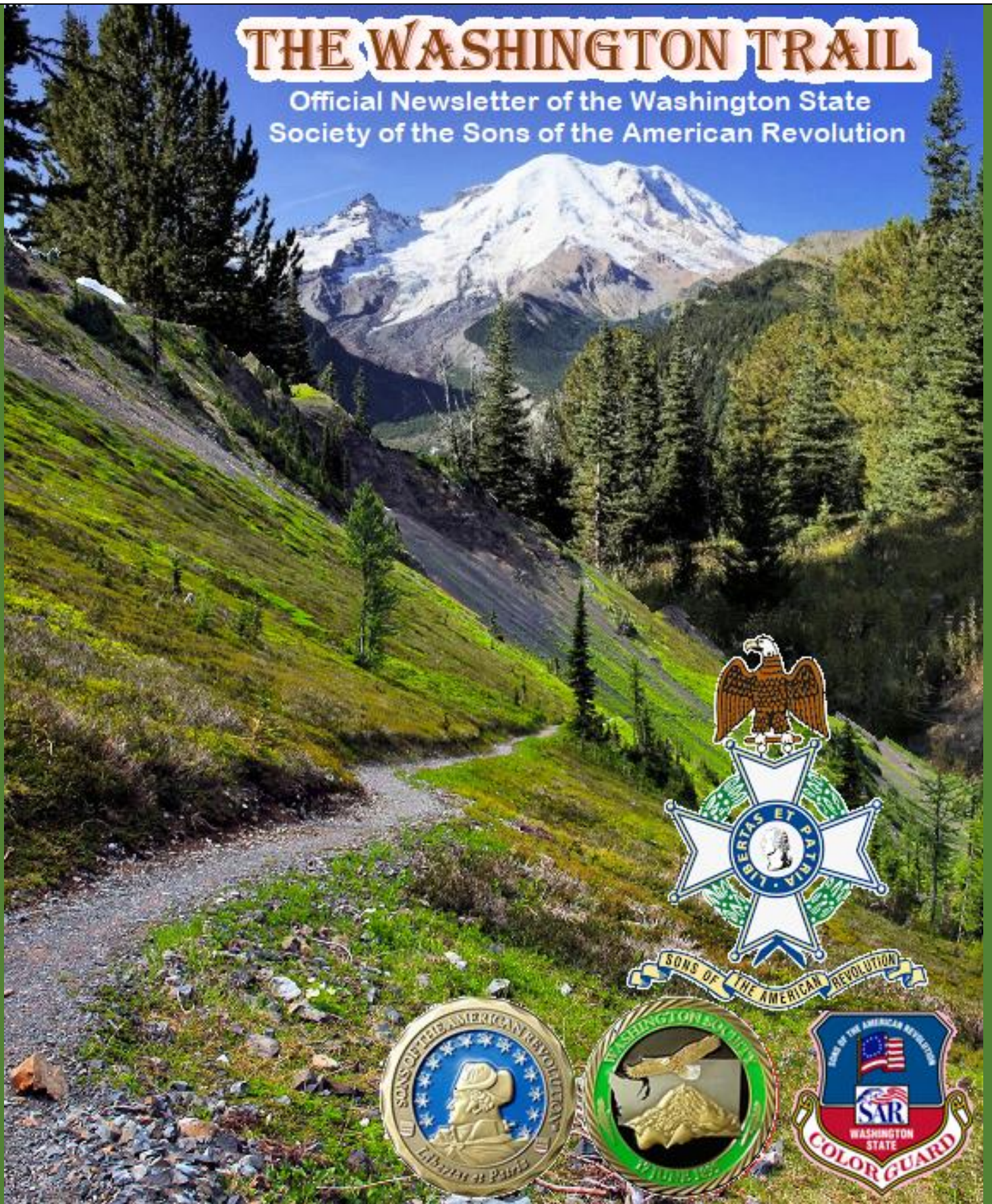


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Washington State SAR President's Message

Compatriots:

I have just returned home from the Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. I am happy to report we had a productive and successful meeting with no significant illnesses or mishaps. I'd like to call your attention to a few items of interest. A National Dues Task Force has been meeting over the past several months and will be presenting a recommendation to increase the National dues by \$15. This will be the first dues increase in nine years and the data supports the need for this increase. The Society has experienced marked deficits in 2022 largely from shortfalls in dues. This is projected to increase unless action is taken. I have studied the financial tables and weighed the options and believe this is the appropriate move at this time. The issue will be put to a vote of the Delegates at the National Congress this July and will go into effect in 2024 if approved.



The Executive Committee approved two new medals. The Youth Color Guard Medal will recognize participation by children in Color Guard events and activities. It is a silver medal, but will be awarded at the Chapter level. The second medal approved is the Henry Knox Achievement Medal. This award is modeled after our own Washington Achievement Medal, but will be available in bronze, silver, and gold to correspond with the awarding authority level. Look for Handbook V updates on these two new medals in the coming months.

In an additional approved change, silver star devices are now authorized on full size and miniature medals that are authorized at the district level. This includes the silver Roger Sherman Medal and the Silver Meritorious Service Medal.

The ExCom also approved the use of the SAR logo on a series of Henry rifles. A series of nine rifles is planned with different scenes from the American Revolution to correspond with key events of the 250th anniversary. Talks are being finalized for Bass Pro Shops/Cabella's to be the exclusive retailer for these rifles.



The Revolutionary War Rarities podcast has been approved as a National Society program. These 6–10-minute broadcasts can be found on most podcast platforms and on YouTube.com.

The Chancellor General urged all members to refrain from downloading images from the internet and posting them to their webpages. In most cases, this constitutes a violation of copyright laws and places the National Society and State Societies in jeopardy. Copyright free images may be available, but must be specifically sought and chosen.

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

The Little-Known Story of the First Washington Monument

If I asked you to picture the Washington Monument, you'd no doubt dream up an image of the 555-foot-tall obelisk in Washington, D.C., and you wouldn't normally be wrong, but in this case, you are. Most people have never heard of it.

There is actually another Washington Monument and this is the history.

The Washington Monument I'm talking about is even older than the famous tower on the National Mall. This landmark happens to be in Maryland.

It should be better known, because it's the first structure of its kind. No other monument before it had been built with the explicit purpose of honoring the first President of the United States. Yet its existence has been overshadowed by its more famous cousin in Washington, D.C., and it took decades for people to really appreciate its importance.



Get the complete story at this [LINK](#)

From National

Cyber-Theft Attempt At SAR Store

The SAR website will be unable to accept online orders as of 3/24/21 and should be down for 1-2 weeks at most. Orders can still be made by calling (502) 589-1779 between 8-4 PM EST. Voicemails will be returned and orders taken by employees and entered into the system manually.

Background: On 3-22-23, the SAR began receiving many small amounts, identical orders from the identical zip code in NYC. The typical order volume quadrupled overnight. It quickly became apparent that international cyber-criminals were trying to 'test' stolen credit card information from a data breach *elsewhere*, by using our online store.

NO SAR MEMBER DATA OR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION IS VULNERABLE OR AT RISK – we don't store credit card information in our systems, and our merchandise website transactions are handled by the third-party, best-in-class, reputable processor, **Global Payment Systems**, an international tier 1 security firm, doing billions of dollars of transactions annually. For more information, click here - <https://www.globalpayments.com/accept-payments/online/security>

The PACT Act

The PACT Act is one of the largest expansions of VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances. The VA has created a short 30 second video in an effort to help ensure all affected Veterans, their family members, and caregivers are aware of the act and the benefits available to these Veterans. Please share this 30-second video, and the VA's main PACT Act website with the membership of your respective societies.

- a. [LINK](#) to 30-second PACT Act VA Facebook post:
- b. [LINK](#) to VA webpage for more information

In Patriotic Service, Scott Giltner, Chairman – Veterans Committee, NSSAR

The Revolutionary War Rarities Podcast

As you know, Revolutionary War Rarities podcast is an official program of the SAR. We have been requested to support this valuable and entertaining program written and produced by the dynamic duo of Jim Griffith and Jim Maples. To this end, I am asking you to view the upcoming episode, like it and share on your social media platform. Each of the various communications committees will receive this same request. More details are below. I am asking everyone to make this touch on either Monday or Tuesday of next week. Season One, Episode Nineteen "It Still Exists" of the Revolutionary War Rarities podcast will be available this Sunday, March 19th. To access this podcast, open the [SAR national webpage](#) and hover over the "Quick Links" tab and select "RWR Podcast". You can also access the podcast through the YouTube channel, @revolutionarywarrarities790. Please give the new episode a listen, and don't forget to like and subscribe to Revolutionary War Rarities. Furthermore, if you would please share the new episode or the YouTube channel on your personal, state, or chapter social media page, and make sure the settings allow for others to share your post.

Best regards, Tom Jackson, Co-Chairman, Communications Committee, NSSAR

From State

SAR State Rumbaugh Oration Winner

The **Washington SAR State Rumbaugh Oration Judging Committee** has completed their business and can now report our results. We received three orations from chapters this year, whereas in recent years there have been none. First and foremost, the judges were in unanimous agreement that had we received any one of these fine submissions and no others, we would have been honored to have that contestant represent the state of Washington at the national level contest. The chapters and the entire Washington State society should therefore be very proud of each of these contestants. With that said, the judges have reached the following decision:

- 1st place: Abby Young (George Washington Chapter)
- 2nd place: Elizabeth Swift (Fort Vancouver Chapter)
- 3rd Place: Asher Bruce (Mid-Columbia Chapter)

Fred Templin, 2023 Washington SAR Rumbaugh Oration Chairman

WASSAR Membership and Chapter Support

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

NEW NSSAR SAR COMPATRIOT TRAINING AVAILABLE

To assist new SAR Compatriots, National has created a new training vehicle. It is simply entitled – SAR Compatriot Training. Several Modules are being developed and may be located on the SAR.org website under the eLearning tab. Currently, there are two such training modules available: SAR Compatriot Training Module – I (SAR History, Goals and Opportunities) and SAR Compatriot Training Module – II (SAR Organizational Structure).

Module - I highlights the history, goals, and opportunities of the SAR. At its conclusion, there is a short quiz and a printable certificate of completion – suitable for framing, of course.

Module - II gives a brief introduction to the overall organizational structure of the SAR beginning with the Chapter, through the State Society to the National levels. This module highlights the Chapter, State and National officers and their respective duties. There is no quiz with this module.

More training modules are being developed and will be added to the National site in the near future. These modules are very versatile and easily serve as an adjunct to the New Member Workbook as well as the Minute Message dispatches from Compatriot Doug Nelson.

This committee continues to issue periodic “Best Practices” notes to WASSAR Chapter Presidents. Individual members support chapters through personal contact by answering questions.

Committee members include Compatriots Keith Weissinger, Art Dolan, Doug Nelson, Russ Oliver, Fred Gilbert, Perry Taylor, and C. Marshall Eberhart.

Member Doug Nelson issues an e-learning lesson weekly.

While we continue to support and encourage the inclusion of a Members section on the WASSAR website. We have established a column in the Washington Trails Newsletter. We have included the WASSAR website QR code to encourage chapters to promote its use in recruiting.

At our last meeting President Weissinger asked for a 2022 dropped member survey. This committee has continued to encourage Chapter Presidents to foster membership communication.

Respectfully submitted:

Mike Hutchins/Perry Taylor Membership/Chapter Support Committee, Washington State, SAR

From the Chapters

Cascade Centennial Chapter

Cascade Centennial is off and running with a new year. Recent activities include: **Chapter Goals.** In February, our ExCom approved a set of goals for the 2023 year so we have a beacon to guide what our chapter will strive to achieve this year. The goals were shared by President Dick Paul with the membership at large.

New meeting location. Starting last Fall, we moved our meeting venue to Enzo’s Bistro in Issaquah. We still meet on the first Saturday of the month (except July, August, and September), but meetings now run from 11 am to 1 pm. The move has allowed us to include lunch as an integral part of the meeting, and to save money on rental costs. Our thanks to the management of Enzo’s for accommodating us so graciously.

Hybrid Meetings. The chapter, in a special meeting, made a major decision to upgrade our hybrid meeting equipment. We are now the proud owners of the Owl 3, demonstrated to us at our February meeting by President Tim Zenk of the Seattle Chapter. While the Owl 3 is a major investment, it will dramatically reduce set-up time and eliminate the need for a dedicated camera operator. Technology advances—so must we.

Youth Programs. We are in the thick of youth contests, as are the rest of the WASSAR chapters. We received an Eagle Scout entry thanks to coordinator Greg Emerson, four Knight Essays (after none last year) thanks to coordinator Fred Templin, an Enhanced JROTC nomination, and two entries for the inaugural Youth Video Contest which we have forwarded to state coordinator Keith Weissinger.

Fort Vancouver Chapter

Congratulations to Elizabeth Swift, Ridgefield High School junior, who won this year's first place honors in the Washington State SAR Society Knight Essay contest.

Elizabeth's essay highlighted the many accomplishments of Caty Greene, wife of Major General Nathanael Greene, hero of the American Revolution.

Congratulating Elizabeth are Ft. Vancouver SAR Chapter President Allen Furlow (left) and Washington Society President Keith Weissinger (right). Elizabeth was awarded \$1000 for her first-place honor. Her essay now goes on to the national competition.



George Rogers Clark Chapter

The grandson of the GRC Vice President, Ron Frederick, **Emeka Egbuka, is America.**

Many people will look at Emeka and say, "Wow, this handsome young man is an African American star football player for The Ohio State University."

That would be a true statement, but it only includes a small portion of historical truth. Emeka was inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution in 2015. How can that be? That would indicate that Emeka has ancestors that were patriots during the American Revolution. In fact, he has more than a dozen proven patriots who participated in that conflict. Moreover, Emeka has ancestors who have participated in every war in the history of the USA. For example, three of his great grandparents are veterans of World War II. He has several four times great grandfathers who fought in the Civil War.

His grandfather is a Vietnam Veteran, and his father is a Veteran of the War on Terror. Some of his ancestors were pilgrims in Massachusetts and others were some of the first settlers who arrived in Jamestown, Virginia. Emeka's mother (Ron's daughter) is European American, and his father is African American. That is just a small list of the actual history. DNA analysis will show that Emeka is 12 percent Ashkenazi Jew as well as 50 percent Igbo Tribe from Nigeria. His ancestry includes Irish Sea Captains, Scottish Highlanders, and Vikings. It includes farmers, merchants, and warriors. This is the story of America. This is the story of diversity, patriotism, and opportunity. There are people from every corner of the planet who call America home. This diversity and mixing of cultures continues to be a wonderful strength for our nation.



Emeka joining SAR at the Alexander Hamilton Chapter

No other nation has such diversity. By drawing on the diversity, ideas, and strengths of many cultures, we create synergy to make our nation stronger. This can enhance our vision as we move forward. Let us not wear blinders and say that only one vision can move us forward to a successful future. Remember the story of Emeka. **He is America.**

George Washington Chapter

The George Washington Chapter has had an active 4th quarter. The Chapter Color Guard participated in the Burlington Veterans Day Parade, Anacortes Christmas Parade and placing wreaths at Hawthorne Cemetery at Mt Vernon. Membership relations efforts seem to be working positively with only three dropped members; One was merely late with his dues, the second had recently started Social Security and was watching his expenses and I am awaiting a response from the third.

Youth Awards activity includes Dr Marshall Anderson assuming the chair for Youth Awards except Boy Scouts which is led by Marshall Eberhart. One, Eagle Scout was recognized for his achievement and two Knight Essay entries were received.

Member recognition was led by Chapter VP Bruce Bock receiving medals and certificates from NSSAR for his support for the Sgt Moses Adams Brochure program, 1776 Campaign, and the Ben Franklin Medal for supporting the NSSAR Library. Compatriots Glenn Orr, Dale Harshman, Russ Oliver, and David Vandaveer received the WASSAR Achievement Medal for their outstanding contributions to the Chapter. Compatriot John Kraft received the Chapter Certificate of Appreciation for his work as Facebook Administrator.

Chapter Programs included a review of the USS Stark Award program, Veterans sharing their service and NSSAR Giving (part 2).

We are making an effort to keep meetings to 90 minutes so that there is sufficient time to socialize.

Submitted, Mike Hutchins, President George Washington Chapter, WASSAR

John Paul Jones Chapter

Mrs. Tammy French, a history teacher at Forks High School, was honored recently as the John Paul Jones Chapter, Washington Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) History Teacher of the Year – 2022. The award is the first stage of the National Society Sons of the American



Revolution-sponsored Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher of the Year award. During a celebration of President's Day and observance of the 291st anniversary of the birth of General George Washington held Saturday the 18th of February at the George Washington Inn in Port Angeles, WA, Mrs. French was

presented with a SAR Certificate of Commendation and a monetary honorarium. Making the presentations were John Paul Jones Chapter, SAR President Perry Taylor and Education Committee Chair/Color Guard Captain Fred Gilbert. The Chapter is located in Bremerton, WA. Mrs. French was accompanied by her husband, Woody, and daughter, Macie. Tammy and her family reside in Sequim, WA.

In addition to winning the local SAR chapter award, her entry was forwarded to the state-level competition of the Washington Society SAR where she, again, took first place! Mrs. French will be honored at the Washington Society SAR annual conference in Spokane in April. As the state winner, her packet has been entered at the national level competition of the National Society SAR at their headquarters in Louisville, KY.

Submitted by Perry Taylor, President, John Paul Jones Chapter

Mid-Columbia Chapter

“Knight Essay Contest Winner”

Matthias Carpenter was the Mid-Columbia Chapter winner of the Knight Essay Contest and received an award of \$100. He went on to win 4th Place in the Washington Society. His essay was titled: “The Fight for Independence on the High Seas.” Attending the Chapter meeting were Matthias’ parents, four of his sisters, and a friend.

Taylor, Matthias’ oldest sister, won the Knight Essay Contest in 2021 with her essay, titled, “Peril and Providence: Close Calls in the Revolution”.

Respectfully submitted, Larry Flint

Ranger Chapter

At our January 21st meeting we had the swearing in of our 2023 officers by State Treasurer Rob Sexton.



From L-R: Rob Sexton (State Treasurer), Jeff Doughty (Chaplin), Tom Williams

(Secretary), Tim Doughty (President), Bill Barnsdale (Treasurer), Paul Kester (Historian), David Raese (Registrar)

At our February 18th meeting we had the swearing in of our Vice President Robert Young-McNeese for 2023 by State Treasurer Rob Sexton.



At our March 18th meeting we had three Potential New Members join us. One is well on his way and the other two are starting out on the journey. We have been participating in JROTC medals and awards and Flag Certificates. The Ranger Chapter is off and running like a herd of turtles, but moving forward and having fun. Come on out and join us the third Saturdays of the month 8:30am at the Harbour Pointe Golf Club, 11817 Harbour Pointe Blvd, Mukilteo, WA 98275

Tim Doughty, Ranger Chapter President

Spokane #1 Chapter

Scholarship Presented...

For his wife’s Birthday, Beverley (AKA Bever), Stan Wills presented the 10th Beverley Wills Scholarship to a Gold Award Girl Scout from Spokane. Her name is Milani Ornelas and she created a program to provide volunteers for various organizations in need of volunteers. Most of her volunteers come the high school age kids. She is now a student at the University of Washington. Stan “*Happy Birthday Beaver. I miss you*”.



Alexander Hamilton Chapter

None submitted

Seattle Chapter

None submitted

Welcome To All The New Members This Quarter

Blake Davenport..... GRC
 Charles Davenport..... GW
 Charles Rex Fullerton MC
 Cody Benjamin Womack GRC
 Dennis Davenport..... GW
 Faas Sloan Christianson..... JPJ
 Gary Dean Griss..... GW
 John Fletcher Perkins JPJ

Johnny Ray Meek..... GRC
 Keith E. Deaton MC
 Mark Nolan Crawford AH
 Patrick Anthony Burch JPJ
 Paul Keith Megargle..... AH
 Robert Lewis Nofsinger..... SE
 Stephen Michael Moores..... GW
 Vern Ray Starks JPJ

Meetings Around The State

Minutes from the State BOD Meeting, 28 Jan 2023

The January 2023 meeting of the Sons of the American Revolution, Washington SAR State Society Board of Directors, was convened at 9:00AM, Saturday, 28 January 2023, online via the Zoom application. A quorum was present with a total of twelve voting Members, and eight additional non-voting attendees also in attendance (20 attendees total).

Opening Ceremonies

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

WA SAR Chaplain Edwin Dierdorff gave the Invocation.

WA SAR Historian Neil Vernon led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

WA SAR Vice President Greg Lucas 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, with special attention to greeting the new chapter Presidents, and thanked all for providing their written reports on the WA SAR BOD Dropbox. Keith deferred further comments in favor of getting started on our very full agenda.

Approval of previous WA SAR Society State BOD meeting minutes

WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger asked if there were any additions or corrections needed for the minutes of the WA SAR BOD Meeting held 29 October 2022 in-person at the Buzz Inn Steakhouse in Ellensburg, WA. A clarification was needed in the George Rogers Clark Chapter President section, where the DAR chapter they partner with is the #1 most active in Washington State (#3 most active DAR chapter in the Nation). WA SAR Assistant Secretary Russ Oliver will amend the minutes as noted, and the previous meeting minutes were then approved as amended 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-\$15, more discussion at Spring Leadership); and reminded all chapter leaders that they must file Form 990 every year, every chapter (see your chapter Treasurer, Annual Information Return from Tax-Exempt Organization).
- State Vice President: WA SAR Vice President Greg Lucas encouraged all present to consider attending NSSAR Spring Leadership (28 February – 5 March), as well as to make your room reservations with the hotel hosting our WA SAR State Annual Meeting 28-29 April 2023.
- State Secretary: WA SAR Assistant State Secretary Russ Oliver reported to the BOD that State Secretary Al Pinkham no longer requires the \$5 state administrative fee on reinstatements done within WA SAR. That fee was historically needed for postage, and the process has moved entirely electronic. Russ formally proposed to the BOD that the state officially drop the \$5 administrative fee on reinstatements done within WA SAR and update the Fees table in the WA SAR Administrative Procedures document to reflect this. After a brief discussion, voting was NOT unanimous, one member voted Nay, but the Aye's carried the proposal. Russ will make the necessary updates to Fees table in the WA SAR Administrative Procedures document. State Americanism Chairman Viren Lemmer asked a state membership data question, as well as Bob Doughty, and Russ took those questions for action offline.
- 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 in 2022 mostly due to a surplus from the annual state conference budget, and youth awards line items that were unspent. For 2023, Rob provided a budget forecast with a \$2000 deficit, and is OK with that, and seeks BOD approval. After much discussion, the proposed 2023 budget was approved via unanimous consent.
- State Registrar: WA SAR Registrar John Kraft reported that his proposal to increase the annual budget line item for the State Registrar was included in the 2023 budget that was just approved.
- State Chaplain: WA SAR Chaplain Edwin Dierdorff reported all 2022 Memorials and Bios for WA SAR compatriots who passed are ready for the State Annual Meeting and National Congress.

- State Historian: WA SAR Historian Neil Vernon reported his efforts to digitize and index state records continue and reminded all chapters to send him scans of all certificates for preservation.
- State Color Guard Commander: WA SAR Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon congratulated all present on WA SAR color guard activities taking up 4 full pages in the last National SAR magazine edition! 2023 Color Guard events are scheduled through May 2023, with special attention to 20 February 2023 George Washington Day at the U of W campus and 04 March 2023 Massing of the Colors in Dupont, WA.
- National Trustee: State National Trustee Perry Taylor was not present.
- Alt. National Trustee: Robert Sexton deferred any additional comments.
- At Large Director#1: State At Large Director Doug Nelson was not present.

Chapter Presidents:

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.

- Alexander Hamilton Chapter: Chapter President John Herr deferred any additional comments.
- Cascade Centennial Chapter: Chapter President Dick Paul deferred any additional comments.
- Fort Vancouver Chapter: Chapter President Allen Furlow reported their chapter has added a new program for pending members, designed to encourage them to attend meetings and helping them feel involved while their applications are in progress (the Fort Vancouver Chapter Militia – a quill, challenge coin, and certificate are presented to the pending member). In addition, Pub Nights continue to take off, these informal social events are in demand and are very enjoyable.
- George Rogers Clark Chapter: Chapter President Lew Maudsley deferred any additional comments.
- George Washington Chapter: Chapter President Mike Hutchins deferred any additional comments.
- John Paul Jones Chapter: Chapter President Perry Taylor was not present this meeting.
- Mid-Columbia Chapter: Chapter President Richard Roddy was not present this meeting.
- Ranger Chapter: Chapter President Tim Doughty deferred any additional comments.
- Seattle Chapter: Chapter President Tim Zenk was not present this meeting.
- 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 deferred any additional comments.
- Americanism – Chairman Viren Lemmer reported that the annual Americanism report is a comprehensive look at the activities of the state society – it is a 12-part report, and he has 5 weeks remaining to compile all the data. Viren needs all chapters to respond to his requests please. Council of Youth Programs Chairman Jeff Lightburn amplified the need to provide this data to Viren. State Investment Manager Chuck Waid asked why our state was doing this - didn't we choose to leave this behind years ago? WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger noted there is more of a focus on recording what we do as a state, and many state and national contests have been realigned.
- Annual Conference - Chairman Dick Paul deferred any additional comments – see the Unfinished Business section for his report.
- CAR Liaison – Chairman Stefan Kovalenko was not present this meeting.
- Color Guard Newsletter / Color Guard Webmaster – Chairman Dick Motz was not present this meeting.
- Council of Chapter Presidents - Chairman Doug Nelson was not present this meeting.
- Council of Youth Programs – Chairman Jeff Lightburn deferred any additional comments.
- DAR Liaison East – Chairman Stan Wills was not present this meeting.
- DAR Liaison West – this position is currently Vacant.
- Eagle Scouts - Chairman Greg Emerson was not present this meeting.
- Education Coordinator – Chairman Viren Lemmer deferred any additional comments.
- Ethics – Chairman Greg Lucas deferred any additional comments.
- Facebook Administrator – Chairman Stefan Kovalenko was not present this meeting.
- Flag Recognition - Chairman Russ Oliver deferred any additional comments.
- History Teacher Award - Chairman Greg Lucas deferred any additional comments.
- Investment Manager – Chairman Chuck Waid deferred any additional comments.
- JROTC/ROTC - Chairman Conrad Plyler or Perry Taylor or Alan Mandigo - were not present this meeting.
- Knight Essay - Chairman Jeff Lightburn deferred any additional comments.
- Medals and Awards – Chairman Jim Lindley deferred any additional comments.

- Membership and Chapter Support - Chairman Mike Hutchins deferred any additional comments.
- Newsletter Editor – Chairman Dick Motz 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 deferred any additional comments.
- Veterans’ Services - Chairman Roger Dent was not present this meeting.
- Webmaster – this position is currently vacant.
- Website Modernization – Chairman Mark Schaffer was not present this meeting.
- Youth Poster and Brochure – Chairman Allen Furlow deferred any additional comments.
- Youth Protection Training – Chairman Perry Taylor was not present this meeting.
- Youth Video Contest – Chairman Keith Weissinger deferred any additional comments.

Unfinished Business:

- Website Modernization - Update – Chairman Mark Schaffer was not present - WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger noted Mark is having health issues and asked for this committee update to be tabled for the next BOD meeting.
- 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. Registration is now open, but off to a slow start – Dick projects 85+ registrations, with only 15 received so far. Urge your chapter attendees to register! \$350 in raffle tickets have already been received, and \$900 in donations have already been received.
- 2024 State Annual Conference - Chairman Dick Paul reported that the 2024 State Annual Conference needed to change locations and host chapter – the final venue option under consideration in the George Washington area was deemed not suitable.
 - Location will now be Ocean Shores, WA
 - Host chapter will now be co-hosts John Paul Jones and George Rogers Clark
 - Research is beginning for a conference site and contract negotiations.
- 2025 State Annual Conference – no site yet, be thinking of options
- 2026 State Annual Conference (America’s 250th Anniversary year!) - no site yet, be thinking of options
- Report of the Nominating Committee – Chairmen Perry Taylor and Allen Furlow – Allen reported that the nominating committee unanimously recommends the current slate for consideration by the membership at the upcoming WA SAR State Annual Meeting in April 2023:
 - State President Candidate: Compatriot Greg Lucas
 - State Vice President Candidate: Compatriot Viren Lemmer
 - State Secretary Candidate: Compatriot Russ Oliver
 - State Treasurer Candidate: Compatriot Rob Sexton
 - State Registrar Candidate: Compatriot John Kraft
 - State Chaplain Candidate: Compatriot Ed Dierdorff
 - State Historian Candidate: Compatriot Neil Vernon
 - State National Trustee Candidate: Compatriot Perry Taylor
 - State Alternate National Trustee Candidate: Compatriot Rob Sexton
 - Pacific District VPG: It is Oregon SAR turn, and likely has a candidate in mind. If Alaska and WA SAR don’t agree on that candidate, current VPG Viren Lemmer is willing to run again as the WA SAR candidate. The Pacific District Annual Meeting will meet via Zoom on 14 April 2023 to discuss candidates and elect a VPG.

New Business:

- Designate Delegates to National Congress - WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger noted that National Congress is in Orlando, FL this year, and it is time to designate delegates for WA SAR. Our state usually has 10-11 opportunities. Those expressing interest currently:

Keith Weissinger (AH)

Perry Taylor (JPJ)

Bruce

Bock

(GW)?

Greg Lucas (CC)

Neil Vernon (SEA)

(Needs to confirm with spouse)

Viren Lemmer (AH)

Andrew Brewer (FV)

Bob Doughty (CC)

John Kraft (GW)

- Reinstatement Process Admin Fee Proposal – already covered in the WA SAR Assistant State Secretary Russ Oliver report section above.
- State Challenge Coin Reorder - WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger noted we have zero currently in stock and have some requests coming in. Minimum order is 50 coins. Do we order more? After discussion, there was no rousing interest at the time of this meeting. See February 2023 BOD email proposal and email vote in the Appendix of these Minutes.

Those Voting Members and Guests in Attendance (20)

(Voting Members - 12)

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| ○ WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger | ○ Cascade Centennial Chapter President Dick Paul |
| ○ WA SAR Vice President Greg Lucas | ○ Fort Vancouver Chapter President Allen Furlow |
| ○ WA SAR Chaplain Edwin Dierdorff | ○ George Rogers Clark Chapter President Lew Maudsley |
| ○ WA SAR Historian and CG Co. Neil Vernon | ○ George Washington Chapter President Mike Hutchins |
| ○ WA SAR Registrar John Kraft | ○ Ranger Chapter President Tim Doughty |
| ○ WA SAR Treasurer and Alt. Nat. Trustee Robert Sexton | |
| ○ Alexander Hamilton Chapter President John Herr | |

(Non-Voting Guests - 8)

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| ○ Compatriot Bruce Bock | ○ Compatriot Jeff Lightburn |
| ○ Compatriot Bob Doughty | ○ Compatriot Jim Lindley |
| ○ Compatriot Ronald Frederick | ○ Compatriot Russ Oliver |
| ○ Compatriot Viren Lemmer | ○ Compatriot Chuck Waid |

Next State BOD Meeting

Our next State BOD meeting is scheduled for Friday 28 April 2023, in-person at the WA SAR State Annual Conference in Spokane, WA. See the current schedule for the meeting room and time.

Closing Remarks

WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger thanked all in attendance for a very productive meeting and reminded everyone to complete their registration for the April 2023 State Annual Conference.

Closing Ceremonies

WA SAR Chaplain Edwin Dierdorff gave the Benediction.

WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger adjourned the meeting at 10:11AM, with peace and harmony prevailing.

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

Minutes from the State BOD Meeting, 27 Mar 2023 (Special Session)

A special session of the Sons of the American Revolution, Washington SAR State Society Board of Directors, was convened at 5:04PM, Monday, 27 March 2023, online via the Zoom application. A quorum was present with a total of fourteen voting Members, and four additional non-voting attendees also in attendance (18 attendees total).

Opening Ceremonies

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

WA SAR Chaplain Edwin Dierdorff gave the Invocation.

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, opted to forgo some of the traditional ceremonies, and deferred further comments in favor of getting started on our special session agenda. Three proposals needed quick action and could not wait for the next regularly scheduled Board meeting in April 2023.

New Business:

- State Annual Conference Committee Chairman Dick Paul – recommendation to the Board to approve the 2024 site location and initial 2024 annual conference budget. Dick reviewed the site location difficulties for 2024, and the desire to change focus to Ocean Shores, WA. After reviewing the Ocean Shores Conference Center, the nearby Motel options, and the preliminary 2024 annual conference meeting budget based on the recommended selections, Dick made the following recommendation:
 - That the site for our 2024 annual state conference be Ocean Shores, WA, and the Ocean Shores Conference Center, with group room rates at the Comfort Inn across the street, and the preliminary budget for 2024 based on those selections be approved (a break-even budget).
 - After discussion and questions, the recommendation passed unanimously (14 in favor, none opposed, none abstained).
- State Treasurer Rob Sexton – recommendation to the Board to approve opening a money market account with USBank. Rob reviewed that the current state checking account earns 0.004% interest (approximately \$0.18 cents a month based on current balances), and that USBank is offering a money market checking account with a 4% interest rate guaranteed for 6 months. A minimum balance of \$25000 must be maintained to gain that interest rate, which the state could easily support. Rob made the following motion:
 - That the state opens a money market checking account with USBank and transfer the necessary state checking funds to take advantage of the 4% interest rate offer.
 - Perry Taylor seconded the motion
 - After discussion and questions, the motion passed unanimously (14 in favor, none opposed, none abstained).
- State Treasurer Rob Sexton – recommendation to the Board to approve a revised State 2023 annual budget. Rob reviewed that the 2023 state annual budget that the Board approved in January contained a few errors and omissions. After reviewing the differences between the 2023 budget approved in January and the current revised 2023 annual state budget (which reduces the previously projected deficit from -\$1900 to -\$1400 after the correction of the errors and omissions) Rob made the following motion:
 - That the Board approve the revised 2023 state annual budget, further amended to include Rumbaugh Oration Contest medal support (an additional \$50 to that line item) and Knight Essay Contest medal support (an additional \$50 to that line item).
 - Al Pinkham seconded the amended motion
 - After discussion and questions, the amended motion passed unanimously (14 in favor, none opposed, none abstained).

Those Voting Members and Guests in Attendance (18)

(Voting Members - 14)

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| ○ WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger | ○ Alexander Hamilton Chapter President John Herr |
| ○ WA SAR Chaplain Edwin Dierdorff | ○ Cascade Centennial Chapter President Dick Paul |
| ○ WA SAR Historian & Color Guard Co. Neil Vernon | ○ Fort Vancouver Chapter President Allen Furlow |
| ○ WA SAR Secretary Al Pinkham | ○ George Rogers Clark Chapter President Lew Maudsley |
| ○ WA SAR Treasurer & Alt. Nat. Trustee Robert Sexton | ○ George Washington Chapter President Mike Hutchins |
| ○ WA SAR National Trustee Perry Taylor | ○ Ranger Chapter President Tim Doughty |
| ○ WA SAR Director At Large Doug Nelson | ○ Seattle Chapter President Tim Zenk |

(Non-Voting Guests - 4)

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| ○ Compatriot Bruce Bock | ○ Compatriot Dick Motz |
| ○ Compatriot Viren Lemmer | ○ Compatriot Russ Oliver |

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Closing Remarks

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Closing Ceremonies

WA SAR Chaplain Edwin Dierdorff gave the Benediction.

WA SAR President Dr. Keith Weissinger adjourned the meeting at 5:49PM, with peace and harmony prevailing.

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

Secretary's Corner Dec 2022

Compatriots,

I want to begin this column by taking a moment to celebrate our State Secretary, Al Pinkham, who stepped up to the challenge of filling in as State Secretary in February 2017 when the incumbent Secretary unfortunately passed away. With no turnover, mentor, or advice, Al has served us and our state society faithfully ever since and is stepping down in late April for a well-deserved retirement after 6 years of service as our State Secretary. Thank you so much, for all you do and have done for us, Al!



The first days with highs over 60 degrees have announced that Spring is here – that means the State Annual Conference 28-29 April 2023 in Spokane, WA is only a few short weeks away. If you have not yet registered to attend, I strongly urge you to consider doing so – all State Officers are up for election, plus many fantastic talks, presentations, and activities are lined up for you to enjoy. Visit the [National website](#) and review your personal information in the new member database, called the BLUE database. Do you have a new phone number? Did you move to a new address? We can all update our personal information and keep it current. Chapter Secretaries, if your chapter officers have changed, please let Al and I know, and we can help you update the list of your 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 State Secretary, Washington State, SAR

News From The WA State SAR Ladies Auxiliary (LAWASSAR)

[Facebook Page](#)



As the frost melts and the flowers emerge, let us also reflect on the changing seasons of the SAR. My time as president of the Ladies Auxiliary comes to an end and we will elect a new slate of officers at our State Meeting in Spokane. I have enjoyed getting to know all of you and seeing what wonderful characters exist in this organization. I will still represent all of you through the DAR/SAR/SR liaison committee, and if you need anything, please let me know. Spring is a busy time in nature and in the SAR. We will have many activities and get together at the state meeting. We will have a Ladies Auxiliary meeting with guest First Lady Rita Pickett. We have bylaws to amend, officers to elect, and much more. There will be a tour of the Gonzaga University Campus, including their extensive art collection, and a tour of the Bing Crosby House with a surprise. The Ladies will also need to bring copies of photos that they think represent us and our state LA for the creation of a poster to be shown at the National SAR Congress this summer in Orlando. Yes, a trip to Hogwarts and the Mouse will be available for all who wish. The Congress hotel, Rosen Plaza, is quite close to Sea World. I have enjoyed serving you and look forward to the next season.



Cynthia Weissinger, President, Ladies Auxiliary, WASSAR

You Should Be Registered By Now!!!



2023 Washington Society SAR (WASSAR)
Conference April 28-29, 2023

The Mirabeau Park Hotel and Conference Center, Spokane, WA ([Google map LINK](#))



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

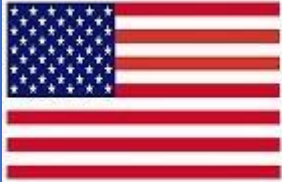
On-line: <https://mirabeauparkhotel.com/> Go to **BOOK** in upper right, choose dates for stay, go to **Rate Options** and enter promo code **SAR22!!** (Bottom of list) and hit "Book it"

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, 2023 WASSAR Conference Planning Committee, phone: (425) 373-6542


WA State Children of the American Revolution (CAR)



Washington State Society of the Children of the American Revolution

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

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Promoting the National Theme, "Find Fun in the Past...Build Joy for the Future" nscar.org



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MILITARY

KIDS

N.S.C.A.R. is partnering with the Our Military Kids, Inc

April is "Month of Military Child"

The Goals of this year's National Project are to do the following to support Our Military Kids, Inc.:

1. N.S.C.A.R. will raise awareness of the importance of activities and artistic expression help to improve morale, camaraderie, and overall societal health, especially in children
2. N.S.C.A.R. will raise financial support to go toward scholarships for Our Military Kids, Inc. to encourage children to engage in activities that inspire and ultimately build the future of our society and highlight American values.
3. N.S.C.A.R. will increase membership through encouragement of the real impact kids can have on our country and our worlds if they use their own gifts to serve and uplift others, especially our youth.

Our Military Kids, Inc. is a 501 (c)3 organization that recognizes the sacrifice of children deployed of deployed national Guard, deployed Reserve, or post 9/11 combat-injured members by offering extracurricular activity grants. The goal is to build the child's self confidence, and enhance family wellness .

To learn more about Our Military Kids, Inc. please visit <https://www.ourmilitarykids.org/>

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

Data extracted from the National Database (3-7-23).

If incorrect, contact your chapter secretary



January	February	March
Alfred George Folkerts	Alan Michael Mandigo	Allen Lee Furlow
Blake Craig Johnson	Alvin Wayne Farber	Charles Emmett Estep
Brian Patrick Dorr	Andrew Glen Brewer	Charles Horace Craig
Brian Tahsin Ugurlu	Anton Kumar Bergquist	David Leonard Kruso
Bruce Carroll Allen	Brian Joel Waid	David Leroy Richardson
Bryan Douglas Bechler	Carlos Lee Malone	David Senna Raese
Charles Davenport	Chester John Caskey	Donald Bowman Kraft
Christopher Alan Kuntz	Coleson Thomas Oliver	Donald Dale Mammen
Christopher Reichert	Daniel Edison Norris	Donnie Max Ruyle
Conn Owen Clark	Douglas Gilbert Shaw	Douglas Harold Nelson
Connor John Stewart	Frederick Compton Gilbert	Ethan Chandler Shaw
Craig Allen Herkimer	George Debonham Boice	Frank Alfred Pearce Jr
Daniel Brent Widdis	George Evan Hanson	Frederick Joseph Becker III
David Phillip Stockton	Gerald Alan Hevern	Gary Lucian Barton
David Warren Lasser	Glenn Robert Orr	George Thomas Clark
Duncan Clarke Hughbanks	Grayson Clarke Hughbanks	James Edward Karlstrand
Garry Clark Carpenter	Harold Martin Prather Jr	James Edward Rose
Gary Lee Pearson	James Edward Duffield	Jeffery Laverne Harlan
Grant Robert Rauzi	Jeff Raymond Brown	Jerry Lynn Harless
Hyrum Richard Berg	John Stephen Colwell	Jimmy Robert Norris
James Dwight Honeyford	Jon Gregory Wagner	John F. Baxter
John Eric Kraft	Joseph Anthony Coorough Sr	John Gerald Whelton
John Godfrey Dean	Joshua Allen Giebel	Kent Michael Gossman
John Leonard Davis	Kent Owen Bassett	Kevin Robert Saville
John Michael Emrick	Kevin Robert Coyne	Kevin Scott Lake
Kenneth Doster Roberts	Larry Allen Peck Sr	Kirk Potter Miles
Kermit Lee Snelson	Michael Edward Moore	Larry Keith Heckethorne
Larry Kent Carpenter	Paul Anton Nashleanas	Leland Jay Clise
Mark Chessman Dunham	Paull Edward Fellman	Paul Allen Moutray
Maurice Luther Greiner	Raymond Snider Pickens	Richard Joseph Stride
Michael Conrad Shea	Richard David Moody	Rick Lynn Goble
Michael Owen Bendickson	Robert Maurice Thompson II	Robert Clifford Todd
Michael Riland Menkin	Rodger Lind Dent	Robert Harrison Lamb
Morris Konstandinos Estep	Stanley Earl Granberg	Ronald Eugene Black Sr.
Nelson Mathews Waring	Steven Jay Drew	Sam Robert Doubleday
Norman Paul Eberly	Terry Leroy Carver	Steven Andrew Whitacre
Richard Lee McCormick	Thomas Walter Sparks	Terry Dee Gobel
Robert Dale Parrish II	Verne Allen Gray	Thomas Stanley Wills
Steven Lane Shaw		Vernon Carl Gray
Walter Paul Whittaker		William Allison Bolima
William David Cowart		William Scott Pand



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YOUR COLOR GUARD

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THE FACE OF THE SAR

From The Commander

Compatriots,

Winter is now past and Spring has sprung. During this last quarter I have had 14 events reported to me. 11 were Living History presentations, 2 Ceremonies and 1 Citizenship. I am sure the upcoming months will see many activities across the State. As I attend many events, I am pleased to see the brotherhood and support given to the events and to the host chapters! Together we are strong!



I have observed in my travels across the state to many chapters that attendance continues to be an issue at chapter meetings. This is an area we can fill the gaps and support our chapters. We are the public face of the SAR and often the very strength of the chapter and their activities. I would like to emphasize the need of your attendance at your individual chapters and to attend these meetings in person. This will serve in building the relationships needed to make the bond between Chapter members and also serves as a resource and recruitment opportunity for new Color Guard members.

Looking forward: I would like to remind you that in April we will have our annual State Conference which will be held in Spokane, Washington. I encourage as many Color Guard 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. National has provided us with new guideline of procedures for performing Color Guard activities. This is an effort to standardize how the Color Guard performs across the country and together with the National Color Guard if the opportunity arises. This is one of the few times during the year we can practice together and we get a sneak preview of the National Standards. 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. We need to be mindful of our conduct toward one another at events and be mindful of that we are all Volunteers and come from various walks of life and experiences.

The Color Guard I inherited had 3 rules during the events: 1) Step off on the Left 2) Have fun 3) Look good in the pictures.

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.

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 are still available. The cost is \$3.25 each.

If you want them mailed the cost is:

- More than 3 the postage is \$9.90.
- 3 or less the postage is \$1.00

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



Note: They will be available at the annual State meeting in April

The National Colorguardsman Magazine

Is available at this LINK: <https://www.sar.org/?s=Colorguardsman>

Color Guard Events Throughout The State

Regional Area Color Guard Events In Jan, Feb, Mar

Northern Region

20 Feb: George Washington Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony. A baker's dozen Washington Society SAR Color Guard members, along with the joint SAR and DAR Drum and Fife Corps participated in the cold and windy February 20 President's Day wreath laying ceremony at the University of Washington.

The ceremony occurred at the President George Washington Monument on the campus of the University of Washington with representatives of SAR and DAR chapters and other organizations laying wreaths at the base of the pedestal and George Washington statue. Citing the History.com, President's Day was originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington. He was born on February 11, 1731, according to the then-used Julian calendar. Britain and all its colonies adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1752, which moved his birthday a year and 11 days to February 22, 1732. It became a federal holiday in 1879. The shift from Washington's Birthday to President's Day came in 1968 with passage of the federal Uniform Monday Holiday Act. President's Day is widely focused on Washington and Abraham Lincoln, who was born on February 12, 1809. (Contributed by Dick Moody)

CG members present were: Neil Vernon, Dick Motz, Viren Lemmer, Skip Stephan, Mike Moore, Jerry Bordelon, Ken Roberts, Dick Moody, Bruce Bock, Bill Bentler, Robert Korn, Rob Nofsinger, David Horsley, and Lew Maudsley
Non-SAR F&D: Melonie Leaning, Stephanie Conroy, Terry Barker, & Alonde Droege

Also in attendance were the SAR State president, Keith Weissinger & wife Cindi, the state CAR President, John Herr, Bob Beets, and Dennis Case, as well as many DAR members



Southern Region

4 Mar: WA State Patriotic Day (AKA Gathering of the Colors). Washington State Patriotic Day, (AKA MOAA - Military Officers Association of America) had its annual gathering March 4th, 2023 at Pioneer Middle School, Dupont, WA. The purpose is celebrating patriotism, honoring all Washington military, and first responders. "It also allows all participants and spectators to reaffirm their patriotism to our country and our flag." It begins with massing of the colors, and in 2023, the honorary was led by MOAA Color Guard, followed by the SAR Fife and Drum Corps followed by all members of the Washington State Color Guard. In 2015, MOAA was certified by National SAR to be a designated national event. (Contributed by Art Dolan)

GATHERING OF THE COLORS.





CG Members participating were: (l to r) Joe CoorOugh, Lew Maudsley, Eric Olsen, Art Dolan, Dick Moody, Bob Korn, Mike More, Stan Granberg, Jerry Bordelon, Paul Winter, Michael Fitzpatrick, and Jan Lemmer
 Not in photo: Skip Stephan, Bill Bentler, Dennis Case.

The SAR-DAR Fife & Drum Corp members were:
 Alonde Droege,
 Stephanie Conroy,
 Melonie Leaning, Terry Barker



11-12 Mar: Cascade Mountain Men Show. Enumclaw Expo Center.
 CG members attending were: Bill Bentler & Mike Hutchens.



Eastern Region

19 Jan: New citizens ceremony. Stan Wills and Doug Jonas presented flag pins to 19 new citizens from 13 countries at the Spokane Federal Building, Spokane



Western Region

The John Paul Jones education outreach team gave another classroom presentation to 17 students and 6 adults at the Baker Creek Scholl for parent partnership learning program. Following the presentation, time was allotted for the students and adults to inspect the display items and ask one-on-one questions with a team member. The presentation team was (L to R) Doug Nelson, Conrad Plyler, Fred Gilbert, team lead and Bob Smalzer. After the end of the presentation Fred presented the teacher/ Parent Partnership Program Coordinator, Ms. Jacobson with a WA State SAR challenge coin and thanked her and the school for hosting the John Paul Jones Education Team.



The John Paul Jones Chapter Education team gave a two-hour presentation to the West Hills Elementary home school program students on 22 Mar. The students were in grades 4th through 8th. The Fred Gilbert, JPJ Education Coordinator discussed the history leading up to the revolutionary war to include Valley Forge, then Bob Smalser discussed and the Western Frontier life and Washington's sharp shooters followed by Doug Nelson speaking on the day in the life on a colonial family. JPJ member Robert Smalaser, pictures, discussing his Germany patriot ancestors on the Pennsylvania frontier who became the sharp shooter for General Washington. Bob explained how the new technology of rifling came about and how the long rifles were made on the PA frontier, these rifles accuracy was up about 300yd, significantly farther than the British Brown Bess smooth bore muskets. Seated are Fred Gilbert and Doug Nelson.

Presentation Stats:

- Fred Gilbert - 23 presentations
- Doug Nelson - 21 presentations
- Bob Smalser - 20 presentations
- Perry Taylor - 18 Presentations
- Total # Students YTD: 921



Military Humor & More



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

Thule AFB, Greenland, at nearly 700 miles above the Article, is the type of assignment known in the Air Force as "remote". One afternoon the crew of an C141 Starlifter impatiently awaited the arrival of a sewage - servicing truck, which had already delayed their takeoff by 20 minutes. At last, the truck appeared, driven by a nonchalant airman who set about removing the plane's sewage in an unhurried fashion. The aircraft's commander, a full Colonel, began furiously berating him for his lackadaisical attitude. Interrupting the commander in mid-sentence, the airman heaved a sigh and said "So, what are you going to do to me, Colonel? I've got no stripes, I'm stuck in Greenland, and I am pumping sewage from your plane. How could you possibly make things worse?" The colonel shrugged his shoulders, said, "I dunno," and got back on the plane!!!

From the Editor

The first McDonalds drive thru was built in 1975 in the Sierra Vista area in AZ. It was near a military installation called **Fort Huachuca** to serve military members that were not permitted to exit their vehicles while wearing their combat uniform.



The Nock Volley Gun

Our Founding Fathers most certainly could envision firearms that could shoot more than three rounds per minute.



"Prepare to repel boarders!"
In the age of fighting sail, the command to repel boarders was one that was sure to raise the adrenaline levels of all who heard it. In Lord Nelson's Royal Navy, it was the cue that onboard Marines needed to prepare for close-in, hand-to-hand fighting. Things were about to get real, as they say these days. Today we call weapons that can inflict mass damage "force multipliers." In the latter part of the 18th century, there were few weapons this side of artillery that a single soldier could use to multiply his effect upon the enemy. In 1779, James Wilson presented his invention of a multi-barreled, shoulder fired flintlock rifle to the British Board

of Ordnance for consideration. While the Army did not find it practical, the Royal Navy saw its potential for discharging a devastating hail of lead in a concentrated area from the fighting tops of a ship's mast against boarding parties. As Wilson was not a gunmaker, but a captain in the Marines, the Board contracted London gunmaker Henry Nock to make 500 of Wilson's Volley guns, now known as Nock's Volley Gun. Henry Nock had entered the gun trade in his 20s as a lock maker, and quickly found a niche for himself in not only manufacturing locks, but also in designing innovative ideas into new locks that earned him numerous patents and approval by the British Board of Ordnance. The latter half of

the 18th century was still the era of the "cottage industry" where apprentices, journeymen and master craftsmen all worked within the guild system making various components of military firearms that were then assembled, handfitted and completed by armorers. Nock was quite proficient at making locks and bayonets, eventually making complete guns for the British Army then embroiled in suppressing the revolution that had sprung up in their soon-to-be former American colonies. The Board of Ordnance order for 500 of Nock's volley guns (eventually increased to 650) at £13 each (£2,200 in modern terms) was quite the financial windfall for Nock. The largest ships-of-the-line were outfitted with

20 of Nock's guns, and the rest of the Navy was issued anywhere from eight to 16 depending on the size of the ship. Initially, Wilson's gun was comprised of seven rifled .577-caliber fixed barrels, one in the center and six surrounding the main barrel. The standard load was 68 grains of blackpowder and a ball that weighed in the neighborhood of 500 grains. For those of you who are acquainted with the standard musket load of a Civil War-era Enfield rifle, this is the same load used by hundreds of thousands of both Union and Confederate infantry. Now imagine firing seven muskets from your shoulder at once. The accompanying blast of recoil was rumored to have broken the shoulders of more than one of His Majesty's stout Marines. As a result, it was not far into the process that the guns were reconfigured in smoothbore and the caliber and the resulting bullet and powder weights were reduced considerably, the bullet to .46-caliber. Some written scholarship on these behemoths has revealed that the main barrel, the one in the center, was fired

first with the surrounding six barrels simultaneously firing as the main barrel ignited. While filming an episode of "American Rifleman Television" some years ago, we had the good fortune of recording the firing sequence with a highspeed camera and the results surprised us and upset some long-held beliefs about how the gun functioned. Our original Nock-the very same gun used by Richard Widmark in The Alamo (1960) and donated to the NRA's National Firearms Museum in 2010 by the Estate of Robert E. Petersen-and formerly from the Stenbridge Gun Rental collection-was fired for the camera. The resulting footage showed that the first barrel to fire was the one directly opposite the frizzen pan, the 11 o'clock position as you look from the muzzle to the breech. The rest of the barrels went off, one by one, clockwise, with the last one to go off being the one in the center. The discharge happens so quickly that it is impossible to discern that all seven barrels do not all fire at the same time. The volley guns had an impressive

service life of 25 years at sea before no less than Lord Horatio Nelson suggested that their use not only crippled Marines, but posed a real threat to the ship's sails and rigging in that they were susceptible to catching fire from the muzzle blast from seven barrels simultaneously discharging. The volley guns were withdrawn from service in 1804, the same year that Henry Nock passed away, leaving his business in the hands of his son-in-law, James Wilkinson, and his son, Henry. Henry and his descendants continued the family gun-making business and expanded into edged weapons, eventually forming Wilkinson sword, which provided some of the finest swords and bayonets for the British armed services until 2005. The NRA's National Firearms Museum is fortunate to own two original Board of Ordnance Naval volley guns, one most recently donated by Barry and Nancy Bock through the auspices of Christian and Alex Cranmer at International Military Antiques of New Jersey.

Uniforms & Other Items Wanted/For Sale

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

Wanted:				
Contact	Item	Size	Note	
For Sale:				
Contact	Item	Size	Cost	Notes

The Washington Trail - Publication Schedule

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

<i>Edition</i>	<i>BOD</i>	<i>Period covered</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Published on</i>
Winter (1 st Qtr.)	Jan	1 Jan to 31 Mar	No later than 24 Mar	31 Mar +/-
Spring (2 nd Qtr.)	Apr	1 Apr to 30 Jun	No later than 25 Jun	30 Apr +/-
Summer (3 rd Qtr.)	Jul	1 Jul to 30 Sep	No later than 24 Sep	30 Sep +/-
Fall (4 th Qtr.)	Oct	1 Oct to 31 Dec	No later than 25 Dec	31 Dec +/-

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.