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From The Commander

Compatriots,

The SAR Annual Washington State Conference is fast approaching. With the COVID restrictions being lifted we have the opportunity to meet in person once again. I hope you will take this opportunity to attend the State Conference where we will once again have a Color Guard meeting, being held on Friday, April 8, 2022 at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver Washington. The meeting will begin at 4 pm. We have not had this opportunity since April 2019 when the regions of responsibility were outlined.



Our Services have been requested for Posting the Colors at several events during the State Conference, so it is time to spruce up your uniforms and polish your boots! During this conference the WASSAR Color Guard will be recognized in ways not done previously since I became an SAR member in January 2015. I look forward to seeing you there and working with you. As Color Guardsmen we make the events shine!

A couple of other notes I would like to convey to you this quarter. These do relate to one another in different aspects.

250th Medals – though these are not Color Guard medals specifically, the events that you have attended as Color Guard members dating back to 2014 count toward the point accumulation necessary for this medal. Contact your chapter representative for more information.

The second item has to do with a Bill that was recently passed in the Washington State House of Representatives (SSB 5756). This is where Washington State is getting engaged in the 250th Anniversary celebration. The Brief Summary States “Establishes the Semi quincentennial Committee to coordinate and provide guidance for Washington’s official observance of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States”.

The committee’s duties as outlined in the Bill is in strong alignment of the objectives of the Sons of the American Revolution. As these progresses and becomes more publicized and engrained into the Education system, our services can become in great demand! Polish up your presentation scripts and hold on for the ride!

Thank you for all you do in promoting the objectives of SAR. I look forward to seeing you at the State Conference.

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

LEGAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

FROM: EDMON H. MCKINLEY, CHAIRMAN, GENERAL ADVICE GROUP DATE: 15 NOV 2021 SUBJECT: 501(C)(3) ISSUE

The NSSAR is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. As such, the NSSAR, state societies, and chapters are governed by the rules that apply to those organizations.

Two areas that need to be of particular concern to the NSSAR at all levels relates to the 501(c)(3) charitable organizations absolute prohibition “from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in any political campaign on behalf (or opposition to) any candidate for elected political office.” You are encouraged to review the very fine instructive comments relating to this entire issue in the Handbook, Volume III of the Official Handbook, Requirements for Maintaining Tax Exemption; Additional Restrictions on 501(c)(3) Organizations – Paragraphs 3-4-5.

Participation of Color Guard Units and political comments or speakers at meetings are areas where extra caution should be exercised. For illustration purposes only, the following scenarios are presented:

1. A Color Guard Unit should not participate in an event or activity that clearly or indirectly that is political in nature or sponsored by an identifiable political party or group. This includes groups that are known to have partisan political positions or are supported by individuals who take strong political positions. Note that this includes organizations or activities that may promote or express liberal or conservative values not just Republican or Democrat agendas.
2. An individual SAR member who participates in such a partisan political event should clearly do so as a private individual and ensure that their actions or statements are not attributed to the SAR. No SAR flag should be used and the members should not wear any SAR medals and the program or other publicity should not identify them as SAR members. Also, this applies to units of individuals.
3. At any meeting, extra care should be taken to ensure that speakers do not give political campaign speeches supporting themselves or another political candidate. This prohibition includes a political candidate or elected officials seeking reelection.

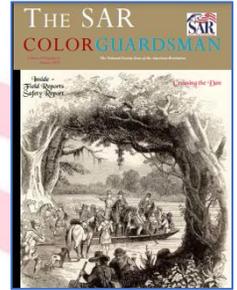
4. No political candidate or elected official should be endorsed by a SAR entity or member who does so as a SAR member.

It is understood that each activity or event must be considered on its own merits and circumstances to determine if it demonstrates support of a partisan political issues or point of view or political candidate.

It is strongly recommended if an SAR society, chapter or unit has a concern that they are being asked to participate in, support, or provide a venue that may violate or appear to violate political restrictions on a 501(c)(3), they seek advice from a person knowledgeable in this area. As a practical matter, it is also recommended that they become fully familiar with the organization or individual sponsoring an event or speaker at a meeting.

Jan issue National Color Guard Magazine

The January 2022 issue of the *SAR Colorguardsman* magazine is on the National web site and is available at this [LINK](#).



Color Guard Events Throughout The State

Regional Area Events In Jan, Feb, Mar

Northern Region

3 Feb: 78 years after disastrous WWII mission, bombardier Anel B. Shay Jr. comes home to Seattle

The Color Guard represented the SAR at a funeral and burial for Army Air Forces 1st LT Anel B. Shay. Lt. Shay was shot down over Romania on August 1, 1943. Shay was 26 when he was killed in one of America's most disastrous air missions of World War II. And until last June, until arduous DNA work was complete, his remains had not been identified. For complete article [Click Here](#).



(L-R) Mike Hutchins, Dick Motz, Jerry Bordelon, Bill Bentler, State President Keith Weissinger, Mike Moore, Neil Vernon, John Kraft, and Bruce Bock.

21 Feb: President's Day. Posted Colors at the wreath laying ceremony, George Washington Statue, UW Campus.

CG Members present were:

Neil Vernon, Dick Motz, Jerry Bordelon, Michael Moore, Michael Bendictson, Skip Stephen, Dick Whittemore, Art Dolan, Dennis Case, Eric Olsen, Dick Moody, Robert Korn,



23 Mar: Members of the SAR gave a great classroom presentation to the St. Brendan's Catholic School in Bothell. Participants were: John Kraft Sr.(GW), Mike Moore (AH), Neil Vernon, Grant Rauzi, and Chris Grabowski (SE).



Southern Region

21 Jan: Posted colors at the DAR Winter Board Management Meeting, SeaTac Marriott. CG members present were, Mike Moore, Neal Vernon, Dick Motz, Viren Lemmer, and Lee Thomlinson.



5 Mar: Massing of the Colors: The WA State Patriotic day, one of the major events for the state, was able to take place once again, only this time in Dupont WA. It



had not been held for the past two years due to the pandemic. Many of the past participants turned out in force. The WA State Color guard was one of them. Units represented were:



WA State Color Guard
Neil Vernon/Dick Motz



Alexander Hamilton Ch
Mike Moore/Jerry Bordelon



George Rogers Clark Ch
Eric Olsen/Dick Moody



Seattle Ch
Robert Korn/Dennis Case

WA State Fife & Drum Corps

(L/R) Mike Bendickson, Jan Lemmer, Melanie Leaning, Jeannine Stephan, and Skip Stephan.

Also in attendance were Art Dolan and Lee Thomasson of GRC Ch.



The SAR contingent won 1st place

award in the adult category. Pictured is Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon accepting the award.



Leading the SAR group in to the event are CG Commander, Neil Vernon & Deputy Commander Dick Motz



Eastern Region

18 Dec 2021: (late report) Wreaths Across America: Mid-Columbia Chapter joined with the Columbia River DAR to participate in the event at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Richland. They then proceeded to the Resthaven Cemetery for another dedication.

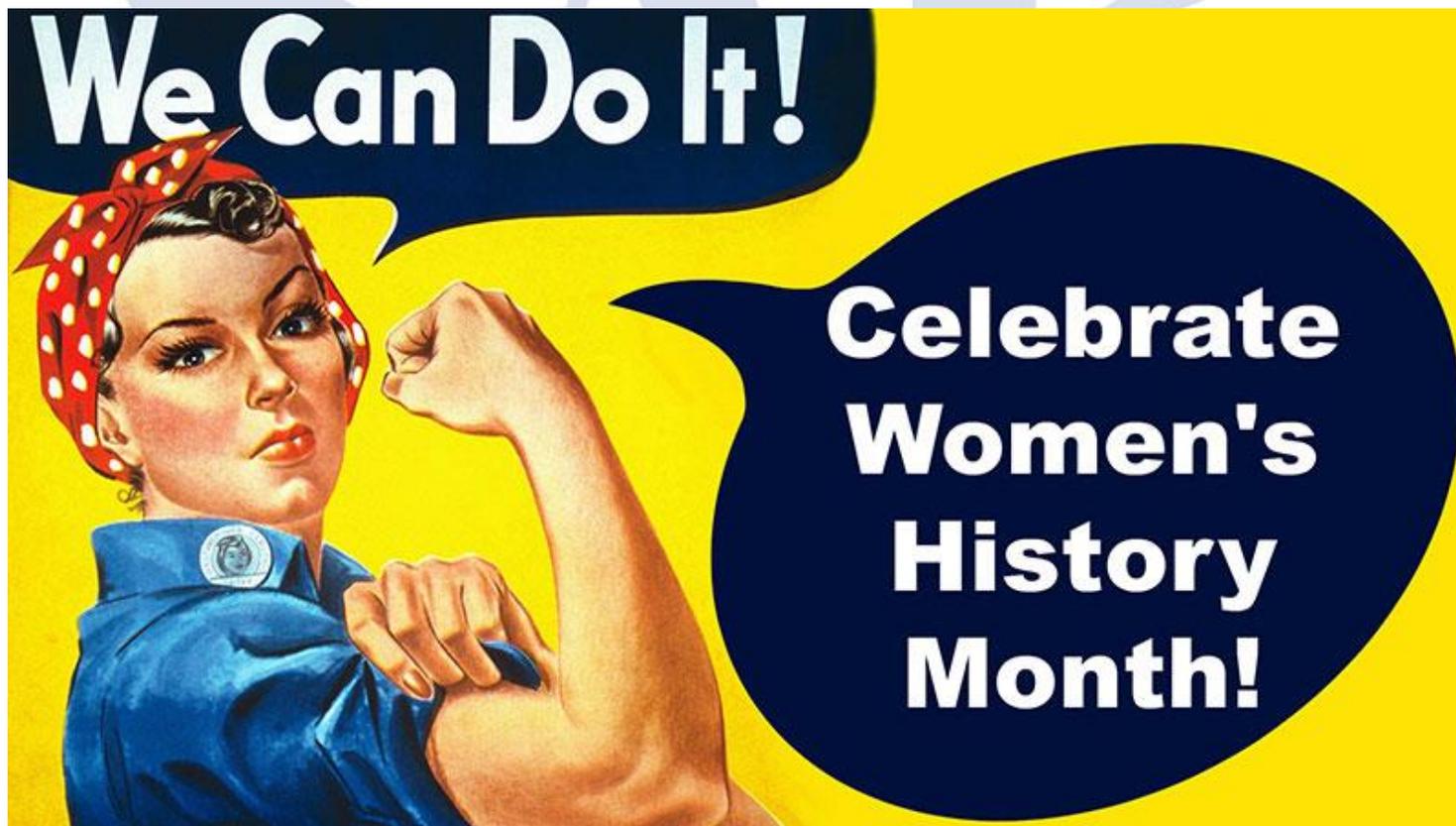
Participants were Larry Flint, Conn Clark, Randal Roach, George Boice, and Brian Smith (photos not available)

29 Mar: Mid-Columbia Chapter presented a certificate to the winner of the regional George S & Stella M Knight Essay contest. Participating members were: Kelly Schultz, George Boice, Richard Roddy and Brian Smith (L to R), along with Larry Flint & Karen Schultz.



Western Region

None Reported



Military Humor & More



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



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

News from the Chapters:

A [media links](#) page has been provided to give access to each Chapter's Facebook page, Newsletter, and Web Site for those that have them.

All articles/submissions are to be sent to the [Editor](#) no later than the above indicated dates.

