

**CALIFORNIA SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
141st FALL BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING**

Burlingame, CA
November 4-5,2016

SESSION I

Nov. 4, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Barker at 9am. The presentation of Colors was led by Commander Mark Kramer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Craig Anderson, president of the Sacramento chapter. The SAR Pledge was led by Tom Adams.

President Barker called upon State Secretary Douglas Bergtholdt to call the roll. The Roll call of chapter representatives and state officers was made. A quorum was established.

President Barker welcomed Warren Alter from National then the past state presidents who were present, including; Bob Ebert (2006-07), Karl Jacobs (2007- 08), Steve Renouf (2008-09), Rt. Reverend Louis V. Carlson, Jr. (2009-10), John L. Dodd (2010-11), J. Stephen Hurst (2013-14), Jim L. W. Faulkinbury (2014-15), and M. Kent Gregory (2015-16).

The minutes of the previous meeting (April 2016) had been emailed out to the membership. President Barker inquired if there were any corrections. With no corrections Owen Stiles moved that we accept the minutes as written (emailed out) and this was seconded. The motion passed.

President Barker reported that we would break at 11:15am to head out for the wreath laying ceremonies at grave sight of Dr. James Lafayette Cogswell the founder of the SAR. Upon our return we would have breakout sessions for various topics. Lunch will be on our own.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Ron Barker reported he attended the Conference on the American Revolution in Pasadena. Next year the topic will be on the Adams family and held in the Boston/Quincy area. He was in Louisville in July at the National Congress as well as the Fall Leadership meeting held there. He asked that chapters keep their reports to 2 pages for the April meeting.

Executive Vice-President Jim Fosdyck reported he had attended 12 of 13 chapter meetings in the south, four in November. He spoke on the reconciliation reports and the BSA Training for the Youth groups. He has attended some 31 events and meetings.

Vice-President North Derek Brown reported he had attended all the chapter meetings in the north except Redding. He presented Vietnam Veteran medals, spoke on the Youth Programs and represented the SAR at a DAR meeting. He attended Congress and both Leadership meetings in Louisville and is a member of several national committees.

Vice-President South Bob Taylor reported he had attended 3 other chapter meetings besides his General Patton Chapter. He has one more in this month then will start up again in January. He wants to poll the membership on what officers can do to make their membership more meaningful. He presented many awards and certificates and was also a speaker. He noted 5 chapters have presented Flag Certificates; Patton, Redlands, Riverside, Kern and Orange County.

Vice-President Membership Phil Hinshaw reported that inquiries were low this year He sent out 10 to chapter Presidents. He is not sure why there has been a decrease in the inquiries for membership. President Barker requested members inform him of who has not received the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War pin.

Secretary Douglas Bergtholdt reported there were new certificate packages. He is getting 3 referrals per day. Many went to San Diego. The new system does not mention the city. He has to

contact to determine the city. Vice-President Membership Phil Hinshaw questioned whether this new system was not the function of the VP Membership. Kent Gregory noted that we need to change the Contact information on the National Website as it lists the State Secretary. Need to change it to VP Membership. President Barker noted we need the city for proper referral of the inquiries. He noted the count of our state membership through October was 1800.

Treasurer Jim Klingler passed out a handout on his activities. We are currently \$5,000 below budget. Our Revenue is below budget. We have \$1,700 less in the first nine months, but expect this to be made up by the end of the year. We have \$60,000 in our accounts and \$367,000 in investments. For those chapters that hold a raffle they must register the CT-1 as a charitable Trust. Chapters have to file for the last 5 years. An RF-1 form is to then be filed each year with your tax forms. To fill out the raffle form the instructions can be found on the website. All forms are on our CASSAR Website with instructions on how to fill them out. Chapters should notify Karl Jacobs of their registration of these forms. He attended the Louisville meeting and joined the Finance and Investment Committee.

Chancellor Jeff Goodwin reported he had accomplished all seven of his duties.

Genealogist Terry Briggs reported he continues to track all our pended applications. They are down to 15-18 from 60. National is implementing a new on line application system. There have been 20 applications approved using the new system. President Barker thanked Terry for his work on the new application system. Terry noted the chapter Registrars should check out the new system and can contact him with any questions. Jim Faulkinbury reported that there have been some glitches in the new system and they are working on getting them fixed. The old system is still available in the archives at www.SAR.org. Jim Faulkinbury needs changes in list of President, Secretary and Registrar of chapters. President Barker asked the chapters to have the chapter secretary send this information to Jim Faulkinbury.

Registrar Owen Stiles requested that chapter Registrars notify him when an application is ready to be reviewed. There are currently 200 in the system. Owen, Jim Faulkinbury and Terry Briggs can make any corrections of information on the applications. Of 27 new junior applications 20 have been approved. Of two Memorial Memberships both were approved. Of 175 new applications 119 have been approved. Of 74 supplementals submitted 26 have been approved. They have lost one lady who worked on applications in Louisville. They plan to hire someone after the first of the year. Owen reports there are 7 pended and three are in route to being fixed. Terry says there are 18 pended.

Chaplain Lou Carlson reported he is thankful to those who have contacted him about deaths in our society. He has had several in the last three weeks. Investment Trustees will report later.

National Trustee Kent Gregory reported he attended the Boston and Louisville meetings. He reported there is a co-existing agreement with the SR and we are experiencing some copyright problems. An early installment was sent to Kings College. This saved us \$6,000. The 2021 Congress will be in Seattle. President Tomme has created a committee on which Jim Faulkinbury and John Dodd are members to digitize all documentation.

Historian Jim Blauer reported that his report is the minutes and that they had already approved them. The nominating Committee headed by Jim Faulkinbury was excused.

CHAPTER REPORTS

George Washington—Owen Stiles reported that their activities have declined in this year. They meet regularly.

Gold Country—Ron reported that they participate in the July 4th, Constitution, and Veteran's Day parades as well as Wreaths Across America.

Mother Lode—Tom Adams reports they are doing well. They did lose their Registrar over the new on-line application.

Orange County reported it has had a vibrant year with their many activities and more are planned through the end of the year.

Redwood—It was reported they handed out 60 Flag Certificates and participated in the July 4th parade. They have had 6 new members in the last 2 months. They have lost 2 members. They gave two Eagle Certificates out to troop 8. They are planning for the Wreaths Across America in December.

Riverside—Reported it had issued Flag Certificates, their Color Guard is very active, they have obtained Black Powder insurance for firing of their muskets at events, their membership is up and they have 2 pended applications that have yet to be resolved.

Sacramento—reported they have had increased participation in the various youth activities. JROTC, brochure, the first year in the poster contest and have added three new schools. They have a living history program they take to the schools and have expanded this as well.

San Diego—Phil Hinshaw reported they have suffered some problems with their officers in 2017. They have been losing their membership. New members never return. They presented a Flag Certificate to the Mission San Diego. Continue their work with the House of Spain and have put on exhibits as part of their outreach program and hope they may get some new members through it. They have been recognizing their Vietnam Veterans. Jim Fosdyck reported that we have been issuing Flag Certificates to all the missions and so far have been able to do 19 of the 21 missions.

San Francisco—reported they have been active in sending teachers to the Freedom Foundations Valley Forge Project. They are working on getting their reconciliation report out. Bob Taylor requested that all chapters who send teachers to Valley Forge advise him of this.

Riverside—Gary Jensen reported they gave out 530 pocket Constitutions at local high schools. They have also worked on their certificate program for Eagle Scouts.

Silicon Valley—Terry Briggs reported they have 106 members. Their Color Guard Activities include the Veteran's Day parade and Wreaths Across America, which are both coming up. They have made ROTC/JROTC award presentations at the local schools. They have issued Eagle Scout Certificates of Recognition and have a social event at the end of September.

Sons of Liberty—Jim McHargue reported they had returned to the Tam O'Shanter after a two year absence. They have six meetings per year and their attendance is up. Their finances are good. They have a genealogy workshop to help prospective members with their research. Their big project is the Massing of the Colors. They also recognize local JROTC cadets. They have been recognizing the Vietnam Veterans with the 50 year pins.

Thomas Jefferson—Don Gurley reported like other chapters they are having the same problem with an aging chapter. Their new members do not come to the meeting or participate in their activities. They have 15 new members. They make both Eagle Scout and JROTC/ROTC Award presentations. They are financially secure and have good meetings.

At 10:30am we took a break.

We reconvened at 10:53am.

YOUTH PROGRAM REPORTS

Youth Programs Chairman Derek Brown reported on the various programs. He pushed the protective training and reported that 36 SARs had completed the BSA training that is on line and runs about 25-30 minutes. You receive a Certificate of Completion and Derek requests that you send a copy to him for his files. You must renew every two years. We have a release form on the State website under Youth Activities. Gary Jensen recommends 2 release forms. One for Youth Committees and one for chapter release form.

Brochure Contest—Tom Adams reported that 5 of our 26 chapters participate in this program and 12 states participate in it as well. It has been a struggle to get this program implemented and will be happy to work with any chapter that wished to get involved in it and get started.

Eagle—Gary Jensen handed out copies of his report. December 1st is the State deadline for the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest. He also reported that we have had 26 members from our state honored with the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award. He is looking for members to judge the applications submitted by the chapters. He has forwarded 49 requests for certificates to the chapters. Of the eleven chapters involved with the certificate program they have issued 677 certificates as of November 1st.

Knight Essay—It is being updated on the website.

Rumbaugh Orations Contest—is being updated on the website.

Naval Sea Cadet—Bob Taylor reports that not a lot of reports have been sent in on presentations. He noted a presentation made by Gus Fischer of the Orange County Chapter.

Spirit of America Award—Inquiries have been made concerning this program. They had five presentations this year from the George Patton Chapter. They presented a Bronze Good Citizenship medal to an outstanding boy and Girl of local 8 th grade classes.

Valley Forge—We had 2 teachers who were sent to the Valley Forge Foundation classes this year. One will be with us tomorrow as our speaker at the luncheon. This year's entries came from the Sacramento and Orange County chapters. This year's subject was Presidential Homes. They received rave reviews on this year's classes.

We recessed at 11:15 to prepare for the trip to the cemetery and the wreath laying ceremony.

COGSWELL WREATH LAYING CEREMONIES

Having recessed the state meeting at 11:15am we gathered in the lobby and at 11:30am carpooled to the site of the burial of Dr. James Lafayette Cogswell at Olivet Memorial Park. President Barker welcomed those in attendance. Stephen Renouf led in the recitation of the SAR Pledge. An Invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Warren Alter. Jim Faulkinbury read a bio of Dr. James Lafayette Cogswell which was followed by the wreath laying. Commander Mark Kramer and the CASSAR Color Guard were present. Mark along with Warren Alter made the wreath presentation in front of the headstone. A Benediction was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The recessional was led by John Dodd. Following the ceremonies the ladies headed to San Francisco for shopping as the men returned to the hotel for various break-out sessions from 2:30-4:30pm.

SESSION II

November 5, 2016

The meeting was opened by President Ron Barker at 9:01am. The Invocation was given by Lou Carlson. The Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge were recited. Secretary Douglas Bertgtholdt was asked to call the roll. A quorum was established. John Dodd spoke on the doings at National. The Solid Light Company has donated time for the next phase of the project. That is

a donation of \$500,000 in labor costs. We still need to raise one million dollars to complete this section of the project. The 250 program continues. Any member who donates \$250 to the center will receive a pin. Once the member has done this and the wife wishes to make a similar donation, she too will receive a 250 pin. The Kings College project continues with the study of King George III's papers. Scholars are being paid to go to England and research these papers. King's College will release any results from these studies of these papers.

REPORTS CONTINUED

General Patton—Reported they cover the area of Ventura to west Los Angeles County. Their Color Guard activities are listed in their report. They awarded six Flag Certificates this year. They recognized 10 students at 5 schools this year in the Spirit of America Program. Both membership and attendance are up. They had 12 meetings this year. They are finding speakers are hard to get. They sometimes rely on members to give programs. They have 2 new Life Members and 21 in the chapter.

Best Chapter Contest—Phil Hinshaw reported that they have 8 chapters participating in the contest. There are five divisions. There is 1 entry from small and medium/small chapters and 2 entries for each medium/large, large and very large chapter. He will accept all reports turned in by the end of the year. He noted that some chapters have asked for updates on the standings. Jim Blauer noted that back in the 1990s Garrett Jackson used to send out a monthly recap of the standings and the points for each chapter, using both email and snail mail. If anyone has any questions they may contact Phil. The state will need to find a new Chairman for the Contest as Phil plans to retire from that position at the end of this year.

CAR—Terry Briggs reported Barbara McMahon, Andrew Mees and Justin Hesler were leaders here in the state and at National. They have a table outside with information and pins for sale. He attended the meeting in February in Santa Clara. Next year the State CAR meeting will be in Ventura. He attended a workshop held last August.

Nominating Committee—Chairman Kent Gregory reported they are working on the slate to be elected at next April's meeting. They have been interviewing candidates for office. So far they have a slate of President Jim Fosdyck, Executive Vice-President Derek Brown, Vice-President North Dave Gilliard, Vice President South - Robert Taylor, Vice President Membership - Doug Bergtholdt (two-year term), Secretary - Craig Anderson, Treasurer - Jim Klingler, Registrar - Owen Stiles, Genealogist - Terry Briggs, Historian- Jim Blauer, Chaplain - Rev. Lou Carlson, Surgeon - (no recommendation), Invested Funds Trustee (2017-2019) Stephen Renouf, Invested Funds Trustee (2016-2018) Richard Hawley, Invested Funds Trustee (2015-2017) John Dodd, National Society Trustee from California - Ron Barker, National Society Alternate Trustee from California - James C. Fosdyck.

SESSION III

The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson, The pledge of Allegiance was led by Bob Ebert. The SAR Pledge was recited. Secretary Bergtholdt was asked to do the Roll Call. A quorum was established.

Budget and Planning Chairman Jim Fosdyck gave the CAR pages items to hand out to those in attendance. Here we had the proposed 2017 budget. Treasurer Jim Klingler thanked the committee (Jim Fosdyck, Derek Brown, Bob Taylor, Jim McHargue and Craig Anderson as well as himself) for doing an excellent job. He noted there were a few minor things that would be dealt with in the Spring. Changes made included; 1) adding \$100 to the poster contest. It will go

from \$900 to \$1,000. 2) Take \$100 from the Sea Cadets and place it under Valley Forge. 3) Line 23 there was a typo. That should be \$350 for that category not \$105. 4) Flag Certificate Budget was \$400. Keith used a portion of it to purchase streamers. This budget was reduced to \$150 that left \$250 of which \$100 was added to the Color Guard Budget to award streamers.

New items in the budget included **California Quilt Fund Raiser**. Un Hui Yi Fosdyck has created a quilt she is raffling off to make money to be sent to National for the Youth Programs as per the challenge of President General Mike Tomme for each state to donate \$1,000 to these programs. She has reached the \$1,000 plateau and is going for \$2,000. Un Hui will be selling tickets in the south while Janet Brown will be selling tickets in the North. In April after the drawing a check will be sent to the President General for the Youth Programs. It was pointed out by Kent Gregory that we do need to have Board approval to have donations on line 78 for the quilt fund.

A **State Medals** category has been added. By the end of October 30 of the 80 produced had been sold. That brought in \$2,480. On Line 26 they have budgeted \$5,000 for this under income. Line 25 (I-50) is the Encore Program income. Line 79 (E-50) is Encore Program Expenses. The Encore Program is a \$25,000 grant from Intel to CASSAR to support a special project performed by Don Littlefield for CASSAR. As Don completes each phase of his work, he submits an invoice to Intel. Intel pays CASSAR the amount of the invoice, and CASSAR pays that amount to Don. Money goes in and the money goes out on this fellowship funded by Intel, a one year program. Line 58 (B-43) is visiting PG expenses. The money raise by Un Hui Yi Fosdyck's Quilt raffle is sent to Treasurer Jim Klingler and placed in this fund.

Compatriot Klingler thanked the committee for their work on the budget. Chairman

Don Littlefield spoke on the **Wreaths Across America**. This year it will be the third Saturday of December, the 17th. Emails will be sent out to officers. There are 75 cemeteries in California that participate in this program. He requests that after this ceremony is over you send Don a report with pictures of the Color Guard and chapter participation.

President Barker spoke on the **Public Service Medals and Certificates** and requested that all chapters try to do this once or twice a year to recognize local police Fire and EMTs for their work and service. If it arises chapters may also present the Heroism Award. National is currently considering a Life Saving Award. Chairman

John Dodd spoke on the **Congress Planning** for 2019. Our state will be the host and John is the Chairman of this committee. They will need tour bus guides and various levels of participation by members to help pull this off. Congress Medals are available in sets—one large and one small. As the Host state we will have a host reception to welcome members and their families. This is to be done as a cruise of Newport Harbor on the Hornblower. This will be in July 2019 right after the fourth. There will be shuttles to South Coast Plaza and Disneyland. The

Investment Trustee report can be viewed on the handout with each fund having its own page.

Protocol—Mark Kramer had no report.

Compliance—Karl Jacobs had no report.

DAR had 3 Flag presentations.

Ethics---Lou Carlson reported no breeches in ethics this year.

Flag Certificates—Redwood chapter has done 40-50 this year. Yosemite has done 2 this year. 19 of 21 missions have been done.

Information Technology had no report.

There were no reports from the rest of the committees.

Yesterday we discussed the **BSA Training** for the Youth Program participants. Gary Jensen moved that we have a **photo release** form to use photos of winners in both chapter and state newsletters. The motion was seconded. Warren Alter suggested we drop the word "Youth" and then it becomes a generic form to use for photos from any events. There was discussion on the legality of the need for such a document. The vote was taken on the motion as amended and passed with two members in opposition.

The next topic was **insurance** for the use of Black powder in firing of our muskets in our Color Guards. Gary Jensen noted that there is a new company from Connecticut that is under Nationwide. They charge \$390 to cover up to \$2 million. It covers 30 people in their group.

Ron Barker noted that State Farm has a \$1 million policy that covers D&D and events. There is a \$1,000 deductible. There is a Pennsylvania Insurance Company that is used by the PASSAR for their color guard. He will work at getting more input on this item. There was a discussion on how we want to be covered. President Barker referred it to a committee of John Dodd, Mark Kramer and Gary Jensen to report back in April.

It was noted that all chapters as well as the state need to file a CT-1 and an RRF- 1 with the state. Copies are to be sent to Karl Jacobs and Doug Bergtholdt. There will be no fee if revenues are under \$50,000.

There was no **Old Business**.

Upcoming events include; California Society Spring Meeting April 7-8, 2017, Conference on the American Revolution June 9-12,2017, NSSAR Congress July 13-17 Knoxville Tennessee, and Fall Board of Managers meeting November 4-5 location yet to be determined.

Gary Jensen moved that we approve the budget as amended. This motion was seconded and passed.

Don Littlefield will check on chapters concerning their **reconciliation reports**.

Life members are to be checked on by the chapters to make sure they are all still alive. Steve Renouf feels there should be a policy on this subject by the Executive Council.

CANDIDATES FORUM

Warren Alter is Treasurer General and is running for Secretary General. He has been visiting state societies listening to complaints and points of interest. He asks for our state's support.

Lou Carlson is Chaplain General and is running for a seat on the Foundation Board. He wants to be involved in the raising of money for the society.

Kent Gregory spoke on behalf of **Bruce Pickett**. He is currently the Librarian General and is running for Registrar General. Flyers are available.

John Dodd spoke on behalf of **Davis Wright** for Chancellor General and **Doug Collins** for Librarian General. He also spoke on behalf of **Jack Manning** for Treasurer General and **Mark Anthony** for Historian General. Jim Fosdyck also spoke on behalf of Mark Anthony for Historian General.

Steve Renouf spoke on behalf of **Col. John Barlow** for Surgeon General and gave some of his background information.

Doug Bergtholdt moved that we support all those uncontested for office. Those being contested are Historian and Registrar. The motion was seconded and passed.

After discussion on the Historian and Registrar candidates the state voted to support Bruce Pickett for Registrar General and Mark Anthony for Historian General. It was unanimous on all votes.

AWARDS

President Barker then handed out several awards.

The **Partners in Patriotism** awards went to Monterey, Yosemite, Central Coast, Silicon Valley, Sons of Liberty, Sacramento, San Diego, Riverside, Patton, Gen. George Washington, Mother Lode, Redwood Empire, Harbor, Orange County, Gold, San Francisco, and Eagle chapters as well as the State Society. Chapters recognized for having sent in bios on their ancestors went to Delta, Redlands, Monterey Bay, Eagle and Riverside chapters. It was noted the Eagle Chapter made a donation to CAAH. The state received certificates for their participation in the Youth Activities. We participated in four of the six. We did not do the CAR or the Teacher Award. We received certificates for Eagle Scout, JROTC, Knight Essay and the Poster Contests.

With no further business the state meeting was adjourned at 11:17am

SPECIAL MEETING

In accordance with the by-laws a special meeting must be called to make any bylaw changes or vote on possible changes. Having been duly notified of the proposed changes, John Dodd called for the Special meeting to convene to address the possible by-law changes. With 14 chapters in attendance a quorum was established

1. By-law 2 Section 3b change. This was withdrawn for the time being as there are some questions to be worked out between chapters and state on this proposal.

2. By-law 4 section 11 would remove the surgeon's office from the list of officers. There was a discussion on whether to keep this position or not. The motion failed.

3. By-law #5 Section 1 deals with the structure of the Nominating committee. The proposal passed.

4. By-law #5 Section 2c makes voting cards for delegates a requirement. The Proposal passed.

5. By-law 8 section 1g deals with the notification of meetings and the agenda for said meeting. This proposal failed.

6. By-law 8 section 3 & 3a revised the wording for the conducting of meetings. This proposal passed.

7. By-law 8 section 4c & 4cii concerned the voting by ballot. This eliminates both i and ii. This proposal passed.

8. By-law 7 section 1,2, &3 deals with the annual dues and payment to the state by the chapters, so as to get our state reconciliation report to National on time. This requires chapters to have their reconciliation and payment to the State Secretary by January 5th. The proposal passed.

9. By-law 7 section 9 deals with the definition of an emeritus member and their dues. This proposal passed.

10. By-law 9 section 1b changes the verbiage from "Income" to "Earnings". This will put us in line with national. This will be proposed at the Spring meeting for approval by the chapters.

With no further business for this special meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 11:51am

WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING

The meeting of the Western District was called to order by Jim Faulkinbury at 11:51am. A motion was made to accept (endorse) the slate endorsed by the California Society for National office at the next Congress. The motion was seconded and was approved. The meeting with no further business was adjourned at 11:52am. With no further business for this April, the Benediction was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The recessional was led by Terry Briggs.

PUBLIC SERVICE LUNCHEON

The Public service Luncheon was opened by Keith Bigbee at 12:22pm. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Phil Hinshaw, The SAR Pledge was led by Jim Klingler.

Keith then welcomed all the guests. He announced those sitting at the head table. They were; Ron(State President) & Connie Barker, Warren(Treasurer General) & Nancy Alter, Lou(State Chaplain) & Karen Carlson, Jim(National IT Chairman) & Karen Faulkinbury, Jim(Executive VicePresident) & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Derek (Vice-President North)& Janet Brown and Bob (Vice-President South)& Darien Taylor.

Also introduced from the floor were; Phil (Vice-President Membership) & Mary Hinshaw, John Dodd (Foundation Board), Kent(National Trustee) & Lisa Gregory, Stephen(National Trustee for the Spain Society) and Joy Renouf, Robert Ebert(President Mexico Society), Christina Masciel(Speaker),and Richard and Abby Ney.

We recessed for lunch at 12:40pm.

We reconvened at 1:24pm.

Terry Briggs announced we have three representatives from the CAR today. They are Andrew Mees, Justin Hesler and Barbara McMahon. Andrew brought greetings from the State CAR and spoke on the USO Project they have this year. They were able to make a \$300 donation to the LAX USO. President Barker presented Andrew with a Good Citizenship pin and certificate.

VALLEY FORGE PRESENTATION

Bob Taylor is the Valley Forge Chairman. He reported that 2 teachers were selected by the state to attend the Valley Forge Foundation tours and lectures this year. It was on Presidential history in Virginia. There were 2 teachers selected. Jeremy Roderick from Sacramento was unable to attend. Christina Masciel from Orange County spoke on the trip/experience she had. They visited many homes of the early founders. Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, George Washington, James Monroe and Patrick Henry are just some of the homes they visited. She handed out a questionnaire and she tested us on the pictures as we went through her slide presentation. She was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for having spoken to us.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Steve Renouf read the bio of Sgt. Richard Jue. He has trained over 4,000 recruits and this will be his 43rd year with the Street Fair. He was presented the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal & Certificate.

VIETNAM WAR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Keith Bigbee spoke on the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War 1955- 1975. Members who were in service at that time are to receive a 50th anniversary pin and the wives who were married to them at the time will receive a button.

Presentations were made to Lou Carlson, William E. May, Karen S. May, James Regalotto and Jeff Goodwin.

Following the presentations all the veterans were asked to stand. They received a rousing ovation.

ROBERT E. BURT BOY SCOUT VOLUNTEER AWARD

Today we recognized Gary Jensen and William Ney for their work with the Boy Scouts over the years. Each received the medal and Certificate.

Keith Bigbee was presented a Certificate of Appreciation.

With no further business Lou Carlson gave the benediction and Doug Bergtholdt led the recessional.

The luncheon was adjourned at 2:12pm.

INAUGUURAL BANQUET

The banquet was opened at 7:05pm by emcee Derek Brown. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. Commander Mark Kramer had the California Color Guard present the Colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Warren Alter. The Star-Spangled Banner was led by Don Gurley. The Color Guard posted the Colors. The SAR Pledge was led by John Dodd.

Compatriot Brown welcomed all in attendance. He introduced the head table which included; Ron(State President) & Connie Barker, Dee Andrews (Speaker), Jim (National IT Chairman) & Karen Faulkinbury, Warren(Treasurer General) & Nancy Alter, Lou(State Chaplain) & Karen Carlson, Jim(Executive Vice-President) & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, John(Foundation Board) & Karen Dodd, Kent(National Trustee) & Lisa Gregory, Steve(National Trustee of the Spain Society) & Joy Renouf, Bob Ebert (National Trustee of the Mexico Society), and Derek Brown's wife Janet. Others on the floor included; Bob (Vice-President South) & Darien Taylor, and Phil (Vice-President Membership) & Mary Hinshaw.

President Barker presented the hotel with a Flag Certificate.

We recessed for dinner at 7:15pm.

As dessert was being served the ladies auxiliary, led by Connie Barker pulled the winning tickets for the raffle prizes. Connie announced that over \$1,000 had been raised through the raffle.

Following the raffle the banquet was reconvened as Speaker Dee Andrews was introduced and gave her talk on "The Imaging of Benjamin Franklin". She showed various slides of different portraits done of Franklin over the years. Some of these artists included; David Martin, Jean Jacque Coffien, Jean Antoine Houdon, Benjamin West, John Trumbull and Joseph Daplesier to name a few. She also showed pictures of various people from Franklin's time by various artists. There was a question and answer period following her presentation and she was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for speaking to us tonight.

AWARDS

Certificates of Appreciation from PG Lawrence were presented to Steve Renouf, John Dodd and Ron Barker.

Those who have donated to the **1776 Fund** were recognized. They were Henry Lucas, Ken Lynch and Steven Salver, Wilkie Wallace Millington, Douglas Bergtholdt, and John Ferris.

The **Liberty Medals** and Oak Leaf clusters were presented. Recipients included; Stephen Hall Lawrence(Certificate, Medal and Cluster), Tom Chilton(Certificate & Cluster), Jim Faulkinbury (Certificate & 2 clusters), Jim Fosdyck (Certificate & 2 clusters), Charlie Gentis (Certificate & Cluster), David Grinnell (Certificate & Medal), Kent Gregory (Certificate & 2 Clusters), Don Gurley (Certificate & 1 cluster), Karl Jacobs (Certificate & 1 cluster), Ray Raser (Certificate & 2 clusters), Stephen Renouf (Certificate & 1 cluster), and Robert Stephan (Certificate & Medal).

Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck received the **Lafayette Volunteer Medal**.

Mark Kramer was awarded the **SAR Silver Color Guard Medal** and the **California Silver Von Steuben Color Guard Medal**.

Kent Gregory was presented the **California Gold Von Steuben Color Guard Medal**.

Field of Honor Streamers were presented to Patton, Riverside, Orange County and Harbor Chapter.

Let Freedom Ring Streamers were presented to Orange County, Harbor and Riverside Chapter.

The **Silver SAR Color Guard Medal** was presented to John Dodd.

The **Meritorious Service Award** was presented to Gary Jensen and Phil Hinshaw.

The **Silver Roger Sherman Award** was presented to Terry Briggs and Lou Carlson.

The **Silver Good Citizenship Medal** was presented to Jim Faulkinbury.

The **Patriot Medal** was presented to Ray Raser.

The Redlands Chapter took 2nd place in the Brochure Contest.

Certificates of Appreciation for their work on this meeting were presented to; Dave Gilliard, Greg Hill, Don Gurley, Derek Brown, Alan Brooking, Dale Ross, Careena Ross, Steve Renouf, Joy Renouf, and Connie Barker.

Jim Faulkinbury presented the **Western District Meritorious Service Cluster** to Un Hui Yi Fosdyck for her quilt fundraiser. With no further items on the agenda, Jim Faulkinbury led the recitation of the Recessional.

The Color Guards retired the colors.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson.

The banquet was adjourned at 10:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted

April 7, 2017

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