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MEETING INFORMATION

When December 10, 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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It seems like I just packed away the Christmas decorations and here we are again! Lights need to go up, the tree needs to be decorated, cards to be sent, parties here and there...busy, busy, busy! Sometimes I forget the reason for the season as they say and I focus on everything else. Not that everything else is all bad, but it is a reminder to me that sometime even the most important things we have in our lives we often take for granted.

One of the many things that I love about our country is our freedom to celebrate the religion of our choosing. I often take this for granted as fish never think about the water they live in. But, if they were out of the water or I lived in most other countries it would suddenly become very important indeed!

During the month of December we have the three great faiths of Abraham; Christianity, Judaism and Islam, celebrating some of the greatest moments of their religious life. In this country the law says they can celebrate freely without worry of the state restricting their choice. Thomas Jefferson was an adamant believer of such freedom. To him it was so important he had it inscribed on his tombstone: Author of the Statute of Virginia for religious freedom (he did not list he was President.)

Jefferson's influence is seen in Madison's proposal of the First Amendment:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Gov-



ernment for a redress of grievances”

Seismic thinking at the time, this Amendment is a cornerstone of what the United States of America is. The men who crafted these words were of strong opinions and different beliefs, but they understood mutual respect was demanded if a country based on freedom was to survive and prosper.

I think as members of this great society we should never forget the debt we owe to our patriotic ancestors who fought for our religious freedom. As we each focus more on the reason for the season, let us also remember the special men and women, both yesterday and today who answered the call of their country so we might be able to enjoy our First Amendment right.

I also want to remind everyone that after our singing of Auld Lang Syne it will be the 50th anniversary of the Orange County Chapter of the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. This is a special milestone for us. We are figuring out a way to celebrate and I will discuss this at our December meeting.

From my wife, Liz and I, we wish you a very holy and happy season.

John Ferris

GIFT EXCHANGE

In lieu of our normal speaker we will be having our annual gift exchange.

In order to avoid the confusion arising from previous years regarding the conduct of the Annual Christmas Gift Exchange, and to inform the newer members of how it is done, your president has decreed that this year, we will follow the ancient rules first established by the Order of the Little Sisters of Saint Zsa Zsa, the Patron Saint of cheap, but delightful gifts. These unworldly, but wise nuns first set down these rules in the year 1327 AD at their secluded convent near Zslotywachtz, a small, but charming village in rural Hungary, noted for its production of inexpensive, but potent varietal red table wines and

overly pungent cheeses. For centuries, the rules were passed down by word of mouth, for the nuns had taken a vow of illiteracy. However, in the 16th Century, a new abbess decreed that the pen is mightier than the tongue and a vow of silence was instituted in lieu of the earlier restriction. At that time it became necessary to commit the rules to parchment.

Around 1653, an unauthorized copy was smuggled out of the convent in a wheel of cheese by a disgruntled defrocked nun and eventually reached Western Europe and then the New World. Over the centuries, the archaic rules have changed little except for the recognition that males (previously forbidden to enter the convent) may now be participants in the gift exchange, and for currency conversions. The rules are as follows;

- 1) Each person wishing to participate will bring one gender-neutral \$10 gift (wrapped) to be placed on the Gift Table. A drawing ticket will be issued to each gift bringer. A couple may elect to bring one or two gifts, receiving one ticket for each gift.
- 2) The drawing will proceed as follows;
 - a. The first ticket will be drawn from the Ben Franklin Box. The holder of the matching ticket stub will select and unwrap a gift from the Gift Table.
 - b. A second ticket will be drawn. The holder of the matching ticket stub may elect either to “steal” the gift unwrapped by the first person, or select and unwrap a new gift.
 - c. If the second person “steals” the gift from the first person, the first person will then select and unwrap a new gift.
 - d. A third ticket will then be drawn. The holder of the matching ticket stub may elect to either “steal” either of the gifts already unwrapped or to select and unwrap another gift.

- e. The drawing, gift selections and “thefts” will continue in this manner until everyone has a gift.
- f. For each person from whom a gift is “stolen”. They will immediately elect either to “steal” any one of the other gifts already opened (subject to rules g & h) or to select and open a new gift.
- g. If the holder of the matching stub of the last ticket to be drawn “steal” a gift rather than take the last remaining gift, the person from whom the gift was “stolen” shall receive the last remaining wrapped gift, and the drawing will be complete.
- h. No person may “steal” back a gift which was previously “stolen” from him/her.
- i. No individual gift may be “stolen” more than three times.
- j. Ostentatious vocal displays of wonderment and delight are encouraged at the time at the opening of a gift. Complainers will be ostracized by their fellow Compatriots and their guests.
- k. The President shall act as referee, and any issues arising will be resolved by his wisdom, with no further appeal.

ELECTIONS FOR 2017 OFFICERS

The Elections for next years (2017) officers will take place at our December meeting

When the elections are held there will be a request for nominations from the floor. The Compatriot being nominated from the floor must give his approval and agree to serve should he be elected.

In January the slate that is elected in December will be installed as your officers for 2017.

The Nominating Committee has come up with a slate for offices in 2017. As announced at the November meeting the slate is as follows;

President—David Beal
 Vice-President—Gus Fischer
 Corresponding Secretary—Ted Carlson
 Recording Secretary—Jim Blauer
 Treasurer—Cole Zehnder
 Registrar—Kent Gregory
 Chancellor—Doug Pettibone

Chaplain—Richard Adams

All other offices and Chairs are appointed by the President once he has been installed.

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS

If you are wanting to get involved, but do not want to be an officer, there are several positions that are appointed by the President at the January Meeting. If you see one you are interested in, you should contact Compatriot Jim Klingler, who will present the new president with a list of recommendations of persons to fill the appointed positions.

These positions are; Historian/Archivist, Parliamentarian, Sergeant-At-Arms, Newsletter Editor, Medals & Awards Chairman, Eagle Scout Chairman, Information Technology Chairman, Activity Contest Chairman, Valley Forge Project Chairman, Orations Contest Chairman, Poster Contest Chairman, Essay Contest Chairman, Brochure Contest Chairman, JROTC/ROTC Chairman, Publicity Chairman, Flag Certificate Chairman, Veterans Affairs Chairman/Liaison, and Color Guard Commander of our Chapter’s Lee’s Legion Color Guard.

The President reserves the right to appoint a chairman to any other committee or position that may become available at any time during his tenure of office.

So, for those of you who would like to become more involved in the activities of your chapter, here is your opportunity to do so and make a contribution to both your chapter and the society in general.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have several events coming up we wish to make our members aware of..

.December 10th will be our last meeting for the year. This meeting will see our election of officers for 2017. If you are interested in serving please contact Compatriot Jim Klingler. Also we will have our annual Gift Exchange in lieu of a speaker. Instructions are included in this newsletter for those who have not attended our December Gift Exchange.

December 17th will be the wreaths Across America at the Brea Memorial Gardens Cemetery

at the Soldiers Plot off to the left side as you enter. This ceremony is conducted by the chapter to honor all our military men & women who have gone on to that great reward in the sky. There will be wreath laying ceremony by various organizations. It is open to the public and we hope you, your family and friends will attend. Last year the cemetery supplied wreaths to lay on all the graves of our fallen heroes. Hopefully they will do this again.

December 25th—**Merry Christmas**

January 1st —The beginning of the new year 2017.

January 14th will be our first meeting of the new year. Here we will have the installation of our 2017 officers.

February 11th will be our monthly meeting. Come prepared to answer the question of what important event happened on this date that affected the American R3volution and its outcome.

February 12 we celebrate Abraham Lincoln's Birthday. (1809-1865)

February 19th will be the Annual Massing of the Colors at Forest Lawn Mortuary in the Hollywood Hills. Put on by the Sons of Liberty chapter this patriotic spectacle is not to be missed. Color Guards from all over the southland will be there to present their colors.

February 20th is "Washington's Birthday Observed". That is the legal name of the holiday. It is not President's Day as that is a made up title by those who are advertising to make money off of the fame of our first president. So, if anyone asks you about President's Day, ask them what are they talking about and when they mention Washington's birthday, correct them on what the holiday's name is and instruct them that there is no such thing as President's Day it is an advertising scheme by companies to try and make money over the holiday. Sales, Sales, Sales!!!

That should mark up you calendar for the next several months. We hope that you and your fami-

ly and maybe some friends will be able to join us for some of these events.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

One man's annual tribute to our veterans inspired a legion of volunteers and gave rise to the Wreaths Across America event of today.

Morrill Worcester, owner of [Worcester](#)



[Wreath Company](#) of Harrington, Maine, was a 12 year old paper boy for the *Bangor Daily News* when he won a trip to Washington D.C. His first trip to our nation's capital was one he would never forget, and Arlington National Cemetery made an especially indelible impression on him. This experience followed him throughout his life and successful career, reminding him that his good fortune was due, in large part, to the values of this nation and the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

In 1992, Worcester Wreaths found themselves with a surplus of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season. Remembering his boyhood experience at Arlington, Worcester realized he had an opportunity to honor our country's veterans. With the aid of Maine Senator Olympia Snowe, arrangements were made for the wreaths to be placed at Arlington in one of the older sections of the cemetery that had been receiving fewer visitors with each passing year.

As plans were underway, a number of other individuals and organizations stepped up to help. James Prout, owner of local trucking company Blue Bird Ranch, Inc., generously provided transportation all the way to Virginia. Volunteers from the local American Legion

and VFW Posts gathered with members of the community to decorate each wreath with traditional red, hand-tied bows. Members of the Maine State Society of Washington, D.C. helped to organize the wreath-laying, which included a special ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The annual tribute went on quietly for several years, until 2005, when a photo of the stones at Arlington, adorned with wreaths and covered in snow, circulated around the internet. Suddenly, the project received national attention. Thousands of requests poured in from all over the country from people wanting to help with Arlington, to emulate the Arlington project at their National and State cemeteries, or to simply share their stories and thank Morrill Worcester for honoring our nation's heroes.

Unable to donate thousands of wreaths to each state, Worcester began sending seven wreaths to every state, one for each branch of the military, and for POW/MIAs. In 2006, with the help of the Civil Air Patrol and other civic organizations, simultaneous wreath-laying ceremonies were held at over 150 locations around the country. The Patriot Guard Riders volunteered as escort for the wreaths going to Arlington. This began the annual "Veterans Honor Parade" that travels the east coast in early December.

The annual trip to Arlington and the groups of volunteers eager to participate in Worcester's simple wreath-laying event grew each year until it became clear the desire to remember and honor our country's fallen heroes was bigger than Arlington, and bigger than this one company.

In 2007, the Worcester family, along with veterans, and other groups and individuals who had helped with their annual veterans wreath ceremony in Arlington, formed Wreaths Across America, a non-profit 501-(c)(3) organization, to continue and expand this effort, and support other groups around the country who wanted to do the same. The mission of the group is simple: **Remember. Honor. Teach.**

In 2008, over 300 locations held wreath-

laying ceremonies in every state, Puerto Rico and 24 overseas cemeteries. Over 100,000 wreaths were placed on veterans' graves. Over 60,000 volunteers participated. And that year, December 13, 2008 was unanimously voted by the US Congress as "Wreaths Across America Day".

In 2014, Wreaths Across America and its national network of volunteers laid over 700,000 memorial wreaths at 1,000 locations in the United States and beyond, including ceremonies at the Pearl Harbor Memorial, as well as Bunker Hill, Valley Forge and the sites of the September 11 tragedies. This was accomplished with help from 2,047 fundraising groups, corporate contributions, and donations of trucking, shipping, and thousands of helping hands. The organization's goal of covering Arlington National Cemetery was met in 2014 with the placement of 226,525 wreaths.

The wreath-laying is still held annually, on the second or third Saturday of December. WAA's annual pilgrimage from Harrington, Maine to Arlington National Cemetery has become known as the world's largest veterans' parade, stopping at schools, monuments, veterans' homes and communities all along the way to remind people how important it is to **remember, honor and teach.**

Wreaths Across America also conducts several programs to honor our veterans, including the popular "Thanks a Million" campaign which distributes cards to people all over the country to give veterans a simple "thank you" for their service. WAA participates in veterans' events throughout the year, and has a veteran liaison on staff to work with local veterans organizations.

WAA is committed to teaching younger generations about the value of their freedoms, and the importance of honoring those who sacrificed so much to protect those freedoms. The organization offers learning tools, interactive media projects, and opportunities for youth groups to participate in the events. They also work to create opportunities to connect "the Greatest Generation" with the "Generation of Hope", passing on inspirational stories from World War II veterans to the leaders of the future.

Wreaths Across America would not be successful without the help of volunteers, active organizations and the generosity of the trucking industry, which offer invaluable support to

WAA's mission to remember the men and women who served our country, honor our military and their families, and teach our children about our freedom and those who protect it.

REMEMBERED IN PASSING



HERMAN ROBERT "BOB" KIETZMAN, JR.

The Greatest Generation



"The Greatest Generation" is the generation who grew up in the United States during the deprivation of the Great Depression, and then went on to fight in World War II, as well as those whose productivity within the war's home front made a decisive material contribution to the war effort.

For that reason we are honoring one of "The Greatest Generation" for his military service and his longevity within the Sons of the American Revolution.

Compatriot Herman Robert Kietzman, or Bob as he preferred to be called, was born May 15, 1925 - died Nov. 1, 2016. He served in the United States Navy from 1943 until 1946. He was a Naval Aviator Cadet when World War II ended. Bob was a member of the SAR World War II Veterans Corps.

Mr. Kietzman's SAR application was approved December 20, 1965. His 6th greatgrandfather Moses Wilson served in the Kentucky Militia.

Jim Fosdyck presented 91 year old veteran Herman Robert "Bob" Kietzman, Jr. with his 50 year



membership certificate and pin. He also presented Compatriot Bob a SAR War Service Medal with WW II Bar.

GARY LEWIS RICHARDS

January 19, 1943-August 31, 2016

Beloved son, brother, uncle and friend, Gary Lewis Richards of Bend, Oregon, passed away on August 31, 2016 at St. Charles Medical Center of Bend. He was 73.

A Graveside service with full military honors will be held Monday, September 12, 2016 at 11:00 AM at Deschutes Memorial Gardens, located at 63875 N Hwy 97 in Bend, Oregon.

Gary was born January 19, 1943 in Fullerton, California, to Lewis W. and Virginia L. (Davis) Richards. He lived most of his life in Placentia, CA, attending Yorba Linda Elementary School through the 8th grade and graduated from Valencia High School in 1960. Later that year he joined the U. S. Navy and served in their dental program while stationed in Annapolis, MD.

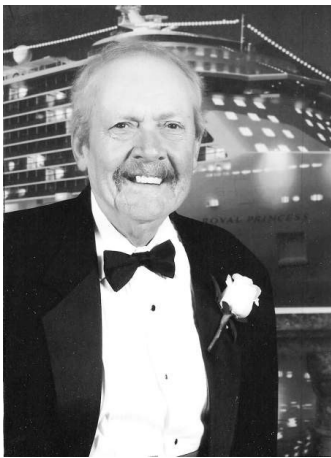
After returning home, he attended Fullerton College and settled into a job as a chemist at Kraft Foods in Buena Park, until they moved their operations to Tennessee. Gary then worked a variety of jobs until his last employment at Amtrak, where his steady route was Los Angeles to Chicago.

Gary had a passion for cooking and was very talented in the kitchen. He studied under world renowned cook Simone Beck in France. For Gary, food became a work of art and he always shared his creations with family and friends. He enjoyed cooking for others, especially for his neighbors. He along with his co-workers also organized annual cookbooks to pass around.

Gary enjoyed traveling and spent many vacations in Europe and Mexico, always taking photos of his travels and the wonderful people he met. He made friends easily and always kept in touch and when they traveled to see Gary, they would stay with him. Gary was a great tour guide showing them our beautiful country.

In his later years, cruising with family became a real pleasure and brought him much enjoyment. He would venture off on excursions by himself, or stay with a group.

Gary spent a lot of time by himself, enjoying his books, TV and movies. Music was very important



to him and while he favored jazz, he liked all music. As he traveled, he collected some very fine pieces of art and clocks. He was a member of the Placentia American Legion, Sons of the American Revolution and volunteered at the Placentia Senior Center.

Gary traveled to Bend, Oregon numerous times to visit family. He moved to Bend earlier this year and had settled into an apartment at Stone Lodge.

Gary is survived by his mother, Virginia L. Pyka of Bend, OR; sister, Elizabeth A. (husband, Michael) Simpson of Bend, OR; stepbrothers, Ronald D. Miller of Cottage Grove, OR and W. Keith Miller of Bakersfield, CA. Other survivors include a niece, Sarah E. Clark of Bend, OR; great nieces, Rachelle E. Ard and Bethany A. Clark, both of Bend, OR; a nephew, Jon M. (wife, Amandalin) Simpson of Grass Valley, CA and great nephews, Grant A. and Colton D. Simpson of Grass Valley, CA.

Gary is preceded in death by his father, Lewis W. Richards; stepmother, Lela Joyce Richards; stepfather, David J. Pyka; his brother, Lewis W. Richards, Jr. and his grandparents, Emmet and Elsie Richards and I. Clifford and Louise Davis.

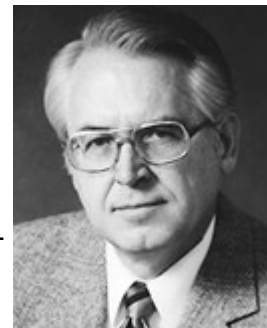
Memorial contributions in Gary's memory may be made to the American Legion, Sons of the American Revolution or to a charity of one's choosing.

Deschutes Memorial Chapel and Gardens is honored to serve the family - (541) 382-5592. Visit our online register book to send condolences and share treasured memories at deschutesmemorialchapel.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/deschutesmemorial.

Edward A. Behnke, M.D., F.A.C.R.

Edward A. Behnke, M.D., was born September 29, 1929, in Wickliffe, Ohio, to Irwin C. and Elsie A. (Clayman) Behnke. On July 7, 1951, he married the love of his life, Teresa M. Nadolski, in Wickliffe, Ohio at Wickliffe Pres-

byterian Church. Their marriage was blessed with five children, Beverly, Bruce, Julie, Robert and Dale.



Dr. Behnke did his undergraduate work at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio (1952 – 1955), before going on to graduate from George Washington University, School of Medicine in Washington D.C. (1955 – 1959). During medical school, he also worked as a policeman at the United States Capitol to provide needed income for his family. USC accepted him into their internship program and Edward moved his family across the country to train at Los Angeles County General Hospital in Los Angeles, California (1959 – 1960). He received his license from The Medical Board of California in July of 1960 and entered General Practice with Ross-Loos Medical Group in Whittier, California (1960 – 1962).

Feeling drawn to radiology, Dr. Behnke returned to Los Angeles County General Hospital as a Resident in the USC Radiology program (1962 – 1965). He studied Diagnostic, Nuclear Medicine, and Radiation Therapy, and was honored with the position of Chief Resident from July 1964 – June 1965. He was a Research Fellow at USC from 1965 – 1966 and became Board Certified by the American Board of Radiology in June of 1966.

Dr. Behnke joined the Whittier Radiology Medical Group in 1966 and remained with them until his retirement in September of 1994. During that time he served in a number of capacities, including Chief of Staff at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, Chief of the Department of Medicine, and Chief of the Department of Radiology, and was honored as Staff Member Emeritus. He was active in professional organizations and served as Chairman of the American College of Radiology, President of the Whittier Academy of Medicine, President of the Los Angeles Radiological Society with Distinguished Service Award, President of the Society of Graduate Radiologists and Faculty LAC/USC with Award of Excellence, and President of the Radiological

Society of Southern California. He was a Clinical Professor of Radiology at USC and held Fellow Emeritus status with the Fellowship in the American College of Radiology.

Outside of medicine, Dr. Behnke was a passionate USC football fan, an avid reader, and took flying lessons. He travelled to many places around the world and loved cruising with family and friends. He was a life member of the NRA and had recently been approved for the Sons of the American Revolution. A very patriotic man, he loved America and his German heritage. Many Oktoberfest's were spent with family and friends at the Phoenix Club raising their beer mugs to Oompah bands and doing the chicken dance. Rouladen was the dinner tradition on Christmas day.

One might think the list of accomplishments in Edward's career made him special, and that may be partly true. His real success in life came from the love, warmth, honor, and compassion he showed to his family, friends, and many acquaintances. He and his loving wife, Teresa, celebrated their 65th anniversary in July, 2016. As his illness took away his strength and independence, it didn't take away his courage or kindness. When asked how he was doing his reply was always, "FANTASTIC!"

In the end, he passed away peacefully at home, just as he had wished to do, six days before his 87th birthday.

Edward is survived by his sweetheart, Teresa; children, Beverly (Spencer) Thompson, Bruce (Sally) Behnke, Julie C. Behnke Fraser, and Dale (Wanda) Behnke; grandchildren, Jennifer, Dustin, Kara, Gary, Lana, Owen, Lisa, Jack, and A.J.; 12 great grandchildren; sister, Linda Behnke Kalebick; aunt, Edith Moss, (98 years old!); and numerous cousins. He was preceded in death by his son, Robert Charles Behnke; parents, Irwin and Elsie Behnke; and his grandson, Paul Edward Behnke.

The private service was intimate and beautiful as family members gave loving tributes to this very special man. He was laid to rest on September 29th at Rose Hills on what would have been his 87th birthday.

Auf Wiedersehen ...

THEODORE LARNED EASTMOND, II

Theodore Larned (Lar) Eastmond II, 74, Clifton, Kan. resident, entered into rest on June 30, 2016 at Stormont-Vail Health Care in Topeka, Kan. He was born in Los Angeles, Calif. on Dec. 9, 1940 to Theodore Larned and Juanita (Seabold) Eastmond I.



Lar graduated from Culver Academies, Culver IN, and went on to attend the U.S. Military Academy. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Southwest Texas University and a Master of Science in Chemistry, Physics, and Mathematics from University of Texas, Austin. He served in the United States Army National Guard. He was married to Belinda.

Theodore was a resident of Clifton, Kansas at the time of his passing.

Family has chosen cremation and there will be a memorial service held at a later time at the L.D.S Church in Concordia Kansas. On July 30 2016 a memorial service and Internment will take place in Salt Lake City UT.

Memorial Contributions may be given to any local VA Facility or Boy Scouts of America.

From the Orange County Register, February 4, 1977—YORBA LINDA - T. Larned Eastmond II of Yorba Linda is the new president of the Orange County Chapter. Sons of the American Revolution. Also elected were Roland Thomas Sr., vice president, Westminster; Thomas Hattan. secretary, Orange; and James Skinner.

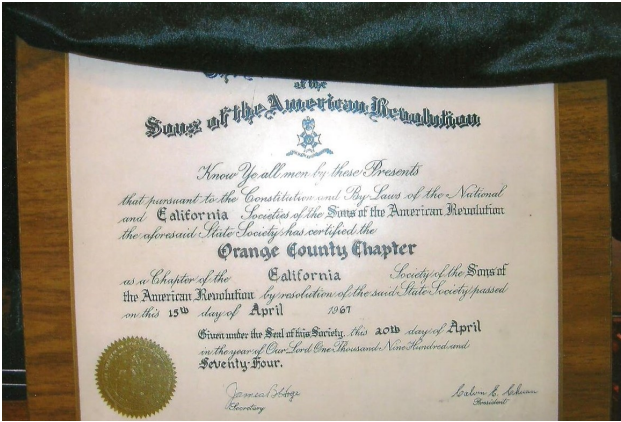
He was the 6th President of the chapter serving from 1975-78.

May God Bless these passing Compatriots



Photo Album

November 12, 2016 Meeting



Our charter was draped as we had discovered that four of our members had died..

Herman Robert "Bob" Kietzman, Theodore Larned Eastmond, II, Gary Lewis Richards and Dr. Edward A. Behnke. At right, Craig Van Doren was our November speaker and spoke on the Honor Flight Program and its Southland organization.



Paul Edward Fellman was installed as our newest member by President John Ferris. Paul received his Rosette from his sponsor Kent Gregory and his membership certificate from President Ferris.



Veterans receive Certificates of Appreciation, Wounded Warrior Coins, Quilts of Valor and 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative pins and buttons



Robert Ruiz and Craig Van Doren received Certificates of Appreciation for being our speaker and a donation from the chapter to help send our WWII veterans to Washington D.C.



Robert Ruiz, a WWII veteran, receives a quilt from Quilts of Valor for his service to our country. Dan Henry read Robert's bio and Barbara Winkler presented him with his quilt.

Veterans Recognition Continues



William Watkins received the SAR Wounded Warrior Coin & Certificate and the 50th Anniversary pin for serving during the Vietnam War and a button for his wife.



William receives a quilt from Quilts of Valor for his service in Vietnam. Barbara Winkler does the traditional draping of the quilt.



Navy Nurse Linda Wallace who worked at the Navy hospital in Long Beach and served our Vietnam vets when they returned received a quilt from Quilts of Valor for her service.

Donald "Pete" Moriarty receives a SAR Vietnam War Veterans Corps Certificate and the 50th year Vietnam anniversary pin.



Phil Mitchell receives a quilt from Quilts of Valor for his service in Vietnam. He previously received a 50th anniversary pin for Vietnam service.

50th anniversary pins are presented to Bill Gaumer with wife Jackie, Douglas Milliken and Gary. Linda Carlson receives the 50th anniversary button for spouses during the war.

