

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.

SEATTLE AIRPORT MARRIOTT HOTEL



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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
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- 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

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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>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

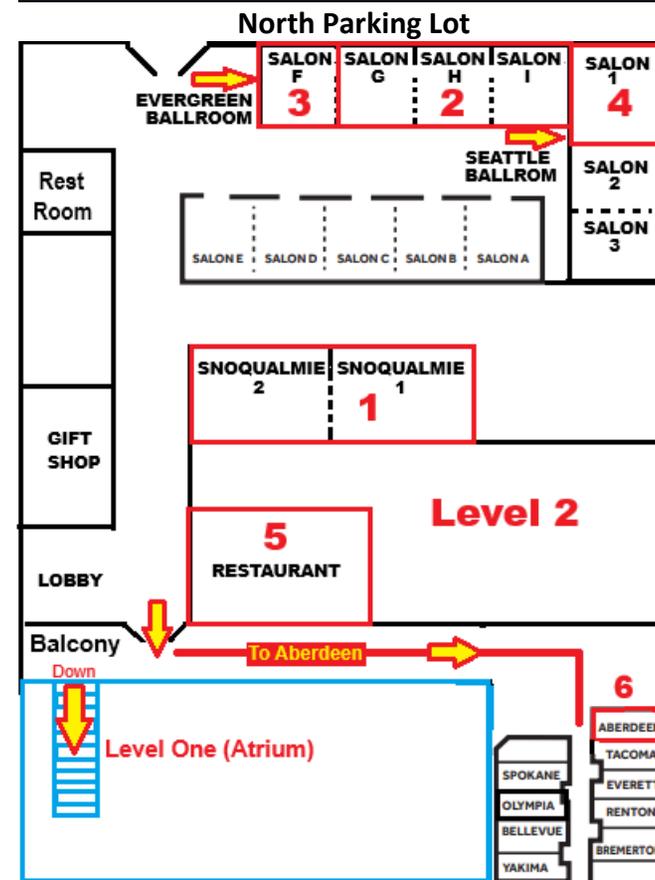
Saturday, April 25

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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 <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"> • NSSAR keynote speaker (Michael J. Elston, Esq) 	2

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)
6	Aberdeen

Hospitality Room/Ladies Auxiliary

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

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