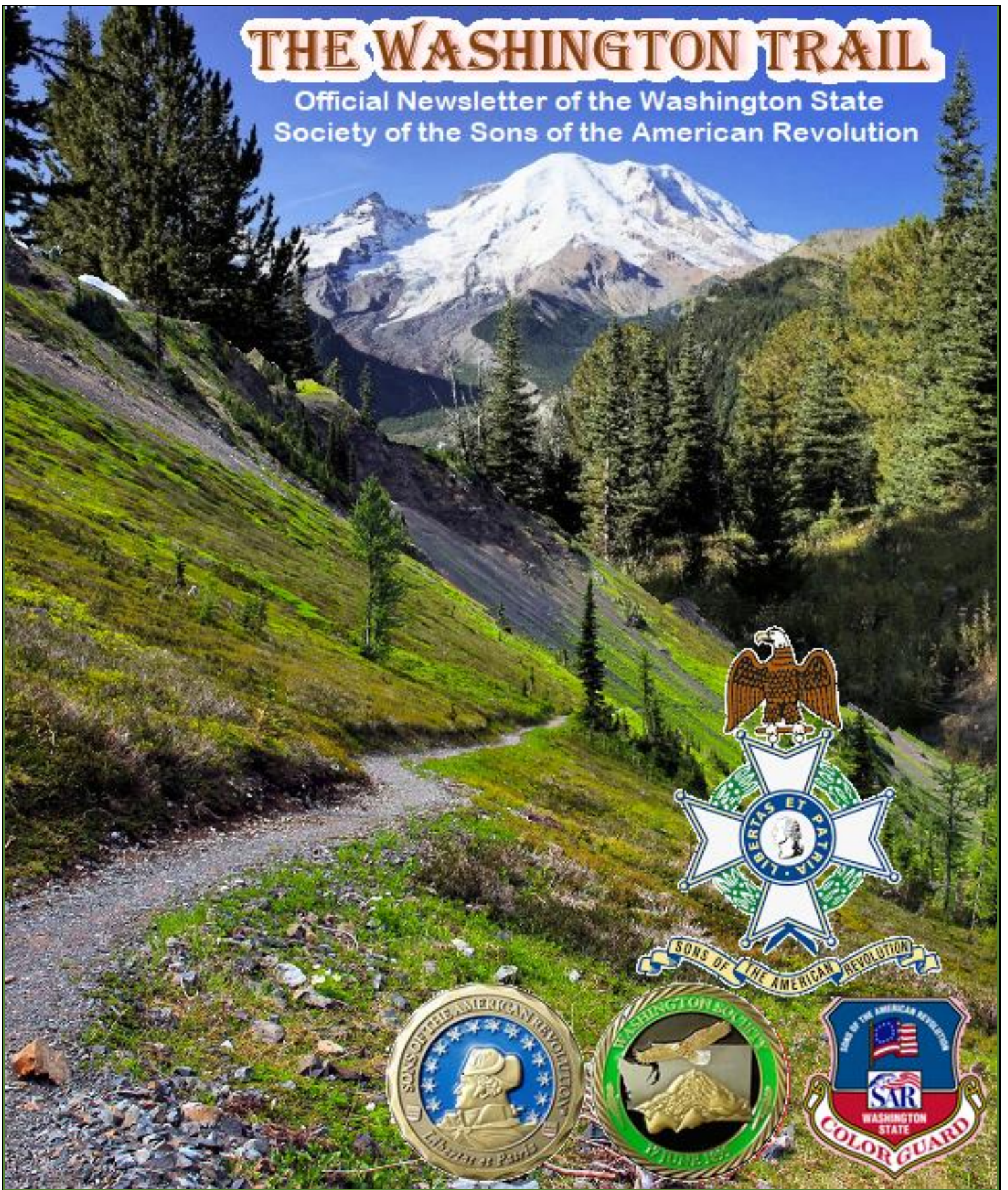


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- 2-4 Mar 2023: Spring Leadership Meeting.
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WA State Web Site



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Washington State SAR President's Message

Compatriots:

OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

As I have travelled this Fall to visit some of the Chapters of the Washington Society, the message is becoming clear. We are indeed "Open for Business!" Chapters are meeting in person once again. Committee programs are restarting or continuing with their good works. It feels like the SAR is waking up and taking a long-needed stretch.



So, it's time to dust off your calendars and sharpen your pencils. If you haven't attended a Chapter meeting this season, start by reaching out to your President or Secretary. Many of the Chapters have had to change meeting places and/or times. Make plans to attend a meeting or Committee event. It is the season for Christmas parades and Wreaths Across America. School presentations have started again in earnest as have our youth contests. The kids genuinely need your help with their education and I encourage you to share your knowledge and enthusiasm.

While your pencil is still handy, mark your calendar to attend the State Annual Conference in Spokane. We will meet **April 28-29, 2023** for two full days of educational workshops, training courses, youth recognition, and ice cream! Room reservations are going fast so call today to reserve your room at the **Mirabeau Park Hotel & Convention Center** (1100 N Sullivan Rd, Spokane Valley, Washington; (509) 924-9000). Our guest of honor will be President General C. Bruce Pickette and his Lady Rita as well as other dignitaries from around the area and the state. Please join us for the education, the fellowship, and the fun.

I also must remind you that it is dues time once again. The pandemic hit the country hard and the SAR is no exception. The lock-down prevented Chapter meetings, Color Guard events and social gatherings. This has resulted in a drop in membership. At this time, we need everyone's support. We want to continue teaching our youth about the uniqueness of America and its founding. We want to continue honoring our veterans for their service and sacrifices. We want to continue to remind citizens and visitors about the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. However, we also have to pay the bills. So, if you haven't already done so, please send in your dues payment as soon as you can. Let's continue this journey together.

***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"

[LINK](#) to Sept MCSC letter

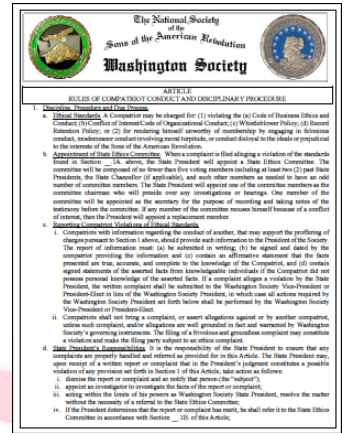
For additional information, contact [Mike Hutchens](#)



Rules of Conduct and Discipline 2022

This new document, **Rules of Conduct and Discipline**, was approved by the Board of Directors and will be added to the Administrative Procedures Manual.

It is available at this [LINK](#)



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

Set Your Sites

On These Dates	
December 9	Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence/Washington Society Teacher of The Year Nominations Due To Chapters
December 31st	George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Entries Due To Chapters
December 31st	Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Essay Entries Due To Chapters
January 01- March 01, 2023	Joseph Rumbaugh Oration Entries Due To Chapters
February 1, 2023	JROTC Enhanced Essay Entries Due To Chapters
February 1, 2023	Youth Video Contest Entries Due To Chapters
February 28, 2023	Americanism Elementary Poster Contest Entries Due To Chapters
February 28, 2023	Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest Entries Due To Chapters

[Don't Miss These Deadlines When Entries Are Due To Your Chapter!!](#)

A Friendly Reminder From Your Washington Society Council of Youth & Teacher Recognition

Minutes from the State BOD Meeting, 29 Oct 2022

29 October 2022 WA SAR State Society BOD Meeting Minutes

The October 2022 meeting of the Sons of the American Revolution, Washington SAR Society Board of Directors, was convened at 11:01AM, Saturday, 29 October 2022, in person at the Buzz Inn Steakhouse in Ellensburg, WA. A quorum was present with a total of eight voting Members, and five 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 Assistant Secretary Russ Oliver 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 held 30 July 2022 online via the Zoom application. Hearing none, the meeting minutes were approved as written 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 National is strongly considering an increase to national dues for 2024 (National dues increasing \$5, to \$40); National Congress voting credentials moving to a new process based on reconciliation; National has selected a new Executive Director, Mr. Todd Bale; and the annual renewal of our WA SAR incorporation documents were successfully filed with Washington State.
- State Vice President: WA SAR Vice President Greg Lucas reported he is also the chair of the National Public Relations Committee (did you know there is a chapter-level award for best public relations?) and highlighted that National has a new National Press Officer, Andrew Height, Director of Marketing and Communications. There are 4 videos available on the National website for how to deal with the press, a media kit, and sample press releases. If you are approached by media or the press, refer all questions to Andrew Height.
- State Secretary: WA SAR 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. Russ also reported that paying a fee to National via Zelle for a member certificate replacement was successful, further eliminating the need for paper-based processes.
- State Treasurer: WA SAR Treasurer Robert Sexton noted that the state society is in sound financial condition with healthy balances (though impacted by the general market contraction), good revenues, and a surplus YTD mostly due to a surplus from the annual state conference budget.
- State Registrar: WA SAR Registrar John Kraft was not present.
- State Chaplain: WA SAR Chaplain Edwin Dierdorff reported all Memorial mailings from Congress are now completed and deferred any additional comments.
- State Historian: WA SAR Historian Neil Vernon deferred any additional comments.
- State Color Guard Commander: WA SAR Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon reported that the Color Guard now numbers 91 members and will be supporting many Veterans Day and Wreaths Across America activities in Q4. In particular, the Auburn Veterans Day Parade, and the Veterans Day event in Bellevue, WA, at Sunset Hills Cemetery where many dignitaries and flag officers from all services are expected to attend. Ample Vietnam War lapel pins are available to be handed out to Vietnam veterans.
- National Trustee: State National Trustee Perry Taylor was not able to attend the Trustees meeting at Fall Leadership - WA SAR Alternate National Trustee Rob Sexton reported that national has filled the vacancy in the communications committee; the 2023 National Congress will be held in Orlando, FL, and an early jump on securing hotel reservations is recommended; national education materials have improved; Warren Alter is now project managing the National Museum efforts; SAR Ethics improvements are rolling out to the State Societies; the



Genealogy Application Manual has been improved; and that National is evaluating moving dues collection to a central national process for 2024.

- Alt. National Trustee: Robert Sexton deferred any additional comments.
- At Large Director#1: State At Large Director Doug Nelson was not present.

Chapter Presidents:

- Alexander Hamilton Chapter: Chapter President Jerry Bordelon reported that his chapter has experienced a setback using Zelle for electronic payments with their chapter's bank and that they are considering a change of banks as a result. A Veterans Day luncheon event is planned for Jerry's apartment complex, and Jerry will ask Greg Lucas for some Vietnam Veteran pins.
- Cascade Centennial Chapter: Chapter President Mark Shaffer was not present, but Rob Sexton reported their chapter is saving money by a location change – they now meet in Issaquah, with 25 or so regularly attending, plus the new venue supports hybrid Zoom meetings, with 5-6 more members attending over Zoom.
- Fort Vancouver Chapter: Chapter President Allen Furlow reported their chapter has added Patriot Pub Nights, purely social events held once per month at various local restaurants, which are attracting 6-7 attendees and helping improve chapter social opportunities outside of regular meetings. Allen also reported his chapter is forming a parade participation planning committee and will eventually offer truck and trailer options (see Dick Motz in Alexander Hamilton chapter, he has an existing trailer with signage and flags).
- George Rogers Clark Chapter: Chapter President Art Dolan was not present, but future Chapter President Lew Maudsley reported that their chapter is now 3 years old, Zoom has helped with meeting attendance, and that the 3rd most active DAR chapter in Washington state is in their area and partnering with them. Their chapter recently supported Honor Flight events and will participate in a ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Wall in Olympia, WA, on 11 November with a guest speaker from Joint Base Lewis-McChord.
- George Washington Chapter: Chapter President Mike Hutchins was not present, but chapter Vice-President Bruce Bock reported that his chapter now offers hybrid Zoom meeting support at each chapter meeting with 3-4 compatriots consistently taking advantage of Zoom. The chapter continues to grow, and may soon outgrow our current meeting location, and the chapter continues to explore more social opportunities for members to meet without the focus being on SAR or chapter official business.
- John Paul Jones Chapter: Chapter President Perry Taylor reported their chapter also conducts joint events and partners with two local DAR chapters in Bremerton and Port Townsend, where they get membership applications from male DAR relatives. Their chapter also successfully supported the NW Colonial Festival over the summer, where they gained 5 membership applications just by being there supporting this event.
- Mid-Columbia Chapter: Chapter President Richard Roddy was not present this meeting.
- Ranger Chapter: Chapter President Bill Barnsdale was not present this meeting.
- Seattle Chapter: Chapter President Grant Rauzi was not present, but Neil Vernon reported they also received membership applications from supporting the NW Colonial Festival. New chapter officers are coming soon, their chapter is growing, they do mingle time before the chapter meetings as social opportunities, and they recently conducted chapter-wide Youth Protection Training at a chapter meeting. They are working through some dues reconciliation spreadsheet issues from the prior dues season, where members paid but reconciliation resulted in some of those members being dropped.
- Spokane #1 Chapter: Chapter President Carl Durkoop was not present this meeting.

State Chairmen: 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.

- America 250th - Chairman Bruce Bock reported his committee has awarded 19 Bronze, 9 Silver, and 14 Gold 250th medals to date. National is considering changing the order of precedence related to these medals and may refine the points needed to achieve these medals.
- Annual Conference - Chairman Dick Paul deferred any additional comments – see the Unfinished Business section for his report.
- Council of Chapter Presidents - Chairman Doug Nelson was not present this meeting.
- Council of Youth Programs – Chairman Jeff Lightburn was not present this meeting.
- Eagle Scouts - Chairman Greg Emerson was not present this meeting.
- Ethics – Chairman Greg Lucas deferred any additional comments – see the New Business section for his report.
- Flag Recognition - Chairman Russ Oliver reported that if a chapter is interested in coming in first place by volume on flag awards, they should be aiming for 50+ this year, and that the committee is considering a special annual

participation pin for the OLD GLORY chapter streamer for the chapter that does the best public relations while presenting a flag award in a year.

- History Teacher Award - Chairman Greg Lucas deferred any additional comments.
- JROTC/ROTC - Chairman Conrad Plyler or Perry Taylor or Alan Mandigo - Perry deferred any additional comments.
- Knight Essay - Chairman Jeff Lightburn was not present this meeting.
- Investment Manager – Chairman Chuck Waid was not present this meeting.
- Medals and Awards – Chairman Jim Lindley reported his committee would support a chapter-level or state-level Law Enforcement Medal for recent Whatcom County law enforcement activities that made the news. Jim asked WA SAR President Keith Weissinger to leave the room – after discussion, a proposal made by Jim to the BOD was approved via unanimous consent. WA SAR President Keith Weissinger was then called back to the room.
- Membership and Chapter Support - Chairman Mike Hutchins was not present this meeting.
- Operation Ancestor Search - Chairman Keith Weissinger deferred any additional comments.
- Rumbaugh Oration - Chairman Fred Templin was not present this meeting.
- Strategic Planning – Chairman Greg Lucas reported that the WA SAR strategic planning proposal may become a national SAR best practice.
- Veterans' Services - Chairman Roger Dent was not present this meeting.
- Youth Poster and Brochure – Chairman Allen Furlow reported that some states share nominations, spreading multiple nominations from one chapter among many chapters to make it possible for multiple entries to receive 1st place chapter finishes. Nominations are due 28 February 2023, with state judging scheduled for 22 March 2023.
- Youth Protection Training – Chairman Perry Taylor reported his committee encourages chapters to conduct group training at chapter meetings as a best practice. Remember, this is a chapter-level streamer opportunity! Perry encouraged all state and chapter officers to encourage all new members of our state to complete this training.
- Youth Video Contest – Chairman Keith Weissinger deferred any additional comments.

Unfinished Business:

- State Website Update – Chairman Mark Schaffer was not present, but Russ Oliver updated the BOD on the status of the pilot of the new State website based on the Wix Pro technology stack. The early results are promising, with gains in management flexibility, content updatability, and document storage, all for a lower annual cost than the current State website. At this point of the pilot, initial seed funding of \$200 has been exhausted, and the committee proposed a second round of funding of \$1000 to have the new State website ready for use by April 2023. Russ Oliver proposed the motion for \$1000 in additional funding, and Greg Lucas seconded the motion. During discussion, Rob Sexton reported that the state finances could absorb this \$1000 of funding, and the WA SAR Ladies Auxiliary and Pacific District were interested in functionality on the new State website as well. The WA SAR Ladies Auxiliary requested to have a member included on the committee going forward, Susan Taylor. The motion carried.
- 2023 State Annual Conference - Chairman Dick Paul reported that the 2023 State Annual Conference is scheduled for 28-29 April 2022 in Spokane, WA, and the National officer in attendance will be the SAR President General himself. The conference theme will be "On the Road to 250". A \$15 registration fee will be charged for all members attending, with special attention to identifying Vietnam veterans during the registration process for a special recognition event. A block of rooms at a special SAR rate at the host hotel will go quickly, all are encouraged to make reservations in advance as this will be a busy weekend for hotels in the greater Spokane area. All awards presentations have been consolidated into the Saturday luncheon. Fundraising and donations are being organized, with special prizes for the raffle and for tiers of donations.
- 2024 State Annual Conference - Chairman Dick Paul reported that the 2024 State Annual Conference be hosted by the George Washington chapter in the greater Mount Vernon area. GW chapter President Mike Hutchins and his chapter committee have researched potential sites, but most exceed the nightly room rate target or carry legal risk (native casino facilities invoking sovereign law in their contracts). A potential site review of a facility in Bellingham, WA, is still to come.

New Business:

- New Rules for Discipline – State Ethics Committee Chairman Greg Lucas proposed new rules of discipline modeled after the recent National ethics changes and revised national bylaw #33. Under these proposed rules, state ethics issues will stay in the state and be resolved via local rules and processes. Greg as committee chair made a motion to adopt the proposed new WA SAR Rules for Discipline and update our WA SAR Admin Procedures and Perry Taylor seconded the motion. After much discussion and Q&A, the motion was approved by unanimous consent. Greg then made a motion to remove the now obsolete section of the WA SAR Administrative Procedures dealing with

member suspensions, and Perry Taylor seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous consent. Perry Taylor then made a motion to transition the State Ethics committee from a standing committee to an ad hoc committee, and Allen Furlow seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous consent. State Assistant Secretary Russ Oliver will make the appropriate edits to the WA SAR Administrative Procedures document and inform the state membership of the new rules.

- Activation of State Nomination Committee – WA SAR President Keith Weissinger noted that current state officer terms expire in April 2023, and it is time to activate the State Nomination Committee charged to provide a full slate of officer nominations for consideration by the membership. Two BOD members are needed - Keith nominated Perry Taylor as Chair, with Allen Furlow as the 2nd member. One member representing each chapter is also needed – Keith nominated John Kraft (GW chapter) and Doug Nelson (JPJ chapter) – for the remaining chapter representatives needed, please see Perry if interested. The BOD members present approved all these nominations.
- Establish a State Americanism Committee - WA SAR President Keith Weissinger noted that this committee would be an excellent way to keep track of what we as a State Society do already, plus the new committee could establish a roadmap of what we could do. The BOD members present approved the proposal and the submitted committee description, and Keith appointed Viren Lemmer as the chair of this new committee. State Assistant Secretary Russ Oliver will make the appropriate edits to the WA SAR Administrative Procedures document to include the committee description.
- Approve Committee Descriptions for inclusion in the WA SAR Administrative Procedures document – four committee chairmen proposed committee descriptions for inclusion in our admin procedures document - The BOD members present approved the following committee descriptions:
 - America 250th Committee – Chairman Bruce Bock
 - Ethics Committee – Chairman Greg Lucas
 - Strategic Planning Committee – Chairman Greg Lucas
 - Council of Youth Programs – Chairman Jeff Lightburn
- Awards Presentation – the following members were presented a SAR Liberty Medal and certificate for their efforts in recruiting new members to SAR:
 - Compatriot Larry Flint – 10 members, Bronze Medal and Certificate
 - Compatriot Mike Hutchins – 10 members, Bronze Medal and Certificate
 - Compatriot John Kraft – 25 members, Oak Leaf cluster and Certificate
 - Compatriot Jeff Lightburn – 10 members, Bronze Medal and Certificate
 - Compatriot Brian Smith – 17 members, Bronze Medal and Certificate
 - Compatriot Neil Vernon – 94 members, 2 Oak Leaf clusters and Certificate
- Memorial Notices & Biographies – WA SAR President Keith Weissinger noted that for the ceremony at National Congress we need to compile the memorial notices and biographies for all WA SAR members that passed away in 2022. National needs help to know their full SAR history, and this data needs to come from the State Society and chapters. The State Historian will need to be copied for the archives.

Those Voting Members and Guests in Attendance (13)

(Voting Members - 8)

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 Treasurer and Alt. National Trustee Robert Sexton

WA SAR National Trustee and John Paul Jones Chapter President Perry Taylor

Alexander Hamilton Chapter President Jerry Bordelon

Fort Vancouver Chapter President Allen Furlow

(Non-Voting Guests - 5)

Compatriot Bruce Bock

Compatriot Jim Lindley

Compatriot Lew Maudsley

Compatriot Russ Oliver

Compatriot Dick Paul

Next State BOD Meeting: Our next State BOD meeting is scheduled for 9AM Saturday 28 January 2023, online via the Zoom application.

Closing Remarks: WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger thanked all in attendance for a very productive meeting and wished everyone safe travels home.

Closing Ceremonies

WA SAR Chaplain Edwin Dierdorff gave the Benediction.

WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger adjourned the meeting at 1:40PM, with peace and harmony prevailing.

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

Secretary's Corner Dec 2022

Compatriots,

We have come to the end of another year! State Secretary Al and I have seen outstanding work by all of you in restarting in-person chapter meetings, with many of the chapters now well-experienced in offering virtual hybrid meeting options for remote attendance too. Take a deep breath and enjoy Christmas and the holiday season with your most important family members. But before you do, please do not forget to pay your dues by 31 December and mark your calendars to attend the state annual conference 28-29 April 2023 in Spokane, WA. Visit the [National website](#) and review your personal information in the new member database, called the BLUE database. Chapter Secretaries, if your chapter officers have changed, please let Al and I know, and we can help you update the list of chapter officers on the National website. That will ensure your new chapter leaders get the appropriate access to the BLUE database. Respectfully submitted, Russ Oliver, Assistant Secretary, Washington State, Sons of the American Revolution



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

News From The WA State SAR Ladies Auxiliary (LAWASSAR)

[Facebook Page](#)



Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and may you enjoy every celebration to come.

One of the wonderful things about our organization is the sense of family. Not only are we almost all related (though several generations removed), but we also celebrate those family ties. We gather for wreath laying and memorial services, we make cookies, and we decorate for holidays. We march in parades, and we go into schools to pass on our knowledge to the next generation.



However, while we are busy with our many activities, also take the time to reflect on the reasons we are doing them. We are stronger as a community than as a group of individuals. We support one another. We share our joy and our sorrow. As each candle is lit, the light grows exponentially stronger.

May we all have a joyous holiday with family and friends, Cyndi

Upcoming Events: This year's state meeting will be full of activity for the ladies. We will have a speaker, and a tour. We will have a vote to change bylaws and elect new officers. We will put together a poster for NLASAR at Congress to show what our state LA does to support the SAR. (If you have photos or brochures, please bring copies of them to the meeting.) And of course, Ice Cream.

Cynthia Weissinger, President, Ladies Auxiliary, WASSAR



Past U.S. Presidents That Were SAR



U. S. PRESIDENTS WHO

ARE SAR MEMBERS



Ulysses S. Grant



Rutherford Hayes



Benjamin Harrison



Wm. McKinley



Theodore Roosevelt



William Taft



Calvin Coolidge



Warren Harding



Herbert Hoover



Franklin Roosevelt



Harry Truman



Dwight Eisenhower

An important factor that has attracted men of all social and economic levels to join the Sons of the American Revolution is that the Society is thoroughly American; democratic; nonpartisan and non-sectarian.

The qualifications are simply to be of good character and be a lineal descendant of a Patriot who served the cause of American independence during the

Revolutionary War. In the one hundred and twenty-six years our Society has been in existence, the Sons of the American Revolution membership rolls list 149,000 Compatriots.

Station in life is not a factor for SAR membership. However, the SAR is justly proud of our Compatriots that have become or are, Presidents of the United States of America. The importance of the Presidency of the United States has dramatically increased since George Washington, our first President. We would like to think that the patriotic ideals and declared goals of the Society had some influence on the decisions these Presidents

made. Since our founding, in 1875, seventeen Presidents of the United States have been or are members of the SAR. Unfortunately, as a Society we have no provisions for honorary membership, hence Presidents John F. Kennedy and Ronald W. Reagan who did not have the necessary Revolutionary War ancestry to attain SAR membership were not eligible.

Presidents James Garfield, Chester Arthur, Grover Cleveland, Woodrow Wilson, Richard M. Nixon and William J. Clinton had the required ancestry, but for reasons unknown to us did not join.

President Ulysses S. Grant, was not a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, but was a member of our parent organization, the Sons of Revolutionary War Sires. He passed away before the SAR was founded, but his membership in the Sons of Revolutionary War Sires would have automatically transferred his membership into the SAR, hence his inclusion in the roster of Presidents of the United States who were or are members of the Society.



George W. Bush



George H. Bush



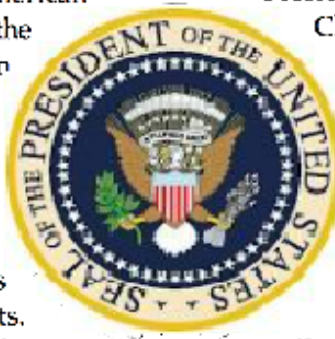
Jimmy Carter



Gerry Ford



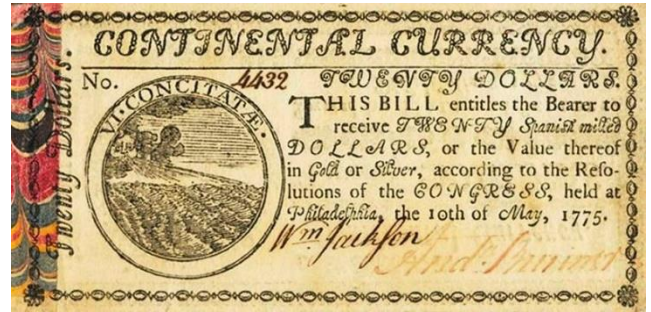
Lyndon Johnson



Our Country's First Currency Submitted by Stan Wills

The term continental currency was first coined in 1775. During this year, the Continental Congress realized that they needed enough funds to wage as prolonged struggle against the British Empire and the British crown. This advised congress to start producing continental paper currency in dollars ranging from one-sixth of a dollar to \$80.

Continental Currency, also known as "Continentials," were the first paper currency issued by the continental congress in June 1775 to fund the American Revolution. It was solely backed by the "anticipation" of tax revenues. But since the currency was easily counterfeited, mainly by the British, and was not backed by any physical asset such as silver or gold, it suffered gradual depreciation that eventually rendered it worthless by the end of the war. This had the famous phrase "**not worth a continental**".



The 1776 continental coin was part of 11 emissions that were produced between 1775 and 1779. The coin was made to be the same size as the Spanish milled coin but with an extra edge in its design. According to congressional records, the coins design is seen to have been inspired mainly by Benjamin Franklin's drawings.



However, this coin was rarely used and not accepted outside the United States. Merchants from the United States used the Spanish Silver Dollar or British Guinea well into the 1850's. England forbade its American colonies to issue money. Remember there were 39 colonies in the Americas but only 13 colonies revolted against Britain to create the United States of America. Colonist used whatever currency they could get their hands on. Most colonist used a barter system, where they could trade items for products. Such as a male deer skin for a "dollar's" worth of merchandise at the local store. This is why a male deer is called a "Buck". The fur traders used trade tokens made by Hudson Bay Company to purchase items at the company store.

The Spanish piece of eight (Spain) and reals (Spain & Portugal), and shillings (England) were in wide circulation in the colonies. The pieces of eight was the most common. The Spanish silver coin was so named because it was worth 8 reals and at one time had an 8 stamped on it. To make change, the coin was cut up to resemble pieces of a pie. Two pieces, or "two bits", of the silver coin made up a quarter, which is why Americans still refer to a quarter of a dollar as "two bits."

1776 Spanish Silver Dollar



1776 British Gold Guinea



A Note From The State Historian

In the past, Important certificates have been presented to the Chapters at both State & Chapter level and it was placed in the state archives. Will all Chapters please provide a copy of any of these awards to the State Historian ([Neil Vernon](#)) once again so there is a record of who has received what awards.

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 IS OPEN!**



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)

REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Download the form with this [LINK](#)

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

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



WA State Children of the American Revolution (CAR)



The December issue of the CAR newsletter is available at this [LINK](#)

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<p><i>Promoting the National Theme, Find Fun in the Past ...Build Joy for the Future</i></p>		
<p>Dec 10th, 1:30 to 3 pm</p> <p>C.A.R. All-State Christmas party</p> <p>Please bring a few non-perishable food items for donation to the Northwest Harvest as part of C.A.R.'s 2023 Service Day</p>		
<p>18416 SE 195th Pl, Renton, WA 98058</p>		
		
<p><small>www.CreativeCertificates.com</small></p>		

America 250 Merit Badge Clinic - Sponsored by the Cascade Centennial Chapter

5 November 2022, in the shadow of Mount Rainier at Mattson Middle School in Covington, WA, the first (*of what I hope will be many*) America 250 Merit Badge Clinic was held.

75 scouts and seven adult merit badge counselors were in attendance, making history for not only the Chief Seattle Council Scouting BSA, but also the Washington State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (WASSAR) as well, as this was the very first event of this type in Washington State, but also west of the Rocky Mountains as well.

The Chief Seattle Council provided excellent advertising for the event (see the ad above), which were featured in their monthly e-Totem newsletter and on Facebook.

Additionally, Daisy Roberts the 2022 Washington State winner of the Arthur & Berdena King Eagle Scholarship volunteered to help promote the SAR Eagle Scholarship at the event.

A hallmark of the event was Compatriot Vern Frykholm attending in full character, as General George Washington. The scouts loved meeting him and several asked for pictures with him. His primary impact was walking around the event and providing the General's perspective on the importance of each of the merit badges offered – including Art. I could tell the scouts were inspired by him doing so. If other chapters have Compatriots who dress as a Founding Father or character act their Patriot Ancestor, these meaningful messages of inspiration help to connect the importance of scouting with the citizenship and patriotic principles of our organization.

The merit badge counselors were each presented an SAR America 250 Challenge Coin in recognition of their

volunteer service at the event. I felt it was important to recognize the significant contributions of these scouting adults, and in doing so further encourage the relationship of our organizations.

The participation of Daisy Roberts was a very important to the success of the evening, as the State winner of the Eagle Scholarship for 2022. As the State Scouting Programs Chair, I could speak with the Eagle Scouts that attended the event and until I was blue in the face, and my words would go in one ear and out the other, as I'm an adult. When they heard those same words and advice from a peer, they truly hit home! For someone of petite stature, she had a commanding presence as she manned the information table for the SAR Eagle Scholarship, while I conducted tours of one of the state's Traveling History Treasure Chests.

I'm more than happy to provide consultation and advice to other chapters in the state, on holding these events but most of all, I would encourage chapter Scouting Chairs to reach out to their

respective Scouting councils and establish a relationship. Then build on that foundation by offering to help organize and run event of this type.

Contributed by Greg Emerson, WASSAR Scouting Program Chairman



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](#) [CG Web Site](#)

George Washington (Mt. Vernon area)

Meets: 3rd Sat of the month, Sep to Jun 10:00am, Farmhouse Restaurant, 13724 Laconner Whitney Rd, Mt. Vernon

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

John Paul Jones (Bremerton area)

Meets: 4th Sat of the month, except Jun, Jul, Aug, & Dec, 9:00am, Ambrosia Catering, 4954 State Hwy 303, East Bremerton

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

Mid-Columbia (Richland area)

Meets: 3rd Sat of the month. Sep to Jun, at Round Table Pizza, 1769 Leslie Road, Richland.

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

Ranger (Snohomish Co. area)

Meets: 4th Sat of the month, except, (TBD) 9:00am, Harbor Pointe Golf Club, 11817 Harbour Pointe Blvd, Mukilteo

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

Seattle (Seattle area)

Meets: 2nd Sat of the month, except Jun, Jul, Aug, & Dec, 9:00am, Aurora Borealis, 16708 Aurora Ave N., Shoreline

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

Spokane #1 (Spokane area)

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

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

CAR (State Wide)

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

SAR Ladies Auxiliary (State Wide)

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

WA State Daughters of the American Revolution

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

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

Data extracted from the National Database.

If incorrect, contact your chapter secretary



October	Novembert	December
Aaron Justin Giebel	Alan Wayne Blackstock	Arthur Theron Broady
Alexander Viren Lemmer	Aubrey Richardson Carter Jr	Bryan Douglas Klippert
Andrew John Klippert	Brian William Allison	Charles Edward Johnson Jr
Andrew Todd Asher	Christopher Brant Fridley	Charles Vance Waid
Arthur William Dolan	Clayton Melville Kirkland	Christopher Lee Olson
Baxter Franklin Gray	Colby Miles Auckland	Clark Bainbridge McKee
Benno nmn Ferrier	Danny Michael Boon	Colby James Doughty
Brian Marcus Judd	David Paul de la Vergne	Curtis Dale Hanner
Carver Clark Gayton	Donald Elmer Maymon	Daniel JosÃ© Weedin
Daniel Alvin Abbott	Donald Roderick Scott	Evan Wynn Nascimento
Devon Ray Parman	Duane Gregory Nascimento	Fred Lambert Templin
Donald B Kennedy	Dustin Adam Berry	Gordon William Struve
Donald Eugene Condit	Edward Baker Faust	Gregory Thomas Faherty III
Donald Michael Giese	Edward Lawrence Tropp	Jack Earl Fletcher
Eric Browning Bierwagen	Edwin Prentice Dierdorff Jr	James Arthur Carpenter
George Rector Nethercutt Jr	Erwin Bradley Pace Jr	James Orlo Sparks
Guy Kent Troy Jr	Graham Robert Parman	John Edward Ernest
Jack Joseph Callerame	Gregory Nicholas Hullender	John Harvey Klippert
James Abraham Garfield	Guy Volkert Moellendorf	Jon Mark Clements
Lightburn II	Harold Lee Steenbergen	Joseph Donald Barnes
James Claiborne Martin	Harvey Raymond Crowder	Keith A. Weissinger
Jeffrey Scott Bradshaw	Howard Berryman Edwards Jr	Lawrence nmn Bowman
John Charles Hughes	James Patrick Cadd	Leonard Will Kearney
John David Hosfield	Jerry Michael Bordelon	Liam Arthur Carroll
John Ray Tremain	Joshua Robert Cummings	Matthew Patrick Sexton
Karl David McCowen	Kevin James Underwood	Matthew Roy Bendickson
Lawrence Edward Clay	Kirby Neill Thomas	Michael Timothy Berry
Leonard Paul Pearson	Leslie Lewis Steele	Nicholas William Reichert
Luke Patrick Sowieralski	Mathew Wade Spradlin	Paul Frederick Ocker
Michael Lovelace	Matthew James Covella	Roger Wayland May
Michael Neal Jacobs	Michael Paul Booth	Ronald David Irons
Paul Gregory Webster	Monte Roy Freeman	Scott Christopher Enyeart
Paul Montgomery Carver	Paul Richard Clifton	Scott Mitchell Jensen
Peter Joseph Hale	Richard Robert Paul	Stephen John Clayton
Philip Augustus Ratcliff	Robert Alan Sexton	Stephen Lee Zirschky
Rene Francis Lebourhis	Robert Jeffery Waid	Virgil Shaye Bloom
Richard Warren Roddy	Robert Joseph Zache	William Wallace Van Cleave Jr
Scott Allen Bean	Ronald Owen Mains	
Terry William Church	Ronn William Mercer	
Thomas Evans Williams	Terry nmn Laxton	
Thomson nmn Pray	Timothy Walter Doughty	
Trevor C. Lane	Walter Daniel Heidt	
Warner Gibson Taylor III	Wayne Everett Gardner	
Wesley Patrick Corder	Wayne Russell Marshall	
	Willard Joseph Gueringer	
	William Ray Miller	
	William Robert O'Neal	



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YOUR COLOR GUARD

SONS OF THE AMERICAN

EVOLUTION



THE FACE OF THE SAR

From The Commander

Compatriots,

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

Looking forward there are a few important events to keep an eye on. The George Washington Birthday Celebration (Feb 20) is now considered a national event. Massing of Colors is planned for March 4th in DuPont. In April we will have our annual State Conference which will be held in Spokane, Washington. I encourage as many Color Guard members who can attend to be present. We will have a Color Guard meeting Friday, April 28 and several assignments to fulfill for Posting of Colors, plus our annual Color Guard photo. We have allocated Color Guard Drill time. This is one of the few times during the year we can practice together.

We have had an outstanding year despite the slow start. Throughout the year we participated at multiple locations during the National events. This includes the 4th of July, Veterans Day, and Wreaths Across America. 37 Living History presentations were reported in this year. The Color Guard was involved in multiple ceremonies, recruiting boots, parades and other activities.

As a member of the Sons of the American Revolution I am grateful for the bond of brotherhood and respect that we have for one another. Through the Washington State SAR Color Guard we have a special bond and comradery by working together to achieve our local chapter, our State, and the Nation SAR Society goals.

I am personally grateful for my association with each and every one of you and for your support.

Color Guard Membership numbers continue grow. Though we have lost several members who have not renewed their membership or have left the area. Our current Color Guard member count has increased to 96 members from 9 chapters. This is up from 73 from when I started as Commander 2 years ago. I encourage you to continue in your recruitment efforts into the Color Guard. Extend the welcoming hand and introduce them into the exciting opportunities to service in our communities, honor our ancestors, and keeping our national history alive.

In the past, Important certificates have been presented to the Chapters at both State & Chapter level and it was placed in the state archives. Will all Chapters please provide a copy of any of these awards to the State Historian (Me) once again so there is a record of who has received what awards.

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.

If you want them mailed the cost is:

- More than 2 the postage is \$9.90.
- Less than 3 the postage is \$1.00

Members of the CG may contact 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

WA SAR COLOR GUARD HISTORY – 2011-Present

OUR FIRST VETERANS DAY PARADE



The Washington SAR Color Guard was formed in 2011 and we marched in the Auburn Veterans Day Parade - 11 years ago, November 11, 2011.

Strangely, Veterans Day was originally Armistice Day, to celebrate the end of WWI at the 11th hour, on the 11th day of the 11th month!



The ladies of Auburn's DAR, Lakota Chapter had been marching in the parade for some years.



When I found out about that, I decided that our new Color Guard should join them in the parade. With encouragement from Vice Commander Stan Wills in Spokane, we signed up!

This tradition began with us all gathering for breakfast at the "Rainbow Cafe".

Veteran Color guardsmen Stan Wills and Gale Palmer came over the mountains from Spokane, dressed to the hilt and marched with fixed bayonets!

The parade unit included SARs from four chapters: Alexander Hamilton of Tacoma; Spokane, John Paul Jones of Bremerton; and Seattle Chapter.

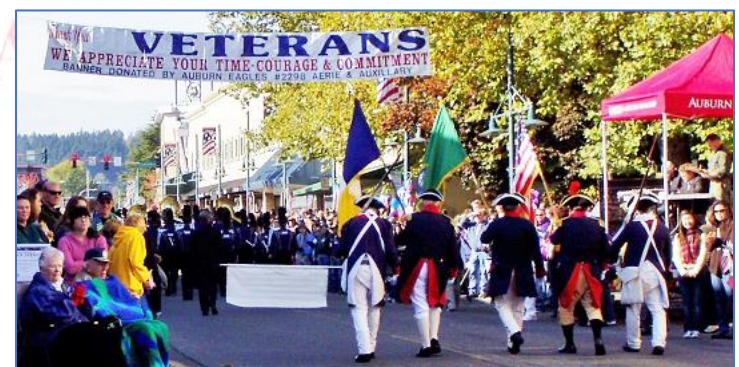


Our very first State SAR Color Guard event.

THE PARTICIPANTS

- WA SAR Color Guard:
- Bob O'Neal-Commander
- Stan Wills-Vice Commander
- Doug Nelson, JPJ CG Captain
- Lee Thomasson, AH Chapter CG Captain
- Lee Palmer, Spokane CG Lieut.
- Ed Tropp-Banner carrier
- DAR Joyce Thomasson-Limo driver, with WWII veterans
- SAR's Chuck Waid and John Herr
- Mike Hutchins-Big Red Truck driver from Seattle Chapter.

THE REST IS WA SAR COLOR GUARD HISTORY!



Today we are 91 members strong from 10 Chapters and 12 non-SAR Fife & Drum support members.

Contributed by Bob O'Neal

Color Guard Events Throughout The State

Regional Area Color Guard Events In Oct, Nov, Dec

Northern Region

11 Nov: Veterans Day. The Seattle Chapter posted the Colors at the DAR Lady Sterling Chapter Veterans Day memorial service. The service was held at the Bothell Pioneer Cemetery, Bothell Washington. 3 new Color Guard members joined the Seattle CG at this event.

The new members are, Stan Granburg, David Horsley, & Robert Nofsinger who rang the bell at 11:11 on Nov 11. Veterans present included: Sally Buckingham (DAR) (Lt US Army/Vietnam), Rob Nofsinger (Marine Officer/Army Chaplain), Mrs. Nofsinger (US Army), Nofsinger father-in-law (US Army/Vietnam)

Both the 250 Anniversary and the Vietnam Anniversary flags were posted at the ceremony

(L to R) Neil Vernon, Stan Granburg, Robert Korn, David Horsley, Nancy Moreyra (DAR), Rob Nofsinger, Liz Runkle (DAR).



12 Nov: Veterans Day: The GWC was honored today to participate in the annual Burlington, WA Veterans Day parade. CG Members present were John Kraft, Bill Bentler, Bruce Bock, Cris Fridley, Ken Carlson & Marshall Eberhart

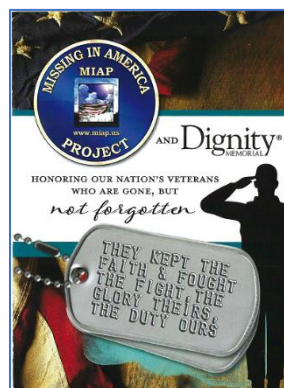


14 Nov: Veterans Day - Funeral/Burial, Washelli Cemetery. Members of the WASSAR Color Guard joined other Civic and military organizations to honor Veterans and their family members who have been identified through the Missing in America Project. The Ceremony was held at the Washelli-Evergreen Cemetery in Seattle for the unclaimed remains of nearly 100 veterans from all service branches along with a handful of spouses and dependents. The oldest unclaimed remains have been in storage for 110 years. All of those honored were interred at Washington State Veteran's Cemetery on November 16 except three that will be buried at sea and eight will go to Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Washington.



CG Members attending were: Neil Vernon, Michael Moore, Bill Bentler, Perry Taylor, and Robert Korn.

Also attending was WASSAR President Keith Weissinger



3 Dec: Anacortes Christmas Parade.
 36 degrees, wind 10 mph.
 Participants were John Kraft, Bruce Bock, Bill Bentler, Chris Fridley.
 Mike Hutchins towing the new flag trailer.



17 Dec Wreaths Across America: Hawthorne Cemetery, Mount Vernon, GW Chapter
 The George Washington Chapter (Mt. Vernon, WA) was proud to turn out at the Hawthorne Cemetery in Mt. Vernon to participate in the annual Wreaths Across America ceremonies today.
 One of the many living veterans in attendance was a 103-year-old gentleman who was shot down over France in WWII and survived a Nazi prison camp.



Here John Craft places one of the wreaths



Participants were: Bill Bentler, John Craft, Mike Hutchens, Chris Fridley, Ken Carlsen, And Bruce Bock.

17 Dec Wreaths Across America: Lakeview Cemetery in Seattle. Seattle Chapter. Brushing headstones and remembering our fallen, we were struck by how beautifully diverse the Veterans we hoped to memorialize were. As one of the VFW volunteers commented, "I was struck by how many AAPI family's names I recognized Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, Hispanic, Black, White, Native shared residency." Nearly 300 Wreaths were placed in one of Seattle's oldest cemeteries and the final resting place of the prominent pioneer families of the area.

Color Guard members: David Horsley, Stan Granberg, Neil Vernon, Grant Rauzi, Robert Korn



Southern Region

29 Oct: DAR National Defense Luncheon.

Members of the AH chapter posted the colors for the event. Members present were Mike Moore, Dick Motz, and Jan Lemmer. F&D support members were Melonie Leaning, Terry Barker, Alonde Droege, and Stephanie Conroy

Viren Lemmer was also in attendance.



5 Nov: Auburn Veterans Day Parade.

Great turn out for the parade. Members present were:
Back row: Dick Motz, Mat Bendickson, Jerry Bordelon, Bob Korn, John Herr, Mike Moore, Neil Vernon, Stephen Clayton, Christopher Clayton, Chris Grabowski, Ralph Liening, Meleni Liening.
Front row: Danika Bendickson, Jan Lemmer, Viren Lemmer, Skip Stephen, Mike Bendickesen.



Below: DAR Members participated....



11 Nov: Posting of the colors at the Vietnam Wall in Olympia.

This was the DAR Veterans Day ceremony in which all the fallen Vietnam soldiers names were read. All attending Vietnam Veterans received a 50th year anniversary pin commemorating the end of the Vietnam war



CG members participating were: Dick Motz, Art Dolan, Dick Moody, Lew Maudsley, Kevin Saville, & Art's grandson Jack.



Keynote speaker was Col Paul T Sellers, Special Forces, Chief of Staff WAARNG

17 Dec Wreaths Across America: The Alexander Hamilton Chapter Participated in the 2022 WAA event at the Orting Soldiers Home Cemetery. 2237 wreaths were placed and the names of the honored veterans were read.

Participants Were (l-r) Melonie Leaning (DAR F&D), Skip Stephan (F&D), Dick Motz, Mike Moore, Jan Lemmer (F&D), John Herr, Viren lemmer (F&D), and Ralph Leaning (HODAR)



Also in attendance was the WA State President Keith Weissing and his wife Cindi.

Posting the Colors are Dick Motz, Mike Moore, John Herr, and Ralph leaning



17 Dec Wreaths Across America Masonic Cemetery Olympia, GRC Chapter was the official Color Guard for the event and during the Wreath Laying Ceremony compatriot Joe Coorough was selected, as a Marine veteran, to place the "Space Force" wreath with the other 5 branches of the military.



(l to r) Dick Moody, Joe Coorough, Lew Maudsley, Petty Officer 1st Class Scott Calhoon (US Coast Guard), Lt. Col Rachel Gonzales (USMC), Captain Liz Dykstra (US Navy Reserve), Arthur Dolan, and Eric Olsen.

The DAR graciously allowed the chapter to place a ceremonial wreath along with the 5 military branches representing the fallen Revolutionary War men and women.

Eastern Region

22 Oct: Veterans' Stand Down, Yakima WA.

Mid-Columbia Chapter members John and Loretta Tipton, Kelly and Karen Schultz, Brian Smith, Brian McReynolds and new member Steven Winmill attended the event.

An SAR information table was provided at the event. New member Steven Winmill, who came in Regimental uniform was sworn in at the event.



Many visitors gathered around to see what was happening.



4 Nov: Stan Wills did a living history program for 50 students at Libby School in Spokane. These are the 50 thank you cards from the students. Some are really amazing. This is how you touch youth and get them interested in history.



10 Nov: New Citizens: Stan Wills attended the new Citizens ceremony that took place at the Spokane County Court House. He gave flag pins to 25 new citizens from 18 countries.



19 Nov Holiday Parade. The Spokane #1-chapter CG marched in the in downtown Spokane Holiday Parade along with 32 other entries, including Santa Claus. The temperature was in the mid 20's, but still a large crowd of over 5000 people watched the parade.



Marching in the parade were Stan Wills, Rob Hill, Dale Ryan, John Knauer, & Will Palmer. Will Palmer's grandkids carried the banner.



17 Dec Wreaths Across America: The Mid-Columbia Chapter participated, at Sunset Gardens Cemetery, Richland, with the Columbia River DAR Chapter and the Civil Air Patrol in this year's Wreaths Across America Program on December 17th to honor our Veterans, in concert with numerous other volunteer groups across the country. Conn Clark, Brian McReynolds, Luke Sowieralski, Richard Roddy, Brian Smith, Randal Roach. Jerry Noor, Arthur Broady and Larry Flint were in attendance.



17 Dec Wreaths Across America: Spokane Chapter. Spokane #1 Members Stan Wills, Will Palmer & Doug Jonas all attended the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Pines cemetery in Spokane. 100 people attended to help lay 460 wreaths on Veterans headstones in 25-degree weather with a foot of snow on the ground.



Western Region

9 Nov: The John Paul Jones Chapter education team had a full day of presentations at the Klahowya Secondary School in Silverdale, WA. The team gave four extremely well received presentations to six classes, 7th and 8th grades. The team was led by Chapter President Perry Taylor who gave Introductions followed by Fred Gilbert the education coordinator and Color Guard Captain, Bob



Smalser color guard member and Doug Nelson chapter registrar and color guard. The team had time between classes to discuss our presentation objectives with the principle and school History Leader. The principle was given a SAR challenge coins for his many years supporting the SAR. Fred Gilbert discussed what lead up to the revolution starting with the French and Indian War and ended with George Washington departing Valley Forge, followed by Bob Smalser who discussed the West frontier militiamen who were Washington's sharp shooters and end with Doug Nelson discussing the life of a colonial student in our rural colonial life.

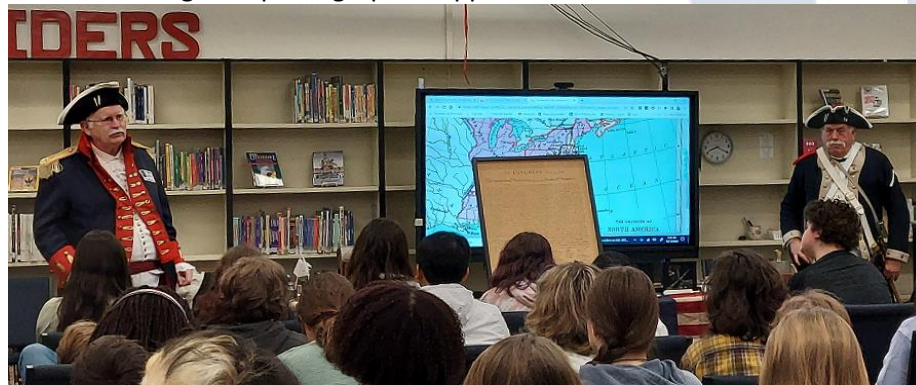
11 Nov Veterans Day: Great turnout at the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Kitsap Pavilion in Bremerton. John Gardner did an excellent job organizing the event.

Members of John Paul Jones Chapter WASSAR we're in attendance. Perry Taylor, Mick Hersey Doug Nelson, Bob Schneider, Fred Gilbert, Noah Chase, Quentin Gilman and Brian Dorr. Great interest in the First Veteran's Exhibit along with the Elizabeth Ellington Chapter WSSDAR and Northwest Colonial Festival Exhibits.



12 Dec: The JPJ Chapter presented a large number of 8th graders at Ridgetop Middle School (RMS) in Silverdale, WA with Revolutionary War talks.

Presenters were Compatriot Fred Gilbert, and Doug Nelson. Perry Taylor (JPJ Chapter President) introduced the team and provided technical support and assistance along with photographic support.

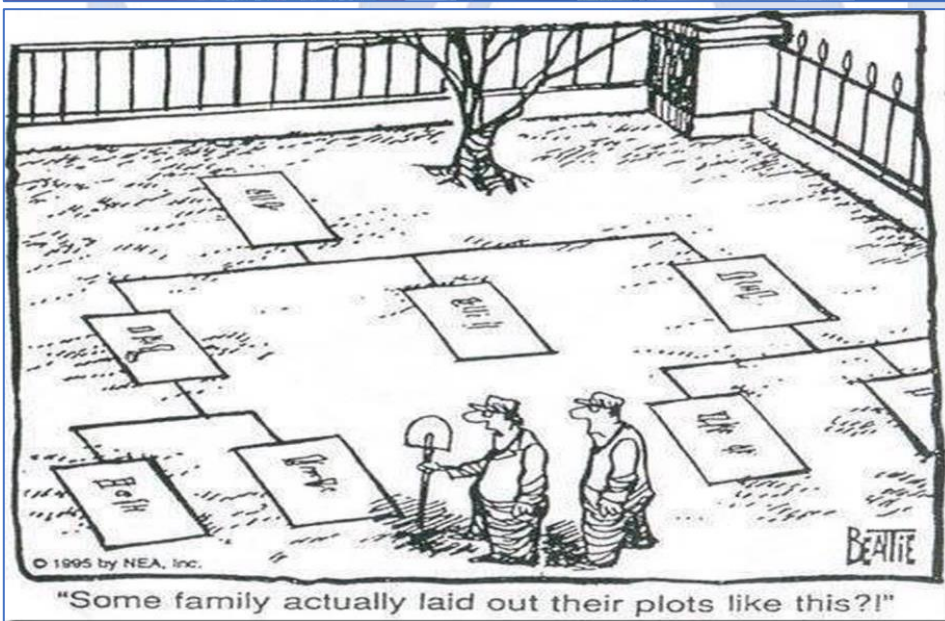
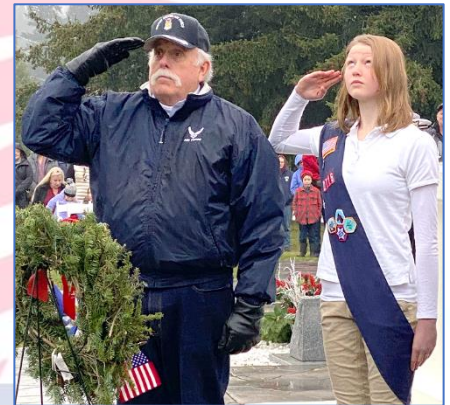


Six (6) 45-to-50-minute sessions were presented throughout the day to 226 students. President Taylor presented Washington SAR challenge coins to RMS Principal Rusty Willson and RMS 8th grade History Lead Shauna Barnett.

16 Dec The JPJ Chapter education team gave six presentations on the American Revolution to over 233 students at the Central Kitsap Middle School in Silverdale, WA. The presenters were introduced by chapter president Perry Taylor who are: Fred Gilbert chapter Color Guard Captain speaking on what lead up to the revolution through to the winter of 1777 and Valley Forge; Bob Smalser discussed the life on the Western Frontier and the role they played supporting the revolution; and Doug Nelson talked about what daily life was like for the colonist. During their day long set of presentations, Perry Taylor took a short break and presented the CKMS principal Ms. Jodie Woolf and lead history teacher Sonnet Sujka with WA State SAR Challenge coins thanking them for inviting the John Paul Jones Chapter into their school and giving the team this opportunity to discuss the American Revolution



17 Dec Wreaths Across America: JPJ Chapter. 2022 has been an awesome year. As part of the National Wreaths Across America Day Over 900 wreaths were placed in 9 cemeteries and on Veteran's Memorial sites around Kitsap County. Participating members of the John Paul Jones Chapter WASSAR we're Mick Hersey, Perry Taylor who presented the Army Wreath, Bob Schneider presented the Marine Corps Wreath, the Air Force Wreath was presented by Fred Gilbert. Others that provided behind the scene support were Noah Chase and Brian Dorr. Refreshments we're provided by Elizabeth Ellington Chapter WSSDAR. Over 200 volunteers attended the 2 ceremonies at Ivy Green Cemetery Bremerton and at Bethel Cemetery in Port Orchard. Nationally 3700 cemeteries participated receiving 2.5 million wreaths placed by 3.5 million volunteers.



5 GOLDEN RULES OF GENEALOGY

- #1** Leave no stone unturned, unless it is a headstone.
- #2** Handwriting legibility is inversely proportional to a documents importance.
- #3** The further away a cemetery or library is, the more awkward the opening hours will be.
- #4** The relative you most need to talk with is the one whose funeral you are currently attending.
- #5** Wherever you find two or more siblings, there also will you find two or more surname spellings.

Military Humor & More



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



Tragically, Frank learns that his recruiter had misrepresented the term "Storm Troupier"

From the Editor

I ran across this video on YouTube and thought I would share with you.

Atlas, Boston Dynamics's robot (at right), dances to "[Do you love me](#)" and does it better than I can!



The field of robotics has advanced quite a bit in the last 30 years.

I can't help but wonder if *Skynet* is not far off???

I sure hope not!!! 😊

Skynet is a fictional artificial neural network-based conscious group mind and artificial general superintelligence system that serves as the antagonistic force of the Terminator franchise.

In the first film, it is stated that Skynet was created by Cyberdyne Systems for SAC-NORAD. [Wikipedia](#)

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	N/A	Free!!!	Just come pick it up... Great for sewing those uniform accessories.



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 24 Mar	1 Apr +/-
Spring (2 nd Qtr.)	Apr	1 Apr to 30 Jun	No later than 25 Jun	1 Jul +/-
Summer (3 rd Qtr.)	Jul	1 Jul to 30 Sep	No later than 24 Sep	1 Oct +/-
Fall (4 th Qtr.)	Oct	1 Oct to 31 Dec	No later than 25 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.

