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## MEETING INFORMATION

When June 9, 2018  
Where: Sizzler Restaurant  
1401 N. Harbor Blvd.  
Fullerton, CA  
Time: Social Begins at 11:00am  
Meeting: Called to Order at 11:30am  
Website: [www.orangecountysar.org](http://www.orangecountysar.org)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to All-

The month of June ushers in the start of Summer, school graduations & the start of vacation trips to the local mountains, desert, beaches or to out of state or out of country destinations.

This year, Father's Day falls on Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. Give Dad a call or if he lives local, stop by and share a cool one with him. Be sure to thank him for all he has done for you & how much you appreciate him, especially for those times he covered for you and did not tell your Mom!

June 17, 1775 is also a date in the early stages of the American Revolutionary War when the colonial forces fought the British during the Siege of Boston. The battle location was in Charlestown, Massachusetts at a place called Bunker Hill. The battle, while won by the British, demonstrated that the inexperienced militia was able to stand up to the battle hardened & experienced British troops. The British incurred more casualties, including many officers, than the Americans. The battle discouraged the British from any further frontal attacks against well defended front lines. The battle also led the British to adopt a more cautious planning and maneuver execution in future engagements, which ultimately gave the Americans greater opportunity to retreat if defeat was imminent. Another aftermath of Bunker Hill convinced the British of the need to hire substantial numbers of foreign mercenaries to bolster their strength in the face of the new & formidable Continental Army.

June is also the month that means we will take a two month hiatus at the conclusion of the June meeting. We will reconvene the regular monthly meeting schedule on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Chapter T-Shirts have been delivered and are ready for pick-up at the June meeting. If you have already paid, your shirts will be handed to you. If you have



not paid, please bring a check or cash to claim your order. Additional shirts are available for sale, if you would like to purchase them.

This year we will have our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Chapter Picnic on August 11<sup>th</sup> @ Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley. We will gather at the same shelter area as last year. A flyer & a sign-up sheet if you would like to bring your favorite dish to share will be made available at the meeting. All family members are welcome. Be sure to wear your new Chapter T-shirts!!

I welcome any comments or recommendations to make our monthly meetings more interesting. Give me a call @ 714 821-4302 & leave a message or drop an email to [ocgladiator@gmail.com](mailto:ocgladiator@gmail.com). Gus

#### SPEAKER—DOUGLAS KENT

##### U.S. Balloon Corps Presentation

The U.S. Balloon Corps is considered the forerunner of today's Air Force and paved the way for our nation's future in the sky. Steve and Patrice Demory will present "Thaddeus Lowe and the U.S. Balloon Corps," a little known aspect of the American Civil War.

Their presentation primarily focuses on the Balloon Corps during the Civil War and Thaddeus Lowe's pre-war biography and activities that led to his founding of the Corps. Also, included will be information on the technology and personalities involved with the Balloon Corps as well as the tactical use of "aerostats" in battle. The Confederates were also very interested in the tactical advantages of balloon usage, therefore, the Confederate "Silk Dress" balloon will be addressed, as well.

The U.S. Balloon Corps was officially formed on July 25th, 1861 and was commanded by Professor Thaddeus S.C. Lowe, a scientist, inventor, aeronaut, balloon manufacturer and patriot. At the onset of the Civil War, Lowe offered his services to President Lincoln who personally appointed him as Chief of the Aeronautic Department of the Army of the Potomac. Professor Lowe made over 3,000 ascensions and became known as "The Most Shot at Man in the Civil War."

The primary mission of the Balloon Corps was reconnaissance: To observe Confederate Army operations and troop movements and report it's findings to the command staff. During the first

two and a half years of the war, Professor Lowe achieved an amazing record of innovations, which include:

- First use of Airborne Telegraph
- \* Built and operated the First Aircraft Carrier
- \* Developed Mobile Hydrogen Gas Generators to Inflate Balloons in the field
- Invented Aerial Artillery Spotting
- Revolutionized the science of map making

In addition, the presentation will cover Professor Lowe's post-war achievements, including his residency in Pasadena, his contributions to Southern California and the building of the Mount Lowe Railway.

The Demory's reside in Anaheim and portray Thaddeus Lowe and his wife Leontine at Civil War reenactments, Civil War Roundtables, schools and history related events. They appear in period attire and use an extensive PowerPoint presentation for speaking engagements.



#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

As this is our last month before the Summer break we will list June, July and August Celebrants for this newsletter.

In June we have; (10) Dwight Bew, Ted Carlson, Mark Estrada, James Hardeman, Terry Hodgden, Robert Kazabee, Phillip Mitchell, Harry Pettibone, Billy Utley, and John Vreeland.

In July we have; (14) James Blauer, Kent Gregory, Jack Hawn, Arthur Koehler, George Kridner, III, Friedrich Kunzler, Jonathan Pettibone, Douglas Pettibone, James F. Quinnelly, Hugh Richards, Chase Secrest, Richard Watkins, and Donald Webb, III.

In August we have; (16) John P. Beall, Kristian Beall, Danny Cox, John Dahl, Philip Homme, Clifford Hope, John Meier, Douglas Milliken, Rex B. Shannon, Wade Shannon, Christopher Sherman, Daniel Shippey, Neil Stenton, Ed Stephenson, Travis Winsor, and Cole Zehnder.

A Happy Birthday to all for these celebrant for

these three months.

### MAY ACTIVITIES

May is always a busy month. We had our meeting on the 12th. On May 17th Jim Blauer, Mark Torres, Dan Shippey and Un Hui Yi Fosdyck attended Tustin Ranch Elementary School for their Colonial Days celebration. Jim's job was to show the students how to do calligraphy, then asked them to calligraphy their first name on a piece of paper as if they were signing up to join the Continental Army. Dan Shippey portrayed General George Washington and presented The General's Marquee with Mr. Hazard (John Peter Koelsch) presenting revolutionary war spy information. Kenneth Brining was assisting with drill while John Christopher Koelsch, Blythe and Sloane assisted with Dance. Judith Schumacher-Pronovost was the dance master. Kelly Shippey portrayed Martha Washington. Mark Torres presented The General's Marquee with Mr. Hazard (John Peter Koelsch) presenting revolutionary war spy information. Kenneth Brining was assisting with drill while John Christopher Koelsch, Blythe and Sloane Shippey assisted with Dance. Judith Schumacher-Pronovost was the dance master. Brenda Torres and un Hui Yi Fosdyck assisted where needed.

On May 18th members which included; Dan, Slaone, Blythe and Kelly Shippey, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Jim Blauer, Mark & Brenda Torres, Larry Hansen and Matt Noell attended the opening of the Field of Honor at the Castaways Park in Newport Beach. We had our usual booth and the Color Guard presented the Colors when the opening ceremonies took place at 10am.

On May 19th you chapter and its Color Guard were once again at Castaways park for the grand opening of the event for the week through Memorial Day. The main Color Guard was carried out by the United State Marine Corps. Your OC Chapter acted as an Honor Guard. Members in attendance included; Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck,

Mark & Brenda Torres, Jim Blauer, John Blake and Julie Bruton, Kent Gregory, and Larry Hansen.

The booth at this event was manned by the many attendees and consisted of pamphlets on the American Revolution, the SAR, our chapter, the American Flag and the Constitution and Declaration of Independence as well as artifacts that would have been used by our ancestors at that time.

On Friday May 25, Compatriot Jim Blauer (Class of 1970) performed the National Anthem at the Memorial Service conducted at Newport Harbor High School. Since about 2001 Jim has been performing the National Anthem for them as they remember the 38 alumni who gave their lives while in service to our country.

On Saturday May 26th your chapter participated once again in the Strawberry Festival Parade.

Jim Fosdyck, Dan McMillan and Julie Bruton acted as chauffeurs to get members to and from the parade. Color Guard members included; Jim Blauer, John Blake Kent Gregory, Jim Klingler, Mark Torres, Larry Hansen and John Ferris. Also attending were Brenda Torres and Un Hui Yi Fosdyck. Brenda and Un Hui carried the Banner.

On Monday May 28th your chapter made a very good showing at the Tri-City Memorial Day observance at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery by the Civil War Monument. Those attending included; Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Jim Blauer, Jim Klingler, Larry Hansen, Dan McMillan, John Dodd, Kent Gregory, Mark & Brenda Torres, Dan & Kelly Shippey, Charles Beal, John & Liz Ferris, Larry, Sharon, Christopher and Kaleb Wood, Dan McKelvie, John Blake & Julie Bruton, and Eugene and Charmella Secrest. That is 15 members and 8 family members.

We participated in the Parade of Flags, led by General Washington. We also had General Washington Lay our wreath and accompanied by our Color Guard during this ceremony.

It was General Washington who was the main speaker of this observance as this service was

dedicated to the “Forgotten Veterans of the American Revolution”. We were one of 18 featured organizations who participated in this the oldest continuous Memorial Day observance in Orange County. It was begun in 1881.

Prior to these ceremonies over the weekend Charles Beal and Leonard Chapman placed Flags on the graves of the service men. Charles did them here at the Old Santa Ana and Fairhaven cemeteries and Leonard did them at the Riverside National Cemetery. Thank you gentlemen.

#### MEETING REMINDER

With the closing of our June meeting on the 9th we will be on hiatus for the next couple months and return to our regular meeting schedule on September 8th. Meanwhile we do have some Summer events to keep our chapter members busy.

On July 4th we will have the Annual Huntington Beach Parade in the morning and the Cerritos “Let Freedom Ring” ceremonies in the evening.

#### JULY 4TH PARADE

We will once again be doing the July fourth parade. Jim Blauer, who has been doing this parade and arranging our participation for over 25 years, found out last month that they were only doing it on-line, but did not communicate with past participants on this change. Jim received a confirmation letter from the Parade Committee noting that we had been accepted into the parade. Once Jim has received the information on our line-up number, he will be sending out an email so that those who wish to participate may do so.

#### LET FREEDOM RING

On July 4, 1969 the Pennsylvania Society Sons of the Revolution (SR) conducted the first “Let Freedom Ring” Ceremony. Though originally scheduled for 2pm across the nation it is usually done at different times of the day or evening.

On July 4th our Color Guard as well as Color Guardsmen from other chapters will meet at Cer-

ritos City Hall. Here the combined Color Guard of the California Society SAR will present the Colors for the opening ceremonies at 6:30pm.

Our thanks to Larry and Sharon Wood who arrange this for us each year. It was through Larry’s efforts that this was made a National Color Guard event.

#### SUMMER PICNIC

Last year in celebration of our 50th anniversary as a chapter in the Sons of the American Revolution your chapter decided to celebrate with a picnic. It was very successful with over 80 members and their families attending, 5 SAR chapters were represented, we had three prospective members, 2 representatives from the Quilts of Valor and members from the Los Angeles Fife and Drum supplied us with period music.

This year we will have our picnic on the second Saturday of August. That will be the 11th. Like last year we will be at Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley at Shelter #1. Those who plan to bring salads and desserts should check with Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck so they can be sure we do not have too much of one thing or another. Hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, and beverages will be provided by the chapter.

The time frame like last year will be between 10:30am—5pm. Those wishing to come early to help in the set up are welcome to do so. Those wishing to stay late to enjoy the park are welcome to do so. You can also assist with the breaking down and packing up of all the leftovers.

Here is to another fun day in the park with your fellow Compatriots and families. Mark your calendars so you do not forget this date.

#### GOING GREEN

Every so often it never hurts to remind members of ways to save to help your chapter. **First** there are the Certificates that we hand out to our members. Do you keep the Certificate in the folder it is presented in? Do you frame it or place it in some sort of photo or awards album?

If the later we ask that you bring the folder to the meetings and give them to Compatriot Fosdyck so they can be reused. Your chapter has to buy these from National, so if you have any you are not using your chapter can use them for future presentations.

Recently your chapter Historian/Archivist received the certificates that were presented to the chapter at the State Meeting in April. These 7 certificates were placed in a Special Awards Book for all chapter Certificates. The seven folders were then presented to Compatriot Fosdyck at our last meeting for reuse.

So, if you do not have a need to keep the empty folder, please bring it to the meeting to give to Compatriot Fosdyck. Your chapter will be a little bit richer for you having done this.

**Secondly**, do you take the Sunday newspaper? If so you can help out our military men & women and their families that are serving either here or elsewhere in the World. They could use the coupons in the Sunday papers.

In about 2013 Compatriot Blauer learned of a group Coupons to Troops that collect coupons to send to military families at bases here in the USA and around the World.

Our first base was at Fort Buchanan in Puerto Rico. For about a year we sent coupons to these military members through a contact at the base. In early 2015 2 packets were returned and Compatriot Blauer attempted to contact the Coupons For Troops people who had assigned Fort Buchanan to our chapter. He was unable to contact or find anyone who could tell him why the coupons were returned.

In the Summer of 2015 Compatriot Blauer was contacted by a new group, Coupons to Military Families. They asked if we would be interested in continuing this endeavor and they were informed that we were.

They then assigned us to the Air Base in Misawa, Japan and sent Compatriot Blauer the name of a contact of who to send the coupons to. We started out slow, but then a some of our members were able to help and contribute very nicely. From July to December of 2015 your chapter

was able to send \$42,525.26 in coupons to the base in Misawa, Japan. In 2016 we sent \$300,675.53 in coupons and in 2017 we sent \$57,842.08 in coupons. This down turn from 2016 was due to one of the suppliers moving on so we lost a large cache of donations, but still considerable. So far up through May of this year we have sent over \$30,000 in coupons to the base in Misawa, Japan.

Now some of you are saying what about the expiration date. Well our military people are allowed to use any **manufacturer's** coupons up to 6 months past expiration. It only takes 1-2 weeks to get them from here to there. This benefits our military families helping them to save money. And as we all know our military members do not get paid very well for the job they do for us.

Compatriot Blauer tries to send out a package each month if at all possible. If you would like to help our military personnel save money you can either bring your coupons (booklets) to our meetings to give to Compatriot Blauer for mailing or you can mail them or bring them by his home at 594 Hamilton St. #E in Costa Mesa, CA 92627-2656. He has a big black mail box by his front door so if he is not home or you do not wish to disturb him, you can leave them there.

Here is a message received from a previous contact at Misawa. "Your coupons have a been a tremendous help and I have a little group of friends who also coupon who have been benefiting from your generosity.

We are stationed in northern Japan in the eastern Aomori prefecture of the Tohoku region, in the city of Misawa. The base is called Misawa air base.

Misawa air base is home of the 35th fighter wing. And it's the only combined, joint service installation in the western Pacific. Units representing all four U.S. services are assigned here as well as the Japan Air Self Defense Force, or JASDF. Mainly its Air Force and Navy are stationed but Marines do mini tours up here throughout every year and we have a small squadron of Army.

We are not a small base we have a good size

population here. There are about 5,200 U.S. military personnel assigned to Misawa, along with 300 U.S. civilian employees and 900 local national employees.”

So, we ask that those of you who receive coupons in the Sunday paper to please save them and get them to Compatriot Blauer so that he may get them off to our military personnel and assist them in saving money.

### THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE HOUSE



In 1729 funds were appropriated to build a permanent State House for the Pennsylvania Legislature. Designed by Andrew Hamilton, they did not start construction until 1732. While under construction the State Assembly was known to meet there as early as 1735, even

though the building was not completed until 1749. The tower which would house the famous Liberty Bell would not be completed until 1753. When completed the building had a facade 107 feet in length connected by closed arcades or piazzas, and two wing buildings some 50 feet long. The following is a description of the building. “The main building had a decked gabled roof, balustraded between the chimneys and surmounted by a centrally located cupola..., The floor contained two chambers about 40 feet square, separated by a spacious center hall about 20 feet wide..., The State House was not elegantly furnished. Chairs, tables, curtains, screens and other items purchased for the building were never un-

duly expensive..., The building appears to have been heated originally by open fireplaces for which stoves were later substituted.”

In 1750 the assembly directed that the tower be built with a staircase to a belfry. With the tower completed in 1753, the State House Bell (Liberty Bell) was hung. It was on July 8, 1776 the bell was rung to signal the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

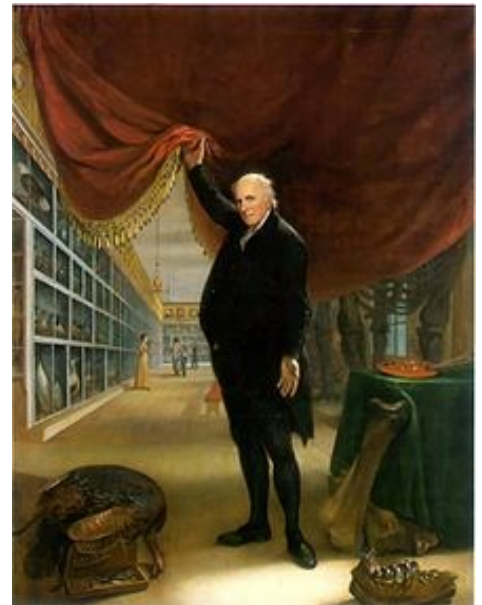
Over the years there have been various alterations to the building. When Philadelphia was occupied by the British in 1777-1778 they converted the first floor into a barracks and the second floor became a hospital for wounded American soldiers. In 1781 when the steeple became very weak from rotting it was taken down. In 1828 a new one was built.

In 1787 the State House was once again put to use as members from the various states met to revise the Articles of Confederation. When this did not work they began to write a new Constitution, which was ready by September 17, 1787.

Between 1802 and 1828 Charles Willson Peale used the Assembly Room and the second floor for a museum and portrait gallery. In 1951, Independence Hall, Old City Hall and Carpenter’s Hall (meeting place for the First Continental Congress) were designated Independence National Historic Park.



[\*The Artist in His Museum\*](#), an 1822 self-portrait by [Charles Willson Peale](#) depicts his museum at the Old State House (The Long Room is shown in the background).



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# Photo Album

May 2018

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John Ferris receives his supplemental on Francis “Frank” Spillman. President Fischer made the presentation.

At the Field of Honor Compatriots Kent Gregory, John Blake, Jim Blauer, Larry Hansen and Jim Fosdyck.



In the Strawberry Festival Parade Mark Torres carries the SAR Flag and John Blake carries the Lee’s Legion Flag. Hiding behind the Lee’s Legion Flag is Rifleman Larry Hansen.



A gathering of the troops occurred at the home of Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck. Here Larry Hansen, Mark Torres, Liz Ferris, John Ferris and Kent Gregory await their transport to the Strawberry Festival Parade.





Here you have Liz Torres and Un Hui Yi Fosdyck carrying the Banner for our entry in the parade. Far left you have rifleman Kent Gregory, Jim Blauer carries the American Flag, Jim Klingler carries the California Flag, John Blake carries the Lee's Legion flag and Rifleman Mark Torres rounds out our Color Guard entry in this parade.



At the Tri-City Memorial observance you have the placement of boots and rifle on each side of the podium representing those lost from the various services.

During the presentation of Colors our Color Guard was led by General George Washington (Dan Shippey) and his flag bearer (Mark Torres).

