

DAR – FORT CHURCHILL CHAPTER AND THE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE



This was a first for us.

Our chapter is relatively young and we haven't even got our budget realized, but Ruth Cramer mentioned the parade and off we went. How could we pass up this opportunity to get the word out that we have a DAR chapter in Fernley? With everyone taking off in different directions after our May meeting, the application was turned in, a couple of banners were ordered and the rest had to be put on hold until we could all assemble to make plans.

Lynda Freeman, Kim Perryman, Lynn Kinsell, Sue Gill and Linda Garrett

Believe it or not, the end product went together quickly. Lynn Kinsell offered up her jeep to tow Lynda Freeman's utility trailer. With the help of Lynda's husband John, the tarp and wiring got assembled. Two bales of hay were borrowed from Lynda's neighbor for seating. Linda Garrett ordered the flags to be passed out. Lynda Freeman had several left over decorations to trick out the vehicles. She also had a bunch of toys from past family gatherings which were attached to DAR business cards, just to get the word out. Sue Gill and Susan Shanahan spent a couple hours bagging and tagging those. A couple of days before the parade; Linda Garrett, Sue Gill, Kim Perryman and Lynda Freeman decorated the trailer. We assembled early on the 4th to complete the jeep with Lynn Kinsell and her wonderful husband Floyd, who kindly chauffeured the group.



DAR Fort Churchill Chapter Parade Entry



DAR Fort Churchill Chapter Wins 2nd Place!

What we didn't realize was how much fun we were going to have passing out flags and waving at the crowd. Fernley is a great community. Sue Gill, Kim Perryman and Lynda Freeman gathered at the park afterwards to see who won any awards and to my amazement, we actually placed 2nd in the Service Organization float category!

It was fun ... we should do it again next year!

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