

Republic Reporter

January 17, 2009 Meeting

Our speaker for our January presentation was Day Westin, the Organizing Secretary for the Oregon State Society Daughters of the American Revolution. She gave us a presentation on the Navajo Code Talkers.

We also installed out new Chapter Officer's for 2009. They are listed in the left border. We appreciate the time they give to the success of our organization. THANK YOU!

Republic Chapter Officers

- President
Compatriot Ken Betterton
- Vice President
Compatriot Bennett Wight
- Secretary/
Treasurer
Compatriot William Blöse
- Registrar
Compatriot Willis Meisenheimer

February 14th Presentation

The Oregon Society made a special presentation Saturday in honor of the celebration of Oregon's 150th anniversary. The recipient, on behalf of Oregon, was Representative Jeff Barker from House District 28. Representative Barker is a member of the Lewis and Clark Chapter. Making the presentation was State President Don Thomas, Southern Oregon Chapter. Also in attendance were State Vice-President Johnny Alexander, Republic Chapter, State Chaplin, Bennett Wight, Republic Chapter, Republic Chapter President Ken Betterton and Republic Chapter Registrar Willis Meisenheimer. The lovely Mrs. Wight took our photographs.



Left to right, Don Thomas, Johnny Alexander, Willis Meisenheimer, Jeff Barker, Ken Betterton and Bennett Wight.

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Important February dates up to 1776

Feb 1, 1775 - The Second Provincial Congress started its deliberations at Carpenters Hall in Philadelphia PA.

Feb 2, 1741 - George Walton was born in VA. He signed the Declaration of Independence for Georgia.

Feb 4, 1776 - Clinton dropped anchor in New York Bay. British troops were put ashore in New York harbor, and Americans rushed to build fortifications.

Feb 5, 1723 - John Witherspoon was born in Scotland. He signed the Declaration of Independence for New Jersey, the only clergyman to sign it.

Feb 6, 1756 - Aaron Burr, third Vice President of the US, was born in NJ.

Feb 7, 1770 Citizens demonstrating in Boston were fired on by British troops. Later John Adams, attorney, defended the British soldiers.

Feb 9, 1775 Both Houses of Parliament presented an address to the King, declaring the existence of a rebellion in Massachusetts.

Feb 9, 1775 Gen. Nathaniel Greene arrives at Guilford Courthouse SC.

Feb 10, 1763 The French and Indian War ended with the signing of the treaty of Paris.

Feb 11, 1752 Dr. Benjamin Rush opened the first hospital in America in Philadelphia PA.

Feb 12, 1776 Gen. Henry Knox arrived outside Boston MA with cannon taken from Fort Ticonderoga. These cannon will later force the British troops to leave Boston.

Feb 13, 1766 Benjamin Franklin testified before the British Parliament about his stand on the Stamp Act.

Feb 15, 1726 Abraham Clark was born in NJ. He signed the Declaration of Independence for New Jersey.

Feb 16, 1776 Washington held a council-of-war and put cannon on Dorchester Heights outside Boston MA to threaten bombardment of Boston harbor and English ships.

Feb 19, 1775 Congress adjourns to a nearby church in Philadelphia PA to hear eulogies for Gen. Richard Montgomery.

Feb 20, 1726 Dr. William Prescott, the Hero of Bunker Hill, was born in MA.

Feb 22, 1732 George Washington was born at Bridge's Creek in Westmoreland Co., VA.

Feb 26, 1775 First forcible resistance at Salem MA. A British force sent there to seize arms turned back when confronted by a group of armed citizens.

Feb 26, 1775 Washington gave orders to forbid games of chance by cards or dice in the army.

Feb 27, 1776 Engagement in Moore's Creek Bridge NC. Americans stopped Scottish Highlanders from joining up with the British.

The Republic Chapter of the National Sons of the American Revolution

Our meetings are generally the third Saturday of the month. We meet at the Sizzler Restaurant located at 1151 Lancaster Drive NE in Salem, OR. We start our meetings at Noon.

Upcoming meetings:
February 21, 2009
March 21, 2009
April 18, 2009

We have a variety of interesting speakers and our own members give presentations on their Patriot Ancestors.

The President's Corner

It's great to have a regular chapter newsletter again--thanks to Compatriot Johnny Alexander!

We all look forward to a successful 2009 in our Chapter and in the Oregon Society. The lifeblood of any organization is membership. We had a very successful 2008, thanks to our Registrar, Compatriot Willis Meisenheimer. We now have 38 members and Willis is working on some more potential members. During 2008, most of the membership gains in the Oregon Society came through the Republic Chapter. We can be very proud of this accomplishment.

The speaker at our February meeting will be Elizabeth Potter with the Pioneer Cemetery here in Salem. The cemetery was founded in 1841, and has a rich and interesting history with many prominent individuals buried there.

Looking on the down the road, in early May we will award our \$500 scholarship to a cadet in the JROTC program at North Salem High School. If you haven't attended one of these award programs at the school, where lots of awards are made, not just our scholarship, I encourage you to attend. It's a wonderful program.

Mark your calendars for the mid-August DAR/CAR/SAR-sponsored by the Lewis & Clark Chapter, at the Caples House in Columbia City. Several Republic Chapter members attend last year. It's a nice location and a great time to meet DAR and other SAR members.

The Board of Managers met in Eugene on January 31. It was a well attended and productive meeting. Events are moving forward on establishing a chapter in Bend. The other major item of discussion concerned establishing a new chapter in Vancouver, Washington. Mel Scott, Vice President General of the Pacific District, talked about this new chapter. Because a number of Lewis & Clark members live in the Vancouver area, and might join that chapter, a number of Oregon Society members expressed concern that the Oregon Society might be weakened by creating this new chapter. My sense is that this issue will be revisited in the future. No firm decision to start the Vancouver Chapter has been made.

I look forward to seeing members at the February meeting.

Ken Betterton

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About The Republic Chapter

Republic Chapter members come from all walks of life such as educators, clergy, carpenters, attorneys, doctors, welders and others. Our age group is diverse. We are a national historical, non-profit, non-political, community oriented organization open to all male descendants of American Revolutionary Patriots. A primary objective is to preserve and perpetuate the deeds of those brave and gallant patriots which ultimately lead to the formation of the United States of America.