

Subj: First Quarter Activity Report
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Activities for the first quarter 2020 are listed below. The Chapter met at two of the three regular meetings. The March meeting was cancelled due to overwhelming concerns of the Board of Directors regarding the current spread of the Corona virus (Covid-19). This summary does not address regular housekeeping activities but focuses on those activities addressing our mission.

Membership:

Jan: On 1/12/2020 Our Chapter inducted a new member; Compatriot Jack W. Foster; WASSAR #2784

Feb: On 2/11/2020 Our Chapter inducted a new member; Compatriot Bill Bentler, WASSAR #2793.

Mar: On 3/13/2020 Our Chapter welcomed a new member; Compatriot John E. Kraft Jr, NSSAR #214959. There has yet to be a formal induction due to the restrictions due to the Corona virus.

DAR Outreach:

Jan: On January 5th Compatriot's Hutchins and Eberhart represented the Chapter at the DAR event honoring Past Regents interred at the Lakeview Cemetery in Seattle.

Law Enforcement/ Commendations:

None noted at this time.

Flag Nominations and Awards:

Jan: None noted at this time

Feb: On 2/15/2020 Our Chapter made the following nominations and awards for displays of the American Flag to (1) Mr. & Mrs. John & Jeanine Fay, Oak Harbor Residence by Registrar John Kraft, and (2) Wallin Funeral Home, Oak Harbor Business by Registrar John Kraft.

Guest Speakers:

Jan: Compatriot Jerry Bordelon gave an excellent historical lecture regarding the "Louisiana in the Revolution".

Feb: Our Honored Guest, Pamela R. Hager McCunn of the DAR made a presentation on Agent 355, the female member of The Culper Ring, more commonly referred to as George Washington's Secret Six intelligence network.

Veterans Recognition:

Jan: On 1/12/2020 the Veterans Service Corps inducted a new member; Compatriot Jack W. Foster of the US Army National Guard, with over 5 years of service.

Color Guard as contributed by Color Guard Capt. Leland Hutchins

The Burlington Public Library hosted CG planning meetings in January and February.

The George Washington Chapter Color Guard opened the February GW Chapter meeting with all six guardsmen in full uniform leading the Pledge of Allegiance. General George Washington's Colors were present in honor of his birthday.

Four representatives of the George Washington Chapter performed an induction into the Seattle Chapter for 92-year-old Compatriot Donald B. Kraft. Donald is the 2nd cousin, twice removed, to our Compatriot John Kraft Sr of our Chapter. Compatriot Donald B. Kraft was presented a Lifetime Membership.

Later the same day the same representatives participated in the festivities at the Patriots Day in Tacoma. A special thank you to Dar Bock for her support as "The wife that showed up".

Compatriot Eberhart & Mr. James Houston continue to make progress with the replication of Thomas Jefferson's traveling writing desk. A project which is included in our effort to complete the Chapters' "Patriot Chest" school program artifacts.

Compatriot Kraft is leading the WASSAR element to update the Patriot Research System with Compatriots Bock, Gray and Hutchins assisting. Compatriot Kraft now has eleven WASSAR members involved. Getting the WASSAR to 100 % of all member applications into the PRS is a goal of WASSAR President Craig Lawson.

Compatriot Gary Gray obtained a donation of historic flags to add to our parade display. Gary has tenaciously kept after this donation for several months, personally driving to Arlington, WA to retrieve the collection.

Compatriots Kraft and Hutchins met with the organizers of the Maple Leaf Cemetery Memorial Day event several times over the quarter. Along with WASSAR Color Guard Commander Neil Vernon, we plan to present historic flags and participate with NJROTC and Sea Cadets as Color Guard for the event to be tentatively held May 25.

Unfortunately, our participation with Ann Washington DAR in the Sedro Wooley Vietnam Veterans Parade was cancelled due to the current viral pandemic.