

## NSSAR Honored Guest



**Michael J. Elston**  
**121<sup>st</sup> President General**

President General Elston joined the SAR in 2006. He is a descendant of at least 11 Patriots of the American Revolution and a second cousin, eight generations removed, of General George Washington.

Prior to his election as President General in July 2025, he served as Secretary General, Treasurer General, Chancellor General, and a Vice President General. He served two terms as National Trustee for Virginia and two three-year terms as a director of the SAR Foundation. He proudly served as President of the Virginia SAR and President of the George Washington Chapter.

President General Elston's daughter, Emily, and son, William, have been active in the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.). Mike has been the Virginia Senior State President and the Senior National Treasurer of C.A.R.

## SEATTLE AIRPORT MARRIOTT HOTEL



**3201 S 176th St,  
Seattle, WA 98188**

### Planning Committee Members

- Dick Paul ..... Chair, Planning Committee
- Tim Smith.....Vice Chair
- Viren Lemmer..... President, WASSAR
- Perry Taylor ..... Vice President, WASSAR
- Dick Moody.....President, GRC (Host Chap)
- Eric Olsen..... WASSAR Color Guard Cmdr.
- Susan Taylor ..... President, Ladies Auxiliary
- Russ Oliver ..... Secretary, WASSAR
- Dan Widdis ..... Treasurer, WASSAR
- John Kraft ..... Registrar, WASSAR
- Brian Dorr ..... Webmaster, WASSAR
- Ronn Mercer..... Registration
- Dick Motz..... Documentation Editor/Design
- Edwin Dierdorff .. Audio/Visual
- Stan Granberg.....Portraits
- Art Dolan ..... GRC (Host Chapter)
- Mike Hutchins .... Imed Past President, GW

**Conference attire: Colonial attire anytime,  
Fri/Sat – Coat & tie, Sat Banquet - Suit or black-tie.**

## Pocket Agenda



## Washington State Conference

**April 24-25, 2026**

**Seattle Airport Marriott  
Seattle Washington**

## Washington Chapters

- ❖ Alexander Hamilton Chapter, Tacoma area
- ❖ Cascade Centennial Chapter, Bellevue area
- ❖ Ft. Vancouver Chapter, Vancouver area
- ❖ George Rogers Clark Chapter, Olympia area
- ❖ George Washington Chap, Mt. Vernon area
- ❖ John Paul Jones Chapter, Bremerton area
- ❖ Mid-Columbia Chapter, Tri-Cities area
- ❖ Ranger Chapter, Mukilteo area
- ❖ Seattle Chapter, Seattle area
- ❖ Spokane #1 Chapter, Spokane area

# WSSAR Conference 2026 - Agenda

## Thursday, April 23

- BOD and Color Guard members arrive late afternoon/evening
- Informal no-host dinner at Applebee's, [17790 Southcenter Parkway](#), Tukwila (6 pm)

## Friday, April 24

|              |  | RM |
|--------------|--|----|
| 9:00-11:00am | BOD Meeting  | 4  |
| 11:00-Noon   | Color Guard Meeting  | 4  |
| Noon-1:00pm  | Lunch on your own  |    |
| 1:00-2:00pm  | PG Elston visit to USO Center (By Invitation, Viren Lemmer)    |    |
| 1:15-2:15pm  | WASSAR Color Guard Rehearsal for Fri Night Dinner (Eric Olsen) | 2  |
| 2:30-3:15pm  | <i>The World's Greatest Breakup Letter</i> (Art Dolan)         | 1  |
| 3:30-4:30pm  | <i>George Washington's Farewell Address</i> (Vern Frykholm)    | 1  |
| 5:30-6:30pm  | Pre-Dinner Social  | 3  |
| 6:30-9:00pm  | Youth & Teacher Recognition Banquet                            | 2  |

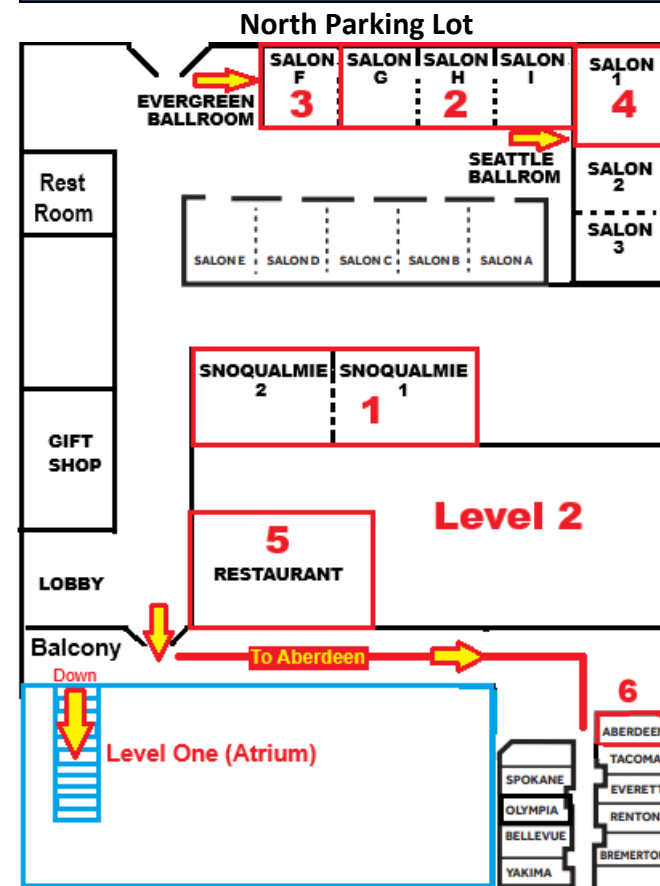
## Saturday, April 25

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| 7:30-8:45am    | WASSAR Color Guard Rehearsal for Sat Night Banquet (Eric Olsen)  | 2  |
| 9:00-10:15 am  | WASSAR Members Meeting   | 1  |
| 10:30-11:15 am | Society of 1812 Meeting  | 1  |
| 9:00-11:00am   | Ladies Auxiliary Meeting   | 6  |
| 11:30am-1:30pm | WASSAR Awards Luncheon   | 2  |
| 2:00-3:00 pm   | Mark Clague, Professor of Musicology, U of Michigan<br><i>O Say Can You Hear? A Cultural Biography of The Star-Spangled Banner</i> | 1  |
| 3:00-3:30pm    | Book Signing, Professor Mark Clague  | 1  |
| 3:30-4:30pm    | <i>The Decade of the American Revolution in Music</i> (Viren Lemmer)   | 1  |
| 4:30-5:30pm    | Free time  |    |
| 5:30-6:30pm    | Pre-Dinner Social  | 3  |
| 6:30-9:00pm    | WASSAR Conference Banquet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSSAR keynote speaker (Michael J. Elston, Esq)</li> </ul>       | 2  |

## Sunday, April 26

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| 8:00-10:00am | Hot Wash/Critique | 5 |
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# Hotel Map



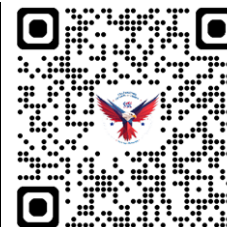
| Room | Name                              |
|------|-----------------------------------|
| 1    | Snoqualmie Ballroom (Salons 1/2)  |
| 2    | Evergreen Ballroom (Salons G/H/I) |
| 3    | Evergreen Ballroom (Salon F)      |
| 4    | Seattle Ballroom (Salon 1)        |
| 5    | Restaurant (Private room)         |
| 6    | Aberdeen                          |

### Hospitality Room

(Ladies Aux)

- Fri: 9:00-10:30am & 1:15-4:30pm
- Sat: 1:30-4:30 pm
- Coffee and snacks are for sale in the lobby gift shop

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