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AMERICA'S FIRST VETERANS AND THE FACE OF THE SAR

From The Commander

The WASSAR Color Guard has had a very busy quarter and much of the activities have been cross collaboration between chapters. We started off with the Patriot Week and WASSAR State Conference in Ocean Shores. Nearly 50 Color Guard members attended the conference and all chapters (9 of 10) who have Color Guard members had representation! Way to go! Thank you to each of the chapters who have submitted articles for the SAR Guardsman and Magazine. This clearly shows that Washington State continues to be actively engaged and on the move in promoting the objectives of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution! The submission for the upcoming issue represents eight chapters' activities! Both the SAR Magazine and SAR Guardsman have been submitted for the summer issue and again 6 pages of articles and photos have been provided.



Color Guard scorecard for the 2nd quarter (as reported to me):

Events	Number	CG Members present at events	Cross Chapter Events
New Citizen Ceremonies	3	14	
School Presentations	16	41	1
DAR Support and Ceremonies	2	6	1
Honor Flight	2	13	1
Flag Presentations	2	7	1
Liberty Tree	1	3	1
Veteran Internments	4	27	1
Parades	2	16	1
Recruitment Booths	1	6	1
Veteran Ceremonies	7	35	1
Totals	40	336	9

For the 2023-2024 school year (as reported to me) we have presented to over 2,000 students!

What an accomplishment!! We need to continue to emphasis to the students that they are living in history of the 250th Anniversary of our Country and of Revolutionary War events.

Looking Forward:

Several activities are scheduled throughout the summer. Several of us will be attending the National Congress in Lancaster, Pennsylvania in July. We hope to have a memorable experience that we can report back to you on. If there are activities scheduled for your area, be sure to get them on the Color Guard Schedule.

As always, I am in awe of the hours of sacrifice given by the Color Guard in promoting the values of the SAR and I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to all of the Color Guard members. Their service and sacrifices for making WASSAR one of the greatest societies of the Sons of the American Revolution. It is an honor to server with you. As a final note, for Color Guard members within your chapter that may be less active, be sure to invite them and include them in the activities. They may need a little coaxing.

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

Color Guard Patch Available

A limited quantity of the sew on Color Guard Patches are still available at a cost of \$3.25 each.

If you want them mailed the postage cost is:

- 3 or less.....\$1.00 4-6.....\$2.00
- 7-9.....\$3.00 10 or more.....\$9.90

CG Members may contact the Deputy Commander for purchase.

NOTE: Authorized for WA State Color Guard members only.

The patch measures 4"x4"



Color Guard Events Throughout The State

Regional Area Color Guard Events In Apr, May, Jun

Northern Region

18 May: Armed Forces Day Observance: Dar event, 10 members of the Georg Washington chapter color guard presented the colors at this year's Armed Forces Day event at the Sedro-Woolley Museum.

CG Members present were: (l-r) Marshal Anderson, Marshal Eberhart, Rod Jenny, John Kraft, Terry Laxton, Bill Bentler, Jack Foster, Mike Hutchins, Russ Oliver, Lee Schuirman



27 May: Memorial Day: Maple Leaf Cemetery, Oak Harbor, was sponsored this year by the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum and featured tributes by the local VSOs; VFW, American Legion, FRA, the Oak Harbor Mayor, the Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, and others. The George Washington Chapter was one of the co-sponsors this year they proudly presented the colors along with many other WASSAR Color Guard members including the WASSAR Fife and Drum Corp led by NSSAR Drum Major Viren Lemmer for five consecutive years so far. This year, we added the SAR America 250th flag to our presentation. Miss Kelly Davidson organized, produced, and directed this great event over many months of planning meetings which we were involved in. Kelly was also a recipient of the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship medal in 2019 for her service to this community. The event was [broadcast live on the local tv station](#).

CG members present were: (top row) John Kraft, Bill Bentler, Jim Carpenter, Tim Smith, Mike Moore, Mike Hutchens, Charley Frisk (front row) Marshall Anderson, Viren Lemmer, Mike Bendickson, Jan Lemmer, Chris Fridley



27 May: The GW chapter participated in the Memorial Day observance at the Greenacres Memorial Park in Ferndale. This was in cooperation with the Chief Whatcom chapter, DAR. The Color Guard led the possession and raised the colors to half-staff. Later in the ceremony, Compatriot Ken Carlson placed a wreath. Compatriot Eberhart had the honor of speaking about his family's history of service to the nation and about his patriot ancestor.

CG members were: (l-r) Rod Jenny, Charles Eberhart, Ken Carlson, John Mark Jenny, and Jack Foster.



6 Jun: The GW chapter participated, in the observance of the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day invasion of Normandy, held at the Causland Memorial Park in Anacortes. In attendance were: Bill Bentler, Mike Hutchins, Marshall Eberhart, Johnmark Jenny, Carlson, Lee Schuirman, Marshall Anderson



Southern Region

7 Apr: The George Rogers Clark chapter participated at the **America 250 traveling exhibition** at the Historic Schmidt House in Tumwater. On the lawn outside the Schmidt house, a tent set up with children's games of the 18th century. The outside activities were very well received with lots of children playing, while wearing loaner 18th century clothing. There was even a "selfie" picture station where children could dress up in colonial attire. Two young ladies were inducted during the event:

- **Natalie Freeto** to the Washington State Society, CAC (Children of the American Colonists)
- **Jamie Monroe Freeto** to the Tumwater Falls Chapter, National Society DAC (Daughters of the American Colonists)

The Color Guard members were:

(top row) Julien Bancroft-Connors (CAC), Franida Maudsley (DAC), Dick Moody, Eric Olsen, (front row) Art Dolan, Lew Maudsley



15 Apr: Honor Flight at Sea-Tac. Members of the Color Guard met the "Honor Flight" From WA DC to greet the returning veterans.



Members were: (l-r) Dick Moody, Mike Moore, Tim Smith, John Herr, Neil Vernon, Stan Granberg, and Art Dolan

Here Neil Vernon greets one of the vets.

3 May: DAR WSSDAR State Conference. Members of the CG posted the colors at the event which took place at the SeaTac Airport Marriott.

(l-r) Charley Fisk, Katelin Gleason (DAR), Melonie Leaning, Alonde Droege, Terry Barker, Stephanie Conroy, Neil Vernon, Dick Motz



5 May: Burial for WW II Veteran Herbert March. Kerns-Bozorth Cemetery. Members from 4 chapters of the WASSAR Color Guard gathered to pay respects to USAAF Tech 4 Herbert March. He was in the Bataan Death March and subsequently died in a Japanese POW camp on 26 Jul, 1942. He was listed as an unknown at the cemetery in the Philippines and was identified in the last year through DNA. Event was in Woodland, WA. CG members participating: (l-r) Eric Olsen, Gregg Stewart, Mike Moore, Dave Witter (OR), Neil Vernon, Paul Winter, John Herr, Lew Maudsley.

18 May: 2 chapters (AH & GRC) & the State CG were at the Joint Base Lewis-McCord (JBLM)



celebration of Armed Forces Day event.

CG Members present: (l-r) Dick Motz, Joe Coorough, Lew Maudsley, Dick Moody, Dennis Case, Eric Olsen, Tom Barham.



20 May: Honor Flight: Members of the Color Guard met the "Honor Flight" From WA DC to greet the returning veterans.



Art Dolan and Dick Moody are shown here with 93-year-old Warner "Gib" Taylor, a Korean War veteran. Gib is a member of the GRC Chapter, and his patriot ancestor, Benjamin Taylor, signed the Declaration of Independence



CG Members present were: (l-r) John Herr, Tim Smith, Stan Granberg, Mike Moore, Neil Vernon, Dick Moody, and Art Dolan.

23 May: Burial for WW II Veteran, George F. Bishop. The WASSAR Color Guard (GRC, AH, SE, FV chapters) gathered to render honors for the military service of Sgt George F Bishop.

Sgt Bishop was captured by the Japanese when Corregidor Island fell May 6, 1942. He endured the Bataan Death March and ended up in the Cabanatuan POW camp. On July 28, 1942. He lost his life to illness as many POW's did in the Philippine Islands. The event took place at the Claquato Cemetery in Chehalis, WA.



CG Members present were: (l-r) Neil Vernon, Eric Olsen, Mike Moore, Jim Carpenter, John Herr, Tim Smith, Stan Granberg, Ken Roberts. Paul



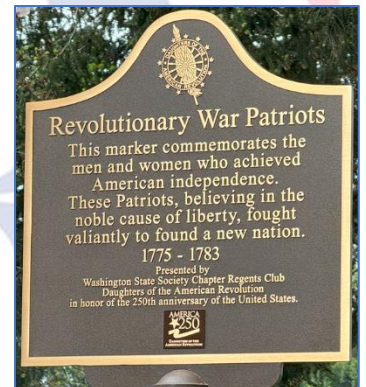
Winter, Joe Coorough, (not in photo) Gregg Stewart & George Vernon.

24 May: Paul Winter, Doug Barber, and Garry Carpenter assisted the DAR to place flags at Brush Prairie Cemetery in Vancouver. It was part of the Memorial Day event.



25 May: Mountain View Cemetery in Lakewood. Over 75 attended dedication of The Daughters of the American Revolution America 250 Marker. The event was opened by the WASSAR Color Guard who presented the

Colors. This area was chosen as it is next to LTCOL Barbara Nichols Gravesite, who passed away recently at over 100 years old. A member of numerous Washington State DAR Chapters and Veteran of 3 major conflicts, WWII, Korea and Vietnam.



There is also a full-size replica of the Liberty Bell within walking distance from the Marker.

Gathered at the bell following the ceremony were (l-r): Paul Carlson, Mick Hersey, Neil Vernon, Shirley Sterling (DAR), Darlene Carlson (DAR), Noa Chase, Perry Taylor, Bryon Dorr, Bev York (DAR)

Photos: Franida Maudsley (DAR)



26 May: The Alexander Hamilton chapter participated in the Memorial Day ceremonies held at the Fir Lane Cemetery in Spanaway. it was the 55th Annual Memorial Day program at the cemetery.

CG members were: (l-r) Thomas Barham, John Herr, Skip Stephen, Michael Moore Jerry Bordelon.

DAR members were: Barbara Waid & Muriel Parrish

All took part in the Presentation of the Colors during



27 May: CG members from Fort Vancouver & Georg Rogers Clark chapters attended the Memorial Day ceremonies held at the Ridgefield Cemetery with American Legion Post 44

CG members were: (l-r) Paul Winter, Allen Furlow, Jeff Lightburn, Rick Cline, George Vernon, and Eric Olsen (in front)



30 May: [CG Members from the Ft. Vancouver & George Rogers Clark chapters](#) presented the colors at the newly designed Monticello Society marker in Longview, Washington. The marker commemorates the descendants of those founding the Oregon Territory and its splinter "Columbia" territory north of the Columbia River. The "North Oregon Territory" became Washington State by a unanimous act of Congress in 1889

[At right were:](#) (l-r) Greg Stewart, Paul Winter, Jeff Wilson (Senator 19th District), Calvin Fowler (dedication organizer from 23 Club), Larry Heckethorne, Art Dolan, and Dick Moody.



1 Jun: CG Members of both WA and OR states combined forces to honor the Burial of Veterans Remains at the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland OR.

The internment included 33 veterans and a child of a US Navy veteran (4 from the Civil War, (8 from the Spanish American War Era, (17 from WW I, and (4 from WW II. Their remains were discovered in a funeral home in the Portland area as unclaimed remains.

The Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) was the sponsoring organization. The ceremony included pipes and drums, a rifle volley with muskets, taps, and releasing of white doves.

Several SAR Color Guard members participated with other organizations in the ceremony and one SAR Color Guard who attended in a blazer but took photos.

OR CG members were: Mark Phillips, Terry Witter, Joel Simmons, Fred Heiserman, Dave Witter, Mike Lebsock

WA CG members were: Neil Vernon, Paul Winter



2 Jun: Paul Winter, Dave Witter (OR SAR) and Allen Furlow assisted the DAR in honoring 5 veterans with new headstones and a Veterans Memorial Service.

Event was at the Brush Prairie Cemetery in Longview. The service received TV coverage that evening on KATU (ABC) news at 6:30 and 11.



15 Jun: Members of the George Rogers Clark chapter were busy at the 2024 Olympic airshow, taking to anyone who would listen, about the SAR, the American Revolution and our nation's 250th anniversary.

Here Erick Olsen and Dick Moody are posing in front of the [Erickson Aircraft Collection](#)'s B-17 painted to look like Ye Olde Pub



22 Jun: AH Chapter posted the Colors for the annual Make Music Festival held at the Steel Lake Park in Federal Way. They also manned an information booth during the event where they promoted the NSSAR Youth program contests. They also they passed out QR code cards to people attending the event, which take the holders of the cards to the Alexander Hamilton Chapter SAR Wreaths Across America Sponsor Group page

CG Members were: (l-r) Thomas Barham, John Herr, Michael Moore, and Ralph Liening (HODAR)



Eastern Region

1 May: Spokane #1 Chapter attended the Naturalization Ceremony held at the Gonzaga University School of Law. There were 38 new citizens from 13 countries.

(l-r) Rob Scott, Tracey Prock, Dale Ryan and Stan Wills.



1 May: The Mid-Columbia CG Participated in the Naturalization Ceremony at the Federal Courthouse in Richland. Twenty-six new citizens from 10 countries were sworn in. Several elected to take pictures with Revolutionary War soldiers. Kelly Schultz, Larry Flint, Richard Roddy and Randal Roach



20 Apr: DAR Dedication of Never Forget Garden, Spokane Valley Library.

SAR CG members were: Stan Wills, Dale Ryan, Will Palmer, Tracey Prock, Bob Korn, Rob Hill, and Wes Corder.

The opening Ceremony



18 May: posted the colors for the Toastmasters regional meeting.

(l-r) Stan Wills, Tracey Prock, Doug Jonas, Bob Korn.



18 May: Parade in Spangle: Spokane #1 chapter participated in the event.

CG members were: (l-r) Rob Scott, Jamison Valentine, Koa Barnes (Will Palmer's Grandson), Dale Ryan, Will Palmer, Denny Shaw, and Carl Durkoop



8 Jun: Spokane #1 Chapter CG with the Spokane Esther Reed & Mary Ball Chapters, participated in the Fairfield Flag Day Parade.

CG Members were:
(Standing) Stan Wills, Doug Jonas, Denny Shaw, ???, Carl Durkoop
(kneeling) Bill Palmer, Dale Ryan, Rob Scott



15 Jun: Scottish Fest 2024 in Prosser. The annual trek to Prosser for the Scottish Fest by the MC chapter was a windy day for their display which sustained some damage. Brian McReynolds, Clay Jackson, Kelly and Karen Shultz (DAR), Larry Flint, Richard Roddy and Jan Hughes with her dog Niles attended the SAR/DAR booth. They all participated again in the opening ceremonies. They were preceded by Queen Mary of Scotts and her court and followed by the clans and bagpipers.

(l to r) Brian McReynolds & Kelly Schultz; Jan Huges & Larry Flint
[pic by Karen S.]



In the shelter.



Western Region

18 May: Members from 3 chapters of the WSSAR Color Guard, (AH, SE, JPJ) and the WASSAR Fife & Drum, participated in the 77th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade in Bremerton, WA – *“and we didn’t get rained on”* 😊.



Members present (below) were: (l-r) Alonde Droege*, Jan Lemmer, Brian Dorr, Perry Taylor, Timothy Smith, Charley Fisk*, Mick Hersey, Pat Buch, Stephanie Conway*, Terry Barker*, Skip Stephen, Mark Whittier, Viren Lemmer, Noah Chase, Neil Vernon.

*(F&D)



Presentations (Summary)

(Note: photos are no longer provided due to requirement for parent's permission to use photos)

John Paul Jones Chapter

9 May: Green Mountain Elementary school was visited by the John Paul Jones Chapter Education Team with a full day of Living History talks. The JPJ presentation team members were: Fred Gilbert, Education Coordinator and Continental Soldier; Bob Smalser Western Frontiersman; and Conrad Plyler militiaman on SC. The presentations start with Fred Gilbert introducing the team members to the students then began the presentations by discussing what lead up to the Revolutionary War and the early days of the war from 1765 to Washington leaving Valley Forge. Conrad Plyler followed with a discussion of the Southern Campaign and several battle and tactics used by General Green with the British departing the South to Yorktown. Bon Smalser talked about the farm life on the frontier and how the long rifle was developed and the sharp shooters used by General Washington. Fred Gilbert returned and spoke on what a day and life was like for a student in 1776 and the critical role of women in the revolution. The two class presentations were concluded with Fred presenting the teachers with a JPJ Challenge Coins.

The 2023-2024 school year ended at Pine Crest Elementary School in Bremerton, WA with three 5th grade classes receiving presentations by the John Paul Jones Chapter Education Team. Each class received three presentations. The first presentation by Fred Gilbert the Education Coordinator who spoke about What Lead to The American Revolution, historic events from 1765 to 1778 like; the Stamp Act 1765, Townsend and Intolerable Acts, Boston Tea Party, Bunker Hill, Siege of Boston, Second Continental Congress, Signing the Declaration of Independence, Battle of Long Island, Washington's Immortals, Valley Forge, and General Washington departing Valley Forge in 1778 with a newly trained Continental Army under his command. This was followed by Bob Smalser talking about Life on the Western Pennsylvania frontier with discussions about the how German families traveled from Germany to the Philadelphia; these new German immigrants starting family farms in the wilderness, skills they needed, living with the native Indians tribes, trapping beavers and its uses, making all their clothing on the farm and how the PA Long Rifle was developed by these new Americans. Thirdly, Fred Gilbert talked about a Day in the Life; discussing what a day might be like for young person in 1775 living on a family farm with demonstrations how to make the morning fire using flint, steel and tow, going to school using a slate board, making soap, candle making, harvesting flax, processing flax into linen cloth, getting tow from flax, making various cow horn utensils, going to the market to sell or trade products, and a little frontier First Aid.

At the conclusion of the class presentation the JPJ Education Lead, Fred Gilbert, presented each teacher with a John Paul Jones Chapter Challenge Coin and thank them for their hard work and dedication to the students and community.

The team worked hard sharing their interests in historical events and experiences that started this new nation.

The JPJ Team ends the 2023-2024 school year with: 100 presentations to 1065 students by 44 educators in 14 schools.

Seattle Chapter

The Seattle chapter (Neil Vernon) gave presentations to 4 additional schools:

- 5 Apr: 62 Students at Island Park on Mercer Island.
- 11 Apr: 24 Students at St Brendan's in Bothell
- 17 May: 58 Students at Lakeridge on Mercer Island
- 29 May: 44 Students at Cascade K-8 Community School in Shoreline

Seattle's presentations for the 2023/2024 school year to: **23 Presentations to 652 Students in 7 school districts.**

Spokane #1 Chapter

18 May: Spokane #1 did a presentation to the Trail Life troop, they covered U.S. flags, Morse code and signal flags. The presenters were: Doug Jonas, Tracey Prock and Stan Wills.

Mid-Columbia Chapter

21 May: The chapter presented A Day in the Life of Colonial America to a fifth-grade class at White Bluffs School in Richland. Brian Smith, Kelly Schultz, Larry Flint, Randal Roach and Richard Roddy.

30 May: The chapter gave a presentation of A Day in the Life of Colonial America to a fifth-grade class at Lincoln Elementary School in Kennewick. Brian Smith, Larry Flint, Randal Roach, Richard Roddy and Kelly Schultz.

George Rogers Clark Chapter

Each year the 5th grade teachers of Griffin Elementary School in Olympia invite the combined **DAR/SAR Colonial Life Team** of the **GRC chapter** to their school. The chapter attend for five Wednesdays in 2024 to present small group instruction on colonial life. In 2024 they added an introduction to the 10-year-old 5th graders under a candle lit tin lantern. They started with the question: **"If you were 10 years old in 1776, what was your life like?"** It was a perfect match as an introduction to the 5th grade curriculum. The presentation still being refined. They are also creating a draft "Pastport" where each topic the student investigates from the list above is recorded on the same titled page in their "Pastport" as they journey into the colonial past

10 Apr: Griffin Elementary School 5th grade presentation, 2 sessions, 1st with 35 students, 2nd with 37 students, topics: Native Americans, Black Patriots, Revolutionary Art, Family Genealogy, Colonial Kids.

Presenters were: Art Dolan, Lew Maudsley, and Dick Moody.

17 Apr: Griffin Elementary School 5th grade presentation 2 sessions, 1st with 35 students, 2nd with 37 students, topics: Science in the Colonies, Colonial Clothing, Shoe Making, A soldier's haversack, Espionage and Spying.

Presenters were: Lew Maudsley, Dick Moody, and Art Dolan

24 Apr: Griffin Elementary School 5th grade presentation. 2 sessions, 1st with 35 students, 2nd with 37 students, topics: Wool processing, Preserving Food, Quill Writing, Folding paper into an envelope, Wax Seals.

Presenters were: Lew Maudsley, Dick Moody, and Art Dolan

1 May: Griffin Elementary School 5th grade presentation. 2 sessions, 1st with 35 students, 2nd with 37 students, topics: Colonial School, Life at home, Colonial Grains: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner, Horn, the colonial plastic.

Presenters were: Lew Maudsley & Joe Coorough

8 May: Griffin Elementary School 5th grade presentation. 2 sessions, 1st with 35 students, 2nd with 37 students, topics: Spinning, Hand Sewing a simple stitch, Toys 1, Toys 2, Women in the Revolution. The SAR worked with the DAR on this one. Presenters were: Shirley Stirling, Jeanne Pittenger, Bonnie Cox, Della Stenstrom, Carolyn Miles, Dee Dee Simpson (all DAR), and Dick Moody of the SAR

Great Job!!!

**It has been a very busy quarter for our
Washington State Color Guard.**

- We have participated in 40 events (parades, burials, dedications, Posting of Colors, etc.)
- We have been in both Washington and Oregon.
- 111 patriot chest presentations (schools & other)



HUZZAH

Publication Schedule

The Color Guard Newsletter Will Be Published Quarterly

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 quarterly.

Publication and article/event submission deadlines

Articles are due the 20th of the last month of the edition quarter

Edition	Qtr	Published on	Period covered	Deadline
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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