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The President's Message

Compatriots,

Once again, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to every member of the California Society SAR for allowing me the opportunity to serve you as your President during the next twelve months. It is an honor and a privilege that I take seriously, and I am committed to giving you my best during my term. In the days since April 18, I have talked with and emailed many members from all over California. Thank you for your encouragement and support.



*129th CASSAR, President
Donald B. Littlefield*

The Sons of Revolutionary Sires, founded in San Francisco on July 4, 1876, started this great organization. That spark led to the formation of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution on April 30, 1889. Since the very beginning the California Society has been the creative energy of the SAR and has nearly 125 years of achievements. Just look back ten months to the outstanding 2019 National Congress held in July at the Hilton Costa Mesa. The team of John Dodd, Kent Gregory, and a supporting cast of nearly 100 did an awesome job. The feedback was outstanding. It just goes to show that if we set a goal, apply ourselves, and have a great plan, we can accomplish anything.

For those of you who do not know me, I grew up on a 4th generation family farm in Michigan. My Great Grandfather was a 1st Lt. Regimental Quartermaster for the Indiana 12th Calvary. The large family home my Grandfather built around 1910 was destroyed in a fire in the early 1920's. Dad left the farm and worked for Ford Motor Company during WWII but by time my two sisters and I came along we'd moved back to the farm and were raised in a small farmhouse and, yes, with an outhouse.

We eventually moved into town, population 9,000. I got a paper route, took up sports, went to Michigan State University, graduated, married my dear wife Mary Ann, joined Ford Motor Company and started traveling the USA – Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Houston and Tampa.

During that stretch, I earned a Masters Degree in Business. Later, I joined a start-up in San Francisco leasing freight railcars, led 3 federal regulatory battles, won, and became President of the company. Following purchase by GE Capital, I left. I became involved with something called the internet in 1994, joined Intel in 1998, where I retired nearly 20 years later. All great jobs, working with smart people.

In 1976, on our nation's 200th anniversary, I was communicating with the Michigan Society to join the SAR but a job transfer to San Francisco interrupted filing that application. Thirty years later, my application to join the SAR was approved in February 2007, along with my son's. I have served the Sacramento Chapter as President in 2010, 11, 17, & 18, Treasurer since 2007, and our Executive Committee since 2010. I've helped with JROTC award ceremonies and Eagle Scout Courts of Honor. I have been involved with the Americanism Poster Contest since 2008 and in recent years the many Color Guard activities of the Sacramento Chapter. When the California Society needed a Wreaths Across America Chairman in 2010, I took on that role. None of that would have happened without the mentoring and steady encouragement of Tom Chilton, my dear friend and sponsor.

What defines the California Society? We are creators. We are committed. We are doers. The COVID-19 pandemic will take many more months to fully play out and extract an even greater toll. The SAR infrastructure and headquarters is mostly shut down. New member applications and processing are taking longer and you can expect delays. The SAR Store has suspended taking and shipping orders. Youth and public service awards and recognition are being disrupted. Government orders and continued social distancing will make our ability to lock arms, shake hands, and hold large gatherings difficult if not impossible.

In the meantime, we compatriots need to raise our heads, lift our eyes, and forge a path forward. One of the great motivational speeches I've viewed was delivered to the University of Texas 2014 Graduating Class by U.S. Navy Admiral William H. McRaven. 1. Start each day with a task completed. 2. Find a mentor. 3. Respect everyone. 4. Life isn't fair so keep moving forward. 5. Don't be afraid of failure. 6. Take risks. 7. When times are tough, step up. 8. Confront adversity. 9. Never lose hope, never give up. 10. Succeed.

If we commit ourselves to these ten items, together, we can steer the California Society through this challenging time and become better and stronger in the process. It will be our legacy to the future.

*CASSAR, President
Donald B. Littlefield*





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Secretary's Report

The winter months are now a figment of our imagination, and summer is just around the corner and hopefully we all will have a much brighter summer than we did winter as the nation begins its long slow process of recovery. The surgeon general of the United States has said the pandemic will leave a lasting memory on the hearts and minds every American citizen and I know that is true for me and my family. It is my sincere prayer that you and your family were not affected by this national pandemic.

The California Society truly made a historic and bold move into the future when they held their 145th Annual Spring Membership Meeting via a Teleconference. This was a chance for many members to see first-hand the mechanism of the State Society and why the reports that are requested become so important to the society.

With the reporting season that has just passed, I would like to review the lessons learned from this past year and the Reconciliation Report and some of the difficulties that were encountered, both from the perspective of the chapters and that of the state society.

Many of the chapters began their dues campaign in late December, which doesn't give our membership adequate time to pay their dues, thus creating two problems; (1) the chapters are still collecting dues well into January when the Reconciliation Report is due to the State Secretary and (2) the chapters do not have adequate time to prepare the cumbersome Reconciliation Report and they find themselves having to submit multiple revisions because (a) they are continuing to collect dues and (b) they rushed to complete the report only to find errors after taking the time to review the report. As we are ushering the month of May the state Treasurer, the state secretary and the trustees are still trying to balance the books as a result of this year's results of the reconciliation reports that were submitted.

This past year, chapters dropped members that had paid dues, chapters paid dues for deceased members, life members that had been deceased for a few years were reported as active, and dues for members who had dropped their membership in previous years were paid. Members that had transferred into the society were not recorded on many of the reports. Several chapters failed to report their life membership accurately. These are just a few of the issues we as a society encountered this past year when trying to reconcile our membership. Dual membership still eludes us as a society and is something we need to work on for this coming year.

The importance of an accurate membership roster determines the number of delegates that California has to represent our state at the National Congress each year. This is important to each of us as member since at the National Congress many decisions are made on the national budget and how the money is spent.

The California Society has implemented into its bylaws, that each chapter should end the collection of dues on December 15th of each year and any member that has not paid their dues on or before the December 15th date shall be delinquent and shall be dropped from the membership roster for the coming year.

This seems to be a rather harsh and bold statement for the State Society to make; however, there is a sound rationale for this bylaw. Ending the dues campaign on December 15th gives the chapter secretary the necessary time to prepare the chapters Reconciliation Report, to review the report and send the chapter's treasurer a note of the amount of dues that will be expected to be paid for the coming years dues, thus allowing the chapter to be able to close out their financial account by December 31st of the year for reporting purposes. It should be noted that the financial year for the Sons of the American Revolution is from January 1st to December 31st of each calendar year.

When the Reconciliation Reports are not filed on time, the California Society is essentially on hold and no transactions take place until the State Society can reconcile the State's membership with the NSSAR data base. The California State Society must have a clean roster as of January 1st of the new year with no pending transactions to ensure that we have an accurate accounting of all transaction that have been recorded in the National Data Base.

Once the California Society Reconciliation Report is in progress, all other transactions cease until the report is filled with NSSAR. This means that no reinstatements are processed, no transfers are processed, no new members applications are sent out and the supplemental applications are held until the Reconciliation Reports is completed and sent to National. Late Reconciliation Reports hurt all of our membership for these reasons.

Reconciling the states numbers with NSSAR requires hours of going back and forth over each of the state's records and the reports that each chapter filed with the state. This past year the CASSAR Reconciliation Report took more than 80 hours reviewing the states report against the chapters report and comparing to the NSSAR data base and there were still eight (8) errors made when the final report was filled, the process is tedious and extremely time consuming.

Once the final membership report has been reconciled, then there is the financial portion of the report which has to be reconciled. This process takes another 50 to 60 hours going back and forth over the chapter records. All the regular members have to accounted for financially, the junior members have to accounted for, the life members, ect. What the state reports to National and what is reported on the chapter reconciliation reports to the state do not always agree, as was the case this past year.

This past year, the chapters reconciliation reports agreed on the reconciliation reports filed; however, the numbers did not agree when all of the members were tabulated. The state society was off by thirteen (13) regular member when tabulated against the financial statement. After days of reviewing the California Society's Reconciliation Report, and running several analyses, CASSAR was able send NSSAR the final payment for our dues in mid-March.

The California Society has until January 31st of each year to submit their Reconciliation Report to NSSAR, this year, two chapters did not submit their reports to the California Secretary until the last week in January, making it impossible to compile with the NSSAR January 31st deadline, thereby pushing the reconciliation of the membership and the payment of the California dues to national and for the state to resume normal business of processing new member applications, transfers, deaths notices and reinstatements into February.

While it makes for more work for both the chapter secretary and the California State Secretary to reinstate a member, it is necessary to cease accepting dues on December 15th of each year and to file the chapters Reconciliation Report by the January 5th deadline, the date that is published in the California Society's bylaws for reasons mentioned.

It is the recommendation of the California State Secretary that every chapter should begin their dues campaign by October 15th of the year and end precisely on December 15th of the same year. This will give secretaries at every level adequate time to complete the necessary reports.

The Reconciliation Report is not the only report that chapter secretaries have to file in January. On or before January 15th each chapter is required to file the annual Change of Managers report to the state secretary. This report triggers National and the state to publish the names on the various web sites and to give the chapter secretary access to the National data base for the chapter's membership.

When we move into February, the chapter secretary needs to file the annual chapter reports for the CASSAR Annual Report, AKA, "The BOOK." The for the annual Spring Conference the chapter secretary needs to file the chapter delegates with the California State Secretary 30 days in advance of the meeting. Winter and spring is an active time for the state and the chapter secretary.

Published in the Compatriot is a section called the Secretary's Corner, this section has been provided for each chapter secretary to copy and use for the typical transactions that are completed by the secretary and the documents that are required to be submitted when the events occur. Please use the section and become familiar with the NSSAR web site and where to find the forms.

Please remember that I am always available either by phone or email to assist the chapters.

Let's all have a great summer

Frederick Schuster
California Society Secretary



Secretary's Corner

Transaction	Fee/Dues	Record Copy	Form
Transfer of Membership			
Into CASSAR	\$20	Yes	(1)
Out of CASSAR	(6)	Yes	(1)
Chap to Chap	(7)	Yes	(4)
Reinstatement			
State	\$20	Yes	(2)
NSSAR	\$35		
Dual Membership			
Chapter	(7)	Yes	(4)
With CASSAR	\$20	Yes	(3)
With 2 nd State	(6)	Yes	(3)
Death	No	No	(5)
Life Membership	(8)	Yes	(8)

NSSAR Form 0919 is found on the National Website under Forms and Manuals.

NSSAR Form 0918 is found on the National Website under Forms and Manuals.

NSSAR Form 0920 is found on the National Website under Forms and Manuals.

CASSAR Form for Chapter to Chapter transfers is found on the CASSAR Website.

When a member passes, active or inactive report to CASSAR Secretary by email.

Receiving State determines fees and Dues.

Receiving Chapter determines if Chapter dues are required.

Member must first file for life membership to NSSAR and pay fees and then apply to CASSAR for life membership and pay fees.

All paperwork must be filed through the CASSAR Secretary. Forms are found on NSSAR Website and CASSAR Website.

Upcoming Events

May 17-18, 2020 - Field of Honor, Castaways Park, Newport Beach, CA

July 10-16, 2020 - 130th SAR National Congress – Richmond Marriott, Richmond, Virginia

September 17, 2020 - Constitution Day, United States of America

24 - 27 September 2020 - NASSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY

November 11, 2020 - Veterans Day

November 13-14, 2020 - 145th Fall CASSAR Board of Managers meeting , Rohnert Park , CA

December 19, 2020 - Wreaths Across America

April 15-18, 2021 - 146th Annual Meeting of the Membership. Mission Inn Riverside, CA

145th Fall Board of Managers Meeting
of the
California Society,
Sons of the American Revolution

November 13 – 14 - 2020
Hosted by the Redwood Empire Chapter

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel

One Double Tree Drive Rohnert Park, California 94928

A Special SAR Room Rate of \$139.00 per night (single or double) is available until October 12, 2020.

After October 12, 2020 pricing will be based on Hotel Occupancy and their discretion.

Make Hotel Reservations at (707) 586 - 5466 Parking is available. Sonoma Airport Express from the S.F. Airport

Meeting Reservation Form

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

Arriving: ___ Thursday, Nov 12; ___ Friday, Nov 13; ___ Saturday, Nov 14.

Registration is \$180.00 per person by September 30, 2020. The fee includes all meetings, Friday and Saturday luncheons, and the Saturday Gala Dinner Banquet.

Number of Registrants: ___ @ \$180 each; Late Registrations ___ @ \$240 each Total: _____

Non-registered Friday Luncheon: ___ @ \$55 each; after Sep 30 ___ @ \$75 each

Non-registered Saturday Luncheon: ___ @ \$55 each; after Sep 30 ___ @ \$75 each

Non-registered Gala Dinner Banquet: ___ @ \$70 each; after Sep 30 ___ @ \$90 each

Optional Friday Dinner at Cattleman's Petaluma: _____ @ \$50 each. **Not included in registration.**

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Checks should be payable to Redwood Empire Chapter, SAR and mailed with this registration form to:

William Van Valkenburg, 112 Circulo Chapala, Rohnert Park, California 94928

Questions? Contact William Van Valkenburg at Mashermann@aol.com or (707 - 292-1966)

Please mark your meal choices:

Friday Public Service Luncheon

New York Strip ___ (GF); *or* Chicken Caesar Salad ___

Saturday Youth Luncheon

Salmon w-Orange herb glaze ___; *or* Vineyard Salad topped with Grilled Chicken: ___

Saturday Gala Dinner Banquet

Starter: Organic greens, Point Reyes bleu cheese, candied pecans, fuji apple & balsamic vinaigrette.

Grilled New York Strip w/ brandy mushroom demi (GF) ___; *or* Swordfish w/ fresh ginger & lemon

beurre (GF) ___; *or* Pasilla pepper stuffed with jasmine rice, goat cheese, dried fruit & herbs, red pepper sauce (GF/Vegetarian) ___.

From the Desk of the CASSAR Registrar

The CASSAR Registrar

2020 has started off on a good note with applications submitted. Seventy-seven applications to date (several are ready to be submitted to NSSAR).

The following chapters have submitted applications:

Central Coast	5	Redlands	2
Coachella Valley	9	Redwood Empire	4
Delta	3	Riverside	3
Eagle	2	Sacramento	3
Gen Patton	4	San Diego	1
Gen Washington	3	Silicon Valley	1
Gold Country	1	Sons of Liberty	1
Harbor	4	South Coast	12
Kern	6	Thomas Jefferson	3
Orange County	7	Yosemite	3

As I write this application processing is in a bit of a holding pattern. The COVID19 put a halt to most of the processing. I have asked the chapters to recently begin sending applications to be reviewed and I will soon begin forwarding them to Louisville. I see that some reviewing has begun and soon we will be back to a more normal pattern.

If we all do our due diligence in processing applications, occasionally reviewing the Application Processing manual and ensuring all of the “t”s have been crossed and the T’s have been dotted we should all but reduce the pending of our work to zero.

Let’s hope the rest of the year is a very successful year.

Owen R. Stiles
CASSAR Registrar



California Society SAR Surgeon's Tent

Matthew S. Bowdish, MD

We have learned a lot about terms like pandemic, mitigation and quarantines over the past couple of months, probably more than we want to know. And while our colonial ancestors may have experienced similar epidemics

As it gets close to two months of sheltering-in-place, we Californians should take a few moments to congratulate ourselves on “flattening the curve” with respects to COVID-19. By almost every measurement, we have succeeded in doing everything our leaders asked of us. We have sacrificed by giving up our freedoms, our jobs and happiness. And we’ve saved the lives of possibly tens of thousands of our fellow Californians while buying time for our health care system to build capacity and start developing new treatments.

Governor Newsom has laid out a Four Stage Plan to get Californians out of quarantine and back to work. Stage I is where we are now, at home flattening the curve and expanding hospital capacity. In our Allergy clinic, Stage I means that we are working on making our essential workplaces as safe as possible and expanding access to routine medical care. This includes the resumption of what were previously deemed “non-essential” surgeries. Many clinics are looking to open the week of May 4th or May 11th.

Stage II applies to the opening of lower risk workplaces with adaptations. These industries will include: retail with curbside pick-up, manufacturing, and offices when telework is not possible. Stage II includes opening more public spaces such as parks and recreational areas.

Stage III refers to gradually re-open “higher risk” workplaces, also with adaptations. Businesses under Stage III will pertain to personal care companies (hair & nail salons, gyms, etc.), movie theaters, sports without live audiences and in-person religious services.

Stage IV will mean that we’re done with stay-at-home orders and we’ll see the opening of the highest risk workplaces like concerts, conventions and live audience sporting events.

The Governor gives no specific dates for these re-openings to occur but notes they could take months if not years. And he promises that “our stores will look different. Our offices will operate differently. But we’ll be healthier.”

So, what adaptations could help us reduce the spread of SARS-CoV-2 or other viruses? These include touchless entry ways into buildings, the type of automatic doors already seen in many businesses. Health care clinics are developing “virtual waiting rooms,” where patients remain in their cars or outside the clinic until they are called in and are quickly brought back to a patient room. You will also see a greater attention to thorough cleaning of shared furniture, touch pads, etc. Expect to see touchless pay systems like Apple Pay, Venmo, CashApp, etc. favored over cash interactions. Regardless of the industry, we’re likely to see fundamental changes in how we interact and do business in the short term.

That doesn’t mean we’re out of the woods yet. Remember, mitigation was designed to flatten the curve. But with novel viruses, it will take 45-70% of the population to have herd immunity before we can rest easy. That will either come from vaccination, which is years away, or via natural infections of hundreds of millions of Americans, which could potentially mean tens of thousands more deaths. Another hopeful area could be the development of pharmaceutical agents that could treat our sickest until a vaccine might be developed.

But we still need to be realistic about our own risks, not only our own personal health risks but also the risks involved with continuing to shelter-in-place in terms of lost income, affects on mental health, etc.

There hasn’t been a pandemic like this in quite some time. Our ancestors experienced multiple shorter epidemics, but they also lived through much more deadly outbreaks, from cholera, yellow fever, smallpox and plague. We worry about giving Bill Gates immunity from prosecution for rushing a CoV2 vaccine to market when inoculation to smallpox once carried with it a 5-8% mortality rate. And Washington inoculated the entire Continental Army against smallpox understanding that risk. The Black Death killed an estimated 30-60% of Europe’s population at the time, upwards of 125M people. Even the 1918 Spanish Flu killed 50M people across the globe.

While we may not sometimes see it, we’re blessed to have been born into a relatively rich country and world that has been able to sink huge amounts of resources into understanding every aspect of this novel disease. And we’ve made a great deal of progress in a very short period of time. I have no doubt that by the time you read this, we’ll know even more. So, let’s revive that American can-do spirit we were always known for and not let anything get in our way of creating a safer, more prosperous and freer America in the future. Our ancestors who fought in the Revolution would expect nothing less.

Welcome New Members

NSSAR#	FNAME	MNAME	LNAME	CHAPTER	DATE
213628	Wes	L.	Scarborough	San Diego	11/08/19
214280	John	Hoyt	Handy	Central Coast	01/17/20
214358	James	Walter	Cady	Central Coast	01/24/20
213843	Robert	Dean	McGuire	Coachella Valley	01/06/19
214273	Roger	Henry	Bates	Coachella Valley	01/17/20
214633	Jeffrey	Alan	Moller	Coachella Valley	02/21/20
213977	Albert		Baker	Delta	12/13/19
214275	Jerry	Lou	Bynum	Delta	01/17/20
214561	Douglas	William	Van Meter	Delta	02/14/20
214562	Alexander	William	Van Meter	Delta	02/14/20
214568	David	Timothy	Wiebe	Delta	02/14/20
214569	David	Eliot	Wiebe	Delta	02/14/20
214714	Matthew	Kirk	McMindes	Delta	03/6/20
214844	John	Stuart	Parker	Delta	03/13/20
213968	Karl	Warner	Blackmun	Eagle	12/13/19
214843	Robert	Durwood	Sutherland	Eagle	03/13/20
213631	Errol	Jayson	Berk	Gen George Patton	11/08/19
214276	Gerald	Frederick	Campbell	Gen George Patton	01/17/20
214710	Matthew	Thomas	Bassel	Gen George Patton	03/6/20
214712	Ronald	James	Hall	Gen George Patton	03/6/20
213637	Don	Hobson	Simmons	Gold Country	11/08/19
214713	Tyler	Avery	Plaza	Gold Country	03/6/20
213975	Victor	Thomas	Christensen	Harbor	12/13/19
213976	Brayden	Victor	Christensen	Harbor	12/13/19
213633	Jason	Matthew	Geis	Kern	11/08/19
213636	Jeremy	Edward	Brown	Kern	11/08/19
213638	Richard	Burton	Williamson	Kern	11/08/19
213639	Daniel	Joseph	Worley	Kern	11/08/19
213844	Kristopher	Chase	Toler	Kern	12/06/19
214187	William	Vernon	Leedy Jr.	Kern	01/10/20
214634	Ryan	Alan	Rowley	Kern	02/21/20
213978	Jon	Randall	Burk	Orange County	12/13/19
213980	Taylor	Edes	Krone	Orange County	12/13/19
214272	Jason	Alyn	Mapes	Orange County	01/17/20
214277	Patrick	Sean	Duffy	Orange County	01/17/20
214278	Michael	Timothy	Duffy	Orange County	01/17/20
214279	Thomas	Michael	Duffy	Orange County	01/17/20
213969	Kevin	George	Kramer	Redwood Empire	12/13/19
214282	Charles	Edward	Rice	Redwood Empire	01/17/20
213634	William	Michael	Henderson	Sacramento	11/08/19
213629	Timothy	Chad	Scarborough	San Diego	11/08/19
213845	Gary	Todd	Peterson	San Diego	12/06/19
214711	Brian	Benjamin	Cushman	San Diego	03/6/20
213632	Paul	Charles	Smith	San Francisco	11/08/19
213979	Joshua James	Joseph Mitchell	Barger	San Francisco	12/13/19
213635	James		Patrick	Sons of Liberty, LA	11/08/19
214281	Gregory	Pelham	Labanowski	Sons of Liberty, LA	01/17/20
214715	Daniel	J.	Love	Sons of Liberty, LA	03/6/20
214184	Ronald	Harris	Shiflett	South Coast	01/10/20

Welcome New Members

NSSAR#	FNAME	MNAME	LNAME	CHAPTER	DATE
214185	Emrik	Leif Gordon	Wilnier	South Coast	01/10/20
214186	Parker	Harrison	Temple	South Coast	01/10/20
214563	John	William	Neil	South Coast	02/14/20
214564	William	Ross	Neil	South Coast	02/14/20
214565	Hans	Anderson	Neil	South Coast	02/14/20
213630	James	Edward	Scarborough	Thomas Jefferson	11/08/19
213970	Terry	Alan	Morford	Thomas Jefferson	12/13/19
213971	Justin	Lee	Morford	Thomas Jefferson	12/13/19
213972	Kevin	Clair	Morford	Thomas Jefferson	12/13/19
213973	David	Michael	Morford	Thomas Jefferson	12/13/19
213974	Kimberly	Jon	Morford	Thomas Jefferson	12/13/19
214709	Steven	Thomas	Main	Thomas Jefferson	03/6/20
214845	John	Edward	Plotts	Thomas Jefferson	03/13/20
214846	Bryan	Robert	Plotts	Thomas Jefferson	03/13/20
214847	Kyle	Jonathan	Plotts	Thomas Jefferson	03/13/20
214274	Joseph	Paul	Bowman	Yosemite	01/17/20





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Please feel free to call my direct line at 502.315.1777 or email me at ssdennison@sar.org if you have any questions about the SAR Education Center and Museum or would like more information about the Sons of the American Revolution Foundation.

Sincerely,

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Development Director, SAR Foundation

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250th Anniversary Challenge Coin



250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Recognition Program

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The recognition program is designed to encourage and recognize those compatriots, chapters and societies that participate in local, state, national and international events which publicly educate, and recognize, honor, and celebrate the events and heroes of the period surrounding the American Revolution. Participation involves the planning and execution of these events, as well as attendance. The medal covers the celebration of any event's 250th anniversary where said event related directly to acts of resistance to British attempts to coerce the residents in America: from the first Parliamentary Acts protested after the conclusion of the French and Indian Wars, through the armed struggle of the American War for Independence, to the ratification of the Treaty of Paris by the Continental Congress. This therefore will cover any public celebrations in the period from 2014 to 2033. Form may be submitted to cover multiple years and following the first submission be submitted in multiple years, only covering activities since the previous submission. Scorekeeping is the responsibility of each compatriot and awarding authority. You will receive an email authorizing the purchase from merchandising.

The Challenge Coin

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May be awarded to SAR and Non-SAR individuals participating in programs but taking no actual leadership role.

Note: Challenge coins may be awarded upon the first instance of participation in one of these events.

President General's Education Outreach Streamer

The requirement to receive the President General's Education Outreach Streamer is for compatriots of a chapter to do a certain number of new Historical Presentations or to present an existing presentation in a new venue or to a new audience. Examples of Historical Presentations would be speaking on a Revolutionary War Battle or Campaign; a significant Personality or Founding Father; a political event or process; life as a soldier (uniforms, weapons, camp life, etc.); life as a colonist (clothing, money, community and religion, etc.); life on the frontier (clothing, Native American relations, living conditions, etc.); life as an indentured servant or as a slave; period flags; period music, etc. It should be left to the chapter Education Team Leader and the State Education Outreach Coordinator to make the call on what constitutes an appropriate presentation.

A new venue or audience is just that. If you have a presentation you have done for your chapter and go do it for another chapter, the local DAR Chapter, or the Lions Club those are new venues. If you have a program you do for the local 5th Grade Class every year, then that is a new audience every year.

The number of presentations required is based on the size of the chapter. The larger the chapter the more presentations required to earn the streamer. The reason is that a larger chapter has more compatriots who can give presentations and therefore more opportunities than the smaller chapters.

The objective of the PG's Program is to recognize those chapters who are taking education outreach to the American people and raising the profile of the SAR in their communities.

Program Streamer Requirements:

Chapter with less than 41 Members: 3 Presentations

Chapters with 41 to 80 Members: 4 Presentations

Chapters with 81 to 120 Members: 5 Presentations

Chapters with more than 120 Members: 7 Presentations

The reporting period is June 1st to May 31st annually (a "Congress Year").

In order to be considered, Chapters must have their information submitted to the Education Director Colleen Wilson, cwilson@sar.org or Education Committee Chairman Brooks Lyles, brooks.lyles@gmail.com via email, no later than June 10, 2020





145th Annual Meeting of the Membership



Due to the Wuhan Virus pandemic and the current quarantine orders in California, the 145th Annual Meeting of the California Society was held electronically on April 18, 2020 by Zoom Meeting. President Robert Taylor opened the meeting at 9 AM, with the normal opening rituals. There were about 75 participants on the Zoom Meeting.

Secretary Fred Schuster held a roll call of the state officers and chapter delegates. CASSAR Officers attending were President Robert Taylor, Executive Vice President Don Littlefield, Vice President North Craig Anderson, Vice President South Brian Stephens, Vice President Membership Doug Bergtholdt, Secretary Fred Schuster, Treasurer Jim Klingler, Registrar Owen Stiles, Chancellor John Dodd, Historian Jim Blauer, Chaplain Lou Carlson, Surgeon Matthew Bowdish, Invested Funds Trustee Stephen Renouf, Invested Funds Trustee Kent Gregory, and Immediate Past President Derek Brown. Chapter presidents attending were Steve Scully (Central Coast), David



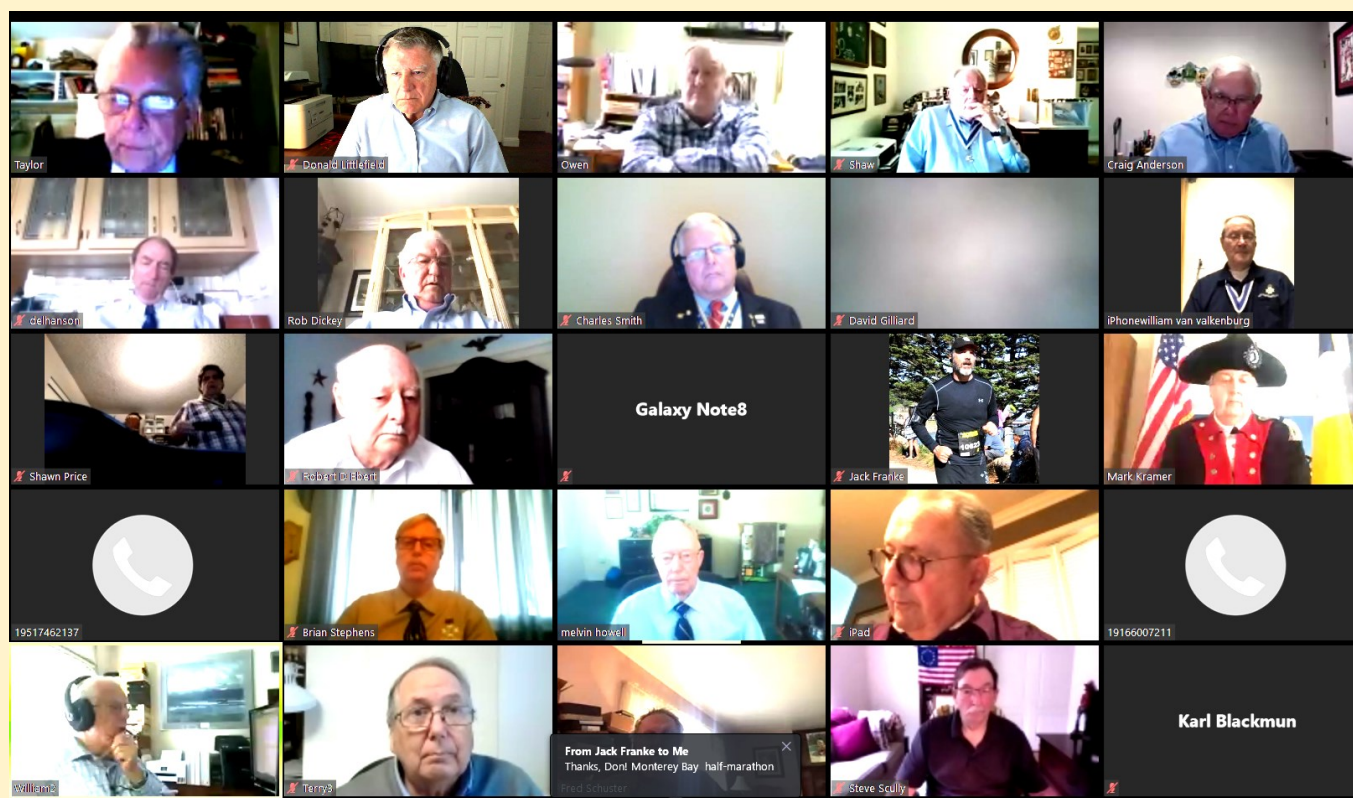
Grinnell (representing Coachella Valley president), Melvin Howe (Delta), William Fredericks (Eagle), Thomas Shaw (General Patton), Ron Barker (Gold Country), Brandon Villardi (Harbor), Michael Davis (Kern), Jack Francke (Monterey Bay), Kevin Tierney (representing Mother Lode president), Daniel McKelvie (Orange County), Shawn Price (Redlands), Bill Van Valkenberg (Redwood Empire), Rob Dickey (Riverside), William Peters (San Diego), Jeffrey Wienbender (Santa Barbara), Terry Briggs (representing Silicon Valley), Tom Perkins (Sons of Liberty), Robert Whitman (South Coast), Gregory Owens (Thomas Jefferson), and Bob Hendon (Yosemite). President Robert Taylor declared a quorum. President Taylor acknowledged guests, including PG Joe Dooley of Virginia, VPG James Fosdyck, and NSSAR Trustee for California Derek Brown.

Chancellor John Dodd presented two Bylaws Proposals for the Bylaws committee, and both were recommended by the committee. He presented Proposal #2 (Bylaw 8, Section 1) to insert a new subsection (i) to authorize holding an electronic meeting using language from the NSSAR bylaws. Proposal #2 was approved by a voice vote of chapter presidents unanimously. Chancellor Dodd presented Bylaws Proposals #3 (Bylaw 8, Section 1) to inset a new subsection (j) to permit the executive committee to change the time and location of all CASSAR meetings by a 2/3 vote of the executive committee. Proposal #3 was approved by a voice vote of chapter presidents unanimously. The bylaws amendments take effect upon passage, so the current meeting was officially authorized.



President Taylor asked for ratification of the March 21, 2020 Executive Committee action cancelling the physical meeting in Rancho Murrieta and replacing it with the electronic meeting on Zoom. The action was ratified by a unanimous vote of the officers and delegates. The previous annual meeting minutes from April 2019, and the board of managers meeting minutes from November 2019 were approved unanimously.

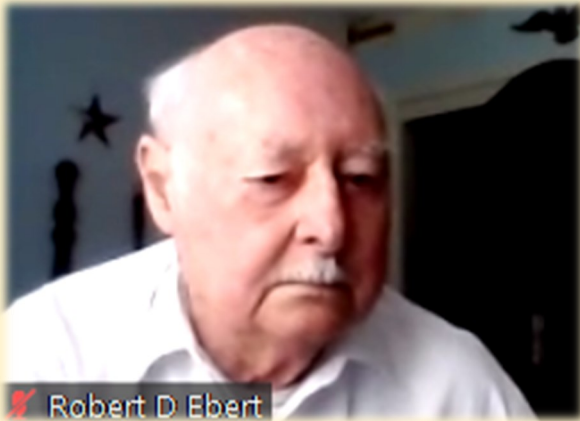
President Taylor addressed the meeting, and he noted the challenges of the Wuhan Virus pandemic. He acknowledged Past President Oliver Everette of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter was critically ill. He had not heard of any members affected by the Wuhan Virus. He thanked everyone for their support during his term. The Wuhan Virus pandemic has presented many challenges to the state society, and we have quickly responded so we could continue to conduct business until the crisis passes.



The officer reports were published electronically in *The Book*, which was placed on the state website. Those with additional comments were able to speak. Secretary Fred Schuster recognized Stephen Renouf and Jim Faulkinbury for the record copy project, completing the CASSAR number Master List, and getting copies of missing applications for CASSAR numbers 0001-11064. NSSAR Trustee-California Derek Brown noted that Sarah Strapp-Dennison, the SAR Foundation Development Director, is leaving the SAR, and they are looking for a replacement. The NSSAR Bermuda Trip has been cancelled due to the pandemic. Chancellor John Dodd did not have a report in book, but has been busy with helping to set up the electronic meeting and dealing with the Rancho Murieta hotel. Genealogist General Jim Faulkinbury stated some work is being done with applications at National. States can now send applications again – anything that can be done remotely is being done. NSSAR is continuing to have 13 bound volumes of applications digitized, and PRS volunteers are looking at old records to get them transcribed. Chaplain Carlson, as head of the Ethics Committee, reported the successful resolution of a problem at the Sacramento Chapter. Investment Funds Trustees Stephen Renouf, John Dodd and Kent Gregory presented the trustees’ report, noting that the total value of investments decreased over the last 12 months (ending February 29, 2020) by almost \$20k due to a \$16,700 withdrawal for the recent CASSAR donation to the SAR Foundation, and the stock market correction in February 2020. The committee recommended changing the Risk Factor (1-lowest, 5-highest) for the Life Membership and Education Funds from 3 to 4, keeping the risk factor at 4 for the Permanent and the Congress Fund at 4, and changing the risk factor for the Unallocated Fund from 2 to 3. It was recommended to give the Advisor discretion as to when to adopt these changes due to the current volatility in the market. The recommendation was passed by a voice vote of the officers and chapter delegates with one nay vote.

CASSAR Color Guard Commander Kramer announced the Best Chapter Color Guards were: Orange County (very large chapter), General Patton (large chapter), Harbor (medium large chapter), Delta (medium small chapter), and there were no entries for small chapters. He awarded Silver Color Guard Medals to Mark Torres (Orange County), Matthew Noell (Orange County), Larry Hansen (Orange County), and Brian Merrell (Harbor). The CASSAR Color Guardsman of the Year was Larry Hansen (Orange County).

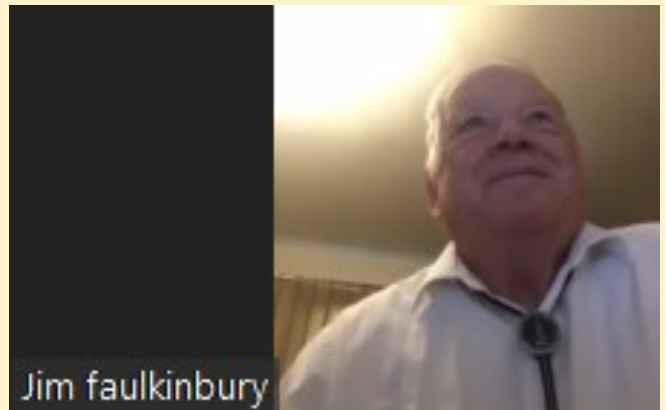
CASSAR Best Chapter Contest Chairman Doug Bergtholdt reported the winners for 2019-20: Orange County (very large chapter), Riverside (large chapter), Kern (medium large chapter), Redwood Empire (medium small chapter), and Delta (small chapter). Chairman Bergtholdt noted that CASSAR has to replace some of the plaques as they are getting full. Brian Stephens announced that CASSAR qualified for the NSSAR Furlong Award for chapters participating in the Flag Certificate Program. Additionally, CASSAR had two chapters report they presented the new SAR Flag Retirement Certificates. VPG Fosdyck announced CASSAR may win the NSSAR Walter "Buck" Meek Award for the state society having the most new George Washington Fellows: California had 30 new fellows. Chairman Lou Carlson reported on the 250th Anniversary Committee – Jim Blauer is making a list of events to celebrate for the 250th Anniversary of Revolutionary War Era events. Lou Carlson encouraged chapters to celebrate events as part of the program.



Chapter Reports were received from all chapters except Santa Barbara and San Francisco. Bob Ebert reported on the San Francisco Chapter. Secretary Fred Schuster sent out a template to all the chapters. Santa Barbara said they would send their report by e-mail to Secretary Schuster. Chancellor Dodd noted some chapters were missing required information from their reports, including financial information, which is required by law, so we need to have the chapters fully complete their reports. He also noted that as a §501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, the SAR needs to do something with our money to comply with this status. He recommended all chapters do historical, educational, and patriotic works with their money rather than simply accumulating it.

After a 10-minute recess, Treasurer Jim Klingler described the new procedure for the audit committee. The audits are done every year at the state meetings, but this year it had to be done electronically. Members of the audit committee requested random deposits and payments from the treasurer, who sent them out to the committee. Chairman Don Littlefield noted that everything was found to be in order.

Under old business, the DAR Award was discussed. SAR Medals are given to DAR members for providing SAR applicants who are subsequently approved. There was a motion by Brian Stephens for CASSAR to additionally give a \$100 cash award to the DAR chapter that provides the highest number of approved SAR applications (if greater than 5), and added to the DAR liaison budget, effective 2020 calendar year. The motion was passed unanimously.



Genealogist General Jim Faulkinbury gave an update on the CASSAR dues collection proposal. He said since NSSAR has its own plan, he is dropping the state proposal. CASSAR is a test group for the NSSAR program. President Taylor said the CAR Liaison needed to request a check to be sent to the CAR for the year. Color Guard Commander Mark Kramer reported on liability and black powder insurance. He said NSSAR now has a national safety procedure (covering insurance and training requirements), and he commended John Dodd for working behind the scenes to get it established. Commander Kramer said he would get the national policy posted to the state website.

Under new business, John Dodd presented Bylaws Proposal #1 (Bylaw 2, section 6), which was recommended by the Bylaws Committee. . It would remove the CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary from the CASSAR Bylaws. The Ladies Auxiliary is a separate, chartered entity, which CASSAR does not control. They are also considering eliminating their liability insurance.

Currently, the Ladies Auxiliary is in the CASSAR bylaws under “chapters,” but it is NOT a chapter. When the Ladies Auxiliary was created, the first president, Linda Moran, insisted that it be included in the CASSAR Bylaws, so it was added many years ago. There was an amendment to have the Ladies Auxiliary language in section 6 removed from Bylaw 2, and made its own Bylaw (new Bylaw 10), which was approved by the chapter presidents with one nay vote. The motion as amended was then approved with one nay vote. John Dodd encouraged all members to get their wives, daughters, etc. to join the Ladies Auxiliary. The Ladies Auxiliary is contemplating cancelling their liability insurance due to their declining membership.

There was a proposed Outstanding Sea Cadet Award proposal by Bill Nay. Many chapters present SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medals to sea cadet programs; however, there is no state or national recognition for Sea Cadets.



Bill Nay made a motion to establish a CASSAR Outstanding Sea Cadet of the Year Award (with a cash prize of \$1,000), and to increase the Sea Cadet budget line item from \$200 to \$1500. This motion was unanimously approved. There was a motion to ratify the Executive Committee action which reduced the cost of the printed *California Compatriot* from \$45 to \$25, and it was approved unanimously. It was noted that a \$250 budget was established to pay for DAR Regent meals at CASSAR Meetings, and this information needs to be disseminated to chapters hosting state meetings.

Secretary Fred Schuster said he would be submitting an article for the upcoming *California Compatriot* on the problems being encountered in the reconciliation reports and reinstatements. There are a number of dual members, but they are not being reported correctly. He will need to have it reconciled in the next year’s reconciliation. If a chapter has a dual member (primary in another state society), it needs to be reported and the state dues need to be paid for the dual member. Some chapters did not do a good job of indicating junior members – they need to be more careful next year. Incoming CASSAR President Donald Littlefield stated there will be a task force to deal with the reconciliation problems.

After a 10-minute break, Lou Carlson announced that the CASSAR Memorial Service would be deferred to the Fall Board of Managers Meeting. He did note the passing of Stanley G. Henderson, who served as CASSAR President in 2004-05. Registrar Owen Stiles noted the passing of General George Washington member Dale Ritter at age 100. Chapters need to send notices of member (active or inactive) deaths to the State Secretary, who will fill out the paperwork, and notify the State Chaplain, and the Treasurer/ Invested Funds Trustees.



Lou Carlson

The youth contest winners were announced: Chairman Dave Gillard announced there were 5 entries for the **Poster Contest**: the winners were: 1st place Sacramento (\$350), 2nd place Gold Country (\$250), 3rd place Orange County (\$150), 4th place Harbor (\$100), and honorable mention San Diego (\$75). Chairman Kevin Tierney announced there were 53 submissions from 4 chapters for the **Brochure Contest**: the winners were: 1st place Orange County (\$400), 2nd place Sacramento (\$300), 3rd place Mother Lode (\$200), and 4th place Gold Country (\$100).

Chairman Patrick Cecil was not present but submitted a report on the **Knight Essay Contest** – the winner was Anaida Haroutiunian of the Sons of Liberty Chapter, who will receive \$1,000. Her essay was entitled, “The Building Blocks: Lights, Camera, Action.” Chairman John Ferris reported that the **Oration Contest** contestant deferred until next year. Chairman William Nay reported that the **CASSAR Eagle Scout Contest** winner was Michael McPhie of the Orange County Chapter, and he will receive \$1,000. His name was submitted to the National Society, and he was selected as the 1st place winner of the **NSSAR Eagle Scout Contest**, and he will receive \$10,000. This is the first time that a California contestant has won the National Contest. Chairman Rob Dickey reported that there were four submissions for the **JROTC/ROTC Enhanced Essay Contest**, but two did not meet the requirements. Megan Lange (sponsored by Sacramento Chapter) won first place (\$1,000), and the contestant sponsored by the Orange County Chapter came in second place.



The public service winners were announced: The **Robert Burt Scout Volunteer Award** was awarded to Hans Hunt (Orange County), and William Crewe (Central Coast). They will be invited to the fall board of managers meeting to receive their awards. Robert Burt’s widow, Trudy Burt, will present the awards if they are able to attend. The **SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal** was awarded to Detective Louis Cameron of the West Sacramento Police Department, who worked on several high profile, violent criminal investigations. The **SAR Heroism Medal** was awarded to Officer Scott Farnsworth and to Officer Chris Cobb of the West Sacramento Police Department, who saved the life of a six-year-old child with autism who had fallen into a reservoir. They dropped their equipment, and jumped into the reservoir and rescued the child. The **SAR Heroism Medal** was also awarded to Deputy Brian Bell of the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Department, who responded to an active shooter situation in which rookie police officer Tara O’Sullivan was ambushed and shot with a rifle by a career criminal during a domestic disturbance call. Deputy Bell gave his weapon to a fellow officer to provide cover fire, and risked his life to drag the wounded officer to shelter. Sadly, Officer O’Sullivan later died from her wounds.

The CASSAR Awards were announced: Chairman Brian Stephens announced a Certificate and Martha Washington Medal Oak Leaf Cluster was awarded to Linda Adams (Kern) for referring 21 new members. The California Society has qualified to receive the **NSSAR Admiral Furlong Award** for a majority of chapters participating in the SAR Flag Certificate program. Chairman Kent Gregory announced the **CASSAR Richard F. Locke Award** for membership retention for 2019-20 was awarded to:



Sacramento (very large chapter), General Patton (large chapter), Kern (medium large chapter), and Yosemite (small chapter); there were no submissions in the medium small chapter category.

Outgoing CASSAR President Robert Taylor presented awards. He awarded the **SAR Patriot Medal**, the highest award a state society may present, to Daniel McKelvie, William Nay, and Ernest McCollough. He awarded the **SAR State Medal of Distinguished Service** to Dr. M. Kent Gregory. He awarded the **SAR Silver Roger Sherman Medal** to Donald Littlefield, Frederick Schuster, James Klingler, and James Fosdyck. He awarded the **SAR Daughters of Liberty Medal** to Anne-Doerte Epstude Adams, who has attended eight National Congresses, seven SAR Leadership meetings, and participated in the Ladies Auxiliary at 12 CASSAR meetings.

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Her award was long overdue. The **SAR Lydia Darragh Medal** to Darian Taylor and the **Bronze Good Citizenship Medal** to Un Hui Fosdyck. He awarded **SAR Certificates of Appreciation** to Craig Anderson (VP-North), Brian Stephens (VP-South), Douglas Bergtholdt (VP-Membership), Owen Stiles (Registrar), John Dodd, Esq, (Chancellor), Terry Briggs (Genealogist), James Blauer (Historian), Rt. Rev Louis V. Carlson (Chaplain), Matthew Bowdish, MD (Surgeon), Stephen Renouf (Chairman, Invested Funds Trustee), Derek Brown (Immediate Past President), Benjamin O'Neal, Mark Kramer, Greg Hill, David Grinnell, David Gilliard, Ray Raser, Linn Malaznik, Luke Dziurzynski, Patrick Cecil, Rob Dickey, Brandon Villardi, Kevin Tierney, and John Ferris.

After a 5-minute break, John Dodd reported on the National Congress. He said the NSSAR Executive Committee was meeting weekly to discuss the upcoming National Congress in Richmond, Virginia. There will be an electronic Trustees Meeting on May 2, 2020 to discuss COVID-19 contingency plans, approval of grant applications for federal small business loans due to the crisis, and contingency plans for the upcoming National Congress in Richmond, Virginia. Due to the emergency, the NSSAR Trustees recently voted by e-mail 95-2 to delegate to the Executive Committee decision making power for the Richmond Congress. The SAR Annual Congress Registration will be available in mid-May (money will be refunded if the Richmond Congress is cancelled). Compatriots should register for congress as if it will happen. The SAR cannot cancel with the hotel without *force majeure*. We do not yet know if any quarantine measures will be in effect in July that will allow us to cancel the hotel contract without the \$290k penalty. A decision will need to be made by the Executive Committee in early June. There are three possible choices to consider: 1) continue with Congress as scheduled (the hotel is currently behind in renovations work due to the emergency); 2) hold a Zoom Meeting for Congress (with Election Runner election service over a 24-hour period for officer elections), with reports in the book (and additional comments as necessary), and changing the election rules to allow candidates to speak prior to the nominating speeches; or 3) hold a one-day meeting in Louisville with some physical meetings, and some electronic meetings. The California Society needs to report its 32 delegates to Congress by June 12, 2020. Please inform President Donald Littlefield by the end of May if you are going to Congress so he can select the CASSAR delegates.

Rob Dickey read the slate of CASSAR officers for 2020-21: President Donald Littlefield, Executive Vice President Brian Stephens, Vice President North Craig Anderson, Vice President South James Klingler, Vice President Membership (2020-22) Doug Bergtholdt, Secretary Fred Schuster, Treasurer John Ferris, Registrar Owen Stiles, Chancellor John Dodd, Genealogist Terry Briggs, Historian Jim Blauer, Chaplain Lou Carlson, Surgeon Matthew Bowdish, Invested Funds Trustee Stephen Renouf (2020-23), Invested Funds Trustee Kent Gregory (2019-22), Invested Funds Trustee John Dodd (2018-21), and Immediate Past President Robert Taylor. Chairman Jim Fosdyck asked for nominations from floor, and there were none. The slate of officers was elected unanimously. VPG Jim Fosdyck installed new officers, and Genealogist General Jim Faulk-inbury installed Donald Littlefield as CASSAR President. Don's wife Maryanne Littlefield placed the CASSAR State President neck ribbon on President Littlefield.

President Littlefield gave his remarks. He said he would do his very best for benefit and longevity of the California Society. He recognized Tom Chilton of the Sacramento Chapter, who brought Don into the SAR in 2007, and served as his mentor.



President Littlefield said he was looking forward to working with the great team of CASSAR Officers in 2020. He gave special thanks to VP North Craig Anderson for his outstanding support this past year and Chancellor John Dodd for his thoughtful guidance and counsel relating to The Murietta Inn cancellation and change in meeting format. He also thanked Secretary Fred Schuster for his patience and efforts to improve the secretary records. He said all officers, chairmen and active members are critical to the continued success of the California Society, and he pledged to do whatever it takes to keep them involved and supported. He will work on improving communication across the board. He thanked the Sacramento Chapter members who were working on the cancelled meeting in Rancho Murrieta. He closed by stating that he was looking forward to meeting in person with everyone in Rohnert Park at the Fall BOM. He said we are not out of the [COVID-19] woods yet and we may still have to navigate around obstacles in how we do business. If anyone needs anything, he said not to hesitate to contact him. Chaplain Lou Carlson thanked Don Littlefield for helping to solve the ethics issue at the Sacramento Chapter. He had no doubt that Don would be very successful despite the current Wuhan virus pandemic, and would do an amazing job as President. Chaplain Carlson said he was praying for President Littlefield and his CASSAR team.



President Littlefield called upon President Bill Van Valkenberg of Redwood Empire Chapter to give details of the CASSAR Fall Board of Managers Meeting. The meeting will be held in Rohnert Park on November 13-14, 2020,

at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Sonoma Wine Country. A meeting flyer will be posted on the state website. He asked for compatriots to respond as soon as possible so they will have an accurate headcount. Executive Vice President Brian Stephens reported that the Riverside Chapter will host the 146th Annual CASSAR Meeting on April 15-17, 2021, at the Mission Inn in Riverside – a city, state, and national landmark hotel. The room rates will be \$159 per night. Brian Stephens conducted the drawing for the Ladies Auxiliary Raffle. President Littlefield then recessed the meeting.



VPG James Fosdyck convened the 130th Western District meeting. He recognized Charles Smith of Nevada, who was attending the Zoom meeting. The Hawaii state president was not able to join the

meeting. He noted that the Western District Website had been maintained for many years by Stephen Renouf, and now Greg Hill had volunteered to take it over and enhance it. The new website address is www.WDSAR.org. VPG Fosdyck announced that the most recent VPGs from the three states (Elwin Spray - HI, Brian Worcester-NV, and Jim Fosdyck-CA) nominated Charles Smith as the next VPG of the Western District, since Nevada has not had a VPG in many years. They want Derek Brown to submit his name for the following year. VPG Fosdyck presented awards for the Western District. He awarded the **SAR Meritorious Service Medal** to Charles B. Smith V (NV), Gregory Hill (CA), and Donald Hotchkiss, Jr. (NV). He awarded the **SAR Silver Roger Sherman Medal** to Lt. Col. M. Straus Scantlin (HI), and Col. Robert Moore (HI). He awarded the **SAR Medal of Appreciation (DAR)** to Janet Thompson (NV DAR), and Jane Mann (HI DAR). He awarded the **SAR Martha Washington Medal** to Phyllis Smith (NV), and the **SAR Lydia Darragh Medal** to Un Hui Fosdyck (CA). He awarded the **SAR Certificate of Appreciation** to Jim Blauer (CA), and the SAR Certificate of Distinguished Service to Stephen Renouf (CA). VPG Fosdyck then adjourned the Western District Meeting.

CASSAR President Donald Littlefield adjourned the 145th Annual CASSAR Meeting at 1:20 PM, and Chaplain Lou Carlson delivered the benediction.

By Stephen Renouf, Chairman of the Trustees of the Invested Funds, with information from President Donald Littlefield, Vice President Membership Doug Bergtholt, Secretary Fred Schuster, Past President Robert Taylor, VPG Western District Jim Fosdyck, Color Guard Commander Mark Kramer, and Chairman Rob Dickey.



Around the California Society



Monterey Bay Chapter

Officer Installation

January 11, 2020

On January 11, 2020, the Monterey Bay held their Officer installation luncheon at the Bayonet & Blackhorse Pub & Grill, in Seaside CA. The guest speaker was Howard Burnham who gave a stirring in character monologue of General Horatio Gates — A prejudiced Patriot. Mr. Burnham began performing his acclaimed monologues in 1981. An accomplished thespian, Mr. Burnham is an Englishman. He resides in Pacific Grove, CA.



*(L-R) Peter Tansill, Treasurer; Dr. Jack Franke, President;
Don Littlefield, CASSAR Executive V.P.*



Howard Burnham as General Horatio Gates

Central Coast Chapter

The compatriots of the Central Coast Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution are proud and honored to have among its members, William Stewart Crewe. William was one of two recipients of the Robert E. Burt Volunteer Scouting Award. This prestigious award is presented to those compatriots who have provided outstanding service and support to the Boy Scouts of America. Bill has worked tirelessly for the Boy Scouts. We are proud of Bill's accomplishments and proud to have him as valuable member of the Central Coast Chapter.



William Stewart Crewe

Sacramento Chapter

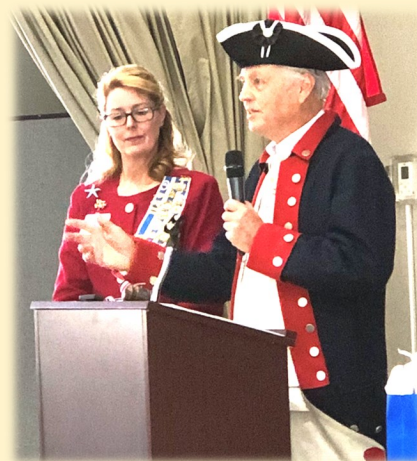
Sacramento School Guard Recognizes DAR Ladies

January 13, 2020

Several members of the Sacramento Chapter Color Guard attended the January 13, 2020 meeting of the DAR, Sacramento Chapter to present awards to two ladies who actively participate in the SAR School Guard.

For nearly twenty years, Sacramento Chapter's School Guard members have provided living history presentations on the Revolutionary War to 15 schools representing 47 classrooms with about 1500 students in the greater Sacramento area. Last year they were awarded the NSSAR President General's, Educational Outreach Streamer.

The school guard is made up of Sacramento SAR and DAR members, and two Sacramento Chapter DAR members play a key role in these appearances and were recognized for their service.



DAR Sacramento Chapter Regent Emily Bronne and SAR Chapter Carl Ahlberg



DAR Susan Checchettini, Jim Faulkinbury, DAR Helena Hurst, CASSAR VP North Craig Anderson

Susan Checchettini portrays the character of Molly "Mom" Rinker, a Philadelphia tavern keeper. She was also a spy, and often spent her days in a town park where she sat up on a high rock, knitting. As she knit, she concealed messages in balls of yarn and then dropped them to American messengers below. Susan has been a member of the School guard for 3 years and was awarded the Martha Washington Medal.



(L-R) Russ Kaiser, Phil Noble, Emily Bronne, Regent, Sacramento Chapter, Adele Lancaster, Regent, California Society, Susan Broderick, Vice Regent California Society, Craig Anderson, Susan Brooking, David Beach, Jim Faulkinbury.

Helena Hurst, has been a member of the School Guard since 2008 and portrays the character of Mary Hayes, also known in history as "Molly Pitcher". She relates her experiences, to the students, at the battle of Monmouth, and describes how she acquired her nickname. Helena also presents and discusses our collection of 18th century historical artifacts with the students describing what life was like for students in 18th century schools and on family homesteads. This is very popular with the students. For her lengthy and dedicated service to the SAR, Helena Hurst was awarded the SAR Daughters of Liberty Medal, the highest award that the SAR can give to a woman.

South Coast Chapter

January Dinner Meeting: Chapter Registrar, Leon Smith, presented to Compatriot William Yost five supplemental certificates. These certificates are William Yost's 11 through 15 supplemental certificates. William currently holds the most supplemental certificates for the active members in the South Coast Chapter.



*L-R: William Yost and Leon Smith
On February 16, 2020, the South Coast Chapter Color Guard,
Continental Marines, participated in the 38th annual Massing of the
Colors and Salute to Our Armed Forces.*

Coachella Valley Chapter



January Meeting: *CASSAR Vice President South Brian Stephens presents George Washington Fellow Pin and Certificate to Chapter President William Hanes.*



February Meeting: *Chapter President William Hanes presents the Martha Washington Medal and Certificate to Joann Hardy of the Cabuilla Chapter DAR at their joint SAR/ DAR meeting in February at Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage. Joann wrote a story about the Chapters 25th Anniversary that was published in the Desert Sun newspaper.*

Gold Country Chapter

Officer Installation

Feb 15, 2020

Gold Country Chapter met on Saturday, February 15, at Mel's Diner, Auburn, CA to install newly elected officers and to hear member Mike Holmes give a presentation on the history of Impeachment.

Don Littlefield, CASSAR Executive Vice President, conducted the formal installation of Ron Barker as Gold Country Chapter President and Gordon Clark as Vice President.



*(L-R) Ron Barker, President; Gordon Clark, Vice President;
Don Littlefield, CASSAR Executive V.P.*

Daughters of the American Revolution Awards

Did you know?

The California Society now awards Daughters with the DAR Medal of Appreciation for 5 referrals (with an oak leaf cluster for additional batches of 5 referrals), the Martha Washington Medal for 20 referrals, and the Daughters of Liberty Medal for 50 referrals. Each year we award a Certificate of Appreciation along with a cash prize of \$100.00 to the California Society DAR Chapter that provides the highest number of referrals greater than five. Awards are based on approved SAR member applications submitted using the DAR Finder Form. The DAR Finder Form is available on the CASSAR website and must be submitted with each new member application.

The National Society presents \$1,200 in cash prize awards to the top three DAR State Societies that have the highest number and highest percentage of SAR membership referrals using the DAR Finder Form. Last year the California Society finished in a tie for fifth place.

Sacramento Chapter

President's Day

February 17, 2020

Mount Vernon Memorial Park, Fair Oaks, CA

Sacramento Chapter Members along with members of the Haslett Regiment celebrated President's Day at Mount Vernon Memorial Park. SAR members Kevin Allec, Carl Ahlberg, Jim Faulkinbury, Don Littlefield, Russ Kaiser, David Beach, Dennis Deck, and Craig Anderson attended this event.



L-R: Don Littlefield, Jim Faulkinbury, Craig Anderson



David Beach, Sacramento Color Guard Commander



Russ Kaiser, John Hess (Haslett's Delaware Regiment)



Riverside Chapter

On March 2, 2020 Western District Vice President General Jim Fosdyck presents a Liberty Medal Certificate and three Oak Leaf clusters plus a Riverside Chapter 75th Anniversary Challenge Coin to Chapter member Gary Jensen who now lives in Oklahoma. Jim and Un Hui stopped by on their way home from the Spring Leadership meeting in Louisville, KY.



Jim Fosdyck (L), Gary Jensen (R)

Sons of Liberty Chapter

Officer Installation January 25, 2020

CASSAR President Robert Taylor installing Chapter President Tom Perkins



Robert Taylor (L), Tom Perkins (R)



Orange County Chapter Officer Installation

January 11, 2020



L-R: Richard Adams (Chaplain), Cliff Hope (Treasurer), Kent Gregory (Registrar), Dan McMillan (Secretary), Jim Blauer (Recording Secretary), Paul Garcia (Vice President) and Jim Fosdyck (VPG Western District - installing officer).
Not in photo - Jay Pettibone (Chancellor) and Sergeant at Arms Danny Cox.



Incoming President Phil Mitchell being installed by Jim Fosdyck.



Seated left to right: Nancy Casey, Jane Deemer, Liz Ferris, Russell Cable, Un Hui Yi, Leonard Chapman, Pam Beach, Diane Carlson, William Cecil, Karen Hughes, Linda Carlson, Karen McKelvie and Lacy Dodd.

Standing left to right: Jim Fosdyck, Dan Casey, John Ferris, Dave Perusse, Dustin Perusse on chair, Larry Hansen, Brenda Torres, Cliff Hope, Marcus Deemer, Patrick Cecil on chair, William Chamber, Kent Gregory, Dick James, Richard Cable, Paul Garcia, Mike Miller, Hans Hunt, Don Carlson, Ham Salley, Richard Hughes, Richard Adams, Jim Klingler, Ted Carlson, Mark Torres on chair, Dan McKelvie, Karen Carlson, Spencer Torres, Gus Fischer, John Dodd, Dan McMillan, Phil Mitchell, Lou Carlson, John Blake and Jim Blauer.

Redwood Empire Chapter

*Scouts BSA Eagle Court of Honor for Logan Reuter of Troop 9, Petaluma.
Held on December 21, 2019*



*John Schempf- Scoutmaster, Duncan Flett- Chapter Eagle Scout Committee Chair, Bill Nay- CASSAR Eagle Scout Committee Chair,
William Van Valkenburg- Chapter President, Logan Reuter- Eagle Scout*

Thomas Jefferson Chapter

February Speaker: Aurora Belarmino

The Thomas Jefferson Chapter met on February 15, 2020 at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord, California. Our speaker was Aurora Belarmino, a member of the Mt. Diablo Chapter, DAR. Aurora presented, “A Family of Trailblazers: From Vikings to Silicon Valley Girl.” Her journey began with a story told by her brother, Lee Belarmino, Sr., a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He told his son, Lee Jr., and his daughter-in-law, Jill, that their grandfather told him a story about being in San Quentin. Jill Belarmino took it upon herself to research this story. In the process, she researched Aurora’s maternal line leading to many interesting discoveries. She had three of her 9-great grandfathers who were founding ancestors – William Hilton of Suffolk, England, who arrived in the Plymouth Colony in 1621 on the *Fortune*, and was a founding settler of Dover, New Hampshire; Puritan Rev. John Maverick of Devon, England, who arrived in the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1630 on the *Mary and John*; and Henry Kingsbury the Elder of Suffolk, England, who arrived in Salem, Massachusetts, in the Summer of 1630 on the *Winthrop Fleet*, and was a signer of the Boston City Charter. Over the centuries, her family fought in many wars in America – two Maine ancestors in King Philip’s War (1675-1678), three Maine ancestors in King William’s War (1688-1699), five Maine/Massachusetts ancestors in Queen Anne’s War (1702-1713), one Maine ancestor in the Seven Years’ War (1754-1763), two Maine/Massachusetts ancestors in the Revolutionary War (1775-1783), and one Maine ancestor in the Civil War (1861-1865).

Aurora noted that her 7th great aunt by marriage, Hannah Duston (1657-c.1737) was the first American woman honored with a statue (located in Boscawen, New Hampshire). During King William’s War, Hannah Duston and her infant daughter were taken captive by the Abenaki Indians from Québec during the Raid on Haverhill in 1697. The Abenaki murdered her baby by smashing her head against a tree as the prisoners were taken to an island in the Merrimack River (now Boscawen, New Hampshire). She and two other prisoners used a hatchet to kill and scalp the Indians holding them hostage, and they escaped in a canoe back to Haverhill, traveling only at night to avoid recapture.

Aurora stated that her ancestors came from across the class spectrum. Her 10-great uncle, Samuel Maverick, became one of the first slave owners in New England in 1638. Her 7-great grandfather, John Smyth, became an indentured servant around 1640. Her 6-great grandfather, Robert Junkins, was captured by the English Army in the Battle of Dunbar in Scotland, and he was transported with 150 Scots to Massachusetts to be sold into indentured servitude. Her 7-great grandfather, Samuel Came, held the last slave in New England around 1760. She also had many notable distant relatives, including Lady Godiva, author Herman Melville; Quaker poet John Greenleaf Whittier; poet T. S. Elliot; playwright Tennessee Williams; Presidents James Garfield, Herbert Hoover, Gerald Ford, George H. W. Bush, and George W. Bush, and Vice President Eldridge Gerry. Her 10-great grandmother Mary Gye is her gateway ancestor for the lineage societies The Order of the Crown of Charlemagne, The Baronial Order of Magna Charta, and The Royal Bastards. Through Mary Gye she has many royal ancestors – Holy Roman Emperor Charlemagne, the Viking Count Rollo of Rouen, Count William I Longsword of Rouen, Duke Richard I the Fearless of Normandy, Duke Richard II the Good of Normandy, Duke Robert I the Magnificent of Normandy, King William the Conqueror, King Henry I of England, King Henry II of England, King John of England, and King Henry III of England.

Aurora then jumped forward 11 centuries to her grandfather, Edwin Lydston, who was born in Haverhill, Massachusetts, in 1891. At age 9, he entered the Chase Home for Children in New Hampshire, and graduated from grammar school at age 14. He was charged with public drunkenness at age 15 in Massachusetts. He became a machinist at Monroe Motor in Michigan, and got married at age 22 to Zoa Kilbourn, with whom he had three children, including Aurora's mother. At age 33, Edwin Lydston moved to Sacramento, California. Jill Belarmino was able to confirm the story that started the whole process. Yes, Grandpa had been in San Quentin. At age 34, he was convicted of burglary in the second degree, sentenced to San Quentin Prison, and paroled after a year in jail. His prison card noted he had a bullet wound in his left breast through to his left shoulder. Edwin Lydston died in Sacramento in 1974. Aurora's mother, Helen Lydston, married Filipino Andres Belarmino in 1941 in Boston, Massachusetts, and they had ten children. Helen and Andres were not able to legally get married in California due to anti-miscegenation laws.





Order Of March



The Massing of the Colors

The Massing of the Colors on Sunday February 16, 2020 was the 38th annual celebration of George Washington's birth sponsored by the Sons of Liberty Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. Held in front of the Hall of Liberty at Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills this annual event is the largest celebration of its kind in the western United States. Over 600 people and fifty color guards participate each year, including members from ten California SAR Chapters.



L-R: South Coast Chapter, Color Guard Commander Kevin Forrest, Chapter President Scott Whitman, Nolan Forrest, and Shane Gates



*Harbor Chapter Color Guard at Massing of the Colors
Left to Right: Lucas Villardi, Brandon Villardi, Jim Olds, James Gill and Kent Gregory*



National Color Guard Commander and Western District Vice President General Jim Fosdyck brings greetings on behalf of President General Jack Manning

February 16th, Harbor Chapter is joined by members of the Orange County Chapter to raise the Colors at the Huntington Beach Revolutionary War Reenactment.





Cannon Team, Brian Merrell, Un Hui Le, Lucas Villardi, Mark Torres, Brandon Villardi



Orange County Chapter Color Guard presents the colors for the Mojave Chapter, DAR

Feb 23, 2020



Color Guard L-R: Larry Hansen, Mark Torres, Dan McMillan, John Blake, Spencer Torres



Orange County & Harbor Chapter Color Guard

Joint Color Guard of Orange County and Harbor Chapters present the Colors for the OC Chapter Christmas Party; 14 Dec 2019



Group photo of color guard - Front row kneeling left to right: Larry Hansen, Kent Gregory and Jim Olds. Standing left to right: Christopher Keene, Jim Klingler, Brandon Villardi, John Ferris, Luke Villardi, Dan McKelvie, Mark Torres, Jon Burk, Dan Shippey (as General Washington) and Jim Fosdyck.

Ladies Auxiliary of the California Society Sons of the American Revolution



The winner of the Ladies Auxiliary raffle drawing held during the 145th Annual Meeting of the Membership was Judy Shaw wife of Compatriot Tom Shaw President of the General George Patton Chapter. The prize was a \$50.00 Gift Card from Master Card.

Remembering a Past State President

Stanley George Henderson died peacefully on February 20, 2020 at the age of 84, while in the company of his daughter. Stan is survived by his three children, Stanley M. Henderson, Kathryn Henderson and Paul Henderson (Gina Henderson), and his three grandchildren, Grant, Nolan and Sofia. He is preceded in death by his loving wife, Linda Henderson, father, George Wallace Henderson, his mother, Hazel Livina Everts, as well as his grandmother, Hazel Lilliana Lampman Everts, whom he was very close to. Stan was born in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada in 1935. He relocated to Butte County with his mother in 1946.



He also lived in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, with his favorite uncle, Mark Everts. Stanley also lived in Claremore, Oklahoma, Oakland, California, Washington, and Oregon for short periods of his youth. Stan attended Durham High School and later obtained his GED. His first job was as a radio announcer at a local radio station. He attended National Guard Camp with plans to travel to Fort Benning, Georgia, for infantry training in early 1954. Stan subsequently joined the Army and became a Paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne. Following his initial enlistment of three years, he returned to Chico State, was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity and met the love of his life, Linda. He reenlisted and joined the 11th Army Calvary in 1962 and was stationed in Germany. In June 1963, he returned to Chico to marry Linda. She accompanied Stan to Maryland and Germany while completing his Army enlistment. Stan was also a member of the Army National Guard in Butte County after returning to the area. Stan and Linda had two children together, Kathy and Paul. Stan earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Social Science at Chico State in 1968.

He began work in the banking industry and was responsible for repossessions and as an Adjuster for a period time. The family moved to the East Bay area where Stan held several banking jobs in San Francisco, all related to investigating fraud within the banking industry. The family moved to Stockton, California, and the last job he held before retiring was as the Vice President and Chief of Internal Security at Sacramento Savings and Loan. He was a very patriotic man, obtaining his United States Citizenship as an older adult. He became a lifetime member of the Sons of the American Revolution, after researching for multiple years to obtain valid documentation of his ancestors fighting in the Revolutionary War. Stanley helped form the local General George Washington Chapter of the Sons of American Revolution and was President of the chapter for multiple years. He was passionate in helping others learning and documenting their lineage to aid in them joining the Sons of the American Revolution as well. He participated in local school programs on behalf of the SAR Chapter and dressed in a Revolutionary War uniform in parades.

He considered the many friends he made through the SAR to be true friends, and additionally, respected and admired their continued commitment to the SAR and patriotism. Stanley had many interests and hobbies to include hunting, fishing, boating, photography, genealogy, cooking (spaghetti, corn chowder and BBQ whole turkeys a specialty), coin collecting, stamps, first day covers and gardening amongst others. These were activities he was passionate about and he included his family and friends in many of them. He also loved dogs, with Tiny being his most beloved, a long hair Dachshund. They were inseparable for sixteen years and his children often joked that he loved Tiny more than the rest of the family. He and Linda spent almost all weekends and vacations, beginning in the early 80's, at the cabin they built at Lake Almanor, California. They were frequent and gracious hosts and truly enjoyed inviting friends and family to share in their love of fishing, playing cards and sharing meals. His friends and family describe Stan as loyal, having a great sense of humor, dependable, having integrity, appreciating and maintaining his relationships, and one who was devoted to, and loved, his family very much

Fair Winds and Following Seas

I want to take a moment to express my thanks to all of you for bestowing your trust in me by electing me president of this society for 2019-2020! It has been the culmination of my fondest desires and expectations, and will leave me with many fond memories of wonderful events and compatriots.

The reins of leadership are now in the hands of my eminently qualified successor, Don Littlefield, who will provide superior leadership for our Society. I want to thank those who have supported me through this year now past. First, I have been fortunate in being backed by an outstanding executive board, without whom I could not have functioned, and my heart-felt thanks goes to each one of you. My committee chairs have also performed well and with due-diligence, for which I am grateful. We were blessed to fill our Spanish Liaison slot, giving us a full board, and my thanks to VPG Western District Jim Fosdyck for providing me potential candidates as openings for this and other committees occurred! As always, our ladies of the Ladies Auxiliary have supported us well with the grace and positive attitudes only they can provide, and I thank them for their 150% support.



While the CASSAR 144th Spring meeting was a highlight, providing as it did my entrance to this position, the absolute highlight of the year was the national congress held in Costa Mesa this past July, being the epitome of perfection in many ways as so many have told me. My thanks to John Dodd, Steve Renouf, Kent Gregory and so many others who worked hard and diligently to make it the successful event it was.

Finally, I want to thank you, the rank-and-file of the Society for your continued efforts in supporting the aims of the Sons of the American Revolution. As you participate at the chapter level, as committee members or as color guardsmen, you publicly demonstrate your faith in the foundational principals upon which this nation was formed and commemorate the memory of your patriot ancestors in tangible ways! My desire and hope is that our society will continue to benefit by you and your efforts to immortalize our society's ideals and outreach!

Again, my sincere thanks to one and all!

*Fondly,
Robert Taylor*

George Washington Bids Farewell to His Officers

On November 25th, 1783 after eight years of war and more than six years of occupation New York was finally liberated from British control. The remaining American Army and officers paraded in and regained control physically demonstrating the end of the War for Independence. By the 4th of December General Washington was ready to depart from the Army and travel to Maryland where the Congress awaited his resignation as Commander in Chief of the Continental Army. Before he left, he had one last duty to perform, a gathering of his remaining officers one last time to say farewell. In the eighteenth century most people didn't travel more than fifty miles from their

"With a heart full of love and gratitude I now take leave of you. I most devoutly wish that your latter days may be as prosperous and happy as your former ones have been glorious and honorable."



Compatriot Daniel H. T. Shippey portraying General Washington; Fraunces Tavern Museum

home in their lifetime and the odds were that after all the years of war and struggle they saw together he would never see these men again. The scene was described by Colonel Benjamin Talmadge in his memoirs.

At 12 o'clock the officers repaired to Fraunces Tavern in Pearl Street where General Washington had appointed to meet them and to take his final leave of them. We had been assembled but a few moments when his excellency entered the room. His emotions were too strong to be concealed which seemed to be reciprocated by every officer present. After partaking of a slight refreshment in almost breathless silence the General filled his glass with wine and turning to the officers said, 'With a heart full of love and gratitude I now take leave of you. I most devoutly wish that your latter days may be as prosperous and happy as your former ones have been glorious and honorable.

For the past three years Compatriot Daniel H. T. Shippey has had the opportunity and honor to portray General George Washington while recreating this event for visitors at Fraunces Tavern Museum in lower Manhattan. Compatriot Shippey said it's always a moving event to be a part of. After the toast Washington continued by saying, "I cannot come to each of you but shall feel obliged if each of you will come and take me by the hand." General Knox being the nearest to him turned to the Commander-in-chief who, suffused in tears, was incapable of utterance but grasped his hand when they embraced each other in silence. In the same affectionate manner, every officer in the room marched up and parted with his general in chief. As they conclude the performance portion of the event Compatriot Shippey moves to the gallery to shake hands with each person, looking them in the eye in silence and remembering what this moment had cost those men. Often there are tears.

Portraying General Washington is something Compatriot Shippey has done for a decade now. According to Compatriot Shippey, "If I should have the good fortune to return to Fraunces Tavern next year I will be the same age as Washington was when this event occurred.

It is always an honor to stand in place for the General and I always work hard to make sure that I do everything in my power to bring his persona to the public. It's always my desire that people should walk away feeling they have encountered the man.”

After a long time of not being able to talk about it, Compatriot Shippey can now say that he has signed a contract to study, expand and continue to develop his interpretation of General Washington with the good people of Mount Vernon. Dan will get to work during this year with a man whom he has long respected for what he has brought to this role, Mr. Dean Malissa. Dan said, “I'm very glad to finally be able to share this with my friends and fellow compatriots. We will be continuing to live in Southern California, and I will be commuting to work. This opportunity is a blessing, an honor, a challenge and an adventure.”

Compatriot Shippey is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution - California Society - Orange County Chapter. Dan is the founder / owner of The Breed's Hill Institute, @Breeds.Hill.Institute on Facebook. Daniel is a former

president of the OC Chapter and a member of the CASSAR Color Guard. He is the recipient of the SAR Bronze and Silver Color Guard Medals and the CASSAR Bronze and Silver von Steuben Color Guard Medals.

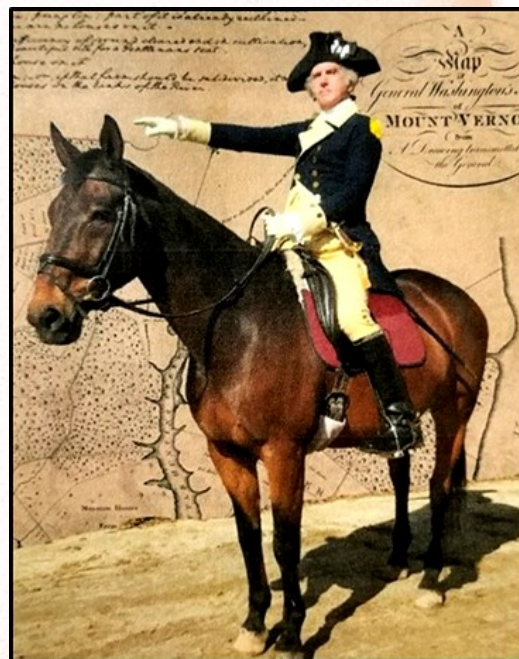
Compatriot Shippey (as General Washington) is a frequent speaker at SAR California Society meetings, various CASSAR chapters, several SAR national color guard events such as Field of Honor and Wreaths Across America as well as dozens of other historical and hereditary organizations.



Daniel Shippey portraying General Washington standing outside Fraunces Tavern Museum on Pearl Street in lower Manhattan.



In this picture from 2019 are SAR members Daniel Shippey and Christopher Keene. Compatriot Keene had the opportunity to act as the bartender during the performances this year. Compatriot Keene is also a member of the Orange County (CA) Chapter Color Guard.



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.**

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

Name	Chapter	NASSAR#	Date
Lester Leon Westling	Redlands	#163453	05/2/2019
Thomas Lee Wheeler	South Coast	#152001	06/8/2019
Peter Winfield Bueschen	Gen. George Patton	#196452	06/14/2019
James Patrick Barbour Jr.	Thomas Jefferson	#142327	07/10/2019
Richard James McMullen	Gen. George Washington	#167376	10/27/2019
Frederick Sisson Hillhouse	San Diego	#121749	11/7/2019
Dr. Ernest Floyd Latham	San Diego	#127090	12/26/2019
Crane Chesbro Walden	Gold Country	#162938	12/31/2019
Frederic Wayne Barnes	Thomas Jefferson	#154941	01/7/2020
Don Warington Beall	Orange County	#195870	01/27/2020
Daniel Voorhees Davidson	Riverside	#169538	02/1/2020
Stanley George Henderson	Gen. George Washington	#145071	02/20/2020



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LACASSAR Newsletter
May 2020

During these trying times, your Executive Board has been trying to figure out how we can best serve this group. We have made some executive decisions pertaining to officers, including how we handle legal commitments and other items. We are doing our best to keep all in the loop.

FIRST POINT OF ORDER: Due to Covid-19, the Annual CASSAR meeting was held virtually and because of this, the ladies did not meet and will not be meeting until November 2020. Since we were unable to hold our elections in April, your Board went through the proper legal channels and interim appointments were made to the board. These appointments were based on the Nominating Committee's slate for 2020 and include the following: President- Janet Brown, First VP- Diane Stephens, Second VP – Karen Carlson, Secretary – JoAnn Kramer, Treasurer – Karen Dodd, Registrar – Liz Ferris, Historian – Maryanne Littlefield, Chaplain – Coreena Ross and Parliamentarian – Karen Dodd. Formal elections will be held at the next in-person meeting.

Along with above changes, I am taking this moment to thank the members of the Board that have resigned....within this group, there have been more than 25 years of service. Thank you to Lisa Gregory, Darian Taylor, Conni Barker and Karen McKelvie. We appreciate all you have done for this group.

AT THE CASSAR VIRTUAL MEETING: Brian Stephens and Diane held our ladies mail-in drawing and Judy Shaw of Ventura won the gift card. Along the line of fundraising, your 2nd VP in charge of Fundraising will be sending out a virtual fund raiser. Please help support our group and watch your USPS mail box for more details.

Congratulations and a big thank you to Don Littlefield, the new CASSAR president, and First Lady Maryanne – in your recent election, as well as setting up the virtual meeting!

YOUTH PROGRAM Awards. We have been informed of the Youth Program winners. CASSAR has winners in the category of Eagle Scout contest (and note that the California state winner won the 2019-2020 National contest), Knight Essay contest and Enhanced JROTC contest. We will be sending the awards directly to the winners.

DAUGHTERS OF LIBERTY MEDAL. This medal is presented by the CASSAR State President. This year's medal was presented at the Virtual Meeting to Anne Adams from the Mother Lode Chapter. Congratulations Anne - you deserved this!!!!

Thank you all and if you have any questions or comments, please contact me at Lacassar2018@gmail.com.

Janet Brown
LACASSAR President 2019-2020