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## MEETING INFORMATION

When: May 14, 2011  
Where: Sizzler Restaurant  
1401 North Harbor Blvd.  
Fullerton, CA  
Time: Social Begins at 11:00am  
Website: [www.orangecountysar.org](http://www.orangecountysar.org)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April was a big month for the Orange County Chapter of the SAR. We hosted the California Society, SAR's Spring Meeting at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Irvine. Such a large endeavor requires many helping hands, so I would like to thank those who made it a tremendous success.

Thanks go to John Dodd for shrewdly negotiating great rates with the hotel months in advance, and to John and Karen for selecting wonderful menu selections. *Thanks* to Richard Adams and Jim Fosdyck for meeting NSSAR President General Sympton and his wife in style at the John Wayne Airport and shuttling them to the hotel in Richard's pristine Rolls Royce! *Thanks* to Arthur Koehler for keeping the money straight and the prompt payments to the hotel for the catering services.

The Hospitality Suite in the hotel was the well-stocked socializing center for the meetings, *thanks* to Jim Blauer, Un Hui Yi, Jim Fosdyck, Richard Adams, and Suki Adams. *Thanks* go to Jim Wallace for enthusiastically stuffing registration packets, to Jim Blauer for donating souvenir ink pens, and to Dave Siler for donating books for the raffle.

The banquets were elegant, *thanks* to beautiful flower centerpieces created by Karen Carlson and Lisa Gregory. The Public Safety Luncheon was impressive *thanks* to the outstanding recipients of the Fire Safety, Emergency Medical Services, and Law Enforcement awards, identified by Jon Vreeland and Jim Fosdyck. *Thanks* to Rev. Louis Carlson for a great job as Master of Ceremonies for the Youth Awards Luncheon. *Thanks* to Larry Wood for his assistance with the luncheons and the Memorial Service. And finally *thanks* to all of our Color Guardsmen who looked great under the leadership of Jim Fosdyck.

Our meeting on May 14 will feature Karl Jacobs as the guest speaker; his topic will be *German vs. German at Yorktown*. Our chapter is steadily growing--we will be welcoming two transfer members: Doug and Christopher Bradley; two new members: Charles Curts and Craig Atkins; and two Junior Members: Parker and Wyatt Atkins.

Join us May 14!

*M. Kent Gregory*

### SPEAKER KARL JACOBS

Born and raised in San Francisco, Karl Attended (don't laugh) Lick-Wilmerding High School in San Francisco, received a B.A. in a double major - English and Group Work and Recreation. Worked for the YMCAs of Stockton CA, Phoenix, AZ, and in the San Fernando Valley, CA. A career change took place in 1974 when Karl went to work with Hanna Barbera and Warner Bros. Studios. He worked on TV "Saturday morning" cartoons, and retired in 2006. He married Sandy Garrard in 1964 and will be celebrating their 47th Anniversary this May. They have one daughter - Jennifer and one grandson - Jacob. He has been singing in a Barbershop Quartet for over 30 years.

The topic of his presentation is "German vs. German at the Battle of Yorktown".

Compatriot Jacobs joined our society in December 1999 as a member of the Harbor Chapter. In 2000 he served as the chapter's Program Vice-President. From 2001-2005 he served as the Chapter's President. He served as Vice-President South for the State Society from 2003-2005. In 2006 he served as Executive Vice-President. In 2007 he served as State President and National Society Alternate Trustee. In 2008 he served as National Trustee. In 2009 he served as National Society Vice-President General Western District.

Karl has appeared as a member of our Lee's Legion in several parades over the years and has attended several of our chapter meetings and picnic.

### CHAPTER CELEBRATES MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT

Your chapter recently sent out a birthday greeting to Medal of Honor Recipient Walter Ehlers. Mr. Ehlers has spoken to our chapter on a couple of



Happy 90th Birthday  
Walter Ehlers

occasions and was our first recipient of the Wounded Warrior Coin and Certificate. Mr. Ehlers is probably the oldest MOH recipient in the county as he celebrated his 90th birthday on May 7th. So, Happy Birthday Mr. Ehlers and thank you for your service.

On May 5 at noon - Walter Ehlers, the last living Congressional Medal of Honor winner from the D-Day Invasion, will celebrate his 90th Birthday at Mrs. Knott's Chicken Dinner in the Rotary Room. Please RSVP at 714-994-1351 or [bprotaryclub@aol.com](mailto:bprotaryclub@aol.com).

### WOUNDED WARRIORS HONORED

Miguel A. Vazquez

I enlisted in the Marine Corps right after September 11th in Northern Virginia. I returned to enlist in Virginia after my father survived the terrorist attacks on the Pentagon as this was his duty station at the time. My family history includes over 75 years of combined Marine Corps service (Step Dad 30 years CWO-5 retired, Mother 20 years GySgt retired, Father 15 years Capt., Uncle 6 years SSGT, Grandfather 6 years Sgt, and myself with 4 years Cpl.)

I attended boot camp in Parris Island, South Carolina and graduated in April 2002. From Parris Island I was transferred Camp Geiger for infantry training. Upon completion I reported to Dam Neck, Virginia for intelligence training at the Navy and Marine Corps Intelligence Training Center. After

graduation my orders assigned me to Camp Pendleton, California with the 5th Marine Regiment. From January 2003 until the end of my enlistment I would serve as an intelligence analyst with 3rd Battalion 5th Marines (3/5). I deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom I and II with my first combat tour being in 2003 for the initial invasion of Iraq. My second tour was in 2004-2005 in Fallujah, Iraq in which our unit was involved in the clearing of the city of Fallujah. While serving in the capacity of intelligence specialist within 3/5 my role was as an organic attachment to the battalion's rifle / weapons companies, scout sniper platoon, counter intelligence teams, and with other than defense / other than government agencies. My role afforded me the responsibility of being an intelligence section leader within my units combat operations center, targeting group, and as a pilot of an unmanned aerial vehicle.

The wounds sustained from my end were minor shrapnel associated with a booby trapped courtyard door that the squad I was attached to was clearing during the clearing operations of Fallujah, Iraq in November and December of 2004.

Cpl Sherman Watson, Jr.

I enlisted in the Marine corps in June of 2002, upon completion of bootcamp at MCRD San Deigo. I was transferred to the School of infantry some would say (SOI) at Camp Pendleton CA. After my crazy stay there I was given my duty station which was 3rd Battailon 5th Marines or 3/5 for short, home of the Consummate Professionals. I was placed with Wpns Co, Heavy Machine Gunners squad. That's what I am a 0331 Heavy Machinegunner. The section was called (CAAT) Combine Anti Armor Team. I was deployed to Iraq a total of three times. In 2003 I was shot in the left shoulder but stayed in country with my unit alone with other injuries. In 2004 I deployed a 2nd time

to Fallujah, Iraq. During the Operation Phantom Fury I was shot in the right knee, by enemy combatants. Still I didn't hang it up. I just needed to get back to help my new brothers just coming into 3/5. They didn't have enough training so I stuck around, just like a Marine should. Went back to Iraq for my third and final time. In 2006 on Feb 5th, I was a squad leader in charge of my truck while going through a hand over process to the new Corporal I was training. Yup, I was on my way out. That morning preparing as usual to take on IED alley, my truck was struck by a road side bomb that left me in a coma for 9 1/2 hours. The bastards laced the side of the road with 3-115 rounds killing a family of four in the truck ahead of us. I was medivaced out to Ballad Air Force base in Iraq. Took me a couple of years to get over that injury, that left me with brain tissue scaring, massive head aches, and a considerable amount of memory problems. I was in rehab for nearly a year learning how to read write and walk straight. My rank was Corporal in the Marines and a squad leader. I attended advanced Machine Gunners Course as well as Corporals Course. I was awarded Three Purple Hearts, Naval Achievement Medal and numerous other awards.

#### MAY ACTIVITIES

May is a busy month for our chapter. On May 14 we will have our chapter meeting. The following weekend is Armed Forces Weekend(May 20-22) and we will be attending the Field of Honor festivities in Newport Beach.

Friday May 27th your Lee's Legion Color Guard will be presenting the Colors at the Orange County Government Prayer Breakfast from 7-9am. Then at 10-11am Compatriot Jim Blauer will join his Alma Mater, Newport Harbor High School, in their Annual Memorial Day service, remembering the alumni who have died in service to our country. Jim

will sing the National Anthem as he has done for many years at this event.

On Monday May 30, your Lee's Legion will once again participate in the Memorial Day program at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery off Santa Clara in Santa Ana. While your Lee's Legion is busy at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery, Compatriot Lou Carlson will be the Master of Ceremonies at the Fairhaven Memorial Day Observance.

Charles Beal will be busy as he spends time placing flags at Santa Ana, Fairhaven and Anaheim Cemeteries. He gets out to these 3 cemeteries and place flags on the unmarked Civil War veteran graves and other Civil War veteran graves that do not show military service because they are private markers.

### FIELD OF HONOR

Last year your Lee's Legion as well as members from the South Coast Marines and Riverside Chapter, participated in this very patriotic event.

The Field of Honor event has been going around the state and country for a couple of years. Last year the Newport Harbor Exchange Club was asked to host it in Newport Beach. The site chosen was the castaways Park off of Dover Drive and 16th Street.

It was set over Armed Forces weekend. Several days prior to the event the Exchange Club had volunteers out planting 1776 flags around the park at the top of the hill all the way down to Dover Drive. These flags were made available for purchase at \$45, which at the end of the weekend you could take home(pole included). To honor those who served, when you bought a Flag you could have the name of a veteran(and picture) placed on your flag. Some did family members, some did ancestors from the American Revolution.

The money raised from the selling of these flags goes to help local veteran's groups and children's

charities of the Newport Harbor area.

We invite all our members and their families to try and come by during this four day event, May 20-23. If desired you can come wearing colonial dress as our Color Guard will be there and like last year have a table to display our brochures and other colonial and revolutionary items.

Last year Chuck Lampman brought many of the accoutrements used by the Revolutionary soldier which made for interesting lessons to the public who stopped by to look at these items. A great teaching venue for students and adults alike.

Festivities will begin at noon on Friday May 20 when the Lee's Legion Color Guard will present the colors during the ceremony,

A flyer on this event and an order form have been included in this newsletter, so that you can get your orders in for your flag(s) and make plans to attend.

Go to [www.nhexchange.org](http://www.nhexchange.org) and view a video from last years event. It will give you a feel for what you can expect if you come and join us.

### NEW MEMBER DOUGLAS BRADLEY

I grew up in Whittier and married Rose after getting out of the Army. This year we celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary. We have been an Orange County resident since 1983 and have been a La Habra residence all that time. We have two sons, Christopher an architect and Ryan a College Professor. I was a Human Resources Director for thirty years and made a career change ten years ago and became a full time accredited National Veteran Service Officer. For the last three years I have been the Executive State Service Director for California and Nevada for a veteran organization and have just under fifty full time Service Officers and staff.

### NATIONAL CONGRESS

For those of you who are planning on attending the National Congress in North Carolina in July,

you do need to advise our State Secretary Ron Barker that you are going, so you can be designated a California Delegate. It is not only important for California to have a good turn out, but also for the Orange County Chapter. This because our very own Larry J. Magerkurth is to become the the new President General of our society. A major coup for our chapter. Check your Winter 2011 issue of the SAR Magazine for all the Registration and hotel information on the Congress.

### LOYALIST ARTICLE

Below is the final installment of the article on Loyalists in the American Revolution. I want to thank Mr. Davidson for allowing us to reprint his article.

#### **Stories Told 'Round the Hearth -- copyright Stephen Davidson**

Some loyalists might have had a Bible, but only the very rich or highly-educated would have shelves of books in their homes. Stories would have to be told rather than read -- folk tales, local ghost stories, or grandparents' accounts of the "good old days". Thanks to the letters of Lt. Thomas Anburey that were written during the American Revolution, we have a record of some of the stories that would have been told around the fireplaces of loyalist and patriot homes throughout the Thirteen Colonies.

Although she lived a century before the Revolution, the Native princess, Pocahontas, was still the subject of stories that people told in Richmond, Virginia. Anburey wrote about one such story that he heard from a patriot officer.

*"After Colonel Carey had given us the brief history of Pocahunta {Pocahontas}, relating to her friendship for the English, in their first settlement in this province, and her marrying an Englishman with whom she went to Europe, he related the following anecdote of a great man of her own*

*nation, that she had in her suite, when she left Virginia.*

*This man had orders from {Chief} Powhatan to count the people of England, and give him an account of their numbers. As the Indians have no letters or figures among them, he, at his going ashore, provided a stick, in which he was to make a notch for every person he saw; but he, as you may suppose, soon grew weary, and threw away his stick.*

*Upon his return, the King asked him how many people there were? He desired him to count the stars in the sky, the leaves upon the trees, and the sand on the sea shore, for so many people he said were in England. At this conclusion, Colonel Carey {turned to Lt. Anburey and} archly remarked, "Don't you think you could make that reply to your King, if he asked you how many people you saw in America?"*

Perhaps loyalist children who huddled around a fire in the wilds of Upper Canada or Nova Scotia would ask to be told about New York City, the British stronghold during the American Revolution. If so, their parents might have related something very much like Anburey did in 1781.

*"The city of New York stands on the southern extremity of the island, and its situation is extremely delightful ... The city is mostly built upon the East River, on account of the harbour. In many of the streets are rows of trees on each side, for shelter from the amazing heats in summer.*

*Most of the houses are built with brick, very strong and neat, and several stories high; many of them have balconies on the roof, where company sit in the summer evenings, to enjoy the prospect of the opposite shores and harbour; and the roofs are covered with shingles. The streets are paved and clean, but in general very narrow; there are two or three, indeed, which are spacious and airy.*

*The length of the town is somewhat more than a*

*mile, and the breadth of it about half a mile. The situation is reckoned healthy, but subject to one great inconvenience, which is the want of fresh water.*

*There are several public buildings, though but few deserving attention. There were two churches, the Old or Trinity Church, and the New one or St. George's Chapel, both very large; the former was destroyed by fire: by the remains it appears to have been in the Gothic taste. The latter is built upon the model of some of the new churches in London, and opposite to it is a spacious square, where stands the park of artillery. Besides these two, there are several other places of worship, consisting of two Low Dutch Calvinist churches, two High, one French; meeting houses for Lutherans, Presbyterians, Quakers, Anabaptists, Moravians, and a Jews synagogue."*

Any loyalists who had once lived near Windham, Connecticut would have told their children the story of the town that was invaded by frogs.

*"One Summer night, in the month of July, 1758, the town of Windham, which stands on the borders of Winnomantic River in Connecticut, was greatly alarmed by a number of these reptiles {sic} which were marching, or rather hopping in a body, from an artificial pond...that, by the exceeding heat of the weather was dried up. This pond was about five miles from Windham, in their way to the Winnomantic, they were under the necessity of keeping the road that led through the town. They entered about midnight. The bullfrog, as being the most powerful, in the front, the rest following. They were so exceedingly numerous that they were some hours passing through, and for want of water unusually clamorous.*

*The inhabitants were greatly terrified, and fled from their beds naked, near half a mile, imagining it was the French and Indians. The men, after a little recollection, finding no enemy in pursuit,*

*mustered courage to return. When they came near the town, they imagined they distinctly heard the words Wight, Helderkin, Dier, TéTé, which resembles the noise they make, and in their fright they thought the last word meant treaty. When three of them in their shirts approached to treat with the General of the French and Indians; but being dark, and no answer given, their terrors were greatly increased, and they were distracted between hope and fear. At length day appearing, they were eased from all their anxiety, by discovering that this terrific enemy was an army of frogs, dying with thirst, going to the river for a little water.*

*The people of Windham have ever since been laughed at for their timidity by the New-Englanders; but I really believe, in a similar situation, these Yankees would not have felt themselves much bolder."*

The fire in the hearth has dimmed.

Anburey's stories --and ours-- have come to an end.

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](mailto: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>.

#### REMEMBER

With both Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day this month please take time to remember those men and women who have served and sacrificed, so that we can enjoy the freedoms that we do in this wonderful country of ours.\*\*\*

# Photo Album

May 2011



On April 8-9 your Orange County Chapter served as host for the 136th Annual Membership meeting in Irvine, CA.

At left, Jim Fosdyck and Richard Adams went to the airport to pick up President General J. David Sympson. Jim proceeded into the baggage area and met the President General and his wife. As they came out Richard pulled up in his

Rolls Royce and the PG wondered who the Rolls was for. At which time Jim informed the PG it was for him. The PG was flabbergasted and totally delighted.

Because of their service in providing the PG with such a wonderful mode of transportation, Jim and Richard were presented with the Aide-De-Camp pins and Certificates from the President General at the Saturday Night Banquet. The PG noted that the Orange County Chapter really knows how to go all out when hosting a meeting. Congratulations Jim & Richard. Well deserved.



While Jim and Richard were busy picking up the President General, Un Hui Fosdyck, Suki Adams and Jim Blauer were in the Hospitality Room getting things readied for the members and wives who would be arriving in a couple hours.



Un Hui and Suki worked on the table at the top while Jim prepared his platter of goodies(center) which included his Fudge Brownies, Neiman Marcus Bars, Oatmeal Scotchies and chocolate chip cookies. Tables were set up below for the raffle prizes donated by chapter members.



# Photo Album

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VP General for the Western District, Stephen Renouf, makes Un Hui Fosdyck the Official Photographer for the Western Region.



Above President Wayne Griswold presents the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award to Tom Chilton and our own Kent Gregory.



Newly installed State President John L. Dodd receives the President's ribbon from outgoing President Wayne Griswold.

The chapter presented John with a bust of George Washington at right.



Many hands make for light work. At left your chapter members are recognized for the work they put in to make this state meeting such a success.

# Photo Album

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Our Chapter entry in the Poster Contest(left) received an Honorable Mention at the State Meeting.

At right John Dodd presents Dan Henry with his California 250 pin. This for having donated at least \$250 to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage(CAAH).



At left Dan Henry and Kent Gregory present our Wounded Warrior Coins and Certificates to Cpl Sherman Watson, Jr. and Miguel A. Vazquez.

At right Charles Lampman receives a Certificate of Appreciation for speaking to our chapter.



Below Jim Blauer receives a Certificate of Appreciation for his work on the State Meeting.



At left State Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck presents the Bronze Baron Von Steuben Color Guard Medal & Certificate to Larry Wood and David Siler.





**Newport Beach, California**

## ***Field of Honor***



***The Exchange Club of Newport Harbor***

*will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Field of Honor*

***In conjunction with Armed Forces Day***

***May 20 - 23, 2011***

***1776 3ft x 5ft US flags on 8ft poles will fly in honor of all military, law enforcement, fire and first responder men and women***

*Please join us at*

***Castaways Park, Dover Dr. & 16th Street***

***Opening ceremony at Noon on Friday, May 20, 2011***

***Dedicate a flag in honor of a member of those who protect us***

***Flags available for \$45 per honoree***

***You may bring last year's flag and pole for rededication and a new label and ribbon for \$25***

***Net proceeds will be donated to our service men and women, other Americanism projects and youth charities in our community.***

**Please see the other side for order information**

# Field of Honor

For more information regarding the Field of Honor program and available sponsorships:  
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 email ExchangeFieldofHonor@yahoo.com or  
 visit our website at <http://www.nhexchange.org>.

Please complete the order form below for a flag dedication and send with your check made payable to Exchange Club Charitable Foundation to:  
 Exchange Club of Newport Harbor  
 P.O. Box 1022, Newport Beach, CA 92659

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City, State, Zip	

Order	Quantity	Price Each	Total
US Flag, pole and ribbon w/ label		\$45.00	\$
Shipping - US Flag, ribbon w/ label		\$10.00	\$
Rededication with new label and ribbon on your flag and pole from last year		\$25.00	\$
Additional Donation Amount			\$
Name, Rank and Branch of Military of Honoree OR Name, Rank and Agency of Law Enforcement or Fire Service Honoree:			Total Enclosed \$

You may order your flag and pay by credit card through <http://www.nhexchange.org> and click on "Donate."

You may include an additional donation – it will make a difference.

Dedicated flags will be available for pickup from 9 AM to 8 PM on Tuesday, May 24, 2011. All flags *must* be picked up on this date and all flags not claimed by the donor will be removed and no longer available.

The Exchange Club of Newport Harbor is a non-profit service club. Net proceeds from this event will be donated to our service men and women, and other Americanism projects and youth charities in our community.

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