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**Founding Father Quotes**

“To argue with a person who has renounced the use of reason is like administering medicine to the dead.”

Thomas Paine



John Paul Jones

# The Captain's Log

**The Official Newsletter for the Captain John Paul Jones Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution**

<https://www.washingtonsar.org/john-paul-jones.html>

*John Paul Jones Chapter enjoys a half hour of socializing with breakfast before every monthly meeting. We meet the **4th Saturday** of every month currently virtually using ZOOM, from 9:00 to 11 am (except June, July, and August). Please reply to [ptaylor350@aol.com](mailto:ptaylor350@aol.com) with your plans to attend.*

## **SAR JROTC Enhanced Essay Competition Results for the John Paul Jones Chapter**

Compatriots and Senior Naval Science Instructors:

Competition for the John Paul Jones Chapter JROTC Enhanced Essay Competition for Outstanding Cadet has ended, and a Chapter Winner has been declared. Judging was performed on a strict National SAR point-based scoring system which evaluated each area of the Cadets' application package and essay.

Two teams of judges took candidates from Port Angeles High School and South Kitsap High School. The results could not have been closer, and all Cadets considered submitted National quality packages.

The overall winner is Cadet Ensign Regina May Obnial from South Kitsap High School. Runner-up is Cadet LT (j.g.) Naaman McGuffey from Port Angeles High School. While not judged as a Chapter competition candidate, Cadet Lucas Gavin from Port Angeles High School and Cadet McGuffey strongly competed for their school's nomination. The quality of Cadet Gavin's package is of such merit that he will receive an award as stated below.

Cadet Obnial will receive the SAR Bronze Outstanding Cadet Medal and a \$300 cash prize.

Because the scoring margins were razor thin, both Cadets McGuffey and Gavin will receive the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and a smaller cash honorarium. It is hoped that these awards may be made in person in late Spring or early Summer.

Congratulations to Cadet Obnial, whose package will now be judged in the WASSAR Competition. Congratulations to Cadets McGuffey and Gavin also for such a worthy effort. All three of these fine young people give us hope for the future of our great country!

## What the SAR means to me.

“My SAR membership serves as a preserver of tradition and reminder of the privations suffered by our forebears in the pursuit of principle.”

ROBERT R. PAULEY ,  
President, Mutual  
Broadcasting System

## Calendar of Events

**April 24th** Chapter virtual ZOOM meeting. We have a terrific presentation lined up for our April 24 meeting.

The presentation is a video from the Brigade of the American Revolution Virtual School of Instruction on "The Steuben Manual" or "The Manual Exercise of the Continental Army as Directed by Major General Steuben".

## Chapter News

Our chapter is using Zoom Meeting to connect with one another. You can also follow us on our John Paul Jones Facebook page. At our March 27 zoom meeting, Doug Nelson gave a presentation on the 14 forgotten presidents. We look forward to Washington State moving to Phase 3 so we can meet face-to-face.

**Yearly Dues Reminder.** Please mail your dues as soon as possible. Regular Member dues are \$65. Junior Member dues are \$5.

It is very important that your payment is prompt as we need to send the final report into the State by early December. Your attention to this is much appreciated. Make the check out to “John Paul Jones Chapter, SAR.” Send your check **NOW** to our chapter treasurer:

Noah Chase

P. O. Box 194

Burley, WA 98322

### **New Membership Application Status.**

**\*Note:** Rick Rauschenbach has taken over Registrar duties from Gene Tenney. Please forward all prospect and application information to him at: [rrinpacnw@gmail.com](mailto:rrinpacnw@gmail.com), **Subject:** SAR

**Gary Burdick-** Emailed follow up on 3/29

**Ray Schreiber-** Emailed follow up on 3/29

**John Blakemore-** Emailed follow up on 3/29

**Jerry Harless-** Mailed application proofs to State 3/30

## State News <https://www.washingtonsar.org/>

**State News.** Our State Society Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 10, from 10AM to 12PM. We hope you can all attend on this Zoom Meeting. It's important because we will be electing new State Officers. Our own Al Pinkham is running for State Secretary. Let's give him our support at this meeting. The Washington SAR Facebook page has been active by posting pictures about proven patriots.

The purposes of the Sons of the American Revolution are patriotic, historical, and educational.

*This includes:*

- \* Perpetuating the memory of Revolutionary War Patriots.*
- \* Promoting fellowship among their descendants.*
- \* Inspiring the community with a reverence for the principles of government founded by our forefathers.*
- \* Encouraging historical research of the American Revolution.*
- \* Preserving the records of the Revolutionary War Patriots.*
- \* Marking the locations of the Revolution events and its soldiers.*

## National News <https://www.sar.org/>

**National News.** We are hosting the 2021 National Congress from July 8 through July 14. What an honor! About 300 members throughout the United States have already booked a room at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington at Seattle's Southport. The address is " 1053 Lake Washington Blvd N, Renton, Washington, 98056 and their phone number is 425-203-1234." As the "host society," we need volunteers for help. Go to 2021 SAR National Congress (2021sarcongress.org) and scroll down to "Volunteer." It will list jobs that need filling. We need you! Thanks for helping.

## New & Not So New- Worthy Notes

**Diary of Pvt. Joseph Plumb** "The British knew the situation of the place as well as we did. And as their point-blank shot would not reach us behind the wall, they would throw elevated grapeshot from their mortar, and when the sentries had cried, "a shot," and the soldiers, seeing no shot arrive, had become careless, the grapeshot would come down like a shower of hail about our ears.

I will here just mention one thing which will show the apathy of our people at this time. We had, as I mentioned before, a thirty-two pound cannon in the fort, but had not a single shot for it. The British also had one in their battery upon the Hospital Point, which, as I said before, raked the fort, or rather it was so fixed as to rake the parade in front of the barracks, the only place we could pass up and down the fort. The artillery officers offered a gill of rum for each shot fired from that piece, which the soldiers would procure. I have seen from twenty to fifty men standing on the parade waiting with impatience the coming of the shot, which would often be seized before its motion had fully ceased and conveyed off to our gun to be sent back again to its former owners. When the lucky fellow had caught it had swallowed his rum he would return to wait for another, exulting that he had been more lucky or more dexterous than his fellows.

What little provisions we had was cooked by the invalids in our camp and brought to the island in old flour barrels; it was mostly corned beef and hard bread, but it was not much trouble to cook or fetch what we had.

**Did You Know?** One-third of Americans supported the colonial rule and supported the King. They thought of themselves as Loyalists and even went as far as fleeing to Canada, England, and the Bahamas when the war was coming to an end.

\* *Celebrating anniversaries of the Revolution.*

\* *Fostering true patriotism.*

\* *Maintaining and extending institutions of American freedom.*

\* *Carrying out the purposes of the Preamble of the Constitution.*

\* *Following the injunctions of Washington's farewell address to the American people.*

**Accidentally soldiered too hard.** George Washington wrote, "The constant firing in the Camp, notwithstanding repeated Orders to the contrary, is very scandalous, and seldom a day passes but some persons are shot by their friends."

Source: General Orders, August 30, 1776; Peter Force, American Archives Ser. 5, V1:1248.

## Genealogy Corner

Don't just follow the direct lines. I made the mistake in the beginning of just tracing my direct lines. The problem with doing this is if you hit a brick wall, there is not a lot you can do. Realize you can make greater progress if you also trace the families of siblings and spouses as this gives you a lot more information and other options if you hit that brick wall.

## The Editor's Message

**Dear Compatriots,**

Welcome to your chapter newsletter. Please feel free to send me articles, news, announcements, or to unsubscribe directly at [Newsletter](#)

Sincerely,

Frederick (Rick) Rauschenbach