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Next Meeting Friday, May 11th • 7:30 PM

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JOSEPH DUELK, JR. – Vietnam Memorial, Washington, D.C



Division Meeting -----Friday May 11th 7:30 PM

Joseph Duelk Jr. Mass and Communion breakfast June 9th 2012 9:00 AM

LAOH 5 Jr's Mothers Day Brunch — Sunday May 13th 12-3PM

Thomas J Fleming Memorial Scholarship Bar-B-Que and Awards Day

Sunday May 27th 12-5PM

DIVISION CALENDAR

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brothers:

We've had another busy month here at division 1. On the 14th Brother Dennis Browne organized a Division 1 benefit party for Brother Bill O'Donnell that had a tremendous turnout. It included NYS AOH President Michael McNabb and many more visiting brothers from throughout the state. On the 15th was the Irelands 32 drawing at the hall the winners are posted in the newsletter. On the 22nd my family and I attended the Mid Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade committee's fundraiser at The Texas Roadhouse in Middletown and had a tremendous Steak dinner while supporting the Committee and hard word that they do. On April 29th I attended the AOH County meeting at Division 1. It was sad to see the formal resignation of

Division 3 (Warwick). Former President of Division 3 John Graham explained that due to a lack of new membership within their division their membership numbers declined causing their eventual demise. Division 3's membership was encouraged by County President Kevin Cummings to continue their membership in the AOH by transferring to 1 of the 3 other county divisions. Division 1 will be welcoming several transferring members at the May meeting. The county will be having a Orange County AOH - LAOH picnic on September 15th. The details are being worked out by Picnic Committee. The location will be at Division 2, so mark your calendars. Any members wishing to assist with the planning please contact me.

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Please remember to bring a non-perishable food item to the hall for the food bank to our next meeting. Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Keith Reynolds President



Pictured above from left Kevin Cummings President Orange County AOH. Division 1 President Keith Reynolds, NYS AOH President Michael McNabb and Division 2 President Kevin Moore.

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Political Education
By Charlie Bohan

Shortly after the previous column U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz Wrote a letter to the Court of appeals, first circuit in Boston Disputing assertions made by Mr. Eamonn Dornan, attorney for the archivists fighting against the release of the archives to the Northern Ireland Police Services (Loyalist), that revelation of these archives would cause grave danger and risk of personal harm to the archivists and their families. Her reasoning being that no complaint to that effect had ever been made to the Republic of Ireland Police or the Police services of Northern Ireland. Which just goes to show how much "Fast & Furious" Holder and his Justice Dept. know about the past thirty years in Northern Ireland ! Why this point could not have been during the hearing of the appeal makes no sense. It is unprecedented. Indiana Senator Richard Lugar has intervened by writing to F&F Holder expressing concern over the pursuit of archived material stored in a College Library that deals with the Troubles in Northern Ireland. Sen. Lugar's interest derives from the fact that he served on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee when the US-UK extradition treaty was ratified. It exempted pre-Good Friday Agreement offences from the scope of the treaty, an exemption that many believe also applies to the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty which was ratified by the U>S> Senate at exactly the same time and which has been used to

enforce the Boston College subpoenas according to Ed Moloney one of the chief compilers of the BC archive. At the present time Seamus Boyle, national President of the AOH, Thomas J. Burke, national President of the Irish American Unity Conference and Robert Dunne, President of the Brehon Law Society together with numerous members of the Senate and Congress have reached out in a joint mailing to F&F Holder to withdraw his subpoena to no avail. The result of the appeal should be forthcoming late this spring. More to come



Pictured above: Conor Coghlan, son of Division 1 member Tom Coghlan receives the Altare Del Award from Bishop Jerald Walsh at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

“Project Children” is still looking for host families. If interested contact Denis Mulcahy @ 914 584 0779

Joseph Duelk Jr. Communion Mass and breakfast will be held Saturday June 9th 2012 at 9:00 AM. Members are asked to make every effort to attend.



History by Martin Hogan

FIRST LIEUTENANT PRESLEY NEVILLE O'BANNON USMC

Presley Neville O'Bannon later known as the "hero of Derne." Was born in 1776, in Fauquier County, Virginia. He was appointed a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps, 18 January 1801, and was promoted to first lieutenant on 15 October 1802. After serving at various stations in the United States, O'Bannon was assigned to duty on board the USS Adams early in 1802, and sailed for the Mediterranean in June of that year. He returned to the U.S. in November 1803, and was assigned duty at the Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. He again sailed for the Mediterranean on the USS President on 25 May 1804, arriving at Gibraltar, 13 August 1804. He was transferred to the USS Constitution on 22 October 1804, and to the USS Argus on 26 October 1804. While serving as Marine officer in the latter vessel he was selected for a special mission, which was destined to be commemorated on the colors of the Marine Corps and forever recorded in the Marines' Hymn in the words

"To the Shores of Tripoli."

On 29 November 1804, Eaton, First Lieutenant O'Bannon, Midshipmen George Mann, U.S. Navy, and seven Marines landed at Alexandria, Egypt, from the USS Argus, and a few days later proceeded to Cairo. The party arrived at Cairo on 8 January 1805, where they learned that Hamet and a few Tripolitans had joined a band of rebellious Mamelukes who were defying the rule of the Turkish viceroy. Eaton then pushed on to Fium where he communicated with Hamet and made arrangements with him for his cooperation with the expedition against Derne, Tripoli. On 8 March, Eaton and his motley army of about 500 men, 100 camels and a few mules started the long march across the Libyan Desert. He arrived at Derne the night of 25 March, and the next day, under a flag of truce, offered terms of amity to the Governor of Derne on condition of allegiance and fidelity to Hamet. The reply to this offer was "My head or yours." Shortly thereafter, the USS Nautilus arrived in the harbor of Derne, and the next day the USS Argus and Hornet dropped anchor nearby. When the combined land-sea attack commenced on 27 March, Lieutenant O'Bannon, with his Marines, a few Greeks, and as many of the cannoniers as could be spared from the field piece, passed through a shower of enemy musketry, took possession of one of the enemy's batteries, planted the United States flag upon its ramparts and turned the guns upon the enemy. After two hours of hand-to-hand fighting, the stronghold was occupied and for the first time in history the flag of the United States flew over a fortress of the old world.

The Tripolitans counterattacked the fortress a number of times, but were repulsed with heavy losses. Finally, on 28 May, Eaton's forces launched a spirited bayonet charge which drove the enemy from the vicinity of Derne. For many years, memories of the dauntless Americans lingered in the songs of the women of Derne, one of which featured these words: "Din din Mohamed U Ryas Melekan manhandi," which means "Mohamed for religion and the Americans for stubbornness."

Before they parted, Hamet gave O'Bannon a jeweled sword with a Mameluke hilt which he had carried while with the Mamelukes in Egypt. Upon his return to the United States the state of Virginia presented O'Bannon a sword modeled after the original Mameluke blade given him by Hamet. The sword bore on one side of the blade the inscription; "Presented by the State of Virginia to her gallant son Priestly (sic) N. O'Bannon." On the reverse side was inscribed: "Assault the conquest of the City of Derne in Africa, 27 April 1805." Underneath the eagle's head on the hilt is a gold plate depicting Lieutenant O'Bannon holding in one hand the National Colors of the United States and in the other a sword. He is standing on the walls of the fortress of Derne with the city of Derne in the background. The blade of this sword, a true scimitar, has more curve than the modified blade adopted for the U.S. Marine Corps officers' swords, which continues to be a part of their uniform although now worn only on special occasions.

O'Bannon resigned from the Marine Corps, 6 March 1807, and went to Kentucky to live his remaining days. When he died on 12 September 1850, at the age of 74, his remains were interred in a small cemetery north of Pleasureville, Kentucky. On 14 June 1920, the Daughters of the American Revolution removed his remains to Frankfort, Kentucky, where a memorial was erected to his memory. His heroic service on the "the shores of Tripoli" is commemorated in the Mameluke sword worn by U.S. Marine Corps officers, a sword patterned after the famed blade of Damascus services rendered on "the shores of Tripoli."

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