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Orange County Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

January 2016

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MEETING INFORMATION When January 9, 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

Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing you at our next chapter meeting on Saturday, January 9th. We will be installing our chapter officers for 2016, and presenting awards for accomplishments in 2015. Our chapter had an excellent year in 2015 with 34 new members joining the chapter and a 21% net increase in membership from the previous year. I especially want to thank Compatriots Kent Gregory and Jim Fosdyck for their diligent efforts in assisting the new members in completing their applications.

We also participated in many color guard events and educational activities during the year. I want to thank all the members who spent time serving in the color guard, coordinating the various student and Eagle Scout



programs, and scheduling speakers for our meetings. In addition, I thank the members of our chapter who helped host the CASSAR Annual Spring Meeting in April. The meeting was very successful and we received many positive comments from the attendees.

Some members may ask why they should get involved in chapter activities. Isn't it sufficient to attend the monthly meetings and pay dues? We certainly appreciate everyone who attends the meetings and pays dues, but I believe our experience in the SAR is enhanced by participating in an activity. Through our programs and events, we have the opportunity to educate students and adults about the founding principles of our country. The SAR is a lineage society,

but it is more than that. We are an educational organization that is actively teaching our fellow Americans: (i) the institutions of American freedom, (ii) an appreciation for true patriotism, (iii) a respect for our national symbols, (iv) the value of American citizenship, and (v) the unifying force of *e pluribus unum* that has created, from the people of many nations, one nation and one people.

As we look forward to 2016, there are numerous places to serve. Please let President-Elect John Ferris or Vice President-Elect David Beall know if you are interested in joining one of our committees, or contact Commander Jim Fosdyck if you would like to join our color guard.

Best Wishes to All for a healthy, prosperous and patriotic New Year!

Yours in Patriotism

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SPEAKER

Due to the amount of time needed for installation and awards, we will not have a speaker this month. Our monthly speaker will restart at our February meeting.

Fear not we will still have the Ben Franklin Raffle.

ELECTION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2016

At our November meeting you chapter elected the slate of officers put forth by the Nominating Committee. The Nomination Committee for this year was comprised of Chairman Dan Shippey, Dan Henry and Larry Wood. The slate they proposed at the meeting below was elected and will be installed at our January 9th meeting.

President – John Ferris, Vice-President–David Beall, Corresponding Secretary-Gus Fischer, Recording Secretary-Jim Blauer, Treasurer-Donald Carlson Chaplain-Richard Adams, Registrar-Kent Gregory Chancellor-John Dodd.

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS

If you are wanting to get involved, but do not want to be an officer, 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 Dan Shippey, who will present the new president with a list of recommendations of persons to fill the appointed positions.

These positions are; Historian/Archivist, Parliamentarian, Newsletter Editor, Medals & Awards Chairman, Eagle Scout Chairman, Activity Contest Chairman, Valley Forge Project Chairman, Orations Contest Chairman, Poster Contest Chairman, Essay Contest Chairman, Brochure Contest 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.

Two positions have already been filled. Sergeant-at-Arms is Danny Cox and Information Technology Chairman is Mark Torres.

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.

EAGLE WINNER

In the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest, applications are to be received no later than November first so your Eagle Scout chairman can find chapter Compatriots (usually Eagles themselves) to judge the applications and determine a chapter winner for the year. This year we had two applicants and the judges were unanimous in their scoring that Jesse Martin is the chapter winner. Jesse will be notified and request that he attend our February Meeting so that we may present him with his medal and patches and he can read his winning essay to our members and guests. Jesse's Application was forwarded to State Eagle Scout Chairman Gary Jensen to be evaluated on the state level against other chapter winners in the state. When the state has declared a winner, that Eagle's application is then sent on to National for judging on that level.

We will keep you posted on Jesse's application for the National Scholarship.

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 on something like this.

MASSING OF THE COLORS AND SALUTE TO OUR ARMED FORCES

The Massing of the Colors is approaching fast.

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.

Previous Massings of the Colors have been a great success. Over 600 peo-



ple 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.

Here is hoping to see you there.

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	
Cameron Webb	1987
Don Webb, Jr.	1954
Don Webb, III	1984

LAST MEN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION WILLIAM HUTCHINGS

This is the fifth of six articles concerning the last survivors who fought in the American Revolution. Our subject is William Hutchings of Massachusetts.

[excerpted from "Hugh Hutchins of Old England" by Jack Randolph Hutchins]

On the Fourth of July, just a century ago, [July 4, 1865] Maine paid tribute to its last surviving Veteran of the Revolutionary War --William Hutchings of Penobscot, then 100



Fort George. Following destruction of the American fleet, he fled with his family to Newcastle and there enlisted in a Massachusetts regiment. At the close of the war he returned to Penobscot and engaged in farming and lumbering and the coastal trade. On July 4, 1865, on the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, William Hutchings was the guest of honor at the special celebration conducted by the city of Bangor. In the History of Castine, Penobscot and Brooksville, historian, George Augustus Wheeler, thus describes the occasion: "A revenue cutter was detailed for his conveyance, and as he passed up the Penobscot River, the guns of Fort Knox fired a salute of welcome. The ovation, which was bestowed on the occasion, exceeded that ever before given to any person in the State. "Multitudes rushed to catch a glimpse of the old man, and the sincere and grateful plaudits which constantly greeted him as, surrounded by a guard of honor, he was escorted through the streets, constituted the marked feature of the day. His strength and power of endurance, under the excitement, were remarkable. "At the close of the oration, which was delivered by Senator Hamlin (Hannibal Hamlin, former Vice President of the United States under Abraham Lincoln), he responded at some length to a toast. "'My friends told me,' he said, 'that the effort to be here might

cause my death; but I thought that I could never

years old. As a boy of fifteen in 1779, He was

present when American forces laid siege to

Castine, then called Magabagaduce, and was

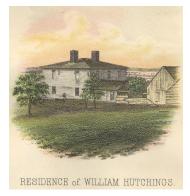
forced by the British to help build the defenses at

die any better than by celebrating the glorious Fourth."'Mr. Hutchings died the following May and was buried on the farm which had been his home for most of his life. The house has long since been demolished.

OBITUARY OF HUTCHINGS, WILLIAM

Mr. William Hutchings was born at York, Maine, October 6, 1764. He died at Penobscot, May 2, 1866, aged one hundred and one years, six months and twenty-six days. His father, Charles Hutchings, moved to Plantation Number Three, - now the town of Penobscot - when he was four years old. He was an eye-witness of nearly all the transactions connected with the siege of Majabagaduce, in 1779; and when the British were building Fort George, he assisted in carrying the first log that was used in the southeast bastion. After the destruction of the American fleet, his father refusing to take an oath of allegiance to the British Sovereign, his family were obliged to flee to a place of safety. He went to Newcastle, Maine, where he remained until

the close of the war, when he returned to Penobscot, and settled down upon the same farm that his father had formerly occupied. While at New-



castle, he voluntarily enlisted, though only fifteen years of age, into the service of the United States. His declaration, made fore the purpose of obtaining a pension as a soldier of the Revolution, is on file in the Pension Office at Washington. According to this statement, he enlisted in a Massachusetts regiment, commanded by Colonel Samuel McCobb, and was in Captain Benjamin Lemont's Company. He was mustered in at Newcastle, in 1780 or '81, for six months service. He joined his regiment at a place known then as Cox's Head, upon the Kennebec river. He was stationed there during the entire period of his service, and was discharged at that place. He received a pension of twenty-one dollars and sixtysix cents per annum; which was afterwards, in 1865, increased to three hundred dollars - there being at that time but four Revolutionary soldiers surviving. His chief occupation in life was farming and lumbering, though he engaged somewhat in the coasting business. He was a member of the Methodist church, for many years. In the latter part of his life, he was a "total abstinence" man. He had one son, Eliakim, who served in the war of 1812. He had also a grandson, and several great grandsons, who served in Maine regiments, in the late civil war. At the commencement of our civil conflict, Mr. Hutchings took a decided stand



in favor of maintaining, at all hazard, the supremacy of the Union. It was his earnest wish that he might be spared to see the complete restoration of the

country, and that wish was granted. In 1865, when over one hundred years old, he accepted an invitation from the municipal authorities of Bangor, to join in the celebration of the Fourth of July, in that city. A revenue cutter was detailed for his conveyance, and as he passed up the Pe-

nobscot river, the guns of Fort Knox fired a salute of welcome. His funeral occurred Monday, May 7, 1866. Reverend Mr. Plummer preached the funeral sermon, from the text which had been selected by Mr. Hutchings himself: - Matthew xxii, 40; "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." An address was afterwards made by Reverend Mr. Ives of Castine. "One of the last requests of Mr. Hutchings was, that the American flag should cover his remains, and be unfurled at his funeral. This was done; and in the stillness of a bright Spring afternoon, in the midst of an assembled multitude, upon the farm which for nearly a century had been his home, all that was mortal of the old hero was removed from earthly sight, while the starts and stripes he had so long honored, floated above his grave."* *He was the last New England pensioner, and the last but one upon the rolls.===William was the last surviving pensioner of the War for Independence in New England, and next to last in the nation. See "William Hutchins and the American Revolution", Wilson Museum Bulletin (Castine, ME -- Winter 1984), 2:29. Penobscot VR gives his death date as May 3, 1866 and lists the children shown here. William m. (2) widow Mary Saunders Ames (who d. Feb.1, 1866 at Penobscot). He was a master mariner and captain.

JANUARY HISTORY

Some of the events in January include the Battle of Princeton, the births of Betsy Ross, Paul **** Revere and Mad Anthony Wayne.

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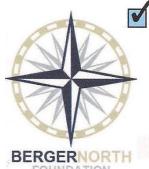
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• Reserves one seat for you, the Eagle "host" and one for the Eagle Scout.

Photo Album

Wreaths Across America



Color Guard members for the Wreaths Across America event held aPark.t the Brea Memory Gardens Memorial



The Sonora High School JROTC Color Guard was in attendance.



At Left, Chaplain Richard Adams led the moment of silence and prayer.

At right Jim Blauer (far right) leads in the singing of God Bless America

Kent Gregory, State President, read the Proclamation following God Bless America.





At left, Brea Mayor Christine Marick brought greetings from the city of Brea.

At right, Gold Star Mother Elaine Brattain, a special Guest gave some remarks.



Wreaths Across America

(Continued)



Special Guest General George Washington gives brief remarks to the assembled.



Compatriot Gus Fischer lays a wreath on behalf of the Merchant Marines.



The Sonora High School JROTC Saber Unit gives a Saber Arch for those who are laying wreaths this day.



Compatriot Charles Beal lays a wreath in memory of all Civil War Soldiers.



At left, General Washington (Compatriot Dan Shippey) lays the chapter wreath at the Soldier's Monument.

At right, The Orange County Chapter wreath presented by General Washington on behalf of the chapter.

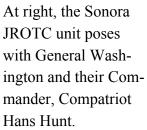




Compatriot James Gill presents a wreath on behalf of his Harbor Chapter. James served as General Washington's Flag bearer.



At left American Legion Bugler Lou Lacy plays Taps.





Karen McKelvie, Secretary for the State Ladies' Auxiliary, places a wreath on behalf of the Ladies' Auxiliary.





Following the ceremonies, members of the JROTC as well as audience members, laid wreaths on all the soldiers graves in the Cemetery. These wreaths were provided by the mortuary.

There were soldiers buried in other areas of the cemetery and they sought out these military members so as to place a wreath on their graves and not just the ones in the Soldiers' Plot.

Photo Album

December Chapter Meeting



Cole Zehnder is inducted into the chapter by Vice-President John Ferris. He is joined by Kent Gregory who sponsored Cole and pinned on his SAR Rosette.

New Members abound



The Pettibone Family is inducted into the chapter and once again Kent Gregory sponsored these men and this time he had help to pin on the rosettes on all five members. Austin, Kenneth, Harry Jay, Doug, and Jonathan.



Walter Funk is also inducted as a new member. Jim Fosdyck was his sponsor and pinned on Walter's Rosette.



Colonel Jim Quinnelly is recognized for his service to our country in WWII with the presentation of a Quilt from Quilts of Valor. His wife Dolores joins him (middle).



Members and guests who attended our December Meeting. How many do you count. Your editor counted 47 then 49, but he might have missed someone who is hiding in the background. How many do you count?