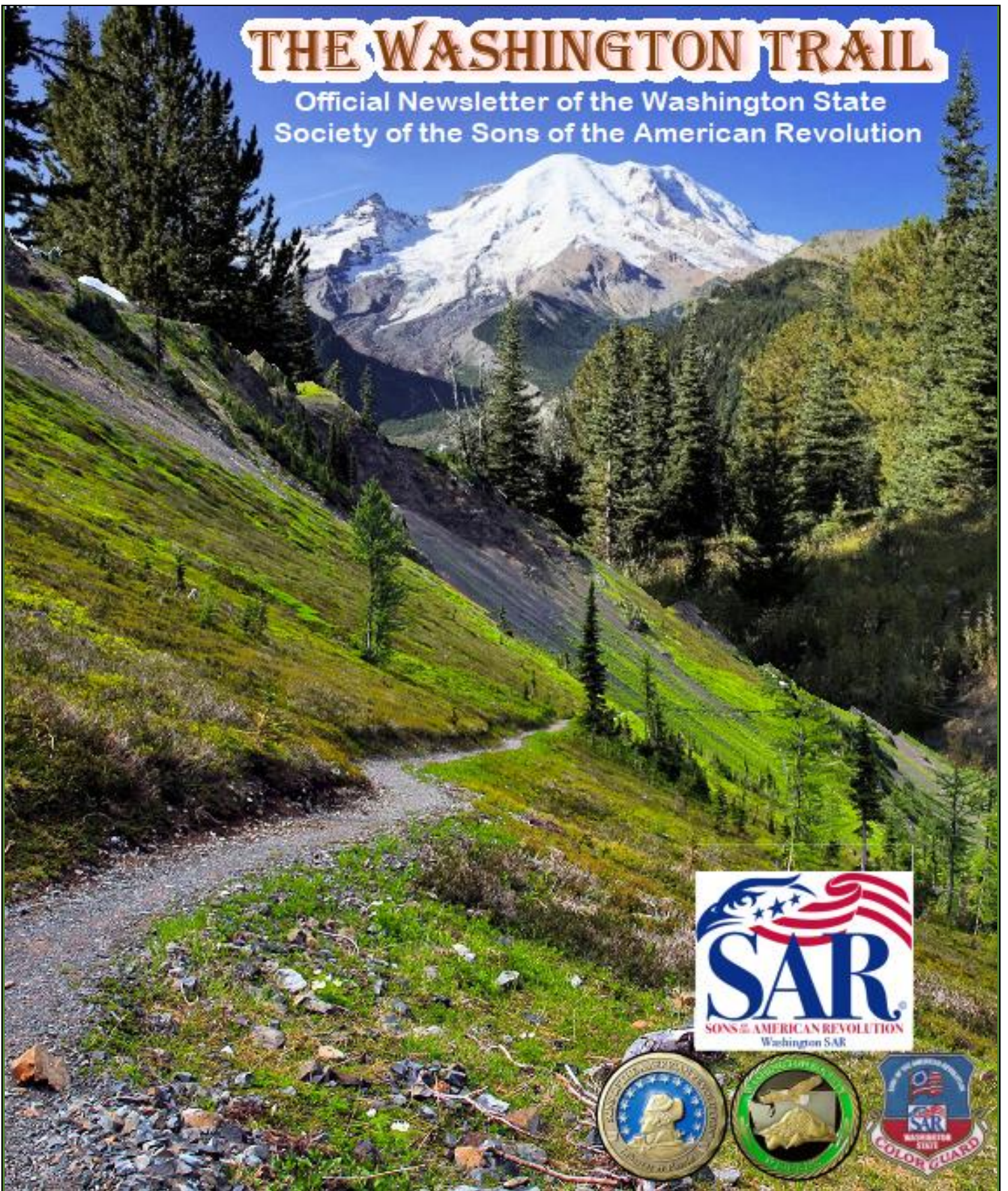


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Washington State SAR - Message From the President

Dear Compatriots and Friends,

This month marks the 250th anniversary of the starting date (September 5, 1774) of the First Continental Congress. Remarkably little emphasis is put on the First Continental Congress because of the momentous events that came out of the Second Continental Congress eight months later. But that first Congress is worthy of note.



Men from twelve of Britain's thirteen colonies gathered in Carpenters' Hall in Philadelphia to wrestle with agonizingly complex issues and relationships. Having little in common, these men did their best to represent disparate lands consisting of descendants of an assortment of Europeans, exiled criminals, Native Americans and slaves.

Imagine, if you will, arriving in Philadelphia to represent your colony in discussions related to a troubled relationship with your mother country. England has taken a hard line with Massachusetts specifically, and with the colonies in general. You know an immediate solution is needed, but all possible approaches are laden with unimaginable consequences. Worse yet, your constituents consider themselves Englishmen, and the thought of severing ties with England is, to many, unthinkable. The situation is ambiguous in the extreme, and any way forward is unclear, even to the clearest minds.

Like men struggling to find their way in the darkest of caverns fraught with perils, our Founders took one failed step after another until there was no other alternative but armed conflict. The shedding of blood at Lexington and Concord left the colonies unable to return to the status quo. Having only two alternatives – servitude or independence – they made hard decisions that cost them dearly, leading to the free and independent nation we now enjoy.

Leadership has never been easy. From the earliest days to the tumultuous events of our modern political landscape, we strive to find a way forward, knowing that every decision has unimaginable consequences.

As a Society, we honor the memory of men and women who took one faltering step after another, often experiencing more failures than successes. Even the "Father of our Country" had more losses than victories. To his credit, he persevered.

Winston Churchill said, "Success is stumbling from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm." Therein lies a lesson.

The Washington Society has been blessed with more than our share of successes. In the past ten years, we not only placed men at the highest National levels, including General Officers, Committee Chairs, and committeemen, but succeeded at winning and hosting one of the best Congresses in recent history. We had several winners in key National Youth Contests, along with winning American History Teachers. Two of six new Minutemen this year are from Washington. One of our members became National's first ever Drum Major. And Washington succeeded in getting at least one new program (Youth Video Contest) and one new Committee (Officer Training Committee) instituted at National. No other state can boast such a record.

Our successes did not end there. Earlier this year we hosted our first ever Patriot Week, involving organizations, the press, and countless citizens of Grays Harbor County in honoring our Patriot Ancestors. That event was recognized at National as being a model for what every state should strive to achieve.

But success poses its own challenges. Either the "Snowball Effect" (in which one small success leads to larger and larger ones) or Andrew Grove's claim that success breeds complacency appears to be the point at which our paths will likely diverge. Whether we follow one path or the other depends upon you. Both paths have their own unimaginable consequences. Each of you plays a critical role in our future.

I challenge you to consider unfathomable possibilities. Reach beyond your grasp. Be willing to face the possibility of failure. And, if necessary, stumble from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm. You will be amazed at what you can achieve.

I am honored to serve with you.

Respectfully submitted, Gregory D. Lucas, President, Washington State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

From The Editor

It has been a fun journey that started in 2019. That was the year I began publishing the Washington State Newsletter "The Washington Trail". At the end of 2024 it will be 5 years in this position. That being the case I think it time for another compatriot to step up and continue this publication. It is a great opportunity for someone to get creative. I find the biggest challenge is to format the NL with limited "white space". It is like a jig saw puzzle!

My last publication will be the Fall issue 2024 (4th quarter)

I will remain available to assist in any way I can.

If you are interested in this position, please contact the **WASSAR President**, [Greg Lucas](#).

Respectfully submitted: [Walter R \(Dick\) Motz](#), WASSAR State Newsletter editor



Dick Motz

From National

The National Society SAR Names New Executive Director

The National Society is pleased to announce that Michael Scroggins will serve as the organization's new Executive Director, effective immediately.

Scroggins will oversee the operations of the National SAR Headquarters, which is based in Louisville, while collaborating with the SAR General Officers and other leaders of the organization to promote the goals of the SAR and the well-being of the organization. SAR President General Darryl Addington said, "Mike is a valuable asset to the SAR. With his experience and knowledge, he will be a great Executive Director.

Scroggins is a Kentuckiana native, and a graduate of Clarksville High School. He received his degree in computer sciences from the National Education Center in Louisville, KY. He and his wife, Cindy Scroggins, reside in Jeffersonville, Indiana and are the proud parents of two adult sons and the grandparents of three young grandchildren with one on the way.



Membership

Now that the Lancaster Congress has concluded, we can now focus again on our membership renewal activities and the recovery and reinstatement of inactive Compatriots. The Society's growth has remained relatively stagnant over the past five years, growing at ~1% per year, despite the ongoing efforts in recruiting and bringing in new members. This is just not conducive to maintaining a healthy society.

President General Addington noted at Congress that he wants and increased focus on membership – specifically recruitment, retention and recovery/reinstatement and is looking for the district and state officers to take a leadership role in addressing these areas. The 3-Rs Guide was published by the Membership Committee in early 2023 and is currently undergoing revision to provide additional details for states and chapters and should be available in late 2024. This guide (along with other membership-related resources) can be found at: <https://www.sar.org/committees/membership-committee/>.

Data was pulled last year from the membership database to identify those Compatriots who had been become inactive over the past five years and was supplied to the state societies in August 2023 via the Vice-Presidents General to help identify and recover/reinstate inactive members. This effort is continuing; an updated list is currently being developed and should be made available to the state societies before the Fall Leadership meeting. The above being said - membership growth will happen only if the state societies and chapters commit to growth and are willing to actively make use of these resources in whatever manner works best for them, given available resources.

Lastly, please ensure your State Society and chapter social media sites are current, and that they contain correct contact information. Those small efforts will help in the recruiting of new members as well as retaining and reinstatement of our current Compatriots.

Fraternally, **Derek J. Brown**, Chair, Membership Committee, Vice-Chair, Genealogy Committee

SAR Library & Archives Newsletter: 2024 Congress Edition

Welcome to our 2024 Congress edition of the SAR Library & Archives Newsletter! Learn about the great events and changes that we've made over the past year and since our last newsletter. [LINK](#)

Our Library & Archives Historical Items Fund was just used to purchase our 2nd **GEORGE WASHINGTON** signed document! Once again, we snagged a military discharge at auction, but this one was issued to "Robert Wilkinson Sergeant in the first New York Regiment, having faithfully served the United States Eight Years . . . has been honored with the Badge of Merit." Countersigned by Secretary J[onathan] Trumbull, Jr., additionally signed by Lieutenant

Colonel Cornelius Van Dyck. This purchase was made possible by the generous donors of our **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY** program!! ***Please consider becoming a part of the FOL family today!***

Application Fees To Increase 1 Sep 2024

You may know, new business discussed and voted on increasing application fees across the board.

The new fee increases go into effect September 1st.

For applications to receive the old rate, they must be postmarked no later than August 31st on its way to National. Applications postmarked on September 1st or later will follow the new fee structure.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out. A fully updated Cost Manual will soon be available online.

Thank you for all you do! Updated "Fee Chart" [LINK](#)

Sincerely, **Jonathan Toon**, Registrar, National Society Sons of the American Revolution

The George Washington Endowment Fund (GWEF)

The GWEF Fundraising Committee requests your assistance in spreading the word to your society members about this important SAR program that can help with funding chapter, state, or committee projects such as:

- Monuments/Plaques
- 250th Anniversary Benches
- Historical/Educational Programs
- New Chapter Starter Kits
- Committee Support

Please find a [GWEF presentation](#) (pdf) to be used in spreading the word to your chapters and society members. The GWEF Distribution team under Roger Coursey have done a marvelous job funding meaningful projects across the SAR. To ensure these distribution efforts continue, the GWEF Fundraising Committee is seeking new GW Fellows who will donate or pledge \$1000 each. Our goal this year is 100 new GW Fellows and a stretch goal of 125. Right now, we are currently at 33 new GW Fellows, so we have our work cut out for us but with your help this goal should be achievable.

Lastly, please send me the name and contact information of your society's GWEF chair or point of contact. In the coming months, they will be contacted by Derek Brown, Western Vice Chairman responsible for states west of the Mississippi and the various international societies, as we seek new GW Fellows! Thank you in advance for your help!

Yours in Patriotism,

Jay A. DeLoach, Chairman, GWEF Fundraising Committee

Requirements-Member Announcement of Candidacy

All candidates for General Office and the SAR Foundation Board are required to provide a copy of their SAR Youth Protection Training Certificate. Youth protection training may be found under the "quick links" tab:

<https://www.sar.org/courses/youth-protection-training/>

Candidates for SAR Foundation Board are reminded of the following criteria which is derived from requirements found in the [SAR Foundation Bylaws](#):

1. *Members of the SAR Foundation Board must be members in good standing of the NSSAR who have served or are currently serving as a NSSAR General Officer, State Society President, National Trustee, Alternate National Trustee or NSSAR Committee Chairman. Campaign materials, disclosure statements, or Notices of Intent to run for a Board position should specify the position held that satisfies this requirement.*
2. *No fewer than two (2) nor more than three (3) of the elected Board members shall have served as President General of the NSSAR.*

Finally, candidates for National Office, the SAR Foundation Board, and SAR members are prohibited from utilizing SAR-Officer for announcements of running for office or seeking endorsements. All members are requested to comply with this restriction. I am utilizing SAR-Officer to make potential candidates aware of the requirements. Do not respond to SAR-Officer with any comments/questions. If you have a question, please contact me directly at johnldodd@twc.com. Thank you.

Fraternally, **John L. Dodd**, President General (2023-2024), Chair, Nominating Committee

From State

Rumbaugh Oration

Kai LeBret, our Washington State 2024 Rumbaugh Oration champion who hails from the Spokane #1-chapter region, was recently selected as one of 6 finalists to attend the National Oration contest at congress in Lancaster Pa. On July 12th, Kai competed in the contest and after an excellent oration was awarded 3rd place! This impressive result earned Kai the bronze medal plus a \$3000 cash prize! Kai and his mother, Brie were expertly supported by Greg and Cindy Lucas as well as other Washington SAR compatriots during congress week. Both gave glowing reports of their experience. In Kai's own words:

"I wanted to once again express my gratitude to the Washington state SAR and the Spokane Chapter for funding such a great experience. I had a chance to dine with several of the Washington SAR members that went to the national conference, including Mr. and Mrs. Lucas, all of whom were extremely welcoming and supportive. I definitely felt the strength of state loyalty, as they were all rooting for me, even though they had only recently met me. Our stay was amazing and we had a great time while there! I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to come and network with so many like-minded patriots and for the ability to make friends with young adults my same age."

Brie also added:

"Thank you again for the opportunity for Kai to compete in the Rumbaugh Oratory Contest. We had a wonderful time and are thankful that we were able to meet so many great people from the Washington SAR. Please pass along our gratitude to the Spokane chapter for helping to make it happen. I am sure you have heard by now that Kai placed 3rd in the competition. We wish we could have brought home the win for Washington, but he gave the best he had. The competition was steep. More importantly he is thankful for the opportunity. He stated last night during his introduction of himself after the contest, that this experience will be remembered as a pivotal point in his life. Thank you to all of the Washington SAR!"

So, as you can see, our state society was well represented by a fine young oration candidate who came away with an excellent result. Only the top three places win medals plus a four-digit cash award, and how wonderful it is to be able to say that **our state's candidate was selected as one of the top 3 nationwide!** What is more, Kai has pledged to relate his experience to friends with oration skills and encourage their participation in future years' contests.

Lastly, thanks once again go to Spokane #1 chapter where Kai's journey through the contest stages began. We can all feel proud that our chapter system in Washington State is healthy and well positioned to support future youth engagements.

Sincerely, **Fred Templin**, Washington SAR 2024 Rumbaugh Oration Chair

Announcement of Candidacy

Compatriots, I am humbly announcing my candidacy for **Registrar General** for the 2025-2026 term. I am seeking the opportunity to serve because I genuinely love the Sons of the American Revolution as an organization and the services it provides, but even more so I appreciate the men and women of the Society. They have given so much to Cyndi and me over the years and in turn, I have a real desire to give back.

As you know, our Society is facing some significant challenges. Membership levels have been lagging and although we have made improvements, we must not relax our efforts. The Registrar General is the steward of all membership records and databases, but his responsibilities are far more extensive. He must ensure and encourage the recruitment, retention, and reinstatement of Compatriots to ensure the long-term success of the Society.

I believe I have the talent and skills to build on our past successes and harness our forward momentum. Attention to detail is critical when navigating the demographics of our vast membership records. Utilizing my past experiences as the PG's Committee Coordinator and Chairman of the Council of State Presidents, I believe I am well positioned to coordinate with State Officers, Committee Chairmen, and Headquarters Staff. I have a proven track record of navigating a simple idea into a vibrant new program, the NSSAR Youth Video Contest. I have the extensive experience necessary to lead our expansion plans to grow our membership and enhance awareness of our noble Society.

Please review my [biography](#) for more details on my SAR journey. I trust you will find examples of experience and commitment to the organization. I appreciate your consideration and hope you will find me worthy of your vote as your **Registrar General**. I respectfully ask you to send endorsements to: [Nominating Committee Chairman PG John L. Dodd](#), prior to 1 February 2025. Respectfully submitted, **Keith A Weissinger**, MD, Librarian General 2024-2025, Surgeon General 2022-2023, Minuteman class of 2024



WSSAR Participates In The Largest Group Interment In Last 150 Years

On 22 August the **Tahoma National Cemetery** in Kent, Washington held a ceremony to honor and inter the remains of 30 Civil War veterans and 31 spouses.



The ceremony took place at 12:30 PM at the cemetery, located at 18600 SE 240th St. in unincorporated King County. The Washington state chapter of the **Missing In America Project** identified the remains, which were stored at a Seattle cemetery and included 12 married couples. **The event is thought to be the largest group interment of Civil War soldiers in the last 150 years.**

The remains of each Civil War Veteran passed between the SAR CG compatriots that were at the **mourning position** in honor of the fallen. (right) (Below) CG Compatriots in the formation were: Tom Barham, John Herr, Dick Motz, Tim Smith, Eric Olsen, Mike Moore. At right are Melonie Leaning (DAR) & Ralph Leaning (HODAR) who carried remains.



Other Civil War orginations were also represented (below).



Also present were: Jim Carpenter, Ken Roberts, Mark Whiteaker, & Chaplain Edwin Dierdorff



Here the "Flag Ceremony" is done by the Army. And the compatriots are placed in there forever nitch.



Some Photos by www.miap.us - Sean Verma

Patriot Pathway at the Rainier Chapter House in Seattle.

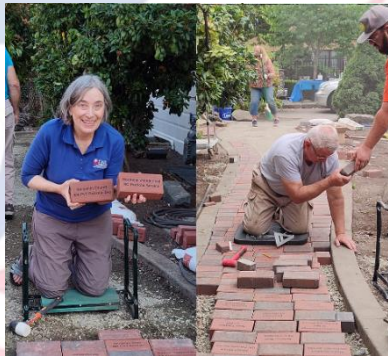
We thank Home Depot (right). We couldn't have done this project without their assistance and generous grant of materials. We also thank Angela Henderson and Juan of the Brick Mason Union for assisting us with their expertise.

This project features our Revolutionary Era Veteran's names in the center of the pathway and will finish in a plaza of bricks.

Rainier Chapter Regent Diana Prigger and her ladies of the DAR provided assistance with the project as well as providing beverages, snacks and lunch. Mick Hersey, VP of the John Paul Jones Chapter, SAR and the Ladies of the Rainier Chapter of the DAR all helped in installing the pathway.



Here we see Shirley Stirling and Mick Hersey placing brick in the pathway
Below is the finished pathway



The entire crew photo.

This is what the bricks look like. This one just happened to be the editor's ancestor 😊



We are proud of those who supported this project with their donations and purchase of bricks and to Home Depot for the donation of materials. The pathway includes over 250 engraved bricks of Patriots of the Revolutionary Era. They include George and Martha Washington, Signers of the Declaration of Independence, Veteran's and even those that were honored for their patriotic service. Bricks were purchased by members of the DAR and SAR over the past year. After the original dirt and gravel pathway was removed, over 1000 bricks were installed, many cuts were needed to ensure a tight fit. Roughly over 500 cuts. Led by Chapter Regents Club President Shirley Stirling, supervised by Rainier Chapter Regent Diana and designed by Mick Hersey to fit the original footprint of the dirt/gravel pathway at the Rainier Chapter House on Roy Street in Seattle. The Patriot Pathway was installed over 3 days in August. The original corner stone of the house was also cleaned and lettering enhanced.

Chapter Newsletter Editor Wins National Award.

Stan Granberg of the Seattle Chapter and newsletter editor, of the "Needle News" was awarded the Carl F. Bessent Award for the most outstanding multiple sheet Chapter newsletter. Congratulations Stan!!!



Maybe you would like to take over the "Washington Trails" publication? (the Editor)

Washington State SAR President Receives DAR Award.

Recently at the first meeting of the state DAR year, **Greg Lucs** was guest speaker. While at the meeting he was presented with the "Hannah Arnett" award for his many years of dedicated service to the nation, state, and the community



Highlights From the Chapters

John Paul Jones Chapter

The Sons of the American Revolution, **John Paul Jones Chapter**, are proud to recognize and honor the patriotic leadership and service of outstanding Americans, especially among our youth.

On Sunday, August 4, 2024, at Peace Lutheran Church, Bremerton, WA as part of the Eagle Scout Court of Honor conducted by Scout Troop 1541, Eagle Scouts Reese



Benz and Sam Bonsell were presented the SAR Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition. As Eagle Scouts, Sam and Reese represent Scouting's finest tradition of duty to God and country, duty to others and duty to self. They represent those values that build strong character, strong families and strong communities. Sam and Reese, congratulations on your outstanding achievement and best wishes for continued success.

Cascade Centennial Chapter

With summer over, CCC is gearing up in anticipation of our first meeting of the Fall on Oct 5, 2025 from 11 am to 1 pm at Enzo's Bistro in Issaquah. Our meetings continue to be on the first Saturday of the month at Enzo's, and we have speakers lined up for the next half-dozen meetings who are historical experts on the Revolutionary War. In fact, many of our speakers have had articles published in *The Journal of the American Revolution*. The focus of our meetings continues to be on camaraderie coupled with relevant and interesting programs--with business held to a minimum. We do, however, anticipate a busy December business-related meeting with a visit by Pacific District VPG Perry Taylor and Susan, a potential visit by NSSAR Librarian-General Keith Weissinger, election of 2025 chapter officers, and approval of our 2025 chapter budget. Our energy now is focused on our annual Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11 at 11 am at Sunset Hills Memorial Park Cemetery in Bellevue. This year's theme is "Honoring Post 9/11 Veterans" with our keynote speaker having served two tours in Afghanistan. We'll have remarks by the Bellevue Mayor and a Gold Star Family Member who lost a loved one in Afghanistan, the reading of a Medal of Honor Citation for a Washington State hero who served in Afghanistan, and our usual ceremonial festivities to include presentation of the Colors, Bagpipes, and Taps. All WASSAR compatriots and their guests are cordially invited, whether or not you are a veteran.

Mid-Columbia Chapter

Presentation of the American Heritage Merit Badge

19 July 2024...Compatriots assisted Theresa Buczek of the Richland Washington School District in the presentation of the American

Heritage Merit Badge to the Boy Scout Troop 150. Information was provided regarding the American Revolutionary War patriots, genealogy, and various artifacts of the period.



Spokane #1 Chapter

On Friday, August 9th, Spokane chapter #1 had the honor of welcoming Spokane County Sheriff John Nowels to the Sons of the American Revolution.



(l-r) Rae Anna Victer, Doug Jonas, Dale Ryan, Shawna & Sheriff John Nowles, Terry Carver, Rob Hill, Stan Wills, and Susan Walker.

George Rogers Clark Chapter

Again, this year the George Rogers Clark chapter of SAR and the Sacajawea chapter of DAR partnered to present examples of colonial life during the Revolutionary War to middle school students at Griffin school.



This experience has been as enriching for the adults participating as it has been for the students. The organizers have received over 30 letters from the middle schoolers, like the one below, expressing their appreciation for the effort and creativity shown.

Several of our members have participated in this program including Art Dolan, Lew Maudsley, Dick Moody and Joe Coorough. Prepared "scripts" and physical props have been prepared on the various topics to help other members get started in this effort. Members who would like to participate in this project should complete the NSSAR Youth Protection Training on the national web site and also request a background check form from the chapter president.

Flag Day

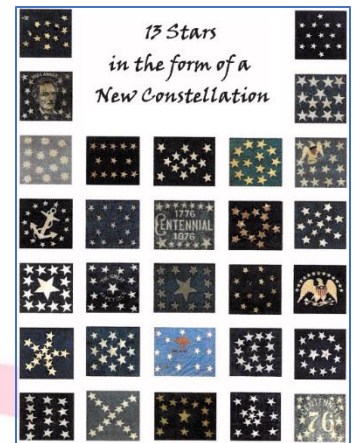
On June 14, 1777 (Flag Day) the Continental Congress passed a resolution that the flag shall be thirteen stripes of alternate red and white, with a union of thirteen stars of white in a blue field, representing the new constellation.

At right are just a few versions of the 13-star constellation in our history.

I have several of these in the Flag Museum in Spokane.



Contributed by Stan Wills



News From The WA State SAR Ladies Auxiliary (LAWASSAR)

[Facebook Page](#)



This quarter's newsletter article is brought to you by Susan Taylor

The 134th Annual Congress in Lancaster, PA. was held last month with the largest attendance of Washington members, spouses and Ladies Auxiliary members since the Congress was held in Renton in 2021. It was a delight to see so many there in fellowship together, although it did make gathering for a state delegates dinner a bit complicated.

The hotel and convention center setting were ideal for the various events and meetings. The center of town held many historical buildings and shops worthy of exploration. The offered tours were varied and interesting. It truly was a great Congress with a lot of Washington high notes.

There was a great deal of pomp and circumstance during the week. Two Washington SAR members were presented the Minuteman award, class of 2024, State President Greg Lucas and past State President Keith Weissinger. Perry Taylor was sworn in as the current Vice President General of the Pacific District. Keith Weissinger was also installed as the current Librarian General. Mike Hutchins was sworn in as the new Washington National Trustee. Fred Gilbert and Neil Vernon were awarded the Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard.

The Ladies Auxiliary was active and celebratory also. This was an election year for officers and our own Cyndi Weissinger will be serving a second term as NLASAR treasurer.

The business meeting was full as the long-awaited amendments to the auxiliary bylaws were passed. Mostly the amendments dealt with wording changes to bring more continuity to the whole document. The term limits of holding office were shortened and the position of historian and chaplain will become elected offices at the next election in 2026.

The website for the ladies Auxiliary will now be administered by a different server rather than GoDaddy. Hopefully it will soon be updated and easily navigated.

The guest speaker, James McMahon PhD, retired Hershey curator gave an informative talk regarding the career of Milton Hershey and how his start in the confectionary business in Lancaster contributed to his success as the man behind the chocolate bar. The presentation was made even sweeter with the gift of a Hershey Bar to all those in attendance.

The Ladies Luncheon was held at the Cameron Estate Inn, a lovely Bed and Breakfast with an event room. Our guest speaker garbed in her historical tartan attire shared the history of the local settlement of Scottish immigrants who established the local church which has continued in constant use since its inception.

Several of the Washington contingent extended their stay to further explore local historical sites and their ties to the area. I am sure they will all agree that it is wonderful to be back home. We just are not accustomed to the heat and humidity of Pennsylvania and the surrounding area.

Once again it was wonderful to experience the growing delegation of Washington members. We are becoming a force with which to be reckoned.

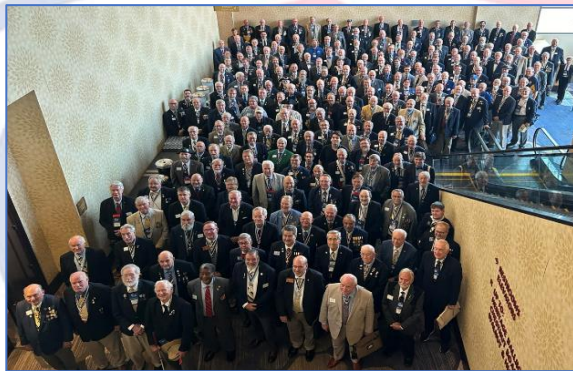
Thank you, Susan, for sharing your Highlights of Pennsylvania!

[Cindy Lucas](#), President, LAWASSAR



Random Photos & Links From The 134th Congress...





New President General: Darryl Addington, M.D. (Tennessee SAR)



Compatriot Addington is a South Carolina native and currently lives with his wife Mary in North Carolina. Compatriot Addington joined the Sons of the American Revolution in 1996 and has served as a state president, National Trustee and Alternate Trustee, National Surgeon General, along with Treasurer and Secretary General. He has also served on the board of the SAR Foundation.

New Vice President General for the Pacific District

One month ago, today, I was honored to have been elected by my peers in the SAR to the position of Vice President General for the Pacific District (Alaska, Oregon, and Washington) for 2024-2025. I am blessed to be accompanied by this lovely, fine Lady, my Bride of 54+ years, Susan Taylor as we 'walk-the-walk' to the Installation Banquet festivities. Now for a fantastic year of serving and visiting local and state chapters/societies in the district.

Perry Taylor



LINKS

[LINK](#) to a YouTube video (8Min) of the 2024 Congress.



[LINK](#) to a YouTube video (5min) of the color guard marching to the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Lancaster, PA.

[LINK](#) to a YouTube video (1.25hr) The Sons of the American Revolution service at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster, PA.



[LINK](#) to the 2024 Congress attendees list

[LINK](#) to a video (1.6min) Posting of the Colors at the 2024 Congress



LINKS To Other Newsletters & Documents Of Interest
Minutes From The State BOD Meeting (3 Aug 2024) Submitted by: Russ Oliver, State Secretary, WSSAR (Available till the end of Dec 2024)
The 3rd Quarter 2024 Issues Of The CAR Newsletters (Jul Aug Sep) Submitted by: Jeannette Carroll (Available till the end of Dec 2024)
The WA State SAR Administrative Procedures (updated Apr 2023)
SAR Magazine Archives (requires login)
The Colorguardsman Magazine (Jul Issue)

Welcome To All The New Members This Quarter

Name	Chapter	Month	Name	Chapter	Month
Curtis Edward Dooley	John Paul Jones	Sep	Kevin Richard Gustafson	John Paul Jones	Sep
Eric Mandeville	John Paul Jones	Sep	Marcus Albert Moellendorf	Alexander Hamilton	Aug
Glenn Roland Goddard	John Paul Jones	Sep	Mark Jeffrey Smith	George Washington	Sep
Jay M. Bonner	John Paul Jones	Sep	Matthew Ryan Orenca	Seattle	Jul
Jeffrey Linn Boster	John Paul Jones	Sep	Steven Lee Hadley	Mid-Columbia	Sep
John Paul Wilcox	Alexander Hamilton	Jul	Thomas Gregory Foster	Cascade Centennial	Jul

Secretary’s Corner June 2024

Compatriots,

The last few days of summer are here – and with the coming of Fall, is also the start of SAR Dues Season! Chapter Secretaries and Chapter Treasurers will be working hard over the next few months to gather your SAR dues for the upcoming year (2025). It is never too soon to pay your dues, don’t wait until the 31 December deadline! I always try and have my dues to my chapter Treasurer before Thanksgiving, so I can head into the holiday season with a clear conscience. Check with your chapter officers for the amount you owe for 2025 (National and State dues remain unchanged, but perhaps there have been changes to your chapter dues since last year). And while you are thinking of SAR and your 2025 dues, don’t forget to take a moment to visit the [National website](#) and review your personal information in the 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 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, Secretary, Washington State, Sons of the American Revolution

Yankee Doodle

In 18th century English culture, a “dandy” was a man obsessed with gaudy fashion. A “macaroni” was a particularly outrageous dandy, one who favored ridiculous effeminate fashion, such as tall beehive-style powdered and perfumed wigs. So, when English soldiers began referring to the colonial rebels as “Yankee doodle dandies” who stuck feathers in their hats and called them “macaronis,” their intent was to deliver a stinging insult—basically they were calling the Americans rubes and sissies. As has happened often in history, the intended insult was appropriated and embraced by those to whom it was directed. Nowadays “Yankee Doodle” is considered one of America’s defining patriotic songs. “YANKEE DOODLE” Yankee Doodle went to town riding on a pony, stuck a feather in his cap and called it macaroni. Yankee Doodle keep it up, Yankee Doodle dandy! Mind the music and the step, and with the girls be handy! Father and I went down to camp, Along with Captain Gooding; There we saw the men and boys, as thick as hasty pudding. Yankee Doodle keep it up, Yankee Doodle dandy! Mind the music and the step, and with the girls be handy! There was Captain Washington, upon a slapping stallion, Giving orders to his men- I guess there was a million. Yankee Doodle keep it up, Yankee Doodle dandy! Mind the music and the step, and with the girls be handy! Then the feathers on his hat. They looked so very fine, oh! I wanted desperately to get, to give my Jemima. Yankee Doodle keep it up, Yankee Doodle dandy! Mind the music and the step, and with the girls be handy!



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

Alexander Hamilton (Tacoma area)

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

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Cascade Centennial (Bellevue area)

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

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Ft. Vancouver (Vancouver area)

3rd 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)

2nd 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)

3rd 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)

4th 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)

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

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Ranger (Snohomish Co. area)

3rd 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)

2nd 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)

2nd 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

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Birthday Wishes To All Compatriots Who Celebrate This Quarter

Data extracted From the National Database (9-10-24), If incorrect, contact your chapter secretary



July

Alan Ray Weatherhead
Aric Taylor
August David Kastigar Zenk
Brent Theodore Lawson
Bruce David Harrington
Bruce Glenn Bock
Craig Edward Anthony
Daniel Eugene Kampman
David Harold Wilson
David Reno Rice
Donald Scott Little
Douglas Paul Barber
George Robert Vernon
Gerald William Lasser
Howard William Stephan
J. Michael Fitzpatrick
J. Scott Grimes
Joachim Ernst Mueller
John Frederick Nowels
Joseph Bruce Allen
Kenneth Edward Futrelle
Kristopher Lee Kanzler
Lawrence Arthur Flint
Michael Scott Brumback
Nicholas David Esperseth Ross
Noah Isaiah Chase
Patrick Anthony Burch
Paul Keith Megargle
Philip Rogers Rossi
Quentin Edward Gilman
Richard Dale Cline Jr
Richard Noel Mercier
Robert Dean Everitt
Robert Lawrence Schneider
Ronald Steven Thompson
Russell Patrick Oliver
Seth Robert Thompson
Taylor Charles Johnson
Thomas Alan Bemenderfer
Thomas Maxwell Schultz
Vern Ray Starks
Viren Kenneth Lemmer
Will Robert Gates
William Benjamin Graeff
William Burton Bailey Jr
William T Pickett
Zachary Wayne Chesley

August

Alan David Blinn
Andrew Fain Thomas
Arthur William Dolan
Aubrey Richardson Carter Jr
Baxter Franklin Gray
Bodie Harrison Strom
Bruce Glenn Bock
Carl Thomas Hellings
Christopher Alan Kuntz
Christopher George Hellings
Danny Michael Boon
Donald Allen Deschenes
Donald Roderick Scott
Douglas Brenner Cooper
Evan Merritt Hinkle
George Evan Hanson
Gerard Heaney
Gregory C. Parker
Harold Lee Steenbergen
James Arthur Carpenter
James Lawrence Williams
Jeffrey Robert Spencer
Jeremy James Robison
John Paul Wilcox
John Ray Tremain
Leonard Paul Koplen
Mathew Wade Spradlin
Matthew James Covella
Matthew Ryan Orenca
Michael Scott Brumback
Nicholas A. Troy
Patrick Kenneth McGuire
Philip Alexander Troy
Robert Edward Pringle
Robert Lawrence Schneider
Ronn William Mercer
Russell Patrick Oliver
Russell Thomas Oliver
Samuel Lee Hellings
Stephen Michael Pyne
Steven Lee Thomasson
Thomas Gregory Foster
Timothy Ralph Smith

September

Alan David Blinn
Alexander James Tennant-Howell
Alfred Douglas Pinkham Jr
Andrew David Zellman
Andrew Neilson Pecunia II

Anthony Charles Lucero
Anthony Oscar Abbott
Bradley Neal Allen
Brendan Patrick Oliver
Brian Keith Bayley
Carl Carey Durkoop
Christopher George Hellings
Claude Douglas Asher
Craig Raymond French
Daniel Michael Costello
Eric Scott Olsen
Eugene Lawrence Tenney Jr
Faas Sloan Christianson
Gary Franklin Gray
Gerald Marvin Strode
Gregory Frank Becker
Jack William Foster
James A Hoehn
James Lawrence Williams
James Norman Mattis
James Stewart Herbert
Joel Cameron Black
John Douglas Logsdon
Johnny Ray Meek
Jon Malcolm Newton
Jonathan Henry Blind
Jordan Blaine Nissell
Kane Robert Slifka
Kelly Jay Schultz
Leland Michael Hutchins
Lemuel Martin Pratt
Oscar David Farrar
Paul Matthew Macduff
Paul Robert Kester Sr
Perry Von Taylor
Raymond Morris Schreiber
Richard Owen Calkins
Robert Forrest Doughty
Robert Leslie Smalser
Robert Lewis Nofsinger
Ronald Prescott Morse
Sean Henry Luchessa
Steven Anton Bergquist
Timothy Ralph Smith
William Anthony Bentler
William Burnett Zenk
William Oren Palmer
William Thomas Parr
Zane Victor Bennett

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 20th 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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