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George Washington Chapter – WA SAR

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To: Dale Harshman PhD, President George Washington Chapter Washington SAR
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Activities for the second quarter 2020 are listed below. Both the April and May regularly scheduled meetings were cancelled due to overwhelming concerns by the Board of Directors regarding the continuing spread of the Corona virus (Covid-19). This summary does not address regular housekeeping activities but focuses on those activities addressing our mission.

Membership:

On 5/15/2020, our Chapter welcomed new member; Compatriot Rupert Graham Tart Jr.; WASSAR #2812.

In this quarter our Chapter welcomed new member; Compatriot Gregory Allen Gaydosh; NSSAR #215921.

Also, in this quarter, Compatriot Gary Gray completed the application for his grandson, Baxter Franklin Gray; NSSAR #216015 for membership to the George Washington Chapter.

Compatriot Andrew Jesse Gildersleeve, WASSAR #2701 was reinstated to our Chapter.

Membership now stands at 40 members!

DAR Outreach: None Noted

Law Enforcement/Commendations: None Noted

Flag Awards: None Noted

Speakers: None Noted

Veterans Recognition: None Noted

Color Guard Activity Report; as submitted by Mike Hutchins Captain GW Color Guard

Almost all scheduled Color Guard activities were cancelled or postponed due to the various Covid-19 virus restrictions.

However, individually color guardsmen continued working on WASSAR and GW SAR related projects.

John Kraft led a massive project of fifteen volunteers including Bruce Bock, Gary Gray and Mike Hutchins who participated in a national effort to upgrade the NSSAR Patriot Research System. While this project started last year, this phase brought WASSAR to 100% members connected their Patriot ancestor including all relative Record Copies posted and searchable. John continues on with Alaska and Oregon records.

Marshall Eberhart completed his historic nautical uniform in time for the two activities we were able to perform and continued his efforts in completing the historic replica of Thomas Jefferson's traveling desk for our educational outreach programs.

Gary Gray additionally restored six flag stands, which were donated previously.

Bruce Bock produced 3D printed face shields for health care workers and is collating on a video production with WASSAR Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon to create an elementary school historic flag module to supplement the Seattle Chapter SAR's youth and educational outreach.

Hugh Jonson continues as coordinator with the Northwest Colonial Festival where we had planned to present in August. We will not participate this year due to the Covid-19 restrictions preventing us getting together to refine our program.

John and Mike worked with Kelly Davidson, lead planner of the Wallin Funeral Home Memorial Day Remembrance event that was cancelled. Kelly proposed making a video. All the groups involved agreed. Over three days in mid-May, Kelly directed the filming of a well-received video. George Washington Color Guard participated throughout the program. Joining the Oak Harbor JNROTC and the Patriot Guard Riders we formed a massed color guard in support of the Pledge of Allegiance, the meaning of folding the flag, the National Anthem and a special rendition of "Old Glory" presented by WASSAR Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon. Historic flags from the GW Color Guard joined Neil Vernon's collection in placement between the numerous 50-star national colors.

Also, on May 16th, Dr. Dale Harshman presided in a formal presentation of the NSSAR member grave marking ceremony. Color Guardsmen Capt. Mike Hutchins, Bruce Bock, Gary Gray and Marshall Eberhart saluted while Dr. Harshman read the citation and presented the member cremains marker to Color Guard Sgt. John Kraft for place on his father's grave marker at the Maple Leaf Cemetery.