

Republic Reporter

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President's Corner

Don't forget the JROTC awards ceremony Friday, May 8, starting at 6:00 p.m. at North Salem High School's gym. Our Chapter will make two awards, the Society's SAR Award to an outstanding JROTC underclassman, and our Chapter's \$500 Percy Willis Scholarship to an outstanding JROTC student planning to attend college. Several of us met the other evening and chose the scholarship winner from five outstanding candidates. It would be nice to see a good turnout from our Chapter at the ceremony on May 8.

We had a productive BOM meeting in Eugene, Saturday, April 25. Compatriots Johnny Alexander, Bennett Wight and I attended. The Lewis & Clark Chapter is moving forward with their Sons of the American Revolution War Memorial in Beaverton. They plan to make a presentation to the State of Oregon in June for a grant, which will cover most of the financial cost for the monument. The total cost is about \$300,000. The State wants to see seed money from the Lewis & Clark Chapter to demonstrate their commitment to the project. The Society donated \$500 for seed money at the BOM meeting. The Lewis & Clark Chapter needs to raise about \$1,500 more in cash to demonstrate that commitment. If Republic Chapter members want to contribute to this great cause, they can make a check payable to: Lewis & Clark SAR, Sons of the American Revolution, 8152 S.W. Hall Boulevard, #220, Beaverton, Oregon 97008-6415. I've seen the drawings and plans for the memorial. It will be a wonderful tribute to the heroes of the American Revolution. I'm told there are very few memorials in the United States dedicated specifically to the American Revolution. That's hard to believe! This memorial in Beaverton will be one of the finest.

The BOM also agreed to contribute \$500 in the name of the Oregon Society to the NSSAR's Center for Advancing America's Heritage. I encourage all Chapter members to give as much as they can to this great project.

The SAR/DAR/CAR annual picnic is set for Saturday, August 22, at the Veterans' Memorial Park in Wilsonville. We'll have more details at our June meeting.

The Society is moving forward with plans for our annual meeting banquet. It's set for Saturday, October 24, at the Holiday Inn in Wilsonville. Compatriot Johnny Alexander is leading the effort to put the program together. It should be a great event.

Ken Betterton

Important May dates up to 1776

May 1, 1776 Massachusetts expunged the name of King George from legal proceedings.

May 2, 1775 Gov. Patrick Henry called out the Virginia militia to protect the Williamsburg capital.

May 4, 1775 Rhode Island renounced allegiance to the King.

May 4, 1776 Rhode Island refused to allow documents signed by King George to be enforced.

May 5, 1775 Engagement at Martha's Vineyard.

May 5, 1775 Franklin returned home and is elected to the Provincial Congress.

May 6, 1740 John Penn is born in Virginia. He signed the Declaration of Independence.

May 6, 1776 Engagement at Plains of Abraham, Canada.

May 8, 1775 Minutemen are called out in Massachusetts.

May 10, 1730 George Ross was born in Delaware. He signed the Declaration of Independence.

May 10, 1775 Capture of Ticonderoga by Ethan Allen.

May 10, 1775 The Second Continental Congress.

May 11, 1730 John Hart was born in Connecticut. He signed the Declaration of Independence.

May 11, 1775 Lexington Alarm posted in Charleston SC.

May 11, 1775 Patrick Henry has a militia guard on his way to the Congress in PA .

May 12, 1775 Seth Warner takes Crown Point.

May 13, 1775 British Gen. Gage arrives in Boston MA with 15 patriots on a hit list .

May 14, 1775 Engagement at Fort St. John, Canada.

May 15, 1776 The Virginia assembly directed the Virginia delegates to vote for Independence.

May 17, 1772 Rhode Island proposed a General Congress.

May 17, 1772 Rhode Island adopted its own ruling body.

May 17, 1776 Washington called for a national day of fasting .

May 18, 1775 Benedict Arnold was victorious over British and Canadian forces at St. Johns, Canada.

May 19, 1776 Washington sent Gen. Gates to Congress to plead for supplies.

May 19, 1776 Battle of the Cedars, Canada.

May 20, 1774 The Charter of Massachusetts was annulled and its people declared rebels by the British Parliament.

May 20, 1775 The Mecklenburg NC Accords of Independence were signed.

May 21, 1775 The Pennsylvania assembly passed a Declaration of Rights.

May 21, 1775 Engagement at Grape Island MA.

May 23, 1775 New York issued a Declaration of Rights.

May 24, 1774 Virginia declared a day of fasting.

May 24, 1775 John Hancock of MA was elected the first Congressional president.

May 25, 1775 Ships of war and troop transports arrive in Boston MA with British Generals Howe, Burgoyne, and Clinton.

May 26, 1775 Congress declares a "United Colonies of America" as the name of our new government.

May 26, 1776 Engagement at Hogg Island MA.

May 26, 1776 Engagement at Vandreuell, Canada.

May 27, 1775 Engagement at Noddle's Island MA.

May 27, 1775 Washington is forced to move his headquarters again, over the course of the war these were set up at over 100 locations.

May 28, 1775 Engagement at Hogg Island MA.

May 29, 1736 Patrick Henry was born in Virginia. His backing of Clark (for the expedition to the west coast) was critical to securing the West for the United States.

May 31, 1774 Maryland issued a Declaration of Rights.

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.

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

Upcoming meetings:

May 16, 2009

May 2009 Meeting

Our own Compatriot Colin Armstrong will give us a presentation of the Evergreen Museum located in McMinnville, OR. Among the many airplanes sits a large one-of-a-kind Spruce Goose.

Picture Credit: Evergreen Aviation Museum



In our Memory

Bernard A. Smith III died April 29, 2009 as the result of a car accident. He was 61.

Compatriot Smith was the Registrar of the Lewis & Clark Chapter and a Past-President of the Oregon Society Sons of the American Revolution.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orrcsar/>

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.