



The Journal

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Oregon Society, Sons of the American Revolution

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The chapter Color Guard participated in the Veteran's Day parade in Portland's Hollywood District along with our DAR friends.



Our color guard also participated in the funeral of Com-patriot Marv Doty, on 13 December 2014.

2015

Schedule of Events

Future meeting dates:

- 7 February 2015
- 7 March 2015
- 4 April 2015
- 2 May 2015
- 6 June 2015
- 5 September 2015
- 3 October 2015
- 7 November 2015
- 5 December 2015

Pacific District SAR
2015 Conference:
The 2015 Annual Conference for the Pacific District SAR is planned for April 25, 2015 at the Red Lion in Bellevue, WA

Oregon Society SAR Annual
Membership 2015 Meeting:
The Oregon Society SAR
2015 Meeting is planned for
April 11, 2015 at the Valley
River Inn in Eugene Oregon.

Editor's Message:

This is the first edition of our newly-revived newsletter. I expect it to be issued bi-monthly except for the summer months, with 5 issues per year. I also will be serving as our webmaster, and will soon be updating the website, which will include copies of past newsletters, and also copies of the minutes of our meetings.

I will welcome any suggestions or comments you may have.
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Links to websites:

- Chapter:** www.chateaudevin.org/orlcsar
Oregon Society: www.saroregon.org
Pacific District: www.pacdistractsar.org
National Society: www.sar.org

Our next meeting will be Saturday, 7 February, held at our regular location at the Beaverton Activities Center:

**12500 SW Allen Blvd.
Beaverton, Oregon
10:00 AM - 12:00 AM**

We plan to continue our discussion of action items related to the funding of our monument which were identified at the January meeting. See Pages 2 and 3 for the list of items, and the goals that were set.

INCOMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Compatriots, happy New year to all! I am delighted to take office for the first part of 2015. I would like to focus on two projects and ask for your support. The first is to improve our chapter communications program. The new newsletter is key in this effort. The second is to establish a process to finally get our SAR Monument in Beaverton funded and erected. I think we can make both of these happen. But also I want very much to see greater participation and hope more of you will attend chapter meetings. The best to you and yours for the coming year!

Larry Mylnechuk

DECEMBER 2014 MEETING:

The Oregon Youth Chorale

About 16 members of this fine youth group sang for us at our December meeting. They performed four numbers, of very different genres. Considering that they are high-school age, grades 9 - 12, they have exceptional maturity of voice and professionalism. They are under the direction of Sandra Miller, who is the founder and Artistic Director. To hear clips of some of their performances, visit their website at www.occy.org/.

(The picture is from their website)

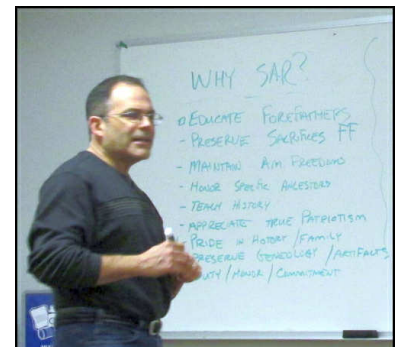
JANUARY 2015 MEETING:

We had two visitors at our January meeting: Johnny Alexander, the Oregon Society State President, and Bob Bogardus, currently the Oregon Society State Treasurer, and who also was the first President of the Lewis and Clark Chapter. Johnny installed the incoming officers for 2015:

From left, Johnny; John Krumbein, Secretary and Treasurer; Jerry Larsen, Historian; Grier Ingebretsen, Vice President; Larry Mylnechuck, President; Larry Heckethorne, Registrar; and Mark Robertson, Sergeant-at-Arms.

BESThq is a collaborative Beaverton-based firm that works with small business entrepreneurs and non-profits and provides a host of services. Their founder, Ron White, is shown in this picture as he facilitates a very productive session to develop strategies for fund raising for our monument project. He did this in three sequential parts: First, identifying our thoughts on "why SAR?" Then, on to "Why Blue Star?" (That's the name of the memorial location in Beaverton) and finally, to "Who Connects" which identified ideas for resources, based on the first two concept lists. We also developed three goals:

- **Raise \$300,000 by the end of 2016**
- **Update brochure to include the "why" and levels of donations, and**
- **Resume monthly committee meetings.**



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Why SAR?

- Educate on Forefather's Sacrifices
- Preserve [the history]
- Maintain American freedoms
- Honor specific ancestors
- Teach history
- Appreciate true patriotism
- Pride in History/Family
- Preserve Genealogy/Artifacts
- Duty / Honor / Commitment

Why Blue Star Memorial Park?

- Appropriate addition to local military park
- Local Support - Mentor: Neighbor Association
American Legion (oversight)
- No other on West Coast? Oregon
- Create Destination --> For Education & History
- Lottery \$\$ for war memorials
- Central Metro site on State Highway
- Blue Star?
- Available & Appropriate
- Lewis and Clark Chapter

Potential Resource Connections:

- School Districts
- Nike & Intel
- Girl / Boy Scouts
- Military Orgs (VFW, Am Legion, Submariners, MOAA)
- University ROTC & H.S. JROTC
- Armed Forces Recruiters
- Local Historians/Museums - Or Hist. Society
- SAR National
- DAR and CAR
- Naval Academy --> USS Ranger connections
- Education Foundations - Oregon Comm Foundation,
Other Oregon History groups
- Corporate Divisions Office
- Politicians Greg Warrren, Jeff Barker, Merkeley
- City of Beaverton / Washington County
- Oregon Public Broadcasting (connections)
- Gerry Frank

We will plan to expand on these at our February meeting, and explore how best to apply them in our pursuit to make the monument a reality. For those who can't attend the meeting, Grier Ingebretsen asks that if you have thoughts or ideas regarding this project, please forward those to the Chapter. I will ensure that any emails I receive as Editor will be forwarded to the appropriate people. Send to: larsen@jerryjan.com

FROM THE ANNALS OF HISTORY**240 Years Ago:**

In late 1774 and the first months of 1775, the seeds of war were sprouting quickly, and would blossom in April 1775 with the actions at Lexington and Concord. In January, 240 years ago, Parliament had officially declared Massachusetts in rebellion, and the following acts were passed (among others):

Coercive Acts. In response to the Boston Tea Party, Parliament passed several acts to punish Massachusetts. The Boston Port Bill banned the loading or unloading of any ships in Boston harbor.

Quartering Act. Parliament broadened its previous Quartering Act (1765). British troops could now be quartered in any occupied dwelling.

New England Prepares for War. British troops began to fortify Boston, and seized ammunition belonging to the colony of Massachusetts. Thousands of American militiamen were ready to resist, but no fighting occurred.

20 Years Ago:**FROM THE SCRAPBOOK:**

Chapter President Kevin Miller presents the SAR Law Enforcement Medal to Helen Bicart-Foster, Officer of the Lake Oswego Police Department. (1995)

The January 1995 newsletter was only the 3rd one to be published by this chapter. It reported the election and installation of officers at the regular meeting on January 7th:

Incoming Officers:

President Kevin Miller
 Vice President Larry Mylnechuk
 Secretary Bill Dunn
 Treasurer Charles Thompson
 Registrar Keith Miller, Sr.
 Newsletter Editor Larry Mylnechuk
 Chaplain Father Charles Osborne, Archdeacon of the Anglican
 Church in America, Diocese of the West.

Outgoing Officers:

President James Yaple
 Vice President Kevin Miller
 Secretary Robert Bogardus
 Treasurer Charles Thompson
 Registrar Keith Miller

More from the January Journal, 1995:

President Compatriot Kevin Miller and Past President Compatriot Jim Yaple have been discussing the possibility of forming a Lewis & Clark Chapter color guard. The color guard would be dressed in revolutionary uniforms and armed with the proper small arms. A color guard decked out like this would be in great demand in this area, and would give the Lewis & Clark Chapter SAR a great PR tool to attract new members.

OTHER NEWS OF INTEREST

Pacific District Conference:

April 24th - 25th, 2015

Excitement is in the air as the Pacific District Sons of the American Revolution gather for a conference. Our special guest this year is President General Lindsey Brock.

Activities: Seminars, Presentations, Colonial displays, drawings for a \$1,200.00 Charlesville musket & other prizes, Fellowship & Fun

Red Lion Hotel (Bellevue)

11211 Main Street

Bellevue, Washington

For more info, go to <http://www.pacdistractsar.org/>

Minuteman Award:

Compatriot Bob Bogardus, who visited us at our recent January meeting and was the first Chapter President when we were formed, has recently been awarded the Minuteman Medal, presented at the National Congress last July in Greenville, South Carolina. The most recent Oregon Compatriot Newsletter contains an article about this. The Minuteman Award is the most prestigious award of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution. The National Executive committee established the award in 1951. Only those Compatriots who have made distinguished and exceptional contributions of service to the National Society may be recognized. He is the first Oregon Society member to be so honored. With only 6 medals awarded in a year, nationwide, this is a major achievement. Go to http://www.saroregon.org/wp-content/uploads/Compatriot_2014-10.pdf to read the entire article, and to see the extent of Bob's remarkable service to the SAR over the years.

Coming Attractions:

We hope to include ancestor biographies, compatriot biographies, new member information, in memoriam information, and other events of interest as occurring. Please send your comments, program interests and any other thoughts you have about our chapter and its activities to Jerry Larsen, Newsletter Editor and Historian, at larsen@jerryjan.com