

## Honoring the Veterans

After four or five years of marching under sunny – and frequently cloudy conditions – the sky opened up during the 2015 Auburn Veterans Day Parade and dumped buckets of rain on the Color Guard. Still, it was a grand ole’ time; in spite of the soggy tri-corns and wet shoes. Even the finely attired DAR ladies (Daughters of the American Revolution) braved the weather and turned out in force.

The parade marked the 50th anniversary of Auburn’s Veterans Day observance. It is the biggest and best Veterans Day event west of the Mississippi River. As always, thousands of cheering spectators lined the street to honor the veterans. On this occasion, there were 208 marching units – including 30 bands. The SAR Color Guard was #167 in the line-up, so there was plenty of time to cheer on the other participants.

In a remarkable feat, the Washington State SAR Color Guard (along with the contingent of DAR ladies) was awarded the City’s Veterans Award for “Best Non-Motorized” Entry. This outstanding achievement was a group effort, but the presence of the recently formed “Fife and Drum Corps” was a critical factor. Huzzah!

