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MEETING INFORMATION

When: September 10, 2011
Where: Sizzler Restaurant
1401 North Harbor Blvd.
Fullerton, CA
Time: Social Begins at 11:00am
Website: www.orangecountysar.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings fellow Compatriots! After a two month break from chapter meetings during the summer, we kick off the rest of the year with two great activities on the same weekend! Our September 10th chapter meeting is one you won't want to miss. Our program features Private Deborah Samson, a former indentured servant who disguised herself as a man to serve in the Continental Army. Portrayed by Debbie McIntosh, Private Samson will mesmerize you with her stories. Our Vice President Larry Wood has done a fabulous job finding great speakers for our meetings.

On Sunday afternoon, September 11th, John Dodd will host a BBQ at his home to honor Larry Magerkurth, a Past-President of our chapter who was inaugurated in July as the President General of the National Society of the SAR, and Rev. Lou Carlson, who became the Vice President General - Western District for the NSSAR. Our chapter has invited members from other chapters in the area to join us on this fun day.

During the National Congress in July, our chapter received the Partners in Patriotism award. Thanks go to Dan Henry for his continual efforts to recognize wounded warriors in our area from all wars. Two of our members, Walter Davis and Jim Quinnelly, were awarded Certificates Patriotism for Meritorious Service during World War II. We are proud of their service and of their friendship.

We had five new members approved for membership this summer, so we hope to have some induction ceremonies soon for Dan Shippey (descendant of Frederick Hill, Pennsylvania Militia), Robert Thompson (descendant of Stephen Hopkins, Vermont Militia), John Hoganson, Michael Hoganson, and John C. Hoganson (descendants of Enos Kellogg, Massachusetts Militia).

Finally as the new school year begins, we have two new chairmen for youth activities. Dan McKelvie will chair our local Knight Essay Contest for High School students; and Paul Moore will chair the Middle School Brochure Contest.

I hope to see you at the meetings!

Ken Gregory

SPEAKER-Debbie McIntosh

Debbie McIntosh was born and raised in San Diego. She left home in 1969 to attend the University of Southern California, where she received a B.A. in journalism in 1973 and an M.A. in International Relations in 1977.

She worked for USC for nearly ten years, has volunteered to raise scholarship funds for 40 years. She left USC to work for Jet Propulsion Laboratory/Caltech/NASA. At JPL she worked as a recruiter and technical writer/editor and retired to raise a family in 1982.

Debbie is founder and owner of "History Through the Eyes of Women", and portrays over 30 different women. She was hired as Betsy Ross at Forest Lawn- Hollywood Hills for the annual "Visit with Great Presidents" educational program in 1977 and has also portrayed Clara Barton, Abigail Adams, Priscilla Mullins Alden, and Madam Marie Curie. She has also served as the Forest Lawn Museum lecturer, offering 18 different art and history lectures.

She is married to retired Pediatrician Rick McIntosh, and has two children and a new granddaughter, Kayleigh.

Her favorite hobbies include; traveling, costuming, antique collecting, singing and reading.

In her program for our meeting, Debbie will portray Pvt. Deborah Samson Gannett(A.K.A. Timothy Thayer, Robert Shurtliff, "Molly"). A former indentured servant and Revolutionary War soldier of the 4th Massachusetts Regiment on foot, tells of her experiences as a woman soldier in the Continental Army. Also a Birth of Liberty slideshow will be presented by Private Samson Gannett, courtesy of Forest Lawn Memorial Park Museum.

JULY 4TH PARADE

On July 4th your Color Guard once again appeared in the Huntington Beach Parade. It is the largest July 4th celebration West of the Mississippi

with somewhere between 300,000-500,000 people viewing the parade along the sidelines.

Your chapter has been doing this parade since 1988, which was pre color guard era. The members dressed up in patriotic colors and sat in the back of a 1925 Durant Star Truck. Waving to the crowd as we passed by. Today we have a 1931 Model A Deluxe Coupe.

This year we had Jim Blauer & Kent Gregory carry the American and SAR Flags. Lisa Gregory and Sharon Wood carried the banner and Larry Wood rode in the rumble seat of the Model A driven by Dave Manning.

NATIONAL CONGRESS

On July 7th members of your chapter and SARs across the country began their flights out to Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Here they attended the 2011 National Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution.

State President John Dodd made arrangements to have a California Hospitality Room which was manned by Compatriot Jim Blauer. ^{AND UN HUI} Here members and family were able to gather to kick back and enjoy the company of other compatriots from around the country. There was also plenty of snacks and drinks for all to partake of.

Members from your Orange County Chapter who were in attendance included; Jim Blauer, John & Will Dodd, Jim & Un Hui Fosdyck, Lou & Karen Carlson, Kent & Lisa Gregory and Larry & Barbara Magerkurth.

On Friday night members and guests attended a baseball game of the Winston-Salem Dash and a team from Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Our team was winning when in the 8th inning a member of the North Carolina Society came by and told us we had to leave as there was a major storm that was about to hit. Though we had just noticed a few drops as we were told this, by the time we got back



During the game they announced groups that were in attendance and flashed them on the scoreboard.

How neat is that!!!

and on the bus the rain was pouring in sheets down the front and side windows. Rain and lightening were the order of the evening. We got back to the hotel and opened up the hospitality room where members watched the show from the windows and had a good time even though it was raining.

On Saturday there was a tour of local areas which showed off the really "old" part. These buildings actually go back to the period of the American Revolution. We had lunch with a program where General Nathaniel Greene and Lord General Cornwallis performed for us giving their views on the war and their rivals.

Later that evening the North Carolina Society hosted a reception for all attendees to participate in. President General Sympson cut a celebratory cake and a light snack was served.

Sunday afternoon was a sight to be hold when the entire National Color Guard lined up on the Terrace Floor of the hotel and with Compatriots and family members there, marched over to a local church where the Memorial Service was conducted. Our own Lou Carlson was a member of the Chaplain's staff that conducted the service. Compatriot Carlson



Over 50 Color Guardsmen lined up for the President General's Review of the troops before heading over to the church for the Memorial Service.

gave the Memorial Litany.

Monday through Wednesday were Congress days. Here is where reports were made from officers and committees at National, donations were made to the National Society by members, chapters and State Societies, resolutions were proposed (some passed and some did not), and the elections of new officers was held. It was this last item that was of particular interest to the Orange County and California contingent. It was our own Larry Magerkurth who was elected to serve as President General for 2011-12. Congratulations Larry!!!

Like at our state meetings they had Youth Awards luncheon and recognition of local heroes from Police, Fire and EMT services.

On our last night (Wednesday) we had the installation banquet. Here Larry Magerkurth was installed as the 108th President General. Part of the ceremony is where the George Washington Signet Ring is for a very brief period placed on the finger of the new President General. Once pictures have been taken the ring is returned to the safe and back to national headquarters.

PG Magerkurth was permitted to script the night as he wished to have it done. He chose Compatriot Lou Carlson to be the Master of Ceremonies who made all the introductions. It was Compatriot Jim Blauer he chose to sing the National Anthem.

Our thanks go out to the members of the North Carolina Society who made this such a wonderful Congress. Huzzah!!!

ANNUAL CHAPTER BARBECUE

On September 11, 2011, your chapter will once again host its Summer Barbecue. Here members from all over the southland and the state are invited to join us for some fun and good food. President General Magerkurth will be in attendance, so we hope you will be able to attend. Here we will honor Larry on his elevation to President General of the

National Society Sons of the American Revolution and we will be remembering those who lost their lives 10 years ago on this day,

Once again, John & Karen Dodd are opening up their home, "Rancho Rosa" on Highcliff in Santa Ana for use for this event. Your chapter will be supplying the main course of Authentic smoked BBQ as well as chips, salsa & munchies. you can bring either a salad, side dish or dessert and your favorite beverage.

Please let John know how many there will be in your family attending the event. He can be reached at JohnLDodd@earthlink.net or fax him (714-731-0833) the requested information of name, chapter, how many, and will you be bringing a salad, side dish or dessert.

The time is from noon to 4pm, so mark your calendars for this special day with your fellow Compatriots and meet the new President General.

WWII POSTERS

One of our DAR friends has some WWII posters they used at one of their events and needs to get rid of them, If there is someone who would like them please contact the Editor to get in touch with this lady. This is on a first come first serve basis. Email is jblauer@pacbell.net. He will forward all requests to the owner of these posters.

FALL BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

The Fall Board of Managers Meeting will be held from November 3-6, 2011 at the Town & Country Resort, 500 Hotel Circle South, San Diego, CA 92108. The registration form can be obtained from the California website at www.californiasar.org.

A special room rate of \$115 per night(single or double) is available until October 15. Room rates are good 3 days prior and 3 days after the meeting. In case you wish to do some sightseeing.

To make your reservations call 1-800-772-8527

and mention "Sons of the American Revolution" or go to https://resweb.passkey.com/resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=3294451. Hotel parking is \$1.00/day.

The Registration fee is \$130.00. This covers 2 luncheons and the Saturday night banquet. This is due by October 15th and will be \$160.00 after that date. If you do not want to register, but wish to attend one or more of the meals, they can be purchased individually. Check out the registration form at the California site for details.

Checks should be made payable to "San Diego Chapter SAR" and mailed with the form to Ernest McCulloch, 3121 Plum Tree Lane, Escondido, CA 92027. If you have any questions Ernie can be reached at epmam@cox.net or (760) 743-0034.

Your banquet choices are Sliced Sirloin of Beef with Burgundy or Halibut with Citrus Buerre Blanc.

Friday's luncheon is Lemon Caper Chicken. Saturday's luncheon is Chef's Deli Salad. If you need to arrange for a special meal, you need to contact Ernest McCullough to make that arrangement.

GOING GREEN

This is just a friendly reminder that your editor is always looking for used ink cartridges. He is able to take them to Staples and turn them in for money which he uses to pay for the printing of the newsletter for those who do not have email. Members have brought them to meetings and mailed them to him at his home(418 Pirate Road Newport Beach California 92663). So when you have an empty ink cartridge think of the money you can help save the chapter by donating it to the editor as they are recycled for future use, which in turn helps the environment.

FALL CALENDAR

September

10--Chapter Meeting

11--Annual Barbecue at the home of John & Karen Dodd. President General Magerkurth and Vice-President General of the Western District Lou Carlson will be in attendance. Our chapter is blessed to have such hard working and dedicated members. How many chapters can boast they have a member who is State President(John Dodd), Vice-President General(Lou) and President General (Larry)all at the same time!!!

17--Constitution Day.

October

1--Combined Luncheon of Colonial Wars, Sons & Daughters of the Pilgrims, California Society of the War of 1812, Founder & Patriots in CA, and First Families of Maryland. Many of our chapter members belong to at least one if not more of these groups. When we all go it is like a mini chapter meeting.

1-2--Marching Through History at Prado Park. Here you have people who are in period dress/uniforms from the Roman Empire to Afghanistan. There are several mock battles over the weekend.

8--Chapter Meeting

Korean Festival Parade.

November--12--Chapter Meeting.

December --10--Chapter Meeting. Gift Exchange.

10--Wreaths Across America--Brea

Memorial Gardens Soldiers Plot. 9am.

DEBORAH SAMPSON

Deborah Sampson was born to Jonathan and Deborah Bradford Sampson on December 17, 1760 in Plympton, Massachusetts. One of seven children she grew up in poverty. Jonathan left the family when Deborah was but five years old. With her mother in poor health and unable to take care of the children, they were sent off to live with various

relatives and neighbors.

Between the ages of eight and ten years old Deborah was indentured to Jeremiah Thomas in Middleborough. She helped with the house work and worked in the field. It was this hard labor that developed her physical strength. In Winter there was not a lot to be done so Deborah attended school. Her education paid off so that once she had finished her servitude which ended in 1779, she was able to get a teaching job in a Middleborough public school.

On May 20, 1782 at the young age of twenty-one, Sampson enlisted in the 4th Massachusetts Regiment of the Continental Army at Bellingham in the guise of one Robert Shurtliff. On May 23 she was mustered into service at Worcester. She was but 5'7" which was tall for a woman of the day. She also bound her breasts to give her more of a male physique. Many of the soldiers would tease her about not having to shave, assuming this boy was just too young to grow facial hair.

She was excommunicated from the Middleborough First Baptist Church when rumors cropped up that she was dressing as a man in the Army. Her regiment had already left the state heading for West Point, New York, so she was unaware of the excommunication.

In July, at nearby Tarrington, she was hit by a musket ball in her thigh and received a cut on her forehead. After she had been treated for her head



Deborah Sampson in her Revolutionary War uniform as Robert Shurtliff

wound she left the hospital to avoid being found out and proceeded to remove the musket ball from her leg with a pen knife and sewed the wound up herself. As a result the leg did not heal properly, but her secret was safe.

In 1783 she was serving with General John Patterson as a waiter. Later in 1783 she came down with a fever and had to be sent to a Philadelphia hospital. Here Dr. Barnabas Binney was called in and it was he who discovered her secret. Dr. Binney not only kept her secret, but brought her home to his wife and daughter to take care of her.

In September 1783, the Treaty of Paris was signed ending the American Revolutionary War. Dr. Binney wrote a note and sent Deborah with it to General Washington. Her secret was revealed. She was given an honorable discharge on October 25, 1783 by General Henry Knox. She was sent home with travel money to pay her expenses.

The following year Deborah married Benjamin Gannett a farmer and they had three children, Earl, Mary and Patience. She got a job as a teacher at a nearby school.

In 1792 Deborah Sampson petitioned the Massachusetts legislature for her back pay, which had been withheld by the army solely because she was a woman!! She did finally receive \$34 for her "exceptionally good service".

Ten years later she began lecturing about her experiences in the army. Though she made some money at this venture she was also motivated to spread knowledge to the people about the war.

Even with this income she had money problems--not enough. She borrowed money from friends and relative, one which was Paul Revere. In 1804 he wrote to William Eustis, a representative from Massachusetts, on her behalf to get her a military pension. By this time her health was failing and she was destitute. In 1805 the military awarded her a pension of \$4.00 per month. In 1809 she sent

another petition to Congress in an effort to get a pension for her service, noting that she was now an invalid, and asked that she receive back pay to 1783, the time when she was discharged. This would make her accrued pension \$960, or \$48 per month. This time Congress not only approved her pension, but at the amount of \$76 per month. With this money she was able to pay off her debts and take better care of her children.

On April 29, 1827 at the age of 66, Deborah Sampson passed away in Sharon, Massachusetts. Her children, by a special act of Congress, were awarded compensation, "for relief of the heirs of Deborah Gannett, a soldier of the Revolution".

She is buried in the Rockridge Cemetery in Sharon, Massachusetts.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

To my family of SAR members and their families I want to thank those of you who either verbally, via email or by card sent along your condolences with the passing of my father in May. It's very much appreciated and helped considerably. It has been a difficult time as we (my brother & I) were forced to sell the home I have lived in for all of my 59 years. Lots of good memories makes it even harder to leave. I have found a place in Costa Mesa that I will be moving to in the next couple months (I have until Feb. 12th to move out). And once I am settled will advise you of my new contact information.

Because of this move, at some point my computers will be down and it is very possible I will not be able to do the newsletter for a given month. Since my dad did all the stuff with the computers, I will most probably have to hire someone to come in and unplug them here and reinstall them at my new place. During that period it may be necessary to have one of you Compatriots take over the newsletter to get it out before our monthly meeting. Thank you one and all. JFB***

Photo Album

September 2011



June Meeting
At left, President Gregory presents Don Webb with the Bronze Good Citizenship Certificate for his work with the City of Newport Beach. He is a former Mayor of the city. At right Steve Hurst, V. P. South receives a Certificate of Appreciation from the chapter for his talk to us at our June Meeting.



The anatomy of our SAR induction ceremony. New member Charles Curts is sworn in by President Gregory at left. At Right Jim Wallace pins the SAR Rosette onto Charles' lapel.



Below President Gregory presents newly installed member Charles Curts with his Certificate of Membership noting his ancestor under which he has entered our society. Bottom right is a picture taken with the whole family flanked by President Gregory and Secretary Jim Wallace. Welcome aboard Compatriot Charles Curts.



Photo Album

September 2011-2



At left your Lee's Legion Color Guard presented the colors at the Memorial Day service at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery



Above the Color Guard presents a wreath and salute, once Compatriot Jim BLauer has laid the wreath.



At our June meeting Dan Henry is presented the Meritorious Service Medal & Certificate for his work on our Wounded Warrior Program.



Above, Jon Vreeland is presented a Certificate of Appreciation for arranging the recipients of our Community Service/heroism Awards at the Spring meeting.

Below our July 4th Parade entry poses in front of the 1931 Model A Deluxe Coupe. Sharon Wood, Jim Blauer, Larry Wood and Kent & Lisa Gregory.



At right Larry Wood gets comfortable in the rumble seat of the 1931 Model A. Here he is speaking with a Civil War reenactor.

Our chapter has been a part of this Huntington Beach Parade since 1988. That is 24 years. Next year is our Silver Anniversary in this event.



Photo Album

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The SAR Color Guard presents the Colors at the baseball game we attended in Winstom-Salem, NC



Above, Jim Blauer, John Dodd and Steve Renouf at the Baseball game.



Whilke site seeing we were treated when General Nathaniel Green(left) and General Lord Cornwallis spoke on their part in the War.

Below the members of the California Society Color Guard pose with PG Simpson.



Above is the cutting of the cake by PG Simpson at the reception by the host society. Below Larry Magerkurth has just been installed as the new President General. Note the George Washington Ring on his finger.



Color Guard members are Back row--Jim Fosdyck, Lindsey Brock, Bob Ebert, and Joe Dooley. In front are Jim Blauer, PG Simpson, Ron Barker, Kent Gregory and Bob Ebert.

