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Fullerton, CA

Time: Social Begins at 11:00am Meeting: Called to Order at 11:30am Website: www.orangecountysar.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow compatriots,

One of the goals stated by S.A.R. is to inspire the community with the principles on which our nation was founded. Such inspiration can take many forms. Our Orange County monthly meetings are actually structured to provide such inspiration so we may carry forth and inspire others. While I often think of the guest speakers and the presentations as the most inspiring of the meeting, I must not forget the inspiration I always receive from the Quote of the Month and the Founder of the Month spoken at the beginning of each meeting.

For me, a lover of Shakespeare, the power of words should never be underestimated. Properly used words formed into ideas have repeatedly shaped our world. Many colonists of the 1770's were indeed inspired by words. Their inspiration formed a new country in



which many of those leaders are now in that special Pantheon we call the Founding Fathers.

March's Quote of the Month by General Washington speaks of a prestigious title, not one which is conferred by others, but rather one which is recognized by others as coming from within; the title of "an honest man." It's a characteristic of what makes a gentleman. That's a term that has lost its meaning over the decades. Of course, there are the obligatory manners and form, but complimenting that there is the humility of service...putting others or causes ahead of one's own self-interest; dedication to the greater good with uncompromising style, grace and honor.

General Washington repeatedly gave us this example of a gentleman as he continued to serve the nation even though he would rather be out of the public eye enjoying life with his family at Mt. Vernon. To fail in what he considered his duty

would be unconscionable. Like Washington, John Laurens was also a honest man and a gentleman.

John Laurens is our Founder of the Month. He was a man with a tragically short life, but also a man who gave his time and talent to make a big difference of which we are still receiving the benefit. He too was inspired. He defended honor, gave his life to service, and carried forth Patrick Henry's freedom cry to the end. George Washington, his leader and Alexander Hamilton, his friend, would most definitely call Patriot Laurens a Gentleman.

This month's Quote and Founder not only inspire me to be better in service to all of you, but also to be grateful for those who continually share their time, talent and treasure with this great cause. Please come to this month's meeting where a brief bio of John Laurens will be presented and the Quote will be read.

In Patriotism,

John Ferris

President OCCSAR 2016

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 was held on February 14th. (See Photo Album at the end) If you

missed it you missed some very special showing of patriotism. There were Color Guards from Various SAR chapters there as well as many of the local High School JROTC Units. One of the units did a display of rifle acrobatics. There were a few cannon shots fired as well as a triple flyover. The California Color Guard was commanded by Jim Fosdyck and the National Anthem was led by Jim Blauer. If you were unable to make it this year, make a note to place it on your calendar for next February. You will not be disappointed in the Patriotism displayed at this event.

WOUNDED WARRIOR AND VETERANS RECOGNIZED AT MEETING

At our February meeting we had three veterans. Two received our Military Service Award and one was a Wounded Warrior.

JOHN DEPOY

JOHN DEPOY was born August 26, 1927 in St. Paul Minnesota. He was raised in South St Paul, Minnesota and attended St. Paul High School. He graduated in 1945 and at the age of 18 joined the Navy that year. He went to boot camp at Great Lakes Naval Training Center where he trained with Company 954. John was then sent to Corpus Christi, Texas, for more training and then it was on to Gulf Port, Mississippi for more advanced training. Finally he went to Humanley Military Radio near Chicago for his specialty training.

John received an honorable discharge in 1947. Almost immediately after his discharge, John reenlisted back into the Navy and was stationed at Naval Station in Minneapolis-Twin Cities. He was ultimately discharged as a Seaman First Class.

John went to the University of Minnesota and graduated in the early 1950s with a BS in Electronic Engineering.

He married his wife Joanne in 1954 and in a

few years moved to California. They have four children; Cindy, Gail, Cammy and David and they now have 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

John worked in the aerospace industry until his retirement in 1992.

He currently lives in Cypress, California.

John was presented with our Military Service Certificate of Appreciation and a quilt from Quilts of Valor.

FRED BOCKMILLER

FRED BOCKMILLER served in the U S Air Force from 1950-1954. He was an Electronic Technician Airman 2nd Class. He was a member of a crew on a B-26 Bomber. He served with the 452nd Bomb Squadron and the 730th Bomb Squadron. He was at Air Force Base #K-9 nicknamed "Dog Patch". Veteran Bockmiller was then presented our Military Service Certificate of Appreciation and a quilt from Quilts of Valor.

DAVID CALEF

DAVID CALEF was born on May 16, 1933 and raised in New Hampshire where the State Motto is "Live Free or Die". One month after his 17th birthday Korean War broke out.. This would change Dave's life forever. Watching TV news showing Communist North Korea as it swept down over South Korea greatly affected David. On June 26th he woke up convinced that he had to do something more than just talk. So he borrowed his uncle Leon's pickup truck, drove to the State Capitol and joined the Marines.

Dave was sworn in on July 6th and was immediately shipped to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Paris Island, South Carolina where after three rigorous months of boot camp he underwent the conversion from Civilian teenager to a United States Marine. Following boot camp he went through Sea School at Portsmouth, Virginia, then

on to Naval Gunner School at Damn Neck, Virginia where he boarded the Battleship USS New Jersey at the Brookline Naval Yard to begin serving as a sea-going Marine for the next six months as a part of the ships Marine detachment.

From here, Dave was assigned to the Marine Detachment at the Norfolk Naval Ship Yard in Norfolk, Virginia. Four months later he was sent to Camp Pendleton for Advanced Combat Training and then to the Alpine Meadows area above Lake Tahoe for Cold Weather Training, all in preparation for what lay ahead. Dave was then assigned to "B" Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment. He had a big pair of boots to fill as the 5th marines have had the distinction of being the highest decorated Regiment in the Marine Corps still to this day.

While in training at Camp Pendleton, Dave went on weekend liberties with two buddies and visited the Bell Baptist Church in Bell, California. It was here that he met the Patterson Family, most importantly their daughter Peggy. He dated Peggy whenever he was on Liberty. Peggy came down to San Diego to see Dave off when he shipped out to Korea. They became engaged that night.

Dave spent most of 1952 heavily engaged in combat operations in Korea until early November when he unknowingly went out on his last patrol. His unit came under heavy 120mm mortar fire. Dave was hit when he received a piece of shrapnel on the side of his neck. He was evacuated to a MASH type Field Hospital, then a Hospital Ship and three more Navy Hospitals at Yokosuka, Japan, Honolulu, Hawai'i and Oakland, California. On March 31st 1953 he was retired from the Marine Corps and returned to civilian life. He says his "career in the Marine Corps was brief, but never boring".

One week after his discharge, Dave and Peggy were married on April 5, 1953. That was 62 years and six kids ago; 2 girls, 2 boys, then another

daughter from Korea and finally a foster daughter also from Korea and seven grandchildren.

Dave was presented with our Wounded Warrior Coin and Certificate and was also presented a quilt from Quilts of Valor.

QUILTS OF VALOR

For about 2 years now, your Orange County chapter has been pleased to include members of the Quilts of Valor at our meetings. When we have a Veteran or Wounded Warrior presentation, we contact Barbara Winkler of the local chapter and she or one of her members comes to our meeting to make a special presentation to our Veterans or Wounded Warrior(s) for the month.

We have many members who are not able to make our meetings and except for a mention in our newsletter of these presentations, they may not know what this is all about. Below you will find a write up I have taken from the Quilts of Valor (QOV) Foundation website which will give a history for all our members to better understand what these quilters are doing to honor our service men and women. Their small way of saying "Thank You" for their service and sacrifice.

QUILTS OF VALOR FOUNDATION HISTORY Catherine Roberts' Dream

Quilts of Valor Foundation began in 2003 with a dream, literally a dream. Founder Catherine Roberts' son Nat was deployed in Iraq. According to Catherine:

The dream was as vivid as real life. I saw a young man sitting on the side of his bed in the middle of the night, hunched over. The permeating feeling was one of utter despair. I could see his war demons clustered around, dragging him down into an emotional gutter. Then, as if viewing a movie, I saw him in the next scene wrapped in a quilt. His whole demeanor changed from one of despair to one of hope and wellbeing. The quilt had made this dramatic change. The message of my dream was:

Quilts = *Healing*

The model appeared simple: have a volunteer team who would donate their time and materials

to make a quilt. One person would piece the top and the other would quilt it. I saw the name for this special quilt. It was a Quilt of Valor, a QOV.

What Quilts of Valor Are

From the beginning, Catherine Roberts had definite ideas about standards of excellence for Quilts of Valor:

I knew a Quilt of Valor had to be a quality-made quilt, not a "charity quilt." Quilts of Valor would be the civilian equivalent of a Purple Heart award. A Quilt of Valor had to be quilted, not tied, which meant hand or machine quilting. Quilts of Valor would be "awarded," not just passed out like magazines or videos. A Quilt of Valor would say unequivocally, "Thank you for your service, sacrifice, and valor" in serving our nation in combat.

The First Quilt of Valor

The first QOV was awarded in November 2003 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) to a young soldier from Minnesota who had lost his leg in Iraq. Catherine recalls: Chaplain John Kallerson opened the door for us at Walter Reed primarily because his wife Connie Kallerson happened to be a quilter. She impressed upon him how comforting quilts can be. John also saw the value of awarding quilts to his wounded because of the message they carried that someone cares.

How the Foundation Grew

From Catherine Robert's home in Seaford, DE, the Quilts of Valor movement spread across the nation and beyond through the power of word-of-mouth and the Internet. According to Catherine:

The team consisted of a quilt-topper, a person who pieces the top from various fabrics, and a quilter who uses a "longarm" quilting machine to create beautiful machine quilting. Our longarmers immediately played a crucial role in making our quilt tops go from hohum to "wow." Two people who helped bring needed exposure at the start of our program to the longarming world were Janet-Lee Santeusanio and Marcia Stevens. I am deeply grateful to them for the faith they showed in a

newly formed group.

Other key players on our team who helped our growing community get things done, in addition to those making quilts from coast to coast, were the "longarm coordinator" and "destination coordinator." Our "points of contact" throughout the world identified recipients and often facilitated the actual awards ceremonies.

Our Mission Statement

The organization's original mission statement said its purpose was "to cover all those service members and veterans wounded physically or psychologically with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor." Catherine Roberts recalls: No one really liked the word "psychologically." Brilliantly, Chaplain Kallerson suggested using the phrase "touched by war" as a replacement for the words "wounded physically or psychologically." This simple phrase was perfect. The group's mission statement was revised to read, "The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover all combat service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor." Later, the words "all" and "combat" were removed, further reflecting our understanding of the true meaning "touched by war."

The Light of Inclusion

In the early days of the organization, the primary focus was on awarding quilts to service members wounded in the Iraq (OIF) and Afghanistan (OEF) conflicts. Catherine Roberts remembers: I affectionately referred to these young men as "babies" to distinguish them from veterans of other conflicts. Among us civilians, there were no complaints, as we were in the throes of an ongoing war. However, there were faint rumblings from those who worked at Veterans Administration Medical Centers (VAMCs). They politely pointed out it wasn't fair to award a QOV to one group of wounded and exclude others. The light of inclusiveness began to glimmer. At an awards ceremony at a VAMC in White River Junction, VT, in 2006, we saw wounded veterans from all conflicts being awarded quilts, not our policy at the time. My husband Chris "got it" right away, but it took several years for me to really understand. That happened in 2009

in Bellingham, WA. A group of us got together for a quilting retreat. One of our activities for the weekend was to award quilts at an event called "American Veterans Tribute and Traveling Wall Exhibit" in Bellingham. I could not find a group of OIF/OEF veterans for the QOVs we brought that day. A group of Vietnam veterans were there to perform a "Patriot Guard" ride past the Vietnam traveling memorial wall on their motorcycles. This event changed my whole outlook on who should receive a Quilt of Valor. As we were awarding quilts, the Vietnam vets said over and over again, "Ma'am, this is the first time in forty years anyone has ever thanked me for my service." All of us were thunderstruck. From then on, any warrior who had been touched by war, no matter when his or her service, could receive a Quilt of Valor. No questions asked.

Civilian Awardees

The philosophy of inclusion widened when Catherine became aware of the work that goes on at Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations (AFMAO), located at Dover Air Force Base, Del. She recalls:

I read an essay by Marine Lt. Col. Michael Strobl called "Taking Chance Home." In the essay, Strobl recounts how he escorted the body of Marine Private Chance Phillips to his home in Wyoming for burial. Strobl took the reader through AFMAO, describing who the staff was and what they did to prepare the remains of the fallen for burial. I realized that workers at Dover, though they were stateside, were as touched by war as anyone downrange or "in theater."

We established a relationship with the AFMAO and set a date for an awards ceremony. The day of the ceremony I received a call from the chaplain saying we had a big problem—some of the staff at Dover were civilians. As they all worked as a team, a family, awarding Quilts of Valor only to military service members would not work. The decision was made to award quilts to all working at the Port Mortuary, and this policy has continued ever since.

The Evolution of the Foundation's Name
The first name of the organization was Quilts for Soldiers. Catherine Roberts explains:

Because my son was in the Army, I thought all military service members were "soldiers." I didn't understand that different branches have different names for their members. Fortunately, a Marine straightened me out, and Quilts for Soldiers became Quilts of Valor.

The Foundation's Early Days Catherine Roberts reminisces:

In the beginning, it was like the "wild, wild, West." A few of us handled everything. After we became a national non-profit in 2005, we created a volunteer Board of Directors to govern, determining policies and direction. Over the years, a structure of volunteer leadership has evolved. Without the selflessness of the individuals who have volunteered over the years and who work tirelessly for the Foundation now, we would not be the viable group we are today. It's difficult for me to convey to those who may be reading this history the debt I owe these individuals. They have devoted their time, their hearts, and their financial resources to the Foundation to keep it afloat, growing, and thriving. I know that, many times, many volunteers have felt it was a thankless job, but they have given their service, their sacrifice, and sometimes their valor in service to our mission.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Without you, we would not be here today.

For more information on how you can help check out their website at; http://www.qovf.org/about-qovf/qov-history/.

A thank you goes out to Barbara Winkler and all her quilters for the amazing job they do in quilting and presenting these masterpieces to our deserving military personnel.

Thank you Ladies!!!



ACTIVITY CONTEST

At our March meeting we are expecting to have our essay winner and our JROTC Winner Natali Pacheco on hand to receive their awards as chapter winners in these contests.

THE BOSTON MASSACRE

Tensions were already high on March 5, 1770 between the British and Colonials. It began as innocent snowballing of a British soldier standing Guard outside the Boston Customs House. As a crowd developed a squad of soldiers was called out to restore order. The crowd began to hurl insults which escalated to stone throwing. Within a period of minutes and without specific orders the Red Coats opened fire killing five in the crowd and wounding others. Those who died, three on scene and two later were Crispus Attucks, Samuel Gray, James Caldwell, Samuel Maverick and Patrick Carr. They were buried at the Granary Burying Ground in Boston, Now Kings Chapel.

Captain Thomas Preston was tried first from October 24-30. He was represented by John Adams and his cousin Josiah Quincy. They were able to obtain an acquittal for Captain Preston. The eight soldiers were tried between November 27 and December 14th. Six of his men were found innocent. Two were convicted of manslaughter. They were branded on the hand and discharged as punishment. It was originally called the "Bloody Massacre on Kings Street". The title of Paul Revere's engraving on page 9.

At left,

At our February meeting, John DePoy was one of three veterans who received a quilt from Quilts of Valor to recognize their service to our country. This was his.

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Boston Massacre, March 5, 1770



This engraving of the Boston Massacre was created by Paul Revere following the event.

Photo Album

February Meeting



Happy Birthday President Washington.

Our February meeting was one of celebration. George Washington's Birthday, Veterans honored for their service, Eagle Scout Contest winner, new member and supplementals recognized. A busy day with a full house of members and guests.



Steve Snyder discusses the story of pilot Howard Snyder and the crew of the B-52 Susan Ruth.



Jesse Martin, the chapter Eagle Scout winner attends and reads his winning essay to the attendees. He is presented with the SAR medal for being the chapter winner, three patches for his participating in the contest and a \$100 check as the chapter winner.

Jesse's application was forwarded to state and he was selected as the state winner for this year. His application has been sent on to National for consideration at that level for any of the three top prizes.





Jesse's mother pins on his medal at left and has one final photo op, right with President Ferris and Eagle Chairman Jim Blauer. Jesse will attend the State Meeting in Sacramento where he will receive his award from the State Society.





John DePoy was one of three veterans honored at our February Meeting.



Wounded Warrior David Calef, a Marine in the Korean Conflict received the Wounded Warrior Coin and Certificate from Hammond Salley and Dan Henry, Left and was presented a quilt from Quilts of Valor representative Barbara Winkler.





Captain Fred Bockmiller was the second of our veterans we recognized for their service to our country.



Compatriot Phil Mitchell is recognized for his service in the Vietnam War.

Below Scot Trodick is inducted into the society/chapter by President John Ferris. He receives his SAR Rosette from his sponsor Kent Gregory.



The Meeting and Massing of the Colors

The Massing of the Colors was held on February 14th at Forest Lawn in the Hollywood Hills (Burbank). Here we honored George Washington and the men & women of

our military.



New member Scot Trodick receives his membership Certificate from President Ferris following his induction into the chapter.



Mark Kramer, Dan Shippey, Larry Wood, john Dodd, John Ferris, Kent Gregory, Dan McKelvie, Col. Hans Hunt and Commander Jim Fosdyck.



Lee's Legion leads the California Color Guard as they lead off the parade of Color Guard units. First the SAR then the JROTC units from around the southland.



Compatriot James Townsend receives certificates for his 2 recent supplementals that were approved by National.



The procession begins as Gary Alan Dickey and his bagpipes lead followed by the United States Air Force Color Guard.



Your Lee's Legion Color Guard takes their place front and center.



Jim Blauer at left leads in the singing of our National Anthem. Jim has been doing this at the request of the Sons of Liberty Chapter for close to two decades.

At right you have the ladies who belong to the California Society Ladies Auxiliary of the SAR. Orange county's members are counting from the left Un Hui Yi Fosdyck(2), Liz Ferris(4), Lisa Gregory(6), Sharon Wood(7) and Kelli Shippey(8).





The SAR California Color Guard contingent.



Jim Fosdyck presented 91 year old US Navy Veteran Herman "Bob" Robert Kietzman, Jr. an SAR War Service Medal with WW II Bar at Yukon, Oklahoma; 20 Feb 2016.



The SAR Color Guard is joined by the JROTC Unit from Sonora High, headed by Compatriot Hans Hunt.



Herman "Bob" Robert Kietzman receives his 50 years membership pin and Certificate.