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SESSION I

November 3, 2017

The meeting was opened by President Jim Fosdyck at 9am. The Invocation was given by State Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Color Guard under the command of Mark Kramer presented the Colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Terry Briggs. The Color Guard posted the Colors. The SAR Pledge was led by FPG Joseph Dooley.

With the ceremonial opening complete Craig Anderson the State Secretary was asked to call the roll. He did so (**Exhibit A**) and was able to establish that there was a quorum in attendance so that business could be conducted.

Derek Brown Executive Vice-President gave the credentials report.

President Fosdyck then introduced the **former State Presidents** who were in attendance. They included; Charles Lampman, Bob Ebert, Karl Jacobs, Larry Magerkurth, Steve Renouf, Rev. Lou Carlson, Steve Hurst, Jim Faulkinbury, Kent Gregory, Ron Barker and John Dodd. Others may arrive later.

National Officers in attendance included; FPG Larry Magerkurth, FPG Joseph Dooley, Secretary General Warren Alter, Treasurer General Jack Manning, Vice-President of the Western District Kent Gregory and Foundation Board Members John Dodd, Joseph Dooley and Lou Carlson. It was moved by Lou Carlson and seconded that the **minutes** from the April 2017 meeting be approved. Historian Jim Blauer noted that there had been a couple minor corrections and that they had been taken care of for the final report. The minutes were approved as corrected. President Fosdyck asked the Historian Blauer make sure a corrected copy get sent to Greg Hill to be placed on the website.

President Fosdyck then called on those **National Officers** in attendance to make any remarks they wish to impart to those in attendance. **FPG Joseph Dooley** noted that he was "Happy" to be here and noted he is a dual Life Member in the California Society. **Secretary General Warren Alter** noted he is a dual member with the San Diego Chapter. He plans to keep coming to meetings. He and his wife Nancy are both glad to be here. **Treasurer General Jack Manning** said he is glad to see the sun. He loves sunny California.

John Dodd reported from the **Foundation Board** that the museum project is full steam ahead. There has been a challenge by Lanny Patten to raise money for this project. We will need \$500,000 by the end of this year (2017) to meet Lanny Patten's challenge. At King's College, the papers of George III are under study. There are about 350,000 documents. We have been asked to find one American academic to study these papers for 8 weeks and then report on his/her findings. This costs the society \$35,000- \$38,000 per year. If one wishes to make a donation to this cause, the donor will receive a pin. One of the items is an essay written by George III on "America is Lost". This was after Cornwallis' defeat and before the Treaty of Paris. Prince William, son of George III, wrote his father when he was but 16 years old at the time. This is in with all the other papers. **FPG Larry Magerkurth** reported it was "Good to see Daddy Warbucks". He spoke to Sam Powell and noted that Sam was concerned with our current PG as

he has no program, Sam does say that all is well with the foundation. Sam is planning on getting a letter out for donations. Larry noted he was glad to be here.

Vice-President of the Western District Kent Gregory reported he covers California, Nevada and Hawaii. The Western District was represented by 15 members at Congress and 11 at the Fall Trustees Meeting. Several of these men are on National Committees. One thing that is new is that all applications approved after September 1st will not have to pay dues for the coming year. The contract with Blackstone was terminated and hired Protivity to audit our system. The 2018 budget was approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Fosdyck visited (**Exhibit B**) most of the chapters in the state. The society is in good shape. He attended the Congress and Trustee Meetings. He noted that there is one chapter in the North that is having problems. He is working with David Gilliard to help them. He encouraged those who work with our Youth Programs to take the BSA Training. He has visited 23 of the 26 chapters.

Executive Vice-President Derek Brown reported he had visited 11 chapters in the North and 6 chapters in the South. He attended Congress and the Trustee meetings. He is looking for Chairs of Committees. He noted reported complaints of email fishing where several chapters had their presidents supposedly ask for money from their treasurer.

Vice-President South Bob Taylor (Exhibit C) passed out copies of his report. Since April he has attended 7 chapter meetings. This included; Kern, Santa Barbara, Orange County at their 50th Anniversary picnic, Harbor at the Alpine Village, and Riverside. He attended the Sea Cadets Awards. He attended the CAR Annual Banquet. He also attended the Massing of the Colors, Congress and the Trustee meetings. He attended the DAR Southern Conference, Memorial Day ceremonies and he noted the winning of the Furlong Award for having issued Flag Certificates. Those who want more details should see his report.

Vice-President North David Gilliard reported he has attended four of the chapter meetings in the North. He noted that Redding is having problems. He encourages chapters to get on social media. He is working on an instruction sheet for this project and he mentioned the Youth Contests.

Vice-President Membership Doug Bergtholdt noted he has an average of 3 referrals per day. If he has the city of residence of the new applicant, it makes it easier to locate their chapter.

Treasurer Jim Klingler reported (**Exhibit D**) on the first 9 months of the year. Committee expenses are below the projected amount. They are using the Encore Program for the Reconciliation Report. The investment account is 6-7% of the total assets. Checking and savings is less than 1%. He is transferring some funds so that we can make interest on it. The balance sheet is in good shape. We have \$478,000 in assets.

Chancellor John Dodd reported we are not being sued nor are we suing anyone at this time.

Genealogist Terry Briggs reported he had provided review for chapters. The on-line application system is up and running and we have 25 of 26 chapters using this system. We have had 925 applications online. 300 of these have been approved so far. He has been working on the pended applications. There are about 20 at any given time. He asks that chapters work to resolve them as quickly as possible or withdraw them.

Secretary Craig Anderson reported (**Exhibit E**) we have 310 members approved this year. 244 for new members and 36 renewed their membership. We lost 16 and 10 deceased. As of this day we have 1,858 members.

Registrar Owen Stiles was absent. (**Exhibit F**) It was noted that Silicon Valley had 41 new members and Orange County has 34 so far this year.

Historian Jim Blauer reported his report is the minutes from the April Meeting and they had been approved earlier.

Chaplain Lou Carlson requested that he get the information on those who pass away.

Surgeon Dr. Matthew Bowdish reported (**Exhibit G**) he had attended 2 chapter meetings. For details see his report.

Investment Committee will give their report tomorrow.

National Trustee Ron Barker reported he had attended the Trustee meetings and Congress. He has also attended several chapter meetings throughout the state. He was one of many who were evacuated due to the fires. The Nominating Committee was excused.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Butte—Absent.

Central Coast—Absent

Coachella—Absent.

Delta- Absent.

Eagle—President of the chapter reported that they are a small chapter only 5 years old. They are located between San Diego and Riverside. At present he gives the chapter a 50/50 chance of survival. They need the applicants to be placed in the nearest chapter. Referrals are important to small chapters. President Fosdyck noted they need to have the registrars in areas work together.

Gen. George Patton—Ken Lynch reported they meet in Ventura. The chapter had an essay winner this year. They continue with their Spirit of America Program. Very successful. Martin Spann was awarded his 3rd Bronze Star. A quilt from Quilts of Valor was presented to Martin at the October meeting.

General George Washington—Absent.

Gold Country—Absent.

Harbor—James Gill reported that Jeff Oehler will be taking over the presidency next year. They will have a special December off site meeting at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall in Los Angeles. He noted the SR Library in Pasadena may come to an end soon.

Kern—Arnie Burr reported they have an active Color Guard and have some upcoming events with the DAR.

Monterey Bay—Absent.

Mother Lode—Tom Adams reported like Eagle they are a small chapter. They are working on their Color Guard. They had an entry in the Brochure Contest.

Orange County—John Ferris reported they meet on the second Saturday of the month with July and August dark. They get about 35-45 members and guests at each meeting. The Color Guard is thriving and the chapter as a whole is doing well.

Redding—Absent.

Redlands—Absent.

Redwood Empire—James Beatty reported the loss of three members. Their homes are too far from their meeting place. Riverside—Is very active. They participate in all the Youth Programs. They have a BSA Day and have camps at Rev. War reenactments and LA History Day. They have 19 new members so far this year and there are 6 applications in the pipeline.

Sacramento—Don Littlefield reported they meet at the “Cattleman’s” 8 times a year. They have an Awards Dinner where they get about 80 members and guests to attend. They have given out 7

Heroism awards this year. One was killed in action (gunfire). They have a Veteran's event where they will have 13 Purple Heart recipients in attendance. He reported Compatriot Alan Brooking is being treated for throat cancer.

San Diego—Barry Key, their 1st V.P. reported they are doing well. Membership is up with younger members joining. They have had 8 new members recently. They have a mentorship program. They have a barbecue at the Raser home the first week in December. They have joint meetings with the DAR and Mayflower Colony in San Diego.

San Francisco—Bob Ebert reported they are doing well. The Channel 7 news anchor is president of their chapter.

Santa Barbara—Absent.

Silicon Valley—They sent a school teacher to Valley Forge. See the display on the piano. Chapter is doing well. They have an active Color Guard. They do Wreaths Across America, They do the Veteran's Day Parade in San Jose. Their September meeting is a SAR, DAR, Mayflower joint meeting. They give out JROTC/ROTC and Eagle Scout awards, one scholarship and hand out Flag Certificates.

Sons of Liberty—Absent.

South Coast—Richard Bent reported they are active. They meet in Irvine on the third Tuesday of the month. They have 53 members, 5 new members in the last few months. Their Color Guard, The Continental Marines, is active. They appeared in the Swallows Day Parade and Laguna Hills Xmas Parade.

Thomas Jefferson—Is alive and well. They gave out 37 Eagle Certificates. They had 2 entries in the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest. They have presented Flag Certificates and JROTC medals. They will be hosting the April meeting.

Yosemite—They were Absent, but President Jim Fosdyck reported that they meet in Fresno.

Coachella—They have arrived. It was reported they have 49 members which stays fairly constant. They have given out 2 JROTC Awards.

A break was called for at 10:25am.

We reconvened at 10:40am.

YOUTH PROGRAM REPORTS

Youth Activities Director Gary Jensen introduced the various chairmen to give the reports on their activity.

Poster Contest—Dave Gilliard reported that we won at National in Knoxville. There were 9 chapter entries this year. He expects even more next year. The subject for 2018 is Saratoga, Turning Point of the American Revolution.

Brochure Contest—Tom Adams reported that this contest started here in California as an idea by Lou Carlson. This contest is for Middle School children. The winner this year was from Riverside. They have to make a brochure about the 5 fundamental documents. They have teachers give it as an extra credit project over the Holidays. There were 6 chapters that participated last year. Members of the BSA, GSA, and CAR are also eligible.

Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest—Gary Jensen reported (**Exhibit H**) the deadline for chapters to get their entry into the State for consideration on that level is December 1st. San Diego, Orange and some other chapters had entries this year. 2 Robert E. Burt Awards have been approved so far this year. He is looking for judges for the state level of the contest. He has received 41 requests for Eagle Scout Certificates.

It was noted that **Past State President** Stan DeLong had arrived.

Knight Essay Contest—Tom Adams reported this contest will be taken over by Compatriot Patrick Cecil. Jim Blauer noted that the Essay used in the Eagle Scout Contest can be used in this contest as well.

Oration Contest—Dan McKelvie reported national was won by the Riverside Chapter entry. Due to the expense, the state sent her to Knoxville. The state is working on fundraising for this purpose.

Sea Cadets—There was no report by Compatriot Robert Dickey.

Spirit of America—Bob Taylor reported (**Exhibit I**) the General George Patton, Jr. Chapter is the only chapter doing this award. It rewards middle school boys and girls with a Bronze Good Citizenship medal. The school selects a girl and boy and they are sent to the district where they make their selection on who is to receive this award. Pins are presented to the school winners and a medal is presented to the district winners. These Awards are presented at the Graduation ceremonies. Steve Hurst inquired on how chapters can begin to participate in this program. He was instructed to contact the school principals and go from there. Information on this program is on the California (CASSAR) website.

Valley Forge Contest—Bob Taylor reported (**Exhibit J**) that this year's theme was the Southern States. The tour ended at Mount Vernon. This program gets the U.S. history teacher involved. They take photos to show the students when they are discussing this portion of American History. This year's winners were from the Silicon Valley and Riverside chapters. The Riverside Chapter's teacher will give us a PowerPoint presentation at tomorrow's luncheon. We have been given high marks from the Freedom Foundation on the quality of the teachers we have sent on this trip. If desired a teacher may go back in succeeding years at their own expense to learn about other parts of the American Revolution.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Planning—will be discussed tomorrow by Derek Brown. It was announced that a card system will be used to vote. All eligible voters will receive a card and when asked to vote yea or nay they will raise their card at the appropriate time to be counted.

250 Pin—John Dodd reported that those Compatriots who donate at least \$250 to CAAH, they will receive a California 250 pin. National is looking for a 20% participation from each state and \$250 per person is the average donation to accomplish this. We have to be aware that every new member we get changes the percentage that we have for the state, so it is a constant battle to keep us at 20% all the time.

California Compatriot—Is on the website. The hard copies at \$10/year. They are cleaning up their hard copy list as there will be no freebees.

Activity Contest—With the retirement of Phil Hinshaw from this position, Ray Raser has been appointed to take over this contest.

Chief of Protocol—Mark Kramer had no report.

CAR—Terry Briggs reported that Darren Gillick and his mother Tanya will be here tomorrow.

Color Guard—Commander Mark Kramer reported there will be a meeting on Black Powder this afternoon.

Compliance—Karl Jacobs reported the Compliance forms would be passed out tomorrow to get signatures from all officers of the state and chapter Presidents. This will include the Whistle Blower form.

Congress 2019 Planning—John Dodd reported that we will be the host of the 2019 Congress here in Costa Mesa. A pin for the occasion is being planned and they will need a lot of volunteers to help out in various area. See John for details in volunteering.

DAR Liaison—Brian Stephens will discuss this later.

Ethics—Lou Carlson has nothing to report.

Flag Certificates—Already covered.

Information Technology—Greg Hill was absent. Medals & Awards—David Grinnell had nothing to report.

Media & Public Relations—David Gilliard had nothing to report.

Nomination Committee—Kent Gregory reported that they are seeking recommendations for the new Vice-President South. They are working on the slate for the April elections.

Operation Ancestor Search—Ray Raser had no report.

Public Service & Heroism Awards—Brian Stephens reported on the new Lifesaving Medal. He asked that all potential awardees be sent to him.

Spanish Liaison—Looking for a new chair as LeRoy Martinez wishes to step down.

Veterans Programs—Brian Stephens reported they are looking for a new chairman for this position.

Wreaths Across America—Don Littlefield reported that this year's event will be on December 16 at 9am. There are some 90 cemeteries that participate in the state of California. November 27th is the due date/deadline for money to purchase wreaths for their ceremonies. The big wreaths are \$60.00. We recessed for lunch at 11:25am.

PUBLIC SERVICE LUNCHEON

The Public Service Luncheon (**Exhibit K**) was opened by Brian Stephens at 12:10pm. Brian welcomed all those in attendance. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Colors were presented by the Irvine Police Department Color Guard unit. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President General of the Western District Kent Gregory. The SAR Pledge was led by Vice-President Membership Doug Bergtholdt.

Introductions were made at the head table. They included; State President Jim Fosdyck and his wife Un Hui Yi, FPG Joseph Dooley, FPG Larry Magerkurth and his wife Barbara, Vice-President of the Western District Kent Gregory and his wife Lisa, Secretary General Warren Alter and his wife Nancy, Treasurer General Jack Manning and his wife Sheila, Executive Vice-President Derek Brown and his wife Janet, Police Chief Mike Hamel of the Irvine Police Department, and Fire Chief Greg McKuen of the Irvine Fire Department.

Harbor chapter President James Gill brought greeting and welcome to all the attendees

President Fosdyck presented the staff of the Wyndham Irvine Hotel with our Certificate of Appreciation to Diane Blake/General Manager, Shane Wilkinson/Sales Manager, Corrynne Santana/ Senior Conference Service Manager, and Marilu Tovar/Banquet manager for their help in coordinating our meeting in April and now in November. We also wished to recognize them for their actions of October 10, 2017 for housing almost 100 firefighters from roughly a dozen fire engines who were battling the Canyon Fire 2 in Northeastern Orange County. (**Exhibit L**).

President Jim Fosdyck and Brian Stephens presented the Service Awards. The **EMS Award** was presented to Mike Murrey. Mike is an Engineer/Paramedic with the Manhattan Beach Fire Department. After having read his bio (**Exhibit M**) Mike was presented the Emergency Medical Services SAR Medal & Certificate.

The Fire Service Award was presented to retired Battalion Chief Ken Shuck of the Manhattan Beach Fire Department. After having read Chief Shuck's bio (**Exhibit N**) on his service, he was presented with the SAR Fire Service Medal and Certificate.

The Law Enforcement Award was presented to Chief Mike Hamel of the Irvine Police Department. After having read his bio (**Exhibit O**), Chief Hamel was presented with the SAR Law Enforcement Medal & Certificate.

The Heroism Award was presented to Avalon Fire Captain John Meffert. Following the reading of his bio (**Exhibit P**) he was presented with the SAR Heroism Medal & Certificate.

Orange County Chapter Veteran's Affairs Chairman Hammond Salley called Barbara Winkler, Un Hui Yi Fosdyck and Charmella Secrest from **Quilts of Valor** here in Southern California to come up front. Barbara told the attendees that they had given out 355 Quilts to veterans this year as of yesterday. Since they began they have presented 4,460 quilts to our deserving veterans. Today the honorees are 1) Larry Magerkurth who served in the U.S. Navy from 1955-1963. (**Exhibit Q**), 2) Master Sergeant Jeffery Oehler is retired from the United States Air Force. He served 25 years on active duty from 1986-2003 and later as Health Services administrator from 2003-2011. (**Exhibit R**), 3) Ray Raser served in the United States Marine Corps from 1962-1969. (**Exhibit S**), And 4) Lieutenant Colonel Frank Kebelman joined the United States Marine Corps in 1972 and served for 22 years, retiring as Lieutenant Colonel in 1994. (**Exhibit T**). Each of these veterans was presented with a quilt from Quilts of Valor to say Thank You for your service.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Barbara, Un Hui and Charmella for their work with Quilts of Valor.

Frank Kebelman who is President of the Eagle Chapter was to make a presentation of the Silver Good Citizenship Medal & Certificate to Chuck Atkinson for having served in the Coast Guard, Air Force and Marine Corps and is a member of the Veterans Association of North County. Chuck was unable to attend this luncheon so the presentation will be made at a later date. Frank then presented Fay Bishop with the Daughters of Liberty Medal & Certificate. Fay is the wife of Bill Bishop, a member of the Eagle Chapter.

Frank Kebelman was presented the Thomas Jefferson Medal for meritorious service. Karl Jacobs presented Ron Swanson with a Flag Certificate and Bronze Good Citizenship medal. Hammond Salley was presented with the California Meritorious Service medal. Dan Shippey was unable to attend and his award will be presented at a later date. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to each member of the Color guard. Brian Stephens received a Certificate of Appreciation from the state for having emceed this luncheon.

The Recessional was led by David Gilliard.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson.

The luncheon was adjourned at 2:03pm.

SESSION II

Session II was called to order at 2:45pm.

REPORTS (CONTINUED)

Treasurer Jim Klingler reported on the insurance issue for directors and officers. The coverage we have is for one year and was lowered from \$945 to \$878. This will protect us in case we are sued. On Charitable Trusts all non-profits have to file. Chapters need to file by April

10th. At present there are 7 chapters that still need to file. The form is one page with seven questions.

John Dodd reported on the **Congress Medal**. It is \$35.00 with a Soldado on the front and the Sons of Revolutionary Sires Logo on the back.

Mark Kramer reported on the **Black Powder insurance** question. Insurance companies require a manual of policies and procedures on the subject. This is being worked on to safe guard both state and National societies. Jim Falkinbury noted there is a new law covering fire arms here in California.

The **Reconciliation Report** was discussed by Craig Anderson. At the end of July Craig contacted National and chapter rosters that were sent to compare with the National Roster showed there were discrepancies with those of 10 chapters. He noted the intrastate transfer for the state both chapters need to sign the transfer papers and get it back to the State Secretary, The new reinstatement form is working well.

Joseph Dooley reported on the **SAR Conference on the American Revolution**. Spain's Role is the theme for next year's conference. Scholarly papers will be presented between June 8-10, 2018.

Ron Barker reported that 200 of the **50th Anniversary Vietnam Pins** had been given out so far. Ron asks that you advise him of the number when your chapter gives out these pins.

Announcements were made. Any raffle items need to be in to the Ladies Auxiliary before tomorrow.

Kent Gregory noted that for 9 months the E-10 item in the budget has not been paid. Jim Klingler reports he has not received a bill on that item that deals with General Liability.

The session was recessed at 2:49pm.

SESSION III

November 4, 2017

The meeting was opened by President Fosdyck at 8:40am. The invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Pledge of allegiance was led by Ron Barker. The SAR Pledge was led by Dan McKelvie.

John Dodd reported on **Congress Planning**. It will be at the Costa Mesa Hilton. The State reception is our state's responsibility. We will need 75-100 volunteers. Bus tours need people from the South and you must be registered for the Congress. There will be a Volunteer Appreciation Lunch with National Officers. Working on shirts. There will be an optional Friday Activity like an Angels game where we present the Colors. Saturday a possible trip to the Nixon Library. Also the Lyon Air Museum in Newport Beach. The Nixon grandsons are possible new members. A tour of the Huntington Library is possible. The reception will be a Harbor Cruise which has already been confirmed. It will be at 6pm on Saturday. It will cost \$40,000. For Sunday we are working on churches for a memorial service. Monday through Wednesday is the Congress. Wednesday is a planned tour of San Juan Capistrano Mission. Lunch will be a buffet at El Adobe. Thursday is a tour to the Reagan Library in Simi Valley. By the time you read this many of these items may have been confirmed.

On the Volunteer front we will need Airport greeters in Uniform. We will have our own buses to shuttle members from the airport to the hotel. We will need members to man the registration table. Others will be needed to man the Hospitality Room. A sign-up sheet will be passed around to get volunteers to sign up. Members of the CAR may be used as Aide de Camps and pages at the Congress. The Congress medal set is \$35.00. Darian Taylor has produced a quilt to be raffled

off to help defray the cost of this event. There is also a raffle. For \$25.00 you get a raffle ticket to be in a drawing for a 6 night stay in the hotel during the Congress. Need Flags (American) for each room. Probably 12 or more.

The **2018 Congress** is being held in Houston where members can get an idea of what will be needed to pull our hosting of the event in 2019 off. Warren Alter noted we need handicap access for buses. They should be loaded on first.

DAR Liaison Brian Stephens reported he attended the DAR workshop in Solvang. There is a contest where DARs who sponsor an SAR member will get credit There is a DAR Finder Form. There will be awards for the most referrals. Public service Chairman Brian Stephens encouraged chapters to do annual awards in their local area. Those who are awarded our medals need to be reported on an on-line form and sent to Brian so we get credit at National when he sends in his state report.

There was a presentation on the **Princeton Battlefield. (Exhibit U)** A history of was given on what transpired in the area during the American Revolution. There is an effort to save the Princeton Battlefield before it gets swallowed by shopping malls, parking lots and office buildings. The Civil War Trust Campaign 1776 is working to raise the money to save the 15 acres. This is a tax deductible donation. All donations of \$240 or more will be included on a marker on the land they are working to save.

At the Fall Leadership (Trustees) Meeting on September 30, 2017 the Princeton Resolution passed. To support this project they need to raise \$40,000. They have pins for \$20.00 donations, Shirts for \$39.00 donation, a poster for \$77.00 donation and your name on the wall for a donation of \$240.00 or more.

Darren Gillick and his mother Tanya spoke to us and brought greetings from the **CAR** State Society President.

President Fosdyck presented Dan McKelvie with his **supplement** for ancestor Joseph Smith(Schmidt). He now has 10 supplementals.

It was suggested that members turn in **bios** of their ancestors to National for posting on the National website. Jim Faulkinbury noted that they are now looking for footnotes for the biographies that are sent in.

John Dodd spoke on **General Liability Insurance** for Chapters. Each chapter needs to get this. They run from \$500-\$800/year. Riverside pays \$700. This item will be on the agenda for the State meeting in April. Also a reminder to renew your Youth Protection certificate from the BSA.

A break was called for at 9:44am.

We reconvened at 9:57am.

The Secretary was asked to do a Roll Call (**Exhibit A**) and a quorum was established. Voting cards were passed out to all eligible voting members/officers in attendance.

It was now time to hear the motions, (**Exhibit V**) discussion and vote on each.

Motion #1—Authorizes the transfer to the general fund from the Education Fund of up to \$1400 for travel assistance to NSSAR Congress (to be requested by the CASSAR Youth service Chairman when the need arises). It was moved by Gary Jensen that we do this and was seconded by John Dodd. John Dodd then noted that we should amend it to say annually. Bob Taylor seconded the amendment. It passed. After some discussion John agreed to strike the word “annually”. This amendment was seconded by Bob Taylor and passed. So the motion remained as originally written and was put up for a vote. The motion passed with one nay and the rest all ayes.

Motion #2--Transfer to General Fund from Education Fund of up to \$1,100 (Annually).

The purpose of this transfer would be to increase the Awards for the Youth Contests. Increase the budget for Valley Forge Teacher program up \$300, Poster Contest up \$200, and Brochure Contest up \$200. Also to create a line item for assistance to chapters—JROTC/ROTC at \$200 and Eagle Scout at \$200. It was moved by Gary Jensen that we accept this second motion. This was seconded by David Gilliard. The Motion passed unanimously.

NATIONAL OFFICE SEEKERS

Secretary General **Warren Alter (Exhibit W)** thanked us for our support and that of the museum. As **President General** he plans to get things back on track. The current administration has had no direction or plan for his administration. He has teleconferences monthly. We need all the delegates we can get at Congress.

Treasurer General **Jack Manning (Exhibit X)** is seeking the post of **Secretary General**. He thanked California for their support in the past. John Dodd moved that we endorse Jack for Secretary General. This was seconded by Lou Carlson. The motion passed unanimously.

The office of **Genealogist General** is a contested office with more than one candidate. Jim Faulkinbury (**Exhibit Y**) is a certified Genealogist. There are only 200 in Canada and the U.S. They must renew every 5 years. Jim has over 30 years of experience as a genealogist. He has been on the Genealogy Committee for 10 years and has served four of those years as Chairman. Stephen Renouf moved to endorse Jim Faulkinbury for Genealogist General. This was seconded and passed unanimously.

For other non-contested races, John Dodd spoke on behalf of Davis Wright for **Treasurer General** and Dick Bryant for **Chancellor General**. Stephen Renouf spoke on behalf of Darrell Addington for **Surgeon General** and Doug Collins for **Librarian General**. Kent Gregory spoke on behalf of Bruce Pickett for Registrar General and Sam Powell for the Foundation Board. John Dodd spoke on behalf of Mike Elston for the **Foundation Board**. John Dodd moved that we endorse all these candidates for these uncontested offices. This was seconded by Jim Blauer. The endorsements passed.

Derek Brown discussed the **Audit and Budget**. He thanked the Audit Committee. There were no items of concern and the Audit passed its review. The **Budget** was passed out yesterday. Receipts are up. Budgeted for 2017 (**Exhibit Z**) was \$96,437.00. For 2018 (**Exhibit AA**) it will be \$104,148.00. The sale of the California and Congress Medal sets was discussed. Derek noted that I-62 deals with the subscriptions to the California Compatriot. There was a \$200 increase in B-21 to offset increased costs and additional awards given out. B-40 is the new line items for travel expenses for our Youth Contestants as needed. B-41 & B-42 are both up \$200 due to the increased costs of the state meetings. C-45 deals with the expense of the California Compatriot which went up \$112.00 to cover costs of formatting and subs. There was discussion about decreasing E-10 & E-11, but was decided to leave as is. E-51 concerns the monies earned from the sales of the medal sets and where those funds are designated.

Jim Faulkinbury asked about the cost for the website which is not found in this budget. Derek noted the budget will need to be amended. It was moved by Gary Jensen that we accepted the budget as presented to us at this time. This was seconded by Lou Carlson. The motion passed and the budget was accepted.

The **Trustees of the Invested Funds** (Steve Renouf, John Dodd and Kent Gregory) handed out copies of the funds (**Exhibit BB**) and their investments. As of September 30, 2017 there was \$402,511.01 invested. They showed the various funds, how they are invested and the goals.

There is a summary on page 7 of the handout. Dick Hawley resigned due to health reasons and Kent Gregory was appointed to fill the remainder of his term.

The **By-Laws Committee** presented the by-law changes with explanations. (**Exhibit CC**)

Proposal #1—By-Law #9 Section 1 (b) deals with the wording replacing the word **‘Income’** with “earnings” (defined as Income, Dividends, realized and unrealized gains)”. The motion to accept this proposal passed.

Proposal #2—By-Law #2, Section 3(b). Section 3(b) to be completely eliminated and move 3(c) to 3(b). The motion to accept this proposal passed.

Proposal #3—By-Law #4, Section 5: On the 8th line after the word “be” and before the word “expended” insert “authorized by check request” and eliminate “expended by checks”. The motion to accept this verbiage change for this by-law passed.

Proposal #4—By-Law #2 Section Six, Concerns verbiage to make it more consistent with NSSAR bylaws on the Ladies Auxiliary.. The motion to accept this verbiage passed.

Proposal #5—By-Law #5, Section 2(a), Concerning the Budget and Planning Committee membership giving more detail of who will be on this committee. The motion to accept this change passed.

Proposal #6—By-Law #5, Section 2(b), Concerns the Audit Committee. Like Proposal #5 it delineates the make-up of the committee in more detail. The motion to accept this change passed.

Proposal #7—By-Law #8, Section 2(a), Concerns the meetings of the Board. To make the by-law consistent with the practices of the State Society the wording is changed from three meetings to 2 meetings a year. The motion to accept this proposal passed.

The **Articles of Incorporation** had two proposals to be voted on. (**Exhibit DD**)

Proposal #1—Article V, eliminates some wording and adds others to make this article consistent with Article III of the NSSAR Constitution and with NSSAR genealogy policies. The motion to accept this proposal passed.

Proposal #2--Article XI concerns the notification of the chapters on by-law changes to be considered. Notification is changed from 90 to 30 days prior to the meeting. Originally this by-law was written when communication was by postal mail. With electronic mail today communications is quicker which means less time is needed to notify the chapters of changes to be voted on. The motion passed.

Announcements were made. The Spring Meeting will be held April 20-21, 2018 in Concord, California. March 2-3, 2018 will be the next Trustees Meeting. Congress will be in July in Houston. The date for the Fall Trustees Meeting will be forthcoming. Karl Jacobs requested that members leave your name tag holders to be reused at future meetings. With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting of the 142nd Annual Board of Managers was adjourned at 11:25am.

WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING

The Western District Meeting was called to order at 11:25am by Vice-President of the Western Region, Kent Gregory.

The subject of this meeting is to endorse those candidates that were endorsed by the California Society for National Office. It was moved by Joe Dooley that we endorse the slate that was endorsed by the California Society. This was seconded by Lou Carlson. The motion passed.

It was moved by John Dodd that we adjourn. This was seconded by Lou Carlson.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27am.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson.

The Recessional was led by Ernie McCullough.

AWARDS LUNCHEON

The Awards Luncheon (**Exhibit EE**) was opened by Harbor Chapter President James Gill at 12 noon. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Secretary General Warren Alter. The SAR Pledge was led by Treasurer General Jack Manning.

Introductions of the head table were made. They included; President Jim Fosdyck & his wife Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, FPG Joseph Dooley, FPG Larry Magerkurth and his wife Barbara Magerkurth, VPG Western District Kent Gregory and his wife Lisa Gregory, Secretary General Warren Alter and his wife Nancy Alter, Treasurer General Jack Manning and his wife Sheila Manning, and Executive Vice-President Derek Brown and his wife Janet Brown.

The Silent Auction items were pointed out. It was noted the raffle items were in the back.

CAR Liaison Terry Briggs introduced Darren Gillick, Recording Secretary for the State CAR Society and his mother Tanya Gillick Senior Recording Secretary. Darren spoke on the state program for this year to raise money to help sick children through the Starlight Foundation. Pins are on sale for \$12 each or 2 for \$20. Darren & Tanya received Certificates of Appreciation.

Lunch was served at 12:30pm.

Upon reconvening after lunch some announcements were made. Ice Cream Social will be in the San Clemente Room. The OFNA-CA will meet in room 402. Daylight Savings begins tonight so turn your clocks back.

A big thank you goes to Un Hui Yi Fosdyck for supplying the center pieces.

The introduction of our guest speaker was performed by Robert Taylor. Jacob Fabozzi is a teacher in Temecula and was sent to Valley Forge for the Freedoms Foundation's annual classes on the American Revolution. This year's tour was centered around the southern campaign and sites. They visited Mount Vernon, Jamestown, Guilford Court House, Kings Mountain, Cowpens and Alamance, North Carolina. They also visited Yorktown and Stratford Hall. He thanked the SAR for selecting him to take this trip. He received a Certificate of Appreciation for speaking to us today.

AWARDS

President Jim Fosdyck then handed out several awards.

The **Silver Roger Sherman Medal** was presented to Jim Klingler and James Gill. The **Meritorious Service Medal** was presented to Gary Jensen and Dan McKelvie. The **Silver SAR Color Guard Medal** and the **Silver CASSAR Von Steuben Medal** were presented to Jim Klingler. Don Boatwright was presented the **SAR Silver Color Guard Medal**.

Color Guard Streamers were presented by State Color Guard Commander Mark Kramer. For participation in the **Field of Honor** streamers went to Harbor, Orange County and Riverside chapters. For participating in the **Let Freedom Ring** event Orange County and Harbor Chapters were presented streamers.

Fred Schuster chairman of the Riverside chapter's oration contest spoke on Taryn at Hillsdale College and her majoring in Political Science. She volunteers and works with Handicap children. The Harold L. Putnam Award was presented to Fred Schuster.

The Recessional was led by James Gill.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson.

The Luncheon was adjourned at 1:40pm.

GALA BANQUET

The Gala Banquet (**Exhibit FF**) was opened by emcee Lou Carlson at 7pm. Chaplain Carlson gave the Invocation. The Color Guard led by Commander Mark Kramer presented the Colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by FPG Larry Magerkurth. Jim Blauer led in the singing of “*America the Beautiful*”. The SAR Pledge was led by Derek Brown.

Introductions of the head table were made. They included; State President Jim Fosdyck and his wife Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, FPG Joseph Dooley, FPG Larry and his wife Barbara Magerkurth, V. P. General Western District Kent Gregory and his wife Lisa Gregory, Secretary General Warren and his wife Nancy Alter, Treasurer General Jack Manning and his wife Sheila Manning, and Executive Vice-President Derek Brown and his wife Janet Brown.

Dinner was served at 7:20pm.

As dessert was being served the Ladies Auxiliary conducted the raffle. Ladies’ Auxiliary President Un Hui Yi Fosdyck called the numbers as other members of the Ladies auxiliary took the prizes to the lucky winners. After the main raffle was complete the ladies announced the winners of the Silent Auction items.

Our **speaker** for the night, **Ron Zell**, spoke on “**Remembering our Fallen**”. He noted that since September 11, 2001 750 Californians have died in service. Also that 7500 American Total has died. There is a National Exhibit with individual stories of each veteran. The display will be at the Reagan Library on December 2nd .

Like the Reagan Library Ron mentioned several of the various venues in which this exhibit has been placed. He showed various cities and venues in which this exhibit has been shown. In Many cases these exhibits are escorted by Patriot Riders (Motorcycle motorcades) and have been joined by local police motorcycles. They can always use donations in an effort to cover costs to insure, transport, and pay for facility rentals. Donations are tax deductible. If you make a note on the check “California” they will come to your state.

The **Awards** were started as President Fosdyck and Executive Vice-President Brown presented the National Awards. The California Society received the Furlong Award. Other California winners included our Orations entry and our Brochure entry at National. The California Compatriot won the Graham Smallwood Award thanks to editors Kent Gregory and Jim Fosdyck. Participation certificates were received for our entries in the American Poster, ROTC and Eagle Scout Contests. Monterey and Riverside chapters received recognition for the submitting of biographies of their ancestors.

National Committee memberships were recognized. They included; Stephen Renouf (Medals Awards, Premium Membership Medals), John Dodd (Foundation Board), Jim Faulkinbury (Genealogy), Lou Carlson (Chaplain), Ron Barker (Americanism), Gary Jensen (Robert E. Burt) and Dan McKelvie (Orations).

Partners in Patriotism Awards went to Santa Barbara, Silicon Valley, San Diego, Sacramento, San Francisco, Mother Lode, Kern, Harbor, General George Patton, Redlands, Redwood, Riverside, Orange County, Monterey Bay, Delta, and Gold Country chapters. Also the State of California Society for participating in Veterans Day ceremonies, Wreaths Across America, Memorial Day, and July 4th events.

Ron Zell was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for being our speaker this evening. Karl Jacobs received the Distinguished Service Certificate for his work statewide. James Gill received the Distinguished Service Certificate for his assistance to Karl in putting on this meeting.

Several ladies from San Diego helped out. Gail Raser received an Oak Leaf Cluster to her Martha Washington Medal. Nancy McCullough, Mary Hinshaw and Joan DeLong all received Certificates of Appreciation.

Liberty Medal recipients were recognized. Those receiving Oak Leaf Clusters were; Terry Briggs, James Claxton, Jim Faulkinbury, Alan Fitch, Charlie Gentis, Kent Gregory, Jim Young and Ron Zell. Those receiving the medal were; Stephen Barnes, Ken Lynch, Owen Stiles, Ray Raser and Richard McMullen.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to John Dodd for his National Committee work and helping to arrange the venue for Friday night's dinner. Jim Klingler for assisting in the dinner venue arrangements, Lou Carlson for his work as Chaplain and emcee this evening, Mark Kramer as Color Guard Commander and Chief of Protocol. and Jim Blauer for singing "*America the Beautiful*".

At this point Brian Stephens and Mark Kramer were called upon to do a search for a special Compatriot. They finally found Gary Jensen who was awarded the Patriot Medal for all his work on behalf of the state and his chapter.

Secretary General Warren Alter thanked California for the wonderful hospitality he and his wife Nancy received during their stay here.

With the evening festivities at an end, the Color Guard was called upon to retire the Colors.

The Reccessional was led by Gary Jensen.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson.

The banquet was adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted
April 20, 2018

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