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Salute to the Flag of 1812

All hail to Thee, fair Flag of 1812, under whose stars and stripes our fathers fought for Liberty and Justice. We pledge to Thee our loyal hearts, and thus salute Thee.

(Place your right hand over your heart as you say "loyal hearts." Extend your arm toward the flag with palm up as you say "and thus salute Thee.")

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands; one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

- Francis Bellamy

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WASHINGTON STATE SOCIETY
UNITED STATES DAUGHTERS OF 1812



Saturday, June 23, 2012

WAR OF 1812 BICENTENNIAL CEREMONY

10:30 AM Monument Unveiling Ceremony

at the Bell Tower

Welcome Linda Rae Lind

Washington State President, U.S.D. 1812

Invocation Dorothy Hayden

Washington State Chaplain, U.S.D. 1812

Flag Raising SAR Color Guard

Soloist Vicki Day Melton

Unveiling Linda Rae Lind

Washington State President, U.S.D. 1812

Reading of Names Margaret Questad

Washington State 1st Vice President, U.S.D. 1812

Bell Ringing SAF

Rifle Salute SAR Firing Team with Rifles and Muskets

Taps Col. Bob O'Neal, SAR, and Glenn Ledbetter

Dismissal Proceed to Chapel for the Dedication Program

Please wear a descendant ribbon if you are a direct descendant of one of the men on the monument, a collateral relative, an in-law, or a family representative. The Pages will be distributing the ribbons along with name tags at the Unveiling Ceremony and at the Chapel Service.

The United States Canada Peace Anniversary Association will have a commemorative Bicentennial event. Please check this link for details: www.peacearchpark.org

11:00 AM Bicentennial Monument Dedication Program at the Evergreen Washelli Chapel

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Presentation of Colors SAR

Pledge of Allegiance Margaret Questad

State 1st Vice President and President of the Lewis

& Clark Chapter, U.S.D. 1812

Salute to the Flag of 1812 Arlene Marks

Lewis & Clark Chapter Registrar, U.S.D. 1812

Introductions Linda Rae Lind, U.S.D. 1812

"Spirit of 1812 Awards" Presented to Homer and Marilyn Morrison,

Researchers

Research Booklet Presented to John Lee

Director of Washington State Department of

Veterans Affairs

Guest Speaker Jerry Handfield

Washington State Archivist

Slides of Veterans Linda Rae Lind, U.S.D. 1812

Soloist Vicki Day Melton

Benediction Dorothy Hayden

Washington State Chaplain, U.S.D. 181

Dismissal Following the announcements, please proceed to

refreshments in the Reception Room

Biographies

F. Gerald (Jerry) Handfield, Washington State Archivist – (Guest Speaker) Jerry Handfield, appointed Washington State Archivist by Secretary of State Sam Reed in 2001, was recruited from Indiana where he served as State Archivist for 14 years. As State Archivist, he is responsible for the maintenance and security of all public records and establishes safeguards against unauthorized removal or destruction. Jerry grew up in Connecticut and went to South Dakota for his BA (Yankton College) and MA (University of SD). In 1967, he went to Indiana University for the doctoral program in history. His dissertation and master's thesis focused on American foreign policy in the 20th century. Jerry's career includes many years of teaching college level history, oral history, and fieldwork for the Indiana State Library and the Indiana Historical Society. Jerry was appointed as Director of the Indiana Commission on Public Records by Governors Frank O'Bannon and Evan Bayh. His professional experience includes leadership in several national organizations, special assignments in Indiana state agencies, and archives consultant to the government of Kazakhstan. He enjoys traveling throughout Washington State and meeting county and local officials (he has visited all 39 county courthouses), speaking on the importance of public records and exploring museums and historic sites. His hobbies also include men's softball—voted MVP at the National Championships of 1999 and 2001—and all the activities associated with owning property on South Puget Sound's Eld Inlet—canoeing, kayaking, oyster farming, and neighborhood groups.

Linda Rae Lind, Washington State President, U.S.D. 1812, 2006-2012. Linda is a native of Washington State. She graduated from Western Washington University with a B.A. in General Speech Communication and worked in various state and federal civil service jobs. She and her husband, John, live in Bremerton where for many years they volunteered in refugee resettlement. Linda has been a genealogist since 1990 and is a member of numerous heritage societies. Elected in 2006 as the U.S.D. 1812 State President, she initiated the project of identifying 1812 war veterans who died in Washington Territory in preparation for the Bicentennial of the War of 1812. With family ties in Olympia and frequent visits there, she was able to take advantage of the State Archives, State Library, and Olympia Public Library where many materials were found for the 1812 veterans who died in Washington.

Marilyn and Homer Morrison (Researchers) live in Poulsbo, WA. Both are Maine natives. She grew up on the island of North Haven and graduated from Mt. Desert High School and Husson Business College. He graduated from Greenville High School and the University of Maine. They have been married 54 years and have two daughters and five grandsons. With changes in job assignments, they have lived in six other states. Both were career federal employees. Homer, a civil engineer, retired from the U.S. Forest Service in 1989 and Marilyn, a public affairs specialist, from the U.S. Dept. of Labor in 2004. They share interests in reading, genealogy and history. They have logged hundreds of hours researching veterans of the War of 1812 who died in Washington and traveled to many libraries and cemeteries gathering various records. They are recipients of the "Spirit of 1812" award from the U.S.D. 1812 National Society.

Lt. Col. Bob O'Neal, USA (Retired), is the Color Guard Commander for the Washington State Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Commissioned in the U.S. Army in 1962 and a graduate of the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School, he served in Vietnam, Europe, with NATO and at Fort Sill. Following his military service he worked for 13 years as the Director of Corporate Services for Pay 'n Save Corporation in Seattle. After Pay 'n Save was sold, he founded Corporate Recycling Services, a comprehensive waste management company that greatly reduced costs to major corporations like Sea-Tac Airport, Nalley's Fine Foods, Franciscan Healthcare and many other large businesses. Colonel O'Neal is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, University of Oklahoma and the US Army Command and General Staff College. He is also a Freemason and Sojourner and plays the trumpet in the Tacoma New Horizons Band and is a member of the Tacoma Banjo Club. He is also a member of Bugles Across America and renders taps for military honors four days each month at the Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent. Colonel O'Neal lives in Tacoma with his Norwegian wife, Ronnie.

Glenn Ledbetter (Bugler), a native of Texas, came to Seattle in 1960 as a student at the University of Washington. After graduation with a B.A. Degree in English Literature and a minor in music, he entered the U.S. Navy in 1962, and served as a line officer on three ships in the Pacific. A Vietnam War veteran, he is the Bugler for VFW Post 1040 in Lynnwood. Glenn frequently plays bugle calls at various military funerals, memorials and ceremonies. He now tutors English and trumpet in private lessons and teaches brass instruments for elementary bands at Skyview Jr. High School in Bothell. He's a member of the U.W. Husky Alumni Band and also plays in a church orchestra. He has 22 years experience in residential real estate sales.

Vicki Day Melton (Soloist and Pianist), is well known in the Tacoma music community. She graduated from Pacific Lutheran University and has degrees in vocal performance and education. She is a private voice teacher, pianist, choral director and performer. She has had principal roles with the Tacoma Opera and Tacoma Symphony. She is also an accomplished pianist and has accompanied many choral groups and soloists and also has served on the staff of the Tacoma Youth Chorus.

The Washington State Society Wishes to Thank the Following:

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- Homer and Marilyn Morrison, Researchers
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- The SAR Color Guard and the Firing Team under the command of Col. Bob O'Neal
- Stan Wills, SAR for procuring the 1812-era American flag flown over Fort Mc Henry
- Mary Bienek, member of Elizabeth Ellington DAR Chapter, who created the monument veil
- The many donors who supported the project including members of the U.S.D. 1812 Society; descendants of veterans on the monument; veterans; genealogists; and our friends and families
- The numerous genealogical societies around the state who advertised this event or sent leads on various prospective veterans for the monument
- The Washington State Digital Archives and Washington State Library in Olympia, WA
- Our Volunteer Pages who assisted with the program: Mary Margaret Questad and Sonia Questad
- Washelli Cemetery for waiving and sharing some of the fees for this project
- Quiring Monuments for the production of the monument and the QR's
- Guest Speaker, Jerry Handfield; Soloist, Vickie Melton; Musicians Bob O'Neal and Glenn Ledbetter
- All who attended today's ceremony but especially the descendants of the 1812ers and their families who traveled great distances to be here
- Dr. and Mrs. Kent A. Questad for donating the floral arrangement in the chapel

The National Society United States Daughters of 1812 was organized January 8, 1892. Its National Headquarters is located at 1461 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20005-5402. Their web address is http://www.usdaughters1812.org/. Phone: (202) 745-1812.

The society's motto is "Liberty and Fraternity." Their colors are blue and gray, their flower is the white carnation, and their insignia is the star and anchor. They are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization.

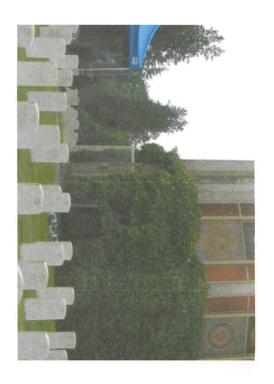
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Washington State Society U.S.D. 1812 – Dedication Ceremony June 23, 2012 for Bicentennial Monument erected for War of 1812 Veterans Who Died in Washington Territory

Washelli Veterans Cemetery, Seattle, WA

Top L to R: Bell tower; State President Linda Rae Lind next to monument; back view of monument; replica Liberty Bell. Center: Soloist Vicki Day Melton with crowd; Washelli Chapel; State First VP Margaret Questad, Linda R. Lind, and guest speaker Jerry Handfield, WA State Archivist; *Spirit of 1812 Award* Recipients Marilyn and Homer Morrison with Linda R. Lind; and State Chaplain, Dorothy Hayden. Lower L to R: Echo Taps; Stan Wills, SAR, donating flag to U.S.D. 1812 for the event, and the visitors assembled in the Washelli Chapel.















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Veterans of the War of 1812 **Bicentennial Monument**

January 01, 1812

Washington State Society U.S. Daughters of 1812 Commemorates the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 By Honoring Veterans of that War Who Died in Washington

Project Coordinated by Linda Rae Lind, Washington State President, U.S.D. 1812 2006-2012

Linda Rae Lind (Mrs. John) of Bremerton, WA holds a B.A. Degree in General Speech Communication from WWU. Serving as Washington State President of the U.S. Daughters of 1812 since 2006, Linda has led a research team in identifying veterans of the War of 1812 who died in Washington State for placement on a Bicentennial Monument to be erected in Evergreen-Washelli Cemetery in Seattle in June 2012.

What happened to the Veterans of the War of 1812 who died in Washington Territory? In 2006 the National Society U.S.D. 1812 challenged all of the state societies to choose a special project for the upcoming Bicentennial of the War of 1812 and host a commemorative event. Since no battles of that war occurred in Washington, the only realistic project was to identify veterans of that war who died here.

Who were the Veterans of the War of 1812 who died in Washington?

I directed this question to the Washington State Department of Veteran Affairs and they had no record of Veterans of the War of 1812 who died in our state. However, they did want a copy of the list should one be created. Next we wrote to the Washington Secretary of State's Office in Olympia and requested that a Commission be established to identify these veterans and honor them. The reply from the Secretary of State's Office stated that since Washington was not even a territory during the War of 1812 there were no reasonable grounds to establish a commission. However, they did offer the assistance of the State Archives for research. They also referred us to the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma but we received a similar rebuff from them. It became apparent that it was up to the members of the U.S.D. 1812 to do the research and host a Bicentennial event without the participation of the State of Washington. With the help of member, Marilyn Morrison, and her husband, Homer, both seasoned researchers, we began looking for the veterans. Our first plan was to place U.S.D. 1812 bronze veteran's markers on the graves of the 1812ers. Not long into our research we discovered that many of the graves were lost to time. So we decided to erect a

Where to start looking?

We started with what we had which was records from the U.S.D. 1812 society. William Rutledge of Tumwater had been marked by the state society in 1977 and we had his data. We wrote to the librarian at the national society and requested records of any other veterans buried here. While waiting for that reply the Morrison's found John Denny and Asa Coombs, dovetailing with records which later arrived from the U.S.D. 1812. Marilyn had stumbled

single monument naming these veterans, their units of service and the counties where they



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(literally) onto the headstone of Asa Coombs, which had inscribed on it, "War of 1812." Hutson Martin's record was also found in the U.S.D. 1812 library.

How did we create a systematic search?

We knew that Washington Territory (originally part of Oregon Territory) was opened to settlement around 1840. We also knew that we were looking for pioneers born before 1800 to have been of the right age to have served in the War of 1812. So we set out to create a list of pioneer men with the life spans ranging from 1775 to 1885 and to check them against military, pension and bounty land records. Oregon Trail rosters, county and local histories as well as genealogical websites became our targeted resources for collecting the names.

Who made the list?

Homer Morrison searched The Works of Hubert Howe Bancroft, and found Jacob Ebey, Walter Crockett, and Turner R. Roundtree noted as veterans of the War of 1812. Finding their actual service records, however, turned out to be very difficult. In the end, Bounty Land Records verified Ebey and Roundtree. Crockett's name was misspelled as Walton Crockett on his service record which was found by searching in the unit listed by Bancroft (Floyd's of Virginia.) Jacob Ebey had a distant cousin of the same name who served from Franklin County, PA. Our Jacob Ebey was living in Franklin County, OH during the war. Ebey also had variant spellings. A volunteer researcher at NARA in Washington, DC, Harold McClendon, finally located the correct record in the Un-indexed Bounty Land Applications along with a letter from the Treasury Department explaining the various spellings of Ebey's name. This was re-confirmed on a Bounty Land record located at the Bureau of Land Management at http://www.glorecords.blm.gov/ .

We are forever grateful for the Clark County Genealogical Society for noting in their book, Clark County Pioneers, A Centennial Salute, those early pioneers who served in the War of 1812. They listed Butler Emery Marble, Hutson Martin, and Peter J. Stice. However, finding their graves still eludes us. Both Martin and Stice had pension records. Marble's descendant Brad DeCody Marble, placed much useful military information on http://www.findagrave.com .

After Marilyn introduced me to the abstracts of the Washington Territory Donation Land Claims (DLC's). I noted all the men born before 1800 and checked them against various online military records. Marilyn also checked these names against the Index to War of 1812 Pension Files, transcribed by Virgil D. White and found entries for Levi Gates along with Jeremiah Mabie. Squire Bozorth had a DLC and his record was found in the Report of the Adjutant General, Kentucky Soldiers in the War of 1812 on http://donslist.net . Homer checked many online obituaries posted on the Washington State Library site and found that Henry Harmon's obit related his service in the War of 1812, as well as John Denny's. I located a service record for Harmon in the U.S. Army Register of Enlistments, 1798-1914 on Ancestry.com. Marilyn spent much time trying to locate the grave of Henry Harmon whose body had been moved twice due to the expansion of Seattle. His headstone was finally located by a volunteer who probed the Harmon plot at Lake View Cemetery, William M. Stewart was found in the List of Pensioners on the Rolls, Jan. 1, 1883 and then reconfirmed by a member (Sabra White) whose late husband descended from him. Sabra provided additional family information to us.

Early into our research we found secondary sources naming George Washington Bush as a veteran of the War of 1812. A service record was finally located by using the Military Records Search Request form from the State of Tennessee http://www.tn.gov/tsla/forms/ss-2236.pdf and from that query I received a copy of Tennesseans in the War of 1812, p. 104, for George Bush. This information was then shared with the Bob Moore of the National Park Service that hosts a site about George Washington Bush. Mr. Moore agreed that this may be the proof of Bush's service as a "waiter" which was a common title for a person of color during the time period. Additional records were obtained from NARA using Form 86 Military Service. Records, via the online site https://eservices.archives.gov/orderonline Additional research by Homer led us to believe that George Bush's middle name of "Washington" could not be proven without a doubt, thus we decided to leave the middle name/middle initial off of the

Finally there was the "Grave in the Middle of the Road". Even though he was one of our first finds he stands as a reminder that sometimes the Hand of Providence guides us in unusual ways. While looking for the grave of a deceased classmate from Longview on the http://www.usgenweb.org site for Cowlitz County, I found the grave of Abel Ostrander whose life span was 1777-1859. I noticed he was from Ulster County, NY, where some of my ancestors once lived and my interest was piqued. I checked the U.S. Census records for 1810 and 1820 and there was only one Abel Ostrander listed in that place. A county history of Ulster County also confirmed that. After trying other military records, through Heritage Quest Online hosted by my local public library, I found Abel Ostrander listed in the book, Military Minutes of the Council of Appointment of the State of New York, 1783-1821, Vol II, p.1517 as having served in 1814 as a Lieutenant in the New York militia. His grave remains in the middle of a driveway off of Pleasant Hill Road in Kelso, WA.

Who didn't make the cut?

More than 100 pioneers were checked on the Washington State Digital Archives site to determine their ages and 40 of those required serious study http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Home . Nine notebooks of research and hundreds of hours of labor have resulted in the current list of 16 men planned to be placed on the Bicentennial Monument which is to be erected in Evergreen Washelli Cemetery in Seattle and dedicated

on June 23, 2012. We left space for two more names just in case we find additional veterans in the future.

Besides the Internet, where did we look?

Public Libraries in Seattle, Bremerton, Poulsbo, Tacoma, and Olympia; The Fiske Library, Seattle; The Seattle Genealogical Society Library; NARA Seattle Branch; Washington State Archives and the Puget Sound Regional Branch in Bellevue; Washington State Library, UW Library; Yakima Valley Genealogical Society Library; Oregon Historical Society Library, Portland and numerous cemeteries.

Places we could not erect the monument: The Veterans Museum in Chehalis, Tacoma War Memorial Park, Tahoma National Cemetery, and the Washington State Capitol Campus. All of these sites had unique complications. We are grateful Washelli Cemetery has allowed us to place our monument there http://www.washelli.com

Alphabetical List of the Veterans of the War of 1812 Who Died in Washington Territory

Veteran Cemetery/Town or County Life Span Military Service Bozorth, Squire IOOF, Woodland 1792-1853 KY Militia Bush, George Bush/Union, Tumwater 1789/90-1863 TN Militia Coombs, Asa Lake View, Seattle 1796-1888 MA Militia Crockett, Walter Sunnyside, Coupeville 1786-1869 VA Militia Denny, John Lake View, Seattle 1793-1875 KY Militia Ebey, Jacob Sunnyside, Coupeville 1793-1862 OH Militia Gates, Levi Body not found - Probate Lewis County 1790-1879 MA Militia Harmon, Henry Lake View, Seattle 1791-1866 U.S. Army Mabie, Jeremiah Masonic - Tumwater 1795-1875 NY Militia Marble, Butler Emery Ft. Vancouver Military Cemetery 1794-1866 U.S. Army Martin, Hutson Prob. Fishers Cemetery, Clark Co. 1783-1862 OH Militia Ostrander, Abel Pleasant Hill Road, Kelso 1777-1859 NY Militia Roundtree, Turner R. Original Boistfort Cemetery, Boistfort 1795-1868 KY Militia Rutledge, William Bush/Union, Tumwater 1794-1872 PA Militia Stewart, William M. Woodlawn Abbey, Sumner 1794-1885 OH Militia Stice, Peter J., Sr. Washougal Memorial Cemetery 1787-1877 U.S. Army

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