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MEETING INFORMATION

When February 13, 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

Fellow compatriots,

It is with pride and humility I write this first epistle to you; proud at having been elected to this high honor and humbled in recognition of those who have gone before me. Happily, I have been to most meetings in the past two years and find that at any one meeting I may be surrounded by 4 or 5 past Chapter Presidents, 1 or 2 State Presidents, a State Color Guard Commander, a National Parliamentarian and a National Chaplain. This is not only a body of high minded and accomplished men, but of men who like our forefathers continually sacrifice their time, talent and treasure to further a great cause that was fought so hard for and against all odds to achieve...liberty, freedom and the rule of law. These men are rightly called Modern Day Patriots.

Two such Modern Day Patriots I would like to acknowledge are: Arthur Koehler (Ancestor Patriot James Gilliam) and Dan Henry (Ancestor Patriot Levi Harell.) Arthur, who has been a member of SAR since 2002, has been our Treasurer and Webmaster almost since the time he began. Dan Henry, who has been a member of SAR since 2003, has not only been a past Chapter President but has also been our Chapter Chairman of Veterans Affairs for approximately the past 5 years. Both men have asked to step down from their posts as life has called them to other areas of service.

As a member of the Chapter I am indebted to both of these men. By their service they proved they were not fair weather patriots, but ones committed to the cause day in and day out. They served this chapter successfully and faithfully. Please



show them your thanks when you see them.

These men...and all of us, we modern day patriots, are a part of the Orange County Chapter of the California Society of SAR. Together we now number in excess of 120. But, that is not the number I wish for us to remember. I would rather believe we are in excess of 240 members strong with every patriot ancestor present when we identify his name. Remember, they have all paid for their "life" membership in our society.

In Greek epic there is a term; kleos. It is a belief that immortality is achieved through the glory of the living and the remembrance of such glory after death. Our Patriot Ancestors lived and often died in Glory. It is for us, the living, to continue the memory so their kleos is achieved.

I am a believer of perspective and how experiences in life change your view of that life. We in SAR possess something very special: a unique perspective on the sacrifices made for the individual freedoms we now enjoy. By our mere presence at our chapter meetings we honor those who sacrificed, fought and sometimes died for us...not only our Patriot ancestors, but every soldier who served in this great country since. As such, it becomes our charge to carry forth their fight through celebration and education so their sacrifices were not in vain.

Our fight today is to keep the Spirit of '76 alive and well. Four such men who have taken up this fight are Hammond Salley (Patriot Samuel Hammond), Don Carlson (Patriot Jesse Perry), Cole Zehnder (Patriot Job Yale), and Mark Torres (Patriot Samuel Alley). These four men will be serving this chapter as follows: Hammond; Chairman of Veteran Affairs, Don; Treasurer, Cole; Chairman of the Valley Forge Teacher Recognition Program, Mark; Webmaster.

Please make yourself known to these Gentleman and Patriots. To be successful they will need, as do I, your support. Of course, there are still op-

portunities for any of you who wish to get more involved. We can certainly use you.

I look forward to seeing you at our February meeting. We have a nice program in store with Author Steve Snyder speaking on his new book, "*Shot Down: Remembrances about his father in a bomber squad over Europe in World War II*". We also have Eagle Scout Contest Winner Jesse Martin who will receive his award.

Yours in Patriotism,

John R Ferris

SPEAKER STEVE SNYDER

Steve graduated from UCLA with a B.A. degree in Economics and has lived in Seal Beach, California since 1972. After 36 years in national sales and sales management, he retired from Vision Service Plan (VSP) in 2009.

Soon after retirement, Steve began his quest to learn more about the World War II experiences of his father, pilot Howard Snyder, and his crew of the B-17, Susan Ruth. It became his passion, and after 4 ½ years of dedicated research, it resulted in the book, "*Shot Down*". One result of his new career as a World War II historian is that he is a member of numerous World War II organizations and is President of the 306th Bomb Group Historical Association.

"*Shot Down*" is about author Steve Snyder's father, Howard Snyder, the ten man crew of the B-17 Susan Ruth, and the unique experiences of each man after their plane was knocked out of the sky by German fighters over the French/Belgium border on February 8, 1944. Some men died. Some were captured and became prisoners of war. Some evaded the Germans for a while but were betrayed, captured, and shot. Some men evaded capture and were missing in action for seven months. The stories are all different and are all remarkable.

EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Last November we received 2 entries in the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest. I want to thank David Beal, Wade Shannon and Phil Hoge for being our judges this year and selecting our winner. Their choice, Jesse Martin, was unanimous.

His application was in the hands of State Chairman Gary Jensen by December 1st. By early January we learned the results from the state. Jesse was named the State winner and his application has been sent on to National for judging on that level for the big money. We should find out the results after the Trustees Meeting in late February.

Meanwhile I have been in contact with Jesse and he and his parents plan to be at our February 13th meeting to receive his medal, patches and check from the chapter.

I would appreciate it if all members who are Eagle Scouts, who can attend, do so to show support for Jesse and acknowledge his accomplishment. Besides I would like to get a group photo of our Eagles with Jesse and maybe see about sending the photos to the Orange County Register for possible inclusion.

I had planned to do it last year but during the presentation I forgot. So, hopefully those Eagles in attendance will speak up when all the presentations have been made and we can do this, a special keepsake for our Eagle winner.

ORANGE COUNTY COUCIL, BSA 2016 RECOGNITION BANQUET

The 2016 Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner will be held on Wednesday April 27 at the Wyndham Hotel in Garden Grove located at 12021 Harbor Blvd. in Garden Grove. A reception and University display will start at 5:30pm and will be followed by Dinner at 7pm. For more information see the information on pages 7 & 8 of this newsletter. It is the hope of your Eagle Scout Chairman that one day we will be able to get enough of our SAR Chapter Eagles together to attend this dinner with our own table(s) in support of these outstanding young men. Be mindful that this would be an individual contribution as your chapter does not have the financing to be able to foot the bill for something like this.

MASSING OF THE COLORS AND SALUTE TO OUR ARMED FORCES

The Massing of the Colors is approaching fast (February 14th). We will once again meet at the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Burbank in the Hollywood Hills to honor George Washington and our armed forces. Your Lee's Legion Commander

Jim Fosdyck has notified the organizers that Lee's Legion will participate with a Color Guard once again. The public is invited to attend, so you do not have to be a part of the Color Guard to take in this wonderful spectacle of patriotism.

It is the largest celebration of its kind in the western United States. 2016 will be the 34th annual celebration of George Washington's birth sponsored by the Sons of Liberty Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution! This upcoming event will be held at 3:00 PM, Sunday, February 14, 2016, at the Hall of Liberty, Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, 6300 Forest Lawn Drive, Los Angeles. All participants are requested to arrive at least an hour early. This is a photo opportunity waiting to happen.

Previous Massing's of the Colors have been a great success. Over 600 people and fifty color guards participate each year, including over ten of our brother SAR Chapters. Many greater Los Angeles area high school and college color guards take part in this celebration.

Forest Lawn might initially seem a strange place for this event, but it offers an area that showcases a collection of American architecture and artworks that honor our country. There's the world's largest historical mosaic, The Birth of Liberty, a faithful reproduction of Boston's Old North Church, and larger-than-life-sized bronze statues of Washington and Jefferson. You can watch a free 26-minute movie about the American Revolution as well.

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER EAGLE SCOUTS

The Orange county chapter is fortunate to be the home of several Eagle Scouts. Your Editor in an effort to document these men has put together a listing of those who have achieved this, the highest rank in Boy Scouts. Below please find the listing that has been put together so far. If there are any of our Compatriots who are not listed please advise and give the year you became an Eagle so that our list will be as complete as possible.

You can send an email with the information to jblauer@pacbell.net.

David Beall	1974
George Beall	2011
John Beall	1973
John Paul Beall	2008

Kristian Beall	2009
Lawrence Beall	2012
Richard Beall	1976
Jim Blauer	1966
Russell C. Cecil	2014
Philip Hoge	1972
William Hoge	
Hans Hunt	1974
Warren Oakes	2000
Wade Shannon	1978
Cameron Webb	1987
Don Webb, Jr.	1954
Don Webb, III	1984

GOING GREEN

In an effort to not create waste and to recycle, your chapter asks that those who receive certificates to donate the folders back to the chapter if you are not going to need them. This saves the chapter considerable money which is good as it can be used elsewhere. Your assistance in this way is greatly appreciated.

LAST MEN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

This is the 6th and final installment of the Last Men of the American Revolution. Our final revolutionary is Adam Link.

ADAM LINK

Hillard's article on Adam Link was prefaced with a statement that "his part in the war was unimportant." This meant, apparently, that he may not have fought in any significant battles, but nevertheless served during that important time in American history.

Adam Link was born in Washington County, Maryland on November 14, 1761 to parents Jacob and Ana Link. His mother, a distant relative of Jacob's, was from Switzerland and died when Ad-

am was six years old. After Ana's death, Jacob remarried and moved to Wheeling Creek, near present-day Wheeling, West Virginia.

At the age of sixteen, Adam enlisted and began his frontier service, serving in the area around Wheeling. His father had been

scalped by Indians and his stepmother returned to Baltimore to live. Adam would later become friends with an Indian fighter by the name of Poe (presumably Adam Poe, although it could have been his brother Andrew).

At the age of twenty-eight, he married a distant relative, Elizabeth Link, she being seventeen years old. Hillard noted that after his marriage, Adam, "being fond of change, roamed about from place to place living but a short time in each; and so spent the earlier part of his life."

According to Hillard, Adam "roughed it" throughout his life and imagined that his constitution must have been made of iron to live as long as he had. "He paid no attention to his manner of eating, either in quantity, quality, or time; and he was addicted to strong drink. He labored severely and constantly."

At the age of sixty Adam walked from his home in Pennsylvania to Ohio, about one hundred and forty-one miles, averaging forty-seven miles a day. At age seventy he began clearing a farm, and while working there lived in a house where the main wall was formed by the flat roots of an upturned tree (talk about "roughing it"!).

Hillard noted that while Adam was a hard worker, he was always poor, pointing to his irregular and bad habits (or perhaps just "ill luck"). After clearing the farm, Adam lived there for several years before moving to Crawford County, Ohio to live with one of his children. His health, despite his habits, remained good until near the end of his life.



A few years before the interview, Adam's vision became distorted either during or as the result of a severe thunderstorm. "For a long time, everything appeared distorted and askew; men had bent legs and bodies, chickens were twisted out of shape, and the keyhole of his trunk tormented him by the figures which it assumed." He later recovered but never well enough to read again. Not long before his death he suffered a stroke, lost some use of his limbs and found speech difficult. His hearing and intellect, however, remained intact.

Adam had steadfastly refused to have his picture taken, so the picture which accompanied the article may have been secured with or without his permission. At the time of the interview, the Civil War was in progress, although Adam had little to say about it. Hillard noted that Adam frequently forgot that there was even a war going on at the time, even though one of his great grandsons was serving in the army. He called himself a "Jeffersonian Democrat" but had voted for Lincoln.

According to his Find-A-Grave entry, Adam died at the home of his daughter, Nancy Link Markley in Sulphur Springs, Ohio on August 15, 1864, just three months short of his 103rd birthday. He was buried in the Union Cemetery, the only Revolutionary War veteran to be interred there.

Interestingly, Adam Link's grandfather, John Jacob Link, was the fourth great-grandfather of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

This article on Adam Link was obtained from;

<http://digging-history.com/2014/06/30/the-last-men-of-the-revolution-adam-link-1761-1864/>

Editor's Note: I find it interesting as I have been doing these articles for the last 6 months and now 2 other publications are using these men for articles in their newsletters.

One is "*Drumbeat*", put out by the National Society Sons of the Revolution (SR) and the SAR "*Colorguardsman*" Magazine.

"*Drumbeat*" did theirs on Samuel Downing, the first installment here. "*Colorguardsman*" did theirs on this month's subject Adam Link.

MAN WALKS INTO CHICK-FIL-A: Is Completely Blown Away When He Saw This for Veterans

By *Bill Callen*

| *Top Right News* Chick-fil-A, the same fast-food outlet has once again



proved a positive to the world. This time it did so by unveiling an amazing Veterans Day tribute that left Georgia resident Eric Comfort in complete shock. According to a Facebook post he published on Monday, when he walked into a local Chick-fil-A, Comfort discovered a "Missing Man Table" that contained a single rose, a Bible and a folded American flag, as well as a plaque within which was the following explanation: "This table is reserved to honor our missing comrades in arms. The tablecloth is white — symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call of duty. The single red rose, displayed in a vase, reminds us of the life of each of the missing and their loved ones and friends of these Americans who keep the faith, awaiting answers. The vase is tied with a red ribbon, symbol of our continued determination to account for our missing. A pinch of salt symbolizes the tears endured by those missing and their families who seek answers. The Bible represents the strength gained through faith to sustain those lost from our country, founded as one nation under God. The glass is inverted — to symbolize their inability to share this evening's toast. The chair is empty — they are missing." After the story went viral, the store manager, Alex Korchan, explained to WSB that his team members had set up the table because they "wanted to honor veterans." Furthermore, he revealed that he planned to offer free meals to all veter-



ans and their family members this Veterans Day between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Korchan also put up a poster so that customers could write in the names of loved ones who they have lost. “We’ve had a lot of people who have come in and seen it and been touched by it,” Korchan continued. “It’s been special to see.”

LAGUNA BEACH PATRIOTS DAY PARADE

For many years now, your chapter has been appearing in this parade whether we have one or two members with our 1931 Model A Deluxe Coupe, or whether we have up to 10 or 12 members and spouses walking the route. It is a fun parade that is pretty much downhill all the way to the end, so it is an easy walk.

As usual it will be held on the first Saturday of March, March 5th. Members and their spouses are welcome to join us for this parade. Hopefully this year we will be able to get a Color Guard for this event. Our advantage this year is that usually the National Trustees meeting is held this time each year, but it was moved up a week into February this year, so hopefully some of our members who would normally be back in Louisville for those meetings will consider joining us for the parade this year.

The parade starts at 10am from the parking lot across from Laguna Beach High School. We have sent in our application with our entry fee and we have been placed at #24 in the line up. Hope to see you there.

QUILTS OF VALOR PRESENTATION

Long time member James Wallace has been sidelined the last year or so. As such we have missed seeing him at our meetings. Recently Veterans Affairs Chairman Dan Henry made arrangements for the presentation to Compatriot Wallace of a quilt from Quilts of Valor.

Jim Wallace joined the Navy in 1948 and was discharged in 1952 at the rank of Petty Officer 1st class. His job was an electrical technician.

He served in the Korean theater of operations aboard the USS El Dorado



Clockwise from top left; Joanne Wallace, Jim, Dan Henry, Richard Adams, Jim Fosdyck, Barbara Winkler and Un Hui Yi Fosdyck attend the ceremonial presentation.

(ADG 11). USS Eldorado was a Mount McKinley-class amphibious force command ship, named after a mountain range in Nevada. The ship was designed as an amphibious force flagship, a floating command post with advanced communications equipment



and extensive combat information spaces to be used by the amphibious forces commander and landing force commander during large-scale operations.

With the outbreak of the Korean War in June 1950, the Eldorado was ordered to the Far East. The Eldorado was the flagship for Rear Admiral Lyman A. Thackrey, Commander, Amphibious Group 3, and it acted as standby for the USS Mount McKinley during the invasion of Inchon, Korea, and coordinated and controlled the logistics operations. In October 1950, it sailed to Riwon to support the continued northwest advance of United Nations troops. Returning to Japan in November, the Eldorado was ordered again to Inchon to direct the evacuation. It was at Inchon again in the spring and summer of 1951, and in June hoisted the flag of Vice Admiral Ingolf N. Kiland, Commander, Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet.

Thank you Compatriot Wallace for your service to our country. *****



EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION DINNER

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The Wyndham Hotel

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We Want to Participate—Count Us In! (check box below)

- Platinum "Title" Sponsor \$10,000 (Fulfilled)
- Second Century Sponsor \$1,500
- Eagle Sponsor (Host) \$150
- I'm sorry, I cannot attend but would be proud to support the Eagle Scout Dinner with a donation \$ _____
- Event Sponsor \$5,000
- Silver Sponsor \$750
- Gold Sponsor \$2,500
- Bronze Sponsor \$500

Additional Advertising Opportunities

We would like to purchase a congratulatory advertisement to be placed in the commemorative journal.

(check box below)

- \$300 Full Page Ad (7" x 11")
- \$175 Half Page Ad (4.75" x 7")
- \$125 Quarter Page Ad (3.5" x 4.75")
- \$50 Business Card Ad

Artwork requirements: EPS or PDF format, black & white, high resolution.

Color only available to Platinum or Event sponsors.

ARTWORK DEADLINE: Art must be in the office by April 1, 2016.

Sponsor/Host Information

Please fill in the following career and hobby information. Sponsors/Hosts will be matched appropriately with an Eagle Scout, Venturing Silver or Quartermaster with similar career and hobby interest.

Career Field and Company Name: _____

Hobbies and Special Interests: _____

*Specific Scout Requested (Name): _____

Sponsor Information *Required

*Name/Title _____

*Company _____

*Email Address _____

*Address _____

*City/State/Zip _____

*Phone _____

Special Needs _____

*List all names and titles here _____

Payment Options

(All tickets and advertisements must be paid for no later than April 1, 2016)

I am enclosing a check \$ _____ (make checks payable to OCBSA)

Charge my credit card \$ _____ (card charges are one-time only)
() Visa () MasterCard () AMEX () Discover

Register online at: <http://EagleDinner.kintera.org/Spons> or
Account Number _____

Expiration Date _____ CVC# _____

Name on Card _____

Signature _____

Amounts received in excess of \$40 per person are tax deductible to the full extent allowable by law.



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ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL

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For more information contact Marty Cutrone at (714) 546-4990 x143 or MartyC@ocbsa.org. • Checks payable to: OCBSA

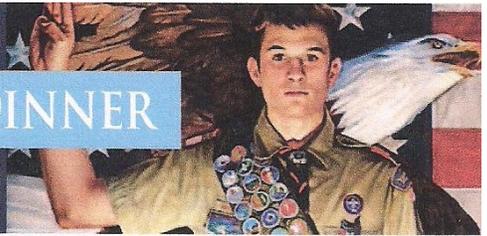
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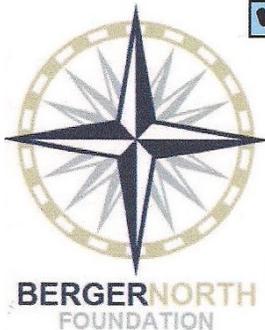


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PLATINUM “Title” Sponsor: Berger North Foundation--\$10,000 (Fulfilled)

- Priority seating for one table of 10: 5 Eagle Scouts and 5 hosts
- Inside cover-full page, color advertisement in the commemorative journal
- Exclusive “Presented By” recognition on all event materials including the commemorative journal and audio visual presentation during dinner
- Your company logo on OCBSA Eagle Dinner website (over 20,000 unique visitors each month)
- Promote your company’s product/services with table at the event reception (6’ table, 2 chairs)
- Recognition in all 2016 communications with Eagle Scouts
- Receive a special gift for all seated at the table and public recognition from the event podium

EVENT Sponsor--\$5,000

- Priority seating for one table of 10: 5 Eagle Scouts and 5 hosts
- Full page color ad in the commemorative Eagle Dinner journal
- Promote your company product/services with table space at the event reception (6’ table, 2 chairs)
- Receive a special commemorative gift coin and public recognition from the event podium

GOLD Sponsor--\$2,500

- Priority seating for one table of 10: 5 Eagle Scouts and 5 hosts
- One full page advertisement in the commemorative journal
- Company logo advertised during the audio visual presentation

SECOND CENTURY Sponsor--\$1,500

- Seating for one table of 10: 5 Eagle Scouts and 5 hosts
- One half page advertisement in the commemorative journal
- Organization logo advertised during the audio visual presentation

SILVER Sponsor--\$750

- Seating for half table of 5: 2 Eagle Scouts and 2 hosts, 1 guest.
- One quarter page advertisement in the commemorative journal
- Company name advertised during the audio visual presentation

BRONZE Sponsor--\$500

- Seating for half table of 5: 2 Eagle Scouts and 2 hosts, 1 guest
- One business card sized ad in the commemorative journal
- Company name advertised during the audio visual presentation

EAGLE Sponsor --\$150

- Reserves one seat for you, the Eagle “host” and one for the Eagle Scout.

Photo Album



The photo above explains why compatriot Richard Price was unable to make our January meeting. He was snowed in in Lake Arrowhead!!!



Installation of officers for 2016 is conducted by Vice-President South Jim Fosdyck.



VP South Jim Fosdyck installs new President John Ferris.

Below Current President John Ferris and immediate past President Jim Klingler.



Immediate past President Jim Klingler presents President Ferris with his officers ribbon.

Below Eagle Scout Chairman Jim Blauer presents Compatriot Phil Hoge with his Eagle Scout pin. This pin is for those members who are Eagle Scouts.



