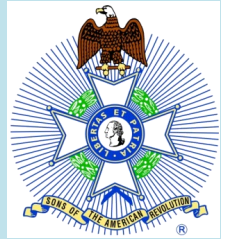




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Oregon Society Compatriot receives the Minuteman Award

The Minuteman Award is the most prestigious award of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. The National Executive committee established the award in 1951. Only those Compatriots who have made distinguished and exceptional contributions of service to the National Society may be recognized. The recipients may receive the award only once.

This beautiful medal is of sterling silver. It depicts a Minuteman holding a rifle with a plow and the Liberty Bell in the background. The medal is suspended from a neck ribbon of royal blue silk.

The Minuteman Award was first presented at the 1952 National Congress. The first honoree was former President General Benjamin H. Powell of Texas. The award has been presented annually since 1952. Since 1967, a maximum of six awards may be presented each year. There have been 383 Compatriots who have been recognized the Minuteman Award.

Compatriot Robert A. Bogardus, Jr. is the first member of the Oregon Society to be honored with the Minuteman Medal. He was presented the award at the 124th National Congress July 18-24, 2014 in Greenville, South Carolina.

Compatriot Bogardus has served the National Society as Vice President General of the Pacific District for three terms. He has also served as a National Trustee for seven years and as an Alternate Trustee for two years for the Oregon Society. He has also served as a National Trustee for the Alaska



Society for five years. Compatriot Bogardus has served on the following committees:

- ◇ Nominating Committee for two years;
- ◇ Eagle Scout Committee for fourteen years, two of the years serving as the Corresponding Secretary;
- ◇ Flag Committee for fourteen years, three of those years as Vice Chairman and one as Chairman;
- ◇ Hospitality and Music Committee for eight years;
- ◇ Independent Audit Committee for two years, serving as Vice chairman one of those years.
- ◇ Patriotic Outreach Committee for five years, serving as vice Chairman for four of those years;
- ◇ Retention and Reinstatement Committee for three years.

Compatriot Bogardus is the first line sponsor for seven new members and actively assisted in reactivating the Thomas Jefferson Chapter, ORSSAR. He has attended fourteen Congresses and twenty eight Nation Leadership Meetings. He has contributed to the Eagle Scout Trust Fund, is a George Washington Fellow and a contributor to the SAR Center for the Advancing American's Heritage.

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Editor's Message:

Good intentions do not get the job done. Words to live by in my world. Between technical issues and just plain time getting away from me, this is only the second issue of the Oregon Compatriot newsletter this year. A lot has happened in the state since the last newsletter in March. The Pacific District Conference in Eugene, the ORSSAR membership meeting, the National Congress in South Carolina, and three Oregon Society Board of Managers meeting.

All of these events provide plenty of material for the newsletter, so I have no excuse and for that I apologize for not getting this issue out on time.

My plan is to publish an issue after each Board of Managers meeting to contain information from the reports presented at the meetings. Send news about your SAR activities to orssar-news@live.com to get it included in the newsletter.

No Quorum at October BOM

The October Board of Managers meeting was held at the Valley River Inn on October 11 in Eugene. A quorum was not met, so all decisions were tabled until the January 2015 meeting. Seven members of the BOM must be present to reach a quorum. Only five members were present at the October Meeting. Except for the State President, who was excused for the meeting, all State Officers were present. However, no Chapter Presidents or Trustees were represented at the meeting. Three of the Chapter Presidents had excused absents. The fourth Chapter President was present, but as a State Officer rather than as Chapter President.

Oregon Society SAR By-law Number Ten - Section 2 states "If a Chapter President is unable to attend a Board

of Manager's meeting, he may elect to appoint a Compatriot from his Chapter to represent the Chapter at the meeting."

An appointed representative for just two of the Chapters would have made a quorum at the October BOM meeting, so business could be transacted. If your Chapter President asks you to attend a Board of Managers meeting in his place, consider it an opportunity to be a part of the leadership in the State Society, albeit temporarily. Ideally, an appointed representative should not be a person already on the Board.

Chapter Trustees and Presidents represent their Chapters at the State Level. Membership on the Board of Managers allows the Chapters to have a voice in Oregon Society SAR business.

Upcoming Events:

January 2015 Board of Manager's Meeting

The BOM meeting will be held January 10, 2015 at Community Center located in the Briarwood Mobile Home Park (4800 Barger Drive, Eugene).

Pacific District SAR 2015 Conference

The 2015 Annual Conference for the Pacific District SAR is planned for April 25, 2015 at the Red Lion in Bellevue Washington. Rooms are available at the Red Lion. Plan to attend and visit the great Seattle area.

Oregon Society SAR Annual Membership 2015 Meeting

The Oregon Society SAR 2015 Meeting is planned for April 11, 2015 at the Valley River Inn in Eugene Oregon.

The Oregon Society Membership Meeting will include counting the ballots for the election of 2015-2016 State Officers, and the swearing in of the newly elected State Officers.

Oregon Society SAR Recognition

At the 124th National Congress in Greenville South Carolina, the Oregon Society SAR was recognized by the National Society and the President General with the following streamers and awards. The awards were presented to the Oregon Society Board of Managers October meeting by Compatriot Robert Bogardus.

- ◇ C.A.R Activity Award & Streamer
- ◇ George & Stella Knight Award
- ◇ Marian Brown Eagle Scout Award
- ◇ The Colorado Award
- ◇ Admiral William Furlong Memorial Award & Streamer

Congratulations to Compatriot Johnny Alexander for receiving the Liberty Medal Award for recruiting 10 new members.

Mailing Costs: \$151.00

Assuming the Oregon Compatriot newsletter is published four times a year, mailing costs for the newsletter will be \$151.00 per year. Most Compatriots receive the newsletter, in color, by e-mail. However, 77 Compatriots do not have an email account that they can use for personal purposes, so we have been mailing black and white paper copies of the newsletter to those members. To save postal costs in 2015, the newsletter will only be mailed to Compatriots who specifically ask for a printed copy. Everyone else can get an electronic copy of the newsletter from the Oregon SAR website or sent to them by e-mail.

If you want your newsletter sent by postal mail, notify your Chapter Secretary, who will forward the request to the editor at orssar-news@live.com. Or, you can send the request directly to the same address.

If you want to receive the newsletter by e-mail and your email address is not listed on the Oregon Society roster, give your email address to your Chapter Secretary, so the roster can be updated.

From the Oregon Society Chapters:

Lewis & Clark Chapter Report

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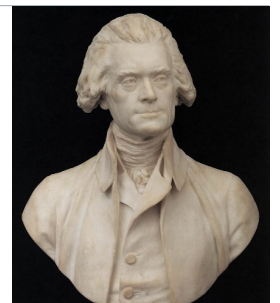
The Lewis & Clark Chapter meets on the first Saturday of each month (except July and August) at 11:00 AM at the Beaverton Resource Center, 12500 SW Allen Blvd, Beaverton, Oregon 97076, at the corner of SW Allen Blvd and SW Hall Blvd. We often join for lunch afterwards at the Village Inn, 10650 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale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



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/



Republic Chapter Report



Chapter President:
Compatriot Johnny
Alexander

The Republic Chapter meetings are held at the Sizzler Restaurant on Lancaster 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.

At the Chapter's Annual Conference meeting, outgoing Chapter President Devin awarded Bronze Roger Sherman Medals to:

- Compatriot Ken Betterton (two years service as Treasurer),
- Compatriot Robert Harrison (two years service as Secretary),
- Compatriot Willis Meisenheimer (three years service as Col. Percy Willis Scholarship Committee Chairman),
- Compatriot Johnny Alexander (two years service as Registrar).

Compatriot Willis Meisenheimer was awarded the Chapter Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his work with the JROTC programs in the Salem area since 2006.

President Devin also took advantage of the clause in the CDSA criteria to present the award for service during the previous five years.

- For 2012, the Chapter Distinguished Service Award was presented to Compatriot Ken Betterton for his commitment to successfully recovering our Col. Percy Willis special projects funds.
- For 2011, The Chapter Distinguished service award was presented to Compatriot Johnny Alexander for his dedication in reviewing and revising the Republic Chapter By-laws and Constitution.

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-chapter1

At our April 2nd meeting we had one VERY interesting speaker. Joel Marks, a local very knowledgeable historian, gave a talk on the formation of our Constitution. Bob Borgardus was thinking of getting him to run a series of talks at the next Pacific District meeting, which will be in the Seattle area.

We are still in the process of installing the SAR's OAS (Operation Ancestor Search) program. We have made contact with the White City VA Center. This is a program run through the Wounded Warrior Project. One genealogical society (Rogue Valley Genealogical Society) so he or she doesn't have to look at four walls and a couple of local DAR chapters have agreed to assist us.

Pay it forward — Be a part of
a Veteran's Program

In Memoriam: Compatriot Rev. Herbert Morris

Compatriot Morris passed away on March 22, 2014. Herb held several offices in SAR including the 1998-1999 Oregon State. Herb served his country in wartime, then came home and served his community.



Who Were Our Oregon Compatriots

A complete name list of all past Compatriots who joined the Oregon Society SAR has been added to the Oregon Society web site. Not all records have complete information, but there is a Compatriot Name, National Number, and Oregon number for every member who has passed away. Information on 4 Oregon Numbers does not exist in the National Society application volumes.

You can see the list of Oregon Compatriots who have passed on at <http://www.saroregon.org/default.php/past-compatriots-2/>. The list is sorted by their Oregon Number and is searchable.

William Cannon Headstone Cleanup

Last May, Compatriot Larry Mylnechuk committed his time and energy to spruce up the headstone of the only Revolutionary War Patriot who is buried in Oregon. William Cannon is buried at the Old Saint Paul Roman Catholic Mission Cemetery in St. Paul, Oregon. The headstone was erected about 15 years ago and was showing the effects of western Oregon weather. There are still some rust stains and discoloration he could not clean. Join the entire Oregon Society in thanking Compatriot Mylnechuk for his service.

Larry has set an example and suggests that cleaning the headstone is an opportunity for a chapter to hold a meeting in St. Paul as an annual work event.



SAR Patriot Ancestors' Biographies

One of the goals of President General Lindsey Brock is to get members to submit biographies of their Patriot Ancestors. He has formed a committee whose purpose is to "perpetuate the memory of our Revolutionary War Patriot Ancestors by providing a media for SAR members to submit biographies of their patriot ancestors' which will provide another tool in the recruitment of new members." A decision is to be made if a streamer will be issued for a percentage of participation from the membership of a state society. Issuing a certificate to each submitter has also been discussed. Even if there is no recognition for submitting a biography, just do it to honor your Patriot Ancestor, so his individual story is not lost.

You may have already started a biography on your Patriot Ancestor when you presented your ancestor as a program for a Chapter Meeting. Take those notes, compile them in a short narrative, and submit it to the Committee. If you submit a copy of the biography to the Oregon Compatriot newsletter editor at orssar-news@live.com, it will be published in a future issue of the Compatriot.

Support Our Veterans

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

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



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.