

NSSAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal

Awarded to George Washington Chapter Treasurer, Russell Thomas Oliver.

Citation:

It is with great pleasure to award Russell Thomas Oliver with the NSSAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.

Compatriot Tom Oliver volunteers currently with Dementia Support Northwest <https://dementiasupportnw.org/>, managing the radio tracking bracelet program (involves community outreach to participating vulnerable citizens and their partners, wrist bracelet installations, battery changes, and wrist bracelet replacements / retrievals).

He has 14 current clients wearing bracelets right now, having served a total of 114 patients since he began volunteering with this group. He also volunteers with the Whatcom County Sheriff department, as the point of contact for all missing person searches for dementia patients using those bracelets, where he partners with, and trains, the sheriff deputies on the radio tracking gear that dramatically shortens search durations for those using the bracelet program when they wander and get lost. He is on call 24/7 for that purpose, and has a Go Bag of radio detection and finding gear ready at all times. Since starting this volunteer service, he has successfully resolved 10 searches for lost bracelet wearers in partnership with the Sheriff's department.

Tom is also active in the local HAM radio scene, conducting training classes and weekly muster calls, as well as partnering with FEMA + State and Local emergency disaster response agencies on HAM community support of drills and exercises.

In the past, Tom's volunteer activities with the Whatcom County Sheriff department were more extensive with Search and Rescue, including land navigation training, search dog team training support, and command center support during local searches.