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The President's Message

Compatriots!

President General Mike 'Tomme', first lady Cilla Tomme', former Presidents General and first ladies, national officers, honored guests, fellow compatriots and friends.

I want to give special recognition to Jim Blauer. Jim is the senior active member of the Orange County Chapter in attendance this evening. It's been 9 years since Jim encouraged me to join the Sons of the American Revolution. I want to take a moment to recognize our host chapter the members of the Orange County Chapter who are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year.

This evening as the 142nd Spring Meeting of the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution in Irvine comes to a close I have been given the honor to become your next President. I am truly indebted to the compatriots who had the confidence, faith and trust to elect me to this position. I do not take this responsibility lightly and I will do everything possible to fulfill the trust you have placed in me.

I look forward to visiting each chapter – some of them for the third or fourth time. This is a goal I set when first elected to state office three years ago. I will always make myself available to you should you have questions, concerns, suggestions or comments.

Congratulations to everyone elected to serve as an officer for the coming year.

Doug Bergholdt - VP of Membership
Craig Anderson - Secretary
Rob Dickey - ROTC/JROTC Chairman
Ray Raser - Best Chapter Contest Chairman
and Gary Jensen - Youth Awards Program Director

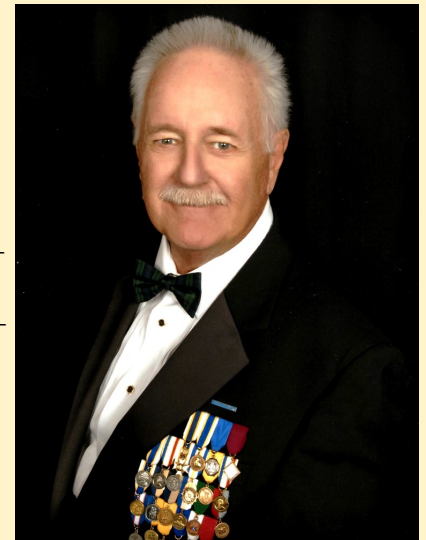
I look forward to serving with these newly elected officers and the appointed Committee Chairmen. Please give them your full support.

As we enter into this year there are projects and programs we as a society need to embrace. Many of the programs are ongoing and do not need to be repeated by me.

Each chapter has the expertise, knowledge and diversity to meet the challenges we face. I hope the challenges and opportunities each chapter has will not only strengthen them but will inspire a sense of duty and commitment to our society.

I am asking each chapter president to involve each member in their chapter activities such as youth programs, veteran affairs and public service awards. I know Public Safety and Heroism Chairman Brian Stephens is looking for greater chapter involvement in the area of public safety awards and recognition.

The California Society would not be the society it is today without the hard work that is done at the chapter level.



*126th President, CASSAR
James C. Fosdyck*

Take pride in your chapter and the California Society and the fact that you belong to the Sons of the American Revolution.

I ask all chapters to focus on new membership and retention of members. Encourage your members to become more visible and involved in your community through projects and activities like the color guard – the face of the SAR.

Chapters are the strength of the State and National Societies. Please attend and support your chapter meetings, the California Society Annual Spring and Fall Board of Managers Meetings. Chapter presidents please encourage members to take an active role in the various committees at the state and national levels. For those able, I encourage you to attend the National Society Spring and Fall Leadership Meetings and Congress.

This past year California Society compatriots Dan McKelvie, Brian Stephens and Jim Klingler joined committees at the national level. And California compatriots from all around the state became involved in the National Color Guard.

There were seven first time attendees from California at the recent Spring Leadership Meeting.

Bob Taylor
Brain and Diane Stephens
Alan and Susan Brookings
Mark and Joann Kramer.

Mark immediately volunteered to co chair a Color Guard Subcommittee to establish policy and procedures for the safe handling of black powder and muskets.

Remember the 2019 Congress will be held right here in Orange County. Please get involved in the planning. Offer your time and talent to make that Congress a great success.

Thank you immediate past President Ron Barker for being an example for everyone to follow. It was through your leadership, guidance and competence that we had a rewarding and successful year.

It would be a huge oversight if I did not thank the ladies of our California Society Ladies Auxiliary. Thank you for all you do at your local chapters, the California Society meetings and the financial contributions given to support our youth programs. Several of you are involved in the National Ladies Auxiliary and the planning for the 2019 Congress. We appreciate the unending sup-

port and service you give to the California Society and we look forward to another great year with you. As all compatriots know – *behind every successful man* there stands a woman. And I take this opportunity to thank my wife Un Hui Yi for all she does to help me and support the Sons of the American Revolution.

To everyone, thank you for the love, commitment and passion you have for the Sons of the American Revolution. I follow a long line of distinguished California Society Presidents (126 to be exact), 15 of them are here tonight. My hope is that I measure up to their high standards as I take the reins for my term. I will do all I can to honor the responsibility you have placed in me. In closing, I ask God to embrace our society, state and nation and to keep his loving arms around you and your families.

Thank you.

126th *CASSAR* President
James C. Fosdyck



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NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FEES, DUES

	NSSAR Fee	\$80.00
NATIONAL, STATE, AND CHAPTER	NSSAR Dues	\$35.00
	CASSAR Fee	\$20.00
	Chapter Dues	Varies

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

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

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FEES

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

JUNIOR MEMBER APPLICATION FEES, DUES

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

MEMORIAL MEMBER APPLICATION FEES, DUES

	NSSAR Fee	\$430.00
	CASSAR Fee	\$20.00

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP ADVANTAGES

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

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Next Deadline: August 01, 2017
(subject to change)

The Secretary's Report

ANNUAL DUES, REGULAR MEMBERS

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

ANNUAL DUES, JUNIOR MEMBERS

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

This is the Secretary's report for the Spring issue of the Compatriot. After serving as your State Secretary for the last four years, I have turned the position over to Craig Anderson of the Sacramento Chapter. I have taken over as VP-Membership from Phillip Hinshaw who held the position for the last seven years.

During the first four months of this year, we added 62 new members. We had 34 supplementals by 17 members. We have had 2 deaths reported during the same period.

Doug Bergtholdt

Compatriots:

Thank you, for electing me to serve as your California Society Secretary this year; I am looking forward to working with everyone. I thank Doug Bergtholdt for his service as Secretary over the past four years, and I wish him success in his new position as Vice President, Membership.

I would also like to thank all of the chapter secretaries who worked with Don Littlefield and Jim Faulkinbury over the last several months to reconcile the local rosters with the state and national rosters. This hard work will make it easier to us to keep our Chapter/ State/ and National rosters correct going forward this year.

Craig Anderson

Coming Events

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.

August 19, 2017 - Orange County Chapter, SAR 50th Year Celebration, Mile Square Regional Park, Fountain Valley, CA. All California Compatriots are welcome to attend.

September 29-30, 2017 - Fall Leadership, Louisville, KY.

November 3-4, 2017 - CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting, Irvine Wyndham Hotel, Irvine, CA.

Welcome New Members

NSSAR#	CASSAR#	LNAME	FNAME	MNAME	CHAPTER
201097	10255	Beckman	Michael	Anthony	Central Coast
201271	10267	Cerny	Michael	Allen	Central Coast
201100	10258	Davis	Harry	Arbuth	Delta
201102	10260	Huegel	Warren	Michael	Eagle
201103	10261	Huegel	Gerard	Owen	Eagle
201998	10306	Plummer	Bruce	Lawrence	Eagle
200985	10247	Lombard	Charles	Hubert	General George Patton
201269	10265	Dodds	Bradley	Norton	General George Patton
201267	10263	Willett IV	Joseph	Jackson	General George Washington
201268	10264	Dickson	William	Jeffrey	General George Washington
200986	10248	Olivarez	Dennis	Clifton	Gold Country
201356	10269	Richardson	Strowbridge	Blaisdell	Gold Country
201357	10270	Richardson	Toby	Tight Justus	Gold Country
201766	10284	Fisher	Frederick	Ayer	Gold Country
201767	10285	Rath	Richard	Raymond	Harbor
201904	10302	Keemam	Gregory	Keith	Harbor
201266	10262	Gilbert	Paul	Wayne	Orange County
200347	10292	Laswell	Thomas	Allen	Orange County
201897	10295	Harden	James	Lawrence	Orange County
201898	10296	Harden	Eric	John	Orange County
201996	10304	Olsen II	Eric	Kincaid	Orange County
201997	10305	Olsen	Nathanael	Eric Kincaid	Orange County
201896	10294	Holmes	Barton	Clark	Redding
200991	10253	Crouch	Gregory	Wayne	Riverside
201463	10278	Lewis	Gene	Wayne	Riverside
201899	10297	Simmons	Wesley	Andrew	Riverside
200983	10245	Ward	Kevin	John	Sacramento
200987	10249	Noble	Phillip	Harold	Sacramento
200988	10250	Allege	Joseph	Michael	Sacramento
201101	10259	Camacho	John	Gregory	Sacramento
201270	10266	Gunter II	James	William	Sacramento
201772	10290	Lyon	Dale	Michael	Sacramento
201830	10293	Cofer Jr.	David	Boyd	Sacramento
200990	10252	Jones	Harmon	Edward Gwynn	San Diego
201095	10291	Crow	Ronald	Terry	San Diego
201096	10254	Crow	Steven	James	San Diego
201098	10256	Spaulding	Michael	James	San Diego
201099	10257	Pennington	Dustin	Keats	San Diego
201457	10272	Peterson	Michael	Richard	San Diego
201768	10286	Fernando	Christopher	Matthew	San Diego
201457	10253	Yelinek	Jordan	Tyler	San Francisco
201457	10253	Yelinek	Jordan	Tyler	San Francisco
200989	10251	Eiland III	Murray	Lee	Silicon Valley
201900	10298	Chambless	Harold	Odell	Silicon Valley
201901	10299	Chambless	Michael	David	Silicon Valley
201902	10300	Chambless	David	William Alfredo	Silicon Valley
201903	10301	Chambless	Christopher	Michael Airo	Silicon Valley
201541	10279	Richardson Jr.	John	Vinson	Sons of Liberty
201542	10280	Knapp	Harry	Alanson	Sons of Liberty
200984	10246	Stucker	John	Leroy	South Coast
201358	10271	Cully	Mark	Christopher	South Coast
201548	10281	Bell	James	Edward	South Coast
201769	10287	Road III	Harley	Edwin	South Coast
201770	10288	Rouda	Shea	Phillips	South Coast
201771	10289	Rouda	Dylan	Buchanan	South Coast

Welcome New Members

NSSAR#	CASSAR#	LNAME	FNAME	MNAME	CHAPTER
201905	10303	Roy	Michael	Louis	South Coast
201544	10282	D'Arche	David	Marshall	Thomas Jefferson
201545	10283	Wendorf	Michael	Andrew	Thomas Jefferson
201355	10268	Lerandean	Paul	Edward	Yosemite
201458	10274	Elledge	Robert	Dwight	Yosemite
201460	10275	Elledge	Matthew	Hyrum	Yosemite
201461	10276	Elledge	Christopher	Ryan	Yosemite
201462	10277	Elledge	Nathan	Robert	Yosemite



Amendments of Articles of Incorporation.

In accordance with the California Corporations Code, nonprofit corporation law, public benefit corporations, section 5812, proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation, may be approved by a majority vote of the board followed by a majority vote of a meeting of members.

Articles of Incorporation Proposal No. 1:

Article V:

Current

ARTICLES V

There shall be no capital stock issued by this corporation. The members of this corporation shall consist of such persons as may be elected as such under provisions of the bylaws of this corporation, and shall be limited to male persons of the age of eighteen (18) years or over who are citizens of good repute in the community, who are the lineal descendants of an ancestor or ancestors who was at all times unfailing in his loyalty to and rendered active service in the cause of the American independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militiaman or minute man in the armed forces of the Continental Congress, or of any of the several Colonies or States or as signer of the Declaration of Independence, or as a member of the Committee of Safety or Correspondence, or as a member of any Continental Provincial, or Colonial Congress or Legislature, or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts or resistance to the authority of Great Britain, provided, however, that no person advocating the overthrow of the Government of the United States by use of force or violence shall be eligible for membership in the Society.

Membership in this corporation shall not be transferable.

Proposed

ARTICLES V

There shall be no capital stock issued by this corporation. The members of this corporation shall consist of such persons as may be elected as such under provisions of the bylaws of this corporation, and shall be limited to male persons ~~of the age of eighteen (18) years or over~~ who are citizens of good repute in the community, who are the lineal descendants of an ancestor ~~or ancestors~~ who, **at the time of the last known service, demonstrated was at all times unfailing in his** loyalty to and rendered active service in the cause of the American independence either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militiaman, or minute man in the armed forces of the Continental Congress, or of any of the several Colonies or States, or as signer of the Declaration of Independence, or as a member of the Committee of Safety or Correspondence, or as a member of any Continental Provincial, or Colonial Congress or Legislature, **as a foreign national of, but not limited to, France, Germany, Poland, Spain, Sweden, or Switzerland who rendered service in the cause of American Independence,** or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts or resistance to the authority of Great Britain, provided, however, that no person advocating the overthrow of the Government of the United States by use of force or violence shall be eligible for membership in the Society.

Rationale

To make the Articles consistent with Article III of the NSSAR Constitution, and with NSSAR genealogy policies.



Articles of Incorporation Proposal No. 2:

ARTICLE XI:

Current

ARTICLE XI

An appointed Bylaws Committee shall prepare the language for any proposed amendment to the Bylaws. The chapters of this society shall be given notice of such proposed amendment at least 90 days prior to a meeting of the membership at which the amendment shall be put to vote. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the chapters of this society present and eligible to vote, represented by the chapter president or his designated alternate, shall be required for approval.

Proposed

ARTICLE XI

An appointed Bylaws Committee shall prepare the language for any proposed amendment to the Bylaws. The chapters of this society shall be given notice of such proposed amendment at least ~~90~~ 30 days prior to a meeting of the membership at which the amendment shall be put to vote. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the chapters of this society present and eligible to vote, represented by the chapter president or his designated alternate, shall be required for approval.

Rationale

This article was adopted at a time when communications were by postal mail. The lengthy period is no longer necessary.



CASSAR Bylaw Proposals

The Bylaws Committee: Stephen R. Renouf, John L. Dodd, Esq., and Donald B. Littlefield have recommended the following Bylaw changes be published for review by the California Society compatriots.

These Bylaw changes will be on the agenda of the “Special Meeting” to be held immediately following the adjournment of the CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting in November 2017.

Amendments of Bylaws.

At annual or special meetings of members properly noticed proposed amendments to the bylaws may be voted upon with such voting restricted to one vote for each chapter president. Passage of the proposed bylaw requires at least a two-thirds vote of the chapters present and voting at the meeting.

CASSAR Bylaw Proposals – November 4, 2017

Proposal No. 1:

Bylaw 9, Section 1(b):

Current

(b) The annual income from the permanent fund shall be accumulated and one-half shall be transferred to the Unallocated Fund and one-half shall be reinvested in the permanent fund at the beginning of each fiscal year.

Proposed

(b) The annual **earnings (defined as income, dividends, realized and unrealized gains)** from the permanent fund shall be accumulated, and one-half shall be transferred to the Unallocated Fund and one-half shall be reinvested in the permanent fund at the beginning of each fiscal year.

Rationale

This will bring the bylaw into conformity with NSSAR investment policy, and best business practices.

Proposal No. 2:

Bylaw 2, Section 3(b):

Current

(b)—In the case of any withdrawal from all accounts containing five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or more, all funds expended by a chapter shall be by check signed by two (2) authorized members in good standing of the chapter who do not reside in the same household, or who are not employed at the same place of business.

Proposed

[Eliminate **Section 3(b)** in its entirety, and re-letter Section 3(c) to 3(b).]

Rationale

Banks will not honor the two signature requirement – as long as one signer on the account signs the check, they will honor it. Chapters should adopt a check request process in their bylaws similar to what CASSAR has.



Proposal No. 3:

Bylaw 4, Section 5:

Current

Section 5—TREASURER—The treasurer shall collect and keep the general operating funds of the society. They shall be deposited in a banking institution approved by the board and shall be placed to the credit of the CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. The treasurer shall expend funds of the society only as directed by the board through adoption of a budget or by specific direction for a particular item. Contracts for unbudgeted expenditures in excess of \$1,000 shall be pre-approved by the Executive Committee. Funds shall be expended by checks signed by any two (2) officers so authorized. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and disbursements and at each annual meeting render the same to the society. He shall also make such other reports as may be requested by the board.

Proposed

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Rationale

Banks will not honor the two signature requirement – as long as one signer on the account signs the check, they will honor it. The CASSAR check request process already requires 2 signatures on the check request.

Proposal No. 4:

Bylaw 2, Section 6:

Current

Section 6—To further the work of this society, women who are related to SAR members shall be encouraged and assisted by the society in the establishment and operation of an independent organization to be named the Ladies' Auxiliary of the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Proposed

Section 6—To further the work of this society, women **of good repute in the community** who are related to SAR members **in good standing** shall be encouraged and assisted by the society in the establishment and operation of an independent organization to be named the Ladies' Auxiliary of the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Rationale

To make the bylaw consistent with CASSAR and NSSAR bylaws



Proposal No. 5:

Bylaw 5, Section 2(a):

Current

(a) **BUDGET AND PLANNING COMMITTEE.** The executive vice president shall be chairman, and the other members of this committee shall be the other vice presidents, the treasurer, the secretary and three other members appointed by the committee chairman. They shall estimate income and expenditures, and recommend such fiscal actions as they consider in the best interests of the society. One of their main duties is to prepare a recommended annual budget for the following year.

Proposed

(a) **BUDGET AND PLANNING COMMITTEE.** ~~The executive vice president shall be chairman, and the other members of this committee shall be the other vice presidents, the treasurer, the secretary and three other members appointed by the committee chairman.~~ It shall be comprised of the executive vice-president (who shall be chairman); the vice president north; the vice president south; the treasurer; and a chapter president from the north, and a chapter president from the south, appointed by the state president. The state president shall appoint a state officer to replace the executive vice president, vice president north, and vice president south, if any of them are unable to serve on the committee. **The chairman of the invested funds trustees shall be a non-voting member of the committee.** They shall estimate income and expenditures, and recommend such fiscal actions as they consider in the best interests of the society. One of their main duties is to prepare a recommended annual budget for the following year.

Rationale

The change was requested by the April 2017 Audit Committee to give the regional vice presidents exposure to the budget process before they become chairman of the committee, and refine the composition of the committee.

Proposal No. 6:

Bylaw 5, Section 2(b):

Current

(b) **AUDIT COMMITTEE.** It shall comprise at least three (3) members, two (2) of whom shall be other than elected officers. The executive vice-president shall be chairman. At least one member of the Audit Committee shall be 'financially literate' meaning substantial prior experience and knowledge of financial matters. It shall audit the books and records of the treasurer and of the trustees of the permanent fund, and shall report to the president at the annual meeting.

Proposed

(b) **AUDIT COMMITTEE.** It shall ~~comprise at least three (3) members, two (2) of whom shall be other than elected officers~~ be comprised of the executive vice-president (who shall be chairman); the vice president north; the vice president south; and a chapter president from the north, and a chapter president from the south, appointed by the state president. ~~The state president shall appoint a state officer to replace the executive vice president, vice president north, and vice president south, if any of them are unable to serve on the committee.~~ **The treasurer and the chairman of the invested funds trustees shall be non-voting members of the committee.** At least one member of the Audit Committee shall be 'financially literate' meaning substantial prior experience and knowledge of financial matters. It shall audit the books and records of the treasurer and of the trustees of the permanent fund, and shall report to the president at the annual meeting.

Rationale

The change was requested by the April 2017 Audit Committee to give the regional vice presidents exposure to the audit before they become chairman of the committee, and refine the composition of the committee

Proposal No. 7:

Bylaw 8, Section 2(a):

Current

Section 2—MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

(a) Three (3) regular meetings of the board shall be held annually, one as soon as is practicable following adjournment of the annual meeting of the membership for the purposes of organization and for the transaction of other business properly presented. A second shall be held the first Saturday in November, alternately in the northern and southern areas of the state, unless otherwise scheduled by the board as soon as practicable, but not less than ninety (90) days prior to the date of such second meeting. A third shall be held as close to the opening of the next annual meeting of the membership as is practicable for the purpose of transacting necessary business properly presented.

Proposed

Section 2—MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

(a) ~~Three (3)~~ **Two (2)** regular meetings of the board shall be held annually, one as soon as is practicable following adjournment of the annual meeting of the membership for the purposes of organization and for the transaction of other business properly presented. A second shall be held the first Saturday in November, alternately in the northern and southern areas of the state, unless otherwise scheduled by the board as soon as practicable, but not less than ninety (90) days prior to the date of such second meeting. ~~A third shall be held as close to the opening of the next annual meeting of the membership as is practicable for the purpose of transacting necessary business properly presented.~~

Rationale

To make the bylaw consistent with CASSAR practice.



*Orange County Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution*



1967-2017

*Will be celebrating on
August 19, 2017*

At Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley

Time: 10:30 am - 5:00 pm

Shelter # 1

Bring your favorite dish.

*Hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments
and beverages will be provided.*

*Orange County Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution*



Pot Luck Sign-up Sheet

1. *Jim Blauer – Brownies, Lemon Pies*
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Now Available! California Society

SAR Member Medal. \$35 per set

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



California Society, Sons of the American Revolution
142nd Annual Board of Managers Meeting November 3 – 4, 2017

Hosted by the Harbor SAR Chapter



Wyndham Irvine Hotel

17941 Von Karman Avenue, Irvine, CA 92614

*A special SAR Room Rate of **\$118.00 per night** (single or double) is available until October 13th. Make Hotel Reservations by calling: (949) 863-1999. Parking is \$4.00 per day, Free Shuttle from the Orange County Airport.*

MEETING RESERVATION FORM

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

Arriving: _____ Thursday, Nov 2, _____ Friday, Nov 3, _____ Saturday, Nov 4

Registration is \$155.00 per person mailed by Oct. 12, 2017 or \$165 per person mailed after Oct. 12th. Registration Fee includes admission to all Business Meetings, Hospitality Room, Friday and Saturday Luncheon, and Saturday evening Banquet.

Number of Registrants: _____ @ \$155 for a total of \$ _____

Number of Late Registrations: _____ @ \$165 for a total of \$ _____

*There will be an **optional Friday Dinner** – not included on this Registration Form. The Location of the restaurant and menu selections will be available by July 1, 2017 – It will be sent to all who have previously registered for this Annual Board of Managers Meeting.*

Non-registered Friday Luncheon: _____ @ \$55

Non-registered Saturday Luncheon: _____ @ \$55

Non-registered Saturday Banquet: _____ @ \$75

*Checks should be made payable to **HARBOR SAR CHAPTER**, and mailed with this registration form to: **Karl Jacobs, 402 Hillcrest St., El Segundo, CA 90245-2911***

Questions? Please contact Karl Jacobs at karsar@earthlink.net - or call 310-322-0727

Please mark your meal choices:

Fri. Luncheon: _____ Salmon with Orange Butter Sauce
_____ Cobb Salad

Sat. Luncheon: _____ Open Face New York Steak Sandwich
_____ Island Chicken Salad

Sat. Banquet: _____ Fresh Atlantic Salmon
_____ Sliced New York Sirloin

<<< *vegetarian options available* >>>

From the Desk of the CASSAR Registrar

It looks like we are off to a good start with applications. Knowing that there is about a 12 week turn around now does not seem to suppress our efforts. Most of the Chapter registrars have conquered the new online application process. As any new thing comes online there will be occasional glitches but the Genealogy Committee have gotten on a situation and resolved them quickly so our hats off to them.

To date we have processed 99 applications:

61 New

10 Junior Members

24 Supplementals

Registrars as we work together can we keep in mind that our goal is to create an “approval ready” application. Simple things such as using a red pen to underline and indicate the generations, ensuring that all generation to generation connections are made, and ensuring the quality of the supporting documents (readable not fuzzy) will go a long ways to making Louisville Genealogists tasks easier. We also need to keep in mind that one or two proper documents are all that are needed. When citing a book or other source make sure to include the cover page of the book/ source.

If you are not already doing so, it would be advisable to keep your Chapter Secretary and Chapter President in the loop. At a minimum you should have a monthly report ready.

As we prepare the official online application ensure that there is ample wording in the reference sections for each generations proofs. We are not writing the next version of “War and Peace!” Remember to not double space this section. When In doubt on how to prepare a particular item give myself or Terry Briggs an email and we will assist.

We registrars have a daunting task and let’s work together to make 2017 a banner year!





Order of March



Massing of the Colors & Salute to Our Armed Forces

Celebrated on the Sunday nearest the birth of George Washington, the Massing of the Colors & Salute to Our Armed Forces is the largest celebration of its kind in the western United States. February 19, 2017 was the 35th annual celebration of George Washington's birth. The event is sponsored by the Sons of Liberty Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

More than 40 compatriots and Ladies Auxiliary members from 8 chapters participated in the event.

Participation streamers were presented to the following California Society Chapters:

- Sons of Liberty Chapter - SOL is the host chapter of the Massing of the Colors
- General George Patton Chapter
- Harbor Chapter
- Kern Chapter
- Orange County Chapter
- Redlands Chapter
- Riverside Chapter
- Silicon Valley Chapter

From Un Hui Yi



CA Society SAR Color Guard and the Los Angeles Fifes & Drums



Lead group - L to R Mark Kramer, Brian Merrell, Larry Hansen, Christopher Keene and Jim Fosdyck



L to R: James Gill carrying Washington's Flag, Gen. Washington and Don Boatright



First group Orange County Color Guard , 2nd group Riverside Color Guard, 2nd group Kern Color Guard and 4th group General George Patton Color Guard



L to R: Don Boatright, James Gill and Richard Boatright



Los Angeles Fifes & Drums



L to R: Christopher Keene and Larry Hansen

Thousands attend Revolutionary event at Central Park in Huntington Beach, CA

Huntington Beach's Central Park was turned into a battleground over the February 11-12, 2017 weekend, as the Huntington Beach Historical Society recreated four significant battles of the



Gen. Washington, portrayed by Compatriot Dan Shippey, confers with his aides.

American Revolution for thousands of onlookers.

Turning the clocks back to the 18th Century, re-enactors with the Historical Society and the Sons of the American revolution War gave those in attendance, a glimpse of the Battle of Lexington and Parker's Revenge (1775), the Battle of Long Island (1776), the Battle of Brandywine (1777) and the Battle of Cowpens (1781).



The Los Angeles Fifes & Drums move toward the battle .



The Continentals and British engage one another



The Continentals return from the battlefield.



Around the California Society



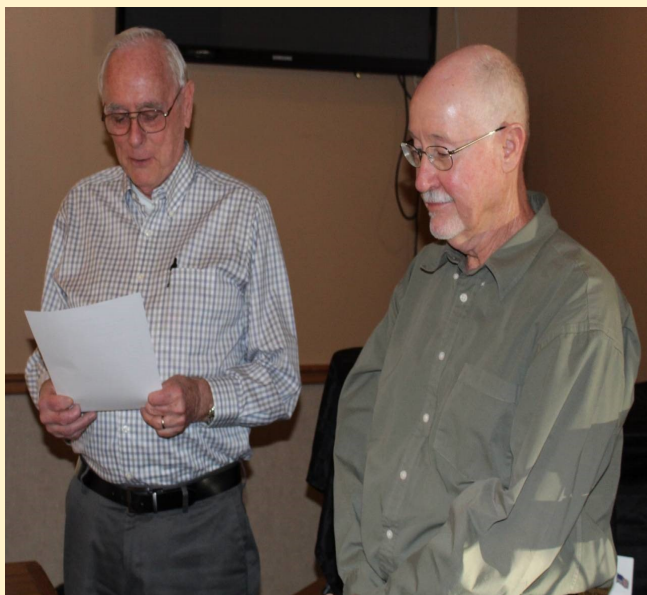
February 11th Orange County Chapter Meeting



OC Chapter President David Beall presents John Mesco a certificate of Appreciation for his talk about the Nixon Presidential Library .



Jim Fosdyck presents John Mesco and Compatriot Dean Bobcock with 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Lapel Pin



Veteran's Affairs Chairman Ham Salley reads a citation for Dean Bobcock's SAR Military Service Medal



President David Beall presents John Ferris with a Supplemental Certificate for his patriotic ancestor Josiah Strong

Presidential Volunteer Service Awards; January 26, 2017

California Society, SAR Color guardsmen including (L-R) Karl Jacobs, John Ferris, Dan McKelvie and James Gill presented the Colors at a awards program honoring Barbara Winkler of the Quilts of Valor.

Several people were honored with a special pin, letter and certificate from the President to recognize their community volunteer works. There was one bronze award, Barbara Winkler received the silver and another got a lifetime award. It was an elegant event in Monrovia, CA including dinner.



California Society, SAR Color guardsmen presented the Colors at a awards program honoring Barbara Winkler of the Quilts of Valor



Karl Jacobs, John Ferris, Dan McKelvie and James Gill

The 142nd CASSAR Annual Meeting

The 142nd CASSAR Annual Meeting was hosted by the Orange County Chapter at the Wyndham Hotel in Irvine, California, on April 7-8, 2017. On Thursday, the State Officers hosted the National Officers for dinner at Las Brisas Restaurant at Laguna Beach. We had a great view of the beach and the sunset from the dining room. In attendance were Secretary General Larry Guzy, Chaplain General Rt. Rev. Louis and Karen Carlson, former President General Larry and Barbara Magerkurth, former President General Tom and Mickey Jo Lawrence, Vice President General Western District Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, SAR Foundation Board Member John and Karen Dodd, and NSSAR Trustee for Spain Stephen and Joy Renouf.



L-R: Don Boatright and Kent Gregory visit the Registration Table which is being manned by Mark Torres and Gus Fischer.

On Friday morning, President Ron Barker convened the CASSAR Annual Meeting. Following opening ceremonies, the National Officers were introduced – President General J. Michael "Mike" Tomme' (GA), Secretary General Guzy (GA), Chaplain General Carlson (CA), former President General Lawrence (TX), former President General Magerkurth (CA), Vice President General Faulkinbury (CA), and SAR Foundation Board Member Dodd (CA). The former California Society state presidents were then introduced – Marston Watson (1970-71), Charles Conyers (1991-92), Ron Risley (1995-96), Charles Lampman (2001-02), Stan DeLong (2003-04), Larry Magerkurth (2005-06), Robert Ebert (2006-07), Karl Jacobs (2007-08), Stephen Renouf (2008-09), Rt. Rev. Louis Carlson (2009-10), Wayne Griswold (2010-11), John Dodd (2011-12), Stephen Hurst (2013-14), Jim Faulkinbury (2014-15), and Kent Gregory (2015-16).

The following photo was taken Saturday evening when there were sixteen former CASSAR presidents present at the Gala Banquet.

The minutes of the Board of Managers meeting from November 2016 were approved. Dodd reported that the SAR Foundation received a \$500k in-kind donation from SolidLight to continue with the next phase of the SAR Museum. He also noted that SAR chapters may pay to place an advertisement in local newspapers requesting that



people add the SAR to their estate planning. The SAR Foundation can provide the advertisement.

President Barker thanked Faulkinbury and Don Littlefield for working on the annual reconciliation of members, and improving the accuracy of the report.

Gregory 2015	Barker 2016	Lampman 2001	Watson 1970	Risley 1995	DeLong 2003	Faulkinbury 2014	Magerkurth 2005	Carlson 2009	Griswold 2010	Jacobs 2007	Renouf 2008	Dodd 2011	Hurst 2013	Conyers 1991	Ebert 2006
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Executive Vice President Jim Fosdyck announced that he had presented a flag certificate at each of the 21 California Missions. Treasurer Jim Klingler reported that there was a surplus of \$6k from 2016, the dues have been paid to National, and almost all the chapters had remitted their dues. VPG Faulkinbury reported on the changes being made to the SAR application form, including the removal of the names/birthdates of the applicant's children. Genealogist Terry Briggs reported that 22 of the 26 California chapters are using the online application form. President General Tomme noted that the online application system will soon be mandatory, so it is important for all chapters to begin using the new system. He said one new full time employee, and one new part time employee have been added at National Headquarters to help reduce the approval time for applications.

Youth Program Chairman Derek Brown reminded chapters that any SAR compatriot interacting with youth (including color guardsmen) needs to complete the Boy Scouts of America's youth protection training. Dodd reported that any California compatriot who has donated \$250 to the SAR Foundation/CAAH is eligible to wear the California 250 Pin. Compliance Chairman Karl Jacobs reported that all the chapters need to send proof of filing for the US990/CA199 tax forms to him. Chapters who have not filed in three years will lose their tax exempt status. Additionally, all state officers and committee chairmen need to submit the conflict of interest and whistleblower forms to Karl Jacobs. Congress Planning Chairman John Dodd reported that the 2019 Congress Medals are produced and available for sale at \$35 per set. They have a picture of a California *soldado* on the obverse, drawn by Compatriot Leroy Martinez. Sales of the medals will be used to finance CASSAR responsibilities for the 2019 Congress in Costa Mesa, California (which will be held from July 5 to 10, 2019). Ethics Chairman Lou Carlson reported that the CASSAR Ethics Committee is available to all compatriots and chapters having disputes between members. Be sure to contact Rt. Rev. Carlson if you need assistance.

The Public Service Luncheon was chaired by CASSAR Public Service and Heroism Chairman Brian Stephens. The Orange County Fire Authority Color Guard presented the colors, and they received the SAR Certificate of Distinguished Service.



On the left: Charlie Gentis renders honors to the Colors. On the right: the OCFA Honor Guard receives a Certificate of Distinguished Service from President Barker. Master of Ceremonies Brian Stephens looks on.



*On the left: President Barker, Un Hui Yi, Philip Hinsham, Barbara Winkler and Hammond Salley.
On the right: Un Hui Yi, Mary Hinsham, Barbara Winkler and Hammond Salley.*



*On the left: Un Hui Yi, Barker, Winkler and Salley.
On the right: Barker, Winkler and Salley.*

The CASSAR Best Chapter Awards were presented: Best Very Large Chapter was Orange County, Best Large Chapter was Riverside, and Best Medium Small Chapter was Redwood Empire.



*On left: President Barker, Richard Bent, David Beall, James Gill & Ray Raser.
On right: Barker, Gary Jensen & Ray Raser.*



*President Barker, Greg Hill, Arnold Burr,
Richard Bent, James Gill and Ray Raser.*

*Left to right: Fred Hill (SD), Richard Bent (SC), ...
(ML) and President Barker.*

The Colonel Richard F. Locke Awards for Membership were presented to the San Diego Chapter (very large chapter), the Mother Lode Chapter (medium large chapter), the South Coast Chapter (medium small chapter), and the Yosemite Chapter (small chapter).



Wallace Wallington of the San Diego Chapter received a NSSAR Certificate as a Robert Morris Benefactor Level for Library Endowment. President Barker received a NSSAR Certificate as an SAR Delegate Level SAR Center for Advancing America's Heritage.



The SAR Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal was presented to EMS Medical Director Dr. Ken Miller of Santa Clara County. The SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal was presented to Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal Lori Smith of Orange County. The SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal was presented to LA County Sheriff Jim McDowell.



President Barker presented the SAR Certificate of Appreciation to Brian Stephens, Barbara Winkler, Hammond Salley, Marilu Brinez Tovar (Wyndham Hotel), Shane Wilkinson (Wyndham Hotel), and Corryanne Santana (Wyndham Hotel).

On Friday afternoon, the CASSAR business meeting was reconvened. Nomination Committee Chairman Kent Gregory presented the officers nominated for office in 2017. Littlefield reported on the Wreaths Across America Program, now in its 25th year. Compatriots can participate this year at 9AM on December 16, 2017, at a national cemetery. You can wear a color guard uniform, or read a proclamation from the SAR president general.

Under old business, CASSAR Color Guard Commander Mark Kramer reported on liability and black powder insurance. He found reenactors insurance for uniformed color guards of \$2 million for \$375 per year. A chapter must have policies and procedures, as well as a training program to qualify for the insurance, which covers up to 30 members of the chapter. Interested chapters should contact Commander Kramer.

Treasurer Klingler reported on the California State requirement for tax exempt organizations to be registered with the Charitable Trust Registry if they collect and hold donations in California. There is a CT-1 registration form, and a RRF-1 annual report form that is used for this purpose. All chapters should contact Treasurer Klingler for information on this requirement. So far 16 of the 26 CASSAR chapters are registered.

Congress Planning Chairman Dodd made a motion to authorize the treasurer to obtain a Square device for reading credit cards for the California Society so we can accept credit card payments for Congress Medal sales at SAR meetings, and the motion passed.



The California Ladies Auxiliary held a board meeting Friday morning, and held a Ladies' Low Tea in the afternoon, which featured Karl Jacobs' C-Nile Sound Barbershop Quartet.



Former First Lady Barbara Magerkurth introduces herself to the ladies gathered for the Low Tea. On right: Elizabeth Beall, Lisa Gregory. Brenda Torres.



C-Nile Sound members Bruce Beyne, Denny Lawence, Karl Jacobs and Rick Llewelyn. Fruit tray with Watermelon tea pot carved by Joann Kramer.

On Friday evening, the CASSAR President's Dinner was held at Andrei's Restaurant in Irvine.



Un Hui Yi, Jim Fosdyck, Brian and Diane Stephens. David Gilliard and Judge Mary Anne Gilliard, Susan and Alan Brooking.



David and Elizabeth Beall and Karen Carlson. John Ferris, James Gill Dan and Karen McKelvie



Jim Blauer, Doug Bergboldt, Ron Barker, Wayne Griswold and Owen Stiles.

Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, Stan and Joan DeLong, Ray and Gail Raser, Philip and Mary Hinshaw, Ron Risley and Steven Hurst.



Ladies Darian Taylor, Diane Stephens, Joann Kramer, Susan Brooking were presented Dime-A-Day Certificates by LAUX President Conni Barker.

On Saturday morning, the past presidents met for breakfast: Charles Conyers, Ron Risley, Charles Lampman, Stan DeLong, Larry Magerkurth, Karl Jacobs, Stephen Renouf, Rt. Rev. Louis Carlson, Wayne Griswold, John Dodd, Jim Faulkinbury, and Kent Gregory. President Ron Barker and Executive Vice President Jim Fosdyck were guests. They discussed issues regarding the state society. Executive Vice President Jim Fosdyck chaired the audit committee. Members included Craig Anderson and David Beall. Guests included Treasurer Jim Klingler, Invested Funds Trustee Chairman Stephen Renouf, Vice President North Derek Brown, and Vice President South Bob Taylor. An audit of the books for 2016 was conducted, and all deposits and checks audited were produced. Treasurer Klingler was commended for the work he has done as treasurer.

The Ladies Auxiliary held a general meeting on Saturday morning. The guest speaker was Cilla Leed Tomme,

who presented a program on “18th Century America Colonial Women’s Clothing.” Members were encouraged to wear colonial era attire.

The California Society meeting resumed in the morning. Dan McKelvie made a motion, which was seconded, to allocate up to \$1,300 from the Other CASSAR Expenses Budget to reimburse the costs of sending the California Society Orations Contest winner to the national competition in Knoxville in July 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Vice President Fosdyck reported that the 2016 audit was completed, and everything was found in order. Alan Brooking made a motion, which was seconded, to amend the 2016 budget by adding \$200 to the DAR Liaison budget so we have the funds to pay for the DAR Regent's lunch at CASSAR meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Renouf and Trustee Dodd presented the report of the Investment Funds Trustees. The format of the report was explained, and it was noted the fund has increased by almost \$40k in the last twelve months. VPG Faulkinbury reported on the annual dues reconciliation for the CASSAR chapters for 2017 dues. Most problems with the reconciliations were due to transfers between chapters. He recommended a new intrastate transfer form to be posted on the CASSAR website for all intrastate transfers of members. The remitting chapter, receiving chapter, and state secretary all must sign and receive a copy of the completed form. The new reconciliation spreadsheet calculates the age of junior members to reduce errors. Faulkinbury has sent 2018 reconciliation forms to the chapters filled out through March 2017. The chapters may update them during the year, and it will reduce processing time at the end of the year.

VPG Faulkinbury introduced a resolution to request that the SAR Congress amend Article III of the NSSAR Constitution, which requires descent from "an ancestor who was at all times unfailing in loyalty to, and rendered active service in the cause of American Independence," and change it to descent from "an ancestor who, at the time of his last known service demonstrated loyalty to, and rendered active service in the cause of American Independence." This will bring the article into accord with our actual policy. If unchanged, those who deserted British service to join the American cause would not qualify as patriot ancestors. The resolution was approved unanimously. VPG Faulkinbury introduced a resolution to amend a recommendation approved by the trustees to require all applicants to provide either a birth certificate or court order proving that the applicant is a male. The unintended consequence of this recommendation created an unnecessary restriction on documents that provide evidence of gender. The society often prepares applications for prominent people as a surprise, but they would not be able to get a copy of the applicant's birth certificate. The resolution would change the language of the recommendation to, "a document that establishes the lineage of the applicant which also establishes that he is male is acceptable, including but not limited to original or revised birth certificates, census records, court orders, or wills of a parent." The resolution was approved.

Congress Planning Chairman Dodd reported on the need for volunteers for the upcoming 2019 SAR Congress in Costa Mesa, California. He explained the various duties of volunteers, and passed around a sheet so people could volunteer to help with the congress. He explained the various potential tours for congress. Chairman Dodd made a motion to approve a contract of approximately \$35k with Hornblower for the host society reception to be held on a harbor cruise. A deposit must be made to reserve the ship. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Dodd made a motion to approve spending about \$6k from the Congress Fund for the Volunteer lunch at the hotel on July 5, 2019. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Dodd made a motion to authorize the Congress Planning Committee to purchase a room at the hotel during congress to raffle for a fundraiser. The approximate cost of the room is \$1,126. Tickets will be sold at \$25 - 45 tickets is the break-even point for the fundraising. The drawing will be held at the Houston Congress in 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

Elections were held for the 2017-18 officers of the California Society. The following were elected: President James Fosdyck, Executive Vice President Derek Brown, Vice President South Bob Taylor, Vice President North Dave Gilliard, Vice President Membership Doug Bergtholdt, Secretary Craig Anderson, Treasurer Jim Klingler, Chancellor John Dodd, Registrar Owen Stiles, Genealogist Terry Briggs, Historian Jim Blauer, Chaplain Rt. Rev. Louis Carlson, Surgeon Matthew Bowdish, MD, Invested Funds Trustee 2017-2019 Stephen Renouf, National Trustee-California Ron Barker, and Alternate National Trustee-California James Fosdyck. President-Elect Jim Fosdyck announced that a special meeting would be convened in November 2017 for the purposes of amending the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the California Society.

The annual CASSAR meeting was adjourned, and VPG Faulkinbury convened a meeting of the Western District. Dr. M. Kent Gregory was nominated for vice president general of the Western District. The Western District Meeting was then adjourned.

The Youth Awards Luncheon was chaired by Vice President North and Youth Programs Chairman Derek Brown. The Colors were presented by the Sonora High School Army JROTC Color Guard; Senior Military Instructor Lt. Col. Hans F. Hunt.



Diane Stephens brings greetings on behalf of California DAR Regent Beverly Roberson Moncrieff. Irvine Mayor Donald P. Wagner brings greetings and presented a Certificate of Recognition to the Orange County Chapter on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary. Also in the photos are Derek Brown and Dan McKelvie



On the left: Representatives of the chapters participating in the Middle School Brochure Contest. On the right: members of the Ladies Auxiliary score entries in the Elementary School Poster Contest.

The state winner of the Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest was Kailee Mark, sponsored by the Riverside Chapter. The state winner of the American Elementary School Poster Contest was Vincent Von Tungein, sponsored by the Redlands Chapter.





On the left: Gary Jensen, Terry Briggs, Darren Gillick and his mother Tanya Gillick. On the right: Cadet Lonie Estrada, Cadet Anjali Jauregui, Cadet Hanna Sub, Cadet Kory Hicks, Lt. Col. Hunt, President Barker and Derek Brown.

The state winner of the Enhanced JROTC Program was Cadet Captain Zainab Qaesmi, sponsored by the Riverside Chapter. The state winner of the Arthur and Berdena King Eagle Scout Program was Thomas Giese, sponsored by the Harbor Chapter. The state winner of the George & Stella Knight Essay Contest was Elana Luo, sponsored by the General George Patton Chapter. The state winner of the Joseph Rumbaugh Oration Contest was Taryn Murphy, sponsored by the Riverside Chapter.



On the left: James Gill, Lt. Col. Hunt, Cadet Hanna Sub, Col. Eugene Matera, Cadet Qaesmi, Derek Brown, Cadet Qaesmi's sister and mother, PG Tomme', President Barker and Rob Dickey. On the right: John and Thomas Giese and Gary Jensen.





On the left: Conni Barker, Ken Lynch, Derek Brown, Kevin Tierney and President Barker. Knight Essay Contest Chairman Tierney accepted Elana Luo's award in her absence. On the right: Taryn Murphy parents, Conni Barker, Taryn, Derek Brown, President Barker and Dan McKelvie.

Silver Good Citizenship Medal to Ron Melton of the Riverside Chapter. Barker presented the SAR Flag Certificate to Mayor Donald P. Wagner of Irvine.



On the left: Gary Jensen, Ron Melton and President Barker. On the right: Mayor Wagner and President Barker.

President Barker presented the SAR Certificate of Appreciation to Derek Brown, Daniel R. McKelvie, Gary Jensen, Kevin Tierney, James Gill, David Gilliard, Tom Adams, John L. Dodd, Esq., Alan Brookings, and Terry Briggs.

The CASSAR Memorial Service was held by Chaplain General Rt. Rev. Louis V. Carlson, Jr. at the hotel. The compatriots who passed away in the preceding year were memorialized.



Chaplain General Carlson addresses the Memorial Service attendees.



Members of the Memorial Service Honor Guard and Chaplain General Carlson left to right: Mark Kramer (Commander), Larry Wood (bell ringer), Mark Torres, Dan McKelvie, Arnold Burr, John Ferris behind Burr, Doug Bergtholdt, Jim Blauer, Chaplain Carlson, James Gill, Don Boatright, Ernie McCullough, Ray Raser, Larry Hansen (Back) Bob Taylor and Dan Henry.



In the evening was the Awards and Installation Banquet. Chaplain General Carlson was the Master of Ceremonies. The Colors were presented by the California Society, SAR Color Guard commanded by Mark Kramer.

CASSAR Color Guard led by Commander Kramer followed by Brian Stephens, Curtis Porter, Ernie McCullough and Bob Taylor.



Following dinner, Larry Wood recited the "Ride of Paul Revere", to the delight of those in attendance. The Los Angeles Fifes and Drums then provided a musical performance, and we had a visit from General George Washington.



Compatriot Larry Wood of the Orange County Chapter



Members of the Los Angeles Fifes and Drums



General George Washington portrayed by Compatriot Daniel Shippey of the OC Chapter.

Dr. Steven S. Choi (California Assemblymen of the 68th District) presented a California Legislature *Assembly* Resolution commending the CASSAR " . . . for its dedication to perpetrating American ideals and traditions and to protecting the Constitution and extended best wishes that its indomitable efforts will continue in the years ahead . . . ". Dr. Choi was accompanied by his wife Janie and his Field Representative Jose Martinez. Dr. Choi also presented a Certificate of Recognition to the Orange County Chapter in acknowledgment of its 50th Anniversary.

President Barker presented the SAR Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Choi, Rt. Rev. Louis and Karen Carlson, David and Elizabeth Beall, Jim Klingler, Gus Fischer, Mark and Brenda Torres, Kent and Lisa Gregory, John and Liz Ferris, Dan Shippey, Larry and Sharon Wood, Jim Blauer, Mark Kramer, Karl Jacobs, Jim and Un Hui Fosdyck, and the Los Angeles Fifes and Drums.



*On the left: OC Chapter President David Beall looks on as Dr. Choi presents the Resolution to President Barker.
On the right: President Beall accepts the Certificate of Recognition from Dr. Choi.*

President General Mike Tomme presented the SAR 50-Year Pin to former CASSAR President Marston Watson. President Barker presented a large eagle statue to former CASSAR President Faulkinbury for his work on the annual dues reconciliation project.



*On the left: President General Tomme', Marston Watson and President Barker.
On the right: Jim Faulkinbury and President Barker.*





On the left: President Ron Barker presents Philip Hinshaw with a Distinguished Service Medal (state). On the right: President Barker presents PG Tomme' a \$2500 check for NSSAR Youth Programs. The money was raised during a raffle for a "California Dreamin" quilt made by Un Hui Yi. Un Hui and Conni Barker look on. Note: the quilt was by Won Hue Oh, RN residing in Redondo Beach, CA.

Color Guard Streamers for Wreaths Across America were presented to the Delta Chapter, General George Patton Chapter, General George Washington Chapter, Gold Country Chapter, Harbor Chapter, Kern Chapter, Monterey Bay Chapter, Orange County Chapter, Redlands Chapter, Redwood Empire Chapter, Riverside Chapter, Sacramento Chapter, San Diego Chapter, and Silicon Valley Chapter.

Color Guard Streamers for the Massing of the Colors were presented to the Sons of Liberty Chapter (the host), General George Patton Chapter, Harbor Chapter, Kern Chapter, Orange County Chapter, Redlands Chapter, Riverside Chapter, and Silicon Valley Chapter.

Color Guard Streamers were presented for the Best Color Guard Units: Delta Chapter (small chapter), Santa Barbara Chapter (medium small chapter), Kern Chapter (medium large), Riverside Chapter (large chapter), and Orange County Chapter (very large chapter).

The California Society was presented with a streamer for participation in the Deep River (Connecticut) Ancient Muster, which celebrated 240 years of Americas fife and drum corps. In July 2016, Matt Noel (fifer), Arnie Burr (SAR Flag), Jim Fosdyck (US Flag), Emily Burr, and Un Hui Fosdyck participated in this event, which is the oldest and largest gathering of fife and drum participants and enthusiasts in the world.

The Silver SAR Color Guard Medal and the CASSAR Silver Von Steuben Color Guard Medal were presented to Daniel J. Henry (Orange County Chapter); the Silver SAR Color Guard Medal and the CASSAR Silver Von Steuben Color Guard Medal was presented to Henry Lucas (Riverside Chapter); the Silver SAR Color Guard Medal and the CASSAR Silver Von Steuben Color Guard Medal was presented to Brian Stephens (Riverside Chapter); and the Silver SAR Color Guard Medal and the CASSAR Silver Von Steuben Color Guard Medal was presented to James H. Olds (Harbor Chapter).

The 2016 CASSAR Color Guardsman of the Year was Gary Jensen of the Riverside Chapter, who received the CASSAR Color Guardsman of the Year Statuette and the CASSAR Gold Von Steuben Color Guard Medal.

President Barker presented the SAR Meritorious Service Medal to Tom Adams (Mother Lode Chapter), Alan Brooking (Sacramento Chapter), and James F. Blauer (Orange County Chapter). Barker presented the SAR Silver Roger Sherman Medal to Derek Brown (Thomas Jefferson Chapter), and Mark Kramer (Orange County Chapter).

Barker presented the SAR State Medal of Distinguished Service to Phil Hinshaw (San Diego Chapter). Barker presented the SAR Daughters of Liberty Medal to Darian Taylor (General George Patton Chapter), and Un Hui Yi (Orange County Chapter) (oak leaf cluster); and presented the SAR Lydia Darragh Medal to Conni Barker. Barker presented the SAR Certificate of Appreciation to Lisa Gregory (Orange County Chapter), and Janet Brown (Thomas Jefferson Chapter).

President Barker presented the SAR Patriot Medal (the highest state award) to James Klingler (Orange County Chapter), and David Grinnell (Coachella Valley Chapter).

President General Mike 'Tomme' presented Aide-de-camp pins to Mark Kramer and Jim Fosdyck. First Lady Cilla Tomme' presented Pineapple pins to Joann Kramer and Un Hui Yi.

President General 'Tomme' installed the 2017 state officers, and Ladies Auxiliary officers presented gavels to President James C. Fosdyck and LAUX President Un Hui Yi.



On left: Gail Raser, Karen Carlson, Darian Taylor, Karen Dodd, Conni Barker, Liz Ferris, Janet Brown & Un Hui Yi. On right: President General Tomme' places the Ladies Auxiliary President's Medallion around Un Hui's neck.



On left: Stephen Renouf, Dr. Bowfish, Doug Bergtholdt, Terry Briggs, Ron Barker, Owen Stiles, John Dodd, Jim Klingler, Derek Bronn, David Gilliard, Bob Taylor, Jim Blauer, Rt. Rev. Carlson & Craig Anderson. On right: Jim Fosdyck is installed as the 127th president of the CASSAR.

President Fosdyck delivered his inaugural address. See President's Message on page 1. President Fosdyck thanked the CASSAR officers who encouraged him to join the SAR, welcomed him into the society, and encouraged him to run for state office (Jim Blauer, Kent Gregory, John Dodd, Stephen Renouf, Wayne Griswold and Larry Magerkurth). President Fosdyck adjourned the 142nd CASSAR Annual Meeting.

By Stephen Renouf, Chairman of the Trustees of the Invested Funds, with information from President James Fosdyck, Past President Ron Barker, and Trustee Kent Gregory.

Photos by Stephen Renouf and James Blauer.



Around the National Society



Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY March 3-4, 2017



Front row L to R: Un Hui Yi, former President General Joseph W. Dooley, Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, Joann Kramer, former President General Lindsey and Billie Brock, Maryanne and Tom Adams, Susan and Alan Brookings, Cilla and President J. Michael Tomme', Jim Fosdyck. Back row L to R: David Gilliard, Mark Anthony, Ron Barker, Ed Steinback, Louis V. Carlson, Mark Kramer, John Dodd, Jim Klingler, Brian and Diane Stephens.

The NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting was held at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky on March 2 to 4, 2017. 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 Gregory, NSSAR Trustee for Spain Stephen and Joy Renouf, Executive Vice President Jim and Un Hui Fosdyck, Vice President North Derek and Janet Brown, Vice President South Robert Taylor, Treasurer Jim Klingler, Color Guard Commander Mark and JoAnn Kramer, Public Service and Heroism Chairman Brian and Diane Stephens, Past President Charles Lampman, Past President Bob Ebert, Tom and Anne Adams, Alan and Susan Brooking, and Dave Gilliard.

On Thursday morning, Dodd and Faulkinbury attended the **Executive Committee Meeting**. Faulkinbury gave an update on the Genealogy Committee's position with the Legal Advisory Committee's recommendation for additional certification language on the membership application forms. It was hoped that the suggested language would be approved by the Genealogy Committee Meeting to be held on Friday. As chairman of the *ad hoc* committee for creating a request for proposal for digitization and indexing of the membership records, Faulkinbury gave a status report. Based on the findings made thus far, the Genealogy Committee was able to recommend the medium for preservation and storage of our records, but there are many unknowns on what to include for the indexing of those records since the NSSAR has not defined what we would like a genealogical research system (GRS) to look like. There are also issues on how to protect proprietary and confidential information. As a result, the Executive Committee decided to change the *ad hoc* committee to a regular committee to work on a design for the GRS, as well as the other issues involved in the preservation, indexing, and protection of our records.

The membership and composition of the *ad hoc* committee would remain the same, with some additional members from IT and risk insurance. Foundation Board Member Dodd, as well as Carlson and Gregory, attended the **SAR Foundation Meeting**, where they considered our investment policies, the current status of the capital campaign, and the status of the various projects and funds. The naming rights subcommittee provided a progress report concerning the various items and objects which could be “named” by donors – past and future. The Board voted to recommend acceptance of SolidLight’s proposed in kind gift of over \$500K in services for the next phase of the educational outreach museum project. In that the Foundation raises money for various NSSAR projects, donors are reminded that, if they wish to specify their donation to the “Foundation” or “CAAH” be used for a specific purpose, i.e., the SolidLight educational outreach museum, they need to specify that on the memo portion of the check or donation form. Otherwise the funds can be used for any SAR project.

Barker attended the meeting of the **Strategic Planning Committee**, where they reviewed current goals, and met with the SAR Implementation Committee to discuss means of increasing the rentability of the SAR Headquarters first floor by adding carpet squares and sound baffles for the walls. The estimated expenditure is less than \$30,000, and it should be recouped in a short period of time.

Gregory attended the meeting of the **Museum Board**, where they discussed getting architectural plans for the lobby and the gift shop of the Museum at a cost of \$6,000, after consulting with the project manager, Former PG Nathan White. A Friends of the Museum program was initiated with “Museum” lapel pins available for \$100 donations. The funds will be used for acquisitions and conservation of artifacts. A loan of a “grasshopper” cannon from the Pennsylvania Society was discussed. On Thursday night, the California compatriots walked to the Marketplace Restaurant for dinner.

On Friday morning, Gregory attended the **250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Committee**, where they discussed a variety of plans being explored to generate excitement over the anniversary.

Booking attended the **DAR Liaison Committee**.

Renouf chaired the **Medals & Awards Committee**, which was attended by Carlson, Ebert, Fosdyck, Kramer, and Taylor. Fosdyck presented a proposal for a new SAR Life Saving Medal on behalf of the Public Safety/Heroism Committee, which was approved by the Medals & Award Committee with minor modifications. This new medal was proposed to address the problem of chapters presenting the Medal of Heroism to someone who saved a life, but does not meet the Medal of Heroism qualification of having placed his life at risk during the life saving action. The committee approved the SAR Compatriot Graves Medal to recognize compatriots who locate, hold a ceremony, and mark the grave of compatriots. It has similar rules to the SAR Patriot Graves Medal, but does not have the requirement that 50% of the graves must be marked, as many compatriots are buried in cemeteries where they do not allow markers to be added. The committee voted unanimously to change the order of precedence for the SAR Patriot Medal to be before the State Medal of Distinguished Service. The committee also voted to establish the precedence for the State SAR Congress Medals to be after the SAR State Medals.

The National Ladies Auxiliary held their business meeting on the 16th floor ballroom. The meeting was attended by Un Hui Yi, Karen Faulkinbury, JoAnn Kramer, Susan Brooking, Janet Brown and Anne Adams.

Faulkinbury attended the **Patriot Biographies Committee** Meeting, and they noted that 5,250 biographies have been submitted. The streamer program is still active, and there was a discussion regarding other ways to get more submissions. A “Patriot Graves and Biographies Report” form is available on the SAR website for submissions.

Dodd, Renouf and Gregory attended the **Congress Planning Committee**, where they discussed future SAR National Congresses in Knoxville, TN (2017); Houston, TX (2018); Costa Mesa, CA (2019); Richmond, VA (2020); and Seattle, WA (2021). John Dodd reported on the ongoing plans for the SAR Congress in California.

Barker and Adams attended the **Education Committee** meeting, where they discussed the importance of each state having a coordinator for education outreach, and for the Boy Scout Youth Protection Training. California has a youth activities director. They reemphasized that it is very important that any compatriot who has any contact with youth, including being in the color guard, take the BSA Youth Protection Training, and report that it was accomplished with a copy of the two-year certificate to the youth activities director. A list of all state members who have taken the training should be sent to the chairman of the Education Committee. The training only takes 25 to 30 minutes. The Education Committee wants to establish a National Presenter Information System that would list individuals and subjects they talk about. Members would prepare a biography about themselves and their talk.

Faulkinbury attended the **Membership Committee**, which discussed PG Tomme’s charge to develop an SAR Mentor Program. A “Mentoring Program Checklist” was submitted to the committee members for approval, which was obtained. The checklist was handed out to the delegates and trustees at the Trustee’s Meeting to bring back to their State societies for guidance. It was recommended that 1st or 2nd line signers take on the role of mentor for the members they bring in.

Dodd, Renouf, and Klingler attended the meeting of the **Budget/Finance/Investment Committees**. Budget Chairman Doug Collins presented the budget, which included 2014, 2015 and 2016 actuals; the approved 2017 budget; the proposal for the 2018 budget; and estimated 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 budgets. He also presented the budget assumptions, and spending options (including paying down debt, hiring a FT genealogist, IT and Building projects, and increasing the fund reserve).

Faulkinbury chaired the **Genealogy Committee**, which was also attended by Gregory and Brooking. The subcommittee assigned to develop policy on the residence of the patriot presented their recommendation, which was approved, and will be added to the Genealogy Policy Manual. The subcommittee assigned to make recommendations regarding the bylaw proposals made at the Boston Congress without input from the Genealogy Committee gave their recommendation that no bylaw changes were necessary. Genealogist General John Sinks made a recommendation that the Genealogy Policy Manual include recommended guidance, which was approved. The subcommittee to look into special recognition of members who submit applications that had previously unclaimed patriots for the SAR database of patriots recommended that some form of recognition be made, but did not make any recommendations for the type of recognition. The Medals & Awards Committee should be involved. Under new business, a proposal that originated in the Legal Advisory Committee regarding the certification statement on the application form with previous modification by members of the Genealogy Committee was presented by the chairmen of both committees. The language restates the eligibility requirement for membership as detailed in Article III of the NSSAR Constitution, rather than merely referencing the source. The proposal to modify the form also included the elimination of information regarding the applicant's children from the form, and changed the signature block for the "Staff Genealogist _____" to "Genealogist General _____ by: _____." The recommendations passed, and went to the Trustee's Meeting for approval, which also passed. Proposals to revise the language on Policy 3.5002 regarding DAR and CAR Record Copies, and Policy 6.3002a regarding length of time pended applications will remain on file were also passed. A proposed change to Bylaw 22 regarding the expansion of what can be used for Family Plan applications was made and submitted to the Bylaws Committee for inclusion on the agenda for the next Congress. Following discussions with the Chairman and Mike Scroggins regarding the transmittal forms 918, 919, 920, and 921, information regarding the chapters involved in transactions has been added to these forms. As the new system is being developed, this information can be made available to chapters to help in the annual reconciliation process.

Barker chaired the **Americanism Committee**, and Adams attended. The committee discussed changes to the American Streamers Worksheet, and requested any future changes be submitted to Mark Anthony. The American Youth Medal has raised over \$12,000, and this will increase the amount awarded for the Elementary Poster Contest and Middle School Brochure Contest by a total of \$480 for both contests. They proposed increasing the awards for both the poster and brochure contests with some of the funds from President General Tomme's Challenge of \$1,000 or more from each State society. Boy Scout Youth Protection Training was emphasized, and that it would be added to both the poster and brochure contest web pages that the training is recommended. An informational proposal was made by Texas to add CAR awards for each of the National youth contests.

Brown attended the **Facilities Committee** Meeting, where they discussed bylaws that were approved. They discussed the build out of the headquarters lobby area and the estimated \$45,000 estimate for plans, drawings, specifications, and construction management. A very rough estimate of \$550,000 was provided for the overall project cost of the lobby area.

Brown attended the meeting of the **Knight Essay Committee**. The committee has about \$154,000 in endowments. They discussed the need to clarify/simplify the rules for the application process and essay styles, particularly where footnotes and other cited works are identified. An affidavit of original scholarship is to be included in the application to reduce the risk of plagiarism; and possibly make use of "anti-plagiarism" websites to combat this issue. Approximately 300 essays are submitted (total) within the states; a total of 47 were submitted within California alone. This appears to be a relatively successful program, but efforts need to be made to continue this success.

Dodd attended the Bylaws & Legal Advisory Committee, where the committee voted 4 to 3 to support the motion to accept a revised birth certificate or judicial decree as proof of gender for membership. The committee also approved language to be added to the application by which the applicant affirms he is a person of good repute in the community, and meets the qualifications for membership.

Brown attended the meeting of the Rumbaugh Orations Committee, where they discussed the needs for orations contestants and judges at the Knoxville Hilton, and coordination with Paul Callanan. Potential work posts were identified for the finals contest (sound, emcee, judges, door monitors, and timer). Most states are holding their State contests now – others planning to enter should complete their contests soon, and forward the information to the Orations Committee. They discussed the disparity of funding between various youth programs, and the need to increase donations. Potential sources include a fund-raising table at the Knoxville Congress, corporate donations strategies, and setting up a program of monthly donations and will bequests. The Orations Committee has raised around \$130,000 over the past four years. The NSSAR website needs to be updated with the current forms (rules, release forms, and judging sheet).

subsequent meeting of the committee. They also discussed how to make States aware of the new medal, and increase participation over time; general consensus was to award flag streamers to those States that participated in the program. The 2017 short term goals are to increase use of fillable pdf form (also a long-term goal), and increase number of awards and commendations. The 2017 long term goals are to increase the size of committee membership, and make wider distribution of booklets (possibly via the website).

Dodd and Renouf attended the **SARACAR Committee**.

Renouf (chairman) and Dodd (vice chairman) attended the meeting of the **Premium Membership Medals Committee**, and they discussed advertising the premium items.

Dodd, Renouf, Gregory, and Klingler attended the **King's College London Partnership Meeting**, which announced the next American scholar to be sponsored by SAR: Professor Gabriel Paquette of Johns Hopkins University. PG Joe Dooley and Mike Elston went to London to see Andrew O'Shaughnessy's presentation, and to visit Windsor Castle to see the scanning of the Georgian archives.

Faulkinbury (vice chairman) attended the **IT Committee**, which discussed changes to the new online system. 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, including things like state-run life membership programs, and possibly items like fees for subscriptions to hard-copy newsletters, or donations for State or chapter programs. The results of the questionnaire prepared to gather information from all State Societies was discussed. They discussed changes to the online application form that are needed if we want to develop the indexing needed for a genealogy research system similar to the DAR's system. Chairman Bill Marrs talked about plans to rebid our contract currently held by Blackstone Media to implement our new systems. He also told the members that the Donor Module has been completed, and will be online in the following week. He introduced Bob Cohen who will be taking over as committee chairman in July.

The **Friday Evening Banquet** featured John Slaughter of the National Park Service. Some may remember when John Slaughter was inducted as a compatriot in the SAR at the Greenville Congress. He spoke about the SAR participating with the NPS in Revolutionary War battlefields and other sites. He encouraged SAR State Societies to partner with sites in their states. He spoke about the SAR participation at Cowpens National Battlefield.

On Saturday morning, Barker, Carlson, Fosdyck and Un Hui Yi attended the **SAR 1000 Breakfast**, where Klingler received the George Washington Fellows lapel pin for his donation. Barker received a certificate for donations at the SAR delegate level. Wallace Wadlington received a certificate for donations to the SAR Genealogical Research Library as a Robert Morris Benefactor.

Renouf attended the meeting of the **Executive Committee**, and presented the report of the Medals and Awards Committee. The Executive Committee approved all the items passed by the Medals & Awards Committee, except the item restoring the sterling silver requirement for the SAR Patriot Medal, which was referred to merchandise to provide more information on costs and minimum orders.

Barker and Brown attended the **Council of Youth Awards**, where they discussed the money that has been raised by the President General's Challenge. The committee agreed that these funds would be used to increase the awards for the youth contests annually, as the funds were not enough to provide an endowment. A total of \$17,500 has been allocated to the Youth Awards Committee for the chairs of the various youth programs to help reduce the inconsistencies between the various awards. Evaluations continue to be made to determine how to maintain funding and awards over the long term. A decision was made to add a line item in the Youth Awards Council budget on the long term, and to request full support of the SAR on the youth programs – and not leave it up to the individual program chairs. The committee discussed eliminating the common forms/instructions for the various youth programs; it appeared that a single packet of forms was too complex, so the consensus was to separate them into the individual contests. The committee continued the discussion on the issue of scholarship versus award, and the associated impacts to the entrant, the entrant's parents, and the SAR. This needs coordination among the youth programs for consistency, as there could be additional administrative burdens.

On Friday afternoon, Gregory attended the **Genealogy Workshop** entitled, "Tackling Tough Cases with DNA."

Faulkinbury and Adams attended the **CAR Liaison Committee**, which discussed PG Tomme's initiatives to have all State societies establish SAR and CAR Liaison chairmen, encourage male CAR members to join the SAR as junior members, and for SAR members become more active in the CAR as senior leaders. The proposal brought forward at the Fall Leadership meeting to have some form of recognition for CAR entries in our youth contests was again discussed, and further work was recommended.

Ebert, Fosdyck, Gregory, Kramer, Lampman, and Taylor attended the **Color Guard Committee** meeting, where they elected the Color Guardsman of the Year. National Color Guard Commander David Hoover appointed Robert Cunningham and Kramer to head a subcommittee to establish guidelines and procedures for the safe handling of black powder, muskets, etc. Gregory and Fosdyck were awarded SAR Von Steuben Color Guard Medals.



NSSAR Color Guard Commander David Hoover presents the Von Steubem Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard to CASSAR Executive VP Jim Fosdyck and NSSAR National Trustee (California) Kent Gregory.

Fosdyck, Stephens and Brown attended the **Public Service and Heroism Committee**, where they noted that the Lifesaving Medal has been approved by the Medals & Awards Committee and its precedence has been established above the Law Enforcement/Fire/EMS Commendation Medals. A discussion was held as to how many were to be awarded each year; generally, it was decided that it should be similar to the Law Enforcement/Fire/EMS Commendation Medals, although this is expected to be addressed formally at a

The **Trustees Meeting** was held immediately following the executive committee meeting. IT Committee Chairman Marrs reported that the Donor Module on the SAR website would be available in the following week. The funds for the Patriot Index Module are available, and they will begin following the completion of the Donor Module. Former PG David Appleby, the Chairman of the Minuteman Committee, reported on the Minuteman Class of 2017: Paul Callanan (MI), Lance Carter (WV), Finley Coles (WV), John Franklin (OH), Bruce Pickette (AL), and Rev. James Taylor (TX). They will be inducted at the SAR Congress in Knoxville, Tennessee. Former PG Appleby, the Chairman of the SARACAR Committee, reported that the 2016 conference was \$700 in the black. This vital program operates from donations, and does not cost the SAR any money. The 2017 conference will be on June 9 to 11, and will focus on the Adams Family in the American Revolution. The 2018 conference will be on June 8 to 10, and will focus on Spain in the American Revolution. The papers from earlier conferences are being published. Former PG Joe Dooley, the Chairman of the King's College London Partnership, reported that the 2016 Sons of the American Revolution Visiting Professor Andrew O'Shaughnessy is in London finishing his term. He has found documents in the King George III Papers, and will be asked to write an article and speak at an upcoming SAR Meeting on his discoveries. The 2017 Sons of the American Revolution Visiting Professor will be Gabriel Paquette of Johns Hopkins University. He is focusing on the role of Borbón Spain in the American Revolution. Former PG Tom Lawrence, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported those nominated for office in 2017: President General Larry Guzy, Secretary General Warren Alter, Treasurer General John Manning, Chancellor General Davis Wright, Genealogist General John Sinks, Registrar General Bruce Pickette, Historian General Mark Anthony, Librarian General Doug Collins, Surgeon General Matthew Barlow, Chaplain General – no recommendation, and SAR Foundation Board Dooley and Carlson.

Secretary General Guzy reported on the Executive Committee. They approved guidelines for National officer nominees and SAR Foundation members. There will be a requirement that all members running from the floor (who were not vetted by the nominating committee) fill out a disclosure form prior to voting. The form will include a statement of willingness to serve, a conflict of interest statement, and disclosure information (any disbarments, public company involvement, unfitness to serve by IRS/SEC, etc.). These changes will take affect following the close of the SAR Congress in Knoxville.

There was a motion to allocate \$55k from bequests to pay down the debt, which was approved by the trustees unanimously. There was a motion to require all applicants to provide an original birth certificate, amended birth certificate, or court order to establish that the applicant is of the male gender, which was approved by the trustees by a vote of 45-18.

There was a motion to approve a \$550k like-kind donation from SolidLight, whereby SolidLight will donate their services for step 1 of phase 2 of the Museum Project, and to empower the Executive Committee to negotiate the contract and the Executive Director to sign the resulting agreement, which was approved by the trustees. There was a motion to approve the annual asset allocation proposal from the Investment Committee Report, which was approved by the trustees.

Budget Committee Chairman Collins presented the budget, which will be fine-tuned in July and again in September. Finance Committee Chairman David Boring noted that the 2016 audit was completed, and the SAR was in the black. The Genealogy Committee (Faulkinbury) and the Legal Advisor Committee (Dick Bryant) presented changes to the SAR Application Form. The form refers to the requirements for membership in the *SAR Handbook*, but the applicant does not have access to the *SAR Handbook*, so they will replace the reference with the text of the requirements. Certification language was added, and the information regarding children was removed. The Signature line for “staff genealogist” was replaced with “genealogist general.” There was a motion to approve the changes, which was approved by the trustees. The modified application form will be required after August 1, 2017.

Chairman Faulkinbury reported that the genealogical research system (GRS) committee was not ready to present a report. A new committee was formed to develop answers to the questions raised by the GRS committee, and finalize a report. The Legal Advisory Committee made a recommendation to add a recommended (not mandatory) policy for the state societies to adopt to have background checks done for potential applicants, and have it added to the *SAR Handbook*, which was approved by the trustees. The California Society has already adopted a background check policy.

The National Ladies Auxiliary held a luncheon in the 16th floor ballroom. The speaker was Martha Jefferson Randolph, America’s First Daughter, who spoke about her life with her father Thomas Jefferson, the Third President of the United States. The meeting was attended by Un Hui Yi, Karen Faulkinbury, JoAnn Kramer, Susan Brooking, Janet Brown and Anne Adams.



NASSAR Ladies Auxiliary Meeting. California Society ladies seated at table closest to the camera left to right around the table: Maryanne Adams, Joann Kramer, Susan Brooking, Janet Brown and Karen Faulkinbury.

Following lunch, the trustees meeting reconvened. Former PG Nathan White, Chairman of the Implementation Committee, reported that there were two projects completed. The sewer line project has been completed, and the library lighting project (installing LED lights) has been completed. Former PG White reported that the plywood floors on the first floor are not inviting for people renting space in the headquarters building, and carpet squares could be installed on the first floor to enhance the appearance and fix the acoustical problem. The squares are not permanently affixed, and can be re-used later. He made a motion to get an interest-free loan of approximately \$20k from the SAR Foundation to install the carpet squares, and have the loan repaid by rental revenue, which was approved by the trustees unanimously.

Congress Planning Chairman Paul Callanan reported that the 2017 Congress page would be activated in the next few weeks. Registration should be available in mid-April. Both hotels in Knoxville are full, so anyone interested should contact Paul to be put on a waiting list. There was a motion from the Historical Sites Committee to put a link to the Kings Mountain website on the SAR website, but the motion failed as the trustees wanted more information prior to approving it.

Medals & Awards Chairman Renouf reported that two new medals were approved for use – the SAR Life Saving Medal (for saving a life, where the life saver’s life was not at risk), and the SAR Compatriot Graves Medal (for marking the graves of deceased compatriots). He also announced that the SAR Patriot Medal was moved ahead of the State Medal of Distinguished Service in precedence. Also, SAR Congress Medals had their precedence established immediately after other State society medals. President General Mike Tomme adjourned the trustees meeting.

In the afternoon, Barker, Gregory, Fosdyck, and Taylor attended the meeting of the **Council of State Presidents**, where youth protection and proposed bylaws changes were discussed and approved.

Faulkinbury attended the meeting of the **Council of Vice Presidents General**, which discussed PG Tomme’s goals for the VPGs to increase communications with the State societies in their Districts to emphasize membership and retention and the mentoring program, and 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 1 June 2017.

Brown attended the meeting of the **Eagle Scout Committee**, where financial updates were provided to the committee: the King Fund has approximately \$550,000 (unaudited), and the checking account has approximately \$11,000. There were 13 applications for the Robert Burt Award, and 12 were approved, with one being returned for more information. It should be noted that the California Society may have up to four Burt recipients per year; however, there have been no applications from California since March 2016. There was a discussion about providing flag streamers for all states submitting at least one application for the Burt Award to increase participation. Approximately 40 states submitted entries for the Eagle scholarship award; these were reviewed and scored by the Eagle Scout Committee on March 4, and the results announced at the Saturday evening banquet. The state winners from Illinois (1st place), Texas (2nd place) and Iowa (3rd place). Guzy (Secretary General and ex officio member of the committee) announced that his goals would be to help increase growth of membership through the Eagle Scout committee next year, and that this should be coordinated with other youth contests through the Youth Awards Committee. In addition, he was considering pushing the Eagle candidates to the front of the line if they submitted membership applications. Discussion continued on the issue of the award being a scholarship as opposed to being a cash award/contest, as there are implications for the recipient, the recipient’s parents, and/or the SAR in the two options. Since the cash value of the awards at the National level exceed \$600, this should be coordinated with other youth contests, the Youth Awards Council, and the NSSAR Trustees for consistency. The 2016-2017 goals were discussed and included: updating of the committee organizational document (completed), updating of the Eagle Scout contest brochure (completed), continue to increase awareness and participation of the Burt Award (ongoing), continue to increase awareness and participation in the Eagle Scout contest (ongoing), evaluate and make recommendations on the Burt Award and Eagle Scout contest applications for updating the NSSAR website (ongoing), and help develop a location at NSSAR headquarters to display the youth contest winners (pending progress on the museum).



*The Rt. Rev. Louis V. Carlson, Jr.
addresses the audience.*

Dodd attended the meeting of the **Germany Society**.

President Carlson led the meeting of the **Mexico Society**, which included Fosdyck, Ebert, Brown and Taylor. They discussed ways to bring more SAR compatriots who reside in Mexico into the Society.

The Saturday Evening Banquet featured Lindsey Cook Brock III, Esq., the son of President General Lindsey Brock. He spoke about the development of admiralty law from the British Colonies to the United States. Under admiralty law, there is no right to a trial by jury – the cases are trials by judge. The British expanded the Admiralty Court’s jurisdiction to enforce the unpopular Stamp Act, to increase the likelihood of conviction by removing the right of trial by jury. The US Constitution guarantees the right to trial by jury, but not in admiralty law cases.

The Colors were presented by the California Society, SAR Color Guard under the commander of David Hoover.



CASSAR VP South Bob Taylor, Jim Fosdyck and Russell De Venney.



President General J. Michael Tomme' and Color Guard Commander David Hoover.



Photo on the left: Jim Faulkinbury Vice President General Western District. Kent Gregory in the middle.



Photo on the left: CASSAR Color Guard Commander Mark Kramer. Ed Steinback in the middle.





Guest speaker Lindsey C. Brock, III, Esq. Seated left to right: former President General Stephen A. Leishman, Secretary General Larry Guzy, Theresa and former President General Bruce A. Wilcox, President General J. Michael and Cilla Tomme', Robin and former President General Edward F. Butler.



Lindsey C. Brock III, Un Hui Yi, Billie Brock, Lindsey C. Brock, II and Jim Fosdyck.

By Stephen Renouf, Chairman of the CASSAR Invested Funds Trustees, with information from Tom Adams, Ron Barker, Alan Brooking, Derek Brown, John Dodd, Jim Faulkinbury, Jim Fosdyck, and Kent Gregory.

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Ecclesiastes 12: 6-7

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