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MEETING INFORMATION

When May 14, 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

Fellow compatriots,

I just returned from the 141st Annual Spring California State Meeting. It was an honor for me to represent you there. Thank you. It felt good to be in the company of so many men whom I respect; some because they have done great things, others because they put in the hard work day in and day out to sustain their chapters... a great thing in itself.

I am happy to say the Best Chapter award was presented to Orange County! Best is another word for Great Participation! Every member of the chapter should take pride in contributing to this success. While it takes everyone in the chapter to make it the best, I would like to single out our Register (past State President) Kent Gregory and our Color Guard Commander (future State President) Jim Fosdyck for all the time they spent in new member follow up as well as the multiple color guard events. Orange County Chapter your future looks very bright.

Last month I learned of the passing of Walter Leonard Davis. I never had the pleasure of meeting him though I know many of you had. I heard he was an uncommon man with fervor towards promoting the OC Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. I listened to many anecdotes about him and one that really hit me was he made sure that every speaker spoke about the Revolution. While this has digressed over the years his focus is a wakeup call to me that I must always hold true to not only the values of SAR, but to our wonderful history as well.

Such history is one of the precepts of SAR and for good reason. Our Society is one that not only educates about the difficult birth of American freedom, but it uses that history to nurture our youth as they mature into citizens. SAR helps our youth understand this unique American perspective through the many youth programs it supports. These programs are the gateways to a future citizenry engaged in the preservation of those values we hold dear. My gratitude to all those



committee chairmen who are sowing the seeds for the future fruit of freedom.

Such fruit as already exists will be highlighted in our May meeting with its focus on Public Service. There is no better example of freedom than answering the call to public service. Whether it is a Minuteman or a Fireman, both put their life on the line in an instant to save others! A Policeman is no different. And these Public Servants all need good Public Leaders in government to help them be the most effective possible. May's meeting will be a celebration of those individuals who have answered the call to serve all of us.

Finally, Memorial Day. Every last Monday of May, the United States recognizes the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces. Originally known as Decoration Day it started in 1868, when the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans, established it as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the Civil War dead with flowers.

This Memorial Day, as we say a prayer in gratitude to those who served this country so we may enjoy the freedom we have, let us remember this payment of the highest cost started 241 years ago on a little green in Lexington and it is still being paid today.

John R Ferris, MBA, CEM, CFP, LEED AP Director,

SPEAKER—Jennifer Fitzgerald

Mayor Jennifer Fitzgerald was elected to the Fullerton City Council in November 2012 and served as Mayor Pro Tem in 2014/2015.

Mayor Fitzgerald represents the City of Fullerton on the Board of Directors for the Association of California Cities-Orange County Chapter and is a Member of the Board of Directors for the Orange County Taxpayers Association.

Mayor Fitzgerald is the founder of Give Back (Packs) Fullerton and Co-Chair of the Annual Fullerton Women's Leadership Forum. She serves as an Advisory Board Member of the Coast to Coast Foundation and is on the Board of Directors for OC United, a faith-based Fullerton non-profit dedicated to serving the homeless, neighborhood development and foster care.

Mayor Fitzgerald has worked in public relations and public affairs in Orange County for 20

years. She and her husband, Sean, have called Fullerton home for 15 years and are the proud parents of two sons. Jennifer graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Studies from Biola University.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

In the past your chapter has randomly given out the SAR Community/Public Service Awards. This year your Board decided we should do it every year and selected May as the month for this particular event.

SAR LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD

David Garcia

With a degree in Criminal Justice in 2000, Officer Garcia accepted a position for Police Officer with the City of Orange Police Department. After seven and a half years with the Orange Police Department in various assignments, including Patrol, Bike Team, and SWAT he joined the Anaheim PD in the Fall of 2007. In 2012, David was selected to join the Resort Policing Team, where he is currently assigned. He is also a member of the Anaheim Police Color Guard Detail.

FIRE SAFETY AWARD

David Newell

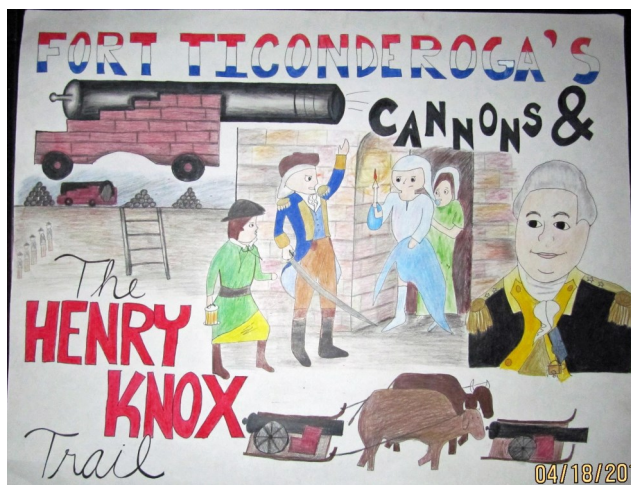
David Newell is currently assigned to Truck 4, A-shift, in the City of Irvine. As a career firefighter since 2008, he works diligently to not only increase his fire service knowledge but to share it with others. As an Engineer, he has been an instructor for the past five engineer academies. He was also the coordinator and lead instructor for the most recent Reserve Driver Operator Academy. He earned his qualification as a Heavy Equipment Boss and assisted in this capacity at a wildland fire in Central California. He has been the Explorer Advisor to Post 9616 in Silverado Canyon for the past 12 years. He has also served as a primary instructor for the past seven explorer academies.

AMERICANISM POSTER CONTEST

At our April meeting the winner of this year's Americanism Poster Contest was announced by Chairman Hugh Richards. Our Chapter winner is Megan Lee, age 10, in the fifth grade at Helen Wittmann Elementary School in Cerritos. Her teacher is John Kaing. Her poster was taken to

the State Meeting the following week in Sacramento where among 7 other chapters Megan's was judged an honorable mention. Congratulations Megan!!!

The chapter presented her with a first place certificate and a \$50 check for her winning chapter entry.



STATE MEETING

There will be more information coming from the California Compatriot in the next issue, but for now I wanted to pass along the following information on Awards presented.

Jesse Martin our Eagle Scout Chapter winner became the State winner. He received a Certificate from the State, a check from the state for \$1,000 and a check from the State Ladies Auxiliary for \$250. Lastly he received a spread Eagle desk item.

As noted above in the poster contest our entry received Honorable Mention.

In the brochure Contest our entry received honorable mention also.

The state Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck presented several color guard streamers to chapters for participating in various events. Orange County received streamers for their participation in the Wreaths Across America, the Massing of the Colors and received Best Large Chapter in the state Color Guard Activity Contest.

A Memorial Service was held and conducted by our own Lou Carlson who is also the State Chaplain. It was at this service that our dear Compatriot Walter Davis was remembered.

Saturday evening they held the installation/

Awards banquet. Where more awards were passed out.

Phil Hinshaw the State Chairman for the Best Chapter Activity Contest presented the awards. Your Orange County Chapter, which is in the Very Large Category competed with other chapters with over 100 members. This includes such chapters as Sacramento, Thomas Jefferson and San Diego.

In the Very Large Chapter category Sacramento won for most meetings, Thomas Jefferson won for most chapter programs and Orange County won for publicity, most new members and supplements, medals & Certificates, Chapter activities, Community Service, publications and the Best Very Large Chapter Plaque.

The Colonel Locke Award for sustained membership growth is for those chapters in their respective category who have the highest percentage increase from the previous year. In the Very Large Chapter Category it was Orange County with an 18% growth over the previous year.

Several chapter members of the Ladies Auxiliary received Certificates of Appreciation for having held a state office this last year. They included; Lisa Gregory, Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Karen Dodd, Karen Carlson and Karen McKelvie. That is correct. Out of nine officers on the State Ladies Auxiliary Board 5 are from the Orange County Chapter!!! Thank you Ladies and Congratulations on being recognized for your service to our organization.

Chapter member Dan Shippey was awarded the NSSAR Silver Color Guard medal.

John Dodd received the Distinguished Service Medal.

President Gregory was presented his Past State President's Pin by new president Ron Barker.

President General Tom Lawrence installed the officers for 2016-17 which included Orange County Compatriots Jim Fosdyck as Executive Vice-President, Jim Klingler as State Treasurer, Lou Carlson as State Chaplain, Kent Gregory as National Trustee and though absent due to a health issue Jim Blauer remains the State Historian.

SAR CRUISE

The SAR Cruise to Alaska is fast approaching. Those still interested should check with John Dodd at jldodd@earthlink.net. In his most recent letter you will see what is happening...

Compatriots: We are all set for our SAR cruise to

Alaska and have enough folks signed up for the extension so we will be going on to Denali. I am sending this additional prodding email because at this time we have 4 cabins left at Denali and one gentleman who wants to go on the cruise as a single but would like to not pay the single supplement so is in search of a room mate. Additionally, we have one couple who cannot go for health reasons so we will probably have one of the pre-booked Veranda suites available. Other folks still may be accommodated if you would like to go. Please consider joining us. My last email on this is pasted below. Please let me know if you are interested and thanks for considering joining us on the adventure.

Thanks
John Dodd

It was great seeing many of you in Louisville and discussing our upcoming Western District/Pacific District Cruise. We are trying to finalize the list of attendees by April 1, and, although a few may be able to join us after that, we can't guarantee it. Given the recent tragedy in Europe, this is an opportune time to plan some travel a little closer to home and see some more of the good ole USA. The details for the post-cruise trip to Denali have been ironed out, and the informational flyer on both the main trip and the post-trip are now available at the Western District website: <http://www.tjsar.org/western/> Please join us for this unique experience capped off by the scenic train journey back to Anchorage.

Holland America's website for the Noordam notes all the Veranda Suites (the accommodation included in our package) are sold out. We still have a few in our block, and some Compatriots may elect the less expensive Ocean View staterooms, or the more expensive suites. Please let MAGIC know if you would prefer one of these alternate accommodations and they will see what they can do about making an appropriate adjustment. Also, if you would like to attend as a single, there are others who have expressed interest in that, so they may be able to pair you up with a roommate to keep the cost down. However, the ship apparently is filling up rapidly, so it would be best to book soon. Here is the link for more information and to reserve a spot.

I spoke with Compatriot Lindley in Louisville, and we are putting together a meeting in Seattle

before we leave, and also have been in communication with Compatriot Wahrenbrock from Alaska to see about a meeting in Anchorage when we get back from Denali, so this promises to be a special SAR experience. I hope you can join us.

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John L. Dodd

VPG, Western District

*<http://www.tjsar.org/western/johndodd@earthlink.net> ******

COLOR GUARD EVENTS

May is a very busy month for members of our chapter, especially our Color Guard. On May 20-22, Armed Forces Weekend, there will be the Field of Honor which takes place at Castaways Park in Newport Beach. Located on the bluff above Coast Highway at Dover Drive, the Newport Harbor Exchange Club plants 1776 flags. People are asked to purchase a flag on behalf of a relative who served in the Armed forces. This can be a parent, grand parent or even a Revolutionary War Soldier ancestor. If you go to <http://www.healingfield.org/newportbeach16/>, you will find a video on past events. This will be your chapter's seventh year at this event as we have been there from the very start. From the website it says ***The Newport Harbor Exchange Club will again post three by five foot U.S. flags on white flagstaffs in Castaway Park to honor the men and women of our military who serve and defend our nation. 1776 flags will fly in ordered rows overlooking the Upper Newport Back Bay, the Newport Harbor and the Pacific Ocean as an Armed Forces Day memorial. This beautiful panorama must be experienced to be fully appreciated***

Please visit and support the Newport Harbor Field of Honor® display of flags. Flags may be dedicated in honor of individuals for \$45 per honoree. All are welcome to walk amid the flags to share this inspiring and memorable

experience.

Those wishing to be a part of the Color Guard should contact Commander Fosdyck (jfosdyck@sbcglobal.net), and advise him so that he can give you your arrival time and when the activity will begin.

On Friday May 27th at 10am in front of Newport Harbor High School by the Flag pole, Jim Blauer will be leading off their Memorial service by doing the National Anthem. This service is open to the public and recognizes those alumni who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

On May 28th your Lee's Legion Color Guard will once again be in the Strawberry Festival Parade. Information can be obtained from Commander Fosdyck if you are interested in attending.

On Monday May 30 we will have our Color Guard at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery for the tricity observance and remembering of all our fallen Soldiers, Sailors and Marines. This is open to the public so all are invited to attend. There is limited seating so you may wish to bring your own chair (s) to be sure you have a seat. It runs about an hour with speeches and music. Hope you will be able to come out. This event was introduced to our chapter back in the 1990s by Compatriot Walter Davis. It was originally put on by the Santa Ana American Legion Post and Walter was not only a member, but served as its Commander. We still use the wreath that Walter supplied us with and have been using it ever since.

NATHAN HALE

He was born on June 6, 1755 in Coventry Connecticut. He was the sixth of twelve children and grew up on his family's prosperous farm. In 1769 at the age of 14 he entered Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. He belonged to the literary fraternity Linonia. Members examined issues of the day which might include; academic topics such as astronomy, literature and mathematics or possibly the ethics of slavery. While at

Yale he met and studied with Benjamin Talmadge, who would influence his decisions later in life. Talmadge would become General Washington's head of



Benjamin Talmadge

intelligence during the War.

He graduated with honors in 1773 and went to teach school in East Had-dam and later in New London. He not only taught regular classes, but also offered classes to young women of the town. While in college he would often speak of the inequality of education between men and women.

At the outbreak of the Revolution in 1775, Nathan Hale joined the Connecticut militia and was elected first lieutenant. It wasn't until 1776, though, that he participated in military combat. In this year he was promoted to Captain in the Continental Army's 7th Connecticut Regiment.

On January 30, 1776 Nathan Hale's regiment, which had been stationed in Cambridge was moved to Roxbury where they successfully drove the British out of Boston by March.

During the Spring the Continental forces moved into Manhattan in an effort to prevent the British from taking control of New York City. Hale's regiment was ordered into the area by General Washington.

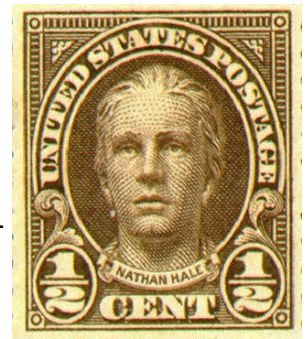
In an effort to obtain information of the planned invasion by the British, Washington sought a volunteer who would go behind enemy lines to discover the location of the British invasion. It was in August and September while the Battle of Brooklyn Heights was taking place that Hale volunteered on September 8, 1776, seeing this assignment as a patriotic opportunity.

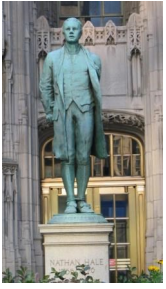
On September 12th Hale crossed enemy lines in the disguise of a Dutch school teacher. On



September 15th while behind enemy lines, the British were successful in taking New York City. Washington and his army retreated to the north end of Manhattan, leav-

Nathan Hale Statue in New Haven, CT.





Nathan Hale Statue at the Chicago Tribune.

ing Hale behind enemy lines.

There is some question on how Nathan Hale was discovered as a spy. There are some historians who believe British Major Robert Rogers thought that Hale might be spying on the British. Rogers pretended to be an American Spy and tricked Hale into revealing his spy mission.

Another theory was that he was turned in by his cousin Samuel Hale who was a loyalist.

He was in Flushing bay near Queens, New York and was captured while waiting for his planned escape rendezvous. He was captured and taken under heavy guard to British headquarters in New York. He was questioned by British General William Howe. Having found evidence on Hale's person where papers were discovered in his shoes, General Howe had all the incriminating evidence proving Hale to be a spy. The papers showed detailed information on the fortifications as well as numbers of troops and their positions.

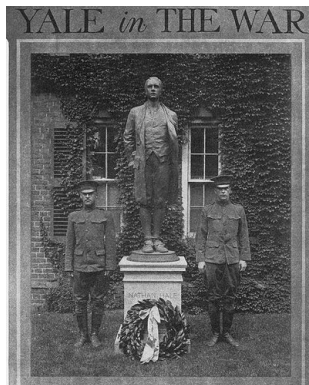
General Howe ordered that Nathan Hale be hanged the following day. Hale had requested a Bible and a visit from a clergyman, but these requests were denied.

He was granted writing materials and penned two personal letters, but these letters were destroyed after his death.

On the morning of September 33, 1776 Nathan Hale was marched along Postal Road to the Park of Artillery where the hangman's noose awaited him.

According to eye witness accounts, Hale spoke eloquently prior to his execution. There are several versions of his final words. The first is "I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country". The second "I regret that I have but one life to lose for my country". Whatever version or variation thereof, he was summarily hanged as punishment for spying.

Nathan Hale statue at Yale University.



Nathan Hale statue in front of the CIA building in Washington, D.C.



John Montresor a British Soldier was at the execution and heard Hale's final words. He repeated them to William Hull, an American officer. Hull had his words publicized throughout the colonies, which became an inspiration to the Patriots and their cause for independence.

He is buried in Nathan Hale Cemetery in Coventry in Tolland County Connecticut. This is a 45 foot high Cenotaph. A cenotaph covers an empty grave when the actual burial place is unknown or elsewhere..

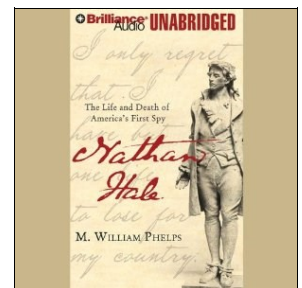


BOOKS ON NATHAN HALE



As the Revolutionary War began, Nathan Hale immediately joined up on the side of the Patriots. When General Washington needed a spy, Hale was the only man to volunteer for the job. In the end, Hale lost his life for his beliefs and became a true American hero.

In this impressive, well-researched biography, Phelps separates historical fact from long-standing myth to reveal the life of Nathan Hale, a young man who deserves to be remembered as an original American patriot. Using Hale's own journals and letters as well as testimonies from his friends and contemporaries, Phelps depicts the Revolution as it was seen from the ground.





April 25, 2016

Words Deirdre Michalski

May is a month of patriotic celebrations. I unfurl my ribbon-adorned hats, and carefully select all the red, white and blue, flag-waving, troops-praising clothing I so proudly own. And, befitting any patriotic event, I even have a special outfit for my dog, Mr. Riley, to wear. Yes, the American flag is front and center on his back and appears to wave as he wiggles and waggles his way along the parade routes, or even just a celebratory stroll around Balboa Island.

In mid-May, Armed Forces Week cascades across the country. In many larger cities, patriotic events are welcomed, organized and applauded. Here locally, the Exchange Club of Newport Harbor carries the baton, and works tirelessly all year long to create a weekend chock-full of ceremonial events. This group has been in existence for 90 years. Seven years ago, Jerry Nininger created the Field of Honor program, which is a three-day event held at Castaways Park in Newport Beach.

Bill Bechtel later joined Nininger, and both have presided as past presidents and co-chairs of the Exchange Club and the Field of Honor festivities. The Exchange Club has numerous other projects during the year; however, the Field of Honor is truly a special one.

I always watch for the amazing display of flags that are so perfectly placed on the park grounds. Perched high atop the cliffs at Castaways Park (Dover Drive and PCH), the flags flutter in the gentle breeze, as if to be waving to me just below.

I say a little prayer for those who have fought so bravely. I think about those who have sadly passed away and those who are still with us. I am in awe of the freedoms we all enjoy today. We are truly blessed. Imagine a massive display of 1,776 flags, all carefully placed in the park and all around the monument. It is a dramatic and breathtaking sight to behold.

Here are some of the details for the three-day events and the wonderful call for community involvement. I am so pleased they include everyone—from young school-aged children to older adults and, of course, our veterans. I encourage everyone reading this to go to their website and consider dedicating a flag to someone who has served our country so proudly. Volunteers will place the flags in the park beginning on Wednesday,

May 18th. They will include a yellow ribbon denoting the military person's name, rank and branch of service and will be displayed all three days, from Friday through Sunday. During the weekend, guests who have dedicated a flag can add a picture, a poem or other memento to their flagpole, if they wish. After the event, those making tributes can take their dedicated flag and pole home with them. And, most importantly, the funds raised, as in years past, will support the following organizations: Wounded Warrior Project, Fisher House Foundation, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines Division (the battalion adopted in 2003 by the City of Newport Beach) and Coastline Community College Military Programs. NHExchange.net.

On Friday, May 20th, 2016, the program is focused on patriotism and our youth. More than 800 5th and 6th graders will be bused in from the Newport-Mesa School District for an educational event with special speakers, music and an educational celebration at the park. Saturday's program on May 21st will begin at Noon and will include a formal presentation by local dignitaries. The Presentation of Colors will be executed by the Marine Corps Color Guard from Camp Pendleton, followed by other musical performances and tributes. On Sunday, May 22nd, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., it will be "Honor Our Vets" day, and guests can come and meet (and hopefully thank) vets who have so graciously agreed to be there. Sprinkled all around the park with umbrellas and chairs, come have a chat and meet a vet. Here is your chance to meet and thank a vet personally. And, right on the heels of this great weekend of festivities will come Memorial Day, the Balboa Island Parade in early June, Fourth of July and, of course, Labor Day! So, let's do this! Let's honor our vets and show our patriotism. Wave our flags proudly. Mr. Riley and I will be there at the Field of Honor in all our red, white and blue finery. Hope to see you out there as well!

Deirdre Michalski is a travel and culinary writer covering topics near and far. You can read more about her adventures on her website TastesAndTravel.com



The Exchange Club of Newport Harbor
will host the 7th Annual
Field of Honor



In conjunction with Armed Forces Day
May 20 - 22, 2016

1776 3' x 5' US flags will fly in
honor of all military men and women

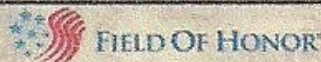
Please join us at

Castaways Park, Dover Dr. & 16th Street
Dedication ceremony at Noon on Saturday, May 21, 2016

Dedicate a flag in honor of those who protect us
Flags available for \$45 per honoree

100% of net proceeds will be donated to families of our service men and women,
other Americanism projects and youth charities in our community.

Please see the other side for order information



Field of Honor

For more information regarding the Field of Honor program and dedications
 call 949-631-3567, or
 email: ExchangeFieldofHonor@yahoo.com or
 visit our website at <http://www.nhexchange.net>

For a flag dedication and donation please complete the order form below and send with
 your check made payable to Exchange Club Charitable Foundation to:
 Exchange Club of Newport Harbor
 P.O. Box 1022, Newport Beach, CA 92659

Donor Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Email	Phone
Shipping address if different	
City, State, Zip	

Order	Quantity	Price Each	Total
US Flag, pole and ribbon w/ label		\$45.00	\$
US Flag, ribbon w/ label - shipped		\$55.00	\$
Additional Donation Amount			\$
Name, Rank and Branch of Military of Honoree		Total Enclosed	\$

Method of Payment: Cash Check Credit Card

You may order your flag and pay by credit card or PayPal
 securely through www.nhexchange.net

YOU MAY INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL DONATION - IT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

We encourage you to bring a photo or appropriate memento that you may attach to your dedicated flag.

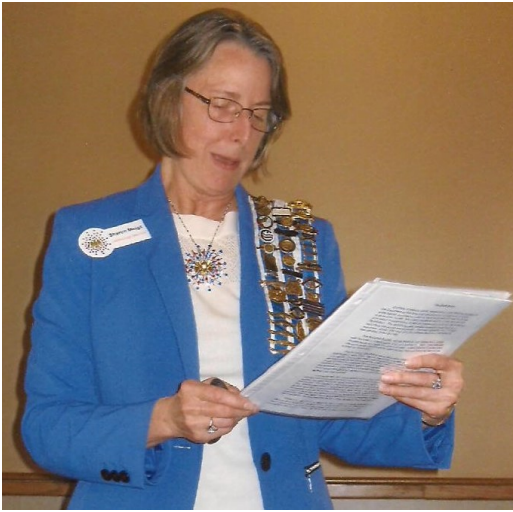
Dedicated flags will be available for pickup from 9 AM to 2 PM on Monday, May 23, 2016.

All flags **MUST** be picked up on this date and all flags not claimed by the donor will be removed and no longer available.

The Exchange Club of Newport Harbor is a non-profit service club. 100% of net proceeds from this event will be donated to families of our service men and women, other Americanism projects and youth charities in our community.

Photo Album

Chapter Meeting April 9, 2016



Sharon Meigs spoke to our chapter about the history of the DAR.

President John Ferris presented her with our Certificate of Appreciation.



Above, Chairman High Richards shows off the chapter's winning poster by Megan Lee..

Below, Leonard Chapman receives the War Service Medal & Certificate.



Jim Fosdyck, Steven, Rachel, Elizabeth and Rhonda Douma. Elizabeth was presented her Award as the Chapter winner of our Brochure Contest..

Below Don Carlson receives the War Service Medal & Certificate.





Phil Mitchell receives the Veterans Corps Certificate. He served in Vietnam in the Marines.



Jim Oakes receives the War Service Medal & Certificate.. He served in the Army Corps of Engineers.



Danny Cox receives the Veterans Corps Certificate. He was a USAF test pilot and broke the sound barrier over 1,000 times.



Above, Hammond Sally Presents wounded Warrior Archie McKelvie with the War Service Medal with Purple Heart.

Below Archie McKelvie is presented a Quilt from Barbara Winkler and Quilts of Valor. He was wounded at the Battle of the Bulge.

Below, President Ferris presents Dan Henry with his 10 year membership certificate..





Barbara Winkler presents Dan Henry with a quilt from Quilts of Valor



Dan Henry receives the Veterans Corps Certificate and medal from Hammond Sally.



Matthew Noell is presented the Meritorious Service award by State President Kent Gregory.



Jim Fosdyck presented Elizabeth Douma with her certificate and check for winning the Chapter Brochure Contest. Jim Fosdyck holds up her brochure she created.



In the absence of John Dodd State President Kent Gregory conducted the raffle.

Finally please remember the men and women who have sacrificed their lives so that we may live in the Land of the Free.

