



# Muskets & Broadsword

Orange County Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

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## MEETING INFORMATION

WHEN: January 14, 2005

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

Due to Hugh Richards' vacation schedule, I am writing one more President's Page message. I encourage you all to attend our January meeting, not only because we want to see you, but also because our own Larry Magerkurth, the current State President, first, will swear in the new board and then will fill us in on the happenings in the S.A.R. on both the State and National levels.

The S.A.R. has much more to offer than the local chapter meetings and many ways to participate. Please plan on attending to get the scoop on the latest happenings outside our County.

Also, a few of you have not paid your dues yet. For those of you who have not, please send them in right away so we do not have to go through the reinstatement process. Remember that the dues bill is incorrect in that it noted the total was \$53.00, but the three amounts total to \$58.00, which is the correct amount. For those of you who sent \$53, my apologies and please send the extra \$5.00 at your earliest convenience. Finally, please remember that you MUST pay all three levels of dues, i.e. chapter, state and national, totaling \$58.00.

The S.A.R. does not permit a Compatriot to be a member of only the chapter, so you can't send only the \$15.00.

Please remember to follow up with your local schools for the Poster Contest. Posters must be submitted to our chapter by March 1, 2006, so we can vote on them at the Chapter meeting. Each school can only submit one first-place winner for judging at our meeting. However, we will have something for all participants. Finally, in the event we only have one school participating, we will chose first, second and third place winners

from that school.

Finally, please remember to bring an item for the Ben Franklin box this next month and the following months. We will be devoting the proceeds of the raffle to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage in the name of the Orange County Chapter and hope to have some great prizes to spur on this effort. Thank you for your anticipated generosity, and we will see you at the meeting.

*John Dodd*

### ELECTION/INSTALLATION

At our December meeting the following Compatriots were elected to serve the 2006 term of office. President-Hugh L. Richards, Jr., Vice-President-Daniel J. Henry, Corresponding Secretary--James L. Wallace, Recording Secretary-James F. Blauer, Treasurer-Arthur A. Koehler, Registrar-James L. Quinnelly, and Chaplain-Louis V. Carlson, Jr.

They will be installed at our January meeting by chapter Compatriot and State President Larry J. Magerkurth. President Magerkurth will enlighten us on what is going on at both the State and National levels of the society.

There are still other positions that are appointed and have been listed in the last couple newsletters. In case you have forgotten and might be interested in one or more of them, they are; Parliamentarian, Sergeant-At-Arms, Newsletter Editor, Medals & Awards Chairman, Eagle Scout Chairman, Historian/Archivist, Chancellor, Information Technology Chairman (Webmaster), Activity Contest Chairman, Knight Essay Chairman, Oration Chairman, Valley Forge Project Chairman, Parade Chairman, and

JROTC/ROTC Chairman.

Contact incoming President Hugh Richards for a possible appointment to one of these positions if you are interested.

### CALLING ALL EAGLE SCOUTS

Your Eagle Scout Chairman wishes to do a head count of who in our chapter is an Eagle Scout. He would like to get a list of names, years rank achieved and how many merit badges were earned. An example would be, James F. Blauer 1966 26.

You can send your information via e-mail to [jblauer@pacbell.net](mailto:jblauer@pacbell.net) or send to Compatriot Blauer at 418 Pirate Road, Newport Beach, CA 92663-5829.

### CONFIRMED MEETING DATES

The following dates have been confirmed for our meetings with the management of the Sizzler Restaurant in Fullerton. They will continue to be on the second Saturday of each month except July and August, which are dark for Summer vacation.

The dates are; January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, September 9, October 14, November 11 and December 9.

Please take a moment to mark your calendars so you will not forget and join us for a wonderful gathering of camaraderie and fellowship.

Your Board is currently working on planning our speakers for the next couple months. If you know of someone(maybe even yourself) who has a program you feel would be one our chapter would enjoy, contact President-Elect Hugh Richards with the contact information and topic the individual talks on.

We have been very fortunate to have some really excellent speakers in the last several

years and wish to continue that quality for our members.

It is YOUR chapter. Help the Board make it and its meetings relevant with the types of programs you would like to have. Historical, genealogical, military, Patriotism, etc. Let the Board know, so they can take it into consideration when planning for our monthly speakers.

## CENTER FOR ADVANCING AMERICA'S HERITAGE

We know that our Society is not just another organization. Our SAR Constitution states that our objective is "to inspire the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government of our forefathers...". If our Society is to endure and have a bright future in a world that is increasingly motivated by political correctness at the cost of values, we must have the physical plant to have a meaningful future in our outreach programs and to achieve our objectives.

The SAR *Center For Advancing America's Heritage* is not just another building, but a vision becoming a reality. The *Center* will provide historical and genealogical capabilities to the general public as well as our Compatriots from its library and museum, promote understanding of the Revolutionary War period, increase the appreciation and belief in the principles of democracy and thus promote good citizenship, imbue people with patriotism, and provide quality educational programs to underserved students and occasionally misguided teachers.

The goals and objectives of the society and the *Center* are inextricably linked together.

In keeping with the historical objectives of the National Society, the new *Center for Advancing America's Heritage* will boast a

beautiful Jeffersonian look, in that it will take on some of the architectural attributes of Thomas Jefferson's design for Monticello and the University of Virginia. As such, it will be a source of enduring pride for all SARs. The facility is destined to become the foremost repository for Revolutionary War documents and artifacts. It will also enable the SAR to expand its already outstanding collection of military and genealogical records, books, manuscripts and other pertinent historical material.

The serene courtyard within the proposed *Center* will feature flags from the 13 original colonies. Plans call for pathways that will be paved with bricks purchased by Compatriots and Society friends. Upon request, an inscription on a particular brick will be emblazoned with the name of one's Patriot Ancestor.

Almost enough money has already been contributed or pledged by Compatriots, State Societies, Chapters and Foundations, to permit the start of construction of the proposed building across Fifth Street from National Headquarters in Louisville, but there is still much to be raised and each dollar counts. Our goal is \$6 million which will include an endowment to provide a permanent resource for SAR programs and facilities.

Your Orange County Chapter Executive Board approved a Chapter donation at its December meeting, but we need more chapter members to support this project. An investment in the future of this project of as little as \$1,000 spread over 5 years in affordable annual installments of \$200 would be very helpful, and it would make you part of this great project that means so much to the future of the SAR. Donors of this amount receive an antique copper with sapphire lapel pin and a certificate.

Larger donations and pledges have other attractive recognitions. Compatriot Rex Shannon can give you information about those, at (714) 669-3016, or email at [rexbshannon@cs.com](mailto:rexbshannon@cs.com). A pledge form for your use is attached to this copy of *Muskets & Broadsword*.

### EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM

Our Eagle Scout Program has had another successful year(2005). We began the year with having issued 5,906 Eagle Scout Certificates. We did another 490 Certificates bringing our ending figure to 6,396. We also had an Eagle entry into the Scholarship Contest. Kevin Jones came in 4th in the State competition.

We have a Chapter winner for State consideration this month in Jonathan Durfee. I will keep you apprized of his state standing when I hear from the State after the judging.

### PARADES

We are gearing up for the Patriot's Day Parade in Laguna Beach on March 4, 2006. We have received word that Karl Jacobs and the Sound Union Barbershop Quartet who were a part of our Color Guard last year and help to take 2nd place in the Color Guard (over 21) category will be joining us again for this fun event as we parade down the streets of Laguna Beach. If you would like to join in we would love to have you. The more the merrier. Contact Jim Blauer at [jblauer@pacbell.net](mailto:jblauer@pacbell.net) or (949)548-6871, so he can get the information and map to you. The parade will begin at 11am on this first Saturday of the month. So, mark your calendars for this fun event and join us for this patriotic activity.

### BOOK REVIEW

Presented by Art Koehler

*Washington's Generals: Nathaniel Greene and the Triumph of the American Revolution* by Terry Golway. Henry Holt & Co., 2005. \$26 ISBN 0-8050-7066-4.

During the Revolutionary War, General Nathaniel Greene was defeated tactically in every battle he fought, but he still won the war's most strategic victory.

This is the long overdue biography of perhaps the most underappreciated general officer in America's War for Independence. Greene was an amateur at war. Self-taught in military skills, he also was a man who knew how to get things done. He performed admirably as the Continental Army's quartermaster general, one of the few officers who understood the importance of supply, logistics, hygiene and morale.

Terry Golway describes Greene as a resilient fighter and details his bold and crafty campaign to defeat the British and save the southern colonies.

### BARON VON STEUBEN

Friedrich Wilhelm Ludolph Gerhard Augustin Von Steuben was born in Magdeburg, Germany on September 17, 1730 to William Augustine Steuben(1699-1781), a lieutenant of engineers. As a young child, Friedrich accompanied his father to Russia where William had been ordered by Friedrich I, King of Prussia and Elector of Brandenburg, to serve Tsarina Anne I of Russia. With the accession of Friedrich II of Prussia to the throne, Friedrich returned to Prussia with his father in 1740.

Just ten years old Friedrich was sent to Breslau where he was schooled by Jesuits and by age 17 had become an officer in the Prussian army. He served in the Seven Years War(1756-1763) in the infantry and as a Staff



Painted by Charles Wilson Peale in 1779 or 1780. Peale was a frequent visitor to Valley Forge encampment.

Officer. As a member of the General Staff he served periodically in Russia. His service was Commendable enough to receive a position and assignment at Friedrich The Great's headquarters. His experience here gave him a wealth of military knowledge that was unheard of even in the British and French armies of the time.

He was discharged in 1763 at the age of 33 with the rank of Captain in the army. He received the title of Baron when he became chamberlain at the Petty Court of Hohenzollern-Hechingen.

In 1771 he was the only courtier to accompany the Prince to France to secure funds. Failing to do so they returned to Prussia in 1775, deeply in debt and looking for a way to reverse his fortunes. He tried serving in the armies of Austria, Baden and France, but it was his discovery of Benjamin Franklin in Paris that made him think he might find work with the Continental Army in America.

He traveled to Paris in 1777 and was

fortunate to obtain the endorsement of the French Minister of War (Count De St. Germain), who realized the potential of an officer with Prussian General Staff training.

He met with Benjamin Franklin and Silas Deane concerning a possible commission in the American Army. His proposal was presented to the Continental Congress who were impressed by his title and his refusal to accept pay for his services. They sent for him and Benjamin Franklin sent along a letter of introduction calling Von Steuben a "Lieutenant General in the King of Prussia's service", which was an exaggeration of his actual credentials.

Having been advanced travel funds he left from Marseilles and on September 26, 1777 arrived at Portsmouth, New Hampshire and by December 1st, was being lavishly entertained in Boston.

On February 5, 1778 he joined the Congress who had taken refuge in York, Pennsylvania after being ousted from Philadelphia. They accepted his offer to volunteer for service without pay for the time and on the 23rd was sent to Valley Forge where he met up with General Washington and his staff. Though he did not speak English, his French was adequate, so that he could communicate with men like Alexander Hamilton and Nathaniel Greene. They assisted Steuben in drafting a training program for the soldiers which received Washington's approval when presented to him in March.

Training began with the selection of 100 men who when trained were sent out to the various brigades to work with training the men. They were trained with and without firearms. His progressive training moved from the school for the soldier to the school of the regiment. His drills and instruction would become the basis

for the military "Blue Book" of training.

He was also concerned about camp sanitation and developed standards of sanitation and camp layout that would be a standard a century and a half later.

His work was put to the test at Barren Hill on May 20, 1778 and then at the Battle of Monmouth. Washington recommended Von Steuben be appointed as Inspector General on April 30 and on May 5th Congress approved it.

While serving in Washington's Headquarters in the Summer of 1778, it was he who first reported the movement of enemy troops heading to Monmouth.

During the Winter of 1778-79 Steuben wrote out his "Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States". This "Blue Book" would remain the standard for the next three decades.

Following the Winter of 1779-1780 he was commissioned to represent Washington at Congress regarding the reorganization of the army.

He traveled and worked with Nathaniel Greene in the Southern Campaign that would eventually lead to Yorktown. He delivered 450 Continentals to Lafayette in June 1781. Though he was forced to take some sick leave he was able to return for the final campaigns at Yorktown.

In 1783 he assisted Washington in demobilizing the army and the defense plan for the new nation.

He was discharged from the military with honor on March 24, 1784. That same month the State of Pennsylvania Legislature made Von Steuben an American Citizen.

He retired to New York, where this grateful state gave him 16,000 acres of land. This was secured in large part by Alexander Hamilton. In



July 1786 New York would also grant Von Steuben citizenship.

Though a very prominent figure, Von Steuben did not have good business acumen and found himself in financial difficulties. It is believed he was waiting for the U.S. Government to give him some sort of financial compensation for his service. This did not come until June of 1790 when he was granted a pension of \$2,500 yearly. His financial problems were not relieved until Alexander Hamilton and other friends helped him obtain a "friendly" mortgage on his property.

He was a bachelor and died in 1794, at age 64, leaving his property to his former aides, William North and Benjamin Walker.

Steuben Day is celebrated in New York in September, around the time of his birthday, with a parade and country fair serving German food, with music and costumes. The parade is on 5th avenue and a Volkfest (People's Festival) is held in Central Park. \*\*\*

# Capital Campaign Pledge Form

**PLEASE SEND THIS FORM TO:** The SAR Foundation, Inc., 1000 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203

To make possible the construction of a new Center for Advancing America's Heritage and to inspire my fellow Compatriots to support the patriotic, historical and educational mission of SAR, I/we pledge the following sum:

\_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ I wish this gift to remain anonymous.

A check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed, payable to: SAR Foundation, Inc.

The balance will be paid as follows: Year 1 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Year 2 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Year 3 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Year 4 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I/we expect to make the next payment on \_\_\_\_\_ (month/year)

Special Instructions or Designations: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

SAR Society/Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Photo Album

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San Diego Fall Meeting



At top left Larry Magerkurth( in Uniform) presides over the presentation of the plaque for the San Diego Presidio, designating it a Revolutionary War Site in California. Having done Monterey in 2004, leaves Santa Barbara & San Francisco Presidios. Top right John Dodd receives Certificate. The Chapter took the Most Awards & Medals and Most Life Membership Catagories in the Activity Contest. At left President Larry Magerkurth congratulates those who made a special donation to the new Library in Louisville. Chapter President John Dodd is third from left.



Below left Chapter President John Dodd is awarded the Patriot Medal by State President Larry Magerkurth. Below right Rex Shannon receives The Distinguished Service Medal & Certificate from President Larry Magerkurth. These are the two highest awards the state can bestow on a member.

