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MEETING INFORMATION

When: February 12, 2011
Where: Sizzler Restaurant
1401 North Harbor Blvd.
Fullerton, CA
Time: Social Begins at 11:00am
Website: www.orangecountysar.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It may sound like a cliché, but it is an honor to write this message as the new President of the Orange County Chapter of the *Sons of the American Revolution*. On my first visit to a chapter meeting several years ago, I was immediately impressed by the camaraderie of the group, the depth of historical knowledge by everyone in attendance, the humorous comments, and the deeply felt patriotism of the SAR members. This diverse group of men welcomed me as a new member.

In the words of Benjamin Franklin: "A true friend is the best possession" (*Poor Richards Almanac, 1744*). I agree with Franklin's wisdom, and feel I'm a wealthier person now after making many great friends in the chapter. As the Registrar, one of my thrills has been observing the excitement of applicants when they discover details of their ancestor's acts of patriotism. One applicant was amazed that his ancestor served at Valley Forge, another amused by his ancestor's donation of whiskey to Lee's Legion. History is fun to share with friends.

I hope all of you can attend our meeting on Saturday, February 12. It will feature Daniel Slosberg in a musical presentation on The Extraordinary Story of the Star-Spangled Banner: the War, the Flag, and the Song. The eighth grade winners of our Middle School Brochure contest will be present to receive their awards, as well as our finalist for the Eagle Scout Scholarship competition. It should be a fun meeting to attend!

As you plan your spring calendar, please mark April 8-9 in your calendar for the CASSAR Spring Meeting at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Irvine. We are the host chapter, since our own remarkable John Dodd is being installed as the new state President. You won't want to miss the awards luncheons and the gala Inauguration Banquet!

FEBRUARY SPEAKER--Daniel Slosberg

Daniel Slosberg, author and performer of the one-man show, *Dr. Beanes and the Star-Spangled Banner*, has been involved in educational arts performances for over twenty years. He began as a teacher and musician with the Aman Folk Ensemble. He retired from his travels with that group to work at Crossroads School in Santa Monica. In November of 1997, Ken Burns' Lewis and Clark documentary aired on PBS, and Slosberg's life changed forever. Upon learning that Lewis and Clark had a fiddle player along on their journey, Slosberg embarked upon his own voyage of discovery, learning everything he could about Pierre Cruzatte and the

music, song and dance of the Lewis & Clark expedition.

From this study, he wrote and began performing the living history program, *Pierre Cruzatte: A Musical Journey Along the Lewis & Clark Trail*. During the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial, Daniel entertained and spoke at many of the official Lewis & Clark bicentennial programs, and in 2004 received the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation's Meritorious Achievement Award for "outstanding contributions in bringing to this nation a greater awareness and appreciation of the Lewis and Clark Expedition."

In the summer of 2002, Slosberg recorded his first CD. "Pierre Cruzatte" is a collection of tunes and songs from the Lewis & Clark era played only on instruments available to the explorers, such as fiddle, jaw harp, bones, spoons and drums.

While searching for a new character in whose story music and history intersect, a friend suggested looking into Francis Scott Key. After looking into Mr. Key and the origins of his most famous poem, Daniel — who prefers to portray relatively unknown historical figures who nonetheless have a profound impact on American history — began work on *Dr. Beanes and the Star-Spangled Banner*.

Mr. Slosberg also performs as Jeffrey Taylor in the play, *Letters to Harriet Tubman*. And he fiddles for a number of different dance bands — including Turtle Creek, a group which specializes in playing old-time American music; and Les Amis, which specializes in the folk traditions of French Canada.

Mr. Slosberg resides in West Los Angeles with his wife, Deborah, and their four children.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

John L. Dodd February 6

George Douglas Willey February 19

GOING GREEN

A big thank you goes out to Compatriot Terry Goodridge who recently mailed to your editor about 20 or so ink cartridges I will be able to redeem these at Staples for



Walter Davis receives his 20 year service Certificate and Pin from Jim Fosdyck at recent Sons of Union Veterans Meeting. Walter is flanked by OC Chapter members and prospective members.

money to put towards our printing costs. I get \$2.00 for each cartridge I return and I can do as many as 20 per month. (That is a \$40.00 check). I have already done my 20 for January, so the next time will be 20 more in February. This will definitely help to keep our costs down and help the environment at the same time.

Recently many of you compatriots received Certificates for Distinguished Service last year or for our years in the SAR. With each Certificate you received it in a nice folder. If you do not need the folder, it would be appreciated if you would recycle it by bringing it to the meeting and turning it over to our Medals & Awards Chairman, Jim Fosdyck, so that we can cut down our costs on having to order more folders from National. In 2010 your chapter gave out about 140 certificates for JROTC, Flag, Good Citizenship, Appreciation, Wounded Warriors and Contest winners & Participants. At \$1.00 per folder that is \$140. It adds up. So, please consider returning the folder to the chapter for reuse.

SUVCW Camp 17
Commander Floyd Farrar presents Jim Blauer with the Annual Brother of the Year Award for 2010.





Sheriff Hutchens thanks Bill Campbell for being one of two witnesses to her swearing in.

CONGRATULATIONS

On Thursday night January 20th several of our members who are also members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp 17 attended their meeting. During the meeting, immediate Past President Jim Fosdyck presented Walter Davis with his 20 year service Certificate and pin, as Walter is no longer able to make the long drive to the Sizzler in Fullerton.

Then our own Dan Henry was installed as the new Commander of Camp 17.

Lastly Compatriot Jim Blauer was honored as the recipient of the Walter L. Davis Annual Outstanding Brother Award for 2010. Others from our SAR chapter who have been honored with this award are Walter Davis and Charles Beal

Compatriot Bill Campbell

Recently Compatriot Bill Campbell attended the swearing in ceremony of Orange County Sheriff Sandra Hutchens. Bill was one of two witnesses, the other being the Sheriff's husband Larry. Good Job Bill.

MASSING OF THE COLORS

The 29th Annual George Washington Massing of the Colors and Salute to our Armed Forces will take place on February 20 at 3pm at Forest Lawn Mortuary. It is located at 6300 Forest Lawn Drive in Los Angeles(Hollywood Hills). Those who are planning to attend should be there by 2pm. This is a great opportunity for picture taking as the units line up in front of the Hall of Liberty. See attached flyer for detail

PATRIOT'S DAY PARADE

The 45th Annual Laguna Beach Patriot's Day Parade will be on Saturday March 5 and begins at 11am. This years theme is "Welcome Home". The Chapter entry has been sent in and we are waiting to hear from the Parade officials as to where we will be in the line-up this year. Your Lee's Legion Color Guard will be there with our 1931 Model A Deluxe Coupe.

GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES

Last month I wrote about the **Orange County California Genealogical Society(OCCGS)** and their research library at the Huntington Beach Library on Talbert between Goldenwest and Gothard. There are a few updated items for this group. One is that the Family Treemaker group no longer requires the \$10.00 fee to join and get started with 2 CDs. Now as long as you belong to OCCGS you can rent a CD for \$5.00. Second is that though they try to have someone at the Genealogy desk, they are not able to staff it every day the library is open.

If you are interested in checking out this society you can check out their website at www.occg.com for details about their meeting, speakers and classes they hold each month they meet.

The **South Orange County California Genealogical Society(SOCCGS)** meets at the Mission Viejo Library, 27976 Marguerite Pky, the third Saturday each month from 10am to 12Noon.

They open their meeting with a welcome, then proceed into problem solving discussions to help address those with brick wall problems. After a short break their speaker is introduced. Their newsletter contains information about the meeting and speaker for the month as well as other related activities and news pertaining to the society and genealogical research.

The SOCCGS also supports the genealogy

section of the Mission Viejo Library and usually will have a docent on hand to show you their collection of books and CD roms. They have on-line programs that include Ancestry, Heritage Quest, Footnote and several others on their computers to assist with your research.

You can visit them on line at www.rootsweb.com/~casocccgs for more information on their society. They list their hours for the library, have a catalog of their books and a list of their CDs, links to other Genealogical societies and resources and a bunch of website information to check out.

The **Genealogical Society of North Orange County** does not have a library where they house a collection. You can go to their website at www.gsnocc.org and see when they meet, who their speakers are, a list of their publications, listings of local libraries and resources, links to various genealogical sites, a surname list that their members are working on, membership application and seminars and their speakers.

A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT GENERAL
J. DAVID SYMPSON

Dear Compatriots,

If you contributed to SARs year-end appeal, thanks for your support. If not, it's not too late to donate!

Contributors of \$100 or more will receive a new pin commemorating the dedication of the SAR Genealogical Research Library and will be acknowledged in the SAR Foundation 2010 Annual Report.

For IRA holders that are 70 1/2 or older, if you act by January 31, 2011, you can make a gift to CAAH effective for 2010. Plus you can make a second contribution for 2011! Congress recently extended a law that allows individuals 70 1/2 or older to make tax free gifts now to qualified



The new pin for those who make a minimum of \$100 donation to the CAAH.

charitable organizations, like ours, using funds transferred directly from their IRAs. You can transfer any amount up to \$100,000 through the end of 2011.

Let's keep the spirit of the American Revolution alive! Let's continue our progress and move forward with Phase II, construction of the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. You may use the SAR-addressed, postage paid envelope that was included in your year-end appeal or you may mail your checks to 1000 South Fourth Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40203. You may donate online at <http://www.sarfoundation.org/donate.htm>.

With sincere appreciation for your dedication to SAR and for all that you are doing to preserve our cherished American Heritage.

J. David Sympson
President General
NSSAR

**Patriot Ancestor of Compatriot
Donald Moriarty
DR. ENNEMOND MEULLION OF
LOUISIANA**

The name *Meullion* has been variously spelled *Meuillon*, *Meullion*, *Meuillion*. The focus of this paper, Dr. Ennemond Meullion, was a physician, born at Morpan (diocese of Grenoble) in the province of Dauphiné, France, in 1737, a son of Ennemond Meullion and Claudine Barrat. After completing his medical education in France, he emigrated to Louisiana about 1769 where he settled first in the Pointe Coupée District, on the Mississippi River, probably about two hundred miles above New Orleans. He there married on 7

September 1773, Anne Stephan, a daughter of Jean Stephan and Anne Françoise Rolland and the widow of Jacques desAutels. However, Anne died in December, 1773, only a few months after her union with Dr. Meullion. There were no children of this marriage, but Anne left six children from her first marriage.

In June 1777, Dr. Meullion was listed as a Sub-Lieutenant of the Pointe Coupée militia company. In this capacity, in September 1779 he participated in the expeditions of Governor Bernardo de Gálvez to capture the British forts and posts at Manchac and Baton Rouge. The following is a narrative of that action.

In May of '79, the Court at Madrid informed its colonial administrators that it intended to declare war on Great Britain by the twenty-first of June, and Gálvez took immediate action to assure that British colonial officials along the Mississippi and in the Floridas to the east would not be able to benefit from the war. In less than three months he was ready, and on August 27, 1779, he launched the first of his three campaigns. A violent hurricane had devastated his base at New Orleans on the 18th, only nine days before, spoiling, sinking or washing away nearly all the provisions and boats assembled for his expedition. Despite this, Gálvez quickly made good his losses or did without, and set out only four days after his originally intended date of departure.

The Spanish force, which grew from Militia levies as it passed through the various posts en route, ultimately totaled slightly over 1,400 men. They covered 105 miles in eleven days, losing at least a third of their number along the way to fatigue and disease before they caught sight of the first enemy post at the border village of Manchac, south of Baton Rouge.

At dawn the next day, September 7, Gálvez's militia rushed the fort and took it from its

shocked, twenty-seven man English garrison without the loss of a single Spaniard. Resting his men a few days, Galvez then pushed on to Baton Rouge, and reached there on September 12. Early the next day, the Spanish guns began to blast the palisade to splinters and level the earth-works. The English took this punishment for three and a half hours, and then raised the white flag. Included in the capitulation agreement was the surrender of 80 grenadiers who staffed Fort Panmure some 80 miles to the north, at Natchez. The lower Mississippi was now safely within Spanish hands. Shortly thereafter, Dr. Meullion left the Pointe Coupée District and went to the Opelousas District, now the parish of St. Landry, where he engaged in the active practice of medicine. There, he met and married Jeannette Poiret, a daughter of André Claude Baptiste Poiret, the Chevalier de Brie, and his wife Françoise le Kintreck (the daughter of Joseph le Kintreck and Anna Marie Boffp). Jeannette, the widow of Colonel Jacques La Mothe, had moved from New Orleans to Opelousas some time previously with her four small children. Their marriage at Opelousas was registered with a date of 26 July 1783, but may have taken place as early as February, 1780 – the records are unclear on this point. This was the second time Dr. Meullion had chosen a widow with children as his mate; however, thus far he had no children of his own. But fortune was kinder to him in his second venture and this wife not only bore him six children but would outlive him by fifteen years.

Sometime between January and July 1795, Dr. Meullion moved with his family to the El Rapido District in the vicinity of the present city of Alexandria, in Rapides Parish; he was in residence at El Rapido at the time of the 1799 Census of Louisiana. His home was located on the right descending bank of the Red River, a few miles below Alexandria. At the time of his arrival,

Estevan Maraffret Layssard was commandant of the Post of El Rapido (1770-1795). This same Layssard had been captain of the local militia that went with Governor Gálvez in his campaign in 1779, and it is not unreasonable to believe that Layssard and Dr. Meullion were acquainted from that common experience. Estevan Layssard was succeeded as commandant by his son Valentine Layssard (1795-1798), and he in turn by Caesar Archinard (1798-1800), a Frenchman who had emigrated from Geneva, Switzerland.

During the period 1800-1803, Dr. Meullion served as Commandant of the El Rapido District, and was the last Spanish Commandant of that district. In November, 1803, he was deputized to receive the El Rapido District for France in the transfer of the province from Spanish to French authority. The Province of Louisiana was transferred by France to the United States of America on 20 December 1803 and, during 1804, was subdivided into the *Territory of Orleans* (south of 33d parallel) and the *District of Louisiana* (north of 33d parallel). In May 1805, Dr. Meullion was appointed by Governor Claiborne to be the first Treasurer of "the County of Rapide" within the Territory of Orleans, making him one of very few (if not the only) individual to hold a position of public trust in all three colonial phases of Louisiana's history. At the time of the 1810 US Federal census, Dr. Meullion's residence remained in Rapides Parish where he died in 1820 at the age of 83.

Dr. Meullion and his wife, Jeannette, are buried in the Rapides Cemetery in Pineville, Louisiana. In recognition of Dr. Meullion's service as a Sub-Lieutenant of Militia in the Gálvez expeditions, in 1930 the Daughters of the American Revolution marked his grave as that of a Revolutionary Patriot Ancestor. Subsequently, he also has been recognized in this capacity by the

Sons of the American Revolution.

RITUALS

As is the case with many of the various hereditary societies each like the SAR has their own set of rituals they go through at their meetings. We have the SAR Pledge and the Recessional that is recited at the beginning and end of the meetings.

SAR PLEDGE

"We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe."

SAR RECESSIONAL

"Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of rights and an independent Supreme Court and a nation of Free Men".

AMERICAN'S CREED

This particular item is used by the DAR and CAR in their opening ceremonies. The Creed was written in 1917 by William Tyler Page and was accepted by the House of Representatives on April 3, 1918. It goes like this;

"I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon the principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which Americans patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies".***



**The 29th Annual Celebration
Of George Washington's Birthday
And Salute to Our Armed Forces
The Massing of the Colors**

3:00 PM Sunday, February 20, 2011, at Forest Lawn

6300 Forest Lawn Drive, Los Angeles, California

Follow the Signs to the Hall of Liberty

Event will be held inside the Hall in case of rain

**PASS-IN-REVIEW OF COLOR GUARDS - ARTILLERY SALUTE - 21-GUN MUSKET SALUTE
WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY - ADDRESSES BY DIGNITARIES - FIFE AND DRUM MUSIC**

This event sponsored by the Sons of Liberty Chapter of the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and hundreds attend each year. If you would like to participate as a color guard, veterans group, reenactment group, period actor or representative of a lineage society or genealogical group, please contact us.

ASSEMBLY FOR PARTICIPANTS IS 2:00 PM!

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February 2011



Sharon Wood receives Ladies Auxiliary Pin from State President Karen Carlson.

At right Kent Gregory receives a Certificate of Distinguished service for his work in processing 14 new members, 17 Supplementals and one junior member in 2010.



At left John Vreeland receives a Certificate of Distinguished Service for having issued 40 Flag Certificates in 2010.



Above members received their service pins. Lou Carlson(10), John Dodd (10), Jim Oakes(10), Richard Adams(5), Danny Cox(5), Jim Blauer (30), David Siler(5), Jim Wallace(10), Charles Beal(10), Jim Quinnelly(20), and Arthur Koehler(5).



At left Jim Quinnelly is presented his 20 year pin and Certificate.

At right, Jim Blauer receives his 30 year Pin & Certificate.



Photo Album

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The Brochure Contest was developed to give those in the middle schools a historical Contest from our society.

Kent Gregory brought in several entries for our new Brochure Contest. These were the top three placers for our chapter. Angela Vo(1st), Amanda Pham(2nd) and Melanie Garcia(3rd) are from Fitz Intermediate School.



The theme is the same as the Poster Contest from the previous year. As you can see the theme is the Battle of Bunker Hill.



Like with the poster Contest, the chapter winner Angela Vo will have her brochure taken to the State Meeting in April for judging on that level. The State's winner will then go on to compete at National.

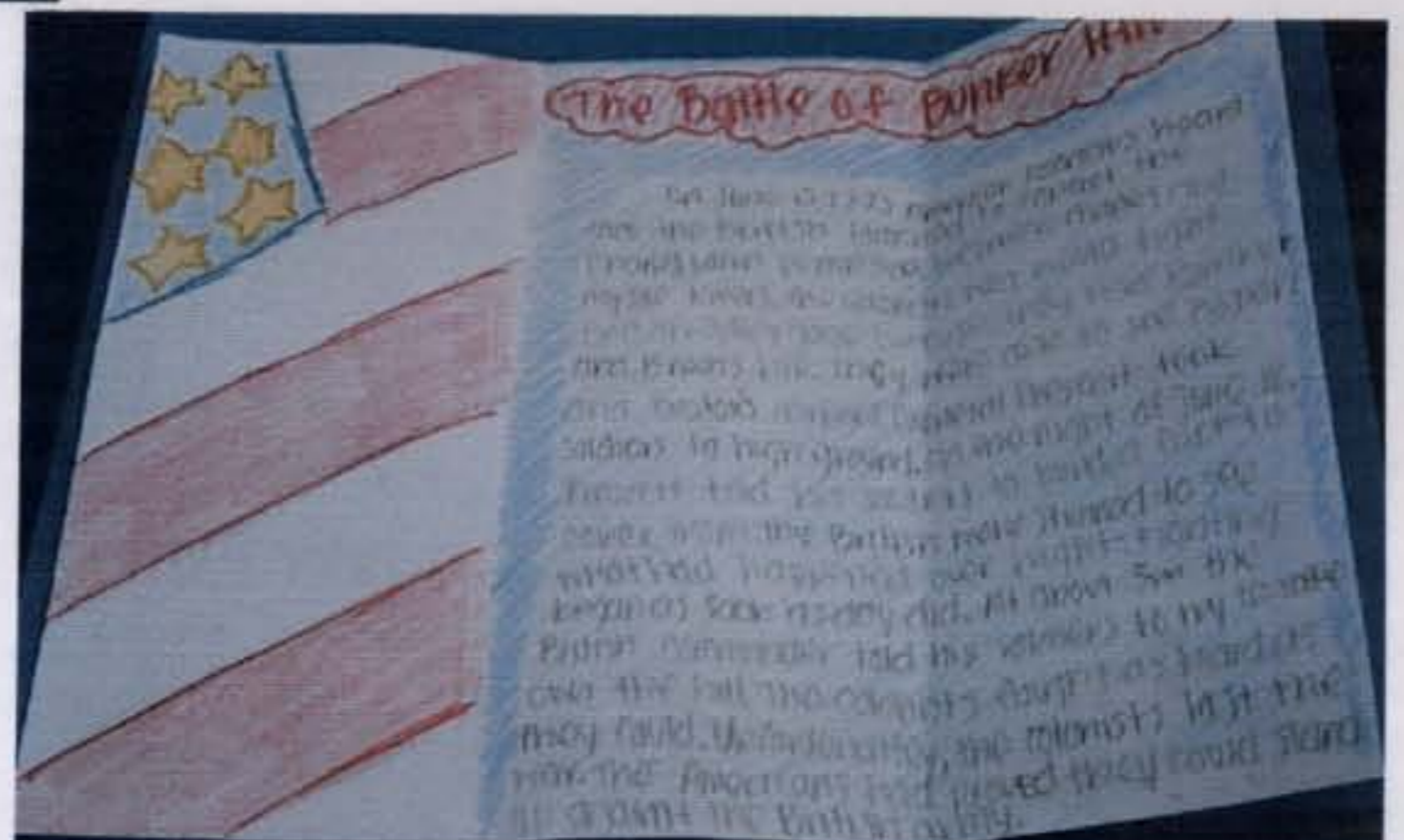


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January Meeting



Curtis Porter Spoke to us about the Continental Marines, their history & Uniform. Here he receives the Certificate of Appreciation from President Jim Fosdyck for speaking to our chapter.



Veteran's Affairs Chairman, Dan Henry presents the Wounded Warrior Certificate and Coin to David Concepcion.



Executive Vice-President John Dodd installs the 2011 officers. Pres. Kent Gregory, V.P. Larry Wood, Corresp. Sec. Jim Wallace, Rec. Sec. Jim Blauer, Treasurer Arthur Koehler, Chaplain Richard Adams and Sgt-at-Arms Danny Cox. John Dodd is the chapter Chancellor.



At left, outgoing President Jim Fosdyck presents newly installed President Kent Gregory with his neck ribbon.

At right President Gregory presents Jim Fosdyck with his Past President's Certificate and pin.

