

**JROTC Cadet receives top SAR honors.** At their April Chapter meeting, the John Paul Jones Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), honored Cadet Lieutenant Junior Grade Erin Edwards, of Roughrider Company, Port Angeles High School, as both the chapter and state winner of their JROTC Enhanced Essay Contest.

Erin received both a silver medallion on a neck ribbon and a bronze medallion on a neck ribbon for being the Washington State SAR and John Paul Jones chapter winner respectively, plus a check for \$300 as the Chapter Award. She will also receive an honorarium of \$500 cash award from the Washington SAR, and be recognized at the Port Angeles High School JROTC Awards Ceremony by the SAR. Erin now advances to the national SAR competition. SAR Chapter President Conrad Plyler told the more than 50 SAR members and guests in attendance that her essay package has an excellent chance to be a national winner.

The JROTC Enhanced Essay Program is for *Outstanding Academic Cadets*. Recipients of the SAR's Enhanced JROTC Award must be outstanding student leaders, be in the top 25 percent of their High School class, top 10 percent of their JROTC Class, and be a rising senior at their high school. The recipient must also meet non-scholastic standards including school, community and church activities. And, recipients must be recommended for the award by their high school principals and senior JROTC military science instructors. The 500 to 700 word essay is on "How JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States of America."

Cadet Edwards will be participating in the US Naval Academy Summer Seminar this summer, which is a pre-admission program for the Academy, during which, in a week-long program, students get a glimpse of Academy life, academics and sports.

Goals of the 128 year old patriotic organization include promoting patriotism, and building respect for American history and the founding fathers. The SAR is an educational, historical, patriotic, and genealogical society of men who have proven a lineal descent from an ancestor who supported the War for American Independence. For further information, visit their state webpage at <https://www.wassartoday.org/>.