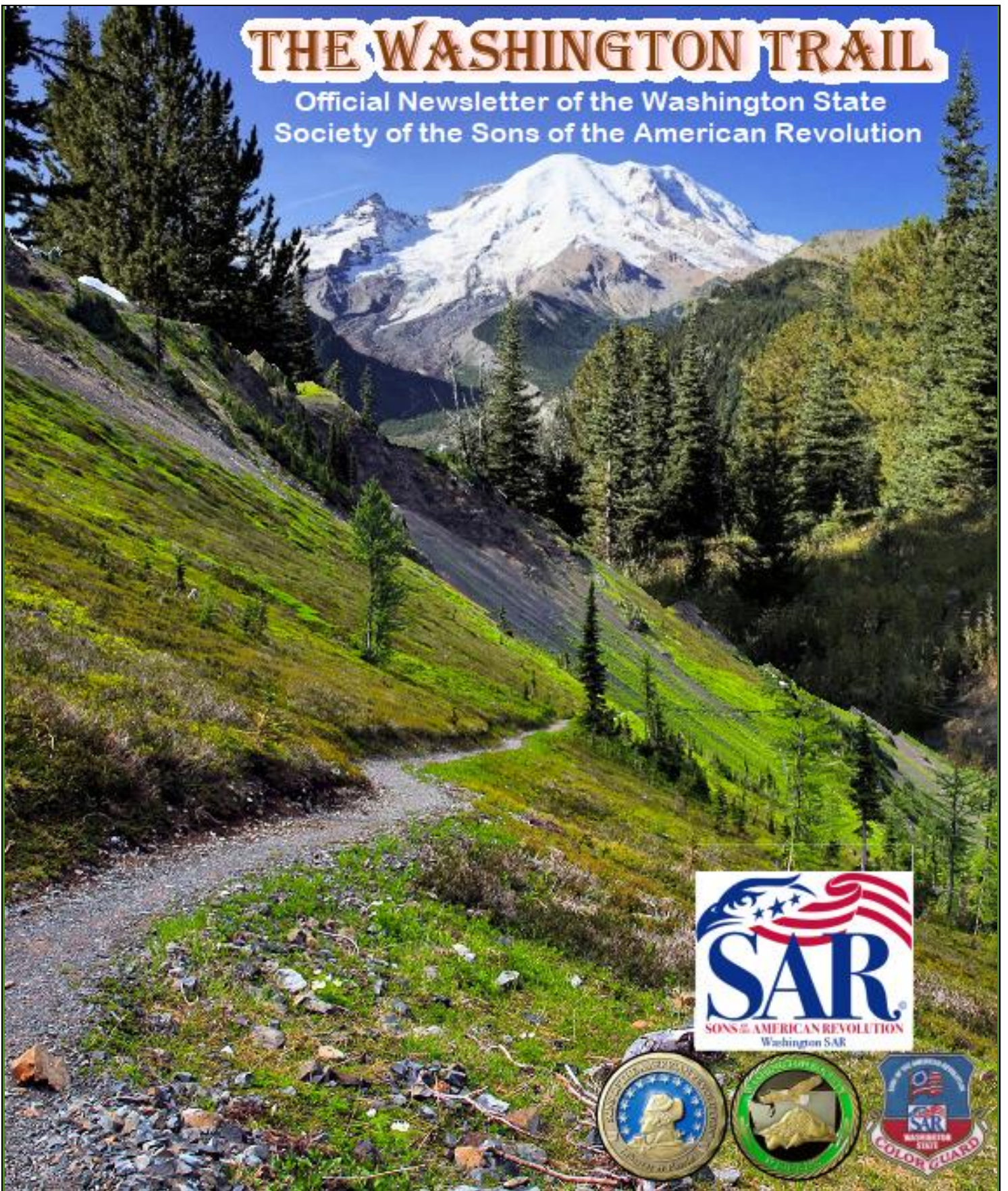


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Society of the Sons of the American Revolution



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- Some **LINKS** are only available till the end of Mar 2024.
- Some **LINKS** in this electronic document may not work on an Apple device. I have tried to fix all but may have missed some. Please let me know if you find one [The Editor](#)

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## Washington State SAR Message from the President

Dear Compatriots and Friends,

Imagine, if you will, that the morning news carries the following headline:

### **"Governor Issues Executive Orders"**

You read the article intently, to learn that the Governor has issued several Executive Orders, to take effect immediately: First, that Puget Sound be closed to all shipping for the indefinite future. No ships may offload or take on cargo. No ships may enter or leave Puget Sound. Any vessel attempting to disobey the order will be forfeited, along with all property found thereon. Second, that the Washington State Constitution is revoked. Third, that State and National military forces are authorized to occupy privately owned homes, and to take possession and control of all vacant buildings. No one may contest the Executive Orders. Anyone attempting to resist may be tried, at the convenience of the government, within or without what has been known as the State of Washington.

You are stunned by the news. Your mind reels. What does it mean? What do you do now?

This is not fiction. It occurred. Only the location, the date and a few of the details were changed. The place was Massachusetts, 250 years ago.

We cannot fully fathom what went through the minds of those who read the words... fear, anger, disbelief, confusion. How could this possibly occur? What did it mean? How would it affect life for my family? Will armed soldiers come into my home, and occupy my bedrooms? What will happen to my family, my home, and my possessions? Should we flee? Where would we go?

We now know that the deeply rooted, instinctive human response to trauma is to fight back, flee danger, or freeze in place. Some become hypervigilant, anticipating potential threats at every turn, and distrusting everyone. Some become emotionally detached, trying to distance themselves from the events. Some become numb to other people, feelings, experiences and circumstances, to protect themselves from trauma.

Even within families, the response was unexpected, unstable, inconsistent, and uncontrollable. Society, as they knew it, ceased to exist. No one knew who they could trust. Best friends, family members, and neighbors now all posed risk. In a moment, life changed. Death lurked around every corner, and in every conversation.

But there were those men and women who, despite everything, put everything at risk, and took action. We remember them as our Patriot ancestors.

250 years ago, men and women whose faces, families and fortunes we know only from words consigned to the pages of history, left in their DNA, their actions, and in their firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, a nation founded on the principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

They must not be forgotten.

It is for us to be dedicated to their unfinished work. Would we, like them, mutually pledge to one another our lives, our fortunes and our sacred Honor, that this nation conceived in liberty not perish from the earth?

It is a hard question, worthy of our best consideration. In our small way, we do so every time we gather, every time we honor our Patriot ancestors, every time we reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

As we prepare to gather in Ocean Shores, I urge you to reconsider your commitments, and to decide how far you are willing to go to honor them.

Cindy and I wish you all a joyful Easter, and we look forward to seeing you in Ocean Shores.

***In Patriotism and Service, Gregory Lucas, State President, Washington Society, Sons of the American Revolution***

From National 

## New National Color Guard "America 250" Page

- SAR Color Guard Handbook, Magazine and Reporting Forms
- Download Color Guard Programs and News Releases
- Color Guard Training videos and YouTube videos on uniforms, ceremonies, how to load and fire your musket, and the Baron de Steuben manual YouTube
- Website links to the National SAR Color Guard Committee, State Color Guard Sites and the Baron Von Steuben's Revolutionary War Drill Manual

Click here for [LINK](#)





## National America 250 Page Updated - 16 Jan 2024

### National America 250 data (update 16 Jan 2024) [LINK](#)

Three NEW PowerPoint presentations have been added to the America250.org website under the "Decade of the Revolution" section.

You can download them and the script to make your own presentations on the:

- **Boston Tea Party**
- **The First Continental Congress**
- **Lexington & Concord**

[Click here to Download the PowerPoint Presentations](#)



We are also in the process of adding audio to the presentations and producing YouTube videos for your use. We will let you know when they're available.

Check out the website for more information and presentations! [America250.org](http://America250.org)

## NATIONAL SAR TOP PRIORITY - SAR JOB ONE!

The very top priority for National SAR to:

- 1) Strengthen SAR chapters and state societies
- 2) Increase membership
- 3) Above all, increase active membership is to:

Create a complete series of rigorous SAR online chapter level courses in video form, complete with final testing to educate new members and "certify" qualified chapter officers and committee members.

1. New SAR member familiarization course.
  2. Registrar qualification course.
  3. Chapter president & VP course.
  4. Chapter Officer qualification.
  5. Chapter committeeman course.
- Videos would be dynamic, interesting, informative and thorough.
  - Testing would be the same - tough.
  - Course Certificates awarded by Chapter president or state officer with strong STATE SUPPORT and recognition.

Does this sound like too big a project, or too this, or too that or too difficult? Not worth doing?

The National DAR already does all of this, and they have 186,000 mostly active members! And trained, qualified officers.



### [SHOP.DAR.ORG](http://SHOP.DAR.ORG): Member Training - DAR Shopping

DAR Member Training courses provide an opportunity for members to learn more about DAR and how to become active and engaged participants in DAR at all levels — chapter, state, and national. The courses have been designed to fit into anyone's busy schedule of work, family, and play.

## SAR Patriot Chest Program

The SAR Patriot Chest Program is an interactive presentation, intended to compliment Elementary and Middle School lesson plans on the Revolutionary War and Colonial Period of American History. The program's purpose is to bring that history alive, while providing students with a sense of the times and appreciation of the Patriot men and women who founded our nation. Presentations use many reproduction artifacts for students to handle that make the period real.

For more information on participating in the Patriot Chest program, please click the link at right: [Learn more about the Patriot Chest Program](#)

Any queries concerning the program should be directed to Rae Ann Sauer,

Director of Education or Wayne Snodgrass. [Email Rae Ann Sauer](#) [Email Wayne Snodgrass](#)



# **Support!** the **YOUTH** **VIDEO CONTEST**

## **Help us build a National program**

The Youth Video Contest Task Force is working to establish a new youth contest that celebrates the visual arts. High school students from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade participate by crafting a video from 3-5 minutes in length. The subject should focus on a person, place, event, or document associated with the American Revolution and its 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. CREATIVITY is encouraged! Pilot program contests are currently active in several State Societies. Please help us encourage research and learning by contributing to the Youth Video Contest.

### Lapel Pins:



Bronze level: \$100 or more    Silver level: \$250 or more



*Mail your donation to:*  
**NSSAR,**  
**Youth Video Contest**  
Attn: Brittany Austin  
809 West Main Street  
Louisville, KY 40202



For more information,  
**Logon to ShareFile**  
or scan the QR code.

Chairman:  
Keith Weissinger  
Kweiss47@comcast.net



## From State

### A Moment Of Silence For A Fallen Compatriot

George D. Boice of the Mid-Columbia Chapter joined our ancestors on Sunday, 4 February after being in the hospital for phenomena. He is survived by his wife, Connie, 3 children, 7 Grandchildren, and 7 Great grandchildren.



George was the type of man that enriched those that knew him. He lived a life full of interesting experiences. He had deep roots in this area and was a local historian. He had a strong memory and an ability to tell stories in an interesting and humorous way and he had a plethora of stories to tell.

I understand that George played Santa Clause for many years for the Pipefitters Union. I can see how he would be a natural in that roll, in looks, temperament and his natural belly laugh. What could be a better compliment than to say George was a natural Santa Clause. George was also a member if the WASSAR Color Guard for many years.

I feel honored to have known George and to have sponsored him to our SAR Chapter.

**Larry Flint, Secretary Mid-Columbia Chapter**

[LINK to Obituary](#)

### Von Steuben Medal Awarded

National Color Guard member and Washington State SAR Vice President **Viren Lemmer** (2nd from left), was awarded the Von Steuben Medal at Spring Leadership by the National Color Guard Commander.



### “Patriot Week 2024” - April 22-28 2024

Here are just some of the events throughout Harbor County

#### Ocean Shores:

- Lectures at the Ocean Shores Cinema.
- Open Genealogy sessions at the Ocean Shores Library
- Joint City of Ocean Shores/SAR Clam and Bench Unveiling

#### Hoquiam:

- “An Evening with George Washington” at 7<sup>th</sup> Street Theatre
- Patriot Chest Presentation at the Hoquiam-Timberland Library

#### Aberdeen:

- Open Genealogy sessions at the Aberdeen-Timberland Library

#### Westport:

- Ceremony to Honor Patriots Buried at Sea (by invitation).

**Many Others too numerous to list.**



## Spokane Flag Museum

When Stan Wills opened the flag museum 15 years ago, He wanted to educate people about flag history. Since then, He has added over 100 replica flags and several antique flags. The flag (pictured at right) was recently donated to the Flag Museum by Bob & Sue Bowers of Spokane. It was part of a George W. Shields flag collection that they had purchased. The flag is an original silk flag dated from 1877-1890. It measures 72" X 75" and is too large to display. Stan has archived it per national antique flag guidelines and will display a picture of it. There are many things that make this flag very unique. First it has 39 stars. The global star configuration, instead of stars in a row. Stars in a row did not become flag code until 1912. The stars are hand sewn gold thread. The Coast Guard logo is printed on it. There are only 20 known 39-star flags to exist and none have this star configuration and none have gold stars.



The best guess is that it flew on a Coast Guard Ship in the Great Lakes from 1877-1890. In 1876 our country flag had 38 stars and when Dakota was proposed to be the 39<sup>th</sup> state flag makers started making a 39-star flag, but congress decided to split Dakota and make it two states, North & South Dakota. The sent flag makers to create a 40 Star flag. Before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July when new states were added to flags, two more states were added, Washington & Montana. This created a need for a 42-star flag and made the 39 & 40 star flag obsolete.

However, on 3 July 1890 Congress added another state, Idaho making it the 43<sup>rd</sup> state and a need for a 43-star flag. On 4 July 1890 our flag went from 38 stars to 43 stars. This made the 39, 40, & 42-star flags obsolete but very valuable to collectors. Very few were made or survived. Stan Wills, Spokane Flag Museum

## SAR “Patriotic Appeal”

**SAR “Patriotic Appeal” will attract new members.** There are many thousands of fine, eligible prospective members in this great country of ours who, if acquainted with the SAR at all, probably think of it as just a genealogical and historical society.

We have all encountered people who ask, “I’ve heard of the SAR, but just what do you guys do?” It is of the utmost importance that every member becomes familiar with the Societies objectives and purposes as outlined in its charter. In this way, each of us can answer these simple questions effectively, and thus, “inspire the community at large” with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers. Have an elevator speech on the SAR ready!

As you spread the word, you will find patriotic men becoming interested in joining the SAR. Keep informed, that you may speak on the issues of the day. Tell others that the SAR is fighting for those principles and freedoms for which our forefathers fought. Let them know we are a “live, vigorous organization”, and, that to join the SAR is to become a vital part of our determined efforts for the glory of this great sovereign nation!

It is of far greater importance than some may realize to secure as much publicity for your chapter’s functions and observances as possible through the newspapers, TV and radio and other social media. For as men learn of our activities and agree with our purposes, they will desire to affiliate with us.

We urgently need more members. Admittedly, mere numerical strength is not in itself our object. But, every time we can gain a new member who cherishes the same patriotic viewpoints and objectives as we do, we have gained a fresh recruit in our ranks to spread our message. It is just as imperative that we have dedicated citizens in 2024 as those who met their countries need in 1776. The call is for men with the courage of our Revolutionary sires who were willing to face the strongest military power in the world and fight for freedom, to step forward and become an active recruiter.

Every Washington State chapter includes in its members, informed, capable speakers on issues of the day, American history, the Constitution, the Revolutionary Soldier or other kindred subjects. These talents should be made available to civic and service clubs, schools, patriotic occasions or wherever they can bring our Society objectives to the attention of the public.

The “**patriotic appeal**” of the SAR has a greater potential than we may realize. If we give our Societies exalted aims greater exposure, we will attract patriotic men, men of integrity, men of honor, men of courage and men with the will to keep our nation great, sovereign and proud! **WE NEED THESE MEN.**

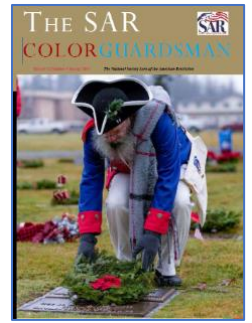
Don’t delay. The time is NOW! Let’s dramatize the SAR’s “**patriotic appeal**” with every dignified means at our disposal. If you are not at present an active, “doing” member, resolve to become one as of this minute. The rewards of wholehearted participation in so worthy a cause will soon be realized as other men of stature add their names to our roster and their power for good to our resources. **ACT NOW!**

Submitted by Doug Nelson



## WA State CG Member Makes Cover of Jan National CG Magazine”

The cover of the January issue of the [National Color Guard Magazine](#) features one of our own WA State Color Guard members.



**John Kraft Sr** of the George Washington chapter is pictured laying a wreath during the 2023 “Wreaths Across America event at **Hawthorne Cemetery in Mount Vernon.**

## New Minutemen Selected



Congratulations to Gregory Lucas and Keith Weissinger on being selected for the SAR Minuteman Award at the Spring Leadership Meeting.

They will be inducted as new Minuteman at the Pennsylvania SAR National Congress in July.

The Minuteman Award is the highest award given to compatriots who have given extraordinary leadership and service to the NSSAR.

James Lindley, current Minuteman, is also pictured in this photo.

## Welcome To All The New Members This Quarter

Name	Chapter	Mo
Bruce R. McCaw	CC	Mar
Brys K.S. McCaw	CC	Mar
Christopher David Winslow	AH	Mar
David John Cahail	CC	Feb
David Scott Berryhill	AH	Mar
Gerald Grant Gwin	JPJ	Mar
James Devin Whiteaker	JPJ	Jan
James Eric Byrd	CC	Jan
Kurt Lawrence Meister	CC	Feb

Name	Chapter	Mo
Lee G Schuirman	GW	Feb
Liam Michael Whiteaker	JPJ	Jan
Michael Allen Jackson	GW	Feb
Michael Justin Garcia	CC	Mar
Michael Leo David	CC	Jan
Michael Leo David II	CC	Jan
Richard Harry Smiley	GW	Mar
Royal Garf Ivory	GRC	Feb
Wynn B.E. McCaw	CC	Mar

## Save the Date - April 26-27 2024

## Washington State Annual Conference

**Ocean Shores Convention Center**  
 120 W Chance a La Mer NW,  
 Ocean Shores, WA 98569  
**Registration is open**  
 Additional Information,  
 Registration Form,  
 Room Reservations and  
 More: Click [here](#)





## From the Chapters (in order of submission)

### Spokane #1 Chapter

On Saturday 20 Jan, Stan Willis presented the **Outstanding Sea Cadet SAR Community Service Award** to Cadet Landon Grace. The presentation took place at the Spokane Battalion Awards ceremony



### George Rogers Clark Chapter

The George Rogers Clark Chapter's connection to the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence grew closer to July 4, 1776, when President Lew Maudsley, founding President Art Dolan, and Awards Chairman, Dick Moody visited member Warner Gibson Taylor III at his home in Puyallup.

Ninety-three-year-old "Gib" is a direct descendent of Benjamin Harrison, one of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence. Harrison, a delegate from Virginia, also presiding over the Continental Congress during its final consideration, described by the National Archives, as a meeting that "...continued through all of July 3 and into the later morning of July 4. The Declaration had been officially adopted."

President Maudsley presented Gib with a framed Silver Good Citizenship medal. The mounting was adorned with a small plaque of the SAR logo and the SAR's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence logo. The mounting included a small plaque reading:

George Rogers Clark Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, Presents the Silver Good Citizenship Medal to Warner Gibson Taylor III honoring his ancestor Benjamin Harrison signer of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776.

President Lew Maudsley presents Warner Gibson Taylor III with the Silver Good Citizenship Medal honoring his Patriot Ancestor Benjamin Harrison, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Assisting with the presentation were Dick Moody, and on the right, chapter founding President Art Dolan.



Photo by DeeDee Simpson

### George Washington Chapter

9 Feb, Chapter Compatriot Jeffrey Spencer gave the invocation before the Washington State Senate in Olympia, by invitation from the Lt Governor's office via our State Senator, Ron Muzzall. Proudly wearing his SAR rosette for the occasion, in honor of President's Day this month, Compatriot Spencer offered a prayer written by George Washington:

"May we unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the Great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties, properly and punctually; to render our [national] government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a government of wise, just, and constitutional laws." Amen."



(Photo by Amy Spencer)

### Cascade Centennial Chapter

Cascade Centennial continues to focus on quality monthly meetings, chapter growth, member recognition, and (these past few months) the SAR youth award programs. Our meeting attendance continues to grow--we've had 25 to 30 attendees consistently the past few meetings and are stretching the limits on our room at Enzo's. We've been inducting new members the past several meetings thanks to the diligent efforts of Genealogist Rob Sexton and compatriot Norm Eberly who is assisting our members with supplemental applications. Members of the Cascade Chapter of DAR in Bellevue continue to attend our meetings, where we enjoy a blend of camaraderie (and great food!), excellent programs, and abbreviated business each month. Of special importance, we strive to have relevant programs directly related to the American Revolution that are presented by experts in the field--many of whom have had peer-reviewed articles published in the prestigious *Journal of the American Revolution*. At our March meeting, our King Eagle Scout Scholarship winner attended (with his parents and Scoutmaster), shared his essay, and was presented a \$300 check by chapter coordinator Greg Emerson. In addition to our Eagle Scout Scholarship, we have received nomination packages for the Youth Video Contest and the Enhanced JROTC Award--both students are or soon will be competing at the State level. Compatriot Bob Doughty lined up judging panels consisting of our newer members to get them involved and help expose them to the youth programs.

Our eyes are now on Ocean Shores and the 2024 State Conference on April 26-27.

## Alexander Hamilton Chapter

### Operation Ancestor Search

On a gloomy winter's day, Compatriots from the Alexander Hamilton Chapter head over to Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) bringing cheer to the Wounded Warriors convalescing at the Soldier Recovery Unit (SRU). The Compatriots represent the Chapter's outreach efforts in Operation Ancestor Search (OAS), which is a free national genealogy training program for Wounded Warriors and their families. The effort to connect Wounded Warriors with their ancestral roots has been spearheaded by Compatriot Rodger Dent and joined by Compatriots Keith Weissinger and Timothy Smith. The team has been visiting the Wounded Warriors at least once per month for the past few years. OAS is a program initiated by the SAR and generously supported by Ancestry.com who has contributed a \$180,000 grant over three years. The goal is to assist the Wounded Warriors in connecting with their ancestral roots.

A survey conducted by Ancestry.com in 2022 showed that 53% of Americans could not name all four of their grandparents. However, 66% of respondents said they want to learn more about their family history and 51% want to read stories about when their ancestors were young and what life was like back in the day.

The Wounded Warriors have embraced Alexander Hamilton's OAS team enthusiastically. During the last OAS meeting, they found out one of the Soldiers is a 6<sup>th</sup> generation Washingtonian: his ancestors came to Washington Territory on the Oregon Trail.

This underscores the fact that searching for ancestors is like prospecting: the more you look the more you find. Occasionally, you find a nugget of gold.  
Submitted by Timothy Smith

## Fort Vancouver Chapter

No News Submitted

## John Paul Jones Chapter

No News Submitted

## Mid-Columbia Chapter

No News Submitted

## Ranger Chapter

No News Submitted

## Seattle Chapter

No News Submitted



## Call to Action!

THE KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE IS CONSIDERING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$5 MILLION FOR THE SAR EDUCATION CENTER AND MUSEUM.

WE NEED ALL COMPATRIOTS TO CONTACT LEGISLATORS AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO FUND THIS PROJECT!

Please call (800) 372-7181

AND email both

[LRCHouseMembersAll@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:LRCHouseMembersAll@lrc.ky.gov)

[LRCSenateMembersAll@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:LRCSenateMembersAll@lrc.ky.gov)

TELL THEM TO PLEASE SUPPORT FUNDING THE SAR MUSEUM IN THE BUDGET!

Click [LINK](#) below to find the Kentucky Legislators

[Kentucky Legislators](#)

## LINKS To Other Newsletters & Documents Of Interest

**Minutes From The State BOD Meeting, 27 Jan 2024 ([LINK](#))**

Submitted by: Russ Oliver, State Secretary, WSSAR (Available till the end of Jun 2024)

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 Issues Of The CAR Newsletters ([Jan](#) [Feb](#) [Mar](#))**

Submitted by: Jeannette Carroll (Available till the end of Jun 2024)

**The WA State SAR Administrative Procedures (updated Apr 2023) ([LINK](#))**

**The National Colorguardsman Magazine (Jan Issue) ([LINK](#))**



## DAR "America 250!" Project

In July 2026, the United States will mark its 250th anniversary.

During this National Semi quincentennial Celebration DAR chapters across the nation are working to leave a lasting impact on their communities through meaningful local projects and events.

The National DAR Society introduced a new America 250 project in 2020.

<https://blog.dar.org/introducing-new-dar-america-250-patriots-marker>

The WA State DAR Chapter Regents Club (CRC) will take part in the project and will place two (2) bronze markers, created by the National DAR society and produced by Classic Bronze Resources. One to be placed on each side of the state.

Donations at any level are happily accepted and those of \$500 or more will receive special recognition either on a supplemental plaque or on an accompanying QR code.

So far, 17 DAR chapters are participating.

The Washington State project is called "**CRC WA East/West America 250!**" and is a collaboration amongst the Chapter Regents Club, DAR Chapters in WA State, patriotic groups, and individuals. America 250! memorials will be located at **South Pines Cemetery** in Spokane Valley in a Patriot Plaza being created and at the **Mountain View Memorial Park** in Lakewood. The (cement) bricks on the east side will be installed at a Patriot memorial, and on the west side, they will be installed on the grounds of the Rainier Chapter House in Seattle, a full-sized replica of Mt. Vernon.

The memorials give tribute to America's 250th Anniversary and the engraved patriot bricks (described below) will be a special tribute to our individual patriots.

### Patriot Bricks:

Engraved bricks will offer a unique and lasting opportunity and will be a special tribute to all of our individual Patriots so their names will be acknowledged in our state as the instruments of our freedom. Bricks will be sold for \$60 each until May 2, 2024. The bricks will have the patriot's name, service, and colony of service. Order one for each of your patriots or any proven patriot you wish to honor

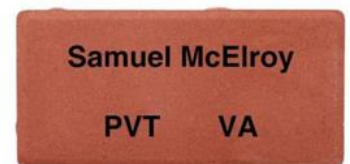
To order your bricks go to the **Chapter Regents Club, WA STATE DAR** website:

<https://polarengraving.com/wssdarcrc>.

We hope that SAR will join us in honoring patriots through the purchase of the bricks. You are welcome to participate in the monuments and/or the Patriot Bricks. Join us! Dedications will be held. Funds received will be used for the project, with any extra donated for patriotic causes.

### Questions?

- Rae Anna Victor [raeannav@comcast.net](mailto:raeannav@comcast.net) 509-892-6945
- Shirley Stirling [knappkin@protonmail.com](mailto:knappkin@protonmail.com) 360-688-8626  
WSSDAR Historian Chapter Regents Club.



**Let Us All  
Support Our Sisters In  
Patriotism!!!**



## Secretary's Corner Mar 2024

Compatriots:

I hope you are coping well with the Spring Forward time change – that means the State Annual Conference 26-27 April 2024 in Ocean Shores, WA, is only a few short weeks away. If you have not yet [registered to attend](#), I strongly urge you to consider doing so – a proposal update our State Bylaws will be on the agenda, plus many fantastic talks, presentations, and activities are lined up for you to enjoy. Patriot Week highlighting the SAR in the nearby communities will occur the week leading up to our Annual Conference – if you are able to attend and volunteer your time for Patriot Week, please contact [State President Greg Lucas](#).



to activities up to our Annual Week prior to our

Visit the [National SAR website](#) and review your personal information in the member database, also called the Blue database. Do you have a new phone number? Did you move to a new address? Each of us can update our own personal information and help keep it current. Want to be the first to know SAR current events and important announcements? Sign up to be included in the [National SAR-Officer Google group](#) and [National SAR MailChimp](#) email lists. Chapter Secretaries, if your chapter officers have changed, please let me know, and I 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, State Secretary, Washington State Society, SAR**

### News From The WA State SAR Ladies Auxiliary (LAWASSAR)

[Facebook Page](#)



To our Ladies –

We are looking forward to seeing all of our Ladies at the SAR State Conference in Ocean Shores April 26 – 27, 2024. In addition to the Conference, we are also celebrating “Patriot Week 2024”, a week of events hosted by the Washington Society, Sons of the American Revolution, to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our country. Patriot Week 2024 takes place from April 22 – 27, 2024.



Patriot Week 2024 starts with an historic ceremony aboard a Coast Guard vessel to honor Patriots buried at sea. This is the first of its kind event in the history of the nation, in which all Veterans buried at sea, from the Revolutionary War to present, will be honored with the “burial” of a bronze plaque at sea from beneath a flag bearing the names of all victims of 9/11.

The week will include genealogy sessions provided by members of local genealogical organizations, the dedication of an SAR bench in a joint ceremony with the City of Ocean Shores, an “Evening with George Washington” at the historic 7<sup>th</sup> Street Theatre in Hoquiam, a Liberty Tree Dedication conducted in Hoquiam with the City of Hoquiam, a lecture series at the Ocean Shores Cinema, and a ceremony to honor all Veterans in Grays Harbor County at which Vietnam Veterans will receive the Department of Defense 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War Lapel Pin. During that ceremony, three Veterans will receive Quilts of Valor.

But we are especially pleased to invite all of our ladies, members of the DAR, and genealogy volunteers to a special lady’s luncheon on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Faith Community Church in Ocean Shores. Our guest speaker will be Lauri Leirdahl, the National President of the Quilts of Valor Foundation. Please plan to attend the luncheon, as well as all of the events being conducted during Patriot Week 2024.

We hope to see everyone this year in Ocean Shores!

Please remember to drive carefully. Ocean Shores has a large population of resident deer that are beloved by the city.

**Respectfully submitted, Cindy Lucas, President, Ladies Auxiliary, WASSAR**



## WA State SAR Chapter Meeting Day/Time/Location & Media Links

### Alexander Hamilton (Tacoma area)

3<sup>rd</sup> Sat of the month (Sep to Jun)/9:00am/Tower Lanes Entertainment Center, 6323 6th Ave in Tacoma.

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

### Cascade Centennial (Bellevue area)

1<sup>st</sup> Sat of the month (Oct to Jun)/11:30 am/Enzo's Bistro and Bar, 120 NW Gilman Blvd, Issaquah

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

### Ft. Vancouver (Vancouver area)

3<sup>rd</sup> Sat of the month/9:00am/American Legion Post Hall #14, 4607 NE St. James Rd, Vancouver.

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### George Rogers Clark (Olympia area)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sat of the month (Sep to Jun)/10:00am/Lacey Presbyterian Church, 3045 Carpenter Road SE, Lacey

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### George Washington (Mt. Vernon area)

3<sup>rd</sup> Sat of the month (Sep to Jun)/10:00am/Farmhouse Restaurant, 13724 Laconner Whitney Rd, Mt. Vernon

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### John Paul Jones (Bremerton area)

4<sup>th</sup> Sat of the month (none in Jun, Jul, Aug, Dec)/9:00am/Disabled American Veterans Chapter #5  
Building 4980 Auto Center Way, Bremerton

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### Mid-Columbia (Richland area)

3<sup>rd</sup> Sat of the month (Sep to Jun)/11:30am/Round Table Pizza, 1769 Leslie Road, Richland.

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### Ranger (Snohomish Co. area)

3<sup>rd</sup> Sat of the month (Sep to Jun)/8:30am/Harbor Pointe Golf Club, 11817 Harbour Pointe Blvd, Mukilteo

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### Seattle (Seattle area)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sat of the month (none in Jun, Jul, Aug, Dec)/9:00am/Robb's 125th Street Grill - 12255 Aurora Ave N, Seattle

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### Spokane #1 (Spokane area)

2<sup>nd</sup> Fri of the month (Sep to Jun)/11:30am/Illinois Ave Bar and Grill, 1403 E Illinois Ave, Spokane

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## Other Media Links

### SAR National Society

Links: [Facebook](#) The [SAR Magazine](#) (log on required) The [Colorguardsman Magazine](#) [Web Site](#)

### WA State Society (State wide)

Links: [Facebook](#) [Newsletters](#) [Web Site](#) [CG Web Site](#) [State Secretary](#)

### SAR Ladies Auxiliary (State Wide)

Links: [Facebook](#) Newsletter Web Site

### CAR (State Wide)

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

### WA State Daughters of the American Revolution

Links: Facebook Newsletter [Web Site](#)

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

Data extracted from the National Database (3-10-24).

If incorrect, contact your chapter secretary



January	February	March
Alfred George Folkerts	Alan Michael Mandigo	John F Baxter
Brian Tahsin Ugurlu	Alvin Wayne Farber	Jeffery Laverne Harlan
Bryan Douglas Bechler	Andrew Glen Brewer	Frank Alfred Pearce Jr
Carroll Allen Bruce	Anton Kumar Bergquist	Philip Alexander Troy
Charles Davenport	Bodie Harrison Strom	John Gerald Whelton
Christopher Alan Kuntz	Brian Joel Waid	Michael Leo David II
Christopher Reichert	Bruce Wayne Seiber	Charles Emmett Estep
Conn Owen Clark	Charles Elden Gage	Ryan Paul Hodges
Connor John Stewart	Coleson Thomas Oliver	David Leonard Kruso
Craig Allen Herkimer	Edward Hiroshii Peterson	Kurt Lawrence Meister
Daniel Brent Widdis	Frederick Compton Gilbert	Jack Warren Meyers
David L. Morse	George Evan Hanson	David Senna Raese
David Phillip Stockton	Gerald Alan Hevern	James Edward Rose
David Warren Lasser	Harold Martin Prather Jr	Charles Horace Craig
Garry Clark Carpenter	Jacob Willis Hancock	Allen Lee Furlow
Gary Lee Pearson	James Edward Duffield	Vernon Carl Gray
Grant Robert Rauzi	Jeff Raymond Brown	Larry Keith Heckethorne
Hyrum Richard Berg	John Stephen Colwell	Jimmy Robert Norris
James Eric Byrd	Jon Gregory Wagner	Ronald Eugene Black Sr
John Eric Kraft	Joseph Anthony Coorough Sr	Rick Lynn Goble
John Michael Emrick	Kent Owen Bassett	Kent Michael Gossman
Jordan Parker Stone	Kevin James Schilling	Kevin Robert Saville
Kenneth Doster Roberts	Kevin Robert Coyne	Richard Joseph Stride
Kermit Lee Snelson	Larry Allen Peck Sr	Robert Clifford Todd
Larry Kent Carpenter	Michael Edward Moore	Donnie Max Ruyle
Mark Chessman Dunham	Patrick Kenneth McGuire	Sam Robert Doubleday
Mark Lester McClellan	Paull Edward Fellman	Jerry Lynn Harless
Maurice Luther Greiner	Raymond Snider Pickens	Douglas Harold Nelson
Michael Owen Bendickson	Richard David Moody	Edward Hiroshii Peterson Jr
Michael Riland Menkin	Robert Maurice Thompson II	John Leonard Tucker III
Morris Konstandinos Estep	Rodger Lind Dent	James Devin Whiteaker
Nicholas A. Troy	Stanley Earl Granberg	Paul Allen Moutray
Norman Paul Eberly	Stephen Michael Pyne	Frederick Joseph Becker III
Patrick Dorr Brian	Steven Jay Drew	Leland Jay Clise
Robert Dale Parrish II	Terry Leroy Carver	Kirk Potter Miles
Robert Edgar Hibbs	Thomas Walter Sparks	David Leroy Richardson
	Verne Allen Gray	Steven Andrew Whitacre
		Curtis Michael Winningham
		Gary Lucian Barton
		George Thomas Clark
		Terry Dee Gobel
		James Edward Karlstrand
		Kevin Scott Lake
		Samuel Earl Shaw
		Thomas Stanley Wills



## A POEM WORTH READING (from the Editor)

He was getting old and paunchy  
And his hair was falling fast,  
And he sat around the Legion,  
Telling stories of the past.

Of a war that he once fought in  
And the deeds that he had done,  
In his exploits with his buddies;  
They were heroes, every one.

And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors  
His tales became a joke,  
All his buddies listened quietly  
For they knew where of he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer,  
For ol' Joe has passed away,  
And the world's a little poorer  
For a Veteran died today.

He won't be mourned by many,  
Just his children and his wife.  
For he lived an ordinary,  
Very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family,  
Going quietly on his way;  
And the world won't note his passing,  
'Tho a Veteran died today.

When politicians leave this earth,  
Their bodies lie in state,  
While thousands note their passing,  
And proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell of their life stories  
From the time that they were young,  
But the passing of a Veteran  
Goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution  
To the welfare of our land,  
Some jerk who breaks his promise  
And cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow  
Who in times of war and strife,

Goes off to serve his country  
And offers up his life?

The politician's stipend  
And the style in which he lives,  
Are often disproportionate,  
To the service that he gives.

While the ordinary Veteran,  
Who offered up his all,  
Is paid off with a medal  
And perhaps a pension, small.

It is not the politicians  
With their compromise and ploys,  
Who won for us the freedom  
That our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger,  
With your enemies at hand,  
Would you really want some cop-out,  
With his ever-waffling stand?

Or would you want a Veteran  
His home, his country, his kin,  
Just a common Veteran,  
Who would fight until the end.

He was just a common Veteran,  
And his ranks are growing thin,  
But his presence should remind us  
We may need his likes again.

For when countries are in conflict,  
We find the Veteran's part,  
Is to clean up all the troubles  
That the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor  
While he's here to hear the praise,  
Then at least let's give him homage  
At the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline  
In the paper that might say:  
"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,  
A VETERAN DIED TODAY."

**Author 'Unknown'**

## The Washington Trail: Publication Schedule

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

As “The Washington Trail” newsletter editor, I would like to include news from the chapters. I have added a section to the NL that is for articles to be submitted by the Chapters.

One member from each chapter should be selected to produce & submit the “**Chapter Article**” to me (via E-Mail) in accordance with the publication deadlines (below). Please let me know who has been selected to produce the chapter articles

These articles must be ready to publish and only need the formatting required to fit into the NL. I will use the same process that National does with their NL and publish one (1) chapter article in each issue. This is not a mandatory submission. It is entirely up to the chapter if they want to submit an article.

**Format Requirements:** Each article must be in Word format (text only) preferred font is **Calibri**.

Any related photos to be in **JPG** or **PNG** format.

Formatting of the article is not required as I must reformat it to fit the newsletter.

**The Plan:** Publish four times a year following the four Board of Directors meetings.

Winter..... March ..... BOD in January

Spring..... June ..... BOD in April

Summer ..... September ..... BOD in Jul)

Fall ..... December ..... BOD in October

### Publication and article/event submission deadlines

Articles are due the 20<sup>th</sup> of the last month of the edition quarter

<i>Edition</i>	<i>Qtr</i>	<i>Published on</i>	<i>Period covered</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
Winter	1	31 Mar +/-	1 Jan to 31 Mar	No later than 20 Mar
Spring	2	30 June +/-	1 Apr to 30 Jun	No later than 20 Jun
Summer	3	30 Sep +/-	1 Jul to 30 Sep	No later than 20 Sep
Fall	4	31 Dec +/-	1 Oct to 31 Dec	No later than 20 Dec

Thank you



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