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## From the Editor:

After an extended hiatus along with many fits and starts, the Newsletter for the Oregon Society, Sons of the American Revolution returns to print. We want to thank Compatriot Bob Bogardus for his services as past Editor and all of his hard work. It is going to be hard to fill his shoes.

Compatriot David Devin is assuming the Editorship of the Oregon Compatriot along with his duties on the Society's website. In many ways, both media formats serve many of the same functions, so do not be surprised if you see material shared between the two. The goal is to share information with our membership and highlight news which might interest the general public.

A newsletter is not published by a single person. A writer should never edit his own

work. It is a good way to look silly. Besides that, it is difficult to be reporter/writer, editor, and publisher, unless you lean towards multiple personality disorders.

Everyone in the Oregon Society should contribute the stories and pictures that are about the Chapters & Projects in the Society. Toward that end, I ask Chapter Presidents to solicit, among their membership, Compatriots who can serve as part of the Society Newsletter team. Perhaps the Editors of the various Newsletters can be those team members, and we can help each other with the individual Chapter newsletters as well as the Society newsletter.

If we can get one Compatriot from each Chapter to serve on the team, that Compatriot could submit articles from the Chapter that would be of interest to the entire State membership.

## Oregon Society Officers

**President**  
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David Devin

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**Treasurer**  
Roger Swim

**Registrar**  
Charles Byers

**Chaplain**  
Robert Bogardus

## Pacific District SAR & Oregon Society 2014 Conference

The 2014 General Membership Meeting for the Oregon Society is being held at the Valley River Inn in Eugene Oregon on Saturday, April 26. The Pacific District SAR Annual Meeting will be held Saturday afternoon followed by the banquet Saturday evening.

The Oregon Society Membership Meeting will include counting the ballots for the election of 2014-2015 State Officers, and the swearing in of the Republic Chapter Officers. The newly elected State Officers will be sworn in at the Pacific District Meeting.



The keynote speaker at the Banquet is going to be SAR President General Joseph Dooley. Friday, the conference will include breakout workshops, so keep an eye out for the topics. There will be displays of muskets, powder horns and colonial items our patriot grandfathers would have used. A silent auction will be held to help raise funds to

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Editor David Devin

## ORSSAR President's Message:

I'm really thankful that Compatriot Devin is stepping up to assume publishing the newsletter again. While the majority of Compatriots use email and other forms of electronic communications, many of our members do not have or want to communicate using electronic methods. As Compatriot Devin mentioned, between our web site and the newsletter, we will be providing some duplicate information.

There is plenty of information in this issue about our upcoming Pacific District Conference in Eugene at the end of April. We have a great program outlined and as soon as we get the final details nailed down, the committee, chaired by Compatriot Bogardus, will be sending to you the registration forms. If you think you

## 2014 Slate of State Officer Nominations

The Nomination Committee presented the following slate of officer nominations at the January Board of Manager's meeting held on January 11, 2014. The Nominating Committee consisted of Compatriot Ken Betterton (Chair), Compatriot Don Thomas, and Compatriot Larry Heckethorne.

\*Note: The Committee did not return nominees for the offices of Chaplain and National Trustee; Compatriots Thomas and Betterton were added to the slate by motions approved by the Board of Managers.

## Publishing Schedule

The Oregon Compatriot will be published four times a year: January, April, July, and October. Please submit any articles for an issue by the first Monday of the publication month. I also plan to extract newsworthy articles from the reports presented in the quarterly Board of Managers reports, so if Chapter Presidents and Committee Chairs would forward an additional electronic copy of their reports to the Editor, I would appreciate it.

will be attending and staying at the Valley River Inn, I really encourage you to make your room reservations now.

As mentioned in the newsletter, we need volunteers to help during the event and we are looking for good auction items to help us offset the cost of the convention. We will be allowed to bring bottles of wine to auction off, so if you have a favorite vineyard, bring a bottle to auction off.

On a different topic, ballots for election of ORSSAR officers are on the way. Please vote and return your ballot, or bring it to the ORSSAR membership meeting on Saturday morning.

Compatriot Johnny D. Alexander

- ◆ President: Compatriot Johnny D. Alexander
- ◆ Vice- President: Compatriot David C. Devin
- ◆ Secretary: Compatriot John Krumbein
- ◆ Treasurer: Compatriot Bob Bogardus
- ◆ Registrar: Compatriot Charles Byers
- ◆ \*Chaplain: Compatriot Don Thomas
- ◆ \*National Trustee Nominee: Compatriot Ken Betterton

The ballots should be arriving by postal mail within the next couple of weeks. Please complete the ballot and return it to the address shown on the ballot as soon as possible.

There is a space to write-in a vote for each office. However, if you use the write-in vote, be sure that the person has agreed to serve should they win the election.

A PDF (Adobe Acrobat format) copy of the Oregon Compatriot will be posted on the [saroregon.org](http://saroregon.org) website. Each issue will be emailed to Oregon Compatriots to save on printing and postage costs. If you prefer a printed copy mailed to you by postal mail, rather than by e-mailed message, please send your request to [orssar-news@live.com](mailto:orssar-news@live.com).

You can also send a copy of quarterly reports and article submission to [orssar-news@live.com](mailto:orssar-news@live.com).

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offset the cost of the conference. The Conference committee is requesting item donations to put up for auction.

Buffet dinners are being planned for Thursday and Friday evenings for those who want to attend. The main events are scheduled for Saturday, the 26th. Even if you cannot attend the Thursday & Friday dinners, please make an effort to attend the Saturday meetings and Banquet. Last year's conference in Kennewick, Washington was well attended, and we are looking for a even better showing at this year's conference with Compatriots from Alaska, Oregon, and Washington.

The Conference registration form will be available in March. Please complete the form, let the Committee know which events you plan to attend, and mail it along with a check to the address on the form by April 1st.

You can reserve rooms for \$99 per night plus applicable taxes at the Valley River Inn. Room reservations can be made online at <http://www.valleyriverinn.com> or by

calling 541 743-1000 and make sure you mention that you are with the Sons of the American Revolution. You should make you reservations as soon as possible as there are a number of events going on in Eugene that weekend.

Bring the family for a weekend getaway. The Valley River Inn is next to the Valley River Mall and the Willamette River. There is plenty of opportunity for enjoying the shops and the scenery. In addition, several tours are being arranged for spouses and family while we Compatriots are at the meetings. Family is invited to the Saturday night Conference Banquet. Business attire or uniforms should be worn at the Banquet.

## Opportunities to Help at the 2014 Pacific District Conference

There are many opportunities to help out before and during the 2014 Pacific District Conference. Contact Compatriot Bob Bogardus, Conference Committee Chairman, to volunteer.

## Show Off Your Stuff

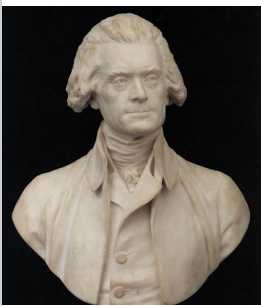
At the 2014 Pacific District Conference on April 25-26, tables are available to display material for various Chapters and Projects. Some tables being planned are for book signing by a Compatriot author, a display of the replica rifle being auctioned by raffle, and a display of the Oregon Revolutionary War Memorial Project being planned in Beaverton, Oregon.

Chapters and State Societies are encouraged to have presentations from their groups and projects. At last year's conference, the Republic and Lewis & Clark Chapter both had display tables. If you have a Chapter banner, bring it to the Conference for display along with any material about your Chapter. The tables do not need to be staffed.





## From the Oregon Society Chapters:



### Thomas Jefferson Chapter Report

Chapter President:  
Compatriot Daniel Froehlich

The Thomas Jefferson Chapter meets on the second Sunday of each month at the Community Center located in the Briarwood

Mobile Home Park (4800 Barger Drive, Eugene). The meetings begin at 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend our meetings. Please contact Robert Bogardus or Roger Swim for directions to the meeting location. Website is [www.saroregon.org/default.php/oregon-society-sar-chapters/thomas-jefferson-chapter/](http://www.saroregon.org/default.php/oregon-society-sar-chapters/thomas-jefferson-chapter/)

### Lewis & Clark Chapter Report

Chapter President:  
Compatriot Larry Heckethorne

The Lewis & Clark Chapter meets on the first Saturday of each month (except July and August) at 11:00 AM at the Beaverton Resource Center, 12500 SW Allen Blvd, Beaverton, Oregon 97076, at the corner of SW Allen Blvd and SW Hall Blvd. We often join for lunch afterwards at the Village Inn, 10650 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy. in Beaverton. Wives and guests are always welcome. Website is [www.orlcsar.org](http://www.orlcsar.org)



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### Republic Chapter Report

Chapter President:  
Compatriot David Devin



The Republic Chapter meetings are held at the Sizzler Restaurant on Lacaster Drive in Salem on the third Saturday of each month (except July & August). The Chapter had 46 members at the end of January 2014. Website is [www.republicchaptersar.org](http://www.republicchaptersar.org)

At their January 18th meeting, the Republic Chapter donated \$100 to the North Salem High School Color Guard for their National Competition trip. The program for their February 15th meeting was "Patriot Ancestor: Asa White" presented by Compatriot David Devin. The Chapter also voted to extend the eligibility of their Col. Percy Willis Scholarship to both Junior ROTC programs at Salem High Schools.

The best presentations are  
about our Patriot Ancestors by  
our own Compatriots.

### Southern Oregon Chapter Report



Chapter President:  
Compatriot Don Thomas

The Southern Oregon Chapter alternates meetings between Elmer's in Medford and Elmer's in Grants Pass. Their meetings start at Noon on the first Wednesday of the month, except July & August.

Check their website page for specific meeting information at [www.saroregon.org/default.php/oregon-society-sar-chapters/southern-oregon-chapter](http://www.saroregon.org/default.php/oregon-society-sar-chapters/southern-oregon-chapter)

## SAR 125th Anniversary Medal



The SAR 125th Anniversary Medal, authorized in 2013, commemorates the one hundred twenty fifth anniversary of the founding of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Compatriots who are dues-paying members between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014 may wear it. In addition, new members whose applications had been submitted during that time may also wear it.

The medal is bronze in color and features the likeness of

President George Washington because 2014 is the 225th anniversary of George Washington taking his oath of office. The medal is suspended from a chest ribbon of blue, buff and white and comes in a set with a full size and miniature medal. The cost is \$30.00, and you can order it from the SAR Store at

<http://store.sar.org/Catalog/Promoted-Item/125th-Anniversary-Medal>



## Oregon Revolutionary War Memorial

Work on the Memorial Project continues. A review of the cost was recently completed. It has been discovered that the footprint of the memorial extends into easement of a road which borders the park where the Memorial is planned to be built, so a slight adjustment to the design is needed to make the footprint smaller.

## Need a Program?

All of us enjoy interesting programs for our Chapter meetings. However, finding and scheduling speakers that can fit in your meeting times can be a challenge. You can help by doing a presentation on your Patriot Ancestors or on a topic related to the American Revolutionary War. You can also make suggestions to your Chapter's Program Committee.

The Lewis & Clark Chapter has presented on Revolutionary Uniforms, and has an interesting program they present to school children. Patriot Ancestor presentations also do not need to come from within your Chapter. Make yourself available to take your Patriot Ancestor presentation on the road to other Chapters.

When all else fails, there are videos:

The Lewis & Clark Chapter sells DVDs from the **Jim Williams' American History** collection (see **Videos** at [www.orlcsar.org](http://www.orlcsar.org)).

You can also find videos for download from Amazon, or you can stream videos from Hulu or NetFlix. If you have purchased videos on topics of interest, you might let others know, so they can be borrowed.

The Republic Chapter has purchased the series, **Origin & Ideologies of the American Revolutionary War Lecture Series**. It has 48 thirty-minute lectures on six DVDs by Professor Peter Mancall of the University of Southern California. They are available to borrow.

As part of the adjustment, thought is being given into a way to construct the Memorial in stages as funds become available. For example, the Oregon State Society, Children of the American Revolution has raised enough money as part of two C.A.R. State Presidents' projects to purchase the bench dedicated to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

For more information about the Memorial, see [www.saroregon.org/default.php/arw-memorial](http://www.saroregon.org/default.php/arw-memorial).

## Keeping our Past in the Digital Age

A project has been proposed and approved by the Oregon Society Board of Managers to digitize the past records of the Society. The goal is to scan major historical documents concerning the Oregon Society SAR since it was founded. The items we want to digitize include, but are not limited to, the following historical documents:

- ◆ State copies of membership applications,
- ◆ Photographs of and for the State Society,
- ◆ Annual Membership meeting minutes and agendas,
- ◆ Conference programs,
- ◆ Award certificates,
- ◆ Past Newsletters,
- ◆ Scrapbooks,
- ◆ Newspaper clippings,
- ◆ and whatever else we might find.

Six boxes of historical documents were donated to the Oregon Historical Society in the 1990s. They are storing them in a warehouse. The Historical Society will allow volunteers to scan the documents whenever their research room is open. A computer and large format scanner is being donated by a fellow Compatriot for the duration of the project. However, we need volunteers who can go to the OHS in Portland to scan the documents being stored by the OHS. The process is as simple as putting the document on the scanner, press/clicking a button, and labeling the resultant file. Training will be provided.



In addition, many Society documents are probably being held by past and current members. Current officers have the documents needed to perform their functions, but other members and chapters may be holding documents as well. If you

can look through your files for past State documents and either scan them or allow them to be scanned, it would help to safeguard our history.

For example, during 2012-2013, the Republic Chapter made an concentrated effort to find and organize all of the past Chapter documents they could find. During that effort, over one hundred documents were found that belonged to the State Society. The documents were probably mixed with Chapter documents when Republic Chapter members were serving as State Officers.

Take a look in your files and please pass along any State Society documents you may have, so they can be scanned. There is also a strong need for volunteers who can go to the Oregon Historical Society a few hours every week to scan the documents held by them. Contact Compatriot David Devin at [devindaca@hotmail.com](mailto:devindaca@hotmail.com) if you want to volunteer at the OHS or have State-level historical documents.

## Support Our Veterans

There are several programs Compatriots can provide to Veterans. They include:

- ◆ Supporting the Honor Flights  
(see [www.honorflight.org](http://www.honorflight.org))
- ◆ Donating "Care-Packages" to Veterans Hospitals & Homes
- ◆ Driving veterans to Veteran Hospitals
- ◆ Help in Operation Ancestor Search  
(see [www.operationancestorsearch.org](http://www.operationancestorsearch.org))

Contact Pacific District SAR Vice-President General Eugene Melvin for information about how you can support our Veterans. Your volunteering to support our Veterans makes you eligible for the Service to Veterans Medal, and scores points for Chapter Awards. However, do it for personal satisfaction, and because they gave their all for us. It is our duty to pay that service forward.

