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MEETING INFORMATION

When: June 12 2010
Where: Sizzler Restaurant
1401 North Harbor Blvd.
Fullerton, CA
Time: Social Begins at 11:00am
Meeting: Called to Order at 11:30am
Website: www.orangecountysar.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy birthday to the active duty and former members of the United States Army – June 14, 1775. The oldest active unit in the United Army; the 1st Battalion, 3rd Infantry (The Old Guard) was established as the First American Regiment in 1784.

Happy Flag Day! – In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened that day by resolution of the Second Continental Congress in 1777. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; in August 1949, National Flag Day was established by Act of Congress.

On June 15, 1215 King John of England was forced to agree to the "Articles of the Barons" (on the basis of which Magna Carta was written), to which his Great Seal was attached in the meadow at Runnymede west of London.

Our chapter had a busy schedule in May. At our regular business meeting held on May 8th we had several special guests including; Wounded Warrior United States Navy Corpsman Greg 'Doc' Lutes, Americanism Poster Contest Winner LiMei Su Vera and Outstanding Citizen Cianna Means.

The Field of Honor program at Castaways Park was a big success for the promoters; The Exchange Club of Newport Beach as well as our own Lee's Legion Color Guard. Lee's Legion Color Guard presented the Colors twice during the event. Luckily, Color Guard Commander Jim Blauer and I were scouting the location on the opening day when the scheduled color guard failed to arrive. So we, along with Chuck Lampman, provided an impromptu color guard. Over the weekend we were joined by color guardsmen from the Harbor Chapter and South Orange County for color guard and honor guard duties. The promoter provided a table for us to display various SAR brochures and pamphlets near their information booth. We chatted about the SAR with a 100 or more children and adults during the event. The following SAR members and a few wives attended the event: Karl Jacobs & Jim Olds (Harbor Chapter), Chuck & Anne Lampman (Riverside Chapter), Curtis Porter, Jerry Hereford & . . . (South Coast Chapter) and our own Lou & Karen Carlson, Don Webb, Jon Vreeland, Larry Wood, Un Hui Yi and Lees' Legion Color Guard members Jim Blauer, Kent Gregory, Jim Fosdyck and Dave Siler. We also received publicity in the print media, cable TV and local TV news outlets. Of course, in the end we accomplished the goal of honoring our current and former military service men and women.

Larry Wood, the newest member of the Lee's Legion Color Guard, joined the team for the Strawberry Festival Parade and Memorial Day wreath-laying ceremony at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery. With a five man team the color guard was able to carry three flags and two muskets. Dotty Wilson, a member of the DAR, assisted Un Hui Yi with carrying the Lee's Legion Color Guard Banner along the Strawberry Festival Parade route.

May and June are important months for the ROTC/JROTC program. We support 10 local JROTC programs including Army, USMC, Navy and Air Force JROTC programs. We also support one private military academy. We present SAR Bronze ROTC Medals to deserving cadets in the high school programs and an SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to a worthy military academy cadet. This year one of our Bronze ROTC Medal awardees, Navy JROTC Cadet Ensign Luke Diaz of Pacifica High School, will be graduating high school and heading off to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. Congratulations to Cadet Diaz.

The Fullerton Union High School Army JROTC Color Guard and their commander, Lt. Colonel Mike Albertson (US Army retired) will be join us for our June 12th regular business meeting. The color guard will present the colors for our meeting.

With the arrival of the end of June several of our own will be attending the 120th Annual Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution held in Cleveland, Ohio, June 25-July 1, 2010. We look forward to their reports on the activities.

As we go dark for July and August let's look forward to a wonderful summertime break with a goal of coming together again in September – and don't forget the big 4th of July Huntington Beach Parade and the Orange County Chapter barbecue at the Dodd home on July 17.

James C. Fosdyck

If you are ashamed to stand by your colors, you had better seek another flag. ~Author Unknown

Legacy

Our entertainment this month will be the folk music duo "Legacy", who will perform for us Celtic music of the British Isles. The duo "Legacy" consists of Patty McCollom and Barbara Gershman. Patty is the leader and has been in many bands over the years. She has toured with various groups to Hungary and Croatia, and has performed at festivals in Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, Texas, and Iowa. She has also performed at the Silver Dollar City in Branson, Missouri and at the historic Carter Fold in Virginia. Each year, Patty performs at the Museum of Appalachia in Norris, Tennessee with her other band, "Lillies of the West". She plays the banjo, tin whistle, fiddle, bodhran, and sings. Barbara Gershman will be performing with Patty and plays the hammered dulcimer and the accordion for "Legacy", and is a founding member of the band, "Dulcimanía", a Celtic trio that performs at Alta Coffee in Newport Beach. She also plays with the Renaissance duo, "Better Than One", at weddings, parties, Chapman University's annual Wassail, and the Koroneburg Old World Festival. She has taught and performed at the California Traditional Music Society's Summer Solstice Festival and played at the Southwest Acoustic Music Gathering in Tucson, Arizona. Mark your calendars for June 12th and join us as we hear the folk duo "Legacy" bring us the songs of the British Isles.

Outstanding Citizenship Recipient Cianna Means

Cianna Means is a 17 year old junior at Mater Dei High School. She lost my sight at the age of 9, had to change schools twice to learn Braille. She noticed that other children had more disabilities than she did, so now she volunteers her time to help children with special needs.

Cianna volunteers two days a week at CHOC and one day a week at Blind Children's Learning Center.

She is a girl scout and earned the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award[1] last May. She's starting a nonprofit foundation called "Books 4 Hope" for which she collects new and gently used books to give to needy children in the community.

The Gold Award is the highest achievement within the [Girl Scouts of the USA](#). Only 5.4% of eligible Girl Scouts successfully earn the prestigious Gold Award. The Gold Award is often compared to the

Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.

Our Youth – Our Future

Pacifica High School Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Cadet Ensign Luke Diaz is one of our SAR Bronze ROTC Medal recipients for 2010. The following is a brief biography provided by his JROTC Commander; CDR Al Bowles, USN, retired:

Luke Diaz has served the unit with distinction in numerous leadership positions during his four years in Navy JROTC. He has been a regular member of the 40 man roster and participated at competitive drill meets as a member of the Color Guard, Armed Basic drill team, and Athletic and Academic teams. Also, he has served the unit as Supply Petty Officer and Education Service Officer. He has served his platoon as a squad leader, and mustering petty officer. He has always worn his uniform with pride and dignity. To my recollection he has never missed a uniform day. During his senior year he served the unit as Platoon Commander for the largest platoon. His leadership and dedication to duty played an integral part in earning the unit's fifth Distinguished Unit award in the past seven years. In addition to his many successes as a cadet in the NJROTC and a student at Pacifica HS (GPA of 3.8), he has been accepted into the United States Naval Academy

California 250 Campaign

The goal of the California 250 Campaign is to recognize and encourage Compatriots who are members of the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution who contribute to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage in Louisville, Kentucky. The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution provides special pins and medals recognizing donors who contribute \$1,000.00 or more to the Foundation. However, there is less formal recognition for those who contribute lesser amounts. The California Society desires to recognize those California Compatriots who have contributed less than \$1,000 to the Foundation, but have contributed an amount which may be no less significant to that Compatriot. Every California Compatriot, i.e., his primary S.A.R. membership number is a California number, who contributes the sum of \$250 in a calendar year

shall receive a "California 250" pin. Compatriots who have donated \$250 or more in the past also shall receive the pin. Compatriots shall be entitled to only one pin, regardless of the total amount of money donated. In order to obtain the pin, the member shall submit a request to the chair of the California 250 Committee in writing, with email being a sufficient writing, preferably along with proof of a completed qualifying donation. The request shall set forth the amount and date of the contribution. Only a completed donation, rather than a pledge, shall qualify. The Committee shall then verify the contribution with the SAR Foundation, Inc., after which the pin shall be awarded to the Compatriot. In order to provide suitable recognition for the donation, as well as to save the labor and postage expense of mailing individual pins, the pin shall be presented at a state or chapter meeting, unless the Compatriot is unable to attend a meeting, in which case the pin shall be mailed to the Compatriot. The pin inventory shall be maintained by the committee, not the CASSAR medals and awards chairman.

Qualifying donations shall be made directly to the SAR Foundation, not processed through CASSAR or the donor's chapter. For more details on methods of giving, please see:

<http://www.sarfoundation.org/>.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The Orange County Chapter has one of the highest rates of Life Members in the state. Almost half of our members are Life members which is good for both the member and the rest of the Society.

Life Membership is based on the age of the compatriot at the time they apply for this type of membership. Those who are 18-54 in age are at the \$1000 level. This is also available in four annual installments of \$250. For those from age 55-74 the cost is \$750 or three annual installments of \$250. Finally, those 75 years and older can have a Life Membership for \$500 or two annual installments of \$250. These funds are invested by the California Society. It is from these funds that all chapter, State and National dues are paid each and every year.

Say you pay \$65.00 annually to cover all dues. In

ten years you will have paid out \$650.00. In 20 years that is \$1300.00. Life Membership can pay for itself and in the long run can be a bargain.

Keep in mind that as the economy grows there will more than likely be future increases in the National dues. There is a good chance that at some time to be able to cover their costs the state and the Chapter may also have to raise their dues.

Something to think about with the economy being as it has been in the last couple years.

JOHN WILLIAM FINN

Medal of Honor Recipient

Rank and organization: Lieutenant, U.S. Navy.
Place and date: Naval Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, Territory of Hawaii, 7 December 1941. Entered service at: California. Born: 23 July 1909, Los Angeles, Calif. Citation: For extraordinary heroism distinguished service, and devotion above and beyond the call of duty. During the first attack by Japanese airplanes on the Naval Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, on 7 December 1941, Lt. Finn promptly secured and manned a .50-caliber machine gun mounted on an instruction stand in a completely exposed section of the parking ramp, which was under heavy enemy machine gun strafing fire. Although painfully wounded many times, he continued to man this gun and to return the enemy's fire vigorously and with telling effect throughout the enemy strafing and bombing attacks and with complete disregard for his own personal safety. It was only by specific orders that he was persuaded to leave his post to seek medical attention. Following first aid treatment, although obviously suffering much pain and moving with great difficulty, he returned to the squadron area and actively supervised the rearming of returning planes. His extraordinary heroism and conduct in this action were in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.

COLOR GUARD ACTIVITIES

Your Lee's Legion Color Guard has had a very busy month of May. It all began on May 14th at the opening of the Field of Honor at the Castaways Park in Newport Beach. Guardsmen Jim Fosdyck & Jim Blauer arrived in uniform to check out where

they would be doing the presentation of Colors on Saturday. Before going up to the site where the ceremonies were to take place they were interviewed and videotaped by NBTV the local Newport Beach Cable. Though we were told it would be on the Newport Beach website, it has yet to show up.

They were joined by Chuck Lampman in his Washington's Guard Uniform. As they were waiting for the ceremonies to start one of the organizers came over and asked if they could present the colors that day as the Army Color Guard had not arrived (and never did). Commander Lampman asked if they had a flag the Color Guard could use as they had not brought their flags, since they were scheduled for the next day. A flag was found and the three presented the colors while those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was sung. Saturday Morning the Color Guard and all Orange County awoke to find their photo in the Orange County Register on Page 1 of the local section where there was an article on the Field of Honor and the 1,776 flags planted at Castaways Park. They have two photos on the Register website. Go to www.ocregister.com and search "1,776 Flags".

They returned on Saturday and with the help of the South Coast and Harbor Chapter Color Guards Presented the Colors for a second time with rifle firing from the South Coast Chapter Continental Marines.

They returned Sunday and though they did not need to do any Color Guard duty they were ready if needed.

All three days there was a table at the entry to the Field that we had displayed Commander Lampman's various rifle, handgun compasses and smoking pipe and accessories. They also had a batch of the various SAR Brochures to hand out and spoke to a great many adults and children.

The big job that the Color Guard had all weekend long was the posing for photographs either by themselves or with spectators and their children. A little something for show and tell at school.

It was a big weekend and the one on one contact with the public--"Priceless".

On Friday May 28, Jim Blauer in uniform attended the memorial service held by his alma mater

Newport Harbor High School, remembering those alumni who died in service to our country. Once again Jim Sang the National Anthem.

On Saturday May 29, Jim Blauer, Jim & Un Hui Fosdyck, David Siler, Kent Gregory, Larry Wood and Dotty Wilson were in the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Parade. Dotty is a member of DAR, Mayflower and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We received a plaque for our participation in this parade, which has been shown on Garden Grove Cable 3 TV.

Memorial Day Services

On May 31 your Color Guard attended and participated in the Memorial Service at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery. Besides your Color Guardsmen, Jim Blauer, Jim Fosdyck, Kent Gregory, David Siler and Larry Wood, also present were Un Hui Fosdyck, Charles Beal, Walter Davis, John, Will and Lacey Dodd, Arthur Koehler, and Bill Campbell. Both Jim Fosdyck and Bill Campbell spoke during the ceremonies. Bill read the poem, "Old Glory" while Jim spoke of the Guard Unit he was in that was at the Tomb of the Unknown in Arlington Cemetery. After the ceremonies were over we gathered for a picture and presented Dotty Wilson with a Certificate of Appreciation for having assisted Un Hui in carrying the banner in the Strawberry Festival Parade.

Meanwhile over at Fairhaven Memorial Park our own Lou Carlson was leading things with their Memorial Service. He hosted and was the MC for the Fairhaven Memorial Park Memorial Day service on Monday. They had 4,500 people in attendance, including Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez and Assemblyman Jose Solario. The speakers included Rear Admiral Heinrich, U.S. Navy Fleet Supply Command and Brigadier General Keith Jones, Commanding General of the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base. In the name of the California Society SAR I bought 2,000 American flags to give to audience members. The SAR was mentioned in the program for that donation. These Services were attended by the Dodds and Richard and Suki Adams.

General Anthony Wayne



General "Mad"
Anthony Wayne

Anthony Wayne was born on January 1, 1745 in Easttown Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania. This is near present day Paoli, Pennsylvania. He was educated at his uncle's private academy in Philadelphia to become a surveyor. He was hired by Benjamin Franklin and others to work for a year surveying land they owned in Nova Scotia. Once finished he returned to work in his father's tannery business as well as doing surveying jobs. He became a leader in Chester County, serving in the Pennsylvania legislature from 1774-1775.

With the outbreak of the Revolution in 1775 Wayne went about raising a militia unit in Chester county and in January 1776 he was commissioned a Colonel of the Fourth Pennsylvania Regiment. He saw action in the unsuccessful invasion of Canada. He commanded the forces at Fort Tichonderoga. Recognized for his efforts he was promoted to brigadier General on February 21, 1777.

He also saw action at Brandywine, Paoli and Germantown. He was at Valley Forge with General Washington in 1777-1778 winter camp.

His most notable victory came at the Battle of Stony Point. It was on July 16, 1779 that the bayonets only assault on the British fortifications took place. The midnight attack took the British by surprise. It resulted in the killing or wounding of 123 and the capture of 575 men. It lasted about 30 minutes for them to take the cliffside redoubt that overlooked the Southern Hudson River. This provided a major boost in the morale of the army and resulted in Congress presenting a medal to General Anthony for this victory.

He had victories at West Point and with the Marquis de Lafayette at Green Springs Virginia. This led to the Battle of Yorktown and Cornwallis' defeat by the American and French forces.

He then proceeded south where he severed the

alliance of the British and Native American Tribes in Georgia. He negotiated peace treaties with the Creek and Cherokee tribes and in doing so received a gift of a large Rice plantation from the State of Georgia. He also was instrumental in the liberating of Charleston, South Carolina.

He was promoted to the rank of Major General on October 10, 1783. Shortly thereafter he retired from the military and returned to Pennsylvania and in 1784 was once again elected by Chester County to be their representative to the State Legislature.

After a year he decided to move to Georgia to take up his Plantation the State had given him. In 1791 Georgia then elected him to the House of Representatives. He was never seated as there were questions about irregularities in the election as well as his residence status.

In 1792 he was appointed by President Washington to succeed Arthur St. Clair as commander of the American forces in the Northwest Territory. Called the Legion of the United States, his forces were to consolidate control of the Northwest Territory. U. S. efforts to settle the region had been delayed with the presence of British and their Native American allies. Tribes included in the confederation were the Miami, Shawnee, Leni Lenape and Wyandot. These tribes had had previous victories over the Americans in 1790 and 1791 under the leadership of Michikinikwa of the Miamis.

On August 20, 1794 General Wayne launched an assault on the confederation that was now led by Weyapiersenwah of the Shawnee Tribe. This is known as the Battle of Fallen Timbers, located just south of Toledo, Ohio on the Maumee River. In 1795 he secured the Treaty of Greenville with the chiefs of the defeated tribes. This opened up the Northwest Territory to new settlers. When Jay's Treaty was signed, the British vacated their forts in the area and in 1796 General Wayne took possession of these forts.

On November 19, 1796 he returned to Presque Isle(now Erie, PA) from Detroit. He had come by boat as he was suffering from what was termed a severe case of Gout. He was taken to Captain Bissell's quarters, where General Wayne requested they get Dr. J.C. Wallace who was in Pittsburg

General Anthony Wayne
1745-1796



some 100 miles away. While waiting for Dr. Wallace, General Wayne was attended to by Dr George Balfour. Dr. Balfour wrote, the gout "has reached his stomach". This resulted in weeks of agonizing pain. He died at 2am on December 15, 1796 in the arms of Dr. Balfour. Dr. Wallace had not arrived.

General Wayne had requested that two days after his death that he be buried in his uniform in a plain wooden coffin and be placed at the foot of the flagstaff of the post's blockhouse. The top of the casket was marked with brass nails with his initials, age and year of his death.

In 1807 a traveler through the area noted in his diary that the fort and burial place where General Anthony lay was in total ruin and not a place for a hero of his stature. The next year Wayne's daughter Margaretta, suggested to her brother Colonel Isaac Wayne that their father's remains should be brought back to the family plot in Radnor, Pennsylvania.

Nine months later a resolution was approved by the Society of the Cincinnati that noted he was buried in an unfit place for a man of his stature and that a monument should be erected in his honor.

This brought the stalling Isaac Wayne around to retrieve his fathers body and bring it back to St. David's Church for burial. A special case was prepared to hold the bones of his father. He had consulted with Dr. Rush on the removal of the bones and upon arrival in Erie asked the same Dr. Wallace to do the retrieval as Isaac wanted to remember his father as he knew him.

Isaac returned with his fathers bones, receiving an escort from the Chester County Light Infantry as friends of the general lined the road to the cemetery at St. David's Church where the General was laid to rest on October 24, 1809..***

Photo Album

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Charles Beal (left) spoke to the chapter on his work in locating the graves of Civil War Soldiers buried in Orange County. Over 800 have been located and identified.

At right Li Mei Su Vera receives her second place ribbon from the State Poster Contest. President Fosdyck holds her poster. Her mother, sister and Karen Richards join in.



At left, President Fosdyck presents Cianna Means with the SAR Good Citizenship Certifixate for her work with the blind.

At right, Veteran's Chairman Dan Henry presented Greg "Doc" Lutes with the Wounded Warrior Certificate and coin as President Fosdyck looks on.



Darrell Miller(below) receives three supplemental Ceretificates from Registrar Kent Gregory and President Fosdyck

New Member Larry Wood receives his Membership Certificate and rosette from Kent Gregory and Jim Wallace as President Fosdyck looks on.



Photo Album

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A multitude of people showed up on the opening day(Friday May 14) of the Field of Honor.



The Fosdycks and Jim Blauer stand by the Flag the chapter purchased to help support our local military personnel.



Color Guardsmen to the rescue. Chuck Lampman of the Riverside Chapter, Jim Fosdyck and Jim Blauer of Orange County stepped in to present the Colors on Friday when the Army Color Guard was a no show. Their picture appeared in the OC Register as well as the Register website.



Chuck Lampan showed off his various items used by a Revolutionary soldier of the day and demonstrated how they worked to both fellow Compatriots and visitors.



The South Coast Chapter Continental Marines fired their rifles on the second day during the National Anthem.