

## ACTIVITIES 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2023

### **2023 Annual Meeting**

**Mike Hutchins** - The chapter was recognized with a number of congratulatory comments by President Keith Weissinger for accomplishments and outreach activities. Chapter Members Russ Oliver, incoming WASSAR Secretary, John Kraft, re elected WASSAR Registrar, Bruce Bock, 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary WASSAR Chair and Mike Hutchins Chair WASSAR Membership and Chapter Support Committee were recognized. John and Bruce made well received presentations. John discussed genealogy proof necessary for a SAR application and Bruce used an outstanding video closing with our Rumbaugh winner's Oration on the Declaration of Independence.

The Chapter was also recognized as having 100% YPT training compliance. We also received the NSSAR Partners in Patriotism Award for our Veterans related activities.

### **MEMBER AWARDS**

Russ Oliver received an Oak Leaf to his WASSAR Meritorious Service Medal, John Kraft received more Oak Leaves for his NSSAR Lafayette Medal and Mike Hutchins received the Silver Roger Sherman medal.

### **Flag Recognition**

**Russ Oliver** - The Chapter received another star for the WASSAR Flag Recognition streamer on our Chapter flag representing another year of participation in the NSSAR Flag Recognition program.

One nomination for US Flag recognition from Compatriot John Kraft, for the home of Compatriot Bob Wall, was reviewed by the chapter at our May meeting and approved. Certificate being prepared for future presentation to Compatriot Wall. This is our first US Flag certificate for calendar year 2023.

### **Historian**

**Marshall Eberhart** - continued to transfer messages and reports to the external hard-drive.



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### **Membership Relations**

**Marshall Eberhart** - Planning continues for upcoming social/picnic. Volunteers have stepped up and donations have been made to help this event excel last years and to be a success this year. Welcomed and guided 2 potential Members, Mark Smith & Johnny Tate.

### **Color Guard**

**Bill Bentler** -Chapter Color Guard members Butler, Hutchins, Bock, Eberhart Kraft, Oliver, Anderson, Rod and Johnmark Jenny paraded with the WASSAR Color Guard at the annual WASSAR meeting.

Bill Bentler and Bruce Bock participated in the reinternment of a MIA veteran. Compatriots Chris Fridley, John Kraft, Marshall Eberhart, Bruce Bock led by Color Guard Bill Bentler joined the “Day of Reembrance” Celebration at Maple Leaf Cemetery parading the colors with Oak Harbor HS JROTC.

### **Historic Flag Collection**

**Marshall Anderson, Glenn Orr, John Kraft** - the flags were again displayed with informative signage and staffed by Marshall Anderson and Whidbey Island DAR members. John Kraft transported the flags to the site in his SAR decorated trailer.

### **Youth Awards**

**Marshall Anderson** - presented an Outstanding Cadet award to Cadet Petty Officer 2C Jack Murray in person on Tuesday, 30 May 2023 at Oak Harbor High School from the George Washington Chapter.

7 June 2023 I presented an Outstanding Cadet Award to Cadet Seaman Apprentice Hunter Morrison in person at Burlington-Edison High School on behalf of the George Washington Chapter.

Our Rumbaugh Oration winner also won the WASSAR competition and has advanced to the NSSAR level, where she did not make the final selection.

**Marshall Eberhart** - Presented a Certificate of Recognition to Issac Bitto for achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout.



### **Registrar**

**Bruce Bock** - New members Rod and Jenny were sworn in during the WASSAR annual meeting held in Spokane.

There are several members that have started working on Supplemental Applications.

### Potential New Members

Richard Hart

Tom Dean

Lee Harman has started two Regular Membership Applications for a Son and Grandson.

They are mostly filled out. I am waiting for Source paperwork. Birth certificates and a Marriage license if he can get it.

### **VETERANS RECOGNITION**

**Dr. Lee Harmon - Please** welcome Compatriot Dr R Lee Harmon who has accepted the position of Chapter Chair for Veterans Recognition

Any US Military veteran who is not a member of the NSSAR Veterans Service Corps please let Chris know. We want to recognize your service. Thank you.