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## MUSKETS & BROADSWORD

Orange County Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

September 2018

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MEETING INFORMATION

When September 8, 2018 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

Welcome Back Everyone-

Hope everyone enjoyed their family vacations & Summer break!

We had a great turn out at the Chapter's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Picnic last month @ Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley. A lot of blue Chapter T-shirts were on hand as well as special guests CASSAR President Derek Brown & wife Janet (Thomas Jefferson Chapter, Concord), CASSAR Executive Vice President Robert Taylor & wife Darian (General George S Patton Chapter, Ventura), CASSAR Vice President South Brian Stephens & wife Diane (Riverside Chapter), CASSAR Color Guard Commander Mark Kramer & wife Joann (Riverside Chapter), Karl Jacobs & wife Sandy (Harbor Chapter), music by members of the Los Angeles Fifes & Drums Corps, members of the Sons of Lib-



erty Chapter from San Fernando Valley, Mrs. Torres & husband (OCC VP Mark Torres' parents) along with several other members of the DAR Western Shores Chapter & Dolly the Clown, who provided balloon animals & face painting for the children in attendance. Needless to say, a great time was had by all!!

A special thanks to Jim & Un Hui Fosdyck for their efforts in making the event a tremendous success!!

In years gone by, school started the first week in September after the Labor Day holiday weekend; however, some schools in California now start their new school year in mid-August. Either way, the city streets are crowded & bustling again with school buses & parents transporting the children to & from school. Drive safely everyone!

The latter part of September heralds the start of Autumn, the twilight weeks of Major League Baseball & the anticipation for the start of college & NFL football. Go USC!!

September 8<sup>th</sup> also marks the 237<sup>th</sup> anniversary for one of the last Revolution-

ary War's southern campaign battles. The Battle of Eutaw Springs, Orangeburg County, South Carolina took place on September 8, 1781 with both the Americans & British claiming a victory.

The 2,200 American troops under the command of General Nathanael Green engaged the 2,000 British troops commanded by Col. Alexander Stewart. The battle raged back and forth for several hours. By days end, the American casualties & losses were 119 killed, 382 wounded, 60 captured & 18 missing. As for the British, they suffered 85 killed, 297 wounded, 500 captured, of which 70 were wounded.

The next day, due to rain & inclement weather, General Greene ordered a retreat with all of the wounded & was able to march back to safe haven. With the rain, the British also left the battle field. After burying his dead, Col. Stewart destroyed supplies, including 1,000 muskets, left 70 wounded behind & continued his retreat to Moncks Corner.

Greene pursued Stewart as far as Ferguson's Swamp & stopped on September 11<sup>th</sup>. At that point, Stewart was within range of support from the British garrison in Charleston.

Despite winning a tactical victory, the British lost strategically. The inability of the British to stop Greene's operations forced them to abandon most of their conquests in the South, leaving control of only a few isolated areas in Wilmington, Charleston & Savannah. In all, the British attempt to pacify the South with Loyalist support had failed & was another factor that led Cornwallis' final surrendered at Yorktown.

On a more current topic, September is the month your current officers & program chairmen are working to complete a revision to an officer & committee information booklet. It is our intent to have the booklet revisions completed & placed on the website before the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting so any active members in good standing can get further insight for the activities required for each of the various chapter positions. A general listing of position responsibilities are also provided in the Chapter By-Laws, which can be accessed on the Chapter website @ orangecountysar.org.

There are several positions open for consideration. If you would like to do more than just attend monthly meetings, I would ask you to take the next step. Talk with any of the current or past Chapter Officers & Chairmen. Let it be known you are interested in becoming more involved in the organization.

The Chapter's nominating committee, consisting of David Beall, John Ferris & Jim Klingler will announce at the October meeting they are accepting nominations for the elective offices. To be considered for all elective offices other than President, the member must have been active in the Chapter for at least a year & be in good standing (has paid current year's dues). Candidates for President shall have been active in the chapter & shall have been a member of the Executive Board for a year. The nominating committee will announce a slate of officer candidates for 2019 at the November meeting. Upon closing of the nominations, a general membership vote will be held at the December meeting.

The Program Administration Chairmen & Youth Program Chairmen positions are appointed by the incoming President & will be announced at his induction ceremony at the January meeting.

Get involved. Share your talents. Challenge yourself. Make new friends. You will not be sorry you did!!

As always, any comments, criticisms, complaints or ideas are welcome. Call 714 821-4302 & leave a message or send an email to <u>ocgladiator@gmail.com</u>.

Gus Fischer

## SPEAKER—STEVE LUND

Presently semi-retired. I served 29 years of combined active and reserve service in the US Army. During that time I served a tour of duty in the Viet Nam War as a helicopter gunship pilot, as well as subsequent assignments as aircraft maintenance officer/test pilot, Company Commander, Infantry Division staff officer (G-2), helicopter Attack Battalion Commander, and Aviation Brigade Executive Officer. I was awarded the Soldiers Medal for valor, Bronze Star (2), and

the Air Medal (16) for my combat service. I retired with the rank of Lt. Colonel.

My civilian career has included 15 years in the Aerospace field in program management, human factors engineering, and aerospace marketing. The last 14 years were spent flying fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft in Law Enforcement aviation, principally in counterdrug aerial surveillance for the California Department of Justice. Throughout my life I have had an abiding interest in history. I was an active Civil War reenactor for 15 years and have participated in four "national level" CW battle reenactments on the East Coast, as well as numerous events in California.

Having a technical background and such inclination, I was drawn to the subject of the Ironclad warships and submarines as early as grade school. To date I have done extensive research, constructed over a dozen radio controlled models of them, and given numerous demonstrations and presentations to the public and various historical-interest groups. In addition I have had articles published and coauthored a book ("Modeling Civil War Ironclad Ships") with fellow ironclad enthusiast and modeler Bill Hathaway.

## **Japanese Submarines at Pearl Harbor**

The spectacular aerial attack by the Imperial Japanese Navy on Pearl Harbor on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941 is certainly one of the most iconic warrelated events of the Twentieth Century. Consequently the fact that it was actually a two-pronged attack incorporating submarines, both full-sized and the "midget" type has largely escaped the notice of the general public.

The presentation covers the role of the submarines in the Pearl Harbor Campaign. It will concentrate on the tactical plan as well as the technical aspects of the unique "midget" submarines that were employed to penetrate the harbor defenses. And finally it will give an accounting of the fate of the five midget submarines employed and that of their crews.

The program is a Power Point presentation that

runs approximately 45 minutes and consists of 49 color slides of drawings and photographs. It is recorded on a USB drive. I do not have a lap top computer or any of the other necessary components of an audio-visual system. So it will be necessary for the host organization to provide them.

In addition to the audio-visual presentation, I will also be bringing a five-foot 1/72 scale Model of the IJN Submarine I-16 with its attendant "midget" on the rear deck. I would appreciate the use of a six foot table to display it on during the lecture.



#### UPCOMING SPEAKERS

In an effort to have our members plan to come to our Fall meetings we have our speakers lined up.

For October our speaker will be Author: Karin Crilly who will speak about her book "The Blue Satin Nightgown". It deals with her French Makeover at age 78. This is an inspirational book for all ages. My hope is that it will inspire members to reach for their dreams. This is about all can give you as Karin is traveling in Canada and will be flying down to make the presentation to us. Books will be available for purchase and signing by the author.

For November Steve Lund will return to speak about the Ironclads of the Civil War.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

As we get ready to return to our regular meeting schedule in September I wish to note those Compatriots who would have been mentioned in the July and August newsletters were we not dark for those months for our newsletter.

In July we had; (14) James Blauer, Kent Gregory, Jack Hawn, Arthur Koehler, George Kridner, III, Friedrich Kunzler, Jonathan Pettibone, Douglas Pettibone, James F. Quinnelly, Hugh Richards, Chase Secrest, Richard Watkins, and Donald Webb, III.

In August we had; (18) Steve Bailey, John P. Beall, Kristian Beall, Danny Cox, John Dahl, Philip Homme, Clifford Hope, Lee Karjala, John Meier, Douglas Milliken, Rex B. Shannon, Wade Shannon, Christopher Sherman, Daniel Shippey, Neil Stenton, Ed Stephenson, Travis Winsor, and Cole Zehnder.

With these past birthdays having been noted, those Compatriots who will be celebrating in September are; (17) Raymond Barrett, David Beall, Richard Beall, Robert Blauer, Kenneth Fitzpatrick, II, James Fosdyck, Robert Francis, Dan Henry, Jesse Knowles, Michael Maertzweiler, Glenn Newbrander, Eric Olsen, Eric Padget, Austin Pettibone, Scot Trodick, James Wallace, and James Whitaker.

A Happy Birthday to all for these celebrants.

#### JULY 4TH PARADE

July fourth was a busy day for your chapter. It began with the Huntington Beach 114th Annual July 4th Parade. We had a good turn out. Those in the parade were: Orange County Members Jim Blauer, Arthur Koehler, Kent Gregory, Jim Klingler, Matthew Noell and Thomas Noell.

From the Harbor Chapter we had; Brian Merrell, Luke Merrell, Kevein Bidenkap, and Brandon Villarde. From the Los Angeles Fife and Drum we had Matt and Thomas as noted above plus, Brennan Navarette, David Nesser, Steven Andy, John Davis, Ron Cohen, David Boesch and Bonnie Safyurtler. So we had a contingent of

18 in our group. The parade was televised by Channel 7 and channel 4 was also there. We were seen on both channels. Channel 7 carried the parade live on their station and channel 4 did their report during the news. The parade was also found on the channel 7 website.

#### LAKE FOREST PARADE

While there were 18 in the line up in Huntington Beach we had eight of our chapter members participating in the Lake Forest Parade. They were; Mark Torres, Spencer Torres, John Ferris, Dan McKelvie, Un Hui Yi and Liz Ferris walking in the parade with Jim Fosdyck and Brenda Torres on the support team.

This was the first year we have done the Lake Forest Parade. In the past it has been the South Coast Chapter that has appeared in this parade. Unfortunately they are having difficulty putting a Color Guard unit together at this time and they requested if possible we could fill in as the organizers wanted an SAR Color Guard in their parade. And so we did.

#### LET FREEDOM RING

On July 4,1969 the Pennsylvania Society Sons of the Revolution (SR) conducted the first "Let Freedom Ring" Ceremony. Though originally scheduled for 2pm across the nation it is usually done at different times of the day or evening.

On July 4th our Color Guard met at Cerritos City Hall. Here the chapter Color Guard presented the Colors for the opening ceremonies at 6:30pm. Those in attendance included; Jim Blauer, Jim Klingler, John Blake, Julie Bruton, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Larry Hansen, Kent & Lisa Gregory, Larry & Sharon Wood, John and Liz Ferris, Mark & Brenda Torres, Matt Noell(OC Member and Fifer of the LA Fife & Drum) and David Nesser (Drummer LA Fife and Drum). The men presented the Colors but all the women were dressed in colonial outfits.

Our thanks to Larry and Sharon Wood who

arrange this for us each year. It was through Larry's efforts that this was made a National Color Guard event.

## NATIONAL CONGRESS-HOUSTON

This year the National Congress was held in Houston Texas. Our chapter was well represented with Lou & Karen Carlson, John, Karen & Lacey Dodd, Kent & Lisa Gregory, John & Liz Ferris, Dan & Karen McKelvie, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Jim & Lidia Klingler, Mike and Cilla Tomme and Joe Dooley. That is a total of 18. That is 9 members and 9 family members in attendance. It makes one wonder whether any other chapters outside of the Houston area were as well represented at Congress.

I am sure some of these members may have something to say at our September meeting on what went on and what was accomplished.

## SUMMER PICNIC

Last year in celebration of our 50th anniversary as a chapter in the Sons of the American Revolution your chapter decided to celebrate with a picnic. It was very successful with over 80 members and their families attending, 5 SAR chapters were represented, we had three prospective members, 2 representatives from the Quilts of Valor and members from the Los Angeles Fife and Drum supplied us with period music.

This year we had our picnic on the second Saturday of August, August 11th. Like last year we met at Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley at Shelter #1. Compatriots and families brought their favorite salads, desserts and other dishes. Hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, and beverages were provided by the chapter.

Some members arrived early to help set up. The festivities got underway as Compatriots, family and guests began arriving about 10:30am. By noon our Un Hui Yi was busy manning the grill and dishing out the cheeseburgers and hotdogs from the line that formed to get ones lunch.

Besides the socializing amongst our members

and guests some partook of the bean bag games set up by Mark Torres.

Here is to another fun day in the park with your fellow Compatriots and families. Ifyou were unable to attend maybe next year. Plan ahead and we will announce when we have a date set aside for our next picnic.

## HENRY KNOX & NATHANAEL GREENE

This article was written by the American Battlefield Trust

In this article we're reflecting on the extraordinary contributions of these close friends and kindred spirits. Both Knox and Greene lived with physical disabilities. Both had gregarious temperaments and a passion for military history. And both proved unlikely heroes, indispensable to the American victory in the Revolutionary War.

Henry Knox was fascinated by artillery even before the war began. Upon joining George Washington's inner circle, he immediately went to work trying to figure how best to remove the British from Boston. Knox believed that the British could be forced to evacuate the city if the Continental Army could fortify the various hills surrounding it. The question was where to get the guns. The chance arrived in May 1775, when Fort Ticonderoga fell into patriot hands.

The 25-year-old Knox and a contingent of hearty men journeyed to the fort to retrieve captured artillery for Washington's army. During the nearly 300-mile trek lugging their treasure back to Boston, Knox and his men endured severe winterweather conditions, but they invented ways to haul tons of field pieces over freezing-cold lakes and rivers. The expedition arrived in Boston by mid-January 1776, completely intact, not a gun lost. With this formidable battery at his disposal, Washington was able to implement Knox's plan of siege. By March, the British evacuated the city. Knox had achieved the nearly impossible and Washington, in gratitude, appointed him chief of artillery.

Greene began his military career as a private with the Kentish Guards militia in his native

Rhode Island. Within a year, he received a promotion to brigadier general. Greene continued to rise through the ranks of the Continental Army, eventually being appointed by Washington to command the Southern Theater. Soon after Greene took command, the tide of war began to turn in favor of the patriots. Greene executed a strategy of cat and mouse to gradually deplete the British force. The staggering losses suffered by the British put in motion the withdrawal of Gen. Lord Cornwallis to the Virginia coast and his subsequent defeat at Yorktown.

During the War for Independence, both Knox and Greene would share with Washington and his soldiers the privations of war and the shame associated with stinging defeats, and would contend with the sometimes bitter infighting that took place within Washington's command structure. Together, they served for the eight-year duration of the war, being among the few who rose through the ranks to stand with their commander-in-chief.

May 1775, Fort Ticonderoga fell into Patriot hands It has often been asserted that the American War for Independence could not have been won without the ability of George Washington to keep his army together in spite of difficult odds. Historian Joseph Ellis has said that "Washington was the glue that held the nation together." Washington biographer Thomas Flexner called him the "indispensable man." But there were others, too.

Two of the most unlikely American heroes of the war were Henry Knox and Nathanael Greene, men who both possessed physical challenges. Knox was missing the third and fourth fingers on his left hand, the result of a hunting accident. To conceal his disfigurement, he always kept his left hand wrapped in a white cloth. Knox was also portly, weighing in near 250 pounds, and possessed a burning ambition, a keen mind, and a highly gregarious nature.

Greene walked with a limp. He was just as gregarious as Knox and quite flirtatious with women. Raised in a strict Quaker household in Rhode Island, Greene rebelled against his religious foundation particularly when it came to studying the arts

of war and women. He loved to dance and was good at it. Often he snuck out from home to attend socials in Kent County. According to one biographer, his limp may have been the result of a fall when Greene was trying to escape through a window to attend one of these socials. As tensions mounted in Boston between inhabitants and British authorities, the colony of Rhode Island began to organize militia units. Caught up in the fervor of excitement of the tenor of the times, combined with his deep interest in the arts of war and military history, Greene enthusiastically joined the newly forming local militia company, the Kentish Guards. Much to his bitter disappointment he was not elected, as he had expected to be, an officer. While women seemed to not mind or notice his limp, it proved problematic to his military brethren. Sensitive to criticism, he considered resigning. Yet he remained steadfast in his commitment to the Kentish Guards, drilling with them as a private.

After Lexington and Concord he was sent by the Rhode Island Committee of Safety, now the colony's ad hoc government, to Boston to serve as part of its contingent that continued to hem the British inside Boston. He was appointed Major General of Rhode Island troops. Greene arrived in Boston just after the Battle of Bunker Hill. As the Continental Army began to cohere under George Washington, Congress appointed Greene a Brigadier General in Washington's force. He was thirty-three and in a short period of time been promoted from private to general; from a small colony he was now thrust on the national stage bearing significant responsibilities.

In the years prior to the Revolution, Greene and Knox were close friends, even kindred spirits. Greene, who regularly traveled to Boston on business, could often be found visiting Knox in his London Book Store. They shared a love of literature, the classics, and in particular military history, which they pored over in books and discussed in lively conversation. Unbeknownst to both of them, they had embarked on a journey of self-tutorials on how to be a soldier and how to

fight in wars. Their informal study proved its worth during the forthcoming war. Knox in particular was drawn to study artillery and in the Continental Army he would be the chief architect of Washington's artillery wing.

When Washington assumed command of the Continental Army in Boston after the Battle of Bunker Hill, he recognized immediately the value of making Greene and Knox part of his intimate military family.

Upon joining Washington's inner circle, Knox immediately went to work trying to figure how to best remove the British from Boston. Because he was a native of the area he was well versed in the topography. Knox believed that the British could be forced to evacuate the city if the Continental Army could fortify the various hills around the city, most prominently Dorchester Heights. The question was where to get the guns. In May 1775, Fort Tichonderoga fell into the Patriot hands, captured by Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys and Benedict Arnold. With this coup came the large cache of artillery so badly needed for the American cause.

The twenty-five year old Knox hatched a plan to go to Fort Ticonderoga, retrieve the cannons and bring them back to Boston and Washington's Army. With Washington's blessing, Knox and a contingent of hearty men headed out on November 16, 1775. Arriving at the fort on December 5, the energetic Knox began to take inventory of what was to be had. Using his self-trained eye he settled on 58 pieces-- mostly mortars and 12 and 18-pound cannons and their required munitions. During the close to 300 mile trek lugging their treasure back to Boston, Knox and his men endured severe winter weather conditions, but they proved to be inventive in figuring out how to haul tons of guns over freezing cold lakes and rivers, sometimes caked with ice, bitter cold, snowfall and subsequent thawing, as they struggled with their oxen teams on specially designed sleds to cross the Berkshire Mountains of Western Massachusetts. All along the route Knox kept his wife informed in letters and maintained a diary in which at one point he wrote, "It appeared to me almost a miracle that people with heavy loads should be able to get up and down such hills." The train arrived in Boston by mid-January 1776, completely intact, not a gun lost. With this formidable battery at his disposal, Washington was able to implement Knox's plan of siege. In March, shortly after the Dorchester Heights were fortified, the British evacuated the city. Knox had achieved the nearly impossible and Washington in his gratitude appointed him Chief of Artillery. Knox would be by Washington's side throughout the rest of the war.

Greene would be with Washington, too, during most of the war. Washington came to admire Greene's knowledge of tactical deployment of troops. Some historians contend that had Greene not been laid low with an illness during the Battle of Long Island in August 1776, the disastrous rout of the Continental Army may have been averted. Like Knox, Greene earned Washington's trust while serving as one of his wing commanders during the Battle of Trenton, helping to delay the British at the Battle of Brandywine, and enduring the crucible of Valley Forge.

In 1780, the focus of the war shifted to the South. On August 16, General Horatio Gates and his Southern Department of the Continental Army were soundly defeated in the debacle of the Battle of Camden, South Carolina, leaving the Southern Patriot forces in shambles. Gates was removed from command, and Congress granted Washington his own discretion as to who to appoint to replace him. Washington immediately dispatched Greene. Greene's organizational skills as well as his grasp of both strategy and tactics served him well during the campaign in the Carolinas.

His greatest moment came at the <u>Battle of Guilford Court House</u> in March 1781, a pyrrhic victory for the British, in which Greene skillfully deployed varying elements of his command at different times of the battle to parley British troop movements. Ever the astute student, Greene took

a lesson from the tactical playbook of Daniel Morganemployed two months earlier at the Battle of Cowpens, South Carolina. Like Morgan, he arranged his troops in three lines, luring the British to launch their attacks against each line, which would then withdraw. The British in hot pursuit, smelling victory, would then encounter a wall of gunfire from the next line, which was unexpected. The staggering losses suffered by the British put in motion the withdrawal of British General Lord Cornwallis to the Virginia coast and his subsequent defeat at Yorktown. While Greene was not at the October 1781 surrender ceremony, he was just as much a part of the American success story as was Henry Knox, who stood with his commander to receive the British surrender.

Neither Knox nor Greene were superheroes. They were like so many of those who served in the Continental Army: amateur soldiers who were very human and who bore their physical vulnerabilities with grace and dignity. They made up for their physical limitations with their ability to lead and inspire men to do the seemingly impossible. In doing so, they secured for posterity a nation that strives to give each person, no matter their limitations, an equal chance at achieving success.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Though we did not have any new members in June, we made up for that in July when there were seven. They are; Michael Maertzweiler, Morgan Ferris, Steven Ferris, William Chambers, Lee Karjala, Daniel Sexton and Steven Bailey.

Gentlemen we welcome you and hope you will make our meetings a regular event for you and your families.

FALL BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING The 143rd Annual Fall Board of Managers Meeting will be held in Folsom November 8-10, 2018. It is being hosted by the Gold Country Chapter.

We will be staying at the Lake Natoma Inn in

historic Old Folsom. It is located at 702 Gold Lake Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. A special room rate of \$109 (plus tax) per night (king or double queens) has been arranged. This special is available until October 25th. You can make your hotel arrangements by calling (916) 351-1500 or emailing reservations@lakenatomainn.com. Ask for the CASSAR meeting rate.

Registration is \$150 per person until October 1, 2018. It will be \$170 after October 1st. The fee includes admission to all business meetings, Hospitality Room, Friday and Saturday Luncheons and the Saturday Dinner Banquet.

Checks should be made out to Gold Country Chapter SAR and mailed with the Registration Form to: Tony Chakurian, 3128 Parkham Drive, Roseville, CA 95747. If you have any questions you can contact Tony at tchakrian@hotmail.com.

For Friday's luncheon selections are; Ravioli w/ Pesto Cream Sauce (vegetarian option), Chicken Piccata or Marinated Tri-Tip.

For Saturday's luncheon, selections are; Chicken Cordon Bleu, Roasted Pork Loin, or Grilled Polenta w/Vegetables (Vegetarian Option).

For Saturday's Banquet, selections are; Grilled Tri-Tip, Natoma Baked Salmon, or Ravioli w/ Pesto Cream Sauce (Vegetarian Option).

There will also be a Friday Evening Dinner at the Cattlemen's Club, 12409 Folsom, Blvd, Rancho Cordoba. Selections include; Rib Eye Steak, Roast Tri-Tip, Grilled Salmon, Lemon Chicken, and Vegetarian Ravioli. Dinners are \$40 per person.

There will be a NRA Muzzleloading class on Sunday November 11 and Monday November 12. Registration for this event is \$35.00 and must be received by September 30th. The class is limited to 18 persons. Email your name address, and phone # to Mark Kramer at <a href="https://occ.ncm.no.ndm.ndm.no.ndm.ndm.no.ndm.ndm.no.ndm.ndm.no.ndm.

Registration forms for these events can be obtained at www.californiasar.org. \*\*\*\*\*\*

# Photo Album

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