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BOM Meeting Minutes
10 July 2010

Compatriot State President Johnny Alexander called the meeting to order at 11:58 AM at the Valley River Inn in Eugene, Oregon.

Invocation by Compatriot Chaplain Bennett Wight, Jr.
Pledge of Allegiance by Compatriot Matt Johnson
SAR Opening Pledge by Compatriot Johnny Alexander

Guest: Compatriot Matt Johnson

BOM Members Present: Compatriots Johnny Alexander, State President; Eugene Melvin, State Vice President, John Krumbein, State Secretary; Eugene Melvin, State Treasurer; Bennett Wight, State Chaplain; Dave Guiel, Lewis and Clark President; Roger Swim, Lewis and Clark Trustee; Ken Betterton, Republic President; Richard Duer, Republic Trustee; Don Thomas, Southern Oregon President; Bruce Duncan, Southern Oregon Trustee; Robert Bogardus, Past State President; Willis Meisenheimer, Past State President.

President's Report: Compatriot Johnny Alexander met with Compatriot Daniel Froehlich on May 6, to discuss the Eugene Chapter and potential for helping that Chapter. Compatriot Johnny Alexander did receive the signed proclamation for the "Sounds of Liberty Day." The Statesman Journal in Salem had an article about our reading of the Declaration of Liberty in the paper on July 3. On July 4, Compatriot Johnny Alexander attended the baseball game at the Volcano Stadium in Keizer. The color Guard from Lewis and Clark Chapter and a few Republic members in partial uniforms attended the game. Compatriot Johnny Alexander expressed his thanks to all OSSAR members that have supported our various activities.

Compatriot Johnny Alexander presented the following awards: the Liberty Medal for Outstanding Service from National to Compatriot Willis Meisenheimer; to Compatriot Eugene Melvin for his donation to the George Washington Fellow Fund; and to Compatriot Ken Betterton for his donation to the Building Fund at National.

Vice President's Report: None

Secretary's Report: It was moved by Compatriot Willis Meisenheimer and seconded by Compatriot Bennett Wight to approved the BOM Minutes of 10 April 2010 as corrected to include the Treasurer report through 31 March 2010. Beginning balance of \$9,900.72, income of \$3,563.50, expenses of \$8,046.38 for a balance of \$5,417.84. The income and expenses included the Pacific District meeting and dues income and expense. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Compatriot Eugene Melvin reported a beginning balance of \$5,417.84, income of \$126.00 from dues, expenses of \$835.66 of which \$110.00 was dues expense, \$194.25 ROTC awards expense, \$161.17 was 2009 expenses, \$370.24 were additional awards and other expenses for an ending balance of \$4,708.18 at 30 June 2010. Moved by Compatriot Donald Thomas and seconded by Compatriot Willis Meisenheimer to accept the Treasurers report. Motion Passed.

Registrar's Report: None

NSSAR Trustee's Report: Compatriot Robert Bogardus reported that the center check mark (Tennancae amendment was withdrawn) is going back to the Genealogy Committee. Compatriot Ken Betterton is the new NSSAR Trustee for the Oregon Society. Compatriot Robert Bogardus is the new Alaska NSSAR Trustee. Compatriot Robert Bogardus is the Chairman of the National Flag Committee. The Oregon Society is at 15% or an average of \$139 in donations. Compatriot John Ellison from the Washington Society won the Minuteman Award.

Chapter President's Reports:

Compatriot Dave Guiel, Lewis and Clark Chapter: Compatriot Dave Guiel Reported that the Vietnam Traveling Wall will be in La Center Washington from August 4th through the 8th. The CAR/DAR/SAR picnic will be held on August 28th at the same park in Wilsonville. The last chapter meeting in June was held at Fort Vancouver. We watched a movie on the history of the area, and toured the Fort and enclosed buildings. The chapter is preparing a two sided wallet size card to promote membership.

Compatriot Ken Betterton, Republic Chapter: Compatriot Ken Betterton reported that the Chapter participated in the JROTC awards program at North Salem High School on May 14. They awarded their \$500 Percy Willis Scholarship to Cadet Major Dustin Muravez. He will be attending Oregon State University in the fall. Compatriot Willis Meisenheimer was awarded the Liberty Medal at Congress in Cleveland for his work in processing new applicants for SAR. The Republic Chapter installed Jeffrey Claxton and sons Stefan and Aaron Claxton as new members at the June meeting.

Compatriot Don Thomas, Southern Oregon Chapter: Compatriot Donald Thomas reported that at the June Chapter meeting they celebrated Compatriot Bruce Duncan's 88th birthday with cake. Compatriot Donald Thomas is the new Vice President General-Pacific District. Compatriot Donald Thomas will put out their first chapter newsletter in September.

Central Coast Chapter: No Report

Eugene Chapter: No Report

Committee Reports:

A. General Membership Meeting: Compatriot Eugene Melvin talked about the general membership meeting to be held in Beaverton on October 9th. The Board of Managers meeting will be from 11 AM to 1 PM; lunch by Buster's Buffet from 1 PM to 3 PM; General membership meeting from 3 PM to 6 PM. The charge for the buffet will be \$15 to \$20 per person. Moved by Compatriot Willis Meisenheimer, seconded by Compatriot Bennett Wight to have the meeting in Beaverton on October 9th. Motion Passed.

B. Auditing Committee: No Report.

C. Constitution and By-Laws Committee: Compatriot Robert Bogardus led the discussion on the changes to the Constitution and to the By-Laws. A major discussion was held back and forth on which Past Presidents are voting members of the Board of Managers. It was decided that the last two Past Presidents are voting members. Moved by Compatriot Roger Swim to accept the changes/amendments to the constitution and By-laws. Compatriot Eugene Melvin seconded. Passed.

D. Directory Committee: No Report.

E. Eagle Scout Committee: No Report.

F. Finance Committee: Compatriot Robert Bogardus moved to add Compatriot Roger Swim on to the Finance Committee. Seconded the Compatriot Donald Thomas. Motion Passed

G. Medals and Awards Committee: Compatriot Roger Swim reported that Compatriots Eugene Melvin, John Krumbein, Johnny Alexander and himself participated in seven (7) ROTC presentations at the University of Portland, Oregon State University, and University of Oregon for the 2009-2010 school years. There were nine (9) JROTC awards presented around the state, with the Republic Chapter participating in their award ceremony at North Salem High School.

The ROTC medals, certificates, postage, copying and engraving cost \$284.37. The JROTC medals, certificates, postage, copying, engraving cost \$317.30.

As the State Chairman for Awards, I approved three applications for Good Citizenship Awards. The applications were presented by the Lewis and Clark Chapter for a Silver Good Citizenship Award for Washington County Sheriff Rob Gordon, a Silver Good Citizenship Award for Sgt. Mike Alexander, and a miniature bronze Good Citizenship Award for Sgt. K-9 Blade (who is retiring in September 2010).

H. Membership Committee: Compatriot Willis Meisenheimer reported that he has five new applications pending, 6 new members, and he is working on 14 applications. He referred the Ramsey Family in Portland to Compatriot Robert Bogardus.

I. Memorials/Color Guard Committee: No Report.

J. Newsletter Committee: Compatriot Robert Bogardus sent out a newsletter in June. The next one will be in September before the October meeting. Compatriot Robert Bogardus submitted copies of the State Society newsletter for competition at National.

K. Publicity Committee: No Report.

L. Resolution Committee: No Report.

M. Website Committee: No Report.

Old Business: Compatriot Donald Thomas reported on the status of the Bend Chapter formation. If Compatriots Robert Bogardus, Matt Johnson and Dan Froehlich can get the Eugene Chapter back on track, the Chapter in Bend MAY NOT happen. There are several members in the Bend area, but we DO NOT want to decimate the Eugene Chapter to start up the Bend Chapter.

A discussion was held on an increase for State dues. Right now our expenses for the State are more than we take in on the State dues. Compatriot Robert Bogardus suggested a rate increase of \$12 to \$15. Compatriot Eugene Melvin moved to raise the State dues as of Jan 1, 2011 to \$15 per year. Seconded by Compatriot Dave Guiel. Motion Passed.

New Business: A discussion was held on raising the OSSAR application fees. With the mailing of applications between Chapters and the State Register, State Secretary, National and the State President for his signature on the membership certificate it uses up the current fee. Compatriot Eugene Melvin moved to raise the OSSAR application fee to \$15.00 immediately. Seconded by Compatriot Ken Betterton. Motion Passed.

Compatriot Robert Bogardus moved that we give a Silver Good Citizenship award to Jerry Howard of the Volcanoes Baseball team for his work in organizing the July 4th festivities. Seconded by Compatriot Willis Meisenheimer. Motion Passed.

Moved by Compatriot Bennett Wight to name Jim Ives of the Central Coast Chapter as the Alternative Trustee to NSSAR. Seconded by Compatriot Willis Meisenheimer. Motion Passed.

Compatriot Donald Thomas reported that the following were nominated for the following offices for the year 2011. Compatriots Johnny Alexander, State President; Eugene Melvin, State Vice President; John Krumbein, State Secretary; Roger Swim, State Treasurer; State Registrar, Charles Byers; State Chaplain, Bennett Wight; National Trustee, Ken Betterton; Alternate National Trustee, Jim Ives.

SAR Recessional by Compatriot Robert Bogardus
Benediction by Compatriot Chaplain Bennett Wight, Jr.
Adjourned at 4:45 PM

John L. Krumbein

Oregon Society Secretary