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MEETING MARCH 6, 2013

Our next monthly meeting will be at Medford's Elmer's Restaurant on Biddle Road on Wednesday March 6th at high noon. Our speaker for this month will be Mike Winters, Sheriff of Jackson County. I will also give my report on the AMAZING get together with the kids at Geneva Academy in Roseburg on February 13th. May well be the "start" of something big. Your presence will be appreciated.

POSTSCRIPT

Last month an article about the doings the DAR is involved in, raised some eyebrows in our chapter. To date I have not heard any more rumblings on this subject one way or another. If we ever get any other data on this, I will report it.

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On the second page of this letter is an article by David Jaques, news reporter for "The Beacon" (Roseburg) printed on February 20, 2013. As a surprise to us, the Academy also donated \$200 to the SAR. As the compatriots from the Lewis & Clark Chapter did most of the work and certainly traveled much further than I did, it was agreed that the donation be allocated \$160 for the Lewis & Clark Chapter and \$40 for the Southern Oregon Chapter. Each chapter can make its own decision as to how these funds will be utilized.

It was a REAL FUN DAY!!!

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.

Beginning in September 2013 we will be alternating between Medford and Grants Pass starting with Grants Pass. That means there will be five meetings each year in each city. For the time being we will still be meeting at Elmer's in both cities.

FUTURE MEETINGS

We are still working on ~~the~~ meetings for April, May and June. We are trying to get CW Smith, former sheriff and county commissioner for Jackson County. If we are able to get him to come to one of those meetings, we will present him with a GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD for all of his years that he had served for Jackson County.

Students at Roseburg Private School Handle Weapons on Campus

Roseburg, Oregon

—Local private school, Geneva Academy, hosted members of the Oregon Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) for an intensive hands-on U.S. history lesson just prior to President's Day. Geneva Academy students participated in a multi-media presentation of the history of the uniforms worn by



U.S. troops for the duration of the War of Independence. Various firearms used by both the U.S. and British troops, including flintlock muskets with bayonets and a Lancaster long rifle, 18th century sword, powder horns, cartridge pouches, and various accoutrements of what the average soldier would have carried with them, were showcased and handled by students and teachers on campus. A demonstration on how to ignite ammunition using tow, flint and steel was a big hit with the kids.

Geneva Academy's U.S. History curriculum for third and fourth graders encompasses an 18-week study of the American Revolutionary War era. Students study the controversies that drew early Americans into the fight for independence from Great Britain, including the Boston Massacre of 1770. Geneva's curriculum covers political events and influential battles from approximately 1770 until the signing of the United States Constitution in 1787, including the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Students also research renowned revolutionaries such

as Benjamin Franklin, Patrick Henry, Paul Revere, Thomas Paine, Henry Knox, as well as the United States' first president, George Washington.

"It's so important for the kids to know American history and how America came to be," said Miss Lindsey Behrens, who teaches the third and fourth grades at Geneva Academy. "I teach the Revolutionary War as in depth as possible because it is truly incredible that even with all the many advantages the British had, we see again and again that it was the Lord and His providence all along who allowed us to win our freedom. The kids have really been captivated by the

evidence of God moving in this era of history."

Mark Robertson and Fred Heiser from the Portland Chapter of SAR, and Don Thomas, president of the Southern Oregon Chapter of SAR, brought a trunk containing dozens of replica items used during the 1770s. Both speakers wore color guard uniforms representing the U.S. Army during the American Revolution.

The Sons of the American Revolution is a nationwide organization for individuals who have one or more ancestors that supported the cause for independence from Great Britain. On February 20th, the Umpqua Chapter of

Daughters of the American Revolution will be presenting to Geneva's third fourth grade students how to research family genealogy to find ancestors involved in the cause for American independence.

Geneva Academy is the only classical Christian

school in Douglas County and one of four in Oregon. The Academy moved from Umpqua to Roseburg in November 2012 to be more centrally located to the families and churches it serves.

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