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MEETING INFORMATION

When January 14, 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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Time and tide wait for no man...” And so, another year closes and a new one begins marking another milestone in our journey towards destiny.

des·ti·ny noun

The events that will necessarily happen to a particular person or thing in the future.

A milestone in our Chapters destiny will be April 15, 2017 when it celebrates its first 50-year journey. It actually began in 1966 when SAR Magazine under the California State section noted, “Orange County has organized a chapter with Doctor William E. Fort as President. A membership drive is in progress to build up this group located in fast growing Orange County.”

Though organized in May of 1966, the chapter was not chartered until April 15, 1967. We will celebrate this great 50-year milestone in August with hotdogs and hamburgers at Mile Square Park. Other chapters will be invited, and there will be fun for all. Please mark your calendar for the second Saturday of August. I look forward to seeing all of you there. It's a great way to enjoy the best of Southern California with great friends.

This is my last President's Message, as a new gavel bearer takes my place at our next meeting January 14. I would be remiss if I did not say how much it has meant to me to serve all of you in this office. Being President has allowed me to meet many of you and enjoy the camaraderie you have offered. As I take my seat as your fellow compatriot, please know how great my enjoyment has been spending time with all of you.



I started this message with a quote, so it is fitting that I end with one. Jack London was my age when he said this: “A journey is a person in itself; no two are alike. And all plans, safeguards, policing, and coercion are fruitless. We find after years of struggle that we do not take a trip; a trip takes us.”

Thank you everyone for last year’s wonderful trip called membership in the Orange County Chapter of the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Johu Ferris

SPEAKER—COMPATRIOT JIM BLAUER

Our January Speaker will be Compatriot Jim Blauer. He will be enlightening us on the Activity Contest, how it is structured and how we as a chapter are able to get points that can lead to being named the Best Chapter in the State in our division.

Jim joined the SAR in 1981 with the help of his cousin in Santa Barbara. After 2 years in that chapter Jim asked the State Secretary, Carl Lamb, if there was a chapter here in Orange County as he was not able to get to meetings and become involved in the Santa Barbara chapter.

Jim was informed that there was an Orange County Chapter and that it met the second Saturday of each month at the Revere House in Tustin. Jim had his membership transferred to the Orange County Chapter and in February 1983 he and his mother attended the first luncheon. Jim was very impressed with this group of gentlemen and decided he wanted to be an active member, which he has done throughout the years.

He has served in many positions with the chapter which began in 1983 when he was made Historian/Archivist by then President Randy Ragsdale. A position he still holds to this day. Eventually Jim would go on to hold the offices of Secretary/Treasurer, Vice-President and became the longest serving president of the chapter from

1988-1996—8 years!!!

He has also served as Parade Chairman keeping our chapter active in the Laguna Beach Patriot’s Day Parade and the Huntington Beach July 4th Parade.

In 1989 Compatriot Blauer learned the SAR had an Eagle Scout Recognition Program. He inquired about this program and found that Chapters could present a Certificate of Recognition to any scout who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Also there was an Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest where these young men could apply and be judged first at the chapter level. The chapter winner then proceeded to be judged on the State level. The State winner would have his application sent to National for judging at that level and vie for several thousand dollars in scholarship money for school (College).

By the Fall of 1989 Jim had started the Certificate of Recognition program. Keep in mind, when he started there were no computers. So, Jim had to decide how he was going to place the name of the Eagle Scout on the Certificate. Though he knew he had fairly good penmanship and could print reasonably well he thought it would not look professional enough. He then realized he could use his Calligraphy talent to do the certificates. Jim has been doing these certificates since the beginning in the Fall of 1989. As of the end of 2016, Jim had calligraphied over 13,287 Eagle Certificates. When he started he was doing 200-300 per year. Now he is doing 600-700 per year.

President David Siler appointed Jim Commander of the Color Guard as for years Jim wore his uniforms in the parades. He was on many occasions the only one from the chapter to march in the parades or ride in the car he had arranged for.

It was President Walter Davis who made Jim the Chapter’s Recording Secretary. At the first meeting which President Davis presided over, he called on Jim for a report of the minutes from the

last meeting. Up to this time, Jim just took notes for his own information and was a bit shocked to be called upon for the minutes of the previous meeting. From that time on Jim has been doing the Recording Secretary's job of taking the minutes of both the General and Board Meetings.

In 1996 when newsletter editor Jim Shadwick was planning for his move to the office of State Secretary, Compatriot Shadwick announced that he no longer would have time to do the chapter newsletter and announced, unbeknownst to Compatriot Blauer, that he would be taking over as the newsletter editor—Surprise!!! It was noted by Compatriot Shadwick that Compatriot Blauer had been supplying him with most of the information for the newsletter, so Compatriot Blauer seemed like the logical choice for this job.

In 2001 State Secretary, Jim Shadwick, asked Jim to become the State Registrar. Compatriot Shadwick informed Jim the State had been unable to locate someone to take on this job and explained the job to Jim and Jim agreed to serve on the State Board in this capacity. When the year was up and they asked him if he wanted to continue he told Travis Spears, the Nomination Chairman, that he would continue if there was no one out there who wanted to take on this job. When Jay Woods came forward asking to try his hand at this position, Jim agreed to step aside so someone else could get involved on the state level.

In 2003 the Fall Board of Managers Meeting was being held at the Los Angeles Athletic Club. Compatriot Rex Shannon had noted he was going to go to the Saturday meeting to see what it was like. Jim asked if it would be possible for him to go along. Rex told Jim he would be glad to have him ride along.

As usual Jim took notes of the proceedings. When he got home he decided he would type up his notes and make copies to take to the chapter meeting the next weekend. This so members of

the chapter could see what goes on at State Meetings and maybe encourage others to attend these meetings and become involved on the State level.

So, Jim handed out copies at the chapter meeting. Chapter Secretary Jim Shadwick sent a copy to then State Secretary Karl Jacobs who then proceeded to send a copy to then Executive Vice-President Stan Henderson. Stan would become state President in the Spring of 2004. Compatriot Henderson then contacted Jim Shadwick and asked him if he could get Compatriot Blauer to attend the State Meeting in Monterey in April as the State was having problems with the Life membership and Compatriot Henderson wanted someone there who could take good detailed notes of the meetings.

Compatriot Blauer was unsure as he had just changed jobs and was making less than before. Compatriot Shadwick informed Compatriot Blauer that he was going to be State Secretary again in 2004 and that he had a budget that would cover the expenses.

So Jim did it and also in the Fall of 2004. Then Compatriot Shadwick asked Compatriot Blauer if he would become State Historian. There would be no state photo albums involved only the taking of notes at the State Meetings. Compatriot Shadwick had recently discovered from the archives that prior to Carl Lamb being state Secretary and Historian for 20 years it was the Historian's Job to take the notes, not the Secretary. So, in April of 2005 Compatriot Blauer became the State Historian. He still holds that position to this day.

In 2013 Jim had heard about a group called Coupons to Troops. Here individuals or groups could collect coupons and they would be assigned a base on where to send them. The military are allowed to use coupons up to 6 months past expiration. So, Jim contacted the group and was assigned Fort Buchanan in Puerto Rico. This went well until 2014 in the Spring when two packages he had mailed were returned unexpectedly. He tried to contact Coupons to Troops, but was una-

ble to get any response. So he dropped this program. Then in the Summer of 2015 Jim received an email from Coupons to Military Families. They had taken over this program and had gotten Jim's email from the previous group. The chapter was assigned an air base in Misawa, Japan

In 2015 with only the last half of the year the chapter was able to send over \$42,000 worth of coupons to those serving on the air base in Misawa, Japan. This continued in 2016. With the amazing assistance of Mark Torres in collecting Coupons the chapter sent over \$300,000 dollars worth of coupons to Misawa Air Base!!!

So, Jim has been an active member of the chapter for all these years and should be able to answer any question on his talk about the Activity Contest which he has been chapter Chairman of since the 1990s when it was instituted.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

At our January meeting we will be inducting your officers for 2017. In November of 2016 the Nominating Committee announced the slate of officers they had come up with for 2017. At our December meeting the slate was elected as presented with no nominations from the floor. Those who will be installed at our January 14th meeting are;

President—David Beall

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.

MESSAGE FROM JOHN(JACK) MANNING

HISTORIAN GENERAL

Compatriots,
Happy New Year to all.

I am listing three Annual Awards two of which are awarded by the Historian General and one in which the HG is a judge along with the SAR Magazine Editor and the Chairman (Chairmen) of the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee (s).

Please distribute among your Society members.

· **Colonel Stewart Boone McCarty Award**

This award, first presented in 1996, is presented to the compatriot who has best furthered the preservation of United States History and its traditional teaching in our schools. The winner of this contest receives a monetary award.

Minnesota Society Stephen Taylor Award

This award, first authorized in 1979, is presented to the Compatriot who by research and writings has made a significant contribution to the preservation of the history of the American Revolutionary era and its patriots. The National Society Historian General determines the winner.

Thomas Jefferson Bond, Jr. Memorial Photographic Award

This award was created and funded by Wilma 'Sunni' M. Bond as a memorial to Thomas J. Bond, Jr. (1936-1997). The annual award shall recognize and reward the compatriot whose photographic entry is selected as the most representative of patriotism. The money given to NSSAR by Mrs. Bond is to be invested in such a manner as to yield at least \$1,000 annually in earnings, said earnings up to \$1,000 to be presented to the winner. If the earnings in any year are less than \$1,000, the award shall be given in increments of \$100 (i.e., \$900). Any excess earnings shall be added to the principal. An SAR certificate, appropriately embossed, shall accompany the award. Incidental administrative expenses, i.e., the cost of the certificate, may be deducted from earnings prior to any excess reverting to principal. Should the name of this award ever be changed by NSSAR, the original \$20,000 donation shall revert to the Bond Memorial Trust as of the date of any such name change.

Entries are to be no greater than 8½" x 11" in size, unmounted and unframed, and may be in color or black-and-white. Only one entry per compatriot will be accepted. Entries are to be sent to NSSAR Headquarters for judging during the Spring Leadership Meeting.

All photos to be considered must be received by the Executive Director no later than February 15 of each calendar year.

Judges shall be the SAR Magazine Editor, Historian General and the Chairman (Chairmen) of the Historic Sites and Celebrations Commit-

tee(s). If the latter is unavailable or if that committee is ever absorbed by some other entity, the other two shall select the individual(s) to serve as the third judge with preference being given to the chair of a committee devoted to patriotism. Judges will reach their decision in whatever manner they deem appropriate, so long as only one picture is selected as the winner. Announcement of the winner and presentation of the check and certificate will occur at Recognition Night during the Annual Congress each year.

The SAR Magazine Editor is requested to run a reproduction of the winning photo each year in the issue of the SAR Magazine in which Congress events are reported.

All entries become the property of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution and will not be returned. The award was first presented in 1998.

Jack Manning
Historian General
National Society Sons of the American Revolution

UPCOMING EVENTS

As noted in this newsletter our January Meeting will be held on January 14. 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 military personnel.

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 us 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.

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.

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 January, so we want to send out a Happy Birthday to the following;

Richard Adams, Russell Eldridge Cable, Russell Eric Cable, Don Carlson, Marcus Deemer,

Larry Magerkurth, Darrel Markley, Donald Moriarty, Anthony Rottero, James Steelman and James Townsend.



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.

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".

"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."

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



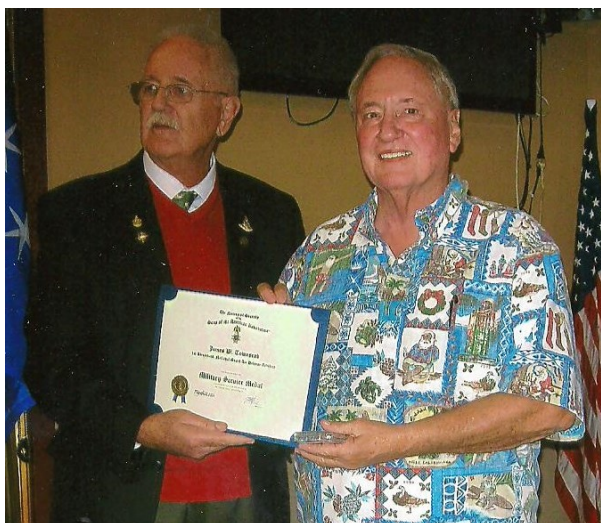
KNOTT HONORED — Walter Knott receives commendation for his "exemplary Americanism" from the California State Society, Sons of the American Revolution, during rites at Independence Hall at Knott's Berry Farm Saturday. Shown mak-

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)

Photo Album

December 2016 Meeting



James Townsend receives the Military Service Medal



Paul Garcia receives a quilt from Quilts of Valor for his service in the military. Un Hi Yi Fosdyck and Karen Richards help Paul to display the quilt to those at our meeting..



Clifford Hope, our newest member, is inducted into the chapter by President John Ferris. His rosette is pinned on him by his sponsor Jim Fosdyck. Compatriot Hope shows off his Membership Certificate presented to him by President Ferris.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

December 17, 2016



Top: Lou Carlson is Master of Ceremonies at this event. Wreaths are laid by various military branches and hereditary societies. Charles Beal (far right) presents on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War follow suit. General George Washington who spoke to the crowd laid a wreath on behalf of the Orange County Chapter. Last but not least the Soldiers Monument at Memory Gardens Memorial Park. The National Flag and the POW flag are seen on the flagpole. Note the helmet and sash/belt on the cross.



Photo Album

Wreaths Across American (con't)



The California State Color Guard led by Commander Jim Fosdyck presented the colors for the event.

The Sonora High JROTC Presented their Colors during the event.



Below the Sonora High JROTC Color Guard and Saber Squad. The Saber Squad created an arch with their swords for the presenters to pass through.

Below Jim Blauer leads in the singing of *“God Bless America”*



Below General Washington speaks to those assembled.



Below anyone in attendance was allowed to place wreaths of the graves of our Nation’s Fallen Military.



Wreaths (Con't)



Ladies Auxiliary Members Lisa Gregory and Sharon Wood place a wreath on behalf of the chapter and California Ladies Auxiliary.



Member Gus Fischer presents a wreath on behalf of the Merchant Marines.

Gus served in the Merchant Marines.



Emcee Lou Carlson welcomed the Mayor of Brea who said a few words about having this event and its meaning.

Some of Orange County's members in attendance included; Jim Blauer, Jim Klingler, Richard Adams. Larry Hansen, Jim Fosdyck and Dan Henry

As General Washington speaks to the crowd, James Gill of the Harbor chapter acts as Washington's Flag bearer.

