



Subject: Fourth Quarter Activity Report of 31 December 2020

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Activities for the fourth quarter of 2020 are listed below. All physical meetings continued to be cancelled through December due to the Corona virus (Covid-19). The meetings for October, November and December were virtual meetings held over the Zoom platform. This summary does not address regular housekeeping activities but focuses on those activities addressing our missions of Patriotism, Education and History.

Membership: No new members were added this quarter. Membership remains at 44.

DAR Outreach: On November 7th, Compatriots Bruce Bock, John Kraft and Mike Hutchins, in partnership with nine members of the Ann Washington Chapter DAR, placed several hundred flags on veteran's graves at Maple Leaf Cemetery in Oak Harbor, WA.

Law Enforcement/Commendations: None noted for this quarter.

Flag Awards: None noted for this quarter.

Speakers:

October – The chapter entertained three guests to our meeting; Ann Washington Chapter Regent **Karen Manatt** of the Washington State Daughter of the American Revolution. Regent Manatt spoke of her Chapters efforts to meet during the pandemic and their out- reach to their members.

The second speaker was WA SAR President **Craig Lawson** regarding the (tentatively scheduled) 2021 National Congress hosted in our state for July 2021.

The third speaker was WA SAR Vice President **Keith Weissinger** regarding the newly required National Youth Protection Training (YPT) course required for all SAR members who work with youth in the community.

November – Individual veterans of the Chapter shared brief stories regarding their service or the service of their relatives. Those present related stories ranging from WW2 to Iraq/Afghanistan with most of the services represented (Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and the Merchant Marine)

The second speaker was WA SAR Vice President **Keith Weissinger** regarding the opportunity to help wounded veterans via Operation Ancestor Search.

The third speaker was WA SAR Alternate National Trustee **Bob Doughty** who spoke regarding the upcoming 2021 National Congress, hopefully to be held in July of 2021, in Renton WA. and encouraged all to attend the Opening Ceremony.

Vice President **Keith Weissinger** spoke regarding the opportunity to help wounded veterans via Operation Ancestor Search.

December – Compatriot **Ken Roberts**, Vice President General, Pacific District SAR. Topics related to our chapter were the latest news from the recent National Trustees Meetings, the proposed new logo and the strengthen of the street-front of the national headquarters due to recent local area protests.

Veterans Recognition: In December an application for new Member Glenn Orr has been submitted for recognition by SAR

Color Guard Activity Report:

October – Compatriots Hutchins and Kraft attended weekly production meetings lead by the Navy League and Walling Funeral Home for a video effort for 2020 Veterans Day. On Oct 30, George Washington Chapter Color Guardsmen Hutchins, Kraft and Bock joined by WA SAR Registrar Michael Moore and his grandson Mike Bendixson, the Oak Harbor High School NJROTC and The Patriot Guard Riders presented and retired the colors for the memorial service video. The Memorial Day Video was viewed by more than 10,000 viewers internationally.

November – Chapter Color Guard Captain Mike Hutchins reported on the 7th our Color Guard helped the local American Legion Post to place over 600 US flags on the graves of veterans interred at the Maple Leaf Cemetery. On the 14th the flags were respectfully recovered in partnership with local NROTC and DAR.

December – Chapter Color Guard Captain Mike Hutchins reported he had compiled all Color Guard and Chapter Service towards Veterans for an application for the USS Stark award to National. Compatriot Bruce Bock participated in a national video celebration of the Battle of Trenton via the Zoom application.

New Committee Report – Membership and Retention: This new Committee was created to; recruit new members, to help guide existing member's toward new activities and to assist the members and to determine why departing members felt the program was no longer a good fit for themselves. To this end Compatriot C. Marshall Eberhart was nominated and accepted a new role within the Chapter.