To: George Washington Chapter, WASSAR

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Subject: NSSAR Flag Certificate Citation

This Citation is submitted in support of the nomination of Camping World, Burlington, WA, to receive the NSSAR Certificate of Commendation in recognition of their exemplary patriotism in the display of the flag of the United States of America.

Have you traveled the I-5 corridor near Burlington, WA, lately? If you have, you can't have missed the new, and truly impressive, American flag on display in their community. Camping World of Burlington, WA, recently erected a 130 foot flagpole on their premises, and raised a 40 foot by 80 foot patriotic symbol of our country. The display is a true source of inspiration and pride for the entire town, and all those viewing the flag as they travel through the area.

In 2014, Camping World and Good Sam announced a nation-wide project to install massive American flags at various Camping World SuperCenters across the country to honor veterans. In many cases these will be the largest flying American flags in the surrounding area, the company noted. "Our company places extreme pride and value on our country and its veterans. A large percentage of our employees and also customers are veterans, and we want to honor them, their dedication to our country and to our local communities," said Marcus Lemonis, chairman and CEO of Camping World and Good Sam. "By making this proud statement, our goal is to bring local communities together in celebration of everything that has been accomplished by veterans for our country."

Camping World of Burlington, WA, worked with the City of Burlington over the summer of 2015 on a petition to modify city code to permit the gigantic flag display. Previous city code permitted a maximum display of 35 square feet, but Camping World of Burlington was successful in their petition. The 3200 square foot flag now on display 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 Camping World, Burlington, WA, for consideration by our chapter to receive this recognition.

Approved by Chapter Acclamation

**Chapter President** 

**Chapter Vice President** 

Chapter Flag Award Chair