

Republic Reporter

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March Meeting

Our March meeting was a presentation by 3 young men from the West Salem High School Robotics Team. We heard a very interesting description of the various types of robots they build as well as the different contest they have competed in. They recently won two competitions that qualified them for two international contests. They are trying to raise funds to attend the FTC World Championship and the VEX Robotics World Championship. I can't tell you the differences in the two contest other than I know that they have to have two different robots to compete.

They had one of their robots to show us how they worked. This robot was designed to pick up round rings and place over a spindle. Here is a picture of this robot.



The robots are all remote controlled and the legs in the background belong to the two young men driving the robot. After the presentation, the Chapter donated \$100 to their fund for making the trip.

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 16, 2011

Discussion of proposed constitution and by-laws

May 21, 2011

June 18, 2011

Compatriot Keel presenting on his Patriot Ancestor.

Important April dates in 1778

April 5 - North Carolina ratified the Articles of Confederation.

April 10 - The French fleet arrived in America with provisions and arms, thanks to the efforts of Benjamin Franklin.

April 17 - Battle of Bristol PA.

April 25 - Capt. John Paul Jones and his crew capture the HMS Drake.

April 27 - Capt. John Paul Jones and his crew attacked Whitehaven England and burned the HMS Thompson.

April 29 - Benjamin Franklin received the support of King Louis XVI and of Voltaire -- a famous French writer.

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.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

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

April 27-28, 1778 at Whitehaven, England

On April 27-28, John Paul Jones leads a detachment from the U.S.S. Ranger, setting 3 ships on fire while also spiking the guns of two forts protecting the port. Later in the day, Sailing across the bay to St. Mary's Isle, Scotland, the American captain planned to seize the Earl of Selkirk and hold him as a hostage to obtain better treatment for American prisoners of war. However, since the Earl was absent, the plan failed. *Editor: Note the differences in date. The source for April 25 listed on the preceding page is from NSSAR. Here is the source for this date:*

<http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/1775-1783n.htm#780428>

The next four pages are the draft constitution and by-laws for the discussion on Saturday. These are important documents for our Chapter and if you have suggestions for improvement, please come to the meeting.

CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC CHAPTER SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Article 1 – Name

The name of this organization shall be the Republic Chapter Sons of the American Revolution.

Article 2 – Objects

The objects of this chapter are the same as defined at Article II of the Constitution of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR).

Article 3 – Eligibility for membership

Eligibility for membership is the same as defined at Article III of the Constitution of NSSAR.

Article 4- Officers and Trustees

Section 1. The officers of the Republic Chapter shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar, a Chaplin and a Trustee who shall be elected by a majority vote at a meeting prior to the beginning of the Chapter year and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected. All Chapter officers shall serve without compensation. Except for the office of President, one person may hold several elected positions.

Section 2. The President will appoint a nominating committee from the membership to develop a slate to be presented to the membership for their vote. Floor nominations for any position will be accepted at the election meeting. All nominees have to approve their nominations.

Section 3. The Republic Chapter will use the same election year as OSSAR.

Article 5 – Meetings

Meetings will be held as necessary to comply with Oregon Society Sons of the American Revolution (ORSSAR) meeting requirements.

Article 6 – Parliamentary Authority

The rules set forth in the most current edition of *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall govern the Republic Chapter and all meetings in which they are not inconsistent with NSSAR, ORSSAR State or this document.

Article 7 – Amendments

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present and voting a meeting of the Republic Chapter provided that at least thirty days' notice was provided to the Republic Chapter membership. Said notice will be communicated by the most efficient means available. The 30 day notice will commence with the date of any mailings or if the notice is conducted by electronic means, the date the notice was sent electronically.

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BYLAWS OF THE REPUBLIC CHAPTER SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Bylaw number 1 – Officers, Powers and Duties

Duties of the Officers shall be as usually apply to their respective offices and such powers as directed by Republic Chapter membership. Officers shall report at Chapter meetings as required. Officers will report to the Oregon Society Sons of the American Revolution (OSSAR) as required by OSSAR. Officers will be installed annually following the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) guidelines.

Bylaw number 2 – President

The President serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Republic Chapter. The President may delegate duties he deems appropriate to Republic Chapter members. The President shall attend ORSSAR Board of Managers (BOM) meetings when the BOM is holding meetings. The President will appoint committees as necessary to carry out the program of service for the Republic Chapter. The President is responsible for Republic Chapter reporting requirements to ORSSAR or NSSAR.

Bylaw number 3 – Vice-President

The Vice-President will perform duties as assigned by the President.

Bylaw number 4 – Secretary

The Secretary will record minutes at Republic Chapter meetings. The minutes will approved and used for documenting decisions that the Republic Chapter makes while conducting the mission of the Republic Chapter. The Secretary will keep a record of minutes.

Bylaw number 5 – Treasurer

The Treasurer will maintain the monies for the Republic Chapter. The Treasurer will present a Treasurers report at each meeting. The Treasurer will expend funds as approved.

Bylaw number 6 – Registrar

The Registrar shall be the official custodian for membership data of the Republic Chapter. The Registrar will make necessary membership reports to OSSAR and NSSAR as requested. The Registrar will have a membership roster published containing information approved by the Republic Chapter.

Bylaw number 7 – Chaplin

The Chaplin will perform duties as requested by the President.

Bylaw number 8 – Trustee

The Republic Chapter will comply with OSSAR guidance on the number of Trustees the Republic Chapter is allowed to have. The Trustee will attend the OSSAR BOM meetings. ORSSAR BOM voting requirements for chapter trustees are outline by OSSAR.

Bylaw number 9 – Committees

The President will form committees as necessary to perform the mission of the Republic Chapter.

Bylaw number 10 – Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, the procedures of OSSAR will be followed.

Bylaw number 11 – Amendments

The Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present and voting a meeting of the Republic Chapter provided that at least thirty days' notice was provided to the Republic Chapter membership. Said notice will communicated by the most efficient means available. The 30 day notice will commence with the date of any mailings or if the notice is conducted by electronic means, the date the notice was sent electronically.

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