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MEETING INFORMATION

WHEN: September 9, 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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, Fall is nearly upon us, and *Muskets and Broadsword* is resuming its regular publication schedule. I am looking forward to ending our Summer hiatus and seeing you all again at our regular meetings on the second Saturday of the month. We will resume our meetings this month at the Sizzler restaurant, 1401 N. Harbor Boulevard, in Fullerton. Social period begins at 11:00 a. m., and the meeting will be called to order at 11:30.

At this month's meeting, our speaker will be Commander Charles "Chuck" Lampman, our Compatriot from Riverside Chapter, who will provide us with his presentation on "The Battle of the Capes." Chuck has an extensive list of excellent presentations, and this is one of his newest programs. Becoming interested in the history of the American Revolution at an early age, he has done extensive in-depth research at educational institutions and at actual Revolutionary War sites. Chuck is very active in the SAR, having held a number of offices in the State and National Societies, and has been honored with many medals and awards, including the NSSAR Minuteman award, its highest award, for his work at the national level. I encourage all of you to turn out for Chuck's presentation, which promises to be highly informative and entertaining.

With the coming of Fall, it's once again time to remind you that it's time to pay your annual dues. Unless you are a Life Member, please mail your checks to our Corresponding Secretary Jim Wallace at 435 S. Shields Drive, Anaheim, CA 92804-2021, along with any change of address information. It's important that we receive your payment by

December 1, in order for you to remain an active member and to ensure that you continue to receive the *SAR Magazine*, the *California Compatriot*, and *Muskets and Broadsword* without missing any issues.

In the last issue of *Muskets and Broadsword*, I reported that our Chapter entry had won first prize in the state Americanism Poster Contest for the second year in a row. Since then, our winning student was presented with his chapter and state awards in June, and his poster was taken to the 116th National Congress in Dallas in July and entered into the National competition. I'm happy to report that the poster was awarded second place in the National competition, and I have been told that it was a close contest. Our student will receive the National prize this month at an assembly at his school. For our chapter to receive both a first and a second place National award in two years is quite an accomplishment. I hope that our record of successful entries will provide an incentive for our members to go out into their community schools and promote the contest for next year with the fourth and fifth grade history teachers. The theme for 2007 will be "Yorktown, and the contest information is available on the NSSAR website at <http://www.sar.org/youth/americanism.html>.

Our Third Annual Summer Barbeque, held at the home of John and Karen Dodd, provided a highly enjoyable afternoon. The weatherman provided us with a welcome break from the extreme hot weather of the preceding couple of weeks. The Chapter furnish the hamburgers, ribs, and turkey, all cooked to perfection by John on his stable of BBQ grills, and the other attendees brought a delicious array of potluck dishes salads, side

dishes, and desserts – no one went away hungry! In addition to Orange County Chapter members, we were joined by members from other chapters in the area and some of our state officers. During the festivities, Karen Dodd was awarded the Martha Washington Medal for her outstanding work in organizing the annual barbecues at her home for the last three years, and Rex Shannon was awarded the Silver Good Citizenship Medal for outstanding community service. We held a Ben Franklin Opportunity Drawing, with many fine prizes donated by the attendees – there were enough so that no one went home without something.

Our Executive Board meeting will be held immediately following the Chapter meeting, and all members are welcome to attend. I will soon begin preparing agendas for the Membership or Board meetings. If you have any items which you would like to have included, please let me know by September 7. During the summer break, I have been arranging for interesting programs for our Fall meetings. I have lined up an interesting program for the October meeting, and have a couple of good possibilities to choose from for November. In December, we will have election of officers for 2007, as well as our annual Christmas gift exchange.

If you won a prize at the Ben Franklin opportunity drawing at the last meeting you attended (If you were at the BBQ, this means *you*, because everyone won something!), be sure to bring something for this month's drawing. Even if you didn't win last time, we welcome anything that you wish to contribute for a prize. Our Ben Franklin drawing is one of our prime fund raisers for the chapter, and the more prizes we have, the better the

participation and the more fun we have.

Our Webmaster, Arthur Koehler makes it possible for you to keep informed of our chapter events and pertinent information by regularly updating our website at <http://www.orangecountysar.org>. Check it out. In closing, I urge you to come out to this month's meeting to support your chapter, and so that we will have a large, enthusiastic audience for our speaker, Compatriot Lampman!

Hugh Richards, President

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

Commander C. R. "Chuck" Lampman, USN Ret.

Commander Lampman was born and spent his early years in the Hudson River Valley of New York. Frequent trips with family and relatives to places such as Fort Ticonderoga, Crown Point, and the Saratoga Battlefield gave him an early appreciation for history and the events of the American Revolution.

Chuck has done extensive in-depth research since 1993 at various educational institutions and at actual Revolutionary War sites, both in the North and South.

He is a retired Navy Commander, Past President and National Trustee of the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and Past Vice-President General of the Western District covering California, Nevada, and Hawaii. He is the past National Society General Chairman of all of the Committees under the direction of the Historian General. Currently he is the NSSAR Color Guard Commander.

He has been recognized by the California Legislature and the Houses of Representatives for his efforts to promote patriotic education and for his writings on the American

Revolution.

Commander Lampman is the recipient of three national awards: The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution *Founder's Medal*, the Ellen Hardin Walworth Medal for Patriotism for 1999; the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge *George Washington Honor Medal* for 2001; and the Daughters of Colonial Wars award for the preservation of colonial history.

Commander Lampman has been awarded several SAR medals and awards: Patriot, Distinguished Service, Meritorious Service (twice), Silver and Bronze Good Citizenship, War Service, Gold/Silver/Bronze/Amity color guard medals, and the Veterans medal. In 2006, he was awarded the NSSAR Minuteman award, its highest award, for his work at the national level.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Several services were attended by members of our chapter back in May.

On May 26(Friday) Jim Blauer attended the services held at his alma mater, Newport Harbor High School in Newport Beach. This service is held to remember those alumni who gave the ultimate sacrifice. There is a plaque at the base of the WWII monument flagpole that lists the names of those who died in the service of our country. This service which began about 5 years ago has gradually grown to include students, veterans, alumni and members of the community. Now if we could only get a color guard to present and raise the colors, that would be neat.

On May 29(Monday) members, Jim Blauer, Jim & Sue Shadwick, Walter Davis, Doug Willey, Charles Beal, Charles' mother, and Donna Cole, widow of compatriot Earl Cole attended services at the Old Santa Ana

Cemetery. Jim Shadwick, Jim Blauer and Walter Davis presented the colors for the chapter.

That same day Lou Carlson was busy presiding over the ceremonies at Fairhaven Memorial Park.

JULY 4TH PARADE

For our nineteenth straight year the Orange County Chapter participated in the Huntington Beach July 4th Parade.

This year Jim Blauer and Dave Manning were joined by Lou and Karen Carlson and Carlos Ramirez. Jim and Karen carried the banner. They were followed by Dave Manning and his 1931 Model A Deluxe Coupe. Following Dave was Carlos Ramirez and his 2004 Chrysler convertible with Lou Carlson riding with him.

The parade was broadcast that afternoon on channel 50(KOCE). It was then rebroadcast on both HBTv-3 and Time Warner Channel 6 during the month. There were 28 more broadcasts during July on these two channels. This resulted in 145 points just for publicity on television for our monthly activity report.

Carlos was new to our parade this year, but I am happy to report he is already making plans for next year.

There was plenty of room for riders in both cars. We had the back seat in Carlos' car and the front and rumble seat in Dave's Model A.

Hopefully, next year we can get more of you out to participate in this fun parade.

While some were busy with the parade others were busy also. Art Koehler was giving tours at Independence Hall at Knott's Berry Farm from 10am to 1pm. Walter Davis was busy doing the "Ringing of the Bell" ceremony held at the Carehouse Healthcare Center where 64 patients and staff were in

attendance. As each of the 13 original states were announced a flag was displayed and the bell was rung in their honor. For details about this program you can go to www.let-freedom-ring.org/.

On July 3, Compatriot Bill Campbell attended the 11th Annual City of Orange celebration at Frank Kelly Stadium. On July 4th he was a part of the Orange Park Acres July 4th Parade, riding in a bright red convertible and waving to the crowd.

COMPATRIOT VISITS HISTORIC SITES

While on vacation with his family, Compatriot Dan Henry visited several historical sites.

He visited the National Headquarters of our society in Louisville, Kentucky; the museum and only remaining block house at Fort Pitt where his ancestor Hezekiah Lindsey served; Valley Forge; the grave of his Rev. War ancestor Pvt Richard Spires of the 3rd Maryland Line; received a Private evening tour of Independence Hall in Philadelphia; visited Tun Tavern, the birthplace of the United States Marine Corps on November 10, 1775; the graves of five signers of the Declaration of Independence, including Benjamin Franklin's; Washington Square where 2000 Revolutionary War prisoners are buried; New York City's St. Paul Cathedral where Washington went to pray following his inauguration as President in 1789; grave site of Alexander Hamilton; Zachary Taylor's grave; the Hermitage, home of Andrew Jackson; and the final home of George Rogers Clark.

3RD ANNUAL BARBECUE

The Orange County Chapter hosted the Third Annual SAR Barbecue at the home of John and Karen Dodd. Your chapter supplied the basics and members and guests brought salads, side dishes and desserts. It was a very nice day with

little heat like what we had been experiencing. There were about 35 in attendance from Orange County, San Diego, Harbor, Riverside, Redlands and General Patton Chapters.

This year your chapter decided to have a Ben Franklin Drawing. The chapter took in about \$175 while every couple or individual went away with a prize.

Several awards were announced. The chapter presented the Silver Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate to Rex Shannon for all his work in the public sector over the years. Karen Dodd was presented the Martha Washington Medal and certificate for her untiring efforts in hosting the Barbecue the last three years.

On a National Level it was announced that our entry in the Poster Contest which took first place at State, took second place at National. It was a very close call between first and second. John Shelton will receive a Certificate from National and a check. He has previously received a check and Certificate from the State.

Karl Jacobs, our state's Executive Vice-President, attended the National Congress in Dallas in July. There he picked up an award for one of our Compatriots. At the Barbecue he presented the Liberty Medal and Certificate to Jim Blauer. This National Award is for those who have been the first line signer(sponsor) on 10 applications. Having got his cousin Kyle Gough in last year gave Jim 10.

Congratulations!!!

PRESIDENT BUSH RECEIVES SAR AWARD

On July 1, just prior to the National Congress President General Henry McCarl was at the White House to present President Bush with the Distinguished Patriot Award. He was joined by Executive Director James Randall and



Participating in the ceremony in the Oval Office were (from left): Executive Director James N. Randall, President George W. Bush, President General Henry N. McCarl and Louisiana Compatriot William (Bill) Allerton.

William (Bill) Allerton of the Louisiana Society.

Established in 1986-87 term of President General Clovis H. Brakebill, it may only be given once by a PG during his tenure to an American Citizen for outstanding patriotism to the country. Bob Hope was the first recipient of this award. Ronald Reagan also received it following his terms in office.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

On July 31, two days after the Annual Barbecue Compatriot Rex Shannon went in for hip replacement surgery. He is home and on the mend, but will be out of commission for a couple months. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Rex for a speedy and pain free recovery.

We continue to send our thoughts and prayers to Walter and Helen Davis as Helen resides at Carehouse Healthcare Center.

THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

The United States Coast Guard is the oldest continuous maritime agency in our country. Its history is complicated as it is an amalgamation of five Federal agencies. The Revenue Cutter Service, the Lighthouse Service, the Steamboat Inspection Service, the Bureau of Navigation and the Lifesaving Service were originally independent of one another, yet had overlapping authority. They were moved around from one department of the