

# Muskets & Broadsword

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## MEETING INFORMATION

WHEN: April 8, 2006  
Where: The Sizzler  
1401 North Harbor Blvd.  
Fullerton, CA  
Time: Set up and Social begins at 11:00AM  
Meeting: Called to order at 11:30AM  
Website: [www.orangecountysar.org](http://www.orangecountysar.org)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - April 2006

As you are reading this, Karen and I are somewhere in Italy, probably in *bella Firenze* – beautiful Florence – and we will possibly be sitting in a *ristorante* (or, weather permitting, at a table outside) enjoying *pasta e vino* as you begin your Sizzler “salad bar lunch” at the April chapter meeting. I am sure that Vice-President Dan Henry has everything in hand, with able support from the other officers.

Those of you who did not attend the March meeting missed a significant event. Four new members, Daniel Merwin Whitley (father), Daniel Milus Whitley and David Herbert Whitley (sons), and Eric Michael Lambeth (grandson), descended from Patriot James Turley, were inducted into the Society. The applications of father and sons had been approved earlier, but they elected to wait until Eric came of age and his application was approved so that they could all be inducted together. I was proud to be able to conduct the three-generation ceremony, a rare opportunity for a chapter president.

At this month's meeting our speaker will be Richard H. Dodd, the father of our immediate past president, John Dodd. Mr. Dodd will present a program entitled "Architecture in Orange County from 1776 to the Present". He is an authority on the subject, and has written numerous articles for Orange County Home Magazine. I have read some of his articles on his website, <http://www.richardhdodd.com/>, and based on what I have seen, I am sure that you will find his presentation to be very interesting and informative. I am sorry that I will be unable to be there to

enjoy it, but I hope that we have a large turnout for him.

As I noted last month, the CASSAR Spring Membership Meeting will be held April 20-22, at the Marriott Hotel in Santa Clara.

Compatriot Lou Carlson will be seeking the State office of Vice-President – South. As several of our chapter members are state officers, we will be represented. However, at this time, we still have unfilled voting delegate positions. If you are interested in attending and being a delegate, please let the Board know right away, as time is short.

I have given Dan Henry the tentative chapter and board meeting agendas for the April meeting. If you have any items for consideration at those meetings, please contact Dan as soon as possible, as he will need to finalize and print the agendas. I have also arranged for an entertaining speaker for the May meeting, and have some solid leads for our June program.

Feel free to attend the Executive Board meeting, immediately following the Chapter meeting. Remember that our chapter website <http://www.orangecountysar.org> is worth a frequent look. Webmaster Arthur Koehler continues to make sure that it is well maintained.

If you won a prize at the Ben Franklin raffle last month, be sure to bring a prize for this month's drawing, or, even if you didn't win anything but would like to contribute, that's good, too. That's all for now. I'll see you at the Sizzler when I return..

*Hugh Richards*, President

### **Richard H. Dodd-April's Speaker**

Richard H. Dodd, A.I.A., is the Owner / President of Richard H. Dodd and Associate,

an architectural firm in Newport Beach, California. He is experienced in commercial, industrial and residential architecture and planning. He now specializes in custom residential architecture and has produced distinctive and creative designs. He obtained his degree in architecture from the University of California, Berkeley in 1953 and received his license in 1960. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the National Council of Architectural Registration Board, and has been in business since 1961. He has written two series of articles for Orange County Home Magazine. The first series details the numerous architectural styles in Orange County from the late 1800's to the present time, while the second series focuses on unique and historic homes in the county. The articles may be viewed on his website at <http://www.richardhdodd.com/>.

### **NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED**

Our March meeting was an exciting one as many presentations were made. First we had the presentation of Membership Certificates to three generations of the Whitley Family. Dan, his sons Dan and David and grandson Eric Lambeth received their Certificates from President Hugh Richards. Jim Quinnely who sponsored Dan and his sons pinned the rosette on each of them, but it was Dan who sponsored his grandson Eric and had the privilege to pin the rosette on his grandson.

### **MASSING OF THE COLORS**

In February several members attended the Massing of the Colors at Forest Lawn in the Hollywood Hills. Three of these participants were at the meeting, so Jim & Sue Shadwick and Jim Blauer were presented their Partici-

pation Certificates.

### EAGLE SCOUTS

Back in January your newsletter carried an article about wanting to find out who in our chapter are Eagle Scouts. There was a reason for this. In December when Eagle Scout Chairman Jim Blauer was ordering more Eagle Scout Certificates he saw on the order form and item "Eagle Pin". He e-mailed the director of merchandise and inquired about the Eagle Pin. He found out it is a pin for those SAR members who are Eagle Scouts.

Even though there was no response from the members Jim knew that besides himself there were at least two and possible more members who are Eagle. So he ordered several Eagle Pins.

At our March meeting Jim Shadwick, Jim Blauer and Eric Lambeth were presented their Eagle Pins. One was also given to Jim Oakes for his son, Warren, who is currently on a two year mission in Taiwan.

We know of at least two more members (Wade Shannon & Walter Davis) that are Eagles and hope to present their pins to them in the near future.

### PATRIOT'S DAY PARADE

On March 4th your chapter was once again represented in the Laguna Beach Patriot's Day Parade. Jim Blauer, Dave Manning and his 1931 Model A Deluxe Coupe, Karen Carlson, Karl Jacobs(Harbor Chapter) and four of his Barbershop quartet buddies joined in the fun.

Jim Blauer carried the American Flag, Karen Carlson carried the SAR Flag and Karl Jacobs carried the Lee's Legion Flag. Our Barbershop Quartet in their spiffy red, white and blue shirts carried the banner.

This was the first year in a long time that we have not received an award(1st, 2nd, or 3rd) in the Antique Auto Division. We did however for the second year straight take second place in the Color Guard(Over 21) category. Many thanks to all the participants. It was a fun day and the saying "the more the merrier" really is true.

We were sorry that our Chaplain Lou Carlson was not able to make it with his wife, but he hurt his back and had to stay home and rest. Hope you are doing better Lou.

Thanks also to Dan Henry for picking up our trophy which we hope to have on display at the April Meeting.

### JULY 4TH PARADE

Okay, you have heard of the fun your chapter had in Laguna Beach, so lets start making plans for the July 4th Parade in Huntington Beach. This is the largest July 4th celebration West of the Mississippi. They usually have along the route some 300,000-500,000 people out to watch the parade. If you are interested contact Parade Chairman, Jim Blauer so he can make a note to send you the details when our entry information is received by him.

No uniforms are necessary. Red, white and blue are the colors of the day or for the ladies you may want to dress in the style of the 1770s.

### NATIONAL POSTER CONTEST

Though several members contacted and gave out information to schools where they live, only Whittman Elementary turned in posters for this year's contest. There were several received by the Richards' and they narrowed it down to three. They brought them

to the meeting and those in attendance voted on the one they thought best represented the theme for this year, "Winter at Valley Forge". Each of the entrants is only 10 years old. Ria Shah, John Shelton and Mark Ruiz. With the vote taken John Shelton was declared the chapter winner. His poster will now go to the State Meeting in Santa Clara in April for judging on the State level.

It is planned that all the poster participants will receive a Certificate for participating and our winner will be invited to attend our meeting to receive his award from the chapter. Check the photo pages for the three entries.

#### **COLOR GUARD REPORT**

Recently your Activity Chairman was contacted by State Color Guard Chairman Don Moran, who asked that a report be given on the Color Guard activities for our chapter in the last year. The following is the report made.

On February 20, 2005, at the Massing of the Colors, Jim Blauer represented the Orange County Chapter and their Lee's Legion Color Guard. Larry Magerkurth participated as a member of Washington's Guard.

On March 5, 2005 Jim Blauer represented the Orange County Chapter(Lee's Legion), participating in the Laguna Beach Patriot's Day Parade. We took first place in the Antique Auto Division and 2nd place in the Color Guard(Over 21) Category. There was an article in the Laguna News section of the Orange County Register about Jim , his chapter and their placement listings of the awards. There were four announcements along the route identifying the entry.

On July 4, 2005 Jim Blauer represented the Orange County Chapter(Lee's Legion) in the Huntington Beach Parade. We received 30

seconds of on air time on KOCE TV channel 50 with a description of our entry as well as six announcements along the route.

At the State meeting in April 2005, Jim Shadwick, Jim Blauer and Larry Magerkurth participated in the various Color Guard activities. This included the opening of the meetings, the Banquet opening and closing and the memorial service.

It was noted in the report that the activity Chairman was unable to make the Fall Board of Managers Meeting, but that both Jim Shadwick and Larry Magerkurth usually participated in the Color Guard Activities as they had in April. It was left to Compatriot Moran to fill in these blanks as he was there and would know for sure.

On February 19, 2006 Jim Blauer represented Orange County(Lee's Legion) at the Massing of the Colors and Larry Magerkurth participated as a member of Washington's Guard.

On March 4, 2006 Jim Blauer and Karen Carlson represented Orange County(Lee's Legion) in the Laguna Beach Patriot's Day Parade. We took 2nd place in the Color Guard(Over 21) category for the second year in a row. It was the first time in several years that we did not get a placement in the Antique Auto Division. Along with Jim and Karen we were joined by Karl Jacobs of the Harbor Chapter in his Lee's Legion uniform and four members of Karl's Barbershop quartet in their stars and stripes shirts. There were four announcements along the route.

#### **ANNUAL STATE MEETING**

On April 20-22, members from around the state will be meeting at the Marriott in Santa Clara. Here we will conduct business that deals

with the running of the State Society. Currently we have several State officers from our chapter who will be attending. They are State President Larry Magerkurth, State Secretary Jim Shadwick, State Chancellor John Dodd, State Chaplain Lou Carlson and State Historian Jim Blauer. Due to President Richards absence because of his trip to Italy we still need someone to represent the chapter for voting. As State officers the other compatriots have a vote for their office, but this does not give representation to the chapter. The Chapter is allowed one vote from the Chapter President and one vote for every 50 members or part thereof. So, we still have three openings for voting delegates from our chapter. One to represent President Richards, one to represent the first 50 members of our chapter and one to represent the other 20 or so members beyond the first 50. So, there are three openings that we would like to fill. This trip is tax deductible and you can contact State Secretary Jim Shadwick for the form to fill out for this.

Information is at the back of the California Compatriot for making hotel reservations and registration information. If you decide you wish to join us in Santa Clara please advise someone from the Board so you can be properly designated as a delegate from our chapter. The Board will then notify State Secretary Shadwick so the state has you down as a delegate from our chapter to the State Meeting.

Besides the business that is carried on we generally have several officers from the National level who attend. In many cases they are able to tell us about important projects on the National level and in some cases they are running for National office and are seeking the

State's endorsement.

At the Fall Board of Managers Meeting President General Downing spoke on The Center For Advancing America's Heritage. The new library they are building to house all our records back in Louisville. Treasurer General Bruce Wilcox spoke on the outreach programs that the state and chapters have to participate in that gets the community and the schools involved with the society.

While the men are in their meetings the Ladies Auxiliary is busy with theirs. So, should you want to bring your spouse along, she can join in the Ladies Auxiliary meeting and other activities.

Should you have any questions you can contact any of the chapters state officers listed in this write-up and they will be happy to help you.

#### HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

On April 22, while several of your chapter members are at the State Meeting, one member will be conspicuously absent. But we will forgive Rex Shannon who would normally attend the State Meeting as he and his wife, Mary Jo, will be celebrating with family and friends their 50th wedding anniversary. Our heartiest congratulations to Rex and Mary Jo. Have an enjoyable celebration.

#### JAMES MONROE PATRIOT & PRESIDENT

James Monroe was born on April 28, 1758 in Westmoreland County, Virginia to Colonel Spence Monroe and Elizabeth Jones Monroe. He was the eldest of four boys and a girl. Until he was twelve years old he studied at home with a tutor. His father arranged for him to attend the school of Parson Archibald

Campbell. By age 16 he entered the college of William and Mary, but with the fervor of the revolution at hand he joined the army at age 18.

He received an officers commission as a second lieutenant in the Third Virginia Volunteers. He joined Lt. Colonel Thomas Knowlton at the Battle of Harlem Heights on September 16, 1776. When Knowlton was killed during the battle Monroe was thrust into the position of command. It is said by some sources Monroe was wounded here and others say at the Battle of Trenton. What we do know is that he was wounded in the shoulder near the base of his neck and was save by a nearby surgeon fighting along side of him. The musket ball was lodged near a main artery which made it unwise to remove. So, it remained with him for the remainder of his life.

Lt. Monroe and Captain William Washington (George's Cousin) had been scouting across the Delaware and came upon the drunken Christmas celebrating Hessians. It was based on their report that General Washington ordered the crossing of the Delaware and attack on Trenton.

Having spent three months recovering. Upon his return to duty he was promoted to Major and saw action at Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth.

In between the Battles of germantown and Monmouth he spent the hard winter at Valley Forge, Here he spent his evenings reading the classics with Lafayette and another Frenchman and close friend, Pierre DuPonceau. With long periods of inactivity in camp they would spend their time reading selections of French Poetry, political plays by Nicholas Rowe and popular sermons by James Watson.

Following the Battle of Monmouth Monroe



was promised a commission and his own company. But, he was unable to raise the money for such a company and so in December 1778 at the age of 20 he retired from the Army a Lt. Colonel.

He returned to Virginia in hopes of obtaining a command in the State Line, but after two years of trying he gave up and took up civilian life once more.

In 1780 he was appointed Military Commissioner from Virginia by Governor Thomas Jefferson. His job was to develop an "express System of Communications" throughout the southern states to warn of advancing British troops headed North from the Carolinas.

Under the tutelage of Thomas Jefferson Monroe would study law which would lead to a very filled political career.

He served as Minister to France(1784-96), helped negotiate the Louisiana Purchase (1803), Sec. of State(1811-1817), Sec. of War(1814-15), President(1817-1825) and author of the Monroe Doctrine.

He died in New York City five years to the day after Jefferson and Adams, July 4, 1831\*\*\*

# Photo Album

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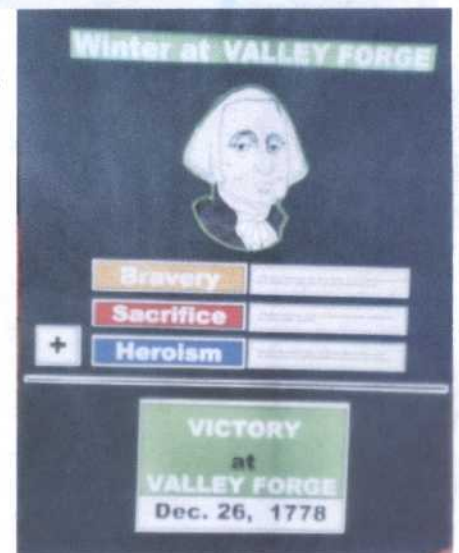
On March 4 Compatriot Jim Blauer was joined by Karen Calson, Karl Jacobs and his Barbershop Quartet firends and Dave Manning and his 1931 Moel A Deluxe Coupe. Karen Jim & Karl carried the flags.



For the first time in several years we did not bring home a trophy in the Antique Auto Division, but for the second year in a row took 2nd in the Color Guard over 21 category. This is in large part to Karl and his Barbershop friends in their patriotic shirts. Thanks guys.



This year we had three entries to chose from for the National Poster Contest. The theme was Winter at Valley Forge and John Shelton was voted the chapter winner for his poster (center right).



# Photo Album

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Rebecca Weeks our speaker at our March 11th meeting came as a bonnie Irish Lass and told us the story about St. Patrick. She brought many Irish items to display and even served the bread to those who wished to partake of this Irish staple. Below Rebecca shows off the Flag of St. Patrick. Awards Chairman Dan Henry presented Rebecca with a Certificate of Appreciation and President Hugh Richards presented her with a book on George Washington.



# Photo Album

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President Hugh Richards presented Membership Certificates to the Whitley family at left. Three generations at once. We hope they will come to our meetings often.



At our March meeting we had the induction of 3 generations of one family. Dan Whitley(far right), his sons, David and Dan(far left) and his grandson, Eric Lambeth. Jim Quinnelly pinned the rosette on Dan and his sons, but as sponsor it was Dan who pinned his

grandson, Eric(above right).



At left, Jim Blauer & Jim & Sue Shadwick received their Participation Certificates for their part in the Massing of the Colors in February.

Eagle Scout Pins were presented to those Eagles who were present. Below left Jim Shadwick and Jim Blauer and at right Eric Lambeth receive their pins. One was also presented to Jim Oakes for his son Warren who is currently on a two year mission in Taiwan.



We hope to be able to present more Eagle Pins to other Eagles in our chapter.

