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## *George Washington Chapter – WA SAR*

### **Subject: Fourth Quarter Activity Report for 2021 (dated: January 23, 2022)**

To: Leland Hutchins, President, George Washington Chapter – Washington SAR  
From: C. Marshall Eberhart, Historian

Activities for the fourth quarter of 2021 are listed below. This summary does not address regular housekeeping activities but focuses on those activities addressing our missions of Patriotism, Education and History.

**Awards** – Chair, Mike Hutchins, reported activities in the fourth quarter were significant with four officers, Marshall Eberhart, David Stockton, Tom Oliver, and Kevin Coyne, receiving certificates and medals. Seventeen law enforcement members in Whatcom and Skagit Counties receiving Law Enforcement Awards, including our own Compatriot Jack Foster. Two county employees also received Bronze Good Citizenship Medals for their support of Law Enforcement activities.

#### **Boy Scouts of America** – Chair is C. Marshall Eberhart

*October* – Chair Marshall Eberhart reported that he recently attended a court of honor for six Eagle Scouts in a local troop. Marshall reported a new coed troop, 4911, in our Chapter area, in addition to the 14 troops in the greater Skagit and Whatcom County area.

*November* – Chair Marshall Eberhart reported that there is a new troop to support in our Chapter area, in addition to the 14 troops in the greater Skagit and Whatcom County area.

*December* – During the Christmas parade in Anacortes, contacts were made with the leaders of four different troops in the Anacortes area. Flyers regarding the Eagle Scout recognition program were distributed and invitations to our organization were given out. Outreach to Compatriot Gary Gift of the Ozark Mountain Chapter in regards to their Chapters efforts to conduct a merit badge workshop in the Springfield Missouri area. Their workshop has been established for over three years and has been an established success. Their Chapter is much larger than ours. This looks to be a worthy goal for our Chapter in the future but will involve a great deal of work with other Chapters in the Puget Sound area and with the BSA District.

#### **Color Guard Activity** – Chair is Color Guard Captain Mike Hutchins

*October* – Chapter Color Guard Captain Mike Hutchins welcomed compatriots Bill Bentler and Jack Foster to the chapter color guard. Mike had the opportunity to march with the National color guard at the NSSAR Fall Leadership event, and the Chapter color guard also supported a recent presentation to the Burlington Kiwanis.

*November* – Chapter Color Guard Captain Mike Hutchins presented Color Guard awards to Compatriot Bruce Bock (250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal) and Compatriot Mike Hutchins (250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal) recognizing color guard support given. In addition, Compatriot Bruce Bock was awarded a DAR Chapter streamer for providing color guard support to an event in North Carolina.

*December* – Color Guard Captain Mike Hutchins reported that the Color Guard has grown to 13 members with the addition of civilian Fifer Patricia Francisco. Nine of our Color Guard members turned out to support the December 4th, 2021 Anacortes Holiday Parade, including a fifer and our WA SAR State President Dr. Keith Weissinger! As a result of this support the Chapter color guard was profiled in the Concrete Herald newspaper

All George Washington Chapter members are invited to any of the Color Guard practices, meetings or the events we participate in to offer suggestions or just to see what we do. There are many ways for you, as a GWC member, to participate with our uniformed Color Guard.

**DAR Liaison** – Chair is VP Mike Hutchins

*October* - Mike Hutchins reported our Chapter will co-sponsor with Ann Washington Chapter DAR on a project for a Veterans Memorial for the founder of the Farmhouse Restaurant, and that he received, (and read to the Chapter), a nice thank you note from Ann Washington Chapter DAR thanking our Chapter for our support of their 100th anniversary celebration and our gift of a DAR Chapter flag to their Chapter.

*November* – Mike Hutchins reported our Chapter is co-sponsoring with the Ann Washington Chapter DAR on a POW table at the Farmhouse restaurant, prominently displayed in the front lobby. Our Chapter is also partnering with the DAR for a Veterans Memorial for the founder of the Farmhouse Restaurant, and a DAR project to have DAR and SAR “We Meet Here” signage put up next to the Rotary Meets Here signage at the restaurant.

*December* – This month our Chapter joined the Ann Washington Chapter as a combined unit in the Anacortes Christmas Parade.

**Fire/Safety** – Chair is Dave Vandaveer – Nothing reported for this quarter.

**Flag Recognition Awards** – Chair is Russ Oliver Washington – Flag Award Chairman Annual Report

Approved Flag Awards 2021 YTD (5)

Residence US Flag display of John Finn, Birch Bay, WA – Compatriot Jack Lauman

Residence US Flag display of Pamela Hutchins, Anacortes, WA – Chapter VP Mike Hutchins

Residence US Flag display of Roy and Linda Brooks, Enumclaw, WA – Chapter VP Mike Hutchins

Residence US Flag display of Art and Linda Osborne, Sedro Woolley, WA – Chapter Historian Marshall Eberhart

Business US Flag display of Tacoma Screw, Burlington, WA – Chapter Historian Marshall Eberhart

Flag Award Nominations Ready for the Chapter (0) All active nominations for 2021 are now approved and have either been presented or are pending presentation.

Potential Flag Awards in 2022

Bellingham residence – Russ Oliver City of Ferndale – Chapter President Dale Harshman City of Mount Vernon park near river – Chapter Trustee Chris Fridley Bellingham residence (Mount

Baker Hwy) – Chapter Treasurer Tom Oliver Lions Club of Everson – Compatriot Carlos Malone Central Road – Compatriot Carlos Malone Hampton Road – Compatriot Carlos Malone VFW Post 2554 Sultan, WA (Memorial Day / Veterans Day flag display downtown Sultan)- Russ Oliver Veterans Memorial, Sultan River Park, City of Sultan, WA - Russ Oliver

Approved Flag Retirement Awards 2021 YTD (7)

- PO2 Dusuke Zakini-Velis, Orion Squadron Sea Cadets, Oak Harbor High School, WA – Chapter VP Mike Hutchins
- PO2 Andrew Taylor, Orion Squadron Sea Cadets, Oak Harbor High School, WA – Chapter VP Mike Hutchins
- PO3 Jaden Scott, Orion Squadron Sea Cadets, Oak Harbor High School, WA – Chapter VP Mike Hutchins
- CWO3 (USN, Ret.) Bryan Scott, Orion Squadron Sea Cadets, Oak Harbor High School, WA – Chapter VP Mike Hutchins
- AR Bryan Dawson, Orion Squadron Sea Cadets, Oak Harbor High School, WA – Chapter VP Mike Hutchins
- ABC James R Mutka III, Orion Squadron Sea Cadets, Oak Harbor High School, WA – Chapter VP Mike Hutchins
- Bill West, Groundskeeper Maple Leaf Cemetery, Oak Harbor, WA – Chapter VP Mike Hutchins

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**JROTC** – Chair is Bo Franz – Nothing reported for this quarter.

**Knight Essay** – Chair is President Dale Harshman – Nothing reported for this quarter.

**Ladies Auxiliary** – Chair is Bonnie Jonson – Nothing reported for this quarter.

**Law Enforcement awards** – Chair is Kevin Coyne

*October* – Kevin is coordinating the presentation opportunities for the 17 Law Enforcement Recognition Awards and 2 Bronze Good Citizenship Medals the Chapter approved last month. Color Guard support was suggested as a possibility, and Kevin is trying to arrange media presence too, all without ruining the surprise.

*December* – Meeting on 8 December 2021 at the Big Lake Fire Station, President Dale Harshman and Kevin Coyne had the honor of recognizing and thanking these members of the local Law Enforcement community for their service.

**Membership** – Chair is Russ Oliver

*October* – Secretary Russ Oliver also reported that as of the end of October 2021, current membership stands at 60 (56 members + 3 Dual Chapter members + 1 Dual Society member).

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*December* – Secretary Russ Oliver will report on the December membership total in the minutes of the January meeting. Membership remains at approximately the same amount.

**Retention** – Chair is C. Marshall Eberhart

*October* – Calls determined in the need for accurate phone numbers. Members are requested to update their contact information to ensure quality outreach.

*November* – Phone calls were made to our members and determined there may be compatriots needing rides to the meetings. Efforts were made to determine if there are willing and able drivers to assist. More work and attention to this matter is needed.

*December* – Committee volunteers were thanked for their assistance. Outreach determined potential source of speakers.

**Service to Veterans** – Chair is Bo Franz – Nothing reported for this quarter. This position has been discontinued for the time being.

**Speakers** – Chair is VP Mike Hutchins

*October* – Vice President Mike Hutchins made a presentation regarding "What is the SAR?",

*November* – Compatriot Chris Fridley regarding the Veterans Service Committee.

*December* – Vice President Mike Hutchins regarding "George Washington's Christmas"

**Veterans Recognition** – Chair is Chris Fridley

*October* – Veterans Recognition – Veterans Recognition Chair Chris Fridley reported that all new members are encouraged to share details of their military service with Chris for recognition by the SAR. Our Chapter is 1st in our State for the number of Chapter members who have been recognized, and Chris wants to keep it that way! New members; Marshall Anderson M.D. and Glenn Peers were added to the list of members who could be recognized, and Chris is looking for an opportunity to present the certificate to Compatriot Glenn Orr.

*November* – Our own Chapter Trustee Chris Fridley kicked off our November Veterans Day Program, where he presented a short talk about the NSSAR Veterans Service Committee, and the seven Corps of military veterans recognized by the SAR. All Chapter Veterans were then encouraged to share their military service history with the Chapter – many wore their SAR Military Service medal, and/or military badges / ribbons / medals / and in some impressive cases, some wore military uniforms that still fit!

*December* – Chris Fridley reported that he has two awards pending.