

# Republic Reporter

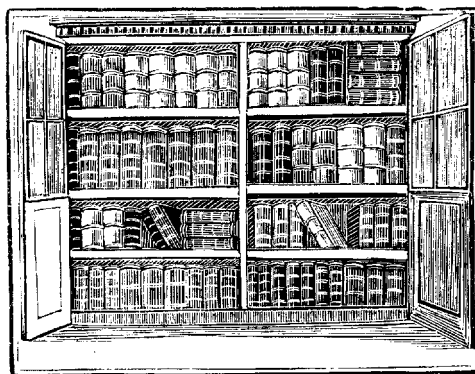
**March 20, 2010  
Chapter Program**

## **Presentation by Joan Kaiser and Sue Bell from the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society**

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We thank Joan and Sue for talking to us about some of the research materials located in the Oregon State Library. All of the research materials for genealogy are available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the library. The library is located in Salem at 250 Winter Street NE.



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Some of the materials handed out included the WVGS Newsletter for March which included a tremendous amount of research materials and associated web sites. Most of the meetings for the WVGS appear to be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month.

Again, many thanks to both ladies for presenting this information.

# 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:  
**April 17, 2010**  
Tom Laidlaw  
impersonating William Cannon

## Important April dates in 1777

April 13, 1777  
Engagement at Bound Brook NJ.

April 19, 1777  
Engagement at Woodbridge NJ.

April 25, 1777  
The British raid Danbury CT

April 27, 1777  
Battle of Ridgefield CT.

April 28, 1777  
Skirmish at Crompo Hill CT.

## We're on the Web!

*See us at:*

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

## Pacific District Conference March 27, 2010

We had about 50 people at the Saturday evening banquet at our recent Pacific District meeting. Former President General Bruce Wilcox, his wife Theresa, and Registrar General Stephen Leishman represented NSSAR at our meeting. Events Friday included a photo session at the park where the Lewis & Clark Chapter will build their Revolutionary American War Memorial. Friday evening included an informal dinner for about 30 members of the Alaska, Washington and Oregon Societies.

Saturday events included the District business meeting Saturday afternoon. Compatriot Eugene Melvin, the ORSSAR Vice-President, organized a great convention.

Officially, Patriots Day was declared by Congress to be on September 11<sup>th</sup> to remember the horrible terrorists attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. Other states celebrate a "Patriots Day" to commemorate some significant historical event. Notwithstanding those other designations, most SAR members recognize "Patriots Day" as April 19<sup>th</sup>, and agree to celebrate with our compatriots in Massachusetts and Maine the heroic actions of our patriot ancestors at the Battles of Lexington and Concord. My San Antonio SAR chapter was chartered on April 19, 1930. The battles of Lexington and Concord were the first military engagements of the American Revolutionary War

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American\\_Revolutionary\\_War](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Revolutionary_War)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lexington\\_and\\_Concord#cite\\_note-French-7](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lexington_and_Concord#cite_note-French-7)

They were fought on April 19, 1775. These battles marked the outbreak of open hostilities between England and its 13 colonies in North America. Unrest in the Boston Bay area began with the tax imposed on tea by England in 1773. Colonists, dressed like Indians, boarded a tea laden ship in Boston Harbor on Dec. 16, 1773, and threw the tea into the harbor. Thus, the Boston Tea Party was the first act of open rebellion in Massachusetts. As a result, England beefed up its military presence in the area. This caused the colonists to build up secret stockpiles of weapons, ammunition and other supplies. In mid April about 700 redcoats were given orders to destroy these stockpiles of military supplies stored at Concord. The patriots learned of this plan and moved most of them elsewhere. The first shots were fired just as the sun was rising at Lexington. The militia was outnumbered and fell back, and the regulars proceeded on to Concord, where they searched for the supplies. At the North Bridge in Concord, several hundred militiamen defeated three companies of English soldiers. Additional minutemen inflicted injuries on the soldiers as they retreated. After reinforcement, about 1,700 English soldiers, under the command of Lt. Gen. Hugh Percy marched back to Boston under heavy fire. Ralph Waldo Emerson incorrectly described the first shot fired by the patriots at the North Bridge as the "shot heard 'round the world". That shot was actually fired at Lexington a few hours earlier. Today, we honor the memory of our brave ancestors who took up arms to defend their homes and families against an aggressive government. What should be remembered here is that the patriots had been good at intelligence gathering; that they correctly studied the warning signs from the English; they had prepared themselves for the eventual confrontation with the English soldiers; and that when the time came, they were up to the task. That shot heard around the world in 1775 can still be heard today. It reminds us to be ever vigilant against oppression. I will have the honor of participating in the Patriots Day ceremonies with the Massachusetts SAR Society in Concord on April 17-19, 2010.

Ed Butler  
President General