

WA State SAR Chapter Reformed

January 2013

After several meetings of WA State SAR Compatriots during the latter months of 2012 thirteen members of the Washington Society established the newly chartered George Washington Chapter WA State SAR.

A WA State SAR Chapter existed twice before in Mount Vernon, Washington. The first, from the 1920's to the 1950's and later during the 1980's. Sadly, there are no existing records except for a few obscure references. We do know approximate dates and that the Chapters were named "The General George Washington Chapter" and "The General Washington Chapter" respectively.

Those thirteen were Compatriots Eric Howard (President), Brian Bork (VP), Tom Peloquin (Treasurer), Dr. Dale Harshman (Historian/Web Developer), John Ernest (Genealogist), Larry Miller (Flag Chairman) and Bob Huson (Knight Essay Chairman), Christopher Fridley, Randy Wall, Bill Allen, Albert Hall III, David J Vandaveer, Ralph Nichols (Trustee) and Albert "Perk" Bingham.

Compatriot's ladies present were Margaret Ernest, Betty Miller, Dot Vandaveer, Teri Lindley (NSSAR Ladies Aux.), Ronnie O'Neil and Janice Doughty (WA State SAR Ladies Aux.)

Presentation of the National and SAR Colors was made by a detachment of the WA State SAR Color Guard with Color Guard Commander Bob O'Neil, Lt. Col. US Army Ret., and Compatriot Mick Hersey Sr., M. Chief US Navy Ret, in uniform. Immediately after posting of the Colors the Color Guard led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Pledge to the SAR.

WA State SAR President Jim Lindley presented the Charter to President Eric Howard after inducting Brian Bork (elected VP) into the Society. VP General Bob Doughty presented Brian with the Rosette.

Color Guard Commander Bob O'Neil presented a portrait of George Washington, a gift of the Alexander Hamilton Chapter. General Washington's Colors, 13 white stars on a field of blue were also presented by Commander O'Neil who shared an interesting explanation of the origin and history of the standard.

Compatriot Mick Hersey, John Paul Jones Chapter, presented the book "For King and Country, the maturing of George Washington 1748-1780." Another book, "Uniforms of the American Revolution," was presented by Commander O'Neil.

Compatriot John Ernst presented the Chapter with a full-sized US flag, which had been flown over George Washington's home of Mount Vernon and recited "A Toast

to the Flag” by John Jay Daly (1888-1976). First Lady Teri Lindley on behalf of the National Ladies Auxiliary presented an engraved gavel to President Howard.



“The meeting establishing the George Washington Chapter was adjourned at approximately 12:00 pm by President Howard with peace and harmony prevailing.” A closing of meeting meeting minutes continued today.

It should be also noted that members inducted during the first year (2013) are considered “Charter” members. The inaugural meeting was held at the Calico Cupboard in Mount Vernon.

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