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MEETING INFORMATION

When: November 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

NOVEMBER SPEAKER—DANIEL J. HENRY

Compatriot Daniel J. Henry is the author of “A mission of Honor”. He will speak to us at our November 9th meeting. He will speak on his experiences of his research to learn more about the service of his 2 uncles in WWII. The book describes his journey seeking the truth of their lives in the skies over Germany and how each made the ultimate sacrifice.

DUES DUE

Yes compatriots it is that time of the year once again when our Corresponding Secretary Jim Klingler sends you the yearly dues notice. Of course this is for all those who do the annual membership as their method of membership and payment.

For those who are Life Members, the fee you paid has been tucked away in investments with the State to pay your annual dues for all three groups; National, State and Chapter.

We have 2 new life members in Richard Adams and Travis Winsor. This brings our chapter close to 40 of our over 100 members who are Life Members.

FALL BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

The Fall Board of Managers meeting was well attended by your chapter. Those attending included; Chapter Recording Secretary and State Historian Jim Blauer, State Chaplain Lou Carlson and his wife Karen, a Ladies Aux. member, Chapter Chancellor as well as Chancellor General John Dodd, his wife Karen, a ladies Aux. member and daughter Lacy, Color Guard Commander for both Chapter and State Jim Fosdyck and his wife Un Hui, a Ladies Aux. member, Chapter Registrar M. Kent Gregory and his wife Lisa, a Ladies Aux. Member, Past Chapter and State President and President General Larry Magerkurth and his wife Barbara, a Ladies Aux. member, Chapter President Dan McKelvie and his wife Karen, a ladies Aux. member, Don Webb and his wife Jan, and past chapter President Larry Wood and his wife Sharon. Members who appeared in the CASSAR Color Guard from our chapter's Lee's Legion Color Guard were Commander Jim Fosdyck, Jim Blauer, Kent Gregory, Dan McKelvie, Larry Wood. At the Saturday night Banquet Larry wood acted as Town Crier as he announced those sitting at the head table who were escorted to the front by members of the color guard. Kent Gregory played his drum which the color guard marched to the beat of in presenting and posting the colors.



California Society Fall Board of Managers Meeting. President General Joe Dooley, center, is joined by the Compatriots and wives of the Orange County Chapter.

Jim Blauer led members and guests in the singing of our National Anthem.

On Friday night there was a buffet dinner at the Automotive museum where we were entertained by a barbershop quartet which included Compatriot Karl Jacobs from the host Harbor Chapter.

Though the ladies were scheduled to tour the Flight Path Learning Center and Museum at LAX, it had to be cancelled due to the shooting at the airport..

At the Youth Awards luncheon several awards were handed out. At Congress it was noted the State was awarded the following. Partners & Patriotism Award for participating in the 2012-2013 Partners in Patriotism Program by working hand-in-hand with a veterans group in pursuit of a common goal. The Syracuse Award was for the State Society with the most new chapters in 2012-2013. The Senator Robert A. Taft Award goes to the State Society enrolling the largest number of new members in the membership year 2012-2013. The Eugene C. McGuire Award goes to the State Society enrolling the largest number of sons, grandsons and nephews of SARs and DARs. The CAR Activities Award goes to the State Society which has documented their work with the Children of the American Revolution over the past year.

Eighteen chapters were presented with the Partners in Patriotism Award and your Orange County Chapter was one of them.

Commander Fosdyck presented Field of Honor Streamers to the State, General George Patton, Harbor, Orange County, Riverside and Silicon Valley Chapters. This is a National Event for those in the Color Guard and all these chapters and State attended the one in Newport Beach at Castaways Park.

The Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award was presented to two members from our State Society. This year you had Derrek Brown from the Thomas Jefferson Chapter and Don Webb from our Orange

County Chapter. Congratulations Don.

Kent Gregory was awarded his Oak Leaf cluster for his Liberty medal. The Liberty medal is presented to those compatriots who have been the first line signer of 10 new member's application. Kent had already received the medal so since this was an additional 10 members he was the first line signer for he received an Oak Leaf Cluster to attach to his medal. Congratulations Kent.

Compatriot Blauer was honored when he was presented a plaque by President General Joe Dooley stating, he "has been placed on the President General's Roster of Excellent Cookie Makers". He joins Karen Carlson from our chapter and other from the National Society in this honor.

Following the Youth Luncheon on Saturday it was announced that a special shopping trip had been arranged for the ladies at the main street Jewelry store. This as a substitute for having had to cancel the airport museum trip for the ladies.

At the banquet Awards were also presented . Sharon Wood, Lisa Gregory and Un Hui Yi Fosdyck were honored with the Molly Pitcher Award for their support of the chapter and its activities. They also received the California Silver Von Steuben Medal for their participation with our Color Guard in their activities. Congratulations ladies and Thank you for all you do for our chapter.

The Lamplighter Award was received by Jim Fosdyck for his support for the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. Compatriot Fosdyck was also honored with a new award, the Roger Sherman Silver Medal for his service to the Society over the years. Compatriot John Dodd received his medal at the Congress in July. It was noted that the Bronze can be presented at the chapter level. The Gold is presented by National.

Thanks go to Un Hui Yi Fosdyck for her tireless efforts to take care of everyone's needs when visiting the Hospitality Room during our stay. She made sure we did not run out of munchies and libations and made her famous guacamole dip for all to enjoy.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Mark your calendars for December 14th at 9am when your chapter and its Color Guard will participate in the Wreaths Across America Program at the Memory Gardens Cemetery in Brea. As you enter the cemetery you will find off to the left hand side the Soldiers Plot where a small monument is located in the middle. It is here that the ceremonies will take place.

A proclamation from President General Joe Dooley will be read as we remember the men and women who have served our country and gone on to their last re-

ward.

We will then have a laying of the wreaths by our chapter and the various branches of our armed forces.

It was determined that all ceremonies should be held at the same time as they do on the East Coast. There it is done at noon, so here on the west coast it is done at 9am.

Following the ceremony we will head over to our meeting place in Fullerton where we will elect new officers for 2014 and have our Christmas Party gift exchange.

THANKSGIVING IN AMERICA

The first Thanksgiving days were actually Harvest Festivals. These were events held to give thanks for the bountiful crops harvested in the Fall. Which is why even today it is held at this time of year.

This celebration has been going on for thousands of years in many countries the World over. Our own probably came from the harvest-home celebrations in England.

One of the first Thanksgivings in America was entirely religious in nature without any feasting. It was held on December 4, 1619. The thirty-nine English settlers arrived at Berkeley Plantation on the James River near what is now Charles City, Virginia. It was required by the group's charter that the day of arrival be observed annually as a day of thanksgiving to God.

The first Thanksgiving in New England is probably the most famous. Following the fruitful harvest Of 1621, Governor William Bradford ordered four men to go a fowling so that they might celebrate this special occasion. They had planned ma three day feast and went so far as to invite their Indian friends the Wampanoag Tribe and Chief Massasoit. Little did they expect that they would have to feed 90 guests on top of their own. Upon arrival the chief sent his men out hunting and they returned with five deer for the feast. There were games of skill and strength in which the colonists and Indians participated in. This custom of giving thanks after the harvest spread to other New England Colonies.

During the American Revolution there were several times when a Day of Thanksgiving was proclaimed by Congress (see Proclamation that follows).

In 1789 President George Washington issued a Proclamation naming November 26th as a National Day of Thanksgiving. That same year the Protestant Episcopal Church announced the first Thursday in November would be an annual day of celebration in giving thanks.

From Washington in 1789 to the presidency of James Madison, there was a Presidential Proclamation for giving thanks. From 1816-1861 there were no proclamations issued by our presidents. There was no National Holiday. Some states had observances, but others did not. It was in 1830 that the State of New York established an official Thanksgiving Day. This was followed by other Northern states. Virginia was the first Southern state to make such a proclamation in 1855.

Mrs. Sarah Josepha Hale editor of Godey's Lady's Book tried for many years to get a national Thanksgiving Day. In 1861 Jefferson Davis issued a proclamation for the Confederate States of America setting aside a Day of Fasting and Humiliation. In 1862 Davis issued another one for victory in battle and there was also one issued by President Lincoln for the same reason. In 1863 Lincoln issued two proclamations. One following the victory at Gettysburg, setting aside August 6th as a day of Thanksgiving. Then on October 3rd he issued the first in an unbroken line of Presidential Proclamations for Thanksgiving. His proclamation set beside the fourth Thursday in November as "a day of thanksgiving for the Praise of our beneficent Father". Since that proclamation every president in every year since has issued a Thanksgiving Proclamation. For the first 75 years the President proclaimed the last Thursday in November shall be celebrated as Thanksgiving Day.

In 1939 President Franklin D. Roosevelt set it one week earlier. He wanted to help businesses by lengthening the shopping period before Christmas.

Congress ruled in 1941 that the fourth Thursday in November would be observed as Thanksgiving Day and would be a legal Federal Holiday.

IN CONGRESS November 1, 1777

FORASMUCH as it is the indispensable Duty of all Men to adore the superintending Providence of Almighty God; to acknowledge with Gratitude their Obligation to Him for Benefits received, and to implore such farther Blessings as they stand in Need of: And it having pleased him in his abundant Mercy, not only to continue to us the innumerable Bounties of his common Providence; but also to smile upon us in the Prosecution of a just and necessary War, for the Defense and Establishment of our unalienable Rights and Liberties; particularly in that He has been pleased, in so great a Measure, to prosper the Means used for the Support of our troops, and to crown our Arms with most signal success.

It is therefore recommended to the legislative or

executive Powers of these UNITED STATES to set apart THURSDAY, the eighteenth Day of December next, for SOLEMN THANKSGIVING and PRAISE: That at one time and in one voice, the good People may express the grateful Feelings of their Hearts, and consecrate themselves to the Service of their Devine Benefactor; and that, together with their sincere Acknowledgements and Offerings, they may join the penitent Confession of their manifold Sins, where by they had forfeited every favor; and their humble and earnest Supplication that it may please GOD through the Merits of JESUS CHRIST, mercifully to forgive and blot them out of Remembrance; that it may please Him graciously to afford His Blessing on the Governments of these States respectively, and prosper the public Council of the whole: To inspire our Commanders, both by Land and Sea, and all under them, with that Wisdom and Fortitude which may render them fit Instruments, under the Providence of Almighty GOD, to secure for these United States, the greatest of all human Blessings, INDEPENDENCE and PEACE: That it may please Him, to prosper the Trade and Manufactures of the People, and the Labor of the Husbandman, that our Land may yield its increase: To take Schools and Seminaries of Education, so necessary for cultivating the Principles of true Liberty, Virtue and Piety, under his nurturing Hand; and to prosper the Means of Religion, for the promotion and enlargement of that Kingdom, which consisteth “in Righteousness, Peace, and Joy in the Holy Ghost.”

And it is further recommended, That servile Labor, and such Recreation, as , though at other Times innocent, may be unbecoming the Purpose of this appointment, be omitted on so solemn an Occasion.

1778 By the United States in Congress assembled A PROCLAMATION

It having pleased Almighty God, through the course of the present year, to bestow great and manifold mercies on the people of these United States; and it being the indispensable duty of all men gratefully to acknowledge their obligation to Him for benefits received:

Resolved, That it be, and hereby is recommended to the legislative or executive authority of each of said states, to appoint Wednesday, the 30th day of December next, to be observed as a day of public thanksgiving and praise. That all the people may, with united hearts, on that day, express a just sense of his unmerited favors; particularly in that it hath pleased him, by his overruling providence, to support us in a just and necessary war, for the defense of our rights and liberties, by affording us seasonable supplies for our ar-

mies, by disposing the heart of a powerful monarch to enter into alliance with us, and aid our cause; by defeating the councils and evil designs of our enemies, and giving us victory over their troops; and by the continuance of that union among these states, which, by his blessing, will be their future strength and glory.

And it is further recommended, that, together with devout thanksgiving, may be joined a penitent confession of our sins, and humble supplication for pardon, through the merits of our Savior; so that, under the smiles of Heaven, our public councils may be directed, our arms by land and sea prospered, our liberty and independence secured, our schools and seminaries of learning flourish, our trade be revived, our husbandry and manufactures encreased, and the hearts of all impressed with undissembled piety, with benevolence and zeal for the public good. And it is also recommended, that recreations unsuitable to the purpose of such a solemnity may be omitted on that day. Done in Congress, this 17th day of November, 1778, and in the third year of the independence of the United States of America.

1779 By the United States in Congress assembled. A PROCLAMATION. Whereas it becomes us humbly to approach the throne of Almighty God, with gratitude and praise for the wonders which his goodness has wrought in conducting our forefathers to this western world; for his protection to them and to their posterity amid difficulties and dangers; for raising us, their children, from deep distress to be numbered among the nations of the earth; and for arming the hands of just and mighty princes in our deliverance; and especially for that he hath been pleased to grant us the enjoyment of health, and so to order the revolving seasons, that the earth hath produced her increase in abundance, blessing the labors of the husbandmen, and spreading plenty through the land; that he hath prospered our arms and those of our ally; been a shield to our troops in the hour of danger, pointed their swords to victory and led them in triumph over the bulwarks of the foe; that he hath gone with those who went out into the wilderness against the savage tribes; that he hath stayed the hand of the spoiler, and turned back his meditated destruction; that he hath prospered our commerce, and given success to those who sought the enemy on the face of the deep; and above all, that he hath diffused the glorious light of the gospel, whereby, through the merits of our gracious Redeemer, we may become the heirs of his eternal glory: therefore, Resolved, That it be recommended to the several states, to appoint Thurs-

day, the 9th of December next, to be a day of public and solemn thanksgiving to Almighty God for his mercies, and of prayer for the continuance of his favor and protection to these United States; to beseech him that he would be graciously pleased to influence our public councils, and bless them with wisdom from on high, with unanimity, firmness, and success; that he would go forth with our hosts and crown our arms with victory; that he would grant to his church the plentiful effusions of divine grace, and pour out his holy spirit on all ministers of the gospel; that he would bless and prosper the means of education, and spread the light of Christian knowledge through the remotest corners of the earth; that he would smile upon the labors of his people and cause the earth to bring forth her fruits in abundance; that we may with gratitude and gladness enjoy them; that he would take into his holy protection our illustrious ally, give him victory over his enemies, and render him signally great, as the father of his people and the protector of the rights of mankind; that he would graciously be pleased to turn the hearts of our enemies, and to dispense the blessings of peace to contending nations; that he would in mercy look down upon us, pardon our sins and receive us into his favor, and finally, that he would establish the independence of these United States upon the basis of religion and virtue, and support and protect them in the enjoyment of peace, liberty and safety. as long as the sun and moon shall endure, until time shall be no more. Done in Congress, ∥ the 20th day of October, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, and in the 4th year of the independence of the United States of America.

Samuel Huntington, President.

Attest, Charles Thomson, Secretary.

1780 By the United States in Congress assembled. A PROCLAMATION. Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God, the Father of all mercies, amidst the vicissitudes and calamities of war, to bestow blessings on the people of these states, which call for their devout and thankful acknowledgments, more especially in the late remarkable interposition of his watchful providence, in rescuing the person of our Commander in Chief and the army from imminent dangers, at the moment when treason was ripened for execution; in prospering the labors of the husbandmen, and causing the earth to yield its increase in plentiful harvests; and, above all, in continuing to us the enjoyment of the gospel of peace; It is therefore recommended to the several states to set apart Thursday, the seventh day [of December next, to be observed as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer; that all the

people may assemble on that day to celebrate the praises of our Divine Benefactor; to confess our unworthiness of the least of his favors, and to offer our fervent supplications to the God of all grace; that it may please him to pardon our heinous transgressions and incline our hearts for the future to keep all his laws that it may please him still to afford us the blessing of health; to comfort and relieve our brethren who are any wise afflicted or distressed; to smile upon our husbandry and trade and establish the work of our hands; to direct our public councils, and lead our forces, by land and sea, to victory; to take our illustrious ally under his special protection, and favor our joint councils and exertions for the establishment of speedy and permanent peace; to cherish all schools and seminaries of education, build up his churches in their most holy faith and to cause the knowledge of Christianity to spread over all the earth. Done in Congress, the lath day of October, 1780, and in the fifth year of the independence of the United States of America.

1781 By the United States in Congress assembled.

A PROCLAMATION. Whereas, it hath pleased Almighty God, the supreme Disposer of all Events father of mercies, remarkably to assist and support the United States of America in their important struggle for liberty, against the long continued efforts of a powerful nation: it is the duty of all ranks to observe and thankfully acknowledge the interpositions of his Providence in their behalf. Through the whole of the contest, from its first rise to this time, the influence of divine Providence may be clearly perceived in many signal instances, of which we mention but a few. In revealing the councils of our enemies, when the discoveries were seasonable and important, and the means seemingly inadequate or fortuitous; in preserving and even improving the union of the several states, on the breach of which our enemies placed their greatest dependence; in increasing the number, and adding to the zeal and attachment of the friends of Liberty; in granting remarkable deliverances, and blessing us with the most signal success, when affairs seemed to have the most discouraging appearance; in raising up for us a powerful and generous ally, in one of the first of the European powers; in confounding the councils of our enemies, and suffering them to pursue such measures as have most directly contributed to frustrate their own desires and expectations; above all, in making their extreme cruelty of their officers and soldiers to the inhabitants of these states, when in their power, and their savage devastation of proper-

ty, the very means of cementing our union, and adding vigor to every effort in opposition to them. And as we cannot help leading the good people of these states to a retrospect on the events which have taken place since the beginning of the war, so we beg recommend in a particular manner that they may observe and acknowledge to their observation, the goodness of God in the year now drawing to a conclusion: in which a mutiny in the American Army was not only happily appeased but became in its issue a pleasing and undeniable proof of the unalterable attachment of the people in general to the cause of liberty since great and real grievances only made them tumultuously seek redress while they abhorred the thoughts of going over to the enemy, in which the Confederation of the United States has been completed by the accession of all without exception in which there have been so many instances of prowess and success in our armies; particularly in the southern states, where, notwithstanding the difficulties with which they had to struggle, they have recovered the whole country which the enemy had overrun, leaving them only a post or two upon or near the sea: in which we have been so powerfully and effectually assisted by our allies, while in all the conjunct operations the most perfect union and harmony has subsisted in the allied army: in which there has been so plentiful a harvest, and so great abundance of the fruits of the earth of every kind, as not only enables us easily to supply the wants of the army, but gives comfort and happiness to the whole people: and in which, after the success of our allies by sea, a General of the first Rank, with his whole army, has been captured by the allied forces under the direction of our illustrious Commander in Chief. It is therefore recommended to the several states to set apart the 13th day of December next, to be religiously observed as a Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer; that all the people may assemble on that day, with grateful hearts, to celebrate the praises of our gracious Benefactor; to confess our manifold sins; to offer up our most fervent supplications to the God of all grace, that it may please Him to pardon our offenses, and incline our hearts for the future to keep all his laws; to comfort and relieve all our brethren who are in distress or captivity; to prosper our husbandmen, and give success to all engaged in lawful commerce; to impart wisdom and integrity to our counselors, judgment and fortitude to our officers and soldiers; to protect and prosper our illustrious ally, and favor our united exertions for the speedy establishment of a safe, honorable and lasting peace; to bless all seminaries of learning; and cause the knowledge of God to cover the earth, as the waters

cover the seas.

1782 By the United States in Congress assembled. A PROCLAMATION. It being the indispensable duty of all nations, not only to offer up their supplications to Almighty God, the giver of all good, for his gracious assistance in the a time of public distress, but also in a solemn and public manner to give him praise for his goodness in general, and especially for great and signal interpositions of his Providence in their behalf; therefore, the United States in Congress assembled, taking into their consideration the many instances of divine goodness to these states, in the course of the important conflict in which they have been so long engaged; and the present happy and promising state of public affairs; and the events of the war in the course of the last year now drawing to a close, particularly the harmony of the public councils, which is so necessary to the success of the public cause; the perfect union and good understanding which has hitherto subsisted between them and their allies, notwithstanding the artful and unwearied attempts of the common enemy to sow dissension between them divide them; the success of the arms of the United States and those of their allies, and the acknowledgment of their independence by another European power, whose friendship and commerce must be of great and lasting advantage to these states; and the success of their arms and those of their allies in different parts do hereby recommend it to the inhabitants of these states in general, to observe, and recommend it to the executives of request the several states to interpose their authority in appointing and requiring commanding the observation of the last Thursday, in the 28 day of November next, as a day of solemn thanksgiving to God for all his mercies: and they do further recommend to all ranks, to testify their gratitude to God for his goodness, by a cheerful obedience to his laws, and by promoting, each in his station, and by his influence, the practice of true and undefiled religion, which is the great foundation of public prosperity and national happiness. Given, &c.

1783 By the United States in Congress assembled. A PROCLAMATION. Whereas it hath pleased the Supreme Ruler of all human events, to dispose the hearts of the late belligerent powers to put a period to the effusion of human blood, by proclaiming a cessation of all hostilities by sea and land, and these United States are not only happily rescued from the dangers distresses and calamities which they have so long and so magnanimously sustained to which they have been so long exposed, but their freedom, sovereignty and independence ultimately acknowledged

by the king of Great Britain. And whereas in the progress of a contest on which the most essential rights of human nature depended, the interposition of Divine Providence in our favor hath been most abundantly and most graciously manifested, and the citizens of these United States have every possible reason for praise and gratitude to the God of their salvation. Impressed, therefore, with an exalted sense of the magnitude of the blessings by which we are surrounded, and of our entire dependence on that Almighty Being, from whose goodness and bounty they are derived, the United States in Congress assembled do recommend it to the several States, to set apart the second Thursday in December next, as a day of public thanksgiving, that all the people may then assemble to celebrate with one voice grateful hearts and united voices, the praises of their Supreme and all bountiful Benefactor, for his numberless favors and mercies. That he hath been pleased to conduct us in safety through all the perils and vicissitudes of the war; that he hath given us unanimity and resolution to adhere to our just rights; that he hath raised up a powerful ally to assist us in supporting them, and hath so far crowned our united efforts with success, that in the course of the present year, hostilities have ceased, and we are left in the undisputed possession of our liberties and independence, and of the fruits of our own land, and in the free participation of the treasures of the sea; that he hath prospered the labor of our husbandmen with plentiful harvests; and above all, that he hath been pleased to continue to us the light of the blessed gospel, and secured to us in the fullest extent the rights of conscience in faith and worship. And while our hearts overflow with gratitude, and our lips set forth the praises of our great Creator, that we also offer up fervent supplications, that it may please him to pardon all our offenses, to give wisdom and unanimity to our public councils, to cement all our citizens in the bonds of affection, and to inspire them with an earnest regard for the national honor and interest, to enable them to improve the days of prosperity by every good work, and to be lovers of peace and tranquility; that he may be pleased to bless us in our husbandry, our commerce and navigation; to smile upon our seminaries and means of education, to cause pure religion and virtue to flourish, to give peace to all nations, and to fill the world with his glory. Done by the United States in Congress assembled, witness his Excellency Elias Boudinot, our President, this 18th day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, and of the sovereignty and independence of the United States of America the eighth.

1784 By the United States in Congress assembled. A PROCLAMATION. Whereas it hath pleased the Supreme Ruler of the universe, of his infinite goodness and mercy, so to calm the minds and do away the resentments of the powers lately engaged in a most bloody and destructive war, and to dispose their hearts towards amity and friendship, that a general pacification hath taken place, and particularly a Definitive Treaty of peace between the said United States of America and his Britannic Majesty, was signed at Paris, on the 3d day of September, in the year of our Lord 1783; the instruments of the final ratifications of which were exchanged at Passy, on the 12th day of May, in the year of our Lord 1784, whereby a finishing hand was put to the great work of peace, and the freedom, sovereignty and independence of these states, fully and completely established: And whereas in pursuit of the great work of freedom and independence, and the progress of the contest in which the United States of America have been engaged, and on the success of which the dearest and most essential rights of human nature depended, the benign interposition of Divine Providence hath, on many occasions, been most miraculously and abundantly manifested; and the citizens of the United States have the greatest reason to return their most hearty and sincere praises and thanksgiving to the God of their deliverance; whose name be praised: Deeply impressed therefore with the sense of the mercies manifested to these United States, and of the blessings which it hath pleased God, to shower down on us, of our future dependence, at all times, on his power and mercy as the only source from which so great benefits can be derived; we, the United States of America, in the Committee of the States assembled, do earnestly recommend to the supreme executives of the several states, to set apart Tuesday, the 19th day of October next, as a day of public prayer and thanksgiving, that all the people of the United States may then assemble in their respective churches and congregations, to celebrate with grateful hearts, and joyful and united voices, the mercies and praises of their all-bountiful Creator, most holy, and most righteous! for his innumerable favors and mercies vouchsafed unto them; more especially that he hath been graciously pleased so to conduct us through the perils and dangers of the war, as finally to establish the United States in freedom and independency, and to give them a name and place among the princes and nations of the earth; that he hath raised up

great captains and men of war from amongst us, to lead our armies, and in our greatest difficulties and distresses hath given us unanimity to adhere to and assert our just rights and privileges; and that he hath been most graciously pleased also, to raise up a most powerful prince and magnanimous people, as allies, to assist us in effectually supporting and maintaining them; that he hath been pleased to prosper the labor of our husbandmen; that there is no famine or want seen throughout our land: And above all, that he hath been pleased to continue to us the light of gospel truths, and secured to us, in the fullest manner, the rights of conscience in faith and worship. And while our hearts overflow with gratitude, and our lips pronounce the praises of our great and merciful Creator, that we may also offer up our joint and fervent supplications, that it may please him of his infinite goodness and mercy, to pardon all our sins and offenses; to inspire with wisdom and a true sense of public good, all our public councils; to strengthen and cement the bonds of love and affection between all our citizens; to impress them with an earnest regard for the public good and national faith and honour, and to teach them to improve the days of peace by every good work; to pray that he will, in a more especial manner, shower down his blessings on Louis the Most Christian King our ally, to prosper his house, that his son's sons may long sit on the throne of their ancestors, a blessing to the people entrusted to his charge; to bless all mankind, and inspire the princes and nations of the earth with the love of peace, that the sound of war may be heard of no more; that he may be pleased to smile upon us, and bless our husbandry, fishery, our commerce, and especially our schools and seminaries of learning; and to raise up from among our youth, men eminent for virtue, learning and piety, to his service in church and state; to cause virtue and true religion to flourish, to give to all nations amity, peace and concord, and to fill the world with his glory. Done by the United States, in the Committee of the States assembled, witness the honorable Samuel Hardy, chairman, this-- day of--, in the year of our Lord, &c. and in the 9th of the sovereignty and independence of the United States of America.

These Proclamations can be found along with all the Presidential Proclamations at Pilgrim Hall Website; pilgrimhall.org/givingThanks3c.htm.

By the President of the United States of America, a Proclamation. Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor-- and whereas

both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be-- That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks--for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation--for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war--for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed--for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted--for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

and also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions-- to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually--to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed--to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord--To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the encrease of science among them and us--and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

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By the United States in Congress assembled.

PROCLAMATION.

IT being the indispensable duty of all Nations, not only to offer up their supplications to ALMIGHTY GOD, the giver of all good, for his gracious assistance in a time of distress, but also in a solemn and public manner to give him praise for his goodness in general, and especially for great and signal interpositions of his providence in their behalf: Therefore the United States in Congress assembled, taking into their consideration the many instances of divine goodness to these States, in the course of the important conflict in which they have been so long engaged; the present happy and promising state of public affairs; and the events of the war, in the course of the year now drawing to a close; particularly the harmony of the public Councils, which is so necessary to the success of the public cause; the perfect union and good understanding which has hitherto subsisted between them and their Allies, notwithstanding the artful and unwearied attempts of the common enemy to divide them; the success of the arms of the United States, and those of their Allies, and the acknowledgment of their independence by another European power, whose friendship and commerce must be of great and lasting advantage to these States:---- Do hereby recommend to the inhabitants of these States in general, to observe, and request the several States to interpose their authority in appointing and commanding the observation of THURSDAY the twenty-eight day of NOVEMBER next, as a day of solemn THANKSGIVING to GOD for all his mercies: and they do further recommend to all ranks, to testify to their gratitude to GOD for his goodness, by a cheerful obedience of his laws, and by promoting, each in his station, and by his influence, the practice of true and undefiled religion, which is the great foundation of public prosperity and national happiness.

Done in Congress, at Philadelphia, the eleventh day of October, in the year of our LORD one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, and of our Sovereignty and Independence, the seventh.

JOHN HANSON, President.

Charles Thomson, Secretary.

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October Meeting



Members enjoy a nice luncheon at the sizzler before we get down to business.



A time to relax and socialize with our members



Captain Charlie Plumb who served and was a prisoner in the Viet Nam War spoke to our chapter about his experiences and the men he knew.

At right, Captain Plumb is presented a quilt by Karen Richards from the Quilts of Valor organization.



Captain Charlie Plumb receives a Certificate of Appreciation from chapter President Dan McKelvie.



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In honor of the birthday of the *Star-Spangled Banner* the Troy High School JROTC presented the Colors at our October Meeting. They were presented with Good Citizenship certificates and pins. They were each given a copy of Jim Blauer's historic calendar on the American Revolution.



Doug Milliken is sworn in as our newest member as his wife Candia looks on.



President McKelvie Presented Doug with his Membership Certificate. Kent Gregory pinned on his SAR Rosette.



Captain Plumb with Un Hui Yi Fosdyck and Larry Wood.



Dan Henry, left, presented Captain Plumb with a copy of his book, "*A Mission of Honor*". It tells the story of two of his uncles in WWII.

Captain Plumb meets Col. Jim Quinnelly, right, a WWII Veteran

