



The 134th Annual Meeting of the California Society, SAR

The Orange County Chapter did a superb job in hosting the 134th Annual Meeting of the State Society under the leadership of Chairman Rex Shannon. The Master of Ceremonies, State President Stephen R. Renouf conducted the two day meeting with dignity and maintained the agenda schedule. Forty-seven delegates attended representing fifteen Chapters, Coachella Valley, Gold Country, General George S. Patton, Harbor, Kern, Mother Lode, Orange County, Redlands, Riverside, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, Sons of Liberty, South Coast and Thomas Jefferson. The luncheons and banquet attendees numbered almost 100. Guardsmen from eleven Chapters participated in the ceremonies.

Friday's luncheon, "*The Community Service Honors Luncheon*", where the Law Enforcement Medal was presented to Officer Mark Black of the Tustin Police Department, The Medical Service Medal was presented to Larry Grihalva of the Costa Mesa and the Fire Safety Commendation Medal to Captain Doug Hanson of the Orange County Fire Authority.

The balance of the day was spent on committee meetings followed by the California Society President's Dinner at

Leatherby's Cafe Rouge.

Saturday's meeting started with the Past State President's breakfast, attended by eight former presidents, the most in many years. At 9:00 a.m. the General Session of the Annual Meeting started. At the same time the Ladies Auxiliary met, with State President Coreena Ross presiding. These meetings were followed by "*The Youth Honors Luncheon*".

After an excellent lunch former State President Marston Watson, presented a brief program on "*Wreaths Across America*" program, which the SAR was heavily involved. Presentations were made to all of our Society's youth programs. The Eagle Scout recipient was Robert Morgan, sponsored by the Redlands Chapter, the JROTC contest winner was Cadet Chris Windley, sponsored by the Sacramento Chapter, the Knight

Essay contest winner was Jared Lopez, sponsored by the Redlands Chapter. The Poster Contest was judged by the delegates to the Annual Meeting and first place went to Haily LeBar, sponsored by the Gold Country Chapter, Second Place winner, Amy Bradshaw, sponsored by Gold Country Chapter, third place Mia Banini Holly, Mother Lode Chapter, and

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At the April 19th, 2009 Annual Meeting of the California Society a difficult decision was reached regarding the distribution of this newsletter, The California Compatriot. This will be the last issue printed and mailed.

All future issues will be placed on the State Society's web site. This drastic action was taken owing to the raising costs of printing and the additional requirements placed on us by the U.S. Post Office. If each

Compatriot would kindly notify our State Secretary of your current E-mail address, you will be sent a notification that the latest edition of the newsletter has been published on said web site.

For those Compatriots that do not have a computer, they are encouraged to make arrangements with their Chapter to have a copy printed.

The Rt. Rev. Louis V. Carlson, Jr.,
State President



Rt. Rev. Louis Carlson, Jr. President

Donald N. Moran, Editor

FROM THE
OFFICE OF STATE SECRETARY
JIM W. FAULKINBURY
Fees and Dues

New Applicant Fees

National Society ----- \$ 60.00
First Year's Dues ----- 25.00
California Society Fees ----- 20.00
Chapter Fees ----- Varies*

SONS, GRANDSONS, NEPHEWS,
GRAND-NEPHEWS UNDER 25 YEARS
OF AGE OF SARs, DARs OR S/RS:

Certificate Fee ----- \$30.00
First Year's Nat'l Dues ----- 25.00
California Society Fee ----- 20.00
Chapter Fees ----- Varies*

FAMILY DISCOUNT FEES

FOR FAMILY MEMBERS FILING ON THE
SAME LINEAGE AT THE SAME TIME:

Certificate Fee ----- \$ 30.00
First Year's Nat'l Dues ----- 25.00
California Society Fee ----- 20.00
Chapter Fees ----- Varies*

The "Family Discount Fees" apply only to applications submitted by additional family members using the same lineage and submitted at the same time as the primary applicant's application. The primary applicant's fees are the same as a "New Member Fees" above.

C.A.R. MEMBERS UNDER AGE 22
WITH TRANSFER CARD:

First Year's Nat'l Dues ----- \$ 25.00
California Society Fee ----- 20.00
Chapter Fees ----- Varies*

SUPPLEMENTAL FEES

National Society Fee ----- \$ 40.00
California Society Fee ----- 10.00
Chapter Fees ----- Varies*

YOUTH REGISTRATION

National Society Fee ----- \$ 30.00
State & Chapter ----- 0.00

* Fees vary from Chapter to Chapter.
Contact your sponsor for the Chapter requirements.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Who is eligible for Life Membership
Any person who holds a Regular Membership and pays the following fee.

Age 18 to 54: ----- \$ 1,000.00
Age 55 to 74: ----- 750.00
Age 75 and Above: ----- 500.00

Payable by a single total fee payment or
Payment of \$250.00 annually until paid.

Jim W. Faulkinbury
Secretary



NECROLOGY

Almighty Father we ask thy blessing on the souls of our departed Compatriots. We thank thee for their membership in the Society these many years. And now that they have passed on to the greater light, that light which we cannot receive while here in body, we ask thee

to receive them under thy protected care to the honor and glory of thy holy name, Amen, May their souls rest in lasting peace.

COMPATRIOT'S NAME	CHAPTER	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
William J. Kendall	Central Coast	25 May 1915	29 Jan. 2009
Charles S. Putnam	Central Coast	12 Nov. 1925	23 Nov. 2008
Manuel B. "Dick" Wells	Coachella Valley	01 Aug. 1919	13 Feb. 2009
Ronald Yielding	Coachella Valley	27 Oct. 1932	19 Mar. 2009
Donald Dale Hanner	Harbor	27 Nov. 1925	23 Jan. 2008
Stoddard P. Johnston	Monterey	16 Aug. 1924	14 May 2009
Marvin McPherson Shaw	Monterey	21 July 1930	29 Nov. 2008
Lee M. Wolary	Mother Lode	10 Sept. 1937	17 Feb. 2009
James R. Denger	Orange County	04 July 1935	28 May 2008
Robert D. Morgan	Sacramento	24 July 1940	22 Mar. 2008
Albert L. Grim	San Diego	27 Nov. 1926	15 Oct. 2008
Charles R. Oliphant	San Diego	01 Sept. 1917	21 Jan. 2009
Donald B. Miller	Silicon Valley	10 Apr. 1923	16 May 2009
Gerald Spence	Silicon Valley	04 June 1924	05 Feb. 2007



AN IMPORTANT DATE TO REMEMBER

THE 135th ANNUAL
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
CALIFORNIA SOCIETY, SAR

November 12th & 14th, 2009
to be held at Mission Inn

1223 University Avenue, Riverside, California 92507

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THE CALIFORNIA COMPATRIOT

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I'M SO AM, ARE YOU?



STATE PRESIDENT
THE RT. REV. LOUIS CARLSON

Compatriot Brothers,
In my first communication with the membership of the California Society SAR, as the State President, I want to express my thanks and appreciation to all of you around the Golden State for your support and encouragement over the years. It may seem strange to begin ones work with reminiscing, but

The key, I think, to our work in California Society is our broader commitment to the SAR at all levels. I believe in the goals and mission of the National Society and in the role the California Society is playing to achieve those goals. I believe that our nation needs an organization like the SAR (and other like minded organizations) to preserve, defend and promote the true history of the American Revolution. I **KNOW** our nation needs all men, like you, who have learned about their heritage, joined the Sons of the American Revolution and stand ready to serve.

I have said all this to say: Becoming an active member of my SAR chapter has changed my life and made it better. Becoming active in State Society meetings has given me a huge new circle of friends (and “family”) that has equally changed my life and made it better, much better.

memories of SAR State meetings are one of my greatest treasures.

When I first joined the SAR in Orange County, I really enjoyed meeting with the guys for lunch and a speaker. Our chapter had strong leadership which meant we had great meetings. Pretty soon I was asked to serve as chapter chaplain, then chapter vice president... and I have held some office in the SAR ever since.

I began attending State Conventions when the meeting was held in Orange County, at Knott’s Berry Farm. I didn’t know anyone and didn’t have a clue what they were talking about at the meetings, but stuck around anyway - - and the Hospitality Room was great!! At Pacifica, California., I was elected CASSAR Chaplain, which freed then Chaplain Rev. Dr. Stan De Long to start moving through the chairs to become CASSAR President, then National Society Chaplain General. He served with distinction at every level of our society.

At state conventions I began to get to know men from all over the California Society, patriots and gentlemen all (well, almost all!!) and started making friendships that have become primary relationships in my (and my wife, Karen’s) life. Everywhere the meetings went, as they moved around California, I met new compatriot brothers who are among the finest men I have ever known. Like all friendships, the more time you spend together, the more your friendship grows. So, I found myself attending every State Convention and loving it. My wife accompanied me and became very active in the Ladies Auxiliary. Together, the SAR has become a huge part of our lives, and, oh, the stories we could tell.....



OUTGOING STATE PRESIDENT, STEPHEN RENOUF CONGRATULATING
INCOMING STATE PRESIDENT THE RT. REV. LOUIS V. CARLSON

I invite every member of the California Society Sons, of the American Revolution, to do as I did. Re-dedicate yourself to your local chapter meetings and leadership. Run for an office, any office, in your chapter and begin to learn what an amazing organization we serve. Invite your family, your wife, your sons or grandsons to join you at local meetings. Enjoy the fellowship and build new friendships. Talk about the SAR with your neighbors and co-workers. Wear your SAR Rosette (if you lost the one you were given when you joined, get another one, OR call me and I’ll mail you a lapel pin. Call 714-997-4113!!). Volunteer for chapter and patriotic activities. Make the commitment, donate the time!! You’ll have more fun than you think and build memories to share for a lifetime.

The theme for my year as State President is “**IAMSAR**”. We, each one of us, are part of a wonderful organization. It isn’t perfect, but it needs each and every one of us to help it achieve its goals. And while we are helping, we can reap the rewards of active membership, active patriotism and active enjoyment. Join me for a great year with SAR.

Rt. Rev. Lou Carlson
President
California Society
Sons of the American Revolution



The 2009 California Society Officer's Directory



Compatriots, when communicating with our State Officers or Committee Chairmen, please confine your telephone calls to between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. When using E-mail, please identify your Chapter at the end of said message. Thank you.

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From the Ladies Auxiliary President's Pen

We send patriotic greetings from the new Ladies Auxiliary officers to all LAUX members, CASSAR wives and CASSAR Compatriots! The following officers will be at your service this year, please feel free to contact them.

President:

Mrs. Louis (Karen) Carlson,
Orange County Chapter

1st Vice President

Mrs. Charles (Ann) Lampman,
Riverside Chapter

2nd Vice President

Mrs. Larry (Barbara) Magerkurth, Orange County Chapter

Secretary:

Mrs. Karl (Sandy) Jacobs, Harbor Chapter

Treasurer:

Mrs. Michael (Catherine) Howard, San Diego Chapter

Registrar:

Mrs. John (Karen) Dodd, Orange County Chapter

Chaplain:

Mrs. Phillip (Jean) Dodson, Kern Chapter

Historian:

Mrs. Dale (Coreena) Ross, Gold Country Chapter

We would like to pass along some news from the recent Spring LAUX Board and Membership meetings held in Costa Mesa, CA. The news has financial importance (*now we have everyone's attention!*). First, the annual dues for LAUX membership have been raised by \$5.00 and are now \$ 10.00, still a modest sum, but needed to cover expenses. Second, we have discontinued and abolished the LAUX Life Membership fund. There are two reasons for

this action: the Internal Revenue Service/Sarbanes-Oxley legislation and regulations make it impossible to administer the LAUX Life Membership fund. And, secondly, the fund is not (and never was) self-sustaining. All Life Members will have the honor of retaining their original membership number and will be permanently recorded as "Founding LAUX Members". Life Members will also receive a letter detailing their choices as to the disposition of their original \$100.00 Life Membership contribution. Life Members will be able to designate if they wish to donate their money to the LAUX Congress fund or receive a full refund. Life Members a/k/a/ Founding Members will need to pay the \$10.00 annual dues beginning in 2010. All other members have already been billed at the new \$10.00 rate. Our hearty thanks go out to those chapters who pay the dues for their ladies. We look forward to a great year.

By: Mrs. Karen Carlson,
CASSAR LAUX
President, 2009-2010



MEET YOUR 2009-2010 LADIES AUXILIARY OFFICERS

L-TO-R: KAREN CARLSON, ANNE LAMPMAN, BARBARA MAGERKURTH,
SANDY JACOBS, CATHERINE HOWARD, KAREN DODD AND COREENA ROSS.



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honorable mention to Aiden Willet sponsored by the Sacramento Chapter, and Ryan Writsmann, sponsored by the Orange County Chapter.

Vice President - South, John Dodd presented "The Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award" to Keith Bigbee of the Gold Country Chapter and Jim Blauer of the Orange County Chapter.

President Stephen R. Renouf and C.A.R. Liaison Travis Spears presented the C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation to Dan and Barbara Wescott for their involvement with the De Anza Society, C.A.R. .



EAGLE SCOUT ROBERT MORGAN RECEIVING THE STATE AWARD FROM EAGLE SCOUT CHAIRMAN SHAWN PRICE IN ADDITION TO AN 'EAGLE TROPHY' ROBERT RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP CHECK FOR \$500.00 FROM THE SOCIETY AND \$200.00 FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY

At the Saturday evening banquet, President Stephen Renouf presented several well deserved awards to members of the California Society, and the ladies who supported them.

Philip Hinshaw Chairman of the Chapter Contest Committee presented the Chapter Activities Contest awards, always a highlight of the evening, and our State Color Guard Commander Donald Moran presented the Color Guard awards. Most of these presentations are shown on the following pages, along with photographs of the presentations.

THE 134TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY, SAR *continued*



JARED LOPEZ, WINNER OF THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY, SAR'S KNIGHT ESSAY CONTEST IS PRESENTED THE MEDAL AND CERTIFICATE BY CONTEST CHAIRMAN KEITH BIGBEE. JARED WAS SPONSORED BY THE REDLANDS CHAPTER.



CADET CHRIS WINDLEY, WINNER OF THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY, SAR'S JROTC CONTEST BEING PRESENTED THE MEDAL AND CERTIFICATE BY CONTEST CHAIRMAN JIM FAULKBURY. CHRIS WAS SPONSORED BY THE REDLANDS CHAPTER.



DAN WESTCOTT OF THE RIVERSIDE CHAPTER AND HIS WIFE BARBARA, A DAR, BEING PRESENTED THE C.A.R. MEDAL OF APPRECIATION BY C.A.R. CHAIRMAN TRAVIS SPEARS AND PRESIDENT STEPHEN R. RENOUF.



KEITH BIGBEE (GOLD COUNTRY CHAPTER) AND JAMES BLAUER (ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER) BEING PRESENTED THE ROBERT E. BURT BOY SCOUT VOLUNTEER AWARD BY VICE PRESIDENT - SOUTH JOHN DODD.



STATE TREASURER MICHAEL HOWARD WAS AWARDED THE COVETED PATRIOT MEDAL BY PRESIDENT STEPHEN RENOUF. THE PATRIOT MEDAL IS THE HIGHEST AWARD A STATE SOCIETY CAN BESTOW UPON A MEMBER AND CAN ONLY AWARD ONE PER YEAR FOR EACH 500 MEMBERS! PROVIDING AN HONOR GUARD, A CALIFORNIA SOCIETY TRADITION, WERE GUARDSMEN FORMER STATE PRESIDENTS KARL JACOBS AND CDR. CHARLES LAMPMAN. USN (RET.).



STATE CHANCELLOR RICHARD S. HAWLEY RECEIVING THE PATRIOT MEDAL FROM FORMER STATE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT GENERAL RONALD RISLEY, ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT STEPHEN RENOUF. DICK'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE SOCIETY HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIAL. DICK WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE STATE MEETING AS HIS WIFE ANN HAD SUFFERED A SEVERE STROKE AND WAS HOSPITALIZED IN THOUSAND OAKS.

THE 134TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY, SAR *continued*



VICE PRESIDENT WAYNE GRISWOLD WAS PRESENTED THE SAR'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL BY PRESIDENT STEPHEN RENOUF. THIS AWARD CAN ONLY BE AWARDED ONCE A YEAR AND IS VERY VERY SPECIAL.



JOY JAVELLANA AND COREENA ROSS WERE PRESENTED THE DAUGHTERS OF LIBERTY MEDAL BY PRESIDENT STEPHEN RENOUF. JOY IS OUR FIRST LADY -- STEPHEN'S WIFE AND COREENA THE PRESIDENT OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY.



MRS. JOANNE MURPHY WAS PRESENTED THE DAUGHTERS OF LIBERTY MEDAL BY PRESIDENT STEPHEN RENOUF



UN HUI YI WAS PRESENTED THE MARTHA WASHINGTON MEDAL BY PRESIDENT STEPHEN RENOUF

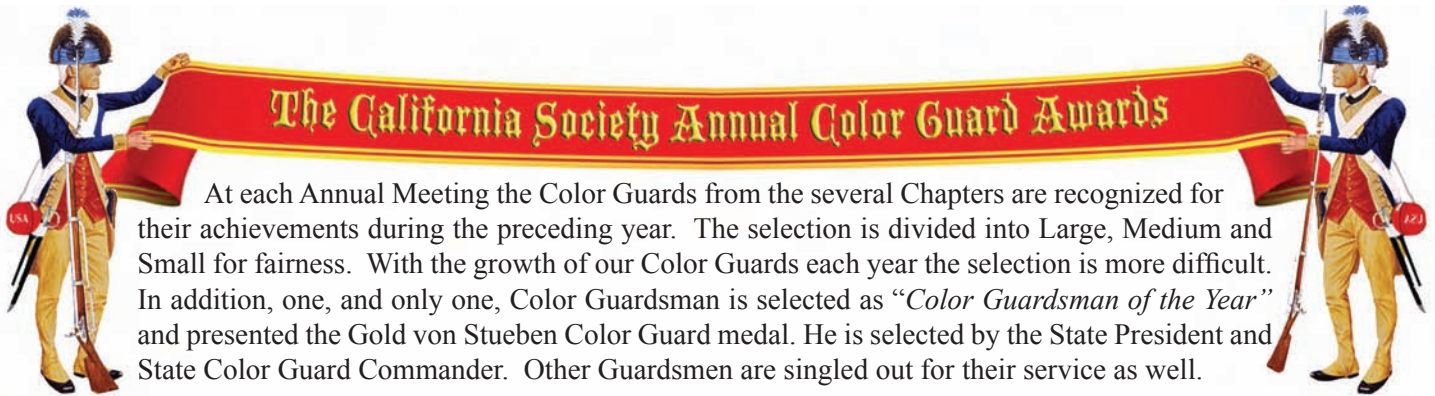


CHAPTER ACTIVITIES CONTEST CHAIRMAN, PHILLIP RENSHAW ASSISTED PRESIDENT RENOUF PRESENTING THE PLAQUES TO WINNING CHAPTERS: L-R: PHILLIP HENSHAW, WAYNE GRISWOLD - GOLD COUNTRY CHAPTER, (LARGE CHAPTER AWARD), PRESIDENT STEPHEN RENOUF, DAVID SILER - ORANGE COUNTY (MEDIUM SIZED CHAPTER AWARD) AND TOM DOUGLAS - MOTHER LODGE CHAPTER (SMALL CHAPTER AWARD).



PRESIDENT STEPHEN RENOUF PRESENTED THE "COGSWELL PRESIDENT'S AWARD" TO L-R: LARRY J. MAGERKURTH, VICE PRESIDENT GENERAL AND CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER GENERAL (ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER) , STEPHEN RENOUF, DONALD MORAN, (SONS OF LIBERTY CHAPTER) CALIFORNIA COMPATRIOT EDITOR AND STATE COLOR GUARD COMMANDER, AND JIM SHADWICK, RETIRING STATE SECRETARY (ORANGE COUNTRY CHAPTER).

*Photographs courtesy
of Jim Blauer, Lowell Downer and Don Moran*



The California Society Annual Color Guard Awards

At each Annual Meeting the Color Guards from the several Chapters are recognized for their achievements during the preceding year. The selection is divided into Large, Medium and Small for fairness. With the growth of our Color Guards each year the selection is more difficult. In addition, one, and only one, Color Guardsman is selected as “*Color Guardsman of the Year*” and presented the Gold von Stueben Color Guard medal. He is selected by the State President and State Color Guard Commander. Other Guardsmen are singled out for their service as well.



PRESIDENT STEPHEN RENOUF PRESENTED THE “*BEST LARGE CHAPTER AWARD*” TO THE SACRAMENTO CHAPTER. COMPATRIOT JIM FAULKINBURY ACCEPTING.



PRESIDENT STEPHEN RENOUF PRESENTED THE “*BEST MEDIUM SIZED CHAPTER AWARD*” TO THE RIVERSIDE CHAPTER. COMPATRIOT CHARLES A. GENTIS ACCEPTING.



PRESIDENT STEPHEN RENOUF PRESENTED THE “*BEST SMALL CHAPTER AWARD*” TO THE REDLANDS CHAPTER. COMPATRIOT CHARLES FRYE ACCEPTING.



PRESIDENT STEPHEN RENOUF PRESENTED THE GOLD VON STEUBEN MEDAL TO THE “*COLOR GUARDSMAN OF THE YEAR*” COMPATRIOT THOMAS L. CHILTON, JR.



PRESIDENT STEPHEN RENOUF PRESENTED THE “*SILVER VON STEUBEN MEDAL*” TO THE COMPATRIOT KEITH BIGBEE OF THE GOLD COUNTRY CHAPTER.



PRESIDENT STEPHEN RENOUF PRESENTED THE “*SILVER VON STEUBEN MEDAL*” TO THE COMPATRIOT MELVIN M. HARRELL OF THE SONS OF LIBERTY CHAPTER.



OUR STATE COLOR GUARD COMMANDER, DONALD MORAN, SURPRISED PRESIDENT STEPHEN RENOUF WITH THE BRONZE VON STEUBEN COLOR GUARD MEDAL. STEVE HAS BEEN PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF’S GUARDS AROUND THE STATE AND AT THE NATIONAL CONGRESSES AND LEADERSHIP MEETINGS.



THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY COLOR GUARDS AT THE STATE MEETING. FROM THE HARBOR, REDLANDS, RIVERSIDE, SACRAMENTO, SAN FRANCISCO, SONS OF LIBERTY, THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIFORMED AS THE ‘*COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF’S GUARDS*’. THE ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER AS ‘*LEE’S LEGION*’, THE RIVERSIDE CHAPTER AS THE 2ND *CONNECTICUT CONTINENTAL REGIMENT*, SACRAMENTO CHAPTER AS THE 4TH *MASSACHUSETTS CONTINENTAL REGIMENT (NOT SHOWN)*, AND A GUARDSMAN FROM THE GOLD COUNTRY CHAPTER, AND THE REV. PHIL DOBSON FROM THE KERN CHAPTER, AS A REVOLUTIONARY WAR CHAPLAIN (*not shown*).

WELCOME NEW COMPATRIOTS

COMPATRIOT'S NAME	CHAPTER	PATRIOT ANCESTOR	ANCESTOR'S SERVICE
Levon E. Hayes	Delta	Jacob Wink, Sr.	Private - PA Militia
David H. Naumann	Delta	Antoine Bordelon	Public Service - LA
Garland H. Middleton	Gen. George S. Patton	Jacob Burton	Private - DE Cont'l Line
Cameron C. Baker (jm)	Gold Country	George Eskridge	Lieutenant - VA Cont' Line
Jackson R. Bell (jm)	Gold Country	Daniel Singleton	Sergeant - 1 st Rgt. VA Cont'l Line
Jordan D. Brown (jm)	Gold Country	Josiah Smith	Public Service - MA
Joshua A. Brown (jm)	Gold Country	Josiah Smith	Public Service - MA
Braxton L. Crismore (jm)	Gold Country	Abel Easterbrooks	Corporal - NH Militia
Connor F. Hopkins (jm)	Gold Country	Philemon Munroe	Private - MA Militia
Jake T. Lawson	Golf Country	William Dawes, Jr.	Major - 10 th Rgt. MA Cont'l Line
Matthew T. Lawson	Gold Country	William Dawes, Jr.	Major - 10 th Rgt. MA Cont'l Line
John P. Longtin (jm)	Gold Country	Adam Yager, Sr.	Public Service - VA
Devin T. Morgan (jm)	Gold Country	George Eskridge	Lieutenant - VA Cont'l Line
Sean T. Murphy	Gold Country	Thomas Jarnagin	Captain - NC Militia
Thomas E. Murphy (jm)	Golf Country	Thomas Jarnagin	Captain - NC Militia
Edward J. Puls (jm)	Gold Country	Edward Burnap	Private - 3 rd Rgt. MA Cont'l Line
Brody W. Shuck (jm)	Gold Country	Josiah Seely	1 st Lieutenant - NY Militia
Eric W. Singleton	Gold Country	Daniel Singleton	Sergeant - VA Militia
Charles N. Stowells (jm)	Gold Country	George Eskridge	Lieutenant - VA Cont'l Line
Michael J. Virgil (jm)	Gold Country	Abihag Virgil	Private - MA & NY Militia
Robert P. Wright (jm)	Gold Country	Solomon Langston	1 st Lieutenant - VA Militia
Aaron E. Young (jm)	Gold Country	George Eskridge	Lieutenant - VA Cont'l Line
Kyle W. Young (jm)	Gold Country	George Eskridge	Lieutenant - VA Cont'l Line
Gary E. Beck	Harbor	Peter Schoffstall	Private - PA Militia
Ian A. Brenner	Kern	John Webb	Public Service - VA
Edward E. Sheffer	Mother Lode	Robert Mercer	Public Service - VA
Paul A. Moore	Orange County	John Deramus	Private - SC Militia
Paul F. Moore	Orange County	John Deramus	Private - SC Militia
Neil D. Stenton	Orange County	Ichabod Packard	Private MA Militia
David A. Jones *	Redding	Abraham Ellis, Jr.	Lieutenant PA Militia
Alfred C. Robertson	Redding	James Robertson	Private - 1 st Rgt. SC Cont'l Line
Robert J. Lemley	Redlands	George Lemley	Private - PA Militia
Leland L. O'Donnell	Redlands	Bennett Wellman	Private - MD Militia
Frederick D. O'Malley	Redlands	Archibald Beall	Private - VA Militia
Jerrold Levi Wheaton, Jr *	Riverside	Jacob H. Schermerhorn	Captain - NY Militia
Steven C. Clinton	Sacramento	George Chilton	Private - VA Militia
Vincent A. Gantt	Sacramento	Leonard Hyer	Public Service - VA
Kai J. Rex	Sacramento	Samuel Hoard	Private - NY Militia
Robert S. Wright	Santa Barbara	David Perrin	Private - CT Militia
Christopher H. Bancroft	San Diego	Timothy Matlack	Colonel - PA Militia
Bruce S. Decker	San Diego	Walter Warfield	Surgeon - MD
Charles W. Ryan	San Diego	Ebenezer Phillips, III	Sergeant - MA Militia

WELCOME NEW COMPATRIOTS continued

COMPATRIOT'S NAME	CHAPTER	PATRIOT ANCESTOR	ANCESTOR'S SERVICE
Paul F. Moore	Orange County	John Deramus	Private - SC Militia
Neil D. Stenton	Orange County	Ichabod Packard	Private MA Militia
David A. Jones *	Redding	Abraham Ellis, Jr.	Lieutenant PA Militia
Alfred C. Robertson	Redding	James Robertson	Private - 1 st Rgt. SC Cont'l Line
Robert J. Lemley	Redlands	George Lemley	Private - PA Militia
Leland L. O'Donnell	Redlands	Bennett Wellman	Private - MD Militia
Frederick D. O'Malley	Redlands	Archibald Beall	Private - VA Militia
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This aerial view of the Mission Inn shows the entire complex which, by itself is worth a visit. It revivals many European historic sites.

From its modest beginnings as a 12-room adobe boarding house to its current stature consisting of 239 guest rooms, the *Mission Inn Hotel* has been a major tourist attraction in Southern California since 1876. In the late 1800's wealthy easterners and Europeans flocked to Riverside in search of a warmer winter climate along with the desire to invest in the area's profitable citrus industry.

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Who Will Tell Our Story ?



TOM ADAMS

My name is Tom Adams. I am your newly appointed Education and Youth Program Director. I would like to introduce myself by sharing with you a recent personal experience.

Our local El Dorado Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, reported in their Newsletter how they had visited an after school program at an elementary school; many

in colonial costumes which greatly raised the interest of the children. The boys and girls were told the story of the writing of the poem for the Star Spangled Banner, and the symbolism of our national flag. Then they all sang the National

Anthem with the children learning how to salute the flag. The boys and girls then divided into grade levels and selected several of the 41 books donated by the chapter on the American Revolution and colonial times. The younger children were read to and the older ones participated in round robin reading. It was a rousing success.

I sent them an e-mail congratulating them on their effort. I saw on their web site they were planning a presentation on "Women in the American Revolution", another interest of mine, so I decided to self-invite myself to their next meeting and personally tell them how important I felt their work with children is. (We have several grade-school age grandchildren).

Before I went to their meeting I decided to equip myself with some knowledge, as well as to share what I learned. I did an Internet search on the very title of the planned talk, "Women in the American Revolution", and I was rewarded with an exact match: a 5,463 word article on Wikipedia. While Wikipedia is not your father's authoritative Encyclopedia Britannica, I have come to accept it as the knowledge base of the current culture; what is currently believed and what is being taught.

When I read the article, I found that the first 17% dealt 12 -*The California Compatriot* - Spring 2009

with women in the middle of the 1700s in general. They were food gatherers and preparers; they managed the households from a cabin in the wilderness to a plantation. That made sense. Then there was a surprisingly large section, 30%, that dealt exclusively with Native American Woman. As we know, most of the Indians fought on the side of the British. This article discussed the lives of the woman in the various tribes, the Iroquois, Cherokee and Catawba. Then there was another large section, 29% that covered only African American Woman. Most Negroes in this period were slaves; some belonged to loyalist families and others to patriot families. Next there was a small section (10%) that covered the women who did not support the revolution, the Tories. It talked about what their life was like and their option to immigrate to Canada as many did. If you have been keeping count, that leaves a whopping 14% of the article to talk about the Patriot Women; that predominantly European

descent, white, Christian, people who settled in North America and founded this nation.

Before I go further, let me make it clear, I am not sharing this with you in anger, frustration or protest. I'm just simply pointing out reality.

I learned more from that Internet search than I had ever imagined. If you are anything like me, you probably thought a 5,000 word article on the "Women in the American Revolution," would be mainly about the white, Christian, patriot woman. Think again. Those days are past. Long past. For the last 20 to 30 years as a culture we have progressively moved into an inclusive view of history.



WHO WILL TELL AMERICA'S REAL STORY - WE WILL!

Regardless of your role or participation in a historical event, you're only going to get a portion of the attention in the public space. No one is going to tell your and my story. I now had more praise and respect for what the DAR is trying to do in their programs to educate our young ones. Once I absorbed the impact of what that article was telling me, I dove into our local SAR Poster Contest that was just being launched. In our first year of existence, our Chapter President coaxed three posters out of one 5th grade class because he knew the teacher. This year, we went into three schools and we reached over 200 young

people and were rewarded with 33 posters! Next year we need to do it all over again, and more.

Let us all be reminded of the purpose of the SAR: "... to perpetuate the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy, and triumph of the men who achieved the independence of the American people in the belief that these stories are universal ones of man's eternal struggle against tyranny, relevant to all time, and will inspire and strengthen each succeeding generation as it too is called upon to defend our freedoms on the battlefield and in our public institutions."

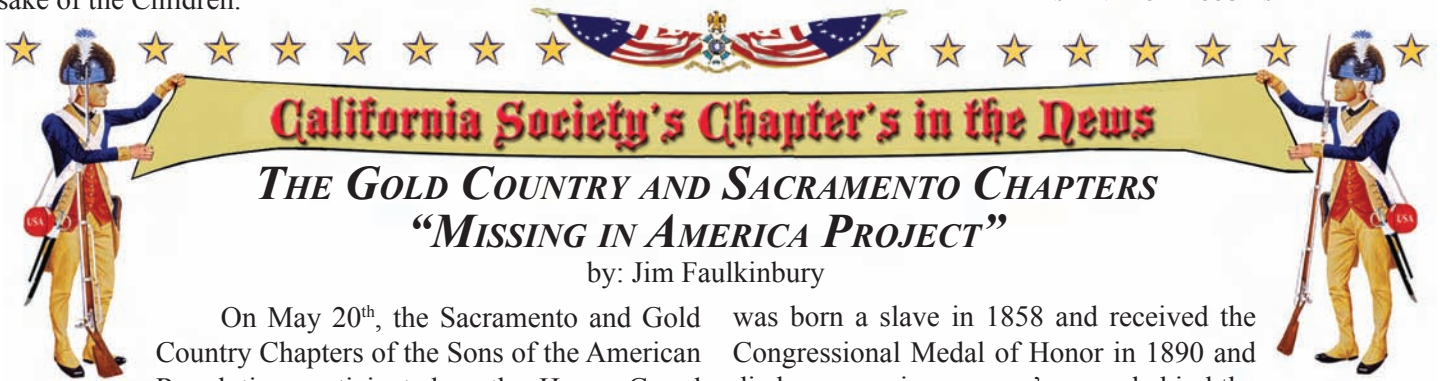
Here is the simple truth, if we, the Sons of the American Revolution and organizations like the DAR don't do it, no one will. And if enough time passes without our stepping up, all will be forgotten.

But here is some good news. We learned from just the few visits we made to our local schools that the administrators, and especially the teachers, are very supportive and open to our programs. All we really need to do is show up and tell our story.... So let's do that - - for the sake of the Children.



HERE'S ONE WAY!

3RD PLACE STATE POSTER CONTEST WINNER, 5TH GRADER MIA BONINI, HER TEACHER, MRS. STEPHANIE BENNETT, AT HOLY TRINITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN EL DORADO HILLS, ALONG WITH MOTHER LODGE CHAPTER PRESIDENT TOM DOUGLAS



California Society's Chapter's in the News
THE GOLD COUNTRY AND SACRAMENTO CHAPTERS
"MISSING IN AMERICA PROJECT"

by: Jim Faulkinbury

On May 20th, the Sacramento and Gold Country Chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution participated as the Honor Guard in the "Missing in America Project's Honors at Arlington Send-Off Ceremony" for three distinguished veterans. The Missing in America Project is an organization started in Redding, California by a group of Vietnam Veterans whose purpose is to locate the unclaimed remains of veterans and arrange for their proper military burial at the nation's various National Cemeteries. The organization, still centered in Redding, now has members all across the country.

On May 20th, a special send-off ceremony was held in the parking lot of Arco Arena in Sacramento. This send-off was special because the remains being escorted by a motorcycle riding contingent of veterans were those of highly decorated veterans whose service qualifies them for a burial in Arlington National Cemetery, the Nations most prestigious final resting place for veterans. They were *First*: Isaiah Mays, a Buffalo Soldier, who

was born a slave in 1858 and received the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1890 and died a pauper in a pauper's grave behind the Arizona State Hospital because Congress refused to give a black man a pension in 1920, *Second*: Navy Boatswain's

Mate 1st Class and Silver Star recipient, Johnnie Callahan, who during WW II grabbed a live bomb that had dropped unexploded on the deck of his ship and managed to throw it overboard before it went off, and *Third*: James W. Dunn, a combat medic in the 101st Airborne during the Vietnam War who also received the Silver Star for his actions amid fire in rescuing seriously wounded comrades from the battle field. The remains arrived

at Arco from Redding a little after 5:00 p.m. housed in a special container on a specially built motorcycle hearse and escorted by many motorcycle riders.

Tom Chilton, Jim Faulkinbury, and Rudy Rodriguez of

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THE HONOR GUARD

JIM FAULKINBURY, KEITH BIGBEE, TOM CHILTON, RUDY RODRIQUEZ, EARL YOUNG, SMITH VIRGIL AND DALE ROSS.

Gold Country & Sacramento Chapters, continued

the Sacramento Chapter, Keith Bigbee, Dale Ross, Smith Virgil, and Earl Young, of the Gold Country Chapter formed the Honor Guard, opening the ceremony by Posting the Colors and closing the ceremony by Retiring the Colors for the assemblage. Following the ceremony, the remains will begin a six-day trip across the country to Arlington. Over 200 motorcycle groups throughout the United States have been enlisted to accompany the procession as it goes along the route to their final resting place.

As one of the participants in this moving ceremony, I feel a very special honor in having been asked to be a part of this noteworthy event.



**THE HARBOR CHAPTER RESOLVES
A PROTOCOL PROBLEM**



THE WRONG WAY!



THE RIGHT WAY!

During the recent holiday season, several Compatriots of the Harbor Chapter noticed a problem in El Segundo. As you can see in the photo to the right, banners were hung ABOVE the American flag. This disregard for protocol was pointed out by members of the SAR to the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager of El Segundo. It took a couple of "letters to the editor" in local news papers to get this problem resolved. After several weeks, the Mayor of El Segundo, Kelly McDowell, instructed the Streets and Maintenance Department to correct this problem. As you can see in the second photograph, the American flags are now properly displayed in relation to the banners in El Segundo. Persistence does pay off.

As an aside, the American flags are flown throughout the downtown area, by City Council decree in 2003 until the war in Iraq is over.

Submitted by: Karl W. Jacobs
Former State President



SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

THE USS BENNINGTON MEMORIAL SERVICE

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July 21st, 1905
San Diego California

Featured Speaker
RADM Len Hering
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of the Sons of the
American Revolution
invite you to attend
the U.S.S. Bennington
Memorial Service
honoring the 65
sailors who perished
in a ship board
explosion.

Honored Guests
Charles C. Warner
(USMC Drummer)
and
Ramond G. Shively
(USN Bugler)
who participated
in the monument
dedication service on
January 7th, 1908

A Luncheon will
follow at Tom Ham's
Lighthouse Restau-
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Place: Fort Rosecrans
National cemetery
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Date: Saturday
July 18th, 2009

Contact Philip
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THE SONS OF LIBERTY CHAPTER

At the Spring State Meeting of the California Society, President Stephen Renouf presented a certificate and flag streamer to the Sons of Liberty Chapter declaring the *George Washington Massing of the Colors and Salute to the Armed Forces* as the California Society's "*Color Guard Event of the Year*".

Chapter 1st Vice President Melvin Harrell accepted the honor. This was the first time the "*Massing*" was officially recognized and was very much appreciated.



MELVIN HARRELL ACCEPTING
THE CERTIFICATE AND FLAG
STREAMER FROM STATE
PRESIDENT
STEPHEN RENOUF.

The 27th Annual George Washington Massing of the Colors and Salute to Our Armed Forces



The 27th Annual “George Washington Massing of the Colors and Salute to our Armed Forces” was an unqualified success. President General **David Appleby** was the keynote speaker, and was joined by the leadership of several organizations and the U.S. Military represented by several General Officers.

Fifty-four color guards participated along with all five branches of our Armed Forces. The Mountain Fife and Drums, forty strong, led by Kevin Garland, supplied the music along with the Bag Pipes furnished by former State Chaplain Gary Alan Dickey. The California Society State Officers participated en-masse!

The annual event was sponsored by the Sons of Liberty Chapter. Chapter President Douglas Bradley served as Master of Ceremonies. Chaplains Rev. Victor Springer, Rev. Phil Dobson, Brigadier General Stephen Kirtley, Rt. Rev. Louis Carlson handled the memorial portions of the ceremonies. Lt. Colonel David Smith (Sons of Liberty Chapter) arranged for the military participation and the flag folding ceremony. Your Editor, Don Moran, served as the Event Coordinator. This is the largest SAR sponsored celebration of George Washington’s birth in the Country.



FOURTEEN SAR CHAPTER’S PARTICIPATED IN THE MASSING, DEPICTED HERE WITH PRESIDENT GENERAL DAVID APPLEBY



PRESIDENT GENERAL DAVID APPLEBY, THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME A PRESIDENT GENERAL PARTICIPATED.



GOVERNOR GENERAL JUDITH H. SWAN BROUGHT GREETINGS FROM THE SOCIETY OF MAYFLOW DESCENDANTS.



PRESIDENT STEPHEN R. RENOUF, CALIFORNIA SOCIETY, SAR, BROUGHT GREETINGS FROM THE STATE SOCIETY



LUCAS H. BORNCAMP, STATE PRESIDENT OF THE CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BROUGHT GREETINGS FROM THAT SOCIETY. LUCAS IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE SONS OF LIBERTY CHAPTER. MASTER OF CEREMONIES, DOUGLAS BRADLEY IS SHOWN TO HIS LEFT.



THE RT. REV. LOUIS V. CARLSON, CALIFORNIA SOCIETY, SAR THEN EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, LED THE MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMEMORATING THE HEROES THAT GAVE THEIR LIVES IN ALL THE AMERICAN WARS - AN EXTRAORDINARILY MOVING PART OF THE EVENT.



THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF’S GUARDS SERVED AS “PARADE DIRECTORS” - IT WAS MADE UP OF MEMBERS FROM SIX CHAPTERS, INCLUDING 4 FORMER STATE PRESIDENTS AND THE CURRENT PRESIDENT AND GEORGE WASHINGTON (A/K/A TED ALEXANDER).

President George Washington” “I do not have a moment for genealogy!” - Really?



George Washington supporting his Coat of Arms

Researching the life of anyone from the past leaves unanswered questions. In spite of the numerous books, surviving letters and journals, questions about George Washington still exist. The General’s consistent use of a Coat of Arms and at the same time his well known statement: “*I have little moment for genealogy*” ‘moment’ meaning ‘time’ in the 18th century. It would then appear to be a contradiction, We believe we have found the answer to this puzzling question.

Among the treasured documents preserved at the Huntington Library in San Marino, California, exists a portfolio of original letters exchanged between George Washington and Sir Isaac Heard, Garter Principal, King of Arms, London, England. These letters concern a request for genealogical information on the American Washington family. Sir Isaac wrote then President Washington on December 7th, 1791:

“From a sincere respect for the distinguished character of Your Excellency, I made a genealogical collection, many years ago, relative to the Family of Washington, originally from Lancashire, branches of which were established in the Counties of

Northampton, Kent and Wilts, enjoying ample possessions. Several of the family had been knighted in the early part of the last century. Exclusive of the Heralds Visitations & various Registers & M.S.S. preserved among the archives of this college, I procured Extracts from several Parochial Registers & copies of monumental inscriptions in different parts of this Kingdom. I likewise obtained lists of, & inspected the Wills & Administrations of any of the Name from the Reign of Queen Elizabeth to the present time; in the hope of proving the exact connection of your branch, tho’ this is not fully accomplished yet. If your Excellency will have the goodness to complete the imperfect sketch of your Pedigree here inclosed, & make such additions as may be in your power, I have no doubt but the connecting link will be clearly supplied.

Your Excellency will observe, that I have obtained a part of your own Pedigree from the Will of Laurence Washington in Virginia dated 11 March 1696/7 & proved in London 10 Dec’ 1700, an abstract of which is enclosed, as well as Abstracts of two administrations. the family arms, of which a small painting accompanies this, were confirmed in the Reign of Queen Elizabeth by Clarenceux, King of Arms to Laurence Washington, Esquire, Lord of the Manor of Sulgrave in Northamptonshire. I should have transmitted by this occasion the ancient part of the Pedigree of Washington including the different branches, but I should feel a particular gratification if Your Excellency will condescend to enable me previously to complete my collection by showing the descent in one view. I have requested Mr. Thornton to lay this before Your Excellency & to receive the honor of any commands Your excellency may be pleased to confer on.



A photo manipulated picture created for this article.

*Your Excellency’s most respectful
& most obedient
Humble Servant,
Isaac Heard, Carter*

One of the surviving documents sent by Sir Isaac was a sketch of the heraldic stained glass windows found at Sulgrave Manor (which is found on page 19). We can safely assume that the reason for the inquiry by Sir Isaac Heard was official. The Heralds of England were responsible for documenting the genealogies of their countrymen, and owing to George Washington's international fame, he was considered, at least by the English, to be one of them. These letters, plus other surviving letters form an intriguing pattern. Washington responded to Sir Isaac on May 2nd, 1792, but only after corresponding with some of his kinsmen. He wrote on March 24th, 1792 to Hannah, widow of Warner Washington.

“Dear Madam,

Having lately received from Sir Isaac Heard a letter, with a sketch of a genealogical table of the family of Washington, I have taken the liberty to enclose copies of them to you, begging your assistance to enable to comply with the request he made (if among the papers of my deceased relation there be any trace of this matter) that I will complete the sketch, by making the additions which are there wanting, or rather filling up the blanks. as I have heretofore paid but little attention to this subject, and my present avocation not permitting me to make the necessary research now, I am induced to ask your aid “

Washington wrote a similar letter to Hannah Bushrod, the widow of his brother John Augustine Washington. Her response on April 9th, was copied by Washington almost verbatim in his response to Sir Isaac of May 2nd, 1792.

“Sir:

Your letter of the 7th of Dec. was put into my hands by Mr. Thorton, and I must request you will accept my acknowledgments as well for the polite manner in which you expressed your kind wishes for my happiness, and for the trouble you have taken in making genealogical collections relative to the family of Washington.

This is a subject to which I confess I have paid very little attention. My time has been so much occupied in the busy and active scenes of life from an early period of it that but a small portion of it could have been devoted to researches of this nature, even if my inclination of particular circumstances should have prompted the inquiry. I am therefore apprehensive that it will not be in my power (circumstanced as I am at present) to furnish you with materials to fill up the sketch which you have sent me, in so accurate a manner as you could wish. We have no Office of Record in this Country in which exact genealogical documents are preserved; and very few cases, I believe, occur where a recurrence to pedigree for any considerable distance back has been found necessary to establish such points as may frequently arise in older Countries.

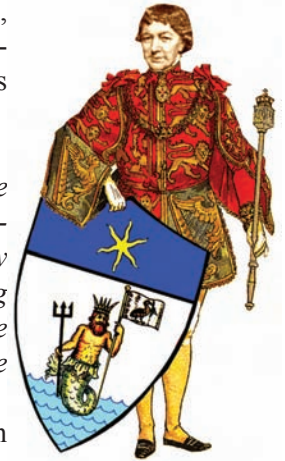


The Washington Coat of Arms

On comparing the Tables which you sent with such documents as are in my possession, and which I could readily obtain from another branch of the family with whom I am in the habit of correspondence I find it to be just. I have often heard others of the family, older than myself, say that our ancestors who first settled in this Country came from some one of the Northern Counties of England, but whether from Lancashire, Yorkshire or one still more northerly I do not precisely remember. The Arms enclosed in your letter are the same that are held by the family here, though I have also seen, and have used as you may perceive by the Seal to this Packet a flying Griffen for the Crest.

If you can derive any information from the enclosed lineage which will enable you to complete your table, I shall be well pleased in having been the means to assist you in those researches which you have had the politeness to undertake, and shall be glad to be informed of the results, and of the ancient pedigree of the family, some of whom I find intermixed with the Ferrers &ca. Lawrence Washington, from whose Will you enclose an abstract was my Grand father; the other abstracts (which you sent) do not, I believe, relate to the family of Washington in Virginia; but of this I cannot speak positively.

*With due consideration
I am etc.
George Washington*



**SIR ISAAC HEARD
GARTER KING OF ARMS
AND HIS COAT OF ARMS**

Enclosed in his letter to Sir Isaac were seven pages detailing the early Washingtons of Virginia. Six years later, on April 5th, 1798, George Washington wrote his cousin Colonel William Washington a letter concerning several family matters and in the 7th paragraph he asked William: *“Did you ever receive a letter from me transmitting the request of Sir Isaac Heard of the Heraldry Office in England respecting the Genealogy of our family? and my own desires to be furnished with the Inscriptions on the Tombs of our Ancestors on [illegible] Bridges Creek? Among your father’s Papers, I thought it was likely, you might obtain some information on this head. From the coming over of John and Lawrence Washington brothers in the year 1657 I have been able to trace the descendents of the former; being the one from whom our family came; those of Lawrence, from whom the Chotanckers proceeded, I have not been able to give any correct account; and that is the Branch to which Sir Isaac Heard’s enquiries particularly point, being tolerably well informed of the descendants from John. The enquiry is, in my opinion, of very little moment, but as Sir Isaac has interested himself in the matter and seems desirous of tracing the family from whence we are descended back, I wish to give him as correct information of it as I am able to procure . . .”*



The Washington Coat of Arms - crescent to designated the second son



Washington impaled with the Pargiter Coat of Arms



Washington impaled with the Kytson Coat of Arms

In the case of President George Washington consider the difficult position he found himself in. Even the slightest hint that he was interested in genealogy, without his qualifying statement he made in every letter on the subject (“of little moment to me”) would provide his political enemies with ammunition. That information would permit them to attack him on the grounds that he was planning on establishing a Washington Dynasty, even crowning himself King.

Nevertheless, we have documentary evidence that he compiled a genealogical chart when he was twenty-one - - spent a great deal of time and effort to cooperate with a member of English aristocracy (Sir Isaac Heard) compiling his family history. Then six years after the first inquiry from Sir Isaac, he is still asking his family members for genealogical information. Was George Washington bitten by the ‘genealogy bug?’ His regard for heraldry (Coats of Arms, is well known and quite obvious. Today we have literally dozens of examples of his having used the Washington Coat of Arms. His book plates, his seals, on the doors of his presidential carriage, one carved on the over mantle in his main dining room at Mount Vernon - - Some depicted below. He even used his heraldic seals on some of his presidential documents!

Colonel William Barton who was accepted as an expert on Heraldry, was a consultant to the Congressional Committee appointed to create the Great Seal of the United States, wrote George Washington on the subject of Coats of Arms. It appears he wanted ‘his General’s opinion on the subject before he proceeded. The President replied on September 7th, 1788:

“ . . . it is far from my design to intimate an opinion that heraldry, coat-armour, Etc. might not be rendered conducive to public and private uses with us; or that they can have any tendency unfriendly to the purest spirit of republicanism.



Sulgrave Manor, Northamptonshire, England



The “Great Hall” at Sulgrave Manor with its Heraldic Stained Glass windows which are depicted in the margins of these pages.

On the contrary, a different conclusion is deductible from the practice of Congress and the States; all of which have established some kind of Armorial Devises to authenticate official instruments”

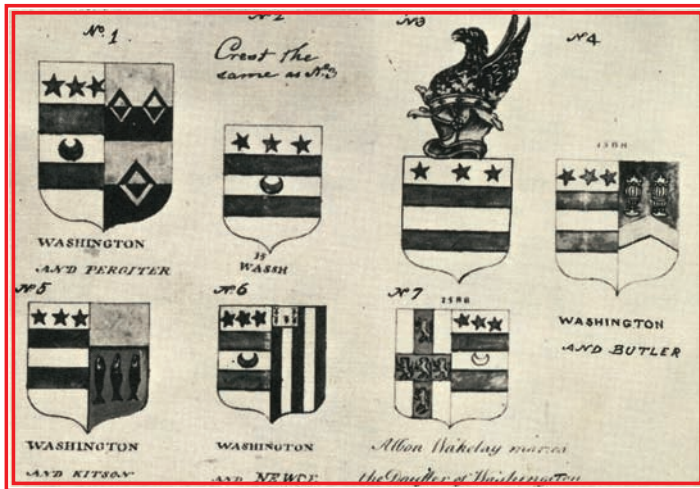
George Washington went on, in detail, discussing some of the problems that had arisen by those opposed to anything that sacked of nobility.

Since the subject was addressed in the Constitution, Article 1, Section 9: “No title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States: And no person holding any office of profit or trust under them, shall, without the consent of Congress, accept of any present, emolument, office or title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince or Foreign State”

Obviously, this provision was discussed, or even debated, by the delegates to the Constitutional Convention, although it is basically the same verbiage that appears in the Articles of Confederation: Article VI states: “nor shall the United States in Congress assembled, or any of them, grant

any Title of nobility.” George Washington, who served as Presiding officer of the Constitutional Convention knew of the deep seated resentment against ‘title of nobility’ by the American people. There is no doubt that George Washington opposed the system of hereditary aristocracy, but it is equally clear he was interested in genealogy, and obviously, from his use of, the related subject of heraldry.

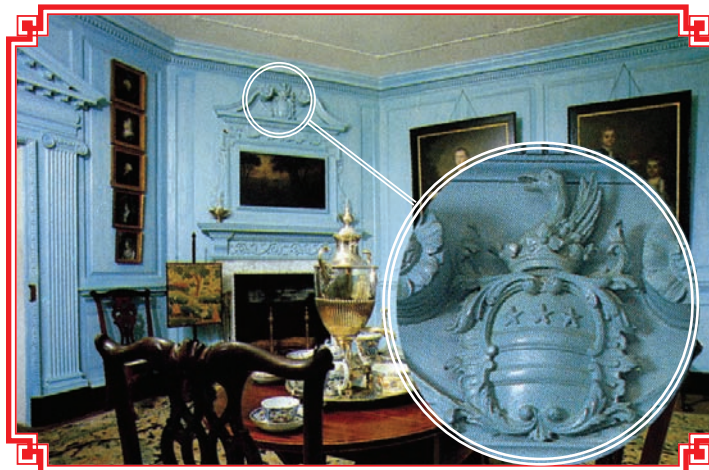
Of interest is that in George Washington’s personal library at Mount Vernon, not a single book existed on the subject of heraldry or genealogy.



Sir Isaac Heard’s drawing of the Coats of Arms depicted on the stained glass windows in the great hall of Sulgrave Manor.

A special thanks to John Rhodelhamel, Curator of American Historical Manuscripts at the Huntington Library, San Marino, California for granting us permission to publish these letters.

Below we present two examples of Washington’s Coat of Arms that he used.



GEORGE WASHINGTON HAD HIS COAT OF ARMS CARVED INTO THE OVER MANTLE OF THE FIREPLACE IN HIS MAIN DINING ROOM AT MOUNT VERNON. THE DINING ROOM WAS THE LOCATION WHERE MOST ENTERTAINMENT TOOK PLACE.



GEORGE WASHINGTON’S SIGNET RING, OWNED AND DISPLAYED AT THE SAR’S NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF MRS. ELIZABETH HAMILTON, WIDOW OF FORMER PRESIDENT GENERAL HOWARD HAMILTON.



Wakelyn impaled with the Washington Coat of Arms



Washington impaled with the Newce Coat of Arms



Washington impaled with the Light Coat of Arms



Sir Isaac Heard, Principal King of Arms, England



SIR ISAAC HEARD
(THE ONLY KNOWN PORTRAIT OF HIM)

Sir Isaac Heard is so interesting a public servant that it was thought a brief biographical description of him would be in order, in spite of the fact he did not participated in the American Revolution.

He was born on December 10th, 1730 at Ottery St. Mary's, Devonshire, the son of John and Elizabeth (Massey) Heard.

At age 15 Isaac joined the Royal Navy as a midshipman. Serving on board the H.M.S. Blandford off the coast of Guinea he was washed overboard and almost drowned. After leaving the Navy he became a merchant, travelling several times to America. In Boston he met and married Katherine Tyler, the widow of Captain David Ochterony. She had a son also named David who became a Major General in the East India Company. As a Herald he rose



SIR ISAAC HEARD'S COAT OF ARMS DESIGNED BY HIMSELF

through their ranks, and in 1784 was appointed Garter, Principal King of Arms. In that position he was involved in planning numerous official ceremonies in London, among which was arranging the funeral of Admiral, Lord Horatio Nelson. Sir Isaac also designed and issued a grant of arms to Lord Nelson. His coat of arms was unique in that it was one of the first coats of arms depicting an actual scene - the Battle of the Nile. The style became known as landscape.

As evidenced by his correspondence with General Washington, he expanded the genealogical interests of the College of Arms to include America (as well as other British colonies). It is probable that because of his transatlantic cooperation America never established its own College of Arms. He died on April 29th, 1822, age 91. He was so highly respected that he was buried in St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, usually reserved for nobility.

