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FEBRUARY 2015 MEETING



We were pleased to have the Pacific District Vice President General Jim Lindley and his wife Teri join us at our February meeting.



Here VPG Jim is displaying the 1777 Charleville Musket and the \$2,000 Minuteman Lap Quilt that will be raffled off at the Pacific District conference which will be held April 25th in Bellevue, WA. Raffle tickets for each item are \$5.00, which are available on their website at pacdistrictsar.org/. You do not have to be present to win.

Links to websites:

Chapter: www.orlcsar.org
(visit our Chapter website for other links of interest)
OregonSociety: www.saroregon.org
Pacific District: www.pacdistrictsar.org
National Society: www.sar.org

2015

Schedule of Events

Future meeting dates:

- 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.

Larry Mylnechuk, our elected 2015 President, has had to step down from this position due to family issues. Although we hope to be able to see him regularly, we will miss his experience at many levels within the SAR organizations. Grier Engebretsen, our 2015 Vice President, has assumed the duties of President.

Thanks to Bill Packard for stepping up and volunteering to be a Trustee. We need volunteers for the Vice President position, and also for the Color Guard.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, 4 April, held at our regular location at the Beaverton Activities Center:

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

Following a very brief business meeting, Historian Jerry Larsen will present a program on creating a self-published book using free software. More info on the last page in this newsletter.



We were also pleased to have our Oregon State SAR Society President with us in February, Johnny Alexander. He has been a frequent visitor, it's great to see our senior leaders so visible and accessible.

The annual General Membership Meeting is to be held at the Valley River Inn in Eugene. A no-host al la carte luncheon is scheduled during the afternoon.

11 April 2015
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Johnny hopes to see as many compatriots as possible attend, as do your Chapter officers.

MARCH 2015 MEETING:



Compatriot Greir Ingebretsen gave a program describing he and his wife Patti's 7-state and 2,200 mile trip last summer, which started on July 2nd. Besides sightseeing and genealogical research, that put them right in the cradle of the revolution for the 4th of July celebrations. That's Patti at the left, at the foot of the minuteman statue in Lexington, and Grier is holding the voluminous scrapbook that they created with mementos and photos of the trip.



Chapter Historian Jerry Larsen is presented the Vietnam War Veteran's Corps certificate by President Grier Ingebretsen. This is a relatively new effort by the National SAR organization to recognize veterans of the major wars who are living. These include World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. It was started in 2010, and most recently in 2013 President General Dooley established the Vietnam War Task Force. To join, there are criteria that must be met: for example, your Form DD214 must show that you received the Vietnam Service Medal. Very few compatriots in our district have applied - only 2 in Oregon for Vietnam. The certificate is beautifully made, and is signed by the President General.



The National Society
at the
Sons of the American Revolution



Let it be known that the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is proud to announce

Jerome E. Larsen

is a member of its Vietnam War Veterans Corps. He is honored with this Certificate of Patriotism for standing ready to defend the United States against all enemies, foreign or domestic. As a Veteran, he is authorized to purchase and wear the War Service Medal in grateful recognition for his service to country during the Vietnam War.



Lindsay C. Brock
Lindsay C. Brock, President General



Date Feb 2015
Certificate # 158

For more information about this item, go to the National Website page at http://www.sar.org/Committees/Veterans_Recognition to find out more information and to download the forms necessary to apply. Once recognized, the compatriot is eligible to obtain the War Service Medal.

? DID YOU KNOW ?



Medieval



1700's



Modern

THE GORGET

A gorget (from the French "gorge" meaning throat), was originally a band of linen wrapped around a woman's neck and head in the medieval period, or the lower part of a simple chaperon hood. The term subsequently described a steel or leather collar designed to protect the throat, a set of pieces of plate armour, or a single piece of plate armour hanging from the neck and covering the throat and chest. Later, particularly from the 18th century onwards, the gorget became primarily ornamental, serving only as a symbolic accessory on military uniforms, a use which has survived to the modern day in some armies.

Recent advances in protective armour have led to the gorget being reintroduced into the US Army and Marine "Improved Outer Tactical Vest" and "Modular Tactical Vest" systems respectively.

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

It would certainly not be amiss to recount the events that occurred in April of 1775 ("Hardly a man is still alive!") Since it was a pivotal time in our country, and a period of great significance to our Society. The following is from history.com:

"At dawn on April 19, some 700 British troops arrived in Lexington and came upon 77 militiamen gathered on the town green. A British major yelled, "Throw down your arms! Ye villains, ye rebels." The heavily outnumbered militiamen had just been ordered by their commander to disperse when a shot rang out. To this day, no one knows which side fired first. Several British volleys were subsequently unleashed before order could be restored. When the smoke cleared, eight militiamen lay dead and nine were wounded, while only one Redcoat was injured.



Battle of Lexington and Concord

"The British then continued into Concord to search for arms, not realizing that the vast majority had already been relocated. They decided to burn what little they found, and the fire got slightly out of control. Hundreds of militiamen occupying the high ground outside of Concord incorrectly thought the whole town would be torched. The militiamen hustled to Concord's North Bridge, which was being defended by a contingent of British soldiers. The British fired first but fell back when the colonists returned the volley. This was the "shot heard 'round the world" later immortalized by poet Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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"After searching Concord for about four hours, the British prepared to return to Boston, located 18 miles away. By that time, almost 2,000 militiamen—known as minutemen for their ability to be ready on a moment's notice—had descended to the area, and more were constantly arriving. At first, the militiamen simply followed the British column. Fighting started again soon after, however, with the militiamen firing at the British from behind trees, stone walls, houses and sheds. Before long, British troops were abandoning weapons, clothing and equipment in order to retreat faster.

"When the British column reached Lexington, it ran into an entire brigade of fresh Redcoats that had answered a call for reinforcements. But that did not stop the colonists from resuming their attack all the way through Menotomy (now Arlington) and Cambridge. The British, for their part, tried to keep the colonists at bay with flanking parties and canon fire. In the evening a contingent of newly arrived minutemen from Salem and Marblehead, Massachusetts, purportedly had a chance to cut off the Redcoats and perhaps finish them off. Instead, their commander ordered them not to attack, and the British were able to reach the safety of Charlestown Neck, where they had naval support.

20 Years Ago:

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MARCH 1995 JOURNAL

In this month of April we remember events such as Paul Revere's ride to warn the colonists of the impending British march on Lexington. Right now we are debating several issues regarding the federal budget and taxes. It's a good time to remember what our founding fathers sacrificed.

Most of the wealthy men (and women) who supported the American Revolution lost everything. Most lost their homes or businesses in the war effort and many were imprisoned and died. Yet, they did all this for the cause of freedom because they would rather be free than rich. Our freedom is a precious heritage. . .most of our current budgetary issues pale in comparison when viewed in an historical context.

Larry H. Mylnechuk

FROM THE SCRAPBOOK:



Chapter President James Yapple presents certificate to Compatriot William Dunn



Lewis and Clark Chapter Registrar Keith Miller Sr. Receives award from Oregon Society President Leslie Freeman

OTHER NEWS OF INTEREST

DIGITIZATION PROJECT:

The historical records of the Chapter are in the process of being digitized. We have two very large scrapbooks, which are being photographed page by page - so far, 290 pages have been photographed, most of them contain multiple pictures or other documents. There are a number of loose photographs and other items that will be photographed and included in the digital archive. Once this is completed, the archived data will be available to all Chapter members or other SAR members who may have an interest, in a CD or DVD compatible format, probably .JPG and .PDF formats. These will be made available for a nominal price, just to cover the costs of production. I will let everyone know when they are ready, probably within a couple of months.

WEBSITE UPDATE:

I am about 1/3 of the way through the updating of our website. Once completed, the Journal Newsletter copies will be put on the site, as will scanned copies of the monthly meeting minutes. I am contemplating placing our historical record archives on the site, but don't know at this juncture whether or not it can handle the amount of files.

APRIL PROGRAM PREVIEW: **"Creating and Publishing a Family History Book using 100% free software"**

During the program, we will create a "mini-book" from scratch, on my laptop computer, with the action projected onto the drop-down screen so you can see what I'm doing, and I will describe things as they happen.

This will involve several software programs that you are probably not familiar with, but all of them are readily available on the internet for downloading at no cost. They are not "trial" versions, but rather complete packages that are open-sourced without any future \$\$ commitment.

Don't try to take notes! Everything I'll be describing is available on my website - including guidelines with descriptive screen shots that will clearly explain every action that you will see here today.

These are available at: <http://jerryjan.com/book/> and include three sets of guides, plus a downloadable version of my complete book to use as a possible example, showing the results of using this software. Links to all of the software programs are also available on my website.

I will be covering the following topics:

- Using two monitors
- Organizing your desktop and files
- Selecting the format for your book
- Creating footers and page numbering
- Entering text - using drop-caps and indenting
- Capturing pictures
- Editing pictures
- Resizing pictures
- Captioning and bordering pictures
- Embedding pictures into the text and word-wrapping
- Creating the cover sheet, table of contents and appendices
- Final proofing and publishing your creation

This is an awful lot of material to cover in an hour or so - I'll be going very fast. I'll stick around after the session to answer any questions, and will be available by email or telephone.

I hope this may inspire a few of you to finally take your genealogical data and put it into a format that your kids, grandkids and other relatives will enjoy and appreciate!

Jerry Larsen - Lewis and Clark Chapter Historian/Webmaster/Newsletter Editor/Scrapbook Custodian