

Newsletter

Sons of the American Revolution Mid-Columbia Chapter

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SONS of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Patriotic ★ Historical ★ Educational

The Sons of the American Revolution is the leading male lineage society that perpetuates the ideals of the war for independence. As a historical, educational, and patriotic, non-profit corporation organized under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, we seek to maintain and expand the meaning of patriotism, respect for our national symbols, the value of American citizenship, and the unifying force of "e pluribus unum" that was created from the people of many nations -- one nation and one people.

National: <http://www.sar.org/> State: <https://www.washingtonsar.org/>

Chapter: <https://www.washingtonsar.org/mid-columbia.html>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MidColumbiaChapterSAR/>

Color Guard: <https://cg.wasar-ah.org/>

*Our Mission: " To bring the History, Education, and Patriotism of our
Country 's Founding to the Local Community. "*

Recent Activities of the Mid-Columbia Chapter:

"No country can be called free which is governed by an absolute power; and it matters not whether it be an absolute royal power or an absolute legislative power, as the consequences will be the same to the people."

Thomas Paine

Patriotism of our Country's Founding

In June, Chapter President Kelly Shultz, and wife Karen (Regent for Chapter of the DAR) were the wonderful host and hostess for the Chapter's Annual Bar-B-Q which was held at their home. It was well attended with twenty-one members and guests all gathered for the afternoon affair. This included special guest Neil Vernon, our State Color Guard Commander.



Award for Outstanding Service

- Brian Smith, our Chapter Genealogist received the Meritorious Service Medal and Certificate for his outstanding work for the Chapter in assisting prospective members in processing their applications to completion and for his participation in numerous public education events for the chapter, in bringing our Nation's history to light for the public.
- Larry Flint, our Chapter Secretary was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and Certificate for his lengthy tenure and service as Secretary and Chapter Education and Color Guard events.



Brian & Larry receive their respective awards

- Karen Schultz (Regent of the Kennewick Chapter of DAR) presented the Chapter with a Certificate of Appreciation for the Chapter's assistance by cleaning and restoring the Veterans Wall, Armed Forces Monument, and veteran's graves at the Kennewick Desert Lawn Memorial Park.



- Special Bar-B-Q guest Neil Vernon, our State Color Guard Commander presented the Color Guard Silver Color Medals and Certificates to Larry Flint, Con Clark, and Barry Moravek for meeting the criteria for this National award. They are only the 10th, 11th, and 12th Color Guardsmen in the State to earn this award.

- Brian McReynolds received the War Service Medal and Certificate for sub combat patrols off Mideast theaters Iraq and Afghanistan.



Brian received his medal and certificate

The 131st Annual National Congress

In July, our Chapter was well represented at the 131st Annual National Congress held in Renton, Washington. Our Chapter's president, Kelly Schultz was joined by Larry Flint and Brian Smith. They were joined by their guests.



Brian and Cheryl Smith, Larry Flint, together with Kelly and Karen Schultz at the Air and Space Museum, site of the first night Host Dinner.



Washington Color Guard
131st Annual National Congress
Larry Flint, Brian Smith, and Kelly Schultz (top row)

Welcome General James Mattis

Our Chapter made history this quarter with the addition of one highly decorated and distinguished new member.

During the 131st Annual National Congress at the Hyatt Regency, at Lake Washington, General James Mattis was the President General's Banquet



Posing with our newest Mid-Columbia chapter member

keynote speaker.

At the conclusion of General Mattis' keynote address, while still in the presence of a thunderous crowd of attendees, he was informed that he satisfied all the requirements for membership in SARs.

This announcement came as a complete surprise to General Mattis as he learned at that moment that he had direct ties to

a Patriot Ancestor, Private Aaron Whitaker of the Washington County, Pennsylvania Militia. General Mattis was sworn in at the Banquet and became Mid-Columbia Chapter's newest member.



Washington Attendees at the 131st Annual National Congress

In Honor of the Memory

“From the east to the west blow the trumpet to arms! Through the land let the sound of it flee; Let the far and the near all unite, with a cheer, In defense of our Liberty Tree.” Thomas Paine

The 131 Annual National Congress honors those who died for our freedoms.



Chapter President Kelly Schultz honors The Mid-Columbia Chapter's Wreath