



# The California Compatriot

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

## The President's Message

### Compatriots!

Thanks to all of you who participated in our Fall Board of Managers Meeting in November. There is an article in this Compatriot with details on the business meetings and activities. Special thanks go to Riverside Chapter members Brian Stephens, Greg Rice, Gary Jensen, Mark Kramer, Henry Lucas, and Charlie Gentis for all their work hosting the meeting. The Mission Inn was a beautiful setting for our meetings, and the Color Guard was impressive! The Ladies Auxiliary made wonderful fleece blankets for veterans at the VA Hospital. The daunting task at the end of the year is always collecting dues and submitting the reconciliation report to our Secretary Doug Bergholdt. I'm pleased that most of our chapters met the December 31 target for completion. It takes much work by the chapter secretaries, treasurers, and presidents to complete these reports.

Although the deadlines for some of our youth contests have passed, there is still time to recruit students to enter the Poster Contest, Brochure Contest, and Oration Contest. David Gilliard, Tom Adams, and Dan McKelvie would love to receive entries from your chapter. Let's make this a banner year for our youth contests!

On April 14 – 16, you are welcome to attend the Spring Meeting of the Membership of the California Society in Sacramento. Gold Country Chapter will be our hosts and they have great plans for the weekend. We will be electing officers and installing the remarkable Ron Barker as our next President. Everyone is invited.

We have a great state society, due to the diligent work of our chapter leaders in their local communities. I'm hoping 2016 will be an exciting and successful year for your chapter.



124th President, CASSAR  
Kent Gregory

### M. Kent Gregory

President, California Society, SAR

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NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FEES, DUES

NATIONAL, STATE,  
AND CHAPTER

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| NSSAR Fee    | \$80.00 |
| NSSAR Dues   | \$35.00 |
| CASSAR Fee   | \$20.00 |
| Chapter Dues | Varies  |

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

THE NSSAR FAMILY  
DISCOUNT

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| NSSAR Fee    | \$30.00 |
| NSSAR Dues   | \$35.00 |
| CASSAR Fee   | \$20.00 |
| Chapter Dues | Varies  |

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FEES

SUPPLEMENTAL  
APPLICATION

|            |         |
|------------|---------|
| NSSAR Fee  | \$60.00 |
| CASSAR Fee | \$10.00 |

JUNIOR MEMBER APPLICATION FEES, DUES

JUNIOR MEMBER  
APPLICATION

|            |         |
|------------|---------|
| NSSAR Fee  | \$80.00 |
| Nat'l Dues | \$5.00  |
| 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.



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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Next Deadline: 30 May 2016



# The Secretary's Report

## ANNUAL DUES, REGULAR MEMBERS

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

## ANNUAL DUES, JUNIOR MEMBERS

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

## ANNUAL DUES, DUAL MEMBERS

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

As I am writing this, I am in the midst of working on the Annual Reconciliation Report. This past year has been busy considering that we added 238 new members, there were 98 supplementals processed, 30 members were reinstated, we have lost 13 members so far, as Reconciliation Report time is when we are made aware of others who have passed in the previous year or two, and 2 members transferred into our Society from other states.



I want to thank the chapter secretaries for doing a decent job which makes my job a bit easier. Be sure to communicate changes to your chapter's membership in a timely manner so that our records are up to date.

Our Annual meeting will be in Sacramento April 15-16, 2016 at the Embassy Suites. Congress will be in Boston, MA July 8-13, 2016.

*Douglas Bergholdt*

CASSAR State Secretary

## NATIONAL LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: [http://www.sar.org/Membership/Costs/Life\\_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)

## COMING EVENTS

**25-27 February 2016 NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting**  
Louisville, KY

**8-16 July 2016 126th SAR Congress**  
Boston, MA

**14-16 April 2016 CASSAR 141st Annual Spring Meeting**  
Embassy Suites, Sacramento, CA

**29 Sep-1 Oct 2016 NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting**  
Louisville, KY

# Welcome New Members



| Nat'l # | CASSAR | Name                         | Chapter               | Nat'l # | CASSAR | Name                          | Chapter          |
|---------|--------|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|--------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 197014  | 10015  | James Frederick Livingston   | Butte                 | 171538  | 10017  | John M. Horton                | Riverside        |
| 196726  | 9992   | James John Shea              | Central Coast         | 196451  | 9975   | George Robert Clarke          | Sacramento       |
| 186127  | 10019  | George Regnard Sutton        | Coachella Valley      | 180719  | 9963   | Timothy M. Cribbs Jr.         | San Diego        |
| 195975  | 9960   | James Jesse Davis Sr.        | General George Patton | 196169  | 9969   | Richard Franklin Leslie       | San Diego        |
| 196450  | 9974   | Lucas James Ontiveros        | General George Patton | 196172  | 9972   | Karl Peter Mneptune           | San Diego        |
| 196452  | 9976   | Peter Winfield Bueschen      | General George Patton | 79267   | 9973   | George Emery Biles            | San Diego        |
| 196528  | 9981   | John Ward Wilson Tunis III   | General George Patton | 196454  | 9978   | James Stener Arnold           | San Diego        |
| 196929  | 10009  | Keith Alan Thomas            | General George Patton | 196533  | 9986   | Robert James Page Jr.         | San Diego        |
| 197072  | 10018  | Luc Anthony Bell             | General George Patton | 150979  | 9988   | Warren McLlure Alter          | San Diego        |
| 195976  | 9961   | Miller Phillip Paule Jr.     | Gold Country          | 196725  | 9991   | William Nelson Brooks II      | San Diego        |
| 195977  | 9962   | Hudson William Paule         | Gold Country          | 196788  | 9997   | Herbert Wesley Tuttle III     | San Diego        |
| 195973  | 9958   | Harry Alvin Bellows III      | Harbor                | 196789  | 9998   | Richard Wayne Swafford        | San Diego        |
| 196534  | 9987   | Luke Hunter Merrell Jr.      | Harbor                | 196795  | 10004  | Robert L. Moore               | San Diego        |
| 196724  | 9990   | Jacob Rafael Levy            | Harbor                | 197012  | 10013  | Michael Thomas Murphy         | San Diego        |
| 196729  | 9995   | Richard Thomas Dunn          | Monterey Bay          | 197013  | 10014  | Stephen J. Wright             | San Diego        |
| 195974  | 9959   | Michael Glenn Muetz          | Mother Lode           | 195070  | 9955   | Michael Gilman Bland          | San Francisco    |
| 197015  | 10016  | Douglas Harold Drake         | Mother Lode           | 196171  | 9971   | Tyler Joseph Hamblin          | San Francisco    |
| 195971  | 9956   | Phillip Keith Hoge           | Orange County         | 196170  | 9970   | Robert Donald Morse           | Silicon Valley   |
| 195972  | 9957   | Daniel Patrick Shelton       | Orange County         | 196527  | 9980   | Jonathan Cobb Dickey          | Silicon Valley   |
| 196455  | 9979   | Cole Patrick Zehnder         | Orange County         | 196928  | 10008  | William Carlisle Blair        | Silicon Valley   |
| 196529  | 9982   | Philip Edwin Mitchell        | Orange County         | 196164  | 9964   | Joseph Kekai Fortun           | Sons of Liberty  |
| 196530  | 9983   | William Albert Ceceil        | Orange County         | 196165  | 9965   | Benjamin Makani Fortun        | Sons of Liberty  |
| 196531  | 9984   | Patrick William Cecil        | Orange County         | 196166  | 9966   | Joseph Allan Reid             | Sons of Liberty  |
| 196532  | 9985   | Russell Cooper Cecil         | Orange County         | 196167  | 9967   | Kevin Curran Downey           | Sons of Liberty  |
| 196790  | 9999   | Harry Jonathan Pettibone III | Orange County         | 196168  | 9968   | Daniel Jerome Curtis          | Sons of Liberty  |
| 196791  | 10000  | Jonathan H. Petibone IV      | Orange County         | 196727  | 9993   | Edward Lee Lundie Jr.         | Sons of Liberty  |
| 196792  | 10001  | Austin Thomas Pettibone      | Orange County         | 185851  | 10006  | Gary B. Parriott              | Sons of Liberty  |
| 196793  | 10002  | Douglas James Pettibone      | Orange County         | 196867  | 10007  | Richard Lawrence Gildersleeve | Sons of Liberty  |
| 196794  | 10003  | Kenneth James Pettibone      | Orange County         | 196930  | 10010  | Kevin Arnold Lund             | Sons of Liberty  |
| 196586  | 9989   | Mitchell Clarke Laing        | Redwood Empire        | 197011  | 10012  | Samuel Edward Shuster         | Sons of Liberty  |
| 196787  | 9996   | Theodore Kane Pullen         | Redwood Empire        | 197010  | 10011  | Trevor Scott Hogshead         | South Coast      |
| 196728  | 9994   | Christopher William Pappas   | Riverside             | 196453  | 9977   | Robert Wilkes Steuben         | Thomas Jefferson |
| 196796  | 10005  | Alan Ervin Irish             | Riverside             |         |        |                               |                  |

## NECROLOGY

### Farewell Beloved Compatriots

| We, the Descendants<br>of the Heroes<br>of the American Revolution,<br>SALUTE<br>A Life Well Lived,<br>in honor of the memory of<br>our patriot forefathers,<br>by preserving their vision<br>of the American Dream,<br>for future generations. | Nat'l # | CASSAR | Name                         | Chapter          |
|---|---------|--------|------------------------------|------------------|
|   | 150397  | 6820   | Calvin Keith Palmer          | Coachella Valley |
|   | 189964  | 9510   | Richard R. Boster            | Coachella Valley |
|   | 172371  | 8384   | Philip Gilmore Harvey        | Delta            |
|   | 149408  | 6711   | Wylie Frederic Richard Jr.   | Delta            |
|   | 162488  | 7769   | Edward Ernest McPherson      | Gold Country     |
|   | 134192  | 5702   | Walter Edward Davis          | Orange County    |
|   | 151057  | 6872   | Theodore Montgomery Robinson | Sacramento       |
|   | 149332  | 6902   | Lafayette Willard Grover     | San Diego        |
|   | 184011  | 9093   | James Robert Malowney Jr.    | San Diego        |
|   | 175325  | 8562   | Richard Jon Welch            | Sons of Liberty  |
|   | 150011  | 6776   | Frank Edward Denison         | South Coast      |
|   | 168611  | 8184   | Donald Byron Knapp           | South Coast      |
|   | 153981  | 9047   | Robert Melvin Cooper         | Thomas Jefferson |
|   | 102637  | 4043   | John Sidney Kennedy          | Thomas Jefferson |

Ecclesiastes 12: 6-7



## ❧ THE SUTTER CLUB ❧

The oldest private club in California, the Sutter Club was founded in January of 1889, after months of discussions and planning by the city's commercial, agricultural, governmental and social leaders. Among its founders were original “Forty Niners” – men who had come West to seek their fortune in the gold fields. The Club is named after California pioneer John Sutter.

Over the years, the Sutter Club has hosted U.S. Presidents, political and business leaders from throughout the world. Every Governor of California, save one, has been a Member of the Sutter Club. Chief Justice Earl Warren and Justice Anthony Kennedy were also included in the roster of members.

In 1930 the present home of the Sutter Club was completed and opened for occupancy. The grace and dignity of the building has continued for eight decades. The special ambiance of the Sutter Club is still strong in its second century of existence. The Club survived the Depression, two World Wars and the turbulent sixties. It stands today as strong as it has ever been and looks to a future bright and as rich as its past. Sutter Club | 1220 9th Street | Sacramento, CA 95814



**141<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Meeting**  
*of the*  
**California Society, Sons of the American Revolution**

**April 14-16, 2016**

*Hosted by the Gold Country Chapter*

**Sacramento Embassy Suites Hotel**

*100 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, California 95814*

A Special SAR Room Rate of \$149 (Double) and \$159 (King, limited qty) is available until March 24<sup>th</sup>  
Call (916) 326-5000 and ask for the Sons of the American Revolution discount rate.

Rooms are also available on their website: [sacramento.embassysuites.com](http://sacramento.embassysuites.com) – Use the group/convention code: SRV

**Meeting Reservation Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Arriving: \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday, April 14 \_\_\_\_\_ Friday, April 15 \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, April 16

Registration is \$155.00 per person by March 24, 2016 or \$185.00 after March 24. The fee includes meetings, Friday and Saturday luncheons, and the Saturday Gala Dinner Banquet.

Number of Registrants: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$155 Late Registrations: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$185 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Friday Dinner at The Sutter Club: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$52 each *(Not included in registration)*

Non-registered Friday Luncheon: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45 each

Non-registered Saturday Luncheon: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45 each

Non-registered Gala Dinner Banquet: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$70 each

**Total Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Checks should be payable to Gold Country Chapter SAR and mailed with this registration form to:*

**Dave Gilliard, 5701 Lonetree Blvd, Ste 301, Rocklin, CA 95765**

*Questions: Contact Ron Barker at [ron0729con@comcast.net](mailto:ron0729con@comcast.net) or (530) 852-2127*

**Please mark your meal choices:**

***Friday Public Service Luncheon***

***Saturday Youth Luncheon***

***Saturday Gala Dinner Banquet***

\_\_\_\_\_ Napa Valley Cobb Salad

\_\_\_\_\_ Strawberry Fields Chicken Salad

\_\_\_\_\_ Crispy Panko & Herb Crusted  
Chicken with Herb Roasted Potatoes

\_\_\_\_\_ Smoked Turkey Sandwich

\_\_\_\_\_ Tuscan Combo Sandwich

\_\_\_\_\_ Filet of Beef with Grilled Portobello  
Mushrooms & Port Reduction

**\*\*\* Special vegetarian/dietary accommodations available upon advanced request. \*\*\***

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# *From the Desk of the CASSAR Registrar*

## **Registrar Compilation of 2015**

Compatriots, 2015 was again a good year for CASSAR membership and recruiting. Twenty-five of twenty six chapters contributed to new membership and new junior membership. Most chapters added supplementals:

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Memorial Membership | 3   |
| New Membership      | 196 |
| Junior Membership   | 22  |
| Supplementals       | 90  |
| Total               | 311 |

Butte, Coachella Valley, Delta, Gold Country, Monterey Bay, and Yosemite contributed to our success by at least adding one or two new compatriots. Orange County led the way with 43 applications, Silicon Valley and Sons of Liberty with 36 applications each, and San Diego with 34 applications.

Note that it is taking a bit longer to process the supplementals, but most have been recorded. I still have concerns that some of the chapters are still falling prey to the following pitfalls:

- Using the unacceptable Ancestry.com and find-a-grave pages for proofs (this will only hold up the progress of an application);
- Submitting census pages that are not full size and other documents that are not readily readable (cardinal principle: if it is fuzzy, do not submit);
- Failing to underline in red the key proofs on each page of proofs (this slows down my reviewing)

So please take a minute before you place the package in the mail and do a review yourself. Ask yourself the following. Have I (1) submitted a birth certificate for first generation, (2) covered each connecting generation, (3) submitted clear copies, (4) underlined in red each generation in the document so that it can easily be identified; and (5) identified in the upper right hand corner of the first page of a proof the generation to which it refers?

A new requirement has been placed on us this year. Registrars are now required to check California's Megan's Law website, <http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov/> and ascertain if the prospective applicant appears. If the person does, it would be wise to not pursue inclusion into the SAR. However if the applicant questions this requirement and feels that his transgression is minor in nature a request can be made to the CASSAR Executive Committee to consider approval.

Congratulations to all registrars. Continue to reach out to applicants, assist them in collecting documentation, and encourage them to be patient as the application wends its way to final approval by National.

***Owen Stiles***  
CASSAR Registrar



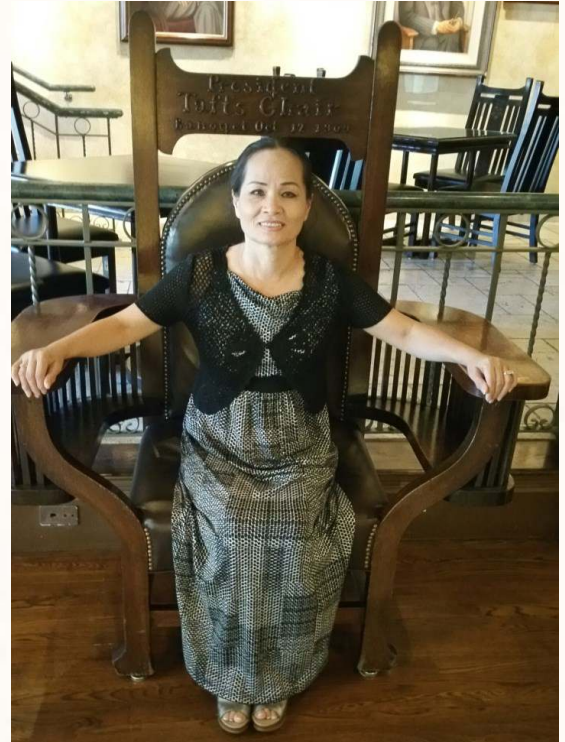
# *140th California Society SAR Board of Managers Meeting*

The Riverside Chapter hosted the 140th Annual California Society SAR Board of Managers meeting (BOM) on November 6-7, 2015 at the historic Mission Inn and Spa in Riverside - a perfect venue for a meeting of SAR.

## **SPECIAL TOUR**

Thursday, November 5, 2015, David Leonard of the Riverside Chapter led tours of the Mission Inn, which started as a small cottage hotel in 1876. In 1880, the owner's son, Frank Augustus Miller, purchased the hotel. In 1902, he named it the Mission Inn, and began a series of building phases over the next 30 years in multiple architectural styles, including Spanish Gothic, Mission Revival, Moorish Revival, Spanish Colonial Revival, Renaissance Revival, and Mediterranean Revival. During the construction period, from 1902 to 1935, when he died, Miller traveled the world collecting historical pieces to display in the hotel, some of which were incorporated into the architecture during construction. There were 4 stained glass windows by Louis Comfort Tiffany that were rescued from the Madison Square Presbyterian Church. Miller had a chapel built in the hotel to display the windows. He collected more than 800 bells, including one from A.D. 1247 – called “the oldest bell in Christendom.” Outside the chapel is the Famous Flyers' Wall, displaying copper wings with the flyers' signatures mounted on the wall. There are currently over 150 copper wings on the wall.

A large wooden chair in the lobby was built for the visit of the portly president William Howard Taft, who was a bit insulted by its width, so he left the gift behind so Un Hui could use it! Pat and Richard Nixon were married in the hotel, and the room is now the Presidential Lounge Bar. Other presidents who stayed at the Mission Inn include Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, Teddy Roosevelt, Herbert Hoover, John F. Kennedy, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, and George W. Bush. Duane's Steakhouse has a famous painting of Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders' charge up San Juan Hill.



*Un Hui in President Taft's Chair*

## **FRIDAY**

Friday morning, November 6, 2015, CASSAR President Kent Gregory convened the BOM. Special guests included Past Presidents General (PGs) Judge Ed Butler (TX), Larry Magerkurth (CA), and Lindsey Brock (FL); VP General-Western District John Dodd (CA); Secretary General Mike Tomme (GA); Registrar General Russell DeVenney (MO); Inspector General Warren Alter (AZ); and SAR Foundation Board Member Randy Ellis (KS).

## **Officer Reports**

The National officers gave remarks to the BOM and state officers then reported.

President Gregory's report: The California Society has made great progress in reducing pended applications from 67 to 27. At the SAR National Congress, the California Society contestant won first place in the Poster Contest, the California Compatriot won best society newsletter, the Thomas Jefferson Chapter Minuteman won best chapter newsletter, and many CASSAR Compatriots were awarded SAR Liberty Medals and Oak Leaf Clusters.

Executive VP Ron Barker described The SAR Conference on the American Revolution at Mount Vernon. It was on the



*140th California Society SAR Board of Managers Meeting (continued)*



*California Society President Kent Gregory calls in the Color Guard*

roles of the European shipping powers in the American Revolution. Ron encouraged compatriots to attend the next Conference in 2016 in Pasadena.

VP South Jim Fosdyck is focusing on membership retention when he visits chapter meetings. He is also getting chapters to participate in the SAR Flag Certificate program.

VP North Derek Brown reported his chapter visits, including assistance to the Redding Chapter.

VP Membership Philip Hinshaw reported that he had referred 13 potential members to

appropriate chapters.

Secretary Doug Bergtholdt reported that the dues collection process is underway, and chapters have been sent their roster from the national database to reconcile with their chapter rosters.

Treasurer Bob Taylor reported that we are on track for a surplus in 2015.

Genealogist Terry Briggs reported on assisting chapters to reduce pended applications at national. Registrar Owen Stiles said he was holding 5 applications waiting for a single document for each, is processing two memorial memberships. Supplemental applications are slow in getting approved, as national focuses on getting primary applications approved more quickly.

Historian Jim Blauer reported that the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Chaplain Rev. Lou Carlson reported there have only been a few deaths. The memorial service will be held at the annual meeting in April 2016.

Invested Funds Trustees Stephen Renouf (Chairman), John Dodd and Richard Hawley reported on the status of the invested funds over the past 12 months, with a slight gain over last year.

National Trustee for California Jim Faulkinbury reported that the National SAR genealogy committee, which he chairs, did a full re-write of the Genealogical Policy Manual. He encouraged

everyone to read the manual and familiarize themselves with it. The National SAR IT committee has rolled out an online application system, which is being phased in. CASSAR has 16% of its members' patriot biographies entered, so we are close to getting the 20% needed for a star for our flag streamer.

As chapter presidents gave their reports, the CASSAR Nominating Committee met in the hospitality room. The committee consists of past presidents Jim Faulkinbury (2014-15) (chairman), Steve Hurst (2013-14), John Dodd (2011-12), Rev. Lou Carlson (2009-10), Stephen Renouf (2008-09), Karl Jacobs (2007-08), and Bob Ebert (2006-07). The committee interviewed 3 candidates for office, and nominated a slate of officers for the 2016-17 year: President Ron



*L to R Doug Bergtholdt, Jim Behrens, Bob Taylor, Owen Stiles, Lou Carlson, Derek Brown, Jim Fosdyck and Ron Barker*

*140th California Society SAR Board of Managers Meeting (continued)*

Barker\*; Executive VP James Fosdyck; VP North Derek Brown; VP South Robert Taylor; VP Membership Phil Hinshaw\*; Secretary Doug Bergtholdt; Treasurer Jim Klingler; Registrar Owen Stiles; Genealogist Terry Briggs; Chaplain Rev. Lou Carlson; Surgeon (no recommendation); Invested Funds Trustees (2016-2018) Richard Hawley, (2015-2017) John Dodd\*, & (2014-2016) Stephen Renouf\*; NSSAR Trustee-California Kent Gregory, and NSSAR Alternate Trustee-California Ron Barker. *\*Officers with a "\*" remain in office, and are not standing for election.*

**Public Service Luncheon**

At the Public Service Luncheon in the beautiful Spanish Art Gallery room, President Gregory presented the SAR Fire Safely Commendation Medal to firefighter Scott Hutchings of the City of Riverside Fire Department; the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to officers Ian Crocker and Strawberry Cruz of the City of Riverside Police Department; and the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal to Brennan Leininger, for creating the Flag for Every Hero program in 2012 at the Riverside National Cemetery, which purchases and places flags on the graves of all US war veterans buried at the cemetery on Memorial Day each year. There are over 225, 000 veteran graves in the cemetery. Their website is [www.honoringourfallen.org](http://www.honoringourfallen.org).



*Lou Carlson gives the benediction in the beautiful Spanish Art Gallery*



*Kent Gregory, Firefighter Scott Hutchings, Mark Kramer, and Brian Stephens*



*Kent Gregory, Officer Ian Crocker, Henry Lucas, Officer Strawberry Cruz and Brian Stephens*



*Kent Gregory, Brian Leininger, Henry Lucas and Brian Stephens*

*140th California Society SAR Board of Managers Meeting (continued)*

**Afternoon Business Meeting**

President Gregory re-convened the BOM with reports by Chairmen. Youth Activities Chairman Derek Brown reported on the various youth programs. Eagle Scout Chairman Gary Jensen discussed using a waiver form signed by parents before using youth names in publications and websites. California 250 Chairman John Dodd stated that compatriots who contribute \$250 to the SAR Foundation are eligible to receive the California 250 Pin, and compatriots and ladies who contribute \$250 to the CASSAR Permanent Fund are eligible to receive the Cogswell Sires Pin. 2019 national Congress Chairman John Dodd reported that it will be held July 6-10, 2019 at the Costa Mesa Hilton. The CASSAR Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck announced that color guardsmen can receive national color guard event points for participating in local Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Independence Day parades. They must get the prior approval of the California Color Guard Commander. This will help color guardsmen west of the Mississippi, where there are few approved national color guard events, earn the SAR color guard medals.

The San Diego Chapter and Riverside Chapter have obtained black powder insurance. CASSAR previously voted to require chapters to purchase black powder insurance before firing muskets. The Executive Committee has authorized the purchase of directors & officers (d&o) insurance, as well as a black powder policy for California events. Carriers considered our chapters too unregulated by the state society to qualify for insurance coverage under the state society. They are still working on finding a liability and d&o policy for chapters that they could recommend for the chapters to purchase. President Gregory recessed the meeting.

The CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary had a museum tour. Mark Kramer led a workshop for members of the CASSAR Color Guard. In the evening was a special dinner at a prohibition style speakeasy – ProAbition Restaurant.



*Color Guard Members with past National color guard commander Michael Tomme after training*

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**FRIDAY NIGHT-PROABITION RESTAURANT**



*Speakeasy Revelers in lineup*



*Billie and Lindsey Brock, Karen and Jim Faulkinbury and Cilla and Mike Tomme*



*Jim Fosdyck and Un Hui*



*President Kent & Lisa Gregory*



*Alan and Susan Brooking*

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**SATURDAY**

Saturday morning, the past presidents met for breakfast and discussed various bylaw changes that should be addressed by the state society. At the BOM the following candidates for national office spoke – Mike Tomme (President General), Warren Alter (Treasurer General), Randy Ellis (Treasurer General), Russell DeVenney (Registrar General), Rev. Lou Carlson (Chaplain General), and John Dodd (SAR Foundation Board). Ron Barker spoke for the absent Larry Guzy (Secretary General). A motion to endorse all candidates running unopposed passed unanimously. A motion to endorse both Warren Alter and Randy Ellis for Treasurer General passed by a majority vote.

Past PG Larry Magerkurth addressed the BOM. Veterans Committee Chairman Jim Fosdyck spoke about Honor Flights. The program is at 130 airports across the country. Volunteers escort veterans to Washington, DC, to visit their memorials. The program pays for the veteran, and the volunteer pays his own way. Their website is [www.honorflight.org](http://www.honorflight.org).

**Action items:**

(1) The BOM approved a motion to raise the fee for receiving a paper copy of the California Compatriot from \$5 to \$10 to more accurately reflect the cost of production and mailing, effective January 1, 2017. Budget Chairman Ron Barker discussed the proposed budget for 2016. After a few modifications, it passed unanimously.

(2) The BOM approved the following resolution supporting the SAR Outreach Education Center and Museum:

*“Be it resolved that the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution, continues to support the National Society, SAR Outreach Education Center and Museum in accord with the SolidLight Vision Plan, requests its trustees and delegates to support continuing the project, and encourages other state societies and compatriots to do likewise.”*

A majority of members present have made financial contributions to the SAR Foundation, and desire that the National Society continue in that direction.

(3) Past President Karl Jacobs presented a design for the 2019 SAR National Congress Medal – depicting a California soldado and Mission San Juan Capistrano (built in 1776) on the obverse, and the seal of the Sons of Revolutionary Sires (which changed its name to California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in 1890) on the reverse. A motion passed unanimously to continue developing the artwork, and gather cost information for a final vote.

(4) A motion passed unanimously that the California Society will apply to be a partner of the 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration program. Chapters and the State Society must agree to do two presentations to participate. Their website is [www.vietnamwar50th.com](http://www.vietnamwar50th.com).

(5) Website: The BOM decided (a) to move all the information from the “Members Only” section of the CASSAR website to the open section since none of the information is sensitive, and (b) that all substantive changes to the website must be first approved by the CASSAR President or the Executive Committee.

(6) The BOM decided to continue the CASSAR Orations Contest using the flash drive submission instead of live competitions.

Trustee Jim Faulkinbury discussed the new online application process. He recommends that chapter registrars sign up on the national website and start using the new online application. Once the application is filled out online, it can be electronically submitted for review by the state registrar. Once he approves the application, it can be printed out to be signed, and submitted with the proofs to the state registrar for further processing. Currently, applications can be processed online or by the old process. Once it is determined the new process is working, national society will make it mandatory. It is important that CASSAR start using the online process so we are familiar with it when it becomes mandatory.



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Ron Barker announced that the California Society Annual Meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Sacramento Riverfront on April 15-16, 2016. The SAR Conference on the American Revolution will be held in Pasadena, California, on June 10-11, 2016. The SAR Annual Congress will be held in Boston, Massachusetts, on July 9-13, 2016. At the afternoon BOM two more motions passed unanimously.

- (1) Chapter registrars must check the Megan's Law database for all new applicants to find out if they are on the sex offender list. If the chapter registrar is unable to check the database, or fails to certify that it was checked, the state registrar will check the database before forwarding the application to the National Society. If an applicant is found on the list, it must be forwarded to the CASSAR President for investigation. President Gregory then adjourned the 140th BOM.
- (2) Any CASSAR member who will have contact with youth in conjunction with Chapter, State or National youth programs shall first complete the Youth Protection Training sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America or the equivalent.

NOTE: You can create an account on the website [myscouting.scouting.org](http://myscouting.scouting.org). Once you sign in, you can take the training class in about 30 minutes, and print a certificate good for two years. The certificate should be sent to Youth Programs Chairman Derek Brown.

**Chapter Awards Luncheon**

At The Chapter Awards Luncheon in the Spanish Art Gallery room, Darren Gillick brought greetings from the California Society of the Children of the American Revolution. Valley Forge Chairman Robert Taylor introduced the two winners of the CASSAR Valley Forge Contest – Jenny Stocks of Newcastle Elementary School in Newcastle, and Nicole Jacobson of John Adams Academy in Roseville. Jenny and Nicole gave a visual presentation on their program at Valley Forge—and being teachers, gave us a “test.” President Gregory presented the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to



*Valley Forge Teachers return to test SAR members  
Nicole Jacobson, Kent Gregory, Jenny Stocks and Robert Taylor*

them for successfully incorporating the valuable information they gathered at the Valley Forge Program into their teaching. They will be able to inspire hundreds of children in current and future classes.

CASSAR Color Guard Commander James Fosdyck presented the SAR Silver Color Guard Medal to James Gill for his participation in national Color Guard events. Commander Fosdyck presented CASSAR Von Steuben medals to Ernie McCullough and Wayne Rogers for their service to the California Color Guard.

President Gregory presented SAR Martha Washington medals to Linda Jensen and Diane Stephens for their service to California Society; SAR Meritorious Service Medals to James Klinger and Brian Stephens; and SAR Roger Sherman medals to Richard Hawley, John Dodd, Jim Faulkinbury, and Ron Barker for the service to the California Society.

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**SAR Western District meeting**

VP General John Dodd convened a Western District Meeting. The only item of business was nominations for National Office. Since Dodd is a candidate, he handed the gavel to Past VPG Stephen Renouf to conduct the vote. A motion passed unanimously to endorse the same candidates who were endorsed by the California Society. Renouf returned the gavel to Dodd, who adjourned the Meeting.

That afternoon, there were break-out sessions for chapter secretaries and chapter registrars.



*Kent Gregory with California Color Guard*

American Revolution. He highlighted that Spanish assistance, including funding and important battles, led by General Bernardo de Gálvez, which swept the British from the Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico. The American Revolution was a world war – the French and Spanish battled the British all over the globe, and prevented the British from committing sufficient resources to suppress the American Revolution. President Gregory presented an SAR Certificate of Appreciation to Judge Butler for his informative presentation. Consul General Francisco Javier Vallaura de Acha of the Spanish Consulate in Los Angeles commented on Spanish assistance in the American Revolution. He was accompanied by Maria Angeles O'Donnell de Olson, the Honorary Consul of Spain in San Diego.

President Gregory presented SAR Certificates of Appreciation to the Riverside Chapter hosts for the wonderful state meeting – Brian R. Stephens, Diane Stephens, David M. Leonard, Gregory C. Rice, Henry R. Lucas, Gary D. Jensen, Linda Jensen, Mark W. Kramer, Jack R. Terry, Charles A. Gentis, Darleen Allen, and Terri Whieldon.

President Gregory called upon CASSAR Color Guard Commander Fosdyck to assign 4 guardsmen to search for and escort the recipients of a special award to the podium. Guardsmen Ernie McCullough and Ron Barker escorted CASSAR VP North Derek Brown, and Guardsmen Stephen Renouf and Mark Kramer escorted Charles Gentis. President Gregory then presented Brown and Gentis with the SAR Patriot Medal – one of the highest medals that can be presented by a state society.

**Saturday Banquet:**

The CASSAR Color Guard advanced the colors for the Saturday Banquet. The Color Guard consisted of Jim Fosdyck (commander), Mark Kramer, Dale Ross, Leroy Martinez, Arnie Burr, Jim Klingler, Stephen Renouf, Ron Barker, Ray Raser, Ernie McCullough, Bob Taylor, Ed Steinbeck (AZ), Dan McKelvie, Larry Wood, Charlie Gentis, Wayne Rogers, Doug Bergholdt, Jim Olds, and Melvin Harrell. It was preceded by fifers Matt Noell and Leo Carlin.

Past NSSAR PG Judge Ed Butler (TX) was the guest speaker for the banquet. Judge Butler has authored a new book about the Spanish role in the



*Seated l to R-Iris Engstrand, professor of History at USD, Ambassador Francisco Javier Vallaura de Acha, Consul General of Spain in Los Angeles and Maria Angeles O'Donnell-Olson the Honorary Consul of Spain in San Diego.*

*Standing l to R: Elizabeth Martinez, Leroy Martinez, Steve Renouf, Joy Renouf, Ed Butler, Phil Hinshaw and Mary Hinshaw.*

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*Kent Gregory presents General George Washington Medal to Linda Jensen and Diane Stephens*



*Kent Gregory presents Silver Roger Sherman medal to John Dodd, Jim Faulkinbury and Ron Barker*



*Kent Gregory presents Charlie Gentis and Derek Brown with the Patriot Medal*



*CASSAR LAUX members with the blankets that they made for the Wounded Warriors at VA facilities this weekend*

*By Stephen Renouf, CASSAR Chairman of the Trustees of the Invested Funds, with information from President Kent Gregory and Vice President South Jim Fosdyck.*



*California Color Guard at closing ceremonies*



*Special Events: DAR Anniversary,  
Honor Flight, National Honor Guard*



*California Society, SAR Color Guard at the Santa Monica Chapter, DAR celebration of the 125th anniversary of the DAR. L to R back row: Kent Gregory, Kevin Schellman, Jim Klingler and Mark Kramer. Middle row: Brian Merrell, Bob Taylor, John D., John C., Dan Henry. Front row: Karl Jacobs, Dan Henry, Jim Blauer, Christopher Keene and Jim Fosdyck*

*Veterans, active duty military personnel & first responders await Honor Flight WWII Veterans at LAX; 25 Oct 2015 (Col. David Smith USAF (ret), on the left wearing a flight suit, is the president of the Sons of Liberty Chapter).*



*NSSAR Honor Guard sentinels  
at the Tomb of George & Martha Washington  
19 Sep 2015.  
Jim Fosdyck and Karl Jacobs left rear*

# *Veteran's Day*



*Santa Barbara Chapter Members at Veteran's Day Parade*

*L to R: Michael Hardwick, Jeff Weinbender, Gavin Garrison, Gregg Garrison, Bob Niehaus, Stu Morse (Commander) & Steve Sawin.  
Photo by Fritz Olenberger*



*Sonora High School Army JROTC Raider Battalion Commander Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Kim and NSSAR Color Guard Adjutant Jim Fosdyck place a wreath near the base of the flagpole. during Veteran's Day Flag raising ceremony*



*Sacramento Chapter in the Sacramento Veterans Day Parade*

*Veteran's Day (continued)*



*Mother Lode Chapter at Veteran's Day Event in Placerville*



*Redlands Chapter Michael Harrell, Charles Frye, Christopher Harrell, Melvin Harrell (Riverside Chapter, SAR) march in the Riverside Veterans' Day Parade*



*Eagle Chapter with Steve Clugston as George Washington, Wayne Rogers, Bill Bishop, and Jerry Sayre at Murietta Veteran's Day Parade*



*San Jose Parade Participants: Doug Bergtholdt, Jason Giaimo (YAPs\*), Jim Niforopulos, Mike Montgomery, Terry Briggs, Dwayne Meyer, David Crowder, Jim Hollabaugh, Chris Palmer, David Valadez, (guest), Ranney Thayer (SVSAR Associate), Jeff Sylvan (Delta Chapter), John Humphrey (Delta Chapter), Gary Overby (Delta Chapter)*

*\*YAPS is Young American patriots, an ethnically-diverse youth fife & drum corps founded, funded, trained and uniformed by Mr. & Mrs. Giaimo.*

## *NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting*

The NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting was at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky September 24-26, 2015. The California Society was represented by President Kent and Lisa Gregory, Executive VP (EVP) Ron and Conni Barker; VP South Jim and Un Hui Fosdyck; VP North Derek Brown; NSSAR VP General - Western District John Dodd; NSSAR Trustee-California Jim Faulkinbury, Past Presidents Charles Lampman, Robert Ebert, Karl Jacobs, Stephen and Joy Renouf, and Rev. Lou Carlson; Tom Adams, and Ray Raser.

Thursday afternoon, President Gregory attended the Museum Board meeting, where a progress report was made by the Standing Exhibits Subcommittee on the revised SolidLight Content Matrix. Options for implementation of the museum gallery proposals will be brought before the Trustees at the 2016 Spring Meeting. The Sub-Committee on Temporary Exhibits discussed ideas and available space for temporary exhibits to be opened each spring to run to the end of the year.

EVP Barker attended the Strategic Planning Committee meeting on Thursday afternoon. He will serve on two subcommittees, Education, and Patriotic Outreach. Education's goal is to educate citizens with an accurate understanding of our nation's founding and history. Patriotic Outreach's goal is to inspire within our nation a sense of pride based on the principles on which our nation was founded.

Thursday evening, there was a candidates' forum. John Dodd is running for the SAR Foundation Board, and Rev. Lou Carlson is running for Chaplain General. Both gave campaign speeches.

Friday, the national committees met. Past President Renouf chaired the Medals & Awards Committee, attended by VP South Fosdyck and Past Presidents Carlson, Ebert, and Jacobs (guest). The committee approved the Texas Society Pin.

Trustee Faulkinbury attended the Patriot Biographies Committee as a guest to find out that committee's progress toward reaching its goal of posting 5000 biographies on the SAR website by Congress 2016, as an aid to future research. 3,685 patriot biographies have been processed (476 since 2015 Congress). The streamer program set up by PG Brock has been extended. If a chapter or State Society submits bios for 20% of its membership, calculated by dividing the number of bios submitted by the number of members as of January 1, 2015, it will receive a streamer. For each additional 20%, it receives a silver star for the streamer and at 100%, a gold star. The bios are not limited to those for a member's own patriot ancestors. Bios submitted by more than one member will be considered for credit if the bio adds new information. They should be 200 to 500 words, and in addition to a description of the service, they should contain information on birth, marriage, death and any children.

Trustee Faulkinbury and Past President Jacobs attended the meeting of the Membership Committee, where they discussed "Operation Ancestor Search" in conjunction with Ancestry.com's database of pre-1970 SAR record copies on their website. The system is set up to notify the National Society of interest in membership if someone downloads a record copy for the website to their own tree. A query is then generated to that potential applicant to see if he is interested in joining the SAR, and if the response is yes, the National Society is notified and, from the information provided, the appropriate State Society will be notified to begin contact. This only happens if the individual downloads the record copy to his "tree," not if the person simply looks at a download for the record. The status of revising various SAR forms and pamphlets was discussed. Mike Tomme requested the Committee to form a subcommittee to establish guidelines &/or provide information/assistance to chapter "mentors" for new members. The mentors would reach out to new members to find out their interests, and what might be of value to their family members. They should help new members to get involved so they will become active members & not lost due to lack of interest.



## *NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting (continued)*

Trustee Faulkinbury chaired the Genealogy Committee meeting, attended by President Gregory, VP South Fosdyck, and Ray Raser. Two subcommittees provided recommendations about issues raised at the Spring Leadership Meeting. First was our “grandfathering” policy on acceptability of DAR record copies so that those approved on or after January 1, 1985 would be accepted as evidence unless flagged by the DAR as having problems. It was questioned if we should continue our grandfather policy regarding DAR record copies since this policy now allowed the use of many previously unacceptable DAR record copies. The recommendation to rescind the current policy on grandfathering using DAR record copies passed. Second, they discussed whether to recommend to the Bylaws Committee that Bylaw 1, Sec. 5 (grandfathering using older SAR record copies) should be revised. A recommendation to propose a change failed.

A subcommittee lead by Genealogist General John Sinks developed a revised Genealogy Policy Handbook consolidating all the rules of evidence approved/amended up to September 25, 2015 into a single Genealogy Policy Manual. Their recommendation passed unanimously. An issue arose between the Spring and Fall meetings about Spanish service in Louisiana. The current policy on Spanish service only covered the Spanish Navy in support of Galvez for the period between December 24, 1776 (when Spain began secretly supplying the patriots) and June 19, 1779 (when the formal Declaration of War occurred). The revised policy now allows credit for service in the Spanish Army, Navy, and militia in support of Galvez in the Gulf of Mexico between Texas and Florida, along the Mississippi River, or members of the Louisiana Infantry Regiment between December 24, 1776 and November 26, 1783. The policy also clarifies the geographic boundaries by changing “bounded by the area now included in the present day United States of America” to “bounded within the area....” Sinks presented 3 proposed Bylaw changes, all of which the committee endorsed. Two were technical: (1) remove the requirement in Bylaw 1, Sec. 1 that applications be submitted in duplicate, & (2) correct ambiguous language in Bylaw 1, Sec. 5. Change #3 was to add the Genealogy Committee to the list of Standing Committees in Bylaw 18, Sec. 1, since the Genealogy Committee develops the policies for membership eligibility, and the Genealogy Committee is presupposed in other Bylaws but not specified in the Bylaws. The Committee has made extensive use of ShareFile providing all members with the documentation and recommendations for all of the above decisions 30 days in advance of the meeting, which made for a smooth meeting.

The Premium Membership Medals Committee met with Chairman Renouf, John Dodd, Rev. Lou Carlson and Karl Jacobs participating. The committee discussed the possible creation of gold or gilt silver supplemental stars for the SAR neck ribbon. Chairman Renouf will follow through with City Pride to get details and prices. The committee also discussed advertising for the premium items – membership medal, cuff links, tie bars, etc. Possibilities include putting a flyer in new applicant packets and in Congress/Leadership meeting packets.

VPG John Dodd attended the Bylaws & Legal Advisory Committee. It referred back to Indiana a proposal that the bylaws be amended so that general officers (other than VPGs) serve 2 year terms.

EVP Barker made 2 motions at the Americanism Committee that were approved: (1) that the point value of all youth programs be doubled on the President General Cup to encourage chapter participation; and (2) that a National Poster Chairman be appointed. He recommended that Dave Gilliard, California elementary poster chairman, be appointed as the National Chairman for the poster contest. CASSAR member Dave Gilliard was appointed.

EVP Barker chaired the Patriotic Outreach Committee. He announced that the Boys State Committee has been merged into the Patriotic Outreach Committee. Three goals have been established: (1) increase chapter participation in Partners in Patriotism across SAR by at least 5%; (2) establish participation by overseas societies in Wreaths Across America; and (3) encourage SAR participation in American Legion's Boys State, including establishing a list of States and Chapters that participate.

Past President Jacobs, vice chairman of the Library & Archives Committee, reports that they discussed digitizing records and the status of construction in the headquarters building.

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EVP Barker, VP South Fosdyck and Past President Jacobs attended the Color Guard Committee. They discussed color guard events from Congress through the end of 2015. The committee adopted a proposal to recognize Independence Day, Memorial Day, and Veterans Day events as National Color Guard Events (for purposes of qualifying for the Silver Color Guard Medal). Only one event per day will be recognized. It is not retroactive – first qualifying event will be Veterans Day 2015.

Trustee Faulkinbury is vice chairman of the CAR Liaison Committee. They discussed the CAR Activity Streamer and established a deadline of March 1 for submission. They also discussed youth protection for SAR members involved in youth activities. The Committee will be working on guidelines for the Gold and Silver CAR Medals of Appreciation. They will also be looking into GoToMeeting and ShareFile for future committee work.

The Spanish Patriots Committee, now renamed the Foreign Patriots Committee, met, led by Vice Chairman Renouf and attended by Past President Chuck Lampman. Renouf discussed expanding the committee to include members of the Germany Society, and to develop ways to recruit foreign members and Americans living in foreign countries to our SAR foreign societies.

VP South Fosdyck attended the Public Service and Heroism Committee meeting. They discussed asking all state societies to appoint a public service and heroism chairman as a point of contact for the national committee

Past President Jacobs, vice chairman of the Historic Sites/Celebrations/Reenactments Committee, reports that they reviewed the events/schedule for the remainder of year.

President Gregory attended the SAR Conference on the American Revolution Committee meeting. The 2016 Conference will be in Pasadena June 10 to 12, with some events at the Huntington Library. The theme is “Empires of Liberty and the American Revolution.” The call for papers has been released.

Trustee Faulkinbury attended the SAR 1000/GWF Breakfast and Awards, followed by a presentation on using ShareFile and freeconferencecall.com for use in committee and other SAR business.

Medals & Awards Chairman Stephen Renouf presented the recommendations of that Committee to the Executive Committee. They were approved unanimously.

## **Trustees Meeting**

At the Trustees Meeting Jim Faulkinbury served as Trustee for the California Society, Stephen Renouf as Trustee for the Spain Society, and VPG John Dodd as a General Officer Trustee. New VPG Robert Cunningham of the Central District was sworn in, as were trustees who were not sworn in at the Louisville Congress. The trustees were given a report from John Murphy of SolidLight (the company that will plan and execute the SAR Museum). They saw a video presentation of a walkthrough of the SAR Museum proposal. The Trustees will receive additional information prior to their Spring 2016 meeting, when funding to proceed is to be voted upon.

IT Committee Chairman Bill Marrs reported on IT enhancements, and that the Executive Committee had approved a November 1, 2015 deadline to switch over to the new online application submission system. There was a spirited debate on this so it was tabled until after lunch. After lunch, a motion prepared by past PG Joe Dooley, Bill Marrs and Faulkinbury was approved. It provided to (a) remove the November 1, 2015 deadline for switching to online application submission, (b) require the acceptance of both paper and online applications, (c) have the new system evaluated at the Spring Leadership Meeting to ensure there are no problems before eliminating the paper applications, and (d) allow State and Chapter Registrars time to become familiar with the new system.

The Trustees also approved a motion to set aside the \$200,000 previously approved for the electrical panel and elevator, and replace it with approval of \$275,000 for the electrical panel and 2nd floor buildout. Past PG Lindsey Brock announced that the nominating committee would consist of the 5 most recent PGs – Joe Dooley, Steve Leishman, Larry Magerkurth, David Simpson, and Ed Butler; the 4 candidates from the Council of State Presidents – Addington, Ashley,

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Burley and Lyles; and 2 trustees – Rudy Byrd and Lanny Patten. PG Tom Lawrence presented the Meritorious Service Medal to Rick Kincaid, who chaired the Operation Ancestry Search Program. Unfortunately, Ancestry.com did not renew the agreement.

Bill Marrs reported to the trustees that ShareFile software is now being used to manage distributing information to the trustees, committees, and members. Headquarters is working on digitizing SAR Applications, supporting documentation, SAR Magazine issues, and Library books, and will work on creating a searchable index. Director of Education Colleen Wilson reported on the enhancements to SAR Outreach Education. Information can be found on Education.SAR.org – information on field trips, youth programs, articles, speeches, and patriot biographies. SAR Building Project Manager Nathan White gave a report on the construction projects. We are still waiting for approval to

place the Sons of Liberty Statue in front of the headquarters building, but approval should be soon. Potential liability from the city damaging our sewer line was discussed, as well as construction on the electrical panel and second floor.



*"Sons of Liberty - 1775" statue in front of SAR Headquarters*

Tom Jackson gave a report on what the SAR can do to influence American History curriculum to include the American Revolutionary Period. Part of our mission is to preserve the history of our patriot ancestors, and influence schools and textbooks to restore Revolutionary War history and the formation of the United States. We need to influence the companies that produce school testing, and also

partner with other groups, such as Khan Academy, and look into producing history content for their courses.

Congress Planning Chairman Paul Callanan presented a video of the SAR Congress in Boston. Friday will feature a Duck Tour and visit to Faneuil Hall. Saturday will include a tour of Lexington and Concord and the host reception. Sunday will include the Memorial Service at the Old South Church, committee meetings & the First Lady's Tea. Congress will meet Monday to Wednesday, after which will be a tour of the John Adams and John Q. Adams Home, and the Boston Tea Party Site.

Treasurer General Larry Guzy reported on the tax credits. The Trustees approved a motion to pay down the credit line with the tax credit money. Guzy presented the Outreach Education funding request for tables and chairs (so the SAR no longer needs to rent them for events at headquarters), upgrading cameras and security in the building, and purchasing education video equipment. Bill Marrs presented the IT funding request for future enhancement – including donor tracking, upgrading the SAR store software, enhancing the member management system to issue dues notices, enhancing the patriot ancestor module, and creating an events module. The Trustees approved spending \$108,000 for IT enhancements.

VPG Dodd attended the meeting of the Council of VPs General where they discussed activities in their districts, and a proposal to reconfigure several districts and add a new district, so as to better equalize numbers of states & population. Trustee Faulkinbury served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Mexico Society Meeting, which was attended by Past Presidents Ebert and Jacobs. The Mexico Society reviewed their finances and discussed the SAR 2016 Congress Mexico Society Fiesta. They also discussed getting more recognition by entering the various streamer programs.

Michael Elston presented the King's College London proposal for funding an SAR George Washington Visiting Professor at King's College for 3 to 5 years to study the King George III papers. King's College is in the process of digitizing the papers, and will make them available to a few select partners for a 5-year period prior to releasing them to

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the general public. This is an exciting opportunity to partner with King's College in the study of these papers.

King George III's reign was during the period of the SAR's interest, 1750-1800, so the bulk of the papers likely deal with this period, presenting the opportunity to discover new information about the American Revolution, potentially helping to raise the profile of SAR, since it will be prominently displayed as a partner in all the materials, traveling exhibits, and possible BBC documentary. There was a spirited debate pro and con. The trustees voted 40-23 to fund the SAR George Washington Visiting Professor at King's College for three years, with an option to renew for two more years. Scholars will be able to access the digitized records at the SAR Library during this period.

Randy Ellis presented the 2016 Proposed Budget. A motion to rescind the \$5,000 increase in the President General Allowance was defeated and the budget was adopted.

President Gregory and EVP Barker attended the meeting of the Council of State Presidents, where they discussed liability insurance issues, and shared problems and concerns in their state societies.

VPG Dodd, and Past President Renouf attended the Congress Planning Committee. Reports were given on the following Congresses: 2016 (Boston), 2017 (Knoxville, TN), 2018 Congress in (Houston), and 2019 (Orange County, CA). The Virginia Society and the New Jersey/Pennsylvania Society each made a proposal for the 2020 Congress, VA for Richmond or Norfolk, and NJ/PA for Philadelphia. The Committee chose Virginia.

VP North Brown participated in the Eagle Scout Committee meeting, where 6 new applications for the Robert E. Burt Award were approved.

EVP Barker attended the Education Committee meeting. He will be working on subcommittees to vet educational programs that might be worthy of NSSAR recognition and endorsement.

## **Banquet**

At the Saturday night banquet the honored guest was President General William C. Gist, Jr. (1995-96). The 2015 National Eagle Scout Winner, Padraic Hennessey spoke about his experiences with scouting. PG Tom Lawrence introduced the 2014 winner of the Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award, Doug Logan of Boone County, Kentucky, who gave an inspiring presentation on the techniques he uses to teach history. He ended with the quote: "*History is to a nation what memory is to an individual.*" CASSAR Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck, Ron Barker and Stephen Renouf participated in the National Color Guard for retiring the colors.

*By Stephen Renouf, NSSAR Trustee for the Spain Society, with information from President Kent Gregory, VPG John Dodd, Trustee Jim Faulkinbury, Executive VP Ron Barker, VP South Jim Fosdyck, VP North Derek Brown, and Past President Karl Jacobs.*



*Saturday Night Banquet-Standing L to R Ray Raser, Conni and Ron Barker Seated L to R Jim Fosdyck, Un Hui Yi, Stephen and Joy Renouf, Lisa and Kent Gregory and Derek Brown*



# *First Lady Inspires Honor Flight Participation By Ladies Auxiliary*



*Ladies Auxiliary members Orange County's Un Hui and San Diego's Gail Raser talk to wife of WW II Veteran Bob Stetson at Honor Flight activities in October*

At the SAR Fall Leadership Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon First Lady Mickey Jo Lawrence issued a challenge to the ladies to get involved in programs to benefit veterans and their families. Not only did the auxiliary make blankets for the VA, but two SAR Ladies Auxiliary members accepted the challenge and went one step further, Un Hui Yi, her husband Compatriot Jim Fosdyck, Gail Raser and her husband Compatriot Ray Raser participated in a welcome home greeting of 91 World War II Veterans by Honor Flight in San Diego, California, Sunday, October 4, 2015.

Honor Flight San Diego (HFSD) is a non-profit branch of the nationwide Honor Flight Network which consists of over 130 independent "hubs" across America. HFSD escorts veterans to Washington D.C. to see their memorials using monies donated by individuals, foundations, associations, business owners and corporations who wish to recognize their contributions and thank them for their service and sacrifice to the United States and its citizens. Additional information about Honor Flight San Diego see their webpage at: [www.honorflightsandiego.org](http://www.honorflightsandiego.org)



*Left to Right Ray and Gail Raser, and Un Hui and Jim Fosdyck at Honor Flight in San Diego*



*Arnie Burr, Kern County Chapter escorts WWII veteran Buck Turner at Honor Flight in Washington DC in October*

*Wreaths Across America December 12, 2015*



*Gold Country Chapter members Dale Ross, Gordon Clark, Ron Barker, Coordinator Paula Celick, Barry Hopkins, Keith Bigbee and Dave Gilliard at first Auburn city cemetery Wreaths Across America.*



*SD Chapter Ray Raser, Ernie McCullough, Philip Hinshaw, Richard Palmer, San Diego KUSI newscaster Dave Scott, Commander William Tisch*



*Kern County: Kerry Adams, Jon Keith, Will Flickinger, Arnie Burr, and CAR member Ben*



*Silicon Valley at Golden Gate National Cemetery: Terry Briggs, Doug Bergtholdt, John Kohli, & associate Ranney Thayer with Daly City Honor Guard*



*Sacramento at Sacramento Valley Nat Cemetery David Beach, Russ Kaiser, Jim Faulkinbury, Alan Brooking, and Ernie Garcia*



*Riverside Chapter: Mark Kramer, David Leonard, Brian Stephens, Henry Lucas, Gary Jensen, Charlie Gentis and Christopher Keene*

# *Wreaths Across America December 12, 2015*



*Wreaths Across America L to R; Orange County Matt Noell (fifer), Leo Carlin (drummer), Jim Fosdyck, Dan McKelvie, Karl Jacobs (Harbor Chapter), Jim Olds (Harbor), John Dodd, Spencer Knock (Silicon Valley Chapter), John Ferris, Luke Merrell (Harbor), Dan Henry, Brian Merrell (Harbor) and (General George Washington) Dan Shippey.*



*Redwood Empire president James Beatty with wreath for revolutionary war veteran William Smith, the only revolutionary war veteran buried in California*



*Redding Chapter throws down a Challenge. They have donated \$2,000 to the SAR Foundation.*

*Seated L to R: Scott Young, President Arlin Markham, Robert Stulz. Standing L to R: Patrick Blewett and Robert Young*

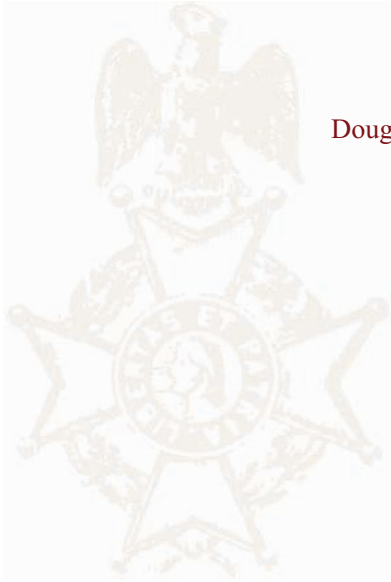
## *2019 SAR Congress*

Traditionally, approximately every 10 years NSSAR holds the national Congress in California. Many of you will remember the 2008 Congress in Sacramento and the great time we had working with and meeting Compatriots from throughout the country. In 2019 California again will host the national Congress, this time in Costa Mesa, at the spacious Orange County Hilton. It is a stone's throw from South Coast Plaza, and "next door" to Newport Beach. The Congress Planning Committee chose this location after a comprehensive search, working with representatives of our state society to find a hotel which met the requirements regarding both budget and amenities. So mark your calendars now for July 5 through 11, 2019 and plan to attend and participate.

There is much to do between now and then. As host, our California Society will need a team of 50 to 100 volunteers, working hard from the current planning stage up to and including the "main event" in 2019. For those of you who have been unable to participate in the SAR at a national level, this is your perfect opportunity. Our committee is headed by John Dodd, Kent Gregory and Steve Renouf, who will be "reaching out to you" as the overused phrase goes, to pitch in. But don't be shy and wait until they find you. Please step up and contact them and let them know you would like to help. Planning has begun, so jump right in. Contributing to this Congress most probably will be one of the highlights of your participation in the SAR.

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