

# THE PACIFIC DISTRICT Sons of the American Revolution

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April 28, 2012

A call to order for the Pacific District Meeting was made at 1:00 PM by Washington State Society member John Caskey, Master of Ceremonies (MC) with the Oregon Society Secretary acting pro tem. In attendance were Treasurer General Joseph Dooley, Vice President General (VPG) Pacific District Donald Thomas, Alaska Society National Trustee Robert Bogardus, Oregon Society National Trustee Ken Betterton, Oregon Society President Eugene Melvin, Washington Society Robert Doughty, members and guests. All three states were represented. Thirty-five (35) members and guests were assembled. A quorum was present. The invocation was given by Rev. Dr. William Ailes. Everyone rose for the Presentation of the colors. Color Guard Commander Mark Robertson led the procession. All covered their hearts or saluted the Flag and were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Washington Society President Doughty. The Sons of the American Revolution Pledge was led by Oregon Society Past President Johnny Alexander.

MC Caskey welcomed all and introduced guests. Each person in the room introduced themselves.

Eugene Melvin made announcements of events and encouraged the assembly to participate in the raffle.

**Secretary's Report:** Rev William Ailes moved the reading of the minutes of the April 30, 2011 Pacific District Meeting, previously submitted to the VPG Pacific District and the three State Society Presidents, be waived and approved as written. Seconded by VPG Don Thomas. The minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Eugene Melvin presented the treasurer's report showing for 2011 total receipts of \$4,716.00 with total expenses of \$3,424.85, leaving a balance of \$1,291.15 carried forward to the 2012 meeting.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** VPG Pacific District Don Thomas explained the voting procedure for the new VPG Pacific District. In the past it has rotated between the three states in the district, Alaska, Oregon and Washington.

Bob O'Neal of the Washington Society nominated Robert Doughty of the Washington Society. Eugene Melvin of the Oregon Society seconded the nomination. Robert Doughty was elected the VPG Pacific District.

Eugene Melvin explained the method of electing the Treasurer. A discussion back and forth on how to appoint the new Treasurer was held. The Treasurer should be a member of the state society opposite that of the VPG Pacific District. Robert Doughty, VPG Pacific District, stated that it is better to have a Treasurer for 3 or 4 years and someone who knows the job. John Ellingson talked on the position and stated that the position is already in the by-laws.

William Ailes moved that the current VPG Pacific District appoint the Treasurer. Eugene Melvin seconded the motion. Motion failed.

Craig Lawson moved to amend that the position of Pacific District Conference Treasurer will be an ex officio. The Oregon and Washington State Treasurers will act as the Pacific District Treasurer. William Ailes seconded the motion. Motion failed.

#### **Resolution #1**

*Resolved That* the Constitution and By Laws of the Pacific District of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution as they stood and were promulgated on January 1, 2010 are hereby adopted as the standard reference document for all resolutions, Constitutional and By Law changes which have occurred and will take place during the Annual Conferences of the District in 2011 and 2012.

#### **Resolution #2**

*Resolved That* Article IV (c) of the Constitution of the Pacific District of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution as it stood on January 1, 2010 is REVOKED in its entirety in conformity with the letter and spirit of the Pacific District's resolution of April 30, 2011 to create a new position of Treasurer of the Pacific District of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

#### **Resolution #3**

*Resolved That* Article (2) of the By Laws of the Pacific District of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution as they stood on January 1, 2010 is REVOKED in its entirety in conformity with the letter and spirit of the Pacific District's resolution of April 30, 2011 to create a new position of Treasurer of the Pacific District of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

#### **Resolution #4**

*Resolved That* The By Laws of the Pacific District of the Society of the American Revolution are amended to include a new agenda item at the Annual Conference of the Pacific District, to be stated in a new Sub-Paragraph 5 (a) of the By Laws, and to read in its entirety as follows:

*Report of the Joint Treasurers of the Pacific District, and membership approval of their report.*

#### **Resolution #5**

*Resolved That Resolution #4(3) of the Pacific District Conference of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution held on April 30, 2011 REVOKED in its entirety in conformity with the letter and spirit of the Pacific District's collected resolutions of April 28, 2012.*

#### **Resolution #6**

*Resolved That Article IV(c) of the Constitution of the Pacific District of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and Article IV (2) of the By Laws of the Pacific District of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, are hereby both enacted to read in their entireties as follows:*

*The Joint Treasurers of the Pacific District of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution shall be jointly the current Treasurers of the Washington and Oregon Societies of the Sons of the American Revolution who shall: (1) create, promulgate and follow as fiduciaries all appropriate protocols for the formation of accounts, collection of funds, disbursement of authorized expenses, and reporting to the Pacific District Annual Conference of all financial dealings of the District: (2) keep and guard as fiduciaries all funds collected by and through the Pacific District of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution: and (3) disburse all expenses for the Annual Conference of the District as called upon by the current Vice-President General of the District.*

#### **Resolution #7**

*Resolved That the Constitution and By Laws of the Pacific District of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution as they existed at the end of the 2012 Conference of the Pacific District shall be revised in form only to reflect all changes made by This Body through said date and presented to the 2013 Conference of the Pacific District.*

Eugene Melvin moved to accept the above resolutions and William Ailes seconded. Motion passed 18 for and 5 against.

Robert Doughty of the Washington Society was sworn in as the new Vice President General of the Pacific District Joseph Dooley, Treasurer General of the NSSAR.

#### **Appointment of 2013 Pacific District Conference Coordinator**

Eugene Melvin talked about appointing about a coordinator for the 2013 Pacific District Conference to be hosted by the Washington Society. After discussing the position, Doug Nelson from the John Paul Jones Chapter in Washington was selected as the coordinator.

**State President's Report:** Robert Bogardus reported on the Alaska Society. President Walter John sent his greetings and regards. The Alaska Society now has a State Registrar. They meet four times a year, last week they met with the DAR. They have 25 members in the Alaska State Society. Active in presenting ROTC medals. They are also presenting Flag certificates.

Robert Doughty reported on the Washington Society. He introduced the Ladies Auxiliary members who helped on the raffle today, collecting items for our wounded warriors, and counting ballots.

The new officers for the Washington Society: President Jim Lindley; Vice President Doug Nelson; Secretary William Ailes; Treasurer Craig Lawson; Registrar John Ernst; Chaplain Ken Roberts; and National Trustee John Ellingson were sworn in by Joseph Dooley, Treasurer General of the NSSAR.

Robert recognized John Ellingson as the only Minuteman from the Washington Society. The Minuteman is the highest award bestowed upon our members by the National Society, and only six are awarded each year at National Congress.

In December, we participated in the Wreaths across America program at two venues, in Spokane lead by Compatriot Stan Wills and in Seattle by Compatriot Craig Lawson. Wreaths Across America is a National Event where State Societies across the Nation, on the same day, at the same time, lay wreaths on the graves of our veterans. This is quite a feat of coordination.

Eugene Melvin reported on the Oregon Society. The Lewis and Clark Chapter is working on a Revolutionary War Memorial at the Memorial Park in Beaverton. The Mayor of Beaverton is helping coordinate contacts with the Meyer Trust, Intel and Nike. The American Legion in Beaverton is also helping. The other four chapters in the State are also helping. The CAR President Nicholas Dollin raised \$1,500.00 for the Revolutionary War Memorial as his State Project.

**Vice President General's Report:** VPG Don Thomas thanked the members of the Pacific District for their help during his two years as the Vice President General of the Pacific District.

As of this date the Pacific District consists of the following:

Alaska Society 1 Chapter Walter John, President

Oregon Society 5 Chapters Eugene Melvin, President

Washington Society 5 Chapters Robert F. Doughty, President

Don Thomas reported that a "National Congress Steering Committee" of the Pacific District was formed to pursue the possibility of holding a National Congress in 2017 or 2021 has been established. The committee consists of a member from each state plus the VPG.

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Eugene thanked the attendees of the Conference for coming.

**Program:** William Reynolds talked about how he went about writing a book on his ancestor Andrew Pickens. Brigadier General Andrew Pickens was a primary force bringing about the end of British control in the Southern colonies. His efforts helped drive General Cornwallis to Yorktown, Virginia. His later actions on behalf of the Cherokee Nation are fully explored, and much never before published information about him, his family, and his peers is included. Andrew Pickens loved his country and was a fearless exemplar of leadership. He earned the unyielding respect of his superiors, his fellow officers, and most importantly his militiamen.

Colors retired by the Color Guard led by Mark Robertson.  
Sons of the American Revolution Recessional by Timothy Doughty.  
Benediction by Rev. William Ailes  
Meeting adjourned at 4:12 PM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Krumbein". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

John L Krumbein  
Secretary, Pacific District