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SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
141ST ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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SESSION I

The meeting was opened by President Gregory at 9:05am. The Invocation was given by State Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Color Guard presented the Colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Craig Anderson of the Sacramento Chapter. The SAR Pledge was led by Tom Adams of the Mother Lode Chapter.

President Gregory called on State Secretary Doug Bergtholdt to call the roll to establish a quorum (**Exhibit A**). Following the calling of the roll it was determined that a quorum was established.

President Gregory then introduced National officers in attendance which included; Past President General Joseph W. Dooley, Treasurer General Larry Guzy, Vice-President General of the Western District John Dodd and Inspector General Warren Alter.

He also welcomed former Texas Society Presidents Jim Jones and Larry Steven, Past Texas State Color Guard Commander Marvin Morgan, and Arizona Society Treasurer Ed Steinbeck.

California past presidents in attendance included; Richard Adriano-Moore, Bob Ebert, Karl Jacobs, Stephen Renouf, Lou Carlson, Wayne Griswold, John Dodd, Keith Bigbee, J. Stephen Hurst, and Jim Faulkinbury.

President Gregory announced that a copy of the minutes by Historian Jim Blauer had been emailed out to members. President Gregory asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Jim Faulkinbury reported that in the first paragraph where he had "Presidents General" it should read just "Presidents". Historian Blauer took note and said it would be changed in the final draft of the minutes for the Fall Board of Managers meeting last November. With no further corrections the motion was made by Owen Stiles to accept the minutes as corrected. This was seconded by Lou Carlson. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

We then continued and gave the National officers the chance for any comments. FPG Joe Dooley noted he was happy to be here. He always enjoys coming to California. Vice-President of the Western District John Dodd reported that there are still slots open for the Alaskan cruise. They will fly May 13th to Seattle and the following day will take a coach into Canada to catch the ship in Vancouver.

Treasurer General Larry Guzy reported he was excited to be here. He appreciates what the California Compatriots do for the society.

Inspector General Warren Alter thanked the California Society for its hospitality and said it was good to see old friends and meet new people.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Gregory's report is in the book. He did emphasize 1) that the number of pended applications has dropped from 66 to 20. He thanked Owen Stiles and Terry Briggs for their work. He also thanked Jim Faulkinbury and the chapter registrar. 2) We received reconciliation from 14 chapters by December 31st. We had all but 2 by the end of January. The remainder arrived the first week of February. There were 44 members of the San Francisco Chapter that were dropped due to new officers who failed to send out dues notices. They are in the process of being reinstated. National has accepted our reconciliation and it has been approved. President Gregory also noted that when we get our reconciliation of state membership in on time we also get the Life Members' dues sooner.

In November, President Gregory reported that we had passed the 10,000th California Member as that number was assigned to Jonathan Pettibone IV of the Orange County Chapter. He then, with the help of

John Ferris, Jim Fosdyck and Mark Kramer passed out folios to all the officers, chairmen and chapter Presidents.

Executive Vice-President Ron Barker noted his report is in the book, but added the mention of the conference in Pasadena and that Brian Stephens is the new Public Service Awards and Heroism Chair for the state.

Vice-President South Jim Fosdyck noted his report was in the book, but added that we have 26 chapters in the state and it is evenly divided with 13 in the north and 13 in the south. He reported he visited all thirteen in the south. He announced that next Spring's meeting would be the weekend of April 6, 7, & 8th, the second weekend in April instead of the third due to Easter weekend. It will be at the Wyndham Irvine Hotel.

They are in the process of presenting Flag Certificates to all 21 missions here in the state. They collected taxes as per order of the King of Spain that assisted in the American Revolution. On March 19th one was presented to the San Diego Mission and noted that Phil Hinshaw put on a great program presenting the certificate to the mission padre.

They are still looking for a host for the Fall Board of Managers Meeting in 2017.

Vice-President North Derek Brown noted his report is in the book. He added that he had attended about 2/3 of the chapters in the north. He is working with several chapters to help iron out any problems and is working to get the San Francisco chapter back after all the drops.

Vice-President Membership Phil Hinshaw noted his report is in the book on page 7 & 8. He also reported that on page 78 you will see they had 270 dropped for non-payment of dues. Letters were sent out to each and he received 11 back as not able to deliver as addressed, no such street, no such street number and no forwarding address. He asked chapters to keep track of members and their contact information.

On the presentation of the Flag Certificate, Phil noted that they had a Color Guard from the Knights of Columbus as well as some Boy Scouts.

Secretary Doug Bergholdt noted his report was in the book. He added we have reached the 10,079 plateau in the number of members the California society has approved for membership over the years. There were 28 reinstatements so far this year. He requested that the chapters notify him of any address or contact information changes on their members. Presently we have 1,652 members.

Treasurer Bob Taylor noted his report is in the book. He will send an electronic copy to anyone who requests one. He reported that the Life Membership dues were ready to give to chapters. He presented checks to; General Patton, General George Washington, Gold Country, Harbor, Kern, Mother Lode, Orange County, Redlands, Redwood Empire, Riverside, Sacramento, San Diego, Silicon Valley and Thomas Jefferson chapters.

Chancellor—Absent

Genealogist Terry Briggs noted his report is in the book. He has been putting a lot of time into the pending applications. They have tracked and identified which applications were from which chapters and why they were pending. He thanked Jim Faulkinbury for his work on these. He reiterated that any application at National for three years should be withdrawn. He encouraged the chapter Registrars to check out the application manual.

Registrar Owen Stiles reported that at the time of his report that is in the book we had 84 new members. To date it is now over 100. We could have as many as 400 approved along with the supplementals for the year.

Historian Jim Blauer noted his report is in the book as well as the fact his report is also the minutes which were previously approved.

Chaplain Rev. Lou Carlson noted his report is in the book. He asked that either chapter presidents or representatives from the chapter should get up and speak about their departed member at the Memorial Service. He also encouraged members to get a Life Membership.

Investment Funds Chairman Stephen Renouf noted his committee's report is in the book on pages 42-47. There was a slight decline in January/February. There are 5 different Funds. The report gives the end of month details for each fund.

National Trustee Jim Faulkinbury noted his report is in the book on page 18. He reported he is chairman of the National Genealogy Committee and a member of the IT Committee at National. The new on-line program is experiencing some problems they are in the process of fixing them. Need to go on line and print out instructions. There you will find the basic user instructions on how to do an on-line application. He noted the Genealogy Staff sends him the reasons for a pending application. He requests a copy of the line to see where the problem is.

CHAPER REPORTS

Butte—Absent

Central Coast—Absent

Coachella—Absent

Delta—In the Book

Eagle--Absent

Patton—In the book

Washington—Is not in the book but will have copies later.

Gold Country—In the Book

Harbor—In the Book Noted they are considering on hosting the 2017 Fall Board of Managers meeting.

Kern—In the Book

Monterey—Absent

Mother Lode—In the Book

Orange County—In the book

Redding—Absent

Redlands—presented 7 Law Enforcement Awards to those in terrorist attack.

Redwood—In the book They have had a good response on their Flag Certificate program. So far over 50. They have also been involved in both a Flag Raising ceremony and a Flag retirement ceremony.

Riverside—In the Book

Sacramento—In the Book

San Diego—In the Book

San Francisco—Absent

Santa Barbara—Absent

Silicon Valley—In the Book

South Coast—Absent

Thomas Jefferson—was sent, but is not in the book. Will send to Ron to add.

Yosemite—Absent

A recess was called for by President Gregory at 10:10am.

We reconvened at 10:30am.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Youth Activities Chairman Derek Brown noted his report (**Exhibit B**) is in the book. He reported the contests were moving along well. National is working on flyers for each that will be in a tri-fold or quad-fold format.

In summary there were 9 posters, 5 brochures, 10 essays, 1 oration, 8 Eagle and 4 JROTC entries in their respective contests. Hopefully with the scheduling of the deadlines for each contest, this will assist in getting more participants.

Poster Contest Chairman David Gilliard noted the posters were on display at the back of the room. This was a banner year as we had more posters than ever before.

Brochure Contest Chairman Tom Adams reported (**Exhibit C**) there were no more than five chapters that entered this contest. There are 5 brochures displayed in the back and the winner will be announced at the Youth Luncheon.

Eagle Scout Chairman Gary Jensen announced that California is allowed 4 Robert E. Burt Awards per year. We will need seven more to fill the 2016-2017 allotment. He also spoke on the issue of the will and the money bequeathed to the Eagle Scout Scholarship contest, and then removed when it was

determined that the codicils had not been followed. He hopes they will leave the funds with the Eagle Contest. (**Exhibit D**)

Knight Essay Chairman Keith Bigbee reported this is his last year as chairman of this committee. There were ten participants this year. Six were disqualified for not following the rules. Chapters need to go over the application and essay to make sure they follow all the rules. President Gregory noted that as positions are open at this time, interested persons should contact Ron Barker as he will make the appointment of the chairmanships.

Oration Chairman Dan McKelvie reported the winner this year is Harrison Middleton of the Eagle Chapter. He will be going to Boston to participate in the National competition there.

Sea Cadet Chairman Bob Taylor had nothing to report on this program.

Valley Forge Chairman Bob Taylor reported he is looking for application packages so they can select 2 winners for this year's trip back east. They will visit presidential and other historical sites.

Spirit of America Chairman Bob Taylor reported the winners are selected by the middle schools. They select the top Girls and Boys from the eighth grade.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Planning is not in the book. The budget for 2016 was approved last year.

CA 250 chairman John Dodd reminded members that a donation for \$250 to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage will get them one of these pins.

California Compatriot editor Ron Barker reported that three chapters; Coachella, Sacramento and Redding paid for its members to receive a hard copy of the newsletter. That is \$10.00 per year per person next year.

Chapter Activity Contest Chairman Phil Hinshaw noted his report on page 36 shows a chart of possible changes to the program. 1) is to change two categories which will affect 2 chapters or 2) one category that will affect 10 chapters. Each category presently has 5 chapters with the very large category having 6. There were 14 of the 26 chapters that participated in last year's contest. There are but 8 chapters that are currently reporting for the contest.

Chief of Protocol Jim Fosdyck noted his report is in the book.

CAR Liaison Terry Briggs reported he attended the February meeting of the State Society CAR and they are supplying 2 pages that will be here tomorrow.

Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck reported that all contest information for this year will need to be sent to Mark Kramer as he is going to be the new Color Guard Commander for the state. He also asked all those who will participate in the Color Guard at this meeting to fill out the sign-up sheet.

Compliance Chairman Karl Jacobs thanked all who got their reports in on time. He remarked there are two reports that are needed. The first is the filing with both state and federal officials. The second is any concerns on liability coverage.

Congress Planning 2019 Chairman John Dodd reported that this Congress will be held at the Orange County/Costa Mesa Hilton, located just across from South Coast Plaza. They are working on the reception and may do it as a cruise of Newport Harbor. It is figured we should have about \$40,000 to spend on Congress. Plans are in the works that there may be a post Congress tour to the Reagan Library in Simi Valley. He noted this Congress is a big undertaking and he will need volunteers to help out in different areas.

DAR Liaison Alan Brooking reported that he attended the National DAR Congress in Washington, D.C.

Ethics Chairman Lou Carlson reports that Ethics are fine.

Flag Chairmen Jim Fosdyck and Derek Brown have been working to get all the chapters in their area to present at least one Flag Certificate this year and make our state Society eligible for the Furlong Award. So far Derek has 11 of 13 in the north participating and Jim has 6 of 13 in the south. They will continue working with the chapters in their areas on this.

Information Technology Chairman Greg Hill's report is in the book.

Medals & Awards has no report.

Media has no report.

Nominating Committee Chairman Jim Faulkinbury reported on the slate for 2016-17. President Ron Barker, Executive Vice President Jim Fosdyck, Vice-President North Derek Brown, Vice-President South Bob Taylor, Vice-President Membership Phil Hinshaw, Secretary Doug Bergtholdt, Treasurer Jim Klingler, Registrar Owen Stiles, Chancellor Jeff Goodwin, Historian Jim Blauer, Chaplain Lou Carlson, Surgeon is vacant. Third seat on the invested Funds Committee is Richard Hawley—2016-2018. National Trustee will be Kent Gregory and Assistant National Trustee will be Ron Barker. It was reported that there is a 50th anniversary luncheon to honor Vietnam Veterans. Some 30 military and their wives are to receive awards. There are over 100 on the list.

Wreaths Across America had no report.

Gary Jensen moved that we recess for lunch. This was seconded and the motion passed. We recessed at 11:25am.

PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS LUNCHEON

The Public Service Awards Luncheon (**Exhibit E**) was opened by Keith Bigbee at 11:57am. The invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ron Barker. The SAR Pledge was led by Jim Fosdyck.

Compatriot Bigbee then introduced the head table. They were; State President Kent Gregory and his wife Lisa, FPG Joseph Dooley, Treasurer General Larry and Karin Guzy, Vice-President General of the Western District John Dodd, Executive Vice-President Ron Barker and his wife Connie, Vice-President South Jim Fosdyck and his wife Un Hui Yi, and Vice-President North Derek brown and his wife Janet. Also in the audience are Inspector General Warren Alter and his wife Nancy, Vice-President of Membership Phil Hinshaw, and National Trustee Jim Faulkinbury and his wife Karen.

Award recipients in attendance include; Jose and Kim de la Cruz, Greg Bertelli and his wife, and James Hudson and his wife Lacy.

Lunch was served at 12:05pm.

We reconvened at 12:45pm.

The **Public Service Awards** were handed out.

Kent Gregory Ron Barker and Gold Country President Greg Hill made the presentations. The Law Enforcement Commendation Medal is presented to those who have served with distinction and devotion in the field of Law Enforcement. The medal is intended to recognize exceptional service or accomplishment in the field of Law Enforcement. Eligibility is not limited to Peace Officers, but extends to the entire range of persons who make and enforce the law. This includes; Peace Officers, Attorneys, Judges, Prosecutors and Legislators who have performed an exceptional act or service beyond that normally expected. The recipients are usually recommended by their superiors or peers for their accomplishments. The award may be presented posthumously. The medal may be presented to an individual only once.

Jose De La Cruz was called forward to receive the **Law Enforcement** Medal and Certificate. Deputy Cruz has been a member of the Sacramento County Sheriff's office/Rancho Cordova Police Department since 2001.

In September 2013, Deputy De La Cruz stepped forward to lead the Rancho Cordova Police Athletic League program (PAL). He immediately began to utilize his sports background and teamwork techniques to mentor the youth in the program, and worked nights and weekends as needed to achieve success in the program.

In 2015 alone, he developed and sponsored 69 events and field trips for youth, with over 2800 youth, parents and other supportive adults participating.

Deputy De La Cruz is an exceptional role model for the youth and is highly respected by his fellow officers. One example of his innovative work is a pilot program he started several years ago called the "Cool To Be Kind Club, to create a safe environment promoting anti-bullying, anti-drug, anti-gang and good citizenship. The club is facilitated by School counselors on campus. When praised for his efforts, Deputy De La Cruz typically downplays it by saying how great the pop team is or "I do it for the kids".

The medal and certificate were presented to Jose De La Cruz and he was congratulated by State President Gregory, State VP Barker and Gold Country Chapter President Greg Hill.

Greg Bertelli received the **Fire Safety Commendation** Medal and Certificate.

The Fire Safety Commendation Medal is presented to an individual for accomplishments and/or outstanding contributions in the area of fire safety and service. The Award is not limited to firefighters. It may be presented to recognize a variety of fire safety and services that have evolved into a highly technical and skilled profession with constant study, development and involvement by numerous dedicated citizens with a single goal, which is protecting human life and property by preventing injuries or casualties due to fire and chemicals. The medal may be presented posthumously. The medal may be presented to an individual only once.

Greg Bertelli began his career in fire service in 1990. Since joining CAL FIRE he has worked in the Wildland Program, Municipal Program, Helitack Program and Conservation Camp Program. He has been a Battalion Chief for over 5 years in the Lake County area. While not the most tenured, he has had the dubious honor of being one of the most seasoned battalion chiefs in his unit. He has been the Incident Commander on many large fires in and around Lake County. In 2015 Greg was the initial Incident Commander for the 70,000 acre Rocky Fire and shortly thereafter the 76,000 acre Valley Fire, which as many know, ended up being the third most damaging fire in California history.

Greg has always sought out every assignment or training that will make him the best leader possible. He believes that their employees are the greatest asset and his real job is to help them reach their goals.

State President Gregory, VP Ron Barker and Gold Country Chapter President Greg Hill presented the medal and Certificate to Greg Bertelli and congratulated him.

Captain James Hudson received the **EMT Service** Medal & Certificate.

The Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal is presented to an individual for accomplishments and/or outstanding contributions in the area of emergency medical services. The Award is intended for paramedics, certified Emergency Medical Technicians, and others in the emergency medical field who have performed an act or service beyond which is normally expected. The medal may be presented posthumously. The medal may be presented to an individual only once.

James Hudson started his CAL FIRE career as a firefighter in 1999. In 2001, he left CAL FIRE and became an engineer for Higgins Fire Protection District, but in 2005 he returned to CAL FIRE as a Fire Apparatus Engineer at the Thunder Valley Station near Lincoln. In 2004, Jim attended NCTI Paramedic School and while working for CAL FIRE, he spent the next four years working for Sierra Nevada Ambulance as a paramedic. In 2011, he was promoted to the position of Fire Captain at the Dry Creek Station in Placer County. In 2013, he transferred back to the Thunder Valley Station as Fire captain Paramedic. He also became the NEI EMS coordinator where he has been heavily involved in the CAL FIRE EMS System and with the Sierra-Sacramento Valley Emergency Medical Services Agency and Placer County EMS Protocols. In 2012 and in 2015 Jim worked in the CALFIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit Training and Safety Bureau, assisting with coordinating and teaching current and new firefighters. Jim was also part of the 2015 Fire Fighter Academy Support Team assigned to CAL FIRE Academy at Ione.

Jim's knowledge and expertise brings a level of experience that is hard to come by. His commitment and dedication to the Emergency Medical Services and Safety program is an asset to the department, it's employees and the citizens of California.

Captain James Hudson received his medal and Certificate and was congratulated by President Gregory, Executive Vice-President Barker and Chapter President Hill.

VIET NAM WAR COMMEMORATION

Ron Barker spoke on the Viet Nam War Commemoration and reported that over 100 California Compatriots from that war have been identified and our goal is for each to receive an Eagle's head pin or Veteran's pin. Pins are also available for other relatives where the pin has the Viet Nam service flag on it.

Those from the Army are; Robert Ebert, Jim Fosdyck, Gary Jensen, Ralph Neilson, Jeff Silvan and his wife, Ursula (support Pin), William Van Lautenberg and his wife Barbara (support Pin), and Tim Ernst and his wife Kay (support pin).

Those from the Navy include; Greg Anderson, Ron Barker, James Beatty, Alan Brooking, Oliver Everett and his wife Pat (support Pin), Larry Guzy and his wife Karin (Support Pin), Phil Hinshaw and his wife Mary (support Pin), Owen Stiles, and Bob Taylor.

Those from the Marines included; Charlie Gentis and Ray Raser and his wife Gail (support Pin).

As yet there are no Coast Guard recipients.

Those from the Air Force include; Jim Faulkinbury, Don Gurley, John Humphrey, J. Stephen Hurst, Jim Klingler, Mark Kramer, and Sam Sublet.

The Recessional was led by Phil Hinshaw. The Benediction was given by State Chaplain Lou Carlson.

The luncheon was adjourned at 1:15pm.

SESSION II

The meeting was reopened by President Gregory at 2pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Cont.)

JROTC Chairman James Gill noted it has been a challenge as he has 30 schools that have sent in requests for our medal. He has received some 60-70 emails concerning these medals. He tries to reach out to the chapters to make the presentations, but if necessary will send them the medal and the schools will make the presentation.

Ancestor Research Chairman Ray Raser reported the program is in transition as Ancestry.com has not renewed its sponsorship of this program.

President General Tom Lawrence. It was announced that President General Tom Lawrence was present and he spoke to us. He let us know he was happy to be here. He reported the Trustees have voted to go forward with the museum project. They wish to improve outreach education. He spoke on the trustees meeting and the Conga Line at the banquet. He reported on the upcoming Congress in Boston and some of the activities that are planned.

Congress Medal was reported on by John Dodd and Karl Jacobs. Karl has come up with some possible designs (See handout for the coin to be used for the National Congress we will host in 2019) (**Exhibit F**). One idea is the Birth of the SAR in 1876. Use some of the state logo on it. Wayne Griswold has found the original for us to use. Cost will be the same whether it is one or two sided. This will be done by the Pin Center in Las Vegas. Other ideas include a picture of a soldado from Leroy Martinez, or maybe the San Juan Capistrano Mission Bells. We need to decide on how many to have made. John feels if we approve the front design now we can go from there. Joe Dooley moved that we approve the medal concept as presented here today. This was seconded by Phil Hinshaw. With the passage of this motion we will be able to take it to the National Congress Committee for their approval. A question on funding was brought up and it was reported that the cost of producing these medals will come from the Congress Fund. The vote was taken. There was one negative vote the rest were all in favor, the motion passed.

Next item is the cost of producing the medal and what we will charge for it. John reported the cost of having the large and mini medals as a set would cost \$14.50. He reported we could sell them for \$35.00, which is pretty standard for most Congress Medals.

Ron Barker suggested we have the Congress Planning Committee check with other states. Joe Dooley moved that we authorize the Planning Committee to proceed with 300 and possibly 400 with research done by the Committee to determine the final amount (**Exhibit G**).

Jim Beatty questioned the amount to be produced. James Gill felt we should only offer the large and not the miniature set. Larry Guzy feels we must have both sets. Jim Faulkinbury reminded the members this is for the National Congress that is being put on by the California Society. There was the question of do we want to have to reorder more if we run out of the first minting. Phil feels we should go with the 300 sets of the medals.

Robert Ebert amended the motion made by Joe Dooley to only have 100 produced. This was seconded. John noted there will be several hundred compatriots from around the country at the Congress and 100 would not be enough. It was put to a vote and the nays defeated the proposal by Bob Ebert. We were then back to the original motion by Joe Dooley to go with 300 to begin with and if the Committee determines there is enough call they can boost it to 400 sets. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Phil Hinshaw moved that we have an 8 1/2x 11 sheet advertising the medal in the SAR magazine. This was seconded by Joe Dooley. The motion passed. (Exhibit H)

Megan's Law was then brought up for discussion by President Gregory. Registrars need to check the registry for all new applicants. So far Kent has only heard of two instances where an applicant is on the registry. Owen Stiles reported that he had found an applicant that was not on the registry, but was a sex offender. There are several categories of sex offenders that are not listed on the registry. John Dodd noted from a legal standpoint we have to do what is reasonable. Two minutes on the computer to check the registry is reasonable to protect our youth. John also noted that it was the Chapter that is interacting with the applicant, so they should be doing the checking. Genealogist Terry Briggs feels this should be done at the chapter level. Larry Wood suggested that the application have something on it. Charlie Gents noted his experience with child molesters as a police officer and feels we should not go overboard.

The **BSA Youth Training Program** was discussed. Derek Brown reported this is an on-line training program for those who work with and are in contact with our youth. It takes just 30 minutes to complete the course. He needs to know who has done this program so he has it on record (**Exhibit I**). So far he has 22 who have completed this course. Terry Briggs asked if an email on this was sent to the chapters. Derek said Yes. If anyone desires he can send out a list of the 22 who have completed the program. It was suggested that the editor put a piece on this in the California Compatriot.

It was noted that on Saturday Morning the pages will pass out the Conflict of Interest and Whistleblower policies to be signed by the state officers and chapter Presidents.

NEW BUSINESS

There is a question on the policy of publishing youth names. The CAR only uses first names. For Youth Contests have a request form signed by the parents that it is okay to use the full name of the youth. Ron Barker will appoint a committee to research this and with their report in the Fall at the Board of Managers Meeting we can vote on this item. Derek noted that release forms would allow chapters and states to use full name of youth. Owen Stiles moved that we accept the form prepared for the youth contests. Jim Faulkinbury feels we only need a simple release form. It was moved and seconded that we approve this for the chapter Contest winners. The motion passed.

Announcements were made.

There will be 2 breakout sessions after we recess for the day. One is for Registrars and the other is for the Color Guard.

The Sutter Club is where the officer's dinner will be tonight. (**Exhibit I**) Attire is slacks, collared shirt and coat. No jeans, shorts or sandals.

Be in the lobby at 5:30pm and we can carpool, or you can walk the 10 blocks to get there. There will be about 80 people there tonight.

There will be discussion tomorrow on liability.

The meeting was recessed at 3:30pm.

OFFICER'S DINNER—SUTTER CLUB

We arrived at 5:45pm., having walked several blocks from the hotel to the club. When we got to the club we found they were not yet ready for us. It seems they had us down for Saturday night and not Friday night.

Once we were let in many of our members and guests headed to the bar to get some refreshments. They had to set up extra tables and chairs. There was also a group of young people(pre-high school) orchestra of stringed instruments. Their teacher was there leading and playing along with them.

At 6:45pm they started serving hors d'oeuvres in the center of the room and pork sandwiches in the corner.

David Gilliard thanked the students from the John Adams Academy for performing for us this evening. Ron Barker presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation. He also thanked Frank and Trina Claven.

State Chjaplain Lou Carlson gave the blessing for the food.

It was after 9pm before we returned to the hotel.

Saturday April 16, 2016

SESSION III

President Gregory called the meeting to order at 9:01am. The invocation was given by State Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Ernie McCullough and the SAR Pledge was led by John Humphrey.

President Gregory then welcomed President General Lawrence, FPG Joe Dooley, Treasurer General Larry Guzy, Vice-President General of the Western District John Dodd and Inspector General Warren Alter.

From the Texas Society President Gregory welcomed Jim Jones, Larry Stephens, M. Morgan and Ed Steinbeck.

Special guests included our pages from the CAR. Eden Hall is the State Corresponding Secretary and Nathan Hall is the secretary for the Sacramento Society. It was pointed out that these are Tom Adams' grandchildren.

The pages passed out the Conflict of Interest and Whistleblower forms to be signed by all officers.

President Gregory then introduced Richard Adriano-Moore who was State President in 1986.

The Tech Soup organization provides software to non-profit groups. They are Microsoft products and they run \$10.00 per copy. They have things like Quick Book and Adobe Professional. We want to check and see what the chapters and state need so we can place one consolidated order. State Secretary Bergtholdt will send out a notice to chapters on this item. You can go to www.techsoup.org to see more about this organization.

EVENTS

Joe Dooley spoke on the **Annual Conference on the American Revolution**. It will be in Pasadena this year where academic historians write on the topic given for a particular year, 2016 the papers presented will be on "Empire of Liberty". This is scheduled for Friday June 10-Sunday June 12. It will be at the Courtyard Hotel in Pasadena. The Registration Fee is \$250. Those given in 2010 were placed in book form. In 2017 the topic "*The Adams Family and the American Revolution*". It will take place in the Braintree, Quincy or Boston area. In 2018 the topic will be "*Spain's role in the American Revolution*". It will be held in the Baltimore area near the Johns Hopkins University Campus. The registration form can be found on line at the CASSAR website.

Congress this year will be in Boston from July 10-16.

The **Fall Board of Managers Meeting** will be held in Burlingame November 4-5. At this time there will be By-Law changes to attend to.

142nd State Membership Meeting will be held April 7-8, 2017 at the Irvine Wyndham. Jim Fosdyck who is making the arrangements noted we had to do the meeting a week earlier due to Easter weekend. He moved that the moving of this meeting be approved so that he can move forward with the arrangements. The motion was seconded and passed.

Compatriot Fosdyck reported on the **2017 Fall Board of Managers Meeting**. San Diego was approached, but they said no. Harbor chapter said they would like to host it.

John Dodd announced that **Larry Magerkurth** has cancer inside the bone in his head. They recently made a change in his medication and he has stabilized. He is doing well and sends his best wishes.

John also reported that a sound system belonging to the State Society was found.

We recessed at 9:40am.

It was announced that members could vote for their favorite poster in the back of the room.

We reconvened at 10:05am.

NEW BUSINESS

For any of the **Tech Soup** items desired by chapters, they should contact Greg Hill our IT Chairman.

Jim Klingler spoke on the **Charitable Trust Registry**. (**Exhibit J**) He gave background on the financial aspects and noted it is required in the State of California. Handouts were passed out. The form is required for all non-profit organizations. It is called a CT-1 form. Page 1 gives a brief description of the

requirements. The RRF-1 was filed. There is no fee if you are under \$25,000. Both chapters and state are required to file. You register with the **Raffle Department**. (**Exhibit K**) Fill out the Form and file it. An annual report is to be sent in. The initial form for the raffle is CT-NRP-1. The annual form is CT-NRP-2. The **Audit Committee** report was given by Ron Barker. Those also on the committee were Jim Fosdyck, Robert Taylor, Steve Renouf, and Derek Brown.

Compliance officer Karl Jacobs reported that they have to have an audit every six months. He also handles all Conflict of Interest and Whistleblowing filings.

It is desired that we get the reconciliations in sooner than we have been.

Jim Klingler said he would research **the San Diego Fund** and determine what all it entails.

The **Election of Officers** was at hand. The slate for 2016-17 consists of;

President—Ron Barker

Executive Vice-President--Jim Fosdyck

Vice-President North—Derek Brown

Vice-President South--Bob Taylor

Vice-President Membership--Phil Hinshaw

Secretary--Doug Bergtholdt

Treasurer--Jim Klingler

Registrar--Owen Stiles

Genealogist—Terry Briggs

Chancellor--Jeff Goodwin

Historian--Jim Blauer

Chaplain—Lou Carlson

Surgeon—vacant

Trustee of the Investment Funds—Richard Hawley (2016-2018)

National Trustee—Kent Gregory

Assistant National Trustee Ron Barker

President Gregory asked three times for nominations from the floor. As there were none he declared the nominations closed. It was moved and seconded that we elect the slate presented to us. The motion passed. These are the new officers for 2016-2017.

The **By-Law Committee** has called a special meeting in addition to the regular meeting to discuss the by-laws and the changes that need to be made.

Chapter **Liability** was brought up. PG Lawrence reported we have a new contract with a new company. The can do both state and chapters. Ron will contact them. PG Lawrence and President Gregory agree we need an umbrella policy. Jim Gill feels this is an important issue and should check with the DAR as many meet in their homes. John Dodd remarked that insurance buys a defense.

Chancellor Goodwin told us he researched and found we were not required to check with the Megan's Law registry, but it is available.

Susan Brooking of the Ladies Auxiliary has a project she wishes to get the SAR involved in. The DAR has set up a project to get some 10,000 letters to our active duty service personnel. She handed out cards with envelopes to send a message to these men and women. Address the note to Active Duty Person, give a salutation, put in a message and sign it. She wants them by this evening.

Ray Raser supports the Oration Contest and wanted to know what funds were available. The SAR has \$710 and the Ladies Auxiliary has \$250 for the winner.

Dan McKelvie spoke on the Oration as State Chairman. The State winner plans to go to compete in Boston. The cost is less than total expenses. They want \$400, but the budget has only \$338 in it. Need to see if there is a surplus in the budget to bump it up. Steve Renouf motioned "that we allocate \$400 from the 2015 Budget surplus of \$5704 to defray costs of sending the CASSAR Orations Contest Winner to the Boston Congress to compete in the National Competition". This was seconded by Ray Raser. The motion passed.

With no further business, the Benediction was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson and the recessional was recited.

The 141st Meeting of the Membership of the CASSAR was adjourned at 11am.

BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

The Board of Managers meeting was opened by Ron Barker at 11:01am.

John Dodd moved that we endorse Jim Faulkinbury for Vice-President of the Western District.. The motion was seconded and passed.

President Gregory announced that he was designating the Fall Meeting as a Special Meeting, to vote on the proposed by-law changes.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:03am.

WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING

The meeting was called to order by VP General John Dodd at 11:04 am. He reported that he had visited the Northern Nevada Chapter when they had their meeting in March. He reported that they have the cruise coming up and there are still available spots on the cruise. Also that Jim Blauer is looking for a roommate.

Steve Renouf moved that we endorse Jim Faulkinbury for Vice-President General of the Western District. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Benediction was given by Lou Carlson and the meeting was adjourned at 11:06am

YOUTH AWARDS LUNCHEON

The Youth Awards Luncheon (**Exhibit L**) was opened by Greg Hill, President of the Gold Country Chapter at 12:03pm. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Dodd. Don Gurley led in the singing of the National Anthem. Derek Brown led in the recitation of the SAR Pledge.

Compatriot Hill then introduced those at the head table. They included; State President Kent & Lisa Gregory, PG Tom Lawrence and Mickie Jo, FPG Joe Dooley, Treasurer General Larry Guzy and his wife Karin, Vice-President General of the Western District John Dodd, Executive Vice-President Ron Barker and his wife Connie, Vice-President South Jim Fosdyck and his wife Un Hui Yi.

From the floor Compatriot Hill introduced; Inspector General Warren Alter and his wife Nancy, Vice-President North Derek Brown and his wife Janet, Vice-President of Membership Phil Hinshaw and his wife Mary, past state president Jim Faulkinbury and his wife Karen, Larry and Barbara Stevens, Tom & Diane Jones, M. Morgan, Captain A. Castillo and family, Jesse Martin and parents and Elizabeth and Alice Danio.

State President Kent Gregory welcomed all the guests. Eden and Nathan Hall from the CAR brought official greetings from their organization and thanked the SAR for their support. President Gregory presented both with Good Citizenship Pins.

PG Lawrence brought greetings from National and thanked the California Society for all it has done. He thanked Samuel Sublet and presented him with the Aide de Camp Pin and the PG challenge Coin for his assistance in making their stay do pleasant.

Ron Barker presented the Hotel with the SAR Flag Certificate.

We recessed for lunch about 12:20pm and reconvened at 12:50 while people were still working on their desserts.

Youth Awards Chairman Derek Brown thanked the chairmen of the various Youth Awards. This included JROTC Chairman James Gill, Eagle Scout Chairman Gary Jensen, Essay Contest Chairman Keith Bigbee, Orations Contest Chairman Dan McKelvie, Poster Contest Chairman David Gilliard and Brochure Contest Chairman Tom Adams.

JROTC Chairman James Gill introduced Cadet Cameron Castillo who was the state winner of the Enhanced JROTC Contest. Compatriot Gill read Cadet Castillo's bio and then had Cadet Castillo read his essay. Compatriot Gill presented Cadet Castillo with a neck ribbon. Derek Brown presented the cadet with a Certificate. President Kent Gregory presented the cadet with a check from the state society for \$1,000. Lisa Gregory, President of the State Ladies' Auxiliary presented Cadet Castillo with a check from the Ladies for \$250.

Eagle Scout Chairman Gary Jensen introduced the State winner in the **Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest**, Jesse Martin. He told a bit about himself and read his essay. Derek Brown presented him with his certificate. Kent presented the check for \$1,000. Lisa Gregory presented Jesse with a check for \$250. Jesse then received the Spread Eagle desk ornament.

The **Robert E. Burt Award** for Boy Scout Volunteers from the SAR were Duncan Felt, Robert Bates and Frank Kupperman who was absent. Robert E. Burt assisted in the presentation of these awards. Gary noted we get four per year and encouraged us to return to our chapters and get applications filled out to recognize those who have contributed to scouting from our society Compatriots.

Keith Bigbee introduced the State winner in the **Essay Contest**. Eliza Davis read her essay after Keith did a brief bio on her. After her reading she was presented the winners medal by Keith, a \$1,000 check from Kent, a \$250 check from Lisa, and the winner's certificate. Keith thanked all the participating chapters.

The **Poster Contest** Awards were presented by Dave Gilliard. First he announced the Honorable Mention. These were from Delta, Riverside, Orange County and Mother Lode chapters. Fourth place went to San Diego. Third place went to Redlands. Second place went to Sacramento. First Place went to Gold Country. The winning poster will now go to National to be judged on that final level of the competition. Next year's theme will be "Over the Mountain Men".

The **Brochure Contest** Awards were announced by Chairman Tom Adams. Honorable Mention went to San Diego and Orange County chapters. Third place went to Sacramento. Second place went to Mother Lode and First place went to Redlands. He congratulated all the youth and chapter participants.

Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck handed out streamers to those chapters that participating in National Color Guard events. For **Wreaths Across America**, streamers were presented to the California State Society, Harbor, Orange County, Delta, George Washington, Gold Country, Kern, Monterey Bay, Redwood, Riverside, Sacramento, San Diego and Silicon Valley Chapters.

For the **Massing of the Colors** streamers were presented to the California Society, George Patton, Harbor, Orange County, Eagle, Redlands, Riverside, San Diego and Sons of Liberty chapters.

In the **Color Guard Activity** Contest there are 5 divisions depending on the chapter size. Color Guard Chapters of the year included; Small—Delta, medium/small—Santa Barbara, Medium—Kern, Medium/large—Riverside, and Large—Orange County.

With no further awards to be presented at this time, Jim Faulkinbury led the reciting of the SAR Recessional.

Lou Carlson gave the benediction.

The luncheon was adjourned at 1:35pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Memorial Service (**Exhibit M**) was conducted by State Chaplain, the Right Reverend Lou Carlson. A musical prelude was played by James Beatty and Elizabeth Strum. The CASSAR Honor Guard ushered the members and guest to their seats. The Honor Guard then led the processional by lining the aisle as the Rt. Rev. Carlson proceeded to the front of the room.

Chaplain Carlson welcomed all and gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by CASSAR State President Dr. M. Kent Gregory. The Lord's Prayer was recited.

The roll of our dearly departed Compatriots was conducted. As Chaplain Carlson read off the name of the deceased, Colorguardsman Larry Wood rang the bell. Once the bell was rung the audience was asked if anyone has something they would like to say about the departed. Some chapters had representatives there who spoke of their fallen Compatriot. Others did not in which case the chaplain instructed all to join in with a specific phrase, "We will remember our Compatriot brother with Thanksgiving".

The roll call of Compatriots lost this last year were; Jerry Dale Evans--Central Coast Chapter, Calvin Keith Palmer and Richard R. Boster—Coachella Valley Chapter, Philip Gilmore Harvey and Wylie Fredric Richard, Jr.—Delta Chapter, Edward Ernest McPherson—Gold Country Chapter, Cameron Stewart—Harbor Chapter, Walter Leonard Davis—Orange County Chapter, Howard Clay Harvey—Redwood Empire Chapter, Richard Keens Charles and Wayne Wesley Lowell—Riverside Chapter, Christopher James Stephenson, Vincent Abbott Gantt and Theodore Montgomery Robinson—

Sacramento Chapter, Lafayette Willard Grover and James Robert Maloney, Jr.—San Diego Chapter, John Stahler Gregory and Jericho Alexander Mullen—Silicon Valley Chapter, Frank Edward Denison and Donald Byron Knapp—South Coast Chapter, Berni Kelsey Campbell and Richard John Welch—Sons of Liberty Chapter, and Robert Melvin Cooper and John Sidney Kennedy—Thomas Jefferson Chapter.

A special musical interlude was performed by Don Gurley.

Following Compatriot Gurley's song the congregation joined in in the reciting of the 23rd Psalm on the back page of the program.

Chaplain Carlson then gave the Benediction.

The CASSAR Honor Guard led the Recessional as Postlude music was played by James Beatty and Elizabeth Strum.

GALA INAUGURAL BANQUET

There was a Choral music prelude to the dinner and festivities by the John Adams Academy.

The Banquet was opened by President Gregory at 7pm. The invocation was given by Rev. Lou Carlson.

The presentation of Colors was conducted by Commander James Fosdyck and the California Color Guard. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by FPG Joseph Dooley. The National Anthem was led by the John Adams Academy Vocal Ensemble. The SAR Pledge was led by Treasurer General Larry Guzy. The Colors were posted and the Color Guard retired. The Color Guard then returned. The Change of Command Ceremony was performed. Commander Fosdyck passed the Halberd off to President Gregory who then passed it to the incoming Commander, Mark Kramer. President Gregory then presented the CASSAR Gold Von Steuben Color Guard Medal to Past Commander Fosdyck. The Color Guard then retired.

President Gregory then presented Certificates of Appreciation to Ron Barker, Connie Barker, Keith Bigbee, Alan Brooking, David Gilliard, Greg Hill, Coreena Ross, Dale Ross, Liz Sublet, and Sam Sublet for working at putting on this State Meeting.

Introductions of those at the head table were conducted by Master of Ceremonies David Gilliard.

Dinner was served.

Following dinner, but during dessert, the Ladies Auxiliary conducted their raffle. Lisa Gregory and Connie Barker did the honors.

Following the raffle President General Tom Lawrence was introduced and spoke to the members and guests. When he was finished Ron Barker presented him with a gift to say thank you. It was an Alexander Hamilton Cell Phone Cover.

State Activity Contest Chairman Phil Hinshaw presented the **Best Chapter Awards** for each category.

In the **Small Chapter** category Delta won most new members and supplementals, publicity, chapter activities and most medals and certificates. The Eagle Chapter won most meeting, community service, CASSAR Programs, and the Best small Chapter Plaque.

In the **Medium-Small** chapter category Harbor Chapter won most meetings, publicity, new members and supplementals, and community service. Redlands won most medals and certificates and publications. Gold Country won most chapter activities, CASSAR Programs, and the best medium-small chapter plaque.

No awards were presented for the **Medium-Large** Chapter category since there were no chapters that size in the contest.

In the **Large Chapter** category Riverside Chapter won all eight categories and the best Large Chapter plaque.

In the **Very Large Chapter** category Sacramento won for most meetings. Thomas Jefferson won for most chapter programs. Orange County won publicity, most new members and supplementals, medals & certificates, chapter activities, community service, publications and the Very Large Best Chapter plaque.

President Gregory presented the **Col. Richard F. Locke Awards** for sustained membership growth.

Each award includes a \$250 check to the winning chapter. The **Small Chapter** winner was Central Coast with a 10.5% growth. The **Medium-Small chapter** winner was Harbor with 38% growth. The **Medium chapter** winner was General George S. Patton with 18% growth. The **Large Chapter** winner

was Riverside with a 26% growth. The **Very Large Chapter** winner was Orange County with 18% growth.

President Gregory presented the officers of the ladies auxiliary with **Certificates of Appreciation**. This included; Lisa Gregory, Connie Barker, Janet Brown, Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Karen Dodd, Karen Carlson, Sandy Jacobs, Karen McKelvie and Gail Raser.

Commander Mark Kramer, Past Commander Jim Fosdyck and President Gregory presented the **Color Guard medals**. The **NSSAR Silver Color Guard Medal** was presented to Gary Jensen, Dan Shippey and Melvin Harrell. The **NSSAR Gold Von Steuben Medal** was presented to Jim Faulkinbury. **Color Guardsman of the Year** was Ernie McCullough.

The **State Meritorious Service Medal** was presented to Terry Briggs for his service as CAR Liaison, building a stronger relationship with the CAR and as Genealogist where he assisted in reducing the number of pended application our State Society had at National. This medal was also presented to Greg Hill for his management and upgrading of the state website.

The **Daughters of Liberty Medal** was presented to Janet Brown. Janet started the Ladies Auxiliary Program in her husband's chapter in 2010 and has served as its President. She has led efforts to raise over \$1500 for SAR Youth Contest prizes. She has accompanied her husband visiting other chapters and distributed Ladies Auxiliary materials. She has encouraged the ladies in the other chapters to join and participate in the SAR Ladies Auxiliary, both chapter and state. She is a DAR member who received genealogical consultant training, which she has used to assist in the research for seven new SAR member applications and ten supplemental applications.

The **Silver Roger Sherman Medal** was presented to Gary Jensen.

Color Guard members Mark Kramer, Karl Jacobs, and Bob Ebert went in search of the **Patriot Medal** recipient. They were unable to find the recipient so Karl Jacobs used his mental telepathic abilities and saw a cave, a fishes gill and a yard to discover the recipient was Dave Gilliard.

The **Distinguished Service Medal** was presented to John Dodd.

Incoming president, Ron Barker, presented President Gregory with a past President's Pin and a gift, the book "*George Rogers Clark: I Glory in War*" by William Nestor.

National Society President General, Tom Lawrence, installed the California Society officers for 2016-2017 and presented the gavel to our new president Ron Barker.

National Society President General, Tom Lawrence, installed the California Society Ladies Auxiliary officers and presented the new President Connie Barker with the gavel.

Ron Barker then gave his acceptance address. (**Exhibit N**)

With no further business to transact at this Gala Banquet, the SAR Recessional was led by Inspector General Warren Alter.

The Colors were retired by the California Society Color Guard led by Commander Mark Kramer.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson.

The banquet was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

November 4-5, 2016

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