

143rd Annual Meeting
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SONS OF THE
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SESSION I

April 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President James Fosdyck at 9am. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Color Guard presented the Colors. The Pledge to the Flag was led by PG Larry Guzy. The Colors were posted. The SAR Pledge was led by Kent Gregory. The Color Guard retired.

The Roll Call was performed by Secretary Craig Anderson. (Exhibit A) A quorum was established.

Executive Vice-President Derek Brown spoke on the voting with delegate cards.

VP Brown then introduced the Mayor of Concord, Eddie Burson. Mayor Burson presented us with a proclamation calling April 19-21 SAR Days in Concord. Mayor Burson spoke on history and keeping it alive. He thanked us for coming to Concord.

President Fosdyck then introduced our past state presidents in attendance in order of their service. There included; Charles R. Lampman, Bob Ebert, Stephen Renouf, Lou Carlson, John Dodd, Steve Hurst, Jim Faulkinbury, Kent Gregory, and Ron Barker.

The Minutes from the Fall Board of Managers meeting were up for approval. Historian Jim Blauer noted that some last minute corrections had been made, typed into the master copy and sent to the State Secretary and webmaster. It was moved by several members to accept these minutes as corrected and seconded. The motion passed.

President Fosdyck then introduced those National leaders in attendance. They included; PG Guzy, past PG Ed Butler, Vice President General of the Western District Kent Gregory, Foundation Board Member John Dodd, Foundation Board member Lou Carlson, Spain Trustee Stephen Renouf, and California Trustee Ron Barker.

These National officers were then asked if they would like to speak. President General Guzy spoke to us about us perpetuating what our ancestors stood for.

FPG Butler spoke on April 19, 1775 and the arms located in Concord, Massachusetts.

Western District Vice-President Kent Gregory reported that there were 26 chapters in California, 2 in Nevada and 1 in Hawai'i. He noted six items. 1) There has been progress in our genealogical research system. 2) They are in contact with Crown castle and they plan to build a cell tower on top of the building. 3) The website is difficult to use. He requests that we get a new website. 4) There are fears the data base may crash. They are trying to fix it. 5) The staff at National needs more space. They spent \$200,000 on offices on the second floor. 6) The 2019 Congress will be held here in California in Costa Mesa.

California Trustee Ron Barker spoke on the Solid Light Project.

OFFICER REPORTS

President James C. Fosdyck –Report is in the book. He noted that this past year that he was able to visit all 26 chapters in the state. He noted that Craig Anderson's reconciliation report was up

8%. He also reported that Executive VP Derek Brown and his wife Janet were able to visit 20 of 26 chapters.

Executive Vice-President Derek Brown—Report is in the book. He asked that members be careful of email scams.

Vice-President North David Gilliard was absent. President Fosdyck noted he had been able to visit all the northern chapters in the last year.

Vice-President South Bob Taylor—Report is in the book.

Vice-President Membership Douglas Bergtholdt—reported he gets about 3 referrals per day. He asked that chapter notify him when they have a change in their Registrar.

Secretary Craig Anderson—Report is in the book. There were 373 new members last year. Unfortunately we were unable to retain 234.

Treasurer Jim Klingler—Report is in the book. He noted that separate copies of his report were in the back. He reported our finances are strong. We had \$124,000 in revenues. Our medals sales saw 181 California Sets for \$6,375.00 and 185 Congress sets sold for \$6,475.00. At present there are 100 of each left. He noted the raffle sales helped to improve our revenues. Expenses are below what was budgeted. Excess funds from checking were moved to investment. There was \$20,000 moved last year and should be the same for 2018.

Chancellor John Dodd—Report is in the book. There will be some discussion on that report later.

Genealogist Terry Briggs—Report is in the book. He is available to chapter Registrars if they need assistance. Of the on-line application system, there have been 1281 done on line of which 441 have been approved. This is both new and supplementals. As of 4/19/18 there are 28 applications that have been pended.

Registrar Owen Stiles—For the year 2017 there are still 7 applications at National and last year 16 applications were pended. So far we have sent 121 applications to National this year.

Historian Jim Blauer noted that the minutes of the previous meeting (November 2018) were his report and that the members had already approved his report.

Chaplain Lou Carlson reported that 24 members died last year that he was made aware of. Need to add Richard Bent to that list. If chapters have any other names that are not on the list for last year please let Lou know so they can be added to the list for the memorial service.

Investment Trustees—Will have their report given on Saturday.

California Trustee Ron Barker—Report is in the book.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Thomas Jefferson—In the Book

South Coast—In the Book, Steve Steinberg noted they have a lot of new members and that more are getting involved.

Butte—Absent

Central Coast—President William Marcus Haines was introduced by David Grinnell. They have a couple of new, young & enthusiastic members. They issued Flag Certificates in a big ceremony. They have issued JROTC Certificates. In November they will join the DAR in the Palm Springs Veterans Day Parade.

Delta—In the Book

Eagle—Absent

General George S. Patton—In the Book

General George Washington—In the Book

Gold Country—In the Book. Will host the Fall Board of Managers meeting in Folsom.
Harbor—In the book.
Kern—In the Book
Monterey Bay—Absent
Mother Lode—Tom Adams reported the report is in the book. They have lost many officers. They have no registrar, no secretary, and that no state officers are helping the chapter.
Orange County—In the book
Redding—Absent
Redwood Empire—Absent
Riverside—Mark Kramer is the new President of the chapter. Gary Jensen is leaving for Florida. They have 6 college ROTC and 28 High School JROTC presentations. They have 22 new members. 3 members were dropped. 3 members transferred and 119 Eagle Certificates were given out.
Sacramento—Don Littlefield reported they have 180 members. They have a net gain of 18. They received 400 posters from 5 schools/10-11 class rooms. They did not have an essay contest.
San Diego—In the book. Barry Kim is their new President.
San Francisco—In the book. Bob Ebert noted they are doing well.
Santa Barbara—Absent
Silicon Valley—Terry Briggs reported it is in the book. They have found it a challenge to get officers. They have 120 members. They do JROTC, Color Guard for Memorial Day, July 4th and other events.
Son of Liberty—Absent
Yosemite—Absent

YOUTH PROGRAM REPORTS

Chairman Gary Jensen reported the contests are going well. All contests are staffed by chairmen. We have both Oration and Poster Contest winners at National. He is retiring from this position and moving to Florida. A new chairman will be needed.

Poster Contest—Poster Chairman Ron Barker reported that the posters for this year's contest will be on display outside the meeting room for voting. The winners will be announced at the Youth Luncheon on Saturday.

Brochure Contest—Chairman Tom Adams reported this is the 8th year of this contest and 5 chapters participated. That is 19% of all chapters. There were 17 states mentioned in the Brochure Contest. There were 22 states mentioned in the Poster Contest. Judges were contacted prior to the meeting. John Ferris from Orange County spoke on his work to get brochures and noted one just has to keep plugging away. San Diego had over 200 entries. They do have middle school teachers in their chapter. Don Littlefield of Sacramento chapter said one needs to win the teacher first and the students will follow. It was noted that Redlands goes after private/ Christian schools. Go speak to them in uniform and you will get the kids' attention. The theme for the brochure is the 5 major documents. This can be an extra credit item the kids can do over the Christmas vacation. Ron Barker suggested for those with grandchildren you speak to their teachers.

Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest—Chairman Gary Jensen reported there were 7 chapters that submitted entries. We had 2 Robert E. Burt Awards. There were 24 requests by state and 19 requests by chapter. He needs judges for our state contest.

Knight Essay—Chairman Kevin Tierney will give his report tomorrow.

Oration Contest—Chairman Dan McKelvie report is in the book. Lydia Miller is the State Winner. Her family is debating as to whether they will attend the Houston Congress for the finals.

Sea Cadets—No Report.

Spirit of America Awards--Chairman Bob Taylor reported that he only knew of the General George S. Patton participation in this program. They presented Good Citizenship medals at 6 middle schools in their area. He encouraged other chapters to do it as well. If there is any help he can give, he asks that you contact him for information.

Valley Forge Teacher Program—Chairman Taylor reported the 2017 selected teachers for this program were; Ms. Jennifer “Fer” Kretschmer from Thomas R. Pollicita Middle school in Daly City and was sponsored by the Silicon Valley Chapter. Also Mr. Jacob “Jake” Febozzi of Vail Ranch Middle School and was sponsored by the Riverside Chapter. Mr. Febozzi made an exciting presentation on the sites they visited in the Southern colonies/states at the Fall Board of Managers Meeting. The 2018 program will be centered on the North. This will be in the New England area and run from June 30-July 21, 2018.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

California 250--Chairman John Dodd showed off the California 250 pin that one can receive for their donation of \$250 to the CAAH. He noted that if one purchased the premium society medal that \$250 of the cost goes to the CAAH and the donor will receive a pin. National has deemed that states need to have 20% participation with donations averaging \$250 or more.

A 15 minute break was ordered by President Fosdyck. We broke at 10:05am and reconvened at 10:20am.

Executive Vice-President Derek Brown reported there would be changes next year in the chairmanships of various committees (**Exhibit**). Some are;

Color Guard Adjutant South--Larry Wood

CAR Liaison--?

Youth--Dan McKelvie

Brochure--Kevin Tierney

Eagle--looking

Knight Essay--Patrick Cecil

Oration--John Ferris

Compliance—Luke Dziurzynski

Chapter Activities--Doug Bergtholdt

Budget & Planning Committee—Compatriot Brown reported they have 2 meetings per year.

Audit Committee—Compatriot Brown reported that this report is in the Treasurer’s report.

They checked the deposits and checks written. It was very complete and detailed. He spoke on Amazon Smile and will continue this discussion. He reported the Investment Funds ended 2017 at \$434,775.94

California Compatriot—Report is in the book. 3 issues are done each year. These are electronic copies. If hard copies are desired there is a \$10/year charge. They have cleaned up their list on those requesting hard copies. Bob Taylor will be the next Editor. The next issue will be in May.

Chapter Activities—Chairman Ray Raser noted the final tabulations have been made. Two chapters have returned plaques. Need others for presentation at Saturday’s luncheon. Ray is retiring from this position.

Color Guard—Commander Mark Kramer reported as Protocol Chairman he has worked with Derek on this meeting. There were 9 Color Guard reports received. None came from the small chapters. Streamers will be presented to chapter participants in various Color Guard activities.

CAR Liaison—Chairman Terry Briggs' report is in the book. He noted two members will join us tomorrow as our pages. He attended the CAR meeting in February and he attended a CAR workshop.

Compliance—Chairman Karl Jacobs was absent, It was noted that we are in full compliance. The 990 was filed as well as all tax forms.

Congress 2019—Chairs John Dodd and Kent Gregory spoke on this report.

California will be the host state and it will be in Orange County at the Costa Mesa Hilton. This is near South Coast Plaza and the airport. It will start up after July 4th (Thursday). It will begin on Friday with meetings of the Executive Committee and the Foundation Board. It will need 75 to 100 Volunteers. There will be a Volunteer appreciation lunch. They are working on a July 4th event such as the retiring of Colors at Disneyland. Mark Anthony is the National Color Guard Commander and will be in charge of all Color Guard activities.

On Saturday there will be tours during the day which will include; the Lyons Air Museum, the Nixon Library and possibly the Huntington Library. The evening will be the host reception that the state pays for. This will be a Hornblower Cruise of Newport Bay. To raise money so the California Society can afford this cruise we have fund raisers going. One is a raffle for a quilt made by Darian Taylor. The other is a raffle for a full weeks stay at the Costa Mesa Hilton during the Congress.

There will be the banquets and other tours. One is to the Mission San Juan Capistrano with possible lunch at El Adobe. On Thursday following the close of Congress there may be a tour to the Reagan Library in Simi Valley.

Volunteers will be needed for specific items. Registration Table will need to be manned. Airport greeters will be needed at all three terminals. We may need extra shuttle buses. We will need two room monitors to see that any problems are taken care of. Four each tour we will need a bus captain and an assistant.

Everyone in this room is needed to help out. We will need to have flags in each room, so those chapters that can help by bringing their flags will be appreciated. This is a family friendly event so you are encouraged to bring the kids and grandkids. Jim Fosdyck noted that the Color Guard will be a part of the parade.

DAR Liaison—Brian Stephens report is in the book.

Ethics—Lou Carlson reported there were no known issues.

Flag—Chairman Bob Taylor report is in the book. He noted that since we did not have over 50% of our chapters give out just one Flag Certificate, that we did not receive the Furlong Award for 2017. He requested that chapters consider doing this.

Handbook—Chairman Stephen Renouf reported this committee is making sure our by-laws are regularly updated and placed on the website. They would like to place the handbook on the website.

Medals & Awards—Chairman Dave Grinnell reported that we need to spend some money to resupply our current stock.

Nominating Committee—Chairman Kent Gregory reported that the slate up for election was;
President—Derek Brown

Executive Vice-President—Robert Taylor

Vice-President North—Dave Gilliard

Vice-President South—Brian Stephens
Vice-President Membership—Douglas Bergholdt
Secretary--David Grinnell
Treasurer—Jim Klingler
Registrar—Owen Stiles
Genealogist—Terry Briggs
Chancellor--John Dodd
Historian—Jim Blauer
Chaplain—Lou Carlson
Surgeon—Dr. Matthew Bowdish, MD
Invested Funds Trustee (2017-2019) Stephen R. Renouf (in three year term)
Invested Funds Trustee (2016-2018) Kent Gregory (in three year term)
Invested Funds Trustee (2018-2020) John L. Dodd
National Society Trustee from California—James C. Fosdyck
National Society Alternate Trustee from California—Derek Brown

Operation Ancestor Search—Ray Raser reported Ancestry will support a one year membership.

Public Service & Heroism—Chairman Brian Stephens' report is in the book. He thanked the four chapters that participated, giving out medals for Fire Safety, EMS, Law Enforcement, Life Saving and Heroism. All the reports he receives from the chapters goes into his report to National.

Spanish Patriot Researcher—This committee needs a new chairman. LeRoy Martinez who was chairman has a book, "Across the Spanish Empire".

Wreaths Across America—Don Littlefield reported only 14 chapters participated in this program. This year will be Saturday December 15th at 9am.

There were no reports from or filed by Color Guard Adjutant North Russ Kaiser, Color Guard Adjutant South Larry Wood, Information Technology Greg Hill, Media & Public Relations David Gilliard, and Veterans Programs Bob Stephens.

Before going into Old Business, Treasurer Jim Klingler reported he had the checks for Life Members for each chapter. As he called out the chapter name he asked representatives from that chapter to come forward and pick it up.

OLD BUSINESS

Congress 2019—was previously covered.

BSA Training—Gary Jensen reported they have a new set of criteria and their new on-line course will take about 1 hour for the three modules to be completed. Once completed a copy of the certificate of completion should be sent to the Youth Chairman to be placed on file. John Dodd noted that we need to take reasonable actions to be sure we do not get sued. He feels that any interaction the Color Guard may have with children during school presentations makes it necessary that they all take this course.

Black Powder—Mark Kramer reported that a group is being put together to check into this sort of insurance. Those using their muskets/rifles will need to take the NRA Black Powder course and the National Park Service training.

Insurance—Jim Klingler reported that General Liability and Director and Officer Insurance is needed by the chapters. The state is covered, but the chapters must get their own. There is a list of groups that do this under Non-Profits insurance of California. The California Society is set up

at \$650/year and it covers both types. Jim has a one page handout in the back for members to take back to their chapters and work on this.

We recessed for lunch at 11:42am.

PUBLIC SERVICE LUNCHEON

The Luncheon was opened by Brian Stephens at 12 noon. He welcomed all in attendance. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kent Gregory. The SAR Pledge was led by PG Larry Guzy.

Emcee Brian Stephens then introduced the head table. This included; Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Larry & Karen Guzy, Ed & Robin Butler, Kent & Lisa Gregory, Lou & Karen Carlson and Ron & Conni Barker.

Also in the audience Brian announced John & Karen Dodd and Stephen Renouf.

Chapter President Tim Ernst brought greetings from the Thomas Jefferson Chapter.

FPG Ed Butler noted this was his 7th visit to one of our meetings. The book he wrote on Bernardo de Galvez can be downloaded on kindle. The audio of the book will be out in May. He reported that the San Antonio Galvez Center will have a library, museum, and an annual seminar on Spain's role in the American Revolution.

Mark Kramer presented the **Color Guard Awards**. Streamers were passed out to the chapters that participated in the Wreaths Across America. They included; Delta, George Patton, George Washington, Gold Country, Harbor, Kern, Monterey Bay, Orange County, Riverside, Sacramento, San Diego, Silicon Valley, and Thomas Jefferson.

For Massing of the Colors streamers were presented to Sons of Liberty, Orange County, Santa Barbara, Riverside, Redlands, Harbor, George Patton, Kern and Eagle chapters.

The Awards for Best Color Guard Chapter were as follows; Small chapter—no entries, Small-Medium chapter—Santa Barbara, Medium to Large chapter—Kern, Large Chapter—Riverside, and Very Large Chapter—Orange County.

Lunch was served at 12:20pm.

We reconvened at 1:15pm.

Brian Stephens recognized the women of the Ladies Auxiliary for their work by telling the story of Santa's reindeer.

The **Fire Safety Commendation Award** recipient was introduced by Chief Daniel Winnacker of the Moraga-Orinda Fire Dept. (MOFD). He introduced recipient Duncan Seibert who is the CERT program manager for the MOFD. The medal and Certificate were presented to Duncan Seibert by Brian and President Fosdyck.

The **Law Enforcement Commendation Award** recipient was introduced by Chief Carlos Rojas of the San Francisco Rapid Transit Police Dept. (BART). Recipient Jeff Jennings has earned several degrees and has spent 20 years coaching youth sports. Brian Stephens and Jim Fosdyck presented Jeff with his medal and certificate.

A second **Law Enforcement Commendation Award** was introduced by Derek Brown. Sgt Herman Rellar (Ret.) of the Contra Costa Sheriff Department. He worked for the Sherriff's Department from 1959-1986. He started their Search & Rescue unit. He remained in the reserve from 1986-2010 when he took final retirement. 55 years of service. As an instructor he taught 30,000 cadets at the academy. Brian Stephens and Jim Fosdyck presented Sgt. Rellar with his medal and certificate.

A third **Law Enforcement Commendation Award** recipient was introduced by Chief Manjit Sappal of the Martinez Police Department. Sgt. Paul Starzyk of the Martinez Police department

answered the 911 to a beauty parlor where an estranged husband went in with a gun. Sgt. Starzyk responded to the scene, but died after getting shot at the scene, September 6, 2008. The award will be presented to his family by Chief Sappal.

Executive Vice-President Derek Brown made a special presentation. On April 23, 1983, the California Ladies Auxiliary was born. It now has over 100 members who work to assist the men in their goals and raise a lot of money for the State Society projects. In 1989 a proposal was made at Congress to have a National Ladies Auxiliary. The motion passed. He thanked Ladies Auxiliary officers Janet Brown, Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Conni Barker, Lisa Gregory, Karen Carlson and Liz Ferris. He presented Certificates of Appreciation to these current officers and special name tags for all the former presidents of the CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary.

It was announced the second session would begin at 2:15pm. The Ladies Auxiliary Tour starts at 2:30pm.

The Recessional was led by Bob Taylor.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson.

The luncheon was adjourned at 1:27pm.

SESSION II

April 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Fosdyck at 2:19pm.

Reconciliation Reporting was covered by Secretary Craig Anderson. He first wanted to thank Don Littlefield and Jim Faulkinbury for their assistance. They did a good job. By mid-year errors were found and corrected. The deadline to get dues into the state was January 5th. Only 11 chapters were able to get their dues in on time. The other chapters had various reasons for not being able to make the deadline. It was not until March 23 that the California Society was able to approve their reconciliation report.

Jim Faulkinbury proposes that we need to change the way in which we collect dues. Jim will do some more research on this subject and report back at the November BOM Meeting.

John Dodd spoke on **AB424**. In 2017 it was up to the school to decide if they would allow replica or antique guns on campus. AB424 changed this. Not even the principal can approve it. The only exemption is that if a rifle or musket is an antique (over 100 years old) it can be brought onto campus. Replicas in this bill are not permitted. It was noted that an amendment to this bill could be made by one of the representatives in Sacramento. Steve Renouf made a motion to have John Dodd, Mark Kramer, Russ Kaiser, Don Littlefield and Dave Gilliard to draw up a proposal to amend AB424 so that replicas could be allowed on campus. This motion was seconded by Lou Carlson and others. The motion passed.

Russ Kaiser is going to start marshaling forces to go to Sacramento to change AB424. He will keep the board in the loop on the work done to get AB424 amended to allow both antique and replicas to be on school grounds.

NEW BUSINESS

Question was posed “what can we do to breathe new life into chapters. Jim Faulkinbury spoke on the Genealogical Research System. We have 1) Applications, 2) documentation and 3) patriotic research on the National website. There are over 300,000 record copies. They are looking for volunteers to input lineage data into the system. For those volunteers who do help out there is the Lafayette Medal. They need 10 volunteers to get started.

Brian Stephens spoke on the DAR. In 1990 an Award was created to give to those DAR who submitted the most new referrals to each state. A finders form (Exhibit) needs to be filled out by the DAR making the referral. The contest goes from January through December.

John Dodd spoke about supporting the CAAH. This includes support for the museum and the educational exhibit. The Solid Light Company hired to do the job has donated \$500,000 to keep this project going. The SAR needs 5 million dollars. We are not just a lineage society but an educational corporation. If one wishes to leave a legacy in the pledge of 10% of their estate in their will they will be named to the Founders Circle.

With no further business at this time the meeting was recessed at 3:28pm.

SESSION III

April 21, 2018

The meeting was opened by President Fosdyck at 9:05am. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tim Ernst. The SAR Pledge was led by Derek Brown. The Roll call was conducted (**Exhibit A**) by Secretary Craig Anderson. A quorum was established. Voting cards were handed out to the voting officers.

National officers were introduced. They included; PG Larry Guzy, FPG Ed Butler, V.P. Western District Kent Gregory and Foundation Board member John Dodd. John brought greetings from FPG Larry Magerkurth who was unable to travel and is busy celebrating their 60th anniversary!!!

REPORTS CONTINUED

Investment Funds report was given by Stephen Renouf. Their report is in the book pages 18-25. Besides Steve, John Dodd and Kent Gregory are the other Trustees. It was reported our investments are with Morgan Stanley. Last year we went from \$381,000 to \$435,000 a \$53,000 increase. Each fund is on a separate page and lists all allocations. The risk profile for each fund is noted. The term “income” has been changed to “earnings”. ½ the earnings are placed in the Permanent Fund. ½ is placed in allocation.

The Articles of Incorporation and by-law changes are voted on by chapter Presidents or their representative who has been designated to vote in place of the President for their chapter. There are two proposals to be voted on today. **Proposal #1** Article V (**Exhibit**) concerns verbiage that will make this article consistent with Article III of the NSSAR Constitution and with NSSAR genealogy policies. The vote was 15 ayes and 0 nays. The proposal passed.

Proposal #2 Article XI (**Exhibit**) changes the notice time from 90 to 30 days. This was originally adopted when it was just postal mail. With today’s technology of communications this long period is no longer necessary. The vote on this proposal was 15 ayes and 0 nays. This proposal passed.

By-Law proposals were then voted on. **Proposal #1** Concerned By-law 8 Section 4(b)(iv) (**Exhibit**) This proposal will eliminate the need to call a special meeting and clarify that designees are allowed. The vote was 15 ayes and 0 nays. Proposal #1 passed.

Proposal #2 (**Exhibit**) By-Law 8 Section 4(b)(v) will bring the by-law regarding Articles of Incorporation amendments into conformity with the by-law regarding By-Law amendments. The vote for this proposal was 15 ayes and 0 nays. Proposal #2 passed.

Proposal #3 (**Exhibit**) By-Law 8 Section 4(b)(ii-iii) will clarify the by-law, and bring sections ii and iv into agreement with section I regarding president’s designees. The vote on this proposal was 15 ayes and 0 nays. The proposal passed.

Proposal #4 (Exhibit) was proposed by Stan DeLong and the San Diego Chapter. This proposal would prevent a chapter from not having a vote due to a president (or his designee) having to leave a meeting without naming a replacement designee. A short discussion ensued. The vote on this proposal was 9 ayes and 8 nays. A 2/3 majority is needed to pass, so this proposal is defeated. It was noted that this proposal could be revisited at a future meeting.

Congress 2019—John Dodd spoke on this event. He noted a couple fund raisers. There is a raffle for the weeks stay at the hotel during Congress for \$25. There is also a raffle of a quilt by Darian Taylor for \$5.00. There will be a sign-up sheet for the various tasks that as the host state we will need to cover.

President Fosdyck had the pages pass out pens he had made as a gift to members.

Nominating Committee chaired by Kent Gregory read off the slate proposed for the 2018-2019 term.

President—Derek Brown

Executive Vice-President—Bob Taylor

Vice-President North David Gilliard

Vice-President South—Brian Stephens

Vice-President Membership—Doug Bergtholdt (this is a two year term office)

Secretary—David Grinnell

Treasurer--Jim Klingler

Chancellor—John Dodd

Registrar—Owen Stiles

Genealogist—Terry Briggs

Historian—Jim Blauer

Chaplain—Lou Carlson

Surgeon—Matthew Bowdish, MD.

Investment Trustee—John Dodd (2018-2020)

National Trustee—Jim Fosdyck

Alternate National Trustee—Derek Brown

There were no nominations from the floor. John Dodd moved that the nominations be closed. This was seconded by Lou Carlson. John Dodd moved that the slate be accepted by acclamation. This was seconded by Stephen Renouf. The motion passed. All are elected for the 2018-2019 term.

Surgeon—Matthew Bowdish reported he is working on a piece for the SAR Magazine on the medical history of George Washington.

This completed all Chapter and Committee reports.

Future events consist of the 128th Congress from July 10-13 in Houston. Also the Fall Board of Managers Meeting will be held this fall in Folsom on November 9-10. The registration form is on-line. There may be a fire arms training on Sunday the 11th. The Spring meeting of 2019 will be held in Ventura. Information concerning this meeting will be available at the Fall BOM Meeting.

There was no more old or new business at this time, so Lou Carlson moved that we adjourn. This was seconded and passed.

The meeting of the 143rd Annual Spring Meeting of the California Society Sons of the American Revolution was adjourned at 9:45am.

WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING

The Western District Meeting was called to order by Kent Gregory at 9:46am. VP Gregory reported that the Western District consists of California, Nevada and Hawai'i. Hawai'i has a new state president who was elected last January. VP Gregory reported he was in Nevada last weekend where Paul Hicks was elected the new State President.

VP Gregory proposed that the new Vice-President of the Western District be Ron Barker. It was moved by Lou Carlson that we elect Ron to this position. It was seconded by Owen Stiles. The motion passed and Ron is the new Vice-President of the Western District.

The recessional was led by Craig Anderson.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:49am.

YOUTH AWARDS LUNCHEON

The luncheon (**Exhibit**) was opened at 12 noon by emcee Dan McKelvie. He welcomed all to the luncheon. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Rt. Rev. Lou Carlson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by FPG Ed Butler. The SAR Pledge was led by Ron Barker.

Dan then introduced the head table and honored guests. They included Top Row; Kent & Lisa Gregory, Karin & Larry Guzy, Un Hui Yi and James Fosdyck, Robin & Ed Butler, and Lou & Karen Carlson.

The Front Row included; Craig Anderson, Doug Bergtholdt, Janet & Derek Brown, Bob Ebert, Chuck Lampman, Connie & Ron Barker, Karen & Jim Faulkinbury and Darian & Bob Taylor.

From the Floor there was; John & Karen Dodd, Steve Renouf, and Jim Klingler.

Greetings were brought from Nicholas Adams and Nolan Hall of the Children of the American Revolution. They were introduced by their grandfather, Tom Adams. Nicholas spoke to us about the project Starlight to assist the Children's Foundation. He noted the new President Mission 22 is to support Veterans and their medical needs. They accepted a check from the CASSAR to their CAR State Society and Nicholas and Nolan were each presented with an Outstanding Citizenship Certificate and pin.

Lunch was served at 12:15pm.

We reconvened at 12:50pm.

The Best Chapter Contest winners were presented. Ray Raser served as Chairman in 2017. There were 9 chapters that participated. There were no participants in the small chapter category.

In the Medium to Small Division Delta received the certificates for Meetings, Publicity, New Members, Medals and Community Service. Redlands received Certificates for Activities, CASSAR Contests and publications. The winner of the Best Medium to Small size chapter was Delta.

In the Medium to Large Division South Coast received a Certificate of Participation. Kern received certificates for Activities, CASSAR Contests, and publications. Harbor received Certificates for Meetings, Publicity, New Members, Medals, and Community Service. The winner of the Best Medium to Large size chapter was Kern Chapter.

In the Large Chapter Division there was Redwood Empire that received a Certificate for Meetings. Riverside received Certificates for Publications, New Members, Medals & Certificates, Community Service, CASSAR Contests, and Publicity. The winner of the Best Large Chapter was Riverside Chapter.

In the Extra Large Division, San Diego had CASSAR Contests and Publications. Orange County had Meetings, Publicity, New Members, Medals & Certificates, Activities, & Community Service. The winner of the Best Extra Large Chapter was Orange County Chapter.

The Youth Awards Presentations was conducted by State President Jim Fosdyck.

The JROTC Program was chaired by Rob Dickie. Gus Fischer of the Orange County Chapter introduced the state winner, Cadet Nikolai Zalamea who represented the Orange County Chapter in the competition. He received a Certificate and checks from the state and Ladies Auxiliary.

Eagle Scout Chairman Gary Jensen introduced Bilal Malik the winner for this year. Bilal read his essay then received checks from the CASSAR and Ladies Auxiliary, and a certificate and an eagle statue.

Gary then introduced this year's Robert E. Burt Award recipient Bob Morse. Gary read his story with the Boy Scouts.

Kevin Tierney, Chairman of the Knight Essay Contest, noted there were 46 entries to the chapters this year. Chapters who participated were; San Diego, Patton, Redlands, Thomas Jefferson, South Coast and Delta. This year's winner was Vivian Kellner and she read her essay. Afterwards she received her certificate and checks from the state and Ladies Auxiliary.

Dan McKelvie, Chairman of the Orations Contest reported that John Ferris made the presentation to Lydia Mellor at the San Diego Chapter meeting. There she received her certificate, medallion and checks from state and the Ladies Auxiliary.

At this point Derek Brown presented certificates of Appreciation to several youth chairmen. They were; Kevin Tierney—Knight Essay, Tom Adams--Brochure, Dan McKelvie—Orations, Gary Jensen—Eagle, and Terry Briggs—CAR.

Ron Barker reported on the winners in the Poster Contest. Honorable mentions were presented to Sacramento, Gold Country, San Diego, Kern, and Mother Lode chapters. Third Place went to Redlands, Second Place to Orange County and First Place to Delta. Each of the top three received a color ribbon to present to the winners back home.

The Brochure Contest was conducted by Chairman Tom Adams and Kevin Tierney. It was announced that there were 5 entries and each receives a check for their chapter winner. Honorable Mentions went to San Diego and Redlands with a \$100 check to each. Third Place and \$200 went to Sacramento. Second Place and \$300 went to Orange County. First Place and \$400 check went to Mother Lode.

The Quilts of Valor presentations were conducted by Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, president of the Ladies Auxiliary and Charmella Secrest. Quilts were presented to Jeff Brown, Tim Ernst, Jim Faulkinbury and Larry Guzy.

Larry Guzy introduced new member Eugene Secrest of the Orange County Chapter and did the official induction ceremony. Eugene was presented with his membership certificate and had his society rosette pinned on his lapel.

With no further business to conduct, Derek Brown led in reciting the recessional.

Chaplain Carlson gave the benediction.

The luncheon was adjourned at 1:45pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Memorial Service (**Exhibit**) began at 2:15pm with a prelude by James Beatty on the bagpipes. The processional had the CASSAR Color Guard form 2 columns through which members and guests passed through in route to their seating. Chaplain Rt. Rev. Lou Carlson welcomed all in attendance and gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by California State President Jim Fosdyck.

At this time Chaplain Carlson led the Congregation in the singing of "Amazing Grace".

Chaplain Carlson then read off the names of those members who were reported to have passed on this last year. He requested that if any member knew the deceased that they may say a few words about him. In the absence of a eulogist the congregation would say, "We will remember our compatriot brother with Thanksgiving."

Following the eulogies, it was planned to have Don Gurley sing a special song. Due to illness he was unable to attend. Jim Blauer was asked to fill in and he sang, "You'll Never Walk Alone".

Following the special music, the congregation read the 23rd Psalm. The Benediction was given by Chaplain Carlson.

The Color Guard once again formed up into 2 columns through which members and guests passed through as they exited the service.

GALA BANQUET

The Banquet (**Exhibit**) was opened at 7:05 by MC Stephen Renouf. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Colors were presented under the command of Mark Kramer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Doug Bergtholdt. The National Anthem was led by Jim Blauer. The SAR Pledge was led by Ron Barker. With the Colors posted the Color Guard retired.

Introductions were made of the head table. They included top row; Kent & Lisa Gregory, Adrian Covert (speaker), Larry & Karin Guzy, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Martin Boyer, Ed & Robin Butler, and Karen & Lou Carlson. Bottom row included; Darian & Bob Taylor, Karen & Jim Faulkinbury, Conni & Ron Barker, Chuck Lampman, Bob Ebert, J. Stephen Hurst, Derek & Janet Brown, and Douglas Bergtholdt.

Other state officers in the audience were introduced. They included; John & Karen Dodd, Steve & Joy Renouf, Craig Anderson, Jim Klingler, Owen Stiles, Terry Briggs, Jim Blauer, and Dr. Matthew Bowdish.

Past State Presidents introduced included; Marston Watson—1970, Charles R. Lampman—2001, Robert Ebert—2006, Stephen Renouf—2008, Lou Carlson—2009, John Dodd—2011, J. Stephen Hurst—2013, Jim Faulkinbury--2014, Kent Gregory—2015, and Ron Barker—2016. Charles Conyers State President from 1991 passed away earlier this year.

Greetings were brought by Beverly Moncrieff California State Regent of the DAR.

PG Larry Guzy reported that he had laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown.

Dinner was served at 7:25pm.

As dessert was being served the Ladies Auxiliary conducted their raffle. Winners included; John Ferris, Ray Raser, Bob Taylor, Brian Stephens, Karen Faulkinbury, Ed Butler, Jim Blauer, J. Stephen Hurst, James Beatty, Bob Ebert, Dr. Matthew Bowdish, Ed Oehler, Mark Kramer, Dan McKelvie, Conni Barker, and Joanne Kramer.

In the Silent Auctions winners included; Dan & Karen McKelvie, Brian and Diane Stephens, Ann Adams, Jim Faulkinbury and Joanne Kramer.

Stephen Renouf introduced our speaker, Adrian J. Covert, who spoke to us on "Taverns in the American Revolution. He spoke on the ones still in existence and his road trip to visit many along the Atlantic Coast. He went through many of the taverns that he visited and gave some history on each. He noted how taverns became obsolete with urban growth. They were replaced by hotels. He had copies of his book available for \$25.00. President Fosdyck presented Mr. Covert with a Certificate of Appreciation for speaking to us this evening.

AWARDS

PG Guzy presented Tim Ernst with an aide-de camp pin and Janet brown was presented the ladies equivalent.

The Ladies Auxiliary announced they made \$1,465.00 from the Raffle and Silent Auction.

President Fosdyck presented Certificates of Appreciation to David Grinnell, Kevin Tierney, Ray Raser, Jim Blauer, John Dodd, Doug Bergholdt, Bob Taylor, Dr. Bowdish, Rod Dickey Greg Hill, and Jim Faulkinbury.

Executive Vice-President Derek Brown presented Certificates of Appreciations to those who help with the meeting in various capacities. Recipients included; Lou Carlson, Ray Raser, Mike Windorf, Wayne Thomas, Pat Brown, Jim Blauer, Greg Owens, Jim Beatty, Hal Strout, and Pat Everett.

Distinguished Service Certificates were presented by President Fosdyck to Derek Brown, Jim Klingler, Kent Gregory, Steve Renouf and Karl Jacobs.

The Colonel Locke Award (cash) was presented to Eagle, Delta, Harbor, Redwood Empire and Sons of Liberty Chapters.

The SAR Silver Color Guard medal was presented to John Ferris.

Outstanding Citizenship was presented to Martin Boyer.

The Meritorious Service medal was presented to Mark Kramer.

The Silver Roger Sherman Award was presented to Lou Carlson, Owen stiles, Brian Stephens, and Dan McKelvie.

The Martha Washington Medal was presented to the following Ladies Auxiliary members; Janet Brown, Liz Ferris, Conni Barker, Karen Dodd, Lisa Gregory, Gail Raser, Karen Carlson, Darian Taylor and Joanne Kramer.

Medals of Appreciation were presented to Diane Stephens and Charmella Secrest.

The Patriot Medal was to be presented to David Gilliard and Don Littlefield. Due to their absence from this meeting these will need to be presented to them at another time.

Color Guard members Dan McKelvie and Mark Kramer began to search the room for the next recipient. Craig Anderson was presented the Distinguished Service Medal.

The Lydia Daraugh Medal was presented to Un Hui Yi Fosdyck.

President Fosdyck thanked all Compatriots and Members of the Ladies Auxiliary. He reported we had an 8% growth over the last year. He noted some small chapters are having problems, but the state is working to improve their situation. He also reported that he was able to visit all 26 chapters over the last year.

PG Guzy installed the new officers for 2018-2019. Derek Brown was installed as the new State President and wife Janet placed the State President's ribbon around his neck. PG Guzy presented Derek with the gavel of authority.

State President Brown then presented Jim Fosdyck with his Past State President's Pin. The Browns also presented Compatriot Fosdyck with a spread eagle statue.

PG Guzy then installed the new officers of the Ladies Auxiliary. They included; Janet Brown, Karen Carlson, Darian Taylor, Conni Barker, Linda Stephens, Karen Dodd, and Karen McKelvie.

Derek & Janet Brown then presented gifts to PG Guzy and his lady Karin.

As the new State President, Derek gave his inaugural address. In it he thanked the Thomas Jefferson Chapter members as well as other Compatriots. He thanked the Ladies Auxiliary for all their work on behalf of the society. He thanked the emcees for their work at this meeting. He looks forward to working with all and having fun doing it.

With no further items for this evening's agenda, Jim Faulkinbury led us in the SAR
Recessional.

The Color Guard retired the Colors.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson.

The Gala Banquet was adjourned at 10:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted

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