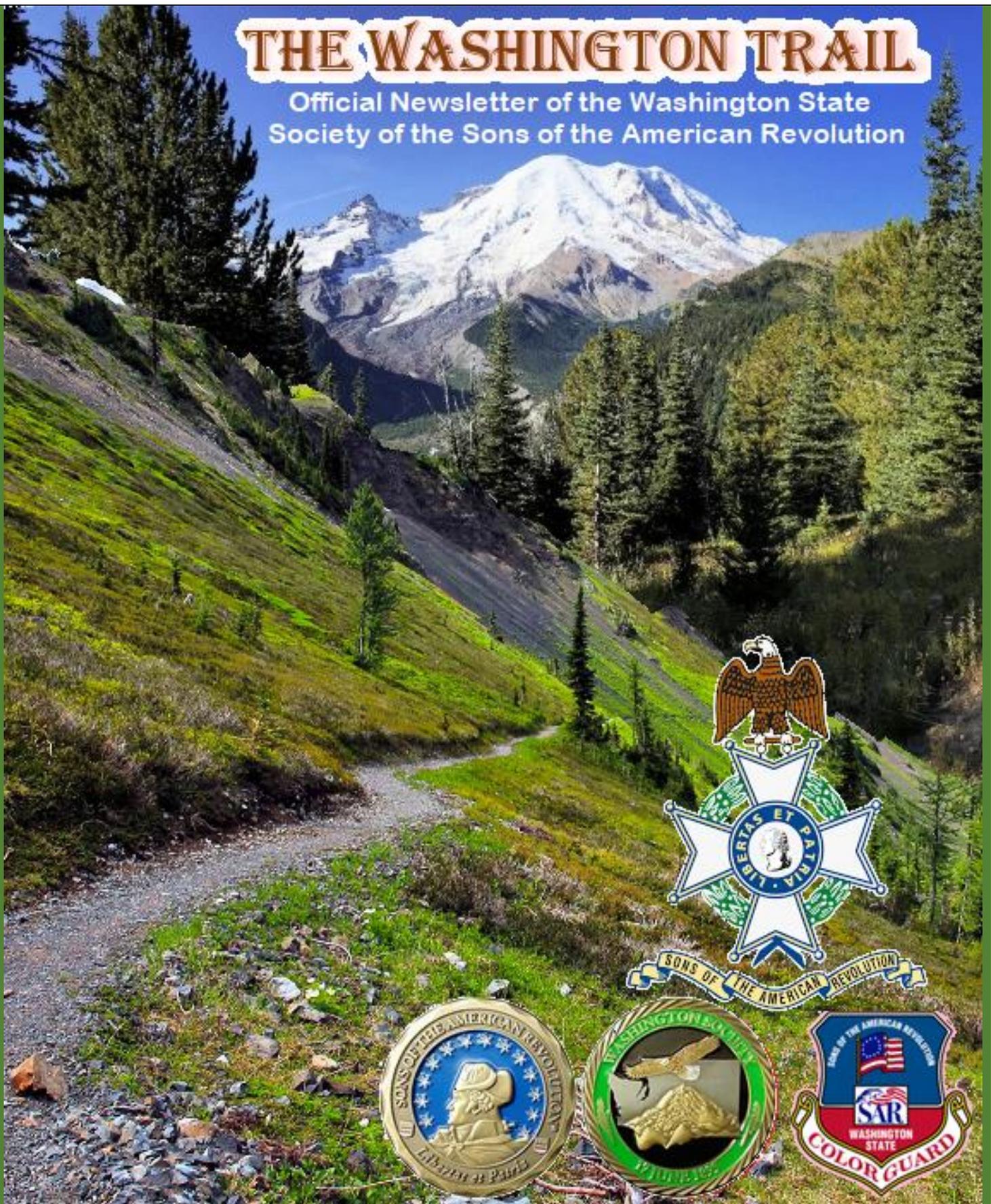


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- 28 Oct: State BOD Meeting, 9:00am PT, via Zoom

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- 27 Jan: State BOD Meeting, 9:00am PT, via Zoom
- 6-8 Mar: Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY
- 26-28 Apr: WASSAR State Meeting, Ocean Shores, WA
- 26 Apr: WSSAR BOD Meeting, Ocean Shores, WA
- 10-16 Jul: National Congress, Lancaster, PA



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Washington State SAR Message from the President

Dear Compatriots and Friends,

This year we are embarking on two challenging projects that will stretch our creativity yet again. The first is our Declaration of Independence Project that reached National attention at the 2023 National Congress, and is gaining momentum throughout all fifty states. The Project involves having noted personalities within the State sign the back of a replica of the Declaration of Independence, as a continuation of those signatures that appear on the face of the document. Each signature represents the commitment of that individual to stand behind the decisions made 250 years ago when the Declaration was first signed. Each represents a personal commitment to the principles embodied in a document that states:



“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

Each week I receive e-mails of signings that have taken place in various corners of the country. We need to catch up, so that Washington leads the way. Please schedule signings with your elected representatives and notable citizens, and let us know when they occur.

The second is our first ever “Patriot Week” – a chance to involve the Grays Harbor communities of Ocean Shores, Hoquiam and Aberdeen in SAR activities for the entire family. During the week of April 22-27, 2024, we will offer genealogical services for those interested in connecting to a patriot ancestor, using the services of SAR-trained genealogists, DAR volunteers, and members of local genealogical organizations. We will have speakers doing Revolutionary-War themed presentations throughout the County, coupled with a special “Evening with George Washington”. Patriot Chest presentations will be offered to public schools throughout the County, with unique SAR kites being given to those students who show special interest in the Revolution. We will have ceremonies to honor Vietnam Veterans, and the dedication of a bench to honor patriots buried at sea. Patriot Week challenge coins will be available for sale to the general public. The week will culminate with our 2024 State Conference in Ocean Shores.

These projects have the potential to accomplish several significant objectives. The first is to expand SAR influence within Grays Harbor County, and potentially trigger the development of a new Chapter there. The second is to attract media attention to the SAR and the work that we are doing to honor our patriot ancestors, and to expand knowledge of our founding documents. The third is to call attention to the America 250 Project, and the rapidly approaching celebration of our nation’s birth.

The success of the projects depends on each of you. Patriot Week offers a myriad of possible ways to volunteer and participate in SAR. The connections that we will build with the movers and shakers of Grays Harbor County are incalculable. The Declaration of Independence Project has the potential to focus the national press on SAR for all the right reasons, and in so doing, to the America 250 Project.

I look forward to seeing you all in Ocean Shores as we “Ride the Wind to America 250”.

In Patriotism and Service, Gregory Lucas, State President, Washington Society, Sons of the American Revolution

From National

A Message From President General, John Dodd

Greetings Compatriots!

We are entering a busy period for your SAR, with district and state meetings, ceremonies, and commemorations. I encourage you all to take to social media to spread the word concerning your activities.

As we enter this decade of the 250th Anniversary of the Revolution, not only our members but also the public at large hopefully will look to the SAR’s social media platforms for important patriotic information.

Please ensure your chapter, state and district websites and any Facebook pages and other social media outlets are current. The Public Relations Committee developed a helpful “event press kit,” including a model press release, available on the SAR website: [LINK](#) to “Event Press Kit”

Marketing and Public Relations Manager Drew Hight also is available to assist with press releases for larger events. Please share your photos and short videos with him for editing and posting on NSSAR social media sites. Importantly, visit these sites yourself and “follow,” “join” and “subscribe.” This only takes a minute and assists with the algorithms to let others know our sites exist and convey important information

Links are on the [NSSAR website](#) and at right:



I look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events. Thank you again for service to the SAR.

John L. Dodd, NSSAR, President General 2023-2024

National Dues Increased

After being proposed by the Executive Committee to the delegates of the 2023 National Congress, the proposed dues increase for regular members from \$35 to \$50 was discussed, argued for and against, and voted on, and the proposal was approved. The approved increase will be applied to dues that are submitted with New Member applications, C.A.R. Transfers, and Reinstatements received at National Headquarters on or after September 1st, 2023. Life Membership rates will also be updated to reflect the dues increase. Updated charts will be posted and rates will go into effect August 1, 2023. I wanted to get this information to you as quickly as possible so you can begin disseminating it among the other state officers and down to all your chapters. If you have any questions, please send them to me and I will do my best to field them.

Sincerely, [Jonathan Toon](#), Registrar, National Society Sons of the American Revolution.

New Video now on YouTube

SAR Compatriot Training - [Module II](#). Great information for new members and a good refresher for long-time members. It is only one in the series of videos.

SAR Adventure in France

Compatriots:

We have completed arrangements for the NSSAR trip to France **April 6-20, 2024**. The [full itinerary](#) and the [registration form](#) are on the [NSSAR website](#). As with previous adventures MAGIC has planned for SAR, this trip promises to be a singular opportunity for fun, fellowship, and history. Please join me and your Compatriots from both the US and France to celebrate the French contribution to the Patriot cause. We begin near the CDG airport but promptly head out to Normandy. Then we continue on through the French countryside to Tours, Lyon and Dijon, ending in Paris, enjoying French culture, history, food and bien sur wine, in route. The trip is limited to about 80 participants, so I suggest you register soon. We will have several SAR meetings during the trip, which, therefore, may be tax deductible; **"Consult your own tax advisor,"** as they say. You can register at the Pairs hotels for a few days before and after to enjoy Paris on your own. I look forward to seeing you at the Leadership meetings and then in France.

John L. Dodd, NSSAR, President General 2023-2024

From State

Compatriots, The FAQ for the Membership Directory, for which information is currently being gathered by Publishing Concepts, Incorporated, has been updated. It is posted on the SAR National website under the Quick Links pull down menu at this [LINK](#). The primary update is a paragraph regarding entry and display of any Prefix or Suffix on your name in the Member Listing and above your photo in the Member Photo Gallery. If you wish to adjust your Prefix or Suffix, you can again review your listing by contacting PCI (numbers are in the FAQ) or by clicking on the review link at the top portion of the email you received from "noreply@publishingconcepts.com" with Subject of "Submit your Photo and Caption for the SAR Member Directory."

Respectfully submitted, Russ Oliver, State Secretary, Washington State, SAR

2024 State Conference

The 2024 WASSAR Conference will be in Ocean Shores on April 26 and 27, 2024. We have a limited block of rooms at the Lighthouse Suites Inn for the nights of April 25, 26, and 27 at a very attractive rate and these rooms are going fast! Accordingly, I urge you to **BOOK YOUR ROOMS NOW** if you have any thought of attending. Once our room block is filled, there is no guarantee that we can get additional rooms at the conference rate and the rates at other motels in the area are significantly higher.

The flyer at this [LINK](#) has the details on how to reserve a room. If you encounter difficulties getting the conference rate of \$130/night plus tax, please contact me (see flier).

Respectfully submitted, Dick Paul, Chair, 2024 WASSAR Conference Planning Committee

Washington SAR Awards the JROTC Outstanding Cadet Medal

18 May: Cadet SCPO Eowyn Ream of Patriot Battalion (Liberty High School in Renton) was awarded the Outstanding Cadet Medal by the WASSAR. She placed 1st in the statewide JROTC Enhanced Essay Competition. Presenting the award was CAPT Conrad Plyler, USN (Ret.), director of JROTC programs for the WASSAR. At that same ceremony, Cadet Ream was awarded the SAR Bronze Outstanding Cadet Medal in token of her winning the Cascade Centennial Chapter competition by MG Dick Paul, USAF (Ret.). Cash awards totaling over \$1000 were also given. Cadet Ream's superior performance and dedication reflect great credit to herself and her unit."



A Moment Of Silence For Our Fallen Compatriots

Donald Bowman Kraft.....Seattle Chapter Dec
Charles Volney Cook.....Alexander Hamilton Chapter..... Dec



From the Chapters

Cascade Centennial Chapter

The summer recess is almost over and we are gearing up for a busy Fall. One of our summer activities was co-sponsoring an ice cream social with the DAR Cascade Chapter in Bellevue to celebrate our collaboration. It's proving to be a great partnership: We have attended each other's meetings and exchanged speakers; provided best practices to one another on outreach to members and administrative practices. We have also participated on each other's planning committees for chapter events. For the latter, Marcia Williams, the DAR Cascade Chapter regent, is an active member of our Veterans Day Ceremony planning committee and continues to make significant contributions. Our Veterans Day Ceremony planning is in full swing, where we intend to honor two World War II veterans in person. We will also be presenting the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal to a Bellevue firefighter who was recently involved in a life-saving situation. Our youth recognition committee coordinators are preparing for the upcoming round of contests. Finally, we have a slate of programs at our upcoming chapter meetings with first-rate speakers focusing on American Revolution history. Come join us on the first Saturday of the month if your schedule permits!
 Submitted by **Dick Paul**

George Rogers Clark Chapter

LTC Nicholes passes away on June 16, 2023.

On 2 Sep 2023, members of the George Rogers Clark Chapter gathered to pay final respects to Lt Col Barbara Nichols.



Just over a year ago on Aug 19, 2022 members of the GRC chapter gathered on Joint Base Lewis-McChord to honor her on her 100th birthday. Barbara Nichols started her service to her country as a teenager during WW II helping to build the Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress and was one of the signers of the 5,000th B-17 known as "5 Grand". She went on to join the Nurse corps and served as a US Army nurse from WW II to the Vietnam war finally retiring in 1969. Barbara was a member of the Mary Ball chapter of the DAR before transferring to the Sacajawea Chapter in 2016. She had 4 proven Patriot ancestors and was the 1st researcher to prove their service.

Members of the chapter in attendance were: Dick Moody, Joe Coorough, Eric Olsen, Lew Maudsley, Lee



Tomasson, William Hurley and Lawrence Bowman. Viren Lemmer, Stephanie Conroy, and Terry Baker of the Fife and Drum corps were also in attendance. Many attendees of the memorial service commented afterwards what a great job everyone had done with some even saying it was the best one that they had seen in sometime. The complete obituary for LTC Barbara Nichols can be found at this [LINK](#).

Submitted by **Erick Olsen**

Spokane #1 Chapter

9 Sep: The Hannah White Arnette Bronze Medal of Distinction was presented to Stan Wills, from Spokane Chapter 1. This is the first time this has been awarded to someone not in the DAR. Stan Wills is receiving the award for extraordinary cooperation and outstanding service to NSDAR from Esther Reed Chapter DAR. For over 14 years, Stan serves the DAR through patriotic service as educator about our heritage, speaking at schools and events, serving as Color Guard for many DAR, especially Esther Reed programs and meetings and the Girl Scout award he founded in honor of his late wife and our member Bev Wills.



Citation reads: ***"For his unselfish devotion, tireless efforts and assistance to the DAR: and who has dedicated his time, energy, talents, and outstanding service to the NSDAR"***.

(L-R) Julie Pittman, Henrietta Wolfe, Stan Wills, Joyce Corder, Chris Olsen



John Paul Jones Chapter

"The John Paul Jones Chapter was pleased to present the SAR JROTC Bronze Outstanding Cadet Medal to Cadet Arianna Appleby of the South Kitsap High School Wolf Battalion in a ceremony held on May 16th. Cadet Appleby's essay and application package won the John Paul Jones Chapter Competition and was entered into the WASSAR State Competition, where she finished second in the State. Presenting the Medal and checks for \$300 and \$500 for Chapter and State awards, respectively, was Perry Taylor, President of John Paul Jones Chapter."

Cadet Appleby and Mr. Taylor



A message from the “[VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement](#)”

Compatriots,

Below is an email with important information related to Veterans who deployed to a combat zone, never enrolled in VA health care, and left active duty between Sept. 11, 2001 and Oct. 1, 2013 and are eligible to enroll directly in VA health care. This special enrollment period gives Veterans who served in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other combat zones an opportunity to enroll directly in VA health care without first applying for VA benefits.

In Patriotic Service, *Scott Giltner, Chairman – Veterans Committee, NSSAR*

From: Witt, Nathan A., Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 4:56 PM

Subject: VAVS National Advisory Committee - PACT Act Deadline

Good afternoon, VA Voluntary Service NAC Members. We've periodically shared information with you related to PACT Act and the landmark expansion of benefits and services that the legislation brings.

As a part of that ongoing communication effort we are providing this [LINK](#) to a press release regarding the deadline for Veterans who deployed to a combat zone, never enrolled in VA health care, and left active duty between Sept. 11, 2001 and Oct. 1, 2013 who are eligible to enroll directly in VA health care. This special enrollment period gives Veterans who served in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other combat zones an opportunity to enroll directly in VA health care without first applying for VA benefits.

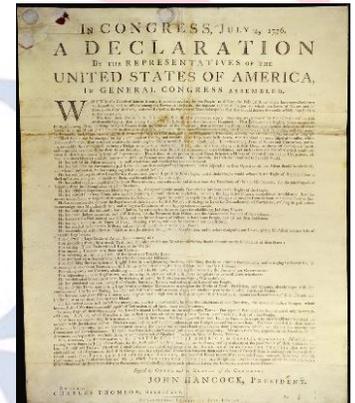
Thank you for everything you do, **NATHAN WITT**, PROGRAM ANALYST, CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

The Declaration Of Independence

Every year Americans gather to celebrate Independence Day with fireworks, picnics, speeches, and various other festivities. To some it will be a great day of celebration, while others disregard it or even mock it. Independence Day should be a time when we rededicate ourselves to the Declaration of Independence, which contains time-honored principles worthy of respect, honor, unity, and understanding.

Our appreciation for the Declaration of Independence begins with the knowledge of its origin. Next, we must educate ourselves about the principles contained in it. And, finally, we must ask ourselves - What are we doing to safeguard the Declaration of Independence for ourselves, our posterity, and our nation?

An article by Steven E. Fuhrman is available at this [LINK](#)



Secretary's Corner Sep 2023

Compatriots, the new (increased) National Life Membership rates became effective 1 August. The new \$50 National dues will start with dues season on 1 September 2023. Annual dues for 2024 for most of us will now look like \$50 for National, \$20 for State, and \$20 for most chapter dues, total \$90. The difference of \$75 in past years to \$90 starting this year, may be impactful for your members as they make financial decisions.

Respectfully submitted, Russ Oliver, State Secretary, Washington State, SAR



Russ Oliver

News From The WA State SAR Ladies Auxiliary (LAWASSAR)

[Facebook Page](#)



July would not be complete without the annual SAR Congress, full of fun, friendships and fellowship. This year Congress was held in sunny Florida. If you check out the great pictures on the Ladies Auxiliary Facebook page, you will feel like you were there. A big thank you to Teri Lindley for updating our Facebook page. On July 29th the SAR Board meeting was held in person in Ellensburg. The ladies in attendance were invited into the SAR Board meeting when President Gregory Lucas presented the plans for the WASSAR State Conference at the Ocean Shores Convention Center, to be held April 26-28, 2024. Next year's conference sounds fun and exciting. We look forward to seeing everyone at Ocean Shores!

Cindy Lucas, President, Ladies Auxiliary, WASSAR



LINKS To Other Newsletters & Documents Of Interest

[LINK](#) to the Inaugural Speech of President General of the NSSAR SAR, John Dodd

(Available till the end of the 3rd quarter)

[LINKS](#) to the National Training Videos on YouTube (SAR Compatriot Training)

[Module I](#) - [Module II](#) - [Module III](#) - [Module IV](#)

(Great information for new members and a good refresher for long-time members.)

[LINK](#) to the “Keyholes To History” series on the National Site

[LINK](#) to the 29 Jul State BOD & 23 Aug Special Session Minutes

Submitted by: Russ Oliver, State Secretary, Washington State, SAR (Available till the end of the 3rd quarter)

[LINK](#) to the WA State SAR Administrative Procedures (updated Apr 2023)

[LINKS](#) to the CAR: (Available till the end of the 3rd quarter)

1. 3rd Quarter Issues of the CAR Newsletter ([Jul](#) [Aug](#) [Sep](#)) from Jeannette Carroll
2. [Message](#) from Carrie Byrd
3. State Service Project [Flyer](#)

SAR 250th Anniversary

HENRY RIFLE

Boston Tea Party Edition



In honor of the 250th Anniversary of the Revolution, a special commemorative rifle will be offered annually for the next 10 years, beginning in 2023. Each edition will be offered for approximately 1 year, depicting a different scene from the American Revolution. A portion of the proceeds from each rifle sold go to support the SAR Education Center and Museum in Louisville, Kentucky.

If you are interested in purchasing the 250th Anniversary Henry Rifle - Boston Tea Party Edition, visit your local Cabela's® or Bass Pro Shops® and provide the sales clerk the SKU number: **3815337**.



Media Links

National, WA State, Chapter, CAR, Aux - (Face Book, News Letters, and web sites)

SAR National SocietyLinks: [Facebook](#) The [SAR Magazine](#) The [Colorguardsman Magazine](#) [Web Site](#) (Note: Log-in required for some links)**WA State Society** (State wide)Links: [Facebook](#) [Newsletters](#) [Web Site](#) [CG Web Site](#) (Note: Log-in required for some links)**Alexander Hamilton** (Tacoma/Federal Way area)Meets: 3rd Sat of the month, 9:00am, Sep to Jun, at (Tower Entertainment, 6323 6th Ave in Tacoma).Links: [Facebook](#) Newsletter Web Site**Cascade Centennial** (Bellevue area)Meets: 1st Sat of the month, Sep to Jun at TBDLinks: [Facebook](#) Newsletter Web Site**Ft. Vancouver** (Vancouver area)Meets: 3rd Sat of the month, 9:00am at the American Legion Post Hall #14, 4607 NE St. James Rd, Vancouver, WA.Links: [Facebook](#) [Newsletter](#) [Web Site](#)**George Rogers Clark** (Olympia area)Meets: 1st Sat of the month, 9:00am, Sep to Jun, at TBDLinks: [Facebook](#) Newsletter Web Site**George Washington** (Mt. Vernon area)Meets: 3rd Sat of the month, Sep to Jun 10:00am, Farmhouse Restaurant, 13724 Laconner Whitney Rd, Mt. VernonLinks: [Facebook](#) [Newsletter](#) [Web Site](#)**John Paul Jones** (Bremerton area)Meets: 4th Sat of the month, except Jun, Jul, Aug, & Dec, 9:00am, Ambrosia Catering, 4954 State Hwy 303, East BremertonLinks: [Facebook](#) Newsletter Web Site**Mid-Columbia** (Richland area)Meets: 3rd Sat of the month. Sep to Jun, at Round Table Pizza, 1769 Leslie Road, Richland.Links: [Facebook](#) Newsletter Web Site**Ranger** (Snohomish Co. area)Meets: 3rd Sat of the month, Sep to May 9:00am, Harbor Pointe Golf Club, 11817 Harbour Pointe Blvd, MukilteoLinks: [Facebook](#) Newsletter Web Site**Seattle** (Seattle area)Meets: 2nd Sat of the month, except Jun, Jul, Aug, & Dec, 9:00am, Aurora Borealis, 16708 Aurora Ave N., ShorelineLinks: [Facebook](#) [Newsletter](#) Web Site**Spokane #1** (Spokane area)Meets: 2nd Fri of the month, Sep to Jun, 11:30am, Illinois Ave Bar and Grill, 1403 E Illinois Ave, SpokaneLinks: [Facebook](#) Newsletter Web site**CAR** (State Wide)Links: [Facebook](#) [Newsletter](#) [Web site](#)**SAR Ladies Auxiliary** (State Wide)Links: [Facebook](#) Newsletter Web site**WA State Daughters of the American Revolution**Links: [Facebook](#) Newsletter [Web site](#)

Birthday Wishes To Our Compatriots Born In Jul/Aug/Sep

Data extracted from the National Database (9-20-23).

If incorrect, contact your chapter secretary



July	August	September
Alan Ray Weatherhead	Aaron Carl Warner	Claude Douglas Asher
August David Kastigar Zenk	Alejandro Doughty Maghirang	Clayton Edward Nelson
Brent Theodore Lawson	Allen Eugene Phillips	Craig Raymond French
Bruce David Harrington	Andrew Francis Sexton	Daniel Michael Costello
Bruce Glenn Bock	Andrew Merle Cowan	Eric Scott Olsen
Craig Edward Anthony	Anthony Alan Turcotte	Eugene Lawrence Tenney Jr
Dale Martin Pratt	Barry Charles Karl Moravek	Faas Sloan Christianson
Daniel Eugene Kampman	Carl Thomas Hellings	Frederick Martine Rauschenbach Jr
David Harold Wilson	Clarence Hugh Jonson	Gary Franklin Gray
Donald Scott Little	Dale Richard Harshman	Greg Shippie
Douglas Paul Barber	David Allen Horsley	Gregory Frank Becker
George Robert Vernon	David Oliver Perry	Gregory Steven McKee
Gerald William Lasser	Dennis Michael Donovan	Jack William Foster
Howard William Stephan	Gaven Earl Marble	James A Hoehn
J. Michael Fitzpatrick	Gerard Heaney	James Lawrence Williams
J. Scott Grimes	Gregory Dan Emerson	James Norman Mattis
Jesse Raymond Primeaux	Gregory Miles Gililland	James Stewart Herbert
Joseph Bruce Allen	Jeffry Forrest Doughty	Joel Cameron Black
Kenneth Edward Futrelle	Jerry Scott Norr	John Douglas Logsdon
Kristopher Lee Kanzler	Jimmy Viril Phillips	Johnny Ray Meek
Lawrence Arthur Flint	John Kenneth Bishop Jr	Jon Malcolm Newton
Michael Ryan Wilson	Johnmark Dean Jenny	Jonathan Henry Blind
Michael Scott Brumback	Kevin Douglas Brune	Jorden Blaine Nissell
Morton Dyas Hurt	Lee H Thomasson	Kane Robert Slifka
Nicholas David Esperseth Ross	Lewis Mariner Maudsley Jr	Kelly Jay Schultz
Noah Isaiah Chase	Paul Drew Thompson	Leland Michael Hutchins
Patrick Anthony Burch	Reid J. Follansbee	Lemuel Martin Pratt
Paul Keith Megargle	Ricky Dean Clark	Oscar David Farrar
Paul Lynn Rutledge	Robert Ellsworth Spencer	Paul Matthew Macduff
Quentin Edward Gilman	Robert Eugene Marshall	Paul Robert Kester Sr
Ray Montero	Robert William Nix	Perry Von Taylor
Richard Dale Cline Jr	Samuel Lee Hellings	Richard Owen Calkins
Richard Noel Mercier	Seddon Taliaferro Englund	Robert Forrest Doughty
Robert Dean Everitt	Spencer Lyle Parker	Robert Leslie Smalser
Robert Lawrence Schneider	Thomas Allan Pickford	Robert Lewis Nofsinger
Russell Patrick Oliver	Thomas James Shaver	Sean Henry Luchessa
Seth Robert Thompson	Thomas W. Millett	Steven Anton Bergquist
Talon Callahan Lane	Victor Ray Nelson Jr	Timothy Ralph Smith
Taylor Charles Johnson	William James Beck	William Arrott III
Thomas Alan Bemenderfer	William Jordan Barnsdale Jr	William Anthony Bentler
Vern Ray Starks	William Lohman Reichert	William Burnett Zenk
Viren Kenneth Lemmer		William Oren Palmer
William Benjamin Graeff		William Thomas Parr
William Burton Bailey Jr		Zachary Dean Klippert
William Edward Baxter Jr		Zane Victor Bennett
William T. Pickett		
Zachary Wayne Chesley		

Welcome The New Members This Quarter

Douglas Herbert BrownAH	Gregory Miles Gililland..... JPJ	Robert Ellsworth Spencer SP
Edward Hiroshii PetersonJPJ	James Lawrence Williams WA Soc	Robert John Coffman..... SP
Edward Hiroshii Peterson Jr. ...JPJ	Nicholas A. Troy..... AH	Stephen Michael Pyne AH
Evan Merritt HinkleWA Soc	Philip Alexander Troy..... AH	Timothy Ralph Smith..... WA Soc
Gary Edward PetersonJPJ	Ripp Wade Coffman..... SP	Trey Robert David Coffman ... SP



THE DRUMBEAT

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YOUR COLOR GUARD



THE FACE OF THE SAR

From The Commander

Compatriots,

During this last quarter I have the opportunity to attend the National Congress in Orlando, Florida. There were eight compatriots from Washington State present. John Kraft (GW), Drum Major Viren Lemmer, and myself participated in the Color Guard activities as part of the National Color Guard.



We witnessed two “*Changing of the Guard*” events. First was the transfer of command from Brook Lyles to Scott Collins as the National Color Guard Commander after a very strong year by Commander Lyles. Second, we witnessed the transition of the President General, from C Bruce Pickette to John Dodd of California. During the inaugural speech of PG John Dodd, he emphasized the promotion of the America 250.

On that note, many of us have worked personally on activities to earn the SAR 250 medals. Now is the time to turn outward towards our communities. With December 16, 2023 being the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party. The events of the American Revolution are upon us. I well remember the fanfare of the Bi-Centennial of 1976. Our communities are virtually unaware of what the next 10 years of recognition and celebration of the events that brought forth a new and free nation.

I encourage each chapter and Color Guard to become creative on how to promote the 250th Anniversary in your communities and activities to increase this awareness.

The cornerstone will be July 4, 2026, commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence. But as you are well aware, this is but the beginning.

Remember, we are the “**Face of the SAR**” and in many ways, the only organization to bring the remembrance and significance of the time period to the citizens in today’s world.

As a side note, the next three National Congresses are being held in Revolutionary War areas, beginning with Lancaster, Pennsylvania. This is followed by the Congress being in Connecticut and then North Carolina. If these are on your to do lists of areas to visit, I encourage you to join the Congress that best suits your interest.

Respectfully, Neil A Vernon WASSAR Color Guard Commander.

Color Guard Patch Available

The Deputy Commander has created a sew on patch for the **WA State Color Guard members only.**

The patch measures 4”x4” (at right)

A limited quantity is still available. The cost is \$3.25 each.

If you want them mailed the cost is:

- 1-3 postage is \$1.00, 4-6 postage is \$2.00, 7-9 postage is \$3.00
- 10 or more the postage is \$9.90.



Members of the CG may contact the [Deputy Commander](#) for purchase

LINKS To CG Newsletter & Documents Of Interest

LINKS to the Color Guard Training Videos on YouTube
[Escort and Flag Duty](#) - [Firing Drill](#) - [Safety Inspection](#)

[LINK](#) to the July issue of the National Color Guard Magazine

Color Guard Events Throughout The State

Regional Area Color Guard Events In 3rd Quarter

Northern Region

4 Jul: Nine members of the GWC Color Guard represented the SAR with our historic flag trailer including the 250th flag at the annual Anacortes July 4th parade. There was a huge turnout, and it was enjoyed by all.



(L to R) Rodney Jenny, Mike Hutchins, Marshall Eberhart, Bill Bentler, "Doc" Marshall Anderson, Bruce Bock, Ken Carlson, Terry Laxton, John Kraft



22 Jul: The annual (since 1935) West Seattle Grand Parade was attended by the SAR/DAR. The parade is a member of the Seafair community of events which includes the pirates, clowns, marching bands, drill teams, floats, pageantry and excitement that leads up to the Seafair Torchlight Parade the following weekend.



SAR members were:

(Back row) Jim Carpenter, Stan Grandberg, Tim Zink, Matt Bendickson, Mike Bendickson, David Horsley, Bob Korn, Mike Moore.

(In front) Eric Olsen, Neil Vernon, Dick Motz

There was also Mike Moore's 3 generation Revolutionary family (L-R)

Mat Bendickson (son in-law)
Danika Bendickson (granddaughter),
Katherine Bendickson (daughter),
Mike Bendickson (grandson),
Diane (His wife), and Mike Moore.



5 Aug: The GW chapter was honored to be able to present the colors at the annual Vietnam Veterans of America picnic in Sedro-Woolley. CG members present were Bill Bentler, Bruce Bock, Ken Carlson, Marshall Eberhart, John Kraft, Bob Wall, Hugh Jonson, Mike Hutchens, and Jim Carpenter,



12 Aug: The annual Woodinville Parade was well manned by 4 chapters of the SAR Color Guard (AH, GRC, GW, SE).

Attendees were:

(Back) Stan Granberg, Ralph Lienes (HODAR), Bill Bentler, Eric Olsen, Dennis Case, Jerry Bordelon, Lew Maudsley, Robert Nofsinger, Melonie Lienes (F&D), Neil Vernon, Dick Motz

(Front) Alonde Droege, Nofsinger 1, Stephanie Conroy, David Horsley, Viren Lemmer, Jan Lemmer, Skip Stephen, Nofsinger-2



17 Sep, Constitution Day: Two members of the GW Chapter SAR joined the Ann Washington Chapter DAR. They celebrated the signing of the Constitution by ringing bells, waving flags and shaking pompoms for one minute at 1:00pm on the steps of the Skagit County courthouse in Mount Vernon.

The SAR Members were Mike Hutchens and Ken Carlson.



17 Sep, Constitution Day: The GW Chapter also celebrated the day at the Anacortes library.

Members were: John Mark Jenney, Rod Jenney, Bill bentler, Marshall Anderson, Bruce Bock, Bob Wall, & Marshall Eberhart,



Southern Region

4 Jul: The Fort Vancouver Chapter, SAR has successfully completed their inaugural parade participation! They marched, drove and rode with pride and dignity at the "Go 4th" celebration in Longview which commemorated not only our nation's birthday but also the 100th anniversary of Longview.

One of the charter members of the Fort Vancouver chapter, historian George Vernon, clad in patriotic attire was also celebrating his 91st birthday!



(L-R)
Rick



Cline, George Vernon, Larry Heckethorne, Allan Furlow, Gregory Stewart, Michael Fitzpatrick, Jeff Lightburn, Paul Winter, Carl Gray, Garry Carpenter, and Neil Vernon (taking the photo).

A very special thanks to Garry Carpenter who not only provided the trailer and pick-up but also contributed countless time, effort, vision, sweat,

and finances into the preparation of the float.

4 Jul: The Steilacoom annual Independence Day parade was attended by both the SAR & DAR.

At right, Bob O'Neal, acting as town crier, read the Declaration of Independence to the crowd.



Mike Moore led the parade group followed by the flag trailer.

SAR/DAR/other Participants were:

(Back row) Coral Hileman (DAR), Katherine Bendickson, Mike Moore, Mike Bendickson, Alonde Droege, Melonie Leaning, Jeannine Stephan, Skip Stephan, Dian Moore, Ken Roberts, Danika Bendickson, Beth Miklos-Essenber, Susan Nelson, Pam Gassman, Dick Motz (Front row) Jan Lemmer, Harold Steenbergen, Ralph Leaning, Viren Lemmer.



4 Jul: The **GRC chapter** & DAR shared a combined presence in this years "**Christmas in July**" event. Both chapter banners proudly marching side by side followed by the SAR/DAR color guard. The group leaders, Franida Maudsley (DAR) and Art Dolan (SAR) shouted out "**Merry 4th of July**" and "**Happy Birthday America**" much to the enjoyment of the spectators. For the first time DAR's Jesai Bancroft-Connors proudly carried the Betsy Ross flag.

Our CAR. compatriot, Julien Bancroft-Connors, fell back from his banner post to carry the Washington State Flag as the extreme heat caused one of our flag bearers to take a seat in the trailing limousine. The best part of being parade entry #50 was we preceded the horses at entry #52. Rule #1 in the Washington State Color Guard is to "Have Fun" and we complied completely for the entire parade route.

(L-R) SAR participants: Joel Bancroft-Connors (volunteer), Art Dolan, Lew Maudsley, Eric Olsen, Dick Moody, Julien Bancroft-Connors (CAR)



Other participants: Franida Maudsley (DAR), Michaelann Henley (DAR), Shirley Stirling (DAR), Jesai Bancroft Connors (DAR).

19-20 Aug: Local DAR and SAR join forces for historical demos. The city of Dupont was alive with history during the Hudson Days Festival. Taking part were two Olympia-based patriotic service groups (Sacajawea Chapter, NSDAR and the GRC Chapter, SAR). The two groups often combine efforts at such community events.

This particular event took place at the Clock Tower Park in Dupont. The two-day festival included a barbecue competition; a heritage car show; live music; local culinary fare; a beer garden featuring local craft brews, wines, liquors and cocktails, fantastic children's activities, and historical activities and demonstrations. The DAR/SAR hosted a booth and provide demonstrations of life in the 18th century on Saturday & Sunday. CG Members present were...Eric Olsen, Joe Coorough, Lew Maudsley, Dick Moody, and Denis Case



4 Sep: Black Diamond Labor Day Parade.

Participants were:

(Standing) Eric Olsen, Mat Bendickson, Jim Carpenter, Mike Moore, John Herr, Cris Grabowski, Danica Bendickson (DAR), Bill Bentler, Stephan Clayton, Katherine Bendickson (DAR), Cris Clayton, Melonie Leaning (DAR), Bruce Bock, and Alonde Droege (F&D).

(In front) Viren Lemmer, Ralph Leaning (HODAR), Harold Steenbergen, Neil Vernon, Dick Motz, Mike Bendickson



Fife & Drum Awards were also in order:



The Flag Trailer was also present.



Dian Moore
Pin for 1st Parade

Alonde Droege
Promoted to
Corporal

Terry Barker
Promoted to
Captain

18 Sep: Honor Flight at Sea-Tac Airport. The welcome home event at SeaTac was very successful. There were bagpipers, 10 patriot guard, and 6 SAR Color Guard. The setup was totally different but it worked very well for the 30+ veterans on the flight. It was all worth the time spent to get there, wait for the vets to deplane and thank them for their service.



The Color Guard and SAR presence at this Honor Flight would make all SAR chapters proud. GC Members present were: Denis Case, Mike Moor, Dick Moody, Eric Olsen, Art Dolan & Neil Vernon. Neil Vernon had a nice flag display along with his stand-up SAR soldier display he had in Spokane.

30 Sep: The GRC Chapter Posted the colors for Daughters of American Colonists.

The event took place at the Boston Harbor Marina and was the dedication of the Boston Harbor Lighthouse plaque. Featured speaker Dr. Richard Moody. Participating were (L-R) Eric Olsen, Dick Moody, Joe Coorough, and Art Dolan



Eastern Region

4 July: The Mid-Columbia Chapter participated in the Pasco Grand Old 4th of July Parade with the local DAR Chapters.

Six members, Brian Smith, Randal Roach, Brian McReynolds (L to R, to left of truck), Richard Roddy, Jerry Noor, and Kelly Schultz (to right of truck) Participated, carrying flags and our America's First Veterans banner.



24 Jul: Dale Ryan, Doug Jonas, Stan Wills and his grandson, Brayden, (wearing his new uniform) assisted the DAR in presenting flag pins to 88 new citizens from 33 countries.



Over 200 people were in attendance.



23 Aug: The Spokane #1 chapter attended their 2nd new citizens ceremony of 2023.

Pictured are (L-R) Stan Wills, Miss Spokane, Dale Ryan, and Doug Jonas. Also present was Bob Korn who took the photo.



Here Stan attends the colors as the pledge of allegiance is recited.

15 Sep: As part of Constitution Week, Stan Wills, Doug Jonas, Dale Ryan, Tracy Prock participated in the New Citizens ceremony held at Central Valley High School in Spokane.

The entire school attended.



16 Sep: Stan Wills, Wes Corder, Bob Korn posted colors for the Washington State DAR Board of Management meeting held in Spokane. Also in attendance were Doug Jonas and Ladies Auxiliary member Joyce Corder. The DAR did not allow any pictures to be taken inside the meeting. This photo was taken before we entered.



20 Sep: Stan Wills, Bob Korn, Tracy Prock, Doug Jonas participated in a New Citizens ceremony on 20 Sept 2023 at the Spokane Event Center, 48 new citizens from 19 countries.



22 Sep: Valley Fest Parade. Stan Wills, Dale Ryan, Rob Scott, Tracy Prock, Will Palmer, Carl Durkoop, Doug Jonas participated in the Spokane Valley Festival Parade "Heart Of Gold". Parade started at 7:30pm and had over 100 entries.



Western Region



31 Aug – 3 Sep: NW Northwest Colonial Festival. For a complete photo gallery of the event use this [LINK](#) (FB) The John Paul Jones Chapter of the SAR participate in the four (4) day 2023 North West Colonial Festival (NWCF) on the grounds of the George Washington Inn in Port Angeles, WA. This year's festival set new attendance records with many visiting the SAR education booth. The festival, a living history, make us in the SAR more aware of the sacrifices of our patriot ancestors, a very memorable four days. The JPJ Chapter sponsored presentation speakers from two fellow chapters discussing topics like: The history of the US flag; the first 14 presidents, Washington's spies in the revolution, why does a young boy go to war, and the early history of the US Navy. SAR members who participated in the festival were: Perry Taylor, Neil Vernon, Mike Hutchins, Mick Hursey, Fred Gilbert (festival SAR coordinator). A big thank you to our fellow SAR members who manned the booth; Mark Dunham, Noah Chase, Patric Kane, Brian Dorr, SAR members who participated in the re-enacting of Lexington and Concord; and a huge special thank you to JPJ Chapter member Dan Abbott for allowing the festival to use his property, grounds of the Inn.



Thank You!!!

As we close this quarter, I would like to thank all the Color Guard members who gave of their time and effort to represent the WASSAR to the public.

Without you we would probably be unknown.

We are truly ***"The Face of the SAR"***



Dick Motz
Deputy Commander
WA St Color Guard

GREAT JOB THIS QUARTER!!!

A Few Photos From The 133rd National Congress



Washington State Attendees

(Back row) Tony Abbott, Viren Lemmer, Neil Vernon, John Kraft, Diane Kraft, Andrew Brewer
(Front row) Stephen Taylor, Cindy Lucas, Teri Vernon, Keith Weisenburg, Cindi Weissenberg, Susan Tayler, Perry Taylor



DAR Bench Dedication



John Kraft



Neil Vernon



Viren Lemmer

Uniforms/Other Items Wanted/For Sale

If you have anything, you want or have for sale, please send information to the [Newsletter Editor](#)

Wanted:

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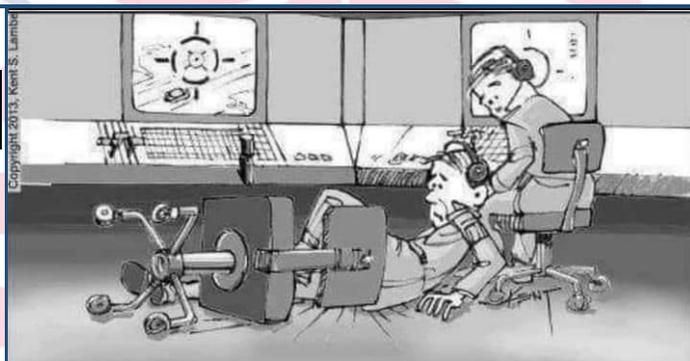
For Sale/Free:

Contact	Item	Size	Cost	Notes
Dick Motz	Trailer 3rd wheel		Free	

Military Humor & More



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



Experiencing an engine and complete instrument failure, Jack ejects from his Predator aircraft and lands roughly earning him a Purple Heart and Distinguished Flying Cross.



Anyone remember these???

Genealogy Humor



The Washington Trail - Publication Schedule

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

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Winter (1 st Qtr.)	Jan	1 Jan to 31 Mar	No later than 24 Mar	1 Apr +/-
Spring (2 nd Qtr.)	Apr	1 Apr to 30 Jun	No later than 25 Jun	1 Jul +/-
Summer (3 rd Qtr.)	Jul	1 Jul to 30 Sep	No later than 24 Sep	1 Oct +/-
Fall (4 th Qtr.)	Oct	1 Oct to 31 Dec	No later than 25 Dec	1 Jan +/-

News from the Chapters: A single article on a topic of interest from each chapter will be accepted each quarter.

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. (6/13/23)

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