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MEETING INFORMATION

When: April 16, 2011
Where: Sizzler Restaurant
1401 North Harbor Blvd.
Fullerton, CA
Time: Social Begins at 11:00am
Website: www.orangecountysar.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April is a special month in the history of the Orange County Chapter of the SAR, since the chapter was founded on April 15, 1967. During the history of our chapter, many members have applied their leadership skills for the advancement of SAR's historical, educational, and patriotic goals.

Many of our present chapter members have backgrounds of distinguished leadership in their professional careers, or in other non-profit organizations. We have former company CEOs, military officers, law enforcement officers, firemen, religious leaders, attorneys, and teachers among our ranks. Several have served in positions of leadership in the California State Society, SAR.

In the forty-four years of our chapter's existence, there have been three of our members who were selected as President of the California State Society, SAR: **Arthur W. Barrett** (1989-1990), **Larry Magerkurth** (2005-2006), and the **Rev. Louis V. Carlson** (2009-2010). On April 9, 2011 we add another member to that list: **John L. Dodd**. John led our chapter as President for three years, in 2004, 2005, and 2008. It is with great pride that we congratulate him on his new position of important leadership.

We are also excited that in July, Orange County Chapter member Larry Magerkurth will be installed as the National Society, SAR President General. He will be only the third Californian to serve as national President General. He welcomes all of you to attend the NSSAR Congress in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

The chapter meeting on April 16 will give us a chance to review the CASSAR State Meeting hosted by our chapter for John Dodd's presidential inauguration. Our guest speaker will be the CASSAR Vice President-South **J. Stephen Hurst**, whose topic will be *George Washington and Dale Carnegie*. We will continue our important recognition of wounded warriors, men who have earned the Purple Heart in military service for our country. I hope to see you there!

M. Kent Gregory

SPEAKER J. STEPHEN HURST

Introducing your Vice President, South: J Stephen Hurst. A member since 2002, He has three supplemental lines he has proven.. He is a Life Member. The State Awards he has received includes the Meritorious Service Award for service as CASSAR Registrar. His Chapter awards includes the Meritorious Service Award for service of two years as vice president and two years as president of the George Patton Chapter,

the Outstanding Citizenship Award, the Bronze Color Guard Award, and the Past President pin.

He received his:BA in Chemistry from San Diego State University(SDSU) and his MBA from the University of Missouri.

He is a Certified Financial Planner and retired after more than thirty years financial advisor at a major investment firm.

He has been a Resident of California since 1962. His Military Service saw his rise to the rank of Captain in the U S Air Force. Here he served as a Munitions officer, Missile launch officer, and an Equal opportunity officer. He served in Okinawa, two tours in Thailand, North Dakota, Missouri, and Vandenberg AFB.

He has three children. A step daughter Stephanie, foster son Thuan Huynh, deceased son Eric, recipient of Carnegie Hero Award and a Grandson, Nathan Huynh. Nathan is a youth registrant of the SAR.

Steve is a Member of the NRA. He is an American Sailing Associate bareboat charter diplomate, member the Roseleaf Ragtime Club, Life member, Society of Sedimentary Geology Pacific section, subscriber New West Symphony, member St. George's Anglican Church,

He belongs to several Lineage Societies. He has served as Past Secretary, California Society of War of 1812, Governor General, Order of the First Family of Maryland, a Member of the California Society of Colonial Wars, and a Member of the Society of Indiana Pioneers.

“Call me Steve. From my efforts as Registrar, I know how congenial our society can be. It is a pleasure to associate with men interested in our country’s patriotic heritage. I want to help us to continue to grow by welcoming new, younger members.”

MEETING CHANGE

Due to the State Meeting falling on the second

weekend of the month(April 8 & 9), your chapter has moved their meeting to the third Saturday April 16th. Please make a note of this change so you do not try and show up at the Sizzler the weekend before.

ANNUAL SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The 136th Annual Spring Membership Meeting is set for April 8 & 9, 2011. Your Orange County Chapter is the host of this event as our own John Dodd will be installed as the new State President. If you have not registered yet you need to contact President Gregory concerning your reservations and meals. We will be at the Crown Plaza at 17941 Von Karman Ave. in Irvine. Information on hotel reservations and the registration form can be found on the Orange County website under Calendar of events. We have reserved a Hospitality Room where members will be able to relax and enjoy each others company. Times for the room being opened will be announced at the meeting. Members and their wives usually gather Thursday afternoon before going to dinner that evening. The meeting starts on Friday morning. At noon we will have the Community Service Awards Luncheon. Afterwards the second session will continue with business. Dinner will be on your own. On Saturday session 3 will begin that morning. At Noon we will have the Youth Awards Luncheon. Here we will vote on the Poster Contest entries and see who will represent the State at National this year. Following the luncheon will be a memorial service for all those compatriots we lost this last year. After the conclusion of the service we will reconvene for the final session of the meeting.

The Orange County chapter will conduct its own raffle in the Hospitality Room in an effort to raise money to offset the cost of the room. Those wishing to bring their specialty foods for those who come top the hospitality room should contact President Gregory and see what is needed. It should

you there.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Last month your editor failed to mention those who had birthdays in March so here goes.

March 1-David Winsor

March 5-John Manno

March 10-Duane E. Martin

March 31-Charles Beal

In April we celebrate Birthdays for...

April 3-Ramon Antoine

April 8-Bill Campbell

April 11-George Bethel

Then there is April 15, 1967. This is the date on which the Orange County Chapter Sons of the American Revolution was chartered. Happy 44th Anniversary!!!

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT GENERAL

J. David Sympson

Compatriot Frank Buckles, the last living American World War I veteran and the subject of the cover story of the current SAR Magazine, died peacefully at his Charleston, West Virginia, home on Sunday, February 27, 2011.

Frank Buckles was a SAR member for 75 years and a long time member of the Gen. Adam Stephen Chapter, WVSSAR. Celebrating his 110th birthday on February 1st, surrounded by family and friends, he was in relatively good health until his death. He was preceded in death by his wife, Audrey, and is survived by his daughter, Susannah Buckles Flanagan, and her husband. Buckles will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery with assistance of the NSSAR. An announcement of services is pending. My thoughts and prayers go out to Compatriot Frank Buckles' daughter, Susannah, his family and to all his compatriots in the West Virginia Society who especially feel his loss.

Originally from Missouri, Buckles was 16 when

he was shipped off to France in 1917. He served in the ambulance corps. He also served in World War II, was captured by the Japanese in the Philippines, and spent three years as a prisoner of war.

As in The SAR Magazine article, Buckles was described as "The Last Doughboy" and "Pershing's Last Patriot." A recent magazine article described his work on "his last mission" to convince Congress to provide a permanent national monument to World War I in Washington D.C. This effort is still ongoing. Buckles' ties to the National Society Sons of the American Revolution were strong. He chose his farm in eastern West Virginia because it was near the place where his Revolutionary ancestors lived. He was a recipient of the SAR's Distinguished Patriot Award, the Gold Good Citizenship Medal and the War Service Medal.

Compatriot Frank Buckles embodied the American soldier ideal best described by General MacArthur, "Their guidepost stands out like a tenfold beacon in the night: Duty, Honor, Country." A descendant of a patriot of the American Revolution and decorated veteran of World War I and World War II, Frank Buckles exemplified SAR's finest tradition of patriotic leadership and service to our nation. In his memory, the SAR will continue to support his efforts to ensure that his fellow Doughboys are honored in our Nation's Capitol with a National World War I Memorial.

PATRIOT'S DAY PARADE

On March 5, Lee's Legion members Kent Gregory and Jim Blauer were joined by Lisa Gregory and Karen Carlson to walk in the Laguna Beach Patriot's Day Parade. For those of you that missed it, it was a beautiful day for a downhill walk in Laguna Beach. A view of the ocean and a light breeze. Lisa & Karen carried the banner out in front of Jim & Kent who carried the American and SAR

Flags respectively. They were followed by Dave Manning driving his 1931 model A Deluxe Coupe. The Coupe took second place in the Antique Auto Division. After we were done Dave and Jim went to the awards site and waited till the parade was over and the presentation of Awards took place. Your Lee's Legion took 2nd place in the Color Guard over 21 division. Congratulations go out to Dave and Lee's Legion for their wins at this parade.

NATIONAL CONGRESS

The National SAR Congress is being held this year in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Your recent issue of the SAR Magazine(Winter 2011) page 6-9 gives you all the details as well as Registration form. This years Congress will be a very momentous one for our chapter. Our own Larry Magerkurth is slated to be elected and sworn in as the next President General of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution!!! It is not every chapter that can claim they have a PG on their membership rolls. I know Larry and Barbara would love to see as many of our chapter members in attendance as is feasibly possible.

Activities will begin on Friday, July 8 with a Genealogy Seminar scheduled, a golf outing and a Baseball at BB&T Park. Saturday there is a tour of old Salem and the Host State Society reception in the evening. Sunday is the Memorial Service. Then Congress begins on Monday. They have the Youth Awards Luncheon for all the National winners of our Youth Programs. Tuesday evening there is the President General's Banquet and Wednesday Evening is the Installation Banquet. It is at this final banquet that our own Larry Magerkurth will be installed as the President General for 2011-2012. We have arranged to have a California Hospitality Suite where the California delegation will be able to relax when we are not at the meetings, banquets, or on tours.

So, start making your plans for a vacation to Winston-Salem, North Carolina this year after the July 4th weekend. They have both the Embassy Suites and Marriott for reserving your room accommodations. Check out your SAR Magazine for all the details. See you in North Carolina!!!

WOUNDED WARRIOR

At our March meeting we had two wounded Warriors who were recognized for their service. One was our speaker who we wrote about in the March Newsletter and the other was the father of member Dan McKelvie, Archie L. McKelvie.

Archie McKelvie was born and raised in Alexis, Illinois. He joined the U. S. Army in December 1943 at the age of 18. He was trained at Camp Wheeler, Georgia(near Macon) and was shipped out to Europe in June 1944. He was assigned to the 80th Infantry Division, 317th Regiment, Company G. He was wounded in November 1944 near Saarbrucken, Germany.

He also served in the Korean Conflict and worked afterwards for the Army Weapons Command at Rock Island Arsenal until he retired in 1980. Archie L. McKelvie received the Wounded Warrior Coin and Certificate from President Gregory.

Life Before the Loyalist Exodus by Stephen Davidson

Letters and diaries are the best resources to give us glimpses of life in colonial America before the loyalist exodus. However, if colonists were the authors of such documents, it was all too common for them to leave out everyday details such as courtship, the local wildlife, or even something as mundane as tooth-brushing. The letters of Lieutenant Thomas Anburey, on the other hand, were written by a British officer who marvelled at the wonders of both the natural world and the society of the Thirteen Colonies.

As he toured Massachusetts, Anburey noted that "*both sexes have universally bad teeth, which must*

probably be occasioned by their eating so much molasses, making use of it at all meals, and even eating it with greasy pork." Later in Virginia, the lieutenant was impressed by the dogwood. "The wood is very hard, and breaks into small fibres; for want of such necessary implements as toothbrushes, we substitute this wood."

Painting eggs was an Easter custom in Maryland as early as 1781. Chicken eggs were boiled in logwood "which dyes the shell crimson, and though this colour will not rub off, you may, with a pin, scratch on them any figure or device you think proper. This is practised by the young men and maidens, who present them to each other as love tokens. As these eggs are boiled a considerable time to take the dye, the shell acquires great strength, and the little children divert themselves by striking the eggs against each other, and that which breaks becomes the property of him whose egg remains whole."

But even such an innocent custom was an occasion for patriot propaganda in at least one household. "To impress the minds of his children with their glorious struggle for independence, as they term it," {one patriot colonel had an Easter egg on which was} "engraved the battle of Bunker's Hill. This he takes infinite pains to explain to his children, but will not suffer them to touch it, being the performance of his son...now being slain, he preserves it as a relic. The Colonel favoured us with a sight of it, and, considering the small space, the battle is very accurately delineated."

Even insects did not escape Anburey's notice. In August of 1779, he was fascinated by his first encounter with fireflies. "By the light of one of these insects, if held between the fingers and moved gradually with the luminous spots over the crystal of a watch, you can with ease tell the hour; and ten or twelve of them put into a clear phial {small bottle}, will give sufficient light to read or write by very distinctly".

A year later he was horrified to see the damage inflicted on log army barracks by termites that locals called "sawyers". "I have seen timber, nearly the circumference of one's waist, which had not been cut down above six months, that upon stripping off the bark, there was nothing but the

appearance of sawdust, with a vast number of these insects, resembling a large grub-worm."

Anburey was fascinated by new words. "There is a shrub peculiar to this province, that bears a small flower, which the inhabitants term the bubby flower, it resembles that which grows on clover grass, and has peculiar qualities, for it retains its grateful and odoriferous perfume for a length of time after being gathered, and as it withers, increases; the name given to the flower arises from a custom that the women have of putting this flower down their bosoms, letting it remain there till it has lost all its grateful perfume."

New Englanders called Virginians "buckskins" because their ancestors were hunters who sold deer (or buck) skins. Virginians, on the other hand, called New Englanders "Yankees" from the Cherokee word "e-ankee" which means a coward or a slave. This epithet was first given to the northern colonists when they failed to help Virginians fight a war against the Cherokee people. The British soldiers stationed in Boston later used the term contemptuously when referring to the New England colonists. Following the Battle of Bunker Hill, however, "Yankee" was attached to a popular tune and forever afterwards was considered a badge of honour.

In the heat of a Virginian summer, Anburey found that his woolen clothes were "insufferable". He noted that the officers in the colony "wear cotton habiliments; the cotton of which mine is made I obtained from my landlord, and saw the whole process of its growth and manufacture, from the seed being sown, till it came out of the loom. The carding and spinning of cotton is the chief employment of the female negroes, for since the inhabitants have been deprived of our English cottons, they manufacture a sort themselves, little inferior to that made at Manchester, and almost all the families in this Province, both male and female, are clothed with their own manufacture, the superior class as an example to their inferiors, who are compelled by necessity. "

While he enjoyed the textiles of the south, Anburey was not so enthralled by some of the local food. "As I have several times mentioned hominy and hoe-cake, it may not be amiss to explain them:

the former is made of Indian corn, which is coarsely broke, and boiled with a few French beans, till it is almost a pulp. Hoe-cake is Indian corn ground into meal, kneaded into a dough, and baked before a fire, but as the negroes bake theirs on the hoes that they work with, they have the appellation of hoe-cakes. These are in common use among the inhabitants, I cannot say they are palatable, for as to flavor, one made of sawdust would be equally good, and not unlike it in appearance, but they are certainly a very strong and hearty food. "

Anburey also enjoyed a good story when he heard one. Some of the ones he recounted in his letters to England will be featured in next week's Loyalist Trails.

Tales of War and Loyalism

Lt. Thomas Anburey served in the British Army throughout the American Revolution. During that time, he faithfully corresponded with a friend back home, sharing stories of the people he met in the colonies. His letters not only reveal the human side of the war, but show us aspects of the Revolution we could never have imagined.

One of the first loyalists mentioned in Anburey's correspondence was a small drummer boy. *"You will be pleased with a noble and animated saying of a little drum-boy, not ten years old. This boy's father, who belonged to our regiment, some time since deserted into Boston, and has been as nigh as he could venture with safety to our barracks, to entice or seize his son, and take him with him; but finding it in vain he sent an American to entreat him to go to his father. .. the little fellow replied, "No; tell my father, if he is such a rascal as to desert his King and country, his son won't; he has fed at their expense, and will die in their service."*

Desertion was a problem for both the patriot and British armies during the Revolution. Among the armed forces of King George III were soldiers hired from the Prince of Hessen-Kassel in what is now part of modern day Germany. According to Anburey's accounts, it is little wonder that many of these "Hessians" wished to desert.

Anburey was not impressed with all of the German regiments, and he felt it had to do with the manner in which they were enlisted. *"When application was made by our court to Germany for troops, the Prince caused every place of worship to be surrounded during service, and took every man who had been a soldier, and to embody these and form them into regiments, he appointed old officers... Only picture to your imagination, ensigns of forty and fifty, commanding of troops not much younger, and judge how proper they are for an active and vigorous campaign, in the thick woods of America."*

Espionage was essential in waging war in the Thirteen Colonies. In 1777's Worcester, Massachusetts an important part of a spy's arsenal was a device known as a "silver egg".

"In our way hither we passed through a small neat town, called Worcester, where I met accidentally with one of the Committee-men, who was upon the examination of a poor fellow, sent from our army to General Clinton, and who very imprudently swallowed the silver egg that contained the message to the General, in the presence of those who took him prisoner. After tormenting the poor fellow with emetics and purgatives till he discharged it, they immediately hung him up. The egg was opened, and the paper taken out, on which was written, "Nous y voici , here we are, nothing between us but Gates." ... None of them understanding a word of that language, they sent to the jail for a poor Canadian, who was a prisoner, to translate it for them: he informed them it meant "here we are", but as that was in English, they would not credit it. At last one very sagaciously observed, that it certainly was some private mark,... it was thought proper to send it to General Washington, who certainly would understand it better."

In those days it was hard to know if a neighbour was a good loyalist or a patriot spy. Some even speculated about which side of the Revolution one might find God. *"One morning, as we renewed our march, the weather being remarkably fine, some*

officers were extolling the beauty of the morning. An old woman who was in the crowd, and overheard him, in the most violent rage exclaimed, "Well, for my part, I believe God Almighty has turned Tory to give these Britainers such fine weather for their march."

We have a tendency to think it is a phenomenon of the 21st century to have clerics promise young idealistic soldiers greater heavenly rewards if they die fighting an oppressor. However, in 1777 there were ministers in Cambridge, Massachusetts who urged their young men to go to war to die in a divine crusade.

Anburey wrote that the Revolution had *"in some measure, become a religious cause, in which the people being enthusiasts, their clergy artfully increase a warlike spirit among their flock. One of them, in my hearing, firmly asserted, that rewards were prepared in Heaven for those who fell in the present contest, endeavoring to impress them with an idea of the real necessity of the war, as the defence of religious liberty. This was a most precious and prevailing argument to delude the ignorant. He insinuated that the Roman Catholic religion was to be introduced, artfully mentioned the Quebec Act, and after pretending that he had been visited by the Supreme Being in visions, assured them those only would be accepted in Heaven, who should seal their lives in so righteous a cause with their blood."*

Anburey enjoyed encountering new words. He discovered that when New Englanders referred to riding in the woods with a "blazing iron", they meant that they were carrying a musket or gun.

He found that "Whig" and "Tory" had different meanings in the Thirteen Colonies. In England a Tory was originally the term applied to "wild Irish robbers" who sought the deaths of Protestants in 1641. In America, a "rank Tory" was a loyalist. "Whig" was the name given to those who attended "the devotion-meeting" where they drank whey made of coagulated sour milk -- also referred to as "whig". Later it was used to describe those who were supporters of King William and King George.

In the Thirteen Colonies, a Whig was a rebel or patriot. As Anburey noted, "the Americans apply them quite the reverse" of the British usage. Lt. Anburey was also a keen observer of colonial society and its customs. Some of his insights will be featured in next week's *Loyalist Trails*.

Glimpses of Life in the Colonies

Lt. Thomas Anburey spent the years of the American Revolution travelling with the British army from New England to the southern colonies. Throughout all of that time, the young officer wrote back to a close friend in England. North America was full of new sights and sounds, and Anburey was more than willing to share all that he discovered with his friend across the Atlantic. The record of his correspondence gives the modern reader a much greater understanding of the era in which the loyalists lived.

The social customs of the New World fascinated Anburey. It was in Massachusetts that he first observed young people "frolicking". In January of 1777, he wrote, *"When the moon is favorable, a number of young men and women, to the amount of thirty or forty, set off in sleighs, about seven o'clock in the evening, to join some other party, perhaps at the distance of eighteen or twenty miles, where they dance and carouse till daylight, when they return and follow their common avocations, as if they had rested all night; it is not uncommon, an hour or two after daylight, to be awaked with the singing and noise they make, and by the number of bells affixed to the horses, on the return of some of these parties."*

"Tarrying" was another popular custom that raised Anburey's eyebrows. *"When a young man is enamoured of a woman, and wishes to marry her, he proposes the affair to her parents, (without whose consent no marriage, in this colony, can take place) if they have no objection, he is allowed to tarry with her one night, in order to make his court. At the usual time, the old couple retire to bed, leaving the young ones to settle matters as they can, who, having sat up as long as they think proper, get into bed together also, but without*

putting off their under garments, to prevent scandal. If the parties agree, it is all very well, the banns are published, and they married without delay; if not, they part, and possibly never see each other again, unless, which is an accident that seldom happens, the forsaken fair proves pregnant, in which case the man, unless he absconds, is obliged to marry her, on pain of excommunication."

It is a forgotten fact of history that the American colonists relied entirely upon Great Britain for their supply of salt. Anburey noted what happened one day as salt and pork supplies came to the British encampment. *"As the cart with the provisions came through the plantation, I was much surprised to see all the cattle, horses, sheep, and hogs following it, nor could the driver keep them off, till he came to the house. I found this was to lick the barrels which contained the salt meat. The inhabitants throughout America, whose habitations are at any great distance from the sea or salt-water give their cattle and horses salt once or twice a week, with which they are satisfied".* Some animals were so desperate for salt that they licked *"the earth where there has been any pot liquor in which salt meat has been boiled, till they have licked up all the saline particles, and if a horse that has been rode hard, and in a sweat, is turned out with others, they each instantly surround and lick him."*

Animals seeking salt was only natural. However, Anburey was horrified when he finally discovered the reason that there were so many people of mixed race in the South. *"You will be surprised, when I tell you it is by the planters having intercourse with their negroes, the issue of which being a mulatto, and having a connection with that shade becomes lighter... there were mulattoes of all tinges, from the first remove, to one almost white; there were some of them young women, who were really beautiful, being extremely well made, and with pretty delicate features; all of which I was informed, were the Colonel's own. I could not help reflecting, that if a man had an intercourse with his slaves, it was shameful in the extreme, to make his own offspring so; for these mulattoes work equally the same as*

those who come from Africa: To be sure, you may say, it is a pleasant method to procure slaves at a cheap rate. I imagine there could not be less than twenty or thirty mulattoes of this description, at Colonel Coles's, notwithstanding he has a very agreeable and beautiful wife, by whom he has had eight children."

As he travelled through Maryland in July of 1781, Anburey met a Quaker loyalist named Mr. Taylor. His are the last words of a loyal American we read in the officer's correspondence.

From his attachment to his Sovereign, and speaking his sentiments, he was continually threatened with imprisonment;; but that, and every other persecution, he would bear with the utmost cheerfulness and resignation, concordant to the principles of his religion. Nevertheless, at times, the poor old man would fetch a heavy sigh, as if his heart was bursting with grief, and exclaim, "Ah, well-a-day! Little did I think, after the labour of my youth, and training up a large family in the fear of the Lord, this would have been the reward of my old age. There, friend, (pointing to some extensive meadows that were before his house) with these hands did I clear that ground, and many a weary night have I worked by light of pine wood, to leave my children an inheritance, which is daily threatened to be taken from me. Here his fortitude would be overcome; and, after a little respite, his final exclamation was, "The Lord's will be done."

The rest of Anburey's stories from the loyalist era will appear next month in our newsletter.

Stephen Davidson has written for *The Beaver Magazine*, *The Loyalist Gazette*, and *The Dictionary of Canadian Biography*. His history book, *"The Burdens of Loyalty: Refugee Tales from the First American Civil War"* can be purchased at loyalistsed@gmail.com. His young adult novel, *"Letters for Elly"* tells the true story of seven loyalist siblings who settled on the Kingston Peninsula. It can be ordered at <http://web.mac.com/kingston5/iWeb/KPHI/Books.html>. ***

Photo Album

April 2011



Jim Blauer, Karen Carlson, Lisa & Kent Gregory marched in the Laguna Beach Patriot's Day Parade on March 5.



Dave Manning the driver of the 1931 Model A Deluxe Coupe shows off his 2nd place trophy in the Antique Auto Division.



At left, Lisa and Karen carry the Banner followed by Jim & Kent carrying the US and SAR Flags, and then Dave with the Car.

At right, photo and description that appeared in the Laguna News-Post on March 10th.



Jim Blauer, of the Orange County Chapter of the Sons of American Revolution, takes part in the 45th Annual Laguna Beach Patriots Day Parade Saturday.



At left, Jim Blauer accepts the 2nd place trophy for the Color Guard Division 21 and over.

At right Jim with trophy poses with President of the Laguna Beach Patriot's Day Parade.

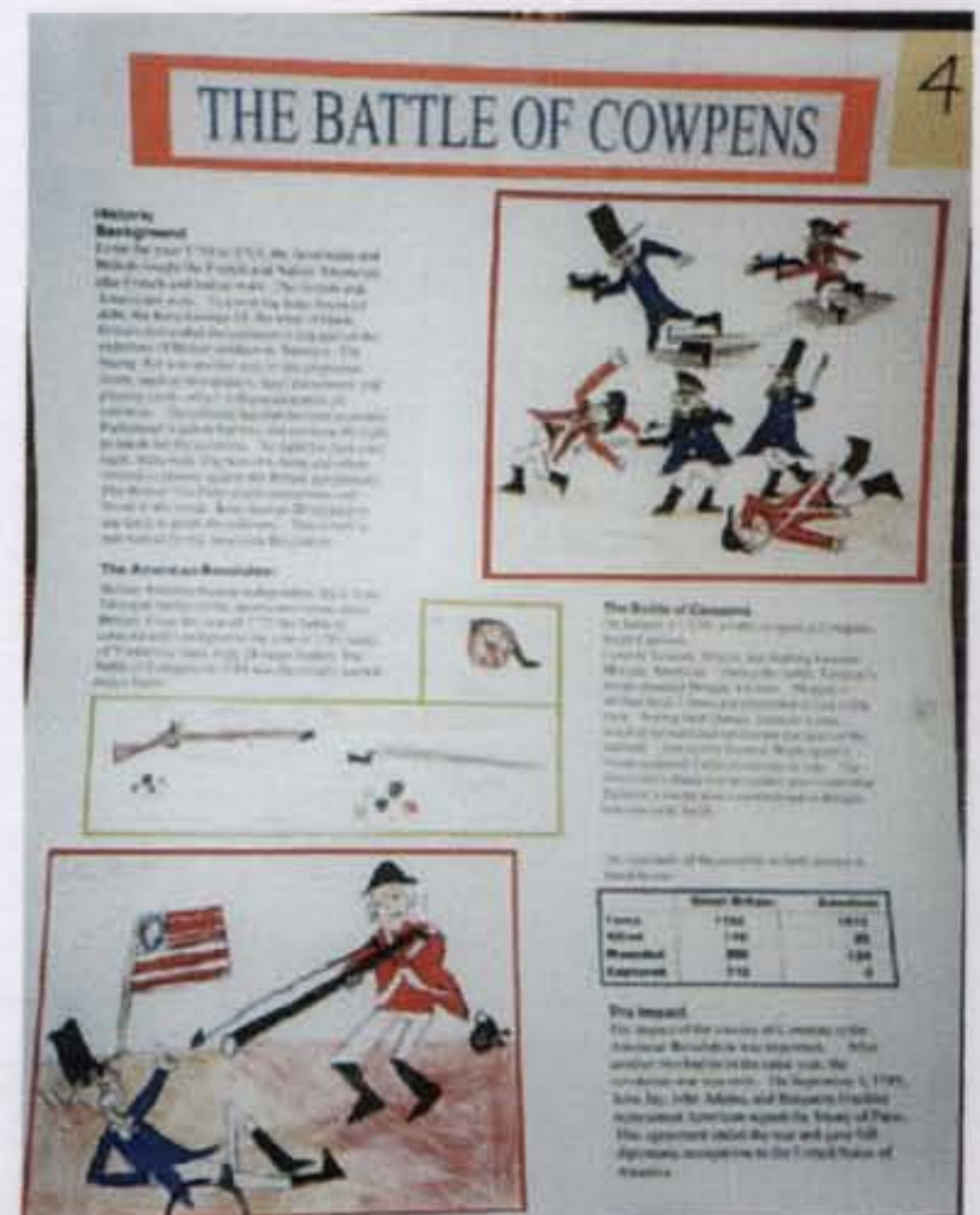


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The top four entries in our poster contest were voted on at our March Meeting. Poster #4 by Jonathan King was voted the best and will represent the chapter at the State Meeting in April. If it wins at the State Meeting it will then go on to National for judging in July at the National Congress. 2nd place went to Vicki Lopez who did poster #1 and third place went to Maya Forsstrom who did poster #2. All entrants will be receiving Certificates of Participation. These students are from Whitmann Elementary in Cerritos.



Below members enjoy lunch at the Sizzler restaurant at our March meeting.



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Above left, Fred Whitaker spoke to the chapter on his "Recollections of a Rifleman in WWII". Above right, Fred along with Archie McKelvie receive the Wounded Warrior Coin and Certificate. Dave Siler read the actions of our Wounded Warriors as Jim Quinnelly and Kent Gregory presented the coins & certificates.



Jim Fosdyck presents our chapter winner in the JROTC Contest, Akash Patel, his Certificate and one to his commander. Good Citizenship pins and certificates were presented to the Color Guard participants.



Above VP Larry Wood and President Kent Gregory presented the Essay winners their Certificates. Katie Liu, Jenny Shu and Erin Wong. Steve McGill their teacher received a Certificate of Appreciation. Below left, Lou Carlson presents Kent Gregory with a Certificate and pin for his donation to CAAH. Below right, Richard Dodds is installed as our newest member and receives his certificate and rosette.

