



# Muskets & Broadsword

Orange County Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

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## MEETING INFORMATION

When: May 12, 2007

Where: The Sizzler Restaurant  
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

May is upon us and our chapter continues our work in various activities & duties to further the cause & perpetuate the memory of our ancestors. Your ancestors & mine lived in much more difficult times and regardless of the political climate, they worked very hard, day in & day out, just to survive, provide for their families & build futures for generations to come. We remain grateful that they had the backbone, courage, fortitude & faith to grind forth.

What a legacy they have left us & by our membership in the SAR & other heritage organizations we can help preserve their dreams & ideals that have sustained our nation these many years. Our state society had another successful meeting in El Segundo recently & we extend our congratulations to Karl Jacobs of the Harbor Chapter who was sworn in as this year's incoming California State Society President. We know Karl will do a fine job & look forward to supporting his work & term in office.

Some Revolutionary War dates in May to think about such as: Fort Ticonderoga's capture under the leadership of Ethan Allen & Benedict Arnold on May 10, 1775 despite the flap between Arnold & Allen for overall leadership of the American forces there. Ethan Allen ultimately prevailed since he brought the troops & Arnold had none. The Second Continental Congress convened that same day down in Philadelphia. In the historical record it was noted that a British surgeon visited an American encampment & noted that the "American's are a drunken, canting, lying, praying and hypocritical rabble without order." We'll despite the surgeon's comment I think the patriots fared pretty well. On May 2nd in 1776 King Louis XVI of France committed to the sum of one

million livres of secret military aid to the Colonies. In May of 1779 Sullivan's expedition begins in upstate New York and in about four months he lays waste to the lands of the Six Nations but especially devastating the lands of the Iroquois so much so that they never recover from it. Charleston, SC surrenders to the British on May 12, 1780. Later that same month the battle of the Waxhaws is waged ending with the brutal massacre of surrendering American troops giving the Continentals a new term "Tarleton's quarter". Crawford's expedition into the Ohio country ends in disaster with the Continentals losing about 250 men and with Col. Crawford being scalped & slowly burned alive for over two hours till he finally died as a large force of hostile Indians took brutal revenge on him for an unrelated massacre to their people earlier.

It's that time of year as high schools in our area are having their JROTC awards ceremonies. Our chapter has provided the SAR Bronze JROTC Medal & Certificate to these deserving cadets for years and we continue to do so. However I need some extra help this year as my family vacation is right at the busiest time of these awards ceremonies. Our loyal compatriot Walter Davis is always very helpful but there are many to present and I am hopeful that we can have a compatriot make the actual presentation at all schools this year. So please check your mid to end of May calendars & I will provide a list of dates at the meeting & recruit some of you to do that on behalf of our chapter.

Finally, I encourage you, no I implore you all, to be that this month's meeting to show our support to Miss Shauna Fleming as she is our May meeting speaker. This young lady is an amazing patriot as the 17 year old who spearheads the "Thanks a Million" campaign effort at Lutheran High School

in Orange. Under her leadership the student body organized & has sent well over 2.6 million letters of support to our troops in Iraq, Afghanistan & all over the world. She is a remarkable young lady & as some have already heard her speak elsewhere she is a fine speaker. She has been honored by President Bush, the Pentagon & a multitude of organizations for her encouraging support of our fighting men & women. We will also be honoring her efforts. Let's give a good showing & I know we'll be encouraged by her spirit & determination. See you there.

In Patriotism & Service,

*Dan Henry*

#### SHAUNA FLEMING

Our speaker this month is Shauna Fleming a 17 year old senior at Lutheran High School in Orange. She was challenged by her dad to do something positive to support our troops about three years ago when she was still a freshman. She came up with an idea to encourage people to write our troops & get one million letters & cards to our troops to show America's support for them. She took it to her school to promote it as a school project which they did with Shauna leading the way. Her goal was to get one million but with her schools support along with others she has far exceeded that and has generated well over 2.6 million letters to date. She has been personally honored by President Bush along with a host of other organizations. She is a patriot herself & continues to lead the charge for her organization called the "Thanks a Million" campaign.

#### STATE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On April 20-21 the California Society held its Annual Membership Meeting in El Segundo. Here the business of the State was conducted and reports from last year were heard from the various State and

Chapter Officers. At the Friday Luncheon the Community Service Awards were made to Police, Fire and Emergency Response personnel. All well deserved for these men who work in El Segundo.

Many of the reports were finished up in the afternoon session. For your Orange County Chapter, Compatriots John Dodd, Hugh Richards and Jim Blauer spoke about the various Chapter Activities. The height of our report was when Compatriot Jim Blauer announced that in the last week, prior to the meeting, he had processed 151 Eagle Scout Certificates and that our overall total of Eagles to which Certificates have been given since the inception of this program in 1989 now stands at 7,103. On which, Compatriot Blauer has personally hand calligraphied the name of each Eagle Scout!

In the Evening there was the President General's Dinner held at the 2nd City Bistro. President General Nathan White and his wife Wanda were in attendance and participated in the various meetings of the mens and ladies groups. This particular gathering was by invitation. Those not attending were able to select from a variety of restaurants near the hotel.

On Saturday a quorum was established, so that any thing that needed a vote could be voted on at this time. This included the election of officers for the coming year. Those from our Orange County Chapter who have been elected to serve are Vice-President South Lou Carlson, Secretary Jim Shadwick and Historian Jim Blauer. Larry Magerkurth has been appointed to head the NSSAR Planning Committee for the 2008 Congress in Sacramento.

Due to the new rules governing the Activity Contest, there will be no awards until next April, as the contest now runs for one full year and not every six months.

The Poster Contest had three chapters enter their winning posters. Members voted on the posters submitted by your own Orange County, Gold Country and the newest chapter to enter this contest San Diego. It was the newbie, San Diego, that took first place, followed by Orange County and Gold Country. San Diego's poster will go to National for judging in July in Williamsburg.

There were other awards given out and congratulations go out to Jim Shadwick who was awarded the Certificate of Distinguished Service and the Silver Baron Von Steuben Color Guard Medal. Jim Blauer was awarded the Gold Baron Von Steuben Color Guard Medal. Both Jims received the Bronze Baron Von Steuben Color Guard Medal at our chapter meeting the week before the State Meeting. You will find out more about the State Meeting in the next issue of the *California Compatriot*.

#### APRIL MEETING

At our April meeting there were several awards presented. Our winner in the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest, Kevin Quihuiz, attended with several members of his family. Kevin read his essay to our members and guests in attendance. Eagle Scout Chairman Jim Blauer presented Kevin with his participation patch and his medal. Kevin's mother was asked to pin the medal on her son. As the chapter winner Kevin's application was sent on to the State Level of competition. He came in fourth.

President Dan Henry presented the Bronze Baron Von Steuben Color Guard Medals and Certificates to Jim Shadwick and Jim Blauer for their many color guard activities on behalf of the chapter. Both Jims have been honored to have been in articles and photos run in *The SAR Guardsman*, which is the official Color Guard Magazine of the SAR. Jim Shadwick was recently noted for his Bugle playing

of Taps. Jim Blauer is in the Spring issue for his singing the National Anthem and participation in the Massing of the Colors in February.

President Henry then presented Jim Quinnelly with the Meritorious Service Medal and Certificate for having served as chapter Registrar since 1991.

If you did not attend the meeting on April 14th, you missed a special celebration. A cake was brought in and members celebrated the 40th Anniversary of our chapter being chartered (April 15, 1967). Jim Blauer, our archivist, gave a brief history of the early formation and leaders of the chapter. Karen Carlson then cut and served the cake to those in attendance.

Our Ben Franklin Drawing took in \$70 and members had a large selection of gifts to choose from as their numbers were called.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

This is May and Memorial Day is approaching. We will once again be attending the services held at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery. We will be there and we hope you will too as we remember the men and women who have served and sacrificed for our freedoms and the life we have.

On June 9th the annual Independence Day Ball will be held. Yes, it's early this year. It begins at 6:30pm and goes till around 11:30pm. It will be at the Norwalk Masonic Lodge, 12345 Rosecrans Ave., Norwalk. Donations of \$30 per person. There will be an early bird discount of \$5.00 if you get your reservation in by May 10. Proceeds benefit the restoration of Montpelier, the home of President James Madison. Colonial attire is welcome but not required. Instruction will be provided for all the dances. Dinner will be pot luck. They suggest you bring your own dishes and silverware unless you don't mind getting stuck using paper plates and plastic utensils. Contact

Dana Parker at 714-761-0233. or e-mail at [jazzlover01@juno.com](mailto:jazzlover01@juno.com). Checks can be sent to Dana at 5408 Vista Fortuna, Cypress, CA 90630. They ask that you include your e-mail address with your check.

On June 30 we are planning on our Fourth Annual SAR Barbecue. Again it will be held at the home of Compatriot John and Karen Dodd. It is being held earlier this year as John and family are possibly going to be gone in July and August. So, mark your calendars and we will have more information next month.

July Fourth will see us for the 20th year participating in the Huntington Beach Parade. Uniforms are not a requirement. Red, White and blue attire is adequate. We will have more information on this as we get closer to the event.

#### WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

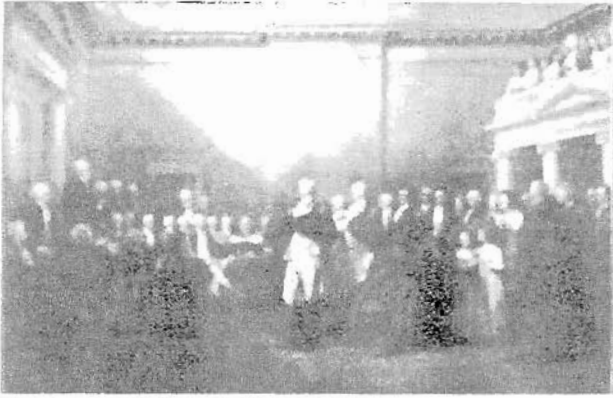
From Arthur Koehler

The article was from the Military Officer magazine (May 2007, page 75). The only photograph was of John Trumbull's famous painting of General Washington surrendering his commission. Here is more of the story from the web:

#### State gets Washington's copy of historic speech February 26, 2007

Maryland lawmakers celebrated President's Day last Monday with the state's acquisition of a handwritten personal copy of a speech by George Washington, in which he announced his resignation from the Continental Army. The address is viewed as a landmark in American history for establishing military subservience to civilian authority.

Lawmakers and Gov. Martin O'Malley gathered in the Rotunda of the State House, just outside the old Senate chamber, where the country's first commander in chief-to-be gave his resignation speech on Dec. 23, 1783.



The room is kept as it looked in the 1780s and includes a mannequin dressed as Washington. The document, which is about 350 words, will be on display in the State House. "Having now finished the work assigned me, I retire from the great theatre of Action -- and bidding an Affectionate farewell to this August body under whose orders I have so long acted, I here offer my Commission, and take my leave of all the employments of public life," Washington wrote.

Edward Papenfuse, the state archivist who worked on acquiring the speech, described it as "that priceless link on paper to the mind of the man who believed that civilian government and leadership was the only answer to the future of the republic." The document is interesting because it includes scratched-out words from revision. For example, Washington initially wrote that he intended to "take my ultimate leave of all the employments of public life," but the word "ultimate" is crossed out. It is a noteworthy change, considering he became the country's first president about five years later in 1789.

"It is clear from what Washington crossed out that he had two goals in mind in making this speech, one of the most important of his whole career: reinforcing the supremacy of the civil authority and leaving the door open for his being called back to civilian service," Mr. Papenfuse said.

It took state officials about two years to acquire the speech from the family that has owned it all these years. The document is worth an estimated \$1.5 million, Mr. Papenfuse said. The state paid \$600,000. Two Baltimore philanthropists -- Willard Hackerman and Henry A. Rosenberg -- donated \$200,000 each. The owners, who have asked to remain anonymous, donated the rest of the value.

There are two official copies of the speech. One is in the National Archives; the other is in the Library of Congress. The one acquired by Maryland is Washington's personal copy, which he wrote while in Annapolis.

Other than the ratification of the Treaty of Paris and the formal end of the Revolutionary War, Washington's resignation from the army is perhaps the most important historical event to occur in the Annapolis building, the nation's oldest state Capitol in continuous legislative use.

On October 18, 1783, Congress issued a proclamation "to discharge such part of the Troops as were engaged for the war, and to permit the Officers on furlough to retire from service from and after tomorrow".

George Washington at Rock Hill near Princeton on November 2, made reference to this proclamation. During his speech he recounted some of the events that have led to this point. He congratulated the soldiers on this "glorious occasion, which renders their service in the field no longer necessary," and "wishes to express the strong obligations he feels himself under for the assistance he has received from every Class and in every instance. He presents his thanks in the most serious and affectionate manner to the General Officers, as well for their counsel on many interesting occasions in promoting the success of the plans he had adopted."\*

"To the Commandants of the Regiments and

Corps, and to the other officers for their great zeal and attention, in carrying his orders promptly into execution. To the Staff, for their alacrity and exactness in performing the Duties of their several Departments. And to the Non Commissioned Officers and private Soldiers, for their extraordinary patience in suffering, as well as their invincible fortitude in action. To the various branches of the Army, the General takes this last and solemn opportunity of professing his inviolable attachment and friendship.\*\*

On December 4, 1783 he bade farewell to his officers at Fraunces Tavern in New York. With emotions running high, Washington embraced some of the men and shook hands with others. Baron Von Steuben, Henry Knox and Benjamin Tallmadge were just a few of the officers and friends in attendance. As the day came to a close, Washington as he left, turned and took one final salute from the assemblage. He then set out for Annapolis where Congress was in session.

He began this pleasurable journey by taking a barge across to New Jersey, where he stopped at Trenton briefly before heading on to Philadelphia and then to Annapolis. There was an outpouring of gratitude and affection from his fellow countrymen along the route. On December 22, having arrived in Annapolis, an elaborate dinner was held in his honor. Among the two hundred guests in attendance were the aristocracy of Annapolis and members of Congress. There were thirteen toasts given followed by the firing of 13 cannon, culminating with a ball at the State House.

It was on December 23, 1783 that Washington entered the State House Senate Chambers in Annapolis, Maryland. Eight years earlier when he was named Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army he had said at that time, "*I do not think*

*myself equal to the command I am honored with*". Now he was among Congressmen, Maryland dignitaries and a few Army officers who had all come to hear him speak.

Though the room was in total silence, Washington's voice was barely audible. He began by praising his officers and congratulating Congress. He had a short pause and then finished his 350 word speech saying, "*Having now finished the work assigned me, I retire from the great theater of action: and bidding an affectionate farewell to this august body under whose orders I have so long acted, I here offer my commission, and take leave of all the employments of public life.*"

Ah, wishful thinking on the General's part. In three to four years he would be called first to the Annapolis Convention, where it was decided that a full blown convention of delegates from the thirteen colonies would be needed to amend the Articles of Confederation to make them more workable for all concerned.

Then during the Summer of 1787 he would be President of what became the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. The Constitution was approved by the convention on September 17 and sent to the States for ratification. Once ratified by the ninth state, New Hampshire, it went into effect.

With his election as the first President under this new Constitution, George Washington's retirement would be interrupted for another 8 years. It would be his leadership in civilian life that would place our country on a course to the future just as he had done in his military career.

\*Information on the November 2, 1873 speech are from *The Writings of George Washington from the Original Manuscript Sources 1745-1799*. John C. Fitzpatrick, Editor. \*\*\*

# Photo Album

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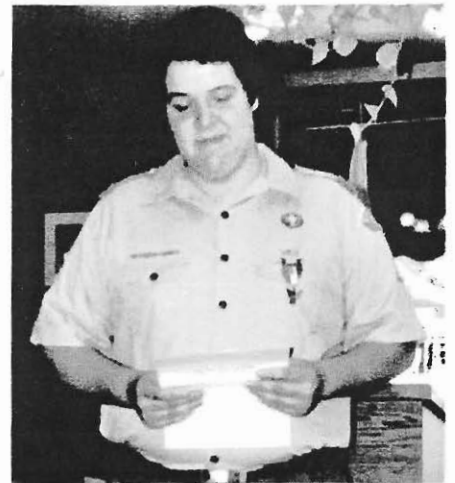
Happy Birthday Orange County Chapter SAR. Chartered on April 15, 1967, ours has been an active chapter over the years. Jim Blauer gave a look at the early history of the chapter.



Karen Carlson cuts the cake for members and guests to feast on.



President Dan Henry presents Bill Nelson with a Certificate of Appreciation for his program on his ancestor in the Civil War.



Kevin Quihuiz our Eagle Scout Scholarship winner, reads his essay above. His mother pins on the medal presented to Kevin along with a participation patch presented by Jim Blauer.

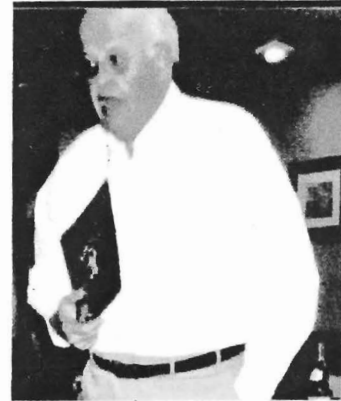


# Photo Album

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Jim Shadwick & Jim Blauer receive the Bronze Baron Von Steuben Color Guard Medal from President Dan Henry. Below Jim Quinnelly receives the Meritorious Service Medal & Certificate.



Jim Shadwick spoke to the chapter on the process of receiving information from National on newly approved members.



Above and at left members and guests listen to speaker Bill Nelson on his ancestor who served in a Black Regiment of the Civil War.



At right a bevy of prizes await those who bought tickets in the Ben Franklin Drawing.



# Photo Album

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Jim Blauer(c) participates as part of the State Color Guard at the State Meeting.



Nathan White, President General, presents Jim Shadwick(center) with his Certificate of Distinguished Service. Bob Ebert, State President(right) looks on.



Above chapter members Dan Henry, Karen & John Dodd, Rex Shannon and Hugh Richards at the Banquet.  
Below Jim Shadwick(left photo) and Jim Blauer(right photo) receive their Baron Von Steubern Medals

