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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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President Viren Lemmer

Compatriots,

I can't tell you how humbled, and grateful I am for your placing your trust in me as the Washington Society SAR President. I am genuinely excited! The most important item on my agenda is to put the chapters first. What can the state do better to serve the chapter. I've been putting this question to the chapter presidents. I've had lengthy and frank conversations with them. I hope you see the

change in focus over the next few months.

Having said that, there are still important goals we can accomplish as a state. We have so much to look forward to here in Washington. However, it can be difficult to find meaningful ways to celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary when we live so far away from the Colonies. Sometimes we have to think outside the box. While we don't have any patriot ancestors buried in Washington State, the state does have its own founding fathers. We can honor them and at the same time we can try to save a species of tree from extinction. Let me explain.

#### THE LIBERTY TREE STORY

It began in the mid 1840s and is filled with mind boggling coincidences. In 1844, a black man named George Bush led a wagon train from Missouri to the Oregon territory. After facing racist persecution in Oregon territory, he



<u>George Bush monument</u> with butternut tree on left, Olympia Capitol Campus

crossed the Columbia River and settled in the area we

know today as Tumwater. One of his first acts, in 1845, when establishing his homestead, was to plant a butternut tree from a seed that he had brought with him from the East.

Fast forward to modern times. George Bush is long dead, his house is long gone. But his butternut tree was still here. That is until 2021 when the last of the original trees was blown over during a windstorm. Fortunately, there was an arborist, Ray Gleason who knew the significance of this tree. He harvested nuts from the tree and begin to grow saplings from the nuts.

Coincidently, Ray happens to be good friends with Brandon Staff, who is a direct descendent of George Bush. We learned in early conversations with Ray and Brandon that years after George Bush departed along the Oregon Trail that the butternut trees in the East were infected with a blight brought over to America from Europe. Today the original butternut trees are in the Pacific Northwest.

The WASSAR is teaming up with Ray and Brandon to help save the butternut tree from extinction and at the same time we will honor the man who brought the tree to Washington. This will become an aspect of National's Liberty Tree Program. The Oregon Society has requested to join us on this project. We will be planting butternut trees from the boarders Canada to California. This is a great way to honor one of Washington States non-indigenous founding fathers. It's a great way to preserve a legacy moving forward. It's a great way to leaving a lasting imprint on our beautiful state. This is an exciting time to be a member of the SAR!



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#### FROM THE EDITOR

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Stan Granberg

# Receiving the Baton

For the past six years compatriot Dick Motz has done yeoman's work editing and publishing our State newsletter: Washington Trail. Dick has truly been a trailblazer in our society in this role.

#### **ABOUT ME**

My journey in the SAR began in 2018 when I met a new friend, Trice Taylor, in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Trice, a former state president for the Virginia SAR, was my mentor and signee for my application. My patriot ancestor was Ebenezer Kellogg, P-258397; my application was approved February 7, 2020 with national number 214475, through Crowley's Ridge chapter, Arkansas Society.

I attended the Seattle 2021 Congress as the Arkansas State trustee, then moved to Seattle later that year. I transferred my membership to the Seattle chapter in 2023 with Washington State number 1932.

I have edited the Seattle newsletter—Needle News—for the past three years. In 2024 the Needle News won the Carl F. Bessent award for the best multi-page newsletter of State Societies of less than 500 members.

#### WHY A NEWSLETTER

I see the role of editing the Washington Trail as a responsibility to communicate thoughtfully and accurately the business of our society, the ideas and ideals of our state officers, and the activities of our 10 Washington chapters.

A newsletter serves three essential functions. First, a newsletter communicates. It should be a place our members know to go to hear from our State officers, read about what our chapters are doing, and gain insight about how to engage better as compatriots of our National society.

Second, a newsletter should promote engagement. We know how getting member involvements has become more difficult. Our newsletter should offer multiple avenues for our members to be involved.

Finally, a newsletter is a symbol of recognition. Its colors and design should reflect the values and the heart of our State society. In this issue I have chosen to incorporate the color palette of our Washington State flag: Irish Green, Oriental Blue, and Spanish Yellow.

#### GOALS

The goals derive from the purposes above: 1) communicate well, 2) provide ideas for chapter leaders, and 3) publicize awards, activities, and opportunities. Along the way, maybe we can win the Jennings H. Flathers award for best state newsletter for societies with 500 or fewer members!

#### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Published quarterly—February (Winter), May (Spring), August (Summer), and November (Fall)—for the enrichment of members of the Washington State Sons of the American Revolution. Note: the next issue this year will be July.

Submissions for Chapter news must come from the chapter president or secretary. Interest articles may be submitted from any compatriot. Submissions for publication must be in MS Word format; attach JPG or PNG photos <u>separately</u> and reduced in size below 1 MB. Identify compatriots in photos by full name. Please include your name, email, and chapter affiliation.

Submit via e-mail to: <u>The Editor</u>. All submissions must be received no later than the 1st of the month of publication. All articles are included at the discretion of the editor.

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STATE OFFICERS (TO P. 1)



#### 2025-2027 STATE OFFICERS

Our State Officers serve two year terms, elected during our State Conferences. Candidates are vetted via a nomination committee that submit names to the State Board of Directors, who then make the official vote on behalf of our State members.

Our officers elected for the April 2025-April 2027 term are pictured above, L to R:

- **President**: Viren Lemmer (Alexander Hamilton)
- Vice President: Perry Taylor (John Paul Jones)
- **Secretary**: Russ Oliver (George Washington)
- Treasurer: Dan Widdis (Cascade Centennial)
- **Registrar**: John Kraft (John Paul Jones)

- **Historian**: Neil Vernon (Seattle)
- **Chaplain** Edwin Dierdorff (Cascade Centennial)

Not pictured:

- National Trustee: Dick Paul (Cascade Centennial)
- National Trustee Alt: Russ Oliver (George Washington)
- Color Guard Commander: Eric Olsen (George Rogers Clark)

A big thank you to these men who are volunteering their abilities, time, and attention to serve our Washington State SAR.

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#### **CONFERENCE REPORT**

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## **Conference Report**

#### By Dick Paul

Dick Paul, Cascade Centennial, leads our Annual Conference committee. He has led the planning and running of our State Conference meetings the last three years.

The following is Dick's 2025 conference report.

Dear WASSAR Compatriot,

Our 2025 WASSAR Conference is now in the books, and included **135 participants made up of 114 registrants and 21 invited guests**. I'm happy to report the Conference was a success in terms of both content and financial outcome.

#### **CONTENT:**

Among other things, our two-day Conference:

- Welcomed NSSAR Librarian-General Dr. Keith Weissinger and Cyndi as our special guests, and heard an excellent keynote address from Keith.
- Hosted our Society's first-place winners in the various youth contests and our History Teacher of the Year at our Friday-night All-Star Dinner.
- Elected new Society officers for the next two years and installed them at our Saturday night banquet.
   Congratulations to President Viren Lemmer and his team, and thank you to outgoing President Gregory Lucas and his team.
- Conducted five excellent educational sessions led by our own compatriots.
- Donated an SAR "tile" to the Northwest USO Center at SeaTac.
- Conducted a WASSAR Color Guard change-ofcommand ceremony in which Eric Olsen assumed command from Neil Vernon.

- Presented numerous medals and awards to deserving compatriots, including the Patriot Medal--our Society's highest honor--to Compatriot Neil Vernon.
- Witnessed the installation of new officers for our Society's Ladies Auxiliary, as Susan Taylor assumed the role of President from Cindy Lucas.
- Remembered those compatriots we lost in 2024 through a memorial ceremony.
- Enjoyed wonderful camaraderie throughout the entire two days!

#### FINANCIAL OUTCOME:

• The WASSAR budget allocated \$2300 in support of the 2025 Conference. After actual revenue and expenses were tallied, we not only avoided the need to spend any of that allocation, but generated an additional **\$800 profit** which goes into our Society's treasury.

Our 2026 WASSAR Conference will be on April 24-25, 2026 at the Seattle Airport Marriott--the same venue as our 2025 Conference. Mark your calendars and look for Save-the-Date fliers this Fall.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED AND SUPPORTED OUR 2025 STATE CONFERENCE!

Dick



Dick Paul receives Meritorious Service Award

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**ALL-STAR AWARDS** 

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#### Youth All-Star Awards

One highlight of our annual conferences is Friday evening's All-Star youth award banquet, where the winners of our youth contests present their winning entries. We host these winners and their parents to the banquet and provide them their hotel room for the evening.

VP Perry Taylor organized our youth programs and acts as master of ceremony for the All-Star banquet. This year we hosted six student award winners and culminated the evening with the History Teacher of the Year award.

#### KNIGHT ESSAY

The George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay asks high school students, grades 9-12, to submit an original 800 to 1,200 word essay about an event, person, philosophy or ideal associated with the American Revolution. Essays are judged on historical a c c u r a c y, clarity, organization, grammar and spelling, and documentation. State chairman is Fred Templin.



Advaith Shyan

The Knight Essay winner this year was Advaith Shyan, a junior at Eastlake High School in Sammamish. Advaith participates in a variety of clubs in his high school and is a member of their National Honor Society. He is a rising Eagle Scout, an avid violin and piano player, and a saber fencer at the Washington Fencing Academy. His entry was via the Cascade Centennial chapter.

#### JROTC ENHANCED ESSAY

The JROTC award is presented to cadets who are selected for their leadership qualities, military bearing, and general excellence. Recipients are selected by their

commanding officer. Entrants are asked to present a 500-word essay on how the JROTC program has influenced their life. The State chairman is Conrad Plyler.





Cadet Mason Kermoade

Cadet Ivan Viesse

We had two winners present this year. From 2024 Cadet LT Mason Kermoade from Stadium High School, Tacoma, via Alexander Hamilton chapter. Mason has been in JROTC all four years of high school, participated in their color guard, drill team, and academic team, and is serving as the executive officer of her unit.

Our 2025 winner was Cadet CPO Ivan Viesse from Liberty High School, Renton, via Cascade Centennial chapter. Ivan is in his third year of JROTC.

## ELEMENTARY POSTER

Open to 3rd, 4th and 5th graders, the Americanism Poster Contest gives opportunity for elementary students to use their artistic creativity to create a poster depicting alternating themes. The 2025 theme was



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"Revolutionary War Persons." This year's winner was Vian Gupta, third grader at Open Window School in Bellevue, via the Seattle chapter. State chairman is Allen Furlow.

Left: Vian Gupta

#### EAGLE SCOUT

The Arthur M. & Burdena King Eagle Scout contest is open to all Eagle Scouts currently registered in an active unit, who have not yet turned 19. Entrants submit a detailed application form listing their accomplishments and interests, a Four Generation Ancestor Chart, and an original essay of 500 words. The State chairman is Greg Emerson.

This year's winner was Emily Roberts, a senior at White River High School, Buckley. Emily has 6 years of scouting and was the first female member of her Order of the Arrow lodge in 2021. She serves as staff in the Chief Seattle Council summer camp and enjoys music, archery, and reading. Emily entered via the Alexander Hamilton chapter.



Eagle Scout Emily Roberts

#### VIDEO

Our newest national contest, the *Video Contest* allows 6th-12th grade students the opportunity to put into film a person battle, document, or event of the American Revolutionary War. Submissions are judged on creativity, originality, production quality, and historicity. State chairman is Stan Granberg.

Josie Abbott created her video "Sybil Ludington: the female Paul Revere,". Josie created her own visuals and

wrote the script for her video. Her video also received

"honorable mention" at the national level.



Emily Roberts

Josie is a senior honor roll student at Seton Catholic College Prep School in Vancouver. Josie participates in her school's drama, knowledge bowl, liturgy choir, and National Shakespeare competition team. Her entry came via the Fort Vancouver chapter.

#### HISTORY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

The Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher award is open to teachers at the elementary, middle school, high school, or home school. It recognizes those creative teachers who instill appreciation as well as information about the founding of our country into their students. Entrants complete their application and submit an essay of not less than 1,000 words. State chairman is Jeff Lightburn.

The 2025 winner was Mr. Ken White from Kalama High School. Ken brings excitement and personal interest in genealogy into his classroom. Through a grant from Ancestry.com, Ken provides access for genealogical studies



Ken White

throughout the Kalama School system. He regularly leads trips for students, parents, and school staff to Washington D.C. and Philadelphia where he introduces them in person to our country's founding history. Ken's entry came via the Cascade Centennial chapter.

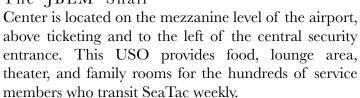
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## SeaTac USO

Each State conference includes some activity or event that commemorates the American Revolution and enriches to our larger community. The 2025 event was donating a commemorative wall tile to the SeaTac USO.

The SeaTac USO facility is one of the busiest in the nation. The JBLM Shali



Friday afternoon a representative group of our State society were give a guided tour by USO Executive Director, Commander, USN (ret.) Don Leingang. Don is justifiably proud of the facilities and service our USO provides our military service members.

As service members enter the center they walk down a ramp whose wall has mural sized cases displaying almost 7,000 military service patches. After signing in, one walks through the entry doors and steps onto the planks from the deck of the battleship USS Colorado, some of which still bear the scorch marks from two kamikaze attacks the Colorado sustained during the Battle of Leyte Gulf.

Food is always available, with cold foods and drink at a self-service bar and hot meals served to order. On one of the nearby support pillars is the ship's bell of the USS West Virginia, sunk at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. This bell had sat in a veteran's garage for over











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fifty years, until his family heard about the renovation of the SeaTac USO and donated it.

Then, one begins to see the tiled walls. These tiles are purchased by donors who wish to honor some veteran in their family history. There are hundreds of tiles on walls in the facility. Don led us to the far end of the lounge and then we turned left. On a half wall above a window Don has placed our SAR tile and reserved space for Washington State SAR members to honor their patriot ancestors. This may be done individually or by SAR chapters. An order form is provided on the last pages of this newsletter, or you can order a commemorative brick from the USO website.



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COLOR GUARD (TO P. 1)

## **Change of Command**

Until April 2024 there had been just 3 color guard commanders for the State of Washington: Bob O'Neil, Art Dolan, and Neil Vernon. This year Eric Olsen (George Rogers Clark) became our State's 4th Color Guard Commander.

Our retiring CG Commander, Neil Vernon (Seattle) led our State Color Guard for 6 years. During his command the Color Guard grew from 69 to 102 members in 9 chapters.

On Saturday evening, Commander Vernon was honored with the Patriot Medal, the highest award given at the State level. Thank you Commander Vernon and we look forward to the service of Commander Olsen.



CG Commander Eric Olsen

Patriot medal to Neil Vernon







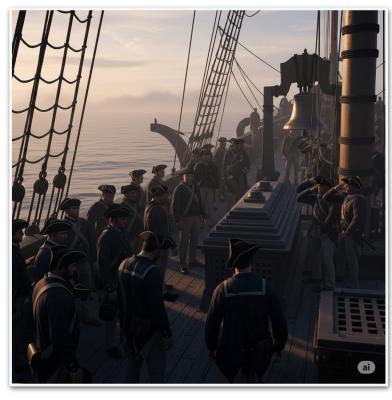


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## 8 Bells To Remember



One of our conference traditions is to honor those compatriots who passed away since the last conference. We do this with the marking of 8 bells.

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The 8 bells ceremony arose from the historical practice of keeping time aboard ships. Time was kept using a half-hour sandglass. A young sailor would turn the glass every half hour and strike the ship's bell, starting with one bell after the first half hour of a four-hour watch and increasing by one bell each half hour until eight bells marked the end of the watch. The phrase "eight bells and all is well" signified the completion of a watch without incident.

For us, the striking of eight bells is a tradition signifying the "end of the watch" for a deceased compatriot. The ship's bell is rung eight times, in four pairs of two rings, to represent the end of the honored's earthly service. The names of the deceased are read aloud, and a final blessing is offered, connecting the history of service with a respectful acknowledgment of a compatriot's passing.

NAME	CHAPTER	NATIONAL #
GEORGE D. BOICE	MID-COLUMBIA	216795
DOUGLAS HERBERT BROWN	ALEXANDER HAMILTON	227812
HUGH EDWARD EMPEY	RANGER	204909
ROBERT HARRISON LAMB	JOHN PAUL JONES	79106
CLARK BAINBRIDGE MCKEE	SPOKANE#1	224327
GEORGE RECTOR NETHERCUTT JR.	SPOKANE#1	180467
DONNIE MAX RUYLE	GEORGE WASHINGTON	162553
ROBERT CLIFFORD TODD	GEORGE ROGERS CLARK	211837



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				WA SAR (Perry Taylor)	
				WA SAR (Greg Emerson)	
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Bruce G Bock (Cert + Medal)	Douglas H Nelson (Cert + OLCx1) Brian W Smith (Cert + OLCx1)		Smith (Cert + OLCx1)		
Steven C Hodges (Cert + OLCx2)	Dale E Ryan (Cert + M	ledal)			
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Service to Veterans Medal					
Keith Weissinger					
Other Awards from National					
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John Kraft						
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Russ Oliver	Dick Motz	Lee Thomasson	Rob Sexton			
Mike Hutchins	Edwin Dierdorff					
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Jim Lindley	Stan Granberg	Brian Dorr	Ronn Mercer			
Fred Gilbert						
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Greg Emerson	Bruce Bock	Jeff Lightburn	Dick Paul			
Stan Wills	Pat Burch	Conrad Plyler	Timothy Smith			
Mick Hersey						
<b>Silver Good Citizenship Medal</b>						
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Perry Taylor	Kelly Schultz	Doug Nelson [Lifetime]	Robert Smalser [Lifetime]			
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Cindy Lucas						
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## **COMMEMORATIVE BRICK CAMPAIGN**

USO Northwest provides a comprehensive array of programs and services for our service members and their families. USO-NW is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, congressionally chartered, private organization that relies on the generosity of individuals, organizations and corporations to support our activities.

You can support the USO Northwest and honor someone special in your life by purchasing a **Commemorative Brick**. For \$250, \$450 or \$475, your brick will be permanently mounted in

the USO Northwest Center of your choice: **\$250** (4"x8" w/ 4 lines) **\$450** (8"x8" w/ 8 lines) **\$475** (8"x8" w/ Logo + 4 lines) Sea-Tac Center Shali Center **Camp Lewis Center Portland Center** Yes, I would like to order a brick. Please engrave the brick as follows: PLEASE NOTE: ANY SYMBOL IS CONSIDERED ONE SPACE (PERIOD, COMMA, DASH) TEXT IS ALL CAPS AND IS CENTERED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. 4" x 8" Brick - \$250 8" x 8" Brick no Logo - \$450 (Text limited to 8 lines) or 8" x 8" Brick with Logo - \$475 (Text is limited to 4 lines) **EXAMPLE** M O V Ι N G Ε M O R Y O F

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USO Northwest 17801 International Blvd, PMB 313 Seattle, WA 98158

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