



Muskets & Broadsword

Orange County Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From the desert to the sea, a warm greetings to all Compatriots of the Orange County Chapter. The California Society's 134th Annual Spring Meeting was a fantastic success for our chapter. First of all, I want to thank the volunteers who worked so hard behind the scenes that made this event such a class act. Those who transported equipment and supplies, the Ladies Auxiliary for their decorations and a myriad of other tasks, those who contributed food, home baked items, flowers, beverages, and kitchenware. A very special thank you to Un Hui Fosdyck, for adding that special spark to the event, with her culinary skills, her enthusiasm, and her gracious hospitality. Rex Shannon for "pulling another Rabbit out of the hat". A hardy congratulations to Rex for his contribution to the California State Society and for an overall successful production.

I am happy and proud to report that our chapter won 1st place for Best Medium Size Chapter. We had most Congress and Leadership meetings, BEST WEBSITE!!!(Thank you Arthur!), Highest % of Members Attending Meetings, Most Medals & Certificates, and Best in Activities!!!(75 in 2008...amazing!). I would like to congratulate Jim Blauer, for his receiving the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award for his dedication to the Boy Scouts of America, signing and issuing 755 Eagle Scout Certificates of Recognition during 2008, totaling over 8000 Eagle Certificates in all(since we began in 1989). Speaking for the chapter, the State and the Nation, I thank you Jim. Further congratulations go to Larry Magerkurth and Jim Shadwick, who were both recipients of the President's James Lafayette Cogswell Award. Our chapter, under the direction of Poster Contest Chairman Hugh Richards, won an Honorable Mention Award in the Poster Contest. Our Lee's Legion Light Dragoons of Virginia Color Guard added

a streamer to their Lee's Legion Flag. This for Larry Magerkurth's participation as a member of Lee's Legion in the Point Pleasant Parade. A Compatriot salute to Jim Blauer, Kent Gregory and Jim Fosdyck for representing the chapter as part of the State Color Guard at this meeting. Un Hui Fosdyck was awarded the Martha Washington Medal & Certificate for her tireless efforts to make the Hospitality Room so hospitable.

Members of our chapter who were elected or appointed to various positions included; John Dodd as Vice-President South, Jim Blauer as State Historian, Kent Gregory Medals and Awards Chairman, Jim Fosdyck for the JROTC/ROTC Chairman, and myself for the Knight Essay Contest Chairman.

The highlight of the weekend was the Saturday night banquet and the inauguration of Lou Carlson as our new State President. A great time was had by all. It was one for the ages. Lou is replacing Steve Renouf, who was an exceedingly good State President and a good friend to all. The best of luck to Steve. Lou, the very best of luck and our prayers are with you.

Elected to serve on the Board for the Ladies Auxiliary are Karen Carlson as President, Barbara Magerkurth as 2nd Vice-President and Karen Dodd as Registrar. Congratulations ladies!!!

I would like to mention that the California Compatriot Magazine will issue only one more printed issue. After that you will have to read it on line, or print it out if you wish. Everyone will receive an e-mail informing you when it will be available on the CASSAR Website. Many other States have already done this. We had to do it because of the increased postage and the new regulations requiring software upgrades for printing the label lists for bulk mailing. Even if we

outsourced the project to a mailing house using their software, it would still cost the State Society approximately \$10,500 per year at current postage rates. The society simply does not have the money. If we continued with the printed version of the magazine, we would not have the money to fund our youth programs and would be forced to drastically cut or eliminate them altogether. Therefore, we need all of our chapter members to forward their current e-mail to Chapter Secretary Jim Wallace(james_anaheim@aol.com), so he can keep the State Society informed of correct e-mail addresses. The State Society will then be able to e-mail you an attachment of the California Compatriot for you to read on line or print out. If you do not have e-mail, you can get it from Google, Yahoo, and a variety of other sources. If you do not have a computer or internet access, we can make arrangements for Secretary Wallace to print out a copy and mail it to you. The chapter can bear that expense, but only through 2009, at which time everyone will have the option on their dues notice at the end of the year, of subscribing to the online version or not. More will be said about this as time goes on.

We are revving up the Flag Certificate Program and would encourage all Compatriots to fly the flag on their house, and also nominate those in the community who fly the flag according to established rules of Flag Etiquette. Rules of Flag Etiquette are found in the SAR Handbook of Insignia, Medals and Awards. If you are interested in Participating, contact our Medals & Awards Chairman, Jim Fosdyck for further information.

For all of you in love with all things Scottish, the Annual Scottish Festival will be held at the Orange County Fairgrounds on Memorial Day Weekend, May 23rd & 24th. There will be great Celtic Music, world class piping and drumming, championship

Scottish athletics, Highland dancing, and a large area selling Scottish & Celtic products. For you guys still living on the edge and with good backs, camping will be available at the fairgrounds. See their website at www.scotsfest.com for ticket ordering and further information.

On May 9th, our guest speaker will be Daniel Slosberg, except he won't be speaking much, he will be performing for us his new one-man show of 1812 era music played on his fiddle. You will not want to miss this exciting performer as he transports us back to a time of muskets & broadswords, sailing ships, and jolly young sailors. Come in period costume if you dare.

I leave you with an Irish blessing: "May you have love that never ends, lots of money and lots of friends. Health be yours, whatever you do, and may God send many blessings to you!"

David R. Siler

DANIEL SLOSBERG PERFORMS

Our guest speaker this month will not speak as much to us as he will perform. Daniel Slosberg is a musician who comes to us from West Los Angeles where he lives with his wife and four children. Formerly a teacher and musician with the Aman Folk Ensemble, Daniel retired from his travels to work as an elementary school teacher and administrator at Crossroads School in Santa Monica. For the past ten years, Daniel has been performing his one-man show about the Lewis & Clark Expedition entitled "Pierre Cruzatte: A Musical Journey Along the Lewis & Clark Trail". He took the show on the road and performed in schools, libraries, museums, and historical sites throughout the country.

In 2006 his acting skills landed him a part as Jeffrey Taylor in the play, "Letters to Harriet

Tubman". During the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial, Daniel entertained and spoke at many of the official Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Programs, and in 2004 received the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage's "Meritorious Achievement Award" for outstanding contributions in bringing to the nation a greater awareness and appreciation of the Lewis & Clark Expedition.

He will be introducing his new program to us at our May meeting entitled, "The Banner & Beanes". Please join us for an entertaining afternoon on May 9th as we travel back in time with Daniel Slosberg.

NEW STATE OFFICERS

The newly elected State Officers for the next year will be; President--Lou Carlson, Executive Vice-President Wayne Griswold, Vice-President South John Dodd, Vice-President North Keith Bigbee, Vice-President Membership Phil Hinshaw, Secretary Jim Faulkinbury, Treasurer Michael Howard, Registrar Tom Chilton, Genealogist Earl Young, Historian Jim Blauer, Chancellor Richard Hawley, Surgeon Ernest Latham, Chaplain Rev. Phil Dodson, National Trustee Stephen Renouf, Alternate National Trustee Lou Carlson and Investment Fund Trustee Marston Watson.

Travis Spears stepped down as one of the Investment Fund Trustees leaving 2 years to fill on his term. As per section 13 #4 Lou Carlson nominated Curtis Porter for the position. It was seconded and Curtis was elected to fill the remainder of the term vacated by Travis Spears.

NATIONAL OFFICER SEEKER

Our own Larry Magerkurth has been nominated by the National Nominating Committee for Treasurer General of the society. The elections will be held in July at the Congress in Atlanta. California has some 33 spots for delegates, so for those who

would like to go to Atlanta and vote for Larry, now is the time to make your plans for this trip. The State society gave Larry their endorsement at the Fall Board of Managers Meeting.

Other endorsements that came at this State meeting in Costa Mesa were to endorse Larry should he decide to run for Secretary General next year, John Dodd should he decide to run for Chancellor General next year, Chuck Lampman should he decide to run for Historian General next year and Lou Carlson should he decide to run for Chaplain General next year.

LADIES AUXILIARY

At the 134th Annual State Membership Meeting, the Ladies Auxiliary met as well. Besides their meetings and attending the luncheons and banquet they had a tour and lunch at Sherman Gardens in Newport Beach.

At the Youth Luncheon on Saturday they presented several checks to the youth winners of the various contests.

Finally, they elected new officers and Larry Magerkurth installed them at the Banquet. The State Ladies Auxiliary Board for 2009-2010 are; President Karen Carlson, 1st Vice President Anne Lampman, 2nd Vice-President Barbara Magerkurth, Secretary Sandra Jacobs, Treasurer Kate Howard, Registrar Karen Dodd, and Historian Coreena Ross.

Following the installation they held their raffle, which helps to fund those checks they present to the winners of the youth contests and helps with defraying some of the costs when we host the National Congress.

Thank You Ladies for all you do!!!

SAR CRUISE TO HAWAII

At the State Meeting Larry Magerkurth announced that there would be an SAR Cruise in September from the 5-12th. He reported that the Atlantic

Districts of which there are three meet together. It was decided that we here on the West Coast could do the same with the Western, Mountain, Pacific and International Districts.

There will be five to seven meetings during the cruise, which will make this tax deductible. There will be the option of pre-cruise trips to Punchbowl, the Arizona and the Oklahoma. They need at least 15 and will need to know by June. Hopefully we will be able to get more details in the next issue of the *California Compatriot*.

SAR TRIP TO SPAIN

Another trip that is being offered is one to Spain. This will take place from May 10-20, 2010. There is a possibility that since King Juan Carlos is a member there may be a meeting with him.

Some of the sites include the Cathedral of Sorrows in Toledo, Madrid, Majorca and North Africa. There should be more on this in upcoming issues of the SAR Magazine.

CHAPTER ACTIVITY CONTEST

The chapter Activity Contest is divided into three sections; Small, medium and large chapters. Those from 0 to 40 members is small, 41-70 is medium and 71 or more is large. Your size is determined by the number of members you have as of January 1st of the year. Since we have less than 71 we are in the medium size chapter division.

The contest goes for the entire year, and the awards are given out at the April State meeting. So, for 2008 the Best chapters were; Small--Mother Lode, Medium--Orange County!!!, and Large--Gold Country.

There are 14 categories on each reporting sheet that is sent in monthly. Orange County took best % of members attending our meetings, Most Medals &

Certificates issued, Most Activities, Most Congress and Leadership Meetings attended and Best Website. The Redding Chapter had most guests and most publicity, The Redlands chapter had most New Members, Most Youth & Supplementals, and most CASSAR Programs, and the Riverside chapter took Most meetings, most joint meetings, and most publications. There were apparently no new Life Members for any of the chapters in this category.

THE BANQUET

When we go to other meetings hosted by other chapters it is the norm to have a speaker. Orange County has preferred entertainment. In 1999, 2005 and again this year we had Paula Burton and her Celebrate America Spirit of America Singers.

Normally she would have brought all 35, but at the last minute our banquet room was changed and we found ourselves in a much smaller room. When informed of the drastic change Paula decided she would bring about half the group though it would be cramped. Even with the cramped space the kids were wonderful with the many patriotic and folk songs that they did along with choreography. Once again the group received a rousing ovation for their entertaining and patriotic performance.

The state honored Paula with the Silver Good Citizenship Medal & Certificate for her decades of work with kids and their performing all over the United States.

YANKEE DOODLE

"Yankee Doodle", a well known song of Revolutionary War times, was not a very complimentary phrase. People were not sure what was meant by it when it first appeared in print in 1775 in a London Broadside. The best explanation is that it is from the Dutch, who gave the name to



The Spirit of '76

English Colonists: "Jans Kaas" or "Jan Kees". Jan(yan) is the Dutch name for John. Kees means cheese. John Cheese was not meant as a compliment. Neither was "Doodle" which means fool.

The term "Yankee Doodle" first appeared in the London Broadside that was subtitled, "The Lexington March" in 1775. It was played by the British enroute to Lexington as they marched. It was a common practice of European Armies to play music when heading into battle. It was meant to cheer up the soldiers and give them courage. In this case it alerted the minutemen that the British were coming and their exact location.

Though the Americans knew it was a song that made fun of them, they took up the song with new words written by Harvard College student and minuteman Edward Bangs. They then proceeded to sing it right back at the British.

In the well known verse used by the British;
"Yankee Doodle went to town
Riding on a pony
Stuck a feather in his hat
And called it macaroni."

Macaroni is an 18th century term for a gentleman who wore exceedingly fancy clothes, that he thought of as the "Italian Style". His attempt to make himself look more important than he really was. A "Dandy". The British saw this as getting "all dressed up" and "putting on airs". It represents their foolish desire to be free from Great Britain.

The ten verses written by Edward Bangs, has him describing his impressions of a camp, noting the soldiers, captains and arms.

Some of the terms of the period are lost on us today. In the first verse, "Hasty Pudding" is a cornmeal mash that is quickly prepared. In verse three the term 'lasses refers to "molasses". In verse four a "Swamping Gun" is a large cannon. In verse eight, "Tarnal Proud" means extremely proud. In verse nine, the phrase "He set the World along in rows" means Washington lined up his troops. In verse ten, "Taring" was a word like "very" and "Pockily" meant "very much".

The verses are as follows;

1. Fath'r and I went down to camp,
Along with Captain Gooding.
And there we saw the men and boys,
As thick as hasty pudding.

Chorus:

Yankee Doodle Keep it up,
Yankee Doodle Dandy.
Mind the music and the step,
And with the girls be handy.

2. And there we see a thousand men,
As rich as Squire David.
And what they wasted every day,
I wished I could have saved. *Chorus*
3. The 'lasses they eat every day,
Would keep a horse a Winter.

They have as much that I'll be bound,
They eat it when they 're a mind to. *Chorus*

4. And there we see a swamping gun,
Large as a log of maple,
Upon a deuced little cart,
A load of father's cattle. *Chorus*
5. And every time they shoot it off,
It takes a horn of powder,
It makes a noise like father's gun,
Only a nation louder. *Chorus*
6. And Captain Davis had a gun,
He kind of clapped his hand on't.
And stuck a crooked stabbing iron,
Upon the little end on't. *Chorus*
7. I see a little barrel, too,
The heads were made of leather.
They knocked upon with little clubs,
And called the folks together. *Chorus*
8. And there was Captain Washington,
And gentle folks about him;
They say he's grown a tarnal proud,
He will not ride without them. *Chorus*
9. He got him on his meeting-clothes,
Upon a slapping stallion,
He set the World along in rows,
In hundreds and in millions. *Chorus*
10. The Flaming ribbons in his hat,
They looked so taring fine, ah,
I wanted pockily to get,
To give to my Jemimah. *Chorus ****

Photo Album

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George Key, great grandson of Francis Scott Key spoke to our chapter on The Star-Spangled Banner. He received a Certificate of Appreciation and thanks from Chapter President David Siler.



Above left is the JROTC Medal. This plaque was placed in those schools that we present this award. This way the JROTC Students can see what they are working for. Above right and below are pictures of the the first night of the State meeting we hosted in Costa Mesa. We carpooled to Johnny Reb's, a restaurant in Orange for the Thursday night meal. Above, Will and John Dodd on the left and Dan Henry and Kent Gregory on the right. Below, Jim & Un Hui Fosdyck. At far right Lou & Karen Carlson with Phil Dodson across from them.



Photo Album

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State Meeting



Above, Ed Stephenson bartends and Larry Magerkurth and Rex Shannon talk. Above right the Hoispitality Room was decorated by Jim Blauer Un Hui Fosdyck and Anne Lampman. At right Un Hui whips up a batch of her guacamole dip. Below Lou Carlson, Sandra Jacobs, Barbara Magerkurth and Karl Jacobs enjoy relaxing in the Hospitality Room.



Below left Jim Fosdyck & John Dodd at the Community Service Luncheon. Below right Jim Fosdyck, Lou Carlson and John Dodd join the honorees for Law Enforcement, Fire Safety and EMT Awards.



Photo Album

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Awards



Jim Shadwick receives the Liberty Medal Oak Leaf Cluster and Certificate at left. At right Dave Siler accepts the Honorable Mention for Ryan Wristman's Poster in the Poster Contest.



Above left, Dave Siler accepts the Certificates for the categories won by our chapter in the Activity Contest. Below Chapter winners in the Activity Contest were Gold Country-Large, Orange County-Medium and Mother Lode-Small chapter.



Above Larry Magerkurth, Don Moran and Jim Shadwick received the President James Lafayette Cogswell Award from President Steve Renouf.



At right Un Hui Fosdyck received the Martha Washington Medal & Certificate from President Renouf.

