

# MUSKETS & BROADSWORD

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## MEETING INFORMATION

**When:** September 11, 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](http://www.orangecountysar.org)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer break. I look forward to hearing about your travels and experiences during our two-month hiatus.

This month our regular business meeting will be on September 11; the 9th anniversary of the September 11th suicide attacks by al-Qaeda upon the United States. The death toll of the attacks was 2,995, including the 19 hijackers. The United States responded to the attacks by launching the War on Terrorism. Take some time this month to remember the senseless loss of life on that fateful day and continue to pray for our service men and women that carry on with the War on Terrorism.

On a lighter note; happy birthday to our United States Air Force veterans. Initially part of the United States Army, the USAF was formed as a separate branch of the military on September 18, 1947.

Two hundred and twenty-three years ago on September 17, 1787, forty-two of the 55 delegates to the Constitutional Convention held their final meeting. Only one item of business occupied the agenda that day, to sign the Constitution of the United States of America. Thirty-nine members signed this document, thereby creating a new government. Members, such as Benjamin Franklin, admitted that the document was not perfect, but the Convention felt confident in presenting the constitution to the states for ratification. The success of the American colonists in the Revolutionary War culminated in the moment when these inspired men finished signing the document that created one of the strongest nations in the world, built upon democracy, justice, and the pursuit of happiness.

What happened to the signers of the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War. They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

What kind of men were they?

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated, but they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if

they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished.

So, take a few minutes while enjoying your freedom and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid.

Remember: freedom is never free!

*James C. Fosdyck*

All we have of freedom, all we use or know –  
This our fathers bought for us long and long ago. ~  
Rudyard Kipling, *The Old Issue*, 1899.

#### SPEAKER

Robert Esquinas

Our special guest speaker on Patriot Day, September 11th, will be Robert Esquinas. Robert is the founder of OPERATION: Archangel, a care package program for our troops forward deployed in both Iraq and Afghanistan. Founded in 2004 during the siege of Fallujah, OPERATION: Archangel has sent several thousand boxes that has

totaled over 35,000 lbs. to our troops in harms way, who protecting all of us and defending America. For his efforts, Robert has received numerous certificates of Appreciation and high praise from the United States Marine Corps for his work in supporting our marines and sailors. Robert holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from the Eli Broad School of Business At Michigan State University, and a Masters of Business Administration from the Marshall School of Business at the University of Southern California. Robert, his wife Cindy, and their son Michael are long-time residents of Irvine. Please join us as we hear about the story of OPERATION: Archangel from one of the greatest supporters of our troops in America.

#### CONGRESS IN CLEVELAND

In late June members of your Orange County Chapter flew back to Cleveland where they attended the National Congress. Those from our chapter in attendance included; Larry & Barbara Magerkurth, John Dodd, Lou & Karen Carlson and Jim Blauer. Larry Magerkurth who has held the position of Treasurer General ran for Secretary General and was elected. That means that next year in North Carolina, he will be running for the position of President General. Go Larry!!!

There were many members from around the State in attendance. This included Chuck Lampman from the Riverside Chapter who was elected to the position of Historian General. Congratulations to Chuck. Chuck was also honored for his contributions to the SAR Magazine.

On Friday they held several meetings as well as workshops. Compatriot Jim Blauer attended the Genealogy Workshop and the Color Guard workshop. The Genealogy Workshop was three hours with various speakers. In the afternoon it was the Color Guard workshop. Here they spoke on the dress of the time and the uniform and the dos and don'ts of wearing a uniform. It was specifically noted that when in a Revolutionary uniform you do not wear any SAR medals. Yet there were those

who did anyway. This was a two hour workshop with three speakers.

The evening was filled with fun and dinner on Lake Erie. Many of the attendees opted for the evening cruise on the lake which included dinner and some entertainment. The evening was capped by a beautiful sunset before we returned to the dock.

There were a couple tours on Saturday June 26. There was a large group that took the Cuyahoga Valley tour. This was a train ride through the countryside with historical information delivered through headsets. They also had a trip to the local Zoo. The Host State Society(Ohio) held their reception on Saturday(26th). They had munchies and entertainment. But, for the most part it was catch up time with friends from the SAR.

On Sunday Morning there was the Color Guard Breakfast that was attended by Compatriot Blauer. Here the plans were laid out for the various events in which a Color Guard would be used. The first would be that afternoon. The Memorial Service was held that afternoon at a local church. That night we observed the finalists in the Oration Contest. Amazing young men and women. I would not want to have to judge these orators.

Monday saw the beginning of Congress. At noon they held the Youth Awards Luncheon. Here we learned that the California Entry in the Poster Contest(Gold Country Chapter) took first place!! We were able to get a lot done on the two sessions today. So much so that instead of 9am they called for a 10:30 am start time in the morning.

Monday night was the Minuteman Awards Ceremony. California Society member Stan DeLong was honored. Stan has attended many Congresses and has served a Chaplain General. Congratulations Stan!!!

Following the Minuteman Ceremonies, the SAR Singers(Compatriot Blauer among them) sang several patriotic songs.

This was followed by the Awards ceremony. Though there were several California could have won, the majority went to the states of Texas,

Georgia, Missouri and Virginia.

On Tuesday one of the business items was the nomination and election of officers. All those on the slate of the nominating committee were approved and elected, except for the Genealogist General. This was a contested race. As a result we had to do a ballot in the afternoon.

That evening we had the President's Banquet. Here our own Larry Magerkurth was honored by PG Ed Butler along with others who were key to the PG's administration. There was an interesting talk about Fort Laurens and the attempts to have it designated a National landmark.

Business on Wednesday was quick and we were able to adjourn by 10am. With the elections over the installation would be at this evenings banquet.

Today's activity was a trip to the James A. Garfield Tomb. Here the President General and a few of the Color Guard presented a wreath at the tomb of our 20th President who was assassinated within months of taking office.

The tour we were on took us to a local cemetery that contained the remains of one Nathan Paine who at the time of the American Revolution was just 15 years old in 1775.

At the final Banquet we had the installation of officers. This included our own Larry Magerkurth as the new Secretary General. First they installed all those under the President General. Then came time for the President General's installation. J. David Simpson was sworn in. As he was sworn in he also had the ring ceremony. Here the signet ring worn by George Washington is placed on the new President General's finger. This is only done long enough to get pictures. It is then returned to safe keeping.

Many people warned us that Cleveland would be hot and humid. On the contrary it was very nice, sunny and a light breeze on the days we were there. A terrific trip and experience.

Should anyone wish more details on this meeting before the SAR Magazine comes out, your editor has typed up his notes and you can email him and he will email a copy to you. [jblauer@pacbell.net](mailto:jblauer@pacbell.net).

## JULY 4TH PARADE

This year your chapter entry in the Huntington Beach July 4th Parade was as close to the beginning as we have ever been in the 20+ years we have been doing this parade. As entry #101 we marched our way down Coast Highway and Main street. Lisa Gregory and Sharon Wood carried the banner. Jim Blauer, Kent Gregory and Larry Wood carried the Colors. They were followed by the Fife and drummers. This included Matthew Noell, David Noell, Ben Curtis, John Davis, Greg Smith, David Boesch and Steve Flick. Two fifers and five drummers. They were followed by our 1931 Model A Deluxe Coupe driven by Dave Manning.

Our entry was on KOCE Channel 50 twice that afternoon. we were on the channel 7 news at 6pm and 11pm that evening. A couple of days later an email was received from Matthew Noell who had taped our event and paced it on YouTube under LA Fife and Drum Corps. For 1 minute and 11 seconds we are featured on this Youtube site. We were also seen throughout the month of July on the HB Cable Channel 3. This was 2-3 times a week. Not bad exposure for our chapter.

Compatriot Bill Campbell and family continued to attend the July 3 and 4th festivities in Orange and Anaheim. He and his wife Mary and their grandchildren rode into the Orange Acres Park Parade again.

Compatriot Arthur Koehler attended the Huntington Beach Pier festivities.

Compatriot Walter Davis, in uniform, did his annual "Ring of the Bell" Ceremony at the Carehouse Healthcare facility for the patients, family and staff.

If you participated or attended a July 4th activity please report it to your editor so that he may include it in his monthly activity report to the state. President Griswold has set up a new committee to collect activity information from chapters so that the state can report these activities to National for possible awards at the National Congress for both chapters and state.

## ANNUAL BARBECUE A SUCCESS

Our Chapter's annual barbecue was a success once again. Held on July 17th at the home of John & Karen Dodd, we had 40 people from seven chapters. Larry Magerkurth, Chuck Lampman and Karl Jacobs spoke on the developments that are going on at National. Many thanks go out to the Dodd Family for being our hosts once again.

## FALL BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

The California Compatriot is on its way, if you have not yet received it. On page 10 and 11 you will find hotel and registration information for the meeting to be held on November 5 & 6 this Fall.

We will be at the Embassy Suites in Santa Clara as the Silicon Valley Chapter hosts this 136th Annual Fall Board of Manager's Meeting.

The Hotel rate is \$95 per night and Registration is \$140 to cover two luncheons and the banquet. If you can not be there for all the meals you can purchase them individually. The luncheons run \$40 each and the banquet is \$60. It is my understanding that you can go to the California website and fill out the application on line. Hope to see many of you from our chapter there.

## 137th ANNUAL SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The 137th Annual Spring membership Meeting will be hosted by your Orange County Chapter. It will be at this meeting that our own John Dodd will be installed as the State President. The meeting is set for April 8-10, 2011. So, please mark your calendars for this meeting as we honor one of our own.

As hosts of this meeting we will need to have a lot of help in putting it on. We will need volunteers to take on various tasks and hope that you will be able to help out.

The contract with the hotel should be approved at the Fall Board of Managers Meeting. Once this has been done we will be able to get back to you with more details on hotel and registration costs.

If you would like to help out you can contact any of the officers on the front page of this newsletter or email [johnldodd@earthlink.net](mailto:johnldodd@earthlink.net) to volunteer. There is always lots to do at these meetings and any help you can give to assist in this event is greatly appreciated.

## SIGNERS OF THE CONSTITUTION ROGER SHERMAN

As Constitution Day, September 17th approaches, your editor has selected to write about one of the 39 men who helped to write and signed the Constitution.

Roger Sherman was born on April 19, 1721 in Newton, Massachusetts. His ancestors came from Dedham, England in 1635 and settled in Watertown, Massachusetts. His father, William was a respectable farmer, but not of means to help with his sons education past parochial school.

He was early on apprenticed to a shoemaker. While at work he was known to have a book at hand as he had a great thirst for knowledge.

When he was but 19 years of age(1741), his father passed away. This left Roger to care for his mother and family as an older brother had already moved to New-Milford, Connecticut. In 1743 they sold the farm and moved to New-Milford as well. Here he set up shop as a shoemaker until he went into business with his older brother as a country merchant. While running their store he also worked as a county surveyor, having been elected to that position in 1745 and was elected to various town offices.

In 1748 having learned a bit about astronomy he supplied astronomical calculations to an almanac published in New York City and did this for many years.

In 1749 he married Elizabeth Hartwell of Stoughton by which he had seven children. Though he had no formal education in the legal field, he was admitted to the bar in 1754. This was the beginning of his judicial and political career.

Except for a brief interval, Roger Sherman served in the colonial legislature from 1755-1761. Here he

held such offices as Justice of the Peace and County Judge. He also served as an Associate Justice on the State Supreme Court. Between all his political and judicial duties he also found time to publish an essay on monetary theory.

In 1760 following the passing of his wife Elizabeth, Roger married a second time to Miss Rebecca Prescott of Danvers, Connecticut. With seven children from his first wife, Rebecca would give him another eight children.

His various positions over the years included; serving in the State's Upper house from 1766-1785, on the State Superior Court from 1766-1789. He was on the Committee along with Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and Robert Livingston that drafted the Declaration of Independence. He signed the Declaration of Independence(1776), signed the Articles of Confederation(1781), was a member of the Continental Congress(1774-1781), A member of the Confederation Congress(1783-84) and Mayor of New Haven(1784-1786).

When there was a call for the Constitutional Convention, Roger Sherman was one of the delegates sent from Connecticut. He arrived on May 30 and except for a brief absence in late July, he attended all the meetings.

The Convention heated up with the presentation of the Virginia Plan. Here states would have representation based on population. This scared the smaller states that they would not get to have any say or very little as they would not have as many representatives. One compromise was the New Jersey Plan, which called for a unicameral legislature with equal representation. This was voted down in mid June.

Here, Roger Sherman and his Connecticut colleague Oliver Ellsworth, created what became known as the Connecticut Compromise. Here they outlined a bicameral system. The House of Representatives would be based on population and the Senate would have equal representation of two from each state. This compromise was acceptable to both the large and small states and broke the

deadlock that had arisen over this issue. They were then able to deal with the other parts of the document which included the 3/5 portion for slaves to be counted, the Judicial and Executive branches. They also discussed the right of Congress to levy export duties which had been forbidden and the importation of slaves. This last item would be outlawed as of 1808.

With all the items covered and agreed upon the document was formally written up and on September 17, 1787, 39 delegates signed the document. Some had refused to sign it because it did not contain a Bill of Rights. Those who did sign it felt that those rights should be spelled out in amendment form and could be added after the document was approved by the States and had gone into effect.

Signers included by state; **Delaware**--George Read, Gunning Bedford, Jr., John Dickenson, Richard Bassett, and Jacob Broom. **Maryland**--Daniel of St. Thomas Jennifer, James McHenry, and Daniel Carroll. **Virginia**--George Washington, John Blair and James Madison, Jr. **North Carolina**--William Blount, Richard Dobbs Spaight, and Hugh Williamson. **South Carolina**--John Rutledge, Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, Charles Pinckney, and Pierce Butler. **Georgia**--William Few and Abraham Baldwin. **New Hampshire**--John Langdon and Nicholas Gilman. **Massachusetts**--Nathaniel Gorham and Rufus King. **Connecticut**--William Samuel Johnson and Roger Sherman. **New York**--Alexander Hamilton. **New Jersey**--William Livingstone, David Brearley, William Paterson, and Jonathan Dayton. **Pennsylvania**--Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Mifflin, Robert Morris, George Clymer, Thomas Fitzsimons, Jared Ingersol, James Wilson and Gouverneur Morris.

Roger Sherman wrote articles on behalf of the passage of the Constitution, but these were not a part of what we know as the Federalist Papers written by James Madison, Alexander Hamilton and John Jay.

With its ratification Roger Sherman served his

state in the House of Representatives from 1789-1791 and in the Senate from 1791-1793.

Roger Sherman died July 23, 1793 at the age of 72 in New Haven, Connecticut. He is buried in Grove Street Cemetery in New Haven, Connecticut.

Roger Sherman was the only member of the Continental Congress to sign the Declaration of 1774, upholding Colonial Rights, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution.

A statue of Sherman represents the state of Connecticut in Statuary Hall in the Capitol in Washington, D.C.

#### FATHER OF THE CONSTITUTION

James Madison is known as the Father of the Constitution. Why? Even though it is believed that Madison authored the Virginia Plan, it was not for that reason. The Virginia Plan called for a bicameral system with both houses based on population and the lower house electing the upper house of the legislature. This was not acceptable to the smaller states and is why Sherman came up with the Connecticut Plan.

The reason that Madison is known as the Father of the Constitution is because he did a better job than the convention Secretary, William Jackson, did in taking notes.

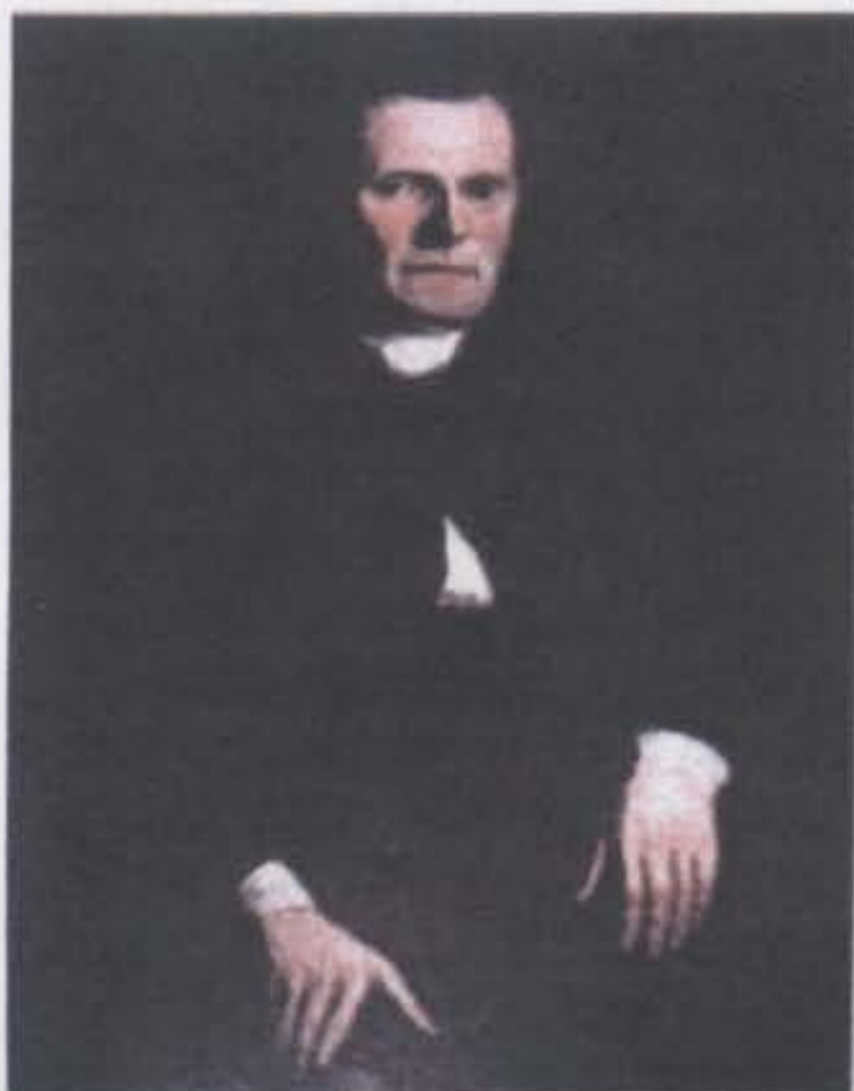
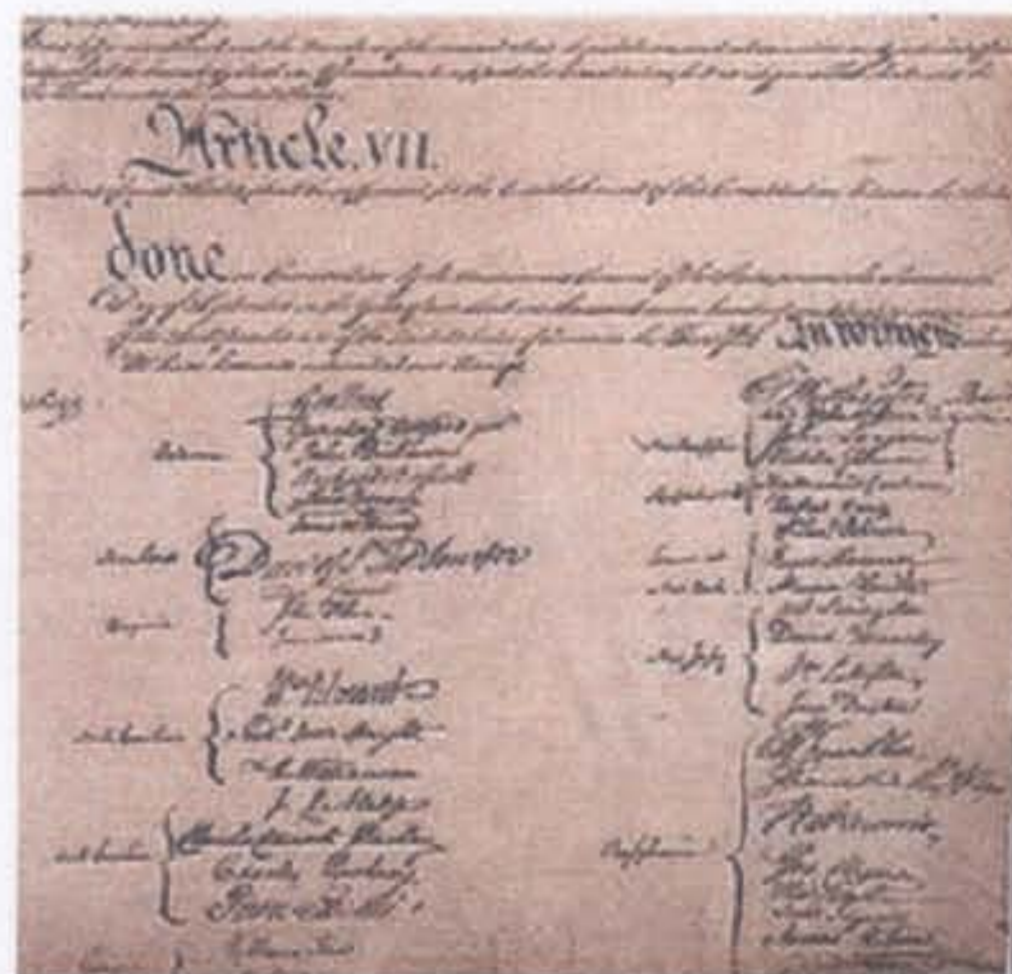
Madison was a copious note taker at the Convention. When the business of the day was over he returned to his room and spent the evening rewriting his notes in a more readable form. But Madison never showed his notes to anyone. Not during his lifetime. They were in his personal papers when he died. He had been organizing his notes for publication on this major event in our country's history. His wife Dolly had his papers released after his death in 1836 and that is when everyone, especially historians learned of what went on during the proceedings of the Constitutional Convention. The information in Madison notes were nowhere to be found in those of William Jackson. Thus, Madison was given the nickname "Father of the Constitution". \*\*\*

# Photo Album

September 2010  
Constitutional Convention  
& Roger Sherman



At left a portrait of the Signers of the Constitution. At right the signatures of the Signers of the Constitution



At center left and below are portraits of Roger Sherman in his prime and as an elder statesman.



At center right are pictures of the signers of the Constitution.



Bottom right is the statue of Roger Sherman that can be found in Statuary Hall in the Capitol in Washington, D.C. Each state is allowed 2 statues in Statuary Hall. Roger's is one of two from the State of Connecticut.



# Photo Album

September 2010-2



At left, our Color Guard marched in the Strawberry Festival Parade. Kent Gregory, Dotty Wilson, Jim Fosdyck, Larry Wood, Jim Blauer and Un Hui Fosdyck.

Following the parade we met a WWII wounded Warrior at the local McDonalds with Kent Gregory.(Right)



Members attended the Spring meeting of the Colonial Wars Society of California.

At left are Jim Quinnelly and John Dodd.

At right Jim Fosdyck is installed as a new member by Jim McHargue.



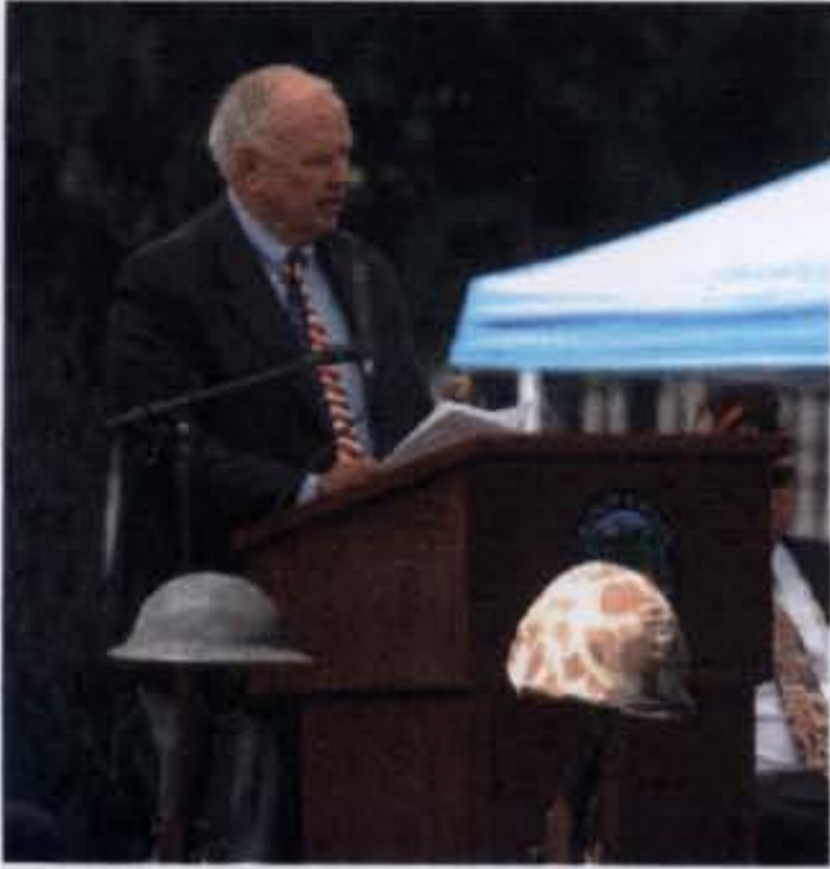
David Siler was there(Left) as well as Larry Wood with Jim Fosdyck(Right).

Jim Blauer who was also there took the photos.



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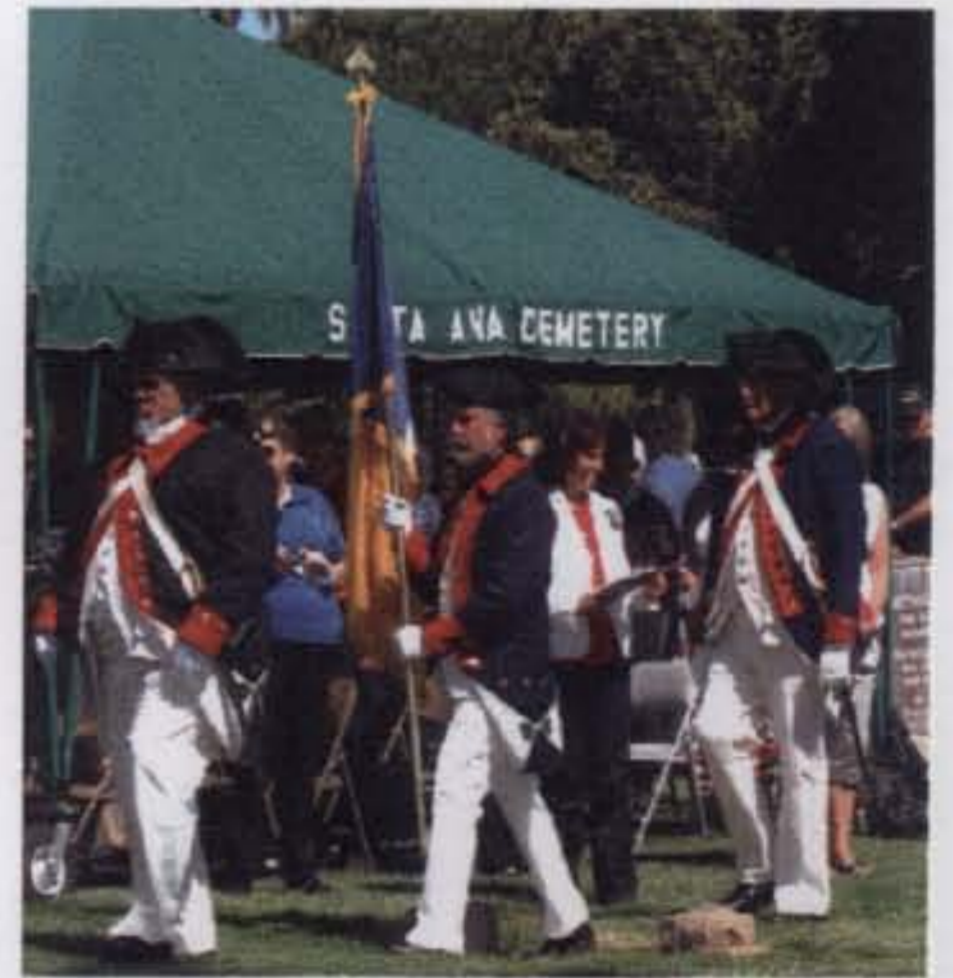
## September 2010-3 Memorial Day



Compatriots Bill Campbell (left) and Jim Fosdyck(right) spoke to those attending this years Memorial Service. Bill read the poem "Old Glory" and Jim Spoke about The Guard that is on duty at the Tomb of the Unknown.



Your Color Guard of Commander Jim Blauer, Kent Gregory, Larry Wood, David Siler and Jim Fosdyck presented the Colors along with other organizations in attendance.



Commander Jim Blauer carrying the wreath(left) leads the Color Guard in the presentation of laying wreaths at the Civil War Monument. Upon laying the wreath, Commander Blauer fell in line as the Color Guard gave a respectful salute(Right)



# Photo Album

September 2010-4

## Congress in Cleveland

Jim Blauer helps lead the Color Guard to the Soldiers & Sailors Monument (left) where the flags were posted (right).

Center left, is the entire Color Guard Contingent that presented the colors and received a tour of the monument.

Center right, Karen & Lou Carlson, Jim Blauer and John Dodd



Barbara and Larry Magerkurth were there. Larry was elected to the office of Secretary General.



The California Color Guardsmen (below) at the Church where the Memorial Service was conducted. Compatriot Blauer is second from right.



# Photo Album

September 2010-5  
July 4th Parade &  
Annual Barbecue



Lisa Gregory and Sharon Wood carried the banner in the July 4th Huntington Beach Parade. (Left)

At right,  
Jim Blauer and Kent Gregory are seen marching down Main Street.



From the LA Fife & Drum Corps we had 5 drummers and two fifers. Greg Smith and Dave Boesch on Bass Drums, John Davis, Ben Curtis, and David Noell on Snare drums, and Steve Flick & Matthew Noell on Fifes.



Larry Magerkurth(below) speaks to those in attendance on what is happening at National.



John Dodd, Francine Spears, Chuck Lampman, Hugh Richards, Kent Gregory, Jim Fosdyck, Larry Magerkurth and Rex Shannon were just some of the 40 in attendance at our Barbecue.



President Jim Fosdyck presents the Dodds with a Certificate of Appreciation for hosting the barbecue once again. Thank You John & Karen.

