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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Last Sunday, 11 October, was Veteran's Day, Armistice Day, and I bet that most do not know, it was the 118th birthday of the State of Washington. The state birthday is the oldest, but none of us celebrated or flew the flag for that reason. Armistice Day came next in 1918, when on the 11th hour, on the 11th day of the 11th month the Germans signed the Armistice which ended the war of all wars, World War One. Some American's fly the flag for that reason on that day which was made a legal holiday by Congress in 1938.

Congress changed (enacted 1 June 1954) the holiday to Veteran's Day. Most of us fly the flag on the 11th for the Veteran's, for that is when we take a little time, much too little, to honor all of the men and women who have served this country in war and peace time. To all of those who have served, we owe a great big Thank You!

In the British Commonwealth the occasion is called "Remembrance Day".

As we gather at the Veterans Memorial Museum this Saturday in Chehalis, we will once again be able to reflect upon those who served our country as early as 1775.

See you in Chehalis,

Chuck



NEXT MEETING Saturday, November 17, 2007

A Visit to the Veterans Memorial Museum

For over four years our chapter has been collecting donations for the Veterans Memorial Museum (VMM). Total collections to date are well over \$1,000.00.

This next Saturday, we will once again have an opportunity to visit this world class museum as a group - to view the facility and its vast collection of military memorabilia. It has been one year and eight months since our last visit, and founder and Executive Director Lee Grimes assures us that much has changed in that time.

It is unsure at press time if we will be paying the normal \$5.00 admission. In any case, there will be a modest charge for our meeting room. If you wish to contribute towards that charge, it would be appreciated. Also, coffee and donuts will be available upon arrival. However, we are on our own for lunch. Car pooling is strongly recommended.

Plan now to see first hand where our monthly donations are going. Take Exit 77 off of I-5. The museum is immediately visible as you exit. We will start promptly at 10 AM. Bring your spouse.



LAST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Twenty-one Compatriots and guests were provided with a stimulating presentation on the Fisher House Program. This program is a unique private-public partnership that supports America's military in their time of need. Because members of the military & their families are stationed world-wide & must travel great distances for specialized medical care, the Fisher House Foundation donates "comfort homes" built on the grounds of major military & VA medical centers that enable family members to be close to a loved one at the most stressful times. All of this is free.

For the record, \$15.00 was collected in Happy Dollars, \$40.00 from the raffle & in place of the Veterans Museum, \$125.00 was collected for the Fisher House Program. The sale of State History Books generated a total of \$90.00..

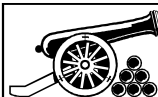
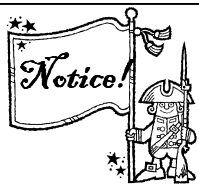


In commemoration of Veteran's Day, we salute all who have so bravely served to keep our country strong and free. Your dedication & sacrifice honor us all.

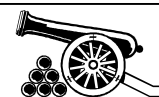
Happy Thanksgiving



CHAPTER BULLETIN BOARD



COMPATRIOT ACTIVITIES



Chapter Christmas Party

- WHEN:** Tuesday, December 18, 2007, 6:00 PM
- WHERE:** Tacoma Elks Club, 1965 S Union
- MENU/
PRICE** Choice of 10 oz. New York Steak or Charbroiled Salmon with Pinot Sauce @ \$18.00 per person, all inclusive
- EVENTS:** Christmas entertainment, door prize and gift exchange.
- BRING:** Appropriately wrapped unisex gift not to exceed \$10.00 for the gift exchange. **One gift for each person attending, please.**

For reservations use either the sign-up sheet at the next meeting, the attached reservation slip or contact Bob Wagers (bwagers@comcast.net, 253/851-5318) or Chuck Waid (cbwaid@comcast.net, 253/862-6557.) All reservations must be made & paid for no later than 13 December 2007. **Make checks payable to the Tacoma Elks Club.**

ANNUAL DUES



By now we should have all paid our annual dues. However, if you are one of the few that has not, please write your check today and mail it to Treasurer Mark Difford at 35820 57th Avenue S. Auburn, WA 98001.



A Request from the Raffle Chair

Please remember to bring your raffle donations to the *January* meeting. This provides a more interesting selection and helps to maximize our raffle dollars. The *“rule of thumb”* remains: *the prize should be of a quality that you the donor would want to win .*



Meal Price Increase

Effective with the September meeting, the Fife Bar & Grill announced a slight increase in meal prices as follows (previous price in parenthesis):

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| #1 Omelet | \$10.97 (\$10.65) |
| #2 Eggs & bacon | \$10.97 (\$10.65) |
| #3 Pancakes | \$ 8.38 (\$8.15) |
| #4 Continental brkf | \$ 6.18 (\$6.00) |

As always, price includes tax and gratuity.



LOOKING AHEAD

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| December 18 | Chapter Christmas Party, Tacoma Elks Club |
| January 19 | Chapter Meeting at the Fife Bar & Grill |

A recent e-mail from our *General Comte de Rochambeau “look-a-like”, John Welsh*, indicates that he is still a man on the go. On behalf of the 225th Anniversary of the historic meeting between General George Washington and Rochambeau, Compatriot John has traveled during 2007 to Boston, Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia. He also attended the Napoleonic Historical Society annual conference in Chicago and is planning now to attend the French SAR program in Paris next September, noting the 1783 anniversary of the Treaty of Paris formally ending the war. Compatriot John ended his message with, *“My best to everyone.”*

Compatriot Bob Wagers and Shirley recently spent a week at *Cannon Beach, OR* (can you believe) *soaking up the sun* and helping the local economy. Their weather timing was perfect in that the previous week was all wind and rain.

State History For Sale

State Historian Jim Lindley has completed an update of the Washington State Society Sons of the American Revolution History from 1895-2006. This 88 page book captures the State’s history and provides a detailed write-up of each Chapter. These books will be available at our Chapter meeting in January or you can contact President Chuck Waid at cbwaid@comcast.net or 253-862-6557. The cost will be a minimum donation of \$5.00.

Some Things Never change

“It appears we have appointed our worst generals to command forces, and our most gifted and brilliant to edit newspapers. In fact, I discovered by reading newspapers that these editor/geniuses plainly saw all my strategic defects from the start, yet failed to inform me until it was too late.

Accordingly, I am readily willing to yield my command to these obviously superior intellects, and I will, in turn, do my best for the Cause by writing editorials—after the fact.”

General Robert E. Lee, 1863

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Sons of the American Revolution



CHRISTMAS PARTY

**DECEMBER 18, 2007
6:00 PM**

**Choice of New York Steak or Charbroiled Salmon with Pinot Sauce
@ \$18.00 per person**

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gift exchange. One gift for each person attending, please.**

*Tacoma Elks Club
1965 South Union Street*

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RESERVATION SLIP

Name _____ Guest _____
Chapter _____ Office _____
Request _____ reservations @ \$18.00 = \$ _____
Choice of entree: Steak _____ Salmon _____

Please make checks payable to: *Tacoma Elks Club*.

Mail to: *Compatriot Bob Wagers, 2702 88th St Ct NW, Gig Harbor 98332*, so as to arrive **on or before
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