

# Republic Reporter

## May 15, 2010 Chapter Program

### Grafting and Pruning Family Branches using DNA Genealogy Or “One DNA test is worth 1,000 hours of Research”

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Our own Compatriot David Devin discussed using DNA as a genealogy research tool. DNA can be a useful tool to help break through the “brick walls” that sometimes happen when doing genealogical research, but it’s very critical to remember that DNA results do not identify a specific biological ancestor. Results are only valuable when compared to other test results.

There are a variety of laboratories that do genealogy DNA testing. The recommended laboratories are AABB and ISO certified.

There are a variety of DNA tests and all are designed to produce “markers” to aid in determining your ancestors.

Once you have selected and paid for the test, a sample kit is sent to you. To collect the samples is painless and requires you to use a cotton swab to collect the DNA samples. After you mail the collected samples back to the laboratory, the results will be mailed back after about 6-8 weeks. The results are normally in a table, and the results are compared with other tests to determine who potential matches are.

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# 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:

**June 19, 2010**

Karen Lightner, DAR,  
DAR overseas Chapters

This will be the last meeting until

**September 18, 2010**

## Important June dates in 1777

Jun 14 Congress approves the design of a flag to represent the nation

Jun 14 John Paul Jones receives his naval commission

Jun 16 British retake Crown Point NY

Jun 17 Engagement at Millstone NJ

Jun 22 British Gen. Howe burned the homes in Amboy NJ (now Perth Amboy)

Jun 23 An Act of Congress formed a "Corps of Invalids"

Jun 26 Engagement at Short Hills NJ

Jun 26 In an engagement at Westfield NJ, troops under Gen. Alexander (also known as Lord Stirling) gain a draw with British troops under Gen. Cornwallis.

Jun 30 British Gen. Howe evacuates New Jersey

## We're on the Web!

*See us at:*

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

Compatriot Willis and I attended the JROTC awards program at North Salem on May 14 and awarded the \$500 Percy Willis scholarship to Cadet Dustin Muravez. He will be attending Oregon State in September. The outstanding sophomore award went to Emma Espino.

The speaker for our June meeting will be Karin Lightner (DAR) who will talk about DAR's chapters overseas. SAR has overseas chapters as well.

At the May meeting, we discussed raising our chapter dues from \$7 to \$15. At \$7, we barely cover our administrative costs. Raising the dues a bit will put us on a firmer foundation financially and give us some room to do some projects. We will vote at the June meeting on raising the dues. Come and give your thoughts and cast your vote.

I will be attending the National Congress in Cleveland June 26 through 30. I'm looking forward to it.

We have no meetings in July or August. As far as I know, we're going to be involved and recognized at the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes July 4<sup>th</sup> baseball game as part of their recognition of veterans' and patriotic organizations.

Don't forget the DAR's having "A Day in the Country Supper" barbeque, Saturday, July 31, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at Champoeg Park. Tickets are \$25 per person; \$20 if purchased before May 24. Contact Judy Van Atta at (503) 678-5537 for more information and to purchase tickets.

President Ken Betterton

### **July Events**

**Reading of the Declaration of Independence**

**4 July, 10:30 AM**

**West Side of the Capitol by replica Liberty Bell**

**Volcano's Recognition Night**

**4 July, 6:30 PM, Keizer ballpark**