To:

Kelly Davidson - Funeral Director, Wallin Funeral Home, Oak Harbor, WA

From:

Dr. Dale R. Harshman, President, George Washington Chapter, Washington SAR

Subject:

SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate - Kelly Davidson - Oak Harbor, WA

When all was said and done, you saw an important need in the community of Oak Harbor, you acted, and you filled that need.

Soon after moving to Oak Harbor, you attended the Memorial Day Service at Maple Leaf Cemetery in 2018. The ceremony that year was very small and low key, with only a handful of people in attendance and a short remembrance.

As a new funeral director for Wallin Funeral Home in Oak Harbor, you organized and spearheaded a nine-month effort to create a Memorial Day service for the entire community to be proud of.

You brought together leadership from Island County Cemetery District #1, the Lion's Club, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, the Oak Harbor High School NJROTC, the Veteran's of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and the Fleet Reserve Association and planned and organized a very memorable Memorial Day Service for this community.

Your efforts culminated in a 2019 Memorial Day Service that many in this community were very, very proud to attend.

Memorial Day 2019: A Service of Remembrance

Welcome: Mayor Robert Severns

Presentation of Colors + Pledge of Allegiance: Chief Bill Thiel + OHHS NJROTC

Invocation: Lieutenant John Quay, Chaplain

POW/MIA Table Setting: Chief Bill Thiel + OHHS NJROTC

Speaker: Representative Rick Larsen

"Wanting Memories"
OHHS Choir - Directed by Darren McCoy
Words + Music by Ysaye Barnwell

Wreath Laying by Veteran Service Organizations: VFW - American Legion - Fleet Reserve

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

OHHS Choir - Directed by Darren McCoy

Text by Samuel F. Smith

Music from Thesaurus Musicus

Speaker: Lieutenant Commander Peter Hunt, US Navy Retired

> Speaker: Captain Matt Arny, Commanding Officer NASWI

Presentation of Military Honors: Symbolism of the Flag Folds: Chief Bill Thiel Flag Folding: NASWI Honor Guard Moment of Silence "Echo Taps": Navy Band Northwest

"America the Beautiful"

Valerie Rocha, Vocalist - Blue Star Spouse

Arranged by Sandi Patty

Closing: Mayor Robert Severns

Benediction: Lieutenant John Quay, Chaplain "Eternal Father" Navy Band Northwest

"The Star-Spangled Banner"
OHHS Choir - Directed by Darren McCoy
Arranged by Craig Courtney

NASWI Search and Rescue Flyover

It is our honor to recognize all your efforts and award you the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate for your exemplary service to the local community!

Very respectfully.

Dr. Dale R. Harshman

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