

NSSAR Honored Guest



Michael J. Elston
121st 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.

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- 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 Comdr
- Susan Taylor President, Ladies Auxiliary
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- Dick Motz..... Document Editor/Design
- Edwin Dierdorff .. Audio/Visual
- Stan Granberg.....Portraits
- Art Dolan GRC (Host Chapter)
- Mike Hutchins Immed Past President, GW

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 dinner at Bahama Breeze, [15700 Southcenter Parkway](https://www.bahamabreeze.com/locations/southcenter-parkway), Tukwila (6:00 pm start)

Friday, April 24

		RM
9:00-11:00am	BOD Meeting	1
11:00-Noon	Color Guard Meeting	1
Noon-1:00pm	Lunch on own	
1:00-2:00pm	PG Elston visit to USO Center (By Invitation, Viren Lemmer)	
1:15-2:15pm	WASSAR Color Guard Drill (Eric Olsen)	2
2:30-3:15pm	<i>July 4, 1776 (Fred Gilbert)</i>	1
3:30-4:30pm	<i>George Washington's Farewell Address (Vern Frykholm)</i>	1
5:30-6:30pm	Pre-Dinner Social	3
6:30-9:00pm	Youth & Teacher Recognition Banquet	2

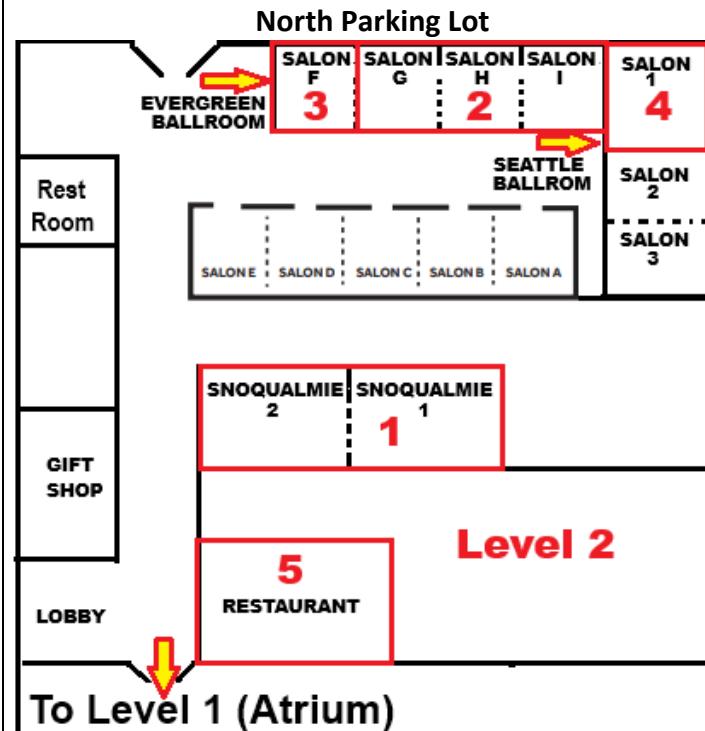
Saturday, April 25

		RM
8:00-8:45am	Society of 1812 Meeting	2
9:00-10:45am	WASSAR Members Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business as determined by WASSAR President 	1
9:00-11:00am	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	4
11:30am-1:30pm	WASSAR Awards Luncheon	2
2:00-3:00 pm	Mark Clague, Professor of Musicology, U of Michigan <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 (Viren Lemmer)</i>	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"> • Special musical performance • NSSAR keynote speaker (Michael J. Elston, Esq) 	2

Sunday, April 26

		RM
8:00-10:00am	Hot Wash/Critique	5

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)

Hospitality Room/Ladies Auxiliary	RM 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fri: 9:00-10:30am & 1:15-4:30pm • Sat: 1:30-4:30 pm • Room will be open for coffee at 8 am each day 	