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George Washington Chapter – WA SAR

Subject: Third Quarter Activity Report of October 12th, 2021

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

Activities for the third quarter of 2021 are listed below. In the formidable traditions of our Chapter, no meetings or social events were held in July and August. In-person meetings resumed in September. This summary does not address regular housekeeping activities but focuses on those activities addressing our missions of Patriotism, Education and History.

Boy Scouts of America – Chair is C. Marshall Eberhart

July – Nothing of significance happened this month due to Corona Virus (Covid-19).

August – On the 28th Compatriot Eberhart attended a Court of Honor for six Eagle Scouts. Presentations of Eagle Challenge Coins were delivered as well as the information regarding the National Recognition Award from the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution National.

September - Compatriot Eberhart established contact with the Organizational Representative of the newly formed Troop 4911, Mr. Kurt Nelson of the Anacortes Rotary Club.

Compatriot Eberhart continues to investigate opportunities to develop a closer relationship between our respective organizations as outlined by the National SAR website. The degree of this relationship will be determined by the Board of Directors if this is a subject the Chapter desires to support.

Color Guard Activity – Chair is Color Guard Captain Mike Hutchins

The George Washington Color Guard participated in a number of events during the third quarter, including two Zoom Celebrations in conjunction with the 250th SAR Anniversary.

During July, Compatriots John Kraft, Bruce Bock and Mike Hutchins marched with the NSAR Color Guard during the 131st NSSAR Congress. We were in uniform from 6:00 AM until late each evening for several days. John and Mike were also selected to represent WASSAR as Congress Delegates.

The three of us also had the honor to participate in an emotional Patriot Grave Marking at a Seattle Cemetery with a number of National Color Guard members.

In August a planning meeting started with the induction of new CG member Compatriot Russ Oliver. A hearty welcome was given to Russ. Compatriot Bruce Bock and Mike Hutchins participated in two Zoom Celebrations, both from North Carolina; The Battle of the House at the Horseshoe and the New Bern Resolves. This is an opportunity to see and learn from other organizations in the SAR. During August we posted colors at the Vietnam Veterans Picnic in Sedro Woolley. Led by WASSAR State Color Commander Neil Vernon and accompanied by GWC Drummer Chris Fridley, Mike Hutchins, Hugh Jonson, Bruce Bock, Marshall Eberhart and

Bob Wall tolerated a light rain for the Pledge and Invocation. "Old Glory" was performed after posting of the Colors. Hugh, Bob and Mike also participated in the annual NW Colonial Festival in Sequim, WA.

In September, Bruce and Mike marched in the Black Diamond Labor Day Parade held in Black Diamond, WA. with the WASSAR Color Guard and Fife and Drum Corps. Bruce and Mike rang bells with the Ann Washington DAR on the Skagit County Courthouse steps September 17th in celebration of Constitution Day. Mike attended the NSSAR Fall Leadership meeting and marched with the National Color Guard posting and retiring the National colors, the SAR colors and those of the thirteen colonies.

All George Washington Chapter members are invited to any meetings of the Color Guard, our events or our practices. We welcome participation by members not wanting to be uniformed but would like to participate, offer suggestions or just to see what we do. There are many ways for you, as a GWC member, to participate with our uniformed Color Guard.

DAR Liaison – Chair is VP Mike Hutchins

September - Compatriots Bruce Bock and Mike Hutchins rang bells with the Ann Washington DAR on the Skagit County Courthouse steps on September 17th. This event was in celebration of Constitution Day. A Chapter flag for the Ann Washington Chapter of the DAR was purchased. Delivery will be in the next quarter. The Vice Regent of the Ann Washington Chapter, Kim Tomczak, contacted Compatriot Eberhart regarding a newly formed troop in Anacortes Washington and relayed the contact information for the Representative of the Charter Organization, Mr. Kurt Nelson.

Fire/Safety – Chair is Dave Vandaveer - Nothing submitted for this quarter.

Flag Recognition Awards – Chair is Russ Oliver

As of September 28th, 2021, George Washington chapter has approved 3 flag awards so far in this calendar year, with 3 additional flag award nominations currently in progress.

Approved Flag Awards 2021 YTD (3)

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.

Residence US Flag display of Roy and Linda Brooks, Enumclaw, WA – Chapter Vice President Mike Hutchins.

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 (WW2 veteran, neighbor of Compatriot Jack Lauman), Blaine, WA – Compatriot Jack Lauman.

JROTC – Chair is Bo Franz – Nothing to report for this quarter.

Knight Essay – Chair is President Dale Harshman – Nothing to report for this quarter.

Ladies Auxiliary – Chair is Bonnie Jonson – Nothing submitted for this quarter.

Law Enforcement awards – Chair is Kevin Coyne – Nothing additional submitted by Kevin for this report.

September – During the meeting on September 18th, nominations for 17 awards were approved by the members attending the meeting.

Community Awards – Chair is VP Mike Hutchins

During the meeting on September 18th, nominations of Laurie Jarolimek and Gena McDermott for the Bronze Good Citizenship medal were approved by the members attending the meeting.

Membership – Chair Is Russ Oliver

July – As of end of July 2021 54 members + 3 Dual Chapter members + 1 Dual Society member (total 58). July new members added – Caden Robison (219944), Ian Robison (219941), Jeremy Robison (219940).

August – As of end of August 2021 – 55 members + 3 Dual Chapter members + 1 Dual Society member (total 59). August new members added – Dr. Marshall Anderson (220401).

September – As of end of September 2021 56 members + 3 Dual Chapter members + 1 Dual Society member (total 60). September new members added – Joseph Barnes (220531). One member passed away in September 2021, Jacque Hutchins 213561, but NSSAR still shows him on our membership list at this time.

As of 28 September 2021, it is reported that due to the hard work of our Registrar, Bruce Bock, our Chapter currently has 56 full members, 3 dual-Chapter members, and 1 dual-Society member (60 total).

Retention – Chair is C. Marshall Eberhart

July – A picnic social was developed but ultimately cancelled due to a lack of participation by the majority of the members and the lack of financial support by the Chapter.

Service to Veterans – Chair is Bo Franz – Nothing to report for this quarter.

Speakers – Chair is VP Mike Hutchins

July – No meeting held during this month.

August – No meeting held during this month.

September – There was no speaker for this month due to the large backlog of presentations to our new members and a multitude of awards to Chapter compatriots for their work over the past eighteen months.

Veterans Recognition – Chair is Chris Fridley – Chris reported he had not completed any activities for this quarter.