



# The Drumbeat

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## Your Color Guard's Activity



## Summer 2025

(Documenting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter)

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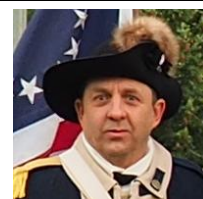
# America's First Veterans

# And the face of the SAR

## From The State SAR Color Guard Commander

### Compatriots,

As we head into Fall it's a good time to start thinking about equipment and uniform maintenance. Just like the Continental Army during the American Revolution. We too must tend to our equipment and uniforms. Take a good inventory of all uniforms, flags, stands etc. and start inspecting them. Check to make sure that everything is in good condition and ready for next year. If anything needs to be repaired but together a maintenance and repair plan to get equipment and uniforms ready for next year.



In the July edition of the SAR Colorguardsman there were 80+ pages of photos and information. Our society had 7.5 pages. Well done to all! This only happens when we work together. I encourage all CG members to talk to your non cg members about attending a parade. Many hands make light work and they can carry banners and historical flags while freeing you up to carry the colors or guard them.

Trailer news: Work continues on the CG trailer that Dick Motz used to have. Repairs are being completed as time and weather have created a need for it. When done it will be uniquely Patriotic and should serve as a great CG trailer for years to come.

I also encourage all Color Guard members to continue to look to at the schedule and reach out to neighboring chapters to see if they need help at an event. The more CG that can be fielded at a CG event the better. It makes our Society and the SAR look strong. Let's finish this year out strong.

**Respectfully Submitted, [Eric Olsen](#), Commander, Color Guard, WA State SAR.**

## From The Deputy Commander

### Fellow Guardsman...

- **Color Guard Patches Available:** I still have a **limited quantity** of the sew on Color Guard Patches. They are available at a cost of \$4.00 each. If you want them mailed the postage cost is: 3 or less (\$1.00) 4 to 6 (\$2.00) 7 to 9 (\$3.00). Send me, [Dick Motz](#), an E-Mail for purchase. **NOTE:** Authorized for WA State Color Guard members only. The patch measures 4"x4".
- **NOTE to all Chapter CG Captains:** Please continue to send me any **Notable CG News**, all your **Scheduled Events** for the CG schedule, and a summary/photo of all your **Completed Events** for the CG newsletter. (see [Publication Schedule](#))
- **Escort And Flag Duty procedures:** from Brett Osburn, Safety Officer for the National Society, Click [HERE](#) for the YouTube video
- **Youth Protection Certification** is valid for only three years and there is a new course available. On the National site, click "SAR University" (found on the blue header bar), click "General Training" (yellow header), Click "Youth Protection" on the drop down. The course is more detailed and demanding. There is also a mandatory quiz. (provided by Bill Bentler)



**Respectfully Submitted, [Dick Motz](#), Deputy Commander, Color Guard, WA State SAR**



### SAVE THE DATE!!!

2026 SAR Washington Society Conference

April 24-25, 2026

Seattle Airport Marriott, 3201 S. 176<sup>th</sup> St, Seattle, WA

**YOU CAN BOOK YOUR ROOMS NOW-- BY PHONE OR ONLINE**

We have a limited room block for the nights of April 23, 24, and 25

- **By phone:** call 1-800-314-0925 and use code "WASSAR 2026"
- **Online:** go to: <https://book.passkey.com/go/WASSAR2026>

**SAR room rate: \$159/night plus tax (\$181 total)**

**PARKING:** Daytime only--\$16.00/day + tax. Pick up sticker at registration desk.

Overnight (24 hours) --\$25.00/day + tax. Charges will be on hotel bill.

**REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN IN JANUARY 2026**

QUESTIONS: Contact Dick Paul, Chair of the 2026 WASSAR Conference Planning Committee.

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## Our Color Guard as seen at The 2025 National Congress



**National Color Guard 135th Annual Congress, Uncasville, CT**

WA State Color Guard members present at the event were: John Kraft, Marshall Anderson, Brian Dor, Neil Vernon, Mick Hersey, Viren Lemmer, and Dick Moody. Photos from the event...



**Above: Marshal Anderson Brion Door, John Kraft, Neil Vernon, Dick Moody**

## Chapter Local News

**Jun 12 & 23:** The John Paul Jones chapter recognized the dedication of Kitsap Firefighters who traveled to California and assisted in the Palisade Fire, CA wildfires in 2024. The team coordinator is firefighter compatriot Hugh Tuck, Battalion Chief Retired, whom worked closed with the fire districts leader in identifying the firefighters and setting up fire station visits. Thirty-four firefighters were recognized for their dedicated effort to supplement the over strained Palisades fire crews. The chapter team visited three fire houses in three fire districts (North Kitsap, Central Kitsap and South Kitsap County). The recognition ceremonies were led by John Paul Jones Chapter President, Brian Dorr, a retired fire fighter and supported by: Hugh Tucker, Chapter Vice President Mick Hersey and **Color Guard Captain Fred Gilbert.**





## Regional Area Color Guard Events in Apr/May/June

### Northern Region Events

**4 July:** GWC participated in the parade at Anacortes. Banner carrier was Brian Bayley, (l-r) Bill Bentler, Doc Anderson, Rod Jenny. John Kraft driving the truck with flag trailer.

Before the parade Rod Jenny was able to present Travis Sherman, General Manager of The Majestic Inn and Spa with our Flag Appreciation Award!



**2 Aug:** Viet Nam Veterans Picnic. Thanks to Andy Mitchell for hosting the Vietnam Veterans appreciation picnic again this year! The George Washington Chapter Washington State Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard was proud to present the colors again also this year!

Members present were: Bill Bentler, Brian Bailey, Lee Schuirman, Marshal Anderson, Rod Jenny, Ken Carlson.



**9 Aug:** Celebrate Woodinville. The combined force of SAR, DAR and spouses for the 2025 Celebrate Woodinville Parade. It was an honor to lead this group.

CG members attending: Jan Lemmer, Neil Vernon, Charlie Frisk, Stephanie Conroy, Viren Lemmer, Eric Olsen, Grant Rauzi, Ralph Liening, Mike Moore, Kenneth Graalum, and Stan Granberg with Melonie Liening, Terry Barker, Alonde Droege (F&D).



**21 Aug:** The Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum officially opened its doors to the public with a dedication of the new museum home. The ceremony opened with the presentation of the US Colors to the Chairman of the Museum Board Charles W Criser by Washington SAR President and NSSAR Drum Major Viren Lemmer. It was accompanied to the sound of a bugler playing "to the colors" and F-18's from NAS Whidbey. The Washington SAR Color Guard accompanied President Lemmer with several wives in colonial dress. There was participation by several other veteran/patriotic organizations. CG members present were: Eric Olsen, John Kraft, JohnMark Jenny, Rod Jenny, Mike Hutchens, Marshall Anderson, Viren Lemmer, Neil Vernon, Marshall Eberhart, Ken Carlson, Ken Roberts and Lee Shuriman.







**17 Sep:** The George Washington Chapter joined with the Ann Washington Chapter (DAR), to celebrate Constitution Day on the Skagit county courthouse steps in Mount Vernon

CG Members were: Bill bentler, Mashall Eberhart, Rod Jenny, Johnmark Jenny, & Lee Schuirman.

## Southern Region Events

**4 Jul:** The Independence Day parade in Steilacoom was attended by (l-r):

(back row) Ralph Liening (HODAR) John Herr, Neil Vernon, Mat Bendickson, Mike Moore, ???, Keith Weissinger. (front row) Eric Olsen, Viren Lemer, Jan Lemer, Mike Bendickson, Charley Frisk  
DAR/F&D members were: Alonde Droege & Melonie Liening. Other DAR were: Danika Bendickson, Diane Moore, and Katherine Bendickson.



**4 Jul:** Tumwater: Two member of the GRC Chapter, Dick Moody & Laurence Bowman with the CAR (Trailblazers) & DAR attended the Tumwater 37th Annual Independence Day Parade.

The Trailblazers took home two awards:

- The Dale O Johnson Founders Award
- The Comic Award.



**13 Jul:** Members of the Fort Vancouver SAR CG joined with the Fort Vancouver Chapter DAR, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), & AMVETS Post 16. They assembled to honor William Graves & Aaron Allen (Civil War), and Harold Marsh (WW I) at the Brush Prairie Cemetery in Vancouver, WA.

(l-r): Richard Lovell, Kent Gossman, Larry Heckethorne, Garry Carpenter, the SUVCW detail



**24 July:** Veteran Burial at Mt Tahoma National Cemetery. Service for Bryan K Jones, US Army Veteran. SFC Bryan K. Jones enlisted in the US Army on 15 March 1977, completed 12 years as an Artillery Cannon Crewman before a career ending medical condition. He served in Germany, Korea, and the US. This was first such funeral where an apparent tradition in the Army was carried out. At almost the end of the service his name was called out, three times with a brief pause between, and his middle name was included in the last. The apparent purpose, cementing in the mind the name of the deceased soldier.

CG members attending were: Lawrene Bowman, Jerry Bordelon, Michael Moore, and Ralph Liening (HODAR).





**15 – 17 Aug:** The George Rogers Clark Chapter, WASSAR participated in the 2025 Early American Heritage Festival with a booth and the WASSAR CG trailer. This event was hosted by the “Spirit of 76 Group”. In the past it was held in Sequim and Port Gamble. This year it moved south and was held in the town of Rainier.

While participation was light in chapter participation those that were there talked to many citizens about ancestry, the American Revolution and the SAR. The weather was a bit of a challenge at times with wind gusts near 30 MPH and rain but those SAR members that were there persevered and stayed the course. In attendance during the 3-day event were Eric Olsen (GRC), WASSAR CG Commander, Mick Hersey (JPJ), Lew Maudsley (GRC), Franida Maudsley (DAR), Ramona Olsen (DAR & SAR Aux.) and Kevin Saville (GRC/Spirit of 76).



(l-r) Mick Hersey, Lew Maudsley, Kevin Saville, Eric Olsen



**1 Sep:** The Black Diamond Labor Day Parade was attended by CG/F&D members:

(back row) Mat Bendickson, Mike Moore, Ralph Liening (HODAR), Eric Olsen, Melonie Liening, Alonde Droege.

(front row) Tim Smith, Charley Frisk, Neil vernon, Viren Lemmer, Jan Lemer, Mike Bendickson.

**15 Sep:** Honor Flight: Meeting the flight were: Art Dolan, ???, Tim Smith, Eric Olsen, Viren Lemmer, Greg Emerson, Mike Moore, Neil Vernon

On this flight was a member of the George Rogers Clark chapter, **Dennis Case**, who has been waiting for two years to go on a flight. This September his wish is become a reality.



## Eastern Region Events



**3 Jul:** Spokane #1, with 4 DAR chapters (Jonas Babcock, Esther Reed, May Hutton, and Chief Garry) welcomed 87 new citizens from 35 countries to the USA. The naturalization ceremony took place at the Shriners Event Center in Spokane.

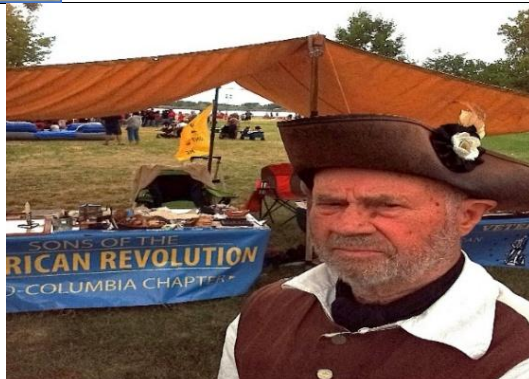
Stan Wills, Rob Scott, Bob Korn, Wes Corder, Dale Ryan, and Doug Jonas





**4 Jul:** The Mid-Columbia Chapter, with the Columbia R & Kennewick DAR Chapters, marched in the Pasco, Independence Day Parade. The route was packed throughout. **CG Members** were: Brian McReynolds, Randal Roach, Richard Roddy, and Kelly Schutz. The group was awarded the "**Civic Division**" prize.

**4 July:** The Columbia Park "River of Fire" is an annual, free Independence Day celebration held at Columbia Park in Kennewick, WA. The Mid-Columbia Chapter provided an information table for the event. After all, what could be more appropriate than a group representing America's Patriot Ancestors and America's First Veterans on the day celebrating our Country's Independence. Larry Flint and Brian Smith were in attendance. Larry spoke to about 100 people throughout the long day.



**21 Jul:** Prosser Scottish Fest Celebration. Mid-Columbia Chapter Compatriots forming with Kennewick and Columbia River DAR Chapters prior to the beginning of the Opening Ceremonies. The Color Guard performed under the direction of Color Guard Captain Larry Flint. Pictured are Chapter Members Kelly Schultz, Randal Roach, Cody Huls, Richard Roddy, Larry Flint, John Tipton, Conn Clark, Associate Member Jan Hughes, and Associate Member Karen Schultz DAR.

**26 Jul:** Spokane #1 CG members, with support from DAR member Joyce Corder, participated in the Hayden Days Parade in Hayden, Idaho. It was a great day, marked by many compliments and interest in the SAR.

from L-R Dale Ryan, Wes Corder, Bob Korn, Rob Hill, Doug Jonas, Stan Wills, Tracey Prock, and prospective member Chris Pedersen



**15 Sep:** Spokane #1 chapter attended the dedication of the Pomeroy Marker for the Golden Spike Ceremony. SAR CG Captain Doug Jonas led the group in the pledge followed by Susan Walker reading a proclamation from the Mayor. CG Members were: Will Palmer, Robert Corn, Wes Corder, Rob Scott, Doug Jonas.



**16 Sep:** Spokane #1 participated in the Constitution week ceremonies held at Spokane Valley. Spokane Valley Mayor Pam Haley provided a proclamation for the event. CG Members were William Palmer & Doug Jonas.



**17 Sep:** GC members Dale Ryan, Doug Jonas, and prospective member Chris Pederson together with the Central Valley High Schools student body joined members of the four Spokane DAR Chapters to welcome 54 New Citizens at Central Valley High School Football Field.

**19 Sep:** Spokane #1 members Rob Scott, Dale Ryan, Stan Wills, Will Palmer, Tracey Prock, Doug Jonas with Shannon Harper and Jannelle Braithwait of the DAR/May Hutton chapter and Will Palmers grandchildren, Koa and Hemi marched in Spokane Valley's "Valleyfest" Parade.



**26 Sep:** Over 100 school kids from Opportunity Elementary School attended the Patriot Plaza & Spokane Flag Museum. The children were given lectures on our ancestors at the Patriot Plaza, descriptions of living history items from 1776 outside the flag museum, and a tour of the flag museum. The children were split into three different groups for the tours. This program was arranged with assistance from the four Spokane DAR chapters, Spokane SAR #1 members Dale Ryan, Wes Corder, Stan Wills, Doug Jonas, Tracey Prock, Bob Corn and the Washington State CAR. The weather was beautiful and we expect to soon attend the school to do more one on one history lessons. The children asked lots of questions, so did the teachers attending with them.



**27 Sep:** Spokane #1 CG presented the colors for the Washington State DAR Board of Management meeting at the DoubleTree Hotel in Spokane. Delegates from more than 30 DAR chapters were in attendance. The chapters, along with State Regent Jackie Riddell, extended their sincere thanks and gratitude for our service.



## Western Region Events

Non-Reported this Quarter

### Presentations (Summary)

Note: photos are no longer provided due to restrictions)

Non-Reported this Quarter

## Publication Schedule

The Color Guard Newsletter Will Be Published Quarterly (Mar/Jun/Sep/Dec)

### Article submission, Deadlines, and Publication Dates

- **CG Captains** to submit scheduled event summaries (who/what/when/where) with at least one photo and any other news worthy events from their chapter. Download the [NL Check List](#)
- Each article must be in **MS Word** format (text only) preferred font is **Calibri**.
- Any related photos are to be in **JPG** or **PNG** format.
- Formatting of the article is not required as it will be reformatted to fit space available.
- Would like articles to be submitted within a week of the event but **NLT** the **25<sup>th</sup> day of the last month** of the quarter (below). Exceptions will be made for events occurring after the deadline.

Send to: the [Newsletter Editor](#)

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Thank you, the editor.

