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## Season's Greetings!

The New Year has arrived! It's 2011 and I am pleased to report the California Society is alive and well. This is due in large part to your state officers who provided almost daily service in all areas throughout the past year. Credit is also due to those who serve the society at the chapter level. If it were not for your chapter presidents, secretaries, and treasurers, this society would not be what it is today. Please consider ways you can serve.

My sincere appreciation to all members of the Silicon Valley Chapter who provided superb service to the state society as hosts of the Fall Board of Managers Meeting this past November. Several members held positions organizing key components of the meeting. President Thor Wiles' exceptional performance was amazing. He was on top of things every step of the way. The meeting was a huge success with special guests from the NSSAR, the C.A.R., and some incredible people from local communities.

Stephen Renouf, Vice President General, Western District, responded to a request to perform a new analysis of the California Society

Life Membership Program. This was in response to concerns raised after a meeting of the Invested Funds Trustees. Compatriot Renouf's analysis revealed a shortfall in the life membership program that would jeopardize the program if steps had not been taken to get it back on track. Today a new fee structure is in place and is posted in the members section of the state website.

Secretary Jim Faulkinbury has narrowed the gap in the number of record copies missing from state records. While attempting to remedy certain issues with state member numbers, Jim discovered approximately 150 record copies missing from the state's inventory. The National Society normally charges \$10 per copy, but Compatriot Faulkinbury negotiated a reduced fee of \$2 per copy to complete the state's records. It is expected the issue concerning missing record copies will be resolved by April 2011.

The recently formed Records Committee consisting of Jim Faulkinbury, Chairman, and members Tom Douglas, and Jim Young, will soon complete its inventory of state property and miscellaneous records. All items will be indexed and moved into a cli-

mate controlled storage facility. Many of these records have been digitized, such as the five bound volumes containing the minutes of the society from 1906 through the 1940s. Each of the volumes are being converted to PDF publications and will be posted to the members section of the state website.

If you have not yet paid your 2011 dues, please do so immediately. Your continued support of the SAR is vitally important and ensures it is able to meet expenses at the chapter, state, and national levels. Member dues help maintain the high level of success the society has achieved in the preservation of America's history, local and state patriotic events and activities, and in support of the educational and youth programs.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Fraternally,

W. A. Griswold



Wayne A. Griswold, Sr.  
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## Application Fees & Dues

NEW APPLICATION FEES & DUES	NSSAR Fee	\$80.00
	NSSAR Dues	\$30.00
	CASSAR Fee	\$20.00
	Chapter Dues	varies

The National Society discounts its application fee for additional family members applying for membership on the same lineage and at the same time as the above applicant. This discounted fee is shown in the table below.

THE NSSAR FAMILY DISCOUNT	NSSAR Fee	\$30.00
	NSSAR Dues	\$30.00
	CASSAR Fee	\$20.00
	Chapter Dues	varies

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION	NSSAR Fee	\$40.00
	CASSAR Fee	\$10.00

JUNIOR MEMBER APPLICATION	NSSAR Fee	\$80.00
	Nat'l Dues	\$5.00
	CASSAR Fee	- 0 -
	Chapter	- 0 -

Junior Members receive a state and national SAR membership number at the time their application is approved. They pay the designated Junior Member annual dues and upon reaching 18 years of age may become a Regular Member simply by paying Regular Member dues. The NSSAR fee for Junior Members using a previously approved and acceptable SAR, DAR or CAR application is \$30.00.

YOUTH REGISTRANTS	NSSAR Fee	\$30.00
	CASSAR Fee	- 0 -
	Chapter	- 0 -

Youth Registrants do not receive a National Number when their application is approved. However, they do not pay dues and have until age 29 to apply for regular membership based on their Youth Registrant application.



*Your chapter updates can appear in the California Compatriot, too! Email your chapter's final draft prior to the deadline posted at lower right. Be sure to identify all individuals appearing in your photos. Space is limited, which means the Editor reserves the right to edit all submissions.*

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# The State Secretary's Report

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## ANNUAL DUES, REGULAR MEMBERS

National Society	\$30.00
California Society	\$18.00
Chapter	Varies

## ANNUAL DUES, JUNIOR MEMBERS

National Society	\$5.00
California Society	\$ - 0 -
Chapter	\$ - 0 -

## ANNUAL DUES, DUAL MEMBERS

Dual Members who hold their primary membership in another State Society must pay California Society State and Chapter dues. California Society dual members who hold membership in another California Chapter pay dues both to the primary and to the dual Chapter.

## ANNUAL DUES, EMERITUS MEMBERS

Emeritus Members with 50 plus years active membership in the National Society only pay California Society and Chapter dues. Emeritus Members with 50 plus years active membership in the California Society only pay Chapter dues.

## CALIFORNIA SOCIETY LIFE MEMBERS

The California Society Life Membership program covers a member's chapter, state, and national dues for as long as his primary membership is in the California Society, SAR. The program is open to all regular members 18 plus years of age. The fee structure is based on the member's age and is posted in the members section of the California Society's website.

## NATIONAL SOCIETY LIFE MEMBERS

The National Society Life Membership program covers a member's National Dues only. Members participating in this program are responsible for paying their California Society State and Chapter dues to remain active in the National Society. ❖



If your chapter has not completed its annual dues report, please do so immediately. Payments were due to the CASSAR Secretary by December 15<sup>th</sup> to allow sufficient time to prepare the State Reconciliation Report for NSSAR, which is due in January. In early November I sent an Excel spreadsheet to each of the Chapter Presidents and Secretaries for use in this year's reporting. Use of this report will simplify the process and automatically handle all of the calculations for what amounts are due to NSSAR and CASSAR.

There are only a couple of items that can be entered on the "Cover Sheet" which calculates the dues amounts that should be submitted. The beginning membership number is one of those items and should be the same as the final number used in the 2010 dues report. The counts of new members, reinstatements, deaths, drops, etc. all come from the other worksheets set up for these categories. A valid National number in column "A" of each worksheet will be counted for that category and contribute to the final calculation on the "Cover Sheet".

There are a few rules that should be followed in the calculation.

Do not include Dual Members in the count of beginning membership; they should only be added to the "Dual Members" worksheet and only if their primary membership is in a different State Society (Chapters should handle the chapter dues for Dual Members from other CASSAR chapters outside of this reconciliation process).

The "New Members" worksheet as well as the other worksheets for additions and deletions should include both regular and junior members; the dues calculation for junior memberships is handled by also entering them in the "Junior Members" worksheet.

Junior member status changes at age 18 and the members must begin paying full dues once they are 18. The "Junior Member" worksheet contains a place to put their birth date and age to help keep track of their status. There are several members listed as Junior Members last year who are now 18 and thus should be entered as Regular Members.

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Jim L. W. Faulkinbury  
California Secretary

*Chapter Annual Reports are due. If you haven't done so already, please mail yours to the state secretary ASAP. Thank you!*



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## 2010 FALL BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

*Below members of the Board of Managers ready themselves for the business meeting on Friday morning, November 5th.*



*In the right column photo Jim Fosdyck is shown receiving a Silver Good Citizenship Medal for statewide community service.*

*President Griswold presented Lt. Timothy Reid the SAR Heroism Medal & Certificate for saving multiple lives in the San Bruno gas line explosion.*



The Silicon Valley Chapter performed brilliantly as hosts of the 135th Fall Board of Managers Meeting at Embassy Suites, Santa Clara-Silicon Valley, on November 5-6, 2010. President Griswold opened Friday's business session at 9:00am with introductions of the National Society officers in attendance: Vice President General, Western District Stephen R. Renouf, Secretary General Larry Magerkurth, Genealogist General Joseph Dooley, Registrar General Lindsey Brock, and Historian General Chuck

Lampman. He then introduced the candidates seeking national office: Timothy Bennett of DC, Larry Cornwell of Alabama, and Paul Hayes of DC. President Griswold read the list of living past CASSAR

presidents and introduced those past presidents present at the meeting: Louis Carlson, Stephen Renouf, Karl Jacobs, Robert Ebert, Larry Magerkurth, and Chuck Lampman. State officers gave oral reports, followed by national officers and committee chairmen.

The public service luncheon featured a lavish display of culinary delights buffet style in the hotel's Gallery Terrace. Following a brief interlude of lunchtime fellowship, President Griswold presented Orange County Chapter President James Fosdyck with the Silver Good Citizenship Medal for years of statewide community service. Silicon Valley Chapter President Thor Wiles came forward and introduced Lt. Timothy Reid of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department. Lt. Reid shared his experiences relating to the recent gas line explosion that occurred in his San Bruno neighborhood.



On September 9, 2010, Lt. Reid was preparing for dinner with his family when a 36-inch high-pressure gas line exploded in his residential neighborhood. The thunderous blast could be heard for

miles, causing Lt. Reid to believe a passenger jet had crashed while landing at nearby San Francisco Airport. As he emerged through his front door he saw a geyser of blazing fire, burning homes just a few doors up the street. Lt. Reid's wife immediately rushed their children to safety, which allowed Reid's natural reactions to kick in. He searched house to house for survivors, helping people out of their homes and instructing them to flee the area. His acts of extreme bravery saved many lives. A total of 53 homes were destroyed and 120 damaged. There were 6 fatalities; a number authorities believe would have been higher had it not been for Lt. Reid. For his acts of heroism President Griswold presented Reid with the SAR Heroism Medal and a beautifully framed certificate.

Friday's meeting continued that afternoon with chapter and committee reports. Nominating Chairman Lou Carlson announced the state's need for a secretary and registrar then urged interested members to contact him. CASSAR is also seeking an editor for the California Compatriot and a Knight Essay chairman.

Trustees Dick Hawley, Stephen Renouf, and Curtis Porter reported on the status of the invested funds. Chairman Hawley provided each invested funds balance as of October 2010: Life Membership \$192,357.28, Permanent Fund \$69,467.12, Education Fund \$21,674.22, and 2019 Congress Fund \$7,699.80. Chairman Hawley stated a Morgan Stanley investment advisor would address the society at its April 2011 meeting in Irvine.

Youth Activities Director Tom Adams reported on youth programs and scholarship awards. He said the website had been updated with program guidelines, flyers, and contest deadlines. All chapters were urged to visit [CaliforniaSAR.org/edu/](http://CaliforniaSAR.org/edu/) to take advantage of these resources and were reminded of the login password – cassar.

Saturday's session began at 9:00am with the approval of the minutes taken at the April 2010 meeting in Sacramento. Chancellor Jeff Goodwin reviewed the state's Whistleblower and Conflict of Interest policies as approved by the Board of Managers in 2009. All CASSAR officers and chapter president were asked to sign copies of both docu-



ments and leave them with Secretary Faulkinbury.

President Griswold requested the board ratify his interim appointment of Stephen Renouf as Invested Funds Trustee to fulfill the term vacated by Marston Watson, who resigned in July. The appointment was ratified unanimously.

Trustee Renouf then presented an analysis he conducted of the CASSAR Life Membership Fund. Trustee Renouf reported Rex Shannon of the Orange County Chapter last analyzed the fund in 2003. He stated the trustees had met in July 2010 to review the invested funds and became concerned that the life membership fund would be insufficient to cover life member dues. The trustees reported their concerns to the Executive Committee, which is when President Griswold requested the new analysis. Trustee Renouf used the same methodology Compatriot Shannon used in 2003. He assumed a 4% rate of return (Morgan Stanley recommended 7.5%, less 2% inflation and 1.5% broker fees), used the ACLI Individual Annuity Table, and chapter dues of \$15. The result was a \$90,991 shortfall in the fund. He also ran the analysis based upon chapter dues of \$10, which reduced the shortfall to \$67,948. As a result, the trustees recommended replacing the current 3-tier fee schedule with a proposed schedule with a tier for each age based upon actuarial analysis. They requested current life members make a voluntary contribution to the life membership fund to help support the fund, and recommended analyzing the fund every two years. The Board of Managers adopted the recommendations. The life membership program suspension was lifted, based upon the new fee schedule. The trustees recommended raising the state annual dues from \$18 to \$20, but postponed action until the annual April 2011 meeting. According to the trustees, it is crucial to adopt these recommendations because should the fund run out of money, the general fund would be required to pay the annual dues for each life members.

Chancellor Goodwin presented three proposed bylaw amendments. The Board of Managers unanimously approved amending Bylaw 4, Section 12(f) requiring the trustees of the permanent fund to select a chairman not later than the close of the Spring Annual Meeting, and amending Bylaw 5, Section 2 (j) to require that the ethics committee consist of the state chaplain (a non-voting chairman of the committee), the state chancellor, a past state president chosen by the current state president, and a member in good standing chosen by the state chaplain. The board passed an amendment to Bylaw 10, Section 1 limiting the amount of money remitted to chapters for state life members to \$10 per

member.

Executive Vice President John Dodd presented his 2011 CASSAR budget proposal. He based the budget's revenue on a 10% drop in membership due to the sluggish economy. Since CASSAR sent only one teacher to Valley Forge in 2010, there was a surplus of \$1,800 in the Valley Forge Program's budget allocation. Larry Magerkurth made a motion to use the \$1,800 surplus to send Valley Forge Chairman Curtis Porter to the 2011 SAR Conference on the American Revolution in Baltimore. The motion was seconded and approved. When Compatriot Porter returns from this conference, he will provide an assessment of the program and recommend whether or not CASSAR should adopt it as a program targeting higher education. Executive VP Dodd recommended transferring any surplus from the 2010 budget to the life membership fund to reduce the shortfall in the fund. The Board of Managers adopted the budget as proposed.

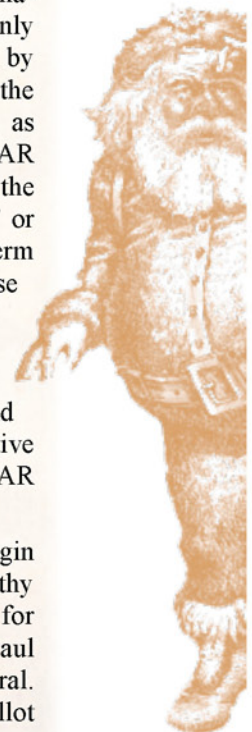
John Dodd then reported on the coming Annual Meeting to be hosted by the Orange County Chapter, April 8-10 2011, at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Irvine. The room rate is \$79 per night, \$4 per day for parking, and the registration fee is \$125. There is also a shuttle from/to the John Wayne Airport.

The question of "associate members" arose from the floor under new business. Chancellor Goodwin addressed the question with the following explanation. According to state and national bylaws, only people whose membership have been approved by the SAR, who remain in good standing with the Society, are permitted to be referred to as "members". If chapters have non-member SAR supporters that wish to align themselves with the SAR, they must be referred to as an "associate" or other name that does not include the term "member". Chapters were instructed to revise their bylaws to conform to those of the state and national societies. Simply stated, if a chapter's bylaws include the term "associate" in tandem with "member", then the term "member" should be deleted, leaving "associate" or other descriptive term as the one that defines a non-member SAR supporter at the chapter level.

President Griswold called for the forum to begin for candidates running for national office. Timothy Bennett and Joseph Dooley campaigned for treasurer general, and Larry Cornwell and Paul Hayes campaigned for genealogist general. Following candidate presentations a secret ballot



*C.S.S.C.A.R. President Molly Schutzenberger was presented with an SAR C.A.R. Bronze Medal of Appreciation. See more C.S.S.C.A.R. photos in the Online California Compatriot! Photo courtesy of Jim Blauer.*





*Silicon Valley Chapter President Thor Wiles (right) was presented with the Meritorious Service Medal for service to the CASSAR. In addition, Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Silicon Valley Compatriots Doug & Sue Bergholdt, Michael Moore, Howard Jones, John Kohli, Bill Dunton, and Jack Mal-lory.*

was taken to determine which candidates would receive CASSAR's endorsement.

The youth luncheon was held in the hotel's Gallery Terrace. After the buffet meal, President Griswold presented the Silver Good Citizenship Medal to Dr. Lionel Nelson, who, as a retired physician, volunteered his service to the US military in the Middle East. He then presented the California Children of the American Revolution President Molly Schutzenberger with the SAR C.A.R. Bronze Medal of Appreciation, and a \$500 donation to the C.A.R. Four C.A.R. pages

assisted with the meetings and each page was presented with an SAR Outstanding Citizenship Pin. The Young American Patriots Fife and Drum Corps, based in the San Francisco Bay Area, treated the audience to a rousing performance. Afterward the group was presented with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation and each member received a pin facsimile of the CASSAR seal. Compatriot Jim Faulkinbury was presented with the NSSAR Silver Color Guard Medal for his service on the national level.

With the results of the secret ballot, the California Society endorsed the following candidates for national office:

- Larry Magerkurth, President General
- Stephen Leishman, Secretary General
- Joseph Dooley, Treasurer General
- Tom Lawrence, Chancellor General
- Lindsey Brock, Registrar General
- Larry Cornwell, Genealogist General
- Charles Lampman, Historian General
- Michael Wells, Librarian General
- Rev. Dr. James Taylor, Chaplain General
- Sam Powell, SAR Foundation Board

President Griswold adjourned the 135th Annual Board of Managers Meeting.

Vice President General Stephen Renouf then convened a meeting of the Western District for the purpose of endorsing candidates for national office. VPG Renouf consulted with the presidents of California, Hawaii and Nevada, and developed a slate of officers to be endorsed by the Western District. The slate was the same endorsed by the California Society (above). VPG Renouf announced he was going to speak at the meeting of the Hawaii Society on November 20, 2010 at Ko'olau Golf Club in Kaneohe, Oahu. He also announced that the Western District Annual Meeting would be held at the Red Rock Hotel on April 2, 2011 in Las Vegas. All SAR members are welcome to attend. VPG Renouf then adjourned the Western District Meeting.

The Saturday evening banquet was held in the hotel's Gallery Terrace. After dinner, President Griswold introduced guest speaker Craig MacDonald. Craig is a Pulitzer Prize nominated author of many books about the Old West. Craig spoke about coincidences in history. Following his presentation, President Griswold presented him with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation.

President Griswold made the following presentations:

- NSSAR Partners in Patriotism Certificate to the Silicon Valley Chapter
- 12 Chapter President Certificates expressing CASSAR's appreciation to each chapter president for his service to his chapter
- DAR Medal of Appreciation to Kathy Watson for her work with Wreaths Across America
- Daughters of Liberty Medal to Un Hui Yi for her years of dedicated service to the CASSAR
- George Washington Fellows Pin to VPG Stephen Renouf on behalf of the National Society
- Liberty Medals to Stan Henderson, Ron Risley, Ted Rudisill, Tom Chilton and Dick Small on behalf of the National Society
- Silver Von Steuben Color Guard Medal to Dr. Kent Gregory
- Meritorious Service Medal to Thor Wiles for his service to the CASSAR
- 2 Patriot Medals, the highest award that can be

*Presidents Zell, Taylor, Porter, Ludwig, Littlefield, Gurley, Bigbee, Fosdyck, Wiles, Owens, Young, Scholl were presented Chapter President Certificates.*



# Welcome New Members

Nat'l #	CA #	Name	Chapter
177834	8731	Jerry Gwaine Evans	Central Coast
178214	8747	Ralph William Dacy, Jr.	Gen Geo Washington
177939	8736	David Scott Armstrong	Gen. Geo Patton
178270	8748	Samuel Logan Thompson, III	Gen. Geo. Patton
178212	8745	Gordon Moulton Clark	Gold Country
178365	8759	Paul Leonard Hatling	Gold Country
178366	8760	Michael Paul Hatling	Gold Country
178272	8750	Mark Allan Hoppus	Kern
177749	8730	Rick Harper Boone	Orange Co.
177836	8733	Daniel Raymond McKelvie	Orange Co.
177837	8734	John Frederick Manno	Orange Co.
177838	8735	Robert Scott Francis	Orange Co.
178211	8744	Robert Ryan Buckel	Orange County
177747	8728	Richard Allen Stephenson	Redlands
178364	8758	David Wayne Vogel	Redlands
177530	8723	Raymond Russell Kelly	Redwood Empire
178020	8739	Stanley Donald Burrows	Redwood Empire
178359	8753	Donald Norman Burrows	Redwood Empire
178360	8754	Jack Louis Barney	Redwood Empire
178021	8740	Sean Christopher Moore	Riverside
178273	8751	Michael Edward Scott Emett	Riverside
177527	8720	Rowland Neil Zinn	Sacramento
178210	8743	Robert Michael Rectenwald	Sacramento
178271	8749	Andrew Jackson Tufts	Sacramento
177528	8721	Frederick Watson Pierce, IV	San Diego
164971	8727	Dean W. Rogers, III	San Diego
178274	8752	Ronald Dean Osborn	San Diego
178361	8755	Christopher F. Vornheder	San Diego
177529	8722	Neil Hugh Crockett	Santa Barbara
178363	8757	Lawrence John Foster	Santa Barbara
177532	8725	James Marcus Hollabaugh	Silicon Valley
177748	8729	David Eugene Crowder	Silicon Valley
178018	8737	Paul Bartlett Van Buren	Silicon Valley
178019	8738	Riebert Sterling Henderson	Silicon Valley
178362	8756	Alan Douglass Fitch	Silicon Valley
178213	8746	James Basil Reidy, Jr.	Sons of Liberty
177531	8724	John Robert Yates	South Coast
177835	8732	James Robert Allen	Thomas Jefferson

## Secretary's Report, Continued from page 3

New Members, Reinstatements, and Reinstatement-Transfers dated after November 1<sup>st</sup> are entered into special worksheets for that purpose since their application and reinstatement fees count towards 2011 dues, not 2010 dues. Do not include them in the regular "New Member", "Reinstatements" or "Rein-Transfer" worksheets or the calculation will include them in the amount of dues payable.

Note that National Life Members pay CASSAR and Chapter dues since the National Life Member program only covers their National Dues. Failure to pay CASSAR dues will result in them being dropped for both CASSAR and NSSAR.

Note that Emeritus members also pay CASSAR and Chapter dues unless their membership status in CASSAR has been active for 50 or more years (members transferring in from other State Societies may not have met the CASSAR active membership requirement)

CASSAR Life Membership payments should be added to the "Life Member Payments" worksheet. The amounts previously paid during 2010 and the amounts included with the annual dues payments should be entered manually in the "Cover Sheet".

It is important to verify the status of CASSAR Life Members since they do not always respond to any correspondence. CASSAR pays National dues for all living members in the CASSAR Life Membership program including those whose status is unknown so it is important to know their status.

Thus far in 2010 we have received 116 new members, 26 reinstatements and 3 transfer-ins. We have lost 23 members through death and 5 through transfer-outs. Hopefully, the number of drops received this year will be small and we will see an overall growth in the membership. ❖

Jim Faulkinbury  
Secretary, CASSAR

The names followed by an asterisk (\*) represent the California Society's newest Junior Members.

Parades are fun! Invite your Junior Members & Youth Registrants to participate in your next chapter activity!

# NECROLOGY

## Farewell Beloved Compatriots

Nat'l #	CA #	Name	Chapter
153705	7098	Robert Edgar Cutler	Delta
94630	3711	Joseph Clyde Harker	Harbor
137632	5904	Melvin James Stein	Kern
147415	6545	James Taylor Hull	Redding
176513	8652	Richard Spear Kimball	Redlands
79994	2950	Charles DeWitt Gewalt	San Diego
133444	5655	Carl David Crites	San Diego
153056	7045	Floyd Joseph Watts	San Francisco
66548	2328	Henry Heath Wagener	Silicon Valley
158910	7502	William Kinmont Flint, II	Thomas Jefferson
135477	5782	Granville Watkins Hough	South Coast

*Almighty Father, thank you for the privilege of knowing these departed compatriots. They have now passed into your greater light, which we cannot receive here in this body. Please watch over their families. Give them peace and continued blessings, now and forevermore. May our patriots' souls rest in your everlasting love. Amen.*

### State Meeting Recap, continued

presented by the state society, to Ernest Latham, MD, and Keith Bigbee.

The evening concluded with Don Gurley and Jim Blauer singing God Bless America, the SAR recessional led by VP North Keith Bigbee, and the benediction by the Rt. Rev. Louis V. Carlson, Jr. ❖

## Want more?

See the items that wouldn't fit in this printed edition – photos of NSSAR officers, C.A.R. president & pages, the Fife & Drum Corps, award presentations, plus a special article titled A W.A.A.C.'s Story of WWII. Get the expanded Online Edition of The California Compatriot at [www.CaliforniaSAR.org](http://www.CaliforniaSAR.org)!





*Remembering America's Heroes*

*Wreaths Across  
America*



*Harbor & Orange County Chapters*



*Sacramento and Gold Country Chapter Color Guards*





# I WANT YOU IN UNIFORM

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Chapters need men in uniform! "One of the most effective ways to get the attention of young people in a classroom is to show up in a Revolutionary War Soldier's Uniform," says Tom Adams, CASSAR Youth Activities Director.

This year we have two opportunities to go into classrooms and share our American History with the young people of California. This winter, we'll have the opportunity to talk about 'The Battle of Bunker Hill' to 8th Graders when they compete in our brand new Brochure Contest. In the spring, we'll be back in the 5th Grade classrooms talking about the 'Battle of Cowpens.'

Tom says, "Here's where we'll really need help. *The Battle of Cowpens*



in not covered in the current text books. The message will have to come from outside the school's normal resources – hopefully, that will be us – in uniform!"

Setting up the appointments, explaining the contest rules to teachers and to the children is all handled by 'civilian personnel' – like Tom Adams, and your Chapter's Youth Program Chairman. What are needed are re-enactors to tell the battle stories so children can understand the sacrifice our early patriots made for this Nation. Will you join in the battle for the minds of our young people – telling them the story of our Nation's founding? ... We need you in uniform!

Tell your Chapter President and Youth Program Chairman they can count you in! ❖  
Youth Activities Director, Tom Adams



*Color Guard Commander - Rally your troops!*

## CALIFORNIA HISTORY MAGAZINE

The mission of the **California Historical Society** is to inspire and empower Californians to make the past a meaningful part of their contemporary lives. The CHS has more than 4500 dedicated members who share an avid love for the history of our country.

The **California History** magazine is the official magazine of CHS and is dedicated to the study and promotion of all aspects of state and western history, from pre-Columbian to modern times. It is a statewide quarterly magazine with more than 20,000 readers. A quality publication in every sense of the word; it is found in most state and county libraries.

The CASSAR advertisement at right appears in the December 2010 issue of the magazine and will continue to run through September 2011. CASSAR is also looking into other forms of advertising.

Wayne A. Griswold, Sr.  
President, CASSAR

## CALIFORNIA SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

### Are You A Descendant?

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- ★ PATRIOTIC



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*Embossed image of an SAR Membership Badge as it appeared in American Orders and Societies and Their Decorations, by Hood, Jennings and Young, published by Bailey, Banks & Biddle, 1917.*

### DELTA CHAPTER

Advance Placement U.S. History Teacher Jeff Tracy of Tokay High School in Lodi made an excellent presentation at Delta's December meeting titled "The Wizard of Oz and how it was written as a Political Allegory about the grassroots Populist Movements of the 1890's". Tracy loves history and uses presentations of this type to help students visualize historical events. He has organized trips to Boston, Washington, D.C., and other locations to use them as teaching opportunities for his students.

Chapter elections were held and the following members were elected to office: Jeff Sylvan, President, Brian Young, Secretary, and Mark Gillaspay, Treasurer. The chapter's next meeting will be at U.J.'s Restaurant in Stockton, January 8th, 9:30am.

### HARBOR, ORANGE COUNTY, SONS OF LIBERTY, & SOUTH COAST CHAPTERS

On Sunday, September 19, 2010, 17 members of the Harbor, Sons of Liberty, Orange County and South Coast Chapters met for a fellowship get-together at the Automobile Driving Museum in El Segundo. Docents led the tours of the classic cars on display and then got behind the wheel and took attendees for a drive around town. A great time was had by all.



In 2011 the Harbor Chapter will again host an inter-Chapter gathering.

This time it will be at the Olde Towne Music Hall in El Segundo - featuring silent movies accompanied by the mighty Wurlitzer organ. This 50-seat theater features the early classics, including Laurel and Hardy, The Marx Brothers, and "sing-a-longs".

### MONTEREY BAY CHAPTER

On January 8, 2011, Guest Speaker Pat McAnaney will provide a lesson in American history titled "Miracle After Miracle: The Unlikely Revolution". The American Revolution was one of the most unlikely events in history. Never had a people successfully split away from their mother country.

The British army was the most powerful fighting force in the world. From the beginning the success of the continental forces was in serious doubt. A series of accidents, chance occurrences and just plain luck, allowed General Washington's forces to triumph against all odds.

Patrick McAnaney has had a life-long love affair

with history. Not the dry boring memorization of dates that was traditionally taught in the classrooms of the fifties and sixties... but the living, breathing, history of everyday people living through, and coping with, the extraordinary events that occur in their eras.

Patrick is a papyrologist and paleographer. (Studying, dating and re-constructing ancient documents).

The Monterey Bay Chapter meets over lunch at the Canterbury Woods Retirement Home, 651 Sinex Ave in Pacific Grove at 12:00pm. For information contact Chapter Secretary Bob Stephan at (831) 646-1373 or email [stephan.bob@gmail.com](mailto:stephan.bob@gmail.com)

### SACRAMENTO CHAPTER

CASSAR President Wayne Griswold presented the SAR Medal of Appreciation to three DAR members during a DAR meeting held December 13, 2010 in Sacramento. Eva Austin-Warner, Helena

Hurst, and Verona Mhoon were recognized for years of dedicated service to the Sacramento Chapter, SAR School Guard program. During the DAR meeting, President Griswold encouraged DAR & SAR support of one another and said he was honored to recognize our DAR sisters who have gone far and beyond anything we could expect. Also present at the

DAR meeting were Sacramento Chapter Color Guardsmen Tom Chilton and Jim Faulkinbury. So far this month 14 schools have contacted the Sacramento Chapter to schedule 2011 School Guard presentations.

### SONS OF LIBERTY CHAPTER

The Massing of the Colors is the largest celebration of its kind in the western United States. The 2011 event will be the 29th annual celebration of George Washington's birth sponsored by the Sons of Liberty Chapter. Today, the National Society, SAR recognizes this celebration as a national event, which offers color guardsmen an opportunity to gain points toward national color guard medals. All chapter color guards are encouraged to attend.

The Massing of the Colors will be held Sunday, February 20, 2011, at Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills. Contact the Sons of Liberty Chapter for more information. ❖



*Monterey Bay Chapter's guest speaker for January 2011, Patrick McAnaney.*

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## *Lieutenant Colonel Louise Locke*

### A W.A.A.C.'S STORY OF WWII



*Captain Louise Locke.*

*In this issue we take a hiatus from our colonial history to share the story of a remarkable woman, Lt. Col. Louise Locke. Louise was the wife of Richard F. Locke who through his many years of SAR service captured the hearts of his fellow compatriots nationwide. Col. Locke, as his friends affectionately called him, served numerous years as state genealogist and two terms as the NSSAR genealogist general. This article comes courtesy of*

*Dr. William Nichols, editor of the Redding Chapter newsletter, The Liberty Bell. It was written by Lt. Col. Rush Blodget, USAR, MC (Ret.).*

In the fall of 2006 in preparation for an Armistice Day program at the Redding Rotary Club, Ed Duggan, Dr. Tom Stovall, and I interviewed Lt. Col. Louise Locke, USA, WAC (Ret.) and her husband, retired Col. Richard Locke, USA, (now deceased) regarding their military service while on the staff of General Eisenhower during World War II. The interview was recorded digitally and later transcribed. Tom Stovall scanned the 80 or more pictures in Louise Locke's scrapbooks to a digital format. Although the interviews were conducted in a question and answer format, I transformed the format to this narrative below to help celebrate her 100th Birthday party on October 2, 2010.

*General Eisenhower's staff after arriving in North Africa. Louise Locke, nee Anderson, stands front row right.*

Louise prefaced the session by stating that the British involved women in the military service during World War I and later in WW II. After a study of their system, President Roosevelt decided to follow suit.

Louise's father was a Navy Chief Petty Officer during WW I who was retired on physical disability after the war. After her father's retirement the family settled in Aurora, Colorado where Louise attended grade school. She then attended the nearby business school at Denver University. She subsequently worked for the Bureau of Reclamation for twelve years and pointed out that this included the time of construction of the Hoover Dam.

Louise Locke felt that the United States was quite apathetic toward the War and that Americans as a whole did not want to become involved in a war overseas—a picture that changed overnight after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

There was an immediate rush to join the services and the War Department realized that they would need to use womanpower as the British had done in WW I and were now doing in WW II.

At this point Edith Nourse Rogers, a Congresswoman from Massachusetts, introduced a bill in the House of Representatives to form some type of military organization in which women could serve. Louise stated that this legislation was kicked from committee to committee for almost a year because most of the country was opposed to having women serve in the military, however, after the attack on Pearl Harbor Congress immediately passed the bill.

There was a debate, according to Louise, as to whether women would become part of the Army or whether to form an "auxiliary" for the women. The final decision was to form what was termed the WAAC, the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. President Roosevelt appointed Oveta Culp Hobby as the head of this new organization with the rank of colonel. This was the predecessor to the WAC, the Woman's Army Corps. Louise, who was 31 years old when we entered the war and an experienced stenotypist, saw newspaper advertisements seeking women's enlistments and immediately volunteered.

There was an immediate need for WAAC officers. A training camp to train WAAC officers was established initially at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. A



contest was announced from which 400 women would be selected from the entire nation to train as officers for this new military organization—the WAAC. There were seven hundred applicants from Colorado alone from whom Louise was one of 12 women selected after surviving both an intellectual and a physical examination that was quite rigorous.

The 12 survivors from Colorado were then sent to corps headquarters where they were again subjected to further examinations by psychologists and psychiatrists who thought that women just couldn't "hack it."

She was then sent to Fort Des Moines for eight weeks of training at the end of which the trainees were all commissioned as third officers. The WAAC did not use the army rank system, but commissioned them as 2nd and 3rd officers; these ranks were equivalent to the army ranks of lieutenant and captain.

Louise stated that her notes reflect that 360 officer candidates were chosen by a nationwide competition. The requirements were U.S. citizenship, excellent character, of an age of 21 to 45, good health, minimum weight of 100 pounds and minimum height of five feet with maximum of six feet, no dependents, and not pregnant. There were 30 thousand applicants of which 5,000 were from Colorado. Each state had a quota—Colorado's quota was six. Louise was one of twelve finalists from which six were chosen through an aptitude test designed so that six would be eliminated. The 12 finalists were sent to Corps Headquarters in Omaha where they were evaluated by a board of eleven psychiatrists who searched for possible mental instability and the ability to accept responsibility.

During the screening process word was sent to various commands asking them how many WAAC officers they needed. Some said "None," however, before long, the need for such assistance became so great that the number of trainees had to be increased several times. The number of officer trainees was raised to thirteen hundred as well as one hundred and fifty enlisted persons. These enlisted women became the first company to finish their training and did so at the same time as the first group of officers. Louise was appointed as a company commander. Fort Des Moines was a beautiful old cavalry post with a huge parade ground and a white painted headquarters at the one end with a cannon just as one might see in a movie.

The initial WAAC officer trainees arrived there by train, were issued clothing and then went to bed. They were awakened at six o'clock in the morning by a cannon shot and were told: "You are in the

Army now."

The only direct commission was the colonelcy given to Oveta Culp Hobby, a lawyer and wife of a former governor of Texas. There was great pressure on General Marshall, the army chief-of-staff, to appoint friends and relatives of legislators. To avoid this problem he decreed that there would be no direct commissions except for Colonel Hobby who pleaded with him to go to the camp; however, General Marshall could not spare her from administrative duties.

Louise was commissioned in August of 1942 and served as a company commander at Fort De Moines until Thanksgiving of that year. On Thanksgiving Day she was provided with a helmet and other military gear and told that she should prepare to leave the post the following morning for Washington, D.C. When she arrived in Washington she met the other members of the group of which she was appointed the leader. This group was shortly thereafter placed on a Pan Am Clipper (amphibious—it had pontoons) that had to make an emergency stop at Bermuda due to bad weather and was also delayed in its takeoff for London due to continuing swells.

She was assigned to lead a group of WAAC officers to London to report to General Eisenhower's Headquarters. Colonel Hobby, after asking General Eisenhower what skills he needed and what duties the WAACs would have, replied that they would be used as drivers, telephone operators, mail and communications people, and signal corps personnel, and added he needed them as soon as possible.

Louise said that neither she nor her group of five did routine secretarial work—this was done by the enlisted personnel. The only typing she did was of top secret cablegrams. The five were termed administrative secretaries and each was assigned to general—to G-1, G-2, G-3, and G-4. Her office was two doors from General Eisenhower. When Louise



*Richard F. Locke and Louise Anderson together in Algiers, 1943.*



*Dwight D. Eisenhower, Louise Anderson Locke's boss.*

was asked about the General's demeanor she said he was very courteous and as "nice a man as you would ever want to meet."

After arriving in London the WAACs found that the HQ was being moved to Algiers in North Africa.

It was at this point that Louse Anderson met Dick Locke for the first time. Dick had received a commission in the Officers Reserve Corps in 1932 from college ROTC. In 1934 he was called to active duty with the Civilian Conservation Corps (the CCC). He served with the CCC until 1936 when he left to take a job with Swift and Company where he became head of the hotel contractor and institution department. Because of the contacts he had made while on active duty he was able to supply the meat for almost the entire sixth and seventh corps areas. Colonel Locke was called to active duty in September of 1940. Dick had gone with a friend to Chicago on the week-end of Pearl Harbor; on his return by train to his duty post he heard of the Pearl Harbor attack on another passenger's radio along with General Marshall's order that all officers would report the next day in uniform.

Dick said his initial wartime active duty was in the Quartermaster General's office in Washington DC where he was assigned to work on plans for a channel crossing in April of 1943 with one million two hundred thousand men, however, after Roosevelt and Churchill conferred the plans were changed. Churchill supposedly said: "Let's go down and hit 'em in the belly and draw divisions away from the channel." When the plans were changed he was sent to London in May of 1943 to help plan the very little intelligence regarding this area—flying blind—with only some information from British intelligence.

Dick Locke, then a major, was the senior supply officer for North Africa with focus on subsistence. He told a number of amusing stories regarding his service there. When Colonel Locke was asked when and how he had met Louise Anderson, he said that he was

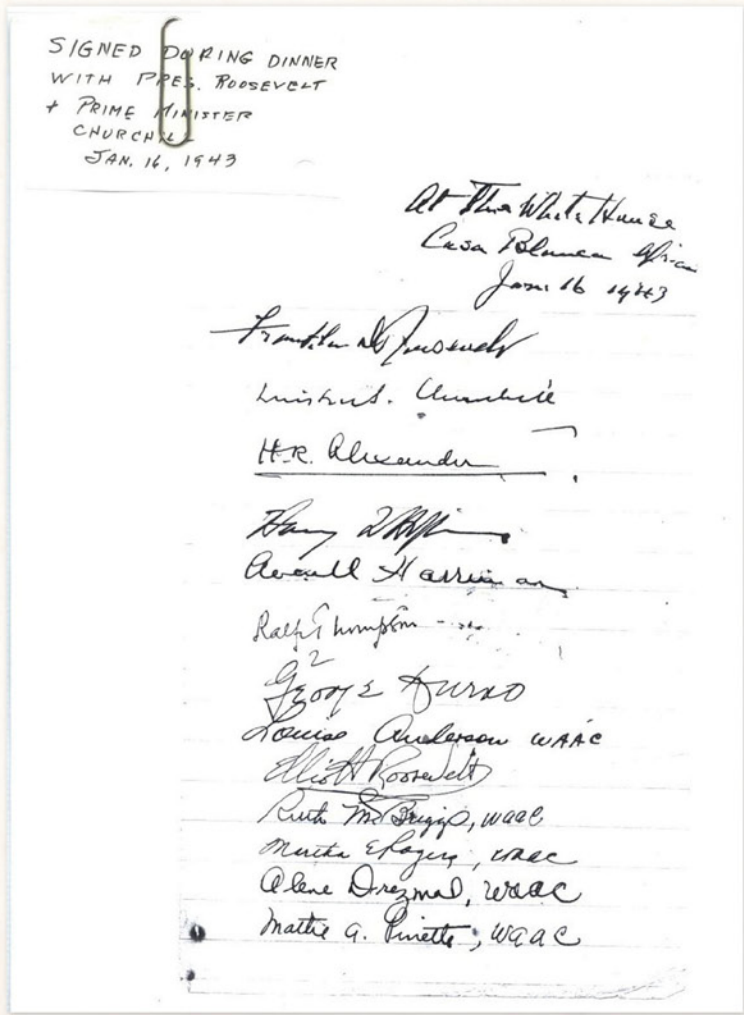


working in the HQ in Algiers when a ship that he was supposed to have been on was torpedoed by a German submarine. Louise was on that ship.

Louise had embarked from a port in Scotland on a ship that was part of a convoy going to North Africa. After going through a "hundred year storm" they entered the Straits of Gibraltar where it was warm and sunny, and the British officers appeared on deck in shorts. There were daily lifeboat drills that included Mae West life preservers. At two

o'clock in the morning the following day when the ship was approximately 80 miles offshore from Oran it was struck by a torpedo that caused it to list. There were 5,000 troops aboard. When Louise got to her life-boat station the boats were already filled by the ship's crew who had chosen to sleep near them for ready access. Louise, another member of her group of five WAACS and some British nurses

*Autographs of President Roosevelt's dinner guests at the "White House" Casa Blanca, North Africa, January 16, 1943.*



were left on board the ship. There were some casualties: some people panicked and jumped overboard.

Fortunately the ship was still afloat ten hours later when the survivors were rescued by a cruiser that took them to Oran. The priorities in rescue were first the RAF pilots, second, the women, and third, the "troops."

In Oran they ran into some American officers who were very helpful and had been unaware that there were now women in military service.

Dick said that he and another officer were quartered with a British general who had taken over an entire house for himself. He said the general used them as "gofers" or butlers to look after him. One day Dick Locke came back to quarters and found a piece of paper on his makeshift desk that said he had been promoted to lieutenant colonel. He called out to the other officer, "Look what I got," and the other man responded, "I got one too." The general later explained that he had delayed their promotions until he could promote both of them at the same time.

It was the general's birthday a short time later and the two men thought that they should arrange a party for him. The other officer, Jack, who had been on the ship with Louise and her group of five girls, said that he knew of some WAACs that they might invite. Dick said all five of the girls came and that it was a nice dinner. He added "That is where I met Louise—she grabbed hold of me and never let loose." When Dick Locke was asked how long it was before they married, he responded that this was



forbidden overseas and that if they had married, then one of them would have been shipped to the Pacific Theater of Operations—or Asia.

Louise showed a picture of herself with Dick Locke in 1943 in Algiers (see page 13).

On the next day General Eisenhower sent a special plane to

take them to Algiers. Louise and the other girls were told that they had the equivalent rank of brigadier general because they were all assigned to jobs with General Eisenhower.

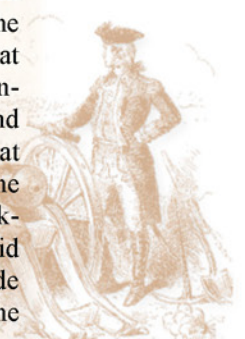
When asked about General Eisenhower's relation with General Patton she said that he, Patton, had a high squeaky voice that she could hear down the hall when he was being reprimanded for slapping a soldier.

Louise was also asked about General Eisenhower's relationship with British Field Marshal Montgomery. She said that "Monty" was very difficult; he would not allow any women on his post in North Africa. It was said that on one occasion he said to Montgomery, "You can't talk to me that way because I'm your boss."

After being in Algiers for a week on January 12th the Casablanca Conference started. She believed that this was probably the most important conference of the War because that was when the decision was made as to how and where the invasion would take place. The five WAACs were sent there to actually take notes and type these top-secret decisions.

Louise stated that General Eisenhower agonized over the selection of the landing beaches knowing the casualties that would be inflicted on our troops on D-Day. Another factor was the weather—thousands of troops standing by with weather that was not the best for the invasion. He finally sent them out in weather that was not ideal, but he would have preferred not to do it. Louise said at the time of the invasion she was assigned to General McClure who was in charge of Publicity and Psychological Warfare. She typed the speeches that were to be given when the invasion took place. She worked all night the night before the invasion making last minute changes in the speeches. She said that the big problem was the French General de Gaulle, as he wanted to be the first to announce the

*Louise Anderson Locke in her Algiers office, 1943. Below, Louise with British Prime Minister Winston Churchill.*





*December 26, 2010 – Geraldine Hoff Doyle, the Lansing, Michigan, woman known as “Rosie the Riveter” on the iconic World War II poster, died at age 86.*

*Doyle’s image, first photographed by United Press International when she was 17, was the inspiration for the 1942 U.S. government poster encouraging women to join the workforce in support of the war effort.*

*More than six million women went to work during the war, almost half of them in factories that helped produce aircraft, guns, tanks and ammunition.*

“whole thing.” She thinks that perhaps the announcements were actually close to being made simultaneously. Louise still has the commercially made records of those speeches. She has also kept the stenotype transcript of the 12 days of the Casablanca Conference as well as a list of all those attending and those whom they met. Daily cables were sent to the War Department about what was decided, but no notes were kept, except for Louise’s stenotype transcript. When the conference was over, the war correspondents were called in. They were told to be in this place at a certain time, and to make excuses back home as to why they weren’t sending in their usual daily messages.

Stalin, although he attended the Yalta Conference, did not attend the one at Casablanca—he sent a representative.

When General Eisenhower left for Cairo he took his office staff with him. While there they were taken on a sightseeing trip by the famous archeologist, Carter, who discovered King Tut’s tomb.

President Roosevelt heard of the five WAACs and invited them to a special dinner with him, General Eisenhower, British Prime Minister Churchill and General McClure, who was in charge of Public Relations, and several other dignitaries. Louise found out later that her picture wound up on the front page of the Denver Post as a result.

All the participants at the dinner signed a “short-snorter” for her—probably the only autographic document in the world with the signatures of so many heads of state, military and key international figures written on the paper money.

She said that she got worldwide publicity for being the only woman at the Casablanca Conference. The other four WAACs were there, however, they were in the office typing reports while Louise took down the actual meeting discussion with her stenotype machine.

Louise has a picture of General Eisenhower visiting an Airborne Division just before the invasion while he meditates whether to send them on into battle and start the cross-channel invasion in this questionable weather. Some persons alleged that the picture was a fake, however, Louise’s comment was “bologna.”

Louise was asked about the story that came out about General Eisenhower and his driver, Kay Summersby. Louise said that considering the number of people surrounding him and the fact that his “batman,” a master sergeant, was constantly at his side and the fact that Kay Summersby was always under Louise’s own watchful eye, the chance of them ever being alone together was impossible. It

was later pointed out by her relatives that it was not true. The wife of a war correspondent, Considine, asked Kay Summersby, “Did you ever sleep with General Eisenhower?” She replied, “You are the first one who has had the courage enough to ask me that and God bless you. The answer is “No, never, I loved him as everybody in uniform or out of uniform loved him around the world. If he had asked me I would have done anything he asked me to do, but he never asked,” she said with great dignity. “She was a great woman done wrong by boobs.”

As an aside, Louise said that Elliot Roosevelt became engaged to one of the girls in the group; however, just as she was about to announce the engagement to her family she heard on the radio that he had married a Hollywood starlet.

Colonel Locke added a few stories of his own, i.e., the liquor ration. The money came from company funds and the liquor cost \$1.17 to \$1.33 per bottle (no taxes of course). Each general received five bottles and each major one bottle. Dick Locke said that as soon as he became a full colonel he got five bottles, which they hid in a local crematorium. This was considered to be the safest possible hiding place inasmuch as the locals were quite afraid of the dead.

Louise stated that they came home in February and were married in July. Dick Locke stated that he first went home to Denver then went to Washington D.C. to work for his Algiers roommate and friend, Jack, who by that time had ended up in the Pentagon. Furthermore, Dick said after the war he held a major general’s spot for some time but never received the promotion because the Pentagon had set 248 as the statutory number of generals and admirals and at that time there were 300 still on active duty. Dick retired after 34 years without receiving that last promotion.

Louise and her husband, Colonel Richard Locke lived at a time and in a place where history was made before their very eyes and they were truly part of that history. Dick Locke died in 2007 at the age of 97. Louise, will become 100 years of age in this month of October. ❖

*Epilogue: More than 100 people attended Louise Locke’s 100th birthday celebration and it was at that party that CASSAR President Wayne Griswold obtained permission to publish this story. Regrettably, and to our deepest sorrow, Louise passed this life, November 9, 2010. An incredible lady, an incredible life, Louise was preceded in death by her husband Richard, and is survived by daughters Pat Gardetto, Mary Hardesty, Carol Gagliardi, seven grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.*





The Short Snorter that resides stapled inside the WWII scrapbook of Louise Locke. The names of Harry Hopkins, Franklin Roosevelt, Jr., Franklin Roosevelt, Averill Harriman, C. de Gaulle, and Dwight D. Eisenhower appear in Louise's handwriting to help others identify some of the autographs written on the currency. In addition to the names she wrote, the currency also includes the autographs of several other heads of state, military, and international figures.



Harry Hopkins

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There's a Club for It

The Short Snorters

THE SHORT SNORTERS is a screwy organization to which anyone who has made an ocean crossing by air is eligible. To become a member you find three Short Snorters, pay each of them \$1 and provide another dollar bill which becomes your Short Snorter ticket; on it is written your name, the date and the signatures of the three members who swore you in. From then on you must keep your dollar-bill ticket constantly with you; if a fellow Short Snorter anywhere around the world asks if you are a member and you fail to produce your ticket to prove it, you must pay each Short Snorter who challenges you \$1.

Started some years ago by Joe Bar-

rows, a pilot on the American-Alaskan run, the Short Snorter Club has spread to the far corners of the world. Clipper pilots and passengers, bomber ferry pilots, American and RAF fliers in the Far East and Africa belong to it. Membership runs into the thousands and it is impossible to calculate the number of dollar bills which have changed hands. Heaviest loser I know of was Wendell Willkie, who stepped off the clipper at LaGuardia Field on his return from England and was challenged by the pilot to produce his Short Snorter ticket. Willkie didn't have it with him and had to pay \$42 to the Short Snorters at the airport before he made his getaway.

— Allan A. Michie, *Retreat to Victory* (Alliance)

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MORE FROM THE FALL BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

Top Left, Past CA President Karl Jacobs & his wife, Sandy.



Top Right, C.A.R. pages with C.A.R. State and Senior Presidents, Danielle Gilbert (page), Sarah Watkins (page), Marissa Mancebo (page), President Wayne Griswold, State President, Molly Schutzenberger, Haley Schutzenberger (page), and Senior State President Elizabeth Swanay-O'Neal.



Center Left, CA Color Guard & The Young American Patriots Fife & Drum Corps, Jason Gaiamo, founder (holding certificate).



Center Right, Patriot Medal recipient Dr. Ernest Latham & his wife, Della.

Bottom Left, Dr. Lionel Nelson, recipient of the Silver Good Citizenship Award.



Bottom Right, LAUX President Karen Carlson, Cyndy Bigbee, Conni Barker, Past LAUX President Corena Ross, and Ron Barker, Tom Chilton, Jim & Un Hui Fosdyck, Steve Renouf, Barbara & Larry Magerkurth..



# California Society, SAR

## HONOR WAR PATRIOT

### Plaque dedicated to William Smith

By Meg McConahey, Press Democrat Staff Writer

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Such dedications are prosaic back East. But the California Sons, a continent away from the soil on which the revolution was fought and in a state that was Mexican territory when the Declaration of Independence was signed, have dug up only a handful of historical connections. Next to Smith, probably the next closest revolutionary tie they’ve come up with is a tree in Golden Gate Park grown from a cutting of a tree under which George Washington is said to have addressed his troops.

Smith, who served on a Virginia Navy ship at the tender age of 11, settled in Sonoma after a long life at sea. After his death in 1846, one month before



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Historians know little about his role in the war except that he was a mate on a ship captained by his father.

“He had a very insignificant role but it’s very big to us,” Jackson said.

It nonetheless took a 12-year lobbying effort by local Son Sherman Bolvin of Santa Rosa to interest the national head of the organization in honoring Smith – even though the rival Daughters of the American Revolution had beat them to the punch with their own plaque in 1965. The campaign for recognition took a lot of letters and supporting historical documentation, some provided by the DAR, Bolvin said.

Researchers in the 1950s traced Smith’s grave to Sonoma in a letter written by Jacob Leese, Gen. Vallejo’s brother-in-law informing the U.S. consul in California of the old seaman’s death at the age of 78 and his burial in Mountain Cemetery.

Since few of the old wooden markers survived, no one knows where in the wooded graveyard Smith lies in rest. Some suspect he’s under the asphalt of the main drive up the hill.

The twin plaques honoring him are embedded in a stone wall not far from Gen. Vallejo’s monument. ❖

*Transcript of the Press Democrat news article covering the December 31, 1994 plaque dedication in honor of Revolutionary War Patriot William Smith at the Mountain Cemetery in Sonoma.*

*Copies of two news articles were obtained from Redwood Empire Chapter Compatriot Charles Christain, third from right in newspaper photo wearing the hat.*

*Top photos were taken December 11, 2010 at the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the Mountain Cemetery. Grant Noah, Redwood Empire Chapter past president, is shown in the forefront in honorary salute to Patriot Smith.*

## Sons of Revolution honor war patriot

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said to have addressed his troops. Smith, who served on a Virginia Navy ship at the tender age of 11, settled in Sonoma after a long life at sea. After his death in 1846, one month before the Bear Flag Revolt — he was buried on the hillside overlooking Sonoma.

Historians know little about his role in the war except that he was a mate on a ship captained by his father.

“He had a very insignificant role but it’s very big to us,” Jackson said. It nonetheless took a 12-year lobbying effort by local Son Sherman Bolvin of Santa Rosa to interest the national head of the organization in honoring Smith — even though the rival Daughters of the American Revolution had beat them to the punch with their own plaque in 1965. The campaign for recognition took a lot of letters and supporting historical documentation, some provided by the DAR, Bolvin said.

Researchers in the 1950s traced Smith’s grave to Sonoma in a letter written by Jacob Leese, Gen. Vallejo’s brother-in-law informing the U.S. consul in California of the old seaman’s death at the age of 78 and his burial in Mountain Cemetery.

Since few of the old wooden markers survived, no one knows where in the wooded graveyard Smith lies in rest. Some suspect he’s under the asphalt of the main drive up the hill.

The twin plaques honoring him are embedded in a stone wall not far from Gen. Vallejo’s monument.



The California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution gather around the William Smith plaque Monday at Mountain Cemetery in Sonoma.



The William Smith plaque recognizes the only Revolutionary War veteran buried in California. Historians know little of his role in the war.

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## COMING EVENTS

**19 December 1777**, Washington's poorly fed, ill-equipped army, weary from long marches, struggled into Valley Forge, winds blew as the 12,000 Continentals prepared for winter's fury.

**25 December 1776**, during the American Revolutionary War, George Washington organized and executed a surprise attack against Hessian forces in Trenton, New Jersey.

**17 January 1781**, Battle of Cowpens, a decisive victory by American Revolutionary forces under Brigadier General Daniel Morgan, in the Southern campaign of the American Revolutionary War. This was a turning point in the reconquest of South Carolina from the British.

**11-12 February 2011, 81st Annual State Conference of the California State Society Children of the American Revolution**, Embassy Suites San Diego Bay - Downtown, 601 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA.

**20 February 2011, George Washington Massing of the Colors**, the largest celebration of its

kind in the western United States. 2011 marks the 29th annual celebration of George Washington's birth sponsored by the Sons of Liberty Chapter, SAR. Location: Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills, CA.

**10-12 March 2011, NSSAR Spring Leadership (Trustees Meeting)**, Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY.

**8-10 April 2011, CASSAR Spring Meeting of the Membership**, Crowne Plaza Hotel, 17941 Von Karman Ave., Irvine, CA. Hotel reservations, call 949-863-1999.

**19 April 2011, Patriots' Day**, the 236th anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, the first battles of the American Revolutionary War.

**4 July 2011, Independence Day**

**8-13 July 2011, 121st NSSAR Annual Congress**, Marriot Winston-Salem, 425 North Cherry St, Winston-Salem, NC. Hotel reservations, call 336-725-3500.