

Republic Reporter

President's Column

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and holiday season. We're all looking forward to a prosperous 2010 for the Republic Chapter. I think our Chapter is strong and vibrant. We have 40 members, with more on the way, thanks to the hard work of Compatriot Registrar Willis Meisenheimer.

We installed our officers for 2010 at the December meeting. I will return as President, David Devin will be Vice President, Archie Mustard will be Secretary/Treasurer, Willis Meisenheimer will be Registrar, Colin Armstrong will be Chaplin, and Richard Duer will be Trustee. Compatriot Willis Meisenheimer was given a Certificate of Appreciation at the December meeting for his work as Registrar.

We talked at the December meeting about some projects for the Chapter for 2010. Compatriot Johnny Alexander is going to explore our Chapter cleaning up the Liberty Bell at the Capitol Building. I guess it needs some cleaning. Johnny will also look into us participating in the Liberty Bell ringing event on July 4. That's the event held nationwide at the same time (2:00 p.m. eastern time), where Liberty Bells in each state are rung. Compatriot David Devin is going to explore how our Chapter might participate in the annual Veterans Day parade in Albany.

Our January program will be a presentation by Compatriot Archie Mustard on his patriot ancestor. Our March program will be Bob Baldwin with the Willamette Valley Genealogy Society. He works in genealogy through the State Library and will talk about genealogy resources we can use through the State Library. It should be an informative talk.

Hope to see everyone at the January 16 meeting.

President Ken Betterton

Republic Chapter Officers

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Important January dates in 1777

Jan 2 Second battle for Trenton NJ. This denied a Hessian escape.

Jan 2 Engagement at Assumpsick Bridge NJ.

Jan 3 Battle of Princeton. Washington's army routed the British and freed most of NJ.

Jan 7 Washington arrived at Morristown NJ for winter camp at Jockey Hollow.

Jan 15 Vermont (also known as New Connecticut) declared for Independence.

Jan 17 Battle at Kingbridge NY.

Jan 20 Battle of Somerset Court House NJ.

Jan 21 Washington ordered that plunder be divided among the scouting parties who faced added danger.

Jan 22 Engagement at Millstone NJ.

Jan 25 Engagement at West Farms NJ

Jan 25 Washington gave an order that all citizens must take an Oath of Allegiance.

Jan 29 Engagement at Augusta GA begins. The British captured it and held it until driven out by "Lightfoot" Harry Lee in 1781.



In our Memory

Blodgett, Forrest C., 82, Born October 6, 1927, Died December 31, 2009. Forrest was born in Oregon City, Oregon. He was a retired professor of economics for Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon. Forrest is survived by his daughters, Candis Blodgett and Cherine Klein; and son, Clint Blodgett. Life member Compatriot Blodgett has been a continuous member of the Republic Chapter, Oregon Society since he first joined SAR on January 25, 1968. He was also Oregon Society President from 1985 to 1987.

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:

January 16, 2010

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