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## MEETING INFORMATION

When April 13, 2019  
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

Greetings Compatriots,

As the last of my Schedule K-1's has been delivered in the mail. I sit here and agonize over gathering all of the forms and information to be dropped off to my accountant for this year's tax season. And I have to remind myself that as much as we all dislike the process of paying taxes. The proceeds of all our hard work will not end up in the coffers of a King. Our patriot ancestors fought and died for the right to pay taxes to their own government. While we may not agree how much of a contribution we make or how it is spent we should be grateful for the sacrifices so many have made to allow us to pay taxes to our government.

On March 28<sup>th</sup> Kent Gregory, my wife Brenda and I had the pleasure to make a Patriot Chest presentation to a class of 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Newhope Elementary School in Santa Ana. It was very gratifying to see the look of wonderment on the faces of the students as they saw us in our Continental Regimentals and Brenda in period clothing. My hope is that our appearance makes learning fun and brings the history of our great nation closer to each student.

The speaker for our next meeting is Compatriot Patrick Cecil his presentation is titled "**The Fun Cousins of the British Family: Creating an American Identity in the 18th Century**". If you have not heard Compatriot Cecil speak he is not to be missed.

We are also looking for several Chairman Positions to be filled. The Publicity Chair & Spirit of America Award Chair if you are interested please contact me.

2019 will be an exciting year for our chapter with the 129<sup>th</sup> National Congress in July. We will need help from everyone to make it a success. Please volunteer as much time as you can spare, who knows you might make new friends or meet



relatives you never knew you had. There will be a complimentary volunteer lunch on Friday the 5th and all volunteers will receive a special polo shirt. If you wish to volunteer please contact Dr. Kent Gregory for more information. [drkentgregory@earthlink.net](mailto:drkentgregory@earthlink.net)

The chapter color guard attends numerous events throughout the year please show your support and plan on attending an event this year. Color guard information is listed on the Chapter website. [www.orangecountysar.org](http://www.orangecountysar.org)

Speaking of taxes I would like to thank our new treasurer Dan Casey and all of the compatriots who have assisted him while he works on State and IRS forms for the Chapter. While I would love to write more I must continue to gather information to insure my fair tax contribution.

Yours in patriotism, your humble servant,

*Mark Torres*

SPEAKER—PATRICK CECIL

*"The Fun Cousins of the British Family: Creating an American Identity in the 18th Century"*

The talk is going to focus on the traits that colonists share that promote an identity that is distinct from Britain. He will be focusing on the colonists as a people (an American people), thought, religion, and self-government.

Dr. Patrick Cecil is a Financial Advisor at Merrill Lynch, Irvine Spectrum. He is also a Lecturer at Chapman University, History Department and a member of the Orange County Chapter SAR.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For the month of April we send out birthday greeting to the following Compatriots; Ramon Antoine, Donald Beall, George Bethel, William Campbell, John Ferris, James Klingler, Craig

Long, Dan McMillan and Steve Snyder.

*THE WALL THAT HEALS IS COMING TO City of Costa Mesa  
ON April 11-14, 2019  
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Replica Wall and  
Mobile Education Center*

*spreads healing legacy of The Wall and educates about the impact of the Vietnam War*

Costa Mesa, CA – *The Wall That Heals*, a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial along with a mobile Education Center, is coming to the Balearic Park & Community Center, 1975 Balearic Dr., Costa Mesa 92626 on April 11-14, 2019 and it will be open 24 hours a day and free to the public. The event is sponsored by The Freedom Committee of Orange County (“FCOC”), a Costa Mesa based veterans organization. The Freedom Committee was founded in 1995 by WWII veterans led by CWO Jack R. Hammett (1922-2014) WWII, Pearl Harbor Survivor, and former Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa. *The Wall That Heals* honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed forces in the Vietnam War and it bears the names of the more than 58,000 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam.

On Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 10:00 The Honorable Judge David O. Carter, will be the keynote speaker at the Honor Ceremony. Carter received his Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, in 1967, (he lettered in cross country and track on the teams of Jim Bush and his Juris Doctor in 1972 from the University of California, Los Angeles and UCLA School of Law, respectively. After graduating from college, Carter accepted a commission in the United States Marine Corps. He served in the Vietnam War where he fought in the Battle of Khe Sahn, receiving a Bronze Star for **valor** in 1968. He was medically discharged as a First Lieutenant after receiving two **Purple Hearts**.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is one of the most visited memorials in our nation’s capital,

with more than 5.3 million visitors each year. However, many Americans have not been able to visit what has become known to many as “The Wall.” The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF), the organization that built The Wall in 1982, wants to give all veterans and their family members across America an opportunity to see the Memorial.

“VVMF is pleased to bring *The Wall That Heals* mobile exhibit to Costa Mesa to allow local veterans and their family members a chance to visit The Wall and honor and remember those who have served and sacrificed,” said Jim Knotts, president and CEO of VVMF. “We hope it provides an opportunity for healing and an educational experience for the whole community on the impact of the Vietnam War on America.”



*The Wall arrived at Baleric Park in Costa Mesa at 8:45am. this morning, April 10,2019 Ready to be set up.*

Nearly 400,000 people visited an all-new *The Wall That Heals* exhibit in 2018. Since its debut in 1996, the exhibit has been on display in more than 500 U.S. communities in addition to an April 1999 tour of the Four Provinces of Ireland and a visit to Canada in 2005. Hosting *The Wall That Heals* provides a community with a multi-day experience that includes an educational experience for local schools and organizations on the history of the Vietnam era and The Wall.

VVMF coordinates local stops of *The Wall That Heals* and the accompanying mobile Education Center. The current schedule and more in-

formation can be found at:

[www.thewallthatheals.org](http://www.thewallthatheals.org). The 2019 national *The Wall That Heals* tour is hauled through a partnership with the Truckload Carriers Association (TCA) and the trucking industry and generously sponsored by USAA. Local sponsors are The Freedom Committee of Orange County, the Stanley W. Ekstrom Foundation, and local businesses.

#### FIELD OF HONOR

From the Newport Harbor Exchange Club we received the following message.

“We are starting the planning on this years Field of Honor and would like to invite the Sons of the American Revolution to participate again.

The children's program will be on Friday, May 17, 2019 starting at 10:00 AM as in past years. We would like your group to be the color guard if available. The U.S. Marines will be the color guard on Saturday May 18, 2019 and on Memorial Day, Monday May 27, 2019. It is always colorful with your men as the Honor Guard on both days.”

This event is held on Armed Forces Weekend and ends on Memorial Day. It was originally planned for just the weekend, but has been so popular, that they have extended it through Memorial Day.

The website information is as follows: “If you happen to be in the Newport Beach area be sure to see the Field of Honor in Castaways Park, 900 Dover Drive. The annual event recognizes the service of all men and women of the American military forces on Armed Forces day weekend (usually the third Saturday in May.) Approx. 1,776 American flags with yellow ribbons and commemorative pictures or memorabilia are assembled and installed by volunteers on hilltops overlooking Newport Bay. Approx. 8,000-10,000 visitors attend Field of Honor and some purchased flags for the fundraiser produced by the Exchange Club of Newport Harbor. The City of Newport Beach has supported the cause, as well as more

than 20 corporate sponsors.

Past info: Parade before ceremony leaves Newport Harbor High School (15th & Irvine Ave.), to Westcliff Drive, to Dover Drive, to Castaways Park. Includes Wells Fargo stage coach, local dignitaries and military personnel.

Events are not guaranteed. It is your responsibility to confirm before going.”

“Your chapter has been involved with this Color Guard detail from the beginning. Every year the Exchange Club has been good enough to give us a table under a canopy to display items from the Revolutionary War period and information about the society and chapter.”

You may purchase a flag and have it dedicated to a member of your family who served in our armed forces over the years. This could be an immediate family member or one of your ancestors you wish to honor. The yellow ribbons they mentioned is where the name and military information go. If you wish you may supply a photo of the person you are honoring with the flag purchase and it will be placed with the flag and ribbon on the field. They will instruct you on when you can pick up the flag as it is yours to keep.

So mark your calendar so you do not miss this special event in May.

### LIBERTY TREE

The **Liberty Tree** (1646–1775) was a famous elm tree that stood in Boston near Boston Common, in the years before the American Revolution. In 1765, colonists in Boston staged the first act of defiance against the British government at the tree. The tree became a rallying point for the growing resistance to the rule of Britain over the American colonies, and the ground surrounding it became known as **Liberty Hall**. The Liberty Tree was felled



The Sons of Liberty tarring and feathering John Malcolm under the Liberty Tree.

by Loyalist Nathaniel Coffin Jr. in August 1775.

In 1765 the British government imposed a Stamp Act on the American colonies. It required all legal documents, permits, commercial contracts, newspapers, pamphlets, and playing cards in the American colonies to carry



The Liberty Tree in Boston, as illustrated in 1825.

a tax stamp. Because the Act applied to papers, newspapers, advertisements, and other publications and legal documents, it was viewed by the colonists as a means of censorship, or a "knowledge tax," on the rights of the colonists to write and read freely

On 14 August 1765, a crowd gathered in Boston under a large elm tree at the corner of Essex Street and Washington Street, originally called Orange Street, to protest the hated Stamp Act. Patriots who later called themselves the Sons of Liberty had hung in effigy Andrew Oliver, the colonist chosen by King George III to impose the Stamp Act, in the branches of the tree. Up in the tree with the effigy hung a British cavalry jackboot. Grinning from inside the boot was a devil-like doll holding a scroll marked "Stamp Act." It was the first public show of defiance against the Crown and spawned the resistance that led to the American Revolutionary War ten years later. On 10 September 1765, a sign saying, "Tree of Liberty," was nailed to the trunk of the tree.

In the years leading up to the war, the British made the Liberty Tree an object of ridicule. British soldiers tarred and feathered a man named Thomas Ditson, and forced him to march in front of the tree. During the siege of Boston, a party of Loyalists led by Job Williams defiantly cut the tree down in an act of spite, knowing what it represented to the colonists, and used the tree for firewood. This act only further enraged the colonists. As resistance to the British grew, flags bearing a representation of the Liberty Tree were flown to symbolize the unwavering spirit of liberty. These flags were later a common sight during the battles of the American Revolution.

## PROTESTS

The Loyal Nine eventually became part of a larger group, the **Sons of Liberty**.<sup>[2]</sup> They continued to use the Liberty Tree as a gathering place for protests, leading loyalist Peter Oliver to write bitterly in 1781, "*This Tree stood in the Town, & was consecrated for an Idol for the Mob to Worship; it was properly the Tree ordeal, where those, whom the Rioters pitched upon as State delinquents, were carried to for Trial, or brought to as the Test of political Orthodoxy*"

During the **Liberty Riot** of 1768, to protest the seizure of John Hancock's ship by the Royal Navy, townspeople dragged a customs commissioner's boat out of the harbor all the way to the Liberty Tree, where it was condemned at a mock trial and burned on Boston Common. Two years later, a funeral procession for the victims of the **Boston Massacre** passed by the tree. It was also the site of protests against the Tea Act. In 1774, a customs official and staunch loyalist named John Malcolm was stripped to the waist, tarred and feathered, and forced to announce his resignation under the tree. The following year, Thomas Paine published an "*ode to the Liberty Tree*" in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*.

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Following the British evacuation in 1776, patriots returning to Boston erected a **liberty pole** at the site. For many years the tree stump was used as a reference point by local citizens, similar to the Boston Stone. During an 1825 tour of Boston, the Marquis de Lafayette declared, "The world should never forget the spot where once stood Liberty Tree, so famous in your annals."

## MEMORIALS

At the 1964 New York World's Fair a sculpture of the tree designed by Albert Surman was a featured exhibit in the New England Pavilion. When the **Liberty Tree Mall** was opened in 1972, the sculpture was installed at center court.

Bronze plaque on sidewalk.



In October 1966, the *Boston Herald* began running stories pointing out that the only commemoration of the Liberty Tree site was a grimy plaque, installed

in the 1850s, on a building three stories above what is now the intersection of Essex and Washington Streets, a block east of the Boston Common. Reporter Ronald Kessler found that the plaque was covered with bird droppings and obscured by a Kemp's hamburger sign. Local guidebooks did not mention it.

To call attention to how obscure the site had become, Kessler interviewed waitresses at the Essex Delicatessen below the plaque on Washington Street. None knew what the Liberty Tree was. "The Liberty Tree? That's a roast beef sandwich with a slice of Bermuda onion, Russian dressing, and a side of potato salad," said one waitress who had worked beneath the plaque for 20 years.

Kessler persuaded then Massachusetts Governor John A. Volpe to visit the site. A photo of Volpe examining the plaque from a fire engine ladder appeared on page one of the 6 October 1966 edition of the *Boston Herald*. According to Kessler, Volpe promised to preserve the site in the form of a park with monuments, and "Edward J. Logue, the administrator of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, said the park would be a 'handsome, open space' with grass, benches, plaques explaining the history of the tree, and 'the largest elm tree that can be transported and is resistant to Dutch elm disease.' ... That promise was never fulfilled." Kessler explored the subject further and presented the entire history of the Liberty Tree in "America Must Remember Boston's Liberty Tree".

In 1974, funding was approved for a small park at Washington and Essex, which at that time was part of an area known as the "Combat Zone". Plans to plant trees there had to be scrapped because there were too many underground utilities. The Boston Redevelopment Authority ultimately placed a small bronze plaque in the sidewalk across the street from the bas relief plaque. The plaque bears the inscription "SONS OF LIBERTY, 1766; INDEPENDENCE of their



## COUNTRY, 1776.

Boston's Old State House museum houses a remnant of the flag that flew above the Liberty Tree, and one of the original lanterns that were hung from the tree during the Stamp Act repeal celebration in 1766.

The Sons of the American Revolution is a historical, educational, and patriotic society. It consists of members who have traced their lineage to a point of having an ancestor who supported the cause for American Independence during the years 1774 to 1783. The SAR has a Liberty Tree Program which is named after an Elm tree in the city of Boston. Liberty Trees have been dedicated in all 50 states to pay tribute to our patriot ancestors.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP

The 144th Annual meeting of the membership will take place on April 25-27 at the Ventura Beach Marriott. It is located at 2055 E. Harbor Blvd in Ventura. It is being hosted by the General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter.

The special room rate is \$159.00 per night (single or double) through March 28th. If you have not made your reservations by then you will need to check with the hotel for the price. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-228-9290. Parking is \$7.00 per night. You should mention you are with the California Society Sons of the American Revolution.

You will need to arrive by Thursday as the meeting begins on Friday morning at 9am.

Registration for the event is \$150.00 per person by March 25, 2019 and will be \$170.00 after that date. Registration includes all meetings, Friday and Saturday Luncheons and Saturday Banquet. Cost also includes all taxes and gratuities. Vegetarian meals can be accommodated with early notice.

You can go to the CASSAR website to get a copy of the Registration form. If you do not want to attend all the meals or meeting you can pay for specific meals. The Friday Luncheon for those not registered is \$50.00. The Saturday Luncheon is \$50.00 and the Saturday Banquet is \$65.00.

Checks should be made out to General Patton Chapter, SAR and mailed with the Registration form to Bill Nugent, 706 El Paseo Road, Ojai, CA 93023-2455.

For those who have questions about this event

you should contact Bob Taylor at tartar-taylor@att.net or you may call him at 1-805-289-9259 or 216-7992(cell). You may also contact Tom Shaw at t.w.shaw@sbcglobal.net or call 1-805-644-3880.

When you obtain the registration form you will find the meal selections at the bottom.

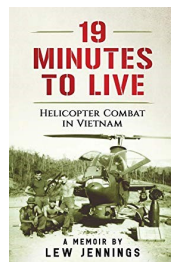
Friday luncheon will be Balsamic Marinated Tri Tip or Pan seared Salmon.

Saturday Luncheon will be either Asian Chicken Salad or Club Wrap.

Saturday Night Banquet selections are Pecan Chicken, Lemongrass crusted sea bass or New York Steak Al Forno.

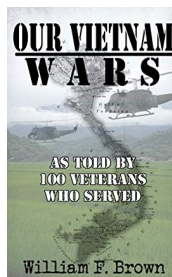
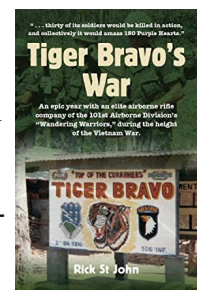
## BOOKS ON THE VIETNAM WAR

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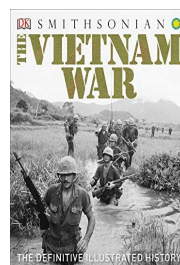
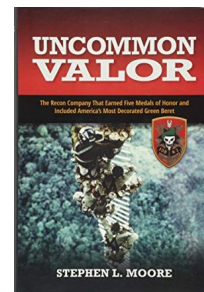
19 Minutes to Live - Helicopter Combat in Vietnam: A Memoir by Lew Jennings

Tiger Bravo's War: An epic year with an elite airborne rifle company of the 101st Airborne Division's "Wandering Warriors", during the height of the Vietnam War



Our Vietnam Wars: as told by 100 veterans who served, Volume 1

Uncommon Valor: The Recon Company that Earned Five Medals of Honor and Included America's Most Decorated Green Beret



The Vietnam War: The Definitive Illustrated History

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## OCCSAR Meeting March 9, 2019



Ryan Jackson became our newest member. Here he is sworn in by President Mark Torres and received his SAR lapel Pin from his sponsor, Kent Gregory.



President Mark Torres presents Dan McKelvie with another approved supplemental. This time it is for Catherine Mel-

Immediate past President Gus Fischer presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Karen McKelvie for her support during his administration in 2018.



Eagle Scout Will Done was last year's chapter winner. Here he receives his medal, patches and check from President Mark Torres and Eagle Scout Compatriot Spencer Torres.



## POSTER CONTEST ENTRIES



The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) invites all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students interested in the American Revolution to participate in the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest. The contest is open to public school, parochial, home schooled, Scouting, or Children of the American Revolution member students in that same grade range. Young artists with an enthusiasm toward art, a love of American history, or a passion in creative expression can submit their posters to their local SAR



chapter for competition. While the Americanism Poster Contest begins at the local level, students' masterpieces may eventually be judged and monetarily awarded at the national level in June at the annual SAR Congress. Participants from other organizations must be of equivalent age for 3rd, 4th, or 5th grades, whichever year that American History is taught in the specific school district. If American History is taught in lower grades at selected schools, an entry may be accepted for the competition at the discretion of the SAR Americanism Committee. All entries will be judged on an equal basis regardless of point of origin. A complete set of rules, along with the application for both the applicant and the sponsoring SAR members, can be found below. Please be aware that the local application deadline dates may vary, so interested applicants should reach out to their local SAR chapter for further details. The theme for the

Poster Contest rotates annually based upon whether the school year ends in an even or odd number.

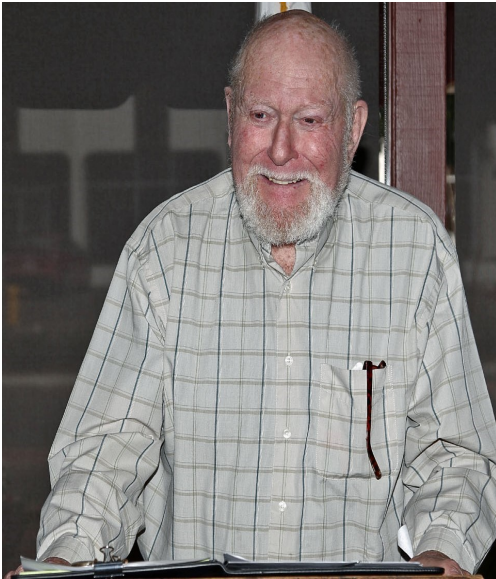
**For academic years ending in even numbers, the theme shall be "Revolutionary War Events."**

**For academic years ending in odd numbers, the theme shall be "Revolutionary War Person or Persons."**



## GENERAL MEETING

March 9, 2019



John Reseck, Jr. our Speaker for our March meeting receives a Certificate of Appreciation from President Mark Torres.



Having served in the military Mr. Reseck is presented with a quilt from QRF member Charmella Secret,



Above, Newly elected CAR Virginia State 1st Vice President, Alexandra Salley; Virginia State Registrar, Victoria Salley, Virginia State Insignia and Ribbon Chair Nathaniel Salley with Mr. Michael Elston, The Virginia State C.A.R. Senior President. They were elected and sworn in at the Williamsburg Lodge, in Colonial Williamsburg Virginia - very close to the magazine in Colonial Williamsburg on March 9th, 2019. One of their ancestors from Dumfries, VA, Samuel Hammond, helped liberate the munitions from that magazine at the start of the American Revolution.