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MEETING INFORMATION

When: October 14, 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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, compatriots!

Our regularly scheduled programming resumed last month with a fantastic meeting featuring Tim Corbett, Deputy Director of Facilities, Operations, Maintenance, and Utilities for the County of Orange, who spoke about the power-generating plant the county built and operates. His enthusiasm was infectious—and he obviously struck a chord in our many members with engineering backgrounds.

Mr. Corbett's visit was arranged by our very own Vice President, Gus Fischer (who had hired Mr. Corbett before retiring from the county!). Gus will also be filling in for me at the October meeting, so it will be a preview of great things to come next year, when he's our President!

Speaking of things you don't want to miss: it's time to pay your dues for the coming year! Renewals are due Nov. 15—and early submission will be greatly appreciated by our Corresponding Secretary, Ted Carlson.

Soon the year will be drawing to a close—and so will my term as your chapter president. It's the perfect time to start thinking about how you can get involved. How about wrapping up those supplementals you've been meaning to submit? What about helping out on one of our committees, or joining the Color Guard? Our board is always looking for a few good men to join their ranks... and take it from me: it really is a lot of fun to serve!

In the meantime, be sure your calendar is marked for our monthly meeting: Oct. 14 (at the usual time and place: 11 a.m. at Sizzler, 1401 N. Harbor in Fullerton).

Your Chapter President,

David Beall



SPEAKER—GUS FISCHER

Gus Fischer is a 1969 graduate of the California Maritime Academy. Upon graduation, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Engineering, received his U.S. Coast Guard License as a Third Assistant Engineer for Steam & Motor Vessels with an Unlimited Horsepower rating & was commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy Reserves.

He worked in the US Merchant Marine for 4 ½ years and up-graded his license to 2nd Assistant Engineer. He worked on WWII vintage cargo vessels & modern fully automated cargo & oil tanker vessels. He travelled extensively while attending the Maritime Academy & working in the Merchant Marine.

Upon coming ashore, his employed included:

- 2 years w/Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Insurance Co. as a Boiler/Machinery Inspector
- 10 years w/Dresser Industries/Pacific Pumps Div. as a Test Engineer, Product Engineer & Product Engineering Manager
- 2 years w/Goulds Vertical Pump Div. as an Engineering Manager
- 25 years w/County of Orange, Public Works/Facilities Operations Div. as a Project Manager, Special Projects Manager, Fac Ops Shop/CUF Manager & 7 years as Facilities Operations Div. Manager before retirement.

He celebrated his 43rd year of marriage to his lovely wife Marie this past June. Together, they have 5 grown children and 7 grandchildren. They have resided in Anaheim for the past 42 years.

Gus will speak to us about the U.S. Merchant marines



A Happy Birthday shout out goes to our October Compatriots. They are; Andrew Beall, Richard Cable, Patrick Cecil Russell Cecil, William Cecil, Michael Kridner, Craig Matheny, Richard Otto, John Qualls, Hammond Salley, Rex M. Shannon, and Davis Winsor. Here is wishing you all a very Happy Birthday this month.

EAGLE INFORMATION

By Eagle Chairman Jim Blauer

It is getting close to that time when the Eagle Contest entries start to come in. The deadline is November 1st. I have heard from several who are planning to send in their applications. If any of our Eagle Scout Compatriots would be interested in being a judge should we receive more than one entry, let me know so that I can contact you once the deadline has passed. As Chairman of the chapter's Eagle Scout Committee I am required to have a copy of the chapter winner's application sent to the State Chairman, Gary Jensen, by December 1st for judging on that level. He will have to have our state winner's application sent back to National after the first of the year.

Because of the endowment made to this program the rewards are greater than the other youth contests. First place is \$10,000. Second place is \$6,000. Third place is \$4,000. Those who enter must not have reached their 19th birthday in the year their application is submitted. The system allows for one who has not won the top prize of \$10,000 to be allowed to enter again if they are still under 19 in the year of their application and have not won up to \$10,000 in the contest to date..

Had this been around when I became an Eagle

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

I was just 14, so if I did not win the top prize I could have conceivably entered for 5 years running.

So, even if I placed 2nd or 3rd at National I could enter again in an effort to rack up more money for college. But, I could not earn more than \$10,000 total. That is the max for any one Eagle Scout.

Here is what the SAR website tells us.

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) invites all Eagle Scouts (under 19 years of age) interested in the American Revolution to participate in the Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Award. The contest is open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and have not reached their nineteenth birthday during the year of application. While the preliminary rounds of the contest begin at the local level, Scouts may eventually advance to the state or national levels, eventually held in June during the annual SAR Congress, and awarded up to \$10,000.

College plans do not have to be completed in order to receive the cash award. Three cash awards are given: the National First Place Winner receives \$10,000; the Runner-up receives \$6,000; and the 2nd Runner-up receives \$4,000. Scouts may apply more than one year if he meets the age requirements, but no more than \$10,000 total may be granted to any one Eagle Scout. Prizes and recognition may also be awarded at the SAR chapter and society level. Each Eagle Scout must complete an application form, a four-generation ancestor chart, and a 500-word patriotic themed essay.

The competition is conducted in three phases: the local chapter, state-level society, and national phases. The competition is usually entered at the chapter level, though in some cases, the competition may be entered at the society level. Applicants may not enter at the national level. Contest entrants need complete only one application for the SAR chapter-level competition. The application of the chapter-level winner is forwarded to be used in the society- and national-level competi-

tions by the SAR as appropriate. A complete set of rules, along with the application for both the applicant and the sponsoring SAR members, can be found below. Please be aware that the local application deadline dates may vary, so interested applicants should reach out to their local SAR member listed below for further details.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

The Certificate of Recognition is designed to be given to new Eagles from the local chapter in recognition of this very special achievement. Only about 4% of all boys who enter scouting become Eagles.

Depending on how the chairman of a given chapter wishes to work the program can be a factor in how many Eagle Certificates are presented in any given year. Some chapters only do it for those in which they have received a request for some sort of recognition.

Our chapter chairman believes that all Eagle should be recognized for their achievement and as such your chairman receives regular emails noting the names and Board of Review Dates to be placed on the certificates.

Each certificate is also accompanied by a Letter of Congratulations as well as our brochure on the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest.

When Compatriot Blauer started this program for the chapter, it was 1989. this was before the age of computers. Once he received the first



batch of names, he then had to decide how he was going to place them on the certificates.

Though his regular cursive writing was reasonably good as was his printing, it did not seem like the solution to doing the names on the certificate. He then realized that he did calligraphy and decided that would be the way to place the names on the certificates.

That was 1989 when the first certificates were done. Since then Compatriot Blauer has continued to try and honor every Eagle Scout here in Orange County. He continues to calligraphy all the names of the Eagles he receives onto our Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates.

Those first couple years saw about 300 certificates per year. As the years have progressed the names per year have increased to over 600 per year. Today as of this writing the chapter has issued 13,798 Certificates to Eagles in Orange County. There have also been another 41 to Eagles outside the Orange County area, where at the time of issuance there was no chapter program in that area. So that brings the overall total to 13,839 to date.

Editor's Note: To the other chairmen of the Youth Contests... When the deadline to your contest is coming due and you would like to, your editor is willing to print a similar article on your particular youth contest in our newsletter to inform the members of the chapter about the workings of your contest. Articles can be emailed to him at jblauer@pacbell.net.

BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

The 142nd Fall Board of Managers meeting will take place on November.3-4, 2017. It will be hosted by our friends and Compatriots of the Harbor Chapter and will be held here at the Wyndham Irvine Hotel.

You may ask if it is hosted by the Harbor Chapter why is it not being held in the Long Beach/ El Segundo area. They determined that they could not get anything comparable in price,

so decided to have it at the same venue as last Spring when it was hosted by your Orange County Chapter.

The special room rate is \$118 per night single or double occupancy. This is available until October 13th. Reservations can be made by calling 949-863-1999. Ask for Shane as he is dealing with our reservations. There is a \$4.00 per day parking fee and a free shuttle from the OC Airport.

The Registration form can be found on line at www.californiasar.org. Registration is \$155 per person. Late Registration will be \$165 after October 12th.

If you do not wish to stay at the hotel or participate in all the activities but would like to attend either of the luncheons or the banquet, you can reserve the Friday and or Saturday Luncheons for \$55.00 each. The Saturday Banquet is \$75.00.

The Friday luncheon will be either Salmon or a Cobb Salad. The Saturday Luncheon will be Open faced New York Steak sandwich or a chicken salad. The banquet selections are either Salmon or New York Sirloin. Vegetarian meals are available if desired.

Checks should be made out to Harbor SAR Chapter and mailed with this form (see copy here on page 6) to Karl Jacobs, 402 Hillcrest St., El Segundo, CA 90245-2911. If you have any questions you can contact Compatriot Jacobs at Karsar@earthlink.net or call 1-310-322-0727.

Hope to see you there.

VICTORY AT YORKTOWN

OCTOBER 19, 1781

By the Summer of 1781 the patriots, whose forces had concentrated on the Southern Campaign, had captured all the British posts except Wilmington, Charleston and Savannah in the deep south. In August General Cornwallis, against orders from General Clinton, decided to



General Charles Cornwallis

make his base at Yorktown, Virginia. The twenty-four ship French Fleet, under the command of Fleet Admiral Francois De Grasse, had left the West Indies for the Chesapeake Bay. It

was at the mouth of the bay that British Rear Ad-

miral Thomas Graves led his nineteen ship fleet against the French. Because he was unable to secure an advantage, Graves returned to New York City, leaving the French to blockade the bay and no escape route for General Cornwallis and his British troops.

General Washington was ready to attack New York City when word reached him of Admiral De Grasse's departure from the West Indies toward the Chesapeake Bay. As Washington's troops headed south, Lieutenant General Jean de Rochambeau led his French troops out of Rhode Island to join up with General Washington. The French Fleet at Newport, Rhode Island joined De Grasse's Fleet in Chesapeake Bay. With 17,000 troops Washington with the



Generals Washington and Rochambeau

Continental Army was able to surround Yorktown on September 28, 1781.

On October 6 Washington began the siege of Yorktown. Though Cornwallis had considered breaking through the American land forces, he decided against this maneuver when the British Fleet failed to secure an escape route by sea. His only choice was to surrender his 8,000 soldiers and sailors to the Americans.

As the British surrendered their weapons the French musicians were ordered to play Yankee Doodle, a song the British created as a derogatory slur on the Americans, but taken up by the Americans as a rallying song. Claiming illness, Cornwallis sent Brigadier General Charles O'Hara in his place for the official surrender. Upon hearing of this, Washington sent Major General



Benjamin Lincoln, who accepted the sword of surrender from General O'Hara in front of all the troops on October 19, 1781. On October 22, Congress received word of this major victory that essentially ended the Revolutionary War.

DUES DUE

When you get your statement in the mail, please take a minute to send your dues in so our Corresponding Secretary can have our reconciliation report ready by the end of the year. Thank you.

**CALIFORNIA SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
142ND ANNUAL BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING NOVEMBER 3 - 4, 2017**

HOSTED BY THE HARBOR SAR CHAPTER

WYNDHAM IRVINE HOTEL
17941 VON KARMAN AVENUE, IRVINE, CA 92614
A SPECIAL SAR ROOM RATE OF \$118.00 PER NIGHT (SINGLE OR DOUBLE) IS AVAILABLE UNTIL OCTOBER 13TH. MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS BY CALLING (949) 863-1999.
PARKING IS \$4.00 PER DAY, FREE SHUTTLE FROM THE OC AIRPORT.



MEETING RESERVATION FORM

NAME: _____ SPOUSE/GUEST NAME: _____
CHAPTER: _____ TELEPHONE: _____
TITLE: _____ EMAIL: _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY/ZIP: _____

ARRIVING: ___ THURSDAY, NOV 2, ___ FRIDAY, NOV 3, ___ SATURDAY, NOV 4

REGISTRATION IS \$155.00 PER PERSON MAILED BY OCT. 12, 2017 OR \$165 PER PERSON MAILED AFTER OCT. 12TH. REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES ADMISSION TO ALL BUSINESS MEETINGS, HOSPITALITY ROOM, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY LUNCHEON, AND SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET.

NUMBER OF REGISTRANTS: ___ @ \$155 FOR A TOTAL OF \$ _____
NUMBER OF LATE REGISTRATIONS: ___ @ \$165 FOR A TOTAL OF \$ _____

THERE WILL BE AN OPTIONAL FRIDAY DINNER - NOT INCLUDED ON THIS REGISTRATION FORM. THE LOCATION OF THE RESTAURANT AND MENU SELECTIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE BY JULY 1, 2017 - IT WILL BE SENT TO ALL WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED FOR THIS ANNUAL BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING.

NON-REGISTERED FRIDAY LUNCHEON: _____ @ \$55
NON-REGISTERED SATURDAY LUNCHEON: _____ @ \$55
NON-REGISTERED SATURDAY BANQUET: _____ @ \$75

CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO HARBOR SAR CHAPTER, AND MAILED WITH THIS REGISTRATION FORM TO: KARL JACOBS, 402 HILLCREST ST., EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245-2911
QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT KARL JACOBS AT KARSAR@EARTHLINK.NET - OR CALL 310-322-0727

PLEASE MARK YOUR MEAL CHOICES:

FRI. LUNCHEON: _____ SALMON WITH ORANGE BUTTER SAUCE
 _____ COBB SALAD

SAT. LUNCHEON: _____ OPEN FACE NEW YORK STEAK SANDWICH
 _____ ISLAND CHICKEN SALAD

SAT. BANQUET: _____ FRESH ATLANTIC SALMON
 _____ SLICED NEW YORK SIRLOIN

<<< VEGETARIAN OPTIONS AVAILABLE >>>

Photo Album

September Meeting



At our meeting Tim Corbett spoke to the attendees about his job as a steward of the county's lands and resources.

At right, Gus Fischer presents Mr. Corbett with our Certificate of Appreciation for having spoken to our group this day.



At left Elizabeth Beall received a Certificate of Appreciation.

At right Mark & Brenda Torres received the Certificate of Appreciation.



Above President Beall inducts Nathanael Eric Kincaid Olson and father, Eric Kincaid Olson, II. Kent Gregory was their sponsor and pinned the SAR Rosette on Eric (left) and Nathanael (rt).





Mark Torres assists in presenting a Quilt from Quilts of Valor to Compatriot Marcus Deemer.



Mark with the help of Brenda assists in the draping of the quilt.



Jim Klingler who served in the Air Force received a quilt from Quilts of Valor as well.

Hammond Salley read the bios for each of the recipients.

Below Jim is draped in his quilt..

