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MEETING INFORMATION

When: October 11, 2014
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

Lately I have had cause to stray from my normal research in the Revolutionary War and focus a small amount of time of the War Between The States. The reason for this is not a change in interest but rather it is where my girls studies in American History have led and as I am their history teacher I have the need to know more. One thing that I find fascinating is the close proximity the war had to the American Revolution both in time but also in their minds. The men who fought for the North and the South knew men who fought in the Revolution, watched them march in 4th of July parades and heard them speak of "the cause" of their time. Men on both sides fashioned medals bearing the image of George Washington and men on both sides believed that they were defending the legacy of the Revolutionary War. Among these I found this amazing letter (of which this is only a section) from Sullivan Ballou of Rhode Island.

"July 14, 1861
Camp Clark, Washington

My very dear Sarah:

The indications are very strong that we shall move in a few days—perhaps tomorrow. Lest I should not be able to write again, I feel impelled to write a few lines that may fall under your eye when I shall be no more . . .

I have no misgivings about, or lack of confidence in the cause in which I am engaged, and my courage does not halt or falter. I know how strongly American Civilization now leans on the triumph of the Government and how great a debt we owe to those who went before us through the blood and sufferings of the Revolution. And I am willing—perfectly willing—to lay down all my joys in this life, to help maintain this Government, and to pay that debt ."

Sullivan Ballou was killed one week later at the 1st Battle of Manassas. When I read that I can't help but wonder how many Americans feel "—how great a debt we owe to those who went before us through the blood and sufferings of the Revolution." today? History has shown us that the American vision of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness needs defenders in each generation who recognize "the great debt." Compatriots, we have work to do.

Yours in Liberty,

Dan Shippey

OCTOBER SPEAKER

Our speaker for October 11th will be **Captain Rich Suttie**, USN (Retired). He will speak on an Interview with Louis Zamperini, a WWII Bombardier, POW and Olympic Runner and subject of the best seller/movie, "Unbroken".

Louis Silvie "Louie" Zamperini (January 26, 1917 – July 2, 2014) was an American World War II prisoner of war survivor, inspirational speaker, and Olympic distance runner. In 2010 Laura Hillenbrand wrote a best-selling book about his experiences, which was adapted into film in 2014, *Unbroken*, directed by Angelina Jolie, adapted by the Coen brothers, and with Jack O'Connell playing Zamperini. The film is to be released in December 2014.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

If you missed our September meeting it was filled with a lot of action. There were some 65 members and guests in attendance for this after Summer vacation meeting. The meeting was opened with the presentation of Colors from the Buena Park High School AFJROTC Color Guard. Members of the Harbor Chapter were also in attendance. State President Jim Faulkinbury was the Guest Speaker. Four new members were inducted by President Shippey. William Biggs, Phil Forbes, Eric Matheny and Clarence Shippey. Each received and was pinned with an SAR Rosette. Compatriot Biggs received his from his sponsor Kent Gregory, Phil Forbes received his from sponsor Jim Fosdyck, Eric Matheny from his father, Compatriot Craig Matheny and Clarence Shippey from his son, President Dan Shippey.

Two of our new members, William Biggs and Clarence Shippey, received a quilt from Quilts of Valor for their service to our country.

Dan and Kelli Shippey were presented the Bronze Von Steuben Color Guard medal for their participation in our parades and other events. The presentation was done by Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck.

Hammond Salley received a certificate on another supplement he had approved recently.

Dr. Ed Behnke was presented the SAR Lamplighter Award by State President Jim Faulkinbury.

FALL TRUSTEES/LEADERSHIP MEETING

The Fall Trustees/Leadership meeting was held in Louisville Kentucky on the last weekend of September. Those chapter members in attendance included;

Jim Blauer, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Lou Carlson, Kent Gregory, John, Karen, & Lacey Dodd, and Larry & Barbara Magerkurth.

The main purpose of this meeting is for the various national committees to get together and discuss business. There are some 20-30 Committees that meet to take care of business.

The hi-light of this gathering was the Ribbon Cutting



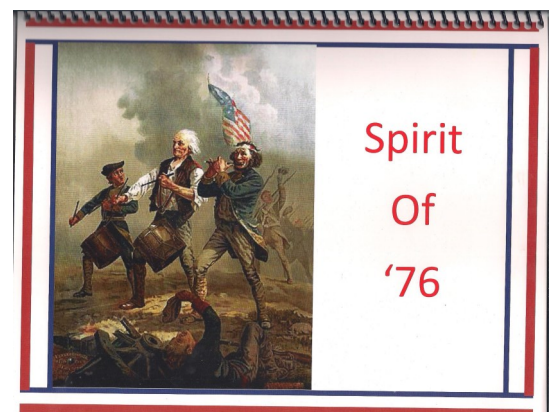
at the opening of the new center. President General Brock along with past President Generals did the honors of cutting the ribbon. The prior evening they were on the news in Louisville discussing the plans for the center and museum. Great coverage. Too bad it could not be seen by the rest of the country.

SPIRIT OF '76 CALENDAR

The Spirit of '76 calendar, created by Compatriot Jim Blauer his now hot off the press and ready for purchase. Last year while on sick leave, Compatriot Blauer reworked his calendar and updated the artwork and graphics from black and white in the mid to late 1990s to full color. He has now reworked it from the 2014 year to the 2015 year.

Titled "Spirit of '76" he has included a historical fact for each day of the year on the American Revolution/Constitutional era.

He began collecting information back in the mid 1960s when the Orange County Register started printing, "Today in History" for each day



of the year. In 1975 he worked with the U.S. History Class he was student teaching at Santiago High School in Garden Grove and for Open House had produced 12 poster size months with dates in U.S. History.

For years Compatriot Blauer anguished over the fact he could not figure out how to do this with a calendar. Calendar size paper either would not fit in a typewriter, or if it did the printing was too big. In the mid to late 1990s Compatriot Blauer who admits to not being computer literate, was informed by his father that the Print Master program they had on their computer had a calendar format. Compatriot Blauer went to work on it and was able to produce a reasonable copy, though the graphics were all in black and white. The last copy was produced in 1999.

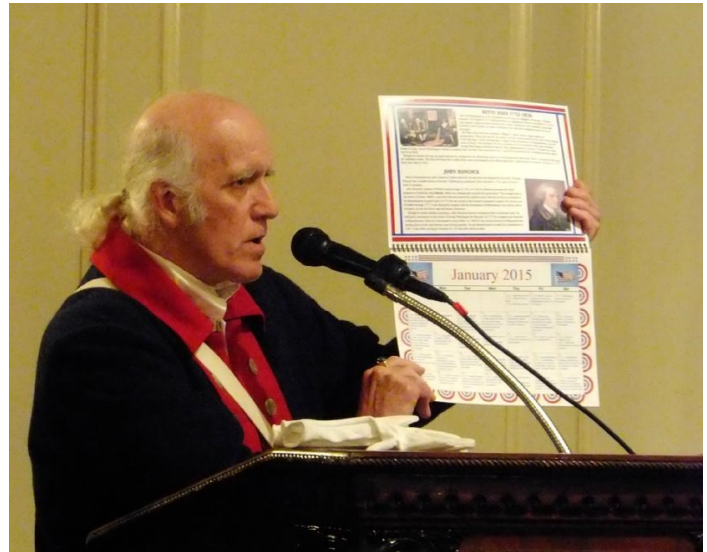
Fast forward to early last year while Compatriot Blauer was on disability and recuperating he decided to try and update his creation. He was able to do so and was able to find a place to print it. He took a mock copy to the State Meeting and it was decided at that time with all the historical information included in his calendar that he would charge \$20 per copy. This would be enough to cover his costs and any mailings that were needed. The remainder of all proceeds after costs are paid for will be donated to the CAAH (The Center For Advancing America's Heritage).

He had planned on attending the Congress in Kansas City in July, but due to more health problems he had to cancel. He was hoping to sell a bunch there. He then set his sights on the Fall Trustees Meeting at the end of September in Louisville and at that time planned to donate a copy to the Center and make his pitch to earn money for The Center. That was derailed when he was unable to secure a room at the hotel which was full. There were two other conventions in town at that time and hotel space was booked.

He continued to sell them locally and was able to sell the 100 copies he had printed up. The result was that at Congress in July he was able to donate \$1,000 to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

Earlier this year having converted the calendar to 2015, he went back to the place that printed them for him last year, only to find that their price had doubled. At \$20 per copy there would be hardly anything left to donate to the Center after recouping his costs. When he made his donation at the Congress in July, he noted that he had had trouble getting a place to publish it this year. One of the SAR members, Steve Pittard of North Carolina came forward to offer to try and help Jim get this year's published. Steve's company came up with a better price than what Jim had

had in 2014. Jim announced his calendar at the Trustees Meeting. He was able to sell about one fourth of the copies and has plenty left. The good news is that Jim has recouped his costs for this run and that means that when a calendar sells for \$20 now, the entire \$20 will go to the Center for Ad-



vancing America's Heritage.

If members wish to purchase a copy they can contact Compatriot Blauer via email jblauer@pacbell.net or they can call him at 949-548-6871 to place an order. Those that are purchased in person saves the mailing cost and more of the proceeds will go to The Center.

The Calendar is set up for 2015, so now is the time to start thinking about Christmas Gifts for all your patriotic friends and family and something for your local schools where teachers can use them to teach U.S. History for 5th, 8th and 11th graders. Maybe even give it to a DAR or CAR friend for Christmas. Your children and grandchildren could also use these for their U.S. History class and take a fact a day to school to share with his/her class and teacher. Teachers could use that fact for a brief discussion/lesson about the fact/event.

Jim will have them at the Meeting on Saturday. He can take cash or check for these. Here is a way for you to contribute to the center and not have to spend a lot to do so.

FALL BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

The Fall Board of Managers Meeting will be held November 6-8, 2014 at the Sheraton Sonoma County Petaluma, considered the gateway to the California Wine Country. It is at 745 Baywood Drive in Petaluma. It is near the Santa Rosa Airport.

Room rates are \$135 per night, single or double occupancy with complimentary WIFI. Accommo-

dations include either King or double beds and parking is free. Room rates will apply from three days before to three days after the meeting. Reservations can be made by calling (707) 283-2888 and ask for the CASSAR Discount rate. Reservations must be made by October 16, 2014.

Registration for the meeting must be postmarked by September 15 and is \$135 per person. If after, the fee goes up to \$150. This includes all meetings, Friday and Saturday Luncheons Saturday Banquet, tax and gratuity—Vegetarian meals are available with prior notice.

Checks should be made out to California Society SAR and mailed with registration to Stephen Renouf, 16123 Paseo del Campo, San Lorenzo, CA 94580-2311. Should you have any questions you can contact Jim Faulkinbury at (916) 359-1752 or jfaulkin@surewest.org.

For those who are not registering, but wish to join us for the meals, the luncheons are \$45 each and the banquet is \$65. Choices for the banquet are Pan seared salmon, French chicken breast or vegetarian. Be sure to advise them on the registration form if you have any food restrictions.

Hope to see you there.

Enrich the Roots of Liberty

In the years leading up to the American Revolution, a mature elm tree near the Boston Common became a gathering place for patriots, where they discussed American ideas of liberty and planned resistance to British tyranny. They called the elm the Liberty Tree. Soon, Liberty Trees were designated in towns throughout the colonies as powerful symbols and gathering places.

The Museum of the American Revolution will feature a full-scale replica of a Liberty Tree in its core exhibition, providing a space for visitors to reflect on the origins and principals of American independence. On October 9, 2014, at the groundbreaking celebration for the Museum in Philadelphia, we will gather at a contemporary Liberty Tree and enrich its roots with soil collected from battlefields, encampments, homes, and other sites where the American Revolution was fought and won. This Liberty Tree—a young elm of the “Valley Forge” cultivar (immune to the disease that felled so many American elms)—will then return to a plant nursery, to grow and flourish until it is planted at the opening ceremony of the Museum, two and one half years hence.

Please join the celebration of the nation’s coming Museum of the American Revolution by sending to us a small sample of soil for our modern Liberty Tree.

Please make sure we receive your soil contribution by October 1, 2014. If you have any questions, contact us at info@AmRevMuseum.org or at 215-253-6731.

UPCOMING EVENTS

As the year winds down we still have several events in the works. Of course there is our chapter meeting on October 11th. Then on October 25th there will be the 120th anniversary of the Southern California Society, Sons of the American Revolution. It begins at 11am at the Green Dragon Tavern and Museum in Carlsbad, CA. for more information you can contact Ray Raser (sarsdnews@gmail.com).

As mentioned previously there will be the Fall Board of Managers Meeting from November 6-8 in Petaluma, CA.

On Sunday November 9th your Lee’s Legion Color Guard will present the Colors at the Surf City Veteran’s Day show on Pacific Coast Highway in Huntington Beach. This event goes from 8am to 4pm.

On Tuesday November 11th your Lee’s Legion Color Guard will present the colors at the Veteran’s Day event at Veteran’s Memorial Park at 4756 Valley View Avenue in Yorba Linda. This event begins at 2pm.

Prior to our meeting on December 13th, we will have our Color Guard as well as others from around the southland join us for the annual Wreaths Across America, This is a National Color Guard event and will be at the Memory Gardens Memorial Park at 455 W. Central Avenue in Brea. As you enter you will find on the left they have a Soldier’s Monument area where those who have served have been laid to rest.

Here is a message from our State Chairman, Don Littlefield.

Gentlemen:

Wreaths Across America will be held on **Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., Pacific Time.**

Many SAR Chapters provide a Color Guard for these events and have an SAR chapter officer or SAR member read the NSSAR Proclamation that will be provided from the President General Lindsey Brock, during the month of November. As soon as it is available, I will forward it to each California Chapter. We have a big state to cover. Many new cemeteries have been added this year. Be sure to review the list for those cemeteries near you. It is important to contact the **Volunteer Location Leader** at each cemetery (see the attached Microsoft Word Document) in your vicinity to secure a place on the ceremony program and to coordinate the specific details of your participation in the ceremony. Please refer to the list of participating cemeteries and arrange for a place on

the program at a cemetery in your area.

If you wish to sponsor wreaths under the CASSAR Group ID: **CA0032**, wreaths will be designated for **CAFRNS -- Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego**. Only one cemetery can be designated per Group ID Number. The WAA sponsorship form has been attached for your use. You can either use our Group ID Number or the Group ID Number of a cemetery of your choosing.

Remember, it is important to contact the *Volunteer Location Leader* on the attached list and work with them to secure your place on the program.

Wreaths Across America home page

<http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>

WAA Participating Locations (use the attached MS Word document or click on the State of California using the link below)

<http://give.wreathscrossamerica.org/site/PageServer?pagename=searchmap>

WAA 2014 Fact Sheet

http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/2014redesign/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/2014_WAA_FactSheet_FINAL.pdf

Sponsor a Wreath online directly through Wreaths Across America

https://secure2.convio.net/waa/site/Donation2?idb=538545053&df_id=1481&1481.donation=form1&1481.donation=root&idb=1523824007&df_id=1481

And lastly, please let me know which cemetery(s) your chapter will have members and/or a Color Guard participating at for this year's ceremonies and please send me 2 or 3 digital photos of your event immediately following the December 13, 2014 ceremonies.

Sincerely,

Don

We will have a reminder in our December newsletter

Our December meeting will be our Gift Exchange meeting so there will be no speaker. We will have more details in our December newsletter.

AN AMERICAN MINUTE WITH BILL FEDERER

October 19, 1781 Victory at Yorktown.

British Colonel Tarleton was known as "the bloody butcher" for letting his dragoons bayonet and hack hundreds of surrendering American soldiers at Buford's Massacre, May 29, 1780.

In January 1781, Colonel Tarleton with 1,200 dra-

goons were pursuing American troops, but General Daniel Morgan led them into a trap at the Battle of Cowpens, killing 100 British and capturing 800.

When British General Cornwallis heard the news, he was leaning on his sword, and leaned so forcibly that it snapped in two. Cornwallis gave chase, even abandoning his slow supply wagons along the way, but was unable to catch the Americans, now led by General Nathanael Greene. Providential Flash Floods and rising rivers allowed the Americans to escape.

Without supplies Cornwallis was ordered to move his 8,000 troops to a defensive position where the York River entered Chesapeake Bay. By this time, Ben Franklin and the Marquis de Lafayette had succeeded in their efforts to persuade French King Louis XVI to send ships and troops to help the Americans. French Admiral De Grasse left off fighting the British in the West Indies and sailed 24 ships to the mouth of Chesapeake Bay, where, in the Battle of the Capes, he drove off 19 British ships which were sent to evacuate Cornwallis' men.

De Grasse's 3,000 French troops and General Rochambeau's 6,000 French troops hurriedly joined General Lafayette's division as they marched to help General Washington trap Cornwallis against the sea.

They joined the troops of Generals Benjamin Lincoln, Baron Von Steuben, Mordecai Gist, Henry Knox and John Peter Muhlenberg. Altogether, 17,000 French and American Troops surrounded Cornwallis and on October 19, 1791, he surrendered.

To learn more about William Federer you can go to his website at <http://www.americanminute.com/about.php>.

BENFRANKLIN RAFFLE FUND

Many years ago, (Over 15), we were in need of building up our treasury so that we might have the funds to use for things like the youth contests, or maybe Flags, Poles and stands for our meetings.

Compatriot Lou Carlson came up with the idea of the Ben Franklin Box. In Ben's time when funds were needed to be raised one had but to place a box outside and people were encouraged to donate to the cause. In our case, similar to the Colonial lotteries held, we do a raffle. Members are encouraged to bring a gift/prize that costs under \$10.00 to donate as a prize for the raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00, 12 for \$10.00, 24 for \$20.00 and so on. Drawing are held at the end of the meeting so everyone has had time to check out the monthly prizes, get their tickets and hopefully win the one they want. All funds raised from the drawing go into our treasury to be used for the programs or other needs of the

chapter.

We do request that those who win will bring a prize for the next month or when they are able to return to one of our meeting. This does not preclude others who have not won to donate to the gift pool. Anyone who wishes to bring a prize at any meeting is welcome to do so.

The items you bring do not need to be brand new. You may have a book you do not want any more as you have read it and wish to pass it on to someone else who would be interested in it. Maybe you are downsizing and want to relieve yourself of some of your possessions you no longer want, need or can use. Maybe you have found a patriotic item at a local store you think would be perfect for the raffle. These are all possibilities for a prize for the raffle.

We have found the more prizes we have the more fun it is to see who might win. It is not uncommon for those members who have bought a lot of tickets to be satisfied with just one prize. When another one of their numbers is called, in many cases, they will pass in order to allow others to win. That is the prerogative of the ticket holder.

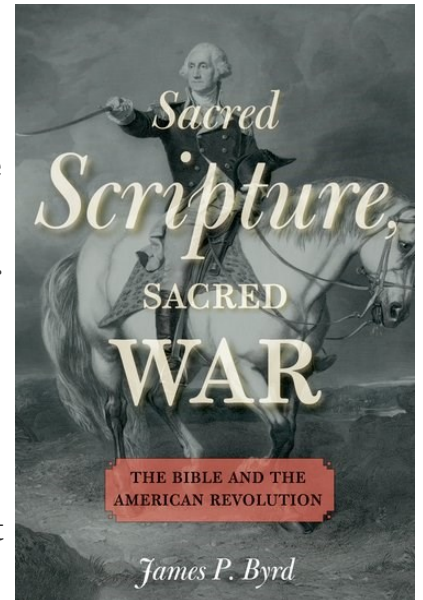
We always look forward to seeing the members and guests who attend our meeting regardless whether they bring a gift for the prize pool or not. The fraternity of the members, family and guests who attend our meetings and events is what make our chapter the best large chapter in the State.

Five Compelling Books on the American Revolution

July 2, 2013 by [Thomas Kidd](#)

For the Fourth of July, here are five compelling books on the American Revolution. A few caveats: these are all books written by academic historians for a popular audience. I'm not including books on the Revolution by journalists and other writers, though there are many excellent ones, such as Ron Chernow's biographies of Alexander Hamilton and George Washington. I'm not including primary sources, just books by contemporary historians. And need I mention that I am not including [my own books](#)? Here we go:

- 1) Gordon Wood, [The Radicalism of the American Revolution](#) (1991). OK, a conventional pick, but this is arguably the finest book on the Revolution by a living historian, and more readable than his equally brilliant *Creation of the American Republic*.
- 2) David Hackett Fischer, [Paul Revere's Ride](#) (1994). Fischer's evocative story places Revere in his proper colonial context. After reading this, you'll understand why it was impossible that Revere would have ever said "The British are coming!"
- 3) Pauline Maier, [American Scripture: Making the Declaration of Independence](#) (1997). The definitive history of the Declaration, its creation, and the way that Americans came to revere it as a quasi-sacred document.
- 4) James Byrd, [Sacred Scripture, Sacred War: The Bible and the American Revolution](#) (2013). The newest book on my list, Byrd has dramatically transformed our understanding of how the Bible was actually used in the Revolution. Byrd bothered to *count* the number of times particular passages were cited in Revolutionary-era publications. So, for instance, did the Patriots deal with Romans 13 and its strictures against rebellion? It turns out that this passage was *the most commonly cited* one during the Revolution.



- 5) Maya Jasanoff, [Liberty's Exiles: American Loyalists in the Revolutionary World](#) (2011). Our finest book on the Loyalists in the Revolution, Jasanoff's fascinating account shows why so many Americans – including a number of evangelical Christians – found themselves defending the British Empire and what she calls the "Spirit of '83."

Read more: <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/anxiousbench/2013/07/five-compelling-books-on-the-american-revolution/#ixzz3FdZLP18N>

These are a selected group of books by one person. Others may deem that there are other books on the subject that they consider better. Google "Books on the American Revolution to find many more titles for your reading pleasure. ***

Photo Album



At left, Buena Park High School AFJROTC Color Guard presents the Colors at our September Meeting.



Right, State President Jim Faulkinbury spoke to the chapter.



Below Center, William Biggs receives his membership certificate from President Dan Shippey and is joined by his sponsor Kent Gregory and State President Jim Faulkinbury. Un Hui Yi Fosdyck helps Compatriot Biggs show off the quilt he received and the personalized patch on it.



Phil Forbes is presented his membership certificate having been sworn in by President Dan Shippey. Jim Fosdyck pinned on the SAR Rosette as Phil's sponsor. At right Compatriot Forbes receives the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. Dan Shippey presents the Certificate and Jim Fosdyck presents the medal.



Photo Album



Eric Matheny is sworn in as a new member. His Rosette is pinned on by his father Craig who is a member.



Dan presents his father with his membership Certificate as Jim Faulkinbury and Mrs, Shippey look on.



Compatriot Clarence Shippey is presented a Quilt from Quilts of Valor. Lisa Gregory and Mrs. Shippey help to display the quilt.

Below, Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck presents Kelli and Dan Shippey with the Baron Von Steuben Bronze Color Guard Medal.



Hammond Salley receives a certificate for another supplemental patriot.



Photo Album



President Shippey, Wife Kelli, Dad, daughters and mother gather around the new inductee to our chapter.



The Buena Park AFJROTC Color Guard receive Certificates of Appreciation for presenting the Colors at today's meeting. Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck, Buena Park AFJROTC Unit, SMI Air Force Colonel Jim Miller, State President Jim Faulkinbury and Chapter President Dan Shippey.



Jim Faulkinbury poses with ladies from the Ladies Auxiliary; Sharon Wood, Karen Faulkinbury, Lisa Gregory, Karen McKelvie and Un Hui Yi Fosdyck.



Center at right Kent Gregory, Below left, Jim Blauer and Below right Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck. These Compatriots, as you can see were a part of the National Color Guard at the Trustees Meeting in Louisville.



Photo Album



Left, Compatriot Dr. Ed Behnke is presented the Lamplighter Award by State President Jim Faulkinbury.

At right members from the California Society gather for dinner on their first night in Louisville for the Trustees/Leadership meeting the last weekend of September.



Below, members of the California Society at the Trustees/Leadership meeting.



At right, the Dodd Family, Lacey, Karen & John, at the Society's new digs. Here is where the Center for Advancing America's Heritage will be located. This includes their museum, which they are working on for Phase III and the already completed Library.



Below Members of the Harbor Chapter join President Dan Shippey in front of our meeting place in Fullerton. Pres. Shippey, Karl Jacobs, Jim Olds, State Pres. Jim Faulkinbury and James Gill.



Karl Jacobs who is a member of the Harbor Chapter assists President Shippey with the Ben Franklin Raffle. Karl is also a member of our Lee's Legion Color Guard.

