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The Official Newsletter of the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

The President's Message

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer. One of the highlights for those of us who journeyed to Winston-Salem for Congress was seeing our own Larry Magerkurth inaugurated as President General. It has been many years since a Californian achieved that office, and we wish him the best as he embarks on what will be a very busy year. Congratulations Larry!

For those of you who could not travel so far, remember next year's Congress will be in neighboring Arizona. True, Phoenix in July may prove interesting, but this will be a "casual" congress, with formal attire only de rigueur for the banquets, so plan ahead to join us at the historic Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix.

To close out our summer, six chapters, plus the Mexico and Spain societies, participated in our annual Southern California S.A.R. bar-b-que, this year held on September 11. President General Magerkurth gave us a stirring talk on our nation's flag, and the need for Congress to pass an amendment to the Constitution permitting Congress to ban desecration of our flag, a bill endorsed by the N.S.S.A.R., the American Legion, and other patriotic groups.

9/11 is a fitting day to remember the sacrifices of our patriot ancestors, some of whom paid the ultimate sacrifice to ensure liberty, not autocratic tyranny, would be the guiding light of our nation. Those who sought to bring America to its knees 10 years ago were adherents of an belief based on a tyranny far more oppressive than that which George III had in mind. Their ideology has been at war with freedom and Western thought for 1300 years, having been stopped in France in 732, rolled back in what is now Spain in 1492, and stopped again at Vienna in 1683. By

then, many of our ancestors already had arrived in "the colonies," seeking religious freedom, fortune, or just a plot of ground to call their own. We should remember them daily, thanking them for the courage and faith which brought them here so that we could enjoy the fruits of their foresight centuries later. And we must remember the individual victims of 911, whose only offense was to be an American, a label which we wear proudly, but which is an anathema to the enemies of liberty.

May God bless America, and I hope to see you at the Fall meeting in San Diego. ❖



121st President, CASSAR
John L. Dodd, Esq.

Larry J. Magerkurth, California Society Past President, Inaugurated as NSSAR President General

Larry J. Magerkurth, 115th president of the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution, was elected as the NSSAR chief executive officer at the society's 121st Congress in Winston-Salem, NC, July 13, 2011. President General Magerkurth is the third California compatriot to attain this office. He has been a member in good standing since 1998.

The two former California compatriots elected to the office of president general were the 41st and 84th California Society Presidents, Howard C. Rowley and Calvin E. Chunn, respectively. Past President Rowley served California as president during the 1925/1926 term. He became president general of the national society in 1929. Past President Chunn served California as president during the 1974/1975 term. See PGs, back cover.

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2011 Application Fees & Dues

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FEES, DUES

NATIONAL, STATE, AND CHAPTER	NSSAR Fee	\$80.00
	NSSAR Dues	\$30.00
	CASSAR Fee	\$20.00
	Chapter Dues	Varies

The National Society offers a discounted application fee to additional family members applying for membership at the same time and under the same lineage as the first applicant listed above. Reduced fees apply to the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th family member and all family applications must be submitted in the same package as that of the original applicant.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FEES

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

JUNIOR MEMBER APPLICATION FEES, DUES

JUNIOR MEMBER APPLICATION	NSSAR Fee	\$80.00
	Nat'l Dues	\$5.00
	CASSAR Fee Chapter	n/a n/a

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP ADVANTAGES

- Junior members receive California and National member numbers that remain with them throughout their adult life.
- Junior member dues are significantly lower than regular member dues (see table next page).
- Junior members automatically become regular members after their 18th birthday simply by paying full dues, even if their membership lapsed during the intervening years.
- May join under the family plan mentioned above. Could also be eligible for the reduced fee when using an acceptable, previously approved DAR or SAR application.



Your chapter news can appear in the California Compatriot. Email your final draft prior to the deadline posted at lower right. Please identify all of the individuals appearing in your photos. Space is limited; therefore the Editor reserves the right to edit all submissions.

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The Secretary's Report

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ANNUAL DUES, REGULAR MEMBERS

National Society	\$30.00
California Society	\$20.00
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's Life Membership program covers a member's National Society, California Society, and Chapter dues for as long as he remains in the California Society, SAR. The program is open to all regular members 18 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. ❖

It is now annual dues billing time. If you are a chapter president or secretary, you should have received an e-mail from me with an attached Excel Chapter Report listing all of the members of your chapter included in the CASSAR database. I am not sending hard copies because of budget restraints. If you did not receive this list, please e-mail me at the email address provided at the end of this report. You should also provide me with the e-mail where you wish this Excel file to be sent. Chapters should also download their membership database from the NSSAR web site, at www.sar.org/Member_Database. Click the SAR Member Database and enter your User ID and Password. Each chapter secretary can download his chapter members' data file. Review the Chapter Database at National, the State Chapter Database that you received from me, and your own Chapter Database for accuracy. The Chapter Secretary should correct member information on the National Database and then advise me as the State Secretary of your corrections. Chapter Presidents and Secretaries are asked to use the 2012 Chapter Dues Report Excel Spread Sheet that I sent you to return any changes to me, as this makes reconciliation much easier at the State and National levels.

Individual members can also correct or update his information by logging onto the Member Database at www.sar.org/user/login. If a member does not have a User ID, he can request one at this site. A member can only update his information and is limited on what he can update.

For better communication, each chapter must advise the State Secretary of any change of officers as soon as they occur, by providing the following:

Name	Office
Address	Nat'l & CASSAR Nos.



Ronald J. Barker
California Secretary

2012 Dues
Billing Cycle
Begins

Please compare your
Chapter's roster to the
NSSAR Member Database

Chapter Reconciliation
Reports are due in December

Notify the State Secretary
of changes to your chapter's
2012 list of officers

COMING EVENTS

04-06 Nov – 136th Fall Board of Managers Meeting of the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Town & Country Resort, 500 Hotel Circle South, San Diego, 619-297-7131. See Registration Form on page 11.

01 Dec 2011 – CASSAR Eagle Scout Deadline. Entries for the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest must be postmarked to the state chairman no later than 1 December 2011.

10 Dec 2011 – Wreaths Across America
Remembering our veterans. For information contact California Wreaths Across America Chairman Don Littlefield at dblettlefield@comcast.net

01 Feb 2012 – CASSAR Knight Essay Deadline. Entries for the Knight Essay Contest must be postmarked to the state chairman no later than 1 February 2012.

01 Feb 2012 – CASSAR JROTC Deadline. Entries for the Outstanding JROTC Contest must be postmarked to the state chairman no later than 1 February 2012.

02-03 Mar 2012 – SAR Spring Leadership & Trustees Meeting at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, KY.

13-15 Apr 2011 137th Spring Meeting, see p. 14



Older SAR Applications are now searchable at Ancestry.com

1940 USFC scheduled for release in 2012

Get your copy of the SAR Registrar's Manual, read the article on p.13

Phone

When collecting dues, all chapters must collect the dues posted at the top of the left-hand column of page 3 of this newsletter. New members approved after November 1 are considered paid for 2012.

Chapters should advise me of the death of a member, supplying me with the date of death and the name and address of the person to whom the State Chaplain should send a letter of condolence. This information is important since it is listed in the programs of both the State and National Annual Memorial Ceremonies.

California currently has 1513 members, including:

New Members:	87	Deaths:	9
Transfer ins:	2	Transfer outs:	1
Reinstatements:	32		

Ancestry.com recently digitized NSSAR copies of approved applications dated 1970 and earlier. The digitized images were posted before July 4 and a link to them was posted on the site's home page for the first several days. Subscribers can search for an ancestor to see if an NSSAR application was approved prior to 1970. Compatriots also have the ability to perform free searches of DAR records at services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search/. You can download a PDF of an approved DAR application for \$10.00. Additionally, information on the ancestral line is free, but those applying for membership or that are processing a supplemental must review the actual approved DAR application (i.e., the downloaded pdf copy) to make sure it was properly checked for the generation(s) relevant to the new or supplemental application.

Since Ancestry's release of the digitized NSSAR records, the State Secretary has received 41 inquiries about joining NSSAR. I have forwarded these to the closest chapters for follow-up and help with the NSSAR application. Some chapters have indicated that they have also received direct inquiries during this period.

SOFTWARE CASSAR has the ability to order Microsoft software at greatly reduced rates from Tech Soup for use by the chapters. We can only do this ONCE a year and the next time to order are after December. Please review your chapter requirements and advise me by 12/01/2011. ❖

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The Registrar's Report

My current list of chapter registrars is incomplete and some email addresses do not work. I am requesting that each chapter provide me with its registrar's name, mailing address, phone number and email address. This helps me expedite your chapter's applications.

Ancestry.com recently posted pre-1970 NSSAR applications on its website. Care should be taken when using earlier applications since some are difficult to read and/or missing dates.

Next April 2012, Ancestry.com will allow provide access to the 1940 U.S. Census for a limited time. This promo will continue through 2013 and includes more than 3.8 million images with 130 million records. The Census has 45 indexed fields, enabling searches by name, street address, county, state, parents' birthplaces and more. Can't wait until next April? The Census will first be on the National Archives website, but they won't be immediately searchable by name.

MORE IS NOT ALWAYS BEST In a recent post by the NSSAR Genealogist General he commented that some applications are received with too many documents authenticating an applicant's lineage. I sometimes receive applications with four or five documents per generation when just one would suffice. Decreasing the number of documents to only those required will assist National and help speed up the process.

PENDED APPLICATIONS NSSAR is working to rid the backlog of pended applications. If you know of an application 6 to 8 months old it may be listed in the Pended Applications Report. Notify me of the applicant's name and I will request that the application be returned to us from National. Please do this even if the application is not active. Let's help NSSAR with this backlog as best we can. The Pended Applications Report is on the NSSAR web page. Click the Membership tab and then click Application Status. On the page that appears you will find a sentence referring to the Pended Applications Report. Click to open.

Keep up the excellent work! Our CASSAR will be the better for it! Questions? You can contact me by phone at 530-846-3251, or by email at ostiles@wcisp.com. ❖



*Owen R. Stiles
California Registrar*

Respectfully, Owen R. Stiles

News From the President General

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2011 FIRST QUARTER OPERATIONS STATUS REPORT

1. The transition of leadership to our new Executive Director Donald Shaw has progressed extremely well and the Headquarters' team is functioning at peak performance.
2. In light of the nation's financial situation a comprehensive investment review was conducted on July 28, which included:
 - Investment Committee
 - Finance Committee Chairman
 - Treasurer General
 - Director of Finance
 - Foundation President
 - George Washington Fund Chairman
 - President General
 - Executive Director
 - First Third Bank Investment Group
 - \$750,000 income from the sale of our 5th Street property invested in a group of three banks, all protected by FDIC Insurance.

All NSSAR Investments are safe and secure.

3. A Special Genealogy Task Force convened in August for the purpose of developing an action plan to:
 - Speed up the new member application process and reduce the current application backlog to a reasonable level by the end of 2011.
 - Permanently reduce the overall backlog to a 6-week level by the 2012 Congress.
 - Reduce the backlog of pended applications to a reasonable level by the end of 2011 (when I took office I found some pended applications were 10+ years old).
- I am pleased to report this Special Genealogy Task Force is making great progress as indicated in its report at the recent NSSAR Leadership Meeting.
4. The NSSAR has made great strides in fundraising.
 - \$165,000 was raised during the 2011 Congress.
 - NSSAR received a \$49,500 grant from the Steel-Reese Foundation for Outreach Education.
 5. The NSSAR has long recognized the gap in our children's education.
 - There is an alarming lack of knowledge of the American Revolution with only 24% of American students possessing a critical knowledge of the period.
 - Now is the time to step forward and rededicate



*Larry J. Magerkurth
President General, 2011-2012*

NSSAR Investments safe and secure!

President General appoints Special Genealogy Task Force to reduce National application backlog

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ourselves to the funding of Phase II and to expand the CAAH educational outreach; which is envisioned to become a nationally recognized educational program that answers the call for Patriotic Education.

- The Center for Advancing America's Heritage is our gift of knowledge to every future generation of Americans. It is our privilege and duty to make sure it becomes a nationally recognized educational reality.

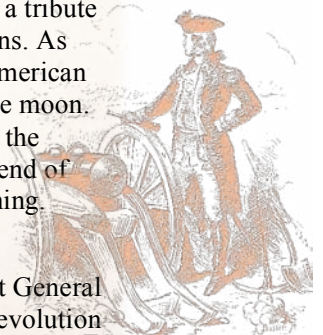
In Closing

Our heritage of freedom sets us apart from all others; we stand and fight for freedom and liberty, wherever it is challenged. Our Flag is the symbol of our love of this Freedom. It stands for Liberty, it stands for Sacrifice; it stands against the Divine Right of the absolute power of Monarchy. Our Flag, Old Glory, deserves to be honored, it deserves to be respected, it deserves to be protected, and our flag continues to stand for Freedom and Hope for the future.

The flag of the United States of America is a tribute to our Patriot Ancestors and to all Americans. As we look to the future, remember it is our American flag, the Stars and Stripes, that stands on the moon. It is the American robots that are exploring the planets of our solar system. This is not the end of our American epic. No! It is just the beginning.

God bless the United States of America! ❖

Larry Magerkurth, President General
National Society, Sons of the American Revolution



Report from the 121st Annual Congress OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The California Delegation

1st row, l-r, Cindy Chao, Arielle Karr, Patsy Everette, Un Hui Yi, Joy Javellana, Barbara Magerkurth, Karen Carlson, Lisa Gregory, Sandy Jacobs, Conni Barker, Cynthia Nearman; 2nd row, l-r, Bob Ebert, Don Gurley, Tony Bothwell, Ed Karr, Oliver Everette, Jim Fosdyck, Steve Renouf, Larry Magerkurth, Jim Blauer, Jim Faulkinbury, Joe Dooley, Ed Butler; 3rd row, l-r, Kent Gregory, Bob Bogardus, Gene Melvin, Stan De Long, John Dodd, Karl Jacobs, Chuck Lampman, and Ron Barker, also in attendance were Tom Adams and his lady, Anne.



The North Carolina Society hosted the 121st Annual SAR Congress at the Winston-Salem Marriott/Embassy Suites hotels in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The California delegation was led by President John L. Dodd. On Friday, July 8, Congress led off with a minor league baseball game, where we saw the Winston-Salem Dash defeat the Myrtle Beach Pelicans 5-0. On Saturday, July 9, we went on a tour of Old Salem. We first stopped at historic Bethabara Park, the site of the 1753 Moravian settlement. We saw the Moravian church that was built in 1788. We had lunch at Old Salem, and then toured the town on our own. Later that afternoon, we attended the Host Society Reception in the Garden Terrace of the Embassy Suites Hotel.

On Sunday, July 10, we attended the Trustees Meeting in the morning. Some people had discovered an inconsistency between the SAR Congressional Charter and SAR Bylaw 16, so we were not able to conduct any business. President Sympson ruled that we would defer all business to the Congress, since the problem only affected trustees meetings, and we could correct the inconsistency at Congress. Afterwards, the SAR Germany Society met in the Marriott Hotel. Vice President General Stephen Renouf presented the plans for the trip to Germany in 2012. The Germany Society voted to approve the itinerary, including side trips to Forbach (France), Neuschwanstein and Salzburg (Austria). Dr. Robert Selig reported on the Barons Cetto and Gravenreuth, and their participation in our trip. Dr. Selig gave a presentation on the *Regiment Royal Deux-Ponts* from the Duchy of Zweibrücken, and

their participation in the pivotal Battle of Yorktown in 1781. The Germany Society held elections: Stephen Baldwin was re-elected as president and Gerald McCoy as registrar/treasurer to succeed Stephen Leishman. In the afternoon, we marched from the hotel to the First Baptist Church for the NSSAR Memorial Service and Rev. Lou Carlson participated in the Memorial Service. The California compatriots had dinner at Sweet Potatoes Restaurant down the street from the hotel.

On Monday, July 11, President General J. David Sympson convened the 121st Annual SAR Congress. Following the report of the Credentials Committee, the SAR Congress received greetings from the State President of the North Carolina Society SAR, Mayor Allen Joines of Winston-Salem, NC DAR Regent Sue Anderson, NC C.A.R. State President Hannah Garrity, NSDAR Regent Mary Ann Thompson Wright, NSCAR Senior President Ann Taylor Shaefer, NC Sons of the Revolution President Jeffrey Lambert, (the NSSR President was unable to attend, but greetings were brought by Hank McCarl on his behalf), NC C.A.R. President Mary Lou Smith, Over the Mountain Victory Trail Association President Alan Bowen, the National Commander of the American Legion, and National Society SAR Ladies Auxiliary President Evelyn Sympson.

Following a short recess, Sam Powell spoke on donations to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH), and that anyone who donated \$5,000 to \$9,999 would receive the new Lantern Award. He also announced that all gifts and pledges at the Congress would be matched, up to

\$50,000. The fund raising is currently at \$6.7 million with a goal of \$10 million. Gifts were then presented to the National Society and the CAAH. Before Former President General Carl Hoffman could address the Congress, someone pointed out that there was a bylaw regulating the order of the items on the agenda, and the former president general's remarks were NOT included. The parliamentarian ruled that they were correct, and that the presidents general would not be able to talk at that time. Following a break, California Society President John Dodd moved that the rules regulating the order of the items on the agenda be suspended so the former presidents general could give their remarks. The Motion passed with greater than the 2/3 vote required for approval of suspending the rules.



The former presidents general then gave their remarks, as has been the tradition for decades. We then heard the national officer reports. Secretary General Larry Magerkurth reported that the Real Estate Committee sold the 5th Street lot on June 30. The only cost of the transaction was the legal fees — the SAR netted \$745,000. The SAR is currently asking \$1.4 million for the current SAR Headquarters Building on 4th Street. With Joe Harris resigning as executive director, Larry Magerkurth reported that the search committee had found a candidate for the vacant executive director position — Don Lee Shaw, a former teacher, and director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Chancellor General Tom Lawrence reported that a former SAR merchandise vendor named *Pollyhof* was selling large amounts of SAR merchandise online. The vendor has agreed never to sell SAR items on eBay. An Intellectual Property Contract was drawn up to protect the selling of SAR merchandise in the future. Genealogist General Joe Dooley has conducted genealogical seminars to reduce the number of pending applications. He said Ancestry.com intends to publish stories about some of our patriot ancestors and placing some in TV commercials. Since Ancestry.com posted older SAR applications online, on July 1, about 1.7 million people clicked onto our site. Hopefully this will lead to many new members. Registrar General Lindsey Brock reported there are now 27,736 SAR members. Librarian General Miles Dechant reported that statistics show that the use of the new library has tripled.

The Youth Awards Luncheon was held in the Embassy Suites Hotel. Americanism Poster Con-

test Chairman Mike Tomme of Georgia announced the winners of the poster contest focusing on the Battle of Cowpens — First Place: South Carolina (\$300), Second Place: Florida (\$200), and Third Place: Ohio (\$100). The theme for next year's contest will be the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. The C.A.R. award for the most C.A.R. members converted to SAR members was presented to the North Carolina Society. The Outstanding JROTC Cadet Awards were presented by Chairman Robert E. Towns — First Place (\$1,000) to Air Force JROTC Cadet Lt. Col. Sierra McVeigh of Eustis High School, Eustis, Florida; Second Place (\$500) to Army JROTC Cadet Captain Joshua Hameier from Delsea Regional High School, Franklinville, New Jersey; and Third Place to Navy JROTC Midshipman Nick Damraksa from Bethel High School, Bethel, Connecticut. Honorable Mention went to Air Force JROTC Cadet Master Sergeant Jacob Cable from Newman High School, Newman, Georgia. Knight Essay Chairman Stan De Long presented awards — First Place (\$2,000) to Amanda Schanz of Virginia, Second Place (\$1,000) to Katelyn Hayworth of North Carolina, and Third Place (\$500) to Keri Lindenmuth of Pennsylvania. Rumbaugh Oration Chairman Jonathan Goebel presented awards — First Place (\$3,000) to Jackson Brown of North Carolina, Second Place to Phil Cozey of Illinois, and Third Place to Kelsey Marquette. Eagle Scout Award Chairman T. Rex Legler presented

L-R, Spain Society Trustee Steve Renouf, CASSAR President John Dodd, Joy Javellana, Bob Bogardus, Patsy Everette, Don Gurley, and Oliver Everette.

Rev Dr. Stan De Long, below.





1st row, l-4, Jim Blauer, President General J. David Sympson, Ron Barker, Kent Gregory, Bob Ebert, 2nd row, l-r, Jim Fosdyck, Lindsey Brock, Jim Faulkinbury, Treasurer General Joe Dooley.

awards — First Place (\$8,000) to Robert B. Rasmussen of Hutchinson, Minnesota; Second Place (\$4,000) to Garrett F. Weeks of Ogden, Utah; and Third Place (\$2,000) went to Harrison Hatcher of Riverview, Florida. T. Rex

Legler presented the SAR History Teacher of the Year to Dorothy Myers, who teaches 8th grade at Connor Middle School in Hebron, Kentucky. Following lunch, the SAR Congress reconvened, and the SAR Heroism Medal was presented to Winston Meadows, who had pulled a person from a burning car at the road. The SAR Law Enforcement Medal was presented to the widow of Police Sergeant Mickey Hutchings. During a robbery, her husband was shot in the face and died from his wounds. The SAR Fire Safety Award was presented to Captain Phillip Daradle, and the SAR EMT Award went to William F. Minikevitch of Calhoun, SC.

Following dinner, Recognition Night was held in the Embassy Suites Hotel. Frank Appl (Oklahoma), Lindsey Brock (Florida), Miles Dechant (Pennsylvania), Jonathan Goebel (Empire State), Charlie Newcomer III (Georgia) and Samuel Powell (North Carolina) received the prestigious Minuteman Award. Following the Minuteman ceremony, state society awards were presented. The CAR Activity Award and Streamer (for the state societies which have documented work with the Children of the American Revolution over the past year) was presented to the California Society. The Winston C. Williams SAR Magazine Award (for the compatriot or state society which was the most cooperative in supplying usable magazine material) was presented to Charles R. Lampman of the California Society. The Richard H. Thompson, Jr. Award (for the state society which, at year's end, has the smallest number of members dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues) was presented to the Maine Society, New Hampshire Society, and the Spain Society. The Kentucky Cup (to the membership chairman of the state society which enrolled the largest percentage of new members) was presented to the Spain Society (36%), and the Utah Society (27%). The Liberty Medal Awards (awarded to compatriots who are first line sponsors of 10 or more new members) were awarded to over 150

Welcome New Members



Nat'l #	CA #	Name	Chapter
179646	8818	Donald S. Eley	Central Coast
179800	8824	Alan H. Stevens	Central Coast
180471	8852	Edward J. Hurley	Coachella Valley
180476	8857	Douglas M. Lawson	Delta
180477	8858	Robert S. Clark	Delta
179795	8819	George T. Gentry, Jr.	Harbor
179804	8828	George W. Burleson	Kern
180727	8863	Edwin H. Waldron, Jr.	Kern
179797	8821	Michael T. Arbuckle	Monterey Bay
179798	8822	Samuel W. Griffith	Monterey Bay
179992	8835	Mervin L. Purdy	Mother Lode
179993	8836	Joseph F. Quелlette, Jr.	Mother Lode
180117	8838	Robert A. Leach	Mother Lode
180118	8839	Thomas R. Leach	Mother Lode
180119	8848	Michael S. Leach	Mother Lode
180121	8842	Harlan H. Ouellette	Mother Lode
180123	8844	Daniel H. T. Shippey	Orange County
180472	8853	Robert W. Thompson	Orange County
180473	8854	John C. Hoganson	Orange County
180474	8855	John C. Hoganson	Orange County
180475	8856	Michael C. Hoganson	Orange County
179796	8820	Joel D. White	Redwood Empire
180120	8841	Stanley A. Ball	Redwood Empire
180124		Joseph D. Winnicki	Riverside
179991	8834	Richard D. Tolman	Sacramento
180122	8843	John G. Griffin	Sacramento

Nat'l #	CA #	Name	Chapter
180268	8847	Hunter L. De Mey	Sacramento
180687	8864	Dennis C. Anderson	Sacramento
180688	8860	Wesley C. Anderson	Sacramento
180689	8861	Christopher J. Stephenson	Sacramento
180690	8862	David S. Lawson	Sacramento
180116	8837	Herbert Morgan	San Diego
180267	8846	Louis T. Marxer	San Diego
180357	8848	Lenard L. Thompson	San Diego
180644	8859	Robert M. Hayden	San Diego
179802	8826	Montgomery L. Toscano	San Francisco
179803	8827	Eric L. Toscano	San Francisco
179799	8823	Richard J. Ferman	Silicon Valley
179801	8825	Patrick R. Webb	Silicon Valley
180359	8850	George J. Moore	Silicon Valley
180360	8851	John V. Moore	Silicon Valley
179567	8382	Dana R. Patten	Sons of Liberty
179934	8829	Daniel Q. Prang	Sons of Liberty
179935	8830	Trevis Prang	Sons of Liberty
179836	8831	Robert M. Winthrop	Sons of Liberty
179937	8832	Andrew J. Winthrop	Sons of Liberty
179990	8833	Harold F. Hattier, Jr.	Sons of Liberty
180358	8849	John G. Mohler	Sons of Liberty
179644	8816	Leon L. Smith	South Coast
179645	8817	John L. Flynn, IV	South Coast
179566	8775	Frederick S. Jones, III	Thomas Jefferson



compatriots. The Officers Streamer Award (for state societies whose presidents and national trustees have attended both preceding leadership meetings and the last annual Congress) was presented to the California Society.

On July 12, the Congress was reconvened in the morning. Sam Powell announced that the \$50,000 matching contributions had been met. He agreed to match an additional \$50,000. More gifts were presented to the National Society. The Florida Society proposed changing the bylaws regarding the duties of the historian general to give him oversight powers over all SAR education programs, including the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. The motion was postponed until the next NSSAR Congress. There was also a motion to return full approval authority for the SAR gold good citizenship medal to the Medals and Awards Committee, and eliminate alternate approval by the Executive Committee. The motion passed. A number of state societies (including Tennessee, Illinois, Florida, Ohio, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania) presented proposals to correct an inconsistency between SAR Bylaw 16, and the SAR Congressional Charter. The SAR constitution and bylaws call for all past presidents general, the current general officers, and the members of the executive committee to be automatically voting trustees of the NSSAR. The

congressional charter required all trustees to be "elected" to a one year term. The Florida Society proposed amendment to Bylaw 16 called for the past presidents general, the current general officers, and the members of the executive committee to be elected at the Congress to fulfill the requirements of the congressional charter. A compatriot proposed a change to the amendment to eliminate the election of past presidents general and members of the executive committee from the amendment. This proposed change was defeated by a strong majority. Compatriot Bob Fish (WV) proposed a proviso to allow the Florida amendment to take effect immediately upon adoption (instead of the normal policy of taking effect after Congress) so the past presidents general, newly elected general officers, and members of the executive committee would be able to be elected for 2011-2012. The proviso passed. The Florida Amendment passed by a voice vote.

The Credential Committee reported that there were 306 in attendance (305 delegates, and one non-delegate) and 174 guests. Elections were held for national officers for 2011-2012. Those running for office included: President General Larry Magerkurth (CA); Secretary General Stephen Leishman (DE) and Larry Guzy (GA); Treasurer General Joe Dooley (VA), Tim Bennett (DC) and Joe Harris (NC); Genealogist General Larry Corn-



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Nat'l #	CA #	Name	Chapter
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113761	4542	Robert E. Klees	San Diego
114268	6325	Andrew Farrell	San Diego
118003	4807	John M. Sandy	San Diego
130063	5470	Thomas W. Armour	Thomas Jefferson
163455	7828	Clifford P. Robertson	Sacramento
163936	7872	Lawrence R. Bigbee	Gold Country
169295	8224	Norman F. Robertshaw	Sacramento
170059	8868	Gale D. Moore	Redwood
176028	8631	Robert C. Taylor	Riverside

Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto the God who gave it.

Ecclesiastes 12: 6-7





Jim Fosdyck with his lady, Un Hui Yi.

well (AL) and Paul Hayes (DC); Registrar General Lindsey Brock (FL); Historian General Charles Lampman (CA); Librarian General Mike Wells (AL); Chaplain General James Taylor (TX); Surgeon General Dr. Rudy Byrd (AZ); SAR Foundation Sam

Powell (NC) and David Sympson (KY). All those running unopposed were elected by acclamation. Elections for the contested offices of secretary general, treasurer general, and genealogist general would be held in the afternoon.

Following lunch, The Council of State Presidents met in the Marriott Hotel. Elections were held to select four members of the NSSAR Nominating Committee, and four alternates. The Council elected Mark Anthony (SC), John Dodd (CA), Robert Fish (WV), and Davis Wright (DE) as members of the nominating committee, with Michael Fishbein (MA), Robert Doughty (WA), Karl Jacobs (Mexico), and James Fast (OH) as alternates. The Council of Vice President General met in the Marriott Hotel. Chairman Harry Fife (TX) discussed the annual reconciliation report used to report state society dues to national, and how to speed up the process at national. In the afternoon, we voted for the contested races for national officers.

In the evening, the President General Awards Banquet was held in the Grand Pavilion Courtyard. The color guard transferred command from Joe Dooley of Virginia to Mike Tomme of Georgia. A representative from the American Legion was introduced, and he presented President General David

Sympson with a coin. He gave some figures on our various wars and conflicts of POWs & MIAs: The Revolutionary War — 18,152 POWs, 1,426 MIAs; War of 1812 — 20,000 POWs, 695 MIAs; Mexican War — 46 POWs, 238 MIAs; Indian

Wars -- 339 POWs, 11 MIAs; War Between the States -- Union 194,243 combined, Confederate 214,865 combined; Spanish American War — 8 POWs, 72 MIAs; World War I — 7,470 POWs; World War II — 124,079 POWs, 30,314 MIAs; and Korean War — 7,140 POWs, 8,025 MIAs. Following the Viet Nam War, 591 POWs came home beginning in 1973 — the last one in 1979 was PFC Robert Garwood. There are 1,698 who are still MIA. He also gave current figures for the Afghanistan and Iraq wars. Then Compatriot J. Michael Jones of the Arizona Society held the drawing for the free 5 days / 6 nights at the Arizona Biltmore for next year's 2012 Annual SAR Congress in Phoenix, Arizona. The winner of the drawing was Jim L. Faulkinbury of the Sacramento Chapter, California Society.

It was announced that Stephen Leishman (DE) was elected as secretary general, and Larry Cornwell (AL) was elected genealogist general. No one received a majority of the votes for treasurer general, so there would be a runoff election the following morning between Joe Dooley (VA) and Joe Harris (NC). President General David Sympson then presented several awards. The SAR Meritorious Service Medal was presented to Mark Anthony, Lindsey Brock, Sam Powell, and Larry McKinley. Billie Brock received the Medal of Appreciation, Cilla Tomme received the Daughters of Liberty Medal, Howard Horne received a Certificate of Patriotism for his World War II service, and Bill Allerton received the SAR Medal of Distinguished Service (he was absent due to a broken leg). The SAR Distinguished Patriot Service Award was presented to the Carolina Biological Supply Company. They had received an order over the Internet just prior to the Super Bowl. Due to the suspicious amount and items in the order, they refused to deliver the order, and contacted the FBI. This led to the arrest of a 20-

Historian General Chuck Lampman, right.

Dr. Kent Gregory, with his lady, Lisa, below.



year-old Saudi Arabian college student in Texas, who was planning terrorist attacks. Accepting on behalf of the company were Sam Powell, Frances E. Powell Barnes, Edmund Powell and Tim Dallas, the Director of Logistics for the company. Awards were then presented to those who helped put the Congress together. The Silver Congress Appreciation Medal went to Sam Powell, Steve Pittard, and Paul Callanan. The Bronze Congress Appreciation Medal went to Richard Bishop, Karin Guzy, Brady Hall, Karen Powell, Jennie Bishop, Keitha Callanan, Trudy Hall, Sheila Wood, Josephine Thornhill, Gary Horne, Keith Ingram, Bob Yankel, Clark Wisner, Jeff Lambert, Jay Joyce, James Wood, Gary Green, Jonathan Underwood, Ellis Hamby, and Kurt Van Tassel. The Employee Field Service Award was presented to Jesse Hagan.

The guest speaker for the evening was P. Anthony Zeiss, President of Central Piedmont Community College. He spoke on James Jack, who is known as the Paul Revere of the South. He read the Mecklenburg Resolves, and also spoke on North Carolina in the American Revolution. President General Sympson presented Professor Zeiss with a Certificate of Appreciation and a small replica Liberty Bell.

On the morning of July 13, we voted in the runoff election for treasurer general — Joe Dooley was elected treasurer general. The final session of the 121st NSSAR Congress was held in the morning. The vice presidents general were elected — David J. Perkins, New England District; William J. Woodworth, North Atlantic District; Larry McKinley, Mid-Atlantic District; Charles Newcomer, South Atlantic District; James Maples, Southern District; T. Rex Legler, Central District; Thomas Cochran, Great Lakes District; Fred Walden, North Central District; Dennis Boyer, South Central District; Ed Karr, Rocky Mountain District; John Bancroft, Inter-Mountain District; Lou Carlson, Western District; Don Thomas, Pacific District; Jacques de Trentinian, European District; and Robert Towns, International District. We then voted for National Society Trustees — one for each state, one alternate, the newly elected national officers, and the former presidents general. Wayne Griswold was elected trustee for the California Society, and John Dodd was elected alternate trustee for the California Society. Former Vice President

General Stephen Renouf was elected trustee for the Spain Society. Following the election, the trustees were sworn into office. Former President General Carl Hoffman made a motion to recommend that the ROTC program get a line item for \$3,000 in the 2012 budget. The congress had to be called into session as a committee of the whole to consider this proposal. The proposal was tabled until the fall trustees meeting, when the 2012 budget will be voted upon.



Following the adjournment of the 121st Annual Congress, a trustees meeting was called. The new trustees were then sworn into office for 2011-12. The trustees approved President General-Elect Larry Magerkurth's appointees for the Executive Committee, and they were elect-

ed as national trustees for a one year term. Larry decided to have all regions of the country represented in his Executive Committee — West: John Dodd (CA), East: Sam Powell (NC), North: Paul Wilke (OH), South: Robert Towns (GA), and Central: David Appleby (MO). The vice presidents general meeting was cancelled because Congress ran long, and the Winston-Salem City Tour was about to begin.

The Saturday Banquet was held in the ballroom in the Embassy Suites Hotel. Rev. Lou Carlson was the emcee, and he introduced the newly elected vice presidents



Western District Vice President General, the Rt. Rev. Louis V. Carlson, with his lady, Karen.

President General Larry J. Magerkurth as he is sworn in by Chancellor General Tom Lawrence during the NSSAR Installation Ceremony at the 121st Annual Congress.

Karl Jacobs, with his lady, Sandy.





President General J. David Sympson performs his last act of service as the incumbent by placing the George Washington ring on the finger of incoming President General Larry J. Magerkurth (above). Ladies and Gentlemen, President General Larry J. Magerkurth and First Lady Barbara!



general, general officers, and past presidents general. He then introduced President General J. David Sympson and his wife Evelyn. Following dinner, the National Ladies Auxiliary officers were installed. The new NSSAR Executive Director was introduced – Don Shaw, a former teacher of history and social studies, and past executive of the Salvation Army, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. President General Sympson recognized the wait staff, who took care of us at all our meals. He noted that they all stopped what they were doing and did the pledge of allegiance with us. David Sympson then spoke about the accomplishments during his term as president general, including the completion of the SAR Library, and the establishment of educational and outreach programs to schools and communities. He asked all the World War II veterans to stand up, and thanked them for their service. He also thanked his wife Evelyn and family for their support. He then congratulated the new president general and national officers. Steve Pittard of North Carolina presented President General Sympson and his wife Evelyn with gifts. Evelyn received a George Washington tea cup and saucer collection. President General Sympson received a platter from the George Washington Collection. Then President General-Elect Larry Magerkurth and his wife Barbara received a travel journal for Barbara and a decanter for Larry. President General Sympson thanked North Carolina for their hospitality during Congress.

Chancellor General Tom Lawrence then installed the new vice presidents general and general officers. He then swore in Larry J. Magerkurth as the

new President General of the National Society. Larry is the third Californian elected president general – the others were Howard Corland Rowley (1929), and Calvin E. Chunn (1978 and 1979). President General Magerkurth was then presented with the signet ring of George Washington, a gift to the National Society from a former president general. Following the ceremony, President General Magerkurth was given a copy of the ring, and the original was returned to the SAR vault. Outgoing President General Sympson was awarded the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal, and was presented with his past president general pin. Former First Lady Evelyn Sympson then presented the First Ladies' Cameo to Barbara Magerkurth. President General Magerkurth gave his inaugural address to the SAR. Following the installation banquet, we went to the California Society hospitality room, and toasted the new President General – Larry Magerkurth. ❖

Stephen Renouf, NSSAR Trustee-Spain Society
James F. Blauer, CASSAR Historian

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AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE ENROLL YOUR GRANDCHILDREN IN THE NATIONAL SOCIETY, CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

I don't consider myself terribly political. But on the issue of what America is, where it is heading, and how it should change, I end up on the side that believes our Founding Fathers had a very unique vision and solution. So before tinkering with our fundamental values we need to thoroughly understand what we might be giving up.

I've lived my life and won't be around for the many attempts ahead to redefine America, *but my grandchildren will*. I want to leave them with a deep sense of national ownership so that when someone comes along and wants to change our republican model, I want them to say, "*Wait a minute. Not so fast. This is my Country!*"

What steps can I take to make this a reality? Well, our sons are SAR members in good standing and our daughters are DAR members, too. They are not very active now because they are working hard to build their own young lives. But with their blessing, I've reached passed them and enrolled my nine grandchildren into the Children of the American Revolution.

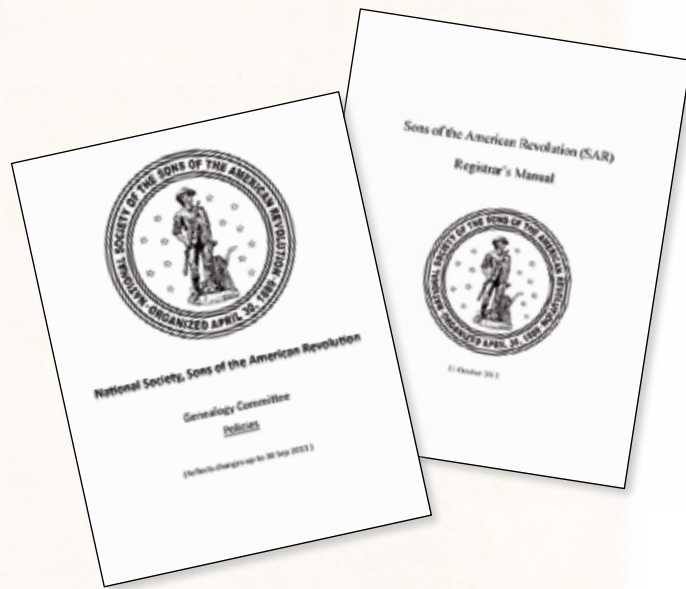
Today I invest in their future by paying their C.A.R. dues. I offer to take them to C.A.R. meetings and functions. I also did something else you might consider. In California, you can make the child's enrollment especially memorable, thanks to a remarkable lady, Billie Spence, a Past California Society C.A.R. Senior President. For a modest fee you can purchase an Heirloom quality document, which Billie personally fashioned from a beautiful 100 year old C.A.R. certificate. I learned unframed certificates often end up in a drawer long forgotten. But an attractive framed certificate will end up on a wall, maybe in the child's bedroom, or in a well-trafficked hallway. So purchase a simple frame.

I chose a special day, Thanksgiving, as the day I gave all nine of our grandchildren their C.A.R. Heirloom Certificates. I told them we have much to be thankful for in this great land of ours. And let this certificate, with your name on it; forever remind you of your heritage: "*You are a Child of the American Revolution. This is your land!*"

Need help exploring child enrollment in the C.A.R.? In Northern California, contact Tom Adams, tomadams@iname.com (916) 600-7211. In Southern California, contact Sean Moore, scm2900@gmail.com (626) 253-4295. ❖

Tom Adams, CASSAR C.A.R. Liaison

NSSAR GENEALOGY COMMITTEE APPROVES TWO VALUABLE RESOURCES



The NSSAR Genealogy Committee has approved two resources for online distribution during a meeting held September 30th in Louisville, Kentucky. The two resources titled *Genealogy Committee Policies* and *SAR Registrar's Manual* were primarily designed for chapter and state registrars, but will prove valuable to anyone involved in the preparation of new member applications, including potential members themselves.

Other actions taken by the NSSAR Genealogy Committee included the elimination of Form 912, which is now superseded by the *SAR Registrar's Manual*. This is in addition to other significant changes to existing policies. Of particular interest is a new policy regarding the use of other lineage societies *Record Copies*, including the DAR, which replaces several older policies now rescinded. Other policy changes include the use of indirect evidence for proof of service, the use of undocumented family and local histories, expediting applications under special circumstances, and a change to Policy No. 2005-01 to reflect the Genealogical Proof Standard rather than "preponderance of evidence".

The new manuals can be downloaded by anyone when visiting www.sar.org. Select *Genealogy* on the home page, then scroll down to the bottom of the screen and select *Genealogy Policies and Registrar's Manual* from the bulleted list. The two manuals can be found under "Attachment" at the bottom of the next page. ❖

Jim Faulkinbury
NSSAR Genealogy Committee

Two valuable resources are now available online at www.sar.org. Get your copy of the Genealogy Committee Policies & SAR Registrar's Manual today!

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Past President Chunn was elected to two consecutive terms, serving the National Society as its 88th and again as its 89th president general in 1978 and in 1979.

Three California compatriots have been distinguished with the honorary title of president general. The first was Colonel Adolphus S. Hubbard, 5th president of the Sons of Revolutionary Sires, and 1st president of the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution following the name change of March 22, 1890. Today we remember Colonel Hubbard as the 6th president of the California Society since the state's system of numbering presidents goes back to July 1876. Past President Hubbard received the national title of Honorary President General in recognition of his service to the NSSAR by resolution at the 1st National Congress held in Louisville, Kentucky on April 30, 1890.

The second California past president to receive this distinction was General Alfred Mavor Winn, 1st president of the Sons of Revolutionary Sires. This honor was bestowed upon General Winn in memory of his dedicated service to the Sons of Revolutionary Sires by motion of NSSAR Historian General Henry Hall at the 3rd Annu-

al Congress in New York City on April 30, 1892.

The last California compatriot to become honorary president general was 53rd California Society President Harold L. Putnam. Past President Putnam received this title in grateful recognition of his many contributions to the National Society during the 77th Annual Congress held in Columbus, Ohio in 1967. President Putnam's contributions included the creation of the SAR Pledge, which was first recited in California, the Minuteman Award, and the Patriot Medal. Honorary President General Putnam was presented with a specially struck gold Patriot Medal in recognition of his having conceived of this award and having been responsible for its design. ❖



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