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MEETING INFORMATION

When January 10, 2015

Where: Sizzler Restaurant
1401 N. Harbor Blvd.

Fullerton, CA

Time: Social Begins at 11:00am

Meeting: Called to Order at 11:30am

Website: www.orangecountysar.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The last one. It's come down to this, my last President's message.

Most of all I want to express what a honor it has been to serve in the office of President for the past year. The goals and values of the SAR are a worthy cause to be sure and have been a privilege to work towards but it is far more than that. If the best thing to be said about us was our long dead ancestors then we would only be a memorial society. The greatest honor of being President of the Orange County SAR has been to serve along with members who are the living legacy of Liberty. To be among men who hold and esteem the values that our ancestors sacrificed their time, treasure and even lives to pass down to us has ever been my great pleasure. I know I approach life and have approached all our meetings with humor and smiles but throughout I could not have been more serious about how much I value you my fellow compatriots.

My last act as President will of course be to inaugurate the new President. This also will be a great honor for me because in the last year I have been fortunate enough to work alongside (the now past) Corresponding Secretary Jim Klingler and get better acquainted with him. Jim is a gentleman in every sense of the word. He is a man of intelligence, a man of faith, a man of integrity and as our forefathers might have said, a man of the most pleasant disposition. Before beginning his professional life he served in the US Armed forces, which I greatly respect, and in my opinion he will be an outstanding President.

As I leave the office of President I am reminded of the words of General Washington as he bid farewell to his troops, which I will probably read at our January meeting as well. "With a heart full of love and gratitude, I now take leave of you. I most devoutly wish that your latter days may be as prosperous and happy as your former ones have been glorious and honorable"

In Liberty I remain your most humble and obedient servant,

Dan Shippey



SPEAKER—Colonel Rick Fuller

Our guest Speaker for 10 Jan, 2015 is Col. Rick Fuller, USAF (Ret.) who will speak to us regarding changes in NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization). Colonel Fuller retired from the USAF after 30 years of active duty specializing in Public Affairs. A significant portion of his assignments were in Europe—Mildenhall with the Royal Air Force in the United Kingdom; Torrejon, Spain; and a tour with SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe) in Belgium. While stationed at SHAPE at Mons, Belgium (the military command for NATO in Europe), he was the Chief of Media Relations. He is a life member of the SHAPE Officers' Association (SOA) and is currently the Director of Communications for the Association and attends SHAPE Officer's Association events in Belgium and Washington, D. C. He recently returned from one of the Association meetings in Europe and will provide us his observations and thoughts regarding current NATO issues.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

This year's Wreaths Across America ceremony was the largest turnout we have had in the six years we have done this program. The ceremony was opened by our emcee John Dodd. The Invocation was given by Chapter Chaplain Richard Adams. The Color Guard advanced the Colors and then presented them for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by Compatriot Jim Blauer who led those in attendance in the singing of our National Anthem.

Elaine Brittain of the Saddleback Valley Chapter, American Gold Star Mothers, spoke to us on remembering our veterans who have passed on.

Former President General Larry Magerkurth read the Proclamation (see Proclamation on page 12) sent by State President Jim Faulkinbury

FPG Magerkurth was followed by General Washington who said a few words to those in attendance.

The wreath presentations began with our military branches and then went to other veteran and hereditary societies who presented wreaths as well. There were so many wreaths that they almost completely encircled the Soldier's Monument.

Following the presentation of wreaths, Bugler Lou Lacy of American Legion Post 679 played Taps.

Closing remarks and the Benediction were given by the Rt. Rev. Louis V. Carlson, Jr.

Cliff Armas from the LAPD Emerald Society Pipes and Drums played the postlude on his bagpipe as the ceremony came to a close.

DECEMBER MEETING RECAP

At our December (Gift Exchange) Meeting the Lee's Legion Color Guard which had just finished performing at the Memorial Gardens Wreaths Across America ceremony, presented the colors at our meeting.

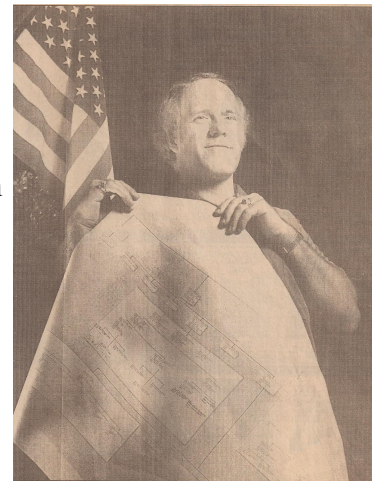
During the meeting Allan Browning was inducted by Past President Dan McKelvie. Kent Gregory did the honors of pinning on Allan's SAR rosette while Allan's wife Sue looked on.

Veteran's Affairs Chairman Dan Henry was presented the Meritorious Service Medal and Certificate for his work with Veterans. We also wish to thank Dan for seeing to the needs of Compatriot Walter Davis. A WWII Veteran who served in the Navy. Walter has been home bound due to declining health and Dan has made sure Walter has whatever he needs.

WALTER DAVIS JOINS OCCSAR

There is a story on how Compatriot Walter Davis joined the SAR. It all goes back to July 1989 when then Chapter President Jim Blauer had seen an article about the DAR in the Orange County Register newspaper as the July 4th Holiday approached. Jim sat down and wrote to the Register that they should also do an article about the SAR.

Well the paper decided that they would send a reporter and photographer out to President Blauer's home where he was interviewed about the SAR. He spoke of the aims of the society being educational, Historical and Patriotic. As the interview came to a close, they asked if Jim had some sort of chart they could get a picture of him holding. Jim pulled out this large chart he had made from scratch on his Ames family. It was decided to place the flag in the flag holder out in front of the house to get it behind President Blauer as he held up his chart. This picture along with an article that took up about a half of a page (see page 10) was printed in the July 4th edition of the Orange County Register in 1989.



Unbeknownst to President Blauer while he was busy participating in the Huntington Beach Parade that day, Walter Davis was busy at home reading about the SAR from this article. Walter felt this was the type of patriotic group he would like to belong to, so Walter began

to research and document his lines back to the American Revolution.

On January 24, 1990 Walter's documentation was approved and he entered the ranks of our chapter. Walter would go a step further by becoming Life Member #5702 in the State of California.



Walter Davis
April 1987

In April of 1997 Walter was installed as our chapter President and served until April 1998.

Having served in WWII Walter was very active with his American Legion post in Santa Ana where he lived. After he joined the SAR, Walter was elected Commander of his Legion post and served in that position as well.

Walter has been a staunch supporter of our chapter, society and its goals. At one point he even served as Vice-President Mem-

bership for our State Society.

It was Walter who invited the chapter to participate in the Tri-City Memorial Day ceremonies held at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery by the Civil War Monument in the early 1990s. We have not missed a year since. Every year we have presented the Colors and a wreath during the ceremonies. The wreath we use today is the same one Walter had made those many years ago for our first time at these ceremonies.

Walter's wife Helen was a constant companion and helper at all the activities that Walter attended. When Helen became ill he curtailed a lot of his activities to be by her side. He still made meetings, but was always anxious to get back by her side. He became a fixed figure at the healthcare center where Helen received care from the Staff and in an effort to remain active he would do the "Let Freedom Ring" Program for the staff, patients and their families on the Fourth of July. He would dress up in his Buff and Blue uniform to perform this ceremony. He was also known to give talks to those in attendance on a subject of the American Revolution and the Constitution.

Following Helen's passing Walter discovered that now he was going to be dealing with medical issues. For a time he continued to make it to our meetings until it became too difficult for him to drive from Santa Ana to Fullerton for our meetings.

He kept busy as he was able to make local meetings in the Santa Ana area. This included his American Legion Post and going to church. It was at these and other local gatherings that Walter started to hand out Booklets on the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and Flag etiquette. In doing this we were able to claim points for each booklet he handed out during a given month.

Now that he is house bound he is no longer able to get out to these groups and to help out our chapter in this manner. In November he was unable to pass out any booklets. In December he did pass out 7 booklets to those who came to his home to assist him, but it is hoped that his example may be followed by other members in handing out booklets at various meetings and gatherings. This could include Genealogical, hereditary, Church, veteran and school groups to name a few.

Thank you Walter for your time and service to our chapter and working to implement the goals of our society. For those of us who have known you over the years, you have notched a special place in our hearts for you and your wife Helen. Take care, dear friend and fellow Compatriot.

JANUARY MEETING

One of the parts of the agenda for January is the Installation of officers. At our December meeting we elected members to the various offices for 2015.

Those being installed will be;
President Jim Klingler,
Vice-President John Ferris
Corresponding Secretary Gus Fischer
Recording Secretary Jim Blauer
Treasurer Arthur Koehler
Registrar M. Kent Gregory
Chancellor John Dodd
Chaplain Richard Adams

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS

For those of you who would want to be involved in one or more of our various chairmanships, there are several positions that are appointed by the President at the January Meeting. If you see one you are interested in, you should contact Compatriot Kent Gregory, who will present the new president with a list of recommendations of persons to fill the appointed positions.

These positions are; Historian/Archivist, Parliamentarian, Sergeant-At-Arms, Newsletter Editor, Medals & Awards Chairman, Eagle Scout Chairman, Information Technology Chairman, Activity

Contest Chairman, Valley Forge Project Chairman, Orations Contest Chairman, Poster Contest Chairman, Essay Contest Chairman, Brochure Contest Chairman, Parade Chairman, JROTC/ROTC Chairman, Publicity Chairman, Flag Certificate Chairman, Veterans Affairs Chairman/Liaison, and Color Guard Commander of our Chapter's Lee's Legion Color Guard.

The President reserves the right to appoint a chairman to any other committee or position that may become available at any time during his tenure of office.

So, for those of you who would like to become more involved in the activities of your chapter, here is your opportunity to do so and make a contribution to both your chapter and the society in general.

140TH ANNUAL SPRING MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP

As we begin the new year we are looking forward to the State Meeting in April. Your Orange County Chapter will be hosting this year's event as Compatriot Kent Gregory becomes the new State President.

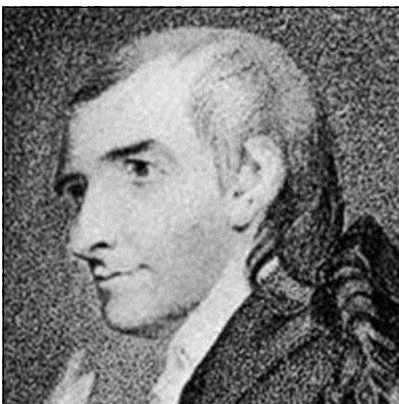
It will be held in Irvine on Friday April 17 and Saturday April 18th. It is being held at the Wyndham Hotel and they are giving us the special room rate of \$109.00 per night. To make your reservations call 949-863-1999. Mention that you are with the Sons of the American Revolution to get the special rate. Parking is only \$5.00 per day. (Registration Form is on Page 11).

Besides our exciting business meetings there will be great food, enjoyable companionship and activities for the ladies. The Saturday evening Gala Banquet entertainment will include a professional magician from the Magic Castle.

NSSAR President General Lindsey Brock will be in attendance, making this a National Color Guard Event.

FRANCIS HOPKINSON

Francis Hopkinson was born to a well-off family in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on October 2, 1737. He was the first of eight children born to Thomas and



Mary Baldwin (Johnson) Hopkinson.

His father along with friend Benjamin Franklin began the College of Philadelphia. He graduated in the first class of the College of Philadelphia (which later became the Uni-

versity of Pennsylvania). A talented musician, Hopkinson composed many pieces over his lifetime, including "My Days Have Been So Wondrous Free" (1759)—the earliest surviving non-religious song composed in the American colonies. He was said to be quite proficient in playing the Harpsichord. In the 1750s he would hand copy many of the songs, arias and instrumental pieces of European composers. By the 1760s he was found good enough to play with professional musicians in concerts. Several of his compositions became well known at the time. They included; "The Treaty", "The Battle of the Kegs" and "The New Roof, a song for Federal Mechanics". He also played the organ at Christ's Church in Philadelphia and composed or edited a number of the psalms and hymns which included; "A Collection of Psalm Tunes with a Few Anthems and Hymns Some of them Entirely New, for the Use of the United Churches of Christ Church and St. Peter's Church in Philadelphia" (1763), "A Psalm of Thanksgiving, Adapted to the Solemnity of Easter: To be performed on Sunday, the 30th of March, 1766, at Christ Church, Philadelphia" (1766) and "The Psalms of David, with the Ten Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer &c., in Metre" (1767). In the 1780s, he modified the glass Harmonica to be played with a keyboard and invented the Bellarmonic, an instrument that used the tones of metal balls. In 1788 he published a collection of songs, "Seven Songs for the Harpsichord" and voice and dedicated them to his daughter and his friend, George Washington.

Hopkins had been motivated by his mother to get a good education. He entered the College of Philadelphia in 1751 and graduated 1757 at the top of his class, the first graduating class of the school. In 1760 he received his masters degree. Hopkinson had been under the direction of Benjamin Chew, Attorney General for the State of Pennsylvania to study law and in 1761, began to practice law.

This was an area where Hopkinson did not do well and later in 1761 he was appointed Secretary to the provincial Council of Pennsylvania Indian Commission where he worked with securing treaties with the Delaware and several Iroquois tribes. In 1763 he was made Customs collector of Salem, New Jersey.

Hopkinson spent from May 1766 to August 1767 in England hoping to obtain the position of Commissioner of Customs for North America. Though this plan did not fare well he was able to spend time with the future Prime Minister, Lord North, his cousin James Johnson (Bishop of Worcester) and

the painter Benjamin West. He learned about politics and the workings of government from Lord North and how to paint from Benjamin West. Upon his return he attempted to open a dry goods business, but like his lawyering, that did not pan out. He married Ann Borden on September 1, 1768 and to this union were born nine children, five of whom survived to adulthood.

In 1771 he became director of the Library Company which he held for two years.

He returned to the public sector in 1772 when he was appointed the Customs Collector for New Castle, Delaware.

In 1774, Hopkinson moved to Bordentown, New Jersey where he became an Assemblyman for the New Jersey Royal Provincial Council. Having considered his success in public service, Hopkinson decided to reenter the law profession and in 1775 was admitted to the Royal Council of New Jersey. However, Hopkinson would soon join those who supported American independence. In 1776 he resigned his posts under the British Government and was selected to represent the State of New Jersey in the Second Continental Congress on June 22, 1776

He was one of the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence. During the Revolutionary War, he served on the Navy Board at Philadelphia, as treasurer of the Continental Loan Office and as a judge for the Admiralty Court of Pennsylvania (1779-1789). He served one term as a Judge of Pennsylvania's U.S. District court from 1791-92.

Hopkinson also demonstrated his support for independence with songs like "The Battle of the Kegs," a popular Revolutionary War ballad that mocked the panicked British reaction when powder-filled barrels floated by their ships on the Delaware River. He also wrote and published several essays that were political in nature. The most notable were; "A Pretty Story" (1774), "The Prophecy" (1776), and "The Political Catechism" (1777).

After the fight for independence had been won, a Constitutional Convention was held in 1787 in order to create a stronger governing document for the new country. Some opposed a more powerful central government, but Hopkinson actively supported the new Constitution and argued in favor of its ratification. He also wrote "The New Roof," an allegory that detailed why a new government (roof) was needed to protect its citizens. In the end, the new Constitution was adopted on September 17, 1787

On May 25, 1780 in a letter to the Continental Board of Admiralty, Hopkinson mentioned several designs he had done over the last three years. One

was for his Board of Admiralty Seal. This contained a shield with seven red and six white stripes on a blue field. Others included; the Treasury Board Seal, "7 devices for the Continental Currency" and "the Flag of the United States of America". He noted that he had not asked for compensation, but was now looking for payment in the form of "A Quarter Cask of the Public Wine". On June 24th he submitted a bills for "The Naval Flag of the United States", requesting 9 pounds for his work. Though evidence shows that Hopkinson worked on the design of the U.S. flag, the Treasury Board turned down his request on October 27, 1780 in a report to Congress. They felt that since these were derived from committees he served on for these creations, he alone was not the sole creator of them and therefore should not be compensated. There is no definitive answer about who was responsible for the placement and style of the flag's stars, but Hopkinson's other design work, which includes contributing to the design of the Great Seal of the United States, lends credence to his bid for credit.

In 1789, George Washington nominated Hopkinson as a U.S. district judge for eastern Pennsylvania—a position that Hopkinson would hold until his death on May 9, 1791, at the age of 53. His early death was related to an epileptic seizure. Hopkinson died in his native Philadelphia, leaving behind a widow and five children.

Hopkinson's lifetime output included inventions, musical compositions and writing that ranged from satire to serious essays. Most importantly, having signed the Declaration of Independence, worked on the U.S. flag and supported ratification of the Constitution, his contributions to the United States live on to this day.

SPIRIT OF '76 CALENDAR

The Spirit of '76 calendar, created by Compatriot Jim Blauer his is still available for purchase. Last year while on sick leave, Compatriot Blauer reworked his calendar and updated the artwork and graphics from black and white in the mid to late 1990s to full color. He has now reworked it from the 2014 year to the 2015 year.

Titled "Spirit of '76" he has included a historical fact for each day of the year on the American Revolution/Constitutional era.

He began collecting information back in the mid 1960s when the Orange County Register started printing, "Today in History" for each day of the year. In 1975 he worked with the U.S. History Class he was student teaching at Santiago High School in Garden Grove and for Open House had produced 12



Spirit Of '76

poster size months with dates in U.S. History.

For years Compatriot Blauer anguished over the fact he could not figure out how to do this with a calendar. Calendar size paper either would not fit in a typewriter, or if it did the printing was too big. In the mid to late 1990s Compatriot Blauer who admits to not being computer literate, was informed by his father that the Print Master program they had on their computer had a calendar format. Compatriot Blauer went to work on it and was able to produce a reasonable copy, though the graphics were all in black and white. The last copy was produced in 1999.

Fast forward to early last year while Compatriot Blauer was on disability and recuperating he decided to try and up date his creation. He was able to do so and was able to find a place to print it. He took a mock copy to the State Meeting and it was decided at that time with all the historical information included in his calendar that he would charge \$20 per copy. This would be enough to cover his costs and any mailings that were needed. The remainder of all proceeds after costs are paid for will be donated to the CAAH (The Center For Advancing America's Heritage).

He had planned on attending the Congress in Kansas City in July, but due to more health problems he had to cancel. He was hoping to

sell a bunch there. He then set his sights on the Fall Trustees

Meeting at the end of September in Louisville and at that time planned to donate a copy to the Center and make his pitch to earn money for The Center. That was derailed when he

was unable to secure a room at the hotel which was full. There were two other conventions in town at that time and hotel space was booked.

He continued to sell them locally and was able to sell the 100 copies he had printed up. The result was that at Congress in July he was able to donate \$1,000 to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

Earlier this year having converted the calendar to 2015, he went back to the place that printed them for him last year, only to find that their price had doubled. At \$20 per copy there would be hardly anything left to donate to the Center after recouping his costs. When he made his donation at the Congress in July, he noted that he had had trouble getting a place to publish it this year. One of the SAR members, Steve Pittard of North Carolina came forward to offer to try and help Jim get this year's published. Steve's company came up with a better price than what Jim had had in 2014. Jim announced his calendar at the Trustees Meeting. He was able to sell about one fourth of the copies and has plenty left. The good news is that Jim has recouped his costs for this run and that means that when a calendar sells for \$20 now, the entire \$20 will go to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

If members wish to purchase a copy they can contact Compatriot Blauer via email jbblauer@pacbell.net or they can call him at 949-548-6871 to place an order. Those that are purchased in person saves the mailing cost and more of the proceeds will go to The Center.

The Calendar is set up for 2015, so now is the time to start thinking about all your patriotic friends and family and something for your local schools where teachers can use them to teach U.S. History for 5th, 8th and 11th graders. Maybe even give it to a DAR or CAR friend. Your children and grandchildren could use these for their U.S. History class and take a fact a day to school to share with his/her class and teacher. Teachers could use that fact for a brief discussion/lesson about the fact/event.

Jim will have them at the Meeting on Saturday. He can take cash or check for these. Here is a way for you to contribute to the Center and not have to spend a lot to do so.

January 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1743 - Paul Revere born. 1752 - Betty Ross born.	2 1777 - British come in contact with General Washington's Army East of Trenton.	3 1777 - Washington's grand victory at Princeton.
4 1776 - British Gov. Sir Carleton gave an honorable burial to General Montgomery and other American soldiers.	5 1775 - N. Hampshire adopted its own Constitution. First Colony to do so.	6 1776 - Rev. officials at S. Carolina were told to sign the Declaration and may be executed their way.	7 1789 - First Episcopal College opened and sent all fees to George Washington as the first president under the constitution.	8 1776 - Americans raided Charlestown, Mass. Burning 10 houses used as soldiers quarters.	9 1776 - Stranwick, Ontario signs treaty with Britain to supply 4,000 merrucery including light infantry battalions.	10 1776 - "Common Sense" by Thomas Paine is published in Philadelphia.
11 1775 - Francis Pickens became 1st Gov to hold office other than to serve a seat in S. Carolina's Provincial Government.	12 1776 - Continental Congress debated opening trade with foreign nations.	13 1776 - London of Hesse, Germany agreed to furnish British with 12,000 troops to assist in American Colonies.	14 1781 - Benedict Arnold born.	15 1777 - Vermont/New Connecticut declares its independence.	16 1788 - French recognize U.S. independence.	17 1776 - Benjamin Franklin born. 1781 - Britain on victorious at Coopers, S. Carolina.
18 1776 - The Maryland Convention declared its desire for independence from Great Britain.	19 1776 - Continental Congress all votes to send reinforcements to British British with the invading Canada.	20 1781 - New Jersey troops melted, but Gen. Robert Howe sent from West Point to rally the troops.	21 1776 - R.I. Congressional delegate Samuel Ward sent to Negroes, Indians and Mulattos from abolitionist British.	22 1776 - General Court in Wareham, Mass. Passed an act excluding Negroes, Indians and Mulattos from abolitionist ship.	23 1776 - Lord Staffing, 80 percent, had capture of HMS Blue Alliance before a British supply ship.	24 1776 - Philadelphia residents were back a day of 6th class of on it returned to London unshaken.
25 1776 - The "Sally" which had 11th class on it returned to London unshaken.	26 1776 - William Franklin Gov. of N.J. is placed under house arrest by American Forces.	27 1776 - Admiral Samuel Boscawen was notified of British for his failure at 1/2 of naval forces in N. America.	28 1775 - John Tumball's epic political satire M'FINGAL was published.	29 1779 - Thomas Paine born.	30 1776 - A British transport destined for besieged British garrison in Boston, made port in Halifax, N. Scotia.	31 1776 - John Hancock resigns as President of Congress, on whom the had been received, which he had

BETSY ROSS 1752-1836
Born in Philadelphia in 1752, Elizabeth Ross was the daughter of Samuel, a Quaker carpenter. She eloped in 1773 with John Ross, an upholsterer. But he was killed in 1776 in a gun powder explosion while serving in the militia. Taking over her husband's shop after his death, Betsy became an expert seamstress. She had seven daughters from two more marriages.
Her fame came when her grandson, William J. Canby, wrote a paper about his grandmother. When she was 84, the eleven year old Canby listened to her story of the making of the first flag. It seems George Ross, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, was the uncle of Betsy's first husband. He was a member of the committee which also included

of George Washington and Robert Morris. They approached her in June 1776 with the rough design of a flag. General Washington wanted six pointed stars, but Mrs. Ross persuaded him to go with five-pointed stars, showing him how easy it was to cut them. Though it is known she was an expert seamstress, having been an official flag maker for the Pennsylvania State Navy, there is no proof of the story her grandson relates. The Stars & Stripes she is said to have sewn was adopted as the official flag of the United States by Congress on June 14, 1777. Betsy Ross died in 1836.

JOHN HANCOCK
Born in Massachusetts, John Hancock's father died early on and John was adopted by his uncle, Thomas. Thomas was a wealthy Boston merchant. Following his graduation from Harvard in 1754, John joined his uncle's business.
John Hancock's defiance of British taxation began in 1765. In 1768 he refused permission for Royal Inspectors to board his ship *Liberty*, which was subsequently seized by the government. This brought riots to the streets of Boston. Within a year John Hancock entered the political arena. First he served as a member of the Massachusetts General Court. In 1773 he was elected to the Second Continental Congress. He served as its President through 1777. It was during this congress that the Declaration of Independence was written and as President, he was the first to sign this historic document.
Though he lacked military experience, John Hancock desired command of the Continental Army. He held great respect in the choice of George Washington for this post. In 1777 he resigned and returned to Massachusetts where he commanded a local militia. In 1780 he was elected Governor of Massachusetts, serving eleven of the next thirteen years in that position. He got Massachusetts to ratify the Constitution in 1787. It was while serving as Governor in 1793 that John Hancock died.

Happy 2015

Wreaths Across America

December 13, 2014



The Color Guard presented the Colors and included; Fifer Matthew Noell, Drummer Steve Andy, M. Kent Gregory, Dan McKelvie, John Ferris, Karl Jacobs, Dan Henry and Commander Jim Fosdyck..



Compatriot Jim Blauer led in the singing of our National Anthem.

Below, Compatriot John Dodd, center was our emcee and Richard Adams, left gave the invocation.



Larry Magerkurth, on the right at left read State President Jim Faulkinbury's Proclamation.

Elaine Brattain, right, a Gold Star Mother, spoke to those in attendance as Emcee John Dodd Looks on.

Below, General George Washington (Dan Shippey) spoke to the crowd. He is accompanied by Color Guardsman James Gill (Harbor Chapter) who carries the Commander's Flag



Below, The Rt. Rev. Louis V. Carlson, Jr. gave the Benediction.



Wreaths Across America

December 13, 2014



LAPD Emerald Piper Cliff Armas assisted in the opening ceremonies.



General and Mrs. Washington pose for a picture in front of the Soldier's Monument at the Memorial Gardens in Brea.

At right are the wreaths presented by the Orange County and Harbor Chapters. Besides all the branches of our armed forces others who presented wreaths included; Gold Star Mothers—Saddleback Valley Chapter, Veterans of Foreign Wars post 5384 of Brea, The American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of America, Daughters of the American Revolution—Katuktu Chapter, Sons of Union Veteran's of the Civil War—Sedgwick-Granger Camp #17, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War—Elizabeth Hill Mills Tent #68, Girl Scouts of America—Troop 5493 of Norwalk, and the Civil Air Patrol, Fullerton Composite Squadron 56.



This year with so many presentations of wreaths, we came very close to encircling the entire Soldier's Monument. An excellent turn out for this event and we hope to make it even better next year.

At left, the Orange County and Harbor Chapter members and family are joined by Gold Star Mother Elaine Brittain and her husband Gary Brattain (center), Fifer Matthew Noell, Drummer Steve Andy, and Piper Cliff Armas.

Photo Album

December Meeting



Lee's Legion Color Guard presents the Colors at our meeting.

Below Sam A. Browning is presented his membership Certificate.



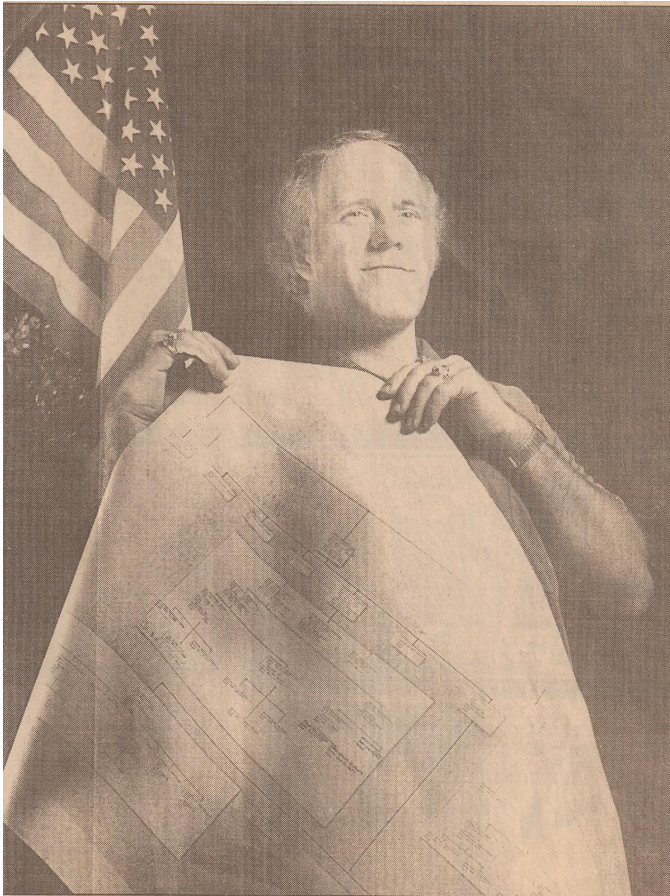
Allan Browning is inducted as our newest member by Past President Dan McKelvie. Wife Sue looks on.

Below Dan Henry receives the Meritorious Service Medal from Kent Gregory.



Members and guests at our December Meeting and Gift Exchange gather for the annual December Photo. Yes, a big crowd of 36 attendees for this year end meeting.

This article and Photograph appeared in the Orange County Register on July 4, 1989. It was from this photograph and story that Compatriot Walter Davis joined the Chapter back in January 1990.



Sons pay tribute to US history

Patriotic group hits 100 this year

By Lori Aratani
The Register

Donald Moriarty can trace his ancestry back to Francis Stafford, who settled in Virginia in 1624.

One of James Blauer's ancestors served with George Washington at Valley Forge.

For them, membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, a patriotic organization that celebrates its 100th anniversary this year, means paying tribute and maintaining ties to the freedom their ancestors fought for.

"Being a part of the (Sons of the American Revolution) has a two-fold meaning," says Moriarty, a retired 25-year army officer who lives in Orange. "It's a way for me to be a part of my family heritage and feel tied to what was important to those people."

Blauer, president of the Orange County SAR chapter, agrees.

"I feel very honored to be related to someone who fought so hard for something he believed in," he says, surrounded by photo albums and old SAR newsclippings at his home in a quiet Newport Beach neighborhood.

An American history buff and stamp collector, Blauer chats easily and is eager to show visitors the family tree he has compiled that traces his roots as far back as the early 1600s. He became a member of SAR in 1981.

"It's fascinating to learn about what's gone on before you," he says. "It's interesting to discover the different things that make you up."

His tone is light. But when

asked about the recent Supreme Court ruling on flag burning his manner grows serious and his voice stronger.

"When we say the Pledge of Allegiance, there's one member of SAR who always closes with 'and long may she wave,' " he says. "I think that sums up a lot of the feeling behind the flag. Any action that treats it in a shabby manner should not be tolerated.

"A flag should only be burned during a proper ceremony for retiring old flags," he adds. "People who have old tattered flags should call a veteran's organization so that it can be done in the proper manner."

Moriarty has mixed feelings about the flag-burning issue.

"It's very complex," he says. "It's difficult for me to sum up how I feel because there's so much involved.

"I spent 25 years following the flag. In Vietnam I fought for the flag and for what it stood for. I have a sense of requirement to prevent this from happening, but then I don't want to make it into a deity."

The Orange County chapter, which was chartered in 1969, has 42 members. Members must be at least 18 years old and the direct lineal descendants of patriots who fought in the American Revolution, signed the Declaration of Independence or served in a legislature or committee of safety and correspondence in the original colonies.

No special events are planned to celebrate the organization's 100th anniversary. But members will participate in Huntington Beach's Fourth of July parade, one of the largest such parades in the country.

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of the

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Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

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Arriving: ___ Thursday, April 16th, ___ Friday, April 17th, ___ Saturday, April 18th

Registration is \$135.00 per person by March 15, 2015 or \$150.00 after March 15th. The fee includes meetings, Friday and Saturday luncheons, and the Saturday Gala Dinner Banquet.

Number of Registrants: ___ @ \$135 Late Registrations ___ @\$150 Total: _____

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Non-registered Gala Dinner Banquet: ___ @ \$65 each

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Checks should be payable to Orange County Chapter, SAR and mailed with this registration form to:

Jim Klingler, 33 Bethany Drive, Irvine, CA 92603

Questions? Contact Kent at drkentgregory@earthlink.net or 562/493-6409

Please mark your meal choices:

Friday Public Service Luncheon

___ Salmon with Orange Butter Sauce *or* ___ Cobb Salad

Saturday Youth Luncheon

___ Open Face New York Steak Sandwich *or* ___ Island Chicken Salad

Saturday Gala Dinner Banquet

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Sons of the American Revolution

Proclamation

December 13, 2014

The California Society Sons of the American Revolution celebrates our seventh anniversary in sharing this day with our Partners in Patriotism across the nation, the veterans in each of the seven services whom we remember at this event. Americans have honored our fallen patriots and war veterans since that first shot was heard '*round the world*' on April 19, 1775 at Lexington and Concord in Massachusetts.

This *Wreaths Across America* ceremony today is symbolic of how we honor American heroes who served their country in the military and, in many instances, gave their lives on the battlefield to preserve democracy and freedom. While our words will long be forgotten, the heroic deeds of the service men and women who have served and continue to serve this great nation will long be remembered.

We, the descendants of the patriots of the War of Independence, represented by our membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, share a common bond with those men and women who are interred in this cemetery. It is fitting to remember them, as well as the colonial men and women who dared to declare themselves independent from their English ruler and established the United States of America.

We Americans who are here today are the beneficiaries of that legacy, regardless of our own heritage and ethnic origins. It is fitting for us to remember a loved one or perhaps an ancestor who made the sacrifice that brought honor and peace to our great nation.

The California Society Sons of the American Revolution is honored to represent the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution who today are participating at national cemeteries and monuments across this nation, in this patriotic memorial to our fallen heroes. We are proud to stand with all Americans who have come here to remember these dedicated men and women.

May God Bless America,

Jim L.W. Faulkinbury, President

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