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BOM Meeting Minutes 9 April 2011

Compatriot State President Johnny Alexander called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM at the Valley River Inn in Eugene, Oregon.

Invocation by Compatriot Robert Bogardus
Pledge of Allegiance by Compatriot Eugene Melvin
SAR Opening Pledge by Compatriot Johnny Alexander

Guest: Compatriots Jim Alexander, Lewis & Clark Chapter; Dave Guiel, Lewis & Clark Chapter; Grier Ingebretsen, Lewis & Clark Chapter; and Stuart Long, Southern Oregon Chapter.

BOM Members Present: Compatriots Johnny Alexander, State President; Eugene Melvin, State Vice President; John Krumbein, State Secretary; Eugene Melvin, State Treasurer; Ken Betterton, Oregon Society National Trustee; Mark Robertson, Lewis and Clark Chapter President; Robert Bogardus, Lewis and Clark Chapter Trustee; David Devin, Republic Chapter President; Roger Swim, Thomas Jefferson Chapter Trustee; Don Thomas, Southern Oregon Chapter President.

Additions to agenda: Hosting to web site.

President's Report: Compatriot Johnny Alexander visited the Central Coast Chapter in March.

Vice President's Report: Compatriot Eugene Melvin reported that he and Compatriot Larry Heckethorne attended the funeral for Compatriot Andrew Pettis' Mother in Beaverton, Oregon.

Secretary's Report: Moved by Compatriot Roger Swim, seconded by Compatriot Robert Bogardus to accept the minutes of the BOM meeting held on Jan 29, 2011 as corrected. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Compatriot Eugene Melvin reported a beginning balance of \$5,673.69, income of \$2,530.00, expenses of \$1,620.30, for a balance of \$6,583.39 at 31 March 2011.

Registrar's Report: Compatriot Charles Byers reported that as of April 1, 2011 the Oregon Society has 141 members, the Lewis and Clark Chapter has 65 members, Republic Chapter has 36 members, Thomas Jefferson Chapter has 16 members, Southern Oregon has 15 members and Central Coast has 9 members.

The new members are Robert Allen Stewart of the Southern Oregon Chapter (Approved - January 10th) and David Richard Gardner of the Lewis and Clark Chapter (Approved - January 21st).

One reinstatement for John O'Hara of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter (Approved - February 28) and one transfer in from the Texas Society for Peter Schoeningh of the Central Coast Chapter (Approved - February 22).

The four pending new member applications are for Darrell Thurman, of the Republic Chapter (Pending - November 22nd) and Frederick Heiserman, of the Lewis and Clark Chapter (Pending - January 18th) and John Boedigheimer of the Republic Chapter (Pending - March 1), Jeffery Smith of the Southern Oregon Chapter (Pending - March 1).

The two pending supplemental applications are for Robert Harrison of the Republic Chapter (Pending – November 22nd) and Larry Mylnechuk of the Lewis and Clark Chapter (Pending – December 15th).

NSSAR Trustee's Report: Compatriot Ken Betterton reported on the Spring 2011 Leadership Meeting held on March 11 and 12 in Louisville, Kentucky. He stated that Compatriots Robert Bogardus (Alaska Society NSSAR Trustee), Eugene Melvin ORSSAR Vice-President, and Don Thomas (Pacific District VPG) also attended. Compatriots Robert Doughty (Washington Society President) and John Ellingson (Washington Society NSSAR Trustee) also were in attendance.

On Friday, Compatriot Ken Betterton attended the George Washington Fellows Meeting. The requirements are a contribution of \$1,000. It can be pledged over 5 years. The endowment fund has a little over \$1 million and generates interest of between \$17,000 and \$19,000 per year. Compatriots Eugene Melvin and Donald Thomas were recognized as George Washington Fellows for the year ending March 1, 2011.

The Trustees voted to approve an offer of \$750,000 by a non-profit group to purchase the lot owned by NSSAR next to the current headquarters building.

NSSAR is making a push for every chapter in the country to contribute \$500 to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage and every Society to contribute \$1,000 to complete the building. We need approximately \$4 million to finish the project. The goal for societies is a contribution level from the membership of 20% with an average contribution per member of \$250.

The 121st Annual Congress is scheduled for July 8-11, 2011 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Chapter President's Reports:

Compatriot Mark Robertson, Lewis and Clark Chapter: Compatriot Mark Robertson reported that the Lewis and Clark Chapter have added two members. Six members of the Chapter Color Guard were awarded the Bronze Color Guard Medals for their participation in activities. Compatriots Mark Robertson and Fred Heiserman presented a program on muskets to the DAR David Hill Chapter. The SAR/DAR/CAR picnic is set for August 6th at Metzger Park near Washington Square in Tigard, Oregon.

Compatriot David Devin, Republic Chapter: Compatriot David Devin reported that the West Salem High School Robotics team gave a presentation at their March meeting. The chapter voted to donate \$100 to help the Robotics Team attend the International competition in Florida. The Chapter also voted to donate \$100 to the North Salem High School JROTC Color Guard towards helping defray the cost of attending the National Color Guard competition in Florida.

The Republic Chapter is in the process of reviewing and up dating their By-laws and constitution with an expected vote for approval at the June 2011 meeting.

Compatriot Matthew Johnson, Thomas Jefferson Chapter: Compatriot Matthew Johnson reported that Compatriot Johnny Alexander is scheduled to present a program to the Oregon Genealogical Society in Eugene. We are working with the OGS to gain greater notoriety within the community in order to attract local men who are interested in genealogy, and perhaps already have a great deal of their lineage ready for membership to the SAR. Also, we are maintaining a working relationship with the DAR.

The Chapter presented a Flag Certificate to KFC in Gateway late last year and we are planning to make another presentation within the next few weeks. The Chapter is working with the Oregon Trail Boy Scout Council and will be presenting 107 Eagle Scout Certificates of Recognition. We have been invited to attend the Eagle Scout Recognition Banquet in April and will be sponsoring an Eagle Scout. Compatriot Robert Bogardus is in the process of becoming a Merit Badge Counselor for the three badges that the SAR require on the Scholarship Application.

The Chapter is working on membership applications for several new members. The Chapter meets on the second Sunday of each month at 2 PM at the Briarwood Community Center.

In May, I will be stepping down as Chapter President due to moving to Portland and a new job. I am very proud of what the Chapter has accomplished in a short time.

Compatriot Don Thomas, Southern Oregon Chapter: Compatriot Donald Thomas reported that the Chapter is looking for another meeting place. The current spot, Habaneros Mexican Restaurant, is too noisy.

The May meeting speaker will be Leta Neiderheiser who is a direct descendant of Jesse Applegate, who established a southern route into Oregon (Applegate Trail) instead of taking the northern route (Oregon Trail). At the June meeting we will honor five businesses that always fly the flag at their establishments.

Compatriot Jim Ives, Central Coast Chapter: No Report

Committee Reports:

A. The Audit Committee: No report.

B. The Nominating Committee: Compatriot Donald Thomas stated that the Vice President and Chaplain positions are open.

C. The CAR Liaison Committee: The candidate running for CAR State President is planning his State Project to do something with the Lewis & Clark Memorial in Beaverton for the Revolutionary War Patriots. He is thinking about raising funds for a stone bench at the Memorial.

D. The Color Guard Committee: No Report.

E. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee: No Report.

F. The Center for Advancing America Committee: No Report.

G. The DAR Liaison Committee: Compatriot Grier Ingebretsen inducted Chapter officers of the Tabitha Moffatt Brown DAR Chapter. He then presented a talk about the Memorial Park monument and the chapter presented a check for \$100 for a chapter brick in the monument.

H. The Eagle Scout Committee: The Thomas Jefferson Chapter has been working on re-introducing the BSA Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship program in the Eugene area.

In February Compatriots Roger Swim and Robert Bogardus met several times and developed the Protocols for the Eagle Scout Scholarship Program. In March Compatriots Roger Swim and Robert Bogardus met with Robert MacLuan a District Executive with the Oregon Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America and presented to him the outline of the scholarship program. Mr. MacLuan provided the names of 107 boys who had made Eagle Scout in 2010.

I. The Finance and Budget Committee: Compatriot Roger Swim reported on the income and expenses for the first quarter of 2011. The Awards and Medals expense are \$868.68 over last year's expense because we have issued over 110 certificates to recently elevated Eagle Scouts in the Oregon Trail and Cascade Councils. There are costs for Flag Certificates and the State President's awards have been added to the Awards budget this year.

J. The Flag Committee: No report.

K. The George Washington Endowment Funds Committee: No Report.

L. The Information Technology Committee: Compatriot David Devin received a letter from Joe Harris, Executive Director at the National Society, announcing that they are transitioning to new servers and will no longer be able to host any state society's website. The sites will be permanently removed by July 31, 2011.

David has a plan to temporarily host the web site with other non-profit web sites that he manages. As part of the move, I suggest a decision be made on the domain name at this time.

M. The Knight Essay Contest Committee: No report.

N. The Medals and Awards Committee: Compatriots Eugene Melvin and Roger Swim have begun to build a state-wide database of awards presented and received by compatriots. Compatriot Roger Swim has sent out forms to the Chapter Presidents to complete on the awards that their chapter members hold. Some awards and medals can be given only once in a lifetime, or can be given only once at different levels - and also that multiple issuance requires an oak leaf for a previously issued medal, etc.

O. The Meeting Planning Committee: Compatriot Eugene Melvin reported that the Oregon Society annual meeting will be held this afternoon.

Compatriot Eugene Melvin reported that 27 people have registered for the Pacific District Conference. Compatriot Joe Dooley, Genealogist General will be here. The Washington State Color Guard has challenged the Oregon Color Guard to an old fashion turkey shoot.

P. The Membership Committee: Compatriot Johnny Alexander reported that we need to replace Compatriot Willis Meisenheimer as our Oregon State contact on the NSSAR web site.

Q. The Newsletters and Publications Committee: Compatriot Robert Bogardus reported that the last issue was sent out at the end of February and the next one at the end of May. He also needs help from members in providing him with articles.

R. The ROTC/JROTC Committee: Compatriot Roger Swim reported that the Oregon Society has presented seven awards cadets in the university ROTC programs and ten awards to cadets in the high Schools JROTC programs. Beginning this year Compatriot Stuart Long has been helping with the coordination of the high school JROTC programs.

S. The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Patriotic Oration Contest Committee: No report.

T. The Strategic Planning Committee: Compatriot Johnny Alexander got a resolution from the Oregon Governor to ring the Liberty Bell on the Fourth of July.

U. The Veterans and Patriotic Outreach Committee: Compatriot Eugene Melvin reported that the Oregon Society participates in Wreaths across America and various parades throughout the year.

Pacific District Vice President General Report: Compatriot Donald Thomas reported that the Pacific District Conference will be held on April 29th and 30th at the Red Lion Hotel in Olympia, Washington. It was to be held at the Lucky Eagle Casino in Rochester, Washington, but we were "Dropped" by the resort.

Compatriot Donald Thomas has sent out e-mails to the Chapter Presidents requesting that an adjutant be appointed to ascertain that ALL WWII vets have been identified and sent to the National Society.

The National Society's computer system for processing applications is in the process of being upgraded. There will be two servers and new programs.

Also in West Virginia a proposal is being introduced to its legislators to mandate that American History, as it really is, be required of everyone in order to get their high school diploma.

Old Business: No report on the possibility of starting a Bend Chapter.

Compatriot Eugene Melvin talked about Life Members in the National Society over the age of 80 voluntarily not paying State dues. A discussion was held on the pros and cons of Life Members not paying dues to the Oregon Society. Right now there is only one Life Member over the age of 80.

Compatriot Charles Byers moved that the Oregon Society voluntarily wave dues for those Life Members over the age of 80. It was seconded by Compatriot Robert Bogardus. Motion Passed.

A discussion was held on the Fourth of July base ball game in Keiser, Oregon. It is a celebration to recognize veterans. Invitations have been sent to the DAR and CAR. It was recommended that the Oregon Society only participate on Saturday night, July 2nd.

New Business: Compatriot Roger Swim talked about the accounting package for OSSAR. Compatriot Swim moved that we spend up to \$200 for the accounting software and checks. It was seconded by Compatriot Robert Bogardus. Motion Passed.

SAR Recessional by Compatriot Johnny Alexander
Benediction by Compatriot Robert Bogardus
Adjourned at 12:03 PM

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