

CITATION: Marion T. Hersey – SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal

The SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal is presented to Mr. Marion “Mick” Hersey for his patriotic achievement and dedicated service as a volunteer monuments preservationist in the years 2010 to 2017. The Silver Good Citizenship Medal recognizes outstanding and unusual patriotic achievement and bears a silver relief of our founding father Thomas Jefferson.

Mr. Marion Hersey, a retired US Navy veteran, was inspired by noting the lack of maintenance for the many veterans’ memorials in Bremerton, Washington. Upon



learning that no entity was able maintain these venerable monuments, and no funds were available, Mick decided to make it his personal mission. He dedicated himself and his considerable talents in monuments preservation, to the task of restoring as many as possible of these monuments, parks, plaques and statues to pristine condition. Over these past seven years, Marion Hersey has been able to restore, on his own initiative and leadership, and with the

support of the Mayor and City of Bremerton and military and civic groups, over *one hundred* public memorials. Mick personally catalogued and documented these

memorials. All the necessary funds Mick provided himself or raised by soliciting donations. His achievements commanded the attention of press, television news and city officials. Mick Hersey’s reputation spread and he has begun teaching his restoration techniques to other groups in the Puget Sound. He led and assisted in the restoration of 11 Oregon Trail markers from Olympia to



Vancouver, Washington. In addition, he has raised funds annually for Wreaths Across America and other memorial ceremonies and his dedication led to the major restoration of Bremerton’s Ivy Green Cemetery. Mr. Marion Hersey’s strong leadership, dedicated service and patriotic achievement in the restoration and documenting of our State’s historic and veterans’ memorials in Puget Sound region is most worthy of recognition by the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal.

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