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MEETING INFORMATION

When May 12, 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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The month of May usually signals the NBA championship games are over & Major League Baseball is in full swing. Summer is just around the corner & it is time to make ready the BBQ for backyard grilling action & family gatherings.

May 13th is also this year's date for sons & daughters of all generations to show appreciation & recognition to their Mothers for all the endless love, guidance, compassion, sacrifice & support received from their Mothers throughout the years.

The 143rd Annual State Society meeting was held April 20th & 21st in Concord, CA. It was an honor & privilege to represent the Orange County Chapter. Our Chapter received a lion's share of recognition & awards in almost all categories from the State Society leadership.

The Lee's Legion Color Guard received streamers for CASSAR Best Very Large Color Guard 2017, participation in the CASSAR Wreaths Across America 2017 & Massing of the Colors & Salute to Our Armed Forces 2018.

Adarsh Senthilnathan, a 5th grade student @ Wittman Elementary School & our chapter winner for the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest, **placed 2nd in the State Society competition.** Adarsh was awarded a 2nd Place Ribbon & will receive \$200 check from CASSAR for his poster detailing **the Battle of Saratoga.**

James Harman, a student @ Friends Christian Middle School & our chapter winner for the Americanism Middle School Brochure Contest, **placed 2nd in the State Society competition.** James was awarded a 2nd Place Medallion, certificate & \$300.00 check from CASSAR for his brochure on **The Bill of Rights.**

Nikolai Zalamea, Cadet in the Buena Park High School Air Force JROTC Program & our chapter winner in the Enhanced JROTC Contest, was **selected as**



the State Society winner & moves on to the National competition.

2017 CASSAR JROTC Program Chairman Rob Dickey & 2018 OC Chapter JROTC Program Chairman Gus Fischer made the award presentations to Nikolai on April 24, 2018. Nikolai received the SAR Outstanding Citizen Bronze & Silver Medals w/ribbons, SAR Outstanding Citizen certificates & checks from the OC Chapter, CASSAR & CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary totaling \$1,350.00.

For the Activities Competition, the Chapter received certificates in the **Best Very Large Chapter** category for: Meetings; Publicity; New Members; Medals/Certificates; Chapter Activities; Community Service. All of these activities resulted in the OC Chapter being selected & receiving the **CASSAR 2017 Best Very Large Chapter Award** for the **3rd year in a row!!**

As can be seen, the teamwork, leadership & dedication provided by chapter compatriots who have given their time & talent as various program chairmen, participants & volunteers has been recognized at the State level. The Chapter has succeeded in its efforts to continue promoting NSSAR's education, patriotism observance & awareness goals!

It was a humbling experience to receive the numerous awards for everyone's teamwork & diligent efforts. As your President, let me extend my sincere thanks & appreciation to all for a job well done!! Keep up the great work!!

Our next chapter meeting is May 12th. Hope to see everyone there! We will present info & pricing for the purchase of OC Chapter T-shirts!

Just a closing reminder gentlemen, if you want to stay in good grace with your Mother and wife (the Mother of your children), you better not forget the flowers, card, breakfast in bed, night out for dinner, phone call or trip for a visit!!

As always, if anyone has any suggestions, comments or criticism, leave me a message @ 714 821-4302 or send a note to ocgladia-

tor@gmail.com

Gus Fischer

SPEAKER—DOUGLAS KENT

Landscapes lie at the intersection of air and fire, land and water - elements that gives us our life and diversity, disruption and change. Douglas Kent has been chasing these elements since childhood. Thirty years field experience, five books, over fifty published articles, and landscapes scattered throughout California, Kent's hands are rarely clean.

Douglas Kent's education resulted in a Master of Landscape Architecture from Cal Poly Pomona, Master of Sciences in Regenerative, B.A. in Environmental Policy, Cal State Long Beach, Studied Ornamental Horticulture at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and received his California Landscape Contractor License: #905192.

He has been an Adjunct Professor at Cal Poly Pomona, teaching Ecological Land Management, Ecological Restoration, Regenerative Life Support Systems, and Landscape Construction and is the Lead instructor for Energy Resource Center's Energy-Smart Landscaping program.

His books and writings have received excellent reviews. Emily Green of the Los Angeles Times states that "***Ocean Friendly Gardens***" is "one of the books you'll need to live in the Golden State." April 10, 2010. His "***Firescaping***" is best selling book on creating fire protected properties in California.

He has been Published and featured works in Fine Gardening, HGTV, Los Angeles Times, Marin Independent Journal, Sunset Magazine, World Wildlife and many other publications. He Started gardening at 14 years old and has worked hundreds of horticultural/landscape projects throughout California since.

Please Note: Kent will have books for sale at \$15.00.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Due to my computer problems I was unable



to congratulate our birthday boys for April.

For the month of April our birthday Boys were; Ramon Antoine, Donald Beall, William Campbell, John Ferris, Walter Funk,

Jim Klingler, Craig Long, Dan McMillan and Steven Snyder.

For the month of May they are; Richard Antoine, Lou Carlson, Nathanael Crandall, Leslie Doak, Ronald Dodds, Paul Gilbert, Duane Martin, Dan McKelvie, Dwayne McKnight, James Oakes, James L. Quinnelly, Michael Shanahan, Mark Torres, and Christopher Turner.

Happy Birthday one and all.

A MESSAGE FROM DAN HENRY

Your editor recently emailed Compatriot Dan Henry to see how he is doing since his by-pass surgery.

I'm doing very well. So doc said I had 90-100% blockage in four arteries. Once they got it they were surprised that I had no heart damage. Said my heart/muscle was strong and in very good shape. Just severe artery disease due to long time diabetes mostly. I'm doing well and moving about pretty good as far as it goes. I don't begin cardio therapy for another 2 weeks.

Annette and I so appreciated your cards, prayers and well wishes more than you can imagine. You'll always be my home Chapter. I just received my dual membership approval and am now part of the Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter just a few minutes from us in Franklin, Tn. Although I will have to wait till April to make it official in the chapter here. Thanks again OCCSAR
Dan Henry

MAY ACTIVITIES FIELD OF HONOR

Your chapter will once again participate in the Field of Honor on Friday and Saturday May 18-19, 2018 at the Castaway Park in Newport Beach.

If you happen to be in the Newport Beach area be sure to see the Field of Honor in Castaways Park, 900 Dover Drive. The annual event recognizes the service of all men and women of the American military forces on Armed Forces day weekend (usually the third Saturday in May.) Approx. 1,776 American flags with yellow ribbons and commemorative pictures or memorabilia are assembled and installed by volunteers on hilltops overlooking Newport Bay. Approx.

8,000-10,000 visitors attend Field of Honor and some purchased flags for the fundraiser produced by the Exchange Club of Newport Harbor. The City of Newport Beach has supported the cause, as well as more than 20 corporate sponsors.

Though this event will begin on Friday the 18th, there will be a dedication ceremony at noon on Saturday May 19th and a closing ceremony on May 28th.

The Color Guard and members and their families will be there and all are invited to join us on the 18th and 19th. We will have a booth to answer questions and inform attendees about the SAR and CAR.

With the ceremonies at noon on Saturday there will be an influx of buses carrying children from the local schools to be at the ceremonies.

A Parade before the ceremony on Saturday leaves Newport Harbor High School (15th & Irvine Ave.), to Westcliff Drive, to Dover Drive, to Castaways Park. Includes Wells Fargo stage coach, local dignitaries and military personnel.

NHHS MEMORIAL CEREMONIES

On May 25th, Compatriot Jim Blauer has been asked to sing the National Anthem for the Newport Harbor High School Memorial Service held to honor the alumni who gave their all for our country in time of war. There are 38 men who graduated from this school who since World War II have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Jim has been doing this for about 18 years and invites anyone who wishes to attend to come on down and do so.

The event begins at 10am and lasts about half an hour to 45 minutes. Many of the teachers let their classes go to these services so seating can be on a first come first serve basis. It is open to the public and is held in the front of the school by the flag pole at E. 15th Street and Irvine Avenue. They usually have a military Color Guard to present the Colors for the National Anthem and a bagpiper who plays Amazing Grace during the ceremonies.

So, that is Friday May 25th at 10am at Newport Harbor High School. Hope to see you there.

GARDEN GROVE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL PARADE

On May 26th(Saturday) your Color Guard will once again participate in the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Parade.

The festival will be held Memorial Day Weekend, Friday, May 25 through Monday, May 28,

2018. Friday hours are 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Admission is free. Special one-price ride-all-day wristbands will be offered for all festival days at \$30 per wristband on Friday, and \$35 each on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Tickets for individual rides can also be purchased separately at \$1 per ticket.

The four-day event, which is the second largest city festival in the Western United States, will be held at the Village Green, between Main Street and Euclid Avenue in downtown Garden Grove. Last year's attendance was over 300,000.

Highlights include the Friday evening official giant strawberry cake cutting ceremony, at 6:00 p.m., at Acacia and Main Streets. Free cake will be served to over 2,000 people. Saturday morning begins with the Strawberry Stomp 5K, hosted by the Sister City Association of Garden Grove, followed by an 8:00 a.m. VIP celebrity breakfast at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, with proceeds going to We Give Thanks. Next is a parade at 10:00 a.m. with floats, bands, equestrians, and characters. Many film and TV celebrities will be honored in the parade.

All four festival days will include 35 carnival rides, five contests, over 200 food and sales booths, games, music, and live entertainment. Contests, held in the festival's 550-seat amphitheater, include the Berry, Berry Beautiful Baby Contest, Redhead Roundup, Strawberry Idol Karaoke, and Tiny Tots King and Queen. For additional information, call (714) 638-0981.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES

On Monday May 28th we will once again join other veteran groups and patriotic organizations for the Annual Memorial Day Observance at the Civil War Monument in the Old Santa Ana Cemetery. Though the final arrangements are still being worked out your editor has been informed that our own Dan Shippey will be the main speaker as General George Washington. They will also once again have the Orange High School singers there to lend patriotic music to the observance.

There will be the usual parade and posting of Colors from the various organizations represented as well as the laying of wreaths by said organizations.

Those who are planning to attend should be there by 9:30 to get a seat under the canopy and get a copy of the program. All Color Guard members planning to attend should be there be-

tween 9:15 and 9:30am to get any instructions Commander Fosdyck may have before the ceremonies begin.

This is a National SAR Color Guard event for those Color Guardsmen who are going for their SAR Color Guard medals.

For family members who are going to join their family who are a part of the Color Guard, you may wish to bring a blanket and some folding chairs so that all will be comfortable during the ceremonies. Those not in the Color Guard can also bring their blankets and folding chairs or they may wish to sit under the canopy where there will be chairs for the audience.

Our chapter's history with this observance goes back between 2 and 3 decades when our own Walter Davis who was a member and eventually the Commander of the Santa Ana Veterans post informed our chapter of these ceremonies and that we would be welcomed to participate. And we have ever since we started.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

General Orders No.11,
WASHINGTON, D.C.,
May 5, 1868

i. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land.

In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit. We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes?

Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their deaths the tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste

of the nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic. If other eyes grow dull, other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain to us.

ii. Let us, then, at the time appointed gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of spring-time; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us a sacred charge upon a nation's gratitude, the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan. ii. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to lend its friendly aid in bringing to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith. iii. Department commanders will use efforts to make this order effective. By order of John A. Logan Commander-in-Chief N. P. Chipman Adjutant General Official William T. Collins Assistant Adjutant General

CHAPTER T-SHIRTS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO OUR CHAPTER

Earlier this year Compatriot Larry Hansen came to your Board and showed the possible design for a chapter t-shirt. The Board worked on the design for the front and back of the shirt and have come up with a final product to be offered to our members and their families for \$15.00 each.

You will find more specifics towards the end of this newsletter where a flyer notice has been placed on one of the pages. All the ordering information is there for those who wish to take advantage of this offer.

You may wish to purchase a shirt to wear to the picnic this Summer.

SUMMER PICNIC

This year we will have our picnic on the se-

cond 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.

BLACKS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Your Editor's ancestor in which he entered the SAR on is Sylvanus Ames. He served as a corporal and a chaplain in the first and second Rhode Island Regiments.

Although most Continental regiments were integrated, a notable exception was the elite First Rhode Island. Mustered into service in July 1778, the First Rhode Island numbered 197 black enlisted men commanded by white officers. Baron von Cloisen described the regiment as "the most neatly dressed, the best under arms, and the most precise in its maneuvers." The regiment received its baptism of fire at the battle of Rhode Island (Newport) on August 29, 1778, successfully defeating three assaults by veteran Hessian troops. At the siege of Yorktown, on the night of October 14, 1781, the regiment's light company participated in the assault and capture of Redoubt 10. On June 13, 1783, the regiment was disbanded, receiving high praise for its service. Another notable black unit, recruited in the French colony of St. Domingue (present-day Haiti), fought with the French and patriots at the Battle of Savannah (October 9, 1779).

In the March issue you learned about Crispus Attucks who was killed in the Boston Massacre. Here are some other known black men who served in the American Revolution.

Agrippa Hull (1759-1848)

Hull was born free in Massachusetts. He enlisted with the Colonial Army in 1777, spending nearly five years as aide to Polish engineer Thaddeus Kosciuszko, a key figure in the young nation's defense. Hull also worked with the army's medical corps, learning to perform basic opera-

tions. After the war, Hull moved to Stockbridge where he used his savings to become the largest black land owner.

Titus Cornelius (1753?–1780)

Cornelius became known as Colonel Tye through his leadership and fighting skills with the Loyalist army. It was an honorary title, since the British did not bestow such titles on men of African descent. John Corlies, his former master, was a Quaker in Monmouth County, New Jersey. Despite the Quakers' increasing opposition to slavery, Corlies owned slaves and was well-known for punishing them fiercely. After the British granted his emancipation, Cornelius became one of the most feared guerrilla commanders in New Jersey, carrying out raids against his former master and other colonials. He freed slaves, took prisoners and seized supplies for the Crown.

Boston King (1760?-1802)

King also fought as a Loyalist after joining the British forces in Charleston. After the war he was granted his freedom. Prior to signing the peace treaty, the British compiled the *Book of Negroes*, a list of 3000 former slaves to be set free for their war efforts. King was relocated to Nova Scotia and eventually to Sierra Leone, where he was a fundamental minister and teacher in Freetown. King published his autobiography in 1798.

Prince Hall (1735?-1807)

Emancipated in 1765, Hall was a politically active abolitionist in Boston. He aggressively sought to end slavery in Massachusetts. He believed the Freemasons' ideals of equality and liberty were the best path to freedom for black men. Working for years against Masonic prejudice in America and Britain, Hall eventually founded African Lodge #1 in 1784, providing a union for free black men across the new colonies. In his lifetime, however, he never received acceptance from white Masons.

Elizabeth Freeman (1742?-1829)

Freeman was among the first slaves to file and win a "freedom suit" in Massachusetts, proving that slavery was illegal according to their constitution. Although the state did not officially make slavery illegal until the Emancipation Proclamation, her case marked the informal end of slavery in Massachusetts and became precedent in many cases to follow. "I heard that paper read yester-

day, that says, all men are created equal," she said to young abolitionist lawyer Theodore Sedgewick, "and that every man has a right to freedom. I'm not a dumb critter; won't the law give me my freedom?"

Paul Cuffee (1759-1817)

Cuffee's father was a former slave released by his Quaker owner for moral reasons. He worked as a carpenter, farmer and fisherman until he could afford his own farm near Dartmouth, Massachusetts, where he raised ten children. Paul was the seventh. Paul taught himself to read and write. He learned about ships and sailing by talking with every sailor he encountered. He began working on whaling and cargo ships at the age of 16. In 1780, he refused to pay taxes because he was not allowed to vote. "Taxation without representation" was a fundamental complaint of the American Revolution. His petition to Bristol County was denied, but it led to legislation in 1783 allowing all free male citizens to vote.

Benjamin Banneker (1731-1806)

Son of a free African-American woman and a fugitive slave, Banneker became an important self-taught astronomer and scientist. His almanacs of the stars and tides were sold widely. Modeled after a pocket watch, his wooden clock kept time until after his death. He corresponded regularly with Thomas Jefferson regarding racial equality. He took part in the boundary survey which designated the land for the District of Columbia. Parks, schools and streets have been named after him in Maryland and beyond. His numerous accomplishments have blossomed into a considerable mythology.

These write ups on Blacks in the American Revolution were taken from sites on the internet. If you wish to find out more about this subject you can Google, "Blacks in the American Revolution.

HONOR BESTOWED ON COMPATRIOT FOSDYCK

Your editor has learned that earlier this year fellow Compatriot and past State President James C. Fosdyck was elected as Governor General of the Order of First Families of Maryland. Congrats!!!

Editor's Note: Due to my computer going down again, I at present am unable to scan in pictures which is why there are few current ones in this issue of our newsletter. JFB *****

Photo Album

May 2018

Custom made high-quality Orange County
Chapter SAR T-shirts **ONLY \$15 EA**



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- o Makes excellent low-cost Xmas, Birthday, and miscellaneous gifts for family & friends
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To order, simply email tedcarlson@cox.net with your name, size(s) desired, and quantity you want of each size. They will be hand delivered to you at meetings or events. If you have questions feel free to contact Orange County Chapter Corresponding Secretary, Ted Carlson at 949.583.1634.



Here are photos from the Massing of the Colors at Forest Lawn in February. This would have been in the March issue had my computer not died on your editor.



At left and above are your Lee's Legion preparing to march in the procession of colors from the various groups in attendance.



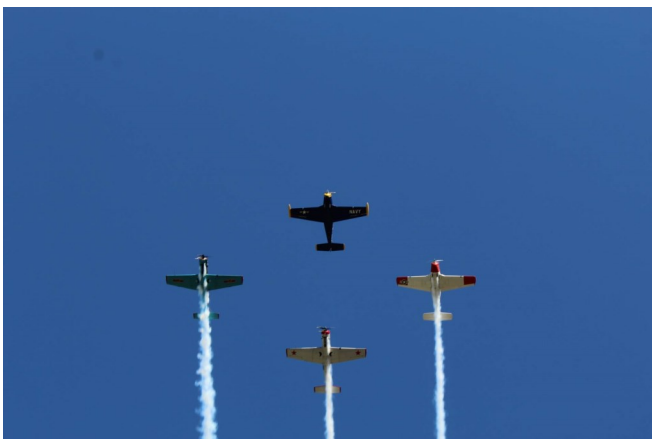
Above you see a couple photos of the entire SAR Color Guard.

Below is a photo of the flyover.



Above the Color Guard from the SAR are joined by those from the Sonora high school JROTC unit that participated in the procession.

Below is the Lee's Legion Color Guard





Photos of the Color Guard at the DAR conference.

Below Compatriot Hunt Presents a Flag Certificate to Peggy Vorell.



Editor's note;

As I do not have my computer connected to my printer I am unable to scan in photos. I had already scanned the photos from this page and the previous page when I planned to have them in the April Issue. If I can get things connected I hope to have photos for the next issue.

JFB