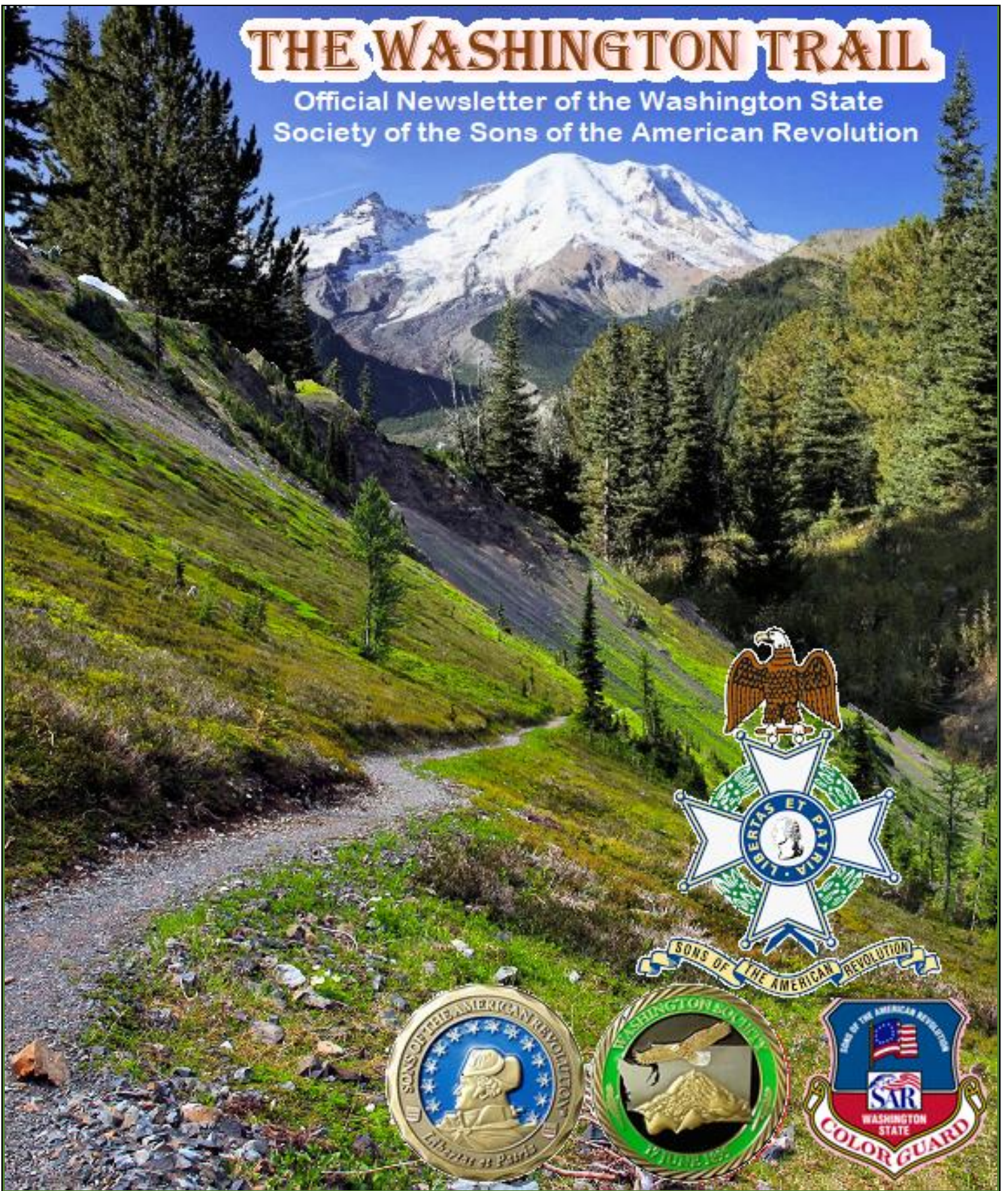


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Upcoming Meetings and Events



- **29 Oct 2022:** Next State BOD meeting, time TBD, in-person at the Buzz Inn Steakhouse, 2202 S Canyon Rd, Ellensburg, WA.
- **28-29 Apr 2023:** Annual State Conference, Mirabeau Park Hotel & Convention Center Spokane, WA
- **Color Guard [Schedule](#)**



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Washington State SAR President's Message – Winter - 2022 (1st Quarter)

Compatriots:

I made a serious mistake. I assumed. Of course, we all know the old joke about what happens when we assume. Perhaps the recounting of my experience will help you avoid the same error.

I was made aware that one our Washington Society members was moved to the "inactive" list. In other words, he had been dropped from the rolls and was no longer a member of the SAR. I assumed. He probably decided to stop paying his dues because he didn't want to continue his membership. I was totally wrong, but it took me 24 hours to realize it.

Eventually, I was blessed with the thought that I should reach out to my fellow Compatriot and try to understand why he decided to leave us. A simple phone call revealed he was more surprised than I to learn he was no longer a member of the SAR. To the best of his knowledge, he had submitted his dues payment and was still a member in good standing. Needless to say, we both immediately took steps to ensure his reinstatement and the Prodigal Son had returned.

I hope this is an opportunity to remind all the Chapter Presidents to personally contact all dropped and inactive members. Some may be completely unintentional. Others may be brought back to active membership by providing a sympathetic ear or correcting a simple error.

I would like to take this a step further. September brings the resumption of Chapter meetings – much like the beginning of a new school year. I want to respectfully recommend every member receive a personal contact. This can be a letter, an email, or a phone call. The Chapter Officers can divide up the membership roster and make short work of the task.

Alternatively, if you, as a Chapter Member, happen to notice one of your Compatriots was absent from a meeting, take a moment to reach out to him. Compatriots can be reminded of the meeting and they can be updated on new meeting times and places.

The value of a personal invitation cannot be overstressed. Our members, past and present, deserve our time and attention.

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

Education Outreach

WASSAR Membership & Chapter Support Committee

Articles, ideas, and best practices offered to encourage strong membership relations and healthy Chapters.

[LINK](#) to the "24 Month President's Planning Calendar"

For additional Information, contact [Mike Hutchens](#)



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!!!

Get yours in early...Be an Early Bird



The Bullet Proof President

From America's Godly Heritage

This story of George Washington once appeared in virtually every student text in America, but hasn't been seen in the last forty years. This story deals with George Washington when he was involved in the French and Indian War as a young man only twenty-three years of age.

The French and Indian War occurred twenty years before the American Revolution. It was the British against the French; the Americans sided with the British; and most of the Indians sided with the French. Both Great Britain and France disputed each other's claims of territorial ownership along the Ohio and Mississippi rivers; both of them claimed the same land.

Unable to settle the dispute diplomatically, Great Britain sent 2300 hand-picked, veteran British troops to America under General Edward Braddock to rout the French.

The British troops arrived in Virginia, where George Washington (colonel of the Virginia militia) and 100 Virginia buckskins joined General Braddock. They divided their force; and General Braddock, George Washington, and 1300 troops marched north to expel the French from Fort Duquesne --- now the city of Pittsburgh. On July 9, 1755 --- only seven miles from the fort --- while marching through a wooded ravine, they walked right into an ambush; the French and Indians opened fire on them from both sides.

But these were British veterans; they knew exactly what to do. The problem was, they were veterans of European wars. European warfare was all in the open. One army lined up at one end of an open field, the other army lined up at the other end, they looked at each other, took aim, and fired. No running, no hiding, but here they were in the Pennsylvania woods with the French and Indians firing at them from the tops of trees, from behind rocks, and from under logs.

When they came under fire, the British troops did exactly what they had been taught; they lined up shoulder-to-shoulder in the bottom of that ravine -- and were slaughtered. At the end of two hours, 714 of the 1300 British and American troops had been shot down; only 30 of the French and Indians had been shot.

There were 86 British and American officers involved in that battle; at the end of the battle, George Washington was the only officer who had not been shot down off his horse -- he was the only officer left on horseback.

Following this resounding defeat, Washington gathered the remaining troops and retreated back to Fort Cumberland in western Maryland, arriving there on July 17, 1755.

The next day, Washington wrote a letter to his family explaining that after the battle was over, he had taken off his jacket and had found four bullet holes through it, yet not a single bullet had touched him; several horses had been shot from under him, but he had not been harmed. He told them:

By the all-powerful dispensations of Providence, I have been protected beyond all human probability or expectation.

Washington openly acknowledged that God's hand was upon him, that God had protected him and kept him through that battle.

However, the story does not stop here. Fifteen years later, in 1770 -- now a time of peace -- George Washington and a close personal friend, Dr. James Craik, returned to those same Pennsylvania woods. An old Indian chief from far away, having heard that Washington had come back to those woods, traveled a long way just to meet with him.

He sat down with Washington, and face-to-face over a council fire, the chief told Washington that he had been a leader in that battle fifteen years earlier, and that he had instructed his braves to single out all the officers and shoot them down. Washington had been singled out, and the chief explained that he personally had shot at Washington seventeen different times, but without effect. Believing Washington to be under the care of the Great Spirit, the chief instructed his braves to cease firing at him. He then told Washington:

I have traveled a long and weary path that I might see the young warrior of the great battle. I am come to pay homage to the man who is the particular favorite of Heaven, and who can never die in battle.

George Washington Speaks

(Provided by Vern Frykholm)

Four Presidents got together one day to talk about their presidencies and to compare notes with each other. It was just 4 men from history talking about the issues of their day.

Presidents **Washington** and **Jefferson** wanted to know how things turned out and Presidents **Lincoln** and **Roosevelt** wanted to know what we had in mind when we declared independence and wrote the constitution.



They shared their thoughts for a little over an hour. Listen in on those conversations with the links below:

Part One: [Conversation Starters](#) (9:02)

Part Four: [Growth of the Country](#) (14:59)

Part Two: [The Civil War](#) (23:28)

Part Five: [The Need for Virtue](#) (11:38)

Part Three: [The Advent of Politics](#) (7:25)

NSSAR 132nd National Congress, Savannah GA, 2022

Data/Photos from the Congress



132nd Congress
[Awards List](#)



132nd Congress
[Info Book](#)



132nd Congress
[Attendees List](#)



The State First Lady, Cindy Weissinger becomes the National Treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary



Meetings/Activities Around The State

Increased School Scholarships Announced By SAR

I want to share the news that the Sons of The American Revolution society has **substantially increased** the amount of scholarships and awards for area students.

We're reaching out to all levels from elementary through high school, and students in public, private and homeschool settings are encouraged to participate. There are written essays, a youth video competition, an oration competition, a poster design contest for elementary and much more. Please see the 2 documents at these links:

1. [News from the SAR](#)
2. [Washington SAR Society Youth Teacher Programs.](#)

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks in advance for your consideration to help us get the word out.

[Jeff Lightburn](#), Trustee & Immediate Past President, Ft. Vancouver SAR Chapter
Chairman, Washington Society Council of Youth & Teacher Recognition



Minutes from the State BOD Meeting, 8 Jul 2022

July 2022 WA SAR State Society BOD Meeting Minutes

The July 2022 meeting of the Sons of the American Revolution, Washington SAR Society Board of Directors, was convened at 9:02AM, Saturday, July 30th, 2022, online via the Zoom application. A quorum was present with a total of seventeen voting Members, and eight 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 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 09 April 2022 held in-person at the Heathman Lodge, Vancouver, Washington. 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 reported a number of updates from National SAR: a silver star for District-level medals has been approved; Ethics decisions are coming to the state-level; National HQ Genealogist staffing now full, with a new Director; Don Shaw will retire 31 July 2022; and the National SAR Merchandise store is going to be outsourced, details TBD.
- State Vice President: WA SAR Vice President Greg Lucas reported a new version of National Bylaw 33 has been approved, dealing with ethical conduct, and that he has digital copies of the new revision for all interested. Art Dolan requested a digital copy to review.
- State Secretary: WA SAR State Secretary Al Pinkham reported that he is starting the process for new Dues Collection Sheets and will issue them to the chapters in September. Assistant State Secretary Russ Oliver thanked the BOD for their willingness to try Dropbox for file sharing and file collaboration, with early experiences being mostly positive.
- State Treasurer: WA SAR Treasurer Robert Sexton noted that the state society is in sound financial condition with healthy balances, good revenues, and a surplus YTD. Due to the current market contraction, he will minimize selling investments until needed. The costs for the 2022 Annual State Conference came in well under budget and he has been successfully testing an electronic payment method (Zelle) with NSSAR for the last 5 months, the first State Society to try this.
- State Registrar: WA SAR Registrar John Kraft noted that he has spent \$780 on US postage YTD, and he is working with the State Treasurer to streamline and digitize processes to streamline them and reduce postage expenses – for example, checks are no longer being mailed but processed electronically. There is a new National application checklist – WA SAR already follows it, and we have no pending applications with National as a result.
- State Chaplain: WA SAR Chaplain Edwin Dierdorff reported all Memorial mailings from Congress are now completed.
- State Historian: new WA SAR Historian Neil Vernon reported he has successfully obtained and transferred the records from the previous State Historian, and an index of these records is now complete. The physical records comprise 13 large tubs – included are 74 hardcopies of back issues of the SAR National Magazine, and an additional 74 hardcopy back issues of the DAR National magazine. Since both the SAR and DAR have electronic editions of past issues easily available, Neil proposed a motion that he donate these SAR and DAR hardcopy issues to the Fisk Library. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous consent. He is also investigating options for off-site, professional storage for the remaining physical records, noting that the extensive collection of tubs is beyond most household storage at this point – initial price quotes are \$55-\$75 a month. He will bring that information to the next BOD meeting for additional discussion. He is also maintaining electronic records and updating the electronic record indexes.

- State Color Guard Commander: WA SAR Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon reported that the Color Guard now numbers 90 members, nearly one-sixth of the overall State membership, and that 9 of 10 chapters have local Color Guard Captains. A newly revised data collection sheet for tracking Color Guard attendance is now available.
- National Trustee: State National Trustee Viren Lemmer reported that the order of precedence of SAR medals is being revamped; that a hotel is under construction next to National HQ; that the National SAR Museum is now Phase 1 and 2 complete, with the physical build starting soon; the SAR has a new National Marketing Manager; and that the National Congress held at Savannah, GA, drew 650 in attendance, the largest National Congress ever! Compatriot Perry Taylor was confirmed at Congress as the new WA SAR National Trustee, with Compatriot Robert Sexton continuing as WA SAR Alternate National Trustee.
- Alt. National Trustee: Robert Sexton deferred any additional comments.
- At Large Director#1: State At Large Director Doug Nelson deferred any additional comments.

Chapter Presidents:

- Alexander Hamilton Chapter: Chapter President Jerry Bordelon reported that WashJam 2022 will be held on August 18 - 21, 2022 in his chapter's area. WashJam is the Washington State Scout BSA Jamboree, held every three years, hosted by Pacific Harbors Council, BSA. The AH chapter will have a tent and trailer present and will conduct a Flags of the Revolutionary War presentation. 1600 Scouts are signed up, and over 3000 people overall are expected to attend.
- Cascade Centennial Chapter: Chapter President Mark Shaffer reported his chapter has changed their meeting location – they historically met at the Bellevue Red Lion, did Zoom during Covid times, tried the Bellevue Hilton but it was cold and stale there, and are now going to meet at Enzo's Bistro and Bar Issaquah, 120 NW Gilman Blvd, Issaquah, WA. Mark also reported that the Cascade Mountain Men will be holding a Black Powder demo (NOT a sanctioned SAR event, or covered by SAR insurance – but contact him if interested). His chapter recognized an Eagle Scout, the first in two years, and a female Scout, and his chapter would like the state Color Guard to consider supporting the Kirkland, WA 4th of July Parade.
- Fort Vancouver Chapter: Chapter President Allen Furlow reported his chapter's Color Guard has been invited to support Oregon SAR in the Portland Rose Parade – he will publish more details when available for all interested Color Guard personnel. His chapter is also experimenting with Patriot Pub Nights (pizza and beer gatherings) and is interested in what other traditions chapters have tried.
- George Rogers Clark Chapter: Chapter President Art Dolan reported his chapter has three new traditions to drive chapter attendance and participation: they are conducting their annual phone survey tree in preparation for their September meeting; in September, his chapter will also take an All-Chapter photograph; and three strong presentations are planned for the September, October, and November meetings.
- 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 reported his chapter is testing a new meeting location, Aurora Borealis, 16708 Aurora Ave N, Shoreline, WA. This business is a combination of restaurant, comedy club, and music event center, and the AV technology available is awesome. Saturday 10 September 2022 will be his next chapter meeting, a hybrid in-person and Zoom meeting.
- Spokane #1 Chapter: Chapter President Carl Durkoop was not present this meeting.

State Chairmen:

- America 250th - Chairman Bruce Bock reported 3 silver state awards are pending, with 1 silver state award recently awarded.
- Annual Conference - Chairman Dick Paul deferred any additional comments.
- Council of Chapter Presidents <Chairman position currently vacant>
- Eagle Scouts - Chairman Greg Emerson was not present this meeting.
- Flag Recognition - Chairman Russ Oliver deferred any additional comments.
- History Teacher Award - Chairman Greg Lucas asked Compatriot Jeff Lightburn to inform the BOD on the national Teacher of the Year award. Jeff reported that this award considers three levels of history teachers for recognition - elementary, middle school, and high school history teachers. Our State selects only one winner (due to costs of recognizing three, and due to the fact that historically we have very few nominations). Chapter nominations for the

\$1000 state award are due in December each year, and the award from the state finalist is given the annual WA SAR state conference and is forwarded to National for consideration for the National awards.

- JROTC/ROTC - Chairman Conrad Plyler or Perry Taylor, Alan Mandigo, Perry deferred any additional comments.
- Knight Essay - Chairman Jeff Lightburn: Jeff noted a good Knight Essay season the previous year, showcasing our youth leaders. An Essay Toolkit is now available for the chapter chairmen and presidents for this year, and Jeff is currently expanding the toolkit to include all youth and teacher awards.
- Investment Manager – Chairman Chuck Waid commented on the current market downturn and the impact to the state investments, assuring all that the markets eventually recover, they always have.
- Medals and Awards - Chairman Jim Lindley was not present this meeting.
- Membership and Chapter Support - Chairman Mike Hutchins would love to speak at any chapter on how to improve membership support and overall chapter support best practices, please contact him if interested.
- Operation Ancestor Search - Chairman Keith Weissinger deferred any additional comments.
- Rumbaugh Oration - <Chairman position currently vacant>
- Strategic Planning – Chairman Greg Lucas [see Unfinished Business section]
- Veterans’ Services - <Chairman position currently vacant>
- Youth Poster and Brochure – Chairman Allen Furlow reported that this youth award still lags in financial recognition in our state. Currently most chapters award the finalists \$100, and the current state finalists are also awarded \$100. Allen proposed a motion that the state awards for Poster and Brochure be brought into parity with the other state awards for youth - \$250 for first place, \$150 for second place, and \$100 for third place (for both the Poster and Brochure awards, respectively). In discussion, no additional revenue was identified to fund this expansion – additional funds of \$800 annually would be drawn from the state investment account. The motion was seconded and was approved by unanimous consent.
- Youth Video Contest – Chairman Keith Weissinger reported this new youth award pilot-program is moving forward, nominations are open September through Spring, goal is to judge entries at the chapter level prior to the WA SAR Annual Meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- State Website Update – Chairman Mark Schaffer updated the BOD on the committee discussions, emphasizing a new state website must have electronic document storage, areas for the chapters to build a site or link to a separate site, changes must be easy, and administration would be a web committee (not a sole web master). The committee is considering two possible architectures: Wix Pro is the first choice, and WordPress is a second choice (which is older tech, and less secure). Mark recommended the BOD fund \$1000 towards development and prototyping on Wix Pro. President Keith Weissinger commented that the new site would need to be online by the 2023 April WA SAR State Conference, and that a written proposal and budget plan would be required by September 2022 if that much funding is needed. A motion for \$200 in initial funding to begin prototyping and provide a proof of concept was made by Compatriot Greg Lucas, seconded by Compatriot Perry Taylor, and was approved by unanimous consent.
- Strategic Planning Committee - Chairman Greg Lucas asked the Committee to meet for 3 Zoom meetings between now and September: Thursday 11 August 2022 11AM; Thursday 25 August 2022, 11AM; and Thursday 08 September 2022 11AM.
- 2023 State Annual Conference - Chairman Dick Paul reported that the final report for the 2022 State Annual Conference is now available. The 2023 State Annual Conference is confirmed for 28-29 April 2023 in Spokane, WA. Dick presented a detailed initial budget for the 2023 conference and needs the BOD to approve one of two funding paths for that 2023 budget: to charge, or NOT to charge a registration fee of attendees. Revenue choice A minimizes financial impacts to the state budget but requires a \$15 registration fee to pencil out. Revenue choice B charges no registration fee, with the remainder of revenue coming from more aggressive funding by the state. After much discussion, a motion was made to charge a \$15 registration fee, the motion was seconded, and passed on 6 votes for, 4 against. That enabled Revenue choice A, and a motion was made to approve the initial budget based on Revenue choice A, which was seconded, and was approved by unanimous consent. Dick then detailed an expanded conference schedule for 2023:
 - Thursday night arrival for the BOD and Color Guard (NEW)
 - Friday morning BOD and Color Guard meetings (NEW)
 - Friday afternoon tours (we can be creative here and do whatever we want--tours in Spokane, Fairchild AFB, SAR workshops, shopping, etc.) (NEW)
 - Friday night WASSAR Youth Awards Dinner and Program

- Business meeting on Saturday morning where we conduct opening ceremonies, ask Stan Wills (Host Chapter) to give his presentation, elect WASSAR officers, and conduct other business
- An Awards Luncheon at the hotel on Saturday where we can present all awards (including Color Guard) in a non-rushed and dignified manner. (NEW)
- Expanded time on Sat afternoon for an ice cream social sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary (following officer workshops, SAR workshops, etc. earlier in the afternoon)
- The traditional Saturday night banquet with our NSSAR guest speaker, a Formal/Black Tie event.
- 2024 State Annual Conference - Chairman Dick Paul reported that we need to make initial decisions on the 2024 location, as contract discussions need about 18-month lead times. After some discussion, President Keith proposed 2024 be hosted by George Washington chapter in the greater Mount Vernon area. GW chapter President Mike Hutchins agreed to seek his chapter's support for this proposal, with possible conference site research to begin immediately. Possible locations for 2025 (Ocean Shores?) and 2026 (US 250th Anniversary, Semiahmoo Resort?) were briefly discussed, but no final decisions were made.

New Business:

- Proposal – Establish a standing State Ethics Committee: President Keith Weissinger made a motion to create a new standing state committee to adopt all the new National SAR ethics rules, revised bylaw #33, and provide guidance in our state. The motion was seconded and approved unanimous consent.
- Proposal - Establish a Council of Youth Programs umbrella state committee: President Keith Weissinger made a motion to create a new umbrella state committee to contain and coordinate all the youth programs and youth awards, a Council of Youth Programs. The motion was seconded and approved unanimous consent.
- BOD approval of Presidential Appointments to vacant state committee chairmen: President Keith Weissinger proposed the following appointments to currently vacant or newly approved state committee chairmen, all appointments were approved by unanimous consent:
 - Appoint new State Ethics Chairman: Compatriot Greg Lucas
 - Appoint new Veteran Services Chairman: Compatriot Roger Dent
 - Appoint new State Rumbaugh Orations Chairman: Compatriot Fred Templin
 - Appoint new Chairman of Council of Chapter Presidents: Compatriot Doug Nelson
 - Appoint new Chairman of Council of Youth Programs: Compatriot Jeff Lightburn
- Appoint new DAR Liaison – no decision was made immediately at this meeting, please forward recommendations to President Keith Weissinger.
- File WA SAR Corporation Documents – Compatriot Greg Lucas has historically completed the annual renewal of WA SAR corporate documents, but now lives in Idaho. After a brief discussion, Greg agreed to prepare and file and train President Keith, with future years to be done by Keith (or his designee). Assistant Secretary Russ Oliver will provide the current list of voting state BOD members to Greg.
- Secretary Al Pinkham - Last BOD meeting, it was decided that Silver 250th Medals would be purchased by the State. How will the 250th medals be funded? State Treasurer Rob Sexton reported that the general state budget for medals and awards would be tasked for this funding, and Chairman Bruce Bock reported that 3 state medals have been purchased and reimbursed so far.
- Secretary Al Pinkham - Do I need to physically sign documents or are we ok with e-sign? Secretary Al Pinkham reported that State Registrar John Kraft can now sign for Al, using a signature stamp, to reduce postage costs. Electronic signatures are increasingly in use on SAR documents, and the State Secretary OneDrive electronic repository has been shared with a select few state officers to allow access.
- Veteran re-burial Color Guard opportunity – Compatriot Jerry Bordelon reported an upcoming SAR and Color Guard opportunity, a veteran re-burial at Mount Tahoma National Cemetery on 30 September and encouraged attendance and support.
- CAR affiliation and involvement by WA SAR – Compatriot Richard Roddy proposed an expanded official affiliation between CAR and WA SAR. President Keith would like to see this discussed and solved by the state Council of Chapter Presidents as a future agenda item
- Upcoming Northwest Colonial Festival – President Keith Weissinger mentioned this upcoming festival to encourage SAR attendance and support. John Paul Jones and George Washington chapters both are planning to attend.

Those Voting Members and Guests in Attendance (25)

(Voting Members - 17)

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
• WA SAR At Large Director Doug
Nelson

- 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
- Seattle Chapter President Grant Rauzi

(Non-Voting Guests - 8)

- Compatriot Bruce Bock
- Compatriot Bob Doughty
- Compatriot Eric Jarvi
- Compatriot Stefan Kovalenko
- Compatriot Jeff Lightburn
- Compatriot Russ Oliver
- Compatriot Dick Paul
- Compatriot Chuck Waid

Next State BOD Meeting

Our next State BOD meeting is scheduled for Saturday 29 October 2022, time TBD, in-person at the Buzz Inn Steakhouse, 2202 S Canyon Rd, Ellensburg, WA.

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 12:09PM, with peace and harmony prevailing.

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

Secretary's Corner Sep 2022

Compatriots,

I trust you had a great Northwest Summer it sure was fine after it got started. The Blue data base is online, and I suggest that you view your record. National has connected the access function to the list of officers if your secretary has submitted the report, you should have access.

National is also working on e-signatures and e-payments this should streamline future actions and eliminate US Postage mail.

Make plans to attend the Annual Conference in Spokane this year.

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



News From The WA State SAR Ladies Auxiliary (LAWASSAR)

[Facebook Page](#)



Another Summer gone.... **Yaaaaa!** I love fall, the colors and leaves, the crispness of the air, and most importantly getting back together with family and friends at chapter meetings!

This summer did see a wonderful National Congress. Thanks to the Georgia Society, our most gracious host. At the Ladies Auxiliary luncheon, Sue Petres treated us to the reenactment of Juliette Gordon Low who was the founder of the Girl Scouts. We were even given the original shortbread cookie recipe.

The Washington Society had an unprecedented attendance of 14 gentlemen and four ladies. In that ragtag bunch, we had Chapter presidents, State Officers, the National Drum Major, and two General Officers! I would say we represented our state proudly.

The Quilts of Valor project has had two generous donations. Charlotte Abbott donated 48 yards of patriotic fabric and a Tacoma quilt guild donated a roll of batting and free binding services. Now all we need are nominations and sewers!

As many of you know, I was recently installed as the NLASSAR Treasurer. In opening bank accounts and filing Kentucky paperwork, it has become obvious that our websites in the SAR need work. I am the least computer savvy member and I need help! If anyone has computer knowledge in web site construction, operations, editing, please contact me.

Upcoming events include the Ladies Auxiliary meeting in Ellensburg October 29, 2022, and Veterans Day celebrations throughout the state. Remember to record your activities for the America 250th Anniversary as ladies can earn these medals



as well. Also, please remember to share your activities with us, so others can see what you are doing, and adopt what is working well.

If any of you are interested in serving on our board, please contact me or any officer. We will be forming a nominating committee in October. I hope to see several new volunteers. Remember we only meet twice a year, not a huge time commitment.

Cynthia Weissinger, President, Ladies Auxiliary, WASSAR

SAVE THE DATE!!!



**2023 Washington Society SAR (WASSAR)
Conference April 28-29, 2023
The Mirabeau Park Hotel and Conference Center,
Spokane, WA (Google map [LINK](#))
Host Chapter: Spokane #1**



Description: This Conference is the Washington Society's annual meeting open to all WASSAR Compatriots and their guests where we will conduct business, celebrate accomplishments, present awards, hold educational sessions and workshops, and enjoy camaraderie. **REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN IN JANUARY!**



YOU CAN BOOK YOUR ROOMS NOW BY PHONE OR ON-LINE

By phone: Call the Mirabeau at 509-924-9000 and say you're with Sons of the American Revolution

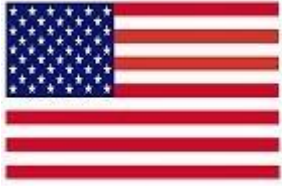
On-line: <https://mirabeauparkhotel.com/> Go to **BOOK** in upper right, choose dates for stay, go to **Rate Options** and enter promo code **SAR22!!** (bottom of list) and hit "Book it"

Room rate: \$114/night plus taxes & fees (includes hot breakfast for two)

QUESTIONS: Contact **Dick Paul**, chair of the 2023 WASSAR Conference Planning Committee.

E-mail: dickpaulinc@comast.net. Phone: (425) 373-6542

WA CAR State Project 2022-23



Washington State Society of the Children of the American Revolution

2022 – 2023 STATE PROJECT

George Washington: Our State's Namesake

Support the C.A.R. State Project and learn more about our State's Namesake, George Washington. **Washington State President, James Byrd**, will present **a first-person narrative as George Washington**. In this talk, learn about the childhood of George, dispelling "tall tale" rumors and gain a better perspective about what drove his personality. Learn about Mr. Washington's young adult life: how some Native American's thought he was blessed by the Great Spirit, how he questioned being Commander-in-Chief, and how he interacted with his slaves on Mt. Vernon. Then, hear President Washington's opinions about leading his new country.

James Byrd has heavily researched the life of George Washington, especially the times prior to becoming president. He has extensively read books and letters written by and to George Washington. He has visited Mt Vernon and participated in expert programs on Mr. Washington. Though he is not an expert, James wishes to share many truths not necessarily taught in history books about our state's namesake. **You are sure to learn something new!**

As a side, the Washington State C.A.R. Project will be collecting donations for the cleaning and preservation of the George Washington Statue currently located at the University of Washington campus. In the past year, petitions have been filed to remove the statue, and Mr. Byrd wishes to start a fund for its future needs. Secondly, some donations will be sent to Mt. Vernon to preserve important historical documents related to our first president.

To schedule a Presentation, contact:

James Byrd, president Washington State Society, N.S.C.A.R.

ByrdJamesCAR@gmail.com

Presentation dates are available May 2022 – April 2023.

James is willing to travel and present on weekdays or weekends.

The presentation will cover the areas of: American History, American Indians, & C.A.R. Groups are encouraged to invite C.A.R. members / children to any presentation.

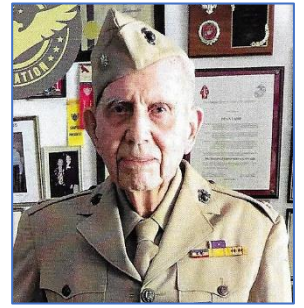
Donations to the C.A.R. State Project are sent to:

"WSSCAR" c/o James Byrd, 363 Stoneybrook Ln, Wenatchee, WA 98801.



Two Compatriots Have Been Lost

3 Sep: Stan Wills attended the funeral of Spokane Chapter's oldest member. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in Apr of 1939 and was the oldest living Marine at the age of 101. He was born on 8 Dec 1920 in Spokane. He was the man who got Stan into the SAR and nominated him as chapter president in 2006. Stan has all the books that Dean has written about his time in the military and before he joined. He was truly one of the "Greatest Generation". He will be missed but not forgotten.



26 Aug: With a heavy heart I must report the passing of one of our compatriots.

Darron Nelson lost the battle with cancer and passed away on the 26th of August 2022.

Darron joined the Alexander Hamilton Chapter on 21 Mar 2018 and was a member of the Color Guard.

Heartfelt prayers go out to his wife Susan.

[Here Daren and Susan are at the 2019 WAA event at JBLM.](#)



“The Queen is Dead, Long Live the King”

Queen Elizabeth II (Elizabeth Alexandra Mary; 21 April 1926 – 8 September 2022) was Queen of the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth realms from 6 February 1952 until her death in 2022. She was queen regnant of 32 sovereign states during her lifetime and 15 at the time of her death. Her reign of 70 years and 214 days is the longest of any British monarch and the longest verified reign of any female sovereign in history.

Elizabeth was born in Mayfair, London, as the first child of the Duke and Duchess of York (later King George VI and Queen Elizabeth). Her father acceded to the throne in 1936 upon the abdication of his brother King Edward VIII, making Elizabeth the heir presumptive. She was educated privately at home and began to undertake public duties during the Second World War, serving in the Auxiliary Territorial Service. In November 1947, she married Philip Mountbatten, a former prince of Greece and Denmark, and their marriage lasted 73 years until his death in 2021. They had four children: Charles, Anne, Andrew, and Edward.



The new King: Charles III (Charles Philip Arthur George; born 14 November 1948) is the King of the United Kingdom and 14 other Commonwealth realms. He acceded to the throne on 8 September 2022 upon the death of his mother, Elizabeth II. He was the longest-serving heir apparent in British history and, at the age of 73, is the oldest person to assume the British throne.

Charles was born in Buckingham Palace during the reign of his maternal grandfather, King George VI. When Charles was three years old, his grandfather died and his mother ascended the throne, making him the heir apparent. Charles was created Prince of Wales in 1958, and his investiture was in 1969. He was educated at Cheam and Gordonstoun schools as was his father, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Charles later spent a year at the Timbertop campus of Geelong Grammar School in Victoria, Australia. After earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Cambridge, Charles served in the Air Force and Navy from 1971 to 1976. In 1981, he married Lady Diana Spencer, with whom he had two sons, William and Harry. In 1996, the couple divorced after they had each engaged in well-publicized extramarital affairs. Diana died the following year. In 2005, Charles married his long-time partner, Camilla Parker Bowles.

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

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CAR (State Wide)

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

SAR Ladies Auxiliary (State Wide)

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WA State Daughters of the American Revolution

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Birthday Wishes To All Compatriots Born In Jul/Aug/Sep
Data extracted from the National Database.
If incorrect, contact your chapter secretary



July	August	September	
Joseph Bruce Allen	William Jordan Barnsdale Jr	Anthony Oscar Abbott	Frederick Martine Rauschenbach Jr
Craig Edward Anthony	William James Beck	Bradley Neal Allen	Alvin Ralph Schmidt
William Burton Bailey Jr	John Kenneth Bishop Jr	William Arrott III	Kelly Jay Schultz Greg Shippie
Douglas Paul Barber	James Richard Blanton	Claude Douglas Asher	Kane Robert Slifka
William Edward Baxter Jr	Michael Zachary Borg	Robert Dennis Baker	Robert Leslie Smalser
Thomas Alan Bemenderfer	Noah Christopher Bream	Brian Keith Bayley	Perry Von Taylor
Bruce Glenn Bock	Kevin Douglas Brune	Gregory Frank Becker	Alexander James Tennant-Howell
Michael Scott Brumback	Ricky Dean Clark	Zane Victor Bennett	Eugene Lawrence Tenney Jr
Jan Linwood Callaway	Andrew Merle Cowan	William Anthony Bentler	William Burnett Zenk
Noah Isaiah Chase	Dennis Michael Donovan	Steven Anton Bergquist	
Zachary Wayne Chesley	Jeffry Forrest Doughty	Joel Cameron Black	
Robert Dean Everitt	Gregory Dan Emerson	Jonathan Henry Blind	
Cole Ferrier	Seddon Taliaferro Englund	Alan David Blinn	
J. Michael Fitzpatrick	Reid J. Follansbee	Caleb Anders Borg	
James Lewis Fleming	Dale Richard Harshman	Richard Owen Calkins	
Lawrence Arthur Flint	Gerard Heaney	Scott Sutherland Carpenter	
Kenneth Edward Futrelle	Carl Thomas Hellings	Daniel Michael Costello	
Quentin Edward Gilman	Samuel Lee Hellings	Robert Forrest Doughty	
William Benjamin Graeff	Clarence Hugh Jonson	Carl Carey Durkoop	
James Scott Grimes Jr	Alejandro Doughty Maghirang	Oscar David Farrar	
Bruce David Harrington	Gaven Earl Marble	Jack William Foster	
Morton Dyas Hurt	Robert Eugene Marshall	Craig Raymond French	
Eric Paul Jensen	Lewis Mariner Maudsley Jr	Gary Franklin Gray	
Taylor Charles Johnson	Thomas W. Millett	John Grady Griffith	
James Harrison King	Barry Charles Karl Moravek	Christopher George Hellings	
Robert Alan King	Victor Ray Nelson Jr	James Stewart Herbert	
Talon Callahan Lane	Jerry Scott Norr	James A Hoehn	
Gerald William Lasser	Spencer Lyle Parker	Leland Michael Hutchins	
Brent Theodore Lawson	David Oliver Perry	Paul Robert Kester Sr	
Viren Kenneth Lemmer	Allen Eugene Phillips	Zachary Dean Klippert	
Donald Scott Little	Jimmy Virl Phillips	Ethan Michael Livermore	
Ray Montero	Thomas Allen Pickford	John Douglas Logsdon	
Russell Patrick Oliver	Gregory Conrad Riehl	Sean Henry Luchessa	
Jesse Raymond Primeaux	Gregory Anatole Sckorohod	Paul Matthew Macduff	
Nicholas David Esperseth Ross	Andrew Francis Sexton	James Norman Mattis	
Paul Lynn Rutledge	Mark Robert Shaffer	Gregory Steven McKee	
Robert Lawrence Schneider	Thomas James Shaver	Jon Malcolm Newton	
Howard William Stephan	Nicholas Daniel Strode	Jorden Blaine Nissell	
Kevin Clark Summers	Lee H Thomasson	Brendan Patrick Oliver	
Seth Robert Thompson	Anthony Alan Turcotte	Eric Scott Olsen	
George Robert Vernon	George William Twigg	William Oren Palmer	
Alan Ray Weatherhead	Harry Bartlett Vincent Jr	William Thomas Parr	
David Harold Wilson	Aaron Carl Warner	Andrew Neilson Pecunia II	
Michael Ryan Wilson	Vernon LeRoy Wright	Alfred Douglas Pinkham Jr	
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THE FACE OF THE SAR

From The Commander

Compatriots,

I hope we all had a pleasant and eventful summer. The WASSAR Color Guard sure was busy performing in parades and other ceremonies. To each of the area event organizers, job well done! We certainly are the face of the SAR!



Each quarter I report to the WASSAR Board of Directors the counts of the Color Guard members and the activities that we have been involved in. My last report to the Board of Directors stated that we had 90 Color Guard members covering 9 of our 10 chapters. At this time, we already had 33 events for the year. Items that we are tracking are:

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| 1) National events that were attended | 4) Posting and retiring colors | 8) Honor Flights |
| 2) Living History Presentations | 5) Dedication Ceremonies | 9) Citizenship Ceremonies |
| 3) Parades | 6) Ceremonies and meetings | |
| | 7) Memorial / Internment | |

Be sure to keep your Color Guard Captains informed on the activities you are engaged in.

Just to note, the WASSAR Color Guard were engaged in at least 5 separate locations for the 4th of July. I am aware of at least 3 other requests from local communities that we were unable to attend.

Color Guard Medals: As a reminder to all. Each Color Guard member is responsible for tracking the events that they have attended. The criteria and forms for tracking and reporting are available on the Washington SAR website. Be sure to review. Part of the tracking requirements is to collect documentation or photos of your participation in the event in uniform. When the requirements are met for the Color Guard medals the tracking and photos are submitted to your Color Guard Captain who reviews the and recommends to the Color Guard Commander. For clarity, the Color Guard Commander approves the Bronze Color Guard medal and recommends to the National Commander for the Silver and Von Steuben medals. With these recommendations I have to supply to the National Commander proof that the requirements have been met.

I continue to be amazed at the unselfish sacrifice of time and resources that the Color Guard put forth with enthusiasm and dedication. It is an honor to serve with you!

Have a safe and pleasant fall. Now is the time to re-engage with your local schools and organizations for living history presentations!

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

Color Guard Patch Available

The Deputy Commander has created a sew on patch for the WA State Color Guard members only.

The patch measures 4"x4" (at right)

A limited quantity is still available. The cost is \$3.25 each. Shipping is \$8.95 if you want them mailed to you.

Members of the CG may ontact the [Deputy Commander](#) for purchase



National Colorguardsman Magazine - July 2022 issue

Is available at this LINK: https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/38-colorguardsman_v11-i2.pdf

Who Took Command After Washington Resigned At The End Of The War?

From: Stan Wills, Vice Commander WA State Color Guard

The Treaty of Paris was signed on Sept 3, 1783 ending the Rev War (our true Independence Day).

This created the United States as country free to govern itself. On 23 Dec 1783 George Washington resigned his commission as the Commander of the Army at the State House in Annapolis, Maryland (Capital of the United States). It was preceded by a party of 200 friends and colleagues. During which was given 13 toasts and a 13-cannon salute. Accepting his resignation was President of Congress Thomas Mifflin. Congress ordered the Army disbanded. With the bulk of the Army disbanded only Colonel Jackson's Regiment and Major John Doughty's artillery Regiment remained. On June 2, 1784 Congress reissued to order to disband the army and stated "standing Armies in time of peace are inconsistent with principles of a republican government, dangerous to the liberties of a free people, and generally converted into destructive engines for establishing despotism". Jackson's regiment was disbanded later that month and Doughty's regiment was retained at West Point guarding artillery and ammunition.

On 3 June 1784, Congress passed a new resolution:

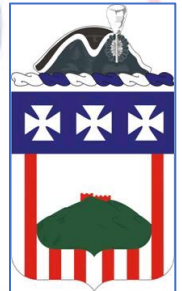
Resolved, That the Secretary of War take order for forming the said troops when assembled, into one regiment (2,631 men), consisting of eight companies of infantry, and two of artillery, arming and equipping them in a soldier-like manner: and that they be authorized to direct their destination and operations, subject to the order of Congress, and of the Committee of the states in the recess of Congress".

Thomas Mifflin, President of Congress, named his former aide, Josiah Harmar to be the commander of the new Regiment with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, on 12 August 1784. Harmar would command the army from Aug 12, 1784 to Jan 1, 1792. This was the creation of the "First American Regiment". Doughty's Regiment of Artillery would be called the "Second American Regiment". Half of these regiments enlisted and noncommissioned officers were born outside the United States.

In October 1815, the first infantry regiment was consolidated with other units to become the 3rd US Infantry Regiment, the oldest regular Army Regiment in the United States Army. The uniform at the time was a blue coat with red facings, white -pants, shirts, under coat & Tri corn hat.

This replica flag now flies in the Spokane Flag Museum.

Above data provided by Wikipedia.



Color Guard Events Throughout The State

Regional Area Color Guard Events In Apr, May, Jun

Northern Region

4 July: The GW chapter Color Guard joined forces with the ladies of the DAR and marched in the Anacortes 4th of July Parade. The weather was perfect, and the streets were lined with many patriotic families celebrating our nation's founding. What an honor to be invited to this beautiful town!



CG Members present were:
Chris Fridley, Patricia Francisco (fifer), Bill Bentler, Mike Hutchens, Ken Carlson, and John Kraft.

23 July: Members of the State CG Participated in the West Seattle Grand Parade, the first parade of Seafair.

The group won the 1st place trophy for the Community Group Category.

Here Jim Carpenter & Neil Vernon receive the trophy.



Members present were:

AH Chapter: **Dick Motz, Jerry Bordelon, Skip Stephen, Viren Lemmer, Jan Lemmer**

JPJ Chapter: **Fred Gilbert & Mick Hersey**

SE Chapter: **Neil Vernon, Stephen Clayton, Christopher Clayton, Robert Korn, Chris Grabowski**



6 Aug: Members of the George Washington chapter CG participated at the Vietnam Veterans Picnic NE of Sedro Woolley WA. There were about 500 + attendees at the picnic.

Pictured **Darlene Carlson, Bill Bentler, Mike Hutchins, Bruce Bock, Hugh Jonson, Ken Carlson, and Chris Fridley**



11 Sep: DAR bench Dedication. The bench was in honor of the 11 "Mercer Girls" who ventured west to educate and contribute to society in the Washington territory. Neil Vernon & Stephen Clayton posted the Colors at the event that took place on UW Campus



Southern Region

4 July: Parade at Steilacoom. First was a gathering for some great comradery at the Steilacoom Pub & Grill.



CG Participants were: Ken Roberts, Jim Carpenter, John Korn, Eric Olsen, Dick Moody, Neil Vernon, Mike Moore, Dennis Case, Dick Motz, Jan Lemmer, Viren Lemmer, Skip Stephen, and Michael Bendickson.



Also attending were: WASSAR President Keith Weissinger, Kent Troy, and Harold Steenbergen

Additional Fife & Drum members were: Jeannine Stephan, Alonde Droege, Terry Barker, and Stephanie Conroy

4 July: Annual Celebration by the Meeker Mansion Group.

Jerry Bordelon, of the AH Chapter, gave a flag presentation to about 200 attendees. A US Flag replacement ceremony was also performed.



19 Aug: The DAR/SAR participated in the 100th birthday party celebration for USA Retired Lieutenant Colonel Barbara Nichols at the JBLM Military Museum. Col Nichols was greeted with much fanfare as she walked up the ramp to the museum. (below)



As a teenager during WWII, she was one those who helped build the 5,000th B-17 bomber at Boeing. In 1950, First Lieutenant Nichols was one of the first nurses to land in Korea and one of the last to be evacuated. In Vietnam she received the Bronze Star and later, at Walter Reed hospital was selected as the personal nurse to President Eisenhower for an emergency



surgery. She got to know both him and Mamie quite well. At right Col Nicholas pauses to salute the American flag

Color Guard and F&D members present were:

(Back row) Art Dolan, Dick Moody Lee Thomason, Jerry Bordelon, Lew Maudsley (Front row) Jan Lemmer, Joe Coorough, Terry Barker, Stephanie Conroy, Melonie Leaning, Alonde Droege, Viren Lemmer



20 Aug: WashJam 2022, Pacific Harbors Council Regional Scout Jamboree. There were 2,114 Attendees at the event! The 200 Scout Units consisted of: 119 Scouts BSA Troops, 74 Cub Scout Packs, 4 Venture Crews, and 3 Sea Scout Ships.

An SAR static exhibit was also on site to answer questions from the attendees. (below)



Above: Color Guard Captain Mike Moore presents an American flag to the Scouts for their event.

CG members attending were **Dennis Case, Dick Motz, John Herr, Jerry Bordelon, Ralf Liening (HODAR), and Mike Moore.**

State President Keith Wiesenberger also attended.



5 Sep: Black Diamond Labor Day Parade: There was a great turn out for the annual Black Diamond Days parade.

Members present were:

- Top row - Neil Vernon, Greg Emerson, Mat Bendickson
- 2nd row - Dick Motz, Bruce Bock, Mike More, Jim Carpenter, Ralph Leaning (HODAR), John Herr, Jerry Bordelon, Melonie Leaning (F&D).
- 3rd row - Cindy and Keith Weissinger, Danika Bendickson (F&D), Ken Roberts,
- Bottom row – Mike Bendickson, Terry Barker (F&D), Viren Lemmer, Skip Howard, Jan Lemmer



20 Sep: Constitution Day: Jerry Bordelon represented the SAR at the Constitution Week event held at the Naches Trail Elementary School, in Tacoma. Jerry and 3 DAR ladies handed out flags to the students and then gave a 20-minute presentation.



30 Sep: Burial of WWII Veteran: WWII veteran, Army Tech Sgt, Ross H Thompson (50, of Maryville, TN) was buried at the Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent. Sgt Ross and thousands of US & Filipino service members were captured when the Japanese invaded the Philippines. They were subjected to the 65-mile "Bataan Death March".



CG members attending the event were:
(Back row) Dick Motz, Mike Moore, John Herr, Fred Gilbert, Bob Korn, Bruce Bock, Bill Bentley, & Dan Costello.
(In front) Burney the bugler, Ken Roberts, & Neil Vernon.

Eastern Region

4 July: Independence Day, River of Fire Festival. The Mid-Columbia Chapter hosted a SAR information table at Columbia Park in Kennewick. They set up about 1:30 pm and stayed until about 7:30 pm. Fireworks were then due to kick-off at dusk (approximately 10:00 PM).

This event is now run by the Three Rivers Convention Center.

Members of the Mid-Columbia Chapter participating were: **Conn Clark, Larry Flint and Brian McReynolds.**



6 Aug: WAA. Several Mid-Columbia Chapter members attended the Wreaths Across America Mobile Education Exhibit and Fundraiser on August 6. We participated with an information booth, representing Americas First Veterans. Both DAR Chapters also had information tables.

Kelly Schultz, Brian McReynolds, Richard Roddy, Larry Flint, Randal Roach were the participants here.



30 Aug: Veteran Burial. The Mid-Columbia Chapter was honored to represent America's First Veterans in the Repatriation and Committal Service for Gunnery Sergeant Arthur B. Summers in Wenatchee on August 30. **Randal Roach, George Boice, Kelly Schultz and Larry Flint** participated in a wreath hanging at the gravesite. Society President, Keith Weissinger came over from the West side to attend. He presented the family with a Wounded Warrior Coin and Certificate. A U.S. Marine Corps Honors Team from Seattle were the casket bearers, folded the casket flag for his family and gave a rifle salute.



14 Sep: Naturalization Ceremony, The Mid-Columbia Chapter was pleased to congratulate and honor new Americans at the Richland Federal Building.

Members **Luke Sowieralski, Randal Roach, Kelly Schultz and Larry Flint** attended the event. They handed out crossed flag pins (Betsy Ross & current flags) to the new citizens.

The DAR was also there to congratulate these new Americans and offered cookies and punch. Some of the new citizens and families took pictures as representing Americas First Veterans. Eighteen immigrants from several countries were sworn in as new citizens.



16 Sep: As part of Constitution Week, Spokane #1 attended the Naturalization ceremony of 50 new citizens from 28 Countries. This was held at the Central Valley Spokane High School football field. The entire school turned out for it and it was the best ceremony in 10 years.

Members present were **Stan Wills, Dale Ryan, and Rob Hill**. There were also three DAR Chapters in attendance.

Each new citizen was presented with a US/Betsy Ross Flag Pin.

Stan Wills also attended the opening ceremonies at the traveling Viet Nam wall which arrived at Liberty Lake Park in Spokane on the 15th. He will be volunteering this weekend to answer questions for visitors.



17 Sep: Mid-Columbia chapter posted the Colors at the DAR meeting held at the Columbia Center Red Lyon Hotel in Kennewick

Members present were: (L to R) **Randal Roach, Brian Smith, Jerry Noor, Brian McReynolds, a DAR page, Conn Clark, Kelly Schultz and Larry Flint**



23 Sep: Hearts of Gold Parade. The Spokane chapter marched in the Spokane ValleyFest Parade at 7:30 in the evening. They were accompanied by ladies from the various Spokane DAR chapters.

(l to r) Stan Wills, Will Palmer, Dennis Shaw, Rob Hill, Rob Scott, Carl Durkoop.

Not in the photo: Dale Ryan and his daughter Patience.



23-24 Sep: The Mid-Columbia chapter participated in the Heritage Days Celebration for the first time. The event took place at Sacajawea Park in Pasco. Heritage Days, basically a two-day event, this year featured a Lewis and Clark living history encampment, mountain man camps, Native American cultural displays, vintage steam engines and much more.

Special thanks go to Connie Boyce for overall assistance, including tent pitching, stew cooking, and coffee making



Here you see Connie Boice cooking up a great stew



They set up a period encampment with a display of colonial artifacts. Kelly & Larry stayed the night.

On Friday they met with 500 school children in small groups and Saturday they hosted primarily families and some local groups and passengers from the Snake and Columbia River tours.

(l to r) Brian McReynolds, George Boice, Randal Roach, Kelly Schultz & Larry Flint. Not pictured is Brian Smith who also participated. In attendance were Richard Roddy and Fen Simmons



24 Sep: The Spokane chapter marched in the S.E. Spokane County Fair Parade in Rockford, WA. parade first thing Saturday morning. It is the start of the Southeast County Fair. They march there every year as the opening color guard. Towns included are Rockford, Valleyford & Fairfield. It is about 20 miles south of Spokane in the Palouse farming communities.



(l to r) Jamison Valentine (Will Palmer's, granddaughter), Koa Barnes (Will Palmer's, Grandson), Will Palmer, Dale Ryan, (drummer), Dennis Shaw, Rob Hill, Rob Scott, Stan Wills, Patience Ryan (Dale Ryan's daughter).



A great time was had by all.

Western Region

4 July: Mick Hersey of the JPJ chapter represented the SAR at the parade in Forks, WA.

He marched with the Michael Trebert Chapter WSSDAR.



1 Aug: A great day at the Wreaths Across America Mobile exhibit in Sequim. Over 200 visitors came through the exhibit and 66 Vietnam Era Veterans were honored and welcomed home with pins, challenge coin and ball caps.



The JPJ Chapter was part of the event. Perry Taylor, Mick Hersey, and Fred Gilbert manned the display table.



Thank you, Regent Judy Tordini, and Ladies of the Michael Trebert Chapter WSSDAR for inviting us to the event.



Mick Hersey, Wreaths Across America coordinator led the SAR support of the Wreaths Across American traveling museum. The traveling museum stopped in Sequim; WA sponsored by the DAR. Mick is not only the chapter coordinator for WAA, he is the Chairman of the WAA for the city of Bremerton.

11-14 Aug: NW Colonial Festival...



The SAR participated in the annual Northwest Colonial Festival in Port Angeles, WA, the second weekend in Aug 2022. SAR members from various WA State chapters (John Paul Jones, George Washington and Seattle) teamed up for a very busy and successful mid-eighteenth-century festival. The SAR team gave 15 presentations resulting with educators signing up for school presentations and prospective new members.

The festival team included:

(L to R): Patrick Kane, Fred Gilbert, Mike Hutchins, Hugh Johnson, Noah Chase, Neil Vernon, Dick Moody, Mick Hersey, and Perry Taylor.

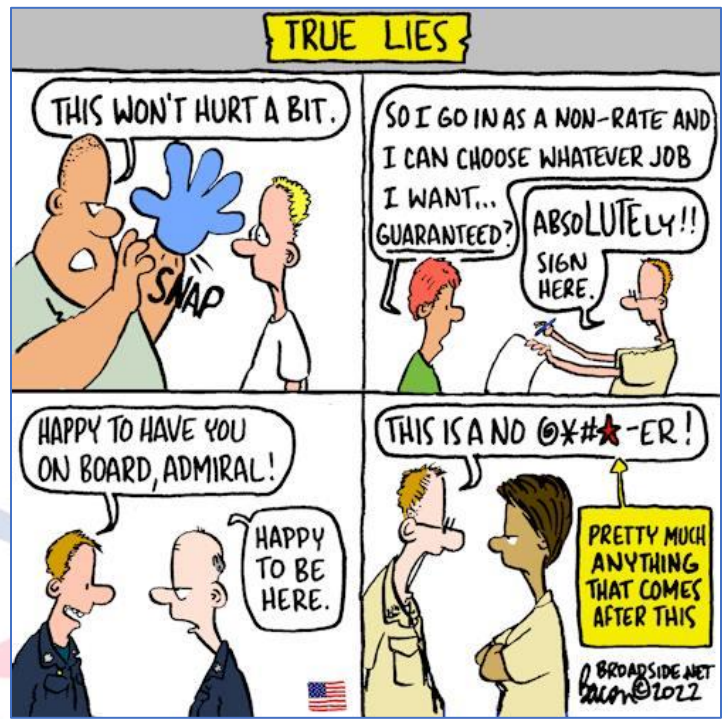
Keith Weissinger, Stan Granburg, and Marshall Eberhart were also seen at the event.



Military Humor & More



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



From The Editor... For All My Fellow Star Trek Fans:



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
Dick Motz	Sewing Machine		Free!!! Just come pick it up... Great for sewing those uniform accessories.	
Jim Carpenter	Wool uniform blue with white facings	Will Fit a 6-footer	\$100.00 (Original cost \$209.99)	<p>New, never been worn! It came to me grossly oversized. It looks like it would fit somebody 6' tall or more.</p> <p>It measures 48" from top of collar to the bottom edge</p> 

The Washington Trail - Publication Schedule

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

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

News from the Chapters:

A [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.

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