



George Washington Chapter – WA SAR

Subject: First Quarter Activity Report
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Activities for the first quarter 2019 are listed below. The Chapter met at all three regular meetings. This summary does not address housekeeping items but focuses on those activities addressing our mission.

Sadly we note the passing of Compatriot Albert “Perk” Bingham.

DAR outreach; Compatriot Mike Hutchins presented “Colonial Militia” to the Marcus Whitman Chapter DAR. We began discussions with the Ann Washington Chapter DAR located here in Mount Vernon which has resulted in the Vice Regent Suellen Eberhart attending our March meeting and Compatriot John Kraft and prospective member Marshall Eberhart participating in the Sedro Wooley Viet Nam Veterans Parade with the Ann Washington DAR.

Flag Award activity is brisk with several (5) new nominations and one presentation to MGySgt USMC Ret. and Mrs. Ortego for their excellent flag display in Oak Harbor. George Washington Chapter is currently in fourth place up from fifth place in overall State standings.

Speakers; Compatriot Lee Harmon spoke about his efforts with the Rotary End Polio initiative and shared his 1931 Ford he uses to raise funds for ending this disease. Compatriot Bob Doughty presented a humorously animated appeal for enlisting help for the 2021 National Congress.

Knight Essay efforts resulted in no applications for this year.

JROTC; Randy Wall has been elected to this responsibility. Compatriots Russ Oliver and John Kraft assisted by Seattle President Neil Vernon presented a Good Citizenship Medal to Sea Cadet PO Clarisse Absalon.

Color Guard Compatriot John Kraft has participated in several grade school presentations with the Seattle Chapter and represented the GWC Chapter in the Sedro Wooley Viet Nam Veterans Parade with our new banner. Compatriots Kraft and Hutchins participated in the annual Patriots Day event in Tacoma.

Veterans Service Corps inducted two new members, Compatriots Tom Oliver and Rex Stickle. The GWC Chapter now has eleven members.