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The California Compatriot

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

The President's Message

Compatriots!

I want to wish each of you a Happy New Year. This fall our chapters and color guards have participated in Constitution Day events, Veterans Day and Wreaths Across America. At these events our color guard represents SAR with distinction and honor. This coming spring many chapters will be participating in George Washington parades throughout the state and in the Massing of the Colors hosted by the Sons of Liberty Chapter in Hollywood.

The dues collection process this year has been very enlightening, even having been a State secretary. We were first blessed with Don Littlefield on an Intel Encore Fellowship which allowed him to spend over forty hours downloading the National membership records and comparing those to the State and Chapter membership records to correct or identify discrepancies... Regrettably, only a few chapters took advantage his work to identify these discrepancies so they could be addressed before dues were collected.

Now Jim Faulkinbury has taken on the herculean task of downloading the national membership records and sending those to the chapters and working with the chapters to resolve discrepancies. We found numerous errors where members were still on the National member base, but not on the chapter's current records. Members were dropped by a chapter records, but not from the National records. Dues were not collected by the chapters so that means that the California Society paid more dues to National than we should have. We have also found numerous cases where a Chapter thought that it was transferring a member to another chapter per the member's request, but the loop was not closed as the receiving chapter did not pick up the member. Since the member was not on either chapter roles, neither chapter collected dues, but he was still on the National roles, so the California Society once again paid more dues than we should have. To prevent this in the future, a transferor chapter can go to the California Society's website. On member section there is a Chapter to Chapter transfer form that both chapters have to sign. This is then forwarded to the State Secre-

tary to update the State and National records for chapter membership. All Chapters are classified as 501(C) (3) by the U.S. Treasury. Chapters are now required by the California Attorney General to file a SAR Charitable Trust Form (CT-1). Jim Klingler has written complete instructions on this. It is posted in the website's Member Section-SAR Charitable Trust Forms



*125th President, CASSAR
Ron Barker*

On a different note, the California Society will be hosting the 2019 National Congress in Costa Mesa, California. This is great opportunity to attend a National Congress close to home. Volunteers are needed to help at this meeting. Please contact John Dodd, Stephen Renouf or Kent Gregory.

Thank you allowing me to be you California State President. It has been an honor.

*Ron Barker,
CASSAR State President.*

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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

	NSSAR Fee	\$80.00
NATIONAL, STATE,	NSSAR Dues	\$35.00
AND CHAPTER	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.

	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: June 01, 2017
(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	\$5.00
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.

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).

Since the last issue of the Compatriot, the CASSAR has added 139 new members. This number includes Dual Members and Transfers from other State Societies. We added 222 new members in 2016. The Secretary has also processed 49 Supplemental Applications for the entire year.

As the State contact person for prospective members, I receive on average three referrals a day through the NSSAR website, or our own website. Once I find out where these prospective members live, I refer them to the nearest Chapter Registrar who can assist them in the application process.

Please plan to attend our Spring Meeting in Irvine this coming April. The meeting notice form is elsewhere in this publication.

Douglas Bergtholdt
CASSAR State Secretary



Coming Events

February 19, 2017 – The 35th annual Massing of the Colors and Salute to Our Military; Hall of Liberty, Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, Los Angeles, CA. (SAR National Color Guard Event).

March 2-4, 2017 – Spring 2017 Leadership Meeting, Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY.

April 7 – 8, 2017 – California Society, SAR 142nd Annual Spring Meeting, Wyndham Irvine Hotel, Irvine CA.

May 30, 2017 – Memorial Day (SAR National Color Guard Event).

May 19-21, 2017 – Field of Honor, Castaways Park, Newport Beach, CA. (SAR National Color Guard Event)

July 4, 2017 – Independence Day (SAR National Color Guard Event).

July 4, 2017 – Let Freedom Ring, Cerritos, CA. (SAR National Color Guard Event).

July 7-13, 2017 – 127th Annual SAR Congress, Holiday Inn, Knoxville, TN.

Welcome New Members

199175	10133	Mummert Brian Layne	Central Coast
199270	10145	Scully Steven Jeffrey	Central Coast
199987	10181	Farwell Lorenza Chase	Coachella Valley
156588	10110	Lewis Michael Gene	Coachella Valley
198643	10151	Cearley Michael	Delta
199657	10160	Faires Michael Francis	Delta
199010	10129	McCaleb Donald Charles	Delta
199181	10139	Dodds Derek Charles	Gen. Geo. Patton
198866	10111	Locke Thomas Fletcher	Gen. Geo. Patton
200598	10214	Strayer Richard Lee	Gen. Geo. Patton
199798	10168	Anderson William Anshelm Katsumi Jr.	Gen. Geo. Washington
199797	10167	Anderson William Vance Eric	Gen. Geo. Washington
200130	10184	Burks Aaron Ray	Gen. Geo. Washington
200131	10185	Burks Johnny Elvis	Gen. Geo. Washington
200132	10186	Burks Thomas Cash	Gen. Geo. Washington
199183	10141	Graham Thomas Talbott	Gen. Geo. Washington
200778	10227	Hensley Jr. Michael David	Gen. Geo. Washington
199009	10128	Schneider Kevin Alan	Gen. Geo. Washington
198699	10103	Stalnaker Lacy Westbrook	Gen. Geo. Washington
198705	10109	Wrona Paul Edward	Gen. Geo. Washington
200793	10242	Campbell Rodney	Gold Country
200277	10193	Chakurian Anthony Michael	Gold Country
200602	10218	Cramer Jacob Edward	Harbor
198701	10105	Gholson Jeffrey Roberts	Harbor
200600	10216	Jacoby Brandon Michael	Harbor
200292	10208	Kuttler Jacob Dennis Jr.	Harbor
198942	10127	Canfield Ernest Baxtor	Kern
198939	10124	Deseary John Alister	Kern
198940	10125	Hardin John Roderick	Kern
199796	10166	Johnson Gary Christopher	Kern
200444	10210	Kidd Andrew William Jr.	Monterey Bay
200789	10238	Allen David J.	Monterey Bay
200790	10239	Allen Dean Orillis	Monterey Bay
200443	10209	Kidd Donald William	Monterey Bay
199799	10169	Almy Stephen Olney	Mother Lode
200278	10194	Blacet Glen Merrell	Mother Lode
200279	10195	Blacet William Merrell Jr.	Mother Lode
198928	10113	MacDowell John Kent	Mother Lode
198929	10114	MacDowell Sean Kent	Mother Lode
199984	10178	Fellman Paull Edward	Orange County
200604	10220	Gilmore Robert Howard	Orange County
200129	10183	Hope Clifford	Orange County
198941	10126	Brown Donald Malcolm	Redding
200280	10196	Cook Willie Eddie	Redwood Empire
200289	10205	Mann James Denis Jr.	Redwood Empire
200287	10203	Mann Jonathan Donald	Redwood Empire
200288	10204	Mann William Jonathan Jr.	Redwood Empire
199549	10150	Mooney Shawn Davis	Redwood Empire
198867	10112	Stover Jr, Harry Marshall	Redwood Empire

200605	10221	Dana Richard Lee	Riverside
200606	10222	Gasio Jr. Robert Lawrence	Riverside
199649	10152	Hampton Wade Lee Malcomb	Riverside
198700	10104	Lucas Aaron Roberts	Riverside
199985	10179	Vineyard John Washburne	Riverside
200674	10226	Willis Tegan Nicholas Jr.	Riverside
198932	10117	Bogner Bradley John	Sacramento
198930	10115	Bogner Jr. Charles	Sacramento
198931	10116	Bogner Spencer Charles	Sacramento
200291	10207	Brady Kenneth Lee	Sacramento
200599	10215	Browne Weston Douglas Jr.	Sacramento
199182	10140	Heavey William Thomas	Sacramento
199180	10138	Johnson Mark Robert	Sacramento
198703	10107	Lucas Joseph Lucien	Sacramento
200603	10219	Bark Douglas Stephen	San Diego
199654	10157	Bray Joseph Jesus	San Diego
200782	10231	Gaukel Hunter Robert	San Diego
200783	10232	Gaukel Paul John Jr.	San Diego
199653	10156	Hall Frederick George	San Diego
199652	10155	Harden Lawrence Elliott	San Diego
200286	10202	Hudnut Alexander Putnam	San Diego
200285	10201	Hudnut Nathaniel Parker	San Diego
200284	10200	Hudnut Stewart Skinner	San Diego
200445	10211	Kephart Stephen William	San Diego
200597	10213	Key Barry Nelson	San Diego
200609	10225	Klauber David Melville	San Diego
199471	10149	McIntire Landis Young	San Diego
200290	10206	Norris Charles Bryce	San Diego
198933	10118	Peters Jr. William Frederick	San Diego
199976	10170	Ritchart Delbert Arthur	San Diego
200781	10230	Torrence Edward Robert	San Diego
199792	10162	Walker Jr. John Flanders	San Diego
199793	10163	Walker Sebastian Flanders Jr.	San Diego
200607	10223	Broomhead Rodgers Carr	San Francisco
200608	10224	Broomhead Jr. Rodgers Carr	San Francisco
199097	10130	Buckley Jordan Kevin	San Francisco
199176	10134	Fairbanks George Albert	San Francisco
200446	10212	Stephens Dennis Richards	San Francisco
199271	10146	Wilson Ross Matthew	San Francisco
199272	10147	Wilson Russell James Jr.	San Francisco
199470	10148	Eiland Jr. Murray Lee	Silicon Valley
199268	10143	Hurd Grayson Kiyoshi	Silicon Valley
199269	10144	Hurd Peter Sherwood	Silicon Valley
199267	10142	Kolar-Geren Josiah Michael	Silicon Valley
199650	10153	Renshaw Cooper William Jr.	Silicon Valley
200281	10197	Altman Robert Reed	Sons of Liberty
200133	10187	Brunner Kevin Lyle	Sons of Liberty
200282	10198	Buck Donald Lawrence	Sons of Liberty
199656	10159	Burchett William Paris	Sons of Liberty
200792	10241	Cagney Peter Joseph	Sons of Liberty
200128	10182	Clark William Travis	Sons of Liberty

199979	10173	Hance Benjamin David Jr.	Sons of Liberty
199977	10171	Hance David Borden	Sons of Liberty
199980	10174	Hance Eric Borden	Sons of Liberty
199981	10175	Hance Joel Isaac Jr.	Sons of Liberty
199978	10172	Hance John David	Sons of Liberty
199982	10176	Hance Josiah Alexander Jr.	Sons of Liberty
200780	10229	Johnson Gary Ryan	Sons of Liberty
199983	10177	Jones Don Justin	Sons of Liberty
200136	10190	Krell Martin	Sons of Liberty
199655	10158	Lawrence Norman Silvestre	Sons of Liberty
200601	10217	Marsteller Loren Jerard	Sons of Liberty
200283	10199	Moore, Jr Timothy Allen Jr.	Sons of Liberty
198702	10106	Perkins Thomas Walter	Sons of Liberty
199794	10164	Sellnow Jason Joel	Sons of Liberty
199795	10165	Sellnow Taylor Joel	Sons of Liberty
199791	10161	Ude William Adams	Sons of Liberty
200134	10188	Urayama Douglas Donald-Carswell	Sons of Liberty
200779	10228	Vogler Michael John	Sons of Liberty
199098	10131	Hall Eric Dean	South Coast
199099	10132	Hall-Levy Grant William	South Coast
200138	10192	Loeffler Ayden Robert Hurst	South Coast
199651	10154	Shepard Clair Leroy	South Coast
200137	10191	Steinberg Steven Harry	South Coast
200788	10237	Ciolino Joseph Gordon	Thomas Jefferson
200787	10236	Conway Stephen Alexander	Thomas Jefferson
198937	10122	Ingraham Andrew Joseph Jr.	Thomas Jefferson
198936	10121	Ingraham Jared Gibson	Thomas Jefferson
198934	10119	Ingraham Richard Hartshorn	Thomas Jefferson
198938	10123	Ingraham Schuyler Darr	Thomas Jefferson
198935	10120	Ingraham Scott Kelso	Thomas Jefferson
200786	10235	Johnson Edward Lee	Thomas Jefferson
200135	10189	McDaniel Joel Warren	Thomas Jefferson
199986	10180	McDonald Sherrill Forbes	Thomas Jefferson
200791	10240	Mumma Douglas Marion	Thomas Jefferson
199177	10135	Tippett Jr. James Russell	Thomas Jefferson
199178	10136	Tippett James Walker Jr	Thomas Jefferson
199179	10137	Tippett Owen Marshall Jr.	Thomas Jefferson
198704	10108	Watty Steven Henry	Thomas Jefferson
200784	10233	McAllister Robert Moore	Yosemite
200785	10234	Shauger Christopher Alan	Yosemite





142nd Annual Spring Meeting
of the
**California Society,
Sons of the American Revolution**

April 7 – 8, 2017
Hosted by the Orange County Chapter

Wyndham Irvine Hotel
17941 Von Karman Ave., Irvine, CA 92614-6253
A Special SAR Room Rate of \$118.00 per night (single or double) is available until March 15th
Make Hotel Reservations at (949)863-1999. Parking is \$4 per day. Free Shuttle from OC Airport.

Meeting Reservation Form

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

Arriving: ___ Thursday, April 6th, ___ Friday, April 7th, ___ Saturday, April 8th

Registration is \$145.00 per person by March 15, 2017 or \$160.00 after March 15th. The fee includes meetings, Friday and Saturday luncheons, and the Saturday Gala Dinner Banquet.

Number of Registrants: ___ @ \$145 Late Registrations ___ @ \$160 Total: _____

Optional Friday Dinner at Andrei's Restaurant, Irvine: _____ @ \$60 each. Not included in registration. Main course: Marinated Roasted Chicken. Includes salad and dessert. Vegetarian entree is available on request. Limited to 70 people.

Non-registered Friday Luncheon: ___ @ \$45 each
Non-registered Saturday Luncheon: ___ @ \$45 each
Non-registered Gala Dinner Banquet: ___ @ \$65 each

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Checks should be payable to Orange County Chapter, SAR and mailed with this registration form to:

Jim Klingler, 33 Bethany Drive, Irvine, CA 92603-3519

Questions? Contact Jim Fosdyck at jfosdyck@sbcglobal.net or 714/530-0767

Please mark your meal choices:

Friday Public Service Luncheon

___ Salmon with Orange Butter Sauce or ___ Cobb Salad

Saturday Youth Luncheon

___ Open Face New York Steak Sandwich or ___ Island Chicken Salad

Saturday Gala Dinner Banquet

___ Sliced New York Sirloin or ___ Fresh Atlantic Salmon

(vegetarian options available)

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 (dptydeke@yahoo.com), Robert Taylor (tartar-taylor@att.net) or Jim Fosdyck (jfosdyck@sbcglobal.net)

The 141st CASSAR Annual Meeting held in Sacramento there was a discussion on the ordering of new California Society Medals, as our inventory has dwindled. There was near unanimity that the current design should be retained. There was a motion to approve ordering 300 California Society Medals, which was approved.



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 have a supply of these medals on-hand and can send them to you.

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 be worn by any member of the SAR.



A Low Tea



Hosted by the Orange County

Chapter, California Society, SAR Ladies Auxiliary

3 pm, Friday, April 7, 2017 in Avalon Rooms 2 & 3, Wyndham Irvine Hotel, Irvine, CA.

The legend says that Low or Afternoon Tea was started by Anna, the 7th Duchess of Bedford (3 September 1783 – 3 July 1857). At the time, there were only two meals: Mid morning breakfast and late dinner.

Following the story, the Duchess was having a ‘sinking feeling’ in the late afternoon and as a solution she started having a pot of tea and a light snack in her boudoir in the afternoon. Later the Duchess decided to invite friends to join her in the sitting room where the food was served on low tables (coffee tables) placed next to sofas. Soon the idea spread and high society was sipping tea and eating nibbles in the afternoon.



Join us for door prizes, your favorite tea, finger foods, a game of trivia with prizes, and entertainment by C-Nile Sound, a *quartet* with the *Barbershop* Harmony.

C-Nile Sound left to right: Bruce Beyne, Denny Lawrence, Rick Llewelyn, Karl Jacobs.

Please wear your spring colors and your Easter bonnet.



From the Desk of the CASSAR Registrar

2017 is now at a close with a few applications yet to be approved by NSSAR. We may all feel the frustration of needing to wait longer than we feel we should. But, on a very brighter note CASSAR had many fewer pended applications, which I may state still continue to be a problem we need to work more diligently on. Should you have the situation of receiving an email from me resolution to whatever NSSAR finds can quickly turn around the pended application to a completed application.

We can collectively continue to provide “approval ready: applications if we only take a bit more diligence to what makes a quality application. I will be soon sending out a letter to all of the registrars outlining some consistent errors. I have to ask, though, how many of you have the most current Windows program? Do you think you should upgrade?

Now for good news! Here by chapter is a rundown of how we did. Applications processed:

Central Coast	5	Kern	7	San Diego	44
Coachella	4	Monterey Bay	5	San Francisco	14
Delta	5	Mother Lode	6	Santa Barbara	1
Eagle	4	Orange County	20	Silicon Valley	16
Gen Patton	13	Redding	5	Sons of Liberty	43
Gen Washington	18	Redwood Empire	16	South Coast	21
Gold Country	9	Riverside	13	Tom Jefferson	19
Harbor	9	Sacramento	17	Yosemite	8

Applications by type:

JM	31
Memorial	2
New	209
Supplemental	80
Total	322 Applications

We continue to process over 300 applications year after year!

Owen Stiles,
CASSAR State Registrar.

Youth Programs Reminder...

All compatriots involved with the various SAR youth Programs are reminded to complete the online Youth Protection training as offered by the Boy Scouts of America. To establish an account and take the training, go to <http://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection.aspx>; you do NOT have to be a member of BSA to take the training. Also, this training is only good for two years, so please remember to retake it before it expires.

Your completion certificates should be e-mailed to Derek Brown at dptydeke@yahoo.com for tracking. Please contact Derek via e-mail with any questions.



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.

During the 141st Annual Meeting of the Membership Public Service Awards Luncheon compatriot military veterans and their spouses were presented lapel pins commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

The Sons of the American Revolution will to continue to present lapel pins until 2018.

Delta Chapter



Vice President North Derek Brown awards 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War lapel pins and buttons to veterans and spouses (left to right): John Humphrey, Marsha Howell (on behalf of husband Melvin), Ed Smith, Keith Bickley, Alice and Richard Callistro, Ursula and Jeff Sylvan, Fred Fletcher, and Gary Overby.

General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter



On September 9, 2016 Chapter President Ken Lynch presented compatriot William "Bill" Hurley a Vietnam 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War lapel pin for his service in the United States Army. President Lynch presented a War Service Medal to Carl Daniel "Dan" Sword for his military service during WW II. Dan was born March 23, 1927, making him 89 years young.

Sons of Liberty Chapter



September 17, 2016 Jim Fosdyck presented 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War lapel pins to David Hayball (USCG), Jim McHargue (USA), Loren Marsteller (USMC) and John Kuzma.

San Francisco Chapter



October 27, 2016 Christopher Hays, Tony Bothwell, Esq., (Tony also accepted a pin on behalf of his brother Fred Bothwell) and Catherine Baumann receive 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pins from Jim Fosdyck.

Redwood Empire Chapter



On November 11, 2016 a packed house attended the Redwood Empire Chapter event at a Veteran's Administration Home, Napa, CA. Redwood Empire Chapter President James Beatty, Vice President Jan Van de Wetering and Harry Stover speaking at the Veteran's home.

South Coast Chapter



On September 20, 2016 Jim Fosdyck presented 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War lapel pins and buttons to South Coast Chapter veterans and spouses. Left right: Jack Carroll (on behalf of Jim Tanayo), Matt Young (on behalf of David & Ronni Young), Jerry Hereford, Leon and Bunny Smith and Jim Fosdyck.

San Diego Chapter



On October 22, 2016 Jim Fosdyck presented 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War lapel pins and buttons to San Diego Chapter veterans and spouses. L-R: Robert Hayden, Ray Raser, Stephen Wright, Lenny Thompson, James Mattern, Mary Hinshaw, Bill Sayer, George Biles, Joan De Long, Stanley De Long, Richard Swafford, Sarah Swafford, Marvin Muster, Phil Hinshaw and Jim Fosdyck.

Orange County Chapter



November 12, 2016. On the left: Jim Fosdyck, Donald 'Pete' Peter Moriarty received a Vietnam War Veterans Corps Certificate and 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pin, with Assistant Veterans' Affairs Chairman Dan Henry. On the right Jim Fosdyck, Jackie Gamer, Bill Garmer, Doug Milliken, Gary Lawler and Dianne Carlson receive 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pins and buttons.



On left: WW II Army Air Corps B-24 pilot Roberto "Bob" Ruiz and Craig Van Doren Chairman/Co-Founder of Honor Flight Southland receive Certificates of Appreciation from OC Chapter President John Ferris. Mr. Ruiz served as a B-24 Liberator pilot during World War II. He flew 35 bombing missions over Germany. On right: John Ferris, Bob Ruiz, Craig Van Doren and Jim Fosdyck. Craig received a "Help a Veteran" challenge coin designed by First Lady Mickey Jo Lawrence.

HONOR FLIGHT SOUTHLAND is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices. We safely transport our heroes to Washington DC to visit and reflect at THEIR memorials.

Top priority is given to the senior veterans – World War II survivors, along with other veterans who may be terminally ill.

Of all the wars in recent memory, it was WW II that truly threatened our very existence as a nation – and as a culturally diverse free society. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, an estimated 860 WWII veterans die each day. Our time to express our thanks to these brave men and woman is running out. <http://www.honorflightsouthland.org/>

Redwood Empire Chapter



Above: Barbara Van Valkenburg receiving a 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War spouse button. Left to right: Vietnam War veterans James Beatty, Patrick Garcia, William Nay, William Van Valkenburg, California Society, SAR VP North Derek Brown (presents 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War lapel pins).

The Greatest Generation

“The Greatest Generation” is the generation who grew up in the United States during the deprivation of the Great Depression, and then went on to fight in World War II, as well as those whose productivity within the war's home front made a decisive material contribution to the war effort.

In this issue we continue to honor “The Greatest Generation” for their military service and their membership in the Sons of the American Revolution.

In Memorium



We featured Compatriot Herman Robert “Bob” Kietzman in the June 2016 issue of the California Compatriot. Compatriot Kietzman served in the United States Navy from 1943 until 1946. He passed away November 1, 2016 in Yukon, Oklahoma. Bob had been a member of the Sons of the American Revolution for more than 50 years. He joined the California Society as a Life Member on December 20, 1965.

In a note from his daughter Marilyn she said, “He was so thrilled when he received his SAR War Service Medal with WW II Bar and his 50 year membership pin this year. He was proud to have been able to serve his country”.



October 21, 2016, the Sacramento Chapter of the Sons American Revolution recognized ten veterans of World War II, “our greatest generation”. Three were not able to attend due to their health, but the accomplishments of all ten of them are amazing. From left to right:

Sam Clower – Sam joined the US Army infantry in 1939 and was stationed at Hickam Field, Hawaii when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Subsequently, he served in Australia, New Guinea, and the Philippines. Following a serious wound that took him out of infantry service, he transferred to the Army Air Corps finally retiring from the Air Force in 1974 as a Colonel.

James Jolly – James joined the Maritime Service as an Ensign in 1941. He first served on the sea-going tug *E.J. Moran* whose primary job was to go out on recovery missions to save victims of torpedoed merchant ships. One of the notable feats of the *E.J. Moran* was the sinking of a German U-boat by ramming it. In 1943 he was sent to Alaska to help in the invasion of Japanese held Kiska and Attu at the top of the Aleutian Islands and then to the South Pacific delivering troops and supplies. After the war, he obtained a doctoral degree in physics and retired as a university professor.

Tom Aldrich – Tom joined the Army Air Corps in 1942 as a 2nd Lt. He was trained in meteorology and later assigned to the Pacific theater where his expertise was valuable in predicting weather for bombing runs and night air flights. He remained in the Air Force and later became a command pilot. In 1971 he was promoted to Maj. General.

Floyd “Hank” Henderson – After enlisting as a musician in May 1941, he was in on sea patrol at the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. His ship went on to Hawaii and convoyed the wounded back to San Francisco and returned again with soldiers to reinforce Hawaii. To remain on sea duty, he transferred to become a carpenter’s mate specializing in damage control. He was on the *USS Portland* at the Battle of Guadalcanal where his ship was torpedoed and put out of commission for six months. He served in 18 naval campaigns during WW II and later was at the Bikini Atoll during the nuclear tests in the late 1940s. He retired from the Navy in 1960.

Jim Gray - Jim joined the Army Air Corps right after turning 18 on September 24, 1942. He was assigned to Navigational School and as a navigator flew 30 bombing missions over Germany in a B17. Following the war, he stayed in the military, making it his career and eventually became a pilot. He flew the B17 Flying Fortress, B47’s and single engine jets. To gain scientific information he flew an Air Force plane into the fallout of an atomic bomb set off in Nevada. He retired in 1964 as a Lt Colonel.

Lou Conter – Louis joined the Navy in 1939 and was stationed on the *USS Arizona* when Pearl Harbor was attacked. Today, he is one of five remaining survivors of the *Arizona*. He was working as a 2nd Class Quartermaster when he had the opportunity to attend flight school and become an enlisted pilot and eventually received a commission as an Ensign. Louis flew PBY Black Cats. During the war he flew around Perth Australia, the Philippines and New Guinea dropping bombs and torpedoes on Japanese ships in the Pacific that were trying to take out our ships. He made the Navy a career and was involved in Korea, and later, in Vietnam with the Special Forces as a Survival Officer. He retired in 1967.

The three WW II veterans who were unable to attend were:

Virginia June Beach – Virginia, known as Ginger, was born in 1924, the daughter of an Army Judge Advocate General (JAG), himself a World War II veteran. She joined the US Navy in 1943, and served until the end of the war in 1945. She was sent east on a troop train and completed Navy boot camp for WAVES in New York. She was then sent to a naval installation in Washington, DC, where she worked as part of a team on a Top Secret project to break the German super-code, Enigma.

Jack Pefley – Jack joined the Navy in San Francisco, California right after graduating from college. Jack flew everything from PBY Sea Planes to Super Sonic Jets. He was stationed in Panama and the Galapagos Islands where he flew missions looking for Japanese submarines who were on the hunt for naval and merchant shipping. Jack made the Navy his career for 23 years, retiring as Commander. After retirement he went to work for the airline industry and flew commercial jets for another 18 years.

Seward Andrews – Seward joined the Navy in 1943 at age 17. He was then living in Southern Colorado. He served on the *USS Clay*, APA 39, one of 388 attack transports built for WWII. The *Clay*, along with scores of other ships, moved our troops to invasion beaches on Japanese held islands in the Pacific – Luzon and Okinawa. The Japanese reported they had sunk the *Clay* but that was not true although it was attacked by Japanese aircraft and at times by Kamikaze pilots. After the war, with the help of the GI Bill, Seward graduated from the University of Colorado with a degree in Civil Engineering and in 1954 he, his wife and 5-month old son headed for Africa where he spent 2 years on hydroelectric power and irrigation development in the Belgian Congo. On returning from Africa he became a lawyer working as an attorney on water cases for the California Attorney General's Office.

Each of these members was presented a certificate of Appreciation for their service in World War II, and the collector edition of the SAR “Liberty or Death” Challenge Coin.

The speaker at the meeting was Rear Admiral, Bonnie Parker, MD (Ret.) who was the first woman who, as a military physician, achieved flag officer rank in any branch of military service. Her presentation was about the role of women in the military from women like Deborah Sampson, who disguised herself as a man and served in the Continental Line during the American Revolution, to those now in combat roles in our current conflicts.



Rear Admiral Bonnie Parker



Liberty or Death Challenge Coin

Article by: Jim Faulkinbury

Quilts of Valor

The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.



On September 10, 2016 Un Hui Yi and Karen Richards presented a Quilt of Valor to Commander Thomas A. Osseck, Jr., USN (Ret.). Commander Osseck attended the U.S. Naval Academy graduating in June 1977. He reported to Naval Air Station, Pensacola, FL for initial flight training. Commander Osseck received his Navy “Wings of Gold” at Corpus Christi, Texas in April 1979. Retiring in August of 1995, he began his employment with the Santa Ana (CA) Unified School District as the Senior Naval Science Instructor at Santa Ana High School. For 16 years in a row, the Santa Ana High School NJROTC unit has been awarded the “Distinguished Unit” Award, the highest award the Navy can bestow on a NJROTC unit.

On September 17, 2016 Un Hui presented a Quilt of Valor to Sons of Liberty Chapter member and Vietnam War veteran Jim McHargue with Sons of Liberty Chapter President Brigadier General David G. Smith.



On October 8, 2016 Karen and Un Hui presented a Quilt of Valor to Danny Cox. Danny spent ten years flying supersonic all-weather fighters in the United States Air Force. In addition to this he was a test pilot and air show pilot as well as a speaker to civilian organizations in surrounding cities that were hard hit by sonic booms. He is internationally known as *The Sonic Boom Salesman*.

On November 12, 2016 Southern California Quilts of Valor Director Barbara Winkler presented a Quilt of Valor to Compatriot Phil Mitchell with Orange County Chapter Assistant Veterans' Affairs Chairman Dan Henry. Phil was in the US Marine Corps for two years and is a Vietnam War veteran.



Quilts of Valor volunteers Un Hui Yi and Karen Richards presented a quilt to SAR applicant and USMC Vietnam War veteran Paul Garcia with OC Chapter President John Ferris.



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Right: Jim Blauer won a quilt after a yearlong raffle by So Cal Quilts of Valor.



Barbara Winkler and the volunteers of Southern California Quilts of Valor presented 651 quilts in 2016. They have presented 10 quilts to California Society compatriots and dozens to veterans honored at CASSAR events. So Cal Quilts of Valor <http://www.socalqov.org/>

In November 2016 Thomas Agnew (USMC veteran) and Terrill Agnew, father and son co owners of High Seas Trading Company, Laguna Hills, CA, received a SAR Flag Certificate for their patriotic display of a United States flag. In addition to the Betsey Ross Flag on display in their office they are planning to erect a large flag pole in front of their business in order to fly a traditional size United States flag. High Seas Trading is a longtime supporter of Quilts of Valor to which they regularly donate hundreds of yards of patriot themed fabric.



Order of March



Silicon Valley Chapter - Pleasanton's Veterans' Parade



On November 6, 2016 the 1776 era Young American Patriots Fife & Drum Corps is joined by Silicon Valley Chapter Color Guardsman Terry Briggs (far right) in the Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade; Pleasanton, California. "The kids did a spectacular job in the Sunday's Veterans Day parade. The weather was ideal, and the crowds cheered loudly in support as we passed by", Pleasanton Founder, Music Director.

South Coast Chapter – 28th Annual Veterans Day Observance at El Toro Memorial Park



On November 11, 2016 South Coast Chapter Color Guardsman Leon Smith carrying the United States flag and Color Guardsman Richard Bent carrying the California flag with vocalist John Huntington standing to the right.



Keynote speaker Orange County Chapter, SAR Compatriot Doug Milliken.

Lake Forest, California Mayor Pro Tem Scott Voigts, VFW Edward J. Kearns Post 6024 Rifle Team and Lieutenant George Nixon, Sr. Society N.S.C.A.R. members: standing Meaghan, kneeling Kalani and Sarah.

Orange County and Harbor Chapters Veterans' Day - Field of Valor; Community Foundation of Orange



On November 11, 2016 at a Field of Valor 1776 United States Flags, Handy Park, Orange, California. Lee's Legion Color Guard (L to R: Dan McKelvie, Jim Klingler, Jim Olds, John Ferris, John Blake, Larry Wood & commander Jim Fosdyck) present the Colors.



Los Angeles Fifes and Drums members John Davis, Matt Noell and Frank Keenan. Vietnam veteran and Purple Heart recipient James Pinnix (seated) with Lees Legion Color Guard Color Guard and LA Fifes and Drums (L to R: Dan Shippey, Jim Klingler, Dan McKelvie, Karl Jacobs, Jim Olds, John Ferris, Jim Fosdyck, John Davis, Jon Blake, Larry Wood, Matt Knoell and Frank Keenan.

Eagle Chapter Color Guard - Murrieta Veterans' Day Parade



Wayne Rogers, Steve Clugston (portraying General Washington), Ray Raser, John Huegel, Jerry Sayre.

Kern Chapter - Bakersfield Veterans Day Parade



Accompanying photograph:
Greg Frazier, Ron Wayne, Will Flickenger, and Kerry Adams. In the rear Brian Claxton



100th Anniversary of the founding of the Mayflower Society in Southern California



November 12, 2016 – Bob Taylor (General George Patton Chapter) and Karl Jacobs, James Gill and Jim Olds (Harbor Chapter) presented the Colors at the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Mayflower Society in Southern California. The event was held at the historic Los Angeles Athletic Club, Los Angeles, CA.



Orange County Chapter – Lee’s Legion Color Guard
 On September 1, 2016 Lee’s Legion Color Guard members left to right: Jim Fosdyck, Jim Blauer, Karl Jacobs and John Blake present the Colors at the Newport-Mesa Unified School District Start-Up Event at Costa Mesa, California.

Delta and Silicon Valley Chapter’s Color Guards – Pleasanton Hometown Holiday Parade



Delta Chapter Color Guard members John Humphrey and Gary Overby joined Silicon Valley Chapter Color Guard member Terry Briggs carrying the Colors in front of the Young American Patriots Fife & Drum Corp, at the Pleasanton Hometown Holiday Parade December 3, 2016. The first photo (left to right) John Humphrey, Terry Briggs, Gary Overby, and Young American Patriots Director Jason Giaimo, just before the parade. The photo on right with a YAP member leading the YAP Fife & Drum Corp at the parade.

Santa Barbara Chapter, SAR and Mission Canyon Chapter, DAR Holiday Luncheon

The Santa Barbara Color Guard under the command of Stu Morse presented the Colors at the Mission Canyon Chapter, DAR Holiday Luncheon.



Saturday, December 17, 2016. Seated left to right: Ron Zell, Dennis McGaughey, Frank Campo (chapter president), Bob Carmody and Don Loper. Standing left to right: Gregg Garrison, Jeff Weinbender, Commander Stu Morse, Neil Crockett and Bob Niehaus. Camera shy, Color Guardsman Steve Sawin

Wreaths Across America; December 17, 2016

In 1992 Wreaths Across America was started by Morrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington in Maine. The Wreaths Across America mission, Remember, Honor, Teach, is carried out in part by coordinating wreath laying ceremonies on the second or third Saturday in December at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states, ceremonies at sea, and 24 national cemeteries on foreign soil.

Orange County and Harbor Chapters – Memory Garden Memorial Park & Mortuary, Brea, CA

This year was the eighth annual Wreaths Across America Day ceremony held at the Veterans' Field of Honor at the Memory Garden Memorial Park & Mortuary, Brea, CA. The ceremony is cosponsored by Veterans' of Foreign Wars (VFW), American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) and the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Orange County Chapter. This year sponsors placed about 1000 wreaths.





California Society, SAR Color Guard and Sonora High School Army JROTC Cadets with Senior Military Instructor and compatriot Col. Hans Hunt. Members of the color guard left to right: Jim Fosdyck, Jim Klingler, Luke Merrell, Brian Merrell, Dan Henry, Kent Gregory, Jim Olds, Mark Torres, John Blake, JROTC cadet, John Ferris, JROTC cadet, John Dodd, Dan McKelvie, Larry Wood, Jim Blauer, Larry Hansen and Col. Hunt.



Photo above: Master of Ceremonies SAR Chaplain General Rev. Louis Carlson and California State Senator the Honorable Josh Newman.



Photo on right: General Washington's guidon Harbor Chapter Compatriot James Gill and General Washington portrayed by OC Chapter Compatriot Dan Shippey



Sacramento Chapter – Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon, CA

The Sacramento Chapter, SAR Color Guard participated in the Wreaths Across America program at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery. The Color Guard was led by CASSAR Color Guard Adjutant North, Russ Kaiser. VPG Western District Jim Faulkinbury read President General J. Michael Tomme's proclamation. 18,800 wreaths were placed following the ceremony. There was a 21 gun salute, taps and a fly-over by the Coast Guard.

Photo on right: (L to R) Russ Kaiser, David Beach, Carl Ahlberg, Alan Brooking, Ernie Garcia and Jim Faulkinbury.



A wonderful crowd at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery. Jim Faulkinbury reads PG Tomme's proclamation.

Riverside and Redlands Chapters – Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, CA



Above left: Redlands Chapter Color Guardsman Don Boatright right front with Riverside Chapter Color Guardsmen Gary Jensen, Charlie Gentis, Henry Lucas, Brian Stephens and Mark Kramer. Above right: California, SAR Color Guardsmen - Firing Team with joint service honor guard.



A California, SAR Color Guardsmen - Firing Team fires a 21-gun salute.

Gold Country Chapter – New Auburn and Old Auburn Cemeteries, Auburn, CA



The Gold Country Chapter participated in the second Wreaths Across America in Auburn, California. Participating color guardsmen were left to right: Dale Ross, Gordon Clark, Ron Barker, Dave Giliard and Keith Bigbee.



The Delta Chapter was pleased to take part in the Wreaths Across America event at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery. Color Guardsmen: Jeff Sylvan (with wife Ursula), John Humphrey, and Gary Overby were present for the event as well as compatriots Joe Cox, Mel Howell, Gil Anema, Brian Young, Ray Surwillo (with wife Maureen), Mathew Overby, and Ed Smith (with wife Gail).

Gary Overby was on the dais with other speakers, including Gold Star parents. Overby presented President General J. Mike Tomme's proclamation at the opening ceremony. See photo below.



Gary Overby laying a wreath. The Delta Chapter purchased about 50 wreaths for the Wreaths Across America.

San Diego Chapter – Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, CA



Above left: San Diego Chapter Color Guardsmen left to right: Ernest McCullough, Ray Raser, George Biles and Skip Cox with USMC and Navy friends. Above right: Biles, McCullough, Cox and Raser with Boy Scouts.

Kern Chapter – Bakersfield National Cemetery, Bakersfield, CA



Standing in front left to right:
Michael Lievanos and Benjamin Hayden.

Back: Kerry Adams, Ron Wayne, Arnie Burr,
Baxter Canfield and Brian Claxton.



General George Patton, Jr. Chapter – Simi Valley Public Cemetery (Pioneer Cemetery)



California Society, SAR Vice President South Robert Taylor reads PG Tomme's Wreath Across American Proclamation. Color Guardsmen Eric Stassforth (US Flag) and Ken Lynch (California Flag). Also participating in the program Martin Spann (Wounded Warrior).



Stassforth and Lynch.



Taylor places a wreath.



Redwood Empire Chapter – Sonoma Valley Veterans' Memorial Park



Above left: Peter Goyhenetch, James Beatty and William Van Valkenburg.

Right: Peter James and James Beatty laying a wreath at the grave of Revolutionary War Veteran William Smith with a US Air Force Honor Guard.

Silicon Valley Chapter – Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, CA

Terry Briggs, John Kohl, and Douglas Bergtholdt participated in a Wreaths Across America at Golden Gate National Cemetery.

San Diego Chapter participated in the 2016 La Jolla (CA) Christmas Parade



L-R: Bob Hayden (Sa Diego Chapter Secretary) Ray & Gail Raser, and Skip Cox.

Photo by Skip Cox.

California Society, Riverside Chapter, SAR Color Guard Attends Training



MLNRA training left to right: Brian Stephens, Mark Kramer, Jim Fosdyck, Gary Jensen, Henry Lucas, Charlie Gentis, instructor James Madry, Bud Gawthrop, instructor David, a second instructor named David & Un Hui Yi.

On December 7, 2016 seven compatriots and one member of the California Society Ladies Auxiliary attended the National Rifle Association – National Muzzleloading Rifle Association (NRA-NMLRA) Basic Muzzleloading Shooting Course, sponsored by the West Victor Valley Shooting Club in Adelanto, California. Our Master Instructor was Mr. James Madry of the NRA-NMLRA. This all day class included classroom instruction, range time, and a fifty question written test all designed to stress safety. Students were able to fire various types of muzzleloading rifles, shotguns, and muskets, including flintlock, percussion cap, and shot shell primered versions. Successful course completion resulted in all eight students being issued Certificates of Completion by the National Muzzleloaders Association, which is now a part of the National Rifle Association.

For many of us this was the first time we were able to fire a patched round lead ball through our muskets. This alone was worth the price of admission, and quite an education for us city slickers. We also had fun firing all types of different muzzleloaders including a double barrel shot gun, Civil War era rifle muskets, and the modern style hunting rifles. Firearms have come a long way since our patriot ancestor's time.

Even though every member of the California Society, Riverside Chapter, SAR Color Guard has experience shooting and completed some form of previous training, ranging from basic firearms safety to advanced law enforcement SWAT operations; the goal of the Riverside Chapter Color Guard is to continue our excellent safety record and lower our insurance costs by documenting and standardizing our training program. This course provided our members a basic level of certified safety training that is relevant to our historical demonstration only type activities. The NRA-NMLRA is the premier organization when it comes to muzzleloading firearms and provides the gold standard of certificated training most applicable to our color guard activities. We were all glad to attend and pass the course.

We were all glad to attend and pass the course. We are planning another class in the spring and understand more compatriots and ladies too are interested in completing the course. Please feel free to contact me for additional information.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Stephens, Color Guard Commander, Riverside Chapter, SAR



Brian Stephens



Charlie Gentis



Gary Jensen



Henry Lucas



Mark Kramer and Brian Stephens



Un Hui Yi





Around the California Society



Delta Chapter



Delta Chapter members on a summer outing to the Blackhawk Museum in Danville, CA where members and guests toured the classic cars and examined a special exhibit of Old West Memorabilia and Artifacts. Pictured outside of the museum Brian Young and Fred Fletcher. Photo on the right (left to right): Gary Overby, Ed Smith, Keith Bickley, Marsha and Melvin Howell, Fred Fletcher, Brian Young, Vernon Larson, and John Humphrey.

*Submitted by Gary Overby
Photos by Gail Smith*

General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter



On September 9, 2016 several presentations were made during the Chapter's annual award ceremony. Left to right: Barrie "Barrie" Alan Walters (Bronze Good Citizenship Medal), William "Bill" Drake Bays (Certificate of Meritorious Service), Richard "Dick" James McMullen (Meritorious Service Medal for Chapter Compatriot of the Year); Robert Taylor (Chapter Distinguished Service Medal), Chapter President Ken Lynch, Louis "Lou" Hausam Kreuzer II, (Bronze Roger Sherman Medal), Walter Russell "Russ" Ireland (Meritorious Service Medal), William "Bill" John Hurley (50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War lapel pin), Carl Daniel "Dan" Sword (War Service Medal - WW II).

Orange County Chapter Christmas Party – December 10, 2016



Left to right seated: Un Hui Yi, Karen McKelvie, Sharon Wood, Annette Henry, Suki Adams, Karen Hughes, Karen Carlson, Diane Carlson, Gloria Noell, Lisa Gregory, Linda Carlson, Elisabeth Beall, Liz Ferris, Lacy Dodd and Brenda Torres. Left to right standing: Dan McKelvie, Jim Fosdyck, Larry Wood (top), Matt Noell, Thomas Noell, Jim Townsend, Dan Henry, Patrick Cecil (top), Larry Hansen, Richard Hughes, Paull Fellman, Connor Hunt, Hans Hunt, Leonard Chapman, Mark Torres (top), Phil Mitchell, Lou Carlson, Kent Gregory, Paul Garcia, Cole Zehnder, David Beall, Jim Blauer, Don Carlson, Ted Carlson (top), Richard Adams, Cliff Hope (top), John Ferris and John Dodd.

Redwood Empire Chapter



Fr. Michael Mautner, Esq., was the guest speaker at the September 16, 2016 meeting of the Redwood Empire Chapter. Fr. Mautner is a priest, poet and attorney. He spoke about being a Constitutional Scholar. Photo on left: Fr. Mautner and Redwood Empire Chapter President James Beatty.

Two new compatriots; Joseph Gene Meisch and Shawn Gene Mooney were inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution.



James Beatty, Joseph G. Meisch and Robby Burt



Beatty, Shawn G. Mooney and Robby Burt with Mr. Meisch in background.



November 18, 2016 at Mission San Francisco Solano, President Beatty presents Certificates of Appreciation and 2019 Congress Medals to David Duplantier and Patrick Garcia.

Article and photos by: Bill Van Valkenburg.

Sons of Liberty Chapter

Sons of Liberty Chapter Meeting at Tam O'Shanter



On September 17, 2016, during their meeting at Tam O'Shanter in Los Angeles, Sons of Liberty Chapter President and Brigadier General David G. Smith, (California State Military Reserve) presented two SAR Supplemental Certificates to Los Angeles County Assessor Jeffrey Prang (top left), one SAR Supplemental Certificate to Glenn Reasoner (top right), inducted Thomas Walter Perkins into the SAR (bottom left) and presented a SAR Bronze Roger Sherman Medal and Twenty Year Membership Award to Jim McHargue.

Silicon Valley Chapter

A Fall Social

September 24, 2016, the Silicon Valley Chapter hosted a Fall Social in Palo Alto, California. In attendance were members of the Daughters of the American Revolution and General Society of Mayflower Descendants. The featured Speaker was Dr. Jonathan Gienapp, Assistant Professor of History, Stanford University. Dr. Gienapp spoke about the Ideological Origins of the American Revolution.



L-R (standing): Silicon Valley Chapter President Alan Fitch, CASSAR Secretary Doug Bergtholdt, Past SVSAR President John Kohli, CASSAR Genealogist Terry Briggs, CASSAR Executive Vice President Jim Fosdyck, CASSAR President Ron Barker, CASSAR Vice President North Derek Brown, SVSAR Color Guard Commander Chris Palmer (seated) SVSAR Treasurer Sam Prather LAUX 1st Vice President Un Hui Yi, LAUX President Conni Barker, Janet Brown and Ann Palmer.



Alan Fitch introduced Dr. Jonathan Gienapp. Dr. Gienapp spoke about Ideological Origins of the American Revolution.



San Diego Chapter

Meeting at the Green Dragon Tavern and Museum, Carlsbad, CA



October 22, 2016. Above left to right: Stan De Long, Ernie McCullough, Fred Hall, Ray Raser and Skip Cox. San Diego Chapter President Dennis Cushman (standing with back to camera). Above right (left to right): Joan De Long, Cathy Tuttle, Debbie Cushman, Susan Mattern, Clay Hoffman, (at podium), James Mattern, Stan De Long and George Biles.



Left to right: Susan Mattern, Joan De Long, Cathy Tuttle, Debbie Cushman, Jim Mattern, Stan De long, George Biles and Clay Hoffman.

Delta Chapter

Summer outing to the Blackhawk Museum in Danville, CA



On October 1, 2016, Delta Chapter members at the request from the DAR El Tejon Chapter assisted them in the dedication of a historical plaque at the Thornton Immigrant Camp. Following the dedication, Delta Chapter members assisted in preparing a luncheon for attendees. In the attached photo (left to right) are members Keith Bickley, Fred Fletcher, President John Humphrey, and Brian Young



Delta Chapter – Luncheon at Andersen's Pea Soup, Santa Nella, CA



Saturday, December 17, 2016. After the Wreaths Across America program Delta Chapter members retired to Pea Soup Andersen's in Santa Nella for a good lunch and conversation.



By Gary Overby, Delta Chapter Secretary

Mother Lode Chapter

Annual Community Awards Banquet at Cold Springs Golf and Country Club, Placerville, California



E. L. Carnahan Civil Air Patrol Cadets from Squadron 85 present the Colors and receive a Certificate of Appreciation. Photo on left Tom Adams behind the podium. On right: the cadets are flanked by Tom Douglas (in uniform) and Jeff Doyle (Mother Lode Chapter President).



On October 25, 2016 Mother Lode Chapter President Tom Adams gave opening remarks before the Mother Lode Chapter Annual Community Awards Banquet.



Tom Douglas, Master of Ceremonies Bill George receives a Certificate of Appreciation, Jeff Doyle and Tom Adams.



Guest speaker Dr. Igor Birman receives a Certificate of Appreciation, with Tom Douglas and Jeff Doyle.



California Highway Patrolman Ronald Ellison receives a Law Enforcement Commemorative Medal and Certificate.



El Dorado County Sheriff's Department Deputy Sheriff Roman Fontana receives a Law Enforcement Commemorative Medal and Certificate with Sheriff John D'Agostini next to Deputy Fontana.



Placerville Police Department Police Officer Jason Alger receives a Law Enforcement Commemorative Medal and Certificate.



San Francisco Chapter

San Francisco Chapter meeting at Il Forniao



October 27, 2016 Marston Watson and San Francisco President Dan Ashley (*ABC7 news anchor*) open a meeting at Il Forniao on Battery Street. President Ashley inducts three new members into the SAR:
Compatriots Russell Matthews, Jordan Buckley, Ross Matthews, with Marston.

Orange County Chapter, SAR Flag Certificate Presentation

Orange County Chapter compatriot Colonel Hans F. Hunt, US Army (ret) presented two SAR Flag Certificates. One to Jersey Avenue Elementary School, Santa Fe Springs, CA. It was presented to Dr. Michael Trimmel, the principal of the school. This was in conjunction with their Veterans Day flag ceremony. Sonora High School JROTC (La Habra, CA) presented the Colors.



Sonora High School JROTC also did the same Color Guard presentation and Saber Arch, along with a wreath presentation at Heights Christian Elementary School, La Mirada, CA. The SAR Flag Certificate was presented to Ms. Taylor the principal of the school. Colonel Hunt also spoke about Veterans Day at both schools. He gave Certificates of Appreciation to veterans in attendance.



The "Light Horse Harry" Lee Society of the Children of the American Revolution

Alexander, the granddaughter of Orange County Chapter, SAR Compatriot Hammond Salley led the Pledge of Allegiance at George and Martha Washington's Tomb on two occasions. She is President of the "Light Horse Harry" Lee Society of the Children of The American Revolution.



Left photo - Alexander led the Pledge of Allegiance at Mount Vernon on July 4, 2016.

Right photo she led the Pledge of Allegiance at George and Martha Washington's Tomb on November 11, 2016. She also led a tour of the White House on August 9, 2016.

Redlands Chapter



On Saturday, November 19, 2016 Jim Fosdyck presented a certificate for the Redlands Chapter entry in the Moses Adams Middle School Brochure Contest, Partners in Patriotism Certificate and a ribbon for Patriot Ancestors' Biographies 20% Achievement 2015-2016. Benny Croyle received a 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pin.

Eagle Chapter

On Saturday, December 3, 2016 the Eagle Chapter convened their meeting at the Lawrence Welk Resort, Escondido, CA. New officers were installed and awards were presented to several compatriots.



Jim Fosdyck installs Secretary Bill Bishop, Registrar Wayne Rogers and Treasurer Robert Martin



Fosdyck installs President Frank Kebelman



Fosdyck presents a Certificate and Streamer for supporting the Center for Advancing America's Heritage to outgoing President Jerry Sayre.

Redwood Empire Chapter



Chapter President James Beatty, William Cook inducted into the SAR by California Society SAR VP North Derek Brown. Beatty, Brown inducting the Mann family.



Beatty, Brown pins an SAR Rosette on new member William Mann. Beatty, William Cook, Jonathan Mann with son William. Not pictured James Mann son of Jonathan Mann.

Photos by Bill Van Valkenburg.

Coachella Valley Chapter

Silver Roger Sherman Medal and Certificate to Compatriot David Lawrence Grinnell

Roger Sherman was born April 19, 1721 in Newton, Massachusetts. Roger was an early American lawyer and statesman, as well as a Founding Father of the United States. He served as the first mayor of New Haven, Connecticut, and was a Delegate to the First Continental Congress which created the “Continental Association” in 1774 for implementing a trade boycott with Great Britain. Congress hoped that by imposing economic sanctions, they would pressure Great Britain into redressing the grievances of the colonies, in particular repealing the Intolerable Acts passed by the British Parliament. The Association aimed to alter Britain's policies towards the colonies without severing allegiance.



The boycott became operative on December 1, 1774. The Association was fairly successful while it lasted. Trade with Great Britain fell sharply, and the British responded with the New England Restraining Acts of 1775.

The Restraining Acts of early 1775 were two Acts passed by the Parliament of Great Britain, which limited colonial trade in response to both increasing and spreading civil disobedience in Massachusetts and New England, and similar trade restrictions instituted by elected colonial representatives.

Roger Sherman signed the creating document of the “Continental Association”. The Committee of Five of the Second Continental Congress were a team of five men who drafted and presented to the Congress what would become America's Declaration of Independence of July 4,

1776. This Declaration committee operated from June 11, 1776 until July 5, 1776, the day on which the Declaration was published.

The members of this group were:

John Adams, representative of Massachusetts
Thomas Jefferson, representative of Virginia
Benjamin Franklin, representative of Pennsylvania
Roger Sherman, representative of Connecticut
Robert Livingston, representative of New York



Roger Sherman signed the Declaration of Independence. He was also a representative and senator in the new republic from the State of Connecticut. The Articles of Confederation, formally the Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union, was an agreement among all thirteen original states in the United States of America that served as its first constitution. Its drafting by a committee appointed by the Second Continental Congress began on July 12, 1776, and an approved version was sent to the states for ratification in late 1777. The formal ratification by all thirteen states was completed in early 1781. Even un-ratified, the Articles provided a system for the Continental Congress to direct the American Revolutionary War, conduct diplomacy with Europe and deal with territorial issues and Native American relations.

Roger signed the Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union. Nevertheless, the weakness of the government created by the Articles became a matter of concern for key nationalists. On March 4, 1789, the general government under the Articles was replaced with the federal government under the United States Constitution. The new Constitution provided for a much stronger federal government by establishing a chief executive (the President), courts, and taxing powers. Roger Sherman signed the United States Constitution.

Thus, Roger Sherman was the only signer of the Four Founding Documents of the United State of America; the “Continental Association”, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union, and the United States Constitution.

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution approved at the Leadership Conference in 2013 the awarding of the Roger Sherman Medal to SAR members who have rendered faithful service to their chapter, state society, or to the National Society over multiple years.

The Honorable Roger Sherman⁶ was the son of William Sherman⁵ (1692-1740/1) and Mehitable Wellington (1687/8-1776) and the 3rd great grandson of Henry ‘the Elder’ Sherman, the immigrant (c. 1545-1610) (William⁵, Joseph⁴, John³, John², Henry¹).

At the October 15, 2016 meeting of the Coachella Valley Chapter, former CASSAR President Kent Gregory presented the Silver Roger Sherman Medal and Certificate to Compatriot David Lawrence Grinnell. David¹⁴ is the 11th great grandson of Henry ‘the Elder’ Sherman (Clairmont Livesey Grinnell, Jr.¹³, Marie Marble Brown¹², Edward Greene Brown¹¹, Mary Ann Handy¹⁰, Ardeliza Greene⁹, Lydia Arnold⁸, Alice Wilcox⁷, Lydia Gardner⁶, Annie Sherman⁵, Benjamin⁴, Philip³, Samuel², Henry¹). Therefore, Compatriot David Lawrence Grinnell is the 4th cousin, 8 times removed of the Honorable Roger Sherman. What an honor, indeed, for the contributor of this article, to have received the Silver Roger Sherman Medal and Certificate, named in honor of his cousin.

Palm Springs Air Museum, Palm Springs, California

On Saturday, November 19, 2016 the Coachella Valley Chapter convened their meeting at the Palm Springs Air Museum. New officers were installed and awards were presented to several compatriots.



Left photo: Coachella Valley Chapter compatriots and guests. Right photo: Jim Fosdyck installs officers; William Darwin, Christopher Cerillo & David Grinnell with Vice President South Robert Taylor.



Fosdyck installs president Gerald Ferrell



Fosdyck presents a Liberty Medal to David L. Grinnell.

141st Annual California Society, SAR Board of Managers Meeting

The Gold Country Chapter hosted the 141st Annual California Society SAR Board of Managers meeting on November 3-5, 2016 at the Hilton San Francisco Airport Bayfront Hotel in Burlingame, California.

Thursday

On Thursday, November 3, 2016, early arrivals were greeted in the CASSAR Hospitality Room by Coreena and Dale Ross. Compatriots were able to relax after traveling to Burlingame, and socialize with friends from around the state.



L-R: Joann Kramer, Gail Raser and Coreena Ross



L-R: Charlie Gentis, Ray & Gail Raser, Gary Jensen.



Photo on left: CASSAR President Ron Barker, Secretary Jim Klingler, Jim McHargue, VPG Western District Jim Faulkinbury and Executive VP Jim Fosdyck.



Photo on right: Gary Jensen, VP North Derek Brown, 2nd VP of LAUX Janet Brown and Stephen Renouf.

The NSSAR Officers Dinner was held at Straits Restaurant in Burlingame. NSSAR Treasurer General Warren Alter, Chaplain General Rev. Lou Carlson, and Vice President General Jim Faulkinbury joined the California Society leadership for an evening of great Singaporean food and camaraderie.



The Rt. Rev. Louis Carlson offers a toast



CASSAR President Ron Barker & First Lady Conni Barker.



VP South Robert Taylor and VP North Derek Brown.



Janet Brown, Darian Taylor and Un Hui Yi.

Friday

On Friday morning, November 4, 2016, CASSAR President Ron Barker convened the 141st Annual Fall Board of Managers Meeting. Our special guests included NSSAR Treasurer General Warren Alter (AZ), NSSAR Chaplain General Rev. Lou Carlson (CA), Vice President General-Western District Jim Faulkinbury (CA), and SAR Foundation Board Member John Dodd (CA).

The Past California Society Presidents were introduced: Robert Ebert (2006), Karl Jacobs (2007), Stephen Renouf (2008), Rev. Lou Carlson (2009), John Dodd (2011), Keith Bigbee (2012), Stephen Hurst (2013), Jim Faulkinbury (2014), and Kent Gregory (2015). Historian Jim Blauer presented the minutes from the April 2016 Annual Meeting and they were approved. The elected state officers gave their reports. Secretary Bergtholdt reported that CASSAR membership was over 1,800 members. Genealogist Terry Briggs reported that there are 220 applications started in the new online system – 21 of the state’s 26 chapters are now using the new system. Registrar Owen Stiles reported that we have had approved 20 junior members, 2 memorial members, 119 regular members, and 24 Supplementals so far this year. National Trustee for California Kent Gregory gave his report.

As the chapter presidents gave their reports, the CASSAR Nominating Committee met in the hospitality room. The committee consisted of past presidents Kent Gregory (2015) (Chairman), Jim Faulkinbury (2014), Steve Hurst (2013), John Dodd (2011), Rev. Lou Carlson (2009), Stephen Renouf (2008), and Karl Jacobs (2007). The committee interviewed two candidates for vice president membership, two candidates for chancellor, and a candidate for Secretary. The committee then nominated a slate of officers for the 2017-18 year: President Jim Fosdyck, Executive Vice President Derek Brown, Vice President North Dave Gilliard, Vice President South Robert Taylor, Vice President Membership Doug Bergtholdt (two-year term), Secretary Craig Anderson, Treasurer Jim Klingler, Registrar Owen Stiles, Genealogist Terry Briggs, Chaplain Rev. Lou Carlson, Surgeon (no recommendation), Invested Funds Trustee (2017-2019) Stephen Renouf, Invested Funds Trustee (2016-2018) Richard Hawley, Invested Funds Trustee (2015-2017) John Dodd, NSSAR Trustee-California Ron Barker, and NSSAR Alternate Trustee-California Jim Fosdyck.

The Youth program chairmen then gave their reports. Derek Brown reported on the requirement for members working with youth contestants to have taken the Boy Scout Training Program. He also discussed using the SAR parental release form for having youth contestant pictures published. He said the topic for the current SAR Poster Contest was John Sevier and the Over-the-Mountain Men. Navy Sea Cadet Chairman Bob Taylor reported that chapters should inform him when they present awards so they can be tracked.

Following the recess of the board of managers meeting, President Ron Barker led a delegation to the Olivet Memorial Park in Colma, California. The California Society held a wreath laying ceremony in honor of Dr. James Lafayette Cogswell (1830-1921), the founder of the Sons of Revolutionary Sires (SRS), who first met in his office in San Francisco on October 22, 1875 – the first lineage society in the nation recognizing the service of the patriots of the American Revolution.



President Baker gave opening remarks



Jim Faulkinbury provided remarks about Dr. Cogswell.

Vice President General Jim Faulkinbury provided background on Dr. Cogswell, and the SRS. Dr. Cogswell was born in Willington, Connecticut in 1830, and was the grandson of Amos Cogswell, who served in the Connecticut Militia in 1775 to 1777. After gold was discovered in California, Dr. Cogswell sailed around the Horn to San Francisco in 1849. He was a miner and he practiced dentistry in Tuolumne County. In 1859, he returned to San Francisco, where he opened a dental practice. In 1875, with the upcoming Centennial of the Declaration of Independence, Dr. Cogswell called for a meeting of descendants of patriots of the American Revolution to plan for a grand centennial celebration. Dr. Cogswell was named the provisional president of the SRS, and they met informally until the SRS was formally organized following the 4th of July Parade in 1876 in San Francisco. Dr. Cogswell moved to Alaska, and was elected president of the “Dental Society of Sitka” in 1899. He later returned to California, and was a Past Master of the Grand Lodge of California, Free and Accepted Masons. Dr. Cogswell died in 1921 at the Masonic Home in Decoto (now Union City), California. He was originally buried in San Francisco, but when the city ordered the removal of all burials within the city, he was relocated to the Olivet Memorial Park in Colma.

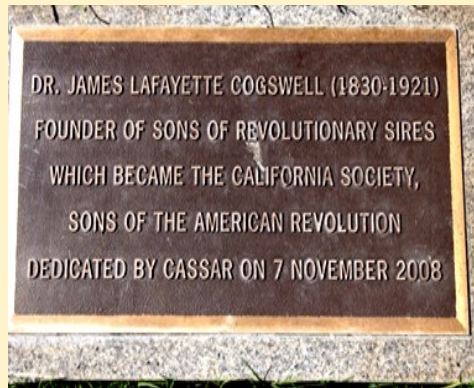
Treasurer General Warren Alter placed a wreath at the grave of Dr. Cogswell, which had an SAR plaque placed by President Renouf of the California Society in 2008.



Treasurer General Alter assisted by CASSAR Color Guard Commander Mark Kramer places a wreath at the grave of Dr. Cogswell. Chaplain General Rev. Louis Carlson offers a prayer.



Members of the CASSAR and Ladies Auxiliary.



California, SAR Color Guard.

In the afternoon, President Conni Barker and members of the Ladies Auxiliary joined Invested Funds Trustee Stephen Renouf at San Francisco for a tour of City Hall. The City Hall Historian, Ellen Schumer, has been giving tours since Mayor Willie Brown moved her from the Veteran's Memorial Building in 1998. She knows City Hall better than anyone else, and led us through the magnificent building.



San Francisco City Hall. Karen Faulkinbury, Karen Carlson, Conni Barker, Lisa Gregory and Nancy Alter.

The City Hall building replaced the original city hall that was destroyed in the 1906 Earthquake and Fire. Construction began in 1913 and it was completed in 1915 under the colorful mayor, James “Sunny Jim” Rolph, Jr. It was completed just prior to the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition. We saw the silver shovel used by Mayor Rolph at the ground breaking ceremony in 1913. We saw the beautiful rotunda, where many weddings occur every day. Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo signed their marriage license in City Hall – it is unknown where they were married since their marriage license is private. Joe DiMaggio and Marilyn Monroe were married in City Hall in 1954. Ellen Schumer let us into the Legislative Chamber, where the SF Board of Supervisors meet every Tuesday. The walls of the room are intricately carved Manchurian oak. The Manchurian oak forests were clear-cut, so it can never be replaced. We ended the tour in the annex of the mayor’s office, where we saw pictures of former mayors Willie Brown, Frank Jordan, Art Agnos, George Moscone, George Christopher, and others.



Photo above right: Stephen Renouf presented the SAR Certificate of Appreciation to Ellen Schumer on behalf of CASSAR President Barker.

In the afternoon, there was a series of breakout sessions for interested compatriots. Compatriot Donald Littlefield led a breakout session on chapter annual reconciliations, and chapter-state-national roster accuracy. Compatriots Jim Faulkinbury, Terry Briggs and Owen Stiles led a breakout session on signing on to the new SAR.org website, using the new online application system, and ongoing issues.

Compatriot Phil Hinshaw led a breakout session on membership retention. Commander Mark Kramer led a breakout session for CASSAR Color Guardsmen.

In the evening, the California Society compatriots entertained the National officers at Broadway Prime Restaurant in Burlingame. We had a casual dinner in a neighborhood restaurant with great prime rib and all the fixings.



Enjoying their prime rib around the table on the left: Jim & Paula McHargue, Jim Fosdyck, Mark & Joann Kramer, Rev. Lou Carlson, Donald Littlefield, Liz & John Ferris, Mary & Philip Hinshaw.

Around the table on the right: Rev. Lou Carlson, Stephen Renouf, Doug Bergtholdt, Steve Hurst, Coreena Ross, Ron & Conni Barker, Warren & Nancy Alter, Darian & Robert Taylor and Karen Carlson.

Saturday

On Saturday morning, November 5, 2016, the past presidents met for breakfast and discussed various issues faced by the state society.



Photo on left: LAUX President Conni Barker presents Dime-A-Day Coins & Certificates to Liz Ferris, Barbara Valkenburg, Anne Adams & Janet Brown.

Right: LAUX members standing Gail Raser, Barbara Valkenburg, Paula McHargue, Joann Kramer, Mary Hinshaw, Liz Ferris, Lisa Gregory, Anne Adams, Karen Carlson, Karen Faulkinbury, Mary Ann Goodwin, Darian Taylor and Nancy Alter; seated Un Hui Yi, Janet Brown, Karen Dodd, Conni Barker, Betty Marvin as Julia Morgan and Coreena Ross.



Joann Kramer, Julia Morgan & Un Hui Yi



Stephen Renouf & Betty Marvin, aka, Julia Morgan

The Budget and Audit Committee met under Chairman Jim Fosdyck, with Vice President North Derek Brown, Treasurer Jim Klingler, Past Treasurer Bob Taylor, Chairman of the Invested Funds Trustees Stephen Renouf, Compatriot Craig Anderson, and Compatriot Jim McHargue. The financial records of the society were audited for 2016 year to date. Afterwards, Jim Fosdyck presented the draft CASSAR Budget for 2017, and after a few changes, the budget was finalized for presentation to the Board of Managers.

President Barker re-convened the Board of Managers Meeting, and the committee chairmen gave their reports. Donald Littlefield reported that the Wreaths Across America Program will be on December 17, 2016. Brian Stephens reported that the NSSAR Public Safety Committee had recently made a proposal for a new Life Saving Medal, which will be presented to the NSSAR Medals & Awards Committee in March 2017. It will be for people who save a person's life, but do not qualify for the Medal of Heroism because their life was not in jeopardy during their life saving activity.

It was reported that 19 of the 21 California Missions have received SAR Flag Certificates, and the remaining two will be done soon. See the article concerning the 21 Historic California Missions in this issue of the California Patriot.

Invested Funds Trustees Stephen Renouf (Chairman), and John Dodd reported on the status of the invested funds over the past 12 months, with an increase of \$20k over one year ago. Chairman Renouf changed the format of the report to have a page for each of the five funds, with a description of each fund, the total balance, the asset mix, and the actual and target allocations. There was a recommendation for a new target allocation for the 2019 Congress Fund (since we will soon start tapping the fund for the upcoming congress), and it was approved with no objection.

Under old business, Gary Jenson made a motion to use the existing SAR photo release form with SSN/EIN requested for youth winners with awards over \$600, and to create a form without the SSN/EIN requested for all others. We only need the SSN/EIN for prizes of \$600 and above to report the payment to the IRS on a 1099 Form. The motion was approved. In addition to using the photo release form, it is also good practice to only use the contestant's first name without any other identifying information. There was discussion about black powder insurance, directors and officers insurance, and general liability insurance, and the issue was referred to a committee consisting of Mark Kramer and John Dodd.

Treasurer Jim Klingler reported that all chapters need to file California Form CT1 to set up an account with the charitable trusts registry. He has the instructions on the California SAR website. Then the chapter needs to file the annual California Form RRF1 each year. If the chapter conducts raffles, they must also fill out a state tax form for that as well. Once the chapter has submitted all the required forms, they should report to the State Compliance Officer, Karl Jacobs, and the State Secretary.

Under new business, CASSAR Executive Vice President Jim Fosdyck presented the 2017 Budget, and it was approved unanimously.

Jim Faulkinbury reported that the state point of contact for new members referred by the new SAR.org website is the State Secretary. President Barker will contact National and have the point of contact for new member referrals changed to the Vice President of Membership. Invested Funds Trustee Chairman Stephen Renouf reported on the recent issues discovered with the life membership fund. Four deceased members were discovered, including one member who died in 1995. It is critical that chapters check their life membership list each year, and make contact with members who are not active in the chapter to ensure that we are not paying dues for deceased members. Due diligence needs to be used to protect the life membership fund. If the fund runs out of money, the society's general funds will need to pay the dues, so it is important to report the deaths of CASSAR life members to the state secretary (Doug Bergtholdt), and the chairman of the Invested Funds Trustees (Stephen Renouf). The CASSAR Executive Committee will decide what to do when CASSAR life members cannot be contacted, and cannot be confirmed to be deceased.

Future SAR events were discussed. The California Society Spring Meeting will be held on April 7-8, 2017, at the Wyndham Hotel in Irvine. The SAR Conference on the American Revolution will be held on June 9-12, 2017. The NSSAR Annual Congress will be held on July 7-13, 2017 in Knoxville, Tennessee. The California Society Fall Board of Managers Meeting will be held on November 4-5, 2017 at a place to be determined.

There was a candidates' forum held, and Warren Alter discussed running for Secretary General, Rev. Lou Carlson discussed running for SAR Foundation Board. John Dodd, Jim Fosdyck, Kent Gregory and Stephen Renouf spoke on behalf of candidates who were not present. The California Society voted unanimously to endorse the following candidates for national office: Warren Alter (Secretary General), Jack Manning (Treasurer General), Bruce Pickette (Registrar General), Mark Anthony (Historian General), Doug Collins (Librarian General), Matthew John Barlow (Surgeon General), and Rev. Lou Carlson (SAR Foundation Board). President Barker then adjourned the Board of Managers Meeting.

President Barker convened a special meeting for the approval of bylaws amendments. Stephen Renouf and John Dodd presented nine bylaws proposals. Proposal No. 1 was withdrawn, and Proposal No. 2 was defeated. Proposal No. 3 was approved to amend Bylaw 5, Section 1, to have the nominating committee rules conform with historical practice, and to make the penultimate past president the chairman.

Proposal No. 4 was approved to amend Bylaw 5, Section 2(c), to expand the duties of the meetings and credentials committee. Proposal No. 5 was defeated. Proposal No. 6 was approved to amend Bylaw 8, Section 3 & 3(a), to correct the version of *Robert's Rules of Order*, and eliminate the unnecessary standing rules provision. Proposal No. 7 was approved to amend Bylaw 8, Section 4(c), 4(c)(i) & 4(c)(ii) to correct the version of *Robert's Rules of Order*, and eliminate the cumbersome and unused voting provisions. Proposal No. 8 was approved to amend Bylaw 7, Section 1, 2 & 3, to correct references to NSSAR Bylaw numbers, and to give extra time (until January 5) to chapters to file their annual reports to the state secretary. Proposal No. 9 was approved to amend Bylaw 7, Section 9, to bring the definition of CASSAR Emeritus status into accord with National's definition (50 years that do not need to be continuous), and exempting CASSAR Emeritus members from chapter dues. Renouf and Dodd also noted that there will be a bylaws proposal in April 2017 to amend Bylaw 9, Section 1(b), to change "annual income" to "annual earnings" to bring the bylaw into accord with NSSAR investment policy and best business practices. President Barker then adjourned the Special Meeting of the California Society.

Vice President General Jim Faulkinbury convened a meeting of the NSSAR Western District. The Western District voted to endorse the same national officer candidates that the California Society voted to endorse. The Western District also voted to nominate Kent Gregory for Vice President General of the Western District in 2017. Vice President General Faulkinbury adjourned the meeting of the Western District.

The Youth Awards and Public Service Luncheon were held in the ballroom with Master of Ceremonies Keith Bigbee. Compatriot Don Gurley led the group in the signing of the National Anthem. Following lunch, Valley Forge Teacher Christina Masciel presented a program on what she learned at Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. President Barker presented her with a SAR Certificate of Appreciation for her informative presentation.



Left: Stephen Renouf, Sergeant Richard B. Jue and President Barker.

Right: Sergeant Jue, Abby C. Ma Joy and Stephen Renouf.



Invested Funds Trustee Chairman Stephen Renouf introduced Sergeant Richard B. Jue of the San Francisco Police Department. Richard Jue joined the San Francisco Police Department 26 years ago to help improve relations between the police and the community. Officer Jue made changes to the training program at the police academy, and trained over 4,000 police recruits. He also served on the security detail for San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, and was promoted to police sergeant in 2012. He has served on the boards of several community organizations, and is active with his son in the SFPD's Lion Dance Team, which participates in the annual Chinese New Year Parade. President Barker presented Sergeant Jue with the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.

Photo on left: President Barker presented the SAR Robert Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award to Gary Jensen and William Nay.



There was a program for the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. President Barker presented lapel pins to William Nay and Jackson Schultz. The Vietnam War Commemoration button for service of a loved one was presented to Chaplin General Carlson, California Society Chancellor Jeff Goodwin, Karen Nay and Robert Regalado.

Streamers for the NSSAR Patriot Biographies Program were distributed to the Delta, Monterey Bay and Redlands Chapters, and stars were presented to Eagle Chapter, Riverside Chapter, and Monterey Bay Chapter. The California Society received streamers at the Congress in Boston for participating in four youth contests – Knight Essay Contest,

Orations Contest, Brochure Contest, and Poster Contest.



President Barker presented Outstanding Citizenship lapel pins and Certificates to Children of the American Revolution members Andrew and Justin.

Photo on left: CAR Chairman Terry Briggs, Barbara McMahon, Andrew, Justin and President Barker.

The CASSAR Color Guard advanced the colors for the Saturday Banquet. Photo below: the Color Guard consisted of Mark Kramer (commander), Brian Stephens, Gary Jensen, Bob Taylor, Douglas Bergtholdt, John Ferris, Dale Ross, Charlie Gentis and Ray Raser with President Ron Barker and First Lady Conni Barker. Compatriot Don Gurley led the group in the signing of the National Anthem. The Master of

Ceremonies was Vice President North Derek Brown.

President Barker presented SAR Certificates of Appreciation from President General Tom Lawrence for chairing national committees to John Dodd (Bylaws Committee and Youth Exchange Committee), to Stephen Renouf (Medals & Awards Committee and Premium Membership Medals Committee), and to Ron Barker (Patriotic Outreach Committee).

President Barker presented NSSAR Liberty Medals to fifteen compatriots.



Stephen Barnes, David Grinnell and Robert Stephan, and oak leaf clusters for subsequent awards of the medal to Stephen Barnes (1), David Grinnell (1), Tom Chilton (1), Jim Faulkimbury (1), James Fosdyck (2), Charles Gentis (1), Kent Gregory (2), Donald Gurley (1), Karl Jacobs (1), Ray Raser (2), Stephen Renouf (1), and Jeff Sylvan (1).



Photo left: Color Guard Commander Kramer presented Field of Honor Streamers to the Orange County, General Patton, Harbor and Riverside Chapters. He presented Let Freedom Ring Streamers to the Orange County, Harbor and Riverside Chapters. President Barker presented the Silver Color Guard Medal to Mark Kramer and John Dodd; the CASSAR Silver Von Steuben Color Guard Medal to Mark Kramer; and the CASSAR Gold Von Steuben Color Guard Medal to Kent Gregory.

President Barker presented the SAR 1776 Capital Campaign Certificates to Jim Fosdyck, Stephan Lantz, John Ferris, Henry Lucas, and Kenneth Lynch. President Barker presented the SAR Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal to Jim Fosdyck and

Un Hui Yi Fosdyck. He presented the SAR Meritorious Service Medal to Phil Hinshaw and Gary Jensen. He presented the Silver Roger Sherman Medal to Rev. Lou Carlson and Terry Briggs.



President Barker presented the Silver Good Citizenship Medal to Jim Faulkinbury. He then called upon Commander Kramer and Color Guardsman Charlie Gentis to escort Ray Raser to the podium to receive the SAR Patriot Medal – one of the highest medals that can be presented by a state society.

President Barker presented the SAR Partners in Patriotism Certificates to the California Society and the Delta, Eagle, General Patton, General Washington, Gold Country, Harbor, Kern, Monterey Bay, Mother Lode, Orange County, Redlands, Redwood Empire, Riverside, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Silicon Valley, Sons of Liberty and South Coast Chapters.



President Barker presented SAR Certificates of Appreciation to the members who helped him host the state meeting in Burlingame – Donald Gurley, Conni Barker, Derek Brown, Joy Renouf, Stephen Renouf, Coreena Ross, Dale Ross and Alan Brooking.



President Barker then adjourned the 141st Annual Fall Board of Managers Meeting.

By Stephen Renouf, CASSAR Chairman of the Trustees of the Invested Funds, with information from President Ron Barker and Executive Vice President Jim Fosdyck.

Photographs by Stephen Renouf, Jim Blauer and Un Hui Yi.





Around the California Missions

Sons of the American Revolution



Flag Certificate Presentations to the Historic Twenty-one California Missions

In 1776 the United States Declaration of Independence was written to declare the East Coast free from British control. 3,000 miles away on the West Coast Spaniards sought to claim the lands by building 21 missions from 1769 to 1823. California's 21 Missions are a fraction of over 100 missions that were built in North America.

Mission Nuestra Señora de la Soledad



Mission Nuestra Señora de la Soledad, known colloquially as the Soledad Mission or Mission Soledad, is a Spanish mission located near the present-day town of Soledad, California. The mission was founded by the Franciscan order on October 9, 1791 to convert the Americans living in the area to Catholicism. It was the thirteenth of California's Spanish missions, and is named for Mary, Our Lady of Solitude. The town of Soledad is named for the mission.



Photo on left: On behalf of the Monterey Bay Chapter, Jim Fosdyck presented an SAR Flag Certificate to Mission Nuestra Señora de la Soledad volunteer Barbara "Bonnie" Whitlock; September 23, 2016.



Photo on right: a history of Mission Nuestra Señora de la Soledad positioned near the United States flag.

Mission San Juan Bautista



Mission San Juan Bautista is a Spanish mission in San Juan Bautista, San Benito County, California. Fermín Lasuén of the Franciscan order, the mission was the fifteenth of the Spanish missions established in present-day California. Named for Saint John the Baptist, the mission is the namesake of the city of San Juan Bautista.

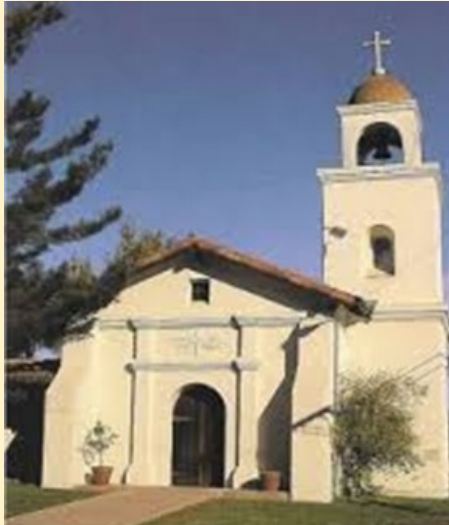
Barracks for the soldiers, a nunnery, the Jose Castro House, and other buildings were constructed around a large grassy plaza in front of the church and can be seen today in their original form. The Ohlone, the original residents of the valley, were brought to live at the mission and baptized, followed by Yokuts from the Central Valley. Mission San Juan Bautista has served mass daily since 1797, and today functions as a parish church of the Diocese of Monterey.



Mission San Juan Bautista volunteer Tony Schneider accepted a SAR Flag Certificate from Jim Fosdyck. The certificate was presented on behalf of the Monterey Bay Chapter. Tony, dressed in 1830 period correct attire, is also a docent for the San Juan Bautista Plaza Historic District, also known as San Juan Bautista State Historic Park.



Mission Santa Cruz



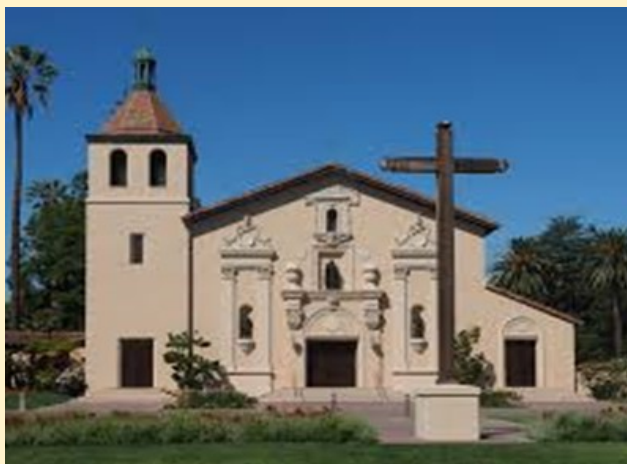
Mission Santa Cruz was a Spanish mission founded by the Franciscan order in present-day Santa Cruz, California. The mission was founded in 1791 and named for the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, adopting the name given to a nearby creek by the missionary priest Juan Crespi, who accompanied the explorer Gaspar de Portolá when he camped on the banks of the San Lorenzo River on October 17, 1769, and erected a wooden cross.



California State Park Ranger Erik Hylkema accepted a SAR Flag Certificate for Mission Santa Cruz. The certificate was presented by Jim Fosdyck on behalf of the Silicon Valley Chapter.



Mission Santa Clara de Asís



Mission Santa Clara de Asís is a Spanish mission founded by the Franciscan order in the present-day city of Santa Clara, California. The mission, the eighth in California, was founded on January 12, 1777 and named for Saint Clare of Assisi, the foundress of the order of the Poor Clares. It is the namesake of the city and county of Santa Clara, as well as Santa Clara University, which was built around the mission. This was the first California mission to be named in honor of a woman and the only one now located on a university campus.

Although ruined and rebuilt six times, the settlement was never abandoned, and today it functions as both a parish church of the Diocese of San Jose and a university chapel for Santa Clara University.

Photo top right (left to right): Janet and Vice President North Derek Brown, Secretary Doug Bergtholdt, Genealogist Terry Briggs, LAUX President Conni and CASSAR President Ron Barker, Mr. White and Executive Vice President Jim Fosdyck. Mr. White, a docent at the mission, accepted a SAR Flag Certificate from President Barker on behalf of the Silicon Valley Chapter.

Mission San José



Mission San José is a Spanish mission located in the present-day city of Fremont, California. It was founded on June 11, 1797, by the Franciscan order and was the fourteenth Spanish mission established in California. The mission is the namesake of the Mission San José district of Fremont.

Photo top center (left to right): Derek and Janet Brown, Terry Briggs, Ron Barker, Doug Bergtholdt, Conni Barker and Jim Fosdyck.

Photo on right (left to right): Janet and Derek Brown, Conni Barker, Doug Bergtholdt, Terry Briggs, Ron Barker and Jim Fosdyck.

Mission San Rafael Arcangel



Photo on left: Keenny Aguilar (Administrative Assistant) accepts a SAR Flag Certificate. The certificate was presented on behalf of the San Francisco Chapter.



Mission San Rafael Arcángel was founded in 1817 as a medical asistencia of Mission San Francisco de Asís. It was a hospital to treat sick Native Americans, making it Alta California's first sanitarium. 15 miles north of San Francisco at the native site of 'Anaguani. Since San Rafael was intended to be a "hospital" asistencia, a key consideration was that the location be in a sunnier and more protected environment than San Francisco, which was foggy, damp and windy. The original mission buildings were razed in 1870. In 1919 the new St. Raphael Parish Church, with an imposing tower, was built on the site of the original chapel.

A US Flag was not flying above the mission because of rainy weather. The U.S. Flag Code states that: "The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all weather flag is displayed."

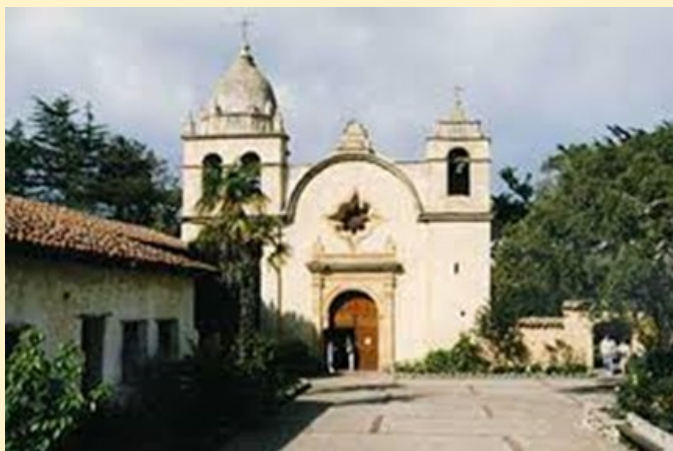
Mission San Francisco de Asís



Above center: Father Francis accepts a SAR Flag Certificate from Jim Fosdyck. The certificate was presented on behalf of the San Francisco Chapter.

Mission San Francisco de Asís, or Mission Dolores, is the oldest surviving structure in San Francisco and the seventh religious settlement established as part of the California chain of missions. Mission Dolores has always had a central place in the religious, civic, and cultural life of San Francisco. Misión San Francisco de Asís was founded June 29, 1776, under the direction of Father Junipero Serra and is both the oldest original intact Mission in California and the oldest building in San Francisco. Today, the Mission Dolores Parish comprises both the Basilica and the Old Mission. The mission was founded a mere five days before the Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

Mission San Carlos Borroméo del río Carmelo



Mission San Carlos Borromeo del río Carmelo, also known as the Carmel Mission or Mission Carmel, is a Roman Catholic mission church in Carmel-by-the-Sea, California.

Above right: Monterey Bay Chapter President Pete Tansill presents a SAR Flag Certificate to Pearson Champlin. Originally established at the presidio in Monterey it was relocated in 1771 to the Carmel Valley on a hillside that was "two gunshots" from the ocean.

Fr. Junipero Serra, who was also the founding missionary, is buried at this mission.

San Miguel Arcangel

Mission San Miguel Arcángel is a Spanish mission in San Miguel, San Luis Obispo County, California. It was established on July 25, 1797 by the Franciscan order, on a site chosen specifically due to the large number of Salinan Indians that inhabited the area, whom the Spanish priests wanted to evangelize. It was lost to fire in 1806. By 1821 the church building was rebuilt. The mission remains in use as a parish church of the Diocese of Monterey. After being closed to the public for six years due to the 2003 San Simeon earthquake, the church reopened on September 29, 2009. Inside the church are murals designed by Esteban Munras. The mission was put on the National Register of Historic Places in 1971 and was named to a National Historic Landmark in 2006.



Photo on center: statue of Father Junipero Serra in the foreground with the United States flying in the background.

Photo on right: Mission San Miguel Arcángel Teresa Legan, Gayle Westerlind and Jim Fosdyck.

San Francisco Solano de Sonoma



Mission San Francisco Solano was the 21st, last and northernmost mission in Alta California opened in 1823. It was the only mission built in Alta California after Mexico gained independence from Spain. On July 4, 1823 soldados de cuera (Spanish soldiers) placed a large redwood cross on the place in the Sonoma Valley where they expected the 'new' Mission San Francisco de Asis to be established.

Then they celebrated Mass to consecrate the location. 3,000 miles away on the East Coast of the United States James Monroe was the 5th President of the United States.

President James S. Beatty and members of the Redwood Empire Chapter had the honor of presenting a SAR Flag Certificate to Mission San Francisco Solano.



*Left to right: On Friday, November 18, 2016 at Mission San Francisco Solano, James Beatty presents a SAR Flag Certificate to David Duplantier (California State Parks Department) and California State Parks Ranger Patrick Garcia.
Photo on right: members of the Redwood Empire Chapter Color Guard participate in the program.*

The California missions are only a fraction of those built by Spaniards in their quest to claim vast holdings in North America. You can travel south of the California border into Mexico to see and learn about many missions there, or travel between California and Florida, discovering similar structures were built in Arizona, Texas, Mississippi and other states.

If you take a drive along US 101 in California, the popular coastal highway follows El Camino Real (The King's Road) created as a travel route by Spaniards who built the twenty-one Historic California Missions. Each mission was designed to be about a day's journey from the next (approximately 30 miles) and today, you can still visit replicas of the original missions as you drive on that highway that largely parallels the Pacific Ocean along its route north and south. Most of the missions are open to the public – some charge an admission fee, while others are free to see.

Because the construction of the missions utilized locally available materials such as adobe brick, there are only a few mission remnants (walls, cornices, towers, etc.) from the original structures that have survived devastating earthquakes and neglect. Although most missions fell into disrepair those with a passion for history and heritage have worked hard to save these landmarks. The replicas of the original missions, however, provide experiences that allow children and adults to relive the California Mission Era. The Mission Era began in 1769, before the American Revolution, and ended four decades after the Revolution when Mission San Francisco Solano was built in 1823.

On a personal note, Un Hui and I enjoyed the experience of visiting the missions. I must thank CASSAR President Ron Barker for considering this idea a California Society project. We also thank the many compatriots from around the California Society that presented Flag Certificates to Fathers (Padres), mission staff, docents and Rangers (from the California Department of Parks). Everyone we met at the missions appreciated the time and effort our compatriots put into making the presentations. Most of them asked many questions about the historical relationship between the missions and the Colonies struggling for their freedom on the opposite coast.

So a project that began on Saturday, March 19, 2016 with the first SAR Flag Certificate presentation to the first mission (Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá) by members of the San Diego Chapter came to a conclusion nine months later when President James Beatty and members of the Redwood Empire Chapter presented the twenty-first and final SAR Flag Certificate to the last mission built (Mission San Francisco Solano).





Around the National Society



The Fall Leadership Conference/Trustee Meeting Louisville, Kentucky; September 29 – October 1, 2016



California Society, SAR members and a few friends.

Left to right: Jim Fosdyck, Un Hui Yi, Ron Barker, Kent & Lisa Gregory, Lindsey & Billie Brock, Cilla Tomme, Jim & Karen Faulkinbury, Tom & Anne Adams, Ed Steinbeck, Bob Ebert, Derek Brown & Joe Dooley. Camera shy: Mike Tomme, Lou Carlson, John Dodd, Charles Lampman,

The NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting was held at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky on September 29 to October 1, 2016. The California Society was represented by President Ron Barker, NSSAR Vice President General-Western District Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, SAR Foundation Board Member John Dodd, NSSAR Chaplain General Lou Carlson, NSSAR Trustee for California Kent and Lisa Gregory, NSSAR Trustee for Spain Stephen and Joy Renouf, Executive Vice President South Jim and Un Hui Fosdyck, Vice President North Derek and Janet Brown, Past President Charles Lampman, Past President Bob Ebert, Past President Karl Jacobs, and Tom and Anne Adams.



On Thursday morning, John Dodd attended the Budget Committee Meeting, where they finalized the 2017 budget proposal.

John Dodd attended the SAR Foundation Meeting, where they discussed the SolidLight donation of \$500k of services for the next phase of the Museum Project.

Kent Gregory attended the meeting of the Museum Board, where they passed a motion to establish a *Friends of the Museum* program with a membership lapel pin to create a funding stream into the Museum's special fund for acquisitions. The status of the deaccession process was discussed. All items to be transferred to the library, the education departments, and the Executive Director have been transferred. Individuals are being notified who donated items to SAR which are not to be kept, so they can be returned or sold. One large painting of William Penn was discovered to actually belong to the Sons of the Revolution (SR), not the SAR. The painting was given to the SAR in 1955 from the Department of the Navy when the ship it was on was decommissioned. Lanny Patton is returning the painting to the SR. A proposal was approved to recommend to the Executive Committee that an architectural plan be prepared for the buildout of the entrance/lobby of the new building with detailed construction plans and cost estimates.

On Friday morning, the Ladies Auxiliary held a business meeting and program.



Sheila Manning and President General J. Michael Tomme'



Karen Powell presents a check to PG Tomme'



Sisters Tea, Parlor & Boutique – First Lady Cilla Tomme', and California Society, SAR Ladies Auxiliary members Lisa Gregory, Anne Adams, Un Hui Yi and Karen Faulkinbury.

Stephen Renouf chaired the Medals & Awards Committee, which was attended by Lou Carlson, Bob Ebert, Jim Fosdyck, and Karl Jacobs. There was a proposal to extend the Kentucky Society Isaac Shelby Centurion Medal for use by all state societies, but it was referred back to the presenting committee to work out some of the details. The committee went into executive session to evaluate the proposal of President General J. Michael to receive the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal, which was approved.

Jim Faulkinbury attended the Patriot Biographies Committee, where they discussed ways to get more submissions. John Dodd, Stephen Renouf and Kent Gregory attended the Congress Planning Committee, where they heard presentations for the 2021 SAR Congress from the Washington, Florida and Georgia Societies, and selected Washington by secret ballot. Paul Callanan reported that we had an attendance of 376 in Boston (we normally average 450).

Ron Barker and Tom Adams attended the Education Committee meeting, where they discussed the Boy Scout youth protection training for compatriots working with youth, which California already does. Each state is requested to appoint an Education Outreach Coordinator, which California already has with the Youth Activities Director. National will be requesting reports to a National Education Outreach Coordinator of those that have taken the BSA training and create a data base. The Education Committee is reviewing a possible collaboration program with Hillsdale College.

Karl Jacobs (vice chairman) and Jim Faulkinbury attended the Membership Committee, which discussed PG Tomme's charge to develop an SAR mentorship program. A handout was made to discuss the role mentors to work with an assigned new member from induction for the next few years.

Jim Faulkinbury chaired a two-hour session of the Genealogy Committee (now a standing committee), which was also attended by Kent Gregory. The subcommittee assigned to investigate sources that could be used to identify non-military *vaqueros* who participated in the Texas cattle drives reported that after investigating the books on the subject and the Bexar, Texas archives, no names of those who participated were found. The subcommittee was excused and it will be the responsibility of applicants to prove service for any future claims for participation on the cattle drives. The subcommittee assigned to review ways to address verified versus unverified data from SAR applications to be included in the proposed Genealogy Research System (GRS) developed a resolution to be presented regarding their findings. A new subcommittee to review the policy requirements made by the bylaw regarding residency of the patriot ancestor was formed. A new subcommittee to look into a way to recognize applicants who establish links to patriots not previously recognized by the SAR via their new member or supplemental applications was formed. Genealogist General John Sinks gave an update of the status of his subcommittee locating qualifying tax lists and also a discussion of how the DAR GRS works.

Derek Brown attended the meeting of the Rumbaugh Orations Committee, where they discussed updating the committee web page, updating the judging criteria and disseminating it to contestants, and allowing students to compete against each other rather than submit the oration on a USB drive.





Left: SAR Foundation President Samuel C. Powell. Far right next to President General Mike Tomme', California Society President Ron Barker accepts a Certificate and Streamer for a CASSAR donation to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

Ron Barker chaired the Americanism Committee, and Tom Adams attended as National Brochure Chairman. Changes to the National website for both the poster and the brochure contest were recommended and approved. The subject of the elementary school poster contest is a Revolutionary War person or persons for the 2016-17 school years. The middle school brochure contest limits the brochure to the foundational documents of the United States, including the Articles of Confederation, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Federalist Papers, and the Bill of Rights. There were minor changes to the Americanism Worksheet.

Ron Barker attended the Council of Youth Awards, where they discussed funds that will be received from PG Tomme's challenge of each State raising \$1,000 and donating it to the Council of Youth Awards Committee for distribution to the youth contests. The council discussed this, and, although no decision was made, they felt the funds should go to the under-funded youth contests. They recommended that the Boy Scout youth protection on line program should be used by all chapters and states.

Jim Faulkinbury attended the CAR Liaison Committee as vice chairman, and the committee discussed PG Tomme's initiatives to 1) have all State Societies establish a SAR/CAR Liaison chairman, 2) encourage male CAR members to join the SAR as Junior Members, and 3) for SAR members become more active in the CAR as Senior leaders was discussed. A proposal from a guest to establish some form of contest or similar recognitions for CAR members was discussed. A subcommittee was assigned to look into the proposal; however, it was pointed out that a CAR contest could adversely impact the other youth contests.



Jim Fosdyck and Derek Brown attended the Public Service and Heroism Committee, where they approved a proposal for a Life

Bob Ebert, Jim Fosdyck, Kent Gregory, Chuck Lampman, and Karl Jacobs attended the Color Guard Committee meeting, where they discussed proposing a Gold Molly Pitcher Medal for ladies with at least five years of service. They also discussed the requirement that all muskets at SAR events (even non-firing ones) must have a flash guard and frizzen cover. Photo: seated left to right Kent Gregory and Dr. Rudy Bird.

Saving Medal which will be presented to Medals & Awards in March 2017.

Jim Faulkinbury was assigned to chair a subcommittee to develop the design specifications for the Reconciliation Module, which will

replace the current process and is intended to help State Societies and chapters with their special needs (such as state-run life membership programs, fees for subscriptions to hard-copy newsletters, or donations for State or chapter programs). A questionnaire was prepared to gather information from all State Society Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers on how their state currently handles its processes for member reconciliation.



Photo: Compatriots receive awards for their support of the Kings College London Partnership. Recipients of the first Kings College London Partnership awards include California Society members Louis Carlson, John Dodd and Kent Gregory.

John Dodd and Kent Gregory attended the SARACAR Committee, which discussed the successful conference that was held in Pasadena, California. Director Joseph Dooley announced that the 2017 conference will be in the Boston or Quincy area and focus on the Adams' family. Plans are being explored for the 2018 conference to be held at John Hopkins University in Baltimore. Karl Jacobs attended the Historic Sites, Celebrations & Reenactments Committee meeting. Kent Gregory, John Dodd and Jim Klingler attended the King's College Partnership Committee, which discussed the success of donations to the King's College partnership. A special pin has been designed and produced for donors. Four candidates have applied for next year's SAR Visiting Professor to King's College. King's College wants between three and five candidates each year, so it was decided to submit all four of the highly qualified applicants and let King's College select the scholar.

Derek Brown attended the Facilities Committee, and heard Mike Scroggins' report on LED library lighting, UV blocking film for the windows, scanning documents to free up physical space, upgrading the security system, the completion of the sewer line work, and maintaining the HVAC system. They also discussed the development of a five-year plan and annual needs assessment to forecast the life of facility components.

Actor Noah Lewis portrayed Ned Hector, a black hero of the Revolutionary War, was featured during the Friday Evening Banquet.

Ned Hector enlisted several members of the audience, including Cilla Tomme' and Billie Brock, to form a Revolutionary War cannon crew.

On Saturday morning, the NSSAR Executive Committee met. Medals & Awards Chairman Renouf presented the proposal for the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal for President General J. Michael Tomme, which was unanimously ratified by the Executive Committee .

The trustees meeting was held immediately following the executive committee meeting. Chancellor General Davis Wright presented a coexistence agreement between the Sons of the American Revolution and the Sons of the Revolution (SR). The SR requested this agreement after the failed to obtain copyright protection for their name and symbols. The government ruled that the name was too close to our name, but with this agreement they would be able to obtain copyright protection. The coexistence agreement was approved unanimously by the trustees. Secretary General Larry Guzy presented the recommendations from the executive committee to the board of trustees. The first recommendation was to approve the implementation of the new membership module on the SAR website, and require all regular and supplemental applications for membership to be filed electronically starting January 1, 2017.



One state society complained that they have not worked to begin phasing in the new system, so they would be unable to submit applications after January 1 if this requirement went into effect. The old system is on an old computer which may fail at any time, so it is necessary to convert to the new system quickly before there is a failure. The trustees voted to reject the deadline and take a chance with the old system. The second proposal was to approve making the 2017 second installment payment for the King's College London SAR Scholar early so as to take advantage of the post-Brexit vote dip in the value of the British Pound by paying £25,000 now. This will save the society about \$6,000. The trustees voted unanimously to make the early payment. Budget Chairman Randy Ellis presented the 2017 budget proposal, which was adopted unanimously by the trustees. There were also two motions to allocate the \$107,000 interest from the Alexander Hamilton Fund, and allocate \$20,000 from the Building Educational Outreach Fund for the 2017 budget, which were both approved unanimously.

Chairman Herman Brown of the Museum Board made a proposal to spend up to \$7,000 to get an estimate from an architect for the build out of the front lobby of the headquarters building. This proposal was referred back to the Museum Board since they failed to inform the Project Manager, Nathan White, or the trustees in advance of this proposal. It will be presented again at the next trustees meeting. The nomination committee presented the nomination committee for 2017 – PG Brock, PG Leishman, PG Dooley, PG Magerkurth, and the four members (and four alternates) from the Council of State Presidents, including Mexico Society President Lou Carlson.

Congress Planning Chairman Paul Callanan presented their recommendation to hold the 2021 SAR Congress in Seattle, Washington, which was approved by the trustees. Investment Chairman David Billings presented the investment guidelines, which were ratified by the trustees. Medals & Awards Chairman Renouf announced that PG Mike Tomme was approved to receive the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal by the committee and the executive committee. PG David Appleby reported on the SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution (SARACAR). The next conference will be in the Boston area on June 9-11, 2017, and will deal with the Adams family. The topic for 2018 will be Spain's role in the American Revolution, and for 2019 will be women in the American Revolution. There was a motion to match a \$5,000 donation from the Pennsylvania Society to pay \$10,000 to set up an SAR Annual Award at the Merchant Marine Service Academy, similar to the ones at the other service academies. The motion was approved unanimously.

Under new business, PG Mike Tomme set up an *ad hoc* committee under Chairman Jim Faulkinbury, consisting of Davis Wright, John Dodd, Joe Dooley, Sam Powell, Randy Moody, Jesse Hagen, and John Sinks. The committee will investigate the proposal by *FamilySearch*, as well as look at other organizations that may be able to provide the digitization and indexing functions for our records.



SAR Foundation President Sam Powell presented a \$500,000 in kind donation from SolidLight. They will donate their services to work on the design and architectural plans for building out the SAR Museum. They also volunteered to help us with fundraising so we could move forward with the SAR Museum. The trustees voted to accept the donation. PG Tomme then adjourned the trustee meeting.

In the afternoon, Derek Brown attended the meeting of the Eagle Scout Committee, where they approved three Burt Award proposals, debated giving prizes for 4th and 5th place, and discussed ways to increase state participation in the Eagle Scout Contest.

Ron Barker, Kent Gregory, Jim Faulkinbury and Jim Fosdyck attended the meeting of the Council of State Presidents, which discussed the process for revising their by-laws. The requirement for Boy Scout Youth

Protection training of all SAR members interacting with youth was discussed. The Alabama Society reported finding general liability and D & O insurance from State Farm at a good price. Jim Faulkinbury passed out a draft questionnaire (to be sent to State Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers) so the Council members could review it for completeness before being sent out. The questionnaire is designed to solicit information about the way the various states handle their annual member reconciliation processes, including any special needs. The questionnaire was prepared by the IT Subcommittee for the Member Reconciliation Module.

Jim Faulkinbury attended the meeting of the Council of Vice Presidents General, which discussed PG Tomme's goals for the VPGs to 1) increase communications with the State Societies in their Districts to emphasize membership and retention and the mentoring program, and 2) to promote the NSSAR Council of Youth Programs to have 100% participation by every State Society with a minimum donation of \$1,000 to the council's fund by June 1, 2017. It was pointed out that the amount of donation was not achievable by small State Societies and even the larger ones hadn't budgeted for this program

President General J. Michael Tomme' opens the Saturday evening banquet.

Color Guard Commander David Hoover leads the Color Guard as they advance the Colors.

The Saturday evening banquet was held in the ballroom, and featured special guest General Nathanael Greene, portrayed by Dan McMichael of Georgia.



Article by: Stephen Renouf, Chairman, CASSAR Invested Funds Trustees, with information from Ron Barker, Derek Brown, John Dodd, Jim Faulkinbury, Jim Fosdyck, Kent Gregory, and Karl Jacobs.

Photographs by Un Hui Yi and Stephen Renouf.



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We, the Descendants of the Heroes
of the American Revolution,
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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

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170704	8308	James Swigger	Coachella Valley
156377		Ronald Lotz	Coachella Valley
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147685	6564	Joel Robbins	Gen. Geo. Patton
160750	7613	Philip Holmes	Gen. Geo. Patton
164730	7927	William Henry Jr.	Gen. Geo. Patton
190573	9571	Gary Richards	Orange County
93341	3647	Herman Kietzman Jr.	Orange County
97248	3854	Theodore Eastman	Orange County
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