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## MEETING NOVEMBER 7, 2012

Our next monthly meeting will be at Grants Pass Elmer's Restaurant right off Exit 55 on I-5 on Wednesday November 7th at high noon. We will be able to chat on the outcome of our VERY IMPORTANT election. Our speaker this month will be Nicki Coulter, a professor at Rogue Community College. She spoke to us about a year ago and all of us was impressed with her presentation. She will talk again about the Revolutionary War and tell us about the "Problems Encountered During The War". She won't be there until about 1:00 PM; so we can have our business meeting prior to her presentation.

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

Future programs will be as follows:

December 5<sup>th</sup> in Medford

Al Grieshaber will talk to us about NASA (his former employer) and also about "Remembering Neil Armstrong", whom Al knew well.

January 2<sup>nd</sup> in Medford

Art Borland will talk to us about the history of the Masonic Order.

We are also working one of Josephine County new Commissioners for our February or May meeting in Grants Pass. Also we are going to invite Josephine County's Sheriff to speak to us.

## MEETING PLACES

The meeting places for the coming fiscal year (Sept--Aug) is as follows:

September, November, February and May will be in Grants Pass at Elmer's-- directions shown above.

October, December, January, March, April and June will be at Elmer's on Biddle Road in Medford (we did meet there once but hopefully Stuart Long made sure that the partitions will be closed) July and August we are dark.

## DUES

Unfortunately, this is the time of the year to announce that dues for 2013 are due by December 1, 2012. Formerly it was due on November 1, but the Board changed it to December 1 to conform with National policies.

The dues are as follows:

National	\$30.00
State	15.00
Chapter	15.00
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Total	60.00

Please make check out to SOC SAR and bring to meeting or mail to 1075 Hillview, Ashland, OR 97520

## JOHN HANCOCK RESIGNS

John Hancock resigned his position as president of the Continental Congress due to a prolonged illness on October 29, 1777. Hancock was the first member of the Continental Congress to sign the Declaration of Independence and is perhaps best known for his bold signature on the ground breaking document.

First elected to the Continental Congress in 1774 as a delegate from Massachusetts, Hancock became its president upon the resignation of Peyton Randolph in May 1775. During his tenure as president, Hancock presided over some of the most historic moments of the American Revolution, culminating in the signing of the Declaration of Independence in July 1776.

After resigning his position as president, Hancock returned to his home state of Massachusetts, where he continued his work in public service. After helping to establish the state's first constitution, Hancock was elected first governor of the commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1780 and served for five years. He declined to run for reelection in 1785, but returned after a two year absence and was elected governor for a second time in 1787. He held the position until his death in 1793.

Hancock will forever remembered for his bold and defiant signature on the Declaration of Independence, but "bold" and "defiant" could also describe the way he

lived. The wealthiest colonist in England, Hancock risked losing everything for the cause of American independence. Nothing better than Hancock's defiance than the first he spoke after signing the Declaration of Independence. In response to the ultimatum the British had placed on the hands of the prominent revolutionary leader, Hancock replied, "The British ministry call me name without spectacles; let them have their reward."

## OPPORTUNITIES

Recently we received an email from a teacher of history from an elementary school near Roseburg to teach for about 30 minutes, certain aspects of the Revolutionary War. I will bring you my response to it. It will be shared Thanksgiving with the date being ascertained at a later time.

I am thrilled at the prospects you bring to us as members of the Society. I want us to tell us about the way of life about our ancestor from which we are SAR members.

Please think about this super