

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
- Russ Oliver Secretary, WASSAR
- Dan Widdis Treasurer, WASSAR
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- Ronn Mercer..... Registration
- Dick Motz..... Document Editor/Design
- Edwin Dierdorff .. Audio/Visual
- Stan Granberg.....Portraits
- Art Dolan GRC (Host Chapter)
- Mike Hutchins Imed 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 Claim Jumpers, 5901 S. 180th St, Tukwila (6:00 pm start)

Friday, April 24

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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

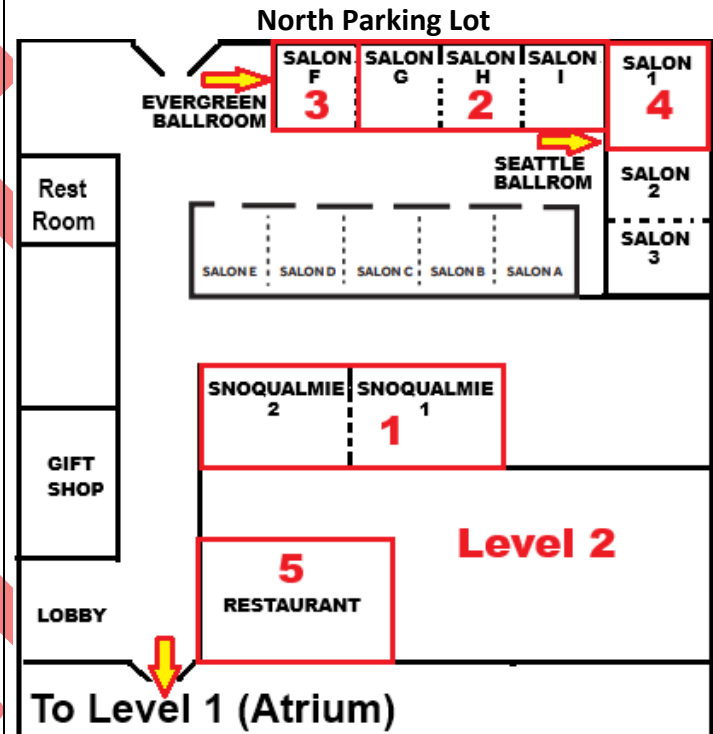
Saturday, April 25

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8:00-8:45am Society of 1812 Meeting	2
9:00-10:45am WASSAR Members Meeting	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business as determined by WASSAR President 	
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	1
<i>O Say Can You Hear? A Cultural Biography of The Star-Spangled Banner</i>	
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	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special musical performance NSSAR keynote speaker (Michael J. Elston, Esq) 	

Sunday, April 26

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)

Hospitality Room/Ladies Auxiliary

- 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

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