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MEETING INFORMATION

When: January 8, 2011
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

A warm New Year greeting to all my fellow Orange County Chapter compatriots. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your 2010 Orange County Chapter President. I know our newly elected president Kent Gregory and vice president Larry Wood will provide the quality leadership that has become a tradition within the Orange County Chapter.

We accomplished two major tasks during the past year; a detailed inventory of the OC Chapter property and a new budgetary program that established accountability for chapter financial activities at the officer / chairman level.

As I look back at our accomplishments during 2010, I want to thank all of our compatriots for stepping forward, taking on new tasks or continuing to do an excellent job in the various offices and chairmanships. Collectively you are why we were recognized by the CASSAR as the Best Medium Size Chapter. If you are a "old timer" or a new member and desire to serve, please let our new president know of your interest at our January 8 meeting.

Un Hui and I wish all of you the very best in 2011.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve you in 2010.

James C. Fosdyck

The cement of this union is the heart-blood of every American. ~Thomas Jefferson

JANUARY SPEAKER CURTIS PORTER

I have been the President of the South Coast Chapter for approx. eight years. I am the chairman of the Valley Forge Teacher Project and a Trustee of the Invested Funds for the California State Society SAR. I have been an active member of the South Coast Chapter Color Guard for 14 years, and have been awarded both the bronze and silver CASSAR color guard medals, and the California State Society, Von Stueben Silver Color Guard Medal. I have also been awarded the Patriot Medal by the California State Society SAR. I have also been awarded the DAR Good Citizenship Pin. I am a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, and a cousin of at least two Orange County Chapter SAR members.

I teach fourth grade for the Tustin Unified School District, and have been a public school teacher for 20 years. I am senior adjunct faculty at National University where I have been a lecturer in the School of Education for over 7 years. I have a BA from the University of California, San Diego and an MA from the American University in Washington, D.C.

I have a wife of 18 years, and two children; Noah age 9 and Gabrielle age 5.

WOUNDED WARRIOR

David Concepcion volunteered for the USMC in May 1966 in the U.S. territory of Guam, and entered the Corp on July 22, 1966. He was at MCRD San Diego 1966. He arrived in Vietnam December 1966, Danang Quang Ngai Province. He was assigned to Co C 1st BN 7th MAR, 1st Marine Division To Chulai January 1967. It was Back to Danang Quang Ngai Province where he was seriously wounded on May 25, 1967 during an encounter with the enemy. He was Medivacced to the Naval hospital on the island of Guam for rehab. He was discharged December 1967 from Naval Hospital Guam He was assigned to Camp Pendleton for further rehab and evaluation. He was Honorably discharge - May 31, 1970.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Last month your editor failed to acknowledge those who were to celebrate their birthdays in December. So, I will begin with those and move into January. We wish you all the best on your special day. For December, Happy Birthday to Chad Daniel Blauer--(Dec.21st), Wesley James Daniel, II--(Dec.22nd), and Donald Loomis Webb, III.(Dec.27th) For January we send Birthday Greetings to Richard Adams(Jan. 30th), Larry J. Magerkurth(Jan 4th), Darrel B. Markley(Jan.24th), and Gregory P. Marshall(Jan. 7th). Many Happy Returns to you all.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

On January 8th your officers for 2011 will be sworn in. The Following were elected last month to fill your chapter's Board positions for the coming year. They are; President--M. Kent Gregory, Vice-President Larry Wood, Corresponding Secretary--Jim Wallace, Recording Secretary--Jim Blauer, Treasurer--Arthur A. Koehler, Registrar--M. Kent Gregory, Chancellor--John L. Dodd, Chaplain--Richard Adams, and Sergeant-At-Arms--Danny Cox.

For those who are interested in serving the chapter through one of its chairmanships, you will need to contact incoming President Kent Gregory as he will be making the appointments at the January meeting following the installation of officers.

Those areas for appointments are; Parliamentarian, Newsletter Editor, Historian/Archivist, Medals & Awards Chairman, Eagle Scout Chairman, Information Technology Chairman, Activity Contest Chairman, Essay Contest Chairman, Valley Forge Project Chairman, Parade Chairman, JROTC/ROTC Chairman, Color Guard Commander, Publicity Chairman, Brochure Contest Chairman, Americanism Poster Contest Chairman, Veteran's Affairs Chairman, Flag Certificate Chairman, and Nominating Committee Chairman. It is customary for the incoming President to check and see if the existing chairman wishes to continue in his position. If not then the President will appoint a new person to take on that role in the chapter. Even though a position may already be filled you may be appointed to the committee to assist the chairman in some aspect of the overall job that is entailed by the position.

MASSING OF THE COLORS

On February 20th 2011 the Sons of Liberty Chapter will be hosting their 29th Annual George Washington Massing of the Colors and Salute to our Armed Forces. Here you will see over 50 Color Guard Units from around the Southland gather. They include SAR members wearing their chapter uniforms, A British Regiment, Morgan's Rangers, JROTC and ROTC Units from all over the area representing the various branches of our armed Forces. There is usually a flyover and both rifle and artillery fire.

This is held at the Forest Lawn Mortuary in Hollywood Hills(Burbank), and the Color Guards will be lining up in front of the Wall of Liberty for the procession down below in front of the statue of George Washington.

ANNUAL SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our Orange County Chapter members are encouraged to participate in the Spring Meeting of the California Society, SAR. Our chapter is hosting this meeting since our own John Dodd will be installed as the new CASSAR President. The meeting begins on Friday morning, April 8 and concludes with a gala banquet on Saturday evening, April 9. Meetings and events will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel near John Wayne Airport.

Registration for the meetings costs \$125.00 (before March 8) and includes the Friday Public Service Luncheon, the Saturday Youth Awards

Luncheon, and the Saturday evening Gala Banquet. The rooms are only \$79 per night, for those who do not want to try and commute between home and the hotel. It is a great opportunity to meet SAR members from throughout the state. Details can be found at www.californiasar.org. Your Registration form will be found in the upcoming California Compatriot. There are lots of things we need to do and your help will be greatly appreciated. Questions can be sent to Kent Gregory at drkentgregory@earthlink.net. We will have more in the next couple months as the date gets closer.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ARTIFACTS IN O.C.

What would you give for a chance to rifle through Ben Franklin's wallet? Or to see the chess set that he played on while he pondered his brilliant diplomatic moves in Europe?

To read one of his handwritten letters? To see what an original edition of Poor Richard's Almanac looked like?

Well, you don't have to go back east do do so. An exhibit of 75 rare Franklin items is coming to the Bowers Museum in Orange County. "Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World" opened on December 18th and runs through March 13, 2011.

A good place to take the kids, grandkids or your holiday visitors, don't you think? Besides, as Franklin said, fish and visitors are very much alike. They both stink after three days.

Thanks to Dana Parker for this little blurb.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011

Though I have mentioned some of our upcoming activities, I thought it might be helpful to mark your calendars early with the following events. Some will be marked as TBA(To Be Announced) as we do not have the particular date for that item at this time. Watch your monthly newsletter for updates on these coming events.

January-8 Chapter Meeting at Fullerton Sizzler.

January 15--Joint meeting/Luncheon of the Colonial Wars Society of California, SAR, Southern California Branch Sons & Daughters of the Pilgrims, War of 1812 Society in California, First Families of Maryland and First Families of Kentucky. Our chapter has several members who belong to these organizations and attend this event. It is like a mini chapter meeting.

February 12- Chapter Meeting.

February 20--29th Annual Massing of the Colors at Forest Lawn in Hollywood Hills. Our chapter has been in attendance for over 15 years.

March 5-- 45th Annual Patriot's Day Parade in Laguna Beach. Our chapter has been doing this parade for over 15 years.

March 12--Chapter Meeting.

April 2-- SAR Western District Meeting, Red Rock Hotel, Las Vegas Nevada.

April 7-10--136th Annual Membership Meeting to be hosted by the Orange County Chapter at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Irvine.

April 16--Chapter Meeting

May 14--Chapter Meeting.

May 20-23--Field of Honor Event for Armed Forces Weekend. Castaways Park, Newport Beach. This event last year was so successful that the Newport Harbor Exchange Club is going to do it again. Chapter Members were in uniform and did Color Guard duty on Friday and Saturday last year and got into the Orange County Register and on the internet with our Photos of presenting the Colors. We will have a table with brochures and items on display from the period of the American Revolution. Many people stopped by and asked Chuck Lampman about his rifle and he showed how it was used by the colonials in the American Revolution. All members are encouraged to come out and see the vast array of flags all over the Castaways Park area. There are 1776 flags planted and you can purchase one and have an ancestor who fought for our country placed on it and after the event you can pick the flag up as it is yours.

May 27--Memorial Service at Newport Harbor High School to honor the alumni who died in service to our country. Compatriot Jim Blauer(Class of 1970) has been doing the National Anthem for about 8 years. It is open to the public. It is held on the lawn in front of the auditorium and main building and begins around 10:30am.

May--Spring Court of the Colonial Wars, Etc. TBA.

May 27-30--2nd Annual Colonial Fair, Musket & Rifle Frolic, Mile High Ranch, 12929 Mile High Road, Cherry Valley.

May 28--Strawberry Festival Parade. Color Guard Participation in Garden Grove. Besides the parade there are rides and booths of games and food.

May 30 Santa Ana Cemetery Memorial Service. We have been doing this for over 15 years. Our Color Guard presents their Colors along with other patriotic and service Organizations. We also lay a wreath.

June 11--Chapter Meeting.

July 4--Huntington Beach Annual Parade. We have been doing this parade since 1988. That is before there were uniforms. Members and their families that wish to join us may do so, whether in Colonial dress or red, white and blue. We have a car for those who can not make the walk.

July 7-13--SAR National Congress in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Here, our very own Larry Magerkurth will be up for election to be the President General of the society. We need to try to get as many of our chapter members to attend as possible to show our support for Larry.

July/August--Summer Barbecue TBA

September 10--Chapter Meeting.

September TBA DAR Constitution gathering at Korean Bell and DAR San Juan Capistrano.

Oct. Colonial Wars Fall Court TBA

October 1-2--Marching Through History Exposition.

October 8--Chapter Meeting.

Oct. 8--Korean Festival Parade in Garden Grove.

November TBA--Fall Board of Managers Meeting, San Diego.

Nov. 12--Chapter Meeting.

Dec. VA Hospital Color Guard Presentation. TBA

Dec. 10--Wreath Across America at Brea Memory Gardens Memorial Park. 9am. is the scheduled time for the laying of the wreaths by the members of the Armed Services, remembering all the men and women who have passed away that served our country so faithfully.

GENEALOGICAL RESOURCE

Here in Orange County we have three Genealogical Societies that are open to the Public. In Huntington Beach you have the Orange County California Genealogical Society(OCCGS). They meet on the first Saturday of the month(unless there is a holiday, then it is moved to the second Saturday) at the library on Talbert between Goldenwest and Gothard in Huntington Beach. The Meetings start at 10am. They go through announcements and business and if there are any

new first time visitors they will have you sign in and they will call your name and note the names of the ancestors you are researching. By announcing the surnames you are researching others in attendance may be working on the same surname and if so, you can get together after the meeting and compare notes on your research.

They have a collection of over 15,000 books and periodicals from which you can do research and they have an assortment of Microfilm and Microfiche. There is usually someone on staff when the library is open to answer any questions you may have concerning the genealogical section and where to find certain books.

At their meeting they have an assortment of classes. A beginners class for those who are starting out. They have special interest groups who meet. These include; Scots/Irish Group, The New England group and the newly formed French/German group. They also have the Family Treemaker Group or FTM SIG. The society has purchased many CDs from Borderbund. When you join for \$10 you will be allowed to take 2 CDs home to view at your leisure for 30 days. Then return them. Should you wish to view other CDs in the collection there is a \$5 fee for each CD to be used for 30 days and then returned. Similar to checking out a book from the library but the fee helps to pay for new CDs and replace those that may be lost or not returned. An excellent way to get research materials that you may not be able to get without purchasing a bundle of CDs from Borderbund.

Then there is the Annual Spring Seminar which is a trip to do research in Salt Lake City. This is the 25th year they will have done this for their members. It will run from April 10-17 and those who go will be able to spend an entire week researching at the largest Genealogical library in the World!!! They have classes and a Monday night banquet for the attendees and any guests they may have. They have a speaker to talk to them about some aspect of genealogy and research. Joan Rambo and Janet Spurgeon head the group and Joan does several classes on what you need to know before you go. These classes will start in January. Joan is the January speaker and will be discussing this information at that time.

The speakers usually begin at 11am and go to 12

noon. After there is a short break and at 12:30 the afternoon classes start up from the various groups.

They have a lot to offer for those who are doing family research. You might want to check them out if you haven't done so as yet.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

For over 10 years your newsletter editor has been doing this newsletter for the chapter. This last year I passed the 100 issues mark. From November 1998 to November 2010 I did 105 newsletters and articles. In each issue I try to pull together an article on some aspect of the American Revolution, whether it be a person or a battle, or some other incident. It is not easy to come up with something new every month and have been fortunate to get ideas from magazines and periodicals that I receive that deal with a subject that looks interesting to write about.

In the past one of our members wrote a couple articles on Benedict Arnold, which we used. My question is this, do you have an idea for an article on the American Revolution. If so maybe you could put an article together of at least 1 to 2 pages long and email it to me for possible use. You might want to do an article on one or more of your patriot ancestors.

Send your articles either in PDF or in the body of the email to jblauer@pacbell.net. Now let's see what I can come up with for this month's issue.

TENCH TILGHMAN

Tench Tilghman was born on December 25, 1744 at Fausley Plantation, situated on Fausley Creek, a branch of St. Michael's River in Talbot County, Maryland. He came from a well established and respected family. His Ancestor Richard Tilghman had come from County Kent, England in 1662.

Tench was one of twelve children, the oldest of six brothers. It is believed his education was from the nearby town of Easton. It is also believed that he was personally instructed by the Rev. John Gordon, rector of St. Michael's parish. In 1762 before his father moved to Philadelphia, Tench was placed under the tutelage of his maternal grandfather and namesake, Tench Francis. He was given the opportunity to go to the best schools and have the best teachers available. He graduated from the College and Academy of Philadelphia, later to be known as the University of Pennsylvania, in 1761

He was after a time apprenticed to his uncle, Tench Francis (the younger) and began in earnest his commercial pursuits in Philadelphia. Here he wrote years later that this line of business "enabled him to accumulate, before its dissolution in 1775, a moderate competency". He wrote about the dissolution of his business, "Upon the breaking out of the troubles, I came to a determination to share the fate of my country, and that I might not be merely a spectator, I made a hasty close, as I possibly could, of my commercial affairs, making it a point to collect and deposit in safe hands, as much as would, when times and circumstances would permit, enable me to discharge my European debts, which indeed were all I had, except L-put in my hands by Mr. R., sen., in trust for my younger brother: but for security for that I left, and have yet, as much larger sum in my father's hands."/

With the dissolution of his business in 1775, Tench volunteered his services by joining Captain Dulaney's Company as a soldier in the Pennsylvania Militia. In 1776 he was made Captain of his own Company that was composed of many members from the Ladies Light Infantry.

He was appointed to a Commission by Congress and made secretary and treasurer where he assisted in forming treaties with the Six Nations of Indian Tribes.

Though he may only have planned to serve one term and then leave the military as so many did, his abilities and actions caught the attention of his superiors to where he was given a position on Washington's Staff. In particular he became Washington's Secretary. In August 1776 he became a part of Washington's Military Staff, working with Col. Robert H. Harrison, Col. Mead, and Col. Webb. In 1781 Washington wrote, "*He has been in every action in which the main army was concerned*".

He was present at the disaster at White Plains, witnessed the fall of Forts Lee and Washington, was rowed across the Delaware River on that cold night of December 25, 1776, thus being present at the Battle victories of Trenton and Princeton. He saw the defeat at Brandywine and the troops being repulsed from Germantown. He was one of many who suffered through the long winter at Valley Forge and contracted a disease that would eventually take his life.. He was at the end in

Yorktown where he wrote a daily journal of the siege.

With the Victory at Yorktown, General Washington had Tench put together a batch of dispatches for Congress and was personally sent to deliver them. He sailed from Yorktown to Rock Hall, Kent County, Maryland, then rode 100 miles from Rock Hall to Philadelphia. By the time he arrived in Philadelphia, he was so exhausted and fatigued, he was not able to write to General Washington that he had successfully delivered the dispatches to the President of Congress for three days. He arrived on the 23rd of October and went to the home of Thomas Mead, the President of the Continental Congress and delivered the good news. This news then spread rapidly throughout the city. His letter to the General read,

Sir:

I arrived at this place early Wednesday morning. Although I lost one whole night's run by the stupidity of the skipper, who got over on Tangier Shoals, and was a whole day crossing, who got over from Annapolis to Rock Hall. The wind left us entirely on Sunday evening, thirty miles below Annapolis. I found that a letter from Count De Grasse to Governor Lee, dated the 18th had gone forward to Congress, in which the Count informed the Governor that Cornwallis had surrendered. This made me the more anxious to reach Philadelphia, as I knew both Congress and the public would be uneasy at not receiving dispatches from you; I was not wrong in my conjecture, for some really began to doubt the matter.

The fatigue of my journey brought back my intermittent fever, with which I have been confined to almost ever since I came to town. I shall set out as soon as I am well enough for Chestertown. I beg you to be assured that I am with the utmost sincerity Your excellency's

*Obedient Servant
Tench Tilghman*

After Yorktown Tilghman continued as part of Washington's Military Family. While on furlough, he and General Washington would exchange correspondence. One such letter from General Washington was written on January 7, 1783.

"I received with great sensibility your assurances of affection and regard. It would be but a renewal

of what I have often repeated to you, that there are few men in the World to whom I am more attached by inclination than I am to you. With the cause, I hope--most devoutly hope--there will soon be an end to my military service--when, as our places of residence will not be far apart, I shall never be more happy than in your company at Mount Vernon. I shall always be glad to hear from, and keep up a correspondence with you."

On December 23, 1783, Col. Tilghman was present at Annapolis as General Washington surrendered his commission as Commander-in-Chief of the armies of the United States. It was at this time that Col. Tilghman gave up his position and rank, following the example set by his commander.

In 1770 while visiting his uncle Matthew Tilghman met his cousin Anna Marie. Though he would have liked to marry her he did not feel he was in a position to keep her in the style to which she was accustomed to. He gave her his approval to accept any offers that might come her way. On June 10, 1782, Col. Tilghman wrote to his Uncle asking his consent for their union. She had waited. Though planned for the Winter of 1782, the illness of the barrister that married his elder sister caused a postponement to June 9, 1783. They would have two daughters, Anna Margareta and Elizabeth.

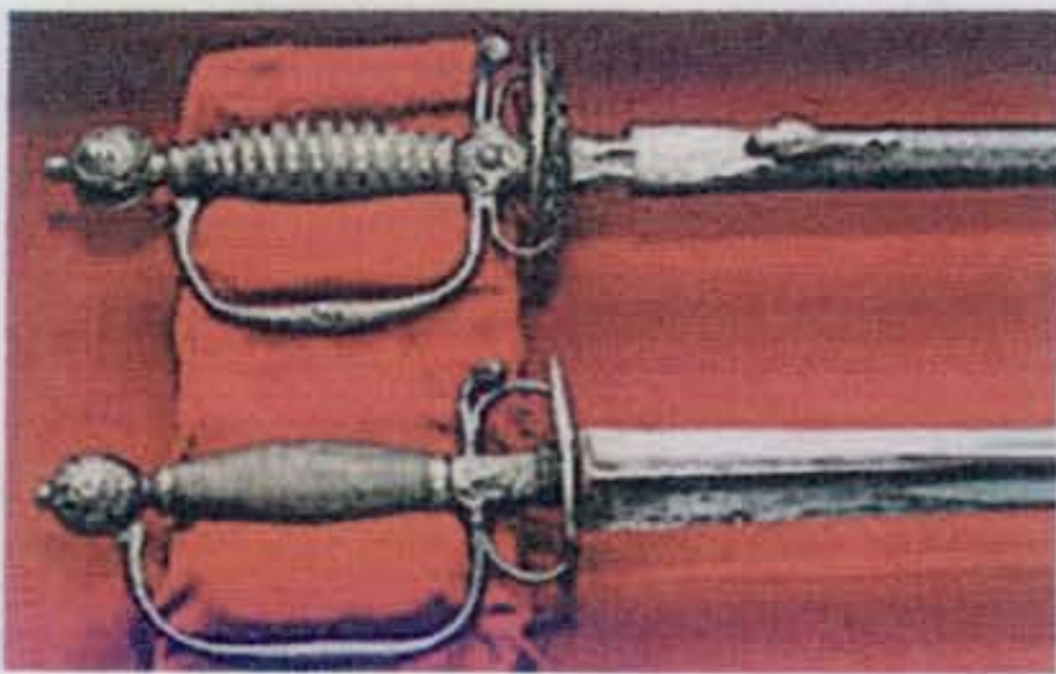
With the end of the war Tench Tilghman decided to return to his former occupation and went into partnership with Robert Morris, one of the financiers of the American Revolution, on January 1, 1784, in Baltimore.

His life seemed to be just beginning. A wife, two girls and now a business. But because of his recurring illness, that he had contracted at Valley Forge, he died on April 18, 1786 at the age of 42. He was buried in St. Paul's Cemetery at Fremont and Lombard Street in Baltimore. In 1973 his body was removed and reburied in Oxford Cemetery in Oxford, Maryland. It is here that the Tench Tilghman monument was erected and that his wife Anna Marie is also buried. The location is just across the way from the former home of Anna Marie.

The two swords that he used in the American Revolution are now in the State House in Baltimore. They were donated to the State upon the death of descendant Judith Goldsborough in 1997.

Photo Album

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Tench Tilghman's swords at left were bequeathed to the State by Judith Goldsborough in 1997. At right are Washington, Lafayette and Tilghman and he is wearing one of those swords in this portrait by Charles Wilson Peale.



At left is a portrait of Tench Tilghman.

The Portrait at right has Lafayette, Washington, Benjamin Lincoln, Rochambeau and General Chastelleaux and Lt. Col. Tilghman holding a document.



Below is a depiction of Lt. Col. Tench Tilghman presenting the captured British Regimental Flag and the news of the Victory at Yorktown to the Continental Congress on October 24, 1781. Just 5 days after the surrender.

Below right is the Tench Tilghman Monument.



Photo Album

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Lee's Legion of Light Dragoons of Virginia



On December 4th your Color Guard presented the Colors at the VA Hospital in Long Beach. Kent Gregory, Larry Wood, Jim Blauer, Karl Jacobs, David Siler and Jim Fosdyck were joined by a unit from Garden Grove who were visiting that day.



Your Color Guard did their first Wreaths Across America presentation at the Brea Memory Gardens Memorial Park at the Soldier's Monument. At right Larry Wood receives a Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation of "Paul Revere's Ride". Below Lee Clifton and Don Webb receive their new supplemental certificates from Registrar Kent Gregory..

