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To: George Washington Chapter, WASSAR

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Subject: NSSAR Flag Certificate Citation

This Citation is submitted in support of the nomination of the Lynden Lions Club, Lynden WA, to receive the NSSAR Certificate of Commendation in recognition of their dedication and patriotism shown in the care they have taken in displaying nearly 300 flags along the streets of Lynden for the following holidays:

January 21 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 18 – President’s Day
May 18 – Armed Forces Day
May 27 – Memorial Day
June 14 – Flag Day
July 4 Independence Day

September 2 – Labor Day
September 11 – Patriot Day
October 14 Columbus Day
November 11 – Veteran’s Day
December 7 – Pearl Harbor Day

They are hoping to add Election Day (general elections) soon. A smaller number of Lions Club flags are also flown at special patriotic events such as the performance of military bands (40 flags), veteran’s dinner (16 flags), school veteran’s programs, etc. This amazing effort, termed the Flag Project, is currently chaired by Chuck and Nancy Boies (with many more Lions Club volunteers participating) and has been ongoing since early 1991. The flags are maintained in perfect condition, put up in the morning and taken down at dusk. I’ve watched them taking the flags down on a few occasions and was pleased to see how careful the volunteers were in the handling of each flag. The display is a true source of patriotic pride for the entire town.

The flags are sponsored by individuals, groups or companies. In addition to the cost of the flags themselves, all proceeds go toward supporting local community events and charities including Camp Horizon (a summer camp for special needs children), Lions Sight and Hearing, Relay for Life, Cascade Christian Home, New Way Ministries (which provides shelter and counseling for battered women), Lynden Community Center, Lynden Pioneer Museum, Cystic Fibrosis, Hospice, Baby Sitting Clinic, Care, Leader Dogs, Assistance Ministries, Project Santa, Project Hope (food bank), Boy and Girls Club and many more.

I moved to Lynden in 1997 and must say that the site of 300 flags lining the main streets of our town is truly beautiful to behold (like a Norman Rockwell painting), and a 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 greatness nation on Earth.

Approved by Chapter Acclamation

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