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MEETING INFORMATION

When: September 8, 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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2007 OCCSAR Summer Presidents Letter

In case you were wondering why you haven't received the last two newsletters, it's not because we forgot. In keeping with the last few years tradition we have given our chapter newsletter editor Jim Blauer the summer off. Jim has done a great job heading up our newsletter & deserves a break till September. Shortly after our September meeting, Jim will be heading across the "big" pond to England on a trip with the Mayflower Society to retrace their ancestor's steps & for just plain fun as well. We wish him a safe & very pleasant trip. I'm sure Jim will have plenty of stories & pictures to share when he returns. Remember the fourth annual OCCSAR sponsored BBQ at John & Karen Dodd's home. The Dodd's would appreciate a RSVP reply & also let them know what food dish you will bring so they are better prepared. See additional details at the end of this letter.

We will restart our monthly luncheon-meetings on Sept 8th at Sizzler as usual. Our speaker that day will be a surprise for all. Walter Ehlers had a conflict and has been moved back to October. The National SAR Congress was held in Williamsburg last month and we will have a report on it from one of our chapter's attendees.

Be thinking ahead as we will draw closer to that time when we will need to begin to seek out new officers for some of our chapter positions. I will not be able to continue for a second term as I have new responsibilities at work and will be unavailable for several meetings this coming year. So if you would like to be more involved in the life & leadership on our chapter then let me know in

the coming months as the year moves through the second half and gets closer to 2008. We have some talented past presidents and officers to advise & assist you with the different positions so don't be shy.

On behalf of the entire OCCSAR let me extend our sympathy to our past chapter president Hugh & Karen Richards, as Karen's mother passed away just a few days ago. Our prayers & well wishes are certainly extended to them during this difficult time.

Finally I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Chapter BBQ & then on Sept 8th. I hope your summer has been a pleasant one & continues to be in the warm weeks ahead. In the spirit of patriotism & in the honored memory of our ancestor's who gave us so much, long may Old Glory wave!

Dan Henry
President

CATCH UP NEWS

September is the month in which I try to catch our members up on all the news since last May.

On May 9th Compatriot and County Supervisor Bill Campbell attended the Orange County Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony honoring 48 county officers killed in the line of duty since 1912.

On May 11th Larry Magerkurth gave a talk on the American Revolution to the four 5th grade classes of Ford Elementary School in Indian Wells.

On May 19th, David and James Siler, Jim Quinnelly and Jim Blauer attended the joint meeting of the Sons of Liberty Chapter, Colonial Wars Society of California, Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, The Order of Founders and Patriots and the First Families of Maryland at the LA Athletic Club.

On May 25th Jim Blauer, in uniform, attended the Memorial Day Service at his alma mater, Newport

Harbor High School. He performed the National Anthem for them as he has done for several years now. Compatriot Bill Campbell attended Memorial Day Ceremonies at Tustin Ranch Elementary School. He read "Old Glory" to the Students.

Over the weekend Charles Beal got out and placed flags on the Civil War Graves at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery and Anaheim Cemetery.

On May 28th Walter Davis and Jim Blauer attended the Memorial Day Service at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery. Here Walter and Jim in uniform presented the chapter colors and laid a wreath. Jim & Sue Shadwick were out visiting the Riverside National Cemetery where Jim joined the Color Guard and played Taps. Charles Beal and his mother attended the ceremonies at Anaheim Cemetery. Bill Campbell participated in Irvine's Memorial Day ceremonies at Colonel Barber Park.

On May 30th Bill Campbell attended the Memorial Day Ceremonies held at the Civic Center's Walk of Honor in Santa Ana.

During May Arthur Koehler kept busy giving tours of Independence Hall at Knott's Berry Farm to 10 different schools.

On June 16th Jim Blauer attended the joint meeting of the Harbor and Sons of Liberty Chapter at the Tam O'Shanter Restaurant in Los Angeles. On June 20th Lou Carlson spoke to the North Orange County Genealogical Society.

In early June Arthur Koehler gave four tours of Independence Hall at Knott's Berry Farm to young students.

JROTC AWARDS

During May and June we honor those cadets from local high schools to receive our JROTC Award. This year we presented the following awards.

May 17-Fullerton High--Cadet Andres Aznaran

May 17 La Habra High--Cadet Christopher Bunye,

presented by Jim Oakes.

May 18 Santiago High(GG)--Cadet Humberto Garcia.

May 19 Buena Park High--Cadet Kevin Opendo

May 29 Troy High--Cadet Rishi Shah, presented by Jim Oakes.

May 30 Santa Ana High-Cadet Veronica Mendoza, presented by Walter Davis.

May 30 Sonora High-- Cadet Andrew Hutcherson

May 31 JFK High--Cadet Grace Park.

June 1 Orange High--Cadet Ramon Arrazon.

June 6 Anaheim High--Cadet Raul Mendoza.

June 8 Pacifica High(GG)--Cadet Ryan Wilder.

JULY 4TH ACTIVITIES

On July 4th several of your Compatriots were out celebrating. First we had Jim Blauer and Dan Henry in the Huntington Beach Parade. We once again had the use of Dave Manning and his 1931 Model A Deluxe Coupe. They got there early and got the car all decked out in red, white and blue streamers and Flags.

We then found out that right in front of our entry was a combination of the DAR, CAR and SAR (South Coast Chapter). Several ladies from the DAR and Children from the CAR were present.

While waiting there were three guys over on the corner playing fifes(Matthew Noell & Kurt Owens) and a drum(Andrew Endsley). I went over to inquire as to where they were in the parade and they said they were hoping to find someone to march with. They came to the right place. We put them right out front of the entire group. Jim Blauer followed in uniform carrying the American Flag. He was followed by the DAR, CAR and SAR group followed by Dan and Dave in the car.

This was one of the best groupings we have had in a long time and each time the fifes and drum began to play the spectators began to applaud. This



made our 20th appearance in this parade even more special.

While Dan & Jim were busy in the Parade in Huntington Beach, Walter Davis was busy at the Carehouse Healthcare Center where his wife Helen resides. Walter gave a program that began with the "Ring of the Bell" Ceremony. Costumed in Colonial Civilian Clothing he covered the founding of the colonies, the deteriorating conditions under King George III and finally, the Declaration of Independence. For each of the colonies(states) a miniature flag was shown and the bell was rung.

He then changed into his Revolutionary War uniform as he spoke on the major battles of the American Revolution.

Finally, he spoke about his genealogy. With chart in hand he was able to show his lines back to his ancestors who aided the Patriot cause of the American Revolution and spoke of his membership in the Sons of the American Revolution.

Walter has been doing these and other programs





for the Center for several years. This time the Center gave good publicity and some of the family members who attended came specifically to listen to Walter's program. He reports there were some 65 residents, staff and family members who came to hear his program. Great job Walter!!!

Bill Campbell was busy celebrating as he rode in the Anaheim Hills July 4th Parade. He and wife Mary attended the celebration in North Tustin watching the fireworks display. Bill and Mary also attended the 3rd of July event at Fred Kelly Stadium, Bill, Mary and granddaughter Kassidy rode in the Orange Acres Park Parade.

While Jim, Dan, Walter and Bill were busy with their celebrations, Arthur Koehler was busy at Independence Hall at Knott's Berry Farm acting as a docent for those who came by to see this historic structure.

Compatriots Larry Magerkurth and Lou Carlson were, along with their wives, Barbara and Karen, busy getting to the National Congress in Williamsburg, Virginia. We will hear more about the Congress at the Barbecue on August 25th and at our meeting in September.

SUMMER MEETINGS

Though your Orange County Chapter takes July and August off, other chapters continue to meet. In

both June and July Jim Blauer was able to attend the meetings of the Sons of Liberty Chapter at the Tam O'Shanter Restaurant in Los Angeles. In July Jim was joined by Jim & Sue Shadwick. In June the Sons of Liberty Chapter had a joint meeting with the Harbor Chapter. In July it was a joint meeting with the California Society of the War of 1812 of which Jim Blauer is a member.

It is interesting to note that the speakers at both of these meetings were gentlemen we have had speak at our Orange County Chapter meetings. In June, Ted Alexander who portrays George Washington spoke, and in July it was Dana Parker as James Madison. Both were excellent.

FALL BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

The 132nd Fall Board of Managers meeting has been set for November 1 & 2, 2007 at the Hotel Mar Monte in Santa Barbara. Those who have attended these meetings in the past will note that this is Thursday and Friday not Friday and Saturday. That is because the University of Santa Barbara is having homecoming that Saturday and all the hotels are booked for that day. So, this time it is arrive on Thursday and meetings on Friday.

It will be on Friday afternoon from 3-4pm that our state society will present a plaque dedicating the Presidio at Santa Barbara as a Revolutionary War site. Because the Spanish aided our cause by declaring War on Britain and fighting against them, it was the Presidios, their soldiers and residents who donated money to assist in the defeat of the British. The State Society wants to recognize their contribution to the cause as they have already done at Monterey and San Diego Presidios. Hopefully the fourth and final one at San Francisco will be done in 2008. You will find a Registration Form at the end of

this newsletter with all the information on the Meeting and reservations.

RINGING OF THE BELL

In 1963, an act of Congress officially authorized the *Let Freedom Ring*, National Bell Ringing Ceremony. This patriotic act says it is "fitting" and "appropriate" to ring bells in honor of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. To participate on the 4th of July, bell ringing institutions across the country are to ring 13 times at 2pm EDST.

With each passing year a larger number of church towers, fire halls, universities, carillons, state houses and other bell ringing institutions join in this simultaneous national observance.

Last year the number rose to over 10,000 participants. But the potential is much greater. In years to come, citizens throughout the country should be able to hear the sound of our country's founding...the same way the people of Philadelphia heard the ringing of the Liberty Bell in 1776.

This program is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Society, Sons of the Revolution.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 25

UNITED STATES SENATE &

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

"Whereas the tolling of the Liberty Bell at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, PA, at 2 O'Clock in the afternoon of the 4th day of July 1776, proclaimed the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and

Whereas the adoption of this historic document marked the birth of our country as a free and independent nation; and

Whereas it is fitting that the anniversary of this great event should be appropriately observed in each year at the same moment throughout the United States;

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Congress hereby (1) declares that the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence should be observed each year by the ringing of bells throughout the United States at the hour of 2 O'Clock, Eastern Daylight Time, in the afternoon of the 4th day of July, or at such other time on that day as may be determined by local authority, and (2) call upon civic and other community leaders to take appropriate steps to encourage public participation in such observance."

Adopted 26 June 1963

The above information was obtained from a pamphlet issued by the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution.

THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

The writing of the U.S. Constitution was a direct result of the problems and failures of the Articles of Confederation. The Articles had first been proposed in July 1776 to the Continental Congress. Debate ensued and lasted for a good year and a half before a document was created. To come into effect though, it had to be ratified by all thirteen states. This would not happen until March 1, 1781 when Maryland became the last of the 13 states to ratify it.

All federal power resided in the Congress. Though states could send from 2 to 7 delegates, each state had only one vote. Nine votes were required to pass any legislation.

It was empowered to declare war, raise an army and navy, borrow money, make commercial treaties, and levy assessments against state governments. It lacked the ability to tax and to enforce its will upon the states. Though it could call upon the states to provide funds, it could not force them to make any kind of payment.

It was under the articles that Congress passed the Northwest Ordinance of 1784, 1785 and 1787, which

provided for the admission of new states in the future.

The problems were that it was unable to resolve disputes between the states, nor was it able to enforce their adherence to contractual obligations made by Congress. The Congress found itself unable to raise the needed funds from the states to meet their obligations. Even George Washington noted that the Articles were "little more than a shadow without the substance."

There arose a problem of rights to navigate the Potomac River by several states. James Madison and the Virginia Legislature requested a meeting of the States at Annapolis to create some uniform rules of Interstate commerce. In September 1786 delegates from Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia met at the state house in Annapolis, Maryland. Delegates from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, North Carolina and Rhode Island arrived too late to participate. The other states, including Maryland refused to send delegates.

Without sufficient representation from the states it would be impossible to solve anything. Alexander Hamilton, the delegate from New York, proposed that all states send delegates to a meeting to be held in Philadelphia in May 1787, so that they could "render the constitution of the Federal Government adequate to the exigencies of the Union." The resolution was adopted.

So, on May 25, 1787 55 delegates from the various states arrived in Philadelphia. Only Rhode Island failed to send delegates as it did not like "outside interference" in its affairs.

Their plans to revise the Articles was almost immediately seen as hopeless and the idea of revision was scrapped along with the articles.

James Madison arrived a week early and began

by writing up what would become the Virginia Plan. When he arrive early for the start of deliberations he took a front seat so as to hear all that was being said and take notes. Though his plan was liked by the larger states, the smaller states came up with the Connecticut Plan or Compromise. This compromise allowed for the election of Representatives to the lower house and the number of representatives would be based on its free population and three fifths of the slave population. The upper house, the Senate, would consist of two representatives from each state, which guaranteed the smaller states equal representation. They would be elected by the State Legislatures.

The debates on the issues raged throughout the long hot Summer. Finally satisfied that they could do no better than what they had created, the Constitution of the United States was signed by 39 of the delegates on September 17, 1787. Of the 55 only 42 were left in attendance and three of them refused to sign. Mostly because a Bill of Rights had not been included.

The Constitution stipulated that for it to come into effect it would have to be ratified by nine of the thirteen states. And so it was sent to the State Legislatures for ratification. It began with Delaware on Dec 7, 1787 followed by Pennsylvania Dec. 12, 1787, New Jersey Dec. 28, 1787, Georgia Jan. 2, 1788, Connecticut Jan. 9, 1788, Massachusetts Feb. 6, 1788, Maryland Apr. 28, 1788, South Carolina May 23, 1788, and New Hampshire June 21, 1788. With New Hampshire's ratification the Constitution went into effect. The remainder were Virginia June 25, 1788, New York July 26, 1788, North Carolina Nov. 21, 1789 and Rhode Island May 29, 1790.

When the Congress first met on March 4, 1789 the first order of business was to adopt a Bill of Rights.

Photo Album

September 2007



David & James Siler and Jim Quinnelly at the joint meeting of the Sons of Liberty, Colonial Wars in the State of California, Sons



and Daughters of the Pilgrims, Founders and Patriots and First Families of Maryland luncheon, Jim Blauer who was also there took the photos.

At left Jim Blauer sings the National Anthem at his high school's(right) Memorial Service. Remembering those alumni who died in service to our country.

Below Jim and Walter Davis at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery.

Presenting Colors and laying a wreath. The chapter has been doing this Memorial Day Service for about 15 years.

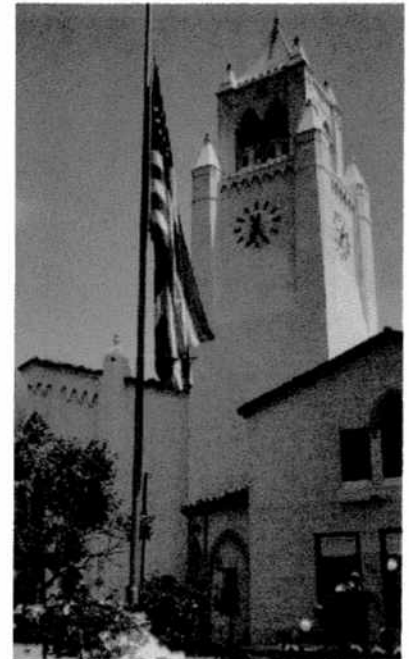
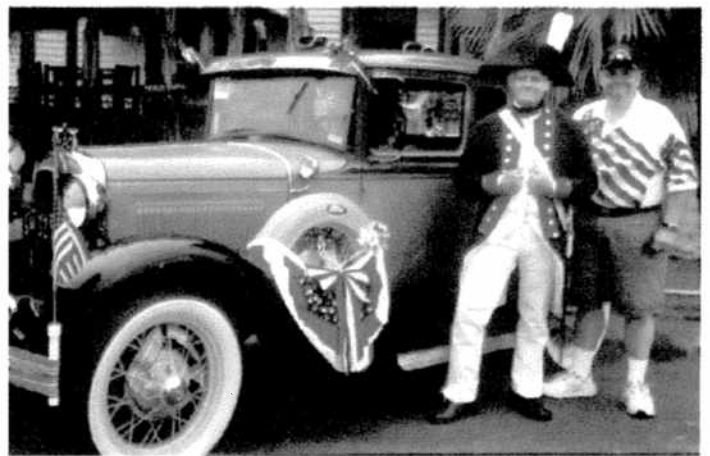


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Fifes and Drummer Matthew Noell, Kurt Owens and Andrew Endsley led off our group in the July 4th Parade in Huntington Beach. At right-Jim Blauer and Dan Henry stand beside the 1931 Model A Deluxe Coupe driven by Dave Manning.



Dan Henry(l) and Jim Blauer(r) flank the rest of the Sons, Daughters and Children of the American Revolution who came to march in the parade. Above right we began with the musicians followed by Jim Blauer carrying the American Flag, the banner and the main part of the group, then below left- our car with Dan Henry and Dave Manning bringing up the rear.

Below right-Jim Blauer displays SAR materials at the August 4th Meeting of OCCGS. The Orange County California Genealogical Society at the Huntington Beach Library on Talbert.

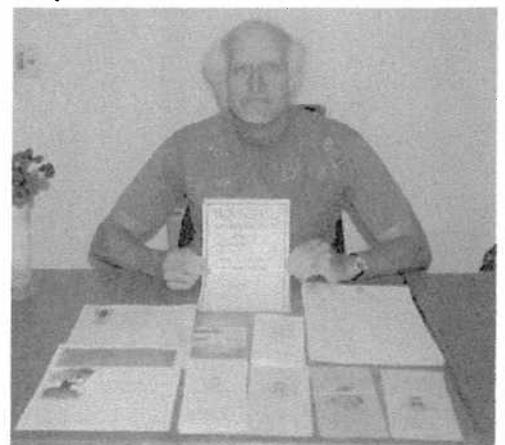
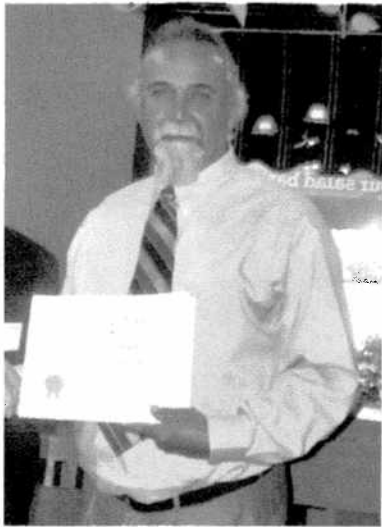
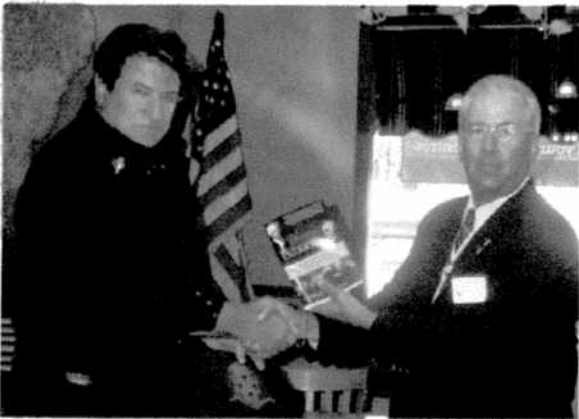


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Jon Vreeland receives his Membership Certificate at left. At right Bruce Sievers receives Certificate of Appreciation for speaking to our chapter.



Bruce also receives a book on George Washington from Compatriot Hugh Richards. We had a good turnout for our June meeting as you can see from the Photo above right and below.

