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MEETING INFORMATION

When: June 14, 2008

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

Our Speaker this month is Dr. Vick Knight. His topic as speaker for our June 14th meeting will be "The Unsung Masonic Heroes of the American Revolution".

Dr. Knight's career in California schools dates back to 1952 when he graduated from USC and began teaching a 6th grade class in Pico Rivera. In later years, he became a principal, superintendent and university dean. He is the author of numerous texts and educational aids and served 13 years on a local school board. He was elected to the Riverside County School Board in 2004 and currently serves as its President-elect.

He is the Past President of the Inland Empire chapter of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, and was named Orange County Educator of the Year upon his retirement. He was elected to the Riverside County "Education Hall of Fame" in 2000, and the "Vick Knight Community Library and Media Center" at Lakeside High School was dedicated in 2005.

A final reminder, Congress in July. The schedule is posted on our chapter website. Even if you cannot register and attend as a voting delegate, please consider coming on up and volunteering to keep things moving along. You don't need to pay the registration fee to volunteer, and any assistance you can provide will be appreciated.

We will be "dark" in July and August, so don't forget the chapter BBQ and pot-luck social on Saturday July 26. This will be the fourth Annual Event, which in the past has been attended by representatives of up to six Southern California chapters. It is a fine, relaxing afternoon, with great food(if I don't say so myself) and we hope you can all attend. A RSVP form is enclosed. Also, please remember we have our renewed Bio-sketch project. Who's next? Please e-mail

me your submission, or bring it to the meeting.

MARINE PROJECT UPDATE

Our Marines returned on May 16th, all safe and sound. We continue to distribute funds to Operation Archangel, and will be determining which unit we will "adopt" in the future. The Marines who replaced Mark's Company are a reserve unit, so they may have more need for equipment.

Alternatively, or in addition, I am making contact with Marines deployed in Afghanistan, who may be in need of supplies. Please continue to bring socks, condiments, and creature comforts to the meetings and to the BBQ and we will find a good home for it all. If you bring a donation to the BBQ you will receive a free ticket for the raffle.

John L. Dodd

MEMORIAL DAY

Many of us were out on Memorial Day to honor our war dead and the meaning of that sacrifice. There are many ceremonies here in Orange County and we hope you were able to participate in one or more of these programs.

Several Compatriots participated in the ceremonies conducted at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery. Your chapter has been participating in these ceremonies for over 15 years going back to 1992. This year we had Walter Davis, Jim Blauer Dan Henry John Dodd and Kent Gregory. Jim & Kent presented the colors and did the wreath laying for the chapter.

Our Own Lou Carlson was next door at the Fairhaven Memorial Park where he conducted the ceremonies there. You are always welcome to join us at either or both. Those who wish to stay closer to home are encouraged to check for your local ceremonies.

At the Anaheim Cemetery there was a walking

tour that followed the service. This tour is conducted by Paul Gillette the Commander of Camp 17 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War here in Orange County. He takes those who wish to go on the tour to various graves and tells of the lives of these Civil War Soldiers. A bit of history.

Your editor would appreciate hearing from you on the services that you attended and if you have pictures we would like to publish them in our newsletter.

THE MEANING OF MEMORIAL DAY

From the VFW National Website

It's a sacred day to all war veterans: None need to be reminded of the reason that Memorial Day must be commemorated. But, what about the general public, and more important, future generations? Do most non-veterans really recognize the importance of the day honoring their fellow Americans killed in war?

Judging from what Memorial Day has become, simply another day off from work, the answer is a resounding no. Perhaps a reminder is due, then. And it is the duty of each and every veteran to relay the message.

Sacrifice is meaningless without remembrance. America's collective consciousness demands that all citizens recall and be aware of the deaths of their fellow countrymen during wartime.

Far too often, the nation as a whole takes for granted the freedoms all Americans enjoy. Those freedoms were paid for with the lives of others few of us actually knew. That's why they are all collectively remembered on one special day.

This should be regarded as a civic obligation. For this is a National Debt that can only be truly repaid by individual Americans. By honoring the nation's war dead, we preserve their memory and thus their

service and sacrifice in the memories of future generations.

They came from all walks of life and regions of the country. But they all had one thing in common, love of and loyalty to country. This bond cemented ties between them in times of trials, allowing a diverse lot of Americans to achieve monumental ends.

We remember the loss of loved ones, a sense of loss that takes group form. In essence, America is commemorating those who made the greatest sacrifice possible, giving ones own life on behalf of others.

Means of paying tribute vary. Pausing for a few moments of personal silence is available to everyone.

Attending commemorative ceremonies is the most visible way of demonstrating remembrance: placing flags at gravesites, marching in parades, sponsoring patriotic programs, dedicating memorials and wearing Buddy Poppies are examples.

Whether done individually or collectively, it is the thought that counts. Personal as well as public acts of remembering are the ideal. Public displays of patriotism are essential if the notion of remembering war dead is to be instilled in our youth.

As America's older war veterans fast disappear from society's landscape, there are fewer and fewer standard bearers left to carry the torch of remembrance. Such traditions will live only if there is a vibrant movement to which the torch can be passed.

Now, more than in recent years, the enduring relevance of Memorial Day should be clearly evident. With two wars under way, the public has no excuse not to remember.

This much is owed to the more than 4500 Americans who have died thus far in Afghanistan and Iraq.

MEMORIAL DAY

Day of Remembrance

by Veterans Administration

Many people confuse Memorial Day and Veteran's Day. Memorial Day is for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. While those who died are also remembered on Veteran's Day, Veteran's Day is the day set aside to thank and honor All those who served honorably in the military-in war or peacetime.

Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union Veterans, The Grand Army of the Republic(GAR) established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Major General John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. The ceremonies centered around the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion, once the home of Robert E. Lee.

Various Washington officials, including General & Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, presided over the ceremonies. After the speeches, children from the Soldiers and Sailors Orphan Home and members of the GAR made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns.

Local Observances Claim To Be First

Local Springtime tributes to the Civil War dead

already had been held in various places. One of the first occurred in Columbus, Mississippi on April 25, 1866, when a group of women visited a cemetery to decorate the graves of Confederate soldiers who had fallen in battle at Shiloh. Near by were graves of Union soldiers, neglected because they were the enemy. Disturbed at the sight of the bare graves, the women placed some of their flowers on those graves as well.

Today, cities in the North and South claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day(Decoration Day), in 1866. Both Macon, and Columbus, Georgia claim the title as well as Richmond, Virginia. The village of Boalsburg, Pennsylvania claims it began two years earlier. A stone in Carbondale, Illinois cemetery carries the statement that the first Decoration Day began there on April 29, 1866. Carbondale was the wartime home of General John Logan. Approximately 25 places have been named in connection with the origin of Memorial Day (Decoration Day), many of them in the South where most of the War dead are buried.

Official Birthplace Declared

In 1966, Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, New York as the birthplace of Memorial Day(Decoration Day). There, a ceremony on May 5, 1866, honored local veterans who had fought in the Civil War. Businesses closed and residents flew flags at half staff. Supporters of Waterloo's claim say earlier observances in other places were either informal, not community-wide or one-time events. By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day(Decoration Day) ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the Nation.

State legislatures passed proclamations designating the day, and the Army and Navy adopted regulations for proper observance at their facilities. It was not until after WWI, however, that the day was

expanded to honor all those who have died in all American wars(And the name was changed from Decoration Day to Memorial Day). In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a National holiday by an Act of Congress... and was placed on the last Monday in May.

Some States Have Confederate Observances

Many Southern States also have their own days for honoring the Confederate dead. Mississippi celebrates Confederate Memorial Day on the last Monday in April, Alabama on the fourth Monday in April, and Georgia on April 26. North and South Carolina observe it on May 10, Louisiana on June 3 and Tennessee calls the date Confederate Decoration Day. Texas celebrates Heroes Day January 19 and Virginia calls the last Monday in May Confederate Memorial Day.

General Logan's orders for his posts to decorate graves in 1868, "with the choicest flowers of Springtime" , urged: "We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance...Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no neglect no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic".

The origins of special services to honor those who die in war can be found in antiquity. The Athenian leader Pericles offered a tribute to the fallen heroes of the Peloponnesian War over 24 centuries ago that could apply today to the 1.1 million Americans who have died in the nation's wars. "Not only are they commemorated by the columns and inscriptions, but there dwells also an unwritten memorial of them, graven not on stone, but in the hearts of men".

LOUIS VICTOR CARLSON, JR.

Lou was born in Seattle Washington. He is the son of Louis Victor Carlson, Sr. and Rebecca Leigh

(Lewis) Carlson. His mother is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Colonial Dames 17th Century and the Jamestown Society. He has a brother who is a retired Seattle police officer.

Lou graduated from Hudson High School in Vancouver, Washington, where he was managing editor of the school's newspaper, a member of the student council, the school state math team and he attended Boy's State. He moved to the University of Washington, where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology. Lou entered the St. Thaddeus Eastern Catholic Seminary in Everett, Washington where he earned his M.Div., in theology and pastoral counseling, followed by an ordination as a deacon in 1978, a priest in 1980 and consecrated a bishop in 1983.

Lou and Karen Ann(Teubner) Carlson met when Lou sang in the church choir, and they married. Karen has consistently contributed greatly to the success of our meetings with her presence and help, even during those few times when Lou has been unable to attend.

Lou is currently on the pastoral team at the Orange County Worship Center, a church of the Assembly of God in Santa Ana, and has been a highly successful Funeral Director at Fairhaven Memorial Park and Mortuary in Santa Ana since 1992. He has also run a Christian Counseling Center system throughout the Western United States, Alaska and Hawai'i. His other church activities are too numerous to list.

Lou's hobbies are reading and the study of history, and he is active in charitable organizations, especially St. Stanislaus, where he received a knighthood of the Order of St. Stanislaus and he is a Prior for California of that organization. He collects die-cast model cars.

His other interests are the Scottish/Celtic heritage, involvement in a Scottish Baronial House, Chaplain of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and Chairman of the Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Council.

Working on the family's genealogy and his mother's membership in the DAR, awoke his passion for patriotism and his American Heritage. Bishop Lou Carlson is Past President of our Orange County Chapter(2001-2002), He is currently serving as the Chapter Chaplain, He was chaplain of the State Society(CASSAR) for several years, He served as CASSAR Vice-President South from 2006-2008. This Spring he was elected as CASSAR Executive Vice-President. In 2009 your chapter will host the Spring Annual Meeting when Lou will become President of our State Society. Lou's Revolutionary War ancestor is Captain John Clopton of the Virginia Militia.

Your editor recently discovered that immigrant William Clopton is a descendant of the Magna Carta Barons. At a recent meeting Lou confirmed that his John Clopton is descended from William Clopton and can thus also claim descent from;

William D'Albini: Lord of Belvoir Castle

Roger Bigod: Earl of Norfolk

Hugh Bigod: Earl of Norfolk heir

Richard De Clare: Earl of Hertford

Gilbert De Clare: Earl of Hertford heir

John Fitzrobert: Lord of Warkworth Castle, Northumberland

John De Lacie: Lord of Halton Castle, Cheshire

Saire De Quincey: Earl of Winchester

Robert De Roos: Lord of Hamlake Castle, Yorkshire.

That is nine Barons of the Magna Carta through just one ancestor.

So, there is meaning behind the word "Sir" when

addressing Compatriot Lou.(Ed.).

MOLLY PITCHER

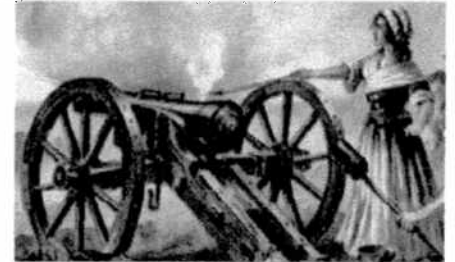
Mary Ludwig was born October 13, 1754 near Trenton, New Jersey. The daughter of George Ludwig a dairy farmer, she worked on the farm until she was 15 years old. Her father obtained employment for Mary with a Dr. William Irvine of Carlisle, Pennsylvania. As his servant she washed clothes, cleaned the house, and took care of the family's children. This enabled her to send money home to her parents. That same year she met John Casper Hays and on July 24, 1769, they were married.

In December 1775 John Casper Hays enlisted in the Pennsylvania militia and became a gunner in the artillery. As was common with many wives, Mary followed her husband with his troops during the war. These women were called "campfollowers". She helped with the cooking and washing clothes as well as taking care of the sick and injured.

As the British under General Clinton evacuated Philadelphia and headed back to New York City, General Washington sent troops after them. John's regiment was sent to Freehold, New Jersey and on June 28th his regiment was enjoined in the Battle of Monmouth. Veterans will speak about being in the heat of battle. This took a literal meaning this day as the heat was devastating. As a gunner in the artillery John Hays manned a cannon that he and a team fired upon the enemy. Because of the sweltering heat it was not uncommon for the men to call for water. In those days it was also a common for a woman named Mary to be called Molly. In the heat of battle Molly would bring the men water to help rehydrate them in this intense heat. So it was that the men would call out "Molly, Pitcher", referring



Molly Pitcher handles the cannon, loading and firing it.



to the fact that they needed water. This Mary did willingly for her husband and the rest of the men in the regiment. That is until the heat got to her husband and he could no longer man the cannon. When her husband collapsed, Mary took over as John rested. She manned the cannon and fired it off. She was seen loading and firing it for the remainder of the battle. As was the fashion of the day, Mary was wearing a long dress. The bottom of her petticoat was blown off, but Mary was not hurt. It is said that General Washington having heard of Molly's exploits on the battlefield, gave her the title of "Sergeant".

Following the War John and Mary returned to Carlisle and Mary continued her work as a domestic as well as a charwoman at the State House. Their son John L. Hays was born in 1783. Husband John died when the boy was just 5 years old(1789). She remarried in 1792 to Veteran John McAuley. It was not a happy marriage. John died in 1813.

In 1822 , she applied for a pension from the State of Pennsylvania as the widow of two Revolutionary war soldiers. Instead she received a pension in her own right. The Act said: "For the relief of Molly McKolly for services during the Revolutionary War".

She died in Carlisle, January 22, 1822 at 78 years of age and is buried in the Carlisle graveyard. ***

Photo Album

June 2008



At the State Meeting in April, John Dodd(second from right) accepts the Activity Contest Awards for Best Chapter Website and Most Medals and Certificates issued. At right the Rev. Lou Carlson(left) along with the Rev. Phil Dodson conduct the memorial service for those members who passed away in the last year



At left, Jim Blauer sings *America* during the Memorial service. At right he receives the Silver Baron Von Steuben Color Guard Medal from State Color Guard Commander Don Moran for his Color Guard activities over the years.



The Ladies Auxiliary also installed their officers for 2008-2009. From our chapter we have **Karen Carlson**(2nd left), **Karen Dodd**(second from right), and **Barbara Magerkurth**(far right).

Above are the new state officers for 2008-2009. Pres. Steve Renouf, Executive Vice-President **Lou Carlson**, Vice-President North Wayne Griswold, Vice-President South **John Dodd**, Secretary **Jim Shadwick**(front), Treasurer Michael Howard, Genealogist Stan Henderson(front), Surgeon Ernest Latham, Chancellor Richard Hawley, Historian **Jim Blauer** and Chaplain Phil Dodson.



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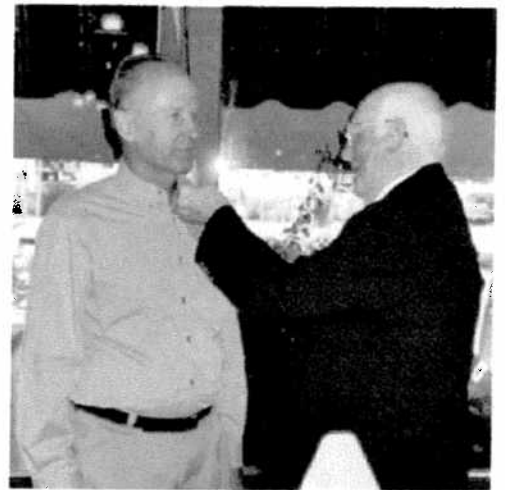
Vice-President Dave Siler conducts the meeting in the absence of President Dodd.

Dave presents our Speaker Colleen Fitzpatrick a Certificate of Appreciation and gift for her talk on DNA and genealogy.



New member John Walkowiak is inducted into the chapter by Vice-President Dave Siler(above).

Below John is presented his Certificate of membership by Vice-President Siler.



Above Jim Wallace pins on John's society rosette. Below, John with Col. Jim Quinnelly who assisted John as Chapter Registrar in getting his application approved.

