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President's Comments

As the new President of the Chapter, I would like to thank Compatriot Ken Betterton for his services as the President for the past three years. As a relatively new member of the Chapter and the SAR, I have a steep learning curve in trying to live up to the service and leadership provided by Compatriot Betterton.

In taking on the responsibilities of President, I suddenly realize that I do not have the "chapter memory" of the rituals, processes, and past history of the Chapter. I want to thank Compatriots Meisenheimer, Alexander, Bogardus, and Betterton for helping me get started.

It has also made me realize that many of the things the Chapter does on a regular basis are "stored" in the minds of our more experienced Compatriots. I think it would help newer members grow into "sharing the load" if that knowledge was more formally documented. It does not need to be anything elaborate; a simple statement of who do you contact, when does it need to be done, what needs to be provided would go a long ways to help others take on roles in the Chapter.

Compatriot David Devin
Republic Chapter President

2011 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held in Eugene at the Eugene Hilton downtown on 9 April. The Board of Managers will meet in the morning, followed by the annual meeting and then lunch with a speaker followed by awards presentations. You should have received information and ballots for the election of State officers. Please attend if you can and make sure to vote and mail in your ballot.

2011 Pacific District Meeting

Vice President General Compatriot Donald B. Thomas has called a meeting of the Pacific District 30 April 2011 to be held in Olympia, WA. at the Red Lion Hotel. When you make your room reservation indicate that you are a member of SAR or the Sons of the American Revolution and you are attending the group meeting on 30 April. The quoted room rate is \$99.95 per night plus any taxes. The Pacific District meeting is a great place to meet fellow Compatriots for Alaska and Washington and is a wonderful opportunity to share and grow in SAR knowledge. Please make every effort to attend.

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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:

March 19, 2011

West Salem High School Robotics Team

April 16, 2011

May 21, 2011

June 18, 2011

Compatriot Keel presenting on his Patriot Ancestor.

Important March dates in 1778

18 Mar - Engagement at Quintan's Bridge, NJ.

20 Mar - Benjamin Franklin was finally presented to the French King in court.

21 Mar - Engagement at Hancock's Bridge NJ.



Governor Kitzhaber today ordered all flags at public institutions to be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset on **Saturday, February 26, 2011**, in memory of United States Marine Sergeant Matthew J. DeYoung.

Sgt. Matthew J. DeYoung, 26, of Talent, died February 18, 2011 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

“Sergeant DeYoung was an outstanding Marine who served his state and his country with honor and distinction,” said Governor Kitzhaber. “His sacrifice for our nation will never be forgotten.”

Source:

http://governor.oregon.gov/Gov/media_room/press_releases/p2011/press_022411.shtml

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

THE BATTLE OF QUINTON'S BRIDGE

March 18, 1778 at Quinton's Bridge, New Jersey

Quinton's Bridge was located on Alloway Creek. On March 12, British Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Charles Mawhood, along with a mixed force of Simcoe's Rangers and British regulars, crossed the Delaware River; the purpose of this move was twofold, to forage for supplies and to meet up with the foraging party led by Colonel Anthony Wayne. The parties joined and went towards Salem, New Jersey; there, they were met by some Tories, who told the commanders that Colonel Asher Holmes, along with 300 militia, was only three miles to the southeast. Like the British, Holmes's men were foraging in the area, and Holmes had taken a position to cover Quinton's Bridge while they were at work.

Before dawn on March 18, Mawhood moved several detachments of men into position on the side of the creek opposite the American forces. Holmes, knowing of the British presence in the area, had ordered planks removed from the bridge as an additional precaution. However, as soon as the Americans saw a British detachment moving to their rear, coming from the direction of the local tavern, a Captain Smith replaced the planks and left 100 men on the high ground. He took 200 more across the bridge in pursuit. This force followed the British further along the road, eventually making contact with another group of the British soldiers, who had been posted behind a rail fence. The remainder of the British force was nearby, posted in a house by the fence.

When Smith and his men were attacked, the soldiers posted in the house slipped out and ran to the Americans' rear flank, cutting off any retreat to the bridge. They then forced Smith's force to attempt another crossing of the creek. At this point the main body of British soldiers arrived at the bridge and attempted to cross over to the American position. They were stopped by Colonel Elijah Hand and his militia, who arrived with two guns in time to stop a complete annihilation of the American force. In the event, the Americans lost between 30 and 40 men in the engagement, most to drowning.

Source: <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/780318.htm>

I noted that the spelling apparently could be either way – Quintan or Quinton. Editor