music Festival in the Federal Way Town Square Park. Mike Moore & Jerry Bordelon posted the colors and participated in many photos at the event.



Eastern Region (late report)

26 April: Spokane International Airport... 100 Veterans were welcomed back from an Honor Flight from Washington DC for the first time in 2 years. There was one WWII Veteran, 96 years young, and one female Veteran from Viet Nam era. Despite Covid concerns a large crowd attended the welcome back ceremony. Their return was delayed for over an hour due to weather.

Stan Wills, of the Spokane SAR Chapter CG, was the only member to attend.



14 May Stan Wills of Spokane, assisted the Esther Reed Chapter of the DAR to rededicate the monument of the only **Real Daughter** in Washington State. She is Isabel Conway 1836-1915 buried in Greenwood Cemetery Spokane WA.



21 May: Armed Forces Day, Spangle WA.

Members from the Spokane Chapter participated in the Spangle Day Parade

(L to R) John Knauer, Rob Scott, Patience Ryan, Stan Wills, Will Palmer, Dale Ryan, and 4 of Will Palmers grandkids (all under 18).



21 May: Armed Forces Day, Spokane WA.

Members of the Spokane Chapter marched in the Torchlight Parade (a part of the Lilac Festival) to salute our military. The parade started at 7:45 p.m., with 48 bands, 25 equestrian entries, 21 floats, & 25 military entries. The police estimated there 100,000 lined up on the two-mile course to watch the parade.

(L to R) back row Rob Hill, John Knauer, Will Palmer, Stan Wills, Carl Durkoop, Dennis Shaw, Dale Ryan, Rob Scott. Front Row Dale Ryan's daughter Patience, Will Palmer's grandchildren 2 grandsons, 2 granddaughters. This was the 2nd parade of the day. The 1st being the Spangle City parade. It was a short parade with only 40 entries. Needless to say, everyone was tired last night.



11 Jun Fairfield Flag Day Parade, Spokane #1 marched in the 112th annual Fairfield Flag Day Parade. The longest continuous running Flag Day Parade in the country.
 (L to R) Stan Wills, Rob Hill, Dale Ryan, Dennis Shaw, John Knauer, Patience Ryan, Carl Durkoop, Rob Scott (our second drummer).



14 Jun flag day: On a cold rainy day, Dale Ryan & I handed out Flag Pins to 20 New Citizens from 14 countries at the Spokane Indians Baseball Field. It was scheduled outside, hoping the weather would be sunny, however it was not.



18 Jun: Scottish Fest in Prosser. Kelly & Karen Schultz, George & Connie Richard Roddy & Jan Hughes, along with Larry Flint attended the SAR and DAR information Table. Five people signed up for our mailing list, as did some for the DAR.



28 Jun Flag Program, Touchmark Retirement Home, 3:00pm. Point of contact for event is [Stan Wills](#).
Location: Spokane

Western Region

21 May 75th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade Bremerton. The parade had over 125 entries from around the Puget Sound area. This year's Grand Marshal was Navy Admiral Frank Caldwell. Various WA State SAR and DAR chapters participated, winning the Best Community Group Award. Fred Gilbert, JPJ Color Guard Captain, coordinated the SAR/DAR participation. Other participants were: JPJ Chapter Ladies Auxiliary, The DAR lead by Susan Taylor, Regent, Admiralty Inlet Chapter and; and Kelli Garcia, Regent, Elizabeth Ellington Chapter, Bremerton.



Color Guard Participants were:
SE: Neil Vernon, Christopher Clayton, Stephen Clayton
JPJ: Fred Gilbert, Perry Taylor, Noah Chase, Doug Nelson, Mick Hersey.
AH: John Herr, Matt Benedictson, Viren Lemmer, Jan Lemmer, Skip Stephen.
FV: Mike Fitzpatrick

F&D: Terry Barker, Stephanie Conway, Alonde Droege, Danika Bendictson And Vern Frykholm as George Washington



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:

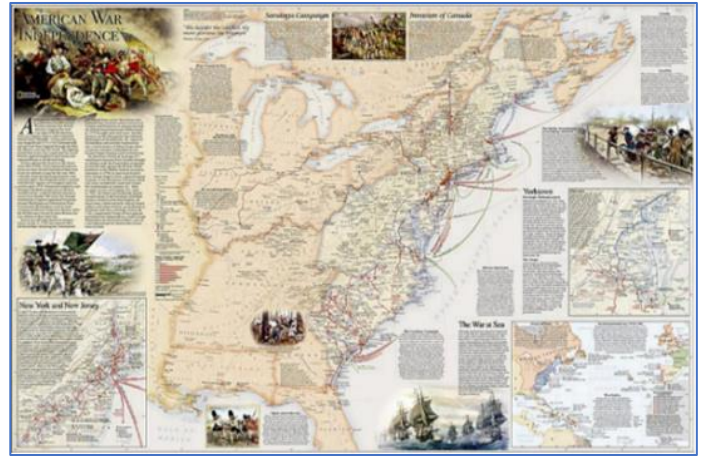
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For Sale:

Contact	Item	Size	Cost	Notes
Dick Motz	Sewing Machine			<p>Free!!! Just come pick it up... Great for sewing those uniform accessories.</p> 

Battles of the Revolutionary War and War of 1812:

2-Sided Map is available from the National Geographic Society.
[Link to order](#) (\$16.95).



The Washington Trail - Publication Schedule

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

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

News from the Chapters:

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

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

NSSAR 132nd National Congress, Savannah GA, 2022

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.

