



MUSKETS & BROADSWORD

Orange County Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

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MEETING INFORMATION

When April 14, 2018
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

Greetings To All-

Now that college basketball & "March Madness" are over, we look forward to April and the month's activities to which we are accustomed.

Easter fell on April 1st this year. The relentless tax man with his mandatory income tax filing comes again on April 15th. For Angel & Dodger baseball fans, the opening day ceremonies are just around the corner.

On April 20th & 21st, as your Chapter President, I will be attending the 143rd Annual State Society meeting in Concord, CA along with my wife Marie. Our Chapter winners in the Elementary School Poster & Middle School Brochure contests will be competing at the State level. Our Chapter JROTC Enhanced Program Contest winner has already been designated as the State representative for the National competition.

April 18th & 19th are also significant days in history for the United States. You may recall @ about 10PM, April 18, 1775, two lanterns were placed in the Old North Church Steeple in Boston. Upon seeing the signal, immortalized by American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's "Midnight Ride of Paul Revere", Paul Revere used a boat to cross the Charles River to avoid detection by the British. Once on the other side in Charlestown, he and William Dawes split up & rode the twenty mile distance to warn the militia along the way & those guarding the munition supplies in Concord the British were coming.

Upon arrival in Lexington, around midnight, Revere was able to warn Sam Adams & John Hancock, both who were in hiding at the time, that 800 British soldiers would probably be passing through in the early morning hours on their way to Concord. After a brief rest, the two riders continued on to Concord.

Shortly after leaving Lexington, at about 1:30AM, Revere & Dawes were captured by a British patrol. They never made it to Concord. They were detained, questioned & later released.

After marching all night, the British troops entered the Lexington town common area in the early morning hours of April 19th. They were met by approx. 100



local militia under the command of Capt. John Parker. To this day, no one truly knows who fired “the shot heard ‘round the world”. When the skirmish was over, 8 militia men lay dead & 10 were wounded. The rest of the militia fled into the woods & hills to shadow the British.

The word of Lexington had already spread throughout the region & preceded the British arrival in Concord. When the British did arrive, all of the supplies had been relocated.

Always staying in front of the British as they marched to & from Concord, the growing numbers of Americans would attack sporadically in villages, from behind trees & walls. By the time the British returned to Lexington, many soldiers were dead or wounded.

If you are interested in the Lexington skirmish, Metro Goldwyn Mayer & Orion Pictures released a movie in 1987 called “April Morning”, which is available on DVD.

“Founding Fathers, The Fight For Freedom And The Birth of American Liberty” by K.M. Kostyal & published by National Geographic was the source for the summarized April 18th & 19th information provided above.

As a chapter member, you are probably interested in history. Have you ever thought of researching & writing short articles that are of interest to you & are related to your ancestors, events, battles, etc. during the American Revolution? Would you like to share your work in the Chapter “Muskets & Broadsword” monthly newsletter? If so, contact Editor Jim Blauer @ jblauer@pacbell.net. I’m sure Jim would welcome your contribution!

Hope to see everyone at the April 14th meeting. Our guest speaker will be author Chris Epting. He will be talking about how President Teddy Roosevelt’s camping trip changed America.

As always, I welcome any comments, suggestions or questions. I can be reached @ 714 821-4302 or email @ ocgladiator.com.

SPEAKER—CHRIS EPTING

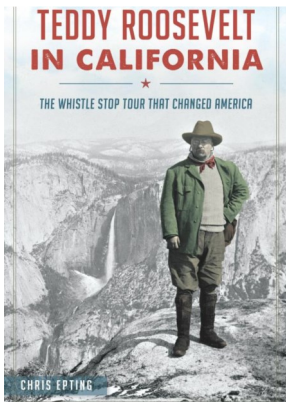
“The Camping Trip that Changed America”

115 years ago this spring, in 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt embarked on his first visit to California. Before leaving, he reached out to nat-

uralist John Muir with a special favor: to act as the president’s tour guide in Yosemite. Join author (and one of the hosts of the new TV series IT HAPPENED HERE) Chris Epting for a presentation on how that fateful three-day trip helped to shape the destiny of Yosemite and the National Park system, including unforgettable stories, many rare photos and the only known film footage from the trip. He will also be signing copies of his best-selling book, Teddy Roosevelt in California.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For the month of March our birthday Boys are; Charles Beal, John L. Beall, John Blake, Donald Coker, Seth Crandall, Gus Fischer, Robert Gilmore, Larry Hansen, Hans Hunt, George Kridner IV, Thomas Laswell, John Manno, and



Nathanael Olsen, III. Happy Birthday one and all.

A MESSAGE FROM DAN HENRY

Your editor recently emailed Compatriot Dan Henry to see how he is doing since his by-pass surgery.

I'm doing very well. So doc said I had 90-100% blockage in four arteries. Once they got it they were surprised that I had no heart damage. Said my heart/muscle was strong and in very good shape. Just severe artery disease due to long time diabetes mostly. I'm doing well and moving about pretty good as far as it goes. I don't begin cardio therapy for another 2 weeks.

Annette and I so appreciated your cards, prayers and well wishes more than you can imagine. You'll always be my home Chapter. I just received my dual membership approval and am now part of the Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter just a few minutes from us in Franklin, Tn. Although I will have to wait till April to make it official in the chapter here. Thanks again OCCSAR
Dan Henry

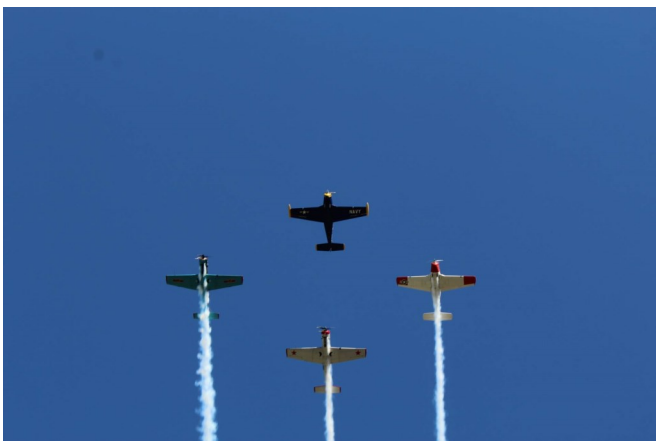




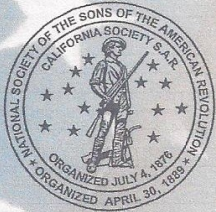
Marching along (l to r) there was Mark Torres with the Lee's Legion Flag, Spencer Torres with the SAR Flag, Jim Blauer with the California Flag and John Blake with the American Flag.

Photo Album

February 10, 2018







143rd Annual Spring Meeting
of the

California Society Sons of the American Revolution

April 19 – 21, 2018

Hosted by the Thomas Jefferson Chapter

Concord Hilton Hotel

1970 Diamond Blvd., Concord, CA 94520

A Special SAR Room Rate of \$144.00 (plus tax) per night (single or double) is available until March 1st. Make Hotel Reservations at (800) 826-2644. Parking is \$9.50/day. Free Shuttle from Concord BART.



Meeting Reservation Form

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Chapter: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

City/Zip: _____ Email: _____

Arriving: _____ Thurs, Apr 19 _____ Fri, Apr 20 _____ Sat, Apr 21

Registration is \$175.00 per person by March 1, 2018 or \$190 after March 1. The Registration Fee includes Admission to all Business Meetings, Hospitality Room, Friday and Saturday luncheons, and the Saturday Gala Dinner Banquet.

Number of Registrants: _____ @ \$175 Late Registrations _____ @ \$190 Total: _____

Non-registered Friday Luncheon: _____ @ \$55 each

Non-registered Saturday Luncheon: _____ @ \$55 each

Non-registered Gala Dinner Banquet _____ @ \$75 each

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Checks should be payable to **THOMAS JEFFERSON CHAPTER** and mailed with this registration form to:

Stephen Renouf, 16123 Paseo del Campo, San Lorenzo, CA 94580

Questions? Contact Derek at DptyDeke@yahoo.com or 925-285-4792 (cell)

Please mark your meal choices:

Fri. Public Service Luncheon

___ Lemon Grilled Chicken

___ Vegetarian Lasagna

Sat. Youth Luncheon

___ Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad

___ Vegetarian Wrap

Sat. Gala Dinner Banquet

___ Beef

___ Chicken

___ Vegetarian Option