



# MUSKETS & BROADSWORD

Orange County Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

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## MEETING INFORMATION

When February 11, 2017  
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

To my compatriots:

Hello and Happy February to you!

As we all know, this is the month when love takes center stage in our minds (and in the stores!). Valentine's Day is coming up fast—and it's American Heart Month, too, a great time to institute some heart-healthy lifestyle changes.

But it's also the month of Presidents' Day—a day we celebrate all our national leaders, past and present, but particularly our founding president, George Washington. And it's a great time to reflect on how much we love our country...

and how we can act on that love to contribute to its lasting legacy.

With that in mind, I'm looking ahead at a great year for our Orange County chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

After being installed at last month's meeting, I met with the board for the first time as president. To say I was impressed would be an incredible understatement! As a member, I had a sense of how much our board members do to honor veterans, to maintain our august traditions, to raise awareness of our organization, and to educate and inspire our youth. (I'd especially like to thank past president John Ferris—not only for his stellar leadership last year, but for taking the time to meet with me and guide me as I attempt to fill his shoes!)

But sitting at the table with all these individuals who are so passionate about our history, so awed by the actions and achievements of their patriot ancestors, and so invested in our organization, I understood their devotion in a way I had not before.

Thanks to their enthusiastic hard work, we are planning a greater outreach to our



youth through our Eagle Scout program, our middle school brochure contest, and our speech contest.

We will also continue the fine work that has been ongoing to grow our membership and improve communications, to bring excellent speakers to our monthly meetings, and to recognize the sacrifice of our veterans.

What would you like to see our chapter undertake in 2017? I'd love to hear from you. Email your comments and suggestions to [da-vidb@insurancesocial.media](mailto:da-vidb@insurancesocial.media).

In the meantime, take a few minutes to consider how you can act on your love for our United States of America—maybe by volunteering for a committee, joining the Color Guard, or suggesting a new activity that you'd like to spearhead.

See you at the meeting!

**David Beall**

#### SPEAKER-ROB RICHARDSON

Rob Richardson has a broad range of public policy experience working with all levels of government.

Rob currently serves as County Procurement Officer for the County of Orange and has held that position since June 2013. During the last three years, the County's Procurement Office has received American Excellence in Procurement from the National Procurement Institute. Over the last 27 years with the County of Orange, Rob has also served as Assistant County Executive Officer, Manager of Legislative Affairs, and various management positions.

His experience includes eight years as a City Councilman in Santa Ana, five years as President of the Santa Ana Board Education with a total of 16 years of service on the Board.

Rob has also served in a variety of community service roles and has served on the City of Santa Ana Planning Commission and Historic Commission. Additionally, Rob remains an active member of the Santa Ana Kiwanis Club, the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club,

the Board of Directors for the Cambodian Family, and chaired the Santa Ana High School Centennial Committee.

Rob has been interested in railroads since his teens and has traveled extensively beyond Orange County's boundaries in search of trains and railroad depots. He has been a long-term member of the Orange County Railway Historical Society and the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society. He has authored a book titled "Railroads and Depots of Orange County", which has been published by Arcadia Publishing in 2010.

Rob graduated from UCLA in 1984 with a Bachelor's Degree, Cum Laude, in Political Science and History. He is a lifelong resident of Santa Ana.

#### OC REGISTER MAKES HISTORICAL ERROR

On Sunday January 15th the day after our January meeting, the Orange County Register had an article on page 14 of the news section about the inauguration with questions related to the history of this event.

One of the question they asked was "What month was George Washington sworn in?" They answered "Inaugurations were held on March 4 until 1933 when the ratification of the 20th Amendment changed the date to Jan. 20. Before modern communications became available, four months were needed to tally the electoral votes. The amount of time became a nuisance for incoming administrations needing to handle problems arising in the nation." The insinuation here is that George Washington was inaugurated on March 4th. For his second term that answer would be correct, but what about his first term?

Due to the distance from Mount Vernon to New York City and the need to get his affairs at Mount Vernon in order before he left, George Washington did not arrive in New York City until late April. So it happened at Federal Hall on April 30, 1789 that George Washington was inaugurated as our first President under the newly approved Constitution.

#### CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATE

Recently it was learned by Compatriot Jim Blauer that one of the members at his workplace

had just become an American Citizen (January 18). Jim was able to get her name and was able to fill out the SAR Citizenship Certificate to be presented to her. All Jim needs is the signature of the chapter president and he will be able to make the presentation to one of our newest American Citizens. This Jim hopes to get at the February meeting.

Do you know of a person or persons who have become American Citizens? Would you like to present them with an SAR Citizenship Certificate? If so, you can give Jim the name of the individual and the date on which they received their Citizenship and he can fill out one of these certificates, have President Beall sign it and it will be ready for presentation to one of our newest Naturalized Citizens.

“Many are born but few are chosen” seems an appropriate quote here as we Americans are all the better off for these new citizens having chosen to be Americans.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

The February Meeting will be on February 11.

Then comes one of the biggest activity our chapter participates in each year. The Massing of the Colors and Tribute to our Armed Forces celebrating the birth of George Washington and honoring our Armed Forces.

The largest celebration of its kind in the western United States, 2017 will be the 35th annual celebration of George Washington's birth sponsored by the Sons of Liberty Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution! This upcoming event will be held at 3:00 PM, Sunday, February 19, 2017, at Hall of Liberty, Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, 6300 Forest Lawn Drive, Los Angeles. All participants are requested to arrive at least an hour early.

Previous Massing of the Colors have been a great success. Over 600 people and fifty color guards participate each year, including over ten of our brother SAR Chapters. Many greater Los Angeles area high school and college color guards take part in this celebration. If you would like to be part of this event, contact the Sons of Liberty Chapter for details on how you can participate.

Forest Lawn might initially seem a strange place for this event, but it offers an area that

showcases a collection of American architecture and artworks that honor our country. There's the world's largest historical mosaic, The Birth of Liberty, a faithful reproduction of Boston's Old North Church, and larger-than-life-sized bronze statues of Washington and Jefferson. You can watch a free 26-minute movie about the American Revolution as well.

This event is open to the public, so all members, their family and friends are invited to attend this very spectacular display of patriotism.

#### LAGUNA BEACH PATRIOT'S DAY PARADE

On Saturday, March 4th, the chapter will once again be in the Laguna Beach Patriot's Day Parade. The chapter has been a part of this parade for decades. It is an easy walk down hill from the high school to city hall. Several years ago we had our Color Guard in the parade and came away with the first place trophy for best Color Guard unit. It is a fun parade and starts at 11am. So those planning to participate should be at the high school parking lot by 10am. There will be time to walk around and check out some of the other entries, but they are very prompt and we must be ready to move by 11am. We are entry #22.

Participants can park in the Pepper Tree parking lot and catch a shuttle ride to the school parking lot. When the parade ends we will be right there to get to our cars and return home.

We hope you will join us for this fun and very short parade.

If you are not in uniform for the parade, that is alright. Something patriotic or red, white and blue will do nicely.

#### COLOR GUARD ACTIVITIES 2017

Your Lee's Legion Color Guard will participate in several of our usual events in 2017.

At present we know we will participate in the same events; Massing of the Colors in February, Field of Honor and Memorial Day in May, July 4 (Let Freedom Ring), Veterans' Day in November and Wreaths Across America in December.

As the year progresses other events where the is a possibility of our participation may arise. If so you will be alerted to these items added to the Color Guard Calendar.

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

The following Compatriots are celebrating a birthday in February, so we want to send out a Happy Birthday to the following;

Leonard Chapman, John Dodd and Paull Fellman.



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

As we enter our 50th year of our chapter, your editor will try to remember to place an item or items from our history books in your chapter's newsletter.

The first two items show Independence Hall at Knott's Berry Farm and Walter Knott as the first recipient of an SAR chapter award. A Commendation for his "exemplary Americanism".

According to the Buena Park News-Independent of January 17, 1968, there was a small article announcing the Orange County Chapter SAR would hold its first annual dinner meeting on Tuesday evening of February 13th. This was held at Knott's Berry Farm in a private dining room.

"At this meeting an outstanding citizenship award will be presented to two well known residents of Orange County by Dr. William Fort, president of the Orange County Chapter."

"George H. Todt, the state president of the SAR, will be the featured speaker of the evening."

"Any member of the SAR and interested residents in the area are cordially invited to attend. Reservations made be made with Mary Shively at the Americanism Educational League which is located in Freedom Hall at Knott's Berry Farm."

This article appeared not only in the Buena Park newspaper but also in the local papers of Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Orange and La Mirada.

The gentlemen honored that night were Adolf Schoepe and Otto Evans. They were the first to receive awards from the newly created Orange County Chapter, SAR.



Dr. William E. Fort, President of the Orange County Chapter, recipients Adolf Schoepe and Otto Evans, and chapter Vice-President Kenneth Main.

***"We Descendants of the Heroes of the American Revolution, who by their sacrifices, established the United states of America, Reaffirm our faith in the principles of Liberty and our Constitutional Republic and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe."***

### KNIGHT ESSAY CONTEST

Chairman Dan McKelvie reports that "We have a winner". This years' chapter winner is Andy Farmer. His essay was "Prisoners of War in the American Revolution".

Andy learned of the contest through his entry into the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest. Both he and his brother Kyle had entered that one as well.

Andy is from Cypress and Compatriot McKelvie is working to get Andy to one of our meetings to receive his award as our chapter winner.

Andy's application has been forwarded to the State Chairman of the Essay Contest to be

judged on that level.

## ENHANCED JROTC PROGRAM

Chairman Gus Fischer reports that this year's chapter winner of the Enhanced JROTC Program is Hannah Suh.

Cadet Lt. Colonel Suh is a senior at Sonora High School in La Habra and is under the command of Compatriot Lt. Col. Hans Hunt. She has progressed through the ranks first, as a recruit and has moved her way up over her four years to Cadet Lt. Colonel and is the Commander of the Raider Battalion.

Her essay of 700 words was entitled, "How JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States of America".

## BARBARA WINKLER RECEIVES AWARD

On January 27, 2017 the Orange County (Dan McKelvie and John Ferris) and Harbor Chapter (Karl Jacobs and James Gill) combined to have a Color Guard present Colors at the MLK Awards dinner where Barbara Winkler was honored for her volunteer work with Quilts of Valor.

Several years ago Barbara spoke to our chapter about Quilts of Valor and we roped her into working with us to help recognize the men and women who have served our country. Barbara and her group here in Southern California have been a wonderful addition to our meetings and help in recognizing our veterans.

Congratulations Barbara. Your volunteer award is much deserved.

## COMPATRIOT STUCK IN THE SNOW

Compatriot Richard Price reports that the snow at his cabin is the largest it has been in 10 years.

In his report he says "Arrgh, can't even get to the bank. Largest snowfall up here in over 10 years. Snow and rain for three weekends in a row. Problem is most of it is a rain/snow combo followed by a few days of below freezing weath-

er. It's really white ice. Got the rest of the snow off today and probably two more days to dig out. At least it's going to get up to 50 for the next few days.



## COMPATRIOT CHARLES BEAL RECEIVES AWARD

On January 23, 2017 The Mojave Chapter #62 (in Fullerton) of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

awarded Charles Beal the Excellence in Community Service Award. The purpose of the award is to recognize unpaid voluntary community service, which contributes to the community in an outstanding manner through cultural, educational, humanitarian, patriotic, historical, citizenship, or environmental conservation endeavors. His service has been recommended by the local chapter, by the California State DAR, and approved by the National Society that was started last summer when he was approached by Linda Moore, the Community Service Chairman. She was only aware of my Civil War Veteran graves project, but I updated her with the new project of locating Spanish American War Veteran graves and just recently Mexican War Veteran graves. It was presented at a ceremony by the Mojave Chapter DAR in the attendance of 60 ladies. Charles gave a brief speech about his projects and mentioned that he was a member of the SAR, Orange County Chapter.



## KING GEORGE III PAPERS RELEASED

The longest-reigning king in English history, King George III, is getting a new, public inspection after the British Royal Archives released a massive trove of documents made under his rule to the internet.

"Seeing original documents is utterly compelling," said Royal Archives librarian Oliver Urquhart Irvine. "You can feel the passion, personali-

ty, worries and triumphs of individuals who have shaped major events. It can change your perspective of history."

King George III is commonly labeled "mad" or "the king who lost America" according to the Georgian Papers Programme, which hopes releasing the documents will give a new look into a "complex, engaged polymath and highly informed monarch."

The database for the newly released documents has the support of Queen Elizabeth II, who has served as England's longest-serving monarch.

### **Presiding over history**

King George III was king from 1760 to 1820, and ruled over the American colonies until the Treaty of Paris created the US as a separate nation following the American Revolution. Some of the documents included in Saturday's release will involve the revolutionary war.

One of the documents that will be released will be his handwritten draft abdicating the throne in 1783, the year the treaty was signed. The letter was laden with corrections and written during a political crisis.

"I am therefore resolved to resign my Crown and all the dominions appertaining to it to the Prince of Wales, my eldest son and lawful successor," reads the letter which was never used.

Also to be released Saturday are King George III's personal exchanges with Queen Charlotte and the handing of power to his eldest son, King George IV.

### **More to come**

The documents have been stored in the Round Tower of Windsor Castle for more than a century. The tower is a royal residence located west of London.

The documents to be published Saturday are part of an ongoing five year project to digitize more than 350,000 documents in the archives' collection of Georgian papers, covering the reigns of the first four kings named George between 1714-1830.

## **THE BRITISH ARE COMING!!!**

In a message from James Gill the President of the Harbor chapter is an event you may wish to attend and take your family with you. It is a two day event so even though we have our meeting on

Saturday, it will be there on Sunday as well. President Gill wrote,

"Come out to Huntington Beach Central Park on February 11 & 12 to see Revolutionary battles reenacted! <http://www.hbhistory.org/revolution> Behind the library: 7111 Talbert Ave, Huntington Beach, CA 92648

The SAR will have a booth already to go. Brian Merrell said he will take care of that. Bring any information about that chapters and be ready to answer questions about how to join that SAR. Think of anything that would attract the public to our Booth. Being dressed in rev uniform would be good but not necessary. You can stay as long as you wish and leave when you want. There will be bottled water available for us and the public. If anybody wishes to participate in a battle scene we probably can accommodate with Militia uniforms or continental Army uniforms. We highly recommend taking pictures to showcase the SAR.

The itinerary for the two days are as follows;  
Saturday

**10AM - Camps open to the public**

**11:30AM Artillery Demonstration**

**12PM - His Majesty's Forces' Manual of Arms**

**1PM - First Engagement - Battle of Lexington & Parker's Revenge 1775**

**2PM - Great Moments with Dr. Franklin**

**3:30PM - Von Steuben's Drill at Valley Forge**

**5PM - Evening Skirmish - The Battle of Long Island, 1776**

Sunday

**9AM - Church Services (Open to Public)**

**10AM - All Camps open to the public**

**10:30AM - Artillery Demonstration**

**11AM - First Engagement - The Battle of Brandywine, 1777**

**12PM - Von Steuben's Drill at Valley Forge**

**1PM - Great Moments with Dr. Franklin**

**2PM - Second Engagement - The Battle of Cowpens, 1781**

**3PM - His Majesty's Forces' Manual of Arms**

**4PM - Event Closes**

Email your photos to your editor at this email and he will select some to place in the next newsletter.

**HAVE FUN!!!**



Saturday, March 4, 2017 • 11:00 a.m.  
**Laguna Beach Patriots Day Parade Association**

**Theme: "One America"**

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February 2, 2017

ENTRY # 22

\*LOCATION 8L

Dear Parade Participant:

Welcome to our 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Laguna Beach Patriots Day Parade. Our parade starts at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 4, 2017, at Laguna Beach High School on Park Avenue and Short Street.

Your entry number and lineup area are indicated above (see below for Location Code). Enclosed are parade rules and a map to direct you to your assembly area. It is essential that you CHECK IN and receive numbered armbands or window cards, so that announcers and spectators can identify your entry along the parade route.

Our 2017 Parade theme is "One America". This is a PATRIOTIC EVENT and we suggest an authentic United States flag or red, white and blue in your entry; no altered U.S. flags are allowed.

Band, Novelty and Float awards will be presented following the parade at Tivoli Too, Art a Fair Grounds, 777 Laguna Canyon Road (near the bus parking), and food and drinks will be for sale there. Auto awards will be given prior to and during the Parade. Autos to be judged should be in place by 8:30 a.m.

Please read our Parade rules, especially: NOTHING can be THROWN or passed out from an entry during the Parade—only distributed from the curb. SKATEBOARDS are not allowed; if not under control, they can become "missiles". Please maintain a steady forward march as directed so we won't have any big gaps. BANDS, please play along the Parade route until the "silent" area.

The Parade is not sponsored by the City or any other organization. We are all volunteers and depend on your suggested entry fee, donations and our program advertisers to cover expenses. Please patronize our advertisers.

If you have any questions, or regarding Parade day weather, please call me at (949) 494-6016.

\*Location Code:  
 PL Parking Lot /High School  
 FF Football Field/High School  
 LS Legion Street  
 PA Park Avenue/High School  
 SS Short Street

See you on March 4,

*Sande Werthe*  
 Sandi Werthe, Entries

Near our  
Orange County  
Meeting Place

located on the  
same grounds

"Independence now, and  
Independence forever"  
John Adams, 1776

See this exact brick-by-  
brick reproduction  
of Independence  
Hall at

**KNOTT'S BERRY FARM  
& GHOST TOWN**

As you can see from the heading of the photo at right, this was in the Fullerton News Tribune, the Monday evening issue of April 17, 1967. That is just 2 days after our chapter was chartered by the National Society. Therefore this is probably the first award made by our chapter and to a man who had no qualms about showing his patriotism for our county, Walter Knott.

Here is an early picture of Independence Hall at Knott's Berry Farm. You will notice the two notes placed on the photo.

1. Near our Orange County Meeting Place.
2. Located on the same grounds.

The chapter's original meeting place was at Knott's Berry Farm.

As your editor checked through Volume 1 he found they were still meeting their in 1970 during the third annual dinner meeting.

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NEWS TRIBUNE, Fullerton, California  
Monday Evening, April 17, 1967

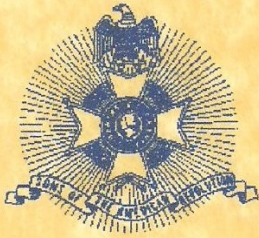


**KNOTT HONORED** — Walter Knott receives commendation for his "exemplary Americanism" from the California State Society, Sons of the American Revolution, during rites at Independence Hall at Knott's Berry Farm Saturday. Shown mak-

ing the award, first suggested by the county chapter, SAR, are (from left) Lewis Mathenson, state secretary, SAR; Dr. William E. Fort, president, county chapter; George Todt, president, state SAR, and Knott.

(News Tribune Photo)





# The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

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## *Greetings, Fellow American:*

*We are pleased to send you this greeting on the advent of attaining the full rights of Citizenship. We extend our heartiest congratulations*

*The quality of citizenship is not measured by whether you were born a citizen or achieved it through naturalization. You are welcomed as a citizen because of your dedication to the beliefs which have made our land, our Government, and our people great. The United States of America was born and has grown by reason of the love and devotion and sacrifices of its citizens. Having gained your citizenship through naturalization, you now, as a citizen, must assume the duties and responsibilities of an American.*

*As Americans we are dedicated to those great principles enunciated by the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, and the Constitution, and we must always keep vigilant watch and an alert defense of our priceless possessions so that we can pass on to our children and to future citizens the great privileges and the great national destiny which we Americans will always enjoy under our constitutional self government. As loyal Americans we want the best citizenry for our Country and together now, as fellow Americans, we will achieve it.*

*September 17th is National Citizenship Day in commemoration of the adoption of the Constitution in 1787, and we observe that day by re-dedicating ourselves as loyal Americans to undying allegiance to that Constitution. July 4th is Independence Day and we invite you to join with us and all Americans in celebrating the independence and the birth of this great United States of our. But each day we live we will be reminded time and again that we should thank God for giving us America and for making us Americans.*

*Please accept our sincerest best wishes,*

*Sons of the American Revolution*

\_\_\_\_\_, Chapter

\_\_\_\_\_, President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Photo Album

January 14, 2017

Meeting



President Ferris inducts new member Robert Gilmore, above. Top right Kent Gregory who sponsored Compatriot Gilmore pins the SAR Rosette on his lapel.

Below President Ferris presents Compatriot Gilmore with his Membership Certificate.



Below Hammond Salley presents Paull Fellman with the \_\_\_\_\_ Medal & Certificate recognizing his 8 years in the Navy Reserves.



Oak Leaf Clusters for the Roger Sherman Medal were presented to Jim Blauer, Danny Cox, Kent Gregory, Jim Fosdyck and Richard Adams by President John Ferris.

# Photo Album

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At left, Dianne Carlson receives a Certificate of Appreciation for her assistance with the selling of raffle tickets and working the sign up sheet before our meetings.

At right Don Carlson, Un Hui Yi Fosdyck and Gus Fischer receive distinguished Service Certificates for their work with the chapter.



Below, Hammond Salley receives the Distinguished Service medal and Certificate for his work with Veterans and assisting in getting speakers.



Barbara Winkler at left receives the Martha Washington Medal and Certificate for her work with Quilts of Valor and assisting us in recognizing veterans with their quilts.



Below Dan McKelvie receives the Roger Sherman medal.

Below, Liz Ferris and Tedi Cox received the Martha Washington Medal & Certificate for their work on behalf of the chapter.



# Photo Album

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Meeting



At left, Dan McKelvie and Gus Fischer receive the Meritorious Service Medal & Certificate by President John Ferris.

At right, John Ferris gives his farewell address as he prepares to leave office.



At left Jim Fosdyck installs the officers for 2017. Richard Adams-Chaplain, Doug Pettibone—Chancellor, Ted Carlson Corresponding Secretary, Cole Zehnder—Treasurer, Jim Blauer—Recording Secretary, Gus Fischer—Vice-President and Kent Gregory—Registrar.

Below left, Executive Vice-President Jim Fosdyck installs David Beall as President for 2017

Below right President David Beall presents John Ferris with his Past President's pin and Certificate.

