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*George Washington Chapter – WA SAR*

Subject: Fourth Quarter activity report.  
31 December 2019

To Dale Harshman PhD, President George Washington WA-SAR  
From Mike Hutchins, Historian

Activities for the fourth 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 tragic passing of Compatriot Eric Christian Howard with a remembrance during our October meeting.

Good Citizenship; The Bronze Good Citizenship Award was presented to Kelly Davidson, Funeral Director, Wallin Funeral Home of Oak Harbor for her leadership in organizing last year's Oak Harbor Memorial Day event.

DAR Out Reach; Presented Whidbey Island DAR member and US Army veteran Karen Bertolli with the SAR Veterans Service Certificate. The Chapter assisted the Ann Washington Chapter DAR in collecting travel toiletries to be given to veterans in need at the VA clinic in Mount Vernon, WA.

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal presented to Detective Kevin Bowhay for closing a cold case file in Whatcom Co.

Flag Awards; Compatriot Russ Oliver presented the award to Teresa Robert, General Manager of the Farmhouse Restaurant. Compatriot John Kraft presented the award to Mrs. Faye Johnson of Oak Harbor. Compatriot Hugh Jonson presented the award to Rod Moore of Sedro Wooley. Compatriots John Kraft and Mike Hutchins presented the award to Maple Leaf Cemetery of Oak Harbor.

Speakers; In October John Kraft Chapter Registrar recounted his recent trip to New York and Pennsylvania, Mike Hutchins, CG Capt gave a report of 2019 Color Guard activities. Dr. R Lee Harmon gave a short recount of his 10,000-mile cross-country trip from Peking to Paris in his 1930 Model A Ford. November Speaker Lee Sherman presented "Old Glory" an emotional history of the Stars and Strips which received a standing ovation.

Veterans Recognition; Veterans Service Corps inducted one new member, Compatriot C. Marshall Eberhart USCG Ret. The November meeting program is traditionally devoted to veteran Compatriots and guests who are encouraged to wear their decorations. Each veteran in attendance stood and shared their military experience.



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Color Guard; The George Washington Chapter Color Guard participated as a unit at the funeral service for VP Eric Howard and presentation of SAR Grave Marker to the family. Formally inducted new Guardsmen Marshall Eberhart, Hugh Jonson, Gary Gray and Bruce Bock Oct 19. November 2<sup>nd</sup> Guardsmen Sgt John Kraft and Hugh Jonson participated in Posting Colors at the DAR National Defense Luncheon, Bellevue, WA. Guardsmen Bruce Bock and Capt Mike Hutchins marched in The Auburn Veterans Day Parade November 9. Marshall Eberhart, Hugh Jonson and Mike Hutchins participated in the Carnation, WA Funeral and service for Compatriot John Qualls former WASSAR President.

New members Jim Phillips, Jacque Hutchins, Wayne Farber were inducted and warmly welcomed.

Elections were held during the December meeting with the following Compatriots being chosen to fill officer positions. Dr. Dale Harshman President, Mike Hutchins Vice President, Marshall Eberhart Chapter Historian, David Stockton Padre, John Kraft Sr Registrar, Russ Oliver Secretary, Tom Oliver Treasurer, and Chris Fridley Trustee # 1. There were no candidates for Trustee # 2.

As the Chapter membership has grown the number of Appointed Positions/Committees has increased and considerable December meeting time was devoted to confirming various appointments aligning committee responsibilities consistent with the WASSAR structure.