



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Patriotic ★ Historical ★ Educational

George Washington Chapter – WA SAR

To: Dale Harshman President

From: Mike Hutchins Awards Chairman

Subject: Certificate of Appreciation Nomination by Marshall Eberhart

Citation:

I nominate Jim Houston for the SAR Certificate of Appreciation In recognition of his professional skill, craftsmanship and time commitment in crafting a replica of Thomas Jefferson's traveling writing desk for inclusion in the George Washington Chapter Patriot Chest for Color Guard school presentations. The significance of this replicated item is such that it can be a centerpiece to the explanation of the efforts of the crafting of the Declaration of Independence. As well as a bit of insight to the contrast of 18th century writing tools with today's classroom.

Compatriot Marshall Eberhart described the project as "it has been one of the most challenging and intimidating project he and I have ever worked upon. We have also learned a great deal of woodworking skills!"

While there are a number of commercially available colonial period writing desks available, having a historically correct replica will enhance the Color Guard's ability to more correctly portray the tools used in crafting the Declaration of Independence.

Marshall Eberhart

Mike Hutchins VP / Awards Chairman

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