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Sounds of Liberty 2011

On a beautiful 4th of July morning at 10:30 AM, we held our annual celebration of the Declaration of Independence. Chapter members Compatriots Wight, Devin and Alexander and members of their families were in attendance. Also attending were Compatriots Bogardus and Swim from the Thomas Jefferson Chapter in Eugene. The Daughters of the American Revolution were represented by members from the Anna Maria Pittman and the Chemeketa Chapters. The Lausanne Society Children of the American Revolution was well represented and 4 members helped read the Declaration. We are proud of the young members that read. They were Matthew, Jaci and Gianna Schnurbusch and Jennifer Devin. Our guest speaker was Lt. Col Pat Cooney, USA retired, and current Director of Communications for the Oregon Department of Transportation. His presentation was about how President Lincoln cherished the Declaration and used the Declaration to focus on the efforts to save the United States.



Lt Col Pat Cooney, USA retired, guest speaker

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:

September 17, 2011

October 15, 2011

November 19, 2011

December 17, 2011

Important July dates in 1778

Jul 1 - Battle at Wyoming, PA.

Jul 3 - Massacre at Wyoming, PA

Jul 5 - Clark captures Kaskaskia, IL and the next day Cahokia, IL

Jul 5 - Battle at Vincennes, IN.

Jul 20 - Washington's army encamps at White Plains, NY.

Jul 29 - French Admiral D'Estaing arrives at Newport, RI with the French fleet and anchors off Point Judith. RI. The threat of loss in combat forces the English to destroy ten of their war vessels and 212 guns.



The following Compatriots have July birthdays:

David Devin – 7
Jeffrey Claxton – 23

We're on the Web!

See us at:

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

Upcoming Events

ORSSAR Board of Managers meeting, July 30, Eugene

CAR/DAR/SAR picninc hosted by Lewis & Clark Chapter, Aug 6, lunch at noon, Metzger Park, 8400 SW Hemlock Street, Tigard, OR. Bring a potluck dish or salad to share, table service and lawn chairs. Drinks and dessert will be provided. There are no electrical outlets available in this park.

The Wyoming Massacre and Columbia County

by William Baillie

The year 2003 marks the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Wyoming and the infamous Wyoming Massacre during the Revolutionary War. On July 3, 1778 a contingent of about 300 American militia met a much larger invading army of British regulars, Tories and Indians in the Wyoming Valley near modern Exeter south of Scranton. The Americans were overwhelmed and driven into a panicked retreat, with the Indians scalping every soldier they could lay hands on. The several American forts in the Valley were surrendered or abandoned; the invaders killed many civilians and destroyed houses, crops, and cattle. As news of the "massacre" spread along the River, settlers in the Valley (more than 3000) fled in panic, joined by thousands more from the whole of the North Branch and West Branch regions of the Susquehanna, in what came to be known as the Great Runaway.

Source: <http://www.colcohist-gensoc.org/Essays/wyomingmassacre.htm>