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BOM Meeting Minutes 30 July 2011

Compatriot State President Eugene Melvin called the meeting to order at 11:08 AM at Izzy's Restaurant in Eugene, Oregon.

Invocation by Compatriot Charles Byers
Pledge of Allegiance by Compatriot Roger Swim
SAR Opening Pledge by Compatriot David Devin

Guest: None

Break For Lunch: 11:11 AM – **Resume Meeting:** 11:46 AM

BOM Members Present: Compatriots Eugene Melvin, State President; John Krumbein, State Secretary; Roger Swim, State Treasurer; Charles Byers, State Registrar; Eugene Melvin, Alternate Oregon Society National Trustee; David Devin, Republic Chapter President; Robert Harrison, Republic Chapter Trustee; Roger Swim, Thomas Jefferson Chapter Trustee; Johnny Alexander, Past State President.

BOM Members Excused: Compatriots Robert Bogardus, State Chaplain; Ken Betterton, Oregon Society National Trustee; Robert Bogardus, Lewis and Clark Chapter Trustee; Daniel Froehlich Thomas Jefferson Chapter President; Donald Thomas, Southern Oregon Chapter President; Donald Thomas, Past State President.

BOM Members Absent: Compatriots Mark Robertson, Lewis and Clark Chapter President; Larry Mylnechuk, Lewis and Clark Chapter Trustee; James Ives, Central Coast Chapter President; Stuart Long, Southern Oregon Chapter Trustee.

President's Report: Compatriot Eugene Melvin reported that he attended the DAR Wahkeena Chapter 79th Anniversary celebration on April 16, at the Multnomah Club in Portland, Oregon. On April 29 and 30, I assisted with the Pacific District Conference in Olympia, Washington.

On May 2nd, I attended the Lewis and Clark Chapter meeting and on May 13 and 14, my wife (A member of the DAR) and I attended the Oregon State DAR Conference in Canyonville, Oregon.

On May 17th while in Coos Bay, Oregon I discussed SAR and DAR with the local Chamber of Commerce Visitor Information office. I assisted the local director with her efforts in updating their contact information for both organizations. I also made inquires about the American Flag being flown outside their building.

On Memorial Day, May 30, I participated with the Lewis and Clark Color Guard at the ceremonies at Willamette National Cemetery. Two hours later, Compatriot Grier Ingebretsen and I were in another Memorial Day parade with approximately 25 other DAR ladies from three Portland Chapters.

On June 4th, I attended the Lewis and Clark Chapter field trip to Pearson Air Park in Vancouver, Washington.

On June 9th while in Warrenton, Oregon I discussed the SAR Flag program with a local real estate office that was proudly

displaying the American flag.

On June 30th I assisted with the distribution of the Oregon Society Newsletter to over a hundred SAR members and approximately 175 DAR ladies.

On July 2nd I participated with the Lewis and Clark Color Guard in the Lake Oswego, Oregon parade.

On July 4th I participated with the Lewis and Clark Color Guard in the Volcano Baseball team salute to veterans in Keizer, Oregon.

On July 10 to 14, I attended the 121st NSSAR Congress in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. While there I accepted the following awards for the Oregon Society. The Officer Attendance Award (2010-2011) with flag streamer and the Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award (2010-2011). I also accepted the Partners in Patriotism Award (2010-2011) for the Lewis and Clark Chapter.

On July 16th, I participated in a Genealogy workshop at the Scottish Highland Games held at Mount Hood Community College in Gresham, Oregon. While there I connected with a lady who is interested in joining the DAR. Her mother is in the DAR and she just relocated to Oregon.

On July 23rd while traveling to Sacramento, California I had the opportunity to talk with a Horizon Airlines pilot about SAR and his son who has become an Eagle Scout participation in the NSSAR Eagle Scout program in California.

On July 24th while attending the US Grant High School 2nd annual all alumni picnic, I met a potential member. I am currently awaiting his lineage information and assisting with his application into SAR.

Vice President's Report: None

Secretary's Report: It was moved by Compatriot Johnny Alexander and seconded by Compatriot David Devin to approve the BOM Meeting minutes of April 9, 2011 as printed. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Compatriot Roger Swim stated that he can not accurately account for all the monies in the Oregon Society account. Some of the deposits and expenses are related to the Pacific District Meeting, I am assuming. There was \$3,187.51 in unidentified deposits entered in the books by me for reconciling. I had only 3 checks with sufficient information on them to relegate the \$1,030.92 to those PDM expenses.

It is my recommendation that the Pacific District Vice President and an appointed treasurer open an account for the Pacific District of the SAR, so that this co-mingling of funds ceases.

At the April BOM meeting, the managers approved an expenditure of up to \$200.00 by the treasurer for the purchase of QuickBooks software for the Society's use and voucher checks. I purchase the software from Amazon.com for \$99.00 and 500 voucher checks were ordered through Costco for \$46.91; for a total expenditure of \$145.91. Roger passed around a sample of the check.

Registrar's Report: Compatriot Charles Byers reported that as of July 1, 2011 the Oregon Society has 145 members, the Lewis and Clark Chapter has 67 members, Republic Chapter has 38 members, Thomas Jefferson Chapter has 16 members, Southern Oregon has 15 members, and Central Coast has 9 members.

The new members are Darrell Thurman, Republic Chapter (approved - April 21st); Frederick Heiserman, Lewis and Clark Chapter (approved - June 8th) and John Boedigheimer, Republic Chapter (approved - July 1st).

There was one reinstatement for BT Fredericks of the Lewis Clark Chapter (approved - April 8th)

The four pending new member application are for Joseph Smith, Southern Oregon Chapter (pending - May 23rd); Charles and Patrick Thomas, Southern Oregon Chapter (pending - May 23rd); and Jeffery Smith, Southern Oregon Chapter (pending - June 15th).

The one approved supplemental application is for Robert Harrison, Republic Chapter (approved - June 8th).

The one pending supplemental application is for Larry Mylnechuk, Lewis and Clark Chapter (pending - May 23rd).

Chaplain Report: Compatriot Robert Bogardus has requested that each Chapter President or Secretary contact him by e-mail or phone if any of their members become ill or distressed. Also, if you are notified of any deaths please let me know right away. I would like to remember them in my prayers and also send cards to them or their families.

This would require a budget line for the Chaplain of no more than \$50.00 a year to include cards and postage.

NSSAR Trustee's Report: Compatriot Ken Betterton reported that Compatriots Robert Bogardus, Alaska Trustee; Eugene Melvin, ORSSAR President; Donald Thomas, VPG Pacific District and he, ORSSAR Trustee attended the 121st Congress in Winston-Salem, NC.

Approximately 302 delegates attended with 174 guests. We learned that NSSAR has about 27,736 members.

At the general meeting of delegates, the Florida Society's proposal to amend bylaw 16 was passed with some changes. NSSAR leaders believed that the current bylaw 16 conflicted with the National Charter issued by Congress in the early 1900's, and would not allow former PGs to serve as trustees. The amendment to by law 16 was an effort to fix that possible problem.

We have raised \$6.7 million toward the goal of \$10 million for the new headquarters. Phase One, the Library, has now been completed. The next step is to spend \$1.7 million for the build-out of Phase Two, to complete the exterior of the remaining building to make it more appealing from the outside. The final step will be to raise the remaining money and complete the interior of the remaining building for offices, etc. NSSAR has raised \$700,000 in the last 12 months, which is pretty good.

NSSAR closed on the sale on the 5th Street property on June 30, 2011. The sale netted NSSAR approximately \$750,000. The headquarters building on 4th Street is appraised for \$1.4 million. It's for sale, but the thinking is that it will be harder to sell.

NSSAR has hired a new executive director to replace Joe Harris, who retired just recently. The new executive director is Don Shaw. He has extensive experience working for non-profits in the Louisville area, and has a reputation as a good fund raiser.

The North Carolina Society did a great job hosting the 121st Congress. Next year's congress will be July 7 – 11, 2012 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Chapter President's Reports:

Compatriot Mark Robertson, Lewis and Clark Chapter: No Report

Compatriot David Devin, Republic Chapter: Compatriot David Devin reported on the programs for their April, May and June Chapter meetings. In April they discussed and reviewed the draft Constitution and Bylaws changes submitted by Compatriot Johnny Alexander. In May, they inducted Compatriot Darrell Thurman as a new member. They watched a video titled, "Women & the Spirit of Revolution." We also approved obtaining a domain name for our chapter web site: www.republicchaptersar.org. In June, the Chapter membership formally voted and adopted a constitution and By-Laws for the Chapter. The program was by Compatriot David Keele on his patriot ancestor.

On May 20th, Compatriot Willis Meisenheimer and I attended the Awards Ceremony for the North Salem High School Army JROTC. During the ceremony, I presented the Oregon Society SAR award to Cadet Ramero. I also presented Cadet Colonel Elizabeth Manzo with a \$500 scholarship from the Republic Chapter.

On July 2nd, Compatriot Johnny Alexander and I attended the Veterans Appreciation Weekend at the Volcanoes Stadium. Compatriot Alexander accompanied the Lewis and Clark Color Guard during the ceremony acknowledging the Revolutionary War veterans.

On July 4th, Compatriot Johnny Alexander was master of ceremonies for the Sounds of Liberty program in front of the Liberty Bell replica at the Oregon State Capital. Chapter members Compatriots Bennett Wight, David Devin, and Johnny Alexander attended with their families. Four members of the Lausanne Society of the CAR read the Declaration of Independence during the ceremony. I would like to thank Compatriot Johnny Alexander for his time and effort to put this annual commemoration together.

Compatriot Daniel Froehlich, Thomas Jefferson Chapter: No report

Compatriot Don Thomas, Southern Oregon Chapter: Compatriot Donald Thomas reported that at their June meeting, the Chapter was going to present 5 Flag Certificates but none of the businesses could make it. Will try again in September. We have 5 potential members being reviewed by National as of July 29th.

For the last 4-5 years, I have been presenting the Good Citizenship award to the outstanding Sea Cadet at the Higgins Battalion in White City. Personally I feel that it is a worthwhile endeavor. These groups stress discipline more than they do military training, although they do get that also. Our Chapter (SOC) has a member who was a Sea Cadet, Phillip Consiglio, USN, who is in the intelligence area. His brother is considering joining the SAR.

Compatriot Jim Ives, Central Coast Chapter: No Report

Committee Reports:

A. The Audit Committee: The chairman Compatriot Robert Bogardus needs another member for the committee since Compatriot Roger Swim is now the Treasurer.

B. The Nominating Committee: Compatriot Johnny Alexander will be asking the Chapter Presidents to get nominees for State offices for the April 2012 – April 2013 time frame.

C. The CAR Liaison Committee: Compatriot Eugene Melvin met with the Oregon State Senior Leader at the Oregon DAR Conference last May. She expressed to me a willingness to work with the SAR, specifically the Lewis and Clark Chapter and their Memorial Project. They will be attending the 8th annual SAR/DAR/CAR picnic on August 6th at Metzger Park in Tigard, Oregon.

D. The Color Guard Committee: No Report

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

F. The Council of Past President: Compatriot Eugene Melvin talked about setting up this committee. The immediate State Past President is the chairman.

G. The Center for Advancing America Committee: Compatriot Eugene Melvin reported that the Oregon Society has pledged \$37,015. Of this amount \$25,015 has been paid leaving a balance of \$12,000.

So far 25 individuals have made pledges. We need four other individuals to make a pledge in any amount to reach the 20% goal set by NSSAR. Six other Societies have already reached this threshold.

We are further away from the other goal of \$250 average donation per society member. The \$25,015 already received divided by 145 Oregon Society members come out to a \$172.52 donation per member.

On a brighter note the Oregon Society, Lewis and Clark Chapter and the Central Coast Chapter have qualified for an SAR FOUNDATION STREAMER AWARD. These streamers should be presented at the Fall Leadership meeting.

The Southern Oregon Chapter has made a pledge but as of this date it has not been paid.

H. The DAR Liaison Committee: Compatriot Eugene Melvin reported that he attended the DAR Wahkeena Chapter 79th Anniversary Celebration on April 16, 2011 and the Oregon State DAR 97th Conference on May 13-14, 2011.

While at the DAR Conference, I presented Patricia Waitman-Ingebretsen with the SAR Medal of Appreciation for her assistance to the Oregon Society.

I also met with other DAR ladies from around the state encouraging them to assist their husbands and sons to join the SAR.

I. The Eagle Scout Committee: No Report

J. The Finance and Budget Committee: No Report

K. The Flag Committee: No Report

L. The Genealogy Committee: Compatriot Charles Byers, State Registrar, needs a go to person in each chapter to contact.

M. The George Washington Endowment Funds Committee: No Report

N. The Information Technology Committee: Compatriot David Devin reported that the Oregon Society web site has been established at HostMonster.com. The cost for the Society is \$12.00 per year. He also registered a domain name for the Oregon Society website. www.saroregon.org. The domain name cost \$10.00 per year and he has paid for two years.

Compatriot David Devin has several updates to make and he is in the process of transitioning the site to a Word Press platform to allow easier updates and maintenance of the site.

A web mail account was created for the Oregon Society Treasurer. It is orssartreasurer@live.com.

O. The Knight Essay Contest Committee: No Report

P. The Medals and Awards Committee: Compatriot Roger Swim reported that this spring's work has been lightened greatly by Compatriot Stuart Long's participation on the committee. Compatriot Stuart Long has taken on the responsibility of communicating with the ten (10) high schools throughout the state that have JROTC programs, updating our records, and encouraging the compliance with our recommendation due dates. Due to his work we have re-instituted one high school that didn't even respond to my communiqués last year.

We presented seven (7) ROTC awards to the university programs and ten (10) JROTC awards to the high schools.

As a reminder of what the Thomas Jefferson Chapter explored with the Eagle Scout Program in our area, we prepared 107 certificates, individually addressed 107 large envelopes, which included the certificate, the personal letter, the National scholarship brochure, and a copy of the 4 page application for each of the scouts elevated to Eagle during 2010. To date, we have had no requests from any of the packets. The Thomas Jefferson Chapter members have agreed to fund the preparation of a follow-up letter encouraging participation in the scholarship program to each of the 107 Eagle Scouts.

At the April BOM meeting, I gave each of the Chapter Presidents a form to fill out listing the awards and medals, with dates, that each chapter member has received. To date, I have not had a single completed form returned to me. It is important to have this information in a central location, and the awards & Medals Committee is the proper place for this database of information; so, again, I am requesting compliance with my request.

Q. The Meeting Planning Committee: Compatriot Robert Bogardus has set the Oregon Society Board of Managers meeting dates. At the Valley River Inn: October 8, 2011 and January 14, 2012. At the Red Lion Hotel: April 14, 2012.

These dates are already confirmed. I will need at the July BOM meeting a resolution authorizing me to represent the Oregon Society and sign a contract with the Red Lion Hotel - Eugene for the April, 2012 meeting. This resolution should also include a deposit of \$150 to be paid before the end of September, 2011.

R. The Membership Committee: Compatriot Johnny Alexander is working with a person from Lincoln City. All of his records are census records. Took adopted father's last name in place of real father's name.

S. The Newsletters and Publications Committee: Compatriot Robert Bogardus reported that Volume 3 Issue 2 of the Oregon Compatriot was published on June 30, 2011. This newsletter will be published three times a year during the months of February, June and October. As always there is a standing request for news stories from all chapters and individuals so inclined to see their name in print.

T. The Patriot Index/Revolutionary War Graves Register Committee: No Report

U. The Public Service and Heroism Committee: No Report

V. The Retention/Reinstatement Committee: No Report

W. The ROTC/JROTC Committee: A discussion was held about the US Navy Sea Cadet Corps and they should be supported by recognizing the Outstanding NSCC Cadet with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.

A discussion was held on the Enhance JROTC Program. See page 32 in Volume III Insignia, Medals and Awards section of NSSAR Official handbook.

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

Y. The Strategic Planning Committee: Compatriot Eugene Melvin said that Compatriot Donald Thomas has been unable to contact Compatriot Chuck Rosenfeld in Bend, Oregon about starting a Bend SAR chapter.

Compatriot Eugene Melvin stated that in May he had talked with members of the Bend DAR chapter and they expressed a willingness to help with the formation of an SAR chapter in Bend.

Z. The Veterans and Patriotic Outreach Committee: No Report

AA. The President General State Society and Chapter Activities Competition Award Committee: No Report

BB. The Oregon Society Memorial Committee: Compatriot Dave Guiel of the Lewis and Clark Chapter is the chairman. Compatriot Roger Swim presented a new brochure on the memorial. The George Washington Endowment Fund might help pay for the cost of the brochure.

Pacific District Vice President General Report: Compatriot Donald Thomas, VPG, PD reported that he was installed as Vice President General, Pacific District at the National Congress in Winston-Salem, NC. Every State Society (and Chapters) should pull up the "Reconciliation Form" monthly to make sure our membership agrees with National. Also National will not update any membership data until the \$ are received. It's easier to catch discrepancies monthly rather than annually.

Old Business: Compatriot Johnny Alexander moved to un-table the resolution regarding the OSSAR and Chapter donations to CAAH. Seconded by Compatriot Roger Swim. Compatriot Swim is withdrawing the resolution on behalf of Compatriot Robert Bogardus. Motion passed.

Compatriot Roger Swim, acting as State Treasurer, will send out a letter to new applicants when their application is mailed to National. Right now it is taking about 6 months for applications to be approved at National.

The Secretary needs to get the minutes out in two weeks after the Board of Managers meeting.

New Business: Compatriot Johnny Alexander moved that we approve \$50 for the Chaplain to send out cards, etc. under general expenses. Seconded by Compatriot Charles Byers. Motion Passed.

Moved by Compatriot Johnny Alexander to authorize \$150 for the room deposit only for the April 14, 2012 BOM meeting at the Red Lion Hotel in Eugene, Oregon. Seconded by Compatriot Roger Swim. Motion Passed.

Compatriot Johnny Alexander would like to add to the OSSAR web page information about the cost of joining OSSAR, to include the application fees and the annual dues. Each chapter site on the web page should include the same fee and dues structure specific to that chapter.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Compatriot Roger Swim, Seconded by Compatriot David Devin. Motion Passed.

SAR Recessional by Compatriot David Devin
Benediction by Compatriot Charles Byers
Adjourned at 2:55 PM

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