



**ACTIVITY REPORT TO WASSAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS
3rd Quarter 2023**

Chapter Activities during the 3rd quarter include a Chapter picnic, Color Guard participation in community events, researching alternative meeting venues, mailing the NSSAR Rumbaugh award to Abby Young for her participation, US Flag recognition, ongoing Boy Scout Eagle Courts of Honor and continued outreach to DAR and local veteran service organizations.

The Chapter's second picnic was very successful with twenty-four (24) members and families gathered at Riverside Park, Sedro Wooley for hot dogs, and conversation. Compatriots Marshall Eberhart and Terry Laxton managed the grill. My thanks to all members and wives who contributed to the event.

George Washington Chapter website is coordinating with the newly reinvented WASSAR website. Compatriot Dr. Dale Harshman continues to maintain the Chapter information and the website capturing all Chapter activities. Thank you, Dale. Well done.

Youth Awards continue to be a priority focus. Boy Scout outreach includes members attending Eagle Scout Courts of Honor and merit badge counseling. As noted above, our first place Rumbaugh winner went on to win the WASSAR competition and was awarded a check for participation at the NSSAR level.

Compatriot Dr. Marshall Anderson launched the "Chapter Heredity Society List" project for those members who have proven ancestors with other lineage societies. I believe this may stimulate more conversation and increase interest in genealogy. It highlights some very interesting ancestors.

Some months ago, we instituted a "Patriot Minute" where one Compatriot shared his patriot ancestor in a brief, three-minute presentation. Some have gone longer. All have been interesting and well presented. More recently, this has been expanded to include a "Committee Minute" where the purpose and accomplishments are shared.

Our very active Color Guard, led by Chapter Captain Bill Bentler, participated in parading and presenting colors at the Vietnam Veterans of America, Sedro Wooley



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Chapter, annual picnic. An event attended by 300 veterans and families. Chapter Color Guard members Eberhart, Bentler and Bock attended the keynote speaker who is now a prospective member and CG member Jonson presented VVA Chapter President Ande Mitchell with the NSSAR Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his significant contributions to veterans.

4th of July parade in Anacortes WA saw CG members Bentler, Anderson, Bock, Carlson, Kraft, R Jenny, Laxton, Hutchins, and Eberhart with the Chapter flag trailer mounting the Chapter's historic flag collection.

Color Guard members Hutchins, Jonson, J Jenny, and R Jenny participated in the NW Colonial Festival, a 4-day event in Sequim, WA. Rod and Johnmark Jenny joined the reenactment of the battles of Lexington & Concord with the colonial reenactors. Captain Bentler marched with the WASSAR Color Guard in the Woodinville Parade, and he and member Bock marched in the Black Diamond Parade. CG member Kraft paraded with the NSSAR Color Guard at the 133rd Congress.

Constitution Day saw members Hutchins and Carlson joining the Ann Washington DAR for their annual bell ringing on the Skagit County Courthouse steps. Compatriot Bentler, Anderson (in his new scarlet band uniform) J Jenny, R Jenny, Carlson, Hutchins, Eberhart and Shuriman parading colors and leading the Pledge of Allegiance at the Ann Washington Constitution Day program in Anacortes WA. The opening ceremony included a presentation of Yankee Doodle by CG member Anderson our CG fifer.

Two new Flag Recognitions were approved by the membership.

Chapter technology includes Facebook, the Chapter website and Zoom. We continue posting Chapter activities on Facebook and the Chapter website. Each Chapter meeting includes an opportunity for members to participate remotely. Our Chapter membership lives in an area bounded by the Canadian border to the north, east to the Cascade foothills, west to the San Juan Island and south to the end of Whidbey Island and north King County,