

CALIFORNIA SOCIETY
SONS OF THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION
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SESSION I

The meeting was opened at 9am by President Derek Brown. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Color Guards presented the Colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brian Stephens. The SAR Pledge was led by Jim Fosdyck. The Colors were posted and the Color Guard retired.

The President asked for the Roll Call (**Exhibit A**) to be called. A quorum was established.

President Brown then introduced the Past State Presidents in attendance. They included; Larry Magerkurth (2005-06), Robert Ebert (2006-07), Stephen Renouf (2008-09), Rev. Lou Carlson (2009-10), John Dodd (2011-12), Jim Faulkinbury (2014-15), M. Kent Gregory (2015-16), Ron Barker (2016-17), and James Fosdyck (2017-18).

President Brown called for the approval of the minutes from the previous meeting. Historian Jim Blauer noted there had been some last minute corrections. They were superficial with minor verbiage and content corrections. The minutes had been corrected for the final copy. With no further corrections the minutes were approved as corrected.

NATIONAL OFFICER REMARKS

FPG Larry Magerkurth noted that the Coachella Chapter had a new Color Guard which has participated in the parades in their area. He spoke on the movie, "First Man". He spoke of the planting of the Flag on the moon and that Buzz Aldrin took communion on the moon. He spoke of Gemini 8 which left Earth's gravitational pull. He encouraged members to go see this movie.

FPG Joseph Dooley spoke as President of the SAR Foundation. He spoke of the outreach program for the Educational Center and Museum. He also spoke of the work at King's College on the papers of George III.

PG Warren Alter thanked Joe and the foundation for the work of the foundation. He reported that some \$550,000 had been raised, but more was needed. They are pushing for educational resources for the entire country. He spoke on the by-law proposal to have 2 candidates for each office. He sees no problem with the current system. He thanked the California Society for having him and Nancy here this weekend.

Vice-President of the Western District **Ron Barker** reported that Charles Smith was here from Nevada. He asked that members donate to the Americanism Committee.

Secretary General Jack Manning reported it was a pleasure to serve as Secretary General. He noted one of the important things the PG should do is Communicate with the society. Each PG needs to maintain a historical connection with past President Generals.

Registrar General Bruce Pickett was glad to be back in California. He reported the society has 37,132 members. There have been 3,548 new, 1,014 reinstatements and 471 deaths in the last year. The largest states are Texas, Florida Virginia and California. He noted that Jon Toon has been doing a great job as Registrar. They have worked together to solve various problems. They are working on the retention of members.

Genealogist General Jim Faulkinbury reported that since he became Genealogist General they have had 1,613 applications pended. California has had 161 applications pended. Registrar's need to take a better look at applications to be sure they are ready for approval. Some of our Genealogists at National will spend over an hour on an application. He noted we need volunteers to input the information on the patriot ancestors. If you wish to volunteer see Jim.

Foundation Board Member John Dodd noted that the Educational Center and museums outreach programs go all over the United States and the World. The website has been revamped. We can now ask outsiders/foundations for money. He reminded members of the California 250 pin they will receive when they donate at least \$250 to the Foundation for the museum and Educational Center. He emphasized that donations can be made in installments.

Don Littlefield introduced the honorable Steve Miklas who presented a proclamation naming November 4-10 as "SAR Week" in Folsom. He read all the "whereas" of the document to us. Then he presented the proclamation to President Brown.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Derek Brown reported he attended 12 chapter meetings, the Spring, Fall and Congress meetings and some grave markings. He has communicated to members through email following up on primary issues of our society.

Executive Vice-President Bob Taylor thanked Jim Fosdyck for the Color Guard that will present the Colors at the Veteran's Day ceremonies in Ventura after this meeting. He thanked Mark Kramer the State Color Guard Commander. He presented Mark with the state Color Guardsman of the year Award. He gave a rundown of Mark's activities. He thanked President Brown for this time and said he would like to see a FAQ on our state website for information on our chapters.

Vice-President South Brian Stephens reported he had attended the Spring, Fall and National Congress meetings as well as visiting the Redlands, Eagle, Orange County and Riverside chapter meetings. He has several more chapters scheduled to attend up through January. Five chapters meet on the third Saturday of the month. He thanked the chapters for keeping their information on the state website current.

Vice-President North Don Littlefield reported he had taken over this job in September. He has visited the Mother Lode and Thomas Jefferson chapters. He noted the Redding Chapter is in need of help. They need new people

Membership Vice-President Doug Bergtholdt receives on average 3 requests a day on membership. He also receives requests for information about other items like our Youth Programs.

Secretary David Grinnell was absent. No report was given.

Treasurer Jim Klingler gave the 9 months results from our budget. (**Exhibit B**) The budget called for expenses of \$99,385.00. To date we have spent \$104,149 which leaves us at a - \$4,763.00.

We have had medal sales. Expenses have been under budget. Our investment account has received better returns. Transfers from various accounts are in his report. The main transfer this year was the money market fund which was moved to the unallocated fund. That was \$20,000.

The balance sheet is in good order. Our assets are over \$500,000. So far this year we have sold \$8,435.00 in Congress Medals, \$6,685.00 in California Medals, \$2,900 in hotel raffle and \$935 in quilt raffle. He balances the check book monthly. All forms have been filed.

He attended all three National meetings. He is Chairman of the Finance Committee and vice-President of the Investment Committee.

He noted the State Secretary should be the third person to make deposits besides him and the State Registrar. He is a member of the Financial Reporting Group and noted the need to use more software. Davis Wright and Bruce Pickett are both on this group.

Chancellor John Dodd reported that we are not being sued.

Genealogist Terry Briggs (Exhibit C) mentioned the online App. All the chapters are using it. As of November 8th 1,116 applications have been done on-line. Of these, 648 have been approved. He encourages the chapter Registrar's to use the on-line Apps. He encourages new members to volunteer for the Patriot Search Project. He will monitor the pending applications. There are 20-33 pending at any one time for our state society. Applications need a close review by the Chapter Registrars.

Historian Jim Blauer reported that his report, the minutes from the Fall Board of Managers Meeting had been approved as corrected.

Registrar Owen Stiles was absent. See his email report(**Exhibit D**).

Chaplain Lou Carlson spoke on the "250th Anniversary"; a National Program will begin in 2020 with a reenactment of the Boston Massacre of 1770. The Committee is to create a list of items for each year of historic events that leads up to Yorktown (1781) and the final Peace Treaty (1783).

Investment Funds Chair Steve Renouf said they would give their report tomorrow.

Trustee Jim Faulkinbury reported he had voted to move forward with the museum and outreach program.

Trustee Jim Fosdyck (Exhibit E) reported on the meetings and chapters attended.

It was 10:40 and President Brown called for a 15 minute recess.

At 10:55 we reconvened the meeting.

During the break the budget committee convened next door.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Coachella—Absent, Sent in report(**Exhibit F**)

Delta—They are small but growing. They have 37 members at present. They had 3 5th grade entries for the poster contest and won at the state level. They also won the Oration at the state level. They participated in 2 Civil War events, did events with the DAR, have the Nov 11th Veteran's Day parade, Wreaths Across America and gave out several certificates.

Eagle—It's reported they are very active. They have the Veteran's Day Parade, and they have meetings with the DAR.

General Patton—Tom Shaw reported they are helping out with the Spring State Meeting. They have awarded Eagle Certificates, they have an active Color Guard and their membership is growing.

Gold Country—They are active. They do the Poster Contest, and have an active Color Guard that participates in the July 4th parade, Wreaths Across America and Memorial Day. They join in DAR events. They have 62 members, seven of which are new. They have a Navy JROTC Program.

Mother Lode—Tom Adams reported they had no new members in 2017 or 2018. They present Community Awards to Law Enforcement. They raise money to fund their Youth Programs. There is a handout on the origins of stripes and the purple heart for those in the service.

Orange County—Dan McKelvie referred to their report(**Exhibits G & H**) which is very detailed on their activities.

Redwood—In February donated \$800 to the Salvation Army for fire storm in area. They have 6 new members, 2 junior members, and have issued 17 Flag Certificates.

Riverside—Mark Kramer reported they have 25 new members with 10 in the queue. They lost their ROTC and Treasurer this year. They donated \$1,000 to the Center in September.

Sacramento—(**Exhibit I**) They have about 80 members and have grown slightly this year. They participate in Youth Programs. They are trying to get new members involved.

San Diego—(**Exhibit J**) Ray Raser reported they have 11 DAR chapters in their area. Their Color Guard is very active. They have a Constitution Day celebration. They have an active website. They are losing members.

San Francisco—It is doing well. It is the oldest chapter.

Silicon Valley—(**Exhibit K**) They need officers to serve. Most have moved out of state. They have 8 chapter meetings, 13 new members, ROTC/JROTC Awards, issue Eagle Certificates, and participate in the Wreaths Across America Program. They have a Fife & Drum corps in Pleasanton and support the Freedom's Foundation and its teacher program.

South Coast—(**Exhibit L**) Has 52 members at present. They recruited three new members in Tokyo, Japan.

YOUTH PROGRAM

Dan McKelvie spoke on the protection and need to view the on-line video and send him a copy of the certificate of completion of the **BSA Protection Training**.

Poster—David Gilliard noted will be at the Spring meeting next year.

Brochure—(**Exhibit M**) Tom Adams reported that he expects 5-6 chapters to participate next year.

Eagle Scout Program—Jim Blauer read Bill Nay's report. (**Exhibits N & O**).

Knight Essay Contest—Patrick Cecil was absent, but sent in his report. (**Exhibit P**).

Oration—John Ferris reported the Forms have been updated on the website.

JROTC—It was reported that 3 Bronze medals had been issued and 11 High Schools were sent to chapters. Chairman for this and the NSCC/NLCC are vacant at present and need to fill these chairmanships.

Youth Awards Expense Compensation Policy—Dan McKelvie noted the CASSAR policy in respect to compensation for Contest winners who travel to attend Congress (**Exhibit Q**). Due to circumstances the expenses incurred by the Mellor Family exceeded those approved by the state. He moved (**Exhibit R**) that the state compensate the our 2018 Orations Contest winner, Lydia Mellor's Family, for the remaining expenses of \$393.00 that will come from item B-30 in the budget. The motion was seconded and after some discussion was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

California 250—Donate \$250 to the CAAH and receive the pin.

Chapter Activities—There are 26 chapters and 6 participate in this program.

Chief of Protocol--has nothing to report.

CAR Liaison—Tom Adams reported we will have a page from the CAR tomorrow.

Color Guard—Mark Kramer made mention of the SAR and Von Steuben Silver medals that members are attempting to earn through the National events.

Compliance—Luke Dziurzynski reported that the Conflict of Interest (**Exhibit S**) and Whistle Blower (**Exhibit T**) Policies need to be signed by all state and chapter officers and returned to him.

Ethics—Lou Carlson reported there were no issues.

Media & Public Relations—David Grinnell was absent, but it was noted that the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution is approaching and hope to get exposure through Face Book and Instagram.

Operation Ancestor Research—Ray Raser reported (**Exhibit U**) that Ancestry has agreed to support a 1 year sponsorship at Veteran's Hospitals. Silicon Valley and General George Washington Chapters have shown interest in this program.

At 11:35 we recessed for lunch.

COMMUNITY SERVICE LUNCHEON

The Community Service Luncheon (**Exhibit V**) was opened by Don Littlefield at 12:15pm. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ron Barker. The SAR Pledge was led by Robert Taylor.

Those at the head table were introduced. They are; State President Derek & Janet Brown, PG Warren Alter and his Lady Nancy, Kevin Kiley, Ann Marie Schubert, Chief Steve Dowling, Chief Johnson and Chief Curt Cushion.

In the audience were; FPG Larry & Barbara Magerkurth, FPG Joe Dooley, Secretary General Jack & Sheila Manning, Genealogist General Jim & Karen Faulkinbury, Registrar General Bruce Pickett, Vice-President of the Western District Ron & Conni Barker, Past State President Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Foundation Board Member John & Karen Dodd, Foundation Board Member Lou & Karen Carlson, Past State President Steve & Joy Renouf, and Past State President Kent & Lisa Gregory.

Also recognized were Charles Smith from the Nevada Society and Gene Melvin from the Oregon Society.

Kevin Kiley, Assemblyman from the 6th District, presented an Assembly proclamation to our society. He spoke on lost American History. He presented the proclamation to Don Littlefield.

Anthony Chakurian of the Gold Country Chapter welcomed all members in attendance. He thanked Ron Barker, Dale & Coreena Ross and the chapters in the area for their work on this meeting.

Lunch was served at 12:35pm.

Our speaker today was Anne Marie Schubert from the Sacramento County District Attorney's office. She spoke on crime and doing cold cases. She noted the case of Eva Chu and how DNA genealogy helped to solve her murder. It was the first time a case had been solved in this manner and several have been successful across the nation. Don Littlefield presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation for speaking to us this day.

Don also presented Assemblyman Kevin Kiley with a Certificate of Appreciation.

AWARDS

The **Fire Safety Commendation Award** was presented to Randy Hinkle . Randy is an engineer for the Foresthill Fire Protection District. Randy's chief spoke on Randy's actions as a Fire fighter. He was alone at the station when a call came in for a vegetation fire. Randy went out alone, began watering it down and prevented a larger fire from erupting.

The **Law Enforcement Commendation Award** was presented to Gary Richter. Captain Dale Johnson spoke on Detective Gary Richter of the Yolo County Sheriff's office. He noted Gary is a veteran (Marine). He told us about three cases Gary was involved in. The first garnered over \$1million dollars in narcotics. The second was the recovery of various assault weapons. The third dealt with drug traffickers and the obtaining of illegal drugs.

Another **Law Enforcement Commendation Award** was presented to Michael Pantlilio of the California Highway Patrol. A representative spoke about some incidents in which Michael had been involved in. One was the suicide attempt by a young girl. He saved her life. Michael was unable to attend today's presentation as he was busy evacuating 52,000 people from Butte County where the fires up north were raging. He wished he could have been there. His award was presented to the representative from the highway patrol who would see to it that Michael received it.

Streamers went to several chapters for their participation in the Partners in Patriotism Program. Chapters receiving streamers included; Gold Country, Orange County, Thomas Jefferson and George Washington.

The recessionary was led by Brian Stephens.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson.

The Luncheon was adjourned at 1:49pm.

SESSION II

The meeting reconvened at 2:15pm by President Brown.

The chapter reports continued.

Kern—Arnie Burr reported they have a new registrar. Linda is a DAR member and Gary Adams' wife. They have three new members and will be in the veteran's Day parade on Monday.

Color Guard Commander Mark Kramer presented Arnie with the SAR Silver Color Guard Medal and the California Silver Von Steuben Color Guard medal.

Thomas Jefferson—it was reported that they have moved their meetings from the fourth Saturday to the third Saturday of the month. They are looking for programs and feel there is a need for the state to have a speaker's bureau.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Spirit of America—Bob Taylor reported (**Exhibit W**) 5 middle schools and 10 students had been recognized.

Valley Forge Project—Bob Taylor reported (**Exhibit X**) they had 1 teacher this year. He encouraged chapters to seek out U.S. History Teachers for all three programs. Kern's teacher, Megan Herve was a part of the North Program this year. This northern program was centered on New England and the various sites contained therein. There will be two programs in 2019. They are; from June 21-26 on Presidents and Founders and from July 5-10, 1756-1794. Handouts were passed out.

Budget & Planning/Audit—The Audit was clean. (**Exhibit Y**) They are still working on the budget and will get back with that report.

California Compatriot—They need more chapter information. As of this meeting 2 *Compatriots* have been put out this year. The deadline for the last one is before Christmas.

DAR Liaison—Brian Stephens reported he had attended the DAR meeting in Washington, D.C. He noted the DAR referral form and that there had been none this last year. He encouraged each chapter to award 1 to 5 medals.

Flag Committee—Don Littlefield reported that Northern California had 80 Flag Certificates handed out. 78 were from the Thomas Jefferson Chapter, 1 from Sacramento and one from Mother Lode. He noted the Furlong Award is where a state has over half its chapters present at least one Flag Certificate per year. He noted that Flag retirements were a solemn matter and should be done properly. There is a new Certificate for both individuals and groups.

Wreaths Across America—Don Littlefield reported this year's event will be on December 15th at 9am our time.

We recessed for the day at 3pm.

OFFICER'S DINNER

The Friday Night Officer's Dinner was held at the Cattleman's Restaurant. We met in the lobby at 5:30pm and we carpoled over to the restaurant. Once we were situated and ready for dinner, Chaplain Lou Carlson said grace. A welcome was given by President Derek Brown.

The meal consisted of appetizers, bread, steak and potatoes or fish. We had chocolate cake for dessert.

We returned to hotel by 10pm.

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SESSION III

The meeting was opened by President Brown at 9:01am. It was reported by Steve Renouf that Compatriot Garrett Jackson had taken in 9 people into his home from the fire. He asked that we keep him in our prayers. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. Dan McKelvie led the Pledge of allegiance. The SAR Pledge was led by Ray Raser. We passed on doing the Roll call as many members were in the budget committee meeting that morning.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (CON'T)

Nominating Committee has come up with the following slate for 2019.

President—Bob Taylor

Executive Vice-President--Don Littlefield

Vice-President North—Craig Anderson

Vice-President South--Brian Stephens

Vice-President Membership—Doug Bergtholdt

Secretary—David Grinnell

Treasurer--Jim Klingler

Registrar--?

Genealogist—Terry Briggs

Historian—Gary Bohannon

Surgeon—Matthew Bowdish, M.D.

Investment Fund Trustee—Kent Gregory

Chaplain—Lou Carlson

Chancellor John Dodd

Investment Funds—Trustees report was presented. (**Exhibit**) In the twelve month period the fund has grown from \$402,000 to \$457,000. Each Fund is listed with its details. The broker had us pull back 20%-30% to increase our equity. We now have \$42,000 for Congress. Some has already been spent. Some is still in the general fund and has yet to be transferred..

There were no further committee reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Liability & Black Powder Insurance—Mark Kramer is examining what they are doing at National. At the moment he has no recommendations.

Directors & Officers Insurance—Jim Klingler reported we have D & O as well as liability insurance. It runs \$620/year. He is in touch with a specialist who works with non-profits. There are some costs for the chapter as well, \$360 for General Liability. Smaller chapters may not need it. The National Society has this insurance.

Reconciliation Report Procedures—David Grinnell the State Secretary is absent, but President Brown reported that all chapters are to have their dues and reports submitted to David by January 5th.

Best Chapter—Doug Bergtholdt reported that so far there are 6 chapters who are participating in the contests. There is the possibility that 2 others may send in their numbers. Jim Blauer noted that for the category with no entries it would only take 1 point to win that category.

2019 Congress—John Dodd reported that this Congress will begin after the July 4th holiday. It will be at the Costa Mesa/Orange County Hilton. Bids for the states to hold a Congress are entertained four years before the event. This time it is to be in Southern California. Those from National came out here to check out the facilities and found that Orange County had the best for the price.

The State of California has 37 delegates and we should be able to fill that number.

On July 4th there are two parades. One will be in Huntington Beach and the other in the Lake Forest area. There is also the Let Freedom Ring Ceremony up in Cerritos. These are all National events. We might be able to retire the Colors at Disneyland on July 4th.

This Congress will bring National exposure to the area. Members and guests will be arriving on Wednesday July 3rd and Thursday July 4th. Thursday we will begin setting up at the hotel. Friday will be the start of Registration. Friday will also be the volunteer lunch and it is when the executive Board and the Foundation Board will meet. Dinner will be on your own.

On Saturday tours will include the Lyon Air Museum and the Nixon Library where we will have lunch. There is also the possibility of a trip to the Huntington Library. This could be a problem for those wishing to attend the Host Reception that evening. There will be 9 bus loads to get everyone going to the boat, Hornblower, where the reception will be held during a cruise of Newport Bay. In the evening will be the Oration Semi-Finals and a Pizza Party for the youth.

On Sunday we will have the Memorial Service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach. Color Guard may march from the Castaways to the church. There will be a tea for the ladies at the church. There will be a list of restaurants for dinner and the Oration Finals will be held that evening.

Monday the meeting will begin and there will awards presented that evening.

Tuesday will be more meetings, the Ladies Luncheon, voting and the Banquet.

Wednesday we will have the last of the meetings. There will be a tour of the mission San Juan Capistrano and we will have the Installation Banquet.

Thursday is a planned bus trip to the Reagan Library in Simi Valley.

Steve Renouf gave us the figures for this Congress. The Ladies have raised some \$30,000. Add that to the money raised by the State Society we have about \$69,000 in revenue. There are expected expenses of \$70,000. We will also need to have food on the boat for the reception. Hopefully the extra funds will in part come from the drawings for the hotel stay and the quilt

raffles. The hotel is taking reservations at this time. We have 40-50 Congress medals left to sell at \$35.00 each.

Kent Gregory reported we will need lots of volunteers to make this go off smoothly. We will need volunteers for registration and airport greetings, There will be shuttles to and from the hotel to the airport. We will need about 60 volunteers. Jim Faulkinbury is going to handle the Credentials. There will be a need for Day Captains and assistant Day Captains. There will be a free polo shirt for volunteers. Mark Kramer will be in charge of having a set of flags in each room. That is seven sets of flags. We will need seven chapters to loan out their flags for the Congress. Bus Captains will be needed to check off who is on their bus. Monday will have the Youth Awards Luncheon and the gathering of the sear-sucker suits. It is possible that California will have a Hospitality Room

NEW BUSINESS

It was reported by President Brown that Dave Gilliard had resigned as **VP North** in September and that he had appointed Don Littlefield to that position. He asked for a motion to ratify that appointment. The motion was made by Jim Faulkinbury and seconded by Lou Carlson. The motion passed.

National By-Law proposals were taken up for discussion. (**Exhibit Z**) The proposals came from the Indiana society. There was a handout passed out by Steve Renouf on the California Society response to vote against these proposals. Proposal #1 would reclude the President General from the Nominating Committee. This would cause a loss of experience and input as such. Proposal #2 is to list all those who *want* to run for the offices. Proposal #3 is to change the term of office from 1 to 2 years.

These proposals have been opposed by the California Society. By-Law #19 noted by the Indiana Society is actually by-Law #20. Past Presidents of California have voted against these types of proposals. It was moved by Steve Renouf that the state Society oppose these proposed by-law changes. It was seconded by Bob Ebert. Discussion ensued. It was noted by Dan McKelvie from the Orange County Chapter that there would be no benefits from making such a change. Chancellor John Dodd noted it was a small minority that was trying to implement this change. It has come up many times over the years and each time has been voted down. The chancellor encouraged members to vote these proposals down.

With no further discussion the vote was taken and the members voted down the proposals made by the Indiana Society. Lou Carlson noted that PG Guzy tried to run for a second term and that was voted down at Congress.

Remarks by candidates for National office were entertained.

Jack Manning is running for **President General (Exhibit AA)** and he wishes to continue the work of the present administration.

Davis Wright is running for **Secretary General. (Exhibit BB)** Though Compatriot Wright was absent, Chancellor John Dodd spoke up on his behalf urging a vote for him.

Bruce Pickett is running for **Treasurer General**. He spoke of his support for the museum. He had a meeting with the Solid Light people.

Jim Faulkinbury is running for **Genealogist General. (Exhibit CC)** He is running for reelection as he already holds this position.

Doug Collins is running for **Registrar General. (Exhibit DD)** John Dodd spoke on his behalf. He lives in Louisville and has served for three years as Librarian General.

John Thornhill is running for **Registrar General**. (**Exhibit EE**) Tom Adams spoke on his behalf. He has served as Brochure Contest Chairman.

Bill Stone is running for **Historian General**. Kent Gregory spoke on his behalf. Compatriot Stone wishes to preserve and digitize all original information on applications. There are 250 boxes of this information.

Dr. Darrel Addington is running to be reelected as **Surgeon General**. Kent Gregory spoke on his behalf.

PG Warren Alter is running for a spot on the **Foundation Board**. There are 2 positions open. One for the PG. He wishes to continue to serve the society.

John Dodd is running for a slot on the **Foundation Board**. (**Exhibit FF**) He wishes to continue his service on the Board.

It was moved by Kent Gregory that we endorse all the non-contested races. This was seconded by Steve Renouf. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Steve Renouf that the society support the candidacy of Doug Collins for Registrar General. This was seconded by Kent Gregory. The motion passed.

Surgeon Dr. Matthew Bowdish reported (**Exhibit GG**) he gave 2 presentations. One to the Thomas Jefferson Chapter in October and one to the Ladies Auxiliary. He continues to serve on the National Medical Committee. They are working on having medical coins minted. 13 plus 1 for the French. Steve Renouf noted that he enjoyed the doctor's talk given to the Thomas Jefferson Chapter and it can be found on the chapter website at TJSAR.org.

With no further business to discuss it was moved by M. Kraus to adjourn. It was seconded and the motion passed. The 143rd Fall Board of Manager's Meeting was adjourned at 11:25am.

WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING

The Western District meeting was called to order by Ron Barker at 11:26am. Kent Gregory moved that the Western District endorse those candidates that were endorsed by the California Society. This was seconded by Lou Carlson. The motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to transact it was moved and seconded that we adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:28am.

YOUTH LUNCHEON AWARDS

The Luncheon (**Exhibit HH**) was opened by Executive Vice-President Bob Taylor at 12:05pm. He welcomed all in attendance.

He introduced many of the dignitaries in attendance. They included; President of the California Society Derek Brown and his Lady Janet, President General Warren Alter and his Lady Nancy, Secretary General Jack Manning and his Lady Sheila, Registrar General Bruce Pickett, Genealogist General Jim Faulkinbury and his Lady Karen, Vice-President General of the Western District Ron Barker and his Lady Conni, Former President General Joseph Dooley, Former President General Larry Magerkurth and his Lady Barbara, State Chaplain Lou Carlson and his Lady Karen, and Past State President Jim Fosdyck and his Lady Un Hui Yi.

The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Jim Fosdyck. The SAR Pledge was led by Jim Klingler.

Lunch was served at 12:12pm.

We reconvened at 1:10pm.

Bob Taylor introduced the Valley Forge Teacher for 2018 Jennifer Megan Erve. She is from Bakersfield and was nominated by the Kern Chapter. She has been teaching for 22 years. The Freedom's Foundation 2018 tour was in the north and took in New England and the historic sites Of Boston, Lexington & Concord, Bennington, Vermont, the estate of Sir William Johnson, Nicholas Herkimer, the Battle of Oriskany, Fort Tichonderoga and ended with Saratoga. She did her presentation in costume. She was presented with a Certificate of appreciation for speaking to us this day.

The Quilt Reaction Force made presentations of quilts to Michael Hurst, Mike Holmes and Fred Hagan who all served in our military. Michael Hurst and Mike Holmes are from the Gold Country Chapter. Mike Holmes was in the Navy. Fred Hagan was in the Army and served in the Military Police in Auburn.

The following awards were received by the state or chapters at the 2018 Congress. They included; 1) The CAR Activity Award and streamer. 2) The Americanism Poster Contest entry/streamer. 3) The Sergeant Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest. 4) The John C. Houghton Award/streamer for an entry in the JROTC Contest. 5) The George & Stella M. Knight Award/Streamer for our entry in the Essay Contest. 6) Marion L. Brown Eagle Scout Award/streamer for participating in the Eagle Scholarship Contest.. 7) The Robert L. Sonfield Award for the largest numerical increase of members at the end of the membership year. 2nd place with 139 new members. 8) Liberty medals received by various members for their sponsoring at least 10 new members. 9) Officers Streamers Award for the attendance of the state President and National Trustee at the Congress and 2 trustee meetings the previous year.

The Robert E. Burt Award (**Exhibit O**) was presented to William Bullard. Trudy Burt was in attendance.

The Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate was presented to Charmella Secrest. It was accepted by Un Hui Yi Fosdyck.

The Recessional was led by Terry Briggs.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson.

The Luncheon was adjourned at 1:50pm

INSTALLATION & AWARDS BANQUET

The Banquet (**Exhibit II**) was opened by David Gilliard at 7pm. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Color Guard presented the Colors under the Command of Mark Kramer. The Pledge to the Flag was led by John Dodd. Jim Blauer led in the singing of "*America the Beautiful*". The SAR Pledge was led by Bob Ebert.

David Gilliard then introduced those at the head table. They included; California State President Derek Brown and his Lady Janet, President General Warren Alter and his Lady Nancy, Brigadier General Donald Currier and his Lady Terry, Vice-President of the Western Region Ron Barker and his Lady Conni, Former President General Larry Magerkurth and his Lady Barbara, Former President General Joe Dooley, Secretary General Jack Manning and his Lady Sheila, Genealogist General Jim Faulkinbury and his Lady Karen, Registrar General Bruce Pickett and Past State President James C. Fosdyck and his Lady Un Hui Yi.

President General Warren Alter brought greetings. He suggested that chapter mentor their new members and mentor the members to become officers. He presented Don Littlefield with the Aide-De-Camp pin. Nancy presented Mary Ann Littlefield with the Pineapple Pin (Hospitality).

The dinner was served at 7:15pm.

We reconvened at 8pm.

Speaker Donald Currier gave us some background on himself. He was on active duty in the Army and served in the reserve and National Guard. The National Guard was established in 1636 in Salem, Massachusetts and works for the Governor. They are called upon during Fire, Floods, earthquakes and riots. BG Currier entered the National Guard following college. He recognized service members and their families. He spoke of Armistice/Veterans Day and the end of WWI on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. He noted that President Trump had declared November the month for Veterans and their families. In WWII 12% of the population was in uniform. In the Revolutionary War there were 8,000 or 1 %.

After Desert Storm those who transitioned back into civilian life were aware of how people felt about service people. Those in the military join for various reasons. Love of Country is one of those reasons they want to serve. Serving in the military builds skills, one learns responsibility and personnel are better off for having served. Some do come home and have various problems. There are those with either medical or physical challenges. Some are unable to handle civilian life. Some return to the military or join the National Guard.

The average loss to suicide of veterans is 20 per day. What can you do for veterans? Hire a Vet. Volunteer at a VA Hospital, Say "Thank You" for their service.

BG Currier was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for speaking to us this evening.

The Ladies Auxiliary presented a check for \$10,000 to John Dodd for use on the Congress. The budget for the Congress is \$60,000.

The Ladies Auxiliary conducted the raffle. Winners this evening included; Tom Adams, Jim Blauer, Derek Brown, John & Liz Ferris, Phil Von Valkenberg, Jim Faulkinbury, Anne Adams, Sheila Manning, Bob Taylor, BG Currier, Kent Gregory, Barbara Magerkurth, Brian Stephens, Mary Ann Littlefield, Joann Kramer and Dale Ross.

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President Brown presented to Jason (representing the hotel) a Certificate of Appreciation as well as a Flag Certificate.

Certificates of Appreciation were given to various members who assisted in putting on this meeting. They included; Tom Adams, Conni Barker, Ron Barker, Anthony Chakurian, Jim Faulkinbury, David Gilliard, Don Littlefield, Dale Ross, Coreena Ross, Bob Taylor, and Owen Stiles.

The Silver Color Guard Medal was presented to Douglas Bergtholdt and Terry Briggs.

The Daughters of Liberty Medal (**Exhibit JJ**) was presented to Joann Kramer.

The Patriot Medal (**Exhibit JJ**) was presented to Mark Kramer. Craig Anderson was absent and his medal will be presented to him at a chapter meeting.

Gifts were presented to PG Alter and his wife Nancy. They included a shirt, Bourbon Balls and a California Cutting Board.

The Ladies Auxiliary reported that they raised \$758 this evening.

Dr. Matthew Bowdish led the SAR Recessional.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson.

The Color Guard retired the Colors.

The Banquet was adjourned at 9:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted

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