



# Muskets & Broadsword

Orange County Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

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## MEETING INFORMATION

WHEN: May 13, 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

*Buon giorno!!* Karen and I have returned from Italy, tired but happy. I feel like we walked from one end of the country to the other (ooooh, aching feet!), and we saw many interesting and beautiful sights. Although the trip was very enjoyable and we were happy to have the time with our oldest daughter and her husband, and enjoyed the Italian cuisine, it's nice to be home to American plumbing, American TV, and American drivers! I'm looking forward to seeing you at our next chapter meeting on May 13. I want to thank our immediate Past President, John Dodd, for filling in for me in April, as well as the other chapter officers for their help.

At this month's meeting, our speaker will be Mr. Paul Sharaba, a professional reenactor who will provide a look at Patrick Henry (see May 2002 issue for write up on Patrick Henry). Mr. Sharaba comes highly recommended by our Treasurer, Arthur Koehler, who has known him for some time through his work at Knott's Berry Farm. Arthur has high praise for his performances. Mr. Sharaba is making a significant concession to entertain us, so let's show our appreciation by getting a large group to attend and enjoy his presentation. Also at the May meeting, we will have a report on the CASSAR Spring Membership Meeting in Santa Clara. Our Chaplain, Lou Carlson was successful in his campaign for State Vice President – South, and will also continue in his current office as State Chaplain. In addition, our chapter won "most medals and certificates" and "most new life memberships." For the second year in a row, our Chapter entry won first prize in the state Americanism Poster Contest, and will be entered in the National competition in July. The

winner this year is again a student at Wittmann Elementary School in Cerritos. This school has produced a number of enthusiastic participants for the last three years. I hope that next year our members can inspire interest in the contest in other schools.

John and Karen Dodd have offered, in response to popular demand, to once again host our Chapter Summer Barbeque at their home, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for their kindness. It is currently planned for Saturday, July 29th, and will be similar to the previous two BBQs, with the Chapter furnishing the meat and the basics, and the members bringing potluck dishes. We will also appreciate any donations of beverages, etc. John is contacting the other chapters and state officers to extend our invitation. I'll have more details in later newsletters as we approach the date for the event.

I will be preparing the chapter and board meeting agendas for the May meeting shortly. Please notify me if you have any items that you would like to have included (my cutoff date is May 11). I hope that everyone has enjoyed our meeting programs so far this year. I am still working on lining up a speaker for June, and have a couple of leads on interesting people. I hope to have the entire Fall program lineup established by mid-summer. If you have any suggestions for programs, or know of any speakers that we might enjoy, let me know.

As usual, we will be holding the Executive Board meeting after the Chapter meeting, and you are welcome to attend. As summer approaches, remember that, even though we will not have meetings in July or August, you

can keep up with what's going on by checking our chapter website at <http://www.orangecountysar.org>. Web-master Arthur Koehler will post any important information there.

A highlight of each meeting is the Ben Franklin opportunity drawing, and the more prizes we have, the better! We appreciate any prize contributions that you want to bring, and don't forget that it's also customary to bring a prize for this month's drawing if you won something last month. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you, and I may even greet you in Italian!

*Hugh Richards*, President

#### SPEAKER PAUL SHARABA

I have been portraying Patrick Henry for over 8 years. I started out in 1998 performing at Independence Hall at Knotts Berry Farm and have been there ever since. I currently portray Ben Franklin as well there. I usually do 2 or 3 performances a day for school tours as they take field trips throughout the year. The two performances are done on an interactive level whereby the students can talk to Ben or Patrick on a one to one basis.

I started performing these two historians as a backup for the then Re-enactor and having been in the education dept since 1993, was next in line to take over for him when he retired.

My general background has been an Actor on the live theater musical stage for over 35 years. I also do other presentations and re-enactments of a Fur Trapper/Mountain Man, Wrong-Way Corrigan, Roy Orbison, and my most favorite character is Lou Costello. I am currently working on a Comedy Duo to perform in and around Orange County. I have performed for Hospitals, Civic Centers, Libraries, Fund Raisers, 4th of July and Constitution Day

Ceremonies, and countless fraternal organizations.

Thank you for the publicity and I look forward to speaking at your Meeting on May 13th.

### EAGLE SCOUTS

At our April meeting we recognized another Eagle Scout in our membership. Compatriot Wade Shannon was presented his Eagle Scout Pin by Eagle Scout Chairman Jim Blauer.

To recap we have given out Eagle Pins to Jim Shadwick, Eric Lambeth, Jim Blauer, Warren Oakes and Wade Shannon. If there are any other members who are Eagles we would like to recognize this fact and present you with an Eagle Pin. Please Contact Compatriot Blauer at [jblauer@pacbell.net](mailto:jblauer@pacbell.net) and he will get a pin for you and will make arrangements for its presentation, hopefully at our meetings.

We have one more that we are aware of at this time and hope to make that presentation this month.

### EAGLE CHAPTER WINNERS

At our May meeting we plan to have the chapter winners from the last two years in the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest. Kevin Jones(2005) and Jonathan Durfee(2006) will be on hand to accept their participation patch and medal as the chapter winners. We encourage all our chapter Eagles to attend and wear your Eagle badge.

### POSTER CONTEST

At our March meeting we selected the poster created by John Shelton as our chapter winner this year. That poster was taken to the State Meeting in Santa Clara(April;20-23) for judging at that level of the competition. There was only one other entry, from Gold Country, one of our

northern chapters in the state.

John Shelton's poster was voted the best by a 2 to 1 margin. This is the second year in a row for our chapter to have the State winner in this contest and his poster will now be going to National in July for judging at that level.

John and the other entrants this year will be receiving certificates and John will receive a check for \$50 from the chapter. We will update you with photos on our Photo Album page as presentations occur.

### JULY 4TH PARADE

The July 4th parade is coming up. If you want to join in the fun and take part contact Parade Chairman Jim Blauer so that when he receives the information on our place in the line up and location, he can get the information to you.

### INDEPENDENCE DAY BALL

Here is a unique way to help celebrate our nation's birthday and help a good cause at the same time. On Saturday July 1, 2006 a Colonial Ball will be held at the Norwalk Masonic Lodge, 12345 Rosecrans Ave., Norwalk. It will run from 6:30pm-11:30pm and is \$30 per person. There is a \$5.00 discount if you get your reservations in by May 31st. Checks should be made out to the Montpelier Foundation.

Proceeds go to help the Montpelier Foundation, which is conducting a major renovation of the home of James Madison, the Father of the Constitution and author of the Bill of Rights. Plans are to return the mansion to the time when James and Dolly Madison lived there.

The Ball will feature the musical talents of The Whim and caller Ed St. Germain. Colonial attire is welcome, but not required. Instructions will be provided for all dances.

Dinner will be potluck(bring your own dishes and silverware or be stuck with paperplates and plastic forks).

For tickets and more information contact Dana Parker, 5408 Vista Fortuna, Cypress, CA 90630, (714) 761-0233, or e-mail at: [jazzlover01@juno.com](mailto:jazzlover01@juno.com). Please include your e-mail address if you have one with your check to facilitate reaching you. Your early response will help facilitate planning and is much appreciated.

### ANNUAL STATE MEETING SANTA CLARA

Several of your fellow compatriots attended the State meeting in Santa Clara (April 20-23). Those in attendance from our chapter included, State President Larry Magerkurth, State Secretary Jim Shadwick, State Chancellor John Dodd, State Chaplain Lou Carlson and State Historian Jim Blauer. The wives included Barbara Magerkurth, Sue Shadwick and Karen Carlson.

John Dodd has stepped down as State Chancellor. Jim Shadwick and Jim Blauer were reelected to their State offices. Lou Carlson was elected to the Vice-President South and when no one was found to take over the position of Chaplain Lou agreed to stay on in that position.

Larry Magerkurth passed the helm of State President over to Bob Ebert. Larry will Chair the committee on the planning for the 2008 National Congress which will be held in Sacramento that Summer.

Besides the Poster Contest win at the State Meeting we also took home the chapter awards for Most Medals and Certificates and Most Life Memberships. Now we just need to get more new members and supplementals to make a run for the best chapter in the State

### Activity Contest.

A memorial service was held in the Courtyard of the Hotel for all those Compatriots who passed away since the Fall Meeting. When the bagpipers failed to show up, our own Jim Blauer was drafted to lead the singing of **Aamzing Grace**. Compatriot Blauer also served as a member of the Washington Guards Color Guard on Saturday.

Speaking of Color Guards the State has created a new set of Color Guard Medals for those who participate in Color Guard events. They are called the Von Steuben Medals and come in Bronze, Silver and Gold. They were created in response to the fact that the medals issued by National are only for those who do Color Guard duty at National Congresses and does not address all that is going on at the State and Chapter level.

The Bronze medal may be given out by the chapter to its members who it feels have done enough Color Guard duty to merit this award( Your editor suspects we will have several presentations in the near future).

The Silver and Gold medals will be issued by the State and must be approved by the State Commander and State President for presentation at the State meetings.

If you have received any of the three National medals(bronze, Silver or Gold) you are automatically entitled to the corresponding State Medal. More information will be coming on these in the next **California Comaptriot**.

One of the more important things your chapter will have to address, as reported by State Secretary Jim Shadwick, is the constant watch on the mailing addresses of the members. Our State Society had 80 wrong addresses at the last mailing of the *Compatriot* for a cost of \$125 and National had 500 wrong



addresses. So, to all members of our chapter please notify our chapter secretary, Jim Wallace and State Secretary, Jim Shadwick, of any changes in address, so we don't lose money and you don't miss your mailings from chapter, state and National. National can only go by what the State gives them and State can only go by what your chapter gives them.

At one point during the State Meeting President Larry Magerkurth asked the Orange County Contingent to come to the podium where he presented to Compatriot Jim Blauer his 25th Anniversary Certificate and Pin. Jim joined the society on April 29, 1981 through the Santa Barbara Chapter as that is where his cousin lived who did the paperwork. In 1983 Jim Transferred to the Orange County Chapter and has been serving faithfully ever since, holding many positions in the chapter as well as State Registrar and Historian.

And finally, congratulations go out to Compatriot Lou Carlson who was presented the Patriot Medal, the highest State award, by President Larry Magerkurth at the Banquet.

### NATHANIEL GREENE

Second only to General Washington, Nathaniel Greene was the most capable of all of Washington's Generals.

He was born in on August 27, 1742 at Potowomut in Warwick, Rhode Island to Nathaniel Greene Sr. and second wife Mary Motte. Nathaniel Sr was a quaker who worked as a farmer and smith. His sect discouraged "literary accomplishments", but that did not stop young Nathaniel who educated himself with a special study of mathematics, history of military tactics and law. He loved books and learned to read and write Latin. Young Nathaniel was also influenced by the Rev. Ezra Stiles, who would later become president



of Yale University.

He moved to Coventry, Rhode Island in 1770 to take charge of his family-owned Forge (foundry) just prior to his father's passing. He pushed for the establishment of a public school and became a member of the Rhode Island General Assembly. He was reelected in 1771, 1772, and 1775.

Having become a strong sympathizer of the Whig position, he helped to organize a militia unit in October 1774, called the Kentish Guards. At this same time he was amassing a library on military tactics and proceeded to teach himself the art of war. He was appointed to a committee by the State assembly in December 1774 to revise the militia laws. His passion for work in the area of military matters would lead to his expulsion from the Quakers.

Even though he help to raise a unit of men to help the American forces around Boston, he was passed over for an officers commission due to a bad limp he had had from childhood. He was determined to serve and did so as a private.

He was promoted on May 8, from Private to Brigadier General by vote of the townsmen of his militia as there were no high-ranking

officers from his town there. They had traveled to Cambridge in response to the siege of Boston. At the age of 33 he was the youngest General in the Rhode Island Militia. He used all his talents and knowledge as he helped to organize the supplies for the American Army.

On June 22 he was appointed a Brigadier General of the Continental Army, the youngest Brigadier appointed by Congress. Given his talents, General Washington assigned him the command of the city of Boston once it was evacuated by General Howe and the British in March of 1776.

On August 9, 1776 at the insistence of General Washington, Greene was promoted to Major General and was given command of the Continental troops on Long Island. Though he chose the place for fortifications and built the redoubts at Fort Putnam(now Fort Greene), a severe illness prevented Greene from taking part in the Battle of Long Island.

He was given the command of Fort Lee, on the New Jersey side of the Hudson River until October 26, when he succeeded General Israel Putnam as Commander of Fort Washington. Though ordered to defend the fort at all costs, General Washington told him to use his own discretion. Though Colonel Magaw was in immediate Command of the fort it was Greene who was blamed for the losses of Forts Washington and Lee.

General Greene had educated himself well in the understanding of the need and logistics to supply an army. As such he was appointed Quarter Master General by Congress during the harsh winter at Valley Forge(1777-1778). He would organize foraging parties and they would scour the countryside looking for food. He developed a system of field depots where supplies would be held. He remained in this

position until 1780.

At the Battle of Trenton, December 26, 1777, he commanded one of the two columns of Americans. He then pressed Washington to continue on to Princeton where victory was to occur on January 3, 1778. Though Brandywine and Germantown were defeats for the Americans Greene helped to command troops at both engagements. At Germantown with a longer distance to travel than General Sullivan he was late getting there, but both he and his troops distinguished themselves in this fight.

He was at the head of the right wing at the Battle of Monmouth in June 1778. In August 1778 he and Lafayette were in Rhode Island to help with Admiral D'Estang. Two years later in June 1780 he commanded the troops at the Battle of Springfield. On September 29, he presided over the court that condemned Major John Andre to death.

He succeeded General Gates as Commander of the Southern Army on October 14. He took command of Charlotte, North Carolina on December 2. By dividing his forces and forcing the British to do the same, helped Daniel Morgan's victory at Cowpens on January 17, 1781. After his defeat at the Battle of Guilford Court House, Greene watched as Cornwallis began his move North to Virginia. On September 8th he engaged British forces under Lt. Col. James Stuart at Eutaw Springs. Though a tactical draw, the British were so weakened they withdrew to Charleston where Greene was able to keep them penned up for the duration of the war. This assisted in the final blow at Yorktown the next month.

He twice refused the post of Secretary of War. He settled on his estate given to him by the State of Georgia in 1785. He died there on June 19, 1786 from Sunstroke. He was 44.\*\*\*



# Photo Album

May 2006



We took 2nd place in the Color Guard over 21 Division in the Laguna Beach Patriot's Day Parade. The trophy, photos and judging sheet are on display. Speaker Richard Dodd, father of Compatriot John Dodd receives thanks for his presentation on the architecture of Orange County with a Certificate of



Appreciation and a book on George Washington. At right Wade Shannon receives his Eagle Scout Pin presented by Eagle Chairman Jim Blauer. Below Jim Blauer receives his 25th Anniversary Pin & Certificate from John Dodd at the Chapter meeting and Larry Magerkurth at the State Meeting.



Larry invited the members of the Orange County Chapter attending the State Meeting to join him up front for this special presentation. Jim became a member on April 29, 1981.





# Photo Album

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Above are the posters from the Contest. At left the winning poster is from Orange County. At left President Magerkurth welcomed all who attended the President's Dinner at Pedro's Restaurant Friday night.



Above Jim Shadwick makes his case in running for Trustee. Below the full color guard at the memorial service. Jim Blauer far left and Larry Magerkurth third from right.



Above Lou Carlson presides at the Memorial service. Larry Magerkurth at left and Jim Blauer at right are in Color Guard uniform for the ceremony.



Below Jim & Sue Shadwick are looking mighty fine at the Banquet on Saturday night.





# Photo Album

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At left are prizes for the raffle conducted by the Ladies Auxiliary to help raise funds for SAR projects.

At right Ben Franklin bestows some of his wisdom on those attending the banquet.



New State officers are installed for the California SAR. Jim Blauer in uniform at left is State Historian. Jim Shadwick 3rd from left in photo above right is State Secretary and Lou Carlson next to Compatriot Shadwick is state VP South and Chaplain. Below the Ladies Auxiliary officers are installed. Barbara Magerkurth far left, Sue Shadwick 4th from left and Karen Carlson 3rd from right . Congratulations to all.



Congratulations to Lou Carlson who was presented the Patriot Medal by President Larry Magerkurth for service to State and Chapter.

