



ACTIVITY REPORT TO WASSAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

For the period Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2023

A review of the recent NSSAR Treasurer's Guidelines found George Washington Chapter to be in compliance. George Washington Chapter size and geographic expanse considered one procedural adjustment was implemented.

Activities for this period primarily focus on Youth Awards, Membership Relations and Color Guard.

Youth Awards: The Rumbaugh Oration winner also placed first in the WASSAR competition. Knight Essay contest saw two applicants, with the Chapter winner also winning 2nd place in the WASSAR contest. Kudos to Compatriot Dr. Marshall Anderson for his prompt and enigmatic management of both contests. Prizes were awarded (certificates and checks).

Color Guard members Bill Bentler, Mike Hutchins, and Michael Moore (dual member with AH) manned an information display at the Cascade Mountain Men Annual Show in Enumclaw, WA. Planning meetings for Memorial Day celebration have started with the Oak Harbor Lions and Maple Leaf Cemetery. Coordination with Whidbey Island DAR to support the Chapter's Historic flag collection are confirmed. Future commitments include 4th of July parade in Anacortes, posting colors for the Vietnam Veterans annual picnic, and the Whidbey Island Rendezvous.

Membership Relations Chairman Marshall Eberhart continues to meet with pending and new members for orientation and discuss the NSSAR, WASSAR and Chapter opportunities. There is increased interest in genealogy. We are looking at a forum to capitalize on their interest.

Our first social get together is a lunch at Coconut Kenney's in Sedro Wooley WA early in April 6.

Chapter Picnic scheduled for 15 July!

Chapter Veterans Recognition Committee leadership has changed with Compatriot Chris Fridley resigning and Compatriot Dr. Lee Harman assuming the chairmanship. My sincere appreciation to Chris for a job well done!

In an effort to increase communication and offer opportunities for dialog, committee reports which are usually a part of the monthly agenda package will also be included in our meeting agenda. After discussion with the Chapter BOD, we have implemented a Committee / Activity minute as an agenda item. Each meeting a different committee / activity will give a +/- 3-minute report.

This concept has worked well with our “Patriot Minute” where each member shares a biography of his Patriot. Each presenter is encouraged to add their Patriot Bio to the NSSAR Patriot Research System.

We have changed up our agenda as a result of going to a buffet instead of ordering off a menu. Starting food service at 10 we delay the meeting until 10:30 and encourage socialization.

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