

# GENERAL NEWS

## Surfriders rapid response beach cleanup tomorrow

Join the Siuslaw Surfriders tomorrow, Feb. 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., for a cleanup of the remote Tahkenitch and Siltcoos Recreational areas. The group, open to all, will meet at the Waxmyrtle Campground gate. To get there, drive approximately seven miles south of

Florence, turn west for Siltcoos Recreation Area (MP 198), then follow the road over the first bridge and turn left at second bridge crossing. Park at the campground entrance to be shuttled to the beach and back. Bring gloves and dress for the weather. Trash bags will be provided.

## Event honors American Indian pride

The 13th annual celebration of civil, human and equal rights, titled "Images, Indigenous, Inhabitants," included the history of the Siuslaw People, their customs, tools and traditions displayed in the Bromley Room at the Siuslaw Public Library, on Friday, Feb. 13.

The educational event, sponsored by KXCR community radio in cooperation with the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, received high marks from an appreciative audience.

The program opened with an impressive audio/visual presentation by Richard Koehler and Jenny Velinty.

It outlined indigenous peoples' ancient migration quest to find new territory around the globe, leaving the marks, art and artifacts of early civilization.

The innovative civic, moral and spiritual wisdom that guided early people over the centuries is with us today, trail-blazing values that European generations have been slow to learn.

The program continued



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Young tribal members wear traditional regalia and demonstrate heritage dancing.

with Jesse Beers, who works with the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians Culture Department, who demonstrated many of the tribes' hand-made fishing and hunting tools as he fielded questions from an engaged crowd who wanted to learn more.

The focus turned to the younger tribal members

under the direction of Lynn Anderson, Indian Education Director at Siuslaw Elementary School, and her enthusiastic young dancers from ages 5-13.

The students represented their tribe by wearing their regalia ankle bells, silver jingles, moccasins and necklaces.

The dancers demonstrated a variety of steps associated

with their particular tribal heritage accompanied by rhythmic drumming.

It was a moving celebration of pride in Indian culture, showing elders' determination to nurture a sense of personal value in the new generation to bring peace, honor and dignity to their lives. — Submitted by Stu Henderson

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## DAR-sponsored Remembrance Garden complete

The Oregon Dunes Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) announced that the Remembrance Garden, funded by a National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Special Projects Grant, is now complete.

"DAR's support has made it possible for us to include a Remembrance Garden," said Tim Sapp, OCMM Board president. "The elliptical-shaped garden includes a U.S. flag, the Oregon state flag and the POW/MIA flag, along with

a donated granite monument. All military branches are represented by individual flagpoles in front of the museum as well."

The matching funds grant was for \$10,000.

Thanks to generous donations from members of the community the project was completed for less than the original estimate.

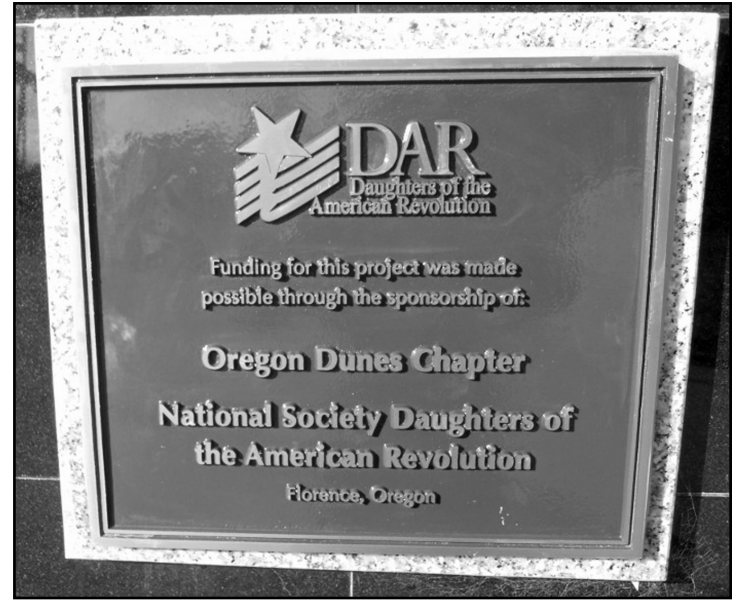
Therefore, the amount awarded by DAR was a total of \$5,500.

Funding for this project was made possible through the sponsorship of Oregon Dunes Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, located in Florence.

The Oregon Coast Military Museum anticipates having set hours to be open after the holidays.

It will be the only military museum on the Oregon Coast.

The museum's mission is twofold: first, to educate residents and visitors about the roles our military members (both past and present) have played in defending the freedoms we all enjoy and, secondly, to provide an avenue for veterans to display and share their personal artifacts, memorabilia and memoirs, as well as provide an oral and visual history of their honorable military service.



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This DAR plaque was recently hung in the Remembrance Garden of the Oregon Coast Military Museum.

Ever-evolving displays will provide new exhibits and for visitors time and again.

The DAR grants program was started in 2010.

Funding is awarded to support projects in local communities which promote the organization's mission areas of historic preservation, education and patriotism.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to promote patriotism, preserve American history, and support better education for our nation's children.

Members are descended

from the patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War.

With 178,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters worldwide, DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations.

To learn more about DAR, visit [www.DAR.org](http://www.DAR.org).

Visit [www.dar.org/grants](http://www.dar.org/grants) too learn how to apply for a Special Projects Grant from DAR.

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