



# MUSKETS & BROADSWORD

Orange County Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

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## MEETING INFORMATION

When March 11, 2017  
Where: Sizzler Restaurant  
1401 N. Harbor Blvd.  
Fullerton, CA  
Time: Social Begins at 11:00am  
Meeting: Called to Order at 11:30am  
Website: [www.orangecountysar.org](http://www.orangecountysar.org)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to my compatriots!

It was quite a thrill to preside over my first full meeting as your president—and what a meeting it was! Numerous certificates and medals were awarded, we had the pleasure of meeting brand new members and a potential member, and Rob Richardson's thoroughly entertaining presentation on train depots across the nation clearly captured the imagination of those in attendance. Now we are looking ahead to a number of upcoming SAR events. For instance, you ask? Well, allow me to remind you that this year we celebrate the 50th anniversary of our illustrious chapter. To mark the occasion, we are planning a summer-time picnic to which all are invited (members and potential members of our chapter, wives and children, and members of neighboring chapters, too). Watch this space for more details as they become available. Well in advance of that is the 142nd (!) spring meeting of the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution, which our chapter is hosting in Irvine April 7-8. It promises to be an outstanding event, with the popular Public Service Luncheon and Youth Awards Luncheon, a memorial service, a Color Guard workshop, and the Gala Inaugural Banquet at which George Washington will give some remarks and our very own Jim Fosdyck will be installed as the CASSAR President! You'll find the registration form on our website (<http://www.orangecountysar.org/>) if you click Chapter Meetings/ Events, then Upcoming Events. (Make sure you register by March 15 to get the lower registration rate!) And coming up very fast is our March 11 meeting in Fullerton. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, why not make this the month you come on out and join us? John Mesko, a 12-year docent at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum, will tell us all about the new museum galleries. We'll have, good food, great fellowship, and a pretty spectacular raffle. Remember, our chapter is only as strong as its membership. We are large in numbers, but we want you to be more than just a number on the roster! Join us March 11, register for the state meeting, or let us know if you'd like to join in planning our anniversary picnic. We'll look forward to seeing you soon! Questions? Comments? Shoot me an



email at [davidb@insurancesocial.media](mailto:davidb@insurancesocial.media).  
Your Chapter President, **David Beall**

**SPEAKER— John Miesko**

John is a financial professional with experience in a variety of industries. His experience includes accounting, finance, acquisitions, mergers, computer conversions and marketing. He is a CPA and a CMA. He holds BS in Accounting (Cum Laude) from Long Island University. He and his wife, Connie, have lived in Yorba Linda since 1975.

He and Connie have been docents at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library since 2005.

John will be informing us about the new displays with the recent remodel of the facility.

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

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

David Beall, John L. Beall, John Blake, Donald Coker, Gus Fischer, Robert Gilmore, Larry Hansen, Philip Hoge, Hans Hunt, George Kridner IV, John Manno and David Winsor.



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY 50TH ANNIVERSARY 1967-2017

Though I am not able to show you the photo, back in the middle 1970s with the Bicentennial on the horizon, membership in the chapter picked up so that we had over 100 members during that time. Following the Bicentennial membership dropped off so that by the time your editor joined in 1981 the chapter was down to about 35-50 members. Today we are over 130 strong and growing which is exciting as one who has been through the lean years, so to speak.

As President Beall noted in his message, your board is working on having a celebratory picnic at Mile Square Park this Summer. We will keep you informed on these details.

### THE BRITISH THEY CAME!!!

On February 11 & 12 there was an event we reported on in our last newsletter that occurred at the Huntington Beach Central Park. Revolutionary War battles were fought and we were present along with members of the Harbor Chapter. We had a booth already to go. Brian Merrell spearheaded that part of the event. He was able to obtain pamphlets with information on the SAR from your Orange County Chapter. The following OC Chapter members were able to attend the Sunday event; Dan, Kelli, Blythe and Sloan Shippey in Colonial Era attire.

Larry Hansen in militia attire.

Christopher, Mondy, Kathy and Kay Keene in Colonial Era attire.

Larry Wood in uniform. Sharon Wood.

Jim and Un Hui Fosdyck.

Mark and Brenda Torres and son.

Douglas Pettibone.

Matt Noell with the LA Fifes and Drums. Below-Matt is on the far right .



### JROTC AWARD

In a recent letter to Sonora High JROTC leader, Chairman Gus Fischer announced, "Please inform Hannah that she took 2nd place in the State Enhanced JROTC Contest Competition. Please convey to her that we are honored to have had her represent the Orange County Chapter SAR and thrilled for her outstanding accomplishment in the State Competition. "

## CHAPLAIN HURT

### Takes Nasty Fall

Recently our chapter Chaplain Richard Adams was out walking his dog when he fell and hit his head on the cement. He had surgery and is recovering. Please keep him in your thoughts for a speedy recovery.

## LAGUNA BEACH PATRIOT'S DAY PARADE

We are getting older, A couple years ago both your editor and the driver of the 1931 Model A Deluxe Coupe had medical issues that kept us out of the Laguna Beach Patriot's Day Parade. Our friend and driver Dave Manning is going through some medical issues again and as such had to cancel out of the parade this year. Hopefully we will be able to do it next year.

## HUNTINGTON BEACH JULY 4TH PARADE

Whether we will do the July 4th Huntington Beach Parade remains to be seen. They are telling us after over 25 years in this parade we are going to have to pay to be in it. Your Board will have to discuss this as they want \$300-\$500 for our participation. That would cover the prize money for our Youth Contests. We still have the Color Guard event in Cerritos where we get paid to do the Colors there. Also it is a National Color Guard event. So would not need to do the parade to fulfill that need for our Color Guardsmen. Will keep you posted. On the board's decision on this parade.

## STATE MEETING

The state meeting is but a month away. Those of you wishing to attend are welcome to do so. It will be at the Wyndham Irvine as we are the host chapter for the installation of our own Compatriot Jim Fosdyck as President of the State Society. If you have any questions you can direct them to Jim Fosdyck (jfosdyck@sbcglobal.net). Volunteers are needed so if you wish to help out let Jim Know and he will be able to advise you on what

jobs need to be filled. For more information and Registration information go to

[www.californiasar.org](http://www.californiasar.org) or

[www.orangecountysar.org](http://www.orangecountysar.org).

## SHORT NEWSLETTER

Fellow Compatriots,

I apologize for this shortened newsletter. My computer went down about a week or so ago and had to take it in to get it fixed. Meanwhile I started typing up information on my laptop. Due to the timing and the transferring of the information from the laptop to my desktop, I have not been able to give this issue all the time I would like.. I would have liked to have brought in a bunch of photos from our meeting and if I got any from the Revolutionary War reenactment at the Huntington Beach Park, but with time so close to the meeting on Saturday, I do not want to delay in getting this newsletter out .

Now that I have my computer back, I shall endeavor to get back to a full and informative newsletter.

Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a nation of free men.

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