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MEETING NOVEMBER 2, 2011

Our next monthly meeting will be at Mazatlan Restaurant on November 2nd at high noon. See below as to location of restaurant.

This month we do not have a speaker as of yet; however, if we can't get one, we will have a BS session about the SAR. I do want to thank Lillian Stewart for filling in at the last minute last month. She gave a short talk on "Life, Liberty, and The Pursuit of Happiness". It was inspiring.

Future meetings and the programs will be listed as they become available. All meetings for the rest of the year will be held at the Mazatlan Restaurant..

LOCATION OF MAZATLAN RESTAURANT

If you are heading south on I-5, take Exit 33 and turn right on Pine Road. Go to first light (Freeman Road), turn left and enter the shopping center. Go back a ways and behind Albertson's and you will see the restaurant.

If you are heading north, take exit 33, turn left and then follow instructions above.

SUPPORT OF THE CAAH PROGRAM

While in North Carolina I committed our Chapter to contribute \$250 to support the new library in Louisville. The other four chapters are also contributing \$250 each. That's a total of \$1,250 from Oregon. This was our part in matching funds of \$50,000.

BRING A GUEST

Everyone is always entitled to bring guest to the luncheon and meeting as well as be able to listen to a guest speaker. Most of you know that our speakers cover a lot of subjects that are interesting and not boring.

The guest does not have to be a candidate for the SAR, but if he is--GOOD. Actually the more people hear about the SAR meetings and speakers, the better it will be for us. Called good PR.

DUES

Last month I made a mistake on the amount of dues owed by each compatriot in good standing. I said that the state dues was \$10. It really is \$15 dollars (I knew that, because I was at the meeting approving the increase!!).

Thus the total amount due is \$55 not \$50. Sorry for the goof.

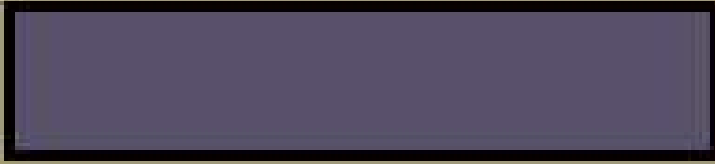
FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Our peculiar security is in the possession of a written Constitution. Let us not make it a blank paper in construction.

Thomas Jefferson in a letter to Wilson Nicholas, 1803.

ALLEN STEWART

It was good to see Allen at the last meeting. Despite his illness, he was in good spirit and seem to enjoy himself. S



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CONTINENTAL CONGRESS AUTHORIZES FIRST NAVAL FORCE

On October 13, 1775 the Continental Congress authorizes construction and administration of the first American naval force--the precursor to our United States Navy.

Since the outbreak of open hostilities with the British in April, little consideration had been given to protection by sea until Congress received news that a British naval fleet was on its way. In November, the Continental Navy was formally organized and on December 22nd, Esek Hopkins was appointed the first commander in chief of the Continental Navy. Congress also named four captains to the new service: Dudley Saltonstall, Abraham Whipple, Nicholas Biddle, and John Burrows Hopkins. Their respective vessels, the 24-gun frigates *Alfred* and *Columbus*, the 14-gun brigs *Andrew Doria* and *Cabot*, as well as three schooners, the *Hornet*, the *Wasp* and the *Fly*, became the first ships of the Navy's fleet. Five first lieutenants, including future American hero, John Paul Jones, five second lieutenants and three third lieutenants also received their commissions.

Admiral Hopkins, as he was dubbed by George Washington, was first tasked with assessing the feasibility of an attack on British naval forces in the Chesapeake Bay.

After sailing south with his meager force of eight ships, Hopkins decided that victory in such an encounter was impossible. He sailed to the Bahamas instead, where he attacked the British port of Nassau, a decision for which he was relieved of his command upon returning to the continent.

During the American Revolution, the Continental Navy successfully preyed on British merchant shipping and won several victories over British warships. This first naval force was disbanded after the war. What is now known as the United States Navy was formally established with the creation of the Federal Department of the Navy in April 1798.

Article can be found on www.history.net

MORE FOOD FOR THOUGHT

No morn ever dawned more favorably than ours did, and no day was every more clouded than the present! Wisdom, and good examples are necessary at this time to rescue the political machine from the impending storm.

George Washington letter to James Madison
1786

The press is impotent when it abandons itself to falsehood.

Thomas Jefferson