

## WASSAR Color Guard Report 2016

**The Washington Society Color Guard now has 38 uniformed color guardsmen. They performed over 200 uniformed events in 2016:**

90 Living history presentations	7 Funerals & Memorials
12 Posting of Colors	4 Honor Flights
26 Ceremonies & meetings	7 National Events (+ 7 local)
8 Parades	1 Flag retirements
38 Recruiting Events & Booths	10 Citizenship Ceremonies

### National Events:

NSSAR Spring Leadership	Louisville KY	February
Pacific District Conference	Portland OR	April
SAR National Congress	Boston MA	July
NSSAR Fall Leadership	Louisville KY	September
Wreaths Across America	Bremerton & Spokane WA	December

### Major State Events:

GW Birthday Memorial	Seattle WA	February
Big Horn Gun Show	Idaho	March
WASSAR Annual Meeting	Portland OR	April
WSSDAR State Conference	SeaTac WA	April
Armed Forces Day Parade	Bremerton WA	May
Lilac Torch Parade	Spokane WA	May
Richland Veterans Day Parade	Richland WA	June
NW Colonial Festival	Sequim WA	August
Washington State Fair	Puyallup WA	September
Labor Day Parade	Steilacoom WA	September
Auburn Veterans Day Parade	Auburn WA	November
Kitsap Veterans Day Service	Bremerton WA	November

We presented Living History to 90 elementary schools and civic organizations, reaching some 2,000 children and adults in our communities. In addition we were recognized with articles in several issues of *SAR Magazine*, *SAR Color Guardsman* and local press. Paul Adan produced a wonderful issue of *DRUMBEAT!* our own Color Guard Newsletter. A highlight this year was Capt. Larry Flint's amazing Mid-Columbia Chapter Color Guard which added 17 events to our State Schedule with parades, memorials & presentations. They now have five color guardsmen in uniform.

I commend and thank our 38 SAR Color Guardsmen & Committeemen for a very successful year - Brigade Commander Doug Nelson, Vice Commander Major Stan Wills, Deputy Commander Art Dolan, & our 38 Color Guardsmen. Kudos also to Drum Major Viren Lemmer for organizing & mustering the Fife & Drum Corps.

As you know, after six years, in April we will change leaders as I hand over command to Deputy Art Dolan, who with his enthusiasm and leadership will take our great Color Guard to new heights. I plan to join the ranks and continue having fun presenting and marching with all my compatriots bringing History, Education & Patriotism to the publick.

*Many thanks to all of ye, your dedicated service is valued & appreciated!  
Y'r most Obed't & humble Serv't,*

*Bob O'Neal, Commanding*