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## From The Commander

### Compatriots,

The Washington State SAR Color Guard has experienced a whirlwind of activities this past quarter beginning with Washington States annual conference. At the State Conference, recognition as made to past State Color Guard Commanders, and those currently serving in leadership roles. This was followed by presenting 10-year and 5-year Color Guard participation certificates. Following the conference, the Color Guard had experienced a flurry of activities from Honor Flights, holiday parades, JROTC /ROTC recognitions, and classroom presentations. Somehow, we managed to get some time to support DAR activities as well. We are the face of SAR and together we are meeting the requests for our services



During this past quarter we also were honored to award four (4) new Silver Color Guard medals. The recipients were:

- Leland "Mike" Hutchins (GW)
- John Eric Kraft Sr. (GW)
- Jerry Bordelon (AH)
- Michael Bendictson (AH)

Congratulations to each of these Compatriots and thank you for your unselfish dedication and service to the WASSAR Color Guard. WASSAR has now awarded 26 members with the Silver Color Guard medal. I know that there should be more completed by the end of the year.

We have a full agenda ahead of us this summer and I am confident that we will find ways to meet the challenges. I recently visited the Spokane Chapter. The day following their chapter meeting they had four (4) events all on the same day. Huzzah! Now that is a challenge.

I would like to remind all event organizers to be sure to include the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary flag in each of your events and to make it a talking item.

As Commander of the Washington State Color Guard, compatriots, job well done!

Let's have a safe and eventful summer!

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

## From The Deputy Commander

### Compatriots:

I have just completed a visit to Boston with the primary mission to walk the Freedom Trail.

The trail is a 2.5 mile red-brick trail through the historic neighborhoods that tells the story of the American Revolution. It all starts at the Visitors Center and then you just follow the trail in the sidewalk. Each site is marked with the brass plate at the right. The sites include:



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| 1. <a href="#">Boston Common</a>                              | 6. <a href="#">Boston Latin School</a>         | 12. <a href="#">Faneuil Hall</a>               |
| 2. <a href="#">Massachusetts State House</a>                  | 7. <a href="#">Statue of Benjamin Franklin</a> | 13. <a href="#">Paul Revere House</a>          |
| 3. <a href="#">Park Street Church</a>                         | 8. <a href="#">Old Corner Bookstore</a>        | 14. <a href="#">Old North Church</a>           |
| 4. <a href="#">Granary Burying Ground</a>                     | 9. <a href="#">Old South Meeting House</a>     | 15. <a href="#">Copp's Hill Burying Ground</a> |
| 5. <a href="#">King's Chapel/King's Chapel Burying Ground</a> | 10. <a href="#">Old State House</a>            | 16. <a href="#">USS Constitution</a>           |
|   | 11. <a href="#">Boston Massacre Site</a>       | 17. <a href="#">Bunker Hill Monument</a>       |



Visitor's Center

The highlight was when I was at the Bunker Hill Monument where I met up with some of the MA Color Guard. It was an anniversary event at site.

**If you get a chance to visit Boston, I highly recommend doing the trail**



## From The Vice Commander

### Compatriots

As most of you know George Washington was elected President by the people in 1789. The War ended in 1783, who ran the country? The War started in 1775 and George was elected head of the Army. Who did George report too? The answer is the forgotten presidents. There were 14. Of those 14 there is one person that everyone forgets. Who was he? What did he do?

Charles Thomson of Pennsylvania was the secretary from 1775 till 1789. He is considered the most important patriot of all never to occupy the Presidents chair, nor was he provided a mansion and carriage at public expense. But, as secretary of congress for his entire fifteen-year history.

Charles Thomson was the driving force behind the gavel and the living institutional history of the nation's first government. Without his prodding and pleading, Congress would never have survived. Without his faithful service, the record of the First American Republic would be lost to history.

His life was itself the perfect embodiment of the American Dream. He arrived on these shores as a penniless orphan at the age of ten and now, over two centuries later, he and his wife rest beneath a magnificent obelisk in historic Laurel Hill Cemetery in the heart of Philadelphia. Throughout his long and immensely productive career he left a unique mark on state and national government, natural science and biblical scholarship. His friends and correspondents of fifty years included Franklin and Jefferson.

It was Charles Thomson, the Secretary of Congress, who officially notified Washington of his election as the first President of the Second American Republic and accompanied him from Mount Vernon to the inaugural ceremonies in New York. He was also responsible for Great Seal's approval in 1782 and was one of the first men to sign the Declaration of Independence.

So many of us take for granite our chapter secretaries for all the work they do. They are the backbone of our organization. Well done, Gentlemen.

**Respectfully Submitted, Stan Wills, Vice Commander, Washington State SAR Color Guard**

## Color Guard Events Throughout The State

### Regional Area Color Guard Events In Apr, May, Jun

#### Northern Region

**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).



**30 May:** The Washington State SAR Color Guard was proud to be a part of this year's Memorial Day - Service of Remembrance at Maple Leaf Cemetery in Oak Harbor. Participants were, (L to R) John Kraft, Michael Moore, Michael Benedictson, Patricia Fransico, Viren Lemmer, Danika Benedictson, Chris Fridley, Mike Hutchins, Ken Carlson, Bill Bentler, Bruce Bock, Marshall Eberhart. Not in photo Neil Vernon who was taking care of history!.



### Southern Region

#### **21 Apr: Veteran Funeral/Burial, Tahoma National Cemetery. Kent WA Army Cpl. Benjamin R. Bazzell.**

Participants were: (L to R) Jerry Bordelon, Mike Moore, Neil Vernon, Noah Chase, Ralph leaning (HODAR), and Fred Gilbert.



#### **25 Apr SeaTac international Airport:** Three members of the Washington Society SAR Color Guard greeted 53 WWII, Korea, and Vietnam war veterans' home as they returned Monday from a two-day Honor Flight to Washington DC.

Among the passengers were three WWII veterans, all over 90 years old. One told a SAR Color Guard member "It was a trip of a lifetime. I never imagined I would see Washington DC and the monuments."

Thank you, Puget Sound Honor Flight Association, for including the SAR in the welcoming home celebration.

Representing the SAR Color Guard were Neil Vernon, Mike Moore, and Dick Moody.

Reported by Dick Moody.



#### **6 & 7 May:** The Alexander Hamilton Chapter posted the colors on two days at the DAR Annual Conference. Sea-Tac Marriott Inn.

**6 May** Jerry Bordelon & Mike Moore



**7 May:** Mike Moore, Dick Motz,



& Amy Brooks

**16 May: SEA-TAC International Airport:**

The **Honor Flight** from Washington DC was met by members from 3 different chapters.

Participating members were (L-R): Art Dolan, Grant Rauzi, Mike Moore, Pam Gassman, Dick Motz, Dick Moody, Neil Vernon

**21 May Armed Forces Day JBLM. 11am-6 pm. Heritage Hill on McChord Field**

Present were: Eric Olsen, Lew Maudsley, Joe Coorough, Art Dolan, Mike More, Ralph Leining (HODAR), Jerry Bordelon, Dick Motz

**29 May Memorial Day.** The traditional Memorial Day Service was held at Fir Lane Cemetery in Spanaway. Participant were (L to R) Mike Moore, Ralph Liening, Jerry Bordelon, Skip Stephens, Eric Olsen



**21 Jun: Make Music Day.** The Lions Club presented a Make Music Festival in the Federal Way Town Square Park. Mike Moore & Jerry Bordelon posted the colors and participated in many photos at the event.



### Eastern Region (late report)

**26 April: Spokane International Airport...** 100 Veterans were welcomed back from an Honor Flight from Washington DC for the first time in 2 years. There was one WWII Veteran, 96 years young, and one female Veteran from Viet Nam era. Despite Covid concerns a large crowd attended the welcome back ceremony. Their return was delayed for over an hour due to weather.

Stan Wills, of the Spokane SAR Chapter CG, was the only member to attend.



**14 May** Stan Wills of Spokane, assisted the Esther Reed Chapter of the DAR to rededicate the monument of the only **Real Daughter** in Washington State. She is Isabel Conway 1836-1915 buried in Greenwood Cemetery Spokane WA.



#### **21 May: Armed Forces Day, Spangle WA.**

Members from the Spokane Chapter participated in the Spangle Day Parade

(L to R) John Knauer, Rob Scott, Patience Ryan, Stan Wills, Will Palmer, Dale Ryan, and 4 of Will Palmers grandkids (all under 18).



#### **21 May: Armed Forces Day, Spokane WA.**

Members of the Spokane Chapter marched in the Torchlight Parade (a part of the Lilac Festival) to salute our military. The parade started at 7:45 p.m., with 48 bands, 25 equestrian entries, 21 floats, & 25 military entries. The police estimated there 100,000 lined up on the two-mile course to watch the parade.

(L to R) back row Rob Hill, John Knauer, Will Palmer, Stan Wills, Carl Durkoop, Dennis Shaw, Dale Ryan, Rob Scott. Front Row Dale Ryan's daughter Patience, Will Palmer's grandchildren 2 grandsons, 2 granddaughters. This was the 2nd parade of the day. The 1st being the Spangle City parade. It was a short parade with only 40 entries. Needless to say, everyone was tired last night.



**11 Jun Fairfield Flag Day Parade, Spokane #1** marched in the 112th annual Fairfield Flag Day Parade. The longest continuous running Flag Day Parade in the country.

(L to R) Stan Wills, Rob Hill, Dale Ryan, Dennis Shaw, John Knauer, Patience Ryan, Carl Durkoop, Rob Scott (our second drummer).



**14 Jun flag day:** On a cold rainy day, Dale Ryan & I handed out Flag Pins to 20 New Citizens from 14 countries at the Spokane Indians Baseball Field. It was scheduled outside, hoping the weather would be sunny, however it was not.



**18 Jun: Scottish Fest in Prosser.** Kelly & Karen Schultz, George & Connie Richard Roddy & Jan Hughes, along with Larry Flint attended the SAR and DAR information Table. Five people signed up for our mailing list, as did some for the DAR.



**28 Jun Flag Program, Touchmark Retirement Home, 3:00pm.** Point of contact for event is [Stan Wills](#).  
**Location:** Spokane

### Western Region

**21 May 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Armed Forces Day Parade Bremerton.** The parade had over 125 entries from around the Puget Sound area. This year's Grand Marshal was Navy Admiral Frank Caldwell. Various WA State SAR and DAR chapters participated, winning the Best Community Group Award. Fred Gilbert, JPJ Color Guard Captain, coordinated the SAR/DAR participation. Other participants were: JPJ Chapter Ladies Auxiliary, The DAR lead by Susan Taylor, Regent, Admiralty Inlet Chapter and; and Kelli Garcia, Regent, Elizabeth Ellington Chapter, Bremerton.

#### **Color Guard Participants were:**

**SE:** Neil Vernon, Christopher Clayton, Stephen Clayton

**JPJ:** Fred Gilbert, Perry Taylor, Noah Chase, Doug Nelson, Mick Hersey.

**AH:** John Herr, Matt Bendictson, Viren Lemmer, Jan Lemmer, Skip Stephen.

**FV:** Mike Fitzpatrick



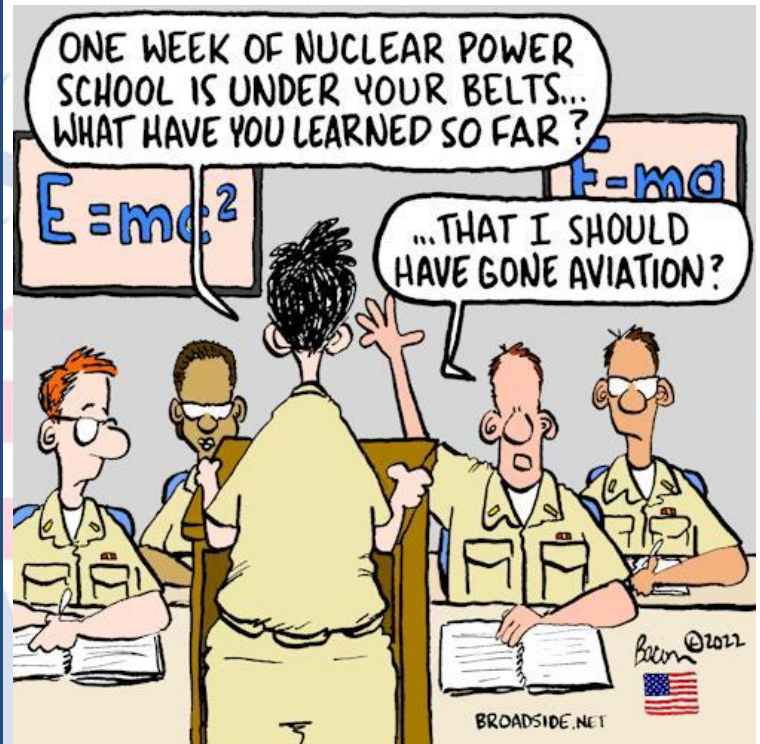
**F&D:** Terry Barker, Stephanie Conway, Alonde Droege, Danika Bendictson And Vern Frykholm as George Washington



## 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

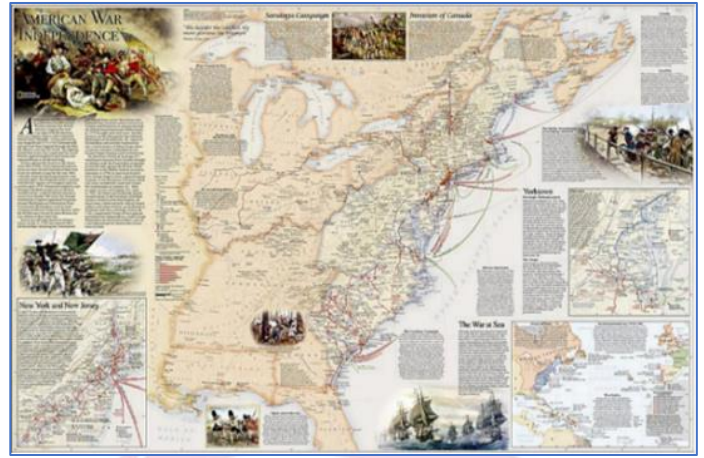
### For Sale:

Contact	Item	Size	Cost	Notes
<a href="#">Dick Motz</a>	Sewing Machine		<b>Free!!!</b> Just come pick it up... Great for sewing those uniform accessories.	

**Battles of the Revolutionary War and War of 1812:**

**2-Sided Map is available from the National Geographic Society.**

[Link to order](#) (\$16.95).



## The Washington Trail - Publication Schedule

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

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

## NSSAR 132<sup>nd</sup> National Congress, Savannah GA, 2022

You may start registering for Hotel Rooms at Congress in Savannah, GA for Jul 10-15 2022.

Please remember that the Congress dates have slipped one day because of the contract with the hotel.

- EXCOM/SAR Foundation will be on Saturday, 9 July
- Tours and Host Reception will be on Sunday 10 July
- Memorial Service, First Ladies Tea, Rumbaugh Orations will be on Monday 11 July
- Opening Ceremony, Youth Luncheon, and Award Night will be on Tuesday 12 July
- Ladies Luncheon and PGs Banquet will be on Wednesday, 13 July
- Last tour and Installation Banquet will be on Thursday, 14 July
- EXCOM/SAR Foundation will be on Friday, 15 July

The link for the on-line reservations is: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/SAVRS/G-NSSA>

Hyatt Regency Hotels do a centralized reservations number so make sure when you call you specify that it is for the Hyatt Regency Savannah. Phone number is (877) 803-7534. Use the **Group Code: G-NSSA**.

If you have any problems with the reservations, please contact me with the issue. I will work them as I can.

Thank you and see you in GA. Paul Callanan, NSSAR National Planning Chair.

