

Rotary Club of Rotary Club of Centennial Centennial Colorado



Centennial, Colorado

May 7, 2019

ROTARY MINUTE

The Rotary Minute was presented by Don Shattuck. He gave the following summary of the polio eradication effort.

Country	2019		2018	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Afghanistan	7	0	8	0
Congo	0	1	0	6
Nigeria	0	7	0	1
Pakistan	8	0	2	0
New Guinea	0	0	0	1
Somalia	0	1	0	0

cVDPV is circulating vaccine derived polio virus.

SPEAKERS



Wayne Snodgrass, the gentleman on left dressed as a militia member, and Steve DeBore, dressed as a member of the Continental army were the presenters. Wayne is president of the Castle Rock Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, and Steve is past president of the Mt. Evan Chapter. Both are past presidents of the Colorado Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Their presentation is a shortened version of the Patriot Chest presentation that is made to 5th and 6th graders in schools in Colorado. The Patriot Chest consists of items that were typical during the American Revolution. A picture of the contents is on the next page.

First, a little bit of history. In 1607 Jamestown was settled by the British. In 1608, St. Augustine, FL was settled by Spain. In 1609, Quebec was settled by the French. The result was that Spanish and French settlements boxed in the British colonies along the Atlantic coast. The French controlled the Mississippi Valley and the Spanish settlements went along the Gulf of Mexico to Texas. The French and British went to war from 1754 to 1763 in what is called the French and Indian War in the United States. It was the Seven Years War in Europe and the rest of the world-the first world war.

The war essentially bankrupted England and they had to get additional money so they started taxing the colonist since the British felt the colonists owed the crown for the victory over the French. The first of the taxes was the Navigation Act, followed by the Sugar Act, Quartering Act, the Stamp Act and the Townsend Acts. The Stamp Act required a stamp on anything that was sold.

An example was given of a deck of cards. In today's dollars a deck of card in colonial period would cost \$0.58, but there was a one schilling tax on the cards. In today's dollars, a one schilling tax is equivalent to \$5.00.

At the time of the American Revolution, ninety percent of the country consisted of farmers who had large families. They had large families to get labor to work the farms. The children would do work like get the water and the grandparents would help the ladies.

The musket that Wayne is holding is an actual Brown Bess from the revolutionary period. Steve had a replica of another musket used during that period.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 14-Ting Internet, Centennial Fiber Internet Rollout

May 15-Board Meeting

May 21-LaToyua Tolbert, Martin Luther King

May 28-Matt Seitz, Westminster Club Nicaragua H₂O project

June 4-Randy Pye, Creation of a City

June 11-Classification Talk-Lori Overton



Difficult to see is a candle stick in a spiral holder in the center left of the picture. This is a courting candle, and the candle would be raised or lowered for when a suitor is courting a daughter. Raising or lower of the candle would determine the length of the suitor's stay. In the far left of the picture is a tin lantern. Each family would make their lanterns and put their own pattern on the lantern. Individual would recognize the pattern of the lantern and would then know who was approaching them.

An interesting fact was presented. The majority of battles of the American Revolution were fought in South Carolina.

CLUB BUSINESS

- Patrick Maguire will be taking a six month leave of absence.
- A champion from our club is needed for an opioid program at Heritage Hills.
- Polio pigs will be collected May 28.
- The Millennials are going to be hosting a meal at the Ronald McDonald House on June 7. Volunteers from our club are appreciated.

TRAVEL GIFTS

Pau Horiuchi returned from Arizona and presented a horse hair pottery vase.

John McCarty brought back a T-shirt from Promontory Point, an In and Out T-Shirt, and Monument Valley 2020 calendar.

BLUE MARBLE



John McCarty was unable to find the elusive blue marble.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1947-Germany Unconditionally Surrenders

The German High Command, in the person of General Alfred Jodl, signs the unconditional surrender of all German forces, East and West, at Reims, in northeastern France.

At first, General Jodl hoped to limit the terms of German surrender to only those forces still fighting the Western Allies. But General Dwight Eisenhower demanded complete surrender of all German forces, those fighting in the East as well as in the West. If this demand was not met, Eisenhower was prepared to seal off the Western front, preventing Germans from fleeing to the West in order to surrender, thereby leaving them in the hands of the enveloping Soviet forces. Jodl radioed Grand Admiral Karl Donitz, Hitler's successor, with the terms. Donitz ordered him to sign. So with Russian General Ivan Susloparov and French General Francois Sevez signing as witnesses, and General Walter Bedell Smith, Ike's chief of staff, signing for the Allied Expeditionary Force, Germany was-at least on paper-defeated. Fighting would still go on in the East for almost another day. But the war in the West was over.