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MEETING INFORMATION

When: March 9, 2013

Where: Sizzler Restaurant

1401 N. Harbor Blvd.

Fullerton, CA

Time: Social Begins at 11:00am

Meeting: Called to Order at 11:30am

Website: www.orangecountysar.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February was a busy month for the Orange County Chapter. . . We started the month with a celebration of General Washington's Birthday by holding a brief reception for the General and Lady Washington at the February meeting. The Orange County Chapter Colonial Ladies and Honor Guard escorted the General and Lady Washington to the meeting and Sergeant at Arms, Compatriot Danny Cox led a greeting to the General. The General only had a few moments with us as he had to return to the troops in Morristown, but we were able to congratulate him on his victories at Trenton and Princeton only a few weeks ago and he took the time to make some remarks which were well received by all the compatriots and guests. Compatriot Dan Shippey and his wife were instrumental in arranging for General and Mrs. Washington to attend.

February also saw our chapter issue awards to five Vietnam veterans. Two of these were Wounded Warriors and four were helicopter pilots. Each helicopter pilot also served with OCFA and received SAR Fire Service awards. Compatriot Jon Vreeland arranged for these pilots to attend the meeting to receive their awards and in addition arranged that they also be pinned with Vietnam service pins. Dan Henry cited the service of all five Vietnam veterans, each of whom was distinguished. Thanks to both Jon and Dan for their efforts in support of our chapter and its activities.

Barbara Winkler and "Quilts of Valor" also, very graciously, presented a special quilt to each of the five veterans. "Quilts of Valor" has presented almost twenty quilts to veterans at our chapter meetings in 2012 and now 2013. Our chapter made another cash contribution to Quilts of Valor in February however, as much as that helps them in their mission, contributions of cloth and other material for the quilts are very important to them. If you have some excess cloth to donate, please plan to bring it to the next meeting for them.

Kent Gregory hosted a Genealogy Workshop at the Orange County Family History

Center on Saturday 23 February. This first workshop was well attended by compatriots and prospective compatriots who worked together on applications.

The Color Guard was active in February – escorting General and Mrs. Washington at our meeting, the annual “Massing of the Colors” in LA and opening the annual meeting of the CSCAR in LA on February 24th.

MICHAEL BURNS—SPEAKER

Michael Burns has been educating California students for fourteen years. He earned his Master’s Degree in Teaching from Azusa Pacific University. By day, Michael teaches U.S. and World History for the San Jacinto Unified School District. By night, he instructs adult immigrants in the skills they need to become United States citizens through Mt. San Jacinto College.

Michael will speak to us on Cultural Illiteracy: The state and future of Education in America.

Larry McAndress

Larry McAndress was born in Inglewood, California and grew up in Redondo Beach. Larry became part of the surf scene in 1960 and grew up surfing the beaches in the South Bay area. He attended Redondo Beach Schools and worked throughout his education and was on his own by age 16. Larry graduated from High School in 1965 and volunteered for the draft in 1966.

Larry went to Basic Training at Fort Ord along with 11 other South Bay young men. During basic training, the “Dirty Dozen” as they called themselves made a pact that they would stick together during their service. Still together at Fort Polk for Advanced Infantry Training, the “Dozen” petitioned President Johnson to keep them together and the President responded with a resounding “Yes” and the 12 stayed together their entire enlistment.

Larry and the 12 went to Fort Lewis Washington to form up and prepare for deployment in 1967. On August 8th a C141 carried the newly formed Company to Cameron Bay South Vietnam. In Vietnam, Larry was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division 1st of the 8th, Delta Company as a Rifleman. They were assigned to Plei Ku and assigned patrol duties in the area to retrieve intelligence and to search and make contact with enemy forces.

On September 13, 1967, just south of Plei Ku while digging in for the night, hostile small arms fire, rifle

grenades, and mortar fire descended on the patrol. During the firefight, Larry was struck by mortar shrapnel in the thigh and lower leg. He was airlifted out the following morning along with other wounded. He would later make contact with one of the wounded being med-evaced over 40 years later. Larry received an unexpected phone call from a fellow wounded soldier on that flight that remembered Larry’s name over all those years.

After three weeks of recovery, Larry was sent back to his company to continue his duties. For the next year, in between patrols, Larry fought Malaria. He had to be hospitalized five times during his tour and was taking Dapsone and Quinine the entire time he was in SE Asia. His fight against the disease stretched into his return home and had to be hospitalized twice while in the States as well.

During one of his hospital stays Larry was lucky to attend a Bob Hope USO show. He found the show a tremendous morale booster to see a little bit of the America that he knew and loved. The care packages stuffed with peanut butter, tuna, and Webers bread, from home along with Bob Hope proved to be the most precious of memories in Vietnam. In later years, Larry was able to have a personal moment with Bob Hope on the golf course where he thanked him for coming to Vietnam and that it made a great difference to his commitment there.

After 1 year as a combat infantryman, mainly in the Central Highlands, with more than 30 firefights with all 12 of the “Dirty Dozen” being wounded, It was time for Larry to return home. He ended his active duty on February 19, 1969 as an E5, Buck Sergeant.

As a civilian, Larry met his sweetheart, Michelle, on July 4, 1969 and they were married in April 1970. They raised 3 daughters, coached youth soccer for 15 years, and served in the Los Angeles Fire Department for 35 years before his retirement in 2008. He and his wife make the ride to “the Wall” annually on his Harley Davidson with around 900 veterans. Larry, also along with other Bikers, escorts as an Honor Guard fallen warriors from overseas to their final resting place. He is active in the VA and is a member of the VFW and the American Legion.

During Larry’s military life he was recognized with the following citations:

National Defense Medal

Vietnam Campaign Ribbon

2 Presidential Unit Citations

Purple Heart

Combat Infantry Badge(Which he is most proud of)

Thanks Larry from a grateful nation and congratulations on a life well lived. We're proud of your choices in life and the difference that you have made in many American lives. Your contribution to our nation is symbolic of the best America has to offer. You are a good example to all who know you and to the citizens who may never know your name. By the way, "Welcome Home". It should have been said 40 years ago.

PATRIOT'S DAY PARADE

On Saturday March 2nd your Lee's Legion Color Guard and any other members and their families who wish to join us will be marching/riding in the 47th Annual Patriot's Day Parade in Laguna Beach. We sent in our registration in January and have received the information for this year. We will be Number 22 in the line up. The parade begins at 11am.

. We will have our 1931 Model A Deluxe Coupe with us. There is a rumble seat in the back for those who are not able to walk the distance. It is not a long parade and is mostly on a downhill slope, so it is an easy walk. For those who are not in the Color Guard, anything in the red, white and Blue motif is fine for this occasion

FEBRUARY WORKSHOP

On February 23rd we held our first genealogy workshop. There were 6 members and two wives who helped seven prospective members work on their lines of research. If you feel you would like more, see the next section in this newsletter

FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

For those of you who could not get enough of our recent workshop held at the Orange Family History Center, or were unable to attend but wanted to, the Orange Family History Center will be hold its 2013 Orange County Family History Fair on Saturday April 20, 2013 from 9am-5pm.

This is a free event with free parking at the family History Center with Nationally known genealogy professionals who will help you to learn research skills and technological innovations.

There will be classes on various aspects of research for you to sit in on and learn from the professionals. There is no charge for the classes and the syllabus is free. It can be obtained on line after April 6th at www.ocfamilyhistory.org.

The Center is located at 674 Yorba Street in Orange and they can be contacted at (714) 997-7710. Registration is from 8-9am. The opening assembly will start at 9am-10am.

There will be five sessions with seven different classes to choose from in each session. The first session is from 10:10-11:10am. The second session is from 11:20am-12:20pm. From 12:20-1:20 there will be a break for lunch. Box lunches are available for those who preregister for this event. Session three begins at 1:20-2:20pm. Session four is from 2:30-3:30pm and session five is from 3:40-4:40pm.

So make your plans now and mark your calendar for Saturday April 20th.

SPRING TRUSTEES MEETING

At the same time your color guard will be marching in the Laguna Beach Patriot's Day Parade, your chapter will also be represented at the Spring Trustee or Leadership meeting in Louisville.

Larry Magerkurth, John Dodd, Lou Carlson and Kent Gregory will be making their way to Louisville to attend meetings of the various committees that they are members of at the National Level. Each of the Compatriots serve on two or more committees that help run this organization from the national level. We will look forward to hearing from them upon their return.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The 138th Spring Meeting of the Membership of the California Society will be held April 11-13, 2013 at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Ventura Harbor. This years meeting is being hosted by the General Patton Chapter. Registration is \$125 which includes, Friday Luncheon, Saturday Luncheon and Banquet. Our Special Room Rate is \$119 (single or double occupancy) and includes Free daily full breakfast. Room rates are good two days before and two days after the meeting. Hotel Parking is \$5.00 per night.

You can make your reservations by calling 1-805-658-1212 between 9am and 4pm PST. Request "Group Reservations" and mention "Sons of the American Revolution". Registration is due on or before March 11, 2013 and will be \$140 after that date.

Checks should be made out to General Patton Chapter, SAR and mailed to Robert Taylor, 5277 Shiloh Way, Ventura, Calif. 93003-7351. For ques-

tions you can reach Bob Taylor at tartar-Taylor@att.net or 805-289-9259 or 805-216-7992.

Located next to the Ventura Marina it is at 1050 Schooner drive in Ventura.

On Friday April 12 the Ladies will be having a tour of the Reagan Library from 9:30am to 3pm. It is \$50 per person which includes; transportation, admission to the Library, Walt Disney Exhibit, Air Force One, Berlin Wall, a Presidential catered box lunch and the gift shop. Your lunch choices include either Sliced Turkey Breast or Black Forest Ham. Also included are a French baked baquette, served with Munster cheese, sliced tomato, lettuce and fresh pesto mayo on the side. Also included are a fresh old-fashioned potato salad, Fresh fruit salad, fresh baked chocolate chip cookie, fresh brewed coffee(or guest choice of soda or bottled spring water).

Reservations are due by March 22, 2013. Please send your reservations and check payable to the General Patton Chapter, SAR to Rosemarie Risley at 29 Dana Point Avenue, Ventura, CA 93004-1656. If you have any questions about this tour you can contact Rosemarie at (805) 647-0751 or email her at ronris@sbcglobal.net.

All registration forms can be printed out from the state website, www.californiasar.org.

Hope to see you there.

PRIVATE WILLIAM TAYLOR

William Taylor of Beverly, Essex County, Massachusetts was a seafaring man who played a role as a Privateer and member of the Beverly Committee of Safety & Correspondence during the American Revolution. He served as Private in Capt. Larkin Thorndike's 1st Beverly Company which marched on the Concord Alarm on April 19, 1775. He also service under Capt. Joseph Rea's Company, entering service on Aug. 5, 1776 in defense of seacoast; serve at the Lines at Beverly by order of Council of July 20, 1776, and was discharged Oct. 28, 1776.

For those who have never seen a pension record, I give you William Taylor's Pension record below.

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements](#)

Pension application of William Taylor S7685

Transcribed by Will Graves

State of North Carolina, Duplin County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

On this 28th day of August personally appeared be-

fore the Justices of said Court, William Taylor, a resident of the County of Duplin and State of North Carolina aged 75 years who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that [he] volunteered in the Army of the United States about the year 1776 or '77 as a Minute Man in the Company under the command of Captain James Love of which Company David Cannon was Lieutenant & John McCann was Ensign that said company was attached to the Regiment under the command of Colonel Lillington that the company to which this Declarant was attached rendezvoused at the Court House in Duplin

County & marched thence to the Cape Fear River somewhere in the neighborhood of Cross Creek now Fayetteville that they marched thence down the Cape Fear River to Moore's Creek Bridge when by the direction of General Caswell preparations were made by digging trenches to assist [sic, resist?] the Tories who it was understood were marching in the direction of Wilmington. That an Engagement took place between the Tories and the Whigs at Moore's Creek Bridge in which Colonel McLeod one of the Tory officers was killed while crossing the Bridge the American troops were commanded in this engagement by General Caswell & Colonel Lillington. After this engagement which resulted in the defeat of the Tories the Regiment to which he was attached was marched to the Town of Wilmington & after remaining there a short time was marched to Lockwood's Folly in Brunswick County where it was reported the Tories had embodied from thence the affiant returned to Wilmington with the rest of the Troops where he was stationed to the end of his term of service of six months. That after his discharge & return home he entered a light horse Company which was raised in Duplin County by Captain John Molton of which John Armstrong was Lieutenant & Theophilus Williams, Ensign for a tour of three months service at the Company marched from Duplin County the residence of Affiant to the Cape Fear [River] & thence on to South Carolina beyond the Pedee River & after scouring the intermediate Coun-

try on the expiration of this Term was discharged. That he again entered the Service in a light Horse Company which was raised in Duplin County by Captain Nicholas Bowden of which John Bradley was Lieutenant & William Hooks was Ensign that this was for a tour of three months that this troop were altogether engaged during the time in scouring the County of Duplin & the adjoining County to prevent the depredations of the Tories that the troops of Light Horse to which he was attached were commanded by Colonel ___ [blank in original].

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Test: S/ Jas. Pearsall, Clk. S/ William Taylor

1st: When and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born on the 10th day of February 1757 in the County of Pitt State of North Carolina.

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Answer: I have the family Bible containing it in my possession.

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: In the County of Duplin.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and

if so for whom did you substitute?

Answer: I volunteered.

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: I do not recollect the names of any other officers than those I have named in my declaration & by reason of my failing Memory cannot pretend to a more minute detail of circumstances than is set forth in my declaration.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Answer: I am not certain but think I did from the different officers I served under the captains I mean if I did I cannot now find them.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: the Reverend Samuel Stanford, John Linton Esquire & others

State of North Carolina, Duplin County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions February Term 1833
On this 26th day of February 1833, William Taylor, a resident of said County, personally appeared in open Court the Court aforesaid it being a Court of Record and exhibited a Declaration heretofore filed in said Court at August Term 1832 with the affidavits of Arthur Matthis, James Moore & William Ward taken before John Linton Esquire one of the Justices of the Peace in & for said County, to which is also appended the Certificates of the Reverend Samuel Stanford & John Linton Esquire, which said Declaration & Proof were made in order to entitle the said William Taylor to the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. And the said William Taylor, after being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following additional

Declaration That by reason of his old age & failing memory he cannot recollect the precise periods of the Revolutionary War when he Served the different tours as set forth in his said Declaration heretofore filed. But he is confident that he served one Term of six months which was the first service he performed as set forth in his Declaration aforesaid & this was performed in the Infantry under Captain James Love, & that he served two tours of three months each in the Light horse finding his own horse under Captains Molton & Bowden, & in these different tours he served as a Private.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Taylor

Test: S/ Jas Pearsall, Clk.

State of North Carolina, Duplin County
This day personally appeared before me John Linton

one of the Justices of the Peace of said County Arthur Matthis of the said County and after Being Sworn Upon the holy Evangelist of Almighty God to declare the truth touching what he may know about Services rendered by William Taylor as a Soldier of the Revolutionary War deposeth & sayeth as follows to wit: that the said Taylor (together with himself) Volunteered as light horse men under the command of John Molton Captain, John Armstrong lieutenant & Theophilus Williams Ensign that they were marched to Big [illegible word] River as head quarters that they remained in the South State much of the tour & then put in charge of Prisoners with whom they were sent back to the town of New Bern in this State and were then discharged that this tower [sic, tour] here deposed to was for three months.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me the 20th day of August 1831.

Attest: S/ John Linton, JP S/ Arthur Mathis, X his mark

State of North Carolina, Duplin County

This day James Moore of said County personally appeared before me Edward Outlaw Esquire one of the Justices of the Peace in & for said County who being first duly sworn according to Law Deposeth & saith that he is well acquainted with William Taylor of said County & has been for a number of years that he knew him in the service as a Soldier during the Revolutionary War, in a company of Light horse commanded by Captain Nicholas Bowden & Lieutenant John Bradley & William Hooks as Ensign & that he knows said Taylor served in said Company three months. The said Company of Light Horse being raised in Duplin County North Carolina.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 27th day of August 1832. S/ James Moore

Attest: S/ Edwd Outlaw, JP {SEAL}

State of North Carolina, Duplin County: August the 18th 1832

This day personally appeared Before me William Ward of the said County and Being Sworn upon the Holy evangelist to depose the truth in respect of what he may know about the Services of William Taylor Rendered in the Revolutionary War,

Deposeth and saith that as he believes it was in the year 1775 the said Taylor with himself, was an enlisted Soldier under James Love Captain, David Cannon Lieutenant and John McCann Ensign in the minute Service for the term of six months & that the Rendezvous was at Court house that they, marched over the Northwest River: then down the River via water to the mouth of Black River then up to the Bridge on Moore's Creek they were there put under the Command of General Livingston [sic, Lillington?], and was in the engagement at the Bridge, which this deponent thinks was in the month of February 1776 and from there to the town of Wilmington which then was head quarters that on a further Excursion they marched to Lockwood's Folly and then Back to head quarters again and Various other movements until the six months expired.

Sworn to and Subscribed Before me the day above written. S/ Willam Ward

Attest: S/ John Linton, JP

COUPONS & CARTRIDGES

Please bring all old cartridges from your printer to the meetings so they can be recycled and help reduce the cost of copying our newsletter to those who do not have email.

We have been given a contact in Puerto Rico for the base there to send coupons to. Please bring your coupons from the Sunday paper to the meeting so we can get them sent off to our troops stationed in Puerto Rico.

EDITOR'S NOTE

I want to send along my thank you to all my fellow Compatriots and their wives who sent me get well wishes and prayers for my recovery. The event which put me in the hospital for a week was unexpected and I am thankful to all my friends and family here and those who are watching me from upstairs.

I am on the mend and hope to return to work on April 18th. Until then I am off and will be on disability for the next month and a half.

Again my Thank you for your love and Friendship. Jim Blauer-Editor ***

Photo Album

March 2013



Jim Fosdyck presents Flag Certificate to Gil at Nikki's Flags in Newport Beach.



Jim Wallace is presented the Outstanding Citizenship Certificate by Past President Larry Wood.



Lee's Legion Color Guard welcomes General & Mrs. Washington with arched sabers.

Below Danny Cox leads in the singing of Happy Birthday to the General.



General Washington speaks to our chapter as Mrs. Washington looks on.

Below a cake in honor of the General's Birthday.

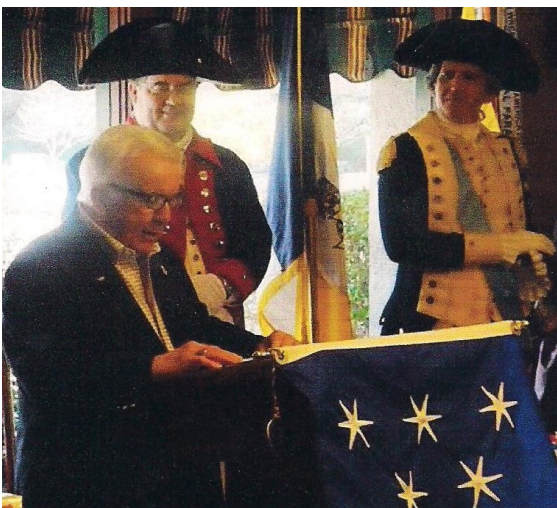


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Top left—Karen Carlson proceeds to cut the cake for General Washington's Birthday celebration. President Mckelvie looks on.

Top Right—Archie Sanchez receives Quilt from Barbara Winkler and Quilts of Valor.



Dan O'Connor left and Gerry Casman right receives Quilts of Valor for their service to our country.



Jim Davidson left and Karim Slate also receive Quilts from Barbara.



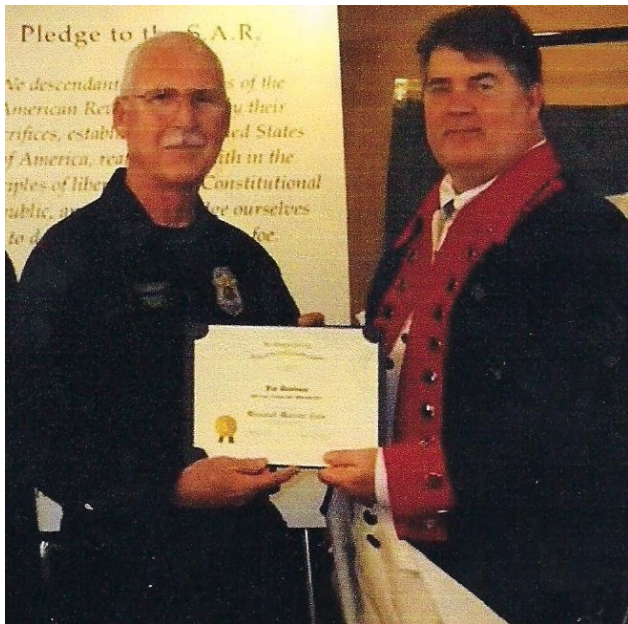
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At left Dan McKelvie is presented the Baron Von Steuben Bronze Color Guard Medal for his work with Lee's Legion Color Guard activities.

At right, Archie Sanchez receives the Wounded Warrior Coin and Certificate.



At left Jim Davidson receives the Wounded Warrior Coin and Certificate and at right he receives the Fire Safety Medal & Certificate.

Jim works for the Orange County Fire Authority.



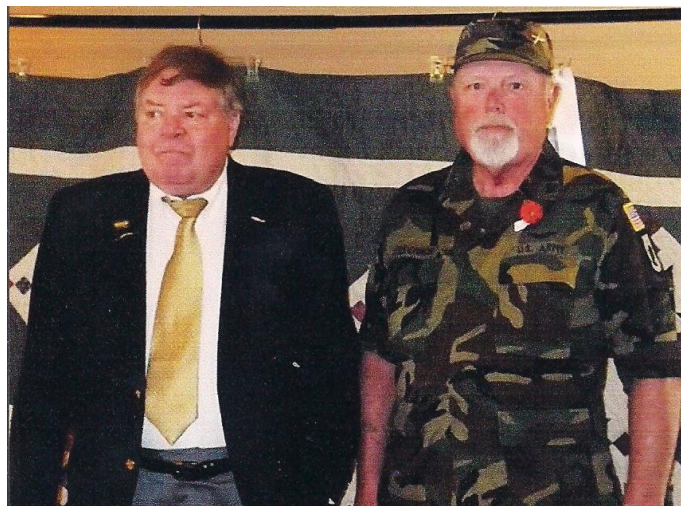
At left, Gerry Casman is presented the Fire Safety Medal and Certificate. From Dan Henry

At Right, Karim Slate receives the Fire Safety Medal & Certificate from Dan Henry and President McKelvie.



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Vietnam Veteran's pins were presented to Karim Slate (Top Left), Gerry Casman (Top Right), Dan O'Connor (Middle left), Archie Sanchez (Middle right), and Jim Davidson (bottom left) By John Vreeland and Dan O'Connor. Dan was pinned by Jim Davidson.



Hammond Salley right, receives his Life Membership pin from Registrar Kent Gregory.



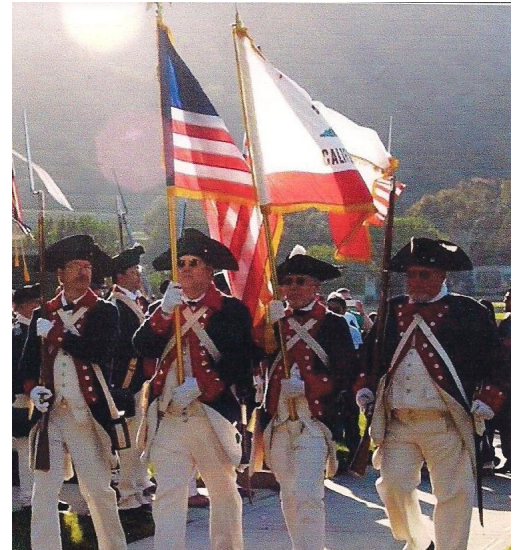
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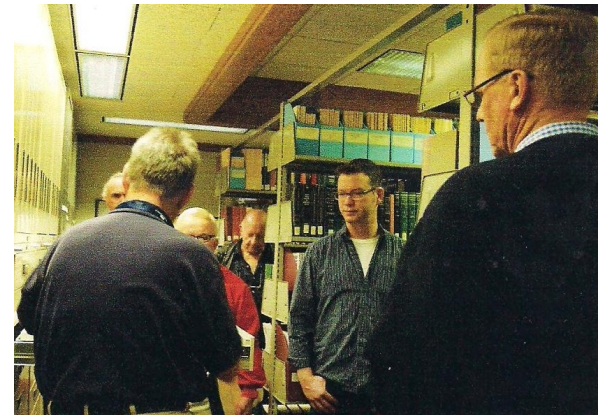


At left, the combined SAR Color Guard at the Massing of the Colors at Forest Lawn in Burbank (Hollywood Hills).

At right, the Lee's Legion Color Guard with Kent Gregory, Dan McKelvie, David Siler and Larry Wood.



At our first genealogy workshop, Registrar Kent Gregory speaks to both members and prospective members on the type of documentation needed to join the society.



A tour of the Orange Family History Center shows those in attendance what resources are available for their research.



A combined Joint California Color Guard presented the Colors at the 83rd Annual State Children of the American Revolution Meeting.

Larry Wood, Bob Taylor, Dan McKelvie, Kent Gregory and Jim Fosdyck at left. They received a Certificate of Appreciation for their efforts.

