



# MUSKETS & BROADSWORD

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## MEETING INFORMATION

When June 10, 2017  
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](http://www.orangecountysar.org)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, compatriots!

We are at an interesting point in our nation's history. It can sometimes seem as though we have never experienced such divisive feeling, such loud commentary without truly listening to the other side.

But how divided did the colonists feel, waging war against their motherland? How divided was our nation during the Civil War?

Challenging periods ebb and flow, and still our country survives—and thrives. Our Orange County Chapter is a much-needed reminder of the enduring power of patriotism.

For instance, at our May meeting we listened to the “military testimony” of Vietnam veteran Doug Milliken. A foot soldier in the Cambodian Incursion, he has received the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Air Medal, and the Vietnam Gallantry Cross.

At that same meeting, we also inducted four new members—including a father-son duo, something I especially appreciated since I was inducted alongside both my brothers, my son, and all four nephews. And our chapter continues to grow: more new members are awaiting induction at an upcoming meeting.

It often occurs to me that being chapter president is the easiest job on the board: there are so many willing workers taking prompt steps to move projects and programs forward!

That being said... I have to add that we would love to have *you* join us in helping our chapter grow in outreach and continue to thrive.

- 1) We are seeking a chair for the Elementary School Poster Contest. Could you be the person who encourages fifth-grade classes to enter?
- 2) Our chapter's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary picnic is set for August 19. Could you bring a dish or take a stint at the grill?
- 3) Un Hui Yi, president of the California Society's Ladies Auxiliary (and wife to compatriot Jim Fosdyck, recently installed as CASSAR president), is seeking unwrapped toys for a toy drive. Could you bring some toys for children in need?
- 4) Our chapter will be hosting the CASSAR 142nd Fall Board of Managers



Meeting Nov. 3-4. Could you volunteer to help us make this event as great a success as the Spring Meeting?

We have a great chapter because our compatriots work tirelessly to make it great. We hope you'll join us so we can take it to even greater heights! Questions? Comments? Shoot me an email at [davidb@insurancesocial.media](mailto:davidb@insurancesocial.media).

Your Chapter President,

**David Beall**

Speaker—**John Stryker Meyer**

Our guest speaker for June is John Stryker Meyer, an Oceanside resident and North County Times columnist. John is a former Green Beret who served two tours of duty in Vietnam with Special Forces, which fought covert operations in Laos, Cambodia and North Vietnam during the years of the Vietnam War. John was assigned to MACV-SOG (Military Assistance Command, Vietnam - Studies and Observation Group), an unconventional warfare task force engaged in Top Secret operations throughout Southeast Asia. The U.S. Army's Special Forces (Green Berets), Air Force Combat Controllers, Navy SEALs and other units channeled personnel into MACV-SOG to perform deep 'behind the lines' penetrations for strategic reconnaissance as well as interdiction missions.

Meyer, who was told he could not talk about his experience for 20 years, has now written about those experiences in two books: "Across the Fence" and, most recently, "On the Ground". Both are subtitled "The Secret War in Vietnam." John will share some of those previously Top Secret experiences with us.



### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

The following Compatriots are celebrating a birthday in June, so we want to send out a Happy Birthday to the following; Ted Carlson,

Stuart Dow. Robert Kazebee, Phillip Mitchell, Harry Pettibone, Edward Steinbeck, Billy Utley and Jon Vreeland.

### FIELD OF HONOR 2017

The Exchange Club of Newport Harbor did the Field of Honor for the eighth straight year and your SAR Color Guard and ladies have been there every year. This year we had Color Guard duty on May 19th and 20th On May 19th we presented the colors with Commander Jim Fosdyck, Gary Jensen and Charlie Gentis from Riverside, Karl Jacobs from Harbor and Mark Torres and Dan Shippey from the OC chapter.

Though we had been told that the Friday event would start at 12 noon, when members arrived they were getting ready to proceed at 10am. Oops!!! Those present were able to present the Colors.

### CONGRESS

Gentlemen,

Good afternoon. We are now at the point where both hotels are basically full for the main days of Congress, 8-12 July. With that said, I am trying to gauge the number of rooms still needed so I can determine if I need to find a third hotel or just create a waiting list for cancellations in the two main hotels. would ask that you please have any compatriots who are coming to Congress but do not have rooms to please email me with the following information. Name, phone number, date of arrival, date of departure and type of room they would need (king or 2 queens)

I will wait until 1 April and at that time determine the need to seek a third hotel or just maintain a waiting list.

Please pass this on to any members who are not an SAR-officer that you know.

Respectfully

Paul Callahan

NSSAR National Congress Planning Chair

### PATRIOT BIOGRAPHIES

JONATHAN CRAM

By

Jim Klingler

Jonathan Cram was born in Hampton Falls, New Hampshire on January 29, 1736/37, and was baptized February 20, 1737 by Reverend Joseph Whipple. He married Mary Cram on September 4, 1761, and they had 8 children:

Jacob, Lois, Eunice, Mary, Elizabeth, Jonathan, Martha and Benjamin. He died October 14, 1806 and was buried at the Old Westview Cemetery in Hampton Falls, New Hampshire.

He served as a sergeant in Captain Freeborn Moulton's company of Minute Men in Colonel Danielson's Regiment, which marched from New Hampshire on the Alarm of April 19, 1775 to Cambridge, and remained there until the unit withdrew on May 14, 1775.

In May 1775, he entered Colonel Henry Dearborn's Company in Colonel John Stark's First New Hampshire Regiment. New Hampshire raised three volunteer regiments for more permanent duty, which were recruited from the existing militia (believed to have numbered 18 regiments by then). The 1st New Hampshire Regiment was to be made up of New Hampshire men who remained encamped outside of Boston, with some additional recruits.

Together with the 3rd NH Regiment, the 1st NH Regiment was at the thick of the fighting at Bunker Hill, lined up at the rail fence leading from the American Redoubt down to the Mystic River. At the fence the two regiments combined were nearly 1200 men strong, outnumbering even the Massachusetts men in the battle. They repulsed the first two waves of British Army attacks, inflicted tremendous casualties upon the redcoats, and were eventually forced out of their positions only by artillery. Even then the New Hampshire men fought a hard delaying withdrawal, forcing the redcoats to pay for every inch gained, and covered the retreat of the other American forces back across the peninsula.

In 1781, he served as a Lieutenant in Colonel Jonathan Moulton's 3rd Regiment in the Saratoga Campaign and was appointed Major of the 3rd Regiment on November 23, 1781. He was appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the 3rd Regiment on December 21, 1784.

After the war ended Lt. Col. Cram was one of the committee that was chosen on January 16, 1788 to examine the proposed United States Constitution, and confer with the other delegates at Exeter, New Hampshire. After debate, the committee finally voted to adopt the Constitution by a vote of 57 yeas to 47 nays.

FREDERICK HILL  
By Daniel H.T. Shippey

Frederick Hill was born September 13, 1745 in Brunswick, Germany, and died May 2, 1838 in Bedford Co., PA at age 92. He married Elizabeth Defibaugh April 1, 1779 in Colerain Twp., Bedford Co., PA at the home of her father Casper Defibaugh. She was the daughter of Casper and Catherine (Mischler) Defibaugh. Elizabeth was born February 5, 1757 in Lancaster Co., PA and died September 28, 1854 in Harrison Twp., Bedford Co., PA at age 97.

Petition of Frederick Hill for Pension—

On the first day of Jan. AD 1832, personally appeared before me the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for the said county of Bedford, Frederick Hill a resident of Napier Twp. In the said co. and state of PA, age eighty-two and who being first duly sworn according to law hath in his oath made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress Papers June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following unusual affairs and served as and states that about the 14th day of June 1777, the applicant along with seventeen others then in the British service under General Burgoyne in the north, left the said service and the army of said Burgoyne and crossed over the Hudson River in an old boat and used their hats for oars, and joined the American Army under General Gates, who was North his forces on the Hudson River, and remained with the said General Gates until after the capture of General Burgoyne, which event the applicant survived. That shortly afterwards he was sent to Springfield, New Jersey, where he was employed in guarding the personal of Col. Baumes Regt. Which had been taken prisoner by the Americans. That he continued guarding the prisoners who were two or three hundred in number and were kept in a Quaker meetinghouse until they were enlisted in the corps under the command of General Pulaski, which was done with the consent of George Washington. That he continues in said service until (applicant believes) the 27th of October the same year. When at White Plains he entered the Flying Camp under Capt. John Ewing and Brigadier General James Ewing and continued in the same until the following March, five months that during time he was constantly engaged in active service, the particulars of which he cannot ow-

ing to his advanced age. Now he recollect the appointed duty sent to destroy three bridges, one of which he believes was over the Hackensack River, the others he can not recollect.

Of the Generals and other officers that he recollects seeing and known during said time was the following; General Gates, General George Washington, General Ewing, General Arnold, Major Washington, under whose command he was during the time he was with General Gates, Capt. or Lt. Andrew Mann, who commandeered him at Springfield while he was guarding prisoners, and Capt. Ewing.

That after his discharge from the Flying Camp which he received at White Plains, he went to Little York and then to Fredericktown, MD where he again entered the service under General Pulaski, and from where he was ordered to Staunton, Virginia in the Fall of the year '78. That being a blacksmith, all the lame and able horses of the corps were committed to his care, and while at Staunton during the Winter of 1779, he assisted to make said corps seven hundred pair of horse shoes. That from Staunton, Pulaski, as this applicant understood, marched to the South to join General Murion and left applicant with twenty lame horses under his charge. That hearing of Pulaski's death shortly after his departure, they returned with the horses to Fredericktown where they were sold by Col. Boyson and the Johnson boys who were said to be General Pulaski's bankers. That he was in said service three months.

That afterwards in the year 1780, applicant served under Lieut. Woods and Col. Davidson as a scout and Indian spy three months in Bedford Co., Penna. That during said time he was twice as far West as Ligonier beyond the Alleghanies. \_\_\_\_\_ houses and homes in Frankstown, Clearfiels and frequently at Piper's Fort.

*This was copied from the handwritten original by Chester Lewis (of Buffalo Mills, PA) Rev. War Pension, file # w. 7736.*

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

50TH ANNIVERSARY 1967-2017

On August 19th you and the family are invited to attend our chapter's 50th Anniversary celebration. It will be held at Mile Square Park at Shelter #1 in Fountain Valley. We will be setting up as

early as 7am and will start the festivities around 10-11am. We will have a Banner, flags and balloons to set up. The chapter will provide Hamburgers and hot dogs, buns condiments, soft drinks, water and charcoal.

Please see the flyer and sign up sheet for the food to bring to the event. Please send your selections that you would like to bring to Jim Fosdyck. [jfosdyck@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jfosdyck@sbcglobal.net).

He will make a list and should we have too many of one item and not enough of another he will contact you to try and arrange for something else. Please be specific. As you can see on the sign up sheet Jim Blauer is bringing specific types of desserts. If you plan to bring a salad tell us if it is a green, potato, Macaroni or other type so we avoid too many of one thing.

## HUNTINGTON BEACH JULY 4TH PARADE

You Parade coordinator is busy communicating with the parade people as to whether they will waive the \$300 fee they are charging non-profits that we have been able to avoid until now. Last year we were told that we would have to pay this year if we wanted to be in the parade. We will keep you posted as we hear more from the parade organizers.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth Activities Chairman, Gary Jensen is updating his information on those who deal with youths and if they have taken the BSA Youth Protection Training Course.

If you have taken the course please send a copy of your completion certificate to Gary at [Gary@JensenMyWay.com](mailto:Gary@JensenMyWay.com).

Those who have currently completed the training and notified Gary from our chapter are Jim Fosdyck, Gus Fischer, Jim Blauer and David Beall.

## GOING GREEN

There are many things one can do to help our environment. One is recycling. Recently many members and the chapter have received awards. Each certificate that is presented is done in a presentation folder. These folders tend to be discarded when the certificate is removed and placed in a photo album or frame. It is suggested that if you are not going to be needing your folder to bring it to the chapter meeting and turn it over to our Medals & Awards Chairman, Jim Fosdyck, so

they can be reused for another presentation. These folders cost the chapter money and are ordered through the National Merchandise shop back in Louisville. So, if you do not need your folder please consider donating it back to the chapter for further use, Not only is it being recycled, but it is also saving your chapter needed funds we can use elsewhere.

#### COUPONS TO MILITARY FAMILIES

Back in 2013 your editor found out about a service to our military personnel that we could get involved in. It was called Coupons to Troops. Here, a group or individual could collect unused coupons and would be assigned a base and contact person to send coupons to somewhere in the world.

We were assigned Fort Buchanan in Puerto Rico and we started collecting and sending coupons to them. After about a year 2 packages were returned. Though your editor tried to contact not only the contact in Puerto Rico, but the organization as well, he was not able to find out as there was no response.

The program was dropped at this time. Then in Summer of 2015 Your editor was contacted about doing this with a new group called Coupons to Military Families. They asked if we would like to do this again and that received a resounding yes!!!

We were given the Misawa Air Base in Misawa, Japan. We began sending coupons in August of 2015 and by the end of December had mailed over \$42,000 in coupons to the base contact.

Thanks to a major assist by Mark Torres we were able to send even more in 2016. Even after Mark lost his supplier in late 2016, we were able to send over \$300,000 in coupons that year. In September the referee in the Activity Contest decided that since we got over half our points from this activity he was not going to allow it. So after September we were only able to send a little over \$10,000 in coupons from October through December.

In 2017 we have a new referee for the contest and have now restarted the program.

For those who are not aware, our military personnel can use coupons up to 6 months past the expiration date.

Thanks go out to Mark, Phil Mitchell and Un Hui Yi Fosdyck who have been so helpful in

obtaining coupons to send to our military personnel.

Now we all know that our military men and women are grossly underpaid. By sending them coupons they can use we are helping them save money for use on other items they or their families may need where they are stationed.

If you have manufacturer's coupons you receive like in the Sunday newspaper and would like to donate them for us to send to our military base in Misawa, Japan, they can be dropped off at our meetings in Fullerton or mailed to your editor at Jim Blauer, 594 Hamilton St. #E, Costa Mesa, CA 92627-2656.

In 2017 we have sent over \$22,500 worth of coupons to our base in Misawa and hopefully a lot more during the remainder of the year.

#### NEW EAGLE SCOUT FOR OCCSAR

On April 5, of this year Junior member Davis Winsor passed his Board of Review to become the newest Eagle Scout in our Orange County chapter.

Davis becomes the 18th member of our chapter to be an Eagle Scout. Others are; 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 Cecil (2014),

Philip Hoge (1972), William Hoge (?), Hans Hunt (1974), Warren Oakes (2000), Wade Shannon (1978), Cameron Webb (1987), Don Webb, Jr. (1954), and Don Webb, III (1984).

Davis' Court of Honor is till pending, but his father, Travis, said he will keep me apprised of this event so that maybe we can get several members and Eagles from our chapter to attend.

We have had several new members in the last year or so since this list was compiled. If any of you newer members are not yet on this list and are an Eagle Scout, please let Eagle Scout Chairman, Jim Blauer, know of your Eagle Status so that you can be placed on his master list of chapter members who are Eagle Scouts.

Congratulations Compatriot Davis Winsor!!!

#### SCOUT-O-RAMA

This years Scout-o-Rama was held on May 13th. Your editor along with Compatriot Travis Winsor donated 15 family passes to CHOC so some families might have a day of fun. \*\*\*\*

# Photo Album

## JROTC Presentations



Anaheim HS, CDR John Knight, Mark Torres, Natan Rincon, Gus Fischer, 5/9/2017



La Habra HS, CDR Trotter, Gavin Kingman, Gus Fischer, 5/11/2017



Fullerton HS, Mark Torres, Gavin Nowlin, Gus Fischer, 5/12/2017



Santa Ana HS, Oscar Moreno-Cruz, Mark Torres, Gus Fischer, 5/17/2017

### FIELD OF HONOR

FRIDAY May 19

Those attending the Friday event were Commander Jim Fosdyck, Gary Jensen, Mark Torres, Charlie Gennis, Dan Shippey and Karl Jacobs.

Flags fly above Newport Bay at Castaways Park in Newport Beach.





One of the many walkways lined with American Flags.

“In 2003 the citizens of Newport Beach adopted the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division. The city dedicates this memorial in honor of the men and women of 1/1 who paid the ultimate price in defending and preserving our Nation and our Freedom.” reads the inscription at right.



Elementary School children were bussed to the park for them to learn about Armed Forces Weekend and the Field of Honor.



A canine attack dog gives a demonstration of what the dog might do when told to attack.

## SCOTTISH FESTIVAL



The Los Angeles Fife & Drum Corps performed at the Scottish Festival held in Costa Mesa on May 28th. Com-patriot Matt Noell is second from left in the photo at left.

# Photo Album

## MEMORIAL DAY

A day of Remembrance of those brave men and women  
who have given their lives for the cause of Freedom.



American Cemetery at Aisne-Marne,  
France.. Total **2,289**.



The American Cemetery at Ar-  
dennes, Belgium.. Total **5,329**.



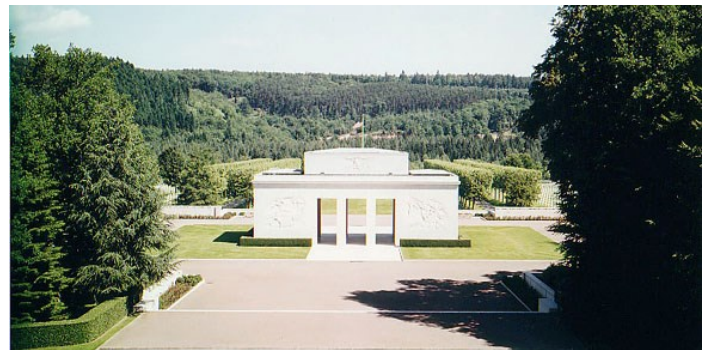
The American Cemetery at Brittany France...  
A total of **4,410**



Brookwood, England—American Ceme-  
tery... A total of **468**



Cambridge England... A total of **3,812**



Epinal, France—American Cemetery... A  
total of **5,525**





Flanders's Field, Belgium... A total of **368**



Florence, Italy.. A total of **4,402**



Henri-Chappelle, Belgium... A total of **7,992**



Lorraine, France... A total of **10,489**



Luxembourg, Luxembourg.. A total of **5,076**



Meuse-Argonne... A total of **14,246**



Netherlands, The Netherlands... A total of **8,301**



Normandy, France... A total of **9,387**



Oise-Aisne, France... A total of **6,012**



Rhone, France... A total of **861**



Sicily, Italy... Total of **7,861**



Somme, France... Total of **1,844**



St. Mihiel, France... Total of **4,153**



Suresnes, France... Total of **1,541**

These are just 20 of the 53 known American Military cemeteries, monuments and memorials where our men and women are buried.

Let us not only remember those here at home, but those who are interred in other countries around the World.

We thank them for their sacrifice and salute them for their bravery.



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**1967-2017**

*Will be celebrating on **August 19, 2017**  
At Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley*

**Time: 10:30am-5:00 PM.**

*Shelter #1*

*Bring your favorite dish.*

*Hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments  
and beverages will be provided*



Orange County Chapter  
Sons of the American Revolution  
Pot Luck Sign-up sheet

Please list the items you plan to bring for members and guest to enjoy so that we can make sure we do not have too much of one thing and too little of another. Please be specific (type). Thank you.

1. Jim Blauer—Brownies, Lemon Pies
2. Mark & Brenda Torres—Tossed Green Salad
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

# Fundraiser

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email Mark Torres at [mblastus@yahoo.com](mailto:mblastus@yahoo.com) for more information.