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George Washington Chapter – WA SAR

Subject: Second Quarter Activity Report of 18 July 2021

To: Dale R. Harshman, PhD, President George Washington Chapter Washington SAR
From: C. Marshall Eberhart, Historian & Retention

Activities for the second quarter of 2021 are listed below. All physical meetings continued to be cancelled through March due to the Corona Virus (Covid-19). The meetings for April and May were virtual meetings held over the Zoom platform. In the tradition of our Chapter, no meeting was held in June. This summary does not address regular housekeeping activities but focuses on those activities addressing our missions of Patriotism, Education and History.

Membership – Russ Oliver, Secretary

April - As of end of April 2021 49 members + 3 Dual Chapter members + 1 Dual Society member (total 53). April new members added - none

May - As of end of May 2021 - 50 members + 3 Dual Chapter members + 1 Dual Society member (total 54). May new member added - Michael Jacobs (219266)

June - As of end of June 2021 50 members + 3 Dual Chapter members + 1 Dual Society member (total 54). June new members added - none

As of the writing of this report, (12 July 2021), It is reported that due to the hard work of our Registrar, Bruce Bock, our Chapter currently has 50 full members, 3 dual-Chapter members, and 1 dual-Society member (54 total).

Boy Scouts of America – Chair is C. Marshall Eberhart

June – Compatriot Eberhart was contacted by the local BSA Advancement Chair, Mr. Larry Smallwood to request assistance with a Board of Review for two Eagle Scout candidates. The availability of awards and scholarships were continued to be announced.

Color Guard Activity – Chair is Color Guard Captain Mike Hutchins

We welcomed new members Russ Oliver and Bill Bentler to the Color Guard. Guardsmen Bock and Eberhart were promoted to Corporal for their individual outstanding participation in Color Guard activities. In addition to their commitment to Color Guard regular activities, Corporal Bock has represented the GWC Color Guard at all twelve of the national Zoom celebrations and Corporal Eberhart crafted and led the first Flag Retirement Ceremony performed by the GWC Color Guard.

Lafayette medals were presented to Compatriots Kraft, 2 Oak leaves, 1 Silver Oak leaf. 1 Gold Oak leaf (17th award) to his Lafayette medal presented 2 years ago, Hutchins, Lafayette medal and 2 Oak leaves, Bock, Lafayette Medal, Gray (CG retired) Lafayette medal

We transitioned our planning meetings from the Zoom platform to in-person gatherings and met April 24 and June 26. Events attended and performed include the Flag Retirement at Maple Leaf Cemetery, Oak Harbor, WA, partnering with the VFW and Lions to place flags on veterans'

graves, and a “Day of Remembrance” ceremony parading with the Orion Sea Cadets Color Guard, Oak Harbor HS Color Guard and the NAS Oak Harbor Drill Team.

Participation with, or in support of, other veterans’ groups earns points for the USS Stark Award for which we received the “NSSAR Partners in Patriotism” Certificate for 2020.

All participants in the Flag Retirement Ceremony received NSSAR Flag Recognition certificates. Four events plus weekly planning meetings meant a lot of activity for May.

All George Washington Chapter members were invited to our June meeting. We welcome participation by those members not wanting to be uniformed but would like to participate, offer suggestions or just see what we do. There are many ways you, as a GWC member, might participate with our uniformed Color Guard.

Compatriots Bock and Hutchins participated in Zoom celebrations for the Battle of Ramsour’s Mill and the Articles of Resolves June 5 and June 12. And on June 29 we were honored to be involved in the internment of Seaman 2nd class Bailey at Tahoma National Cemetery, who was killed in action Dec 7, 1941, and had been buried in Hawaii with other unknowns from the USS Oklahoma.

DAR Liaison – Chair is VP Mike Hutchins

April – Compatriot Hutchins had nothing to report this month due to restrictions from the Covid pandemic.

May – Compatriot Hutchins reported he had begun to reengage with local DAR-SAR chapters to develop events in Oak Harbor, Burlington and in Bellingham

June – Efforts to develop events continues.

Fire/Safety – Chair is Dave Vandaveer

None noted for this quarter. Efforts were made to refamiliarize the Chapter with the criteria for these awards and to encourage greater efforts on the part of ALL members to recognize the hard work in our local area.

Flag Recognition Awards – Chair is Russ Oliver

Approved Flag Awards 2021 YTD (2)

Residence US Flag display of Art and Linda Osborne, Sedro-Woolley, WA – Chapter Historian Marshall Eberhart

Business US Flag display of Tacoma Screw, Burlington, WA – Chapter Historian Marshall Eberhart

Flag Award Nominations In-Progress (3)

School US Flag display of The Custer School, Custer, WA – Compatriot Bo Franz

Residence US Flag Display Pamela Hutchins, Anacortes, WA – Chapter VP Mike Hutchins

Residence US Flag Display (neighbor of Compatriot Jack Lauman), Blaine, WA – Compatriot Jack Lauma

JROTC – Chair is Bo Franz - Nothing submitted this quarter

Knight Essay – Chair is President Dale Harshman - Nothing submitted this quarter

Ladies Auxiliary – Chair is Bonnie Jonson - Nothing submitted this quarter

Law Enforcement awards – Chair is Kevin Coyne - Nothing submitted this quarter

Retention – Chair is C. Marshall Eberhart

June – Efforts were made this month to determine if there was interest from the membership for a social event during the summer months. A letter and survey were created and mailed to 45 of the most active or local members. A majority of the membership failed to respond and the event was ultimately cancelled.

Service to Veterans – Chair is Bo Franz - Nothing submitted this quarter

Speakers – Chair is VP Mike Hutchins

April – Compatriot Viren Lemmer - We were glad to welcome Compatriot Viren Lemmer, Past President and Trustee at Alexander Hamilton chapter and WA SAR Drum Major, to our meeting. He presented his program on "Revolutionary War Music" where all present learned how the Continental Army utilized its musicians, the instruments used in the period, and examples of how camp days and battles were all orchestrated by the music of the period. Plus, the origins of the saying "Let the Cat out of the Bag" and how "Taps Too" became "Tattoo".

May – Our May Program Speaker: Compatriot Neil Vernon - We are glad to welcome Compatriot Neil Vernon to our meeting, WA SAR State Color Guard Commander + Seattle Chapter Registrar and Trustee – in support of our Memorial Day Theme, he presented his program on "Old Glory

June – As the strong tradition of this Chapter, no meetings were held either in person or over the Zoom platform for the enlightenment of the compatriots.

Veterans Recognition – Chair is Chris Fridley

June – The Veterans Corps gained one new member. Compatriot Robert C. Wall was accepted as a recognized Veteran.