



# The California Compatriot

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

## The President's Message

Compatriots,

I'm EXCITED to serve as the California Society President for the next year. When I joined the SAR, I was immediately impressed by its members and its leadership. I found myself meeting men with a keen interest and knowledge of early American history, ---men who valued family history and the challenge of genealogical research, ---men from diverse professional backgrounds, ---and men willing to devote their time and energy to promote respect for patriotism and the importance of how our nation was founded to the children and citizens of the United States today.

I recently sat down and wrote short biographies of two of my patriot ancestors for the SAR website. Our national society President General issued this as a challenge to members. It was fun. I challenge you to add information on at least one of your ancestors. No other organization but the SAR can effectively capture the engaging stories of individuals living at that time.

We have a great organization, but it can still be improved. I ask that each of you help your chapter strive for three goals:

1) We need to connect better with our new members. Too often they get a certificate and that's the last we see them. Find ways for them to actively participate in your chapter, and make meetings enjoyable for them to attend.

2) Go out in public and promote American history! The most effective way is to wear a historic uniform and carry flags and muskets in public events. It visually stimulates children to learn more about our nation's founding. It also honors our patriot ancestors.

3) Reach out and draw more students into our youth contests. Sometimes encouragement is all that is needed to convince a relative, neighbor, or local student to participate. We should have ten times as many posters, brochures, essays, and speeches to judge.



124th President, CASSAR  
Kent Gregory

My vision for the California Society in 2015 is a year of enthusiasm, growth, increased participation, and meaningful contributions toward the historical, patriotic, and educational goals of the Sons of the American Revolution. Join me in an exciting year!

Kent Gregory  
President, California Society, SAR

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**NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FEES, DUES**

NATIONAL, STATE,  
AND CHAPTER

NSSAR Fee	\$80.00
NSSAR Dues	\$30.00
CASSAR Fee	\$20.00
Chapter Dues	Varies

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

THE NSSAR FAMILY  
DISCOUNT

NSSAR Fee	\$30.00
NSSAR Dues	\$30.00
CASSAR Fee	\$20.00
Chapter Dues	Varies

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FEES**

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APPLICATION

NSSAR Fee	\$60.00
CASSAR Fee	\$10.00

**JUNIOR MEMBER APPLICATION FEES, DUES**

JUNIOR MEMBER  
APPLICATION

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

**JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP ADVANTAGES**

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



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

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Next Deadline: 28 August 2015



# The Secretary's Report

## ANNUAL DUES, REGULAR MEMBERS

National Society	\$30.00
California Society	\$20.00
Chapter	Varies

## ANNUAL DUES, JUNIOR MEMBERS

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

## ANNUAL DUES, DUAL MEMBERS

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

## ANNUAL DUES, EMERITUS MEMBERS

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

I would like to thank all the chapters that got their Annual Reconciliation Reports to me on time. I am sorry that I had to bug several of you to get your reports to me so that I could finish our Society report to NSSAR. It was sent to them and accepted in April, not by January 31, 2015. For the 2016 report I will start advising you of its' due date in October.

So far this year we have added 76 new members, and had two pass away.

Our Spring Board of Managers meeting was held in Irvine the weekend of April 17 and 18, 2015. Kent Gregory was elected as State President, Ron Barker of the Gold Country Chapter was elected as Executive Vice President, and Derek Brown of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter was elected as Vice President North. All other officers remained the same as in 2014.

Please remember National Congress in Louisville. KY from June 26-July 1, 2015, and our Fall Board of Managers meeting in Riverside in November.

*Douglas Bergtholdt*

CASSAR State Secretary



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

Life Membership in the National Society is available to be purchased at a rate that depends on your age. The Life Membership program listed here covers the National dues only. Payment of the State Society's and Chapter annual dues is still required to be considered an active member of the SAR. The completed National Life Membership form must be sent to your State Society Secretary for review before it is sent to National.

## CASSAR LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: <http://www.californiasar.org/members-section/life/>

The California Society Life Membership Program is open to California Society members who have a National Life Membership. The California program will pay California Society and Chapter dues for the life of the member. To apply, you must first obtain a National Life Membership at SAR.org. You need to fill out the application and submit it to the National Society. Once you are approved as a National Life Member, you will be given a National Life Membership Number.

To apply for the California Life Membership Program, you will need to supply your National Life Membership Number, and make a payment to CASSAR for the CASSAR Life in the Life Membership schedule (on the member-section)

## COMING EVENTS

**25-26 September 2015 NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting**  
Louisville, KY

**6-7 November 2015 CASSAR Fall BOM**  
Mission Inn, Riverside, CA

**12 December 2015 Wreaths Across America**

**26-27 February 2016 NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting**  
Louisville, KY

# Welcome New Members



<b>Nat'l #</b>	<b>CASSAR</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Nat'l #</b>	<b>CASSAR</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
193840	9826	John Lewis Bradbury	Central Coast	194028	9836	Reagan Lee Giles	Sacramento
193837	9823	Thomas E. Duff	Coachella Valley	194029	9837	Patton Armstrong Lee Giles	Sacramento
194333	9846	Robert Edward Speer	Delta	194332	9845	Phillip Alan du Bouchet Kerr	Sacramento
194334	9847	Christopher Stephen Speer	Delta	193307	9871	Darren James Henry	San Diego
194335	9848	Blain Marshall Dillard	Delta	193512	9796	Marvin John Munster	San Diego
193510	9794	Corey Aleksander Walters	Gen George Patton	193523	9807	Ernest John Mortensein	San Diego
193783	9816	Sean Michael Burton	Gen George Washington	193832	9818	Richard Lee Palmer	San Diego
193308	9782	Samuel John Sublett	Gold Country	193968	9832	Robert Eric Holcomb	San Diego
193511	9795	Thomas Mark Bailey	Harbor	193518	9802	Michael Joseph Murray	San Francisco
193513	9797	Christopher Corliss Pailcke	Harbor	194025	9833	William Harrison Waste II	San Francisco
193514	9798	Carl Henry Palicke III	Harbor	194026	9834	William Harrison Waste III	San Francisco
193831	9817	Jeffrey Harbison Oehler	Harbor	194247	9842	Justin Young Brown	San Francisco
194331	9844	James Albert Bellows	Harbor	194248	9843	Justin Young Brown Jr.	San Francisco
194122	9841	Kevin Allen Tierney	Mother Lode	193517	9801	Michael Ricardo Harwick	Santa Barbara
185050	9853	Hans Fritz Hunt	Orange County	193875	9830	Robert Bailey Lee Carmody	Santa Barbara
193516	9800	SP4 Dean Arden Babcock Jr.	Orange County	193310	9784	Michael David Mainini	Silicon Valley
193834	9820	Theodore Joseph Carlson	Orange County	193311	9785	Jared Alexander-Burd Mainini	Silicon Valley
193872	9827	Russell Eldridge Cable	Orange County	193629	9811	Owen Seth Thomas	Silicon Valley
193873	9828	Richard Eric Cable	Orange County	193721	9812	ILT Michael Scott Montgomery Jr.	Silicon Valley
193874	9829	Russell Eric Cable	Orange County	193515	9799	Todd Fillmore Sheerin	Sons of Liberty
194336	9849	Philip Allen Owens Homme	Orange County	193520	9804	Glenn David Reasoner	Sons of Liberty
194337	9850	John Harrington Dahl	Orange County	193626	9808	Walter Aime Lauzon	Sons of Liberty
193318	9792	Gary Udell Martz	Redwood Empire	193627	9809	Bryan Kent Horsman	Sons of Liberty
193722	9813	Owen Matthew Roberts	Redwood Empire	193967	9831	Mark Alfred James Hill	Sons of Liberty
193723	9814	Brayden Michael William Roberts	Redwood Empire	194121	9840	Scot Mills Durant	South Coast
194030	9838	Christopher David Phipps	Redwood Empire	193309	9783	Howard Francis Nemir	Thomas Jefferson
194031	9839	Brendon Alexander Phipps	Redwood Empire	193312	9786	David Allen Bromley	Thomas Jefferson
193628	9810	Charles Richard Keene	Riverside	193313	9787	Joshua David Bromley	Thomas Jefferson
194341	9851	Simon Alexander Austin	Riverside	193314	9788	Jacob Richard Bromley	Thomas Jefferson
194342	9852	Stephen J Austin	Riverside	193315	9789	Jordan Steven Bromley	Thomas Jefferson
193833	9819	Jimmy Lee Elvis Stephenson	Sacramento	193316	9790	Jason Dee Bromley	Thomas Jefferson
193835	9821	Trevor Richard Johnson	Sacramento	193317	9791	Kevin Robert Auman	Thomas Jefferson
193836	9822	Zachary James Johnson	Sacramento	193519	9803	Wayne Lee Thomas	Thomas Jefferson
193838	9824	Samuel Thayer Smith	Sacramento	193521	9805	Luis Fernando Echenique	Thomas Jefferson
193839	9825	Keegan Thayer Smith	Sacramento	193522	9806	Frank Santiago Bernardina	Thomas Jefferson
194027	9835	Christopher Eric Giles	Sacramento				



# The 141<sup>st</sup> Board of Managers Annual Meeting

*November 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> , 2015*

*To be held at*

*The Mission Inn*

*3649 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside California 92507*

*Telephone 1-800-843-7755 or 1-951-784-0300*

*www.missioninn.com*

*Mark your calendar*

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*including 4 museums and lots of shopping*

*Hosted by the Riverside Chapter SAR*

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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 stayed at the Mission Inn.



## *From the Desk of the CASSAR Registrar*

Compatriots, our pace of applications is at 63% of 2014 the first quarter of the year. I have given some thought to the reasons why, probably a multitude of them, but cannot say why. Perhaps it is because our exposure to the communities had dwindled a bit. Perhaps our fellow members are not reaching out as they could to their family, friends and neighbors. Or perhaps 2013 and 2014 were exceptional years.

As you may be aware SAR has instituted a revision in the policy for post-1985 DAR records. I hope that you are seeking these records as you compile the applications. New also are some of the DAR records we can download that contain the supporting documents, for a fee of course. But something is better than nothing. I have had the opportunity to do exactly that and in two of the three occasions obtained documents that were very helpful.

Now the hard ball. Compatriots, there are no short cuts to a quality "approval ready" application. I continue to get ancestry.com pages that are not usable. I continue to get unreadable pages downloaded from who knows where. Census MUST be complete pages, paying attention to whether they are landscape or portrait. Of course it is OK to add a readable detail enlargement on the reverse. The ancestry.com abstract page for a census is not an acceptable proof. It is not permissible to cut and paste sections of a document and use it as a proof. Complete pages are only accepted. When in doubt read the manual or call me and we can reason it out. I will even forward a questionable document to National and get their opinion before we submit an application only to get it "pending."

Speaking of Pending Applications. Many of you have been assisting the State Genealogist and myself in resolving past pending applications. We have conquered quite a few and have approvals on them but there remains more to complete. Please give your attention to the pending applications for your chapter. At last count there were 32 new members languishing in this "pending" limbo.

Our collective goal this year is to resolve all of the pending applications as far back as 2012 and have zero, none, nada pending applications for the remainder of this year. 2015 will go down in our registrar history as our best year for submitting "approval ready" applications.

***Owen Stiles***

CASSAR Registrar

### **NEW OFFICERS & CHAIRMEN**

At the CASSAR Spring Meeting, officers for 2015/2016 were elected and installed. The list of new officers is on page two of this California Compatriot newsletter. President Gregory has announced his appointments for Program Administrators. They include:

Americanism Elementary

School Poster Contest: David A. Gilliard

Budget & Planning: Ron Barker

California Compatriot Editors:

Ron Barker & Jim L.W. Faulkinbury

Chapter Activities: Philip L. Hinshaw

Children of the American Revolution Liaison:

Terry Briggs

Color Guard Commander: James C. Fosdyck

Color Guard Adjutant – North: Russ Kaiser

Color Guard Adjutant – South: Mark Kramer

Compliance Committee Chairman: Karl Jacobs

Daughters of the American Revolution Liaison:

Alan Brooking

Eagle Scout Program: Gary Jensen

Ethics Committee: Rev. Louis V. Carlson, Jr.

Flag Committee: Jeff Sylvan

Handbook Committee: Stephen Renouf

High School Oration Contest: Dan McKelvie

Information Technology: Greg Hill

Knight Essay Contest: Keith Bigbee

Medals & Awards: David Grinnell

Media & Public Relations: David A. Gilliard

Middle School Brochure Contest: Tom Adams

Nominations Liaison: Jim L.W. Faulkinbury

NSSC/NLCC Program: Bob Taylor

NSSAR 2019 Congress Planning: John L. Dodd

Operation Ancestor Search: Ray Raser

ROTC/JROTC Program: James Gill

Spanish Patriot Researcher: Leroy Martinez

Spirit of America Program: Bob Taylor

Valley Forge Program: Bob Taylor

Veteran's Programs: Dan Henry

Veteran's Programs Asst.: Hammond Salley

Wreaths Across America Chairman: Donald B. Littlefield

Youth Activities Director: Derek Brown



## *Spring Meeting in Irvine*

BY CASSAR INVESTED FUNDS TRUSTEE STEPHEN RENOUF  
WITH INFORMATION FROM JIM FAULKINBURY, UN HUI FOSDYCK,  
AND KENT GREGORY.

The 140th CASSAR Annual Meeting was hosted by the Orange County Chapter at the Wyndham Hotel in Irvine, California, on April 16-18, 2015. On Thursday, the State Officers hosted the National Officers at Las Brisas Restaurant for dinner. In attendance were President General Lindsey & first lady Billie Brock, Past President General Joe Dooley, Chancellor General John Dodd, and Registrar General Larry & wife Karin Guzy.

On Friday, President Jim Faulkinbury convened the CASSAR Annual Meeting. Following opening ceremonies, and the introductions of the National Officers – President General Lindsey Brock, Former President General Joe Dooley, Vice President General-Western District Stephen Renouf, Chancellor General John Dodd, and Registrar General Larry Guzy, the state officers gave their reports. The chapter presidents then gave their reports.

The Public Service Luncheon honored law enforcement and public safety. President Jim Faulkinbury presented the Heroism Medal posthumously to Ben Carlson, a lifeguard in Newport Beach. Ben died in 2014 in the attempted rescue of a drowning swimmer. President Faulkinbury presented the Fire Safety Commendation Medal posthumously to Firefighter Timothy Mitchell of Avalon. Timothy died in 2014 while trying to save a ship, the *King Neptune*, in Avalon Harbor during a fierce storm. President Faulkinbury presented the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Sheriff Sandra Hutchins of Orange County. President Faulkinbury presented the SAR Lamplighter Awards for donations to the SAR Center to David Grinnell, Dave Gilliard, Evan Jones, Henry Lucas, George Ludwig and Rev. Lou Carlson. He presented a SAR Flag Certificate to the Wyndham Hotel for properly displaying the American Flag. He presented SAR Certificates of Appreciation for hosting the CASSAR Meeting to Richard Adams, Jim Blauer, Karen Carlson, John Dodd, John Ferris, Gustave Fischer, Kent Gregory, Lisa Gregory, James Fosdyck, Un Hui Fosdyck, James Klingler, Arthur Koehler, Dan McKelvie, Karen McKelvie, Dan Shippey, Jon Vreeland, and Larry Wood.



*Lifeguards accept posthumous Heroism Medal for Lifeguard Ben Carlson.*



*Jim Faulkinbury, Joe Dooley, Un Hui Yi, Karen Faulkinbury, PG Lindsey and Billie Brock, Las Brisas, Lauguna Beach, CA*

Following lunch, President Faulkinbury reconvened the meeting. The minutes of the Board of Managers meeting from November 2014 were approved. There was then a discussion regarding insurance. At the November meeting, CASSAR passed a resolution prohibiting the chapters from firing black powder muskets without first

## *Spring Meeting in Irvine (continued)*

obtaining insurance (with CASSAR and NSSAR as additional insured). Several chapters now have insurance to fire black powder muskets, and the compatriot insurance agent spoke about the policies. We also discussed obtaining a state policy to cover the subsidiary chapters for general liability and directors and officers liability.

Following the meeting, we assembled in the hospitality room hosted by Un Hui Fosdyck for refreshments and camaraderie. The state and national officers had a marvelous dinner at Il Fornaio Restaurant.

On Saturday morning, the past state presidents met for breakfast, and discussed various issues affecting the state society. The audit committee met, led by Chairman Kent Gregory. Members included Vice President North Ron Barker, Vice President South Jim Fosdyck, Secretary Doug Bergtholdt, Treasurer Bob Taylor, CASSAR Invested Funds Trustee Chairman Stephen Renouf, Former Treasurer Mike Howard and Orange County President James Klingler. The committee audited some checks and deposits, and found everything in order. The committee voted to make some recommendations regarding communication between the secretary, the registrar and the treasurer.

The annual meeting reconvened in the morning. CASSAR Congress Planning Chairman John Dodd spoke on the upcoming 2019 SAR Congress to be held in Orange County. It will be held at the Newport Marriott or the Costa Mesa Hilton. The final selection should be made soon. The California Society is responsible for the host society reception, and for providing volunteers to help with the operation of the Congress.

Keith Bigbee presented the slate of officers on behalf of the nominating committee. The nominations were: President Kent Gregory, Executive VP Ron Barker, VP South James Fosdyck, VP North Derek Brown, VP Membership Phil Hinshaw, Secretary Doug Bergtholdt, Treasurer Robert Taylor, Registrar Owen Stiles, Chancellor Jeff Goodwin,

Genealogist Terry Briggs, Historian James Blauer, Chaplain Rev. Louis Carlson, Surgeon vacant, CASSAR Invested Funds Trustee John Dodd (2015-2017), CASSAR Invested Funds Trustee Stephen Renouf (2014-2016), CASSAR Invested Funds Trustee Richard Hawley (2013-2015), National Trustee Jim Faulkinbury, and Alternate National Trustee Kent Gregory. There were no nominations from the floor, and the slate of officers was elected unanimously. Outgoing President Faulkinbury adjourned the annual meeting.

Incoming President Kent Gregory convened the CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting. The chapter presidents and state officers unanimously nominated John Dodd for NSSAR Vice President General of the Western District. Following the Board of Managers Meeting, Vice President General Renouf convened a meeting of the Western District. The members of the district (California, Nevada and Hawaii) present unanimously nominated John Dodd for NSSAR Vice President General of the Western District. The Western District meeting



*Members of the Orange County Chapter receive Certificates of Appreciation from Jim Faulkinbury*



*James Gill, Amanda Jimenez, PG Lindsey Brock, Cadet Jimenez, Maj. Joshua James and Rob Dickey - 238*



## *Spring Meeting in Irvine (continued)*

was then adjourned.

The Youth Luncheon was held to honor the winners of our various youth contests. Darren brought greetings from the Children of the American Revolution. JROTC Chairman Jim Fosdyck presented the Enhanced JROTC Award to Cadet Claudia Jimenez. Eagle Scout Chairman Gary Jensen presented the Eagle Scout Award to Russell Cecil, who read his essay on the Newburgh Conspiracy of 1783. Compatriot Robert Burt presented the Robert Burt Boy Scout Award to Dennis Goebel and Richard Andriano-Moore (James Beatty accepted for the absent Andriano-Moore). Knight Essay Chairman Keith Bigbee presented the Knight Essay Award to Mrs. Lai, the mother of the winner Heidi Lai. Poster Contest Chairman Dave Gilliard announced the winners of the Poster Contest: Sacramento Chapter (1st), San Diego Chapter (2nd), and Gold Country Chapter (3rd). Brochure Contest Chairman Tom



*Gary Jensen, Eagle Scout Russell Cecil and his family with Jim Faulkinbury*



*Karen Carlson, Mrs. Lai for her daughter Heidi, Keith Bigbee & Jim Faulkinbury - 209*

Adams announced the winners of the Brochure Contest: San Diego Chapter (1st), Mother Lode Chapter (2nd), and Redlands Chapter (3rd). President Faulkinbury presented a check for \$500 to the Children of the American Revolution for their 2015 project. President Faulkinbury awarded the Outstanding Citizenship Pin to our page, Darren, who is Chaplain of The De Anza Trail Society, Children of the American Revolution. . Best Chapter Contest Chairman Phil Hinshaw presented the winners of the Best Chapter Awards: Redlands (Small), Harbor (Medium Small), Gold Country (Medium Large), Riverside (Large), and San Diego (Very Large).

The CASSAR Memorial Service was held honoring the memory of the CASSAR compatriots who passed away in the previous year. Lisa and Kent Gregory performed the music for the ceremony, and Jim Blauer sang a beautiful rendition of the song Let There Be Peace on Earth. We honored fallen compatriots Earl Adams (Central Coast), Cody Blackshear (San Francisco), Frank Budroe (General Patton), Paul Crouch (South Coast), Robert Dunlap (Redding), Joseph Frank (Butte), Joseph Hallam (San Diego), Louis Hanke (General Patton), Clarence Lambing (Monterey), Donald Lewis (Delta), Archie McPherran (Sacramento), Col. Thomas Monroe (Redding), George Peabody (Gold Country), John Sholl (Coachella), Edgar Whitley (Sons of Liberty), Rex Wilmer (Gold Country), Charles Wootton (San Diego), and John Wright (Riverside).

Commander James Fosdyck led the California Society Color Guard, composed of: Robert Taylor (from General George Patton Chapter); Dale Ross (from Gold Country); James Gill



*Lisa and Kent Gregory provided music for Memorial Service*



## *Spring Meeting in Irvine (continued)*

and Jim Olds (from Harbor Chapter); Willis Flickinger (from Kern Chapter); Jim Blauer, John Ferris, Dan Henry, Jim Klingler, Dan McKelvie, Dan Shippey, Larry Wood, Matt Noell (Fifer), and Steve Andy (Drummer) (from Orange County Chapter); Mel Harrell (from Redlands Chapter); Charlie Gentis, Gary Jensen, and Mark Kramer (from Riverside Chapter); Alan Brooking, and Jim Faulkinbury (from Sacramento Chapter); Ernest McCullough (from San Diego Chapter); Robert Ebert (from San Francisco Chapter); Doug Bergtholdt, and Terry Briggs (from Silicon Valley Chapter); Curtis Porter (from South Coast Chapter); and Stephen Renouf (from Thomas Jefferson Chapter).

The Saturday evening banquet featured magician Dave Champagne, who has performed at the



*Color Guard in formation after Memorial Service with PG Brock*



*Color Guard at the Banquet*



*PG Lindsey and Billie Brock, Un Hui Yi and Jim Fosdyck*

famous Magic Castle in Hollywood. The California Society presented gifts to President General Lindsey and Billie Brock, who had to leave early to catch a flight to be on the east coast for Patriots Day. The Ladies Auxiliary held their raffle. President Faulkinbury presented the SAR Certificate of Appreciation to Dave Champagne for his magical performance. Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck presented the Silver Color Guard Medal to Charles Gentis, and the Silver Good Citizenship Medal to Michael Shanahan. He also presented the flag streamers for the Wreaths Across America program. President Faulkinbury presented the SAR Meritorious Service Medal to Jim Fosdyck and Dale Ross. He presented the Silver Roger Sherman Medal to Kent Gregory, Phil Hinshaw, Jim Blauer, Stephen Renouf, and Dave Gilliard. President Faulkinbury then called upon color guardsmen Stephen Renouf and Bob Ebert to locate the Patriot Medal recipient. They found Robert Taylor, and escorted him to the podium to receive the medal. Jeff Goodwin also received the medal, but was not present. President Faulkinbury presented the State Medal of Distinguished Service to Don Littlefield, who was not present. He awarded Certificates of Distinguished Service to the 2014-15 state officers: Kent Gregory, Ron Barker, Jim Fosdyck, Phil Hinshaw, Robert Taylor, Owen Stiles, Jeff Goodwin, Terry Briggs, Jim Blauer, and Rev. Lou Carlson. He presented the Daughters of Liberty Medal to Karen Carlson and Karen Faulkinbury. He presented the Martha Washington Medal to Coreena Ross and Marilyn Chilton. He presented the Lydia Darragh Medal to Karen Faulkinbury. Outgoing President Jim Faulkinbury delivered his farewell address. During his term, the membership increased by 84 to be just shy of 1,800 members. He was happy to see new leadership emerge at the



*Spring Meeting in Irvine (continued)*



*Jim Faulkinbury presents silver Roger Sherman Medals to Kent Gregory, Steve Renouf, Phil Hinshaw, Jim Blauer & Dave Gillard*



*Kent Gregory presents the Most Active Colorsman Award to Jim Faulkinbury*



*General George Washington address the CASSAR 140th Annual Spring Meeting*



*Past PG Joseph Dooley installs the new CASSAR officers*

chapter and state level, which is important for the continued success of the SAR. He encouraged all attendees to return to their chapters and work on the 80% of membership that do not participate. He was thankful for the opportunity to serve, as well for the help he received while president.

Past President General and CASSAR Dual Member Joe Dooley inducted the 2015 state officers, and presented the gavel to Incoming President Kent Gregory. Incoming President Kent Gregory delivered his inaugural address. He knew he had a Revolutionary War ancestor, but he did not become interested in his family history until his daughter was born. When his son received his Eagle Scout certificate from the SAR, Kent decided to join the group, and he quickly rose through the ranks. He met people from various backgrounds who shared his values of family – past, present, and future – and who shared his desire to promote the history of how our country was founded. The SAR's historical, patriotic and education programs set it apart from other lineage societies. The founding principles are enshrined in the

## *Spring Meeting in Irvine (continued)*

Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, and are as relevant today as when the country was founded. He asked the chapter presidents to return to their chapters with three goals in mind: 1) find ways to get new members involved in chapter activities, 2) promote American history to the general public with uniforms, flags, and muskets, and 3) actively seek out more students to participate in our youth contests. The SAR, as representatives of our patriot ancestors, needs to promote the relevance of early American history to our citizens to create a better nation for our descendants. He said he was honored to serve as president, and wants to have a magical year for the SAR.



*Lisa Gregory hanging the CASSAR President's medal over Kent Gregory's head as former PG Dooley looks on*



*CASSAR President Kent Gregory gives his Acceptance Address*



*2015 members of the CASSAR LAUX*



# *Field of Honor*

This is the sixth year the CASSAR Color Guard has participated in the Field of Honor in Newport Beach. The program is sponsored by the Exchange Club of Newport Beach. The Field of Honor is a SAR national color guard event. Sixteen compatriots, representing five chapters, participated. Two members of the Ladies Auxiliary (Un Hui and Karen McKelvie of the OC Chapter) also participated in Colonial Era attire.

Compatriots standing are left to right: Gary Jensen (Riverside), Dan McKelvie (OC), Kent Gregory (OC), Bob Taylor (Gen Geo Patton), Jim Blauer (OC), John Dodd (OC), Jim Klingler (OC), John Ferris (OC), Karl Jacobs (Harbor), Dan Henry (OC), Henry Lucas (Riverside), Dick McMullen (Gen Geo Patton) and Jim Fosdyck (OC). In the first row, left to right are Mel Butler (South Coast) kneeling in a Continental Marine uniform, James Gill (Harbor) carrying General Washington's guidon and Dan Shippey (OC) General Washington. Not pictured George Key (a descendant of Francis Scott Key and a member of the South Coast Chapter).

In addition to a color guard the CASSAR provided a firing party.



*CASSAR Firing Party\_ Gary Jensen, Dan McKelvie, Kent Gregory, Henry Lucas and Dan Henry prepares to fire a volley*



*CASSAR Color Guard at the Field of Honor\_ 16 May 2015*

## *Chapter Activities*

### SONS OF LIBERTY CHAPTER



*Sons of Liberty tour group in front of Air Force Test Flight Museum.*

On March 21, the Sons of Liberty Chapter and spouses toured Edwards Air Force Base, or at least a part of it! At the Air Force Flight Test Museum, the group enjoyed Mexican food from Domingo's and browsed exhibits of many, well-known first-flight aircraft. Displayed outside in the Blackbird Airpark was the very first Lockheed SR-71A strategic spy plane. The tour's next stop was the Air Force Test Pilot School where an informative briefing was given by Commandant Charles Webb Jr. followed by a peek into several training laboratories. Concluding the tour was an overlook view of the 43 sq. mile Rogers Dry Lake which hosts numerous runways and was the scene of the first space shuttle landing.

### HARBOR CHAPTER



Photo of Harbor Chapter with Lindsey Brock at the CASSAR Spring meeting. Left to right: Jim Olds (Past-president), George Gentry (purple heart recipient), Lindsey, James R Gill (President), Karl Jacobs (Past-president) and Dennis Goble. Harbor had just won the Best Medium-Small chapter award and Dennis had just received the Robert E Burt award from Robert E Burt!



## *Chapter Activities*

### DELTA CHAPTER



On March 28, 2015, Delta Chapter members & guests, led by President John Humphrey, participated in the annual Civil War Park Day clean up event sponsored by the Civil War Trust. The Delta Chapter cleaned the Grand Army of the Republic GAR Section of the Citizens Cemetery in Modesto, California.

In the group photo, the guests & members are seen, President Humphrey is in the middle with the light blue shirt.

### ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

Although it may not be unusual for a large number of men from one family to join the SAR at the same time it is unusual to have 7 of 8 new members be Eagle Scouts.

Their names are (left to right): Kristian Beall, Andrew Beall, Lawrence Beall, George Beall, David Beall, Richard Beall, John Paul Beall, and not pictured John Beall. All but Andrew Beall are Eagle Scouts. The Beall Eagle Scouts earned their rank out of BSA Troop 11, Redlands, California.



## *Chapter Activities*

### SANTA BARBARA CHAPTER

PG Dooley asked VP South Jim Fosdyck to present the Meritorious Service medal to Ron Zell on March 21, 2015 at the Santa Barbara Chapter meeting that was authorized at the last Congress for Compatriots Zell's efforts on Santa Barbara's Flag Day Celebration in 2014.



### THOMAS JEFFERSON CHAPTER

Derek Brown of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter presented a flag certificate to the Clayton Valley High School. Photo (L-R) Greg Hiles, Dylan Perreira, Derek Brown and David Linzey.

CASSAR is eligible for the Furlong Award if the State Society and one-half of the chapters present flag certificates.





# Chapter Activities

## SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

SD Colony Mayflower and SD Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Joint Membership Meeting and Luncheon

On Saturday February 21st a joint membership meeting and luncheon was held by the San Diego Chapter of the SAR and the San Diego Colony of Mayflower Society to celebrate George Washington's Birthday.

Dr. Eve Kornfeld, a professor in the History Department at San Diego State University, was the featured speaker for the luncheon. Dr. Kornfeld gave a presentation on "The Many Faces of George Washington" that consisted mainly of showing famous images by renowned 18th century artist such as Stuart, Peale, Trumbull and Matteson, of Washington on a screen and discussing his appearance and what frame of mind it reflected to the observer, with participation by the audience.



*SAR 1st VP. Dave & Janice Shaffer; Joan & Rev. Dr. Stan De Long, SD Mayflower Gov. Gail Raser and SD SAR Pres. Ray Raser*

## NECROLOGY

### Farewell Beloved Compatriots

We, the Descendants  
of the Heroes  
of the American Revolution,  
SALUTE

A Life Well Lived,  
in honor of the memory of  
our patriot forefathers,  
by preserving their vision  
of the American Dream,  
for future generations.

Nat'l #	CASSAR	Name	Chapter
193628	9810	Charles Richard Keene	Riverside
196225	9620	Gregory John Stahler	Silicon Valley

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

## *Chapter Activities*

### MOTHERLODE CHAPTER

## CREATOR OF SAR'S BROCHURE CONTEST IS NOW A SAR MEMBER

Kevin Tierney, a teacher, just became a member of SAR and the Mother Lode Chapter, but his story and his connection to SAR go back some time. In 2009 Tom Adams was appointed the State's Youth Activities Director. In his appointment letter, then CASSAR President Lou Carlson charged Tom with coming up with a "Middle School" program. There was not a middle school program in the State or in all of NSSAR. Tom found the emails of local middle school teachers on-line and sent them all an email with a plea for help. Kevin, an 8th grade teacher in El Dorado Hills at the time, answered Tom's call and offered to help, which triggered a series of 'after school' meetings. Kevin had several ideas for contests from his teaching experience. One program, a brochure contest looked very promising. It had three qualities: (1) any student could do it - no technology required; (2) creating a brochure is a well-known skill - students can do this; and (3) it is the perfect bridge between the hand-drawn 5th grade poster contest and the high school written Knight Essay contest. Kevin prepared an 8-page guideline containing the rules for developing the brochure and then for judging it. CASSAR accepted the proposal based upon Kevin's guidelines, and Wayne Griswold, VP North at the time, took the same proposal to Mike Tomme, then Chairman of the NSSAR Americanism Committee. The National Society, which was also looking for a national "Middle School" program, adopted the Brochure Contest with the understanding California would develop a program based upon the proposal - that was in 2009. As we now know the Brochure Contest is in its second year as a National contest.

But Kevin wasn't done. In 2011 he applied for and won the CASSAR Valley Forge Teacher Scholarship to attend the Valley Forge Freedom Foundation Graduate Teacher Program. Upon his return he was invited to be the guest speaker at the CASSAR BOM Meeting in San Diego in November 2011. Kevin's presentation, on the importance of what our SAR society is doing in education so impressed the attendees that State and National Officers urged Mother Lode members, Wayne Griswold, Jim Young and Tom Chilton to work on Kevin's genealogy to bring him into the society. We need members like Kevin, they said. In early 2015 Tom Chilton solved the problem and Kevin's Pennsylvania Militia Patriot was fully documented. ... Welcome Kevin!



*Kevin Tierney with Tom Chilton*





## *Chapter Activities*

### RIVERSIDE CHAPTER



*Riverside Chapter, SAR compatriot Mark Kramer explains proper musket cleaning during a musket firing and safety class in the afternoon after CASSAR meeting in Irving.*

### GOLD COUNTRY CHAPTER



*David Gilliard and Allan Brooking making a poster presentation to local school. Presentations were made to a total of 9 schools and 27 class rooms.*

## 2014-15 BROCHURE CONTEST WINNERS!

This is the fifth year California has held its Middle School Brochure Contest. Last year four Chapters entered brochures. This year five Chapters participated. (Next year six, or more?)



From left to right: Redlands Chapter Vice President John Flippin with Joshua's Third Place Medallion (and \$150); Thomas Jefferson Chapter President Don Gurley with Olivia's Honorable Mention Medallion (Olivia is a C.A.R. member); Mother Lode Chapter with Alan Brooking standing-in from neighboring Sacramento Chapter with Max's Second Place Medallion (and \$300); Orange County Chapter President Jim Klingler with Blythe's Honorable Mention Medallion; San Diego Chapter President Ray Raser with Bethany's First Place medallion (and \$400); and Tom Adams, CASSAR Brochure Contest Chairman.

The CASSAR Winner from San Diego Chapter by Bethany will be entered into the National Contest to be held in Louisville, KY this year. Last year's CASSAR entry, by William from Gen. Geo. Patton Chapter won first place in the National Competition. We are going for a repeat!

### **Tom Adams, Chairman Brochure Contest**

## 2014-2015 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL POSTER CONTEST

This year's competition for Elementary School Poster Contest was the most intense that has been seen in California. The Sacramento Chapter will represent California at the NSSAR meeting in Louisville, KY with the results being announced at the Monday Youth Luncheon.



*Left to right-Greg Hill Gold Country Chapter President, Tom Adams Mother Lode Chapter President, Wayne Rogers-Eagle Chapter President, Alan Brooking-Sacramento Chapter, Ray Raser San Diego Chapter President and David Gilliard-Elementary School Poster Chairman*

**CASSAR First Place Poster, Sacramento Chapter**



# *NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting*

The NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting was held at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky on March 5-7, 2015. The California Society was represented by President Jim Faulkinbury, NSSAR Vice President General - Western District Stephen and Joy Renouf, NSSAR Chancellor General John Dodd, Executive Vice President Kent Gregory, Vice President North Ron Barker, Vice President South Jim and Un Hui Fosdyck, Past President Charles Lampman, Past President Karl Jacobs, Tom Adams, Derek and Janet Brown, Gary Jensen and Ray Raser.

On Thursday, members of President General Lindsey Brock's Executive Committee (including VPG Renouf, and Chancellor General Dodd) were shuttled to the SAR Headquarters building for an ExCom meeting. The committee reviewed the income statements and balance sheets, and discussed the 2016 budget. Mike Elston discussed a possible project with King's College London. They have the King George III personal papers, which have not been studied. They plan to digitize the papers and make them available for researchers, and want to partner with universities and groups such as the SAR. We will explore the possibility of partnering with them – possibly endowing an American researcher to study the papers, and perhaps using them at a future SAR Conference on the American Revolution. PG Nathan White reported on the construction activities at the headquarters building.

In the afternoon, VPG Renouf attended the Strategic Planning Committee meeting. Three students in the University of Louisville's MBA program attended the meeting to discuss their degree project to create a business plan for SAR. They only have a couple of months to work on the plan, so they are limiting it to a business plan for the SAR Museum and Educational Outreach Center. At a later date, we can have another group of graduate students work on a business plan for the SAR proper. The students are gathering data from Executive Director Don Shaw and the SAR staff, as well as making contact with the other museums on Main Street. They will meet with their professors to work on various aspects of the business plan, including raising revenues, marketing, web site development, and setting a target audience for the museum. The plan should be presented to ExCom prior to the SAR Annual Congress in June, so it can be presented to the delegates at Congress. Each one of the students has their own business that they developed through the MBA in entrepreneurship program at the university, and brings their own special talent to the project. The students then asked questions of the committee to get a better idea of what the SAR is, and what we are trying to accomplish. Following the presentation, the Strategic Planning Committee voted to recommend to the trustees the long range plan that has been developed over the last couple years.

On Friday, the national committees met at the Brown Hotel. In the morning, VPG Renouf chaired the Medals & Awards Committee, attended by VP South Fosdyck. The two Leadership Meetings and Congress are also now considered as official meetings of the Council. The committee voted unanimously to change the rules for the Silver Council of State Presidents Medal to require attending 4 meetings of the council (an increase from the present 2 meetings). The committee voted unanimously to modify the rules for the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal with regards to Navy Sea Cadet Corps. The medal would NOT be authorized for the Navy League Cadet Corp (cadets aged 9-13). A Navy Sea Cadet would need to be in the next to last year or last year in the program, and have attained the rank of petty officer second class or higher. The committee voted unanimously to create the Hospitality Award for the PG to present to ladies who assist him during his term (similar to aide de camp pin), the 2016 Congress Medal proposed by the Massachusetts Society, the Kentucky Society's Isaac Shelby Centurion Award to recognize the service of SAR Members to the Kentucky Society, the Southern District SAR Membership Medal available to all members of the AL, LA, MS, and TN state societies, and the Washington Society's Superior Service Medal to recognize continuous exceptional service of SAR Members to the Washington Society. The committee voted that the National Defense Service Medal was not considered a campaign medal for purposes of qualifying for the War Service Medal. The committee went into executive session to discuss proposals for the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal, and voted unanimously to approve awarding the medal to General Michael V. Hayden (proposed by the DC Society), and President General Lindsey C. Brock (proposed by the Executive Committee).

# *NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting (continued)*

VPG Renouf, Chancellor General Dodd, President Faulkinbury, and Executive VP Gregory attended the Congress Planning Committee. CASSAR Congress Planning Chairman Dodd spoke on the hotels that are going to be reviewed by Paul Callanan in a couple weeks in Orange County and San Diego as possible sites for the 2019 Congress in California. Other chairmen spoke about the 2015 Congress in Louisville (KY), the 2016 Congress in Boston (MA), the 2017 Congress in Knoxville (TN), and the 2018 Congress in Houston (TX). For the upcoming Louisville Congress, there will be an outing to Churchill Downs on the Friday preceding Congress. The Saturday tour will feature George Rogers Clark, and the Wednesday tour will be to the Kentucky horse park.

President Faulkinbury chaired the Genealogy Committee, with Kent Gregory, Gary Jensen and Ray Raser present. The committee approved a revision of Policy 2011-06 to accept DAR or CAR Record Copies approved on or after January 1, 1985, as evidence of corresponding lineage and related facts on SAR applications. Earlier DAR or CAR record copies will be accepted as evidence only for corresponding facts that have verification marks. Now that this has been done, they may have to revisit the SAR grandfather clause and adopt a similar policy. The policy does not apply to portions of DAR or CAR applications that have been determined as incorrect by DAR, CAR, or the SAR Genealogist General. The Committee also voted to revise Policy 2005-03 to no longer require a long-form birth certificate for the applicant. Executive VP Gregory attended the Council of State Presidents, which shared information on which states have found black powder liability insurance.

The Premium Membership Medals Committee met with Chairman Renouf, John Dodd and Karl Jacobs. The meeting ended early so we could watch Un Hui Fosdyck perform several Korean dances for the Ladies Auxiliary Meeting. The Spanish Patriots Committee met, led by Vice Chairman Renouf. Chairman Renouf discussed two Spanish descent applicants from Miami, Florida, that he successfully sponsored for membership in the Thomas Jefferson Chapter in California. Both descend from a soldier in the Spanish Havana Regiment that served with General Bernardo Gálvez. Chairman Renouf also discussed two applications that he is working on for the Spain Society. Both men are American businessmen living in Madrid. The completed applications have been sent to them for signature. The applications are strong, and we should have two new members for the Spain society in a month or two. The Spain Society is making a trip to Cartagena, Spain, with the DAR and Spanish military in the next few months.

President Faulkinbury attended the Patriot Biographies Committee. The States and Chapters with 20% participation by June 1, 2015, will receive a streamer. The 20% calculation will be the number of bios submitted by the State Societies or individual chapters divided by the number of members in that State or Chapter on January 1, 2015.

President Jim Faulkinbury attended the IT Committee, which provided a presentation on the new software functionality for online applications and several of the business functions being developed. Jim has been participating as one of the beta testers of the online application system prior to this meeting and will continue with that when the next release is ready for testing.

John Dodd attended the SolidLight Ad Hoc Committee, where they viewed an informative power point presentation of the Museum of Alabama, which is similar in size and scope to what is being proposed for our building, demonstrating we are consistent in cost with other similar projects. Kent Gregory and John Dodd attended the Museum Board Committee. The Museum Board voted to transfer a Dry Mounting Press to the Education Director, and approved the sale of a drill press. A subcommittee was formed to provide recommendations to the next President General for appointments onto the Museum Board. A subcommittee was formed for long range planning for commemorative themes for temporary exhibits. The Committee approved a policy for historical accuracy regarding NSSAR artifacts.

CASSAR Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck attended the Color Guard Committee. The committee selected Robert



# *NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting (continued)*

Cunningham of Indiana as Color Guardsman of the Year for 2015-2016. They also passed a resolution stating that compatriots wearing a kilt may not March with the color guard at National events. VP South Fosdyck attended the Public Service/Heroism Committee, where they discussed guidelines for awarding Law Enforcement, Fire & EMS medals, and reporting awards information to National. He also attended the ROTC/JROTC/Academies Committee.

Chuck Lampman attended the Minuteman Committee and helped choose the six members of the class of 2015 - Davis Wright, Esq. (DE), Mark Anthony (SC), Randy Moody (FL), Joe Harris (UT), Peter Grassl (KS), and Dr. Raymond Clapsadle (TN).

VP North Ron Barker attended the Education Committee. So far, nine states, including California, have submitted a one-page document on education outreach. On its website, Georgia has a traveling trunk which chapters can use in putting together an education outreach program. The "Why America is Free Curriculum" was endorsed by the 124th Congress in Greenville, SC. The committee is asking for further best practices of chapters or state societies to share with other societies.

VP North Barker attended the Americanism Committee meeting where it was announced that 28 percent of all chapters participated in the Americanism Contest for 2014. There were many outstanding programs listed on the worksheet that will be shared when it is all compiled. In addition, the Elementary School Poster Contest will now alternate yearly between the Founding Patriots and Events of the Revolution as on-going themes.

VP North Barker chaired the Patriotic Outreach Program where it was announced that there was the largest participation ever of Chapters and State Societies in the Partners in Patriotism and Wreaths Across America programs.

The Friday night banquet was held at the Brown Hotel. One of the MBA students addressed the assembly about the project to develop a business plan for the SAR Museum and an Educational Outreach Center. The Minuteman Class of 2015 was announced at the banquet.

On Saturday morning, the Executive Committee was shuttled to the SAR Headquarters building. Member Stephen Renouf presented the recommendations of the Medals & Awards Committee, and they were approved unanimously. The committee voted to recommend the long range plan of the Strategic Planning Committee to the trustees. The committee discussed the various parts of Phase III, and decided to prioritize three items - an electrical upgrade (since the power to the building is currently maxed out), installing the rear elevator, and finishing the rooftop garden.

The trustees and members of the SAR were shuttled to the SAR Headquarters building for the Trustees Meeting. The main topic of the trustees meeting was the SAR Museum and Educational Outreach Center, so it was decided to hold the meeting in the partially finished area where the museum would be located. The trustees were able to see the building and visualize the space. A panel discussion was held with Dan Preston from Architecture, Leo Post from AL Post Construction, John Murphy from SolidLight (the company that will plan and execute the SAR Museum), Chairman Bill Stone of the Ad Hoc Committee, and President Sam Powell of the SAR Foundation. Each representative gave a presentation on his part of the project, and then opened the floor to questions from the trustees. It was a great opportunity to clear up any misconceptions about the project.

Following a working lunch, the trustee meeting reconvened. The trustees voted to approve the recommendation of ExCom for the three next projects in Phase III - electrical upgrade, rear elevator, and rooftop garden. There was a discussion about why the rooftop garden was being prioritized - once finished, it can be rented out to generate additional income to finish the Museum and Outreach Center. Each year, the Thunder over Louisville fireworks are exhibited. Many companies pay \$25,000 for the single day to rent rooftops on Main Street to view the fireworks, often with multi-

## *NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting (continued)*

year contracts. In addition, it can be rented out for weddings or other events. We already have one wedding scheduled for the unfinished first floor area. This will be a great opportunity to help raise revenues for the project and for eventually funding the museum. The trustees voted to approve the deaccession plan for unneeded microfilm and microfiche. The trustees approved purchasing computers for the SAR Library, as well as approved using the Millett Fund to pay for Library renovation. The investment asset allocation for the Alexander Hamilton Fund and George Washington Endowment Fund was approved. The Strategic Planning Committee recommended adopting the long-range plan, and it passed. Bill Marrs discussed transitioning from Dropbox to Share File for keeping trustees and committees informed of important items.

Following the trustees meeting, VPG Renouf attended the meeting of the Council of Vice Presidents General. They approved a bylaws modification regarding the appointment of the Council Chairman to bring their bylaws into agreement with the NSSAR bylaws.

In the afternoon, John Dodd, Karl Jacobs and Stephen Renouf attended the meeting of the SAR Germany Society. President Bruce Buehler spoke about several new members for the Germany Society resident in Germany. New officers were elected for 2015. Germany Society pins were being sold to raise funds to purchase two silk Zweibrücken Regiment flags for the society.

John Dodd attended the SAR France Society meeting, where they discussed the recent, very successful SAR trip to France, as well as the possibility for future trips. The France Society is involved in the voyage of the ship Hermione and various other commemorations of France's contribution to our revolution, and welcomes visits from SAR members for any of these events. They also discussed the youth exchange program and the possibility of other avenues for cultural exchange.

Jim Fosdyck chaired the meeting of the Mexico Society in the absence of President Carlson. They discussed the Mexico Society Fiesta at the 2015 SAR Congress.

The Saturday night banquet was held at the Brown Hotel. The honored guest was President General Roland Downing, who served in 2005-06. Roland spoke about the origin of the idea for the SAR Outreach Education Center. He noted that in the 1980's, school textbooks were revised to include the history of minorities in the US, and unfortunately, that meant cutting important people and events from US history. The information that has been removed has had a negative effect on American culture by making students illiterate in their own culture. The idea of the SAR providing educational outreach to fill in their vital gap in students' education eventually led to the idea of the SAR Outreach Education Center. Information on the fight for freedom from Great Britain, and the establishment of the Republic of the United States can be developed and disseminated to teachers and schools. The United States motto - E Pluribus Unum (Out of many, One), was the driving force of the United States from the founding. People could come from anywhere in the world, and assimilate into our society and culture. Unfortunately, the forces of multiculturalism have divided and fragmented our country, and we need to reestablish E Pluribus Unum as a guiding force. President General Downing also discussed how he became interested in genealogy, and how it led him to discover the history of his family, and how it was interwoven in the history of the United States. That led to him joining the SAR 35 years ago, and the rest is history. CASSAR Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck, Kent Gregory, Gary Jensen and Stephen Renouf participated in the National Color Guard for retiring the colors.

By Stephen Renouf, Vice President General-Western District  
With information from President Jim Faulkinbury, Chancellor General John Dodd, Executive VP Kent Gregory, VP North Ron Barker, and VP South Jim Fosdyck.



## More Spring Meeting Pictures



Dale Ross, Jim Fosdyck and Doug Bergtholdt receive Meritorious Service Medal

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Color Guard Cmdr Jim Fosdyck & President Jim Faulkinbury presents Charlie Gentis with silver

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Jim Faulkinbury presents Wreaths Across America steamers

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