



Muskets & Broadsword

Orange County Chapter Sons of the American Revolution
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WHEN: March 10, 2007

Where: The Sizzler
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Time: Set up and Social begins at 11:00AM

Meeting: Called to order at 11:30AM

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Compatriots, we are approaching the doorstep of spring and looking forward to a number of upcoming events. But first I want to thank Arthur Koehler for his presentation last month on Independence Hall at Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park. I have been to both the real deal in Philadelphia as well as the replica at Knott's & still feel a great sense of pride & responsibility when standing in awe of it & what it stands for. Art gave us a number of interesting facts & stories relating to its history and of Walter Knott's patriotic conviction to build it as an exact replica & to preserve it here on the west coast for years to come as a tool to educate our children. Compatriot Richard Adams, my daughter Kathryn & I attended the Scottish festival at the Queen Mary on Feb 17th & we got an additional surprise when ran into our own Rev. Lou Carlson in full kilt regalia along with his lovely wife Karen. We had a great time there. Ask Lou what the difference is between a kilt & a skirt. I know he'll be delighted to answer you.

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Our chapter has been invited to participate in conjunction with the American Heritage Education Foundation (AHEF) at the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) convention here in Anaheim on March 17th thru 19th. This is a conference for educators at every level from school staff, teachers, principals, superintendents, anyone in the education field as a workshop to enhance their skills & tools to better educate our youth. The AHEF and the National Society SAR have combined efforts to better educate our youth regarding our country's heritage. Check the SAR National website and click on the "Education/Youth" tab and then see the American Heritage CD offer. We have been asked to man a booth and provide literature for the AHEF and some for the ASCD. It will be a prime opportunity to also provide literature for the Valley

Forge teachers program & other SAR educational programs & do a little recruiting as well. I strongly encourage any who can attend to sign up or call me and set aside a four hour shift on one of the 3 days. I will be there both Saturday & Sunday.

Here's something to look forward to. We are in the early planning stages for the OCCSAR to set a bronze SAR marker at the Richard M Nixon Birthplace & Presidential Library in Yorba Linda. I have already talked with the Library staff & marketing director and we have been invited to make a proposal for this honor. Speaking of honors I along with Rev Lou & Karen Carlson, Jim & Sue Shadwick, and Jim Blauer attended the Massing of the Colors event in honor of George Washington's birthday at Forest Lawn on Feb 18th. What a wonderful patriotic flag waving event to show our appreciation to Gen. George Washington & really show our American spirit. Jim Blauer beautifully sang our national anthem. If you have not heard Jim sing it you have missed a pleasure for sure. Bravo Jim! Lou spoke of and honored our nation's deceased warriors who gave the last full measure for our country & eloquently prayed for our nation. Jim Shadwick played taps in the background and touched every ones heart. You can't help but be moved by the sound of taps with a lump in your throat for what it represents. Our chapter should be rightfully proud of these compatriots who serve us so well at this and other events. I'm honored to be president of this chapter with such a fine assortment of patriotic gents. My hat is off to you all. Jim Blauer has listed a number of events to come in this newsletter. I most strongly urge all of our fellow compatriots to attend our March 10th meeting for

our speaker from Operation Homefront. We need to support with our presence at this meeting to show our true patriot colors & support the wonderful work they do to support our fighting men & women & their families with their organization. So grab your powder horns & muskets, fill yer flasks & canteens & set foot to assemble at ye old Sizzler. See you there!

Yours in Patriotism & service,

Dan Henry

MASSING OF THE COLORS

Your chapter was well represented on February 18th at the 25th Annual George Washington Massing of the Colors and Salute to Our Armed Forces. President Dan Henry, Jim & Sue Shadwick, Jim Blauer, and Lou & Karen Carlson were all in attendance. This year we had three horsemen who led off the procession from the Wall of Liberty down to George Washington's Statue. Jim Shadwick and Jim Blauer were in their Lee's Legion uniforms. Jim Blauer carried the Lee's Legion Flag in the procession.

David M. Hayball, President of the Sons of Liberty Chapter, was the master of Ceremonies. The Reverend Victor M. Springer gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Edgar Grover of the Kansas Society SAR. Jim Blauer of our Orange County Chapter once again sang the National Anthem.

Greetings were brought by many groups in attendance which included the following: Lt. Col. Robert D. Ebert, USA(Ret.), State President, California Society Sons of the American Revolution, Mrs. Anne Donahue Lampman, State Regent, California Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Dr. William H. Henry, Jr., Society of the Cincinnati, Miss Aimee Clayton, State President,

California Society Children of the American Revolution, Donald N. Moran, California State Deputy Governor, The Society of Colonial Wars, Linda R. Moran, Former National President of the National Ladies Auxiliary of the Sons of the American Revolution, and Wayne Rogers, State President, The Order of Founders and Patriots.

Bishop Louis V. Carlson, who is the Chaplain for the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution, then gave *A Prayer for All America's Fallen Military Heroes*.

This was followed by the wreath laying ceremony by Commander Charles R. Lampman, USN (Ret.) and Officers of the Armed Forces. Cdr. Lampman is the current National SAR Color Guard Commander. The Reverend Dr. Gary Alan Dickey then played "Amazing Grace" on his bagpipes. This was followed by the playing of "Taps" by Compatriot Jim Shadwick.

Lt. Col. David Smith, USAF and the United States Air Force Blue Eagles performed the Folding Flag Ceremony. There was a Musket Salute by Morgan's Rangers. They were followed by an Artillery Salute(cannon)by Charles "Cap" Cresap of Colonel John Lamb's Artillery.

The Benediction was given by the Reverend Dr. Gary Alan Dickey, former California Society, SAR Chaplain. At this point the Color Guard Units proceeded one at a time up the steps to the base of the Washington Statue, where they presented their colors to the officers of our military branches. The ROTC Units went first and they were followed by the Colonial Color Guard Units.

CAR KITE FLYING PARTY

On Sunday February 25th the CAR had a Kite Flying Party just north of the Huntington Beach Pier. For those who were able to attend I would like to hear from you so I can report to our members in

the next newsletter.

LAGUNA BEACH PATRIOT'S DAY PARADE

By the time you receive this newsletter the parade will probably be history. I hope to have pictures for you next month. WE have had a little trouble with our entry this year. First we had the bad news that our driver of the 1931 Model A had had major back surgery and as such was unable to drive for us. Next we found that Karl Jacobs and his quartet all had other things crop up from SAR business to working for a living. Finally we found that our driver for the second car we had planned on has been under constant care for he has been having heart attacks on a regular basis. Lou & Karen Carlson as well as President Dan Henry and Jim Blauer plan to make the event. We just won't be able to win any awards for Antique Auto or Color Guard this year.

It is hoped that some of you out there would like to come and join us for these fun events and ask that you place the first Saturday of March on your calendars for this parade. Should you receive this newsletter before the weekend we would love to have you come out and join us in the fun. Lou will have a convertible so if you need to ride you can, or we can have you help carry our banner or one of the flags. The walk is all down hill and it is a short parade compared to others.If you have any questions you can e-mail Parade Chairman Jim Blauer at jblauer@pachell.net for details.

HUNTINGTON BEACH JULY 4TH PARADE

We have received the application for the July 4th parade in Huntington Beach this year. This years theme is "Salute to the American Spirit". Hopefully many of our members and their families will want to join for this walk or ride through Huntington Beach on July 4th.

This is the largest 4th of July activity West of the

Mississippi River with anywhere between 300,000 and 500,000 people lining the streets.

Maybe we can get a fifer and a drummer and a Betsy Ross Flag to complete the "Spirit of '76" recreation for this parade. If you know of someone who might be interested contact Chairman Jim Blauer.

STATE MEETING

The 132nd Annual Spring Meeting of the California Society will be held April 20-21, 2007. It is being hosted by the Harbor Chapter and will be held at the Hacienda Hotel at LAX, 525 Sepulveda Blvd., El Segundo, CA. This is one mile south of the Los Angeles International Airport. For room reservations call: 1-800-421-5900. A special rate of \$74.00 plus tax per night, single or double occupancy is available through March 1, 2007.

Meeting registration is \$115.00 per person by March 15, 2007. It will be \$125.00 after March 15th. Registration includes a Friday luncheon, a Saturday Luncheon and Saturday Banquet dinner. There is also going to be a ladies tour of Farmer's Market and the Grove on Friday.

For those of us here in Orange County it is not that far away. If you are not able to make the entire meeting a breakdown for the meals are as follows; Friday luncheon, \$25, Ladies Tour \$5.00, Saturday Luncheon, \$30.00 and Saturday Banquet dinner \$40.00. For the Saturday banquet you have a choice of Roast Prime Rib, Broiled Halibut or Pasta Primavera.

Though there was a copy of the registration form in the most recent edition of the California Compatriot, we have enclosed a copy for your use with this newsletter.

Here is your chance to see the State Society at work and meet your fellow compatriots from around the state. Hope to see you there.

NEW MEMBERS

It is regretful that as your editor, I have been lax in reporting the new members to our chapter. Since last Summer we have had several new members.

Richard Antoine was approved on August 25, 2006. He is descended from Benjamin Baker, Jr. and is the son of member Ray Antoine.

Donald Webb, Jr. was approved on December 19, 2006 and is descended from Michael Loomis. Compatriot Don is the immediate past Mayor for the City of Newport Beach. On December 20, 2006 his sons Cameron Scott Webb and Donald Webb, III were also approved through Michael Loomis. Don tells us he has several other ancestors, so it is back to the computer to work on his supplemental lines and those of his sons.

Andrew Kevin Gregory was approved on February 6, 2007 and is descended from William Simpson. His father (Marshall) Kent Gregory was approved on February 7, 2007 through the same line.

We congratulate our new members on their successful entry into our organization and our Orange County Chapter and hope you will attend our meetings, get to know your fellow compatriots and maybe become involved in our activities.

GET WELL NOTICES

If any of you are aware of a member or one of their family who are not well please let our chaplain know so he can get a card out to them. Our Editor will also publish a notice in our newsletter so that we may all send our prayers their way for a speedy recovery.

That is exactly what happened with Compatriot Danny Cox. After our January meeting Danny went in for a valve replacement for his heart. We noted this in our newsletter and lo and behold, Danny showed up at our February meeting with his wife Teddy, looking fit as a fiddle and ready to take on

the world. You see what prayer and a good surgeon can do? Glad to have you back Danny!!!

CONGRESS PLANNING

If there are any of you who are planning to go to the National Congress in Williamsburg in July, and are looking for a roommate, contact Jim Blauer to see about possible arrangements.

JOHN STARK

John Stark was born in Londonderry, New Hampshire on August 28, 1728. At the age of eight his parents moved to Derryfield, which is now a part of Manchester, where he would live the rest of his life. He married Elizabeth "Polly" Page who bore him eleven children.

On April 28, 1752 while out hunting and trapping along the Baker River, He and fellow hunter Amos Eastman were captured by Abenaki Indians and taken back to Quebec. He was able to warn his brother William, who escaped in a canoe. Stark and Eastman were made to run the gauntlet, but Stark turned the tables on his captors as he grabbed the stick from the first Indian and began to beat him, taking the rest of the warriors by surprise. The chief was impressed with his bravery and Stark was adopted into the tribe. Here he spent the Winter. In the Spring a government agent from Massachusetts arrived to negotiate his release. They paid \$103 Spanish dollars for Stark's release and \$60 for Eastman. They returned to New Hampshire upon their release.

During the French and Indian War Stark enlisted as a second lieutenant under Major Robert Rogers, the leader of Roger's Rangers. His experience in battle and newfound knowledge of the Northern Frontier would prove invaluable during the American Revolution. By the end of the war Stark retired as a Captain and returned to Derryfield.

Following the Battle of Lexington and Concord, on April 23, 1775, Stark returned to military service. This time as a colonel in command of the 1st New Hampshire Regiment of the New Hampshire Militia.

He marched his men south to Boston to help support the rebels who had been blockaded by the British. He made his headquarters in the Isaac Royall House in Medford, Massachusetts.

While defending Breed's Hill, Col. William Prescott sent out an urgent request for reinforcements. Shortly after this request, Colonel Stark and James Reed of the 3rd New Hampshire Regiment arrived. The HMS Lively had already begun its bombardment of Charlestown Neck, a narrow strip of land connecting the rebels position to Charlestown.

Upon arrival Colonel Prescott allowed Colonel Stark to deploy his men as he saw fit. Noticing the British would probably try to flank the rebels by landing on the beach at Mystic River below and to the left of Breed's Hill, Stark led his men between the beach and the hill and ordered his men to "fortify" a two rail fence by stuffing grass and straw between the rails. He extended the fence by having his men throw up a crude stone wall which he and his men hid behind as the British advanced.

When the British were almost on top of them,



they stood as one and fired point blank, killing 90 right off the bat. The fusiliers retreated in panic, and the British sent their infantry in next. This charge was also hit hard by Stark's men. A third charge was made and repulsed in the same fashion as the first two. The British had heavy losses from these three attacks and decided to withdraw from this area and make landing at another point.

As the battle ensued Stark directed his men to fire in an effort to cover Colonel Prescott's retreating troops. Due to the large number of British casualties, especially officers, they would not be able to hold the area for long. Two weeks after the battle, General Washington arrived in Boston and proceeded to place his artillery at Dorchester Heights, threatening the British Fleet in Boston Harbor and forcing General Gage to withdraw his forces and return to Halifax, Nova Scotia.

General Washington was preparing to head south, knew he needed men like Colonel Stark to command regiments in the Continental Army and asked him to join. Stark agreed to temporarily attach his New Hampshire Regiment to the Continental Army.

In the Spring of 1776 they were sent to Canada as part of the reinforcements for the invasion. Following the debacle in Canada, Stark moved his men South to New Jersey where he joined General Washington in the Battles of Princeton and Trenton.

With success in New Jersey, General Washington asked Stark to return to New Hampshire to recruit more men. While doing so, he learned that a fellow New Hampshire Colonel, Enoch Poor had been made a Brigadier General in the Continental Army. Stark was irate that someone who had refused to march his men to Bunker Hill would be advanced over himself. So, on March 23, 1777 he resigned his commission, but pledged to aid New Hampshire if

it is needed.

After four months of retirement, Stark was offered a commission as Brigadier General in the New Hampshire Militia. He agreed under the condition that he would not be answerable to the Continental Army authority. Shortly after receiving his commission he was ordered by Brigadier General Philip Schuyler to leave from Charlestown, New Hampshire and head to Saratoga, New York to help reinforce the Continental Army. Stark refused and instead led his men to Bennington, Vermont, where a Battle ensued against the Hessians. With the help of Seth Warner's Vermont Militia the Hessians were routed. This in turn prevented British General John Burgoyne from resupplying. Stark's actions are credited with the defeat of Burgoyne's army at Saratoga several months later.

Following the Battle of Freeman's Farm, General Stark's Brigade moved into position cutting off General Burgoyne path back to Lake George and Lake Champlain.

Stark was selected as one of the jurors in the trial that found General John Andre guilty of spying and conspiracy to have Benedict Arnold surrender West Point.

He served with distinction throughout the war and afterwards retired to his farm in Derryfield. In 1809 a group of Bennington veterans gathered to commemorate the battle, but Stark at the age of 81 was not well enough to attend, so he sent a letter which ended "Live free or die. Death is not the worst of evils". *Live Free or Die* became the State Motto in 1945. Stark and the Battle of Bennington were commemorated with the building of the Bennington Monument.

A Statue of Stark represents New Hampshire in the Capitol in Washington, D.C. ***

Photo Album

March 2007



Above are the prizes won by members at our February Meeting. Two Lemon Merangue Pies a couple books and a set of hot chocolate mixes.



Above Arthur Koehler receives a Certificate of Appreciation for his talk on Independence Hall in Philadelphia and at Knott's Berry Farm. President Dan Henry made the presentation.



Above at the Annual Massing of the Colors, Jim Blauer(Center) with the Lee's Legion Flag prepares for the march down to Washington's Statue. Jim is flanked by the Color Guards of the Riverside Chapter(left) and South Coast Chapter(right).



At Left, Jim Blauer sings the National Anthem. Jim has been doing this for the Massing since 1997.

At right, State and Chapter Chaplain Lou Carlson gives a Prayer For All of America's Fallen Heroes.





**132nd SPRING ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
CALIFORNIA SOCIETY**

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

APRIL 20th AND 21st 2007

HOSTED BY THE HARBOR CHAPTER



MEETING LOCATION IS THE

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525 North Sepulveda Boulevard, El Segundo, CA 90245

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A Special Room Rate of \$74.00 plus tax per night, single or double occupancy, is available through March 1st, 2007. Free Parking, Complementary Shuttle service to and from Los Angeles International Airport.



MEETING RESERVATION FORM

Mail your completed form and payment to; **Karl W. Jacobs, 402 Hillcrest Street, El Segundo, CA 90245**
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Make your check payable to: Harbor Chapter, SAR

Compatriot: _____ Guest: _____
Chapter: _____ Title: _____
Address: _____ Telephone: _____
E-mail: _____

Arriving: Thurs., April 19th _____ Fri., April 20th _____ Sat., April 21st _____

Meeting Registration is \$115.00 per person before March 15th, 2007 or
\$125.00 per person after March 15th, 2007

Registration Fee includes all meetings, Friday, Saturday Luncheons, Saturday Banquet,
Costs includes tax and gratuity - Vegetarian meals available with prior notice

Number of Registrants: _____ @ \$115.00 late registration _____ @ \$125.00 Total: _____

Non-registered Friday Luncheon (Deli Buffet) \$25.00 _____ Total: _____

Ladies Tour Fri. (Farmer's Market, The Grove) \$ 5.00 _____ Total: _____

Non-registered Sat. Luncheon (Herb Roasted Chicken) \$30.00 _____ Total: _____

Non-registered Sat. Banquet \$40.00 _____ Total: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Mark your Saturday Banquet Meal Selections:

Number of Registered Members

Number of Sons of the American Revolution