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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, Fairhaven Library Flag Display, maintained by the Historic Fairhaven Association, donated by Bellingham Fairhaven Lions Club

This Citation is submitted in support of the nomination of the Historic Fairhaven Association and the Bellingham Fairhaven Lions Club, 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.

As Evan Abell of the Bellingham Herald recently reported on 03 August 2017, "a huge, new American flag flies over Fairhaven, thanks to a donation by Bellingham Fairhaven Lions Club. At a ceremony Wednesday morning [on 02 August 2017], volunteers raised the 38-foot flag – about four times bigger than the old one – on a 100-foot flagpole that soars above Fairhaven. The pole, first installed in 1987 to honor veterans, is of the approximate height and location that Dirty Dan Harris, the founder of Fairhaven, placed a flagpole in March of 1885. The Historic Fairhaven Association maintains the flag." Reporting and photo credit to Evan Abell: 360-715-2266, @evanabellphoto eabell@bhamherald.com
Original article and video of the flag raising available here:
<http://www.bellinghamherald.com/news/local/article164792897.html>



The Historic Fairhaven Association's 38 foot US flag display at the Fairhaven Library location 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. In addition, the upgrade of the flag display to over 4 times its original size would not have been possible without the financial donation and patriotism of the Bellingham Fairhaven Lions Club. It is my honor to nominate both the Historic Fairhaven Association and the Bellingham Fairhaven Lions Club for consideration by our chapter to receive this recognition.

Approved by Chapter Acclamation, 16 September 2017 chapter meeting:



Chapter Flag Award Chair



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