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Orange County Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

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MEETING INFORMATION

When: September 14, 2013 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, hope you enjoyed the Summer and took some time to relax and refresh yourself and your spirit. I am looking forward to meeting with each of you again and enjoying our association. To stimulate thought and to get you into the mood for our Fall meetings, I want to share with you a sampling of the thoughts on our country of some notable Americans. Some of these though expressed over 200 years ago appear to have relevance to events today:

"If we love our country, we should also love our countrymen".

Ronald Reagan

"Mischief springs from the power which the moneyed interest derives from a paper currency which they are able to control, from the multitude of corporations with exclusive privileges...which are employed altogether for their benefit."

Andrew Jackson

"We the people are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution, but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution."

Abraham Lincoln

"Patriotism means to stand by the country. It does not mean to stand by the President or any other public official."

Theodore Roosevelt

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support and friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and success of liberty."

John F. Kennedy

"Patriotism is usually stronger than class hatred, and always stronger than internationalism."

George Orwell

"The duty of government is to leave commerce to its own capital and credit as well as all other branches of business, protecting all their legal pursuits, granting exclusive privileges to none."

Andrew Jackson

"The things that will destroy America are prosperity-at-any-price, peace-at-any-price, safety-first instead of duty-first. The love of soft living, and the get rich quick theory of life."

Theodore Roosevelt

RECAP of ACTIVITIES

Since your editor was unable to get a newsletter out for our June Meeting. I am going to do a reap of activities starting back in May and work forward through the Summer.

On Armed Forces weekend (May 17-19) members of our chapter as well as several other chapters attended and did Color Guard Duty at the Annual Field of Honor event held at Castaways Park in Newport Beach. On Friday our CASSAR Color Guard presented the Colors to open the weekend event. On Saturday the CASSAR Color Guard acted as an Honor Guard when the USMC Color Guard presented the Colors. Members from the Orange County Chapter who participated were, Dan Shippey as General George Washington, State Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck, Chapter President Dan McKelvie, Chapter Registrar Kent Gregory and Past President Larry Wood. Larry manned the SAR Table and gave the children who attended lessons on the various accoutrements on display. Members from other chapters included; James Gill and Karl Jacobs from the Harbor Chapter, Richard and Spencer Knock from the Silicon Valley Chapter, Bob Taylor from the General George Patton Chapter and Charlie Gentis from the Riverside Chapter.

The following weekend was just as busy. On May 24th(Friday) Compatriot Jim Blauer once again attended the Memorial Service of his Alma Mater, Newport Harbor High School where he has for over a decade performed the singing of the National Anthem. Here, on this Memorial Day weekend, the School remembers some 38 alumni who gave their lives in the service of our country.



At Congress members of the California Society wearing their Mission shirts are Jim Fosdyck(OC), Kent Gregory (OC), Steve Renouf (SF), John Dodd (OC) and Lou Carlson (OC),

On Sunday May 26th Color Guard members from around the State gathered to present the Colors at the final Crystal Cathedral service in their Garden Grove setting. Member Danny Cox who helped to arrange the Color Guard appearance was introduced and interviewed by the Hour of Power Pastor Bob Schuler.

On Monday May 27th your Lee's Legion Color Guard once again participated in the Memorial Day ceremonies at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery. As in the past your Lee's Legion Color Guard presented their Colors as well as a wreath during the ceremonies.

On June 10th, Jim Fosdyck and President Dan McKelvie attended Stephen R. Fitz Intermediate School in Garden Grove. In the Strings Class of Compatriot Kent Gregory the participants and the winners of the Brochure Contest were recognized.

President McKelvie presented Chapter & State winner Hoa Bui with the check from the chapter for \$100 and the check from the CASSAR for \$300. Second Place winner, Aimee Vo, was presented with a Good Citizenship Pin. Participants Crystal Hoang and Andrew Nguyen received certificates for their participation in the contest.

On June 14th Lee's Legion members Jim Fosdyck and Kent Gregory joined with Color Guardsman Karl Jacobs (Harbor Chapter) for the Santa Barbara Flag Day Parade and ceremonies. CASSAR Commander Fosdyck received a Certificate of Appreciation for their participation in the festivities.

NATIONAL CONGRESS

The following medals and awards for CASSAR, chapters, and members were picked up to be presented at the November BOM Meeting

- * 19 Partners in Patriotism certificates for CASSAR and 18 chapters
- * 18 Liberty Medals/oak leaf clusters & certificates
- * 2 Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Awards
- * Sen. Robert A. Taft Award for the State Society with the largest number of new members in 2012-2013
- Syracuse Award for State Society with the most new members 2012-2013
- Eugene C. McGuire Award to State Society enrolling largest number of sons, grandsons, and nephews of SARs and DARs

C.A.R. Activity Award and streamer to State Society which has documented their work with the C.A.R. during 2012-2013.

EAGLE SCOUT UPDATE

Arthur A. Koehler, Officer in the Orange County Chapter, The California Society, National Society Sons of the American Revolution, will present The National Society Sons of the American Revolution Certificate of Recognition and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Certificate of Commendation to Eagle Scout Riley Jett Koehler.

On March 3, 2013, 16 year old Riley Jett Koehler, Grandson of Compatriot Arthur Koehler, passed his Board of Review to become an Eagle Scout.

His journey through scouting began when in first grade he became a Tiger Cub. Advancing through the ranks in Cub Scouts Riley then graduated to Boy Scouts. Here he has, in route to his Eagle rank, held the positions of Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Quartermaster and Den Chief.

He has earned 51 merit badges (21 are need to become an Eagle of which 10 that are required). On August 26 he passed his bronze Palm Board. He has earned all four religious Awards. He is also in Venturing as well as Boy Scouts at this time.

His Eagle Project involved replacing the chain link fence and gates for the Redeemer Lutheran Church Pre-School. The previous fence and gates were rusted had holes and broken hinges to name a few of the problems. He replaced approximately 120 feet of fence, built 2 gate frames and installed two new gates with new hardware. This included new stainless steel hinges for the gate closures and door knobs.

He has been to the NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training), which he passed. In 2010 he attended the National Jamboree to celebrate Scouting's 100th Anniversary. In 2012 he went to Philmont.

Riley will receive his Eagle Badge at his Court of Honor on Saturday September 7th at 4pm at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Huntington Beach.

On our chapter list of Eagles, Riley is the 10,705th Eagle Scout in Orange County to have received our Society's Certificate of Recognition.

We congratulate you, Eagle Scout Riley Jett Koehler, on a job well done.

At present we have issued 10,949 Certificates of Recognition to Eagles in Orange County. We have done over 500 this year alone and should pass the 11,000 mark in the next month as Eagle Scout Chairman, Jim Blauer, has at least 50 names to calligraphy once he gets the signed certificates back.

SPEAKER FOR SEPTEMBER

For our September 14th meeting we will have Bob Fagaly, who is the current President of the San Diego Chapter, speak to us on "Money and Medals" at the time of the Revolution and he will have some coins and paper money to display.

COMPATRIOT WRITES BOOK

It's an exciting day for me as I announcement the release of my book titled "A Mission of Honor" by Outskirts Press. It's my effort to tell the stories of our two uncles who made the ultimate sacrifice in WWII. It's been a journey from the heart to research the truth of their service and tragic deaths. My effort is a failure if people like you don't read and hear their story. Please see the attached for ordering information from Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, Kindle and E-Book etc. You are welcome to contact me directly if you desire a signed copy. Please read and if you appreciate what you read then recommend to your friends and family as well. If you received a notice of this via more than once such as facebook etc please forgive me. I appreciate your support and like so many of you honor those of your family who served so courageously.

Respectfully,

Daniel & Henry

Daniel J. Henry was born and raised in southern California. After serving honorably in the US Marine Corps, he started in the industrial supply field, where he has worked as a salesman for more than 25 years. He enjoys traveling, hiking, kayaking, and almost any outdoor or beach activity. He has been married for over 30 years, and has three adult daughters and two young grandsons. He has served as our chapter President, Vice-President, Chaplain and Veteran's Affairs Chairman.

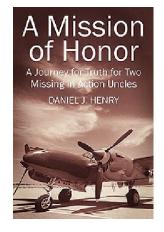
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Also on the published front Compatriot Jim Blauer has reworked his calendar and updated the artwork and graphics from black and white in the mid to late 1990s to full color.

ly from me at h3rdmdregt@aol.com.

Titled "Spirit of '76" he has included a historical fact for each day of the year on the American Revolution/Constitutional era.

He began collecting information back in the mid 1960s when the Orange County Register started printing, "Today in History" for each day of the year. In 1975 he worked with the U.S. History Class he was student teaching at Santiago High School in Garden Grove and for Open House had produced 12 poster size months with dates in U.S. History.

For years Compatriot Blauer anguished over the fact he could not figure out how to do this with a calendar. Calendar size paper either would not fit in a typewriter, or if it did the printing was too big, In the mid to late 1990s Compatriot Blauer who admits to not being computer literate, was informed by his father that the Print Master program they had on their computer had a calendar format. Compatriot Blauer went to work on it and was able to produce a reasonable copy, though the graphics were all in black and white. The last copy was produced in 1999.

Fast forward to early this year while Compatriot Blauer was on disability and recuperating he decided to try and up date his creation. He was able to do so and was able to find a place to print it. He took a



Front Cover of Calendar



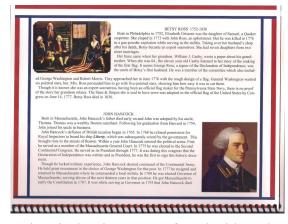
A look at January and the historic data for each day.

mock copy to the State Meeting and it was decided at that time with all the historical information included in his calendar that he would charge \$20 per copy. This would be enough to cover his costs and any mailings that were needed. The remainder of all proceeds after costs are paid for will be donated to the CAAH (The Center).

He had planned on attending the Congress in Kansas City in July, but due to more health problems he had to cancel. He was hoping to sell a bunch there, but he is hoping to attend the Fall Trustees Meeting at the end of September in Louisville and at that time plans to donate a copy to the Center and make his pitch to earn money for The Center.

If members wish to purchase a copy they can contact Compatriot Blauer via email jblauer@pacbell.net or they can call him at 949-548-6871 to place an order. Those that are purchased in person saves the mailing cost and more of the proceeds will go to The Center.

The Calendar is set up for 2014, so now is the time to start thinking about Christmas Gifts for all your patriotic friends.



Historical write ups are found with each month. For January you have Betsy Ross and Samuel Adams.

Copies will be available at the September Chapter Meeting for those wishing to purchase a copy (or two).

BENJAMIN HARRISON V

Benjamin Harrison V was born at Berkeley Plantation on April 5, 1726 to Benjamin Harrison IV and Ann Carter. The Harrisons had been in Virginia since 1633 when Benjamin Harrison I arrived from the Isle of Wight and started planting tobacco which helped the family to prosper. Ann Carter was the descendant of Robert "King" Carter who arrived in Virginia in 1649 and like the Harrisons his family was a force in both Virginia and American politics.

Benjamin attended William and Mary College where he met both Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson. Unfortunately he was not able to finish his studies because on July 12, 1745 his father and two of his sisters were killed by a lightening strike. At the age of 19 he returned to Berkeley to run the family 1000 acre plantation operations which included both ship building and horse breeding.

In 1748 at the age of 22, he married his second cousin Elizabeth Bassett who was a niece of Martha Washington. The daughter of William Bassett, she was from nearby New Kent County. They had eight children that survived to adulthood. The most famous was William Henry Harrison, General and ninth President of the United States. Their great Grandson, Benjamin Harrison served as a Civil War General and was elected the 23rd President in 1888.

The family was involved in politics as early as 1640 arguing the rights of individuals with British authorities. One Harrison was imprisoned for 6 years for complaining about treason and tyranny.

Benjamin began his political career in 1749 in the House of Burgesses. He remained a member for 25 years, having served as Speaker. After Governor Dunmore dissolved the House of Burgesses in 1774, the governor tried to recruit Harrison for the Execu-



Benjamin Harrison V April 5, 1726-April 24,1791

Governor of Virginia Dec.1, 1781—Dec. 1, 1784 tive Council with no success. Harrison identified more with people's rights having served on the Property & Grievances and Trade Committees. He was against the Stamp Act and helped write the colony's protest.

Following the dissolution of the House of Burgesses in 1774 he was elected to the First Continental Congress, which began on September 5, 1774. He was selected to chair the early debates on the Articles of Association which were signed on October 20, 1774. When he arrived in Philadelphia he roomed with his cousins Peyton Randolph and George Washington. Being highly regarded by the members of the Continental Congress he was frequently selected to serve as Chairman of the Whole from March 1776 to August 1777. He remained in Congress until 1778.

On June 7, 1776 it was Harrison who was selected to introduce Richard Henry Lee, also from Virginia, who resolved that these Colonies should be free and independent of Britain. On July 1, 1776 it was Harrison who read Jefferson's Draft of the Declaration of Independence to the Congress. He served as Chairman of the Whole the following day when Congress debated the draft. Having had several changes made to satisfy the representatives from all the colonies, the document was approved on July 4th. John Hancock and the Secretary of the Congress were the first to sign. The remainder signed on August 2nd. Harrison was known for his sense of humor. When preparing to sign the Declaration on August 2nd he quipped to Elbridge Gerry, who was preparing to sign the document, "I shall have a great advantage over you, Mr. Gerry, when we are all hung for what we are doing. From the size and weight of my body I shall die in a few minutes and be with the Angels, but from the lightness of your body you will dance in the air an hour or two before you are dead."

> Berkeley Plantation



As a member of the Secret Committee of Correspondence, he solicited financial aid from other countries. As a member of the Marine and War and Ordinances Committee he worked closely with General George Washington in planning the American Army. During the War Harrison served as a lieutenant in the county militia as well as Chief Magistrate.

After the War Harrison continued his activities in Virginia politics as a member of the House of Delegates where he was elected Speaker. In 1781 his second cousin Thomas Nelson, Jr. resigned the governor ship of the State, Harrison was Elected Virginia's 5th Governor and was reelected twice.

In 1788 as a member of the Virginia Ratification Convention he argued for a Bill of Rights before the approval of the document, not after. Having failed in this effort he voted for the new Constitution which in a close vote was ratified by the State. He served on the committee that recommended which rights should be included in the Bill of Rights.

In 1791 he returned to serve in Virginia's legislature. Shortly after his 65th birthday he suffered from a severe case of gout, and on April 24th, the disease took his life. He was buried on his beloved plantation, Berkeley, which is located between Richmond and Williamsburg. His wife joined him in repose a year later. In 1927 the Williamsburg DAR erected a bronze plaque in his memory at the Berkeley Plantation Graveyard.

Harrison was a large man. He stood at 6 feet four inches and weighed 250 pounds. He possessed a vigorous constitution prior to being stricken by the gout. Because of his joviality, rotundity, fondness for luxury and love of good food and wines he was given the nickname the "Falstaff of Congress". His bawdy humor is said to have broken tensions when committees were in session.

Berkeley Plantation besides being the home of the Harrisons was on December 4, 1619 the sight of the first Thanksgiving in America. Benedict Arnold ordered that all the portraits of the Harrisons be burned when he led the British forces through the area in 1780. During the Civil War Berkeley served as the headquarters for General George McClellan during his failed attempt to take Richmond. Also it was where the score for "Taps" was written during the Civil War.

The Jamieson Family purchased the Plantation in the early 1900s and is open to the public for tours. It is said to be the oldest 3 story brick building in Virginia.

GOING GREEN CONTINUES
Your editor is still collecting used printer cartridg-

es to turn in to Staples for credit which he uses to defray the cost of the newsletter for those who have to have a hard copy mailed to them. This is a major savings to the chapter. For 6 pages of print it runs ,54 cents per copy and with 15 sets that is \$8.10 per month. The Photo Album pages run .78 cents for two pages. That runs \$11.70 per month. That is close to \$20. 10 times a year that is \$200 per year. If there are more Photo Album pages the amount increases. If you want to help your editor save money for the chapter to use in other areas, you can bring used cartridges to the meeting or send them to him at Jim Blauer, 594 Hamilton St. #E, Costa Mesa, CA 92627 -2656.

For those of you who receive certificates during the year, we can always reuse the presentation folders. If you do not need your presentation folders please bring them to the meetings and give them to Compatriot Jim Fosdyck. You can also mail them to your editor who will turn them over to Compatriot Fosdyck for recycling.

COUPONS TO TROOPS

Last Spring we began a program to assist our troops overseas to help cut back on their expenses. We are in contact with our base at Fort Buchanan in Puerto Rico to send any and all coupons that we can. They have developed a coupon group and they go through the coupons we send to see where they may be able to save money.

So far this year we have mailed almost \$5,000 worth of coupons to the base which can be a nice savings for our men and women in uniform and their families.

Please send all your unused coupons to your editor. If you receive the Sunday paper, there are usually one or more booklets of coupons in there. If you do not wish to cut them up, just send the coupon booklet to your editor and he will cut them up and count up the monetary value. For those of you who like to play on the computer there are sites where you can go and print out coupons for use. Our troops at Fort Buchanan are very appreciative of all the coupons we are able to send their way. It is hoped you will join us in this effort to make expenses a little bit easier for them.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Following our June Meeting Compatriot Jim Fosdyck was named the new chapter Color Guard Commander. Congratulations Commander Fosdyck!! We are looking for a new Veteran's Affairs Chairman. Contact President McKelvie if you are interest-

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May 2013 Field of Honor



At left, CASSAR Color Guard led by Dan Shippey, Jim Fosdyck and Charlie Gentis present the Colors.

At right, Larry Wood explains Revolutionary War accoutrements to some of the children who visited the SAR table.





At left, CASSAR Color Guard, Dan McKelvie, Spencer Knock (Silicon Valley), Bob Taylor (General George Patton), Richard Knock (Silicon Valley), Karl Jacobs (Harbor), and Kent Gregory present the Colors.

At right, CASSAR Color Guard form an Honor Guard. for the USMC Color Guard.



Below, Dan Shippey, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, James Gill (Harbor), Richard Knock (Silicon Valley), Karl Jacobs (Harbor), and Charlie Gentis (Riverside)



At right the CAS-SAR Color Guard form an Honor Guard for the Orange County Fire Authority Pipes and Drum Corps.



May 2013 Crystal Cathedral



The CASSAR Color Guard at the Crystal Cathedral included; Commander Jim Fosdyck, Kent Gregory, Karl Jacobs Harbor), Spencer Knock (Silicon Valley), Richard Knock (Silicon Valley), Dan McKelvie and Larry Wood.



At right, they march down the aisle.

At left center they proceed up the stairs where

At Right center they present the Colors





At left the Color Guard having left the stage take their assigned seating in the audience.

Below our own Danny Cox is greeted by Rev. Schuler.



May 2013 Memorial Day/JROTC





On May 27th your Lee's Legion Color Guard presented the Colors (left) and a wreath (above) during the Memorial Day ceremonies at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery



At left the flyover that was arranged by neighboring Fairhaven Cemetery.

At right Civil War cannon are fired a couple of times during the ceremonies. The alarms on some vehicles went off.



Below our members who attended the ceremonies at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery included; Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, John and Lacey Dodd, Arthur Koehler, Jim Blauer, Jim Fosdyck, Kent Gregory and Karen & Dan McKelvie.



At right, On May 30th JROTC Chairman Jim Fosdyck presented Pacifica High School Cadet Sgt. 1st class Jacob Gomez the SAR Bronze JROTC Medal.



Brochure Contest/Flag Day



At left Compatriot Kent Gregory explains the SAR Brochure Contest to the students of his String Class at Stephen R. Fitz Intermediate School in Garden Grove.

At right winner Hoa Bui is presented a check and certificate by President Dan McKelvie as Principal Michelle Repsher looks on.





At left President McKelvie presents a Certificate recognizing 2nd place winner Aimee Do.

At right President Mckelvie presents a Certificate of Participation to Crystal Hoang.





At left a Certificate of Participation is presented by President Mc Kelvie to Andrew Nguyen.

Compatriots Jim Fosdyck, and Kent Gregory along with Karl Jacobs (Harbor Chapter) participated in the Santa Barbara's Spirit of '76 Foundation Flag Day celebration.



Flag Day/Queen Mary



At left, Ron Zell, Vice-President of the Santa Barbara Chapter leads the CASSAR Color Guard in the Spirit of '76 Foundation Flag Day Parade.

At right Commander Jim Fosdyck receives a Certificate of Appreciation for their participation in the ceremonies.





At left, Karl Jacobs. Jim Fosdyck and Kent Gregory at the Carlos III monument at the Santa Barbara Presidio. Carlos III declared War on Great Britain during the American Revolution.

At right, CASSAR Color Guard presents the Colors at the LA Colony Mayflower Banquet





At left, For their participation Commander Jim
Fosdyck is presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from LA Colony
Governor Franklin Smith.

At right, The Certificate of Appreciation.



Queen Mary/HB Parade/ Let Freedom Ring



Above members of the Joint CASSAR Color Guard, Pipemaster George Hall and members of the Ladies Auxiliary at the LA Mayflower Colony Banquet.



Above, the Lee's Legion Color Guard presents the Colors at the Let Freedom Ring Ceremonies in Cerritos. Below, The California contingent at Congress. Several Chapter members and their wives were in attendance.



Jim Blauer (in rumble seat) appears in his 25th of 26 Hunting Beach July 4th Parades our chapter has been in. Arthur Koehler rode in the front seat with Driver Dave Manning.



Ladies Auxiliary members Sharon Wood, Karen Mckelvie, Lisa Gregory and Kelli Shippey(Martha Washington) joined the men at the Cerritos July 4th celebration.

