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MEETING INFORMATION

WHEN: February 10, 2007

Where: The Sizzler
1401 North Harbor Blvd.
Fullerton, CA

Time: Set up and Social begins at 11:00AM

Meeting: Called to order at 11:30AM

Website: www.orangecountysar.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Compatriots, I thank you for opportunity to serve as your president for 2007 and pledge to do my very best to keep up the good work of our chapter. Again on behalf of our chapter I thank Hugh Richards for doing such a great job during his term as President. We are indeed a fortunate chapter to have had the high caliber of men that serve or have served as officers. Above and beyond are a number of our own who also serve as state officers such as our very own Jim Shadwick with his wealth of knowledge & hard work as State Secretary. Bishop Lou Carlson serving as Vice President-South as well as Chaplain. Larry Magerkurth who did a great job last year as our State President. John Dodd as former Chancellor & of course Jim Blauer as Historian. My hat is off to all these gentlemen & I freely admit I may need and seek your guidance & expertise along the way as I serve as chapter president. I Thank you for your hard & dedicated service.

I miss Walter Davis at our meetings. Walter is truly a patriot, gentleman & friend to so many & so many veteran, heritage & service related organizations. Many of you know that Walter personally sees to Helen's care, and therefore is unable to attend our Saturday meetings. I want Walter to know that he is dearly missed & our prayers & best wishes are with you & Helen. I had the privilege of presenting Walter with the first Baron Von Steuben Bronze Color Guard Medal for our chapter while attending an evening meeting of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War that Walter was able to attend along with Jim Blauer. He was truly surprised & most appreciative. I will be presenting more of these medals to deserving members in upcoming meetings.

There are over 70 members of our chapter who gratefully keep their membership paid up & active. Many do not attend the monthly meetings for many sound

reasons. I encourage those of you who don't normally come to make it out to a meeting once in a while when possible as we would love to meet you & get reacquainted with you. I encourage members to submit a bio of yourself & patriot ancestor even if you are unable to attend our meetings.

I have contacted my first soon to be recipient of the Flag Certificate. There is an In & Out Burger restaurant in Placentia that flies a large U S Flag out near the edge of the street very prominently. It is always well lighted at night & is always flying & displayed correctly as far as I have seen. I will be presenting a Flag Certificate to them shortly. I encourage all of our compatriots to advise me of a deserving person or company that flies or displays our flag correctly on a regular basis. This is an easy way for our chapter to receive points and continue to remain a strong chapter. Surely we can do 1 or 2 of these a month.

To mention a few notable dates in February during the revolution such as Feb 27th 1776 at Moores Creek, North Carolina where North Carolina patriots defeat loyalists at the Battle of Moores Creek Bridge. The defeat ends Governor Martin's hopes of regaining control of the colony for the British crown. The Treaty of Alliance with France signed on Feb 6, 1778. It was in February that Baron Von Steuben joined the American Army at Valley Forge to begin retraining & drilling them. On Feb 3rd 1783 Spain officially recognized the United States of America. The next day England officially declares an end to hostilities in America.

Finally there are several committee & chairmanship positions yet to be filled so please contact me immediately, so that I can finalize

these.

Yours in patriotism,

Dan Henry, President

ARTHUR KOEHLER, SPEAKER

I was born in San Pedro, California, and graduated from Colton Union High School, Colton, California. I entered the United States Air Force after high school and went to Basic Training at Lackland AFB, Texas. After Basic Training I attended Technical School (Sheppard AFB, Texas) and upon graduation was assigned to the Air Force Flight Test Center, Edwards AFB, California.

Later assignments were to Eielson AFB, Alaska, Yokota AB, Japan, McChord AFB, Washington, and Suffolk County AFB, Long Island, New York. In New York I was accepted into the Air Force Education and Commissioning Program (AECF) and sent to Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida. After graduation I went to Officer Training School (OTS), Medina AB, Texas, and graduated a Distinguished Graduate (DG) (Top ten percent of class). After commissioning I went to technical school at Sheppard AFB, and after graduation was assigned to Headquarters Air Training Command (ATC), Randolph AFB, Texas. My final assignment was Space and Missile Systems Organization (SAMSO), Los Angeles AB, El Segundo.

After discharge I worked for Northrop (Anaheim and Pico Rivera) and McDonnell-Douglas (later Boeing) Long Beach.

Organizations: American Legion Post 133, Huntington Beach; Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV), Signals Officer in the Captain James Iredell Waddell Camp 1770, Orange County.

My Date of Admission to the Sons of the American Revolution was April 29, 2002. I am presently the Web Manager for the Chapter Web

Site and Chapter Treasurer.

Arthur will be speaking to us about Independence Hall, where he gives tours to schools at Knott's Berry Farm.

VON STEUBEN MEDAL AWARDED

At the January 18th meeting of the Sons of Union Veteran's, President Dan Henry presented Compatriot Walter Davis with the first Bronze Von Steuben Color Guard Medal. Walter has been doing service as a Color Guard for all the years our chapter has been involved in Memorial Day Services at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery. He has appeared in some of the early parades and has been a Color Guard at the Civic Center Memorial Day Ceremonies at the Walk of Honor. Due to his Wife, Helen's Convalescence, he continues to wear his uniform when presenting programs to the residents and staff of Helen's care facility for Independence Day and Constitution Day. Congratulations Walter for being the first member of our chapter to receive this award. Huzzah, Huzzah, Huzzaah!!!

The Von Steuben Medal was created by the California Society to recognize those compatriots at both the chapter and State level for their participation in Color Guard Activities. Though National has Color Guard Medals, they are only for those participating at the National Level. The Bronze, like the one Walter received may be given out by a chapter to its members for their participation. There is also a Silver and Gold which are handed out at the State Level and must have approval of the State Color Guard Commander and the State President and is presented by the State at the Annual Spring Meeting.

Because this is a new medal and many members have been participating in activities for many years this award is available for accumulated service as a

Color Guard over the years.

We have several members who have been doing this type of activity over the years and we hope to honor them in the near future.

MASSING OF THE COLORS

The Annual George Washington Commemorative Massing of the Colors and Salute to our Armed Forces will take place on Sunday February 18th at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, 6300 Forest Lawn Drive, Burbank, CA.

Those participating as one of the over 50 Color Guard Units will congregate at the Hall of Liberty at 2pm. At 3pm the procession will begin from the Hall down to the 60 foot Statue of George Washington. Here dignitaries from various hereditary societies will say a few words, and our very own Jim Blauer has been asked to once again sing the National Anthem.

There will also be an artillery salute, a Pass in Review, a wreath laying ceremony, Bagpipe band and a 21 gun salute. Compatriot John Webber has arranged for Time-Warner to cover the event.

The sight of all the flags and military Color Guards makes one's patriotic heart beat proudly. Bring the kids and the grandchildren to this amazing spectacle of Patriotism. This is the largest such celebration West of the Mississippi River. You don't want to miss it.

Do not worry about the weather. Should it rain the auditorium has been reserved. So that is not a reason to preclude you and your family from attending this special celebration of the Father of our Country and the men and women of our Armed Forces.

LOS NINOS SOCIETY CAR

The Los Ninos Society Children of the American Revolution(CAR) have issued an invitation to our

chapter members and their families to attend a Kite Flying Party on February 25th.

This year the National theme for the Children of the American Revolution is *Pursuing American Victory*. The Los Ninos Society has elected their February Kite Flying Party to Pursue American Victory with Parent Organizations. This year they are inviting the California State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Chapters in District XII and the Sons of the American Revolution in Orange County.

They could not think of a better way to celebrate their patriotism, than to do so with their parent organizations.

There is no need to RSVP. The festivities will begin at 11am just North of the Huntington Beach Pier and last until about 2pm. Bring a kite and join in the fun. Though it would be nice to have a patriotic kite any kite will do.

Bring the children and grandchildren and have a fun day at the beach. Other suggested items you might bring are Beach chair, blanket, jacket or sweatshirt, sunglasses, sunscreen and a snack/lunch and some soft drinks.

PARADES

We are busy getting ready for the March 3rd Patriot's Day Parade in Laguna Beach. We hope to have 2 cars. Our 1931 Model A and 2004 Chrysler. We have gotten a yes from Karl Jacobs and his barbershop singing friends that have been with us the last couple years and have helped us to win awards in the Color Guard over 21 category. Come join the fun. You may ride or walk. We have Flags and a banner that need carrying. If you do not have a uniform any sort of red, white and blue outfit will do. Those wishing to participate should contact Parade Chairman, Jim Blauer, at

jblauer@pacbell.net or (949) 548-6871, so he can get the information to you with location parking information.

We have already received our application for the July 4th Parade. It will be sent in in the near future. We have a streak going since 1988, so this will be our 20th year in this parade. Come and join the fun as we celebrate our Independence on this special day. Again, contact Compatriot Blauer if you wish to join in the fun, whether by walking or riding.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The Orange County Chapter has one if not the highest concentration of Life members. Several of our members made their last installment payment in November and at our January meeting received their Life Membership Certificates.

Our newest Life members are; Hugh Richards, Rex Shannon, Ray Antoine, Jim Wallace and Arthur Koehler.

Out of over 70 members almost half in our chapter are Life Members. Others in our chapter include; Charles Beal, Jim Blauer, Bill Campbell, Lou Carlson, Walter Davis, John Dodd, T. Larned Eastmond, II, Dan Henry, Louis E. Hewitt, Ed Hill, Herman R. Kietzman, Jr., Alan B. Long, Larry Magerkurth, Charles E. Maier, John C. Maier, Darrel Markley, Duane Martin, Glen Newbrander, John P. Qualls, James F. Quinnelly, Jim Shadwick, Matthew Shannon, Wade Shannon, Christopher A. Turner, and George W. Turner. If I haven't missed any that is 30 Life Members in our chapter.

If you would like to become a Life Member you should contact State Treasurer, Earl Young, for specifics on lump sum or annual installments.

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS

At our February Meeting President Henry will

announce his appointments to fill the following offices and committees. If you would still like to serve, please contact President Henry for consideration.

The appointed positions include; Historian/ Archivist, Chancellor, Parliamentarian, Sergeant-at-Arms, Newsletter Editor, Medals & Awards Chairman, Eagle Scout Chairman, Information Technology Chairman, Activity Contest Chairman, Essay Contest Chairman, Valley Forge Project Chairman, Parade Chairman, JROTC/ ROTC Chairman, and Publicity Chairman.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

At this time our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Compatriot Clifford Israel, who passed away recently.

Please keep Compatriot Danny Cox in your thoughts and prayers as he has recently undergone open heart surgery. God Speed.

INDEPENDENCE HALL

The Pennsylvania Colonial Assembly had no regular place to meet and would meet wherever they could find space available. In 1729 the Assembly appropriated money for the purpose of building the Pennsylvania State House.. Construc-



tion began in 1732, yet because it was funded piecemeal, as funds became available, the State House was not completed until 1753.

It was the original "Pennsylvania Lawyer" Andrew Hamilton, who submitted the plan accepted by the assembly. Hamilton had made a name for himself in the celebrated John Peter Zenger Trial in New York. Here he defended Zenger for freedom of the Press and succeeded.

A site was laid out on Chestnut Street between 5th and 6th Streets. Builder Edmund Woolley oversaw the construction. In 1749 the red brick Georgian building was ready for the assembly to conduct their meetings on a regular basis. The well known tower which would house the Liberty Bell was not completed until 1753. This was the most ambitious public building in the thirteen colonies at that time.

The State House would become a focal point for political life in Philadelphia. In 1775 John Hancock opened the Second Continental Congress and on July 4, 1776 he and the Congress' Secretary signed

the Declaration of Independence, giving the State House its new name, Independence Hall. Four days later the Liberty Bell rang out from the tower as the Declaration of Independence had its first public reading.

In 1787 as members elected by their states met here, in an effort to amend the Articles of Confederation, it was soon realized that these "Articles" could not be amended and that an entirely new document would be needed to govern the States and their people. From May to September members argued over regional differences and made an assortment of compromises so that on September 17th The Constitution of the United States was adopted and sent to the states for ratification. On June 21, 1788 the State of New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify the new Constitution and it went into effect.

In 1830 the Hall went through a Greek Revival restoration by famed architect, John Haviland. It wasn't until 1950 that the National Park Service had it retored to its 1776 look. It then took Independence Hall, Philadelphia's Old City Hall and Carpenter's Hall, site of the First Continental Congress in 1774, and created Independence National Historical Park.

Interesting facts about Independence Hall includes; the basement was once used as the city's Dog Pound, the second floor was once used to house Charles Wilson Peale's Museum of Natural History, some historians have reported that Benjamin Franklin on ocassion would trip other delegates from his aisle seat, though the days were very hot that Summer that they met in 1787 to hammer out the Constitution, the windows were kept shut to keep the proceedings secret from the public.

CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

The various Committees of Correspondence put out a call in 1774 to have envoys sent to meet from the various colonies. 12 of 13 colonies sent envoys and they assembled in Philadelphia on September 5, 1774 in what became known as the First Continental Congress. Their first order of business was to address the tax situation imposed by Great Britain. The Intolerable Acts were addressed through several petitions to the British Government. They adjourned on October 26, 1774 as they awaited the response from the crown.

By the time the 2nd Continental Congress met on May 10, 1775 the battles of Lexington and Concord had already taken place. It was at this time that a Continental Army was authorized and at the suggestion of John Adams, George Washington was made Commander-in-Chief. Though they issued Continental Currency it became deflated, but was still used for debts incurred by the war.

On July 4, 1776 they adopted the Declaration of Independence and it was signed by John Hancock and the Congress Secretary. The delegates would not place their names on the document until August 2nd.

By late 1777 it was determined that a code needed to be formulated to govern the states. In November the Articles of Confederation were adopted. They were sent to the states and ratified unanimously. The last state to ratify did so on March 1, 1781.

The Congress oversaw the conduct of the War, authorizing loans from abroad, making treaty alliances with France, The Netherlands and Spain to name a few. On March 2, 1781, the Continental Congress changed its name to the United Staes in Congress Assembled. With the Paris Peace Treaty ratified by Congress on April 15, 1783, they became the legal government of the U.S.***

Photo Album

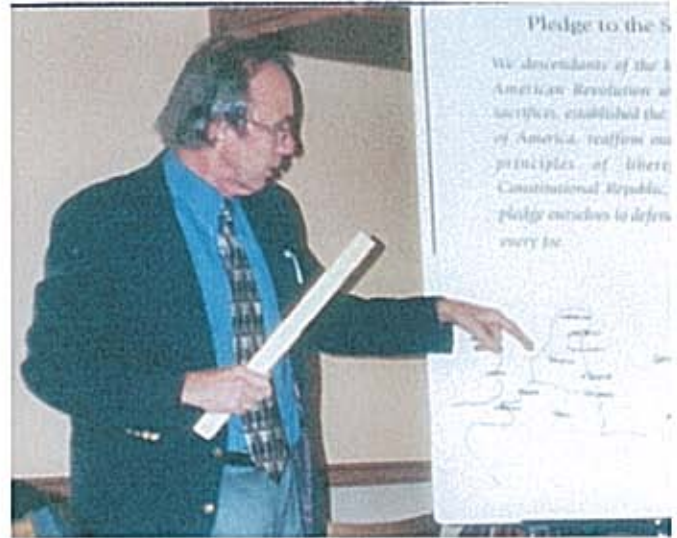
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Inducted into office for 2007 are Lou Carlson, Dan Henry, Danny Cox, Jim Blauer, Jim Wallace, Jim Quinnely and Arthur Koehler,



State Executive Vice-President Karl Jacobs conducted the installation and congratulates the officers for 2007.



Arthur Koehler gives a talk on his "Band of Brothers" tour of Europe earlier in the year. He tells us about the various WWII sites they visited.

Below President Henry presents Arthur with a Certificate of Appreciation and a book for speaking to us on his "Band of Brothers" Tour.



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Above Dan Henry presents Hugh Richards with his President's Certificate. At right Karen Richards receives the Martha Washington Medal and Certificate for her support of Hugh and her work with the Poster Contest.



Above, Jim Wallace receives the War Service Medal & Certificate for his Korean War service. Below Dan Henry presents Paul Gillette, Charles Beal and Glen Roosevelt with the Distinguished Service Award for their work with the Civil War Grave Sites in Orange County and work with preserving GAR items at Patriotic Hall in Los Angeles.



New Life Members receive their Certificates. Hugh Richards, Rex Shannon, Ray Antoine, Jim Wallace and Art Kohler. Below a surprised Walter Davis receives the Bronze Von Steuben Color Guard Medal.

