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## The California Society at the 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress

by: *Stephen R. Renouf, Alternate National Trustee*

The 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Sons of the American Revolution Congress was hosted by the Georgia Society at the Renaissance Waverly Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia, July 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The

California Society was represented by Rev. Lou Carlson, Gene Darwin, John Dodd, Bob Ebert, Jim Faulkinbury, Kent Gregory, Wayne Griswold, Don Gurley, Karl Jacobs, Chuck Lampman, Larry Magerkurth, Stephen Renouf, Travis Spears and Marston Watson.

The compatriots from the Georgia Society arranged a wonderful meeting at a great facility. For those who arrived early, the California Society held a Society dinner at the Medici Restaurant at the hotel on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Those attending were: Past President General Howard & Nancy Horne, Secretary General Edward & Robin Butler, Registrar General David & Evelyn Sympton, Inspector General Larry & Barbara Magerkurth, California Society President Louis & Karen Carlson, Stephen Renouf, Wayne Griswold, John & Will Dodd, Jim Faulkinbury, Chuck & Anne Lampman, Travis & Francie Spears, and Gene & Bonnie Darwin. It was a great way to kick off the SAR Congress.

On Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009, some compatriots went on the optional tour to Kennesaw Mountain. In the afternoon, there was the *National Bell Ringing Ceremony* to honor our

nation's birthday. Following the ceremony, the Georgia Society held the welcome reception at the hotel with light snacks, and a chance to socialize with the other attendees.

On Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, the National Trustees for 2008 -2009 met for the final time. Alternate Trustee Stephen Renouf attended the meeting for Trustee Karl Jacobs, who had not yet arrived in Atlanta. Past President General Bruce Wilcox announced that the estimated costs for the build out of the library building on Main Street had gone up from \$2.2 million to \$2.6 million. Because this was a significant change from what was authorized at the last Trustee Meeting, he brought it before the Trustees for their consideration. He also announced that the City of Louisville had changed the zoning to meet our requirements. Sam Powell addressed how to pay for the increased costs. He said the Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH) \$10 million campaign was ending the silent phase, and they would be actively seeking donations for the center and building on Main Street. In order to reach the \$10 million goal, he thought

the SAR could raise \$1.5 million from foundations, \$0.5 million from corporations, \$1.2 million from large donors, and \$1.4 million from SAR members. Inspector General Larry Magerkurth explained that there is \$2.1 million cash on hand, and another \$1.1 million in pledges

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**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
Roger Wm. Cook, Sr.	Central Coast	08 July 1906	01 Mar. 2008
Charles L. Palmer, Jr.	Central Coast	12 Mar. 1921	28 June 2009
Frederick L. Hotes	George Washington	23 July 1918	08 June 2009
Edward St. Germain	Riverside & NYSAR	19 July 1945	08 July 2009

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**AN IMPORTANT DATE TO REMEMBER**



**THE 135<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE  
CALIFORNIA SOCIETY, SAR**

November 12<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
to be held at Mission Inn  
1223 University Avenue, Riverside, California 92507  
See page 10 for additional information

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not yet received, which is enough to cover the project. Until the pledges are collected, there is a shortage of \$435,000. so he asked the Trustees to approve a short term line of credit to cover the shortfall if and when it becomes necessary. An amendment to the proposal was approved to cap the credit line at \$500,000. There was also a proposal to borrow the needed funds from the SAR's Alexander Hamilton Fund,

Bill Allerton is talking with state and local government officials to see if any other funds are available, but there will not be any available until next year at the earliest. Sam Powell noted that the City of Louisville has added the new SAR building to its tourist maps, and wants to support our project.

The trustees voted unanimously to approve the new budget of \$2.6 million with the above amendments. Several committees met on Sunday morning, including the Indepen-



### ***THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY'S DELEGATION TO THE 119<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS***

**BACK ROW L-TO-R: ELWIN SPRAY, JOHN DODD, DR. KENT GREGORY, WAYNE GRISWOLD, BRIAN WORCESTER AND DON GURLEY.**

**MIDDLE ROW L-TO-R: LTC. BOB EBERT, KARL JACOBS, KATHLEEN & MARSTON WATSON, TRAVIS SPEARS, STEPHEN RENOUF, AND LARRY MAGERKURTH.**

**FRONT ROW L-TO-R: CDR. CHUCK LAMPMAN, BRUCE & TERESA WILCOX, SANDRA JACOBS, KAREN & LOU CARLSON, FRANCIE SPEARS, JOY RENOUF, BARBARA MAGERKURTH, IVY SPRAY AND JIM FAULKINBURY.**

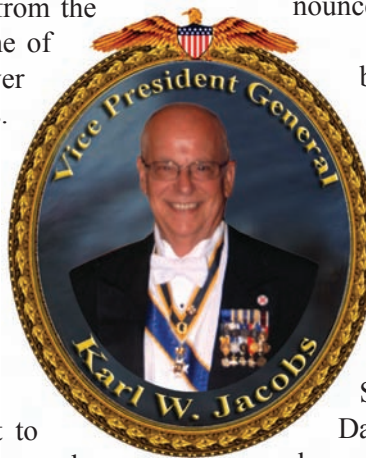
and pay interest to the Alexander Hamilton Fund instead of an outside entity. There was also a proposal to pay off the loan with all the first monies collected from the pledge payments, but it was noted that some of the pledge money would be needed to cover CAAH personnel salaries and operating costs. Former Past President Roland Downing urged the Trustees to defeat the motion, and let the elected leaders of the SAR exercise their judgment in managing the cash flow. However, the proposal was amended to be the first monies raised and designated for construction would be used to repay the credit line, which was approved by the Trustees.

President General David Appleby went to the City of Louisville and got them to agree to spend \$50,000 for sidewalk upgrades for the parking lot behind the building. The city also agreed to lease the lot to the SAR for \$1.00 per year for five years, and \$2,500 per year after that. The SAR also has an option to purchase the lot for \$30,000.

dent Audit Committee. Inspector General Larry Magerkurth concluded five years of service on the committee, and announced the new chairman would be Steve Bradley.

The committee discussed the whistleblower provision of Sarbanes-Oxley, and several possible solutions to comply. SAR Director of Finance Craig Johnson passed out the independent auditor's reports, and noted that the SAR received an unqualified opinion from the independent auditor. The SAR will use the same company again for the 2010 audit.

Following lunch, compatriots were bussed to the Marietta First Baptist Church for the SAR Memorial Service. Chaplain General David Hockensmith led the service, assisted by members of the chaplain's committee, including California Society President Rev. Louis Carlson. Rev. Gene Patterson led the memorial to the fallen compatriots, including 16 California compatriots, and several Presidents



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General read from the scriptures. The National Color Guard presented the colors, and retired them in a grand ceremony. Following the service, several committees met in the afternoon. Following dinner, the Orations Contest was held at the hotel.

On Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, Chairman Stephen Renouf convened the 38<sup>th</sup> Council of State Presidents breakfast meet-

then introduced: Former President General Carl Hoffman of Florida, Former President General Roland Downing of Delaware, Registrar General David Sympson of Kentucky, Chaplain General David Hockensmith of Vermont, and Inspector General Larry Magerkurth of California. Chairman Renouf then recognized all the first time attendees of the Council.

Following breakfast, President General David Appleby



SIXTY-FIVE COLOR GUARDSMEN FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY PARTICIPATED IN THE MEMORIAL SERVICE. GUARDSMEN PARTICIPATING FROM THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY INCLUDED, CDR. CHUCK LAMPMAN, LTC BOB EBERT, LARRY MAGERKURTH, AND JIM FAULKINBURY, ALL REPRESENTING THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S GUARDS, AND KENT GREGORY, REPRESENTING THE 4<sup>th</sup> CONNECTICUT REGIMENT OF THE CONTINENTAL LINE.

ing at 7:00 a.m. The council is comprised of three members from each state/international society - - the current President, the immediate Past President, and the President-elect. The National Color Guard presented the colors, President General David Appleby led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Terry Manning led the SAR Pledge. Chaplain General David Hockensmith gave the invocation, and the Color Guard was retired. Tom Green then called Colonel Peter Goebel (USA) to the front, and presented him with a proclamation signed by the Governor making him an "honorary Texan". There were 63 registered for breakfast, and Chairman Renouf then introduced the head table: President General David Appleby of Missouri, Chairman Stephen Renouf of California, Chairman-elect Terry Manning of Georgia, Secretary-Treasurer Robert Bowen of Virginia, and special guest Jack Carmichael of Indiana (the founder of the council in 1972). Chairman Renouf then introduced the other officers of the council: Vice Chairman Joseph Dooley of Virginia, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Timothy Ward of Ohio, and Parliamentarian James Say of Illinois. Other general officers were

addressed the council on his observations as President General. Then Jack Carmichael spoke for a few minutes about why the council was founded, and who were involved in creating it at the Indianapolis National Congress in 1972. President General David Appleby then presented the Council of State Presidents Service Medals. He presented the Gold Council Medal to Chairman Stephen Renouf and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Timothy Ward for their service as officers of the council in 2008-2009. He presented the Silver Council Medal to Secretary-Treasurer Robert Bowen

for attending two meetings of the council (in 2008 and in 2009). Chairman Renouf then announced candidates for 2009-2010 officers of the council: Secretary-Treasurer Timothy Ward of Ohio and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Frank Horton of North Carolina. After requesting other nominations from the floor, and receiving none, the men were elected to office. Chairman Renouf then announced the names of the teller team to conduct the voting on Tuesday afternoon. Chairman Renouf adjourned the breakfast meeting.

At 9:00 a.m. the 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress was convened by President General David Appleby. The meeting began



Our State President The Rev. Louis Carlson Participating in the Memorial Service



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with the reports of the President General, Executive Director, and Former Presidents General. This was followed by the reports of the other General Officers, Vice Presidents General, and Committee Chairmen.

The Youth Awards Presentation Luncheon was held at noon. The winners of the Eagle Scout, Knight Essay, JROTC, Orations, C.A.R. Award and Americanism Poster contests were presented with their awards. Americanism Poster Contest winner Hailey LeBar of California won a \$300 savings bond. The essay contest and Eagle Scout contest winners read their essays and the orations contest winner delivered his oration, to the delight of the crowd. The orations contest winner gave an exceptionally moving presentation. In the afternoon, the Annual Congress continued with officer and chairman reports.

After dinner was Recognition Night. The evening began with the installation of the new Minutemen: Robert Bowen of Virginia, Richard Brockway of West Virginia, Joseph Dooley of Virginia, Peter Goebel of New York, Jacques de Trentinian of France, and **Marston Watson of California**. Then the State Society awards were presented.

On Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, the Annual Congress continued with the election of national officers. All the general officers running unopposed were elected unanimously. There were two races that were contested. For Secretary General, Barney Ellis of Kansas ran against David Sympton of Kentucky, and for Treasurer General, Larry Magerkurth of California ran against Larry Guzy of Georgia and Timothy Bennett of the District of Columbia. The voting for those two offices was postponed until the afternoon.



**OUR EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT WAYNE GRISWOLD ACCEPTED THE NUMEROUS AWARDS RECEIVED BY THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY AT "AWARDS NIGHT".**



**President General David Appleby presenting the certificate for the William M. Malone Award (for the most approved supplemental applications) Wayne Griswold accepting.**



**Marston Watson accepting the Minuteman Award from President General David Appleby. See story on page 8**

After lunch, Chairman Stephen Renouf convened the 38<sup>th</sup> Council of State Presidents business meeting at 1:30 p.m. Chairman Renouf thanked Secretary-Treasurer Bob Bowen for all his help in making the council run smoothly, and introduced special guest Jack Carmichael, the founder of the Council of State Presidents in 1972. Chairman Renouf conducted the roll call: there were 35 state societies and international societies represented. The main function of the Council of State Presidents is to elect 4 members and 4 alternates to the National Society Nominating Committee. To be eligible, the candidate must be a state or international society president at the Spring Trustees Meeting (when the nominating committee will meet to recommend a slate of national officers). There were twelve presidents that ran for seats on the nominating committee. The vote was then taken, Chairman Renouf then opened the floor to items of interest to the Society Presidents. Founder Jack Carmichael gave a history on why the council was created, and how he envisioned its mission. After the ballots were counted, Chairman Renouf announced the results of the election: the following were selected as members of the nominating committee (which will recommend a slate of officers for the 2010 elections in Cleveland, Ohio): Frank Horton of North Carolina, Jonathan Goebel of Germany, Rev. Louis Carlson of Mexico, and John Taylor, Jr. of Mississippi. The alternates elected (who will serve if any of the four others is unable to serve) were: Tony Robinson of Ohio, Gerson Nordlinger of the District of Columbia, George Thompson of Oklahoma, and Elwin Spray of Hawaii.

Chairman Renouf then announced the new council officers for 2009-2010: Chairman Terry Manning of Georgia, Vice

Ward of Ohio, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Frank Horton of North Carolina, and Parliamentarian James Say of Illinois. Chairman Renouf then turned over the gavel to incoming Chairman Terry Manning, who then adjourned the Council of State Presidents. Other committee met in the afternoon. The voting for Secretary General and Treasurer General took place from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m..

The Tuesday night banquet was held in the Grand Ballroom. Prior to the banquet, the California Society members gathered for a society picture. The results of the election were announced. David Sympson was elected Secretary General, and no one received a majority in the election for Treasurer General. As a result, a run off election on Wednesday morning was needed to determine the winner.

Following dinner, US Representative Roy Blunt of Missouri was introduced, and he spoke about House Resolution 397: Affirming the rich spiritual and religious history of our Nation's founding and subsequent history and expressing support for designation of the first week in May as "*America's Spiritual Heritage Week*" for the appreciation of and education on America's history of religious faith. Representative Blunt, a co-sponsor of the resolution, read from sections of the resolution highlighting the religious history of the United States during the discovery, exploration, colonization and growth of our country, and the religious history incorporated into the three branches of the Federal government. He discussed the four references to the Creator in the Declaration of Independence, and the beginning words to the Treaty of Paris establishing our independence: "*In the name of the most holy and undivided Trinity*". He also noted the ending of the US Constitution: "*In the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven*". He noted the prayer services held by federal and state governments from the Era of the Founders to today, and the declaration of a national day of prayer and thanksgiving by President George Washington in 1789. He also noted the 50 state constitutions acknowledge or express gratitude to God, and cited Biblical references incorporated into presidential speeches and government monuments. President General David Appleby presented Representative Roy Blunt with the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal for his service to our country.

President General Appleby presented the SAR Gold



**MARSTON WATSON RECEIVING A CERTIFICATE OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE FOR HIS CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE "WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA PROGRAM" FROM PRESIDENT GENERAL DAVID APPLEBY**

Good Citizenship Medal to S. Truett Cathy, the founder of Chick-fil-A fast food restaurants, for his investment in community services and scholarships. His first Chick-fil-A opened in 1967 in Atlanta, and it has grown to be the second largest chicken fast food restaurant in the United States, operating in 37 states and the District of Columbia. All his restaurants are closed on Sunday so his employees may attend church services and spend time with their families. His humorous advertising campaign features cows with signs reading "*eat mor chikin*". President General Appleby concluded the banquet with closing remarks.

Voting for the run off election occurred on Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.. The final session of the 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress commenced at 9:00 a.m.

The Vice Presidents General were nominated and elected, as were the National Trustees. **Karl Jacobs** was elected Vice President General of the Western District, **Stephen Renouf** was elected National Trustee for California, and **Rev. Lou Carlson** was elected Alternate National Trustee for California.

The results of the run off election were announced, and **Larry Magerkurth** was elected as Treasurer General. The national officers for 2009-2010 were declared.

The Congress debated several contentious issues. The proposal to double application fees was modified by an amendment proposed by **Wayne Griswold** to raise the application fees from \$60 to \$80. This was passed, and will take effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, and will not affect family application fees. The proposal to increase annual NSSAR dues by \$5.00 passed over the objection of many California Society members. Many of us felt that this was not an opportune time to raise the dues because of the deteriorating economic conditions in the country. The National Society dues will be \$30.00 for regular members, and \$10.00 for junior members, effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. When Chapter dues notices go out for 2010 dues, it will be necessary to account for the higher dues.

The proposed bylaws changes were then voted upon. The Congress was extended by an hour to finish the bylaws amendments and to discuss new business.

The bylaws changes that were passed were: Proposals 1 through 13, excepting Proposal 11 and 12, all dealing with the office, powers and duties of each General Officer.

Proposal 11 modified Bylaw No. 5(n) by removing



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France from the European District.

Proposal 13 modified Bylaw No. 16 regarding the Board of Trustees by inserting "present and voting" at the end of the section.

Proposal 14 modified Bylaw No. 4 regarding the President General by adding a section regarding appointing Aides de Camp to assist the President General and the First Lady at SAR functions.

The bylaws change that failed was Proposal 12. Because the doubling of the application fees failed, the proposal failed to move the November 1<sup>st</sup> cutoff date to April 1<sup>st</sup> for dues to be considered paid for the following year. Without the additional revenue from application fees, it was felt the National Society could not waive 2<sup>nd</sup> year dues from April to October without losing money.

Under new business, Former President General Carl Hoffman of Florida proposed setting aside the first \$3,500 received from the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) for the JROTC program. This was problematic as the amount to be received has not been determined, and the money received must be split with the State Societies that assisted in the application process (including the California Society). A motion was passed to refer the matter to the finance committee.

**Jim Faulkinbury** of California made a motion to suspend the rule of not automatically accepting DAR center check mark applications until after the blue ribbon committee makes its recommendation. This motion was blocked from being considered until after the committee makes its recommendation.

In addition to the actions of the Congress, the Executive Committee voted to suspend the SAR-Talk communication system effective July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The information technology committee will evaluate its operations and recommend changes to improve member communications. (President General Ed Butler reversed this decision on July 17<sup>th</sup>.)

The Executive Committee also voted to suspend the National Life Membership Program effective July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009, and create a new committee to develop a new program to be presented to the Trustees in the fall.

Following the adjournment of the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress, a Trustees Meeting was convened to ratify President General Butler's nominees for the Executive Committee. After they were confirmed, the Trustee's Meeting was adjourned. There were optional tours to Stone Mountain or Cyclorama/City Tour in the afternoon.

In the evening was the President General's Banquet. Following dinner, outgoing President General Appleby gave his final remarks. Gifts were then presented to David Appleby and his wife Raylene, and then to incoming President General Edward Butler and his wife Robin. David received a special bottle of single malt scotch, and Ed received a beautiful wooden walking stick. The ladies received looking glasses.

Chancellor General James Say then inducted the new General Officers for 2009-2010. Judge Edward F. Butler was then installed as President General of the Sons of the American Revolution, followed by the George Washington ring ceremony, where the signet ring of our first president is placed on the new President General's finger. President General Butler presented Past President General David Appleby with the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal, and then gave his inaugural address.

In a special presentation, Commander Edward Butler, USNR (Ret.) was presented with his commission as an Admiral in the Navy of the Republic of Texas, signed by the Governor Rick Perry. He also received his Admiral's flag. President General Butler then inducted two family members into the Sons of the American Revolution.

He then adjourned the 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress.

Stephen R. Renouf  
Former State President

### AWARDS RECEIVED BY THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY AND IT'S COMPATRIOT

#### CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Cdr. Charles R. Lampman USN (Ret.).  
Chairman Real Story of the American Revolution

Larry J. Magerkurth  
Chairman, NSSAR Audit Committee  
Marston Watson  
Chairman, Wreaths Across America

#### THE LIBERTY MEDAL

(Awarded for being first line signer on ten membership application)

Dwayne Meyer - Silicon Valley Chapter



Larry Thomas - Gold Country Chapter  
Maner Thorpe - Santa Barbara Chapter

#### LIBERTY MEDAL - OAK LEAF CLUSTER

(Awarded to those Compatriots previously awarded the Liberty Medal for being the first line signing an additional ten applications)

Berni K. Campbell - Sons of Liberty Chapter  
Thomas Chilton - Sacramento Chapter  
Wayne Griswold - Gold Country Chapter  
Ronald Risley - George S. Patton Chapter

**LIBERTY MEDAL OAK LEAF CLUSTERS** *continued*

Edward Rudsill - San Diego Chapter

Leon Smith - South Coast Chapter

**NSSAR AMERICANISM ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL POSTER CONTEST**

Hailey LeBar - 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$300.00 savings bond, entry by  
Gold Country Chapter

Certificate of Commendation - Gold Country Chapter  
for encouraging students to participate in the Americanism  
Poster Contest of the NSSAR and by doing so have honored  
the heroic sacrifices of the founder of the United States of  
America - 2008-2009

**NSSAR CARL F. BESSENT AWARD**

*(Most Outstanding Chapter Newsletter)*

Michael F. Lucas, editor of "**The Forty-Niner**"  
Gold Country Chapter

**NSSAR GRAHAME T. SMALLWOOD, JR. AWARD**

*(Presented to State Societies with over 500 members and a  
newsletter over 10 pages, named best newsletter)*

Donald N. Moran, editor "**The California Compatriot**"  
Honorable Mention.

**Partners in Patriotism Certificate**

*(This award is presented to any Chapter or State Society  
that documents and reports working with a veterans group  
on a program that furthers the goals and objectives of the  
group and the SAR.)*

Gold County Chapter  
Harbor Chapter  
Redlands Chapter  
Riverside Chapter  
Sacramento Chapter  
San Diego Chapter  
San Francisco Chapter  
Sons of Liberty Chapter

**California Society Awards**

**C.A.R. Activities Award**

(This award is given to a State Society which meets seven  
of the nine criteria related to giving assistance to the C.A.R.  
in their State. The award is a flag streamer

**Officers Attendance Award**

*(Awarded to those State Societies whose president and  
trustee attended the immediate previous Congress and both  
immediate previous Leadership Meetings.)*

**William M. Melone Award**

*(This award is presented to the State Society which has the  
largest number of new and approved supplementals*

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**OUR LATEST MINUTEMAN  
MARSTON WATSON**



**PRESIDENT GENERAL DAVID APPLEBY PRESENTING MARSTON  
WATSON THE MINUTEMAN MEDAL.**

Only a maximum of six compatriots out of about 27,000  
members received the coveted Minuteman award at the Annual  
Congress on Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, our own Marston Watson was so  
honored.

Compatriot Watson was inducted into the California Society  
on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1967 and has been a member for 42 years serving  
as State President in 1970. He is serving currently as Permanent  
Fund Trustee. He served one term as Vice President General,  
one term as National Trustee and four terms as Alternate Trustee  
for the Mexico Society. He served on the Genealogy Commit-  
tee for ten years including two years as Chairman or Co-Chair-  
man. Other committee participation includes Bylaws, two years;  
Capital Development, three years; Carl Besseant Communi-  
cations, eight year; Census, three years; Facilities, four years;  
GWEF Funds Board, two years; GWEF Distribution committee  
and Handbook Committee three years including two as Chair-  
man. Marston's extensive committee participation also in-  
cludes Long Range Planning, two years; Strategic Planning, five  
years, Speakers and Writers, eight years including three years as  
Vice Chair and Chairman of Task Force (now Committee) for  
Wreaths Across America, a program he founded. Marston is a  
frequent contributor to the SAR Magazine and presenter at SAR  
Genealogical Seminars. He has been a National Color Guard for  
over ten years and has attended twelve National Congresses, as  
well as twenty Leadership Meetings. He is a George Washington  
Fellow and a contributor to the Center for Advancing America's  
Heritage. Also, he is a member of the Massachusetts Society  
of the Cincinnati.

Marston joins Don Moran (1994), Bob Jackson (2001)  
Garrett Jackson (2005) Travis Spears (2005), Cdr. Chuck  
Lampman (2006) and Larry Magerkurth,(2008) who are the  
only living California Society members who have received  
the coveted award.



## Compatriot Candidates for National Office



*LARRY J. MAGERKURTH  
ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER  
CALIFORNIA SOCIETY  
CANDIDATE FOR  
SECRETARY GENERAL*

*CDR. CHARLES R. LAMPMAN  
RIVERSIDE CHAPTER  
CALIFORNIA SOCIETY  
CANDIDATE FOR  
HISTORIAN GENERAL*

*JOSEPH W. DOOLEY  
VIRGINIA SOCIETY  
DUAL MEMBER  
SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER  
CANDIDATE FOR  
GENEALOGIST GENERAL*

*J. DAVID SYMPSON  
KENTUCKY SOCIETY  
DUAL MEMBER  
SONS OF LIBERTY CHAPTER  
CANDIDATE FOR  
PRESIDENT GENERAL*

To prevent excessive political campaigning at the Annual Congress, Bylaw No. 18, Section 3, item 6 states: "There will be no campaigning or announcements, including distribution of flyers, made by any prospective candidate or his representative until ten (10) days following the National Congress".

The four Compatriots shown above have distributed their flyers announcing their candidacy for the positions indicated. All four are either Californians or are dual members with the California Society.



## Spanish Adventure

The National Society SAR is planning a trip to Spain in May 2010 to honor the contribution that Spain made during the Revolutionary War. Our travel agent is obtaining group rates for air from Washington, DC on May 10. We will fly into Madrid on May 11, and stay at the Inter-Continental Hotel. While in Madrid, we will tour Spain's capital – Royal Palace, the Armory, the Plaza Mayor and the Old Quarter – and visit the US Embassy. We will travel to El Escorial, the palace from which King Philip II ruled the Spanish Empire, and view the tombs of Spanish Monarchs interred there, including King Carlos III, who assisted the Americans in their revolution against England. Plans are being made for an audience with the Royal Family. From Madrid, we will day-trip to Toledo, a former capital of Visigothic Hispania and the Spanish Empire. In Toledo we will see its famous Cathedral and the Jewish Quarter.

On May 16<sup>th</sup>, we will take the train to Granada, the last of the Moorish kingdoms to be re-conquered by the Spanish; while



there we will tour the Alhambra, before continuing on to Málaga, on the Costa del Sol. On May 17, we will day trip to Macharaviaya, the home town of Spanish General Bernardo de Gálvez, and visit the monument to Gálvez. On May 18, we will have a reception with the Málaga Town Council, and then tour the town. On May 19, we will visit the shipyard where a replica of the brig Galveztown is being built. The original ship was commanded by General Gálvez when he captured Pensacola from the British in

1781. We will continue on to Ronda, the birthplace of modern bullfighting three hundred years ago. In Ronda, we will tour the historic quarter. For those who want to stay longer, there is an optional post tour trip for three days to Marbella, including a day-trip to Gibraltar and an optional tour to Tangiers, Morocco.

For more information, see the flyer at [www.californiasar.org/events/](http://www.californiasar.org/events/) or contact David Eld, Magic Meetings and Incentives, (703) 379-8071 or [deld@magicglobal.com](mailto:deld@magicglobal.com).





On 27 June 2009, the California Society SAR was invited by Los Californianos Society to the Pasados del Presidio ceremony at the Presidio in San Francisco, California, commemorating the founding of the presidio by Alférez José Joaquín María Moraga in 1776. The ceremony is held annually to honor the people who lived and worked at the presidio. Members of Los Californianos are descended from Hispanic ancestors who lived in Alta California prior to the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in 1848. For more information, see their web page at [www.loscalifornianos.org](http://www.loscalifornianos.org). CASSAR was represented by three men who descend from Spanish Patriot soldados – Leroy Martinez, Ernie Garcia and Tom Silva.

The ceremony began at 11 a.m. at the Pershing Square Flag Pole. After Lance Beeson of the Los Californianos Society gave the introductions, Don Garate, an actor representing Don Juan Bautista de Anza, arrived on horseback, escorted by the Amigos de Anza uniformed horse riders and the National Park Service Mounted Police. Don Juan welcomed everyone to the ceremony, and said he was pleased to see all the descendants of the soldados of the presidio in the audience.

National SAR Vice President General for the Western District-elect Karl Jacobs was escorted to the podium by SAR color guardsmen, under the command of Jim Faulkinbury, representing the Sacramento, Gold Country, Thomas Jefferson, Silicon Valley and South Coast chapters. Karl Jacobs read the CASSAR proclamation honoring the Spanish soldados who served at the Presidio de San Francisco from 1779-1783, who were allied with the United States during the Revolutionary War: (see page 9)

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The proclamation was then presented to Craig Middleton, the Executive Director of the Presidio Trust, and will be displayed in the Presidio Museum. A copy was presented to the Los Californianos Society, and another copy will be given to CASSAR Historian Jim Blauer. CASSAR is currently working with Los Californianos on placing a plaque at the San Francisco Presidio, similar to what we did in San Diego, Santa Barbara and Monterey, honoring the contribution of Spanish soldados in the American Revolutionary War against Great Britain.

State Senator Leland Yee attended the ceremony, and addressed the gathering. The names of the Spanish soldados from the San Francisco Presidio were read, and descendants were encouraged to place a flower on a board in memory of their ancestor.

Following the ceremony, a luncheon reception was held in the Old Officer's Club, 50 Moraga Avenue. The Spanish Colonial Revival

building contains some adobe walls from the original fort built by the Spanish. Following the meal, Lance Beeson and Boyd de Larios of Los Californianos Society spoke about the ceremony and future plans for the presidio. CASSAR Secretary Jim Faulkinbury was asked to give the background of the two Spanish Flags that were used in the ceremony. The first was the familiar Spanish Imperial Flag featuring the Cross of Burgundy (From Prince Felipe I of Castilla, husband of Queen Juana La Loca of Castilla, and the son-in-law of King Fernando of Aragón and Queen Isabel of Castilla), which was adopted in the early 1500's. The other flag was the Spanish Borbón Flag of 1758-1785, which was a white flag with the Spanish Royal Crown, Borbón Coat of Arms, and the Necklace of the Golden Fleece.



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The Borbón Flag was made for the Sacramento Chapter by a company in Spain. There was also a special guest appear-

Stephen R. Renouf

### PROCLAMATION

***Be it acknowledged*** that the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, direct descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution, gathered here in San Francisco, California, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2009 hereby proclaim that the San Francisco Presidio was established on this site in 1776, the same year as the Declaration of Independence, and

***Whereas*** King Carlos III of Spain declared War on England in support of the American Revolution in 1779 and issued royal orders in that year to fight the English forces wherever they were found on land or sea and

***Whereas*** in 1780 King Carlos III asked for a one time voluntary donation from each person in the Presidios and Missions of California and

***Whereas*** the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution has several compatriots in the society today who trace their ancestries back all these many generations to Spanish Patriots that supported the American Revolution. Most notable of these is the current King Juan Carlos I of Spain who is a compatriot in the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

***Be it therefore resolved*** that the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution recognizes the financial contributions made by the inhabitants of the Royal Presidio in San Francisco, California, to Spain in its war against England. These financial contributions assisted the American Colonies in their fight for independence and the establishment of the United States of America.

We witness our hand as representatives of our patriot forefathers; in the presence of the California Society and in the presence of God on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2009.

Rev. Louis V. Carlson, President  
California Society of the  
Sons of the American Revolution



Karl Jacobs, Vice President General,  
Western District. National Society of the  
Sons of the American Revolution

## *WELCOME NEW COMPATRIOTS*

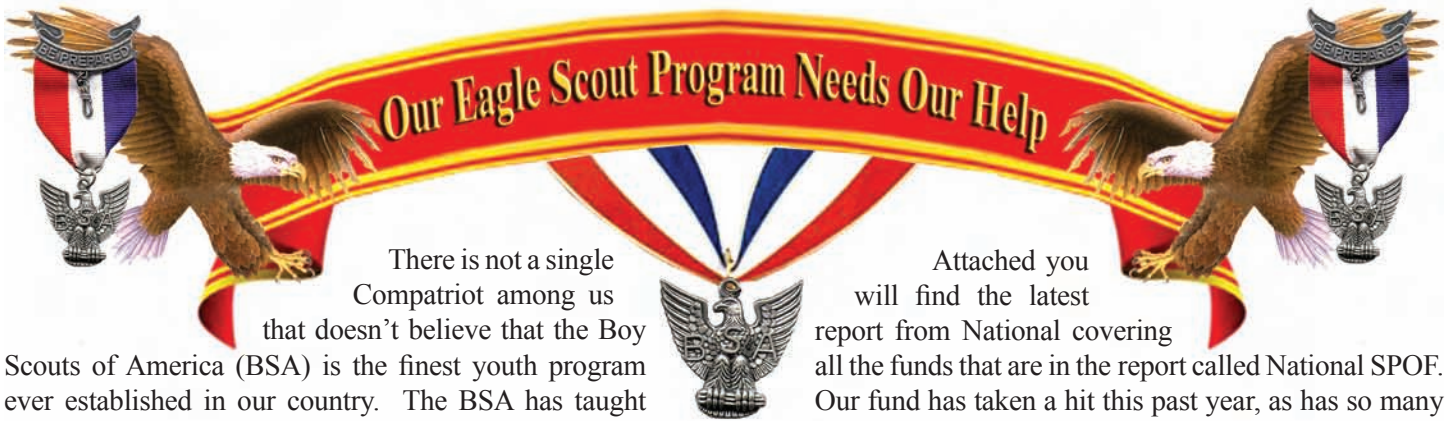
COMPATRIOT'S NAME	CHAPTER	PATRIOT ANCESTOR	ANCESTOR'S SERVICE
Brian T. Dougherty	Coachella	Richard Moffatt	Sergeant - MD Militia
Michael W. Long	Coachella	Henry Long	Public Service - NC
John P. Black	Delta	Abner Seeley	Captain - VT Continental Line
Eric B. Stassforth	Gen. George S. Patton	William Hammond.	Captain - MA Militia
Aaron D. Kopp	Gold Country	James Reed	Commissary - NY
Jerold W. Kopp	Gold Country	James Reed	Commissary - NY
Aaden D. Welsh	Gold Country	Josiah Seeley	1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant - NY Militia
Matthew J. Young (YM)	Gold Country	James French	Private - NH Militia
Liam A. Cordero (YM)	Harbor	Mariano A. Cordero	Private - Spanish California Army
William E. Cordero, II	Harbor	Mariano A Cordero	Private - Spanish California Army
Kenneth W. O'Rand	Kern	Martin Palmer	Sergeant - VA Militia
Robert A. Schamber	Mother Lode	Robert Thomas	Private - 2 <sup>nd</sup> VA Rgt. Cont'l Line
Wesley J. Fosdyck	Orange County	Moses Sullivan	Private - SC Militia
Barton P. Holmes	Redding	George Gray	Private - VA Cont'l Line
James T. Lang	Redding	James Twyman	Sergeant & Spy - VA Militia
Bryan F. Briggs	Redlands	Joel Briggs	Corporal - MA Militia
James R. Briggs, Jr.	Redlands	Joel Briggs	Corporal - MA Militia
Jonathan L. Briggs	Redlands	Joel Briggs	Corporal - MA Militia
Jeffrey B. Van Ausdall	Redding	John Baldwin	Captain - VA Militia
Daniel L. Phoenix	Sacramento	John Lincoln	Private - CT Militia
Joseph E. Hallam	San Diego	William Teagarden, Sr.	Private - PA Militia
Christian R. Herrera	San Diego	Manuel Ortega	Private - Spanish California Army
Jeffrey A. Herrera	San Diego	Manuel Ortega	Private - Spanish California Army
Tyler J. Sherer	San Diego	John Carlock	Private - VA Militia
William G. Barton, III (T)	San Francisco	John Swan	Major - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cont'l Dragoons
Cebert C. Holmes, Jr.	San Francisco	William Capwell	Sergeant - RI Militia
Kenneth G. Winans	San Francisco	John Winans	Teamsters - NJ
Michael A. Biferno	Sons of Liberty	Henry Gasho	Private - 8 <sup>th</sup> Battalion PA Militia
John W. Lundstrom	Sons of Liberty	Charles Webster	Fifer - CT Militia
Edwin O. Pinedo	Thomas Jefferson	Nehemiah Bates, Jr.	Sergeant - CT Militia
Jon E. Rosell, III	Thomas Jefferson	Benjamin Fisk	Corporal - MA Militia
John S. Williamson	Thomas Jefferson	Peter DeYo	Private - PA Militia
Mark E. Williamson	Thomas Jefferson	Peter DeYo	Private - PA Militia
Richard W. Williamson	Thomas Jefferson	Peter DeYo	Private - PA Militia
Ward R. Williamson	Thomas Jefferson	Peter DeYo	Private - PA Militia
Andrew B. Young	Thomas Jefferson	Felix Young	Private - PA Militia
Eric K. Young	Thomas Jefferson	Felix Young	Private - PA Militia

### LEGEND

(T) - transferred in from another State. (YM) = Youth Member

As information. We do not enter the name of a new member until we have received his membership certificate from National headquarters. We rely on the information provided on the record copy of the membership application for the data on the new Compatriot's ancestor.





# Our Eagle Scout Program Needs Our Help

There is not a single Compatriot among us that doesn't believe that the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is the finest youth program ever established in our country. The BSA has taught generation after generation of American boys to be self-reliant, patriotic and good citizens. Those young men who earn the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the 'Scouts', have a proven record of becoming leaders. They number only five percent of the Boy Scouts. It has been often reported that half of the cadets/midshipmen in all four of our military academies are Eagle Scouts. The list of important Americans that are Eagle Scouts is extraordinarily impressive.

The California Society is honored to have as a Compatriot among us, Lieutenant General John M. Wright, Jr, USA (Ret.) an Eagle Scout, who served as National Director of the Exploring for the Boy Scouts of America. Jack is an active member of the Riverside Chapter.

We have received an important request from Charlie Newcomer, Chairman of the National Eagle Scout Committee. It is below.

Eagle Scout Donald N. Moran  
Editor, The California Compatriot

The time of year is almost upon us that we award the first place winner of our Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest his \$8,000.00 check. This check, along with a certificate of recognition, is presented by the President General to our Eagle Scout Winner at the Youth Awards Luncheon at our National Congress every Year. This years Congress, the 119<sup>th</sup>, will be held in Atlanta from July 2<sup>nd</sup> thru the 9<sup>th</sup>. and I hope you will be able to attend.

The money that we award our three scholarships and other free material such as the state's Eagle Scout Trophy and the chapter winners medals is derived from the interest that is paid every year from our Eagle Scout Endowment Fund and from contributions. We receive contributions from many sources, such as our members, chapters, state society's and occasionally from private organizations. The second and third place winners have been paid already.

Attached you will find the latest report from National covering all the funds that are in the report called National SPOF. Our fund has taken a hit this past year, as has so many fund investments, and we no longer receive enough interest from the fund to pay for our scholarships and other expenses which are approximately \$16,000.00 per year. If you would take a look at how our fund stands you will find the combined amount to be approximately: \$ 384,018.83.

Although the fund is up for the last four monthly reports it is still not high enough to pay for our expenses from interest. In order for us not to have to cut back on our scholarship money and the other free awards I'm asking you for your assistance by contributing whatever you feel you can to our Eagle Scout Scholarship Fund. All contributions count toward our NSSAR Eagle Scout Fund Raising Medal and when one contributes a total of \$500.00 they receive this medal. Every \$500.00 above the initial \$500 contribution you will receive a palm to go on the drape of the medal just as the Eagle Scout earns. When one reaches Silver palm status he will receive a certificate of recognition for the Silver Palm Club. Several of our members belong to this Silver Palm Club and many of the wives wear the ribbon for their contribution.

If you possibly can help out please mail your checks to me at:

Charlie A. Newcomer,  
1601 Spartan Lane  
Athens, Georgia 30606.

Made out to: The SAR Foundation for: Scout Fund, checking account at the bottom of the check Or you can mail your check directly to:

The National Society  
Sons of the American Revolution  
1000 South Fourth Street  
Louisville, KY 40203-3292

Thank You for your gracious assistance,

Charlie A. Newcomer, Chairman  
NSSAR Eagle Scout Committee





# SAR Compatriots who are recipients of the Medal of Honor

The National Society intends to include in the proposed new headquarters and museum an exhibit commemorating the nineteen known Compatriots who are recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest military award given by our government. This proposed project is being spearheaded by our Historian General Stephen A. Leishman.

Nineteen Compatriots were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, of these, six were awarded for actions during the Civil War, five during the Indian campaigns, one from the Spanish American War, one from the Philippine Insurrection, four from World War II, one from the Vietnam War and one for a life time of achievement.

Whenever possible the military rank shown in their photograph caption is the rank they held when they earned the Medal of Honor. The rank shown in their biography is that which they held when they left the Armed Forces.



## LT. COLONEL THEODORE ROOSEVELT

He was born on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 1858, in New York City. He is the most famous of our Medal of Honor recipients, having served as President of the United States. He was the recipient not only of the Medal of Honor, but the Nobel Peace Prize for ending the war between Russia and Japan, awarded in December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1906. He also wrote some forty books. The Medal of Honor was awarded for his legendary charge up San Juan Hill, Cuba on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1898 during the Spanish American War.



The Medal of Honor was awarded posthumously on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

As President of the United States he signed our



## BRIGADIER GENERAL HORACE PORTER



He was born April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1837, the son of David R. Porter, Governor of Pennsylvania, and graduated from West Point class of 1860. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his gallantry at the Battle of Chickamauga on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 1863. After the Civil War he served as secretary to President Ulysses S. Grant. He was appointed Ambassador to France and while

in Paris successfully searched for and recovered the remains of Captain John Paul Jones.

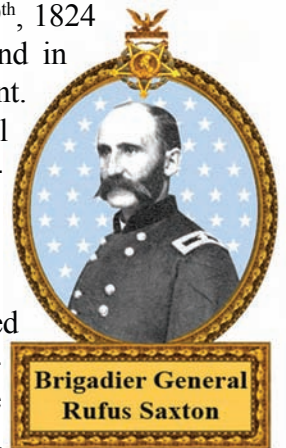
He was a member of the New York Society. At the 1892 SAR Congress he was elected President General and served for five years. He died on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 1921.



## BREVET MAJOR GENERAL RUFUS SAXTON

He was born on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 1824 in Greenfield, Massachusetts, and in 1849 graduated from West Point. He was the recipient of the Medal of Honor for his defense of Harper's Ferry in 1862. His medal was presented to him on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1893.

General Saxton joined the District of Columbia Society, Sons of the American Revolution in January 1893.



He died five years later on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1908 and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.





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### BREVET MAJOR GENERAL LEWIS ADDISON GRANT



General Lewis A. Grant was born on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 1828 in Winhall, Vermont. He was an attorney and was commissioned a Major on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 1861 of the 5<sup>th</sup> Vermont Infantry. He was the recipient of the Medal of Honor for his gallantry at the Battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1864. His medal was awarded to him on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 1893.

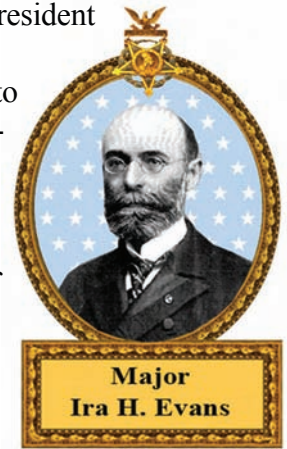
He joined the District of Columbia Society, SAR and later transferred his membership to the Minnesota Society. He died on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 1918 and is buried in the Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis.

of Hatcher's Run, Virginia April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1865.

He was selected to be part of the honor guard that escorted assassinated President Abraham Lincoln.

After the war he was sent to Texas as a member of the occupation force of Maj. Gen. Philip Henry Sheridan moved to Texas, entered politics there, and was elected to the Texas House of Representatives.

He joined the Vermont Society, Sons of the American Revolution on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1790. On December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1896 he organized and founded the Texas Society, SAR, serving as the first State President. He died on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1922 in San Diego, California and is buried in Berlin, Vermont.



Colonel  
Lewis A. Grant

Major  
Ira H. Evans



### BRIGADIER GENERAL DAVID SLOANE STANLEY



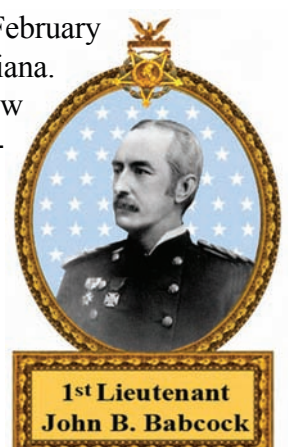
Captain David Stanle was born on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1828 in Cedar Valley, Wayne County, Ohio and graduated from West Point in the class of 1852.

He was awarded the Medal of Honor for successfully leading a counterattack during the battle of Franklin, Tennessee on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1864. He was presented the medal on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 1893. He retired from the Army in June 1892 and became governor of the

Soldiers' Home in Washington, D.C. He died on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 1902 and is buried at the United States Soldiers; and Airmen's Home National Cemetery, Washington, D.C.



### BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN B. BABCOCK



General Babcock was born on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 1847 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

He joined the Thirty-Seventh New York Militia at age 15. He received four Brevets, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, Captain, Major and Lieutenant Colonel. As a Major, in 1865, he participated in several battles in Louisiana and took part in the campaign in the Shenandoah Valley under General Sheridan. After the Civil War he was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1869 in a battle at Spring Creek, Nebraska as a First Lieutenant with the 5<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. He rose through the ranks and at the time he retired was a Brigadier General.

He signed his District of Columbia Society, SAR application on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 1893. He died on board the steamship Prinz Friederick Wilhelm, returning from Europe. On April 26<sup>th</sup>, 1909. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery, Stonington, Connecticut.



### MAJOR IRA HOBART EVANS

Major Ira Evans was born in Piermont, New Hampshire on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1844. He enlisted as a private in Company B 10<sup>th</sup> Vermont Volunteer Infantry. He was later promoted to Captain, then Brevet Major. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism at the Battle



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### COLONEL CHARLES HEATH HEYL



Colonel Heyl was born on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1850 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He joined the army on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1873, and was appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant of the Twenty-third Infantry. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his "*most conspicuous gallantry*" in a skirmish near Fort Hartsuff, Nebraska. His medal was presented on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 1897. He was the Army's Inspector General in July 1902.

He joined the District of Columbia Society, SAR on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 1892, and later transferred to the New Jersey Society. His brother, Colonel Edward Miles Heyl was also a member of the New Jersey Society. He died on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 1926 and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

We have not located a photograph of Colonel Heyl, so in lieu there of, we have shown his tombstone at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

California and is buried at the National Cemetery, Presidio, San Francisco, California. The only photograph of him that has been found was from his West Point album.



### BRIGADIER GENERAL OSCAR FITZALAN LONG

General Long was born on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 1852 in Utica, New York and graduated from West Point in the class of 1876.

His first assignment was with the Fifth Cavalry. During the campaign against Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce Tribe, on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1877, as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant was one of nine soldiers awarded the Medal of Honor for valor at the Battle of Bear Paw Mountain. He received his medal of Honor on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1985.



He signed his District of Columbia Society, Sons of the American Revolution membership application on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1895.

He died on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1928 and is buried at Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland, California.



### COLONEL JOHN CHOWNING GRESHAM



Colonel Gresham was born September 25<sup>th</sup>, 1851, in Lancaster County, Virginia. He graduated from West Point in 1876. He was transferred to the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry as a replacement after the disastrous Battle of the Little Big Horn. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions at the Battle of Wounded Knee, December 1890. The presentation of the medal was made in March 1899.

He served three tours of duty in the Philippine Campaign. He was promoted to Colonel and commanded the 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont. He signed his District of Columbia Society, SAR application on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 1892.

He died on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1926 at San Diego,



### FIRST LIEUTENANT POWHATAN HENRY CLARKE

Lieutenant Clarke was born on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1862 in Alexandria, Louisiana. He graduated from West Point with the class of 1884. He was assigned to the 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry.

He was awarded the Medal of Honor for rescuing a wounded trooper under fire during a battle with the Apache Indians in the Pinito Mountains, Sonora, Mexico. He signed his District of Columbia Society, SAR membership application in January 1891.



On July 21<sup>st</sup>, 1893, he was drowned in the Little Big Horn River, just a few miles from where George A. Custer met his end, while attempting to rescue a soldier. He is buried at the Calvary Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri.





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### LIEUTENANT COLONEL BERNARD ALBERT BYRNE

Colonel Bernard Byrne was born on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 1852 at Newport Barracks, Kentucky, the son of Major Barnard Myles and Louisa (Abert) Byrne. He graduated from Columbian College (now George Washington University). He was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his defense of an important bridge in Bobong, Negros, Philippines on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 1899.

His medal was presented on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1902. He signed his District of Columbia Society, SAR membership application in April 1891.

He died on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 1910 in California and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. We have not found a photograph of him.

### GENERAL OF THE ARMY DOUGLAS MACARTHUR

General Douglas MacArthur was born on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 1880, at Little Rock Arsenal, Little Rock, Arkansas, an "Army Brat", He was the son of Lieutenant General Arthur MacArthur who also was a recipient of the Medal of Honor. General MacArthur graduated from West Point in the class of 1903.

He served in World War One, World War Two and Korea. He was awarded the Medal of Hon-



or for his service during the defense of the Philippines during World War II. He is one of only five men to be named General of the Army (5-stars). His image is on our Patriot medal (shown to the left.)

He joined the Empire State Society, SAR on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 1945.

He died on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1964 and is buried in Norfolk, Virginia.



### MAJOR GENERAL ADOLPHUS WASHINGTON GREELY



He was born March 27<sup>th</sup>, 1844 in Newburyport, Massachusetts. He enlisted as a private in the 19<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. He served throughout the Civil War, wounded on three occasions, and was Brevetted a Major at the end of the war. He volunteered to lead exploration expeditions into the Arctic.

President Grover Cleveland appointed him Chief Signal Officer with the rank of Brigadier General. During his holding this position 20,000 miles of telegraph lines were laid. In 1906 he was promoted to Major General.

He oversaw the relief operations of earthquake devastated San Francisco. In 1935 he was awarded the Medal of Honor by special Act of Congress.

He joined District of Columbia Society, SAR resigning on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 1914, and reinstated on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1935. He died on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 1935 and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

The photograph above of General Greerly, shows him in full dress uniform. To the left of his Medal of Honor is his Sons of the American Revolution medal.



### BRIGADIER GENERAL THEODORE ROOSEVELT, JR.

Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt was born on September 13<sup>th</sup> 1887, the son of SAR Compatriot and President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, and is one of the few father and son recipients of the Medal of Honor. His medal was awarded for his gallantry at Utah Beach, Normandy, France during the invasion, historians declare, the "Day that Saved the World"

He died from a heart attack on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1944 and is buried among his men, (row 20, grave 19) at the American cemetery, Normandy, France.

An aside. General Roosevelt's younger brother, Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt, was a fighter pilot in



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World War One and was killed in action on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 1918. His body was exhumed and moved to the American Cemetery at Omaha Beach and reinterred next to his brother.



BROTHERS THEODORE AND QUENTIN ROOSEVELT GRAVES AT THE AMERICAN CEMETERY AT NORMANDY, FRANCE.



### BRIGADIER GENERAL JOSEPH "JOE" JACOB FOSS, USMC



Captain  
Joseph J. Foss

Joe Foss was born on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 1915 on a farm outside Sioux Falls, South Dakota. In 1940 he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves, and was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. In October, 1942, serving as executive officer of VMF-121 on Guadalcanal "*He engaged in almost daily combat with the enemy from 9 October to 19 November 1942, Captain Foss personally shot down 23 Japanese planes and damaged others*". A few days later he shot down another 3, equaling Eddie Rickenbacker's WWI record. In May, 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt personally presented him with his Medal,

During the Korean War he was recalled to active duty. In 1954 he was elected Governor of South Dakota, for two terms. He also served as President of the National Rifle Association in 1988 until 1990.

He joined the South Dakota Society, SAR signing his application on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1943.

He died on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.



### CAPTAIN ROBERT H. DUNLAP, USMC

Captain "Bob" was born on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 1920 in Abingdon, Illinois. In May 1942 he graduated from Monmouth College in Monmouth, Illinois. While at Monmouth College he enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve. He was called to active duty and sent to Officers Candidate School at Quantico, Virginia, commissioned a Second Lieutenant on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1942. After seeing combat in the South Pacific he was reassigned and promoted to Captain. He was the Company Commander, Company G, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 26<sup>th</sup> Marines. On D-Day plus 1, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 1945 his Company landed on Iwo Jima. It was here that Captain Dunlap's heroic leadership helped defeat the entrenched Japanese. His Company suffered heavy casualties. He was severely wounded in the left hip and evacuated. It took fourteen months for him to recuperate. At the White House on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 1945 President Harry S. Truman personally presented him the Medal of Honor.



Captain  
Robert Dunlap

Captain Dunlap signed his Illinois Society, SAR membership application on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 1973. He listed his occupation as "*School Teacher*".

He passed away on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2000 and his buried in Warren County Memorial Park, Monmouth, Illinois.



### REAR ADMIRAL JAMES B. STOCKDALE, USN,

Admiral Stockdale was born on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1923 in Abingdon, Illinois. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland in 1946. He earned his pilot's wings at Pensacola, Florida. On December 9<sup>th</sup>, 1965, as a squadron Commander, he was shot down over North Vietnam. He spent seven years as a Prisoner of war at Hoa Lo POW camp, enduring torture



Rear Admiral  
James Stockdale



## SAR Compatriots who are recipients of the Medal of Honor

and severe abuse. In 1976, President Gerald Ford presented him the Medal of Honor. The citation reads: “. . . *his valiant leadership and extraordinary courage in a hostile environment*”.

After his retirement he became President of the Citadel in South Carolina, wrote three books, then in 1992 joined presidential candidate, Ross Perot as his running mate in the newly formed Reform Party. They were not successful. Admiral Stockdale was

a life member of the Illinois Society, SAR and had been a member of the C.A.R. He died on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005 and is buried at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. He was a distant cousin of Major Robert H. Dunlap also a Medal of Honor recipient and SAR member.

On April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 the U.S. Navy commissioned a guided missile Destroyer, DDG-106, named after the Admiral.



*U.S.S. Theodore Roosevelt - CVN-71*



*U.S.S. Stockdale - DDG-106*

## Our Riverside Chapter Color Guard Participated in the Dedication of the Medal of Honor Memorial

Eighty-five recipients of the Medal of Honor of the estimated one hundred and fifty still living participated in the week long Medal of Honor convention and dedication of the Medal of Honor Memorial erected

in the Riverside National cemetery. The memorable event took place on October 30<sup>th</sup> through November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1999 in Riverside.

Our Riverside Chapter's Color Guard uniformed as the Second Connecticut Regiment of the Continental Line had the distinct honor of marching in the parade honoring these true American heroes, and later presenting the col-

ors at the convention. Joining the Riverside Chapter's Color Guard was Jim Churchyard of the South Coast Chapter and Lisa, the daughter of Roger Cooper. Their flutes added music to the presentation of the colors.



l-to-r: **Chuck Lampman, Dave Leonard, Lisa Cooper, Jim Churchyard, Hal Hamser, Roger Cooper, Bill Holland and Ed. St. Germain.**

The Medal of Honor Memorial was built in the Riverside National Cemetery and includes an impressive granite wall which as the names of all 3,410 recipients inscribed thereon.

The Medal of Honor was first authorized by President Abraham Lincoln on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 1861.



# San Diego Chapter's 2009 USS Bennington Memorial Service

by: Compatriot Philip Hinshaw

The San Diego Chapter conducted its 4<sup>th</sup> annual USS Bennington Memorial service on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery. This year's service was dedicated to the memory of Charles C. Warner, USMC drummer, and Raymond G. Shively, USA bugler, who participated in the 1908 Bennington Monument Dedication Service.

The erection of the Monument was funded by the sailors of the Pacific Squadron to memorialize the 66 sailors killed in the 1905 explosion aboard the USS Bennington (PG-4) in San Diego Bay. Forty-seven of the sailors were buried at the Fort Rosecrans Post Cemetery on Point Loma. In 1934, the cemetery became the Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery.

The Memorial Service was organized to replicate the service held in 1908 to the extent possible. Rear Admiral Len R. Herring, Commander Southwest Navy Region, delivered the "Admiral's Dedication Address" and Mrs. Karen Scanlon, Maritime Author, delivered the "Monument Dedication Address". The SAR Color Guard Commander, William Tisch, led the Color Guard in firing a minute gun salute in place of the 8" guns of the cruiser USS Charleston (CA-2) that fired the salute in 1908. Vice-President South

third year that the Cadets have participated in the memorial service.

The San Diego Chapter is grateful to the Cemetery Director, Mr. Kirk Leopard, and the entire cemetery staff for their invaluable assistance in preparing the memorial ceremony. Following the service Mr. Leopard informed us that the National Park Service has allocated funds to restore the stone enclosure around the grave site to its original condition. We are hopeful that will occur before our next memorial service.

The memorial service provides an opportunity for the San Diego Chapter to publicly commemorate the Revolutionary War Battle of Bennington where a detachment of General Burgoyne's army was

defeated by General John Stark's militia and Colonel Seth Warner's Green Mountain Boys. The British had hoped to capture the colonial storehouse of arms and supply in Bennington and their defeat was a contributing factor in the surrender of General Burgoyne and his entire army at Saratoga, NY a few weeks later. The state of Vermont erected a Battle Monument in Bennington, Vermont at the site of the storehouse the British sought to capture. The formal dedication of the monument occurred on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 1891 to coin-



THE U.S.S. BENNINGTON MONUMENT



THE SAN DIEGO COLOR GUARD FIRING THE SALUTE

John Dodd led the Pledge of Allegiance and filled in for California Society President Louis Carlson who was unable to participate due to a recent injury. The Rev. Dr. Stanley De Long led the opening prayer and the Prayer of Dedication for the Monument.

A highlight of the service was the decoration of the USS Bennington graves by the Coronado Battalion Sea Cadets and the Red, White and Blue Society, C.A.R. The entire battalion of 40 cadets participated in the service. This is the **20 - The California Compatriot - Summer 2009**



SEA CADETS PLACING FLOWERS ON THE BENNINGTON'S SAILOR'S GRAVES.

cide with the centennial celebration of Vermont's admission to the Union as the 14<sup>th</sup> state after 14 years as an independent republic.

Compatriot Philip Hinshaw was invited to join Mrs. Karen Scanlon and Mrs. Margaret Riddle in a presentation about the USS Bennington to the Mare Island Naval Shipyard Foundation in Vallejo, California. Mare Island was the homeport of the USS Bennington. Compatriot Hinshaw spoke about SAR's goal of commemorating our Revolutionary Patriots and events of the Revolutionary War.



# MARCHING THROUGH HISTORY - 2009

The event will be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Prado Dam Recreation Area Euclid Avenue, Chino, California. This excellent educational two day event presents living history from ancient Roman to contemporary America. One can visit encampments through the ages, watch re-enacted battles, ride on tanks and half tracks.

Our Harbor, Redlands, Riverside and Sons of Liberty Chapters will recreate General Washington's Field Headquarter's Encampment. Compatriots Roger Cooper of the Riverside Chapter will portray George Washington on Saturday, and Compatriot Scott Campbell of the Sons of Liberty Chapter will do likewise on



Sunday.

In past years the "Guards, supported by Morgan's Rifles and Lamb's Continental Artillery have reenacted battles with the British contingent, the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> Regiments of Foot.

The Commander-in-Chief's Guards and the 4<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Continental Regiment will protect the General and recruit young visitors into the Continental Army. We will be joined by Morgan's Rangers, and all the detachments will have our camp followers participate.

We encourage our members and families to visit this wonderful event, however, all participants in the encampment MUST be in colonial dress.



GEORGE WASHINGTON'S FIELD HEADQUARTERS PROTECTED BY HIS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S GUARDS



GUARDSMAN MELVIN HARRELL ENLISTING YOUNGSTERS FOR THE GUARDS.



ADDING TO THE HISTORIC NATURE OF THE EVENT IS THE ROMAN LEGION



THE BRITISH FORCES SURRENDERING TO THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S GUARDS





*The 135<sup>th</sup> Board of Managers Annual Meeting*



**November 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

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**See Registration Form on the next page -->**



This aerial view of the Mission Inn shows the entire complex which, by itself is worth a visit. It rivals 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. In 1903 the 'Mission' wing was built in Mission-Revival style architecture and sought to incorporate different structural elements of the 21 California Missions. Over the years the hotel has played host to numerous celebrities and dignitaries. Ten U.S. Presidents have stayed at the Mission Inn.





*The 135<sup>th</sup> Board of Managers Annual Meeting*

### Registration Form

*The California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will be given a special room rate of \$109.00 per night, single or double occupancy. This special rate is only available until October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009, and only for a limited number of rooms. There is an \$8.00 fee to park at the hotel. The nearest airport is Ontario International Airport, approximately 25 miles from the hotel. Make your reservations directly with the Mission Inn.*

*There is a tour of the Mission Inn on Thursday Evening, November 12<sup>th</sup>, for \$15.00 per person.*

**Compatriot:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Guest:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Arrival Time:**  Thursday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>  Friday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>,  Saturday Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.

*Registration is \$130.00 per person on or before October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009, or \$140.00 after October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009. Registration fee includes all meetings, Saturday luncheon and Saturday Banquet, including tax and gratuity.*

**Number of Registrants:** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$130.00 **Late Registrants:** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$140.00 **Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Non-Registrant Friday Luncheon (Old Spaghetti Factory @ \$20.00)** **Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Non-Registrant Saturday Luncheon @ \$35.00** **Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Non-Registrant Saturday Banquet @ \$65.00** **Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **for Ladies Local Tour and Tea @ \$20.00** **Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Local tour and tea to be held Friday at 2:00 p.m.)*

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

**Saturday Evening Banquet (check choice):** **Chicken**  **Beef**  **Vegetarian**

**Mail complete form and check made out to the Riverside Chapter, SAR to:**

**Compatriot Charles Gentis**  
**1063 Elmhurst Drive, Corona, California 92880**  
**Telephone Number: 1-951-371-5895 - - E-mail: gentis061@sbcglobal.net**

## The Orange County Chapter - "Lee's Legion" Activities



The Orange County Chapter is a strong supporter of the concept that our Color Guards are the best public relations tool available to the SAR. As such they have been extremely active. Their Color Guard wearing the uniform of Lee's Legion, represented the SAR in the largest Fourth of July Parade in California, the famous *Huntington Beach Parade*.

Earlier on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, they received a plaque for their participation in the "*Strawberry Festival Parade*". Two days later they were again deployed to participate in the Santa Ana Memorial Day Services. On

June 28<sup>th</sup>, they participated in the Heritage House's "*A Victorian Independence Day*" event, in Riverside, joining the Riverside Chapter's 4<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Regiment Color Guard and "*George and Martha Washington Cotillion Dancers*" (Sponsored by the Riverside Chapter). Members of Lee's Legion were featured on the events full color program.

On July 18<sup>th</sup>, they joined the San Diego Chapter at the U.S.S. Bennington Memorial Service.

In addition members of their Color Guard marched at the State Meeting and the Annual Congress!



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE - SANTA ANA  
L-to-R: LISA & KENT GREGORY, JIM BLAUER,  
JIM & UN HUI Fosdyck.



THE HUNTINGTON BEACH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE  
THE ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER COLOR GUARD INCLUDED A  
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