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Compatriots:

It is the dog-days of August. I trust all of you are enjoying this beautiful weather. July was a busy month around my household as I am sure it was at yours. SAR and Republic Chapter sponsored events included the Veterans weekend at the Volcanoes Stadium on July 2 & 3. Compatriot Johnny Alexander and I were there, along with the Lewis & Clark Chapter, to promote the Sons of the American Revolution. On July 4th, Compatriot Johnny Alexander was master of Ceremony for the Sounds of Liberty celebration at the Oregon Capital building. Compatriot Wight and myself were there. July 30th was the Oregon Society's Board of Managers meeting in Eugene. Just last weekend (Aug. 6th), the CAR/DAR/SAR Annual Picnic at Tigard. My family and I represented the Republic Chapter.

Perhaps you noticed for the events I listed above, we had just a couple of Compatriots from the Republic Chapter membership participating. All of these events help to promote the Sons of the American Revolution. Part of our mandate is to educate the public and preserve the ideals for which our Patriot ancestors fought. It is a challenge to full fill that mandate with so few active participants. While we all cannot be a part of all events all the time, you can help to promote the SAR in the course of your everyday pursuits.

I would like to challenge each member of the Republic Chapter to sponsor at least one new member to the SAR in the next 12 months. Talk with co-workers, cousins, genealogy society members, or even people you meet on the street or at a restaurant about the ARW lineage societies (SAR/DAR/CAR). While I can bore people to tears with endless tales of genealogy in general, I find a lot of people are interested in the history, stories, and detective work needed to find a patriot ancestor. Let people know you can help them get started, or at least point them to the local application helper. (Hint: Compatriot Johnny Alexander is the application helper for the Oregon Society SAR). If every current member sponsors just one new member in the next year, we would double our membership.

In addition, it is not just the Republic Chapter or the Oregon Society SAR for which we need to promote membership. The Oregon Society for the Children of the American Revolution is always looking for members. For example, all members of the Lausanne Society CAR (the Salem CAR society) come from just three families. Do you have nieces, nephews, or grandchildren who might like to join? Maybe, they just need a little "push" in that direction. Members of the CAR tend to become members of the DAR and SAR.

Occasionally, a fellow Compatriot shares how people ask about the SAR because of a bumper sticker on their car or a decal on a window. How many of you regularly wear your rosette to show that you are a member of the SAR? The Rotary Club and other service organization members proudly wear their pins. One of the reasons they wear pins is to give people the opportunity to ask what the pin is for. A simple question can lead to a new member.

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My point is: look for opportunities to promote the Sons of the American Revolution and promote new members. Our Patriot ancestors did not sit on the sidelines and wait for someone to do something; they took an active role for something they believed in.

David Devin
President, Republic Chapter SAR

Jessie Artice Sanders Betterton passed away 8 Aug 2011. She was the mother of Compatriot Ken Betterton. Please keep Ken and his family in your thoughts and prayers following the loss of his mother.

Important August dates in 1778

Aug 5 - French Admiral d'Estaing arrives at Newport RI with the French fleet.

Aug 13 - Gen. Cornwallis takes command of British forces in Yorktown VA.

Aug 28 - French Admiral D'Estaing's fleet arrives in Boston.

Aug 6 - French Minister presented to Congress.

Aug 20 - French Admiral d'Estaing brings the French fleet into Narraganset Bay (south of MA).

Aug 29 - Engagement at Butts Hill RI.

Aug 10 - A British fleet of 34 sail appear before Newport RI. The French fleet comes out and gives chase. The English get away without a fight.

Aug 28 - Gen. Sullivan is forced by the British to turn back to RI.

Aug 31 - Engagement at Indian Field and Bridge NY.



The following Compatriots have August birthdays:

Jan Dial – 2
Dick Duer – 5
Doug Meisenheimer – 6
Mike Boedigheimer – 14
Steve Boedigheimer – 24
Earl Wiest – 27

The following Compatriots have September birthdays:

Elton Clark – 7
Bill Reynolds – 9
David Keele - 18

We're on the Web!

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

Rhode Island between 1776 - 1778

The British occupied Newport in December 1776, and a long siege to evict them culminated in August 1778 in the large but inconclusive Battle of Rhode Island, a contest which was the first combined effort of the Americans and their French allies. The British voluntarily evacuated Newport in October 1779, but in July 1780 the French army under Rochambeau landed there and made the port town its base of operations. It was from Newport, Providence, and other Rhode Island encampments that the French began their march to Yorktown in 1781.

Source: <http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/rhodeislandhistory/chapt3.html>



Source: <http://www.worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/namerica/usstates/ri.htm>

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

Committee opportunities in ORSSAR

ORSSAR President Compatriot Melvin has established the list below of committees that he would like to form. If you want to volunteer to be on a committee, contact Compatriots Devin or Alexander and they will forward your volunteer request to Compatriot Melvin.

Audit	CAR Liaison	Color Guard	Constitution and By-Laws
Center for Advancing America	DAR Liaison	Eagle Scout	Finance and Budget
Flag	Genealogy	George Washington Endowment Funds	Information Technology
Knight Essay Contest	Medals and Awards	Meeting Planning	Membership
Patriot Index/Revolutionary War Graves Register	Public Service and Heroism	Retention/Reinstatement	ROTC/JROTC
Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Patriotic Oration Contest	Strategic Planning	Veterans and Patriotic Outreach	The President General's State Society and Chapter Activities Competition Award

I think you might be able to find at least one area above that holds enough interest for you to volunteer.

Dues

And so another dues cycle rolls around. Checks may be mailed to Compatriot Betterton or you can bring your dues to the September or October meeting. Checks should be payable to the Republic Chapter SAR in the amount of \$60. The dues breakdown is as follows:

Republic Chapter: \$15
 ORSSAR: \$15
 NSSAR: \$30
 Total check: \$60

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