



# MUSKETS & BROADSWORD

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## MEETING INFORMATION

When April 9, 2016  
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](http://www.orangecountysar.org)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow compatriots,

Due to circumstances President Ferris was unable to provide a President's Message for this month, but plans to be back next month with one.

### Speaker—Sharon Meigs

Sharon, a native Californian and graduate from California State University Long Beach, retired after working 34 years for the Internal Revenue Service. Her group examined income tax returns of everything from small businesses to very large multi-national corporations. Sharon is an enthusiastic, long-time member of the DAR. She joined Susan B. Anthony DAR Chapter as a junior member in 1975 and has served in many capacities during the past 40 years. In addition to the DAR, Sharon is also a long-time member of the National Society Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery.

**Presentation**  
"The DAR Story" is a narrated, visual program telling of how the Daughters of the American Revolution was founded and the impact it has had on the lives of men, women, and children around the world. Many of the DAR activities will be shown to provide a better understanding of how they achieve their objectives of "Historic Preservation, Education, and Patriotism."



## Veterans Affairs

As many of you already know, we are compiling a list of all Orange County Chapter members who are veterans in an attempt to ensure all our veterans have been recognized for their service by the SAR. We currently know of 29 veterans out of 136 members, but believe that there are more out there who haven't spoken up. For our purposes, Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve veterans all served honorably, whether in a conflict or not, and deserved appropriate recogni-

tion. Please contact Hammond Salley, our Veterans Affairs Chairman, if you or a fellow Chapter member veteran haven't been recognized for your service. [hsalley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hsalley@sbcglobal.net)

*There are six SAR Military Veterans Corps. If you served in the Armed Forces of the United States, received a discharge under conditions other than dishonorable, and you are a SAR Member in good standing, complete the Multi-Corps Survey Form, which is downloadable from [www.VetCorps.Info](http://www.VetCorps.Info). (See page 7 of this newsletter)*

*When done return it to the SAR Veterans Recognition Committee at [VetCorps@sar.org](mailto:VetCorps@sar.org). After being approved, a Certificate of Patriotism for your service to country will be signed by the President General and sent to your chapter, through the Secretary of your State Society. At an appropriate chapter, state or national meeting the Certificate of Patriotism will be presented to you.*

#### NEWS FROM MISAWA, JAPAN

I recently received an email from our contact in Japan, Linzie Lewis, concerning our shipments of coupons to her at the base there in Japan. The note which arrived on March 24th is as follows; *Hello to you.*

*I just wanted to thank you for the last amount of coupons I have received from your wonderful self and those who help you.*

*I just returned from a month away in a family emergency so I only just had a chance to look through them. Thank you for the time and effort you have made to do generously send coupons to my family. I plan to host a coffee and coupon event in the next week with my fellow coupon friends so I can share what you have sent to me. Have a wonderful day.*

*Many thanks*

*Linzie Lewis*

Please be aware the coupons she is referring to were sent to her over a month ago. On March 23rd, I mailed 2 more boxes of over \$25,000 worth of coupons to her for use by the military families on the base. Keep those coupons coming in. Whether I get them at the meetings, you mail them to me or drop them off at my condo, they are appreciated as you can see from Linzie's email. I thank those of you who have been assisting with this program and hope more of our members will join in in this effort to help our military families reduce their cost of living Thank you all. Jim Blauer.

#### LAGUNA BEACH PATRIOT'S DAY PARADE

Due to technical difficulties our participation in the Laguna Beach Patriots Day Parade had to be cancelled. On the morning of the Parade our driver went to get the Model A running and found the gas was leaking into the cab. So we had to cancel out. Hopefully we will be able to do the parade next year as it is a short walk and almost all is down hill.

#### STATE MEETING

The State Meeting is being held in Sacramento on the 15 & 16 of April, the weekend after our meeting. Hope to see you there.

#### SAR CRUISE

The SAR Cruise to Alaska is fast approaching. Those still interested should check with John Dodd at [jldodd@earthlink.net](mailto:jldodd@earthlink.net). In his most recent letter you will see what is happening...

*Compatriots: We are all set for our SAR cruise to Alaska and have enough folks signed up for the extension so we will be going on to Denali. I am sending this additional prodding email because at this time we have 4 cabins left at Denali and one gentleman who wants to go on the cruise as a single but would like to not pay the single supplement so is in search of a room mate. Additionally, we have one couple who cannot go for health reasons so we will probably have one of the pre-booked Veranda suites available. Other folks still may be accommodated if you would like to go. Please consider joining us. My last email on this is pasted below. Please let me know if you are interested and thanks for considering joining us on the adventure.*

*Thanks*

*John Dodd*

*It was great seeing many of you in Louisville and discussing our upcoming Western District/Pacific District Cruise. We are trying to finalize the list of attendees by April 1, and, although a few may be able to join us after that, we can't guarantee it. Given the recent tragedy in Europe, this is an opportune time to plan some travel a little closer to home and see some more of the good ole USA. The details for the post-cruise trip to Denali have been ironed out, and the informational flyer on both the main trip and the post-trip are now*

available at the Western District website: <http://www.tjsar.org/western/> Please join us for this unique experience capped off by the scenic train journey back to Anchorage.

Holland America's website for the Noordam notes all the Veranda Suites (the accommodation included in our package) are sold out. We still have a few in our block, and some Compatriots may elect the less expensive Ocean View staterooms, or the more expensive suites. Please let MAGIC know if you would prefer one of these alternate accommodations and they will see what they can do about making an appropriate adjustment. Also, if you would like to attend as a "single," there are others who have expressed interest in that, so they may be able to pair you up with a roommate to keep the cost down. However, the ship apparently is filling up rapidly, so it would be best to book soon. Here is the link for more information and to reserve a spot.

I spoke with Compatriot Lindley in Louisville, and we are putting together a meeting in Seattle before we leave, and also have been in communication with Compatriot Wahrenbrock from Alaska to see about a meeting in Anchorage when we get back from Denali, so this promises to be a special SAR experience. I hope you can join us.

URL: <http://prod.groupandevent.net/register/SAR16>

Password: AK16SAR (please note all characters are capitalized)

John L. Dodd

VPG, Western District

<http://www.tjsar.org/western/johndodd@earthlink.net>

### POSTER CONTEST

At our April 9th meeting we will declare a winner in the poster contest this year. We know we will have at least one and hopefully more. If there is more than one those present will be allowed to vote for their favorite in order to establish the winner for the chapter this year.

### HONORED FOR LONGEVITY

Last February as Jim and Un Hui Fosdyck were traveling in the Midwest, they made a special stop to see long time member Herman Robert "Bob

Keitzman. Jim was not only able to present him with his military service medal and certificate, but also his 50 year pin!!! Bob became a member in 1965. That is 2 years before our chapter was chartered (April 15, 1967). Though he has not been able to attend meetings he has been a members for all those years. Congratulations Bob.

At our last meeting another long timer was honored. Jim Blauer became a member on April 29, 1981. That means at the end of this month he will be a 35 year member. Pre4sident Ferris presented Jim with his 35 year pin and Certificate. What stories he must have about the chapter. Copngrats Jim.

### WINNER REVEALED

A while back Vice-President General of the Western District, John Dodd, sent out a notice that the Northern Nevada Chapter of the SAR was trying to raise money for a fife and drum team to join their color guard. For this they were raffling off a bottle of whiskey that was produced at Mount Vernon from George Washington's own recipe.

Washington was one of the largest distilleries in the colonies and sold his whiskey throughout the colonies.

There were only 600 bottles that were produced in 2015. This bottle is numbered 182 and cost about \$200. The chapter sold tickets for \$50 each to raise funds for their project.

At their meeting they had their drawing. The following email was sent out after the meeting in March;

Subject: GEORGE WASHINGTON STRAIGHT RYE WHISKEY DRAWING

To: [jblauer@pacbell.net](mailto:jblauer@pacbell.net)

Date: Sunday, March 13, 2016, 10:57 AM

Hello James,

I am David Hess, President of the Northern Nevada Chapter, SAR.

Last month you provided a generous donation of \$50 to our drawing for a rare bottle of George Washington Straight Rye Whiskey plus two glasses etched with George Washington's monogram. It is with great pleasure to tell you that you are the winner!

John Dodd attended the drawing and attested to your good standing in the SAR (although that was not among the criteria to win). John immediately proposed a toast to honor your good fortune. The whiskey being the only beverage in sight. .



*.well you know what happened next.  
Just kidding! I was hopeful that he could deliver  
the prize in person, but, alas, airline security ap-  
parently frowns on bring liquor in carryon bags.  
I am therefore preparing to ship the prize to you.  
I have your address as 594 Hamilton St. #E, Costa  
Mesa, CA 92627-2656.*

*Let me know if it is okay to ship to that address or  
if you have another preference.*

*I can attest to the quality of the whiskey. Save it  
for a special occasion. I do want to thank you  
again for your generous support. The funds from  
this drawing will be used to equip our fife and  
drum corps and color guard and we are quite ex-  
cited.*

*Warmest regards,*

*David Fredric Hess,*

*President Northern Nevada Chapter, SAR*

So, you see that Compatriot Blauer has won this bottle of whiskey yet he does not drink. He is looking for ideas to use it as a fund raiser as well. Whether it be at a chapter meeting, state meeting or maybe the Congress in 2019, in an effort to raise some money for the chapter. Maybe Ebay or Craig's List.

As it is from a limited edition and is marked #182 of 600 as time goes on, the value of this item should increase. Compatriot Hess noted it's original cost was \$188 and is now worth \$2,000!!!

Regardless of what it is actually worth, Jim wants to use this in an effort to raise money for the chapter.

Any ideas on how this can be done should be directed to Jim or the Chapter Board to come up with a solution to Jim's dilemma of how to do this. Bring your ideas to the meeting or you can email Jim at [jblauer@pacbell.net](mailto:jblauer@pacbell.net) with your suggestions.

## PATIENCE WRIGHT

Your editor has known of the name Patience Wright for years. That is because it is the name of the DAR chapter in Laguna Beach and they are seen each year in the Patriot's Day Parade in March.

So, who is Patience Wright? Patience Lovell was born in 1725 on Long Island to well to do Quakers, John Lovell and Patience Townsend. She was one of ten children, but only she and her sister



Rachel showed artistic talents. At age four her family moved to Bordentown, New Jersey. At an early age she found she had a talent for sculpting and along with her sisters would shape wet flour or clay and paint them using plant extracts.

In 1748 she married Joseph Wright, an elderly Quaker Farmer. An elderly landowner, he spent much of his time away tending to his many properties. They had three children.

With Joseph away so much Patience found amusement in taking putty and bread dough and molding faces with her children.

When her husband died in 1769 she was left with children, five, aged from young adult to one still in the womb. As she was in need of money to support her children, she was encouraged by her neighbor Francis Hopkinson, who signed the Declaration of Independence, to make her sculpting pastime a source of income and livelihood.

She began by molding portrait busts in wax, a technique which she invented. She developed a reputation for her talent and did busts of well known figures of her time. These she would take on a traveling exhibit of her work. Her work has been recorded as the earliest attempts of sculptural expression in the Colonies.

Customers would have to sit for hours as she sculpted their busts. Her works were displayed in Philadelphia and New York and these showings help to spread the word on her talent which was soon in great demand.

In 1772, with few prospects here in the colo-

nies, she moved to England, settling in London which had a large population from which to obtain customers for her craft. Benjamin Franklin introduced her to London Society. She did busts of actors, politicians, nobles, and various prominent people for which she created an exhibit. She even did ones for King George III and Queen Charlotte.

Patience wright was well known and sought out by many, so her fame was well known by the time the American Revolution began in 1775.

In 1774 she began her service as a spy. She was an American through and through and supported the resistance to the crown. She would garner information from politicians and military personnel who came to her to have their busts done. She allowed them to talk about what they were doing both politically and militarily with the colonies as if it did not matter to her. She would relay this information to Americans in London and would also write to the Continental Congress with information.

As the war broke out she expanded her spying by using agents to get the information to Americans or British sympathizers in London. Due to her Quaker upbringing she used it to her advantage using words like “thee” instead of “you” and calling people by their first names. This included the King & Queen. They found her quaint and amusing , so they did not think anything of it and accepted her as such.

She spoke with people like Lord North, the Prime Minister, who was against colonial independence. Then there was Lord Chatham the previous Prime Minister who supported the colonists. Lord North spoke so freely about his plans during his sitting, which showed he was totally clueless to her spying for the Americans.

Her reports were usually very accurate, but on occasion the information she received and forwarded was for some reason incorrect. One such incident was when she learned that Lord Howe was sailing for New York when he was really headed to Boston.

In 1780 she went to Paris to open a museum, but found little opportunity for her talents there. While there she did do a bust for Benjamin Franklin.

Following the War in 1783 she wrote to General Washington expressing the hope that one day

she might be able to do a bust of him. He wrote back he would be “proud” to sit for her if she should return to America. She never did. She did keep abreast of the happenings back home as well as the goings on in London.

Time was catching up with her though and she had to give up her wax modeling and was left to reading and writing letters.

Her last visit was to the American Embassy where she met and spoke with ambassador John Adams. Upon her return home from this visit she collapsed and died at the age of 61 on March 23, 1786. She had been planning that trip to the colonies to do Washington’s bust. She left letters on her years as a spy so her contribution to the American Cause is well documented.

#### PASSING OF A COMPATRIOT

For many years now your editor has wondered what was happening with former chapter President Ed Hill. His email had stopped working several years ago, so your editor finally decided to write to Ed and see if he might be interested in returning to our meetings, if at all possible.

I received the following email from his family. Dear Jim,

Thank you for your letter inquiring after Ed and how to get in touch. I regret to inform you that after a brief illness Ed died about 5 years ago. I know he always enjoyed his time with the SAR and that it was something that was very important to him. I have good memories of attending many functions with him; 4th of July parades, awards dinners, and even a conference away near San Francisco. Please let those that may still remember him know that he thoroughly enjoyed his time with them and valued the work that the SAR does and values what it represents.

Thank you again for your correspondence and best wishes in the years ahead,

Pamela Hill

#### BOOKS ON THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

1) *George Washington’s Secret Six* by Brian Kilmeade.

“This is my kind of history book. Get ready. Here’s the action.” —BRAD MELTZER, best-

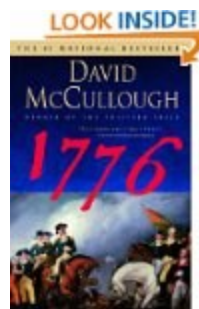
selling author of *The Fifth Assassin* and host of *Decoded*

When George Washington beat a hasty retreat from New York City in August 1776, many thought the American Revolution might soon be over. Instead, Washington rallied—thanks in large part to a little-known, top-secret group called the Culper Spy Ring. He realized that he couldn't defeat the British with military might, so he recruited a sophisticated and deeply secretive intelligence network to infiltrate New York.

Drawing on extensive research, Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger have offered fascinating portraits of these spies: a reserved Quaker merchant, a tavern keeper, a brash young long-shoreman, a curmudgeonly Long Island bachelor, a coffeehouse owner, and a mysterious woman. Long unrecognized, the secret six are finally receiving their due among the pantheon of American heroes.



2) *1776* by David McCullough  
America's beloved and distinguished historian presents, in a book of breathtaking excitement, drama, and narrative force, the stirring story of the year of our nation's birth, 1776, interweaving, on both sides of the Atlantic, the actions and decisions that led



Great Britain to undertake a war against her rebellious colonial subjects and that placed America's survival in the hands of George Washington.

In this masterful book, David McCullough tells the intensely human story of those who marched with General George Washington in the year of the Declaration of Independence—when the whole American cause was riding on their success, without which all hope for independence would have been dashed and the noble ideals of the Declaration would have amounted to little more than words on paper.

Based on extensive research in both American and British archives, *1776* is a powerful drama written with extraordinary narrative vitality. It is the story of Americans in the ranks, men of every

shape, size, and color, farmers, schoolteachers, shoemakers, no-accounts, and mere boys turned soldiers. And it is the story of the King's men, the British commander, William Howe, and his highly disciplined redcoats who looked on their rebel foes with contempt and fought with a valor too little known.

Written as a companion work to his celebrated biography of John Adams, David McCullough's *1776* is another landmark in the literature of American history.

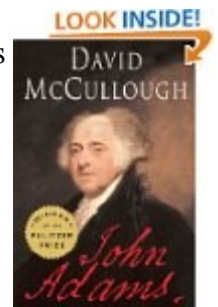
3) *John Adams* by David McCullough

The Pulitzer Prize-winning, bestselling biography of America's founding father and second president that was the basis for the acclaimed HBO series, brilliantly told by master historian David McCullough.

In this powerful, epic biography, David McCullough unfolds the adventurous life journey of John Adams, the brilliant, fiercely independent, often irascible, always honest Yankee patriot who spared nothing in his zeal for the American Revolution; who rose to become the second president of the United States and saved the country from blundering into an unnecessary war; who was learned beyond all but a few and regarded by some as "out of his senses"; and whose marriage to the wise and valiant Abigail Adams is one of the moving love stories in American history.

This is history on a grand scale—a book about politics and war and social issues, but also about human nature, love, religious faith, virtue, ambition, friendship, and betrayal, and the far-reaching consequences of noble ideas. Above all, *John Adams* is an enthralling, often surprising story of one of the most important and fascinating Americans who ever lived.

Your editor was able to find these three books by googling "Books on the American Revolution". For those who wish to continue to expand their knowledge on the American Revolution and find some reading material, this would be a good starting point to find a book you might be interested in.





# The SAR Veterans Multi-Corps Survey Form

**BEFORE** starting this SAR Veterans Corps Survey Form, follow the "Save" instructions and understand by forwarding a completed form to the Veterans Recognition Committee you are giving publication consent.

Use the "Save to Your PC" button. Add the Veteran's Name to the front of the Saved file

Name. For example, "George Compatriot SAR VetCorps Survey Form.PDF."

Now **CLOSE** this web page and **OPEN** the saved File on your PC to Continue.

[Click to Save to Your PC](#)

When you place your mouse over most of the "text" data entry fields below, a feature called a "tooltip" will display as a window/popup to give you additional instructions concerning what should be entered in that field.

Place an "x" in the box or boxes below and the appropriate dates of service for the SAR Veterans Corps you wish to join and for which you wish to receive a Certificate of Patriotism signed by the President General issued to you.

**World War II Veterans Corps.** WW II Service dates from:  to

**Korean Service Veterans Corps.** Korean Service dates from:  to

**Vietnam War Veterans Corps.** RVN War Service dates from:  to

**Southwest Asia Veterans Corps.** SWA Campaigns dates from:  to

**Special Ops Veterans Corps.** Special Ops Campaign dates from:  to

**If eligible for one of the Veterans Corps above, don't place an "x" in the Military Service Veterans Corps box below.**

**Military Service Veterans Corps.** Military Service dates from:  to

Name:  NSSAR #

Address:  Phone #

City:  State:  Zip+4:

State Society:  Chapter:

Email Address:

Service Branch during your service:  Rank held at end of your service:

Except for WW II Veterans, list all Medals, Awards, and/or Decorations as shown on your DD-214. Then tell us about your service.

**Chapter President or his designee's Endorsement:** I certify that the subject Compatriot is a member in good standing, that his discharge was other than dishonorable, and that his discharge papers indicate he is entitled wear all the medals, awards, and/or decorations listed in the box immediately above this endorsement.

**Chapter President Signature:**  Date signed:

The typed signature above is my authorized signature.

Email Address:  Chapter:

Once this form is completed and saved, "**Click to Print**" to create a paper copy for your records. Use "**Click to Email**" to facilitate the sending of your survey to the SAR Veterans Recognition Chairman. Or create an email with this form as an attachment. Then send it to VetCorps@sar.org.

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If "Click to Email" fails, send Survey as email attachment manually.

Please request a "Read Receipt" so that you will know that your file was received.



# Photo Album

## Chapter Meeting March 12, 2016



At left, Essay winner Kieran Michael D. Valino reads his essay.

At right he is joined by his parents, Kim & Cecelia. Essay Contest Chairman Dan McKelvie (Far right) presented Kieran with his winning medal, certificate and \$100 check.



At left Yvonne Crowe speaks to the chapter about the Riverside National Cemetery and its history.

President Ferris presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation and Compatriot Hammond Salley presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation for her military service. She was in the Navy.



John Carlton Blake is inducted into the chapter by President Ferris at left and is pinned with the SAR Rosette by his sponsor Kent Gregory, at right.







The Cecil Family is inducted into the chapter. Patrick, Russell and William are sworn in by President Ferris.



The Cecil Family receives their Certificates of Membership following the pinning of the SAR Rosette. Kent received assistance from Don Carlson and Phil Hoge in the rosette ceremony.



At left, Jim Fosdyck receives the supplemental Certificate for his ancestress Christina Robinson.

At right Charles Beal receives his supplemental for Abijah Locke.



Below John Ferris presents Jim Blauer with his 35 year Pin and Certificate. Jim entered the society on April 29, 1981.

Dan McKelvie receives his supplemental for Thomas Phelps.

