

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

The President's Message

Compatriots;

This past July, 17 Compatriots and 14 Ladies of the California Society traveled to Houston to enjoy and participate in the 128th Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution. There were several very interesting tours available

to the attendees – including the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston, the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum in College Station, the San Jacinto Battlefield (near Houston) and the Houston Museum District Tour. In addition, the Texas Society hosted a reception at the George Ranch Historical Park. Despite the high humidity throughout the week, it was a great opportunity to see new sights and gain some knowledge of local history.

Congratulations are in order for the new 2018-2019 General Officers of the SAR, including Warren Alter (President General), Jack Manning (Secretary General), Davis Wright (Treasurer General), Richard Bryant (Chancellor General), Bruce Pickette (Registrar General), Jim Faulkinbury (Genealogist General), Ron Barker (Vice President General Western District) and Kent Gregory (appointed to the Executive Committee). John Dodd and Lou Carlson were also elected to the SAR Foundation Board; Jim Fosdyck and Derek Brown were elected as national trustee and alternate trustee), respectively; and Stephen Renouf was elected as the Spain Society trustee. Congratulations again to all – especially the California Compatriots now holding national office! A number of awards were presented to the California Society, CASSAR chapters and CASSAR Compatriots – these included Partners in Patriotism certificates for four chapters, Liberty Medals for 14 individuals, and certificates/streamers in recognition of the California Society's par-



127th President, CASSAR Derek Brown

ticipation in multiple programs. These awards are all due to YOUR actions – at the chapter and state levels. Thanks are therefore due to the Compatriots' efforts as well as the Ladies Auxiliary. Without the able efforts of the committee chairs at the state and chapter level, we would not be able to achieve what we have managed to do. The certificates, streamers and awards will be presented at the Fall Board of Managers meeting.

Since May 1, 2019, we have brought in 79 new Compatriots. We're making good progress on recruiting and, assuming we continue on this trend, we should be able to significantly exceed the 9 percent growth rate challenge that Larry Guzy (President General, 2017-2018) issued last year, as we've seen a net increase (YTD) of 8.9 percent. That depends, however, on our ability to continue attracting new members AND retaining of Compatriots. As I mentioned in the last Compatriot and in my acceptance address in April, involvement and participation at the chapter level is critical to the success of the Society. California is unique in that we have many chapters spread over a wide are – urban, suburban and rural, so not every chapter will be able to participate in every program. What interests you or your chapter's members? Once that is known, then RUN with it and make it happen – and have FUN with it!. Good background information and support is available from the National Society, so be sure to avail yourself of it.

Over the past year or so, the Council of State Presidents (CoSP) has collected information from various state societies as to what works and what doesn't work – from both the recruitment and member retention perspectives. I'll be making this available at the Board of Managers meeting. In addition, Jim Engler of the CoSP (at my request) had pulled together some demographics data for California; I'll also be making this available for your use. This information can help in chapters planning their activities, based on their members' interests – again, recognizing that not all chapters can participate in all SAR activities.

Speaking of membership and retention – it's nearing that time of year to begin preparing for the end-of-year reconciliation reports and issuing of dues notices. Please don't delay in collecting and submitting this information; timely submission will make things MUCH easier on the chapter secretary and David Grinnell, the secretary of the California Society.

As many of you may have heard, Dave Gilliard tendered his resignation as CASSAR Vice President North. This is due in large part to the ongoing expansion of his political consulting/campaign management work throughout California at the local, state and national levels. Don Littlefield of the Sacramento Chapter has agreed to serve as (acting) Vice President North and was thus appointed to fill the remainder of Dave's term. His appointment is expected to be ratified by a special election at the Fall Board of Managers meeting in Folsom. Many thanks to Dave for his support of the SAR at the chapter, state and national levels as an officer and committee member/ committee chair!

In future editions of the California Compatriot, please continue to look for updates from the Ladies Auxiliary. This is done to help reach a wider audience, beyond the newsletter they currently issue to their members twice/ year. Now that summer is almost over, Janet and I are planning to continue visiting chapters throughout the state as time allows. Hopefully, the recent fires have had minimal impact on you and your families. If I don't see you at your chapter meeting, I'll plan to see you at the CASSAR Fall 2018 Board of Managers Meeting in Folsom. Don't forget the CASSAR Annual Spring meeting 2019 to be held in Ventura and be sure to make your reservations as soon as possible for the 2019 Congress to be held in California.

As always, please contact me or one of the California Society officers if you should have any questions or concerns. We're here to help you (and the Society) succeed. But don't forget – let's have fun doing it!

Derek Brown President CASSAR

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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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NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FEES, DUES

NATIONAL, STATE, AND CHAPTER

NSSAR Fee NSSAR Dues CASSAR Fee Chapter Dues

\$80.00 \$35.00 \$20.00 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.

	NSSAR Fee	\$30.00
THE NSSAR FAMILY	NSSAR Dues	\$35.00
DISCOUNT	CASSAR Fee	\$20.00
	Chapter Dues	Varies

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FEES

SUPPLEMENTAL NSSAR Fee \$60.00 APPLICATION CASSAR Fee \$10.00

JUNIOR MEMBER APPLICATION FEES, DUES

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

MEMORIAL MEMBER APPLICATION FEES, DUES

NSSAR Fee	\$430.00
CASSAR Fee	\$20.00

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.

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Next Deadline: December 31, 2018 (subject to change)

The Secretary's Report

ANNUAL DUES, REGULAR MEMBERS

National Society	\$35.00
California Society	\$20.00
Chapter	Varies

ANNUAL DUES, JUNIOR MEMBERS

National Society\$5.00California 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 dual member's chapters.

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.

NATIONAL LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: http://www.sar.org/Membership/Costs/Life_Membership

Life Membership in the National Society is available to be purchased at a rate that depends on your age. The Life Membership program listed here covers the National dues only. Payment of the State Society's and Chapter annual dues is still required to be considered an active member of the SAR. The completed National Life Membership form must be sent to your State Society Secretary for review before it is sent to National.

CASSAR LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: http://www.californiasar.org/members-section/life/

The California Society Life Membership Program is open to California Society members who have a National Life Membership. The California program will pay California Society and Chapter dues for the life of the member. To apply, you must first obtain a National Life Membership at SAR.org. You need to fill out the application and submit it to the National Society. Once you are approved as a National Life Member, you will be given a National Life Membership Number.

To apply for the California Life Membership Program, you will need to supply your National Life Membership Number, and make a payment to CASSAR for the CASSAR Life in the Life Membership schedule (on the member-section).



Dear fellow Compatriots:

Thank you for electing me to be your Secretary for the ensuing term; I am truly humbled to be able to serve you and hope I will earn your trust. As a regular contribution to the "Compatriot", I will be offering the "The Chapter Membership Report" the first of which is included below. This is a condensed version of the Annual Reconciliation Report your Chapter Secretaries and/or Treasurers prepare at the end of each year. It includes in "additions" newly approved members, those transferring in from other State Societies and those reinstating after being dropped in previous years; and in "losses", members who have departed this life during the year, those who have transferred to other State Societies and, at year's end, those who will be dropped for non-payment of dues and those who wish to resign. We believe the 8.86% net gain in membership is a healthy gain, but realize this is not offset with losses due to non-payment of dues. Please see elsewhere in the issue a discussion on recruitment and retention of members.

Also, I want to announce that we will be sending out to Chapter Secretaries/Treasurers around the middle of October, the Annual Reconciliation Reports filled in with the actual data we have as of 1 October 2018. It is our hope that this will help the Chapters finalize their Annual Reconciliation Reports in a timely fashion and be able to submit them with their dues checks by the end of December.



Please remember that the State Secretary Report must be submitted to the National Office by 31 January and it takes time for your State Secretary to reconcile your Chapter Reports with the National Report and State Database. Your timely cooperation is much appreciated.

David Lawrence Grinnell, CASSAR Secretary

California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Chapter membership Report

Year Ending 31 December 2018

Chapter	Regular Members	Junior Member	Total Members 1/1/2018	Total Additions	Total Losses	Total Members 8/26/2018
Butte	10	0	10	0	0	10
Central Coast	20	2	22	3	2	23
Coachella Valley	33	1	34	2	1	35
Delta	34	0	34	4	1	37
Eagle	21	0	21	1	0	22
Gen. Geo. Patton	74	4	78	14	1	91
Gen. Geo. Wash	56	9	65	2	1	66
Gold Country	51	4	55	7	0	62
Harbor	59	7	66	4	0	70
Kern	37	0	37	3	0	40
Monterey Bay	25	1	26	2	0	28
Mother Lode	35	1	36	1	0	37
Orange County	137	5	142	18	1	159
Redding	27	2	29	1	0	30
Redlands	22	0	22	1	2	21
Redwood Empire	46	11	57	6	0	63
Riverside	90	13	103	25	0	128
Sacramento	173	10	183	6	0	189
San Diego	170	12	182	13	1	194
San Francisco	52	0	52	13	2	63
Santa Barbara	30	0	30	2	0	32
Silicon Valley	107	13	120	5	0	125
Sons of Liberty	126	10	136	9	1	144
South Coast	52	1	53	7	0	60
Thomas Jefferson	100	3	103	12	0	115
Yosemite	7	2	9	3	0	12
Totals	1594	111	1705	164	13	1856

Percent gain <loss> year to date over 1/1/2018

8.86%

Now Available! California Society SAR Member Medal. \$35 per set

Contact Medals and Awards Chairman Compatriot David Grinnell by email to order. (dvytca@gmail.com). Medals Sets may also be purchased from Derek Brown, Jim Fosdyck (jfosdyck@sbcglobal.net) or David A. Gilliard Dave@gbacampaigns.com

2019 National SAR Congress Medal

Announcing the 2019 National SAR Congress Medal Sets are now available for purchase. The price is \$35.00 for both the full-



size and Miniature Medal. The obverse image shown represents the Spanish Soldados who served in presidios of New Spain – and supported the cause of the American Revolution. The reverse of the medal shows the original logo of the Sons of Revolutionary Sires (organized July 4th 1876).

Most California SAR State Officers also have a supply of these medal sets available for purchase.

Our thanks to Compatriot Le Roy Martinez for letting us use the image of the Soldado from one of his paintings.

The medal may be proudly worn by any member of the SAR.



Coming Events

8-10 November 2018- 143rd CASSAR Annual Fall Board of Managers Meeting, Folsom, CA, Lake Natoma Inn

12 November 2018- Veterans Day Please support your chapter events.

15 December 2018-(9 AM PST) Wreaths Across America, contact Don Littlefield (<u>dblittlefield@comcast.net</u>) for information.

17 February 2019- Massing of the Colors, Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, Los Angeles, CA

25-27 April 2019- 144th CASSAR Annual Spring Meeting of the Membership Meeting, Ventura, CA, Ventura Beach Marriott

1-2 March 2019- Spring NSSAR Leadership meetings, Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY

5-10 July 2019- NSSAR 129th Congress, Hilton Hotel - Orange County, Costa Mesa, CA



From the Desk of the CASSAR Registrar

First, I would like to commend all the chapters that have come onboard with the online system and continue to improve the quality of "approval ready" applications. I have not heard yet when the online system will be mandated, but I fear that it is in the very near future.

Here is the good news on our productivity:

- * 140 New member applications
- * 100 Supplemental Applications
- * 24 Junior Member applications.

There are, by my count, 10 applications that are in "pended" status for year 2018. I would encourage your chapter registrars to seek out the reasons for the application being pended, and work with the applicants and patriots who have something pended. We must continue to work toward 0% and can only do that by being more alert to the things that make an application questioned by NSAR. Wouldn't it be great to be recognized for quality!

This past Congress changed the Memorial application fee to be the same as a new regular application. I'd bet there are some compatriots within our chapters that could take advantage of the lower price.

I am still getting pages (documents) that are not acceptable as proofs, the most prevalent being the find-a-grave pages with the thinking that the page is an acceptable proof for generations. They are not. Remember, too, that copying 2 pages of a book as one should be cropped and made into two separate pages. For one, it makes them more readable. Also, when you copy a document and it is fuzzy to you, it will also be fuzzy to NSAR and should not be included.

All in all, we continue to be one of the more productive States. I suggest you find the pended applications that Terry Briggs reports weekly. You can still submit a corrected application for any application that is in a pended status way back to mid 2016.

Owen Stiles, CASSAR Registrar



Welcome New Members

NSSAR#	FNAME	MNAME	LNAME	DATE	CHAPTER
208242	Daniel	Clifford	Friend	7/20/2018	Central Coast
208433	Douglas	John	Meister	8/30/2018	Gen Geo Patton
208735	Scott	Kevin	Fox	8/31/2018	Gen Geo Patton
208070	Peter	Michael	Slorp	7/06/2018	Gold Country
208245	Steven	Jack	Hoss	7/20/2018	Gold Country
208435	Michael	Alan	Davis	8/03/2018	Kern
208436	John	Leonard	Davis	8/03/2018	Kern
208514	Nicholas	Cayle	Adams	8/10/2018	Mother Lode
208072	Daniel	Eric	Sexton	7/06/2018	Orange County
208239	Morgan	Lee	Ferris	7/20/2018	Orange County
208240	Steven	Lloyd	Ferris	7/20/2018	Orange County
208241	William	Galloway	Chambers	7/20/2018	Orange County
208243	Lee	Randolph	Karjala	7/20/2018	Orange County
208244	Michael	Lawrence	Maertzweiler	7/20/2018	Orange County
208638	Steven	Thomas	Bailey	7/27/2018	Orange County
208432	Albert	Edward	Ross	8/03/2018	Orange County
208438	Virgil	Harold	Chapman, Jr	8/03/2018	Redwood Empire
208071	Pablo	Monroe	Antillon	7/06/2018	Riverside
208736	Judson	Scott	Naylor	8/31/2018	Riverside
208737	Joseph	Thomas	Naylor	8/31/2018	Riverside
208738	Todd	Gabriel	Naylor	8/31/2018	Riverside
208739	Trevor	Scott	Naylor	8/31/2018	Riverside
208740	Austin	Ray	Cherry	8/31/2018	Riverside
208741	Nathanael	Day	Gayheart	8/31/2018	Riverside
208742	Wilson	Charles	Crider	8/31/2018	Riverside
208238	Brendan	Alexander	Harris	7/20/2018	Sacramento
08511	Parker	Sean	Heaton	8/10/2018	San Diego
208512	Jacob	Stuart	Shea	8/10/2018	San Diego
208513	Trevor	Isaac	Shea	8/10/2018	San Diego
208592	Leon	Dibbern	Dame	8/17/2018	San Diego
208593	Leon	David	Dame	8/17/2018	San Diego
208594	Christopher	Michael	Dame	8/17/2018	San Diego
208663	Bryan	Scott	Higgins	8/24/2018	San Diego
208664	Bryan	Kent	Santy	8/24/2018	San Diego
208367	Michael	Ryan	Cowles	7/27/2018	San Francisco
208437	Robert	Michael	O'Keefe	8/03/2018	San Francisco
208595	Kai	Stuart	Martin	8/17/2018	San Francisco
208596	Armin	Wade	Martin	8/17/2018	San Francisco
208434	Richard	Rodney	Creason, Jr	8/03/2018	Silicon Valley



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California Society, Sons of the American Revolution

November 8-10, 2018

Hosted by the Gold Country Chapter

Lake Natoma Inn in Historic Old Folsom

702 Gold Lake Drive, Folsom CA 95630

A Special SAR Room Rate of \$109 (plus tax)per night (King or Double Queens) is available until October 25th Make Hotel Reservations by calling (916) 351-1500 or emailing reservations@lakenatomainn.com and asking for CASSAR meeting rate.

Meeting Reservation Form

Name:	Spouse/Guest:	
Chapter:	Title:	
Address:	Telephone:	
City/Zip:	Email:	
Arriving: Thu	rsday, Nov 8 Friday, Nov	9 Saturday, Nov 10
all Business Meetings, Hospitality	Room, Friday and Saturday lunch	Oct 1. The fee includes admission to eons, and the Saturday Dinner Banquet.
	_@ \$150 Late Registrations:	
Non-registered Friday		each
Non-registered Saturd	lay Luncheon:@ \$50	each
Non-registered Gala D	binner Banquet:@\$65	each
	Total	Amount Enclosed:
Tony Chak	Gold Country Chapter SAR and m urian, 3128 Parkham Drive, Ros Contact Tony Chakurian at tchakur	
	Please mark your meal choic	es:
Friday Luncheon	Saturday Luncheon	Saturday Banquet
	Chicken Cordon Bleu	Grilled Tri-Tip
(Vegetarian Option)	Roasted Pork Loin	Natoma Baked Salmon
Chicken Piccata	Grilled Polenta w/Vegetables (Vegetarian Option)	Ravioli w/Pesto Cream Sauce (Vegetarian Option)
Marinated Tri-Tip	(veBerning of hear)	(Bournan o buon)



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ADDENDUM

NRA Muzzleloading Class

Sunday, November 11 and Monday, November 12. Registration is \$35.00 per person the day of the training. Registration must be received by September 30, 2018. Class limited to 18 participants. Email your name, address, and phone number to Mark Kramer at: OCFAMarkK@aol.com.

A limited number of rooms can be reserved for Sunday night, November 11. Must be reserved by Oct. 25

Friday Evening Dinner

Cattlemens Restaurant

12409 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova

Please mark your meal choices:

Rib Eye Steak
Roast Tri-Tip
Grilled Salmon
Lemon Chicken
Vegetarian Ravioli

Total number of dinners @ \$40.00 each: _____ TOTAL: \$_____

Checks should be payable to Gold Country Chapter SAR and mailed with this registration form to: Tony Chakurian, 3128 Parkham Drive, Roseville, CA 95747 Questions: Contact Tony Chakurian at tchakurian@hotmail.com

www.CaliforniaSAR.org



Mark Your Calendar Now! 144th Spring Meeting of the Membership of the California Society Sons of the American Rebolution

25-27 April 2019

Ventura Beach Marriott Hotel

Hosted by the General Patton Chapter

Registration is \$150 and includes Friday Luncheon, Saturday Luncheon and Saturday Banquet Special SAR Room Rate of \$159

The Ventura Beach Marriott is located on the Pacific Ocean side of the 101 between the California and the Seaward off ramps

For the fitness buffs there is a walking trail along the beach to Surfers Point

Within easy driving distance is the Ventura Harbor & Marina with its mix of shops and restaurants, the Channel Islands National Park visitors center, and beautiful views of the Pacific Ocean, Channel Islands and beach vista.

Other interesting sites within easy driving distance include restored downtown Ventura with its eclectic mix of shops and restaurants, the 1782 San Buenaventura Mission, the Camarillo Outlet Malls, the quaint town of Ojai, and the relaxation of the Ventura pier Please Look for Your Registration form On-Line soon at www.CaliforniaSAR.org and in your Fall Meeting packets.



L-R: Orange County Chapter Jim Fosdyck, Larry Hansen, Jim Blauer, Mark Torres, John Blake and (from Harbor Chapter) Karl Jacobs.



L-R: Mark Torres with the California State Flag, John Blake with the SAR Flag, and Karl Jacobs presenting the historical Bunker Hill Flag.



Guidance Regarding Raffles in California

Revolution (NSSAR) legally conduct 50/50 raffles or any other raffle at any of events, banquets, or meetings in California during the 2019 Congress?

No. It is illegal to conduct a 50/50 raffle in California, except for a very specific limited number of nonprofit organization affiliated with professional sports organizations. Additionally, it would be illegal for an out-of-state organization to conduct non-50/50 raffles also as explained below. However, there are no restrictions concerning silent auctions.

California has very specific laws concerning all raffles, including 50/50 raffles, held in the State of California. (Pen. Code, §§ 320.5, 320.6.) More importantly, the Office of the Attorney General can be aggressive in enforcing these laws and prosecuting violation of laws concerning raffles, which may result in administrative or criminal actions.

A "50/50 raffle" is a raffle in which the prize paid to the winner is comprised of one-half, or 50 percent, of the gross receipts generated from the sale of the raffle tickets for the raffle. (Pen. Code, § 320.6, subd. (d)(2)(D).)

Concerning **non-50/50 raffles**, that type of raffle is defined as a scheme for the distribution of prizes by chance among persons who have paid money for paper tickets that provide the opportunity to win prizes and has these requirements: (1) Each ticket is sold with a detachable coupon or stub, and both the ticket and its associated coupon or stub or marked with a unique and matching identifier. (2) Winners of the prizes are determined by draw from among the coups or stubs that have been detached from all tickets sold for entry in the draw. (3) The draw is conduct in California under the supervision of a natural person who is 18 years of age or older. (4) At least 90 percent of the gross receipts generated from the sale of the raffle tickets are used to benefit or provide support for beneficial or charitable purposes in California. (Pen. Code, § 320.5,

A 50/50 raffle is illegal because Penal Code section 320.5, section (b)(4)(A) sets forth the "90/10" rule which specifically requires at least 90 percent of the gross receipts generated from the sale of raffle tickets for any given draw be used by the eligible organization conducting the raffle to benefit or provide support for beneficial or charitable purposes. Paying the winner 50 percent of the gross receipts generated violates the 90/10 requirement of section 320.5.

Concerning non-50/50 raffles, unfortunately, the Ladies Auxiliary of the National Society of the Sons of American Revolution may not conduct those type of raffles either.

The funds raised by the raffle ticket sales in California must not be used to fund any beneficial, charitable, or other purpose outside of California. (Pen. Code, § 320.5, subd. (b)(4)(A).) Therefore, any proceeds from any raffle must be remain in California. Additionally, eligible nonprofit organizations must be: (1) qualified to conduct business in California one year prior to conducting the raffle. (Pen. Code, § 320.5, subd. (c).) (2) The organization must register annually with the California Department of Justice. (Pen. Code, § 320.5, subd. (h)(1).) (3) The non-profit must file an annual report with the California Department of Justice. (§ 320.5, subd. (h)(6).) The registration form and report form are available on line as well as other general information concerning conducting raffles https://oag.cagov/charities/raffles

The text of California Penal Code section 320.5 and section 320.6 may be found at https://leginfo.ca.gov or a "websearch."

Although section 320.6 provides for 50/50 raffles in some circumstances, the nonprofit organization must a private, nonprofit organization established by or affiliated with, a professional sports organizations such as the "Major League Baseball, National Hockey League, National Basketball Association, National Football League, Women's National Basketball Association, or Major League Soccer, or a private, nonprofit organization established by the Professional Golfer's Association of America, Ladies Professional Golf Association , or National Association for Stock Care Auto Racing." (Pen. Code, § 320.6, subd. (c).)

Ladies Auxiliary of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution would not qualify as an eligible nonprofit organization under Penal Code section 320.6 to hold a 50/50 raffle or any other raffle in California. However, there are no restrictions for Silent Auctions. Also, the California Ladies Auxiliary will not be conducting a raffle at the 2019 Congress.



Attend the 2019 SAR Congress in California!

When: 129th SAR Congress will be July 5 - 10, 2019

Where: Hilton-Orange County in Costa Mesa, CA, not far from John Wayne Airport (free shuttles), near South Coast Plaza Shopping, and near Newport & Huntington Beaches! Hotel reservations can be made at http://group.hilton.com/nssar2019

Why: This is an opportunity to participate in an SAR Congress without flying across the country! *Host Reception:* Newport Bay Harbor Cruise



Tours: Historic Mission San Juan Capistrano (est. 1776), Huntington Library and Gardens, Richard Nixon Presidential Library, & Lyon Air Museum What happens at a Congress:

400 – 600 SAR members taking care of business including the election of national officers; Host reception on a Newport Harbor cruise; Oration Contest finals; Memorial Service with huge Color Guard; Ladies' Tea; Youth Awards Luncheon for national winners; Ladies' Luncheon; Committee meetings; Sightseeing Tours; & Installation of new national officers. \$25 raffle tickets available for a week stay at the Orange County Hilton during Congress. Information at www.californiasar.org/2019-Congress/

> Please join us! Questions: drkentgregory@earthlink.net

2019 NSSAR Congress

Our California Society will host the 2019 NSSAR Congress in Costa Mesa, just over 10 years since we last hosted it in 2008 in Sacramento. This is a great opportunity for those who have not attended a Congress before to meet Compatriots from around the country and to participate in the governance of our Society. Because of the size of our membership, we are entitled to some 30 delegates, so many of you can be voting delegates, while many more will be needed to fill the numerous volunteer positions necessary to make Congress a success.

Please see Compatriot Renouf's article summarizing the Houston Congress for a representative description of events. For us, the "official" events begin Saturday, with your choice of tours to either the Lyons Air Museum and the Nixon Presidential Library or the Huntington Library, followed by the host society reception: a Hornblower dinner cruise on Newport Bay. Prior to that we may have a special 4th of July event on Thursday for those of you not participating in your local celebrations. On Friday we will have a volunteer appreciation lunch to thank you for all your hard work. In addition to the regular Congress events, on Wednesday we will tour the Mission San Juan Capistrano, dating from coincidentally conveniently 1776.

There are innumerable ways for you to volunteer as a Congress requires 75 to 100 volunteers to make it a success, and this is not just for Compatriots in the South. We need all hands on deck, including members from the North. We plan to have "greeters" at the airport in colonial dress welcoming attendees. It will take quite a few CAS-SAR members to staff the registration desk, ensuring check-in and credentialing goes smoothly for our guests. CASSAR members will guide attendees to the busses, ensuring everyone who gets on a bus comes back, as well as a generally making Compatriots feel welcome and attending to their needs. So please contact myself, Kent Gregory or Steve Renouf to learn how you can contribute.

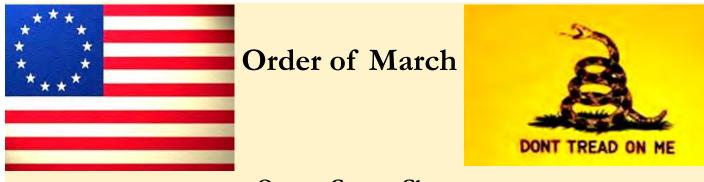
Finally, we have been successful at fundraising to pay for the host reception and other incidental ex-



Quilt made by Darian Tylor, First VP of the CASSAR LAUX On the reverse of quilt is the Declaration of Independence

penses. However, there is still more to do. In addition to our 2019 Congress medal, which will be available at our state meetings, and Congress itself if we don't sell out, we are raffling off not only a beautiful quilt made by Darian Taylor, at only \$5.00 per chance, but also a week in the Congress hotel to stay during Congress, a value over \$1,000.00, for only \$25.00! We will pull the ticket for the lucky winner at the Fall meeting in Folsom, so get your tickets now from one of the regional VP's, or at the fall meeting, or email me at johnldodd@twc.com, and I will get you a ticket. Thanks for you continuing support. I look forward to working with you all over the next year to make our Congress a great success.

John L. Dodd 2019 Congress Chair



Orange County Chapter

July 4th Parade

July fourth was a busy day for your chapter. It began with the Huntington Beach 114th Annual July 4th Parade. We had a good turn out. Those in the parade were: Orange County members Jim Blauer, Arthur Koehler, Kent Gregory, Jim Klingler, Matthew Noell and Thomas Noell. From the Harbor Chapter we had: Brian Merrell, Luke Merrell, Kevin Bidenkap, and Brandon Villarde. From the Los Angeles Fife and Drum we had Matt and Thomas as noted above plus Brennan Navarrete, David Nesser, Steven Andy, John Davis, Ron Cohen, David Boesch and Bonnie Safyurtler. So we had a contingent of 18 in our group. The parade was televised by Channel 7 and Channel 4 was also there. We were seen on both channels. Channel 7 carried the parade live on their station and Channel 4 did their report during the news. The parade was also found on the Channel 7 website.



L-R: Brennan Navarette, Luke Merrell, Brian Merrell, Kevin Bidenkap, Brandon Villarde (all of Harbor chapter), Matt Noell (LA Fife & Drum & Orange County), John Davis, David Nesser, Steve Andy, Annie Besser, Thomas Noell, Ron Cohen, David Boesch Jim Klingler, Kent Gregory and Jim Blauer (all of Orange County. Bonnie Safyurtlu came after the picture was taken



L-R: Kevin Bidenkap, Harbor Chapter;

Branden Villarde, Harbor Chapter;

Jim Blauer, Orange County Chapter;

Kent Gregory, Orange County Chapter,

Jim Klinger, Orange County Chapter,

Brian and Luke Merrell, Harbor Chapter.

Lake Forest Parade

July 04, 2018

We had eight of our chapter members participating in the Lake Forest Parade. They were: Mark Torres, Spencer Torres, John Ferris, Dan McKelvie, Un Hui Yi and Liz Ferris walking in the parade with Jim Fosdyck and Brenda Torres on the support team. This was the first year we have done the Lake Forest Parade. In the past it has been the South Coast Chapter that has appeared in this parade. Unfortunately, they were having difficulty putting a Color Guard unit together at this time and requested if we could possibly fill in to satisfy the organizers wishes for a SAR Color Guard in their parade. And so we did.



L-R: John Ferris, Un Hui Yi, Liz Ferris, Mark Torres, Dan McKelvie and Spencer Torres



L-R: Un Hui Yi, Dan McKelvie, Mark and Spencer Torres, John and Liz Ferris



Rear L-R: Dan McKehrie, Mark & Spencer Torres and John Ferris Front L-R: Liz Ferris & Un Hui Yi





Let Freedom Ring

On July 4, 1969 the Pennsylvania Society Sons of the Revolution (SR) conducted the first "Let Freedom Ring" ceremony. Though originally scheduled for 2pm across the nation, it is usually done at different times of the day or evening. On July 4th our Color Guard met at Cerritos City Hall. Here the chapter Color Guard presented the Colors for the opening ceremonies at 6:30pm. Those in attendance included: Jim Blauer, Jim Klingler, John Blake, Julie Bruton, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Larry Hansen, Kent & Lisa Gregory, Larry & Sharon Wood, John & Liz Ferris, Mark & Brenda Torres, Matt Noell (OC Member and Fifer of the LA Fife & Drum) and David Nesser (Drummer LA Fife & Drum). The men presented the Colors with the women dressed in colonial attire. Our thanks to Larry and Sharon Wood who arrange this for us each year. It was through Larry's efforts that this event was made a National Color Guard event.



L-R: Jim Fosdyck, Dan McElvie, Jim Blauer, Jim Klingler, John & Liz Ferris, Larry Hansen, Julie Bruton, John Blake, Lisa Gregory, Mark Torres, Matt Noell, David Nesser, and Kent Gregory.



L-R: Kent Gregory, Jim Blauer, Jim Klingler, John Ferris, Mark Torres, John Blake, Dan McKelvie, Larry Hansen, Larry Wood, Jim Fosdyck, Matt Noell and David Nesser.



LFR Blauer Klingler Ferris Torres Blake: L-R: Flag Bearers Jim Blauer, Jim Klingler, John Ferris, Mark Torres and John Blake





Let Freedom Ring July 04, 2018 Cerritos: John & Liz Ferris ringing the bell while Matt Noell and Larry Wood look on



LFR Wood Hansen Noell: L-R: Larry Wood, California Society Color Guard Adjutant South; Larry Hansen; Matt Noell, fifer.

Riverside Chapter July 04, 2018



Riverside Chapter Color Guard at the County Village 4th of July Parade.

L-R: Diane Stephens DAR, Autumn Shaw CAR, Evan Shaw CAR/SAR, Charley Gentis, Dave Leonard, Gary Jensen, Henry Lucas, Brian Stephens



Around the California Society



Gold Country Chapter

The Gold Country Chapter speaker for the August 18th meeting was LCDR Lou Conter, USN (Ret.) who served aboard the USS Arizona when it was attacked at Pearl Harbor.

On the morning of 7 Dec 1941, the Imperial Japanese Navy launched a surprise attack against the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Over 2,400 casualties and many more wounded resulted from the attack, which led directly to America's entry into World War II.

The battleship USS Arizona was lost, with her dead accounting for nearly half lost in the attack. One of the fortunate survivors of the attack was Lou Conter, then 20 years old and serving aboard the Arizona. Conter went on to become a naval aviator and flew many dangerous missions in the Pacific Theater. Though he was shot down twice he continued a long career in the Navy retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Commander in 1967.





Chapter President Tony Chakurian with speaker LCDR Lou Conter, USN (Ret)

Delta Chapter

El Toyon Chapter, DAR, made the news as did Delta Chapter, SAR! Alice Callistro, the wife of our compatriot Richard Callistro (who passed away in June), sent us this copy of the Lodi News-Sentinel. This is an excellent article featuring researching Revolutionary War ancestors and the work of the DAR and SAR. Ed Smith of our Delta Chapter was interviewed and pictures of the SAR, including CASSAR President Derek Brown, are featured.

Alice Callistro wrote: "I am sure you have seen this scanned article below from the Lodi Sentinel but it was new to me when I received it from DAR today. Ed Smith did a great job, and I hope it brings you many new members. Richard was so proud to be a member of Delta Chapter as is our son, Charles whose dues I will continue to pay so please send them to me when they are due. Blessings, Alice Callistro"

Submitted by Gary Overby, SAR Delta Chapter Secretary



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ORIGINAL PATRIOTS

Area residents honor family, country by researching their Revolutionary ancestors

By Kyla Cathey LODI LIVING EDITOR

Independence Day brings out Americans all over the country to celebrate the U.S. with fireworks, barbecues and flags. Veterans often have a special place during celebrations like Lodi's Freedom Fest or Celebrate America. But what about those patriots who fought to free the United States from Great Britain and create a new nation? Or the Union patriots who fought to keep the nation together during the Civil War? Or those who fought fascism in Europe and the Pacific during World War II?



Freda Hall talks about the way she organizes her research at her Lodi home on Wednesday

Their descendants continue to celebrate their contributions every year, by joining lineage societies like the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution and others.

Freda Hall's ancestors Abner Chapell and Jonathan Parker both fought for America in the Revolution.

"They were neighbors," Hall said.

Their children, Miles Chappell and Priscilla Parker, married.

Miles fought for the U.S., too, in the War of 1812. Hall began researching her family about 10 years ago, with her husband, but she'd heard stories about her mother's ancestors before that.

"My grandparents and my mother were always interested in history," Hall said.

She also had the luck of meeting all but one of her great-grandparents as a child.

"I was one of those kids who asked a lot of questions," she said with a smile.

When she and her husband began researching, she started finding links back to the early days of the U.S. He encouraged her to look for patriots and apply to join the Daughters of the American Revolution, a process she began three years ago.



Miles Chappell the son of Freda Hall's patriot, Revolutionary soldier Abner Chappell — is displayed at Hall's Lodi home on Wednesday. Behind his portrait are photos of some of Hall's other ancestors.

When her husband passed away, it helped keep her mind busy.

"It was tough, but he wanted me to do it," Hall said.

Darres Cook, another member of the El Toyon Chapter of the DAR, which includes Lodi, didn't set out to find the patriots in her family history. Instead, she joined a neighbor fascinated by genealogy on research sessions, and got hooked herself.

"I did genealogy for over 10 years, just gradually working my way back," she said.

One day, Cook realized she was looking at ancestors the right age to have fought in then Revolution. She found four patriots among her ancestors — so far.

"We just had a lady transfer out of our chapter. She had 24," she said.

The Delta Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution has members throughout the area, from Lodi to Turlock to Rio Vista.

"It covers a pretty big rea," said Ed Smith, registrar of the chapter.

His role with the organization is to help people who want to apply to SAR through the process, including proofreading their applications and double-checking all of their documentation.

"It's an involved process, but it's also a very rewarding process," he said.

The local chapter has several members with fascinatfamily to Patrick Henry, famous for his declaration:



Hall's ancestors 'Texas' Billy and Libby Thompson, who spent time in Dodge City, Kansas.



Members of the Delta Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution have ing patriot ancestors. One member can even trace his formed a Color Guard, complete with period-accurate uniforms. They visit schools, March in parades and attend other events.

"Give me liberty, or give me death!" Another has a rare female patriot — a woman who made clothing and musket covers for soldiers.

"She supported the Revolution doing that," Smith said.

He has five patriot ancestors of his own, including Henry Smith, who was a captain in the militia. Members of the groups often become amateur historians, digging into related areas of research.

"Dealing with the ancestors is an entire story in and of itself," Smith said.

Cook is now working on writing an analysis of her research on one of her ancestors. She started out knowing he was a patriot, but the documents to connect her to his family were shaky at first. He died without a will, so she had to sift through old deeds and land patents to find his father's name.

"I had to go around the mulberry bush," she said.

In the course of her research, she ended up finding a reference to an old cemetery no one remembered anymore, then tracked down the site on old maps and Google Earth.

"I thought, that had to be it!

It was 300 yards off the road," she said.

Hall has plans to write a book about some of her ancestors, though perhaps not those who fought in the Revolution. Someone has already written about the Chappells. Instead, Hall is looking at her father's family, who he once called "kind of a wild bunch."

She's since found out that he wasn't that far off — several were outlaws, gamblers and saloon owners in the Wild West. Hall has collected photos of several of her ancestors — including Miles Chappell, who fought in 1812 and lived to an old age — and created displays on her wall and in a hutch surrounding her DAR membership certificate, along with photos of her children and grandkids. She likes sharing the stories of her ancestors with her grand-children.



Freda Hall talks about the wall of historic family photos she has hanging on a wall in her Lodi home on Wednesday.

"I want them to know their history," she said.

So what do members of the SAR and DAR do when they're not researching and writing about history? Both organizations encourage education. DAR hosts an essay contest each year that asks children to write about history and civics, and the SAR asks students to design posters showcasing events in American history. Last year, one student took their poster to the state competition, Smith said.

The SAR also has a Color Guard — a group of volunteers who dress up in full 1776 style for school presentations and community parades. Their uniforms are correct down to the last detail — even when it means sore feet.

"Back then, they didn't have a right shoe and a left shoe," Smith said. As late as the 1850s, shoes made on "straight lasts" would fit on either foot. SAR presents awards and honors to people who help the community, such as members of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps or veterans from recent wars.

"Every year, we are involved in Wreaths Across America," Smith said.

They raise money for wreaths, then place them at gravesites at the San Joaquin Military Cemetery in Santa Nella. They also invite veterans and Gold Star parents to come and speak at the ceremony. The DAR has sponsored a local soldier, who is serving in Iraq right now. They send him care packages with items for himself and to share with his fellow troops — things like coffee, jerky, shampoo.

"The only chocolate candy that can be shipped that far in the heat is Peanut M&Ms," Hall said. It's the only kind that doesn't melt. Members also attend events like Memorial Day ceremonies, and raise awareness of the group at the Lodi Street Faire. The El Toyon chapter is a tightknit group.

"DAR is way more involved than I ever realized," Cook said.

It's not just about the history, but also about getting involved with the community, Hall said.

"It makes you feel good at the end of the day," she said.



Jeff Sylvan, left, past president of the Delta Chapter, and Derek Brown, right, president of the California Society Sons of the American Revolution, present member Don Sanford the SAR World War II Service Award in recognition of his service as a P-38 pilot in the U.S. Army Air Force.

I'll Do It: Do I have a Revolutionary ancestor?

By Kyla Cathey LODI LIVING EDITOR

I've been fascinated by genealogy for years now, and on and- off obsession I inherited from my Gram and her brother, my Uncle Hal. So when I began working on this story, I knew I had ancestors in the U.S. before the Revolution. I wondered, had any actually fought? And how does someone go about joining the Daughters of the American Revolution, anyway?

I hopped online and headed to their website for more information. Good news: If you've already done some research and have a list of ancestors who were around in 1776, there's a little bit of a shortcut, though it still requires some work. The Daughters of the American Revolution has several research databases on their site, including one titled "Ancestor Search."

There were rumors in my family that my Hall ancestors had been supporters of American Independence. Lyman Hall, who signed the Declaration of Independence and later served as governor of Georgia, was supposedly a distant cousin. So I looked at my tree. To qualify for DAR/SAR membership, a "patriot" ancestor has to be a direct ancestor, so Lyman was out. But Asa Hall, my great-great-great-great great-grandfather (whew!), was born in Wallingford, Connecticut in 1758, meaning he would have been 18 when the Revolution began.

A search of DAR's database showed that he served as a soldier. Not only that, my great great-grandfather's sister, Ada Hall Hamilton, had applied for membership tracing her own ancestry back to Asa's service, so a few generations were already documented. That's when I reached out to the El Toyon Chapter of Daughter of the American Revolution and spoke to Darres Cook, who helps interested genealogists determine whether they qualify for membership.

Since I already have much of my family tree on Ancestry.com, I shared it with her so she could see my research. She reviewed the information about Asa Hall in DAR's database, then put together a list of everything I would need — mostly copies of birth or death certificates.

"You can just scan those and email them to me," she said.

I already had several of the necessary records, and several older records were already on file with DAR from previous applications. While I was lucky enough to quickly find an ancestor who was a Revolutionary soldier, I learned that ancestors don't need to have been involved in the military for someone to qualify for the DAR or SAR.

"What a lot of people don't realize, is there's a lot of ways they could have qualified as a patriot," Cook said.

Some patriots gave money, food or supplies to support the Revolution. Others signed an Oath of Allegiance to the new nation. Anyone who offered documented help to the country during the Revolution can be submitted as a patriot. Ancestors don't even need to have been in one of the original colonies during the American Revolution. Both DAR and the Sons of the American Revolution accept applications of people who can trace their ancestry back to patriots in Nueva España — colonies held by Spain in 1780. Back then, King Carlos III sided with the Revolution, and encouraged citizens to give a voluntary donation to help the Americans. Others in Spanish-held Louisiana and Missouri helped fight, and cattlemen in Texas supplied about 10,000 head of cattle to the cause. All of those ancestors count as patriots, said Ed Smith, registrar of the Delta Chapter of the SAR.

"They actually supported the American Revolution," he said.

Freda Hall, another DAR member, pulled out her binders of records to show me how she collected and organized her own research. She created a tabbed section for each ancestor going from her mother back to her patriot, then put all of her supporting documents — birth and death certificates, U.S. Census records, and other records — in plastic sleeves so they could be flipped through with ease. That made it easy for her to provide proof to the DAR when she submitted her application, she said.

I'm still working on gathering my records, so I asked Cook what the next steps would be, once I have everything put together.

"I would complete your application and send it to our registrar," Cook said.

Easier said than done! That would mean printing out each record needed to connect me to Asa Hall on special cotton-bond paper. The application would need my signature as well as the signatures of the El Toyon chapter's officers, and it would be submitted along with the \$165 application fee.

"It takes probably a couple of months to process these now, so you sit and wait," Cook said with a laugh.

Then, once (and if) it's approved, the El Toyon branch would contact me and schedule an induction at an upcoming meeting. But that's all based on someone who already has some information, including names to work with. What if you know your family has lived in the U.S. "forever," but don't know whether or not your ancestors fought in the Revolution? Sometimes, they're several generations back — seven for me, in Asa Hall's case. How do you find them?

The first step, DAR recommends, is to start with what you know. Sit down and write the names and, if you know them, the birthdates of your parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. Then, begin looking for records for each person. Birth and death certificates list parents, so those are especially useful. Military records, census forms, newspaper obituaries, wills, deeds, and other records can help you trace your family back over the decades. This is where Hall's system of organization could be invaluable, since applicants would need to "prove" descent all the way back as well as their ancestor's service, rather than just matching up their line with a previous application like I did.

Local chapters of both the Sons and the Daughters of the American Revolution have members who are willing to offer tips for tracing your ancestors. Once you've found them, you can choose to join or not, but both chapters are always thrilled to have new members.



A thick folder contains Freda Hall's research on her Revolutionary ancestor at her Lodi home on Wednesday.

Genealogy Resources

Lodi residents interested in genealogy can get started at the Lodi Public Library, 201 W. Locust St., which stores a number of local records and local history books, hosts occasional genealogy classes and offers access to a number of research databases.

You can also visit the Lodi Family History Center, 731 N. Ham Lane, which is run by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Free resources

• The U.S. GenWeb Project: www.usgenweb.org and www.usgwarchives.net

- Access Genealogy: www.accessgenealogy.com
- FamilySearch: www.familysearch.org
- Genealogy Trails: www.genealogytrails.com
- Free BMD: www.freebmd.org.uk
- The Statue of Liberty- Ellis Island Foundation:
- www.libertyellisfoundation.org
- JewishGen: www.jewishgen.org
- Chronicling America: chroniclingamerica.loc.gov
- Google News Archive: news.google.com/newspapers

Paid resources

• Ancestry: www.ancestry.com

(Lodi and Galt library members can access the database for free at their preferred library. Library membership is free.)

- GenealogyBank: www.genealogybank.com
- MyHeritage: www.myheritage.com
- My Trees: www.mytrees.com
- Archives: www.archives.com

Did your ancestors immigrate to the U.S. after the Revolution? While the Daughters of the American Revolution and Sons of the American Revolution are probably the bestknown and largest patriotic lineage groups in the U.S., they're not the only ones. Genealogy fans looking to honor their patriotic ancestors can also join:

Other Lineage Societies

• General Society of the War of 1812: www.gswar1812.org

• National Society United States Daughters of 1812: www.usdaughters1812.org

- Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War: www.duvcw.org
- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: www.suvcw.org

• Sons of Spanish American War Veterans: www.ssawv.org

• Order of the First World War:

www.orderfirstworldwar.com

- Order of the Second World War:
- www.ordersecondworldwar.com
- Order of Lafayette: www.orderoflafayette.org

The Order of Lafayette is for veterans who served in France or French possessions during World War I and World War II, their lineal descendants, and modern military personnel who work closely with French forces in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. See the website for details. There are also state-specific societies, and societies for children under the ages of 18 or 21. For more information, visit www.cyndislist.com

Delta Chapter

The Chapter is active in the CASSAR youth programs, including the Americanism Poster and Knight Essay contests. Winners this past spring included the Poster contest CASSAR first place winner, Lucas Bernard of Walnut Elementary School, and Knight Essay CASSAR first place winner, Vivian Kellner. For the Poster contest, Jeff Sylvan prepares the certificates and judges the entries. As can be seen in the photographs, the students are excited to participate in this program! In the photo with Knight Essay winner Vivian Kellner are Chapter President John Humphrey (left) and Jeff Sylvan.

The Chapter participated in the cleanup of the Grand Army of the Republic section of the Citizens Cemetery in Modesto. In the photo are (left to right) Doug Beeskau, Gary Overby, Chapter President John Humphrey, Scott Eliot and Mel Howell.

The DAR El Toyon Chapter hosted a good turnout of Chapter compatriots and guests in the hospitality room of the United Methodist Church by the University of the Pacific in Stockton. Tracy Press Editor Emeritus Samuel Matthews was the guest of honor and was presented with the DAR Community Service Award. Chapter President John Humphrey thanked DAR Chapter Regent Donna

Walls for their hospitality and presented them with a certificate of appreciation. Compatriot Brian Young enjoyed watching family friend Candace "Candy" Jones being inducted into the DAR.



Mrs. Schisnewski's Class 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Winners



Lucas Bernard & mother, and Mrs. Lee



St Bernard's Gary Overby, Mel Howell, Jeff Sylvan, John Humphrey.



Mrs. Lee' s Class 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners



Winners from St. Bernard School



Chapter President John Humphrey presenting certificate to DAR Chapter Regent Donna Walls



CASSAR Knight Essay first place winner Vivian Kellner with John Humphrey and Jeff Syvan



Brian Young with Candace "Candy" Jones



Orange County Chapter

We had a great turn out at the Chapter's 2nd Annual Picnic on Saturday, 11 August, at Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley. A lot of blue Chapter T-shirts were on hand as well as special guests CASSAR President Derek Brown & wife Janet (Thomas Jefferson Chapter, Concord), CASSAR Executive Vice President Robert Taylor & wife Darian (General George S Patton Chapter, Ventura), CASSAR Vice President South Brian Stephens & wife Diane (Riverside Chapter), CASSAR Color Guard Commander Mark Kramer & wife Joann (Riverside Chapter), Karl Jacobs & wife Sandy (Harbor Chapter), music by members of the Los Angeles Fife & Drum Corps, members of the Sons of Liberty Chapter from San Fernando Valley, Mrs. Torres & husband (OCC VP Mark Torres' parents) along with several other members of the DAR Western Shores Chapter & Dolly the Clown, who provided balloon animals & face painting for the children in attendance. Needless to say, a great time was had by all!!

A special thanks to Jim & Un Hui Fosdyck for their efforts in making the event a tremendous success!! Compatriots and families brought their favorite salads, desserts and other dishes. Hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, and beverages were provided by the Chapter. Some members arrived early to help set up. The festivities got underway as Compatriots, family and guests began arriving around 10:30am. By noon our Un Hui Yi was busy manning the grill and dishing out the cheeseburgers and hotdogs from the line that formed to get one's lunch. Besides the socializing amongst our members and guests some partook of the bean bag games set up by Mark Torres. Here is to another fun day in the park with your fellow Compatriots and families. If you were unable to attend, maybe next year. Plan ahead and we will announce when we have a date set aside for our next picnic.

Gold Country Chapter



Chapter President Tony Chakurian inducted three new members (left to right) William Adams, Steven Hoss and Peter Slorp.

General Patton Chapter



Flag Certificate was awarded to Margarida Eidson 11 May for the proper display of the U.S. Flag at the Poinsettia Pavilion in Ventura, CA.

L-R: Chapter President Hal Reniger, Judy Shaw, Margarida Eidson and Flag Chair Kim Thomas



On 11 May Eagle Scout certificates were awarded to (L to R) Ryley, Kyle and Derek Eidson, sons of Magarida Eidson (2nd from Left). Chapter president Hal Reniger (left) made the awards. Chapter member Eagle Scouts of yore included Bill Nugent (3rd from left) and Ed Luth (far right).

Orange County Chapter



Chapter and State ROTC winner Nikolai Zalamea with (L to R) Col Miller, Nikolai's family, Gus Fischer, Orange County Chapter President, and Rob Dickey, CASSAR JROTC Program Chairman.



Rob Dickey, CASSAR JROTC Program Chairman, presenting the CASSAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal, certificate and checks to Nikolai Zalamea, Buena Park High School AFROTC, who was the Orange County Chapter and CASSAR ROTC contest winner.



Orange County Chapter



OC Chapter President Fischer presents a 20 year service pin and certificate to Hugh Richards with Hugh's wife Karen.



James C. Harman SAR 2018 Brochure Contest Winner with mother Rachelle. OC Chapter President Gus Fischer presented the award. Brochure Contest Chairman John Ferris is on the right. James 2nd place at CASSAR and 1st place at OC Chapter.

Orange County Picnic



CASSAR LAUX First VP Darian Taylor and CASSAR First Lady Janet Brown showing the new CASSAR LAUX Chapter quilt







C.A.R. Pages Served at the Spring CASSAR Meeting

At this year's Spring Meeting in Concord, the Society received the services from two Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) Pages which has been a tradition since the 2010 Fall Meeting in Santa Clara.

At the 2018 Spring Meeting, the two pages came from the Sacramento Society C.A.R. in Cameron Park, Sabine Hall Society Sr. President.

The lead Page, who delivered the C.A.R. Greeting to our Society (see below), was Nicholas Cayle Adams, son of Matt Adams, member of the Mother Lode Chapter. Nick is the State Librarian Secretary for the State Society C.A.R. and is a sophomore at Jesuit HS Sacramento. While achieving high academic success, his passion is music. He is both First Trumpet in the Concert Band and Lead Guitarist for the local 80's Cover band MASK. Jim Faulkinbury is putting the final documentation together to bring Nick into the Mother Lode Chapter as a Jr. SAR Member.



The other Page was Nick's cousin Nolan Adams Hall. Nolan is the son of Zak and Sabine Hall. He is the State Organizing Secretary for the State Society C.A.R. and is a graduating 8th grader at Holy Trinity Parish School. Nolan is the Place Kicker on the Jr. Bruins Football Team, and will be attending Ponderosa HS in the fall. Both

Nolan's two older brothers, Mason and Connor, are Jr. SAR Members in the Mother Lode Chapter. Nolan will be joining them soon.

Terry Briggs, CASSAR C.A.R. Liaison, presented the young pages with Certificates of Appreciate and Good citizenship Pins. Earlier, Terry had presented the two Pages with a Facsimile of a Check for \$500 symbolizing the check donation CASSAR had made at the State C.A.R. Conference in February in Rancho Cordova.

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The greeting speech presented by Nicholas Adams at the CASSAR Spring Annual Meeting:

Greetings Mr. President:

Our C.A.R. state society and local societies would not be able to function without the strong support of the Sons of the American Revolution. Your members serving as seniors at the local and state level give us the guidance and help we need with projects, activities and even learning parliamentary procedures.

The project of our State President, Andrew Mees, is the Starlight Children's Foundation. This vital organization's sole goal is to make hospital stays for children better -through game rooms, design-your-own-hospital gowns and tutoring to keep up in school.

The project of our incoming State President, Darren Gillick, is Mission 22. Mission 22 acknowledges the war against veteran suicide and has two treatment programs that focus on traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress – with the goal of preventing suicide and healing our veterans. Mission 22 covers the cost of their intensive programs at 100%.

On behalf of all California members of the Children of the American Revolution, thank you for your continued support and encouragement of our C.A.R. Activities. We are so very grateful.

Thank you



Around the National Society



SAR Annual Congress, Houston, Texas

The Texas Society hosted 128th Annual SAR Congress at the Westin Houston Memorial City Hotel in Houston, Texas, from July 13-19, 2018. The California Society was represented by President Derek (Janet) Brown, Vice President General Kent (Lisa) Gregory, SAR Foundation Board Member John (Karen) Dodd, SAR Foundation Board Member Rev. Louis (Karen) Carlson, National Trustee for Spain Society Stephen (Joy) Renouf, National Trustee for California Society Ronald (Conni) Barker, Executive Vice President Robert (Darian) Taylor, Vice President South Brian (Diane) Stephens, Treasurer James (Lidia) Klingler, Past President Charles Lampman, Past President Robert Ebert, Past President Jim (Karen) Faulkinbury, Past President James (Un Hui) Fosdyck, Arnold (Emily) Burr, Skip Cox, John (Liz) Ferris, and Daniel (Karen) McKelvie. The California Society Hospitality Room was in the hotel in Suite 601. There were snacks and drinks for members of the California Society and SAR leaders from across the country.



California Contingent at NSSAR Congress

Back Row: Jim Fosdyck, Derek Brown, Bob Taylor, Stephen Renouf, Joy Javalena, Brian Stephens, Lisa Gregory, Kent Gregory, Jim Faulkinbury, Arnie Burr, Joe Dooley, Karen Carlson, Lou Carlson, Chuck Lampman, John Dodd, Bob Ebert, John Ferris, Jim Klingler, Dan McKelvie and Karen McKelvie

Front Row: Un Hui Yi, Ron Barker, Conni Barker, Janet Brown, Darian Taylor, Diane Stephens, Karen Faulkinbury, Emily Burr, Lacy Dodd, Karen Dodd, Liz Ferris, and Lidia Klingler

On Friday morning, July 13, 2017, John Dodd (guest) and Kent Gregory (guest) attended the Executive Committee Meeting. The 2018 financial statements, and 2019 budget planning were discussed. No action was taken on the responses to the IT Request for Proposals for the website and membership – the IT Committee was asked to provide more information. The new SAR logo was approved to recommend to Congress. On Friday afternoon, John Dodd (member), Rev. Lou Carlson (member), and Kent Gregory (guest) attended the SAR Foundation Board Meeting. Fundraising Manager Sarah Dennison demonstrated the new DonorPerfect software and the new SAR Foundation website. The 2017 Annual Foundation report was approved and distributed. On Friday evening, the Browns, Dodds, Renoufs, Klinglers, and Kent Gregory went to dinner at Vallone's Steak House, which was next door to the hotel. On Saturday morning, July 14, 2018, there was an optional tour to the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston, attended by Rev. Lou Carlson, John Dodd, Stephen Renouf, Robert Taylor and Brian Stephens. Upon arrival, we boarded open-air trams, and were given a tour of the campus. We saw Building 9, which contained the Space Vehicle Mockup Facility, the International Space Station test modules, and rovers. We went to Rocket Park, and saw a Saturn V Rocket on its side. The first stage of the rocket was originally intended for Apollo 19, which was can-

celled due to Congressional budget cuts. We returned to the NASA museum, and had a sandwich lunch buffet. Mayor Mark Denman of Nassau Bay, Texas, welcomed us to NASA. Retired astronaut Mike Folsum was unable to attend, but Victoria Palmer, a 30-year NASA employee in the Astronaut Training Office, discussed the International Space Station, and launch vehicles. We then had free time in the museum – with 400 space artifacts, exhibits, and shows dedicated to preserving the history of America's human space flight program. We saw space suits from Mercury, Apollo, Shuttle, and Space Station astronauts. Outside, there was a Boeing 777 that ferried the space shuttle, and with a replica space shuttle installed on top. We were able to go inside the aircraft and the replica Shuttle *Independence*. The lunchroom had a full scale prop of the Galileo 7 shuttlecraft from Star Trek.

For those not going to NASA, there was an optional tour of the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum on the campus of Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, attended by Kent Gregory, and Dan McKelvie, Derek & Janet Brown. The museum documented the life of President Bush – his family traditions, service in World War II, career in the oil business, career in Congress, career as director of the CIA, career as the 41st US president, and retirement. There is a presidential limousine, a restored TBM Avenger aircraft, and a replica of the Oval Office and the White House Situation Room. On the grounds of the library is the Presidential Pond, the Barbara Bush Rose Garden, and the Bush Family



CASSAR President Derek Brown and his wife, Janet Brown. Photo was taken at NSSAR Congress.

gravesite, which includes the graves of Barbara Bush, and her daughter Robin Bush. The attendees were treated to a marvelous barbecue lunch, and were serenaded by a chorus from Texas A&M University.

In the evening, the Texas Society Host Reception was held at George Ranch Historical Park, 30 miles southwest of Houston. The park has a 20,000-acre working ranch, with longhorn cattle, and a horse. There was a chuck wagon BBQ dinner with live country band. There was a branding demonstration on wooden tiles. After the reception, the members of the California Society reconvened in the California Hospitality Room for fellowship with SAR compatriots.

On Sunday morning, July 15, 2018, Jim Fosdyck and Bob Taylor attended the Color Guard Committee Breakfast, which added "Honor Flights" as a National Color Guard event. Nancy Barlow received the SAR Molly Pitcher Medal. There was a proposal to establish a historically correct hand salute, which was tabled for additional research. There was a proposal to reduce the term of service from two years to one year for the adjutants, color guard vice commander, and color guard commander, but it was tabled. Ron Barker chaired the Americanism Committee, and the committee selected the winner for the SAR Poster Contest. A total of 20 posters were entered in the Poster Contest, which was an all-time record. A point system was used to determine the winner. A total of five posters were disqualified (two for two dimensional, one for the student name on the front, one was the theme for person when it should have been event, and one the wrong size of poster). One poster was lost in transit by UPS. There were a total of 18 entries for the SAR Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest, which was also an all-time record. For the first time, CAR members who won their state's contests for the brochure contest were recognized by certificates. Judging was done in advance by a committee.





The NSSAR Color Guard at the Congress Memorial Service 15 Jul 2018 Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church, Houston, TX



California members of the NSSAR Color Guard at Congress L-R: NSSAR Color Guard Commander Mark Anthony, Dan McKelvie, Kent Gregory, Rev Lou Carlson, Bob Taylor, Skip Cox, Arnie Burr, John Ferris and NSSAR Color guard Vice Commander Jim Fosdyck.





The final meeting of the Board of Trustees for 2017-18 was held on Sunday morning. The minutes of the Spring Trustees Meeting were approved. Secretary General Warren Alter announced that the National Society had hired a chief technology director, Mick Pitzer, to assist with information technology project management and development. Compatriot Jim Lindley made a motion to delegate the authority for the executive committee to sign an agreement with Crown Castle to place a cellphone tower on the SAR Headquarters Building. Crown Castle will handle all the expenses of the tower, and will pay us rental income. The motion was approved by a large majority. The chairman of the information technology committee presented a motion to associate with Crosby Interactive for website development, and cease requesting requests for proposals (RFPs) for future website development. The executive committee was concerned that the committee presented their recommendation, but did not give enough detail of the various bids for the trustees to make a determination that it was the best choice, and the motion failed. President General Larry Guzy adjourned the final meeting of the trustees for 2017-18.

Derek Brown attended the Knight Essay Contest Committee, where they discussed if US citizenship is required for entrants. Derek Brown noted that the requirement should be consistent among all the youth programs, and that it should be limited to US citizens and legal aliens. The George Washington Fund Raising Committee met, and presented a list of those who became George Washington Fellows in the previous year, including Derek Brown, Janet Brown, John Dodd, and Karen McKelvie. Kent Gregory attended the Museum Board Meeting, which voted to retain custody of reproduction cannon #.533.01, known as the "Intrepid," until a written response is received from PG Musgrave, who was the donor.

On Sunday afternoon, the National Society held the Annual Memorial Service at the Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church in Houston, Texas. The National Society remembered the SAR compatriots who died in the previous year. Robert Taylor participated in the color guard for the Memorial Service.

After the Memorial Service, several committees met in the late afternoon. John Dodd attended the meeting of the Bylaws and Legal Advisory Committee. They reviewed two bylaw amendment proposals from State societies, and recommended rejecting them. Derek Brown and John Dodd attended the meeting of the Germany Society, where they discussed the status of members living in Germany, and the Eagle Scout awards in Germany. In the absence of Chairman Troy Foxwell, Vice Chairman James Jones Jr. chaired the meeting of the Medals & Awards Committee. Bob Ebert attended the meeting as a member. There was a proposal from the Veterans Affairs Committee to amend the requirements for the Military Service Medal: changing "the armed forces of the United States" to "a uniformed Military Service of the United States." This change would expand eligibility to members of the US Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, and members of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps. Bob Ebert made a motion to accept the change to the Military Service Medal, and the committee voted to approve it. [It was later referred back to the Veterans Committees by the Executive Committee]. Kent Gregory and Ron Barker attended the Council of Vice Presidents General, and the current VPGs shared the challenges during the year with the incoming vice presidents general.

On Monday morning, July 16, 2018, Dan McKelvie attended the Orations Committee Breakfast, where they discussed the lessons learned for the year. The Committee has raised about \$480,000 of their goal of \$750,000 for the Orations Contest.

President General Larry Guzy opened the 128th Annual Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution. Representatives of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Children of the American Revolution brought greetings to the Sons of the American Revolution. Grand Viscount General Lindsey C. Brock brought greetings from the Order of the Founders of North America. After opening ceremonies, Executive Director Don Shaw reported that the construction at SAR Headquarters that had been authorized in the spring had been completed – adding 6-7 office spaces for use by headquarters staff. He said that the total number of members of the SAR was 35,882 as of July 10, 2018. It is currently taking six weeks to approve new members and 12.5 weeks to approve supplemental applications. Secretary General Warren Alter reported that the "new" logo presented by the SAR Branding Committee had never been approved for use. The Executive Committee made a motion to approve the new logo for use, and to trademark it for the SAR, and the motion passed. It was noted that the new logo was optional, and would not replace the SAR insignia or other symbols – it would be an additional option. During the presentation of gifts, President Derek Brown presented the annual California Society donation of \$1,000 to the SAR Center. The Youth Awards luncheon was held at the hotel, with T. Rex Legler of the Indiana Society as emcee. Following lunch, the Dr. Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award was announced – the winner was Christa Graves, a high school teacher in Illinois, who won \$1,400. Chairman of the SAR Poster Contest Ron Barker announced that the winner (\$300 cash prize) was Andrew Menard (sponsored by the Louisiana Society). Ohio came in second place, and Florida and Maryland tied for in third place. Ron Barker announced that the SAR Brochure Contest winner (\$350 cash prize) was Madison Elias (sponsored by the North Carolina Society). Indiana came in second place (\$250), and Maryland came in third place (\$150). Darrin Schmidt, the chairman of the CAR

Committee, presented a check for \$1,000 for National CAR President David Graham's national project - America's Lasting Legacy - will honor past and present heroes with volunteering, sending items to deployed military personnel, and raising funds to support injured veterans. James M. Lindley, the chairman of the SAR Knight Essay Contest, introduced winner Katherine McLeod (Texas), and she read her winning essay on the "Ruses, Disinformation and Spycraft." She received \$5,000 for first place. The second place winner (\$2,500) was from Alaska, and the third place winner (\$1,000) was from Wisconsin. Co-Chairmen John Bredenfoerder and John Franklin of the SAR Rumbaugh Oration Contest announced the winner (\$5,000) of the oration contest was Rebekah Doane, sponsored by the Indiana Society, and she delivered her oration at the luncheon. The second place winner (\$3,000) was from Kansas, and the third place winner (\$2,000) was from Florida. Ed Chairman Ed Rigel of the King Eagle Scout Award announced that the winner was James Donovan of Missouri, who read his essay, "How Henry Know Helped to Save Boston." He received \$10,000 for first place. The second place winner (\$6,000) was from Minnesota, and the third place winner (\$4,000) was from Florida. Chairman David Jessel of the Outstanding JROTC Cadet Award announced the winner was Air Force Cadet Major Samantha Padilla of Utah, who read her essay on how JROTC made her a better citizen. She received \$4,000 for first place. The second place winner (\$1,500) was from Georgia, and the third place winner (\$1,000) was from Oklahoma.



Warren & Nancy Alter: The President General and his Lady, elected at the Congress.

On Monday afternoon, President Tom Jackson of the Texas Society introduced the recipient of the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal, Jim McIngvale, known as

"Mattress Mack," who owns the Gallery Furniture chain. He furnished 80 USO facilities, and opened two Houston stores as shelters for people and pets displaced by Hurricane Harvey in 2017. He said, "We are Americans, and we take care of each other." He said it was a sad commentary on our nation that his act of charity following the hurricane was considered "heroism," when it should be considered an American's responsibility. The Chaplains Committee did not meet, and was unable to present a recommendation on the bylaw change proposed at the prior congress to require the SAR Chaplain General be a regularly ordained minister with a baccalaureate degree.

There was a motion to postpone the bylaw change indefinitely, and it was passed. PG Joseph Dooley reported on the SAR Foundation; he stated that \$700,000 was raised in the past year, and that donations could be made on the SAR Foundation website – <u>www.SARFoundation.org</u>.

Chairman Peter Davenport of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee presented the recommendations of the committee. The first proposal was to amend Article III of the SAR Constitution to permit adopted male children to become members of the SAR. The committee recommended disapproval, and the motion failed. The second proposal was to amend Article III of the SAR Constitution to add two categories of membership – Emeritus Members and National Life Members. The committee recommended approval, but there were problems with the proposal, so it was postponed until Tuesday morning. The third proposal was to amend Bylaw 1, Section 1 to remove the requirement that the patriot's residence information be required on the application. The committee recommended approval, and the motion passed. The fourth proposal was to amend Bylaw 1 to add a new section 6 (and renumber section 6 to section 7) stating that National Life Memberships are available to all regular and junior members upon approved application and the payment of the life membership fee.



President General Warren Alter addressing the attendees while Jack Manning looks on



President General Warren Alter being sworn in.





The training lab at NASA with a MIR in the foreground covered with mission patches



The mighty Saturn V rocket that propelled the Apollo Astronauts into space and on to the moon.

The committee recommended approval, and the motion passed. The fifth proposal was to amend Bylaw 1, Section 6 (renumbered to Section 7) to eliminate the memorial membership fee of 10 times the annual dues (currently totaling \$350), as it was considered an impediment to memorial memberships. The committee recommended the proposal be accepted, and the motion passed. The sixth proposal was to amend Bylaw 16 to remove trustee status from general officers, living past presidents general, and executive committee members, and to only allow one trustee (and one alternate) from each state society. The committee recommended that it be disapproved, and the motion failed. The seventh proposal was to amend Bylaw 22 to clarify the date that application dues will be applied to the following year to on or after September 1. The committee recommended the proposal be approved, and the motion passed. The eighth proposal was to amend Bylaw 22, Section 6 to require youth applicants approved on or after September 1 who will turn 18 by December 31 to pay regular dues (rather than youth dues), since the dues will be applied to the following year (when they will be a regular member). The committee recommended the proposal be approved, and the motion passed. The ninth proposal was to amend Bylaw 22 to add new section 8 (and renumber the remaining sections) to add the procedure for applying for national life membership, and requiring the set fee to be paid into the life membership fund. The committee recommended the proposal be approved, and the motion passed. The tenth proposal was to amend Bylaw 22, Section 9 (to be renumbered) to permit dues payments for reinstatements on or after September 1 to be applied to the following year. The committee recommended the proposal be approved, and the motion passed. The annual congress then recessed for the day.

The California Society ordered pizza and salads from California Pizza Kitchen, and had them delivered to the California Hospitality Suite for the CASSAR members and their SAR guests. At 8PM, the Minuteman Ceremony and Awards Night was held. The current Minutemen marched into the room, and the 2018 Minuteman candidates were inducted: Martin Boyer (France), Douglas Collins (KY), Edward Rigel, Sr. (GA), Robert Sapp (GA), and John Sinks (DC). David Billings (AL) was unable to attend, and the president general had already inducted him. Following the Minuteman Ceremony, there was a brief recess, and then the Awards Night continued. The following California Compatriots received the Liberty Medal for being the first line sponsor of ten new members: Alan Brooking, James Cunningham, and Gary Jensen. The following compatriots received the oak leaf cluster for multiple awards of the Liberty Medal: Steven Barnes (2), Terry Briggs (3), Jim Faulkinbury (2), James Fosdyck, Kent Gregory, Russell Haynes, Karl Jacobs, Gary Jensen, Richard McMullen, Raymond Raser (3), Leon Smith, Jr. (2), and Owen Stiles (2). The California Society was presented with the following awards: a Certificate of Appreciation for participating in the SAR essay contest, a Certificate of Appreciation for participating in the SAR brochure contest, a Certificate of Appreciation for participating in the SAR poster contest, a Certificate of Appreciation for NSCAR Activity, the Officer Attendance Award (for state president and national trustee attending preceding leadership meetings and congress), a Certificate of Appreciation for participating in the SAR Enhanced JROTC contest, and a Certificate of Appreciation for participating in the SAR Eagle Scout contest. Partners in Patriotism Awards were presented to the General George Washington Chapter, Gold Country Chapter, Orange County Chapter, and Thomas Jefferson Chapter. California Compatriots received Certificates of Appreciation for chairing national committees in 2017-18: Chairman Kent Gregory (Council of State Presidents), Vice Chairman James Fosdyck (Color Guard Committee), Vice Chairman Jim Faulkinbury (CAR Liaison), Chairman Ron Barker (Americanism), Vice Chairman Dave Gilliard (Branding & Engagement).

On Tuesday morning, July 17, 2018, the SAR districts held their breakfast meetings. Ron Barker, Derek Brown, and Bob Taylor attended the Intermountain/Western/Pacific/Rocky Mountain District Breakfast. Attendees were introduced to district officers, and activities in the districts were announced. Candidates for opposed offices campaigned at the district breakfasts.

After breakfast, the SAR Congress reconvened. Chairman Peter Davenport of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee then finished up the voting on the amendments. The eleventh proposal was to amend Bylaw 22, Section 6 to require dues for memorial members be fixed by the annual congress. Doug Collins moved to amend the proposal to eliminate the irrelevant sentence regarding memorial membership dues be applied to the following year, and it was approved. The eleventh proposal, as amended, was passed. He then returned to the second proposal (deferred from the previous day) to amend Article III of the SAR Constitution to add two categories of membership – Emeritus Members and National Life Members. Due to the problems with the proposal, Genealogist John Sinks moved to refer the amendment back to the Bylaws Committee, and the motion passed. Treasurer General Jack Manning made a motion for Congress to set the dues for 2019 to be the same as 2018, and set the memorial membership dues to be the same as a regular membership. John Dodd moved to amend the motion to set the memorial membership dues at \$350, and allocate it to the SAR Center, but the motion failed. The original motion passed. Under new business, there was a motion to include the current version of the Spanish flag to be placed next to the French flag at National Meetings, which passed.

The Nominating Committee report was presented by Chairman Mike Tomme: Warren Alter for president general, John Manning for secretary general, Davis Wright for treasurer general, Richard Bryant for chancellor general, Jim Faulkinbury for genealogist general, John Thornhill for historian general, Bruce Pickette for registrar general, Doug Collins for Librarian General, Dr. Darryl Addington for surgeon general, John Wakefield for chaplain general, Sam Powell for SAR Foundation Board, and Mike Elston for SAR Foundation Board. Larry Guzy was nominated from the floor to run for a second term as president general. The congress voted 102 to 112 that he had not complied with filing his documents prior to his nomination. A member attempted to re-nominate him again, which was approved by the chair, but the congress voted 108 to 114 to overrule the chair, and he was not permitted to run from the floor. Rick Hollis was nominated from the floor to run for SAR Foundation. All the officers nominated for positions that were uncontested were elected unanimously by acclamation. The credentials committee reported that there were 269 delegates to the SAR Congress. There were two nominations from the floor for vice president general – for the Mid Atlantic District, Lou Raborg, running against Paul Hayes; and for the New England District, David Schrader, running against Bill Battles. Congress was recessed for committee meetings in the afternoon.

On Tuesday afternoon, Dan McKelvie attended the Budget/Finance/Investment Joint Committee, where they discussed a pro-forma budget. Derek Brown and Robert Taylor attended the Council of State Presidents Business Meeting, and the council discussed Jim Engler providing demographics reports for States. The Council elected four members (and four alternates) to the National Society Nominating Committee – George Strunk (NC), James Adkins (MD), Wayne Mallar (ME), and Robert Meyer (NJ). The four alternates elected were Dennis Nelson (KS), Shawn Cox (OH), John Berg (OR), and Derek Brown (CA). The new Council of State Presidents officers for 2018-19 are: President Thomas Jackson (TX), Vice President David Johnson (TN), Secretary Gary Green (NC), and Assistant Secretary Kevin Carr (NM).

Stephen Renouf attended the Historian General's History Seminar on Spain in the American Revolution. The guest speaker spoke about the life of General Bernardo de Gálvez, who was born in Macharaviaya, Málaga, Spain, in 1746. He was the governor of Spanish Luisiana from 1777 to 1783, and he covertly provided assistance to the American Revolutionaries until Spain declared war on England in 1779. Once war was declared, he cleared the Mississippi River of the British, and captured Mobile and Pensacola. In 1783, he was created Count of Gálvez, and appointed governor and captain-general of Cuba. When his father Matías de Gálvez (the viceroy of New Spain) died in 1785, Bernardo de Gálvez was appointed viceroy of New Spain, and he moved to Mexico City. He donated his own money, and raised other funds to purchase corn and beans for the peasants during a famine. He began work on Chapultepec Castle, and added street lights to Mexico City. He sponsored scientific expeditions in New Spain to catalog the flora and fauna. He died in a typhus epidemic in Mexico City in 1786, and was buried next to his father there. The other speaker was Mary Anthony Long Startz, a member of the DAR's Spanish Task Force. She went over different records that could be used for qualifying service for Spanish patriots. There were ship manifests of the Canary Island Infantry Regiments that fought with Gálvez, and military rosters of the Gálvez expeditions on the Mississippi River, Mobile, and Pensacola. There were donativo lists in Mexico, and lists of cattle ranchers, drivers and soldiers involved in the Texas cattle drive. She passed out the DAR tri-fold brochure, Researching Your Spanish Patriots. The SAR Bernardo de Gálvez Chapter (Galveston, Texas) is currently fundraising to build an equestrian statue of Bernardo de Gálvez to be placed opposite the Galveston Pleasure Pier on the Gulf Coast.

John Dodd and Stephen Renouf attended the meeting of the Congress Review Committee, which discussed the successes and failures of the Houston Congress. Recommendations were made to avoid the failures in future congresses. Balloting was held for the three contested races for the SAR Foundation and Vice President General. Ron Barker attended the Council of Youth Awards Meeting, and they noted that the musket that was donated by President General Guzy was sold for \$2,500.00, and all funds were given to the Council of Youth Awards Fund.

The SAR Ladies Auxiliary held a luncheon at the Junior League of Houston. The guest speaker was Kaylin Haverstock Weber, the associate curator at the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, and a scholar of 18th and 19th century American art. She previously worked at the Royal Collection in the United Kingdom, and at the National Gallery in London, England. She is currently the co-curator of the exhibition *American Adversaries: Benjamin West and John Singleton Copley in a Transatlantic World*.

On Tuesday evening, the California Society had their group picture taken by Penny Rogo-Bailes. The President General Banquet featured a speaker from the Boy Scouts of America. He spoke about misconceptions in the media about the recent decision to admit girls into the Boy Scouts. The Campfire Girls were once associated with the Boy Scouts, but are now separate, and no longer have a similar philosophy to the Boy Scouts. The Boy Scouts believed that there was no program like the Boy Scouts for girls, so they decided to allow girls to join the Boy Scouts in their own female troops. President Larry Guzy presented his final awards. He presented the SAR Daughters of Liberty Medal to Ladies Auxiliary President Martha Barnhart, and the SAR Lydia Darragh Medal to First Lady Karin Guzy. He presented the SAR National Medal of Distinguished Service to Wayne Eels (absent) and Rick Hollis. President Guzy announced that there were about 140 volunteers assisting with the Houston Congress. He presented the SAR Silver Sam Adams Congress Medal to Tom Jackson, Larry Blackburn, and Katherine Massey, and finally he presented the SAR Gold Sam Adams Congress Medal to Paul Callanan.

On Wednesday morning, July 18, 2018, the SAR Congress reconvened. The results of the elections were announced. For SAR Foundation, Sam Powell (187) and Michael Elston (187) were elected over Rick Hollis (91). For the Mid Atlantic District VPG, Lou Raborg (131) was elected over Paul Hays (100). For the New England District VPG, David Schrader (121) was elected over Bill Battles (52). The nominations for the offices of uncontested vice president general were presented, including Ron Barker (Western District), Greg Lucas (Pacific District), and Patrick Mesnard (European District), and they were elected unanimously. President General-Elect Warren Alter's nominations for the Executive Committee were presented: Kent Gregory (CA), Paul Callanan (MI), Ed Rigel, Sr. (GA), William Robinson (OH), and Mike Tomme (GA), and a motion to ratify the appointments them passed unanimously. Warren Alter appointed Paul Callanan (MI) as VPG of the International District, Michael Elston (VA) as Ambassador to the UK, Richard Bryant (MO) as Ambassador to the Caribbean, Greg Lucas (WA) as Inspector General, Ray West (FL) as Deputy Inspector General, Nathan White (TX) as Project Manager, Rev. Randy Moody (FL) as Parliamentarian, and Kenneth Goodson (MI) as Committee Coordinator. The nominations for national trustees/alternate trustees were presented, including Jim Fosdyck/Derek Brown (California Society), Stephen Renouf/Charles Alcaraz (Spain Society), Elwyn Spray/David J. Stevens (Hawaii Society), and Charles Smith/Brian Worcester (Nevada Society). There was a motion to elect the nominated trustees/alternate trustees, which passed unanimously. Congress Planning Chairman Paul Callanan announced that the final total of delegates was 271. President General Larry Guzy declared the election of the general officers for 2018-19. There was a motion to have the general officers, vice presidents general, living past presidents general, and Executive Committee members elected as trustees, and the motion passed. Chancellor General Davis Wright installed the 2018-19 national trustees. President General Larry Guzy presented the last of his awards. He presented the Meritorious Service Medal to Brooks Lyles, John Beard, Warren Alter, Jack Manning, Peter Davenport, Bob Fish, and David Jessel. He presented the Gold Roger Sherman Medal to Wayne Snodgrass, Nathan White, Mark Anthony, Davis Wright, Paul Callanan, Rick Hollis, Jim Lindley, Michael Schenk, Walter Timoschuk, Jim Alexander, and David Perkins. President General Guzy adjourned the congress.

President General-Elect Warren Alter convened the first meeting of the 2018-19 Trustees. There was a motion to authorize the president general, treasurer general, secretary general, and executive director to sign bank documents, which passed unanimously. There was a motion to approve the annual renewal of the \$1.5 million line of credit with Fifth Third Bank, which passed unanimously. Warren Alter requested that the new trustees report on their societies prior to the Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. The trustees meeting was adjourned.

On Wednesday afternoon, there was an optional tour to the San Jacinto Battlefield in Houston, Texas, attended by Rev. Lou & Karen Carlson, John & Lacey Dodd, Dan & Karen McKelvie, Stephen & Joy Renouf, Derek & Janet Brown, Robert Taylor. We took the bus to the site of the Battleship Texas State Historic Site where the *USS Texas* (BB-35) is moored. The battleship was launched in 1912, and participated in the Tampico Incident action and World War I. In World War II, the battleship participated in the North Africa and Normandy campaigns, as well as in the Iwo Jima and Okinawa campaigns. It was decommissioned in 1948, and was the first battleship museum. We then went to Juan Seguin Historic Park, and had fried shrimp for lunch at the Monument Inn Restaurant. We then drove to the site of the Texian Camp, where the Texas Society compatriots fired three rifles. We drove past the reflecting pool to the San Jacinto Battlefield Monument, which commemorates the April 21, 1836 decisive battle of the Texas Revolution. We went into the monument, and were shown a film on the Texas Revolution and the Battle of San Jacinto. After Mexico gained its independence from Spain, Stephen Austin had the new Mexican government approve the Spanish agreement to allow his settlement in Tejas. After President Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna revoked the 1824 Mexican Constitution, and combined the provinces of Coahuila and Tejas to dissipate the power of the settlers, the Texians rebelled in 1835. On March 2, 1836, the Texians declared the Republic of Texas. San Houston, the commander-in-chief of the Army of the Republic of Texas, defeated President Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna of Mexico in the Battle of San Jacinto. The Texians slaughtered the Mexican soldiers during the battle in retaliation for the murder of 400 Texians after Goliad surrendered. After the battle, President Lopez de Santa Anna was captured – he agreed to the withdrawal of Mexican troops that were north of the Rio Grande, and to persuade the Mexican Congress to recognize the independence of the Republic of Texas Republic. The Republic lasted from March 2, 1836 to February 19, 1846, when the government handed over sovereignty to the United States. After the history film, we had time to see the San Jacinto Battlefield Museum exhibits. We drove to the area of the Mexican Camp, and then returned to the hotel.

For those not going to San Jacinto, there was an optional Houston Museum District Tour, attended by Kent & Lisa Gregory, John & Liz Ferris, Jim & Karen Faulkinbury, and Darian Taylor. The Museum of Fine Arts had a wonderful collection of paintings from many periods. The Museum of Natural Sciences had the largest collection of reconstructed dinosaur bones in the world.

On Wednesday evening, the Installation Banquet was held in the hotel ballroom. The newly elected Vice Presidents General processed, including Ron Barker of the Western District. After dinner, Chancellor General Davis Wright swore in new general officers, and the new Vice Presidents General. New Chancellor General Richard Bryant then installed Warren Alter as the 115th president general of the Sons of the American Revolution. The George Washington Seal Ring Honor Guard then brought in the ring, and President General Warren Alter took the ring oath. President General Alter gave his inaugural address stating that wanted to support the SAR Youth Contests, and move forward with the SolidLight SAR Museum Project. President General Alter then adjourned the 128th Annual SAR Congress.



President General Alter held a reception in the hotel for the remainder of the evening, featuring margaritas.

On Thursday morning, July 19, 2018, Kent Gregory (member), and John Dodd (guest) attended the first meeting of the new Executive Committee. The IT Committee was asked to prepare a matrix of information on the vendors who responded to the RFPs. The appointments on committees, as required by Bylaw 19, were approved for the Budget Committee, Museum Board, Ethics Committee, Finance Committee, Genealogy Committee, Investment Committee, Handbook Committee, and Strategic Planning Committee. Medals & Awards Committee Vice Chairman James Jones, Jr. presented the report of the Medals & Awards Committee, and the proposal to modify the Military Service Medal was referred by the Executive Committee to the Veterans Committee. John Dodd (board member), Rev. Lou Carlson (board member), and Kent Gregory (guest) attended the meeting of the SAR Foundation. PG Joseph W. Dooley was elected president of the SAR Foundation Board, and Michael Elston was elected vice president.

The California Society had a table at Congress with literature promoting the 2019 SAR Congress in Costa Mesa, California. Brian and Diane Stephens, and others took turns working at the table promoting our Congress, selling 2019 Congress Medals and CASSAR Medals, and selling raffle tickets. The California Society raised \$1,610 in donations at the Houston Congress through the sale of 2019 Congress Medals, CASSAR Medals, and raffle tickets.

By Stephen Renouf, CASSAR Invested Funds Trustee, with information from Ron Barker, Derek Brown, Rev. Lou Carlson, John Dodd, James Fosdyck, Kent Gregory, Dan McKelvie, Brian Stephens, and Robert Taylor.

2019 NSSAR Congress

Costa Mesa

Our California Society will host the 2019 NSSAR Congress in Costa Mesa, just over 10 years since we last hosted it in 2008 in Sacramento. This is a great opportunity for those who have not attended a Congress before to meet

Compatriots from around the country and to participate in the governance of our Society. Because of the size of our membership, we are entitled to some 30 delegates, so many of you can be voting delegates, while many more will be needed to fill the numerous volunteer positions necessary to make Congress a success.

Please see Compatriot Renouf's article summarizing the Houston Congress for a representative description of events. For us, the "official" events begin Saturday, with your choice of tours to either the Lyons Air Museum and the Nixon Presidential Library or the Huntington Library, followed by the host society reception: a Hornblower dinner cruise on Newport Bay. Prior to that we may have a special 4th of July event on Thursday for those of you not participating in your local celebrations. On Friday we will have a volunteer appreciation lunch to thank you for all your hard work. In addition to the regular Congress events, on Wednesday we will tour the Mission San Juan Capistrano, dating from coincidentally conveniently 1776.



There are innumerable ways for you to volunteer as a Congress requires 75 to 100 volunteers to make it a success, and this is not just for Compatriots in the South. We need all hands on deck, including members from the North. We plan to have "greeters" at the airport in colonial dress welcoming attendees. It will take quite a few CASSAR members to staff the registration desk, ensuring check-in and credentialing goes smoothly for our guests. CASSAR members will guide attendees to the busses, ensuring everyone who gets on a bus comes back, as well as a generally making Compatriots feel welcome and attending to their needs. So please contact myself, Kent Gregory or Steve Renouf to learn how you can contribute.

Finally, we have been successful at fundraising to pay for the host reception and other incidental expenses. However, there is still more to do. In addition to our 2019 Congress medal, which will be available at our state meetings, and Congress itself if we don't sell out, we are raffling off not only a beautiful quilt made by Darian Taylor, at only \$5.00 per chance, but also a week in the Congress hotel to stay during Congress, a value over \$1,000.00, for only \$25.00! We will pull the ticket for the lucky winner at the Fall meeting in Folsom, so get your tickets now from one of the regional VP's, or at the fall meeting, or email me at johnldodd@twc.com, and I will get you a ticket. Thanks for you continuing support. I look forward to working with you all over the next year to make our Congress a great success.

John L. Dodd 2019 Congress Chair



SAR Trip to Scotland

President General Warren M. Alter and First Lady Nancy Alter are leading an SAR compatriots and friends delegation to Scotland in May 2019 to honor the service of Scottish patriots on the American Revolution. The trip will begin in the Scottish capital of Edinburgh on May 14, 2019, and will visit the Scottish Genealogy Society, Edinburgh Castle, the National Museum of Scotland, and the Library of Scotland. We will visit Ceres and St. Andrews to honor Founding Father James Wilson. We will visit Gifford to honor Founding Father Rev. James Witherspoon.

We will travel from Edinburgh to Glascow and continue our adventure by visiting Culzean Castle, the Mother Lodge of Scotland in Kilwinning, and the ruins of Kerelaw Castle, once owned by Alexander Hamilton, the grand-father of Founding Father Alexander Hamilton.

We will travel to Paisley University to lay a wreath at the statue of Rev. John Witherspoon. We will visit the university's art center, which is in the building where Rev. James Witherspoon once preached. Immediately following the tour of Scotland, there is an opportunity to visit London, an itinerary of which is also provided.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in participating in the SAR trip to Scotland, go to REGISTER FOR NSSAR HONORING SCOTLAND <u>https://prod.groupandevent.net/Register/SAR</u>. Log in with your last name and the password: "Scotland19SAR" (omitting quotation marks and observing case).

Sons of American Revolution

2019 Program Honoring Scotland Tuesday 14th to Tuesday 21st May 2019



2019 Program Honoring Scotland

(visiting Edinburgh and Glasgow) May 14- May 21, 2019 (Depart US on Monday, May 13, 2019)

Suggested Day-by-Day Itinerary

Monday, May 13, 2019 - Flights to Edinburgh - Day 1

Depart home city airports for Edinburgh, Scotland.

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 - Day 2 - Arrive Edinburgh, Scotland

On the morning of Tuesday, May 14, you will arrive at the Edinburgh International Airport where you will be met by your English-Speaking MAGIC Travel Staff holding SAR Welcome Signs. You will identify yourself to the Guide who will show you to waiting transportation which will transfer you from the airport to the SAR Headquarters Hotel.

Edinburgh is Scotland's compact, hilly capital. It has a medieval Old Town and elegant Georgian New Town with

gardens and neoclassical buildings. Looming over the city is Edinburgh Castle, home to Scotland's crown jewels and the Stone of Destiny, used in the coronation of Scottish rulers. Arthur's Seat is an imposing peak in Holyrood Park with sweeping views, and Calton Hill is topped with monuments and memorials. It is the capital city of Scotland and one of its 32 council areas. Historically part of the county of Midlothian, it is located in Lothian on the Firth of Forth's southern shore. Edinburgh's beauty is both staggering and inimitable. But, the city is far more than just a pretty face. Take a closer look and there's much more to discover. From the rich – sometimes hidden – history that surrounds your every step, to the wealth of lush, green spaces peppered around the city centre, Edinburgh continually surprises, delights and inspires.



The Radisson Blu Edinburgh



The Radisson Blu Hotel is located in the heart of the historic Royal Mile in Edinburgh's old town, just a short walk to major city centre attractions. Walk to the iconic Edinburgh Castle, National Museum of Scotland, the Scottish Parliament and Edinburgh's famous shopping thoroughfare, Princes Street. The hotel is also within easy reach of Holyrood Palace and Holyrood Park. Arthur's Seat, the park's highest point, has stunning views of the Scottish capital and just a short walk away you can drop in at the genealogy at your leisure.

Arriving at the Radisson Blu you will check in for your room at the front desk. As in all of Europe there is the possibility that your room will not be available at time of arrival as most flights arrive Edinburgh in the morning and guaranteed check in time is not until 3 PM. We will of course do everything possible to ensure that you get into your room as early as possible if the hotel is sold out the night before check in may not be possible when you arrive at the hotel. If this is the case we will arrange to have your luggage checked so you can begin to enjoy the fabulous city of Edinburgh right away.

Lunch on your own.

Afternoon, you will have a choice of two activities. The first is free time to visit The Scottish Genealogy Society for personal family tree research as so many of you have requested. This is within walking distance from the Radisson Blu. For those who are not interested in visiting the Genealogy Center we are offering a guided orientation walking tour of Edinburgh. This will help you find your way around this wonderful compact city with so many key attractions only a short walk away from the hotel.

Evening – SAR Scottish Welcome Reception at the hotel. Possible attendance by Lord Provost of Edinburgh.

Overnight at Radisson Blu Hotel.

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 – Day 3

Enjoy a wonderful full Scottish Breakfast at the Radisson Blu before we head out on our day's adventures. We will depart on our day to Discover Edinburgh with our focus on Edinburgh at the times of the American Revolution. We will visit the Edinburgh Castle, Medical Museum (in honor of Benjamin Rush who studied medicine in Edinburgh), The National Museum, and a specialized visit to the National Library of Scotland with curators specializing in the Founding Fathers with Scottish Ancestry. Our guides will tie in the Jacobite Rebellion (1745) which took place just before the US Revolutionary War and which might have influenced the thinking of the "Scottish" Founding Fathers –visits to focus on John Knox, the Church etc. We will visit the John Knox House and St. Giles Cathedral and Thistle Chapel. We will stop enroute of our full day tour for a wonderful local Bistro Lunch.

Return to the hotel.

Balance of the afternoon and evening at your leisure.

Thursday, May 16, 2019 – Day 4

Full Breakfast at the hotel before our exciting Scottish Patriot Day.





Our Journey begins enroute to Fife where we will visit Ceres Parish Church. This is the nearest location to the birthplace of James Wilson. The Reverend at Ceres Parish Church will assist in our honoring of James Wilson by laying a wreath commemorating the birth place of James Wilson. After the ceremony we will journey through Cupar, location of James Wilson's apprenticeship. We will then continue on through Fife.

A prestigious visit and lunch are arranged to Charleton. This house is owned by Baron Bonde whose ancestors are reputed to have discovered the American Continent before Columbus. This theory is given credence given that his ancestors were / are owners of Rosslyn Chapel (which we will visit on Friday).







After we have enjoyed a glorious 3 course lunch with Baron Bonde we are on our way to discover the delights and history of St. Andrews. St. Andrews known as the home to golf is also the oldest university in Scotland. We will enjoy a visit to St. Andrews Cathedral and the castle (both ruins) and the University before heading back to Edinburgh.

Balance of day and evening at your leisure. There are many wonderful restaurants and sites to visit. Another few hours to visit the General Register House for family tree research.

Friday, May 17, 2019 – Day 5

Full Breakfast at the hotel before our starting our half day tour to honor John Witherspoon.



Plaque to Rev John Witherspoon, Gifford, East Lothian

Returning to the hotel you will have plenty of time to make a last visit to The New Register House to research your family tree as well as visit the many wonderful shops and historical spots in Edinburgh. And you will want to enjoy one of the fabulous restaurants in Edinburgh. Perhaps Scotch tasting with lunch at the Scotch Malt Whisky Society. Many wonderful spots.

Evening - Farewell to Edinburgh Reception and Dinner at the famous Gosford House



The Gosford House is the ancestral home of the Earls of Wemyss. Renowned for its marvelous private art collection and home to a marble eagle bust which is thought to have been the inspiration for the US Seal.

A wonderful private evening starting with a guided tour of the house followed by welcome cocktails and a fabulous dinner.

Return to the hotel.

Saturday, May 18, 2019 – Day 6

Enjoy one final Scottish Breakfast at the Radisson before we check out and say goodbye to Edinburgh.

After breakfast we will depart for our next fabulous Scottish Destination – Glasgow. The drive from Edinburgh to Glasgow is about a one and a half hours enjoyable drive. Arriving in Glasgow we will begin our visit with an orientation of the city which will focus on the industrial/commercial heritage of the city as it was from Glasgow that most trans-Atlantic Trade and where immigration departed. We will enjoy a lovely bistro lunch at one of the fabulous restaurants such as Oran Mor or Rogano (or other) prior to checking into the Grand Central Hotel, SAR's home while in Glasgow.



The Grand Central Hotel is located in the center of the city. The Grand Central was originally built in the late 19th-century as a great British railway hotel. The

Grand Central is one of the city's most prestigious buildings and over the years has welcomed many famous guests such as entertainers and political figures such as Winston Churchill. Today, the hotel still attracts the who's who traveling to Glasgow and is still a very much loved landmark in Glasgow's skyline. It is where you want to be – right in the middle of the action such as the Style Mile and the center of the city's many attractions. After checking in and moving into your room, the balance of the afternoon is at your leisure.

Evening - SAR welcome to Glasgow reception at the hotel. Local officials will be invited to greet The SAR guests.

Sunday, May 29, 2019 - Day 7

Included for your enjoyment is a full Scottish Breakfast at the wonderful Grand Central Restaurant.

After breakfast we will set out for our full day tour of the Glasgow surrounding areas. Our day will include Ayrshire Discover with morning visit to Culzean Castle, a visit to the Mother Lodge Kilwinning and to Kilwinning



Abbey and viewing the remains of Kerelaw Castle. Culzean Castle dates back to 1770s, this former ancestral home of the Clan Kennedy is now in the ownership of the National Trust for Scotland.

> Visited by Dwight Eisenhower on 4 occasions, including once when President, resulting in the upper apartment being named in his honor! Next it is on to the Mother Lodge Kilwinning and the Kil-

winning Abbey. Here the group will divide with ¹/₂ visiting the Abbey first while the other half visits the Mother Lodge and then reversed. Lunch is included enroute on the tour. Our grand finale of the day is our visit to the remains of Kerelaw Castle the ruins of the property once owned by the grandfather of Alexander Hamilton. Returning to the Grand Center in the late afternoon the balance of the day and evening is for your enjoyment.

Overnight Grand Central

Monday, May 20, 2019 – Day 8 Breakfast at your leisure at the Grand Central Restaurant We will start out on our half day Scottish Patriot Day where SAR will have a ceremony at Stow Brae Kirk



to honor Rev. John Witherspoon. A commemoration ceremony will be done at the Statue of Rev. John Witherspoon at Paisley University.

Wreath laying ceremony at the Statue on the grounds of Paisley University followed by viewing of the church (now an arts center) where Rev. John Witherspoon actually preached.

Return to the hotel and the afternoon is totally yours to and visit exactly what you wish. There are many options. You may wish to visit the Necropolis, the largest of the cemeteries in Glasgow. You will marvel at the impressive burial memorials. Or you may wish to do one last Genealogy visit at the Mitchell Library.

Evening - Farewell to Glasgow Dinner at the House for An Art Lover

Bid farewell to Glasgow and to all of Scotland in a building designed by the celebrated Glaswegian Charles Rennie Mackintosh. Our evening will begin with cocktails and a fabulous dinner. A wonderful ending to a wonderful trip.

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 – Day 9

Breakfast at your leisure at the Grand Central Restaurant. Time to enjoy one more wonderful Scottish Breakfast before time to head to the airport to begin your travels back to the states or to depart for the three-night post travel program to London.

Trip Price Per Person	\$2,998.00*	
Includes two persons sharing double		
Accommodations		
Single Supplement	\$685.00*	
Additional amount for single		
Accommodations		

*Note: Price does not include air fare. Air will be based on each individual's air city and Prices available at time of booking.

Key Edinburgh Locations Visited



"Outer" Edinburgh Locations Visited



Key Glasgow Locations Visited



Outer" Glasgow Locations Visited



2019 Post Program Visiting London

21st - 25th May 2019

Proposed Day-by-Day Itinerary



London One of the world's major melting-pot cities manages to exude a spirit that is fundamentally British and yet strikingly cosmopolitan at the same time. With its kaleidoscope of cultures, it is still "the clearing-house of the world" as Joe Chamberlain described it in the Houses of Parliament back in 1904. Wordsworth was somewhat more poetic as he viewed the city from the Westminster Bridge early one morning and declared it "a sight so touching in its majesty...ships, towers, domes, theatres, and temples lie/Open unto the fields, and to the sky". And they're all still there - those ships, towers, domes and temples, accompanied nowadays by a host of additional luminary landmarks, from the stunning Tate Modern to the gigantic Ferris wheel that is the London Eye, a legacy of the new Millennium. London is a city of villages and at its heart lie some of the greatest monuments and squares in the world - Westminster Abbey, St Paul's Cathedral, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben....the list goes on and on. Within this multicultural cauldron, the possibilities are endless so that whether you're into dining, clubbing, theatre-going or shopping there's a vast array of ethnic options laid before you. Take a walk in Hyde Park before breakfast (and visit the controversial monument to Princess Diana), go boutique shopping on Oxford Street or designer buying on nearby Bond Street, head to Covent Garden for a spot of lunch while watching the street entertainers, lose yourself in the National Gallery and gawk at the Old Masters for a couple of hours, hit the West End in the evening for one of those household name shows and finish up in Chinatown for a late-night bite. It is no wonder that Samuel Johnson said "when you are tired of London, You are tired of Life." A quote made 200 years ago!

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the Grand Central Hotel in Glasgow before departing for the train station. We will depart the hotel around 8 AM by private motor coach for the Glasgow Central Station.

Arriving Glasgow Central we will board the 9:30 AM (schedules subject to change) Virgin West direct train to London. First Class tickets have been included for all participants. Our train trip is approximately 4¹/₂ hours. In first class you will enjoy food and refreshments included.

Arriving at the London Euston station approximately 2:10 PM we will proceed through to the barrier where we will be met by our SAR London Travel Staff who will be greeting us with SAR Welcome Signs. We will be escorted out of the Euston station and once onboard our coach, we will head to King's College located on the Strand for an SAR reception. Luggage will remain with our private motor coach.

3:00 PM - Reception at King's College (time subject to change). After a wonderful visit to King's College we will board our private motor coach and head to the St. Ermin's Hotel, the SAR home while in London.

Check in at **ST ERMIN'S HOTEL** a Marriott Autograph Collection Property. (or other hotel of equal or higher level).



Located in a quiet corner of Westminster, the political and cultural heart of London, the 4-star St. Ermin's Hotel is just off Victoria Street, about five minutes' walk from Parliament Square, the London Eye, Westminster Abbey and Houses of Parliament. The horseshoe shaped mansion block with a storied past converted to a hotel at the beginning of the 20th century; ideally located near Parliament in a majestic converted Victorian mansion which was built in 1887 on the site of a former monastery.

The hotel retains many of its original features, most notably the stunning Baroque staircase and balcony which rise from the lobby. The hotel offers stylish and colorful guestrooms, a fitness room, bar, restaurant, and tea lounge.

After checking in at St Ermin's Hotel the balance of the afternoon is yours to explore this exciting area on your own. Perhaps a ride on the London Eye to get a bird's eye view of the area.

SAR Welcome Reception at St. Ermin's Hotel inviting local VIPs.

Dinner on own.

Wednesday, May 22nd, 2019

Breakfast at the St. Ermin's Hotel before starting today's activities. 9:00 AM – Full day SAR private tour with the best London guides booked exclusively for this SAR Tour. Our tour this morning will begin on the West End of London. Lying to the west of the old City area, the West End now forms the heart of London, including in its area the City of Westminster, which took shape around a royal palace founded more than 900 years ago where the Houses of Parliament & Big Ben now stand.



We visit Westminster Abbey, where sovereigns have been crowned since 1066. The church has been rebuilt since then, from 1245 onwards, and now enshrines the nation's history, with many royal tombs and memorials of other illustrious figures of the past. We drive past the governmental buildings of Whitehall to Trafalgar Square, where Nelson's Column commemorates a great naval hero, and the National Gallery honors the arts of peace; on into



West End shopping streets and the entertainment sector around Piccadilly Circus, past some of the Royal Parks which provide nearly 1200 acres of open space in central London, and royal residences past and present - St. James' Palace and Clarence House, Marlborough House, and Buckingham Palace where we watch part of the ceremonial Changing of the Guard (weather and schedule permitting). Our tour will include deluxe motorcoach transportation, top qualified Blue Badge guides plus additional guide for Westminster Abbey and Changing of the Guard & entrance fees to Westminster Abbey.

At conclusion of the West End Tour we are in for a wonderful and historical lunch at **YE OLDE CHESHIRE CHEESE.** Stooping to pass through the black wooden doorway of this Fleet Street legend means following in the wake of drinkers and hungry folk making their way over the last five centuries. Inside, there's a deep scent of oak, of ale, and of history. A hostelry has stood on this spot since 1538, although the original

was destroyed and rebuilt in 1666 after the Great Fire of London. Dr. Johnson and Charles Dickens were regulars in the higgledy-piggledy, low-lit rooms, but now you're more likely to rub shoulders with tourists and local businessmen "supping" pints. It dishes up oldens such as steak and kidney "pud" (pie as American cousins might call it) braised pheasant with bacon and celery, or spotted dick with custard.

After lunch we will return to the Hotel. After a day of enjoying the sites of the West End of London the balance of the afternoon and evening are for you to enjoy on your own. You may enjoy visiting one of the sites within walking distance of the hotel, there are many. Perhaps a visit to the London Eye to enjoy a "bird's eye view of the city". It is a must when visiting London.

Dinner on your own. You will want to visit one of the many wonderful restaurants within walking distance of the hotel. Your SAR escort will be happy to assist in making reservations.

Evening at leisure

Overnight accommodation in St. Ermin's Hotel

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and then we are off for a visit to the city of London. The old heart of London lies in the very separate and distinct area known as "The City", which covers just one of London's 610 square miles. It embraces the original Roman Londinium, which the Roman historian, Tacitus, described as a "meeting-place for

merchants of many nations" and it is still precisely that today, one of the world's three leading centers of international finance. Its streets also contain the oldest vestiges of London's history and amidst the power-houses of commerce, there are 40 churches of historical interest, 21 of them built by Sir Christopher Wren in addition to his master work, St. Paul's Cathedral, the city's serene centerpiece. Our tour highlights a visit to the Tower of London, where the Crown Jewels may be viewed within a fortress prison first built to command the city after the Norman Conquest in 1066.



After a great morning and a visit to the incredible Tower of London we are in for yet another local treat. A visit to the famous Borough Market. Borough Market has existed in one form or another for around 1,000 years. While



the exact start date is not recorded the date used as the basis for the Market's millennium celebration, is 1014. Borough, then as now, was a place defined by its position at one end of London Bridge. You will learn the full historical detail of this market and the role it played in London History. Today a beautiful market where you can buy everything and also the home of many wonderful restaurants. We will do both – have a wonderful lunch and time for shopping before returning to the hotel.

Return to the hotel where you will enjoy the balance of the afternoon and evening at your leisure. For your assistance the SAR Hospitality desk will be open to assist with information, and assistance with reservations or anything you may need.

Friday, May 24, 2019

Another wonderful breakfast at St. Ermin's Hotel to start off another wonderful day in London. The good news is this day is totally at your leisure to do exactly as you wish. Perhaps shopping since this is the last day or a visit to the British Museum or one of the many galleries. Everyone has personal preferences of things they enjoy most. So, the day is yours to do just that.

Evening - SAR Farewell to London Dinner. Full information will be provided.

Saturday, May 25, 2019 – Departure Day

Enjoy a wonderful breakfast at St Ermin's Hotel before it is time to transfer to the airport for your return flights back to the U.S You will be provided a departure notice advising the time you need to check out of the hotel, have your luggage ready and time to depart the hotel. Following this information will make an easy and painless departure.

NSSAR Visiting London Program Pricing

Trip Price Per Person	\$1,875.00
Based on two persons sharing Double Accommodations	
Single Supplement	\$699.00

Based on one person in Single accommodations

NSSAR Visiting London Inclusions in Program Pricing

- ⇒ First Class Train Tickets from Glasgow Central to London Euston
- ⇒ Transfer from London Train Station to Kings College and from Kings College to St. Ermin's Hotel.
- ⇒ 4 Nights' accommodations including breakfast and tax at the St. Ermin's Hotel based on two persons sharing double accommodations.
- \Rightarrow Day 1 SAR Welcome Reception at Hotel
- \Rightarrow Breakfast daily at the hotel
- \Rightarrow Day 2 Guided Tour of West End London with top London Guides including entrance fees
- ⇒ Day 2 Lunch at famous Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese including 2 course lunch and beverage including tax and gratuity

- \Rightarrow Day 3 Guided Tour of London with top London Guides including entrance fees.
- \Rightarrow Day 3 Visit and shopping time Borough's Market Place
- ⇒ Day 3 Lunch at restaurant Boroughs Market
- ⇒ Day 4 SAR Gala Farewell to London reception and dinner to include dinner, drinks, and transportation
- \Rightarrow Day 5 Transportation to Airport for return flights to the US

Not included:

- Airfare to/from London and any items not listed as included
- Program Price is based on a minimum of 20 persons with less than 20 paying adult participants price is subject to change.
- Per person price is based on two persons sharing double accommodations. If single accommodations are required, please add the single supplement to the per person cost.





Honoring Our Veterans

The United States of America 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration Commemorative Partner Program



The California Society, SAR joined in a 3 year program (2016 - 2018) with The United States of America 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration Commemorative Partner Program to conduct events and activities that will recognize Vietnam Veterans and their families' service, valor, and sacrifice. Our primary emphasis is objective one.

- 1. To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of these veterans.
- 2. To highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of Federal agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations that served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces.
- 3. To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the Vietnam War.

Living United States veterans who served on active duty in the United States Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, are eligible to receive a lapel pin.

Louis Anthony Conter

Ed: To provide additional details of the remarkable veteran from "The Greatest Generation" who was the featured speaker at Gold Country Chapter's August meeting, the following biography is provided:

Born in Wisconsin and raised in Denver, Colorado, Louis Anthony Conter enlisted in the United States Navy 15 November 1939 and began serving on the USS Arizona in January 1940. Then Quartermaster Third Class Conter was 20 years old when he became one of just 335 sailors to escape the burning wreckage of the USS Arizona in Pearl Harbor

on that fateful day of 7 December 1941. While standing watch on the quarterdeck, LCDR Conter recalled the moment a bomb hit the forward ammunition magazine located between Turrets I & II, knocking him to the deck and blowing other sailors off the side of the ship and into the water, "Guys started coming out of the fire and we would lay them down on the deck because we didn't want them jumping over the sides... When the Captain said 'Abandon ship!' we went into the lifeboats and started picking men out of the water and fire... When the second attack hit, we fought from the water." LCDR Conter spent the next few weeks helping put out fires and recovering the bodies of his shipmates.

LCDR Conter fought on through World War II, earning his wings in 1942. While flying the PBY-5 Catalina patrol bomber, he fought numerous dangerous missions over hostile territories in the Pacific Theater, surviving being shot down twice. On one such occasion, one of the officers said as the crew abandoned the plane, "Say your prayers, men, we're seven miles off shore and we're in 10 to 15-foot swells. I don't think we'll ever be able to swim to shore." "Baloney," LCDR Conter replied. "Knock it off. Just stay together, hold hands and kick slowly 'cause there'll be sharks around. If a shark comes too close, hit it in the nose with your fist as hard as you can." LCDR Conter maintained his



"Whatever happens, find a way to survive," attitude throughout his naval career.

Another notable moment in LCDR Conter's service occurred when he and his crew rescued more than 219 Australian coast watchers from New Guinea, flying up the Sepik River, just off the water with only 15 to 20 feet of clearance. LCDR Conter recounted, "The Japanese were only one mile away. It was one of the biggest rescues in World War II, but no one knew about it because everything about the coast watchers was top secret in those days." LCDR Conter was subsequently awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for valor.

LCDR Conter continued his service in Korea where he flew 29 missions, but his work in naval intelligence left him vulnerable if the North Koreans captured him, and was eventually shipped to Washington, D.C. Promoted to Lieutenant Commander in February 1954, his work with the Navy turned towards survival training in a new military program called SERE, for Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape. LCDR Conter helped establish training bases in Florida and California and in 1965, returned to Pearl Harbor to write training materials for troops headed to Vietnam.

In December 1967, LCDR Conter retired from the Navy after serving for 28 years. In 2017, LCDR Conter was recognized for his heroism in combat when he was inducted into the Hall of Honor at the Maritime Patrol Association. At 96 when this was written, LCDR Conter is one of the last living survivors of the attack on the USS Arizona. There have been many constants in his incredible life, including a love of golf, which began in October of 1945. LCDR Conter has played in six Bob Hope Classics, once with Johnny Mathis, and many other golf tournaments. Undoubtedly, LCDR Conter's greatest love was his wife Valerie who passed away in January 2016. They met in 1967 and married shortly thereafter in 1968. Their beautiful blended family included six sons and one daughter. LCDR Conter is the proud grandfather of twelve and great grandfather of twenty. Each lives with the awareness and pride that their father, grandfather, and great grandfather is a patriot who served his country proudly.

From the Warrior Canine Connection FaceBook page of 19 October 2017

Orange County Chapter Meeting

September 08, 2018



Robert Bud Salisbury: Robert "Bud" Salisbury being presented with a Wounded Warrior certificate and coin for wounds received in Vietnam combat. Presented by former Green Beret Hammond Salley, Veterans' Affairs Chairman.



Steve Lund w Un Hui & Charmella: Vietnam veteran Steve Lund being presented with a Quick Reaction Force quilt by Charmella Secrest, Director of QRF, on right and Un Hui Yi on left. Steve Lund is a much decorated helicopter gunship pilot during the Vietnam War

Riverside Chapter Meeting

September 18, 2018





Wayne Rogers w Un Hui & Diane Stephens: Un Hui Yi on left and Diane Stephens on right presenting Army veteran Wayne Rogers with a QOV quilt.

Central Coast Chapter

President Steve Scully and Treasurer Bill Harris (not pictured) from the Central Coast Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution present a \$700.00 check to Si Tenenberg and his volunteer organization, Care Packs for the Troops. Si and his dedicated volunteers send care packs to the Middle-East and Africa in support of the men and

women who are in harms way. Si's philosophy is to provide for the specific needs of the soldiers. These needs are identified through the exchange of emails with the men and women in the field. Since 2006, Si Tenenberg and his volunteers have sent over 20,000 boxes of supplies. This effort is supported through donations by service organizations, the Dollar Store and everyday citizens. If you wish to donate to this worthy cause, please go to: http://troopcarepacks.org.

The Central Coast Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) have long been a supporter of Si Tenenberg's efforts. The aims of the SAR are patriotic, historical and educational. We have a proud record of supporting law enforcement, military, and fire safety officials for



Pictured sitting is Si Tenenberg and his Volunteers

their outstanding service. We support local schools, ROTC and boy scouts by recognizing outstanding individual achievements. We preserve the records of Revolutionary War Patriots, and encourage historical research of the American Revolution. Any male who is a lineal descendent of an ancestor who supported the war for American Independence is eligible for membership. We are actively seeking new members. For information about applying for membership, please contact Russ Haynes at 805 710 4813.

From the Editor:

In the June issue of the Compatriot, the captions for the photos on pages 55 and the top of page 56 were inadvertently reversed. My apologies to both President General Larry Guzy and Jim Faulkinbury for this oversight.



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We, the Descendants of the Heroes of the American Revolution, SALUTE A Life Well Lived, in honor of the memory of our patriot forefathers, by preserving their vision of the American Dream, for future generations.

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

NSSAR#	Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Date	Chapter
168437	William		Siler	10/3/16	Central Coast
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