

Sacramento Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution 5th Grade Living History Program



“Robert Shurleff fought in my Company for almost three years until he came down with the fever and had to see a doctor. It was only then that I found out that he was actually a woman named Deborah Sampson”, relates Capt. Jim (Jim Faulkinbury).

“We had lost all of our provisions during the attack and didn’t have anything to eat but bark and berries. We were so hungry that some of us ate our shoes”, tells Sgt. Dart (Dart Winship) as he describes his life as a member of the New York Militia.



“After I had fired my rifle, the enemy was too close to reload. With my tomahawk in my right hand and my scalping knife in my left hand, I had to fight for my life”, relates Over-the-Mountain man Tom (Tom Chilton).

A mock battle is held between the boys (the British) and the girls (the Colonists). Of course the girls always win! Shortly after the battle, we find that one of the Colonists has been wounded. Looking for doctors, we find that we have two in our group, but soon the doctors reveal that they haven’t had any formal training. “Where’d you get your training”, asks Doc Jim? “My daddy raised hogs and cows on the farm and I learned most of what I know from him”, tells Doc Tom. The doctors then proceed to tend the wounded student. For a while, it looked like



“Can you believe it? A canon ball went right through my skirt”, exclaims Molly Hayes (Helena Hurst) as she displays the large hole in her dress. Thus begins the story of Molly Hayes, better known as Molly Pitcher.



they may have to use the saw to cut off an arm but good doctoring saved the day.

Next, another patient and some Revolutionary dentistry.



We had very few clothes and these weren't washed very often. We usually

took a bath only once a month", tells the ladies about the life of the Colonists and their children 200 years ago.

"We just had to hang them", begins Nancy Hart, portrayed by Verona Mhoon, as she tells the story of how she held five British soldiers at bay with her "dinner getter" blunderbuss until her husband returned with the militia. The five soldiers were eventually hanged.



The program ends as we unfurl and describe our Revolutionary War flags.



Then the students recite the Pledge of Allegiance

The School Guard

Tom Chilton, Helena Hurst, Jim Faulkinbury, Verona Mhoon, and Dart Winship



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