

## **ACTIVITY REPORT TO WASSAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS** **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023**

Chapter Activities during the 4th quarter include the Color Guard leading the Skagit County Veterans Day parade, Wreaths Across America at Hawthorne Cemetery, Burlington, WA, a Chapter donation of \$240 for wreaths and many individual members contributing money for additional wreaths. A \$300 donation to BSA Troop 4070 of a US Flag, WA State flag and flag pole set with stands. US flag recognition for the City of Ferndale for their patriotic flag display efforts and ongoing Boy Scout Eagle Courts of Honor.

Outgoing President Hutchins presented 11 Chapter members with NSSAR and WASSAR medals and certificates, one NSSAR Martha Washington Medal and Certificate to DAR Chief Whatcom Regent Darlene Carlson for her contributions and support to the George Washington Chapter and two Certificates of Appreciation to non-members who have made significant contributions in time and treasure in support of Chapter activities.

The December 9, 2023, program included and short presentation of Chapter accomplishments and Officer Elections. Incoming Officers are Bruce Bock, President, C. Marshall Eberhart, VP & Historian, Terry Laxton, Secretary, Dr. Marshall Anderson Treasurer, Hugh Jonson, Chaplin, John Kraft Sr., Registrar & Trustee, Russell Oliver, Trustee.

The members enjoyed an expanded buffet menu and time to socialize prior to the meeting. DAR Chief Whatcom Regent presented Vietnam Veteran Recognition Certificates to those Vietnam Veteran members present.

Youth Awards continue to be a priority focus. Boy Scout outreach includes the donation mentioned above. We have received one impressive Knight Essay entry.

Our very active Color Guard, led by Chapter Captain Bill Bentler, along with members Hutchins, Kraft, Bock, Eberhart, Rod and Johnmark Jenny had had the honor to lead the Skagit County Veterans Day Parade in Burlington, WA November 11. December 15 President Hutchins represented the GWC Chapter at Grand View Cemetery, Anacortes placing wreaths on Civil War Veterans graves.



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December 16 Color Guard members Anderson, Bentler, Laxton, Hutchins, Fridley, Oliver, Kraft, J Jenny, Shuriman, R Jenny, Bock and Carlson marched with and supported the color guard of the Civil Air Patrol for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Wreaths Across America ceremony at Hawthorne Cemetery, Mt Vernon WA. All members participated in WAA ceremonies and the laying of wreaths!

Year-end membership of 62 members + 4 Dual chapter members + 1 Dual Society member = 67

There are two new member applications for GW chapter that National has not approved yet.

The Chapter will decrease by 12 members. Polling each gained responses from 6, one of who is disgruntled with recent changes in National Bylaws.

Dropped members.

2 just didn't want to play anymore.

1 is caring for wife with Alzheimer's.

1 was disgruntled with NSSAR Bylaw changes.

1 moved out of state.

1 said he'd be paying but didn't.

6 didn't respond to repeated emails and phone messages.