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MEETING INFORMATION

When October 8, 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

During the past year I have written a number of times about ones service of time, treasure and talent. While we all have these three in different measure, the freedom to give time, talent and treasure as you see fit is another example of the resultant freedom fought for and achieved by the men and women Patriots who fought for Colonial Independence and wrote a Constitution that created this United States.

Being a member of an organization that celebrates those men and women makes me feel incredibly proud. Breaking bread with all of you, the descendants of those patriots, every month reminds me how fortunate I am to be in such a great and active chapter.

Our large and rising membership is a testament not only to the work of our Chapter Officers, but also to the fact that the patriotism associated with this organization is something men in Orange County want to belong to. Yet membership, like patriotism is not a onetime event. In order to continue, it must constantly be renewed.

A sustaining member, one who continually renews his membership, is how we in SAR continue that Patriotic fervor displayed by our ancestors. It's hard to believe, but there are times when one goes through all the work of having their lineage verified to be descended from a patriot ancestor and not renew the membership they worked so hard to achieve. It's a problem that all of SAR is grappling with.

This is where the Orange County Chapter has an advantage over many chapters in the state and across the country; it is a very ACTIVE chapter! This is not only reflected by the many Youth Programs the chapter is active in, but also the participation in the chapter's Color Guard.

Most rewarding to me is seeing the constant attendance at our monthly meetings at Sizzler. I know it is not the Surf and Turf Special, but rather the camaraderie, the education, the guest speakers and the chance to be with like-minded



individuals and families who believe patriotism should be a part of our everyday life. It's a few hours with friends who believe Participation keeps Patriotism alive.

While I am grateful for your Patriotism, I need your Participation. I'd like to extend an invitation to those of you who think our chapter could do more...help me make it happen. I'd also like to extend an invitation to those of you who want to be more involved...tell me what you would like to do. There is room for you to use your time, treasure and talent to help us all.

Finally, when you receive your membership renewal this fall, think about how blessed you are to be a citizen of the United States. While our land is not the Land of Perfection, it is the Land of Freedom. The freedoms you and I enjoy were fought for by your Patriot Ancestor. I am very grateful to him or her. My hope is not only will you renew your membership and help us all keep that patriotic fervor alive, but that you will tell others about what you have found at Orange County SAR!

John Ferris

SPEAKER—DANNY COX

Reach For The Sky

Our compatriot and Sergeant at Arms Danny Cox has flown four different high performance Supersonic fighters and broken the sound barrier over 1,000 times. He has flown on a temporary basis with the Nationalist Chinese Air Force in Taiwan. His travels have taken him through over forty countries.

As a professional speaker he has given more than 3,000 speeches and is a member of the Speaker Hall of Fame. In our October meeting he'll talk about his most influential mentor, Jim Newton, author of best selling "Uncommon Friends." Jim was a close friend of the five men



who have been called the men who invented the 20th Century. They were, Edison, Ford, Firestone, Lindbergh and Dr. Carrel.

This is one you don't want to miss!

LAFAYEEYE'S SHIP

Hermione

Twenty years ago, a small group dreamed of reconstructing an exact replica of General Lafayette's 18th-century ship called the Hermione. Today, the majestic vessel is the largest and most authentically built Tall Ship in the last 150 years. The Hermione has set sail in France, launching an adventure that came to the USA in the summer of 2015 for an unprecedented voyage.

In April 2015, after a period of sea trials and training in 2014, the Hermione set sail for the USA. The journey started from the mouth of the River Charente, in Port des Barques, where Lafayette boarded on March 10th, 1780. The transatlantic crossing took 27 days in total, before making landfall at Yorktown, Virginia.

As the Hermione moved up the Eastern seaboard, it was accompanied by a range of pier side activities. These include in some ports a traveling exhibition and a heritage village that was made accessible to the public. The Hermione Voyage 2015 is part of an expansive outreach program with cultural events, exhibitions, and educational programs that celebrate the trip and mark its progress. A robust digital activation for the voyage expands the reach of the project to millions of people.

Visit voyage 2015 by clicking [here](#)

The *Hermione* was a 12-pounder [Concorde class frigate](#) of the [French Navy](#). She became famous when she ferried General [Lafayette](#) to the United States in 1780 for support to the Americans in the [American Revolutionary War](#). She grounded and was wrecked in 1793.





L'HERMIONE – A FAITHFUL RECONSTRUCTION OF THE FRIGATE IN WHICH LAFAYETTE SAILED TO THE AMERICAS IN 1780, BRINGING NEWS OF FRENCH SUPPORT AND TROOPS, IS READY TO CROSS THE ATLANTIC AGAIN, IN 2015. ITS ORIGINAL VOYAGE REPRESENTED THE PIVOTAL TURNING POINT IN THE AMERICAN WAR OF INDEPENDENCE.

In 1997, construction of a [replica ship](#) started in [Rochefort, Charente-Maritime](#), France; the new ship is likewise named [Hermione](#). *Hermione* was built in eleven months at Rochefort, by the shipwright Henri Chevillard as a light ([French: légère](#)) frigate, fast and maneuverable. Between May and December 1779 she underwent successful sea trials in the Gulf of Gascony under the command of Lieutenant [de Latouche](#).

[General La Fayette](#) embarked at Rochefort on 11 March 1780 and arrived in Boston on 28 April carrying the secret news that he had secured French reinforcements (5,500 men and 5 frigates) for [George Washington](#). After the dramatic failure of the [Penobscot Expedition](#), a large military expedition to dislodge the British from their new stronghold at the confluence of the Bagaduce and the Penobscot River on the east bank of Penobscot Bay in Maine (an area later known as Castine), the revolutionary council of Massachusetts asked Latouche if he would be willing to sail to Penobscot Bay for a quick military intelligence-gathering cruise, checking on the strength of the British garrison at Fort George. The *Hermione* then made the week-long voyage in mid-May, after which the frigate sailed to Rhode Is-

land.^[2] Next, she got underway again on 2 June and suffered serious damage in the fierce but indecisive [Action of 7 June 1780](#) against the 32-gun [HMS Iris](#), under James Hawker.

Hermione received the American Congress on board in May 1781. She fought several times in company with the *Astrée*, commanded by [Lapérouse](#), especially at the [Naval battle of Louisbourg](#) on 21 July 1781.

After the end of the [American Revolutionary War](#), *Hermione* returned to France in February 1782. She then formed part of a squadron sent to India to help [Suffren](#) against the British. However peace was declared and the ship returned to Rochefort in April 1784.

Again in service against the British, on 20 September 1793,^[3] she ran aground off [Le Croisic](#), and was then wrecked by heavy seas. The court-martial consecutive to the wreck found her pilot, Guillaume Guillemain du Conquet, responsible for her loss; her commanding officer, [Captain Martin](#), was honourably acquitted.^[1]

CALIFORNIA SOCIETY COLOR GUARD MAKES COVER OF NEWPORT BEACH RETIREMENT CENTER

In the July issue of the Oasis News, the newsletter of the Oasis Senior Center you will find a photograph of the California Color Guard from the Field of Honor where we presented the colors.

In the photo which you can find enlarged in the Photo Album Section of this newsletter, you will see Kent Gregory carrying his rifle leading off. He is followed by Jim Blauer carrying the American Flag, Karl Jacobs (Harbor Chapter) carrying the California Flag, Melvin Butler (South Coast Chapter) carrying the SAR Flag, Chuck Lampman (Riverside Chapter) carrying the California SAR Flag, Leon Smith (South Coast Chapter) carrying the Lee's Legion Flag and Musket Barer Larry Wood bringing up the rear. Commander Jim Fosdyck stands to the left followed by Musket Barers Curtis Porter (L) and Richard Bent (r) of the South Coast Chapter.



2016 –2017 California Society, SAR Fundraiser

The California Society is pleased to announce a fundraiser. It is a raffle for a beautiful 54" X 60" California themed quilt *California Dreamin'* designed and hand crafted by quilter Un Hui Yi. Un Hui lives in Orange County, California



Un Hui Yi's quilt she made at Quilts of Valor has a California flavor to it. She is selling tickets to the drawing for 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00.

where she is a volunteer quilter for the Quilts of Valor.

The money raised from this fundraiser will be given by the California Society, SAR to support President General Mike Tomme's challenge to all the states to raise \$1000 to contribute to the Youth Programs as a whole so the cash awards can be increased. The funds raised will be used to support the following youth programs; Elementary School Poster Contest, Middle School Brochure Contest, Eagle Scout Scholarship, Knight Essay Contest, Rumbaugh Oration Contest and Enhanced JROTC Program. Please check the California, SAR web site for details of these and other worthwhile youth programs.

For raffle tickets contact Un Hui Yi, 1st Vice President, California Society Ladies Auxiliary, phone (714) 932-4097 or email cassarlaux1776@outlook.com

1 ticket - \$2

3 tickets - \$5

Please make all checks payable to CASSAR with a memo note of National Youth Programs. The winning ticket will be drawn at the 142nd Annual Spring Meeting of the California Society, SAR in April, 2017. Put your name and telephone number on the back of the submitted ticket. You do not need to be present to win.

If California's chapters contribute \$50 to \$100 each we can easily achieve this goal. We will be seeking donations for the National Youth Programs at the November 2016 Board of Managers meeting."

**Ronald Barker, President
California Society, SAR**

YOUTH CONTESTS

Each year we have several contests for our youth.

AMERICANISM POSTER CONTEST

We have for elementary school children who are studying the American Revolution (U.S. History) The Americanism Poster Contest. This contest is directed at students in the 3th, 4th or 5th grades, depending on which year the American Revolution is taught in their educational system - including ecumenical and home school students. The contest is also open to members of the Cub Scouts and Brownies and Children of the American Revolution (CAR) who are in the same grades but whose school system may not be participating in the contest. In the case where the local school system, or its equivalent, is participating, the young person must enter the contest through the school and not as a separate entry. The 2017 Topic is "Revolutionary War persons".

You may find more information on the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest at the [Calif. Society SAR Website](#). Chapter Chairman is [Hugh L. Richards, Jr.](#)

Middle School Brochure Contest

The Middle School Brochure Contest is a contest for 8th Graders. The contest is also open to members of the Children of the American Revolution (CAR) who are in the same grade but whose school system may not be par-

participating in the contest. In the case where the local school system, or its equivalent, is participating, the young person must enter the contest through the school and not as a separate entry.

The permanent Brochure Contest theme will be "**The Foundational Documents of the United States**". These documents include: Articles of Confederation, Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, Federalist Papers, and the Bill of Rights.

The contest is to create a tri-fold brochure out of an 8½ x 11 piece of paper while following the prescribed guidelines. [You may find more information on the Middle School Brochure Contest at the California Society SAR Website.](#)

The chapter Chairman of the Middle School Brochure Contest is [David A. Beall.](#)

Spirit of America Award

The Spirit of America Award involves working with officials of a middle school or junior high school district to select and award two young people (one boy, one girl) from the district's graduating class to receive the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship medal and its accompanying certificate at the graduation ceremonies of each selected student's school. [You may find more information on the California Society Spirit of America Award Program at the California Society SAR Website .](#)

Joseph S. Rumbaugh High School Oration Contest

This speech is designed to explore the influence of the Revolutionary War on present day America. The speech must be between 5 and 6 minutes in length on a topic of an event, personality, document on the Revolutionary War and its relationship to American today. [You may find more information on the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest at the Calif. Society SAR Website.](#)

The George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest

The **George and Stella Knight Essay Contest** encourages patriotism in young people and ascertain their ideas and ideals of the present. The contest is now open to all high school freshmen,

sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

The essay must be based on student research and deal with an event, person, philosophy or ideal associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the U.S. Constitution. [You may find more information on The George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest at the Calif. Society SAR Website.](#) The Chairman of the George and Stella Knight Essay Contest is [Daniel R. McKelvie.](#)

ROTC/JROTC Program

The award is presented to ROTC or JROTC cadets who are selected for having a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing and general excellence.. [You may find more information on the ROTC/JROTC Program at the California Society SAR Website.](#) The Chairman of the ROTC/JROTC Program is [Gustave R. Fischer.](#)

Navy Sea Cadet Corps/Navy League Corps Program

The award is presented to the outstanding US Navy Sea Cadet in recognition of the cadet's leadership, military bearing, and excellence of character, scholarship and citizenship. [You may find more information on the Navy Sea Cadet/Navy League Corps Program at the Calif. Society SAR Website.](#) The Chairman of the Navy Sea Cadet Corps/Navy League Corps Program is [Gustave R. Fischer.](#)

High School Outstanding Citizenship Award

High Schools select one young man or one young woman from their senior class to receive the Outstanding Good Citizenship Award. The Outstanding Citizenship Lapel Pin or engraved Bronze Medal and Certificate is presented in recognition of the recipient's furthering of American citizenship principles. The High School's selection process should take into consideration the student's overall scholarship and citizenship; or a student with the highest grades in history and the best record in citizenship. [You may find more information on the High School Outstanding Citizenship award at the California Society SAR Website.](#) The Chairman of the High School Outstanding Citizenship Award is [James C. Fosdyck.](#)

Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout

Scholarship

Open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and have not reached their 19 birthday during the year of application. (The application year is the calendar year, January 1 to December 31). The Orange County Chapter winner is awarded an Eagle Scout Scholarship Medal, a scholarship check for a hundred dollars and is entered in the California Society Eagle Scout Scholarship. **Deadline for chapter submissions is November 1st.**

You may find more information on the [Arthur M. & Bredena King Eagle Scout Scholarship at the Calif. Society SAR Website](#). The Chairman of the Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship is [James F. Blauer](#).

Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition

If you would like your Eagle Scout recognized with a certificate by the Sons of the American Revolution, Orange County Chapter, for his achievement at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor, contact Compatriot Blauer.

You may find more information on the [Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition by contacting James F. Blauer](#).

California SAR & BSA Youth Protection Training

Any SAR member involved with youth programs (I.E., having contact with youth as part of these programs); those members will have to complete the online BSA Youth Protection Training. This training can be accessed free on line. It only takes about 30 minutes to complete the training. You may find more information about [Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection Training at the Myscouting.org Website](#). Once member(s) have completed the training, they should send a copy of their BSA YPT completion certificate to the Director, Youth Programs CASSAR: [Derek Brown](#).

SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution

This particular event is held each year at a different location and brings together academics from all over the nation who submit papers on the given topic. This year it was held in June in Pasadena.

For 2017 it will be held in the Boston, Braintree

or Quincy area of Massachusetts. The topic will be; *The Adams Family and the American Revolution*.

For 2018 it is planned for somewhere near Johns Hopkins University campus as the topic will be on *Spain's role in the American Revolution*.

If you have an interest in this sort of study you may wish to make plans for the coming conferences in the next couple years. Keep an eye on the national website (www.sar.org) where it will be announced as to when and where this event will be held for 2017 and 2018.

VICTORY AT YORKTOWN

OCTOBER 19, 1781

By the Summer of 1781 the patriots, whose forces had concentrated on the Southern Campaign, had captured all the British posts except Wilmington, Charleston and Savannah in the deep south. In August General Cornwallis,

against orders from General Clinton, decided to make his base at Yorktown, Virginia. The twenty-four ship French Fleet, under the command of Fleet Admiral Francois De Grasse, had left the West Indies for the Chesapeake Bay. It



General Cornwallis

was at the mouth of the bay that British Rear Admiral Thomas Graves led his nineteen ship fleet against the French. Because he was unable to secure an advantage, Graves returned to New York City, leaving the French to blockade the bay and no escape route for General Cornwallis and his British troops.

General Washington was ready to attack New York City when word reached him of Admiral De Grasse's departure from the West Indies toward



General George Washington and Lt. General Jean de Rochambeau

the Chesapeake Bay. As Washington's troops headed south, Lieutenant General Jean de Rochambeau led his French troops out of Rhode Island to join up with General Washington. The French Fleet at Newport, Rhode Island joined De Grasse's Fleet in Chesapeake Bay. With 17,000 troops Washington with the Continental Army was able to surround Yorktown on September 28, 1781.

On October 6 Washington began the siege of Yorktown. Though Cornwallis had considered



Admiral François-Joseph Paul, marquis de Grasse Tilly, comte de Grasse

breaking through the American land forces, he decided against this maneuver when the British Fleet failed to secure an escape route by sea. His only choice was to surrender his 8,000 soldiers and sailors to the Americans.

As the British surrendered their weapons the French musicians were ordered to play Yankee Doodle, a song the British created as a derogatory slur on the Americans, but taken up by the Americans as a rallying song. Claiming illness, Cornwallis sent Brigadier General Charles



Battle of the Chesapeake where the French defeated the British forcing Cornwallis to surrender.

O'Hara in his place for the official surrender. Upon hearing of this, Washington sent Major General Benjamin Lincoln, who accepted the sword of surrender from General O'Hara in front of all the troops on October 19, 1781. On October 22, Congress received word of this major victory that essentially ended the Revolutionary War. *****



General Cornwallis surrenders his 8,000 troops to the Americans at Yorktown.

Dear Compatriots,

Normally this information would have been in the body of the newsletter, but I just received an email concerning this item and its placing in the newsletter. So, I am adding it on to the end of the body of the newsletter.

Fortunately I was just finishing up and was checking my emails when I received this information.

Ed.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2017 OFFICERS

Are you interested in holding an office in our chapter? If you would like to add to your current contributions to the chapter? If so, you need to contact Compatriot and past Chapter President Jim Klingler who is heading up the Nominating Committee to come up with a slate of officers for the coming year. He along with past presidents Dan Shippey and Dan McKelvie will be putting the 2017 slate together. Mention will be made at both the November and October meetings.

At the November meeting they will present the slate they have come up with. This slate will then be published in the December newsletter so that compatriots will know who they may be voting for when elections are held at the December meeting.

When the elections are held there will be a request for nominations from the floor. The Compatriot being nominated from the floor must give his approval and agree to serve should he be elected.

In January the slate that is elected in December will be installed as your officers for 2017.

The by-laws on this subject state;

“Section 2. Nominating Committee. There shall be a nominating committee, composed of the three most recent past Chapter Presi-

dents who are able and willing to serve. The immediate Past President shall serve as chair. A past Chapter President who intends to seek elective office the following year may serve on the nominating committee but may not take part in any discussions concerning the office he intends to seek. At the regular meeting in October, the nominating committee shall announce it is accepting nominations for the elective Chapter offices, which announcement also shall be included in the Chapter newsletter for October and November. Nominated Compatriots shall indicate in writing that, if elected, they consent to serve. Prior to the November Chapter meeting, the nominating committee shall meet, in person or electronically, and nominate a slate of Chapter officers for the upcoming year.”
Offices to be elected include;

President

Vice-President

Corresponding Secretary

Recording Secretary

Treasurer

Registrar

Chancellor

Chaplain

All other offices and Chairs are appointed by the President once he has been installed. Listing of them will appear in next month's newsletter.

“Section 3. Eligibility. No member shall be eligible for the office of President who has not previously served on the Executive Board. No member shall be eligible for any office who has not been an active member of the Chapter for at least one year.”

Compatriot Klingler intends to let the members know of the requirements and request that those interested contact one of the Nominating Committee members.

OCCSAR Meeting

September 10, 2016



Commander Tom Osseck was our speaker for our September meeting. Having served almost two decades in the Navy he has been the Naval instructor for the JROTC program at Santa Ana High School for 22 years. Here you see him speaking to the members and guests, above left. Above right he is presented a Quilt from Quilts of Valor by Un Hui Yi who reads about the program and Karen Richards.



Center left Commander Oseck is draped in the quilt presented to him from Quilts of Valor.

Above Commander Osseck is presented our Certificate of Appreciation for having spoken to our group this month.

At left, Compatriot Jim Klingler is presented the supplemental certificate on his ancestor, John Klingler by President John Ferris.



Jim Fosdyck recognized Don Carlson with the Military Service Veterans Corps Certificate for non-war related service. President Ferris looks on.



President John Ferris inducts new member Steve Snyder into the chapter.



Above, President Ferris presents Compatriot Snyder with his membership certificate. Registrar Kent Gregory was Steve's sponsor and pinned the SAR rosette onto Steve's lapel.



At right Kalani Siegel, grandson of Compatriot Fosdyck led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Below members bow their heads as State Chaplain Lou Carlson gives the invocation.



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