

16 September 2017

To: George Washington Chapter, Washington SAR

From: Russell P. Oliver (NSSAR #187844), Flag Award Chair, George Washington Chapter, Washington SAR

Subject: NSSAR Flag Certificate Citation, Marty Kuljis, private flag display

This Citation is submitted in support of the nomination of Marty Kuljis in recognition of his exemplary patriotism in the display of the flag of the United States of America.

Chapter member Kevin Coyne researched and nominated this private residence flag display at the residence of Marty Kuljis, 3152 Grandview Road, Ferndale, WA 98248, that Kevin passes often while driving in the SR548 area. Marty had an electrical conduit with 110v installed when he built the house because he knew he wanted to install a large flag pole, and it would need to be lit at night. The pole itself is about 40 feet tall, and is a re-purposed aluminum light pole. Marty researched the necessary hardware (truck, ornament) for the top and bought one and made it fit. He dug a 6 foot hole and made a pattern to create a nice tight fit for the pole into the concrete he filled the hole with. He had assistance with friends to help him do some welding for the base.

Marty flies the American flag because he is a proud American, and his intention from the beginning to put up a large pole so everyone driving by could see it. As for the Gadsden flag, it is flown as a statement for property rights, in response to an issue with the county about 10 years ago involving cattle grazing on the land, which was owned by his father-in-law. The action the county took made it impossible to continue to own the cattle, and they were forced to sell them. Marty's family felt tread on, and the statement is that they not be in that sort of fashion.



Marty's US flag display at his residence is a powerful visual reminder to all, especially younger Americans, of those who came before us and how bright the future can be for generations to come in the greatest nation on Earth. It is my honor to nominate Marty Kuljis for consideration by our chapter to receive this recognition.

Approved by Chapter Acclamation, 16 September 2017 chapter meeting:



Chapter Flag Award Chair



Chapter Vice President



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