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# The California Compatriot

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

## The President's Message

### Compatriots!

In early July, 19 members plus numerous spouses enjoyed the 126<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution in Boston, one of the most history-rich cities of the American Revolution. Everyone that attended had the opportunity to explore many historical sites. On Saturday, we toured Lexington and Concord which was very enjoyable. There was also a tour of Adams Home and the U.S.S. Constitution ("Old Ironsides") on Wednesday. The Freedom Trail offered many of us the opportunity to walk the 2.5 mile trail marked in red on the sidewalks. It includes Kings Chapel, the Old South Meeting House, the Boston Massacre Site, the Old North Church, the famous Paul Revere bronze statue, Revere's home, and Bunker Hill, just to name a few. The weather was ideal. We did not face the high humidity that we were warned about, making the touring outside even more pleasant.

We want to congratulate John Dodd and Stephen Renouf for becoming Minutemen, the highest honor the Society can bestow on an individual. Congratulations also to Karl Jacobs who was named SAR Color Guardsman of the year. California was awarded the Admiral Furlong Streamer, thanks to the chapters that presented flag certificates last year. Let's do it again this year--at least one flag certificate presented per chapter before December 31. 22 of California's 26 chapters received Partners in Patriotism certificates. Great Job! Patriot Ancestor Biography Streamers were presented to the Delta, Eagle, Monterey Bay, Redlands, and Riverside Chapters. Congratulations also to California's national Youth Contest winners. Lucia, sponsored by the Gold Country Chapter, won 1st place in the National elementary school poster contest, chaired nationally by Dave Gilliard. Theora, sponsored by the Redlands Chapter, won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the middle school brochure entry contest, chaired nationally chaired by Tom Adams.

We elected our new national officers for 2016-17 including President General J. Michael Tomme Sr., Secretary General Larry Guzy, Treasurer General Warren Alter, and

Chaplain General Lou Carlson. John Dodd was elected to the Foundation Board. Jim Faulk-inbury was sworn in as VPG Western District. PG Tomme threw down a challenge to all the states to raise \$1000 to contribute to the Youth Programs as a whole so the cash awards can be increased. If California's chapters contribute \$50 to \$100 each we can easily achieve this goal. We will be seeking donations for the national youth programs at the November BOM with checks made out to California SAR with a memo note of National Youth Programs.



*125th President, CASSAR  
Ron Barker*

We are looking forward to the BOM in Burlingame Nov 4th to 6th. We will have a wreath laying Friday afternoon at the grave of Dr. James Lafayette Cogswell, the founder of the Revolutionary Sires, which became the Sons of the American Revolution. Our speaker at the Saturday banquet will be Dr. Dee Andrews, with her topic being Benjamin Franklin and how his image has changed over time.

*Ron Barker  
President, California Society, SAR*

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

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## NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FEES, DUES

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

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

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

## SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FEES

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

## JUNIOR MEMBER APPLICATION FEES, DUES

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

## MEMORIAL MEMBER APPLICATION FEES, DUES

	NSSAR Fee	\$430.00
	CASSAR Fee	\$20.00

## JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP ADVANTAGES

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

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Next Deadline: 31 January 2017

## *The Secretary's Report*

### **ANNUAL DUES, REGULAR MEMBERS**

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

### **ANNUAL DUES, JUNIOR MEMBERS**

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

### **ANNUAL DUES, DUAL MEMBERS**

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

### **ANNUAL DUES, EMERITUS MEMBERS**

Emeritus Members with 50 plus years active membership in the National Society only pay California Society and Chapter dues. Emeritus Members with 50 plus years active membership in the California Society only pay Chapter dues.

### **NATIONAL LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: [http://www.sar.org/Membership/Costs/Life\\_Membership](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).

CASSAR has added 47 new members since the last publication of the Com-patriot. It has been relatively quiet with 8 in May, 19 in June, 18 in July, and 3 in August as of this report.

We have had 4 members reported as having passed so far, one of whom passed last November, and one who passed before his membership certificate could be presented to him. It will be presented to his family at the next chapter meeting.

Do not forget to notify me of roster changes such as new phone numbers, mailing addresses, email addresses, and such. It is important to have current contact information.

Remember that the Fall Board of Managers meeting is coming up November 4-5, 2016 in Burlingame. Looking forward to seeing you there.

*Douglas Bergholdt*  
*CASSAR State Secretary*



## *Coming Events*

### **September 29 - 1 October 2016**

NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting  
NSSAR Headquarters - Louisville, KY

### **November 4 - 5, 2016 CASSAR Fall BOM**

Hilton San Francisco Airport Bayfront  
Burlingame, CA

### **November 11, 2016 -Veterans' Day**

At various locations  
NSSAR National Color Guard Event

### **December 17, 2016 - Wreaths Across America**

At various locations  
NSSAR National Color Guard Event

## *Welcome New Members*

<b>Nat'l#</b>	<b>CASSAR</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
199175	10133	Brian Layne Mummert	Central Coast
199270	10145	Steven Jeffrey Scully	Central Coast
156588	10110	Michael Gene Lewis	Coachella Valley
199010	10129	Donald Charles McCaleb	Delta
198866	10111	Thomas Fletcher Locke	Gen. Geo. Patton
199181	10139	Derek Charles Dodds	Gen. Geo. Patton
198699	10103	Lacy Westbrook Stalker	Gen. Geo. Washington
198705	10109	Paul Edward Wrona	Gen. Geo. Washington
199909	10128	Kevin Alan Scheneider	Gen. Geo. Washington
199183	10141	Thomas Talbot Graham	Gen. Geo. Washington
198939	10124	John Alister Deseary	Kern
198940	10125	John Roderick Hardin	Kern
198942	10127	Ernest Baxtor Canfield	Kern
198928	10113	John Kent McDowell	Mother Lode
198929	10114	Sean Kent McDowell	Mother Lode
198703	10107	Joseph Lucien Lucas	Sacramento
198930	10115	Charles Bogner Jr.	Sacramento
198931	10116	Spencer Charles Bogner	Sacramento
198932	10117	Bradley John Bogner	Sacramento
199180	10138	Mark Robert Johnson	Sacramento
198933	10118	William Frederick Peters Jr.	San Diego
199471	10149	Young Landis McIntire	San Diego
199097	10130	Jordan Kevin Buckley	San Francisco
199176	10134	George Albert Fairbanks	San Francisco
199271	10146	Ross Matthew Wilson	San Francisco
199272	10147	Russell James Wilson	San Francisco
199267	10142	Josiah Michael Kplar-Geren	Silicon Valley
199268	10143	Grayson Kiyoshi Hurd	Silicon Valley
199269	10144	Peter Sherwood Hurd	Silicon Valley
199470	10148	Murray Lee Eiland Jr.	Silicon Valley
198702	10106	Thomas Walter Perkin	Sons of Liberty
199098	10131	Eric Dean Hall	South Coast
199099	10132	Grant William Hall-Levy	South Coast
198941	10126	Donald Malcom Brown	Redding
198867	10112	Harry Marshall Stover Jr.	Redwood Empire
199549	10150	Shawn Davis Mooney	Redwood Empire
198700	10104	Aaron Roberts Lucas	Riverside
198701	10105	Jeffrey Roberts Gholson	Riverside
198704	10108	Steven Henry Watty	Thomas Jefferson
198934	10119	Richard Hartshorn Ingraham	Thomas Jefferson
198935	10120	Scott Kelso Ingraham	Thomas Jefferson
198936	10121	Jared Gibson Ingraham	Thomas Jefferson
198937	10122	Andrew Joseph Ingraham	Thomas Jefferson
198938	10123	Schuyler Darr Ingraham	Thomas Jefferson
199177	10135	James Russell Tippet Jr.	Thomas Jefferson
199178	10136	James Walker Tippet	Thomas Jefferson
199179	10137	Owen Marshall Tippet	Thomas Jefferson



## California SAR Medal Sets

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  
(dandjbrown@yahoo.com)

Robert Taylor (tartar-taylor@att.net)

or

Jim Fosdyck (jfosdyck@sbcglobal.net)

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



### *141st Annual Fall Board of Managers Meeting of the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution*

**November 4-6, 2016**

*Hosted by the Gold Country Chapter*

**San Francisco Airport Hilton**

*600 Airport Blvd, Burlingame, CA 94010*

Special SAR Room Rate of \$149 available until Oct. 13, 2016. Book early to ensure availability.

Call (866) 324-6914 and ask for the California SAR discount rate.

Rooms are also available on their website: [https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome\\_gi\\_new&groupID=62782517](https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_gi_new&groupID=62782517)

# Meeting Reservation Form

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

Arriving: \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday, Nov 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Friday, Nov 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, Nov 6

Registration is \$175.00 per person by Oct 13, 2016 or \$195.00 after October 13.

The fee includes meeting, Saturday luncheon, and Saturday Dinner Banquet.

Number of Registrants: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$175 Late Registrations: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$195 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Friday Dinner at Broadway Prime: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$60 each

*Not included in registration Food is prime rib with mashed potatoes, creamed corn, English baked popover, salad, and dessert. Limited to 40 people.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Please mark your meal choices:

### *Saturday Luncheon*

\_\_\_\_\_ Turkey Club

\_\_\_\_\_ Bow Tie Pasta

### *Saturday Dinner Banquet*

\_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Chicken

\_\_\_\_\_ Gorgonzola/White Truffle Ravioli (V)

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





## *Meeting Overview*

Friday business meeting begins at 9:00 a.m.

Friday afternoon, we will have a wreath laying at the grave of Dr. James Lafayette Cogswell, founder of The Sons of Revolutionary Sires which became the Sons of the American Revolution.

After the wreath laying, there are two options:

- Breakout sessions, with possible topics of retention, the new SAR website and registrars, chapter reconciliation report and color guard.
- Carpool for tour of San Francisco City Hall, plus shopping in the city if time permits.

Friday evening, optional dinner at a local restaurant

Saturday, meetings resume at 9:00 a.m., luncheon, speaker TBA, evening banquet.

Questions: Contact Ron Barker (530) 205-9581,  
ron0729con@comcast.net



*Dr. James L Cogswell Founder,  
Sons of Revolutionary Sires*



## *From the Desk of the CASSAR Registrar*

Compatriots as we have reached the halfway mark of the year we are at a greater pace of applications (213), both new, junior and supplemental than last year (185). Your hard work is paying off. Interest in ancestry of the American Revolution still seems to be keeping at a good pace.

On the flip side of the coin, however we are back up to around 10 weeks processing at National, not counting supplementals. Keep the faith.

Many of you have taken the plunge into the new online application process. With a few exceptions I believe it is going pretty well. New to the abilities of the online application process is the ability for you to notify me that you have an app ready, and before you print it up, you can notify me to look it over. In a few instances I was able to recommend a modification to the app. Jim Faulkinbury, Terry Briggs and myself can even go into your work and modify it online prior to printing thusly avoiding delays. The transition has not been as smooth as one would anticipate, but given a bit of time we will soon have a data base much like the DAR has.

By the end of the year I am hoping to see all applications being completed online and all chapters onboard..

I am still seeing some of the old habits occurring on preparation of the supporting documents such as not printing census as full pages and blurry pages being submitted. A reminder too, when submitting a transcript of a document please submit a copy of the original.

With the help of the State Genealogist and Jim Faulkinbury our pended app numbers are smaller than they have ever been. The turnaround time on these situations is critical. If you get an email that you have a pended app, which I usually notify you the same day I receive it, I am not saying drop everything but action quickly keeps us on the right path.

We have a long way to go, and a short time to get there! Bravo Zulu to you Chapter Registrars.

*Owen Stiles*  
CASSAR Registrar







## *Honoring Our Veterans*

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



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

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

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

During the 141st Annual Meeting of the Membership Public Service Awards Luncheon compatriot military veterans and their spouses were presented lapel pins commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. The Sons of the American Revolution will to continue to present lapel pins until 2018.

## Orange County Chapter



Photos taken during a June 11, 2016 Orange County Chapter meeting.

Photo on the left: Orange County Chapter Veterans Affairs cochairman Dan Henry (USMC) discusses the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative Program.

Photo on the Right: "In Theater" Vietnam veterans (L to R) Bill Cummings (USMC), Paul Garcia (USMC), Phil Mitchell (USMC), Don Winkler (Navy) and Jim Quinnelly (Army). 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pins presented by Jim Klingler (USAF).



Photo on the left: Jim Fosdyck presented 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pins to "Cold War" Vietnam War Era veterans (L to R) Richard Adams (Army), Don Carlson (Army), Leonard Chapman (USAF) and Danny Cox (USAF). Compatriot Adams accepted a 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative spouse button for his wife Suki Lee Adams.

Photo on the right: Jim Fosdyck presents a 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pin and spouse button to Tedi Cox for the loss of her first husband, U. S. Air Force Captain Kenneth Earl Walker. Captain Walker was Killed in Action when his aircraft was shot down in Vietnam on October 2, 1964. Captain Walker is honored on Panel 1E, Row 64 of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

*Photos by Un Hui Yi*



## Sacramento Chapter



Accompanying photograph taken June 17, 2016 (L to R): Inga and Carl Ahlberg, Tal Norwood, California Society, SAR President Ron Barker, Ernie Garcia, Roy and Martha Atkins, Sandy Anderson and Sacramento Chapter President Craig Anderson. Not pictured Glenn and Victoria Cline and Charles Barnett. Glenn and Victoria Cline both received United States of America 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pins from Ron Barker.

## Harbor Chapter



August 2, 2016 Jim Fosdyck presented 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pins to Vietnam War Era veterans (L to R) Jim Fosdyck, Curtis Jones, Jr. (Navy), Jeff Gholson (Army), William Voigt, George Gentry (Army), Robert E. Smith (Army) and Harbor Chapter President James Gill.



Jim Fosdyck presented a 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pin to Vietnam War Navy veteran Edward E. "Ted" Vaill, Esq. Chapter President James Gill presented a SAR War Service Medal with Vietnam Bar to Jeff Gholson.

## Eagle Chapter



August 6, 2016 Jim Fosdyck presented 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pins to prospective SAR members and Vietnam War Era veterans.

Left to right: Eagle Chapter President Jerry Sayre, Bruce Plummer (Navy), Bill Frederick (Army), Gene Glenn (Army) and Jim Fosdyck.

## General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter



August 12, 2016 Jim Fosdyck presented 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pins to SAR compatriots and prospective SAR members that are Vietnam War Era veterans.

Left to right: Daniel Sword (Army), Russ Ireland (Navy), Robert Taylor (Navy), Robert Laymon USAF), Peter Bueschen (Army), Stephen Hurst (USAF), Richard Hawley (Army) and Jim Fosdyck

## Riverside Chapter



August 19, 2016 Riverside Chapter veteran compatriots received 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pins.

Above left (L to R): (previous recipients Charlie Gents and Robert Taylor), Edward Chesson (Army), Henry Lucas (Navy), Jack Terry (Army), George Rombach (Army), Albert Kimble (Air Force), Arthur Ames (Army), (previous recipients Gary Jensen, Mark Kramer and Jim Fosdyck).

Above right four wives received 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative spouse buttons. Left to right: Charlie & Phoebe, Jack & Ann, Albert & Gloria, Arthur & Janet with Riverside Chapter President Gary Jensen.

*Photos by Un Hui Yi.*

## The Greatest Generation

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

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



We met 88 year old John Hinck and his wife Lorraine during a chance encounter. John is a career United States Marine Corp veteran. He served from 1945 until 1977.

During World War II John served in China and was a member of the occupation forces in Japan following the war.

On September 15, 1950, during the Korean War, John was a member of the U.S. Marines force that made a surprise amphibious landing at the strategic Port of Inchon, on the west coast of Korea. John also took part in a brutal 17-day battle in freezing weather during the period between 27 November and 13 December 1950. That battle came to be known as the Battle of Chosin Reservoir.

About 15 years later John served two tours of duty in Vietnam during the war there. Although Mr. Hinck is not a member of the SAR we were honored to present him with a 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative Lapel Pin.

John and Lorraine live in Huntington Beach, CA.

## In Memorium

Yosemite Chapter compatriot Edwin Hugh Waldron Jr. – Pearl Harbor Survivor Biography.

Photo on the right is Ed on the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. He is holding a photo of himself when he was at Pearl Harbor.

Ed was born July 6, 1919 in Welch, West Virginia. He passed away quietly in Fresno, April 1, 2016.

Ed joined the United States Navy in 1940. His first and only duty station was Pearl Harbor. He was attached to the USS Litchfield (DD-336), a destroyer, prior to being sent to NAS Moffitt Field in California for flight training then spent the remainder of the war attached to a B-26 squadron on Ford Island.

After the war, Ed was discharged near Vallejo, CA and went to Inglewood, CA. He went to radio school near USC. Ed married Inez May Frazier who was also a Navy veteran. They moved to La Habra, in Orange County, California where Ed worked as a lithographer, printer, and estimator until 1965 when he started his own business.

Ed and May retired in 1978 and moved to their desert home in Yucca Valley. In 1990 they moved to Madera where they spent the remainder of their years. Ed was a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and the Sons of the American Revolution, Yosemite Chapter.

Ed's wife of 54 years preceded him in death. A graveside service was held April 8, 2016 at the San Joaquin National Cemetery, Santa Nella, California.

With Pearl Harbor survivors well into their 90s and some passing the century mark, their numbers are shrinking all over the United States. How many of the 60,000 or so survivors are left? Nobody seems to know, exactly. On December 7, 2014, 2,000 to 2,500 survivors were thought to be still alive, according to Eileen Martinez, chief of interpretation for the USS Arizona Memorial. "They are in their twilight years, so now is the time to honor them and thank them for their service," she told the Reuters news agency last year.





# Order of March Memorial Day



## Orange County Chapter – Tri City Memorial Day Service at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery



Above: California Society Color Guard; Jim Fosdyck, Larry Wood, Dan Henry, Jim Blauer, John Ferris, Jim Klingler, John Blake, Brian Merrell, Kent Gregory, Karl Jacobs and Dan Shippey with Ladies Auxiliary members Un Hui Yi, Sharon Wood, Liz Ferris, Lisa Gregory and Kelly Shippey.  
Honor Rifle Salute firing party – Soldiers from the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment Blackhorse Troopers, Fort Irwin, CA. Firing party fires one of the three volleys of a 21gun salute.

## San Diego Chapter – Memorial Day Service at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery



San Diego Chapter Color Guardsmen Will Tisch, Ray Raser, George Biles and Ernie McCullough at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, CA.

## Kern Chapter – Memorial Day Thousand Flags Event at the Park at River Walk



Over Memorial Day Weekend, the sparkling lake at The Park at River Walk, Bakersfield was surrounded by a sea of red, white and blue as 1,000 American flags were flown in tribute to all who have sacrificed – and continue to sacrifice – to make the United States the greatest country in the world.

Photo on the left: Kern County Chapter Color Guard. Guardsman Stephen Corbin in the foreground.

## Flag Day aboard the USS Midway Aircraft Carrier



Above: The USS Midway Museum is a maritime museum located in downtown San Diego



California at Navy Pier. The program included the Lake Arrowhead Mountain Fifes and Drums, SAR musket firing team and members of the DAR and CAR.

Photo on the left (L to R): Christopher Keene, Gary Jensen, Henry Lucas (Riverside Chapter) and Ray Raser (San Diego Chapter) aboard the USS Midway.





## Independence Day

### 112th Huntington Beach 4th of July Celebration and Parade



The parade tradition began on July 4, 1904, when Huntington Beach commemorated the arrival of the first electric passenger train linking the area with Long Beach and Los Angeles.

After a year's absence, the Orange County and Harbor Chapter Color Guard members joined forces once again marching in the parade. This was the 28th year the compatriots of the Orange County and Harbor Chapters participated in the parade, having first appeared in the 1988 parade. This year's lineup included (L to R) Brian Merrell (Harbor Chapter), Jim Blauer (Orange County Chapter), Kent Gregory (OC), Jim Klingler (OC), and Luke Merrell (Harbor).

### 43rd Annual Let Freedom Ring – National Bell Ringing Ceremony at Cerritos, CA

The 4th of July Let Freedom Ring Celebration went very well. There were 14 CASSAR Color Guardsmen in attendance; 4 flag bearers, 9 musketeers, and fifer Mathew Noel and drummer Leo Carlin. Matt and Leo are members of the Los Angeles Fife and Drums. Dan Henry commanded the Color Guard during the presentation of Colors and Charlie Gentis commanded the Firing Team. A bell was rang 13 times for the original 13 colonies/states. OC Chapter President John Ferris and his lady Elizabeth took the stage and rang the 13th toll.



In the evening of July 4th many color guardsmen from around the Southland joined the Orange County Chapter in the Let Freedom Ring Ceremony at Cerritos City Hall. Besides Orange County there were members from the Harbor and Riverside Chapters. The Color Guard was joined by two members of the Los Angeles Fife and Drums; Matt Noell (fifer, kneeling) and Leo Carlin (drummer, standing next to Matt). Matt is a member of the Orange County Chapter.



Nine compatriots brought their muskets and were part of the firing party.

L-R: Larry Wood (OC), Christopher Keene (Riverside Chapter), Brian Merrell (Harbor), Kent Gregory (OC), Dan McKelvie (OC), Dan Henry (OC), Kevin Shellman (Riverside), Gary Jensen (Riverside) and Charlie Gentis (Riverside).

*Article by Larry Wood  
Photos by Jim Blauer*

### Sacramento 4th of July Parade



Sacramento Color Guard. Photograph on left (L to R): David Beach, Ernie Garcia, Jim Faulkinbury, Eva Austin-Warner, Donna Spradling, Alan Brooking and Russ Kaiser.



### Santa Barbara Independence Day



Above left photo Santa Barbara Color Guard left to right: Stuart Morse (Commander), Robert Niehaus, Gregg Garrison, Michael Hardwick, Gavin Garrison and Neil Crockett.

Above right photo: Kern Chapter Color Guard left to right: Steve Corbin, Dave Johnson, Will Flickinger, and Greg Frazier.

The Santa Barbara Chapter Color Guard participated in their local Independence Day celebrations by being selected as the lead color guard in the Santa Barbara Independence Day Parade. They were joined by their compatriot brothers from the Kern County Chapter Color Guard, making the largest SAR contingency to participate in the parade in many years. Additionally the Santa Barbara Color Guard joined with the US Air Force Color Guard for the presentation of the Colors at the “Concert at the Sunken Gardens” at the Santa Barbara Courthouse later that day.

*Article by Stuart Morse*

## Temecula Valley Independence Day



July 4, 2016 Steve Clugston as George Washington leads an Eagle Chapter, SAR Color Guard including Wayne Rogers (musket) Ray Raser (US Flag) and Jerry Sayre (SAR Flag) and the Luiseno Chapter of the Daughters of the American in the Temecula Valley Independence Day Parade.

*From Valley News – [www.valleynews.com](http://www.valleynews.com) – July 8, 2016*



# NSSAR 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress – National Color Guard

## Color Guard Breakfast



Left to right: Jim Fosdyck, Charles Lampman (Minuteman and former NSSAR Color Guard Commander), Karl Jacobs (Minuteman and Color Guardsman of the Year) and Ray Raser (San Diego Chapter).

Second photo: Arnie Burr (Kern Chapter Color Guard Commander) and Jim Fosdyck.

## Memorial Service at the Old South Church, Boston, Massachusetts



President General Tom Lawrence inspects the Color Guard with NSSAR Color Guard Commander David Hoover.



PG Lawrence presented a Military Service Medal and Military Service Corp Certificate to California Society, SAR Compatriot David Noell. David is a retired Army veteran of the 3rd Infantry Regiment "Old Guard" Fife and Drum Corp. Jim Fosdyck presented a CASSAR Bronze Von Steuben Color Guard Medal to Orange County Chapter, SAR Compatriot Matthew Noell. David and Matt are brothers and members of the Los Angeles Fifes and Drums.



The Los Angeles Fifes and Drums lead the SAR Chaplain Corps. Karl Jacobs carrying the SAR flag and Ray Raser carrying the Delaware flag.



Photo on left: Kent Gregory carrying a Mississippi flag. Right: The California Society, SAR Color Guard and friends gather on the steps of the Boston Central Library in Copley Square.

Photo on right: Jim Fosdyck, David Hoover, Ray Raser, Karl Jacobs, David Noell, Kent Gregory, Matt Noell, Dan McKelvie, Eveline Schoenau, Arnie Burr, Lou Carlson, unknown, Ron Barker, Charles Lampman and Bob Ebert. Eveline is a member of the LA Fifes and Drums. She travelled from her home in Basel, Switzerland to march with the SAR Color Guard. Back in Basel, she plays fife with the Grainfield Fife and Drum Corps located in Rheinfelden, Switzerland.

## President General Banquet and Awards



Above: PG Lawrence presents the Gold Color Guardsman of the Year Award to Karl Jacobs with Charles Lampman. Karl Jacobs and his grandson Jacob Levy.



Tuesday evening, the President General Banquet was held. The Colors were presented and posted by the SAR Color Guard. Fifty color guardsmen from twenty-five states, under the direction of Color Guard Commander Hoover, participated in the program.

Above photo on left: David Hoover and Sam Powell on the left with friends including Karl Jacobs on the right.

Above photo on right: front and center Kern County Chapter Color Guard Commander Arnie Burr with the California and Tennessee flags.



# Deep River (CT) Ancient (Fife and Drum) Muster

## The World's Record for the Largest Muster – Who Knew?



The record was set in 1976 and recorded by the Guinness Book of World Records. This folk tradition has brought fifers and drummers from across the world together every year since 1953. The Deep River Ancient Muster is the oldest and largest gathering of fife and drum participants and enthusiasts in the world and has been referred to as “The Granddaddy of All Musters”. The earliest recorded gathering in Deep River was for a Field Day on May 13, 1879, when musicians came together to honor the history of the fife and drum in America’s Revolutionary War militia service.

The Muster is always the 3rd Saturday in July starting at 11:00 a.m.

Photo on the left: July 16, 2016 Un Hui & Jim Fosdyck (Orange County Chapter) and Arnie & Emily Burr (Kern Chapter).



Photo on the left: In the staging area, Jim Fosdyck with 13-star US Flag, Arnie Burr with SAR Flag, fifers Matt Noell and Eveline Schoenau on Arnie’s left. Photo on the right: Jim, Arnie, Matt and Eveline, et. al. on parade with the LA Fifes and Drums.





# Around the California Society



## Sons of Liberty Chapter

### Genealogy Jamboree

The Sons of Liberty Chapter was ably represented at the recent Genealogy Jamboree at the Burbank Marriott Hotel; June 3-5, 2016. Vice President and Genealogist Gary Calvin headed up the effort with assistance from Steve Barnes, David Lasher, Dana Dunlap, Glenn Reasoner, Peter Sheerin, Jeffrey Prang, Don Jones, Timothy Marxer, Camille Chidiac, David Eaton and Dick Humphrey.



*Left: NEW Sons of Liberty BANNER! Gary Calvin, Steve Barnes, Camille Chidiac.  
Right: Dana Dunlap and Timothy Marxer at Sons of Liberty booth in the Jamboree Exhibit Hall.*

A new chapter banner – crafted by David Lasher – and updated, color, tri-fold brochures and flyers helped make the 3-day presence a success. Many exhibit hall attendees left their names and will receive follow up e-mails with more information about SAR and the Sons of Liberty Chapter. It was a pleasure to meet Michael N. Henderson, past president of the Button Gwinnett Chapter of Georgia along with members from other local area chapters.

It is worth pointing out that the DAR was represented at the Jamboree by the California Society, DAR and not by a single chapter. We are proud of our presence at the Jamboree, demonstrating the commitment of the Sons of Liberty Chapter to carry a leadership role in the State of California.

### Genealogy Workshops

At the Genealogy Workshop the following week, Sons of Liberty launched a pilot program assisting scouts to acquire the BSA genealogy merit badge. Chapter associates attending worked on getting their applications completed.

Another Genealogy Workshop was held August 27, 2016 at the Los Angeles Family History Library located at 10741 Santa Monica Bl., Los Angeles 90024. Contact Registrar Steve Barnes ([registrar@sons-of-liberty-sar.org](mailto:registrar@sons-of-liberty-sar.org)) for more information about future workshops.



## Eagle Chapter

### Eagle Chapter Meeting



*On Saturday, June 4, 2016 John H. Huegel is inducted into the SAR by California Society Executive VP Jim Fosdyck with Eagle Chapter President Jerry Sayre and Frank Kebelman looking on. Compatriot Kebelman pins a SAR Rosette to the lapel of compatriot Huegel.*

*On the left: Jim Fosdyck presents a Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award to Frank Kebelman with Jerry Sayre.*

The Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award is for scouters of the Sons of the American Revolution. It is an honor due to members of the SAR who act as role models and provide dedicated service to the young men in the Boy Scouts of America.

*Photos by Un Hui Yi*

## Redlands Chapter

**Honoring local firefighters and EMS personnel who came to San Bernardino's aide on December 2, 2015**



Fire and EMS/EMT crews who responded to the December 2, 2015 terrorist attack in San Bernardino, California were honored Saturday, June 25, 2016 at the Norman F. Feldheim Central Library in San Bernardino. The ceremony was sponsored by the Redlands Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. Daniel Piedlow, Redlands Chapter President, was the keynote speaker. A joint honor guard was provided by compatriots from the Redlands and Riverside Chapters. The color guard was provided by the San Bernardino County Fire Department.



*San Bernardino County Fire Department Color Guard. Daniel Piedlow presents an SAR Fire Safety Commendation Award to San Bernardino County Fire Department Battalion Chief Steve Lasiter.*

The recipients of Fire Safety and EMS/EMT Certificates and SAR Flag Certificates were: San Bernardino City Fire Department, San Bernardino County Fire Department, City of Colton Fire Department, Cal Fire Highland Division, City of Loma Linda Fire Department, City of Rancho Cucamonga, Fire Department, City of Ontario Fire Department, City of Chino Fire Department, City of Redlands Fire Department, San Manuel Fire Department, American Medical Response (AMR Ambulance Company).

“At the end of January we gave awards to all the police departments because they don’t get accolades for doing great work and they did an outstanding job that day,” said Piedlow. Piedlow, a retired firefighter, continued, “If it weren’t for the police or firefighters that day, a lot more people could have died.”

Each responding department received a SAR Fire Safety Commendation or EMS Commendation Award and a SAR Flag Certificate from the Sons of the American Revolution.



Following the recognition of the firefighters and EMS personnel we had an opportunity to acknowledge the military service of Vietnam War veteran Michael Bier. Michael served in the United States Air Force from 1971 until 1975. He served “In Theater” during 1972. Jim Fosdyck presented a 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative Lapel Pin to Michael.



*Vietnam War veteran Michael Bier and Jim Fosdyck. CASSAR Color Guardsmen with the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative Flag (L to R) Gary Jensen (Riverside Chapter), Charlie Gentis (Riverside Chapter), Ryan Stranak (Riverside Chapter) John Flippin (Redlands Chapter), Melvin Harrell (Redlands Chapter) and Don Boatright (Redlands Chapter).*

*Article by Daniel Piedlow  
Photos by Un Hui Yi*

## Redwood Empire Chapter

### Redwood Empire Chapter Meeting



*Chapter President James Beatty introducing guest speaker Tony Bothwell. Compatriot Bothwell is the Past President of the San Francisco Chapter. New Redwood Empire Chapter members are inducted by James Beatty (L to R): Harry Stover, Jr., William V. Bullard and his sons James Bullard and Stephen Bullard; July 15, 2016.*

*Redwood Empire Chapter photos courtesy of William G. Van Valkenburg.*

# Harbor Chapter

## Harbor Chapter Meeting

August 2, 2016 Edward E. "Ted" Vaill, Esq. spoke about the Society of the Cincinnati. The Society of the Cincinnati, Inc. is a patriotic-hereditary society with branches in the United States and France, founded in 1783, to preserve the ideals and fellowship of officers of the Continental Army who served in the Revolutionary War. Society of the Cincinnati website: [societyofthecincinnati.org](http://societyofthecincinnati.org)



*Former CASSAR President Charles Conyers presented the Harbor Chapter with the original Proclamation by Mayor Ernie Kell designating April 8, 1989 as California Society Sons of the American Revolution Day in the City of Long Beach. Mayor Kell bestowed this honor because the CASSAR held its 114th annual meeting in Long Beach.*

*CASSAR Executive President Jim Fosdyck, former CASSAR President Charles Conyers (1987-88), former CASSAR President Karl Jacobs (2007-2008) and Harbor Chapter James Gill.*

Proclamation designating April 8, 1989 as California Society Sons of the American Revolution Day in the City of Long Beach.



CALIFORNIA SOCIETY  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION DAY

April 8, 1989

WHEREAS, on October 22, 1875 in the offices of Dr. James L. Cogswell in San Francisco, California, a meeting was held from which the National Society of Sons of Revolutionary Sires was established; and

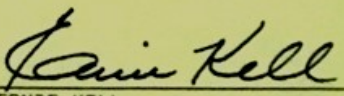
WHEREAS, from this beginning, the Society expanded to what is now known as the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution created by a special act of the Congress of the United States and signed June 9, 1906 by President Theodore Roosevelt; and

WHEREAS, the goals of this Society are patriotic, historical and educational; and

WHEREAS, since the California Society takes its origin from the initial Society, the annual meeting being held on April 8, 1989 is its 114th meeting; it is being held in the City of Long Beach;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ERNIE KELL, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, proclaim April 8, 1989 as CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION DAY in Long Beach to honor the memory of those patriots who, by their services or sacrifices during the War of the American Revolution, helped achieve independence for the American People.



  
ERNIE KELL  
MAYOR

Dated: April 8, 1989



# Around the California Missions

## Sons of the American Revolution



### Flag Certificate Presentations to the Historic Twenty-one California Missions

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

### Mission San Luis Rey de Francia

Mission San Luis Rey de Francia is a former Spanish mission in an unincorporated part of San Diego County, surrounded by the present-day city of Oceanside, California.

The Eagle Chapter presented a SAR Flag Certificate to Mission San Luis Rey de Francia on Saturday, June 4, 2016.



*Former Eagle Chapter President Wayne Rogers, Brother Vincent, Jim Fosdyck and Eagle Chapter President Jerry Sayre.*



# Mission San Juan Capistrano

Mission San Juan Capistrano was a Spanish mission in colonial Las Californias. Its ruins are located in present-day San Juan Capistrano, Orange County, California.

Mission San Juan Capistrano was completed November 1, 1776 during the American Revolutionary War Era. It became the seventh of twenty-one missions to be founded in Alta California.

The miracle of the “Swallows” of Capistrano takes place each year at Mission San Juan Capistrano, on March 19th, St. Joseph’s Day. A California landmark and cultural icon as well as a destination for travelers, the faithful and school children from all over California and the world at large.



The Irvine Ranch Chapter, DAR donated two United States flags to Mission San Juan Capistrano; a 31-star US flag located in the model room

(Gold Rush display) represents the addition of a star for California star when California became a state September 9, 1850 and a second larger 50-star US post flag (10 feet hoist by 20 feet fly) was donated to the mission after remodeling and preserving the front of the mission in July 2015. During the reconstruction the mission lost their flag pole. The

option to purchase the large US flag was offered and the Irvine Ranch Chapter was thrilled to promote patriotism by donation of the large flag that hangs at the end of the Sala building. In 2015 the Irvine Ranch Chapter also sponsored a NSDAR \$10,000 grant to help preserve the Sala building. The \$10,000 grant is the largest grant that NSDAR offers to help promote education, patriotism, and/or historic preservation.



*Above: On Flag Day, June 14th, Mission San Juan Capistrano Executive Director Mechelle Lawrence Adams accepted a SAR Flag Certificate from Jim Fosdyck on behalf of the South Coast Chapter.*

*Right: The South Coast Chapter Color Guard marching in the annual Swallows Day Parade in beautiful San Juan Capistrano. The historical uniforms are of United States Continental Marines, the first Marines our country had in 1775 (L to R) Leon Smith, Mel Butler, Jerry Hereford and Curtis Porter.*

*Submitted by: Jim Fosdyck and Sue Butler. Sue Butler is the wife of South Coast Chapter compatriot Mel Butler. Sue is also a docent at Mission San Juan Capistrano, the National Chair for the DAR Magazine Committee (American Spirit), and Honorary Chapter Regent, Irvine Ranch Chapter, DAR.*



## Mission San Gabriel Arcangel

The Mission San Gabriel Arcangel is a fully functioning Roman Catholic mission and a historic landmark in San Gabriel, California. The settlement was founded by Spaniards of the Franciscan order on "The Feast of the Birth of Mary," September 8, 1771, as the fourth of what would become 21 Spanish missions in California.



*L-R: Jim Fosdyck, Father Tony & Karl Jacobs. Compatriot Jacobs presented a SAR Flag Certificate to Father Tony on behalf of the Harbor Chapter; June 22, 2016.*

## Mission La Purisima Concepcion



Founded in 1787, the La Purisima Mission Concepcion land holdings once covered nearly 470 square miles. Bordered by the Santa Maria River in the North and the Gaviota coastline in the South, the land was home to the Chumash people and Spanish settlers. The mission was best known for its hides and blankets, and at its peak inhabitants herded as many as 24,000 cattle and sheep. The mission is located within La Purisima Mission State Park, near Lompoc, CA.





*Above left: June 29, 2016 at the flag pole at the entrance to La Purisima Mission State Park (L to R) Jim Fosdyck, Jeff Weinbender, California State Park Ranger Jaymz Blanton and Frank Campos. Compatriot Campos, president of the Santa Barbara Chapter, presented a SAR Flag Certificate to Ranger Blanton on behalf of the Santa Barbara Chapter. Above right: (L to R): Jim Fosdyck, Ron Zell, Ranger Blanton, Frank Campo and Jeff Weinbender at the historical Spanish flag outside the soldato cuartel (Spanish soldiers' barracks, headquarters).*



Between visits to Mission La Purisima Concepcion and Mission Santa Inés, members of the Santa Barbara Chapter gathered at Chomp restaurant in Solvang for lunch.

The Santa Barbara Chapter meets at noon on the 3rd Saturday of the month (except June, July, August and December). They alternate their meeting locations between Santa Barbara and Solvang.

*L-R: Jim Fosdyck, Un Hui Yi, Jeff Weinbender, Stuart Morse, Frank Campo, Ron Zell, Don Loper and his mother.*



## Mission Santa Ines



Mission Santa Inés is a Spanish mission in the present-day city of Solvang, California, and named after St. Agnes of Rome.

Founded on September 17, 1804 by Father Estévan Tapís of the Franciscan order, the mission site was chosen as a midway point between Mission Santa Barbara and Mission La Purísima Concepción, and was designed to relieve overcrowding at those two missions and to serve the Indians living east of the Coast Range.



*L-R: Jeff Weinbender, Ron Zell, Frank Campo, Silvia Ramos, Jim Fosdyck, and Stuart Morse.*

*Compatriot Campos presented a SAR Flag Certificate to Mission Santa Inés staff member Ramos on behalf of the Santa Barbara Chapter; June 29, 2016.*



*Ron Zell and Frank Campo in front of Mission Santa Inés*

## Mission San Buenaventura

Mission San Buenaventura is a Spanish mission founded by the Franciscans in present-day Ventura, California.



Franciscan priest Junipero Serra raised the Cross at "la playa de la canal de Santa Barbara" (the beach of the Santa Barbara Channel) on Easter Morning, March 31, 1782. Padre Serra was canonized a Saint by Pope Francis on September 23, 2015.

Mission to San Buenaventura had been planned as the third in the chain of twenty-one Missions founded by Padre Serra but was destined to be the ninth and last founded during his lifetime, and one of six he personally dedicated.

On August 12, 2016 members of the General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter presented a SAR Flag Certificate to the Mission San Buenaventura.



*L-R: Un Hui Yi, Father Albert van der Woerd, Robert Taylor, Kenneth Lynch, Sunny & Richard McMullen, Gene Cooper & George Horne.*



*In front of Mission San Buenaventura  
L-R: Robert Taylor, Kenneth Lynch, Father Albert van der Woerd, George Horne, Gene Cooper, Richard & Sunny McMullen, Jim Fosdyck.*

*Photos by: Un Hui Yi*





# Around the National Society



## NSSAR 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress Boston, Massachusetts; July 9th through July 13th, 2016



*California Society, SAR. Standing left to right: J. Michael Tomme' Charles Lampman, Arnie Burr, Jim Klingler, Dan McKelvie, John Dodd, Joe Dooley, Jim Faulkinbury, Lou Carlson, Ron Barker, Kent Gregory, Ray Raser, Jim Fosdyck, Tom Adams, Bob Ebert, Pete Hefler, Karl Jacobs and Jacob Levy.*

*Seated left to right: Cilla Tomme', Lidia Klingler, Karen McKelvie, Lacy Dodd, Karen Dodd, Karen Faulkinbury, Karen Carlson, Conni Barker, Gail Raser, Un Hui Yi, Anne Adams, Chris Hefler and Delaney Hefler.*

*Camera shy: Peter Hefler,*

*David and Maryanne Gilliard, Sandra Jacobs, Joy Javellana, Lisa Gregory, Matthew and David Noell.*

The Massachusetts Society hosted the 126th Annual SAR Congress at the Westin Copley Place in Boston from July 8 to July 14, 2016. The California Society was represented by President Ron Barker, Vice President General John Dodd, Executive Vice President Jim Fosdyck, Treasurer Jim Klingler, Trustee Kent Gregory, Past President Jim Faulkinbury, Past President Rev. Lou Carlson, Past President Stephen Renouf, Past President Karl Jacobs, Past President Bob Ebert, Past President Charles Lampman, Tom Adams, Arnold Burr, Dave Gillard, Peter Hefler, Dan McKelvie, and Ray Raser.

On Friday afternoon, July 8, we walked down the street to the Boston Duck Tours pickup location. We boarded the World War II-style amphibious landing craft "Duck Boats" and set off on our tour of Boston. Among the sites we saw were the Boston Common, the State House, the Museum of Science, Faneuil Hall, the Quincy Market, and the Cheers Bar. We went into the Charles River at the North Bank Bridge and cruised under the Longfellow Bridge and along the Charles River Esplanade.



*Right to left from the front of the Duck – seated at first window: Mickey Jo & Tom Lawrence, Lindsey & Billie Brock, standing: Sam & Karen Powell and Cilla Tomme’, seated at second window Jim & Un Hui Fosdyck, standing Mike Tomme’, standing at third window John Dodd, James & Patricia Taylor, Betty Franklin, seated at fourth window Russ & Laura DeVenney, standing Lacy Dodd.*



*Captain Parker statue*

On Saturday morning, July 9, we boarded buses for the battlefield tour. We went to the Lexington Green, and were led on a walking tour of the area. We saw the Captain Parker statue, given to the town of Lexington in 1899, and the site of the first three meeting houses in Lexington (built in 1692, 1713 and 1794). We saw the site of the Old Belfry, from which was rung the alarm on April 19, 1775. We saw the monument erected in 1799 memorializing the martyrs at Lexington in 1775. We ended our walking tour at the historic Buckman Tavern, built around 1709, and headquarters of the Lexington militiamen in 1775. We had a boxed lunch at the Lexington Historical Society.

We went to the Lexington Visitors’ Center at the Minute Man National Historical Park. We learned about the British march from Boston to Concord to seize the guns and powder from the colonials. The road from Boston to Concord was known as Battle Road, and the Americans harassed the British soldiers on the retreat to Boston. We visited Concord, and saw the Paul Revere Capture Site, where his midnight ride came to an end on April 19, 1775. Paul Revere’s traveling companion, Dr. Samuel Prescott, escaped the British, and brought the alarm to Concord.

On arriving in Concord, we walked to the Old North Bridge, and saw the monument erected in 1836: HERE, On the 19th of April 1775 was made the first forcible resistance to British aggression. On the opposite Bank stood the American Militia. Here stood the Invading Army and on this spot the first of the Enemy fell in the War of that Revolution which gave Independence to these United States .In gratitude to GOD and In the love of Freedom this Monument was erected AD 1836.

Right photograph (L to R): Sam Powell, Jim Fosdyck, Mark Anthony and Mike 'Tomme' on the Old North Bridge. We then crossed the bridge and saw the famous statue of the Minute Man.



The base of the statue bears the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson:

By the rude bridge that arched the flood, Their flag to April's breeze unfurled, Here once the embattled farmers stood, And fired the shot heard round the world.

Members of the California Society at the Minuteman Statue at The Old North Bridge, Concord, MA.

*Left to right: David & Maryanne Gilliard, Kent & Lisa Gregory, John, Karen & Lacy Dodd, Stephen & Joy Renouf, Jim & Lidia Klingler.*



In the evening, we attended the Massachusetts Society Host Reception at the Westin Copley Place. It was a great chance to meet compatriots from across the country.

On Sunday morning, July 10, the 2015-16 Trustees met for the final time.

In the afternoon, the SAR Color Guard processed to the Old South Church for the SAR Memorial Service, led by President General Tom Lawrence, Color Guard Commander David Hoover, members of the Los Angeles Fife and Drums and Chaplain General Rev. Dr. James C. Taylor, and assisted by former Chaplain General Lou Carlson.



*From left to right the Chaplains are: Rev. David Schrader, Rev. John Wakefield, Bishop Lou Carlson, OST, Rev. Dr. Randy Moody, Rev. Dr. James Taylor. The man in Colonial attire is a new Chaplain's Committee member, called "the Patriot Pastor", his name is Rev. Garrett Lear.*





*Ladies Auxiliary members on parade enroute to the Memorial Service at the Old South Church, Boston, MA.  
On the right: California Society Ladies Auxiliary members Gail Raser and Karen McKelvie.*



The original Old South Church was formed as the Third Church in Boston in 1669. In 1773, Samuel Adams gave the signal from the Old South Meeting House to begin the Boston Tea Party. The congregation moved to the current location in Back Bay in 1875.

The SAR Memorial Service honored the compatriots we lost during the year, including from California:

*Ralph Allison, Richard Boster,  
Berni Campbell, George Clarke, Robert Cooper, Walter Davis,  
Frank Denison, Jerry Evans, Vincent Gantt, Lafayette Grover,  
Louis Hanks, Philip Harvey, Howard Harvey, Trevor Hogshead,  
Charles Keene, Sid Kennedy, Donald Knapp, Wayne Lowe, Bill Lutz, Ernest  
McPherson, Millard Miles, Wylie Richard, Ted Robinson,  
Louis Schwerer, Michael Shaunghnessy, Gregory Stabler,  
Christopher Stephenson, Cameron Stewart and Richard Welch.*

More photographs of the procession to the Memorial Service may be viewed at the California Compatriot Order of March section.





*Ladies dress in Colonial Era attire at First Lady Mickey Jo's Sunday tea.*

After the memorial service, the Medals & Awards Committee met and approved the 2019 SAR Congress Medal (proposed by the California Society).

At noon was the 16th Annual Youth Awards Luncheon. Mark Anthony announced the winners of the SAR Americanism Poster Contest: 1st place (\$200) – Lucia, sponsored by the Gold Country Chapter, California Society, 2nd place – Kentucky Society, and 3rd place – Maryland Society.



*Above photograph: The middle poster "The Henry Knox Extraordinary Cannon Trail" sponsored by the Gold Country Chapter, California Society.*

*On the right (L to R) John Dodd, Bob Ebert, Jim Fosdyck, David Gilliard, Ron Barker, Karl Jacobs, Kent Gregory, Tom Adams & Charles Lampman.*





Mark Anthony announced the winners of the SAR Sergeant Moses Adams Memorial Brochure Contest: 1st place – Kentucky Society, 2nd place (\$200) – Theora, sponsored by the Redlands Chapter, California Society and 3rd place – North Carolina Society.

*Photograph on left: Tom Adams and Ron Barker with winning brochure, certificate and cash prize.*

The winners of the SAR Rumbaugh Oration Contest were: 1st place – Delaware Society, 2nd place – Virginia Society, and 3rd place – Illinois Society. Eagle Scout Harrison Middleton, sponsored by the Eagle Chapter, California Society participated in the oration contest for the second year in a row.

Unfortunately, Harrison did not reach the finals.



The Ladies Auxiliary featured historical re-enactor Patricia Bridgman, who presented a program on Abigail Adams: Life, Love and Letters. She used the Adams correspondence to depict Abigail from her courtship with John Adams, through the American Revolution, to 1778, when John and John Quincy Adams left their family in Braintree and sailed to France.



In the evening, the Minuteman Ceremony was held at the Westin. Past Minutemen processed into the room, followed by the Class of 2016 – David Boring of MI (escorted by Peter Goebel), Rudy Byrd of AZ (escorted by Warren Alter), Russell DeVenney of MO (escorted by PG David Appleby), John Dodd of CA (escorted by Charles Lampman), Jim Jones of TX (escorted by PG Joe Dooley), and Stephen Renouf of CA (escorted by PG Ed Butler). President General Tom Lawrence installed each Minuteman and presented them with the SAR Minuteman Medal.



*John Dodd escorted by Charles Lampman with PG Lawrence. Stephen Renouf escorted by former PG Ed Butler with PG Lawrence.*



California Society Minutemen, former PG Joe Dooley (2009), Renouf (2016), Dodd (2016), Lampman (2006) and Karl Jacobs (2014). Camera shy – Marston Watson.

Jim Faulkinbury was presented with the Gold Roger Sherman Medal oak leaf cluster.



The California Society received \$400 and a SAR Youth Award Streamer for their participation in the SAR Americanism Poster Contest, the SAR Adams Brochure Contest, the SAR ROTC/JROTC Contest, the SAR Knight Essay Contest, and the SAR King Eagle Scout Contest.

*Photo on the left (L to R): Ron Barker holds the certificate and streamer, with Kent Gregory and Jim Fosdyck.*

The California Society received the Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award and streamer for Flag Certificates, and received a streamer for state officer attendance at national meetings.

The Patriot Ancestor Biographies Streamer was presented to Delta Chapter, Monterey Bay Chapter (with 1 star), Redland Chapter, Riverside Chapter (with 2 stars), and Eagle Chapter (with 7 stars). The SAR Liberty Medal for 10 first line signers was presented to Paul S. Barnes (with 1 oak leaf cluster), David L. Grinnell, and

Cmdr. Robert Stephan. Liberty Medal oak leaf clusters were presented to Tom Chilton, Jim Faulkinbury, Jim Fosdyck (2), Kent Gregory (2), Charles Gentis, Don Gurley, Karl Jacobs, Ray Raser, Stephen Renouf, and Jeff Sylvan. The Partners in Patriotism Certificate was presented to the California Society, and to 22 chapters.





*CASSAR Compatriot Dan McKelvie (second to the right of the US Flag) receives a George Washington Fellows Certificate with GWF Chairman Franklin J. Appl on the far right.*

On Tuesday morning, July 12 the SAR Congress reconvened, and Mike Scroggins gave a report on the new SAR website roll out. The events manager used to make reservations for national events will soon be available for state societies to use. There will be a donor module to track compatriot donations to various SAR programs. There will be a dues module, so members can pay their dues and money will be transmitted to the appropriate societies. Mike also reported on the plan to scan SAR applications. FamilySearch has offered to provide volunteers to scan old applications and incorporate them into a genealogical research system on our website. The SAR will need to provide staff or volunteers to prepare the documents for scanning, which will be done at SAR Headquarters. There was a motion to move forward with negotiations with FamilySearch, and there were many comments about how the data will be secured, and how people will be given the opportunity to opt out. The motion was approved by Congress. There was a motion to raise the dues by \$2, but it failed. The dues were adopted at the current amounts.

Elections were held for vice presidents general, and the slate, which included Jim Faulkinbury as VPG of the Western District, was elected. The slate of trustees for the various state societies were also elected, including Kent Gregory (CA-trustee), Ron Barker (CA-alternate trustee), Bob Ebert (Mexico-trustee), Rev. Lou Carlson (Mexico-alternate trustee), and Stephen Renouf (Spain-trustee).

Those running unopposed were national office: President General Mike Tomme' (GA), Secretary General Larry Guzy (GA), Chancellor General Davis Wright (DE), Genealogist General John Sinks (DC), Registrar General Russell DeVenney (MO), Historian General John Manning (NH), Librarian General Bruce Pickette (AL), Surgeon General Dr. Larry Leslie (KY), and Chaplain General Rev. Carlson (CA). There was a contested race for treasurer general between Warren Alter and Randy Ellis. John Dodd and PG Stephen Leishman were elected to the SAR Foundation Board. In the afternoon balloting was held for the contested race for treasurer general between Warren Alter and Randy Ellis. In the evening it was announced that Warren Alter was elected as treasurer general.





The Ladies Auxiliary had a luncheon at the Boston Public Library at Copley Place, and was regaled with Judith Kalaora portraying Deborah Sampson Gannett, a woman who disguised herself as a man (“Robert Shurtleff”) to serve in the Continental Army during the American Revolution. Deborah later applied for and received a pension for her 17 months of service, in which she was wounded in 1782, and honorably discharged in 1783. Following lunch, the Ladies Auxiliary toured the library.



*Ladies Auxiliary members attending the luncheon (L to R) Joy Javellana, Karen McKelvie, Gail Raser, Lisa Gregory, Judith Kalaora as Deborah Sampson Gannett, Karen Carlson, Conni Barker, Anne Adams, Lidia Klingler, Mickey Jo Lawrence and Un Hui Yi.*



In the evening, the President General Banquet was held. The guest speaker was Professor Peter Onuf, PhD, the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation Professor of History, Emeritus, at the University of Virginia. Professor Onuf spoke on Thomas Jefferson’s Imperial Vision – an “empire for liberty” consisting of self-governing republics united in a consensual empire.

Following dinner and the presentation by Professor Onuf, PG Lawrence hosted a dance.



*Ron & Conni Barker,  
Brooks Lyles & Diane Ungvarsky*



*Kent & Lisa Gregory*



*Jim & Lidia Klingler*



*Un Hi Yi & Richard Brockway*



*L-R: Jim & Lidia Klingler with back to camera, Bob Clark, Un Hui, Steve & Kay Vest, Kent & Lisa Gregory with backs to camera.*



*Laura DeVenney & Dan Woodruff, Mickey Jo Lawrence & Douglas Stuart.*



*Mr. Saxophone man and PG Lawrence.*

On Wednesday morning, the SAR Congress reconvened. The general officers were elected as trustees. The trustees were then sworn into office. The SAR Congress was suspended, and the first meeting of the 2016-17 Board of Trustees was convened. The trustees ratified the appointments of PG Brock, PG Lawrence, Paul Callanan, Doug Collins and Michael Elston to the executive committee. The trustee meeting was suspended, and the SAR Congress was reconvened to swear in the executive committee members. The meeting was then adjourned so members could go on a tour.

We went to the USS Constitution Museum at the Charlestown Navy Yard.



*Lacy and John Dodd aboard USS Constitution*

We boarded buses in the lobby for the optional tour. The USS Constitution, launched in 1797, is the last of the original frigates authorized by the Naval Act of 1794, and the oldest commissioned warship afloat in the world. The ship is currently in dry dock undergoing repairs and maintenance. We had the opportunity to etch our names in the copper plates that will be used to line the hull of the ship. We saw a presentation by a docent on the food eaten by the crewmen of the *USS Constitution*, as well as information about its famous battle with HMS Guerriere, during the War of 1812, in which she gained the nickname "Old Ironsides."



On Wednesday morning the NSSAR 1000 Breakfast convened, Flag Streamers for donations to the SAR Center for Advancing America's Heritage were presented to the Central District accepted by T. Rex (with Sam Powell), the Dr. William C. Corum Chapter (Missouri Society) accepted by Russ DeVenney and the Eagle Chapter (California Society) accepted by Jim Fosdyck.



## Installation Banquet



*Outgoing PG Tom Lawrence &  
First Lady Mickey Jo.*



*Judge Maryanne &  
David Gilliard*



*L-R: George Washington's signet ring guard  
Colonel Paul Callanan, ring bearer  
Keitha Callanan with Joy Javellana &  
Stephen Renouf.*



*During the Installation Banquet, Rev. Carlson was installed as Chaplain General and Jim Faulkinbury was installed as Vice President General of the Western District*



Mike Tomme' was installed as President General for 2016-17, and was presented with George Washington's signet ring. President General Tomme' adjourned the 126th Annual SAR Congress.



Photo on left: Congratulations President General J. Michael 'Mike' Tomme' with Un Hui Yi and Jim Fosdyck. PG Tomme' is a Orange County, California Society dual member.

On Thursday morning, the Executive Committee met under President General Tomme'. Stephen Renouf, chairman of the Medals & Awards Committee, presented the recommendation of the committee for the 2019 SAR Congress Medal which were ratified by the Executive Committee.

*Article by Stephen Renouf*

*Photos by Stephen Renouf and Un Hui Yi*

## A tip of the Tricorn to California Society members holding National Society offices and chairmanships



The Rt. Rev. Louis V. Carlson, Jr., – SAR Chaplain General (2016-2017).

John L. Dodd, Esq., – Member SAR Foundation Board (2016-2018), Chairman Youth Exchange Program and Governance & Organization.

Jim L. W. Faulkinbury – Vice President General of the Western District 2016-2017 and Chairman Genealogy Committee.

Dr. M. Kent Gregory – Trustee California Society, SAR (2016-2017).

Stephen R. Renouf – Chairman Medal and Awards Committee and Premium Medals Committee.



Ronald J. Barker – Chairman Americanism Committee.

David A. Gilliard – Chairman Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest Committee.

Tom Adams – Chairman Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Americanism Brochure Contest Committee.

James C. Fosdyck – Adjutant National Color Guard.

Karl W. Jacobs – National Color Guardsman of the Year (2016-2017).



# NECROLOGY

## Farewell Beloved Compatriots

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

Nat'l#	CASSAR#	Name	Chapter
145322	6731	William Gene Darwin	Riverside
137700	6082	Cray Lyman Foley	Silicon Valley
88599	3430	Thomas N. Barry	Silicon Valley
199470	10148	Murray Lee Eiland, Jr.	Silicon Valley

Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto the God who gave it.  
Ecclesiastes 12: 6-7



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