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MEETING INFORMATION

When January 12, 2019
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

Greetings Compatriots,

A few weeks ago I attended a demonstration on new and old cloning techniques. A few days later I attended a DNA exchange and gathered new DNA to experiment with. While gathering DNA, I could not help but think of our Revolutionary War ancestors cloning in the 18th century. How was it done? What tools did they use? They must have been under a great amount of pressure to produce as many clones as they could before hostilities between the colonies and the King started. They knew it would take years before the clones would grow to be of any use to the cause.

Before you think I have gone around the twist (gone crazy) I must explain you may know cloning by a different name. I am referring to Grafting. The Grafting of fruit trees to be exact. Yes, Grafting IS Cloning. The DNA I gathered was Scion wood. A Scion is a cutting from the mother tree. Grafting a scion to rootstock reproduces an exact genetic copy of the mother tree.

In the colonies such notables as George Washington and Thomas Jefferson had orchards. The apples and peaches from the many orchards would have been used to make cider, mobby and brandy. It would have been made to sell or given as rations to the troops. In the prerevolutionary war and revolutionary war agricultural economy produce meant wealth and survival. To grow large orchards with the best suited fruit for what was needed, grafting was the only answer. Growing trees by seed does not reproduce an exact copy of the mother tree. With enough root stock to graft on to, orchards can be grown quickly and survive.

I have been searching for many of these early fruit varieties and have only



found one so far, the Newtown Pippin Apple. Cultivated in 1759 at Queens County, New York, the Newtown Pippin was a favorite of Ben Franklin and Thomas Jefferson. Big deal you say, so what if it was why should I care? This apple is an exact clone from the mother tree in 1759. Imagine a piece of a tree that was cultivated hundreds of years ago growing in your backyard. The Newtown Pippin apple you eat today has the same flavor and characteristics that our founding fathers loved so much. Many of the era's heirloom varieties have gone out of favor giving way to new and improved varieties of fruit. They can still be found in fields and in the wild. I grafted my Newtown Pippin scion on to an Anna apple tree last year. It survived and currently has about 2 inches of growth. Not bad for the first year.

"I shall always be happy to give and receive communications on improvement in farming and the various branches of agriculture. This in my opinion, an object of infinite importance to the country. I consider it to be the proper source of American wealth and happiness"

George Washington to Theodorick Bland, August 15, 1786

Compatriots we share a kinship with these early fruits as our ancestors survived and flourished with their help.

2019 will be an exciting year for our chapter with the 129th National Congress in July. We will need help from everyone to make it a success. Please volunteer as much time as you can spare, who knows you might make new friends or meet relatives you never knew you had. There will be a complimentary volunteer lunch on Friday the 5th and all volunteers will receive a special polo shirt. If you wish to volunteer please contact Dr. Kent Gregory for more information. drkentgregory@earthlink.net

The chapter color guard attends numerous events throughout the year please show your support and plan on attending an event this year. Color guard information is listed on the Chapter website. www.orangecountysar.org

Yours in patriotism, your humble servant,

Mark Torres

INSTALLATION FOR 2019 OFFICERS

The installation for this year's (2019) officers was conducted by Past State President (2017) James C. Fosdyck at our January meeting.

When the installation was held there was a group installation of the officers except the President. Your new President, Mark W. Torres was sworn in separately. As Compatriot Fosdyck swore Compatriot Torres in, the gavel, a symbol of the President's authority was handed to Compatriot Torres. As the ceremony concluded, Mark's wife, Brenda placed the officers ribbon with insignia around his neck.

Here is the list of your officers for 2019. Note their contact information on the first page should you feel the need to contact one of them for some reason.

President—Mark Torres

Vice-President—Phil Mitchell

Corresponding Secretary—Dan McMillan

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Chancellor—Doug Pettibone

Chaplain—Richard Adams

All other offices and Chairs are appointed by the President once he has been installed.

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS

Each year the president is required to appoint members to the various chairmanships of the committees of the programs of our chapter. This year's appointments are as follows;

Historian/Archivist—James F. Blauer

Parliamentarian—Douglas J. Pettibone

Sergeant-At-Arms—Danny G. Cox

Newsletter Editor—James F. Blauer

Medals & Awards Chairman—James C. Fosdyck

Eagle Scout Chairman—James F. Blauer

Information Technology Chairman—Mark W. Torres

Activity Contest Chairman—James F. Blauer

Valley Forge Project Chairman—**Vacant**
 Orations Contest Chairman—Daniel R. McKelvie
 Poster Contest Chairman—Patrick Cecil
 Essay Contest Chairman—Dan McKelvie
 Brochure Contest Chairman—John Ferris
 High School Outstanding Citizen Chairman—Mark. W. Torres
 JROTC/ROTC Chairman—Gustave R. Fischer
 Publicity Chairman—**Vacant**
 Flag Certificate Chairman—Col. Hans F. Hunt
 Veterans Affairs Chairman/Liaison—Hammond Salley
 Coupons to Military Families Chairman—James F. Blauer
 Color Guard Commander of our Chapter's Lee's Legion Color Guard—James C. Fosdyck

We need to fill both the Valley Forge Project as well as Publicity. If any of you would like to take one of these positions on contact President Torres (mblastus@yahoo.com) so he can consider your offer to assist with that program.

MEETING FEBRUARY 9th

At our February 9th meeting we will be having a special celebration of the Birth of George Washington. President Torres has requested that our Lee's Legion Color Guard present the Colors at this meeting.

Those ladies who have colonial era attire are encouraged to wear their Colonial dresses to this meeting for the celebration.

The Commander-in-Chief himself will speak to those assembled for this special occasion.

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Do you know when and where George Washington was born? Most people would say he was born in Virginia on February 22. That would be partially correct.

The fact is that the father of our country was born on February 11, 1732 in Westmoreland County, Virginia. Then why do we celebrate his birthday on February 22nd?

In 1732 the British were still on the old Julian Calendar. With the separation of the English Church from the papacy and the Roman Catholic Church, the British did not convert to the Gregorian Calendar created under the direction of Pope Gregory.

It was not until September of 1752 when the British finally converted to the Gregorian Calen-

dar.

They had to drop 11 days from the calendar to be in sync with the new Gregorian Calendar. So they went from September 3 to September 14th in 1752.

Following this conversion Washington considered the fact that had he been born on the continent or under the Gregorian Calendar he would have been born on the 22nd of February and not the 11th. With this in mind he decided that he would celebrate his birthday on the 22nd of February.

And that is why we celebrate his birthday on the 22nd of February.

THE BRITISH ARE COMING!

February 16 & 17, 2019

The Huntington Beach Historical Society is proud to host this reenactment of the American Revolution in Huntington Beach Central Park (Gothard Street), behind the library, on the site of our annual Civil War Days reenactment. Come experience the founding of our nation with some of the country's finest living history presenters.

Spain's role in the independence of the United States was part of its dispute over colonial supremacy with the Kingdom of Great Britain. Spain declared war on Britain as an ally of France, itself an ally of the American colonies, and provided supplies and munitions to the American forces. Come by our tent and learn more!

As always these events are absolutely free to the public. The following event schedule may change. Check the site listed at the end of this article to be sure it has not changed.

Saturday—February 16, 2019

- 10AM - Event opens to the public
- 10:30AM - Artillery Demonstration □
- 10:45 AM - Sword Demonstration - fencing with Major Beaumont □
- 11AM - The Candlestick Players - Conjuring, Theatre, & Puppets □
- 11:30AM - His Majesty's Forces' Manual of Arms □
- 12PM - Great Moments with Dr. Franklin □
- 1PM - First Engagement - Battle of Lexington 1775 □
- 1:45PM - Amigos et frères: Spain and France in the Revolution □
- 2PM- 18th Century Ladies' Mitts Class □
- 2:30 PM -An Audience with the Founders: -The Drafting of the Declaration of Independency □
- 3PM - The Reading of the Declaration of Inde-

pendency ☐

3:15PM - The Council of War - Washington & His Generals ☐☐☐

3:30PM - General Von Steuben's Drill at Valley Forge ☐

4PM - Musick Classics of the 70's & 80's - ft. Dead Man's Waistcoat ☐

4:30PM - 18th Century Dancing ☐

5PM - Evening Skirmish ☐

5:45PM - Feu de Joie, Musketry Competition ☐

Sunday—February 17, 2019

9AM - Church Services (Open to Public) ☐

10AM - Regimental Court Martial ☐

10:30 AM - Artillery Demonstration ☐

11AM - First Engagement ☐

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4PM - Event Closes

Please check back here for schedule updates.

<https://www.hbhistory.org/revolution>

Massing of the Colors & Salute to Our Armed Forces

The largest celebration of its kind in the western United States, 2019 will be the 37th 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 17, 2019, at Hall of Liberty, Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, 6300 Forest Lawn Drive, Los Angeles. All participants are requested to arrive at least an hour early.

Previous Massings 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. If you would like to be part of this event, contact us for details on how you can participate.

Forest Lawn might initially seem a strange place for our 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.

BOY SCOUT MONTH

February is known as Boy Scout Month. It was on February 8, 1910 that the Boy Scouts of America was established.

Since 1989 under the leadership of President Jim Blauer (1988-1996) the Eagle Scout Program was begun in our chapter. This program is two-fold. The first is the Recognition of the achievement of an Eagle Scout by issuing a Certificate of Recognition to them. The second is the Eagle Scout Scholarship Program.

There is an application form that Eagles have to fill out that asks for the ways in which they have been involved in Scouting as well as their community. It also asks them to fill out a 4 generation pedigree chart and to do an essay on some aspect of the American Revolution.

Applications have to be in to Chairman Jim Blauer by November 1st so that he can arrange for the judging of all applications and have the application of the chapter winner sent to the state Chairman no later than December 1st.

This year's winner is Will Done and he will be at the meeting on February 9th to receive his chapter winning medal, participation patches and a check for \$100.

Prior to the presentation of the medal, patches and check he will read his essay on "Revolutionary Naval Engagements" to those

in attendance.

I would like to encourage all of our members who are Eagle Scouts, (We have 14) to attend and after the presentation we can do a group photo of our Eagles with Eagle Scout Done who is from the class of 2016.

2019 ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

Our 2019 Essay contest winner will be joining us at the February meeting.

Her name is Isabella Blake she lives in Santa Margarita and is home schooled through the Capistrano Connections Academy. Her essay is titled "George III".

PATRIOT'S DAY PARADE

Yes it is that time of the year again. On March 2, 2019, your Orange County Chapter will once again be participating in the Patriot's Day Parade in Laguna Beach.

The parade starts at 11am so we have to be there ready to go by 10am in the parking lot across from Laguna Beach High School. We are #22 putting us at the beginning of the parade.

We will have our 1931 Model A Deluxe Coupe if someone wishes to ride. There is a seat up front next to our driver Dave Manning and we have the rumble seat where we can get two people comfortably seated.

This is not only a quick parade, but also an easy one as it is mostly downhill or on an even path.

I will have information on this event available either by regular mail or at the meeting on Saturday. My copier/scanner is down for the time being so can not send by email.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For the month of February we send out birthday greeting to the following Compatriots; Mark Anthony, Leonard Chapman, John Dodd, and Brandon Secret.

THE VIETNAM WALL

As part of the National tour, the Three Quarter Scale replica of The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. will be arriving on April 8th (Monday) for set up and will open April 9th and finish on April 14th (Sunday). Bringing The Wall home to communities throughout our country allows the souls enshrined on the Memorial to exist once more among family and friends in the peace and comfort of familiar surroundings. The traveling exhibit provides thousands of veterans who have been unable to cope with the prospect of facing The Wall to find the strength and courage to do so within their own communities, thus allowing the healing process to begin. The main components of The Wall That Heals are The Wall replica and the mobile Education Center. The location is at this time being considered here in Costa Mesa. As soon as we have specifics on place and times we will publish them.

Last month in our article on the Vietnam Wall coming to Orange County I listed the women who were on the Wall. In this issue I want to remember the Chaplains who are on the Wall

There are 16 that are listed on the Wall. They are;

- 1) **MAJ WILLIAM J BARRAGY** While meeting with troops of the 101st Airborne Division on May 4, 1966, Army Chaplain Barragy was killed when the CH-47 he was riding in crashed due to mechanical failure. From Waterloo, Iowa, he was serving the Roman Catholic Church.



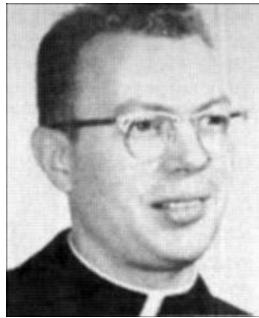
- 2) **LTC DON L BARTLEY** With less than one month left in Vietnam, Army Chaplain Bartley

was assisting in the filming of a television program on Vietnam chaplains when he was killed after the explosion of a hostile mine. From Rockbridge Baths, Virginia, he was serving the United Presbyterian Church at MACV headquarters.



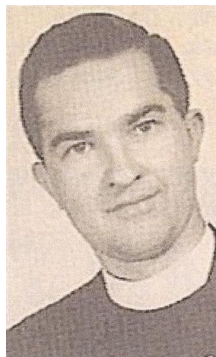
3) **LT ROBERT R**

BRETT During the siege of Khe Sanh, Navy Chaplain Brett was killed during an artillery attack while caring for the wounded on February 22, 1968. Assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 26th Marine Division, Chaplain Brett served the Roman Catholic Church and was known to have provided up to ten masses per day.



4) **CPT MERLE D BROWN**

On Easter Sunday 1971, Army Chaplain Brown was calling upon soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry, AMERICAL Division when his helicopter was shot down by enemy fire. From Columbus, Ohio, Chaplain Brown was serving the Lutheran Church.



5) **LT VINCENT ROBERT**

CAPODANNO While administering comfort and last rites to Marines, Navy Chaplain Capodanno was wounded by small arms and mortar fire while serving with 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. Advancing to aid a wounded corpsman, he was killed by enemy fire in an act of heroism that would earn him the Medal of Honor. From Staten Island, N.Y., he is being beatified by the Roman



Catholic Church.

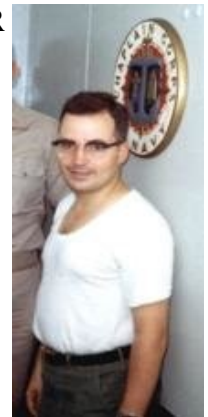
6) **LTC MEIR ENGEL A**

veteran of World War II and Korea, Army Chaplain Engel died of a heart attack shortly after admitting himself to a hospital in Saigon on December 16, 1964. Chaplain Engel was born in Israel and immigrated to the United States. Based at MACV Headquarters, he served service members of the Jewish faith. He left behind two sons.



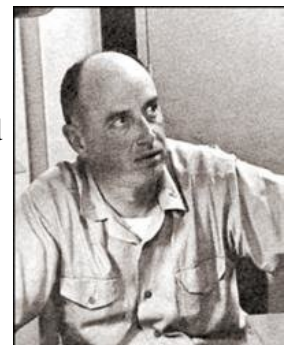
7) **CPT WILLIAM N FEASTER**

Army Chaplain Feaster was injured by artillery fire on September 18, 1966. Only after helping other wounded was it learned he had also been wounded. He died several weeks later of an infection. From Portsmouth, N.H., he served Congregational Christian Church while serving with the 196th LIB



8) **LCDR WILLIAM J**

GARRITY JR On October 26, 1966 in the Gulf of Tonkin, a fire engulfed the USS Oriskany killing 44 crewman and injuring another 156. While attempting to provide last rites and comfort to those injured and dying, Chaplain Garrity was overwhelmed by the heat and smoke. He was from Havre, Mont. and was serving the Roman Catholic Church.



9) **MAJ AMBROSIO S.**

GRANDEA While conducting a church service on May 25, 1967, Army Chaplain Grandea was wounded by a



hostile mortar round. Evacuated to Clark AFB in his native Philippines he died several days later from infection. He was serving the Methodist Church with the 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry.

10) **MAJ ROGER W**

HEINZ While serving the 5th Special Forces Group, Army Chaplain Heinz was killed when his helicopter crashed into a hillside in poor weather on December 9, 1969. From Coventry, Conn., he was serving the Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) and left behind a wife and two daughters.



11) **CPT JAMES J L**

JOHNSON As a passenger aboard a Navy VC-47 airplane on March 10, 1967, Army Chaplain Johnson died with 14 other service members when the wing failed during a flight. He was serving the Baptist Church in the 4th Infantry Division.



12) **MAJ ALOYSIUS P**

MCGONIGAL On February 17, 1968, Army Chaplain McGonigal joined the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines in the final assault on the Citadel in Hue. While administering comfort and last rites, he was killed by small arms fire. A former physics teacher from Washington, D.C. he was serving the Roman Catholic Church.



13) **CPT PHILLIP A NICHOLS**

Known for his clean green uniforms and guitar playing, Army Chaplain Nichols was killed by an enemy booby trap while travelling between units in the field



on October 13, 1970. Serving the Assemblies of God Church, from Kalispell, Mont., he was attached to the 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry, AMERICAL Division

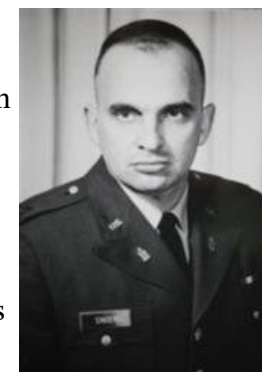
14) **CPT MICHAEL J**

QUEALY Against the advice of leadership, Army Chaplain Quealy flew to a battle site near Saigon on November 8, 1966. While administering last rites and comforting the wounded, he was killed by enemy machine gun fire. From New York, N.Y., he was serving the Roman Catholic Church with the 1st Infantry Division.



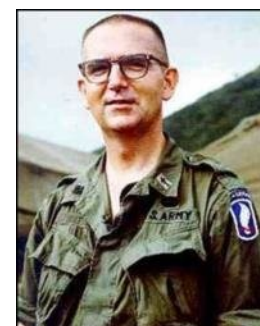
15) **CPT MORTON H**

SINGER Army Chaplain Singer had been in Vietnam for one month when killed while flying aboard a C-123 plane which crashed after takeoff en route to perform Chanukah services on December 17, 1968. From Flushing, N.Y., he served service members of the Jewish faith and was attached to the XXIV Corps.



16) **MAJ CHARLES J**

WATTERS While assisting medics and providing spiritual assistance on November 19, 1967, Army Chaplain Watters was killed by fragmentation wounds. For his actions, he posthumously received the Medal of Honor. From Berkeley Heights, N.J., he was serving the Roman Catholic Church with the 173rd Airborne Brigade. [http://www.vvmf.org/userfiles/files/Chaplains%20Handout F4\(1\).pdf](http://www.vvmf.org/userfiles/files/Chaplains%20Handout%20F4(1).pdf)



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The Installation of officers for 2019 was conducted by past state President Jim Fosdyck. Left to right are; Dan McMillan, Dan Casey, Danny Cox, Kent Gregory, Richard Adams, Doug Pettibone, and Phil Mitchell. Danny Cox will serve as Sergeant-at-Arms.



GENERAL MEETING

January 12, 2019



At Left—Jim Fosdyck presents Richard James with the Law Enforcement Commendation medal as President Gus Fischer looks on.



At Right Gus Fischer accepts the Martha Washington Medal on behalf of his wife Marie.



At Left—President Fischer presents Mark Torres with the Distinguished Service Medal



At Right—President Fischer presents the Martha Washington Oak Leaf Cluster to Charrella Secret.



President Gus Fischer presents Roger Sherman Medals to Doug Pettibone, Ted Carlson and Cole Zehnder.



President Gus Fischer presents Roger Sherman Oak Leaf clusters to Jim Fosdyck, Kent Gregory, Dan McKelvie, Richard Adams and Danny Cox.



President Fischer presents Certificates of Appreciation to Liz Ferris, Karen Carlson, Tedi Cox, Karen McKelvie, Karen Hughes, Diane Carlson, Brenda Torres and Un Hui Yi.

Veteran's Affairs Chairman Hammond Salley presents the Veteran's Corps Certificate and Medal to Lee Karjala



President Fischer presents the Certificate of Appreciation to Ray Azfal, manager of the Sizzler Restaurant, where our meetings are held.





At left—President Fischer presents Brenda Torres with the Bronze Von Steuben Color Guard medal and Certificate.

At right Past State President Jim Fosdyck inducts Mark Torres in as our new President.



Following the presentation of the gavel by Past State President Jim Fosdyck to new chapter president Mark Torres, Mark's wife, Brenda, places the officers ribbon around his neck.



In an effort to secure the success of his administration in 2019, President Torres calls upon State Chaplain Lou Carlson to bless the insignia on his officers ribbon.

Following President Torres' induction, he presents Gus Fischer with his Past President's pin and Certificate.

