



# The Journal

The Newsletter of the Lewis & Clark Chapter  
Oregon Society, Sons of the American Revolution



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**\*\*\*Annual Chapter Picnic\*\*\***

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## Annual Chapter Picnic

The Lewis & Clark Chapter will be holding its fifth annual summer picnic in Wilsonville on Saturday **August 22nd**. This is a potluck and is open to all SAR, DAR and CAR members in Oregon and Southwest Washington. Direction to Memorial Park: From I-5 take exit 283 and head east on Wilsonville Road to Memorial Park's entrance. The picnic begins at 11 AM, there will be fun games for the children and music for all to enjoy. We hope to beat the turnout of last year's very successful picnic.

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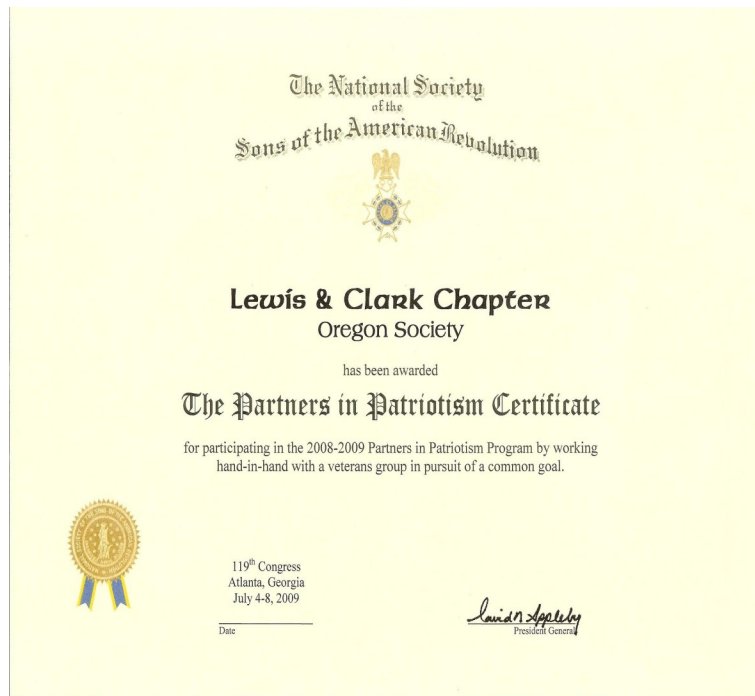
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## Congratulation - Lewis & Clark Chapter



**Announcements:**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Lewis & Clark Chapter

August 22nd (picnic)

September 12th

October 3rd

October 24th

(State Annual Meeting)

**Location:**

Beaverton Library

12375 5th Avenue

Beaverton, Oregon

Library Conference

Room—11AM

Lunch to follow



John Adams

“Liberty can not be preserved without a general knowledge among the people.”

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## Society Awards - Part 1

### **\*\*\*State Medal of Distinguished Service\*\*\***

The State Medal of distinguished Service , authorized in 1998, is the highest Medal that can be awarded by a State Society President during each year of his term of office. It is presented to a Compatriot for distinguished service rendered to the State society on the state level during a State Society's President's term of office. The Medal should be presented at the State Society annual meeting at the conclusion of the President's term of office. The State Medal of Distinguished Service is presented by the incumbent State Society President and does not require other approval.

### **\*\*\*Patriot Medal\*\*\***

Patriot Medal is awarded only by a state society. It is the highest award given for service at the state or chapter level. This medal is presented only to individuals and may be received ONLY once. It represents long, faithful and outstanding service at the state and / or chapter level. Service at the national level can not be considered in making the award. The Patriot Medal may be awarded annually by any state society. State societies with fewer than 500 members may present no more than one medal each calendar year.

### **\*\*\*Meritorious Service Medal\*\*\***

The Meritorious Service Medal, authorized in 1980, may be awarded to SAR Members who have rendered long, faithful and meritorious service to their chapter, state society, district or to the National Society. This medal may be awarded by the National Society, a district, a state society, or a chapter and is awarded for lesser services than would

### **\*\*\*Liberty Medal\*\*\***

The Liberty Medal authorized in 1987, commemorates the restoration of the Statue of Liberty, reminds us of our liberty and is presented for recruiting new members to the SAR. The Liberty Medal is presented by the National Society annually at the Congress to any member who is a first line signer on a membership application. You will received the award each time you recruit 10 new members per year.

### **\*\*\* Florence Kendall Award\*\*\***

The Florence Kendall Award is given annually at the SAR Congress to the top three members nationally who were the first line sponsor for the largest number of new members during the previous year.

### **\*\*\*NSSAR Color Guard Medal\*\*\***

The SAR Color Guard Medal, authorized in 1998, may be awarded for service to the Society at the National, District, State and Chapter levels. This medal is for three years service at the appropriate level. It may be broken, not continuous service, and award of this medal may be retroactive, so that any living compatriot may receive it, even if he cannot march anymore.

The Chapter, State Society, District, or National, Color Guard Commander will be the final person who shall have the awarding authority of the medal at the appropriate level. For Chapter and State Society level (Bronze medal), to have a satisfactory year, the participant must attend 50% of the scheduled activities of the Chapter or State Color Guard concerned.

## Chapter Announcements - Eugene Melvin

### \*\*\*Oregon Society Annual Meeting\*\*\*

Mark you calendar for the ORSSAR annual meeting to be held at the Holiday Inn in Wilsonville, Oregon on Saturday, October 24.

The election of officers for the State Society will take place at the annual meeting with installation of the new officers at the evening banquet. This is the first banquet that this Society has had in many years. Please plan on attending and showing your support for the work of the Oregon Society.

### \*\*\* Eagle Scout Scholarship Program\*\*\*

Grier Ingebretsen is both the Oregon Society and the Lewis and Clark Chapter committee chairman for this program. We will be presenting to Andrew Janzen the Eagle Scout trophy at the State Society annual banquet on October 24. Andrew placed fourth at the national level this year and has a good chance of being one of the top winners next year. Come and congratulate this fine young man.

If you are aware of a Boy Scout who is working towards his Eagle Scout award then contact Grier for details on how to become eligible for this award.

### \*\*\*Chapter Vest\*\*\*

We are again soliciting orders for chapter vest. The cost is \$36 each and the Chapter will cover the shipping cost.

This is a good way for chapter members to provide free publicity for the SAR when they are wearing their vest. The vest may be worn to all SAR, DAR, and CAR functions. Contact Eugene Melvin regarding ordering your vest.

### \*\*\*Websites\*\*\*

Both the Oregon Society (<http://www.sar.org/orsar/>) and the Lewis and Clark Chapter (<http://www.lewis-clarksar.org/>) have websites that are regularly updated.

Our newsletter editor, Robert Bogardus, has done a wonderful job this year in bringing back to life the spirit of our patriot's ancestors with his efforts in publishing both a Oregon Society Compatriot and the Lewis & Clark Journal. If you have missed an issue or would like to look at a color version of the newsletter, then I highly recommend you visit both websites.

### \*\*\*Chapter Recognition\*\*\*

(See the Certificate on the Front Page)

The Lewis and Clark Chapter received at the 119th Congress of the National Society the Partners in Patriotism Certificate for the Color Guard participation in the Memorial Day Services at Willamette National Cemetery.

The Partners in Patriotism program will run each year from June 1 through May 31 and a report should be sent to the Chairman of the Committee in order to receive recognition at the annual Congress.

The purpose of the program is to have the SAR work with other local veteran organizations to promote patriotism. To this purpose the State Society has formed a new committee for Veterans, chaired by our own Eugene Melvin. Let us give our support to Eugene and get the Chapter involved in promoting patriotism in our communities .

We should start by contacting other local veteran groups to see how we has a society can help them.

## July, August & September Birthdays and Anniversaries

### \*\*\*July Birthdays\*\*\*

James Bickford  
 Robert Bogardus  
 Kurt Cleveland  
 BT Fredericks  
 George Koch  
 Gene Lambird  
 Glen Meek Jr.  
 Chuck Nelson  
 Gerald Petry  
 Timothy Waitman  
 Thomas Youngblood

### \*\*\*August Birthdays\*\*\*

Richard Duer  
 Eugene Melvin  
  
**\*\*\* September Birthdays\*\*\***  
 Clark Balfour  
 Malcolm Boyd  
 Raymond Cleaveland  
 Dave Guiel  
 Raymond Peterson  
 Mark Robertson

### \*\*\*July Anniversaries\*\*\*

Victor Dodier  
 Chuck Nelson  
 Timothy Waitman  
 Thomas Youngblood

### \*\*\*August Anniversaries\*\*\*

John Cleaveland  
 BT Fredericks  
 Larry Heckethorne  
 Erich Highet  
 Ronald Highet  
 Albert Martin  
 Herbert Morris  
 Kai Thomsen

### \*\*\*September Anniversaries\*\*\*

Leo Graham  
 Randall Lewis  
 Gerald Petry  
 Robert Wolever

## This Day is History - August 12, 1776

### Washington anticipates British Strategy

On this day in 1776, General George Washington writes to Major General Charles Lee that the Continental Army's situation had deteriorated due to an outbreak of smallpox and problems with desertion. Washington feared that the superior British Navy might blockade New York, thus isolating the city from communications with other states.

Washington was correct that the British intended to capture New York City and gain control of the Hudson River, a victory that would divide the rebellious colonies in half. British General William Howe's large army landed on Long Island, however, 10 days later than they had planned, on August 22. Finally, on August 27, the Redcoats marched against the Patriot position at Brooklyn Heights, overcoming the Americans at Gowanus Pass and

then outflanking the entire Continental Army. The Americans suffered 1,000 casualties to the British loss of only 400 men during the fighting. After the victory, Howe chose not to follow the advice of his subordinates and did not storm the Patriot redoubts at Brooklyn Heights, where he could have taken the Patriots' military leadership prisoner and ended the rebellion.

General Washington ordered a retreat to Manhattan by boat. The British could easily have prevented this retreat and captured most of the Patriot officer corps, including Washington. General William Howe and his brother, Admiral Richard Howe, however, still hoped to convince the Americans to rejoin the British empire in the wake of the humiliating defeat, instead of forcing the former colonies into submission after executing Washington and his officers as traitors. Indeed, on September 11, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and other congressional representatives reopened negotiations with the Howe brothers on Staten Is-

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## Chapter Treasurer - Eugene Melvin

It is that time of year again to start thinking about 2010 dues to the Society. During the 119th Congress the delegates approved a increase in the National Society dues from \$20 to \$30. The current breakdown for the Lewis & Clark Chapter will be as follows:

NSSAR \$30.00

ORSSAR \$ 6.00

Chapter \$ 5.00

Total is \$41.00

This year dues notice letters will be mailed in September with an October 31st deadline.

For those who are interested in a National Life Mem-

bership, the current one-time fee for a Life Membership is \$750 for members 40 and younger, decreasing by \$12.50 per year for each year over 40. On November 1, 2009 the fee will increase to \$900 for members 40 and younger an decrease by \$15 per year for each year over 40. For example the new Life Membership fee for a 60 year old member will be \$900 less \$15 x 20 years for a total of \$600. In this example if National dues remain at \$30 per year, you would only need to live to 80 years old to use up the Life Membership fee, and that is based upon no additional dues increases in those 20 years. If you decide to have a National Life Membership you will only be responsible for State and Chapter dues each year; currently at \$11.

## This Day is History - May 24, 1775

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land; the negotiations fell through when the British refused to accept American independence.

The British captured New York City on September 15; it would remain in British hands until the end of the war.

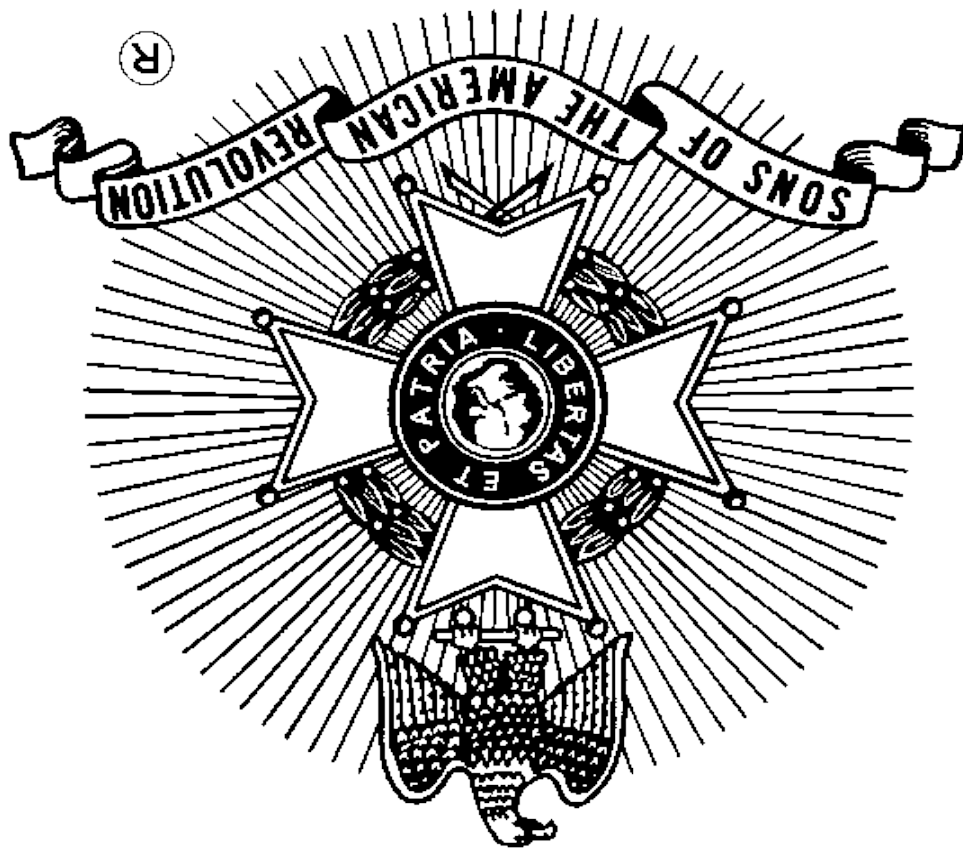
[www.history.com](http://www.history.com)



General Sir William Howe

British Commanding General

1729-1814



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