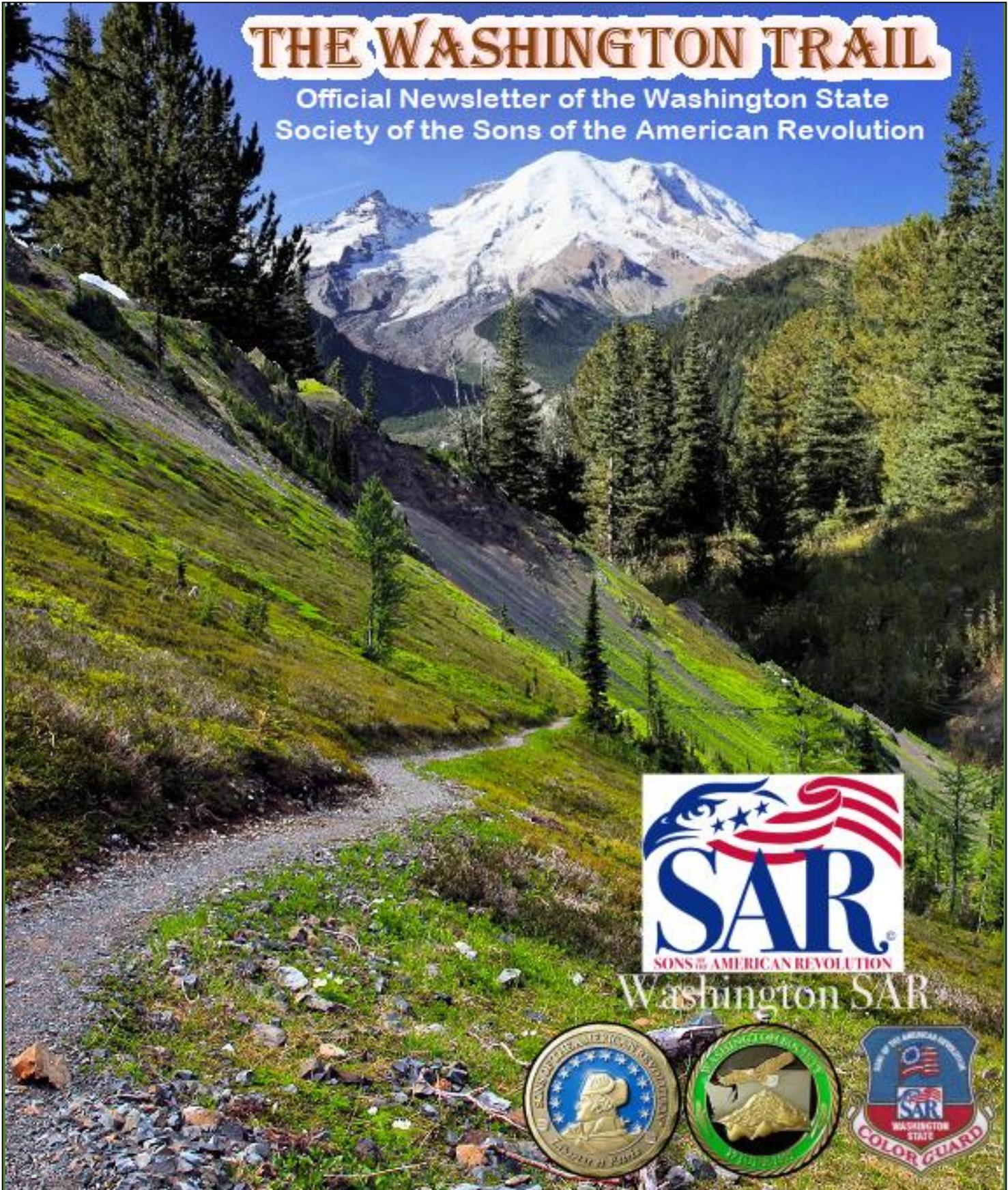


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2024

- 27 Jan: State BOD Meeting, 9:00am, via Zoom
- 6-8 Mar: Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY
- [22-28 Apr: "Patriot Week 2024", Harbor County, WA](#)
- [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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- Some **LINKS** are only available till the end of Mar 2024.
- Some **LINKS** in this electronic document may not work on an Apple device. I have tried to fix all but may have missed some. Please let me know if you find one [The Editor](#)

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Washington State SAR Message from the President

Dear Compatriots and Friends,

Throughout my life, I served in organizations that had a hierarchical structure in which social forces (whether monetary or disciplinary) compelled compliance. In the Army, a soldier faced prompt consequences by refusal to obey a lawful order. In commerce, refusal to perform could lead to disciplinary repercussions up to and including dismissal.



And though I experienced lower-level leadership positions in civic and other non-profit organizations, it was not until I took on higher level leadership in SAR that I experienced first-hand the challenges of leading a large non-profit organization staffed almost entirely by volunteers.

It gave me renewed appreciation for the burdens Washington faced in trying to create a professional army from a disparate mass of volunteers. It is no wonder his early battles were generally losing propositions. That he ultimately built a disciplined and effective fighting force is a testament to his character, leadership, perseverance and knowledge of human nature. It is also a testament to those men with whom he served that molded frontiersmen into soldiers.

It also gave me a keen appreciation for those within our ranks who can always be counted on, despite inconvenience, time limitations, conflicting loyalties and the myriad of excuses that might otherwise be interposed. In a large organization such as ours, the vast proportion of our burdens are invariably carried by those few who step forward whenever the need arises. I have been blessed to have a few such men working with me in various endeavors within SAR. It has not been easy for them. Large challenges require large sacrifices. But it is those large challenges that are remembered. No one recalls the name of the man who picks up the pieces of a chess board when the match is over. But no one will forget the man who led his unit to the top of San Juan Hill.

James Allen, the author of "As a Man Thinketh", wrote that, "There can be no progress, no achievement, without sacrifice, and a man's worldly success will be in the measure that he sacrifices." James Allen had a better understanding of all-volunteer non-profit organizations than most.

As we approach the 250th Anniversary of the founding of our country, we face the greatest opposition of all – indifference. Worse yet, there is some truth in [Pogo's Lament](#) that, "We have met the enemy, and he is us." But the challenge of honoring the roots of our freedom, and those who won it for us, is worthy of our sacrifice. Moreover, I am finding that the more I confront indifference in my own character, the more energized I become.

Patriot Week 2024 started as an overwhelming and unachievable task, especially given our limited resources. It was envisioned as a way of getting Grays Harbor County excited about America 250. With each bite of the elephant, it becomes more manageable. Those who see the current Schedule of Events blanch at the scope of our vision. But day by day, each piece comes into place. It is shaping up to be one of the most meaningful events Grays Harbor County has experienced. And the excitement and momentum here are growing and palpable.

For those who are actually working with me to make it happen, I owe you my deepest gratitude. For those too busy to get involved, or who are unwilling to make the sacrifices required, I understand. And for those who think you are too small to be effective, as Betty Reese quipped, you have never been in bed with a mosquito. Please join me. You are needed.

I'll see you all in Ocean Shores in April 2024. It will be unforgettable.

From Cindy and me, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a blessed and prosperous New Year.

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

From National

Sign up for news from the SAR!

The SAR has adopted ***Mail Chimp*** for dissemination of short notices from the PG and Headquarters. This is a "one way" service which permits transmission of information and reminders to many members. Click [HERE](#) to sign up

Vive La France!

Greetings Compatriots, as you make your plans for the upcoming year, I encourage you to consider participation in the SAR's Youth Exchange Program with the France Society for your children and grandchildren, ages 14 to 20. This is a great opportunity for our youth to experience French culture and for us to show our great Nation to French youth. See the "education" tab on our website for details. Contact chair Bradley Hayes for more information and required forms. Bradley's family participated last summer, welcoming a young lady into their home beginning with the Florida Congress. You, too, can host a youth from France. We try and "match" youth with common interests. For this next summer, so far, we have four interested French youth, three young ladies and one young man:



- Elvire de Bronac de Bougainville, age 19 in September 2023. She is studying International Economy. Her interests and hobbies are piano, classical dance, fashion, and tennis.
- Livia Casili-Servas, age 19 in December 2023. She is studying in education. Her interests and hobbies are music (particularly English pop music), reading (French and English literature), and learning languages, especially English and Spanish.
- Sixtine Chambeiron, age 18 in February 2024. She intends to study law. Her interests and hobbies are music (piano among others), photography, animals, skiing, and going out with friends.
- Ghislain Nosten, age 15 in January 2024. His interests and hobbies are tennis, soccer, sailing and paddling. He enjoys studying history, especially Napoleon I; politics, including the government institutions of France and the United States; and Space X. He lives in Paris and spends part of the summer at the family home in Brittany. The Nosten Family proposes Ghislain could come to the United States in July 2024, and welcome the American boy in August, but they are flexible.

Finally, there are still some spots for our SAR trip honoring the French patriots in April. See the “events” tab on our website for details and itinerary. If you are considering the Youth Exchange, you could possibly meet the French SAR family at the same time.

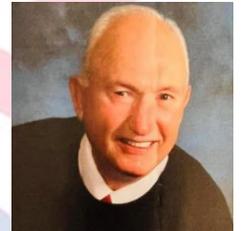
John L. Dodd President General 2023-2024

From State

9 Oct: WA SAR/DAR Grave Marking for compatriot Darron Nelson (9 Oct 1936-26 Aug 2022)

Today, officers of nine chapters of WASSAR and WSSDAR came together at a memorial to honor the life of Darron Nelson, compatriot of Alexander Hamilton Chapter, WASSAR and husband of Susan Nelson, Mary Ball Chapter, DAR. Compatriot Darron Nelson's grave was decorated by an SAR grave marker set in stone by his bronze grave plate. Among those attending were SAR State President Greg Lucas and wife Cindy; DAR Mary Ball Chapter Regent Maureen Vanek; SAR John Paul Jones Chapter President Perry Taylor; Presiding was John Herr, President Alexander Hamilton Chapter SAR. AH Chapter Chaplain Skip Stephan offered prayers. Dr. Dan Shaw gave memorial remarks.

The WA State Color Guard posted the colors. Members present were: Dick Moody, Joe Coorough, Bruce Bock, Bill Bentler, Mike Moore, Jery Bordelon, Skip Stephen, Bob O’Neal, Eric Olsen, Ken Roberts, Art Dolan. Jan Lemmer served as the drummer. DAR members from the Elizabeth Ellington, Lakota, Mary Ball, and Mary Fell Stevenson chapters were also in attendance.



“Patriot Week 2024” - April 22-28

Here are just some of the events throughout Harbor County Ocean Shores:

- Lectures at the Ocean Shores Cinema.
- Open Genealogy sessions at the Ocean Shores Library
- Joint City of Ocean Shores/SAR Clam and Bench Unveiling

Hoquiam:

- “An Evening with George Washington” at 7th Street Theatre
- Patriot Chest Presentation at the Hoquiam-Timberland Library

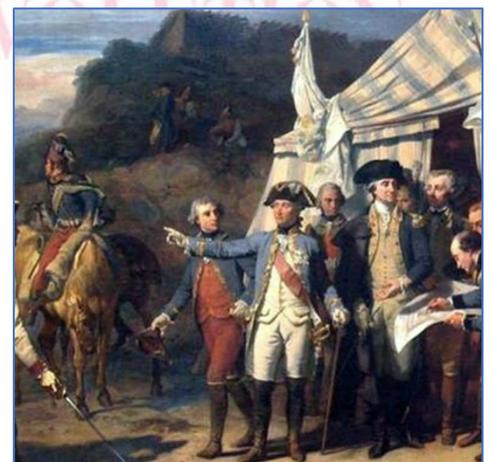
Aberdeen:

- Open Genealogy sessions at the Aberdeen-Timberland Library

Westport:

- Ceremony to Honor Patriots Buried at Sea (by invitation).

Many Others too numerous to list.





RAFFLE

2024 WASSAR STATE CONFERENCE

★ **Tickets are only \$25 each!**



Prizes valued at \$60 to over \$600!

- ★ French 1728 Infantry Musket - Replica
- ★ Revolutionary War Chess Set
- ★ Revolutionary War Sword - Replica
- ★ US Civil War Chess Set
- ★ Calumet Farm, 15 year old, Single Rack Black, Kentucky Bourbon
- ★ \$100 Townsend's Gift Certificate
- ★ \$100 Visa Gift Card
- ★ Embroidered Flag, Bracket, & Pole Kit

WHERE TO PURCHASE

- Chapter President
- When you Register
- At the Conference

- ◆ Proceeds support the Washington State Society SAR and the 2024 State Conference
- ◆ Tickets will be drawn randomly at the 2024 WASSAR Conference in Ocean Shores, WA
- ◆ You do not need to be present to win
- ◆ Prizes will be selected randomly before each ticket is drawn. Winner does not select the prize.
- ◆ Ticket with sequential number and LEGIBLE name, address, and phone number will be drawn. Ticket purchaser keeps the corresponding numbered ticket stub. Ensure that your contact information is complete and LEGIBLE. Winners will be verified and published.

Questions? Contact John Paul Jones Chapter, Compatriot Patrick Burch at patandsherri77@yahoo.com

Create a Patriot Biography

The SAR has a Patriot Research System (PRS) for the capture, storage, search and retrieval of records and documents about Revolutionary patriots, their lives, services, and burials, and the lineage of members of the SAR to Revolutionary patriots. It has five sources of data;

1. Patriot Search with membership applications and supporting documentation
2. Member Search (type in a member's national number)
3. Descendant Search (finding proven grandparents in an application)
4. Biography Search (patriot biography)
5. Cemetery Search for the patriot's burial information. Adding your patriot biography helps other men to join the SAR who have the same patriot grandfather as you.

The PRS is an expanding collection of databases that provides access to many materials amassed by the SAR. Our SAR members across the country are passionate ambassadors for genealogical preservation and research and our National Society is committed to being a premier provider of genealogical resources. The purpose of the PRS is to promote general genealogical research and thus, assist prospects with their SAR membership information and members with the same information for filing supplemental applications.

The greatest thing we can do for our Patriot ancestors is to make sure they are not forgotten. Patriot biographical sketches tell the story of our patriot grandfather. So please, take the time to write a biography for each of your Patriot ancestors. All you need is a copy of your approved SAR application for each patriot. It contains information that can be used to write the biography. It has your patriot's birth, marriage, death dates and places as well as his wife's information. It also has your patriot's service information.

- **Q: What should I include in it?**

A: The things I like to include are vital record information about the Patriot, his wife and known children. These items will help others in their pursuit of becoming a member of the SAR in the future. Next, try to find as much as possible about the soldier's time in the service and again, look at your proven application. This would be things like, the regiment, the regimental commander, the company commander, the uniform, battles and his patriotic service if he gave materials to the cause.

- **Q: What are the requirements?**

A: Keep biographies between 200 and 500 words in length. You really want the biography to be at least 200 words. Ideally, you want the biography to be as close to 500 words as possible.

- **Q: Are there examples of patriot biographies to look at?**

A: Yes. Here are four examples. Go to <https://sarpatriots.sar.org/patriot/search/>. In the "Patriot Number block", type in, one of these numbers: 312544, 327394, 13273, and 332091
These example patriot bios' show you how to write a patriot biography.

Your patriot may already have a biography written. Don't be discouraged. Write your own version based on your research. A different version of the same patriot gives different information and perspectives and is encouraged. So, let's get started and take a look. Go to <http://sarpatriots.sar.org/>. There are five tabs on top. The first place to go is the Member Search tab. Type in your National SAR number. This will show all of your approved patriots and if a patriot biography had been written. Click your patriots name and then click the "biography" tab. On the left side there is a tab labeled "add biography." Click it. This link has a write-up titled "Patriot Biography Do's and Don'ts" and instructions on where to send your submission.

Respectfully submitted by Doug Nelson, Washington SAR, At Large Board Member



Welcome To All The New Members This Quarter

Name	Chapter	Mo
Anthony Charles Lucero	Alexander Hamilton	Oct
Aric Taylor	Cascade Centennial	Oct
Brian Matthew Crawford	Alexander Hamilton	Nov
Charles Harlow McCaughan	John Paul Jones	Oct
David Reno Rice	Cascade Centennial	Nov
Deward Bain Rice Jr	Alexander Hamilton	Oct
Jack Warren Meyers	Cascade Centennial	Nov
Jacob Kyle Shaffer	Cascade Centennial	Dec
Kevin James Schilling	Cascade Centennial	Dec

Name	Chapter	Mo
Mark Lester McClellan	Alexander Hamilton	Oct
Matthew Warren Meyers	Cascade Centennial	Nov
Paul Anthony Gardner	John Paul Jones	Nov
Richard James Shaffer	Cascade Centennial	Dec
Robert Edgar Hibbs Esq	Cascade Centennial	Dec
Robert Paul Gerrish	Cascade Centennial	Nov
Ronald Prescott Morse	John Paul Jones	Oct
Scott Richard Laing	Seattle	Nov

From the Chapters

Alexander Hamilton Chapter

Recognition From the DAR

21 Oct: At the monthly meeting of the Alexander Hamilton Chapter, Bob O'Neal and Viren Lemmer were each privileged to receive the DAR Hannah White Arnett medal for "Extraordinary Cooperation and Outstanding service to NSDAR". The Medals were presented by Mary Ball DAR Chapter Regent Maureen Vanek, Registrar Melonie Liening, and DAR Susan Nelson, on behalf of the National DAR/SAR/SR Relations Committee. The two chapters have led the way in bringing together members of Washington State DAR & SAR by joint participation in parades, memorials, veterans' events and community activities involving the Washington SAR-DAR Color Guard and SAR-DAR Fife & Drum Corps.



(l to r) Susan Nelson (Mary Ball Chapter DAR), Maureen Vanek (Chapter Regent), Bob O'Neal; Viren Lemmer; Melonie Liening (DAR Registrar).

The NSDAR Hannah White Arnett medal.



Cascade Centennial Chapter

4th Quarter highlights

Veterans Day Ceremony: Our annual Veterans Day Ceremony, held on November 11th at 11 am (11/11/11), was a huge success with another full house at Sunset Hills Memorial Cemetery Chapel. Our theme this year was "World War II" and we honored, in person, three veterans aged 96, 99, and 100 years old, respectively. We shared extended narratives on the war experiences of each veteran based on interviews with each, and the Cascade Chapter of DAR then presented Quilts of Valor to each veteran. As we always do, all veterans in attendance were invited to come forward to their respective service wreaths to receive personal thanks from senior representatives of each of the uniformed services. In addition to colors being presented by the U of WA AFROTC Color Guard, there were bagpipes and the playing of Taps by a Navy bugler. The Deputy Mayor of Bellevue participated along with other special guests. Finally, the Boy Scouts placed small American flags at the gravesites of veterans.

Fire Safety Commendation Medal: As part of our Veterans Day Ceremony where we also honor first responders, our chapter presented the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal to Bellevue Firefighter Brad Carman. Firefighter Carman, while off duty, is credited with saving a life in a head-on collision earlier this year by pulling a victim from a burning pickup through the broken window of a jammed door and then administering first aid. The Bellevue Fire Chief also participated in the presentation. Firefighter Carman's wife and three children were present and introduced. We are proud to honor our community heroes!

New Members: Cascade Centennial is on the verge of adding 15 new members and two junior members, a banner year orchestrated by Chapter Registrar Rob Sexton. Eleven of the 15 members have been approved, with the other applications pending.

Submitted by Dick Paul

George Washington Chapter

18-Nov: Members of the chapter Color Guard celebrated Veterans Day at the Nov meeting. Each veteran chapter member shared their service experiences.



(l to r) Marshall Eberhart, Terry Laxton, Russ Oliver, Mike Hutchins, Capt. Bill Bentler, Rod Jenny, Bruce Bock, Johnmark Jenny, and Drummer Chris Fridley (kneeling).

A Blast From The Past

Jerry Bordelon and his wife Rose.

Photo was taken at their wedding in 1982.

Jerry is a member of the Alexander Hamilton chapter and the Color Guard.



Save the Date - April 26-27 2024

Washington State Annual Conference

Ocean Shores Convention Center

120 W Chance a La Mer NW,
Ocean Shores, WA 98569

Registration opens 1 January

Additional Information, Registration Form, Room Reservations and More: Click [here](#)



On This Day In History: 11 Oct 1890

On this day in history, October 11, 1890, Daughters of the American Revolution founded in Washington, DC

The DAR is a patriotic all-female organization devoted to 'God, Home and Country' and has 190,000 members worldwide. Their headquarters occupies an entire city block in Washington, D.C. "The DAR Library collection contains over 225,000 books, 10,000 research files, thousands of manuscript items, and special collections of African American, Native American, and women's history, genealogy and culture," the organization reports. "Nearly 40,000 family histories and genealogies comprise a major portion of the book collection, many of which are unique are available in only a few libraries in the country." The Daughters of the American Revolution was created in the wake of the founding of the Sons of the American Revolution in 1889. "The following year the SAR voted to exclude women from the group, galvanizing a force for the creation of new women's organization," the DAR reports of its origin story. Eighteen woman and four supporters from the Sons of American Liberty gathered at the DAR's first official meeting on Oct. 11, 1890, at Strathmore Arms, the home of Mary S. Lockwood. She is credited as one of the DAR's four co-founders, along with Mary Desha, Ellen Hardin Walworth and Eugenia Washington. More than 1 million women have been members in the 132 years since the group's founding. Membership, the DAR says, is open to "any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution."



Octoberfest!!!

Who knew??? One of our SAR families is also affiliated with the German Dance group, [Enzian Schuhplattler](#), in Seattle.

Matthew, Michael, Danika, and Kate Bendickson danced during Oktoberfest at Leavenworth on Sep 30th and Oct 14th. They also danced at Oktoberfest at Puyallup on Oct 7th, 3 days, 8 shows. It was their 2nd event at the fairgrounds. Emmett (Mike's cousin) did not dance, but came to Puyallup to see his cousin dance.

All are SAR/DAR members, even Emmett.

For a video of Mike doing the "[Miners Dance](#)", click on this [LINK](#)



Mike & Dian Moore were also there to cheer the grandkids.

This whole family are all members of the SAR or DAR



Mike, Mat, Danika & Kate
Little guy in front is Emmett (6)

Mike Bendickson is also one of our CG Fife & Drum members.

Secretary's Corner Sep 2023

We have come to the end of another year! Take a deep breath and enjoy Christmas and the holiday season with your friends and family. But before you don your ugly Christmas sweater, please do not forget to pay your 2024 dues by 31 December and mark your calendars and plan to attend the state annual conference 26-27 April 2024 in Ocean Shores, WA. Got a shiny new email address? Moved? Finally ditched the landline phone? Visit the [National website](#), log in, then review & update your personal information in the member database, called the [BLUE](#) database. Chapter Secretaries, if your chapter officers have changed due to recent elections, please let me know, and I can help you update the list of chapter officers on the National website. That will ensure your new chapter leaders get the appropriate access to the [BLUE](#) database when they are sworn in.

Respectfully submitted, Russ Oliver, State Secretary, WSSAR



News From The WA State SAR Ladies Auxiliary (LAWASSAR)

[Facebook Page](#)



This is the time of year when there are a lot of behind-the-scenes preparations for the SAR State Conference. One of the updates is that the VFW in Ocean Shores has offered their Post for our Ladies Luncheon on Friday, April 26th, 2024. We are very excited about this. More details to come later. Meanwhile, stay warm and safe for your holiday plans and have a very Happy New Year.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Lucas, President, Ladies Auxiliary, WASSAR



LINKS To Other Newsletters & Documents Of Interest

State BOD Meeting Minutes, 28 Oct, 9 Nov, 15 Dec, 21 Dec 2023 ([LINK](#))

Submitted by: Russ Oliver, State Secretary, WSSAR (Available till the end of Mar 2024)

The 4th Quarter Issues Of The CAR Newsletters ([Oct Nov Dec](#))

Submitted by: Jeannette Carroll (Available till the end of Mar 2024)

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

The National Colorguardsman Magazine ([LINK](#))

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Disabled American Veterans Chapter #5 Building, 4980 Auto Center Way, 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 (Dec 2nd Sat), Sep to Jun, 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 All Compatriots Born In Oct/Nov/Dec

Data extracted from the National Database (12-4-23).

If incorrect, contact your chapter secretary



October	November	December
Daniel Alvin Abbott	Brian William Allison	Matthew Roy Bendickson
Glenn Richard Anderson	Colby Miles Auckland	Michael Timothy Berry
Andrew Todd Asher	Dustin Adam Berry	Lawrence Bowman
Eric Browning Bierwagen	George Courtney Berthiaume	Arthur Theron Broady
Mark Christopher Boe	Danny Michael Boon	James Arthur Carpenter
Jeffrey Scott Bradshaw	Jerry Michael Bordelon	Stephen John Clayton
Paul Montgomery Carver	Aubrey Richardson Carter Jr	Jon Mark Clements
Terry William Church	Paul Richard Clifton	Trey Robert David Coffman
Lawrence Edward Clay	Matthew James Covella	Mark Nolan Crawford
Donald Eugene Condit	Brian Matthew Crawford	Keith E. Deaton
Wesley Patrick Corder	Harvey Raymond Crowder	Colby James Doughty
Arthur William Dolan	Joshua Robert Cummings	John Edward Ernest
Carver Clark Gayton	David Paul de la Vergne	Gregory Thomas Faherty III
Aaron Justin Giebel	Edwin Prentice Dierdorff Jr	Jack Earl Fletcher
Donald Michael Giese	Timothy Walter Doughty	Curtis Dale Hanner
Baxter Franklin Gray	Edward Baker Faust	Ronald David Irons
Peter Joseph Hale	Monte Roy Freeman	Rodney Dean Jenny
John Emery Hoard	Christopher Brant Fridley	Scott Mitchell Jensen
John David Hosfield	Charles Rex Fullerton	Darwin Eugene Kampman
John Charles Hughes	Wayne Everett Gardner	Leonard Will Kearney
Michael Neal Jacobs	Walter Daniel Heidt	Bryan Douglas Klippert
Donald B Kennedy	Clayton Melville Kirkland	John Harvey Klippert
Andrew John Klippert	Terry Laxton	Clark Bainbridge McKee
Thomas Dallas Laing Jr	Ronald Owen Mains	Paul Frederick Ocker
Trevor C. Lane	Wayne Russell Marshall	Nicholas William Reichert
Alexander Viren Lemmer	Donald Elmer Maymon	Matthew Patrick Sexton
James Abraham Garfield Lightburn II	Ronn William Mercer	Richard James Shaffer
Michael Lovelace	Matthew Warren Meyers	David Andrew Shaw
James Claiborne Martin	William Ray Miller	Noah David Shaw
Karl David McCowen	Guy Volkert Moellendorf	James Orlo Sparks
Thomson Pray	William Robert O'Neal	Gordon William Struve
Philip Augustus Ratcliff	Erwin Bradley Pace Jr	Fred Lambert Templin
Richard Warren Roddy	Richard Robert Paul	William Wallace Van Cleave Jr.
Alex D. Sallander	John Fletcher Perkins	Charles Vance Waid
Henry Allen Schumacher	Donald Roderick Scott	Daniel Josh Weedin
Mark Douglas Shaw	Robert Alan Sexton	Keith A. Weissinger
Luke Patrick Sowieralski	Jaden Mark Shaw	Stephen Lee Zirschky
Warner Gibson Taylor III	Mathew Wade Spradlin	
John Ray Tremain	Harold Lee Steenbergen	
Scott Andrew Troup	Edward Lawrence Tropp	
Guy Kent Troy Jr	Robert Jeffery Waid	
Brian Russell Vowinkel	Cody Benjamin Womack	
Paul Gregory Webster	Robert Joseph Zache	
Thomas Evans Williams		



THE DRUMBEAT

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YOUR COLOR GUARD



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AMERICA'S FIRST VETERANS

AND THE FACE OF THE SAR

From The Commander

Compatriots,

Happy Holidays and Season Greetings to all Color Guard and Compatriots. This past year has been full of activity in nearly every chapter. Some of the milestones we experienced is reaching out to over a 1,000 student through patriot chest presentations on the Kitsap Peninsula! Several other chapters also were reaching hundreds of students in the schools.



The George Washington Birthday Celebration (Feb 19) is now considered a national event. Massing of Colors or Washington Patriot Day will be held on March 2. In April we will have our annual State Conference which will be held in Ocean Shores, Washington, April 26-27. I encourage as many Color Guard who can attend to be present. We will have a Color Guard meeting Friday, April 26 and several assignments to fulfill for Posting of Colors, plus our annual Color Guard photo.

Prior to the State Conference, **Patriot Week** will be held April 22-25 in Ocean Shores and other locations in Gray’s Harbor County. Several presentations and ceremonies are in the planning stages. This is a great opportunity to show this community the SAR and what we stand for.

Be sure to check the on-line Color Guard [Schedule of Events](#) regularly for events in your area that you can attend. As this newsletter gets distributed, we are orbiting the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party of December, 16, 1773. Many more events will take place over the next 10 years to honor our Patriot ancestors for providing us a nation of free men. 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 of course 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 citizenry to the remembrance the significance of the time period in which we live.

I am always so amazed at the unselfish sacrifice of time and resources that the Color Guard puts forth with enthusiasm and dedication. It is an honor and humbling to serve with you!

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

Boston Tea Party 16 Dec 1773



Color Guard Patch Available

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

The patch measures 4”x4”

If you want them mailed the postage cost is:

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

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

NOTE: Authorized for **WA State Color Guard members only**



Color Guard Events Throughout The State

Regional Area Color Guard Events In Apr, May, Jun

Northern Region

11 Nov: Skagit Co. Annual Veterans Day Parade in Burlington. The GW Chapter participated in the event and were honored to be the lead group with our historic flag trailer right behind the Skagit Co. parade banner carriers.



CG Members attending were:

(l to r) Rodney Jenny, Mike Hutchins, Johnmark Jenny, Bill Bentler, John Kraft, Bruce Bock, Marshall Eberhart.

16 Dec: Wreaths Across America: The CG attended the ceremony at **Hawthorne Cemetery in Mount Vernon.**

They were in support of the Civil Air Patrol Color Guard during ceremonies honoring and placing wreaths on more than 1200 veteran graves.



Members present were: John Kraft, Bruce Bock, Terry Layton, Rodney Jenny, Johnmark Jenny, Russ Oliver, Mike Hutchins, Ken Carlson, Bill Bentler, Marshal Anderson, Chris Fridley.

16 Dec: Wreaths Across America: On 15 Dec, 9 members of the Seattle chapter prepared for the laying of wreaths at the **Lakeview Cemetery** in Seattle, by marking the veteran graves with American flags. Then on December 16, 14 Chapter & Color Guard members participated in the Wreaths Across America program. This cemetery is the oldest cemetery in Seattle and the resting place of more than 500 veterans. With the sponsorships from the Ballard VFW, Colonial Dames, University of Medical Center IT Services, and others, enough Wreaths were on hand for the first time to honor each veteran grave in the cemetery, ranging from the Civil War to present day. Following the posting of colors by the Color Guard and some local Navigators, the Seattle Chapter donated a new flag to the cemetery and the Color Guard conducted a flag replacement ceremony.

Seattle Chapter members included: Tim Zenk, George Hanson, Scott Laing, Richard Seeder, Jerry Strode, and Jon Newton. One member from the Ranger Chapter: Tim Doughty. Color Guard included: Chris Grabowski, Stan Granberg, Stephen Clayton, Christopher Clayton, Neil Vernon, Grant Rauzi, Jim Carpenter, and David Horsley.



Southern Region

16 Oct, Honor Flight: The flight was greeted by 7 members of the WA St CG.



Meet & Greet



Present were: Stan Granberg, Jim Carpender, Bill Bentler, Neil Vernon, John Herr, Dick Mody, Art Dolan

4 Nov: The CG posted the colors in support of the DAR's National Defense Luncheon held at the Seattle Airport Marriott.



Members present were:
 John Herr, Mike Moore, Ken Roberts, Dick Motz, Viren Lemmer, and Jan Lemmer
 Also present from the Fife & Drum corps were:
 Terry Barker, Stephanie Conroy, and Melonie Leaning

8 Nov: Veterans Day: Evergreen Christian School, Posting the colors for their Veterans Day Celebration.

The two children in the photo were recently adopted from Bulgaria and attended their first Veterans Day ceremony. They are students at Evergreen Christian School.

George Rogers Clark Color Guardsmen were: Art Dolan, Dick Moody.



9 Nov: Veterans Day ceremony. Art Dolan and his grandson, Jackson Sackville-West were the Dierenger Heights Elementary school pre ceremony speakers presenting "The Stars and Stripes Revolutionary Road". There were more than 90 veterans in attendance for the flag presentation which was followed by a musical tribute.



11 Nov: Veterans Day Ceremony & Pinning of Vets: Veterans Day ceremony on the Olympia Capitol Campus included a pinning ceremony for all attending Vietnam vets receiving their 50-year commemorative lapel pin combined with the reading the names of all those who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam, from the memorial wall.

CG Members were: Eric Olsen, Lew Maudsley, Dennis Case, and Dick Moody



11 Nov: Veterans Day Parade, Auburn WA: The group gathered at the Rainbow Café for the annual get together before the parade. It was a little wet before the parade started, but the skies cleared just in time for the event.

SAR & CG Members present were:
 (back row) Neil Vernon, Melonie Leaning (F&D), Jan Lemmer, Mike Moore, Skip Stephen, Jerry Bordelon, Jim Carpenter, Mike Bendickson, David Horsley, Mat Bendickson, Katherine Bendickson, Diane Moore, Dick Motz
 (Front row) Keith Weissinger, Alonde Droege (F&D), Danica Bendickson, Ralph Leaning, Harold Steenbergen. Jeff Harlan also participated



16 Dec: Wreaths Across America. The Ah Chapter posted the colors at the **Washington Soldiers Home** cemetery in Orting

CG Members attending were:
 Dick Motz, Tim Smith, Mike Moore, Viren Lemmer, Ken Roberts, John Herr, Tom Barham, Jan Lemmer.



16 Dec: Wreaths Across America. The CG attended the ceremony at **Masonic Memorial Park** in Olympia

GRC Chapter Color Guard, along with Sacajawea Chapter DAR posted colors and participated in Wreaths Across America event at the Masonic Cemetery in Olympia. Also participating were representatives from the Washington Society of the CAR and the Trail Blazers Society of Olympia, The Sacajawea Chapter arranged the 156 wreaths and coordinated the afternoon ceremonies. Representatives of all service branches, active and retired, laid wreaths at the Washington State Monument in Memory of Her Valiant Sons.

CG Members present were: Dick Moody, Eric Olsen Lew Maudsley, and Joe Coorough

**17 Dec: St Paul, Oregon.** The Fort Vancouver Chapter partnered with the DAR, CAR and 2 Oregon chapters (Lewis

& Clark & Republic) to lay a wreath and fire a volley to honor William Cannon. He is the only documented Revolutionary War soldier buried in Oregon. St. Paul Catholic Church records show he died Aug. 29, 1854, and was buried in the cemetery the next day. The records describe him as being 99 and a widower of a Chinook woman and not known to have had any descendants. Participating chapter members were:

Ft Vancouver: Carl Gray, Paul Winter

Republic: David Devin David Woods Russ Erickson

Lewis & Clark: Clayton Watters David Witter Eugene Foley Fred Heiserman. Joel Simmons. Joseph Martin Mark Phillips
Matt Rosenberg Michael Lebsock Michael Tieman Rob Green Terry Witter



Eastern Region

21 Oct: Veteran's Stand Down, Sun Dome, the Mid-Columbia Chapter provided an information table at the Yakima Veteran's Stand Down.

A Veteran's Stand Down is a chance for the community and support groups to offer support to our military veterans. Our chapter meeting was held at the same time. We enjoyed talking with people that stopped by. Several signed up for more information. One gentleman was certain that he had a Revolutionary War Patriot.

Attending were: Steve Winmill, Larry Flint, George Boice, Kelly Schultz, Richard Roddy & Conn Clark

**2-9 Nov:** Stan Wills, of Spokane #1, did four school programs in 7 days. He was assisted by Doug Jonas.

On 2 Nov they gave a presentation to two 8th grade classes at Spokane International Academy.

On 8 & 9 Nov they gave the presentation to two 5th grade classes at Odessey Elementary School.

The total number of students in the four classes was 102.



4 Nov: Vietnam Vet Recognition Ceremony. The Mid-Columbia Color Guard posted the Colors for the DAR and American Legion, Vietnam Appreciation Ceremonies at the West Richland, American Legion. Vietnam-era Vets in attendance received certificates and challenge coins. Hank Cramer's father, was the first American soldier killed in Vietnam. Following retiring of the colors by the Color Guard, we enjoyed coffee, cookies and conversation. CG Members present were: Larry Flint, Kelly Schultz, Richard Roddy, Brian Smith



5 Nov: Naturalization Ceremony. The Mid-Columbia Chapter attended another Naturalization Ceremony at the Richland Federal Building on November 5th. Randal Roach, Richard Roddy, Larry Flint and Kelly Schultz attended in uniform and handed out crossed flag pins to the new American Citizens. Some took pictures with us representing America's First Veterans



10 Nov Veterans Day: Veterans program at the Corbin Park Senior Center Spokane. A Veterans luncheon sponsored by the center was served for 51 Veterans. Stan Wills set up several tables to provide historical artifacts and documents for the SAR, War of 1812, Civil War, WWII and Iraq War. The displays included flags, guns, other weapons, uniforms on manikins, paintings, soldier equipment and handouts. Unfortunately, Stan had to attend his SAR chapter meeting which was held at the same time. After the Chapter meeting, he returned and picked up everything and returned it to the Flag Museum. ***That's what you call multitasking!! (Photo not available)***



11 Nov: The Mid-Columbia Chapter, along with the Kennewick DAR and Columbia River DAR Chapters, participated in the West Richland Veterans Day Parade. Conn Clark, Kelly Schultz, Larry Flint, the DAR Ladies, Brian Smith, Richard Roddy, Karen Shultz, & Randal Roach



17 Nov: Veteran's Stand Down. The Mid-Columbia SAR Chapter along with the Kennewick DAR Chapter had information tables at the Veteran's Stand Down in Kennewick. George Boice, Arthur Broady, Larry Flint, Randal Roach, Richard Roddy, Kelly Schultz and Brian Smith attended from the chapter. Karen Schultz and Sandra Mauws were also in attendance.



16 Dec: Larry Flint and Richard Roddy joined the Karmeesta DAR chapter in Moses Lake for a commemorating, to mix with the public, in celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party on this date in 1773.

This was followed by a wreath laying at Resthaven Cemetery to honor William Johnston, Civil War Veteran by the same group. Richard Roddy spoke about William Johnsons service experiences and Arthur Broady laid the wreath.

(l-r) Larry Flint, Conn Clark, Randal Roach, Arthur Broady, Richard Roddy & Brian Smith



16 Dec: Wreaths Across America in Spokane at the Pines Cemetery, 200 people attended. The group placed 175 wreaths.



(L to R) Wes Corder, Will Palmer, Stan Wills, Dennis Shaw, Dale Ryan Bob Korn, Tracy Prock

Western Region

11 Nov: Veterans Day, The John Paul Jones Chapter Color Guard and Education team manned their booth at the 2023 Veterans Day Recognition event at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds, Bremerton.

The team’s focus was on the First Veterans, ancestry, and education in the community.

The team was constantly busy discussing the values and sacrifices of the First Veterans who won our freedoms and securing a new nation.



Team members were: Perry Taylor, Mick Hersey, Fred Gilbert, Brian Dorr, Noah Chase, Hugh Turker, Mark Whitaker, and Patrick Burch

16 Dec: Wreaths Across America. The JPJ chapter was blessed with a cool day for honoring our Veterans at our Wreaths Across America at both Ivy Green Cemetery (Bremerton) and Bethel Cemetery (Port Orchard). 1038 wreaths were placed in 12 cemeteries around Kitsap County. We thank all those that assisted in the Ceremonies and came out and placed Wreaths honoring our Veterans.



Members attending were:
(l-r) Hugh Tucker (Ret LAFD Bn Chief), Pat Burch, Fred Gilbert, Perry Taylor, Bob Schneider, Noah Chase, and, Mick Hersey (Master of Ceremonies).

During the 4th Quarter the JPJ Education Team (Fred Gilbert, Doug Nelson, Robert Smalser, Perry Taylor, Brian Door, and Patric Burch) presented gave 2 more school presentations to 350 students. That makes a total of for a total of 11 presentations to 382 students this year.



Great job compatriots.



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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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