



# The California Compatriot

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

## The President's Message

### Compatriots!

I want to thank you for electing me to serve as our California Society President. I am excited and honored to assume the responsibilities of this office. I need your help in making this next year a rewarding experience for all our membership.

We had a great meeting in Sacramento. President General Tom Lawrence and Mickey Jo came out to deliver a message and to swear in our new California SAR and Ladies Auxiliary officers. Former President General Joseph spoke to the ladies Saturday about the SAR academic history conference, which our Ladies Auxiliary has supported every year since its inception. Also in attendance were Treasurer General Larry Guzy and Karin and Inspector General Warren Alter and Nancy.

I especially want to thank the Gold Country Chapter members for their great work in hosting the State meeting., which was incredibly successful.

President Kent Gregory conducted a well-run meeting.

We presented public service awards on Friday as well as the first California 50th Vietnam anniversary Commemoration Ceremonies where we honored twenty nine Vietnam Era veterans and six wives who supported them. We prefer to do these ceremonies at the State Meetings, but have also started conducting them at local chapter meetings.

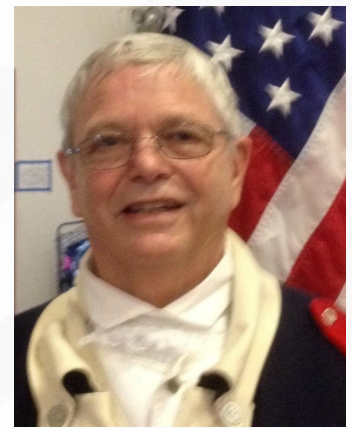
On Saturday we recognized our youth program winners. It is always encouraging to see that our country will be in good hands with these future leaders.

The subject of my talk was ER-Engage and Retain-members. A prospective or new member needs help in finding a program that he would be interested in to become active. It is up to the local chapters to involve and motivate these individuals in programs that they really enjoy. Have them work with a mentor. Our ancestors fought - and many died - for the cause they believed in. We can honor their legacy by welcoming and engaging new members and retaining all of our members by making the SAR an important and enjoyable part of their lives. Both the California and National websites are being

updated. Check out the tabs on each one. The Youth programs are very important for the future. We have a new Our Essay Contest chairman Kevin Tierney who was a teacher and still works in education. Our new Veteran's chairman is Linn Malaznik and our new vice chairman is Bob Stephen. We also have a new Committee, Public Service and Heroism Awards, chaired by Brian Stephens.

We are planning the Fall Meeting in Burlingame, November 4th and 5th. On Friday afternoon, we plan to laying a wreath of the grave of Dr. James Cogswell, one of the founders of the Revolutionary Sires in 1875 which became the Sons of the American Revolution. We are also planning breakout sessions on different areas which could include retention, reconciliation report, registrars and the new national computer system. There is also an optional tour of city hall in San Francisco.

I am looking forward to a year of increasing chapter participation in our youth and veteran programs as well as more communication and education of chapters regarding required reports and helping them preparing these reports. Once again, thank you for entrusting me with your state presidency for this coming year.



125th President, CASSAR  
Ron Barker

**Ron Barker**  
President, California Society, SAR

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2015/2016



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NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FEES, DUES

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

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FEES

SUPPLEMENTAL 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

MEMORIAL MEMBER APPLICATION FEES, DUES

	NSSAR Fee	\$430.00
	CASSAR Fee	\$20.00

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP ADVANTAGES

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

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Next Deadline: 31 August 2016

# The Secretary's Report

## ANNUAL DUES, REGULAR MEMBERS

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

## ANNUAL DUES, JUNIOR MEMBERS

National Society	\$5.00
California Society	\$ - 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 dual member's chapters.

## ANNUAL DUES, EMERITUS MEMBERS

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

Since the last publication of the "California Compatriot", we have added 82 new members to the California Society including one Transfer In and two dual members. I have also processed 27 supplemental applications.

I continue to process reinstatements for those who did not pay their dues on time. I am going to ask that the chapters begin their dues collection in October so members will have plenty of time to meet the December 31st deadline imposed by NSSAR.

It is important that I have each chapter's list of officers with their mailing address, email address, and phone numbers. If there is a change in an officer position, please notify me.

We continue to grow as I receive inquiries from people who are interested in applying for membership. I refer them to the nearest Chapter Registrar for assistance in the application process.

*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

**8 - 13 July 2016 NSSAR 126th Congress**  
The Westin Copely Place - Louisville, KY

**29 September - 1 October 2016**  
**NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting**  
NSSAR Headquarters - Louisville, KY

**4 - 5 November 2016 CASSAR Fall BOM**  
Hilton San Francisco Airport Bayfront  
Burlingame, CA

**10 December 2016**  
Wreaths Across America

# 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>
197417	10032	Gerald Walter Clarke	Butte	174880	10044	Roger Dean Woodruff	Riverside
198061	10073	Kelly Richard Davis Sr.	Central Coast	197796	10045	Warren Richard Peters	Riverside
197805	10054	Ernest Burton Miller	Central Coast	197797	10046	Jonathan Richard Peters	Riverside
198532	10089	John Henry Huegel	Eagle	197418	10033	Ryan Steven Strank	Riverside
197798	10047	Alan William Shindel	General Washington	198157	10079	Reed Lawrence Richards	Riverside
197799	10048	Jacob W. Shindel	General Washington	198535	10092	James Wesley Vineyard	Riverside
197340	10020	Roland Richard Wiley Thompson	General Patton	198154	10076	Gerald Hardy Miller	Sacramento
197416	10031	Patryke Kim Thomas	General Patton	197800	10049	Wallace Milton Wadlington	San Diego
197889	10062	Adams Richard Stevenson	General Patton	197801	10050	Thomas Scott Wadlington	San Diego
197890	10063	Sean Michael McGarry	General Patton	197802	10051	Michael Edward Wadlington	San Diego
197891	10064	David Andrew Norton	General Patton	197803	10052	Andrew Stephen Wadlington	San Diego
197558	10041	Billy Beal Barrows	General Patton	197804	10053	Ralph Charles Richter Jr.	San Diego
197559	10042	Thomas Jacob Hasserbein	General Patton	197807	10056	Weyman Hillard Cox II	San Diego
198055	10067	Percy Wyly III	General Patton	197414	10029	Erich Benjamin Riedel	San Diego
198056	10068	Henry Austin Reniger	General Patton	198059	10071	Spencer Duncan Engelson	San Diego
198060	10072	William Thomas Allen	General Patton	198062	10074	James Franklin Helt	San Diego
198531	10088	Keith Evert Swenson	Harbor	198311	10083	Ernest John Shea	San Diego
198541	10098	Christopher John Robbins	Harbor	198312	10084	Michael Keiji Shea	San Diego
198542	10099	Sean Christopher Robbins	Harbor	198395	10086	David Parish Cropper	San Francisco
197884	10057	James Edward Hansen	Kern	198530	10087	Lukas Anton Driurzynski	San Francisco
197885	10058	Ronald Stephen Wayne	Kern	197888	10061	James Harold Cunningham	San Francisco
197886	10059	Kevin Scott Wilber	Kern	197555	10038	John Henry Wurzel	Santa Barbara
197887	10060	James Michael Wilber	Kern	197556	10039	George Webber Wurzel	Santa Barbara
198156	10078	David Earl Johnson	Kern	198054	10066	Robbie Lynn Rhodes	Santa Barbara
198537	10094	William Carlson Descry	Kern	198058	10070	Thomas Montgomery Cole	Santa Barbara
198538	10095	Andrew David Descry	Kern	198063	10075	Michael Garel Hardwick	Santa Barbara
197557	10040	Parker James Doyle	Mother Lode	197553	10036	Roland Henry Baker III	Silicon Valley
198222	10081	Robert Deno Saint Amour	Mother Lode	197348	10028	Mark Roy Melebranche	Sons of Liberty
198223	10082	Robert Edward Saint Amour	Mother Lode	198539	10096	Daniel James Rice	Sons of Liberty
198533	10090	Spencer Myles Doyle	Mother Lode	198540	10097	James Michael Rice	Sons of Liberty
197415	10030	Scot Allen Trodick	Orange County	197344	10024	John Carlton Blake	South Coast
198155	10077	Eric John Padget	Orange County	197554	10037	Taylor Christopher Hogshead	South Coast
184135	10085	Edward O. Steinbeck III	Orange County	198057	10069	Mathew David Young	South Coast
198534	10091	Steven Raymond Snyder	Orange County	197345	10025	Eric William Scanlan	Thomas Jefferson
198536	10093	Douglas Hayes King	Redding	197346	10026	Zachary Patrick Scanlan	Thomas Jefferson
197341	10021	Jon McCalmon Bosman	Redlands	197347	10027	Brenden Anthony Scanlan	Thomas Jefferson
197806	10055	David John Palmer	Redlands	197477	10034	Hunter Hill Gallaway	Thomas Jefferson
197560	10043	Richard Darrell Freeborg	Redlands	197552	10035	Eugene Austin Stevens	Thomas Jefferson
198221	10080	Joseph gene Meish	Redwood Empire	197342	10022	Marc Solon Hendon	Yosemite
198053	10065	Patrick Lyle Stoll	Redwood Empire	197343	10023	John Solon Hendon	Yosemite
198543	10100	William Veasey Bullard	Redwood Empire	186127	10019	George Reginald Sutton	Transferred In- from Oregon
198544	10101	Stephen Edward Bullard	Redwood Empire				
198545	10102	James Payton Bullard	Redwood Empire				

# *Youth Protection Training*

In 2015, the Insurance and Risk Management Committee of the NSSAR recommended that the state societies implement a youth protection training program for all compatriots involved with the various youth programs. One training program already in place is the Boy Scout Youth Protection training; this is required of all adults as part of their registration as an adult leader with the Boy Scout program.

Since the Boy Scout Youth Protection training program has been in place and on-line for some years, it was recommended that this training be adopted for all compatriots involved in the various youth programs; it was subsequently adopted at the CASSAR Fall 2015 Board of Managers meeting for those involved at the chapter and state levels.

The training itself is on-line, takes about 30 minutes and is valid for two years. Once training has been completed, you should print out the Certificate of Completion and e-mail a copy to Derek Brown (Youth Activities Director) at [dptydeke@yahoo.com](mailto:dptydeke@yahoo.com).

Please check the CASSAR youth programs web page for specific instructions.





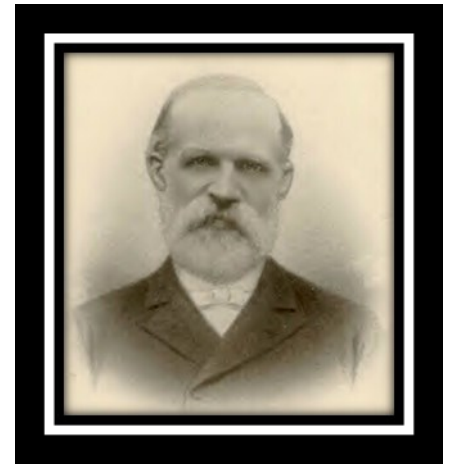
## **141<sup>st</sup> Fall BOM Meeting**

**California Society,**

**Sons of the American Revolution**

**November 4-6, 2016**

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### **MEETING REGISTRATION DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

#### ***Overview of meeting and events:***

Friday business meeting begins at 9 a.m.

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

After wreath laying, 2 options:

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

Friday evening, optional dinner at a local restaurant

Saturday, meetings resume at 9 AM, luncheon, speaker TBA, evening banquet, speaker TBA

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## *From the Desk of the CASSAR Registrar*

California is working along at a pretty good clip in both new members and supplementals. We have 106 applications somewhere in the processing pipeline. Some of you may have noticed that Staff in Louisville is taking a bit longer to process. This processing delay could be a result of some of the States not doing "approval ready" applications, which does not appear to be the case of California. We do still have some nuances that could be remedied. But it appears you chapter registrars down in the trenches are doing well in preparing better quality applications.

I have been informed that effective in June all 2012 pended applications become ineligible for continuing to be processed without new funds. We only have a few. It is our collective best interest to either pull those old applications (I would even venture to say that about 2013 pendeds), get them out of the system and off the desks of the Staff genealogists, and either shelve them at the chapter level or make a renewed effort to resolve the discrepancies that exist.

Remember that you are often the first person an applicant works with. From my experience working hand-in-hand with the applicant works much better than just having them do all the work and you finishing the process. An applicant may not have the resources such as ancestry.com to complete what is needed for an "approval ready" application. Ensure that each generation to generation connection is documented with approved source material. When in doubt refer to the Application Manual or contact myself or the CASSAR Genealogist. We are here to help.

Finally, speaking about the Application Manual, when is the last time you read it over? There have been changes made and you can help me get them in the mail easier if you are familiar with the current policy of production of "approval ready" applications.

**Owen Stiles**  
CASSAR Registrar

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## *New Officers & Chairmen*

At the CASSAR Spring Meeting, officers for 2016/2017 were elected and installed. The list of new officers is on page two of this California Compatriot newsletter. President Barker has announced his appointments for Program Administrators. They include:

Budget & Planning: James C. Fosdyck	Veteran's Programs: Linn Malaznik
California Compatriot Editors: James C. Fosdyck & Dr. M. Kent Gregory	Veteran's Programs Asst.: Bob Stephen
Children of the American Revolution Liaison: Terry Briggs	Flag Committee cochairmen: Derek Brown & Robert Taylor
Chapter Activities: Philip L. Hinshaw	Wreaths Across America Chairman: Donald B. Littlefield
Chief of Protocol: Mark Kramer	Compliance Committee Chairman: Karl Jacobs
Color Guard Commander: Mark Kramer	Public Safety & Heroism: Brian Stephens
Color Guard Adjutant – North: Russ Kaiser	Youth Activities Director: Derek Brown
Color Guard Adjutant – South: Daniel J. Henry	Americanism Elementary School
Daughters of the American Revolution Liaison: Alan Brooking	Poster Contest: David A. Gilliard
Ethics Committee: Rev. Louis V. Carlson, Jr.	Middle School Brochure Contest: Tom Adams
Information Technology: Greg Hill	Spirit of America Program: Robert Taylor
Handbook Committee: Stephen R. Renouf	ROTC/JROTC Program: James Gill
Medals & Awards: David Grinnell	NSCC/NLCC Program: Robert Taylor
Nominations Liaison: Dr. M. Kent Gregory	Eagle Scout Program: Gary Jensen
NSSAR 2019 Congress Planning: John L. Dodd, Esq.	Knight Essay Contest: Kevin Tierney
Media & Public Relations: David A. Gilliard	High School Oration Contest: Daniel R. McKelvie
Operation Ancestor Search: Ray Raser	Valley Forge Program: Robert Taylor
Spanish Patriot Researcher: Leroy Martinez	

# *The 141st CASSAR Annual Meeting*

The 141st CASSAR Annual Meeting was hosted by the Gold County Chapter at the Sacramento Embassy Suites Hotel in Sacramento, California, on April 15-16, 2016. On Thursday, the State Officers hosted the National Officers for dinner at Frank Fat's, a 77-year old Chinese fine dining restaurant. In attendance were Treasurer General Larry & Karin Guzy, Inspector General Warren & Nancy Alter, Past President General Joe Dooley, and Executive Committee Member James & Betty Jones.



On Friday morning, President Kent Gregory convened the CASSAR Annual Meeting. Following opening ceremonies, the National Officers were introduced – Treasurer General Larry Guzy (GA), Inspector General Warren Alter (AZ), Former President General Joe Dooley (VA), Executive Committee Member James T. Jones, Jr. (TX), and NSSAR Trustee for California Jim Faulkinbury. The past state presidents were then introduced – Richard Andriano-Moore (1986-87), Robert Ebert (2006-07), Karl Jacobs (2007-08), Stephen Renouf (2008-09), Rev. Lou Carlson (2009-10), Wayne Griswold (2010-11), John Dodd (2011-12), Keith Bigbee (2012-13), Stephen Hurst (2013-14), and Jim Faulkinbury (2014-15).

The minutes of the Board of Managers meeting from November 2015 were approved as corrected. The state officers delivered their reports: President Kent Gregory reported that the state society recently had its 10,000th member enrolled, and the state society filed its annual report with national on time. Executive Vice President Ron Barker announced that Brian Stephens will be working with chapters on the public service awards. Vice President South Jim Fosdyck announced the next annual meeting would be held at the Wyndham Hotel in Irvine on April 6-8, 2017. He is currently working on a program to present SAR Flag Certificates at the 21 Spanish Missions in California. The Spanish Soldiers and Indians at these missions donated money for Spain's war effort in assistance of the United States during the Revolutionary War. He is still looking for a chapter to host the Fall Board of Managers meeting in 2017. Vice President North Derek Brown reported that he is working with the smaller chapters in the North on meetings and membership





*The 141st CASSAR Annual Meeting (continued)*

growth. Vice President Membership Phil Hinshaw reported that we had 270 drops at the end of 2015 – the largest number ever. However, much of this was due to dropping members so we could file our annual report to the National Society on time (for the first time in many years). We are working with the dropped members to get their dues paid and reinstated to membership. Secretary Doug Bergtholdt reported we have admitted our 10,079th member, and we currently have 1,652 active members. Treasurer Robert Taylor filed his financial report in the book, and passed out the life membership dues to the chapters in attendance. Genealogist Terry Briggs requested that chapters review their pended applications, and request pended applications that are no longer being actively worked on be withdrawn. Registrar Owen Stiles report that we now have over 100 original and supplemental applications submitted so far this year. He encouraged chapters to work on their pended applications. Historian Jim Blauer noted that his minutes from the previous meeting had been approved. Chaplain Carlson asked that chapters report deceased compatriots to BOTH the state secretary and the state chaplain, so we will not be missing anyone for the annual memorial service. Invested Funds Trustees Stephen Renouf and John Dodd explained the financial report and offered the opportunity for members to ask questions. California Trustee Jim Faulkinbury encouraged all members to register for the new SAR website. Members have access to the new application system, and membership information. He has created a basic instruction manual with screen shots for anyone who is interested. He asked all those with pended applications to send them to him so he can work with the chapters to resolve the outstanding issues.

The chapter presidents delivered their reports: The Redlands Chapter recognized the first responders to the terrorist attack in San Bernardino in December that killed 14 people and seriously wounded 22. The first responders arrived within a few minutes and ended the carnage. The committee chairmen delivered their reports: Youth Programs Chairman Derek Brown reported that he has a chart of all the youth contests, requirements, and deadlines that he will send to anyone interested. Knight Essay Contest Chairman Keith Bigbee reported that the contest had ten participants this year, but six were eliminated because they did not follow the rules. All chapters are encouraged to ensure their candidates meet all the requirements, and suggest corrections if necessary. SAR Orations Committee Chairman Dan McKelvie reported that the winner of the California Orations Contest will be traveling to Boston to compete in the national competition. Sea Cadet Chairman Bob Taylor asked all chapters participating in the Naval Sea Cadet Program to report to his committee. California 250 Chairman John Dodd reported that he has CA250 pins for CASSAR compatriots who contribute \$250 to CAAH/SAR Foundation. Ron Barker reported that Jim Fosdyck would be chairing the California Compatriot Committee, so submit any articles to him. If you have chapter members who want a printed edition of the California Compatriot, they need to pay a \$5 subscription fee to the state secretary. Chapter Activities Chairman Phil Hinshaw reported that the chapter categories have been re-aligned based on chapter size to have an equal number of chapters in each category. Fourteen of the twenty-six chapters competed in the contest last year. Hinshaw reported that he arranged a ceremony for the SAR Flag Certificate presentation at the San Diego Mission. Anyone interested in doing a ceremony with their local mission can contact him for information. Compliance Committee Chairman Karl Jacobs reported that the chapters all have to file the IRS 990-N and California 199-N forms for the 2015 year. Congress Planning Committee Chairman John Dodd reported that the 2019 SAR Annual Congress will be held in Costa Mesa at the Hilton Orange County Hotel. The host society reception will be a harbor cruise, and possible tours include the Nixon Library, the Queen Mary and Mission San Juan Capistrano. There may be a post congress tour of the Regan Library. We are looking for volunteers for hosting the congress.



*The 14<sup>th</sup> CASSAR Annual Meeting (continued)*



The Public Service Luncheon honored law enforcement and public safety. President Kent Gregory presented the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Deputy Jose De La Cruz of the Sacramento Sheriff's Department. He presented the Fire Safety Commendation Medal to Battalion Chief Greg Bertelli of CAL FIRE. He presented the Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal to Fire Captain James Hudson of CAL FIRE.

Editors note: Use the Public Service and Heroism Award Reporting form (<http://www.sar.org/node/612>) to report the awarding of the following medals: Law Enforcement Commendation, Fire Safety Commendation, EMS Commendation or Heroism Award.

Following lunch, President Gregory reconvened the meeting. President General Tom Lawrence addressed the meeting, and discussed the exciting developments in the National Society, as well as events upcoming for the Boston Congress in July.

Under old business, Karl Jacobs presented a design for the 2019 SAR Congress Medal. The obverse features Compatriot Leroy Martinez' drawing of a Spanish soldado de cuera (leather-jacket soldier), who served in Alta California during the American Revolution. The reverse of the medal features the seal of the Sons of Revolutionary Sires (which changed its name to the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution once the National Society was formed). The ribbon will be a gold stripe and a deep red stripe. There was discussion about reducing the size of the soldado and adding the bells of Mission San Juan Capistrano (1776) behind the soldado. Compatriot PG Joe Dooley made a motion to approve the 2019 SAR Congress Medal in concept, with the final decision on the design of the obverse made by the CASSAR Congress Planning Committee. The motion also specified that the committee will decide to order at least 300, but not more than 400 medals after a review of recent congress medal sales. The motion was approved. There was also discussion on the ordering of new California Society Medals, as our inventory has dwindled. There was near unanimity that the current design should be retained. There was a motion to approve ordering 300 California Society Medals, which was approved. There was discussion about the new policy of requiring the chapter registrars to check the Megan's Law database prior to submitting new member applications to the state society. Ideally, this should be done prior to spending hours working on the application. If any chapters fail to do this, the state registrar is tasked with checking before the application is reviewed and sent to national. If an applicant is on the database, the CASSAR President should be notified immediately. Youth Activities Chairman Derek Brown reported on the new requirement for chapters to have all members who have contact with youth contestants to first complete the Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection Training. The program does not take long to complete, and provides guidelines to protect youth from abuse AND adults from litigation. Once the course is completed, the certificate should be forwarded to Chairman Brown.

Under new business, incoming President Barker will be appointing a committee to recommend guidelines for publishing youth contestant names in SAR publications. Derek Brown presented state youth contest winner release forms for parents to authorize their children's names and images be published, and their essays, orations, etc. be published. There was a motion to approve the forms, which was passed. There was discussion on the Remember Our Fallen war memorials. This is a program with a traveling exhibit of military and personal photos of our fallen soldiers and sailors who died of wounds in the war zone from the War on Terror. More information can be found at [www.rememberingourfallen.org](http://www.rememberingourfallen.org).

*The 141st CASSAR Annual Meeting (continued)*

On Friday evening, the national and state officers had dinner at the Sutter Club, across from the State Capitol. The Sutter Club, founded in 1889, is the second oldest private club in California. All California Governors (except one) have been members of the club. There was a wonderful buffet meal in the historic club as attendees were serenaded with live music.



*John and Liz Ferris and Mickey Jo and President General Tom Lawrence*



*Kent and Lisa Gregory and Ron and Conni Barker*

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 Ron Barker. Members included Vice President South Jim Fosdyck, Vice President North Derek Brown, Treasurer Bob Taylor, CASSAR Invested Funds Trustee Chairman Stephen Renouf, treasurer-candidate James Klingler (Orange County Chapter), and Alan Brooking (Sacramento Chapter). Guests present included visiting members of the Texas Society. The committee audited some checks and deposits, and found everything in order. The committee voted to make a recommendation to have the state compliance chairman present at the audits committee meeting, and add to his duties the tracking of the annual forms of the California Registry of Charitable Trusts, and conflict of interest/whistleblower forms. It was also recommended that the Invested Funds Trustees include the annual transfer reconciliation form with their annual report.



While the audit committee met, President Gregory reconvened the annual meeting, and discussed upcoming state and national meetings. The SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution will be held in Pasadena, California, on June 10-11, 2016. The SAR Annual Congress will be held in Boston, Massachusetts, on July 8-13, 2016. The CASSAR Fall Board of Managers Meeting will be held at the Hilton San Francisco Airport Waterfront Hotel in Burlingame on November 4-5, 2016. The meeting then recessed pending the return of the members of the audit committee.

The meeting continued with new business. Jim Klingler was tasked by President Gregory to explore if the chapters are required to file annual forms with the California Registry of

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Charitable Trusts. Jim Klingler discovered that ALL tax-exempt entities operating in California, and holding funds in trust, must file annual forms. All California SAR chapters will need to file California Registry of Charitable Trusts Form CT-1 to register their organization and get a number issued by the agency. It takes about 3 weeks to get a response, at which time the chapter will be asked to file a RRF-1 form with a \$25 fee. Chapters that do not file these forms may lose their tax-exempt status in California. Jim Klingler can assist any chapter that needs help. He also discussed raffles held by chapters to raise money. Gambling in California is illegal, but there is an exemption for tax-exempt organizations to conduct raffles. All chapters that conduct raffles will need to report to the California Department of Justice. The chapter must submit the initial CT-NRP-1 Form, along with the Franchise Tax Board entity status letter and a \$20 registration fee. Once approved, the chapter will receive a raffle permit number, and will be required to file an annual reporting form CT-NRP-2. The chapter will need to provide copies of the California Registry of Charitable Trusts forms and Raffle forms (if applicable) to State Secretary Doug Bergtholdt and Compliance Chairman Karl Jacobs each year. Executive Vice President Ron Barker presented the recommendations of the Audit Committee: (1) conflict of interest/whistleblower forms must be filed with the compliance officer (Karl Jacobs); (2) meetings of the audit committee should be held every six months, and should include the compliance officer; (3) recommend that the annual report deadline for chapters be extended to the end of the first week of January each year (state must file by January 31), and every chapter must file a chapter report with the state secretary containing the information required in the bylaws; (4) Jim Klingler will contact the San Diego Fund to research the terms and get annual reports; and (5) request Treasurer Taylor provide copies of two missing backup items prior to the issuance of the final audit committee letter.

Nominating Committee Chairman Jim Faulkinbury presented the slate of officers recommended by the nominating committee. The nominations were: Executive VP Jim Fosdyck, VP North Derek Brown, VP South Robert Taylor, Secretary Doug Bergtholdt, Treasurer Jim Klingler, 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 Richard Hawley (2016-2018), National Trustee Kent Gregory, and Alternate National Trustee Ron Barker. There were no nominations from the floor, and the slate of officers was elected unanimously. President Gregory announced that a special meeting will be held following the Fall Board of Managers Meeting in Burlingame to review bylaws amendments.

Susan Brooking, the DAR Regent for Sacramento, asked to address the meeting. She stated that the DAR has a project to get into the Guinness Book of World Records. They have a project to send the most letters to active duty military personnel. They are requesting that people write on a special card a salutation, a letter, and a signature. The envelope should have your return address. The card should not be addressed to anyone, unless you have a specific person to whom you want to send the card. She will collect the cards for tracking and mailing. There was discussion about the fact that the Orations Contest Winner from California needs assistance in funding the trip to Boston to compete in the national contest. Stephen Renouf made a motion (seconded by Orations Chairman Raser) to allocate \$400 from the 2015 budget surplus to defray the costs of the contestant's trip to Boston, which was passed. President Gregory adjourned the annual meeting.

President-elect Barker then convened the CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting. John Dodd made a motion (seconded by Renouf) to nominate Jim Faulkinbury for NSSAR Vice President General of the Western District, which was passed unanimously. Following the Board of Managers Meeting, Vice President General Dodd convened a meeting of the Western District. VPG Dodd announced that he had invited the members of the Nevada Society to join the joint Western District/Pacific District Cruise to Alaska in May 2016. Cabins are still available for interested people. Stephen Renouf made a motion (seconded by Rt. Rev. Carlson) to nominate Jim Faulkinbury for NSSAR Vice President General of the Western District, which was passed unanimously. The Western District meeting was then adjourned.

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The Youth Luncheon was held to honor the winners of our various youth contests. Below: JROTC Chairman James Gill presented the Enhanced JROTC Award to Cadet Cameron Castillo, who read his essay. Eagle Scout Chairman Gary Jensen presented the Eagle Scout Award to Jesse Martin, who read his essay. Knight Essay Chairman Keith Bigbee presented the Knight Essay Contest Award to Eliza Davis, who read her essay. President Gregory presented Outstanding Citizenship pins to our C.A.R. Pages Noel Hall and Eden Hall from the Sacramento Society, CAR. They are grandchildren of compatriot Tom Adams.



*Below: Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Awards are presented to Duncan L. Flett (Redwood Empire Chapter) and Robert Jay Bates (General George Washington Chapter) by Mr. Robert E. Burt.*



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Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest Chairman Dave Gilliard announced the winners of the Poster Contest: Gold Country Chapter (1st), Sacramento Chapter (2nd), Redlands Chapter (3rd), San Diego Chapter (4th), and Delta, Mother Lode, Orange County and Riverside Chapters (honorable mention). Middle School Brochure Contest Chairman Tom Adams announced the winners of the Brochure Contest: Redlands Chapter (1st), Mother Lode Chapter (2nd), Sacramento Chapter (3rd), and Orange County Chapter and San Diego Chapter (honorable mention).



Rt. Rev. Louis Carlson, Jr. conducted a Memorial Service honoring the memory of the CASSAR compatriots who passed away in the previous year. We honored fallen compatriots Jerry Evans (Central Coast); Calvin Palmer and Richard Boster (Coachella Valley); Philip Harvey and Wylie Richard, Jr. (Delta); Edward McPherson (Gold Country); Cameron Stewart (Harbor); Walter Davis (Orange County); Howard Harvey (Redwood Empire); Charles Richard Keene and Wayne Lowell (Riverside); Christopher Stephenson, Vincent Gantt, and Ted Robinson (Sacramento); Lafayette Grover and James Maloney, Jr. (San Diego); Gregory Stahler and Jericho Mullen (Silicon Valley); Frank Denison and Donald Knapp (South Coast); Berni Campbell and Richard Welch (Sons of Liberty); and Robert Cooper and Sid Kennedy (Thomas Jefferson).



*Compatriot Don Gurley sang a memorial song, and Compatriot James Beatty and Elizabeth Strum provided music.*

Commander James Fosdyck led the California Society Honor Guard, composed of: Ed Steinbeck (Arizona Society); John Humphrey and Jeff Sylvan (Delta Chapter); Robert Taylor (General George Patton Chapter); Dale Ross (Gold Country); Karl Jacobs (Harbor Chapter); Arnie Burr (Kern Chapter); Jim Blauer, John Dodd, John Ferris, Jim Klingler, Dan McKelvie, Memorial Bell ringer Larry Wood (Orange County Chapter); Charlie Gentis, Gary Jensen, Mark Kramer, and Brian Stephens (Riverside Chapter); Jim Faulkinbury, and Russ Kaiser (Sacramento Chapter); Ernest McCullough and Ray Raser (San Diego Chapter); Robert Ebert (San Francisco Chapter); Doug Bergtholdt (Silicon

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Valley Chapter); and Stephen Renouf (Thomas Jefferson Chapter).

Following the presentation of the colors at the Saturday evening gala inaugural banquet, the Invocation was delivered by Chaplain Rt. Rev. Lou Carlson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by former President General Joseph Dooley. The National Anthem was led by John Adams Academy Vocal Ensemble. The SAR Pledge was led by Treasurer General Larry T. Guzy. The California Society Color Guard marched back in for the change of command ceremony. The halberd was passed from Adjutant North Russ Kaiser to outgoing

Commander Fosdyck to new Commander Mark Kramer. President Gregory presented Jim Fosdyck with the CASSAR Gold Von Steuben Medal.

President Kent Gregory presented Certificates of Appreciation to the people who volunteered and hosted the meeting: Ron Barker, Connie Barker, Keith Bigbee, Alan Brooking, David Gilliard, Greg Hill, Coreena Ross, Dale Ross, Liz Sublett and Sam Sublett. Master of Ceremonies David Gilliard introduced the Head Table and Distinguished Guests.

Following dinner, Emcee Dave Gilliard introduced our special guest speaker, President General Tom Lawrence. After his speech, President-Elect Ron Barker presented him with a gift – an Alexander Hamilton cell phone cover.

The Best Chapter Awards were announced by Chairman Phil Hinshaw, and presented by President Gregory: Small Chapter Category – Delta won for most new members & supplementals, publicity, chapter activities, and most medals & certificates; Eagle Chapter won for most meetings, community service, CASSAR programs, and the Best Small Chapter plaque. Medium-Small Chapter Category – Harbor Chapter won for most meetings, publicity, most new members & supplementals, and Community Service. Redlands Chapter won for most medals and certificates, and publications. Gold County Chapter won for most chapter activities, CASSAR programs, and the Best Medium-Small Chapter plaque. No awards were presented for the Medium-Large Chapter Category since no chapters in that category participated. Large Chapter Category – Riverside Chapter won all eight categories and the Best Large Chapter plaque. Very-Large Chapter Category – Sacramento won for most meetings, Thomas Jefferson won for most chapter programs, and Orange County won for publicity, most new members and supplementals, medals and certificates, chapter activities, community service, publications, and the Best Very-Large Chapter plaque.

President Gregory presented the Col. Richard Locke Award for sustained membership growth, including a \$250 check. The recipients of the award were: Small Chapter – Central Coast with 10.5% growth; Medium-Small Chapter – Harbor with 38% growth; Medium Chapter – General George S. Patton with 18% growth; Large Chapter – Riverside with 26% growth; and Very Large Chapter – Orange County with 18% growth.

President Gregory presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Ladies Auxiliary Officers: Lisa Gregory, Janet Brown, Karen Dodd, Sandy Jacobs, Karen Carlson, Connie Barker, Un Hui Yi, Gail Raser and Karen McKelvie. Gregory presented the State Meritorious Service Medal to Greg Hill for his management and upgrading of our state society website. President Gregory also presented the State Meritorious Service Medal to Terry Briggs for his service as CAR Liaison building a stronger relationship and for his service as Genealogist assisting with reducing our pended applications.

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President Gregory presented the Daughters of Liberty Medal to Janet Brown. She re-started the Ladies Auxiliary program in the Thomas Jefferson Chapter in 2010, has served as its President, and has led efforts to raise over \$1,500 for SAR youth contest prizes. She has accompanied her husband visiting other chapters, distributed Ladies Auxiliary materials, and encouraged ladies in those chapters to join and participate in their chapter Ladies Auxiliaries. She is a DAR member who has received genealogical consultant training, which she has used to assist in the research for 7 new SAR member applications, and 10 supplemental applications.

President Gregory presented the Silver Roger Sherman Medal to Gary Jensen for his exemplary service as chairman of the Eagle Scout Committee, and other service to the state society.

Below: President Gregory sent CASSAR Color Guard members Mark Kramer, Karl Jacobs, and Bob Ebert in search of the Patriot Medal winner. When they were unable to locate the winner, guardsman Jacobs used mental telepathy. He saw a vision of a cave, a fish's gill, and a yard by which he discerned that the recipient was Dave Gilliard.



President Gregory presented the State Distinguished Service Medal to John L. Dodd for his inestimable service to the California Society.



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President-Elect Ron Barker presented President Kent Gregory with a past president's pin and a gift, the book, George Rogers Clark: I Glory in War, by William Nestor.



President General Tom Lawrence installed the California Society officers, and presented the gavel to new President Ron Barker. President General Lawrence installed the California Society Ladies Auxiliary officers, and presented the gavel to their new President Connie Barker.

The SAR Recessional was led by Inspector General Warren Alter, and the Colors were retired by the California Society Color Guard led by Commander Mark Kramer.

By CASSAR Invested Funds Trustee Stephen Renouf. With information from Ron Barker, Kent Gregory, Mark Kramer, Tom Adams, and Dave Gilliard. Photographs by Stephen Renouf.



# *Honoring Our Veterans*



## *The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Commemorative Partner Program*

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

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

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

During the 141st Annual Meeting of the Membership Public Service Awards Luncheon Executive Vice President Ron Barker and Vice President South Jim Fosdyck presented lapel pins for compatriot military veterans and their spouses commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.



*United States Army veterans*



*United States Navy veterans*



*United States Marine Corps veterans*



*United States Air Force veterans*

## *Honoring Our Veterans (continued)*

Veterans and spouses were called up by branch (Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force), and presented with the Vietnam War Commemoration Commemorative lapel pins. Army recipients: Robert Ebert, Jim Fosdyck, Gary Jensen, Ralph J. Nielsen, Jeff Sylvan, William and Barbara Van Valkenburg. Navy recipients: Craig and Sandra Anderson, Ronald Barker, James Beatty, Alan Brooking, Oliver and Pat Everette, Larry and Karin Guzy, Phillip and Mary Hinshaw, Owen Stiles and Robert Taylor. USMC recipients: Charles Gentis and Ray and Gail Raser. Air Force recipients: Jim Faulkinbury, Donald Gurley, John Humphrey, J. Stephen Hurst, James Klingler, Mark Kramer, Sam Sublett and Timothy and Kay Ernst.



During an April 23, 2016 meeting of the Santa Barbara Chapter Jim Fosdyck and Robert Taylor presented Vietnam War Commemoration Commemorative lapel pins to veterans Mark Wilkening, Ron Zell, Professor Roger McGrath, William and Janet Lundt and Bob Carmody.

At the May 4, 2016 meeting of the Harbor Chapter Jim Fosdyck and Harbor Chapter President James Gill presented Vietnam War Commemoration Commemorative lapel pins to veterans Curtis C. Jones, Robert E. Smith, Robert Goble (spouse button for Margaret accepted by Robert), Col. Hal Hichborn (spouse button for Marilyn accepted by his daughter Heidi Watkins), William Voigt and George Gentry (seated).



On Saturday, May 7, 2016 Jim Fosdyck presented Vietnam War Commemoration Commemorative lapel pins to compatriot veterans at an Eagle Chapter meeting.



*Photo on left: Jim Fosdyck, Robert Anderson, Tom Johnston, Gene and Darlene Armistead, Wayne Rogers and Frank Kebelman.*



*Photo on right: Robert Martin and Jim Fosdyck.*

By Presidential Proclamation Barack Obama pronounced May 28, 2012, through November 11, 2025 as the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. California Society, SAR President Ronald J. Barker is the Chairman of the CASSAR United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Commemorative Partner Program with Jim Fosdyck as Vice Chairman.

## *Honoring Our Veterans (continued)*

### *The Greatest Generation*

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

For that reason we are honoring one of “The Greatest Generation” for his military service and his longevity within the Sons of the American Revolution.



Compatriot Herman Robert Kietzman, or Bob as he prefers to be called, served in the United States Navy from 1943 until 1946. He was a Naval Aviator Cadet when World War II ended. Bob is a member of the SAR World War II Veterans Corps.

Mr. Kietzman's SAR application was approved December 20, 1965. His 6th greatgrandfather Moses Wilson served in the Kentucky Militia.

Jim Fosdyck presented 91 year old veteran Herman Robert "Bob"

Kietzman, Jr. a SAR War Service Medal with WW II Bar.

Now known as Compatriot Bob Kietzman, Emeritus, he told us his cousin Oscar Mitchell helped several members of his family join the SAR as Life Members. Although Bob recently moved to Yukon, OK he remains a member of the Orange County Chapter. There wasn't an Orange County Chapter, or for that matter, a Los Angeles Chapter when Bob became a member of the SAR. He was accepted into the Southern California Society. In 1894, a SAR Southern California Society was founded in San Diego and included all of the counties in the southern part of the state. Compatriot Kietzman plans to become active in the Oklahoma City Chapter.



*Mr. McKelvie received a SAR War Service Medal with Purple Heart device. With Orange County Chapter Veterans' Affairs Chairman Hammond Salley and Chapter President John Ferris.*

WW II veteran Archie Lee McKelvie is a member of the Orange County Chapter, SAR. Mr. McKelvie was born in 1925. He entered the Army right out of High School. Archie was sent to England then to France after D-Day. Assigned to B Company, 317th Regiment, 80th Infantry Division he was wounded in Europe in 1944 during the Battle of the Hurtgen Forest.



*Bob Kietzman shows off his SAR 50 Year Service Pin and Certificate at Yukon, OK; March 7, 2016.*

The Battle of Hurtgen Forest is the name given to the series of fierce battles fought between United States and German forces during World War II in the Hurtgen Forest, which became the longest battle on German soil during World War II, and the longest single battle the United States Army has ever fought in its history. The battles took place between September 14, 1944, and February 10, 1945, over barely 50 square miles, east of the Belgian–German border. Mr. McKelvie was awarded a Purple Heart and a Combat Infantryman's Badge for his actions in the European Theater.

## *Honoring Our Veterans (continued)*

Please send photos and stories regarding living California Society, SAR members of “The Greatest Generation” to the editor. We will make an effort to publish two stories per issue of the California Compatriot.

More United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Commemorative lapel pin presentations to veterans will be reported in coming issues of the California Compatriots.



*Archie McKelvie received a Quilt of Valor. With Hammond Salley, Barbara Winkler (Regional Director of the Quilts of Valor Organization), Mr. McKelvie, Archie's son Dan McKelvie and John Ferris at Fullerton, CA; April 9, 2016.*



# *Order of March*

## *34th Massing of the Colors & Salute to Our Armed Forces*



On Sunday, February 14, 2016 the California SAR Color Guard participated in the 34th Massing of the Colors & Salute to Our Armed Forces at the Hall of Liberty, Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills in Los Angeles. The Massing is the largest celebration of Washington's Birthday in the West. The Color Guard was comprised of 31 compatriots from nine California Society, SAR chapters.

First time participants in the Massing of the Colors was Orange County Chapter compatriot Lt. Col. Hans Hunt and the Sonora High School Army JROTC Color Guard. Col. Hunt is the Senior Military Instructor at Sonora HS.



*Kern Chapter Color Guard.*



*Orange County Chapter "Lee's Legion" Color Guard.*

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*Riverside & Redlands Chapters joint Color Guard.*



*Sonora High School Army JROTC Color Guard.*



*California Society, SAR Ladies Auxiliary.*



*Color guardsman Bob Taylor dealing with dehydration.*



*Kern Eagle Chapter members Wayne Rogers, Steve Clugston as George Washington and Ray Raser.*



*CASSAR President Dr. Kent Gregory brings greetings from the SAR. Col. David Smith, USAF (ret) looks on.*

# *Keeping Hydrated* by Brian Stephens

## **Heat Stress**

This summer as we plan and prepare for outdoor events, don't forget to think about heat stress since many of the factors that increase our risks to heat related emergencies may be present.

<b>Environmental</b>	<b>Physical</b>
High Temperature and Humidity	Low Fluid Consumption
Direct Sun Exposure	Physical Conditioning and Heat Tolerance
Limited Air Movement	Some Medications for Blood Pressure or
Heavy Clothing and Equipment	Antihistamines
Physical Exertion	Advanced Age and/or Health Problems

Heat stress can result in heat stroke, heat exhaustion, heat syncope, heat cramps, or heat rashes. Heat can also increase the risk of injuries as it may result in sweaty palms, fogged-up glasses, fatigue, lethargy, and dizziness.

## **Heat Stroke**

Heat stroke is the most serious heat-related disorder. It occurs when the body becomes unable to control its temperature: the body's temperature rises rapidly, the sweating mechanism fails, and the body is unable to cool down. When heat stroke occurs, the body temperature can rise rapidly within 10 to 15 minutes. Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given.

<b>Symptoms of heat stroke include:</b>	<b>What you should do:</b>
Hot, dry skin	Seek medical attention immediately
Chills	Make sure someone stays with you
Throbbing headache	Move to a cooler location
High body temperature	Remove unnecessary clothing
Hallucinations/Confusion/Dizziness	Lie down
Slurred speech	Reduce body temperature
Seizures	Apply cool, wet cloths to as much of the body as possible
Loss of consciousness	
Rapid strong pulse	



# Keeping Hydrated (continued)

## Heat Exhaustion

Heat exhaustion is the body's response to an excessive loss of the water and salt, usually through excessive sweating. The most prone to heat exhaustion are those that are elderly, have high blood pressure, and those working in a hot environment.

Symptoms of heat exhaustion include:	What you should do:
Heavy sweating	Tell someone
Cool, clammy, moist skin	Have someone stay with you
Pale or flushed complexion	Move to a cooler location
Extreme weakness or fatigue	Remove heavy clothing
Muscle cramps	Sip cold water or sports drink
Dizziness, confusion	Sit or lie down
Nausea	Apply cool, wet cloths to head and neck
Slightly elevated body temperature	If you have vomited, or symptoms persist seek medical attention
Fast and shallow breathing	
Rapid weak pulse	

## Heat Syncope

Heat syncope is a fainting episode or dizziness that usually occurs with prolonged standing or sudden rising from a sitting or lying position in a heated environment.

Symptoms of heat syncope include: Light-headedness, dizziness, and/or fainting.

Many injuries are sustained due to falls after fainting. Do not lock your knees when standing, move frequently, drink lots of water, and immediately take a knee or sit down when you first begin to feel

light headed. Keep an eye out on your buddy and assist them to a cooler area as soon as you see them start to wobble.

Factors that may contribute to heat syncope include dehydration and lack of acclimatization.

## Heat Cramps

Heat cramps are muscle pains usually caused by physical exertion in a hot environment. They are caused by the loss of body fluids and salts during sweating. Replace fluid loss by drinking water, sports drinks,

# *Keeping Hydrated* (continued)

and snacking. Seek medical attention if cramps do not subside within an hour, you are on a low sodium diet, or if you have heart problems.

## **Heat Rash**

Heat rash is the most common problem in hot environments. It is caused by sweating and looks like a red cluster of pimples or small blisters. It appears on the neck, upper chest, arm pits, elbow creases, and in the groin. The rash area should be kept dry. Application of powder products may increase comfort. Ointments and creams or anything that makes the skin warm or moist may make the rash worse.

## **Prevention**

In the words of Benjamin Franklin, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Prevention starts well before the event and includes the following:

- Exercise regularly.
- Gradually increase your heat tolerance exposure.
- Eat regular meals before and try to snack during the event.
- Get plenty of rest the night before.
- Don't wait until you are thirsty to drink.
- Drink plenty of fluids, water, juice, and sports drinks before and during the event.
- Avoid alcohol, and drinks with large amounts of caffeine or sugar.
- Be aware that heavy clothing or equipment may increase the risk of heat stress.
- Wear and re-apply sunscreen
- Take frequent breaks – seek shade and remove heavy clothing for short periods.
- Monitor your physical condition and that of your compatriots.
- Don't exceed your personal limitations.

## **Summary**

Preparation is paramount to reducing the risks of heat stress. Begin hydration 24 hours before the event. Provide cool drinks and shade immediately before and during the event. Have a cooling area, along with first aid and medical treatment plans in place. Pre-plan the method you will use to call for help and be able to provide patient location and best access information to first responders.

Remember our goal is to have fun and be safe.

Compatriot Stephens is the Riverside (CA) Chapter Color Guard Commander. Brain is a former fire fighter/paramedic having retired from the Orange County (CA) Fire Authority as an Assistant Chief.

# *Delta Chapter @ Silicon Chapter*



The Delta Chapter Color Guard participated in two recent events with members of the Silicon Valley Color Guard. Beginning in 2015 this is the fourth time the two chapter color guard units coordinated events with each other.

On February 10, 2016, Silicon Valley Color Guardsman Terry Briggs, Delta Chapter Guardsmen Jeff Sylvan, John Humphrey, and Gary Overby, posted the colors for the opening of the 118th Annual State Conference of the California Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, San Ramon, California.

Left: Terry Briggs, Jeff Sylvan, John Humphrey and Gary Overby. Below: Jeff Sylvan, DAR Coordinator Shelley Ware, John Humphrey and Gary Overby.



The second event occurred on March 12, 2016, when color guardsmen from both chapters marched in the 33rd annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade at Dublin, California. In the accompanying photo; left to right Terry Briggs, Jeff Sylvan, David Valadez, John Humphrey, Gary Overby, and Chris Palmer.



# *Kern Chapter Color Guard*

*Left to right; Brian Claxton, Jon Keith, Jim Claxton, Steve Corbin, Kerry Adams, Will Flickinger, Arnie Burr at Granite Point Elementary School, Bakersfield, CA; March 3, 2016.*





# *Around the California Society*



## **Redlands Chapter We Support Law Enforcement**

On December 2nd, 2015 our nation experienced the worst attack by terrorists since the attack on September 11th, 2001. On that bright sunny December day a husband and wife team of terrorists attacked a Christmas work party of county employees at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino, California. This hate filled attack killed 14 and injured 22. The response by the law enforcement officers that day was one of extreme bravery and skill.

There is no doubt that the actions taken by the officers on that day saved an untold number of lives of which we will never be able to count. They arrived very quickly and entered the building in an attempt to find and stop the shooters. What they found were the dead and wounded. They assessed the wounded and got them out to the waiting fire departments so the paramedics could stabilize them and get them to the hospital. They worked very tirelessly to find the terrorists and attempt to capture them. As with most Muslim extremists, they were not going to be captured alive.

From this day in December, our nation saw the police here in southern California at their finest. These were things they all train for, but hope they never have to use. It is because of the actions by the men and women of the law enforcement community here in San Bernardino, California that the Redlands Chapter, SAR decided to award the seven departments who responded SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medals and SAR Flag Certificates.

The award ceremony was held on January 23rd, 2016 at the Norman F. Feldheim Central Library, Bing Wong Auditorium in San Bernardino City. The law enforcement agencies who responded to the attack were the City of San Bernardino Police Department, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, City of Fontana Police Department, City of Rialto Police Department, City of Redlands Police Department, California Highway Patrol Inland Division, and San Bernardino County Probation. For the award ceremony we requested the assistance of the Riverside Chapter, SAR to assist our Color Guard. The presentation of the Colors was performed by the United States Navy Sea Cadet Corps, Colonel Millett Division.

After the presentation of the Colors and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, Redlands Chapter President Daniel Piedlow gave a short speech about the incident and why we are presenting these officers an award. The Redlands Chapter felt that for over the last few years law enforcement officers across our nation have been under attack and vilified by many. We needed to reassure them that there are still Americans who appreciate what they do and don't think of them as the enemy.



*Redlands Chapter President Daniel Piedlow speaks before the presentation. Photo by Victoria Wispell.*



*CASSAR VP South Jim Fosdyck, California Highway Patrol, San Bernardino County Probation, City of Redlands PD, City of San Bernardino PD, Redlands Chapter President Dan Piedlow.*

# Around the California Society (continued)

We feel that they are the best law enforcement in the nation and to give them all a heartfelt “thank you” for what they do. The event ended with President Piedlow thanking them for their work and asked everyone in attendance to pray for the safety of all our law enforcement agencies.

A local newspaper, the Press Enterprise, was in attendance and they wrote a nice article about the event. The article can be found at: <http://www.pe.com/articles/san-792575-law-piedlow.html>

By Daniel Piedlow




United States Navy Sea Cadets Corps, Colonel Millett Division presentation of Colors. Photo by Victoria Wispell.

## Coachella Valley Chapter




Coachella Valley Chapter officers were installed by Vice President South James Fosdyck during the January 16, 2016 meeting. Guest speaker Compatriot Christopher Cerillo gave a presentation about “Thomas Jefferson and Tripoli Pirates: The War that Changed American History”

**January 16, 2016 Meeting**






H. Lee Walker, Christopher J. Cerillo, Reggie Sutton, William Haines, Eugene Moses, Leonard Lyon, James Fosdyck, Jerald Ferrell, Brad Walker

**Coachella Valley Chapter**



James Fosdyck, Chris Cerillo, Jerald Ferrell

**California Society Sons of the American Revolution**



Christopher J. Cerillo

James Fosdyck

James Fosdyck, H. Lee Walker

William Haines

## Eagle Chapter

On January 9, 2016 new Eagle Chapter Officers were installed by San Diego Chapter President Ray Raser during the regular business meeting at the Lawrence Welk Resort.



*Bill Bishop, Secretary; Ed Morris, Vice President Membership; Jerry Sayre, President; Robert Martin Treasurer; Wayne Rogers, Vice President Americanism/Registrar and Ray Raser.*



*Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest Chairman Dan McKelvie, . . . California Society Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest winner Harrison Middleton, his mother Renee and Eagle Chapter Jerry Sayre; May 7, 2016.*

## Orange County Chapter

California SAR Vice President South Jim Fosdyck installs the 2016 Orange County Chapter officers during their January 9th meeting.



*Jim Fosdyck; Dr. Kent Gregory, Registrar; Don Carlson, Treasurer; Richard Adams, Chaplain; David Beall Vice President; Gus Fischer, Corresponding Secretary; James Blauer, Recording Secretary; John Dodd, Esq. Chancellor.*



*Jim Fosdyck installs John R. Ferris as the 49th president of the Orange County Chapter.*

## San Diego Chapter

January 9, 2016 the San Diego Chapter President Ray Raser and his wife Gail hosted an Officer Appreciation and Farewell for Compatriot and Colorguardsman Tom Kubow and his wife Terri. The Kudows moved to Waco, TX.



*Past San Diego Chapter President Rev. Dr. Stan De Long, Past President Philip Hinshaw, Ernie McCullough, Tom and Terri Kubow, President Ray Raser, Past President Jim Mattern and Jim Fosdyck.*

The 2016 San Diego Chapter Officers were installed by Vice President South James C. Fosdyck during their January 23, 2016 meeting.



*VP South Jim Fosdyck; Bob Hayden, Secretary; Tom Coxon, Sergeant-at-Arms; Ray Raser, Registrar; Rev. Dr. Stan De Long, Chaplain; Dennis Cushman, President; Dan McLaughlin, Treasurer; Bill Weedman, Membership Vice President; Bill Ketchum, First Vice President.*



## Joint Meeting of the SAR & General Society of Mayflower Descendants



The San Diego Chapter, SAR and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants held a joint meeting and luncheon at the Green Dragon Tavern & Museum, Carlsbad, CA. to celebrate the 284th birthday of President George Washington. The meeting was led by newly installed San Diego Chapter President Dennis Cushman for the SAR and Colony Governor Gail Raser of the Mayflower Society. In the accompanying photo; San Diego Colony Governor Gail Raser and San Diego past President Ray Raser.

The Colors were presented by the San Diego Chapter Color Guard with the assistance of Kathy Loftman.



*SAR San Diego Color Guard Commander Will Tisch, Ernie McCullough, Ray Raser, Jim Mattern, Philip Hinshaw, Kathy Loftman*

## Thomas Jefferson Chapter

Officer Installation Meeting; Saturday, January 30, 2016.



*California SAR Vice President North Derek Brown installed the following chapter officers for 2016: Stephen Tucker (President), Stanley Hazlak, Sr. (Vice President), Stephen Renouf (Secretary, Newsletter Editor, and Webmaster), William Rood (Treasurer), Don Gurley (Registrar), Charles Doolin (Chaplain), Ryan Prindiville (Historian), Alan Mode (Sergeant-at-Arms), and Terry Stover (CAR Liaison). He then presented the gavel to incoming President Stephen Tucker.*

## Delta Chapter



Members of the Delta Chapter joined forces with the Stanislaus Civil War Association (SCWA) to clean the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) section of Citizens Cemetery in Modesto. This is part of the annual Civil War Parks clean up day sponsored by the Civil War Trust and the National Park Service. Members from the Delta Chapter included Keith Bickley, Fred Fletcher, Mel Howell, John Humphrey, Gary Overby, Gail Smith, Jeff Sylvan, and Brian Young.

After the clean up, light refreshments were served and SCWA Treasurer Phil Blake presented a history of the GAR section of the cemetery and the history of some of the Union Veterans buried there. There is a grave of a Confederate Veteran buried close by and his grave was cleaned and attended to as well.



The cannon in the accompanying photograph is one of two 24 pounder coastal artillery cannons (weighing 5,566 pounds) at the cemetery. There are only six of these Civil War cannons known to still exist and the GAR section of Citizens Cemetery has two of them.

Submitted by: Gary Overby.

## Santa Barbara Chapter

Santa Barbara Chapter meeting was held on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at the Harbor Restaurant on Sterns Warf in Santa Barbara. Thirty members and guests attended the meeting.



*CASSAR Executive VP Jim Fosdyck installs Santa Barbara officers Jeff Weinbender, Robert Niehaus, Stuart Morse, Ron Zell and Don Loper. CASSAR VP South Bob Taylor looks on.*



*Jim Fosdyck installs Santa Barbara Chapter President Frank Campo.*



*VP South Bob Taylor presents a check for Life Member chapter dues to Santa Barbara President Don Loper.*



*Jim Fosdyck presents a Best Medium Small Color Guard streamer to Santa Barbara Color Guard Commander.*



## *Streamers*

During the 141st Annual Meeting of the Membership Youth Awards Luncheon California Society, SAR Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck presented the color guard streamers to chapters that participated in color guard events in 2015.



Above: Streamers for participation in the December 2015 Wreaths Across America program are presented to Color Guard units from Silicon Valley, San Diego, Riverside, Gold Country, Kern, George Washington, Delta, Orange County, Harbor, Redwood Empire, Sacramento and Monterey Bay Chapters.



Above: Streamers for participation in the February 2016 Massing of the Colors and Salute to Our Military are presented to Color Guard units from the Eagle, Riverside, Redlands, Kern, Harbor, San Diego, Orange County, General George Patton and Sons of Liberty Chapter s.



Left: The 2015 California Society Best Color Guard Contest winners; Small Chapter – Delta, Medium Small Chapter – Santa Barbara, Medium Chapter – Kern, Medium Large – Riverside and Large Chapter – Orange County.

Following the presentation of the colors during the 141st Annual Meeting of the Membership Saturday evening gala inaugural banquet, the Invocation was delivered by Chaplain Rt. Rev. Lou Carlson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by former President General Joseph Dooley. The National Anthem was led by John Adams Academy Vocal Ensemble.

## *Change of Command*

The SAR Pledge was led by Treasurer General Larry T. Guzy. The California Society Color Guard marched back in for the change of command ceremony. The halberd was passed from Adjutant North Russ Kaiser to outgoing Commander Fosdyck to President Gregory and finally to new Commander Mark Kramer. President Gregory presented Jim Fosdyck with the CASSAR Gold Von Steuben Color Guard Medal for his 6 years of service as the California Society Color Guard Commander.

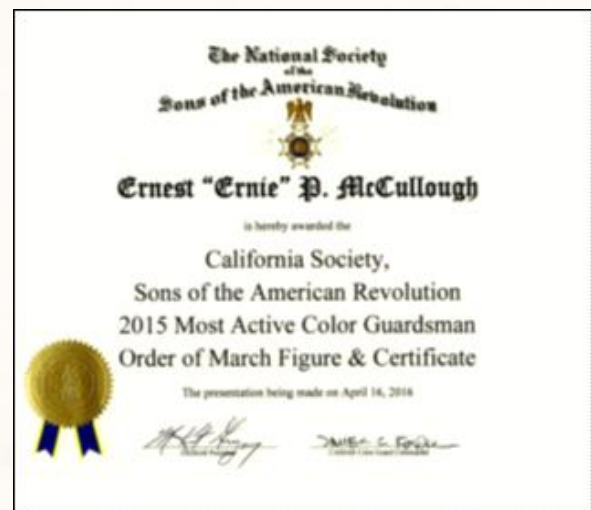


Color Guard medals were presented by Color Guard Commander Mark Kramer, Past Commander Jim Fosdyck, and President Gregory. Gary Jensen, Dan Shippey, and Melvin Harrell received the NSSAR Silver Color Guard Medal and CASSAR Silver Von Steuben Color Guard Medal. Jim Faulkinbury and Jim Blauer received the NSSAR Von Stuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard. The CASSAR Color Guardsman of the Year Ernie McCullough received an Order of March statuette.

## *Most Active Color Guardsman*



Front row left to right: outgoing Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck, incoming Commander Mark Kramer, NSSAR President General Tom Lawrence, Color Guardsman of the Year Ernie McCullough, California Society President Kent Gregory, Larry Wood, Bob Ebert, Russ Kaiser and the rest of the California Society Color Guard at the 141st Annual Meeting of the Membership.



Ernie McCullough is presented 2015 Most Active Color Guardsman Order of March Figure & Certificate. The Order of March Figure was the first to be presented to a California Society Color Guardsman. The figure is one of several donated to the Orange County Chapter by compatriot Walter Davis. Compatriot Davis was a WW II Navy veteran, former Orange County Chapter President and Veterans Affairs Chairman and one of the founding members of the OC Chapter Lee's Legion Color Guard. The figure is of an American Revolutionary War officer holding a scroll reading Order of March, thus the name of the award. Compatriot Davis passed away September 27, 2015. In honor of Compatriot Davis' donation we have, for this edition of the California Compatriot, identified the Color Guard section as "Order of March". We think Walter would approve.

Please continue to send pictures and articles about the activities of your chapter color guard to the California Compatriot editor.

# Thank you

I want to thank former California Society President Wayne Griswald for giving me the opportunity to be the Color Guard Commander. During my six year tenure I have enjoyed watching the color guard grow from about 75 members to more than 100 members. While the size of our color guard increased in number our marching ability as individuals and as a group improved. It has been my pleasure to march with you. You are one of the best state society color guard units within the Sons of the American Revolution.

Although my responsibilities in the SAR are changing I will remain active in the color guard at the chapter, state and national level.

I know the California Society Color Guard will continue to grow in numbers and ability under the leadership of Commander Mark Kramer, returning Color Guard Adjutant North Russ Kaiser and incoming Color Guard Adjutant South Daniel J. Henry.

Jim Fosdyck

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## *Mark W. Kramer*

### **California Society Color Guard Commander**

#### **Military Service**

Mark Kramer began life in the military being born in the McCullen AFB hospital, Sacramento in 1953. His father was a U.S. Air Force staff sergeant in the Air Force Security Service. After three years of JROTC in high school Mark followed in the footsteps of his father and joined the U.S. Air Force in 1971, during the Vietnam War. Although trained as a military policeman assigned the Air Force Security Service with a top secret security clearance, Mark was soon transferred to the Air Force Honor Guard, Headquarters Command, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C. Being six foot six, Mark was assigned to the color guard teams. For the next three years he attended several highly visible national events, such as President Richard Nixon's second inauguration, the funerals for Presidents Harry Truman and Lyndon Johnson, welcome home event for the POW's at the Cotton Bowl and numerous events on the White House lawn for heads of State. One of his duties was to represent the U.S. Air Force as a member of White House Color Guard. Called "White House Colors" it was comprised of one enlisted member from the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force each representing their branch as a member of the most prestigious Color Guard in our nation. The Color Guard would wait upstairs outside the private quarters of the White House and then escort the President and his guests down stairs to the East Room and stand in the reception line while the President greeted guests.

#### **Fire Service Career**

In 1975, Mark left the Air Force as a twenty-one-year-old Staff Sergeant to attend college. While attending Cal State Long Beach Mark's cousin became a firefighter and by happenstance Mark stopped by the fire station where his cousin was assigned. Mark knew immediately fire fighting was the profession for him. Mark started his career with the Brea Fire Department as a firefighter and soon became a firefighter/paramedic. After about four years Mark applied for the Orange County Fire Department and was hired. This profession satisfied Mark's restless nature during his career. He held positions as a firefighter/paramedic, Captain, Training



*Mark is the guardsman on the far left at the Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington Cemetery, VA.*



*White House Colors - Mark is on the right leading President Gerald Ford at a State Dinner.*

## *Mark W. Kramer (continued)*

Officer, Hazardous Material Specialist on the Haz-Mat Team, Arson investigator, Battalion Chief, Emergency Medical Service Section Chief, Urban Search and Rescue Program Manager, Division Chief and Assistant Chief in charge of Operations. In addition to these positions Mark successfully wrote and negotiated three contract proposals for contract services for Buena Park, San Clemente and Westminster. While associated with the FEMA National Urban Search and Rescue Program, Mark represented the West Coast Teams as the FEMA US&R Western Region Representative. In 2010, Mark retired from the Orange County Fire Authority; however, after about a year he was asked to return to assist in the contract proposal for the City of Santa Ana. Later Mark wrote the transition plan for the Santa Ana Fire Department to assimilate into the Orange County Fire Authority.



*Mark is in the center participating in a press conference with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to his right.*

### **Sons of the American Revolution**

While working on the Santa Ana Proposal Mark was having a conversation with a longtime friend and colleague, SAR compatriot Brian Stephens. Brian told Mark about an organization for those with patriot ancestors. Mark knew he had at least one who would be easy to document. Mark's father was born and raised in up-state New York as were several generations before him. So with a little help Mark researched and found that his patriot Phillip Bonesteel was at Saratoga. Having to contact only one county court house made this research pretty simple, as mentioned above the family did not move around. After Mark submitted his application a couple of months passed when he received his acceptance.

Never being able to sit back and watch Mark became an active participant in the Riverside Chapter, SAR and within a couple of months he had a uniform tailored and was a member of the Riverside Chapter's Color Guard. Having some experience with color guards when the selection of board members and committee chairs were to be determined Mark was asked to become the color guard commander. In 2015, the State Color Guard Commander James Fosdyck asked Mark if he would consider being the Southern California Adjutant. Without hesitation Mark accepted.

As the Chapter's Color Guard Commander Mark has found himself on several occasions instructing other compatriots in the safe handling and firing of their muskets. Although the Riverside Chapter has been firing

muskets safely for years the attitude of every member is safety first and they are responsible for each other's safety.



*Mark overseeing a black powder safety check before a 4th of July Parade.*



*Mark on left with Jim Fosdyck on right during Let Freedom Ring - Cerritos, CA 2015*

The majority of Mark's life having been in uniform and each juncture has had a purpose; sometimes unknown at the time. Beginning in High School with JROTC Mark was taught the essence of military bearing and love for our country. In the U.S. Air Force, he realized that a kid from California could be in the presence of Heads of State, illustrating that anything is possible. In the Honor Guard Mark's military bearing was tested and he was taught what it took to be a leader. Once in the fire service Mark had the opportunity to be placed in leadership positions and found a deep joy in helping people. In each of these endeavors Mark feels he was truly blessed. Now as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Mark hopes he can bring his experiences and joy of helping people to assist our society.



# Field of Honor;

## Friday — Saturday, May 20-21, 2016

### Castaways Park, Newport Beach, CA

The Newport Harbor Exchange Club again posted 3' by 5' U.S. flags on white flagstuffs in Castaway Park to honor the men and women of our military who serve and defend our nation. The program also honored first responders who serve the community every day, risking their lives for the rest of us. 1776 flags flew in ordered rows overlooking the Upper Newport Back Bay, the Newport Harbor and the Pacific Ocean as an Armed Forces Day memorial. This beautiful panorama must be experienced to be fully appreciated.

Preschool through middle school kids celebrated the Field of Honor on Friday. The Buena Park High School Air Force JROTC presented the Colors. The California Society, SAR provided a black powder musket firing team. And there was a special appearance by General George Washington.

Saturday began with a parade from Newport Beach High School to Castaway Park. Participants in the parade included the Wells Fargo Stagecoach and historic military vehicles. Five members of the California Society, SAR Color Guard and Musket Firing Team rode in a historic U.S. Army truck.

At Castaway Park a USMC Color Guard from Camp Pendleton and the California Society, SAR Color Guard presented the Colors. For the second day the California Society, SAR provided a black powder musket firing team.

Sixteen compatriots from four California Society chapters (General George Patton, Harbor, Orange County and Riverside) participated in the program during the two-day event.

### Photos from Friday



Some of the 1776 US flags flying at Castaways Park. Left to right: Un Hui & Jim Fosdyck, Dan Shippey as General Washington, Gary Jensen, Dan Henry, Charlie Gentis, Larry Wood, Sloane Shippey, John C. Koelsch, Blythe Shippey and John D. Koelsch



Our youngest patriots – preschoolers from Newport Beach Lutheran Church. Buena Park HS JROTC and California Society compatriots with Newport Marina Elementary School students.

**Photos from Saturday.**



Color guardsmen enjoy a rare ride in a historic U.S. Army truck during the Field of Honor Parade. Compatriot riders in the bed of the truck: Mark Kramer, Bob Taylor, Charlie Gentis & Christopher Keene. John Blake carrying the U.S. flag is riding in the right front seat. California Society, SAR Ladies Auxiliary members Karen McKelvie and Un Hui Yi walk among the 1776 U.S. flags.



USMC Color Guard from Camp Pendleton. California Society, SAR Color Guard Commanded by California Society Color Guard Commander Mark Kramer with Charlie Gentis on the right.





Compatriot Karl Jacobs (SAR Color Guardsman of the year 2016-2017) carrying the SAR flag followed by John Blake, Kent Gregory and Christopher Keene. The California Society Color Guard presents the Colors during the National Anthem on a blustery day above the Pacific Ocean. Jim Klingler with the U.S. flag.



California Society musket firing team commanded by Mark Kramer fires two volleys during the National Anthem. Firing team members Christopher Keene, Kent Gregory, Dan McKelvie and Charlie Gentis.



# *Around the California Missions*



## **Sons of the American Revolution**

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

## **Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá**

As many of you may recall, the California 4th Grade Mission Project is an assignment in which fourth grade students in California public schools (and private Catholic schools) learn about the state's California missions. How many of you remember writing a paper, and creating a model of your favorite Mission?

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

On July 16, 1769, Father Junípero Serra established Mission San Diego and the California mission system begun on a site overlooking the San Diego Bay. The current church is the fourth to stand on this location. The Mission is a National Historic Landmark.



The rebuilding of the San Diego Mission occurred during the American Revolution. In 1780, King Carlos III issued a Royal Order requesting each soldado to contribute two pesos and Native Americans to contribute one peso to support Spain's war effort against England. The San Diego Presidio's contributed 514 pesos. Spain's military activities along the Gulf Coast were also a significant contribution to the success of the American colonists winning the American Revolution.

In recent years several SAR compatriots completed research regarding the assistance of Spain in the cause of the American Revolution. That information, and the fact that four of the twenty-one historic California Missions were built during the American Revolutionary War era, inspired us to recognize the visible patriotism at all the California Missions where the United States flag is displayed.

In 1894, a SAR Southern California Society was founded in San Diego and included all of the counties in the southern part of the state. In 1910, the name was changed to the San Diego Chapter when several other chapters were formed in southern California.

SAR has a long-standing program of presenting Flag Certificates to organizations that fly the American Flag. The California Society is endeavoring to present Flag Certificates to all 21 Missions in the state. All the necessary arrangements for a Flag Certificate presentation at Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá were made by San Diego Chapter member and California Society Vice President of Membership Phillip L. Hinshaw.

On Saturday, March 19, 2016 the California Society and the San Diego Chapter presented a SAR Flag Certificate to Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá, the first of the twenty-one California Missions. It is an appropriate tribute that the first Flag Certificate for the California Missions was presented to the first mission.

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*Front: Joan De Long, CASSAR VP Jim Fosdyck, Father Peter Escalante, Honorary Council of Spain Maria Angeles O'Donnell De Olsen, Jesus Benayas, Mary Hinshaw, Mary-Anne & Ernie McCullough Back: Scouts, Robert Smith, Rev. Dr. Stan De Long, Ray Raser, Philip Hinshaw, Dennis Cushman, Michael Shultz, Fred Hall, Kevin Murphy, "Bernie" Garcia.*



Left: California Society Vice President South James Fosdyck and San Diego Chapter President Dennis Cushman present a SAR Flag Certificate to Father Peter Escalante.

Submitted by: Philip Hinshaw and Jim Fosdyck.

Photos by: Un Hui Yi

## Mission San Antonio de Padua



The first pew in the chapel is Reserved in honor of all the members of our Armed Forces who are currently serving abroad.

Thank you for your service to our country. "May God continue to bless and protect all of you and your loved ones"



*Jim Fosdyck presents a SAR Flag Certificate from the Central Coast Chapter to Mission San Antonio de Padua Administrator Joan Kathryn Steele; April 19, 2016.*



*US Army Sergeants Wonderly, Sanchez, Simmons and Beek from Fort Hunter Liggett with Jim Fosdyck.*

Although undergoing renovation the United States flag is properly displayed.

Mission Administrator Joan Steele served as our docent. She is a fantastic guide and knowledgeable historian. She was very aware of the contributions the California Missions made to the cause of freedom of the Colonies during the Revolutionary War.

Mission San Antonio de Padua is the third mission. It is a Spanish mission established by the Franciscan order in present-day Monterey County, California. It was founded on July 14, 1771, and was the third mission founded in Alta California by Father Junípero Serra. Today the mission is a parish church of the Diocese of Monterey.

The mission is surrounded by the Fort Hunter Liggett Military Reservation, which was acquired by the U.S. Army from the Hearst family during World War II. Ms. Steele told us soldiers assigned to Fort Hunter Liggett attend Mass and retreats at the mission, and are offered the use of the picnic and barbeque facilities at the mission.

## Mission Santa Barbara



Mission Santa Barbara is a Spanish Mission founded by the Franciscan order. It was founded by Padre Fermín Lasuén on December 4, 1786, the feast day of Saint Barbara, as the tenth mission for the religious conversion of the indigenous local Chumash – Barbareño tribe of Native American people. The mission is the namesake of the city of Santa Barbara. Mission Santa Barbara today continues to serve the community as a parish. Saturday, April 23, 2016 following a Santa Barbara Chapter meeting several compatriots visited Mission Santa Barbara where they presented a SAR Flag Certificate to Father Osbourne.

Right: Santa Barbara Chapter compatriot Neil Crockett, California Society Executive Vice President Jim Fosdyck, Father Osbourne, compatriot Ron Zell and California Society Vice President South Bob Taylor.



## Mission San Fernando Rey de Espana



Mission San Fernando Rey de España is a Spanish mission in the Mission Hills district of Los Angeles, California. The mission was founded on September 8, 1797, and was the seventeenth of the twenty-one Spanish missions.

On May 11, 2016 Sons of Liberty Chapter compatriot Jim McHargue presented a SAR Flag Certificate to Monsignor Francis J. Weber.

Monsignor Weber is an American Roman Catholic priest, author and archivist. He is a noted Catholic scholar, an Honorary Chaplain to His Holiness, and archivist for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. His many literary works include *Life*

and *Times of Fray Junipero Serra* (1987) and *A Select Bibliography to California Catholic Literature, 1856-1974* (1974), which enumerates some 500 writings.

Right: Jim Fosdyck, Monsignor Weber, Paula and Jim McHargue and Wild Bill Cody a Shetland Sheepdog.

Bob Hope (1903-2003) is buried at the San Fernando Mission Cemetery. When Mrs. Hope asked where he would like to be buried, he said (with his typical wry humor) "Surprise me."



Mr. Hope's countless trips to war zones to entertain U.S. troops guaranteed his place in history. When most of us wanted to be home with their family at Christmas time, Bob would be out on a stage in Vietnam, or Korea, or some other godforsaken war zone, putting on a show to cheer up American troops stationed there, dragging along his celebrity friends and talking to the sick and wounded. It's hard not to admire that kind of patriotism.



## San Luis Obispo de Tolosa



Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa is the fifth mission. It is a Spanish mission founded in 1772 by Father Junípero Serra in the present-day city of San Luis Obispo, California. A SAR Flag Certificate was presented to Deacon Chuck Roeder by California Society, SAR Vice President South Jim Fosdyck on behalf of the Central Coast Chapter.

More Flag Certificate Presentations to the Historic Twenty-one California Missions will be reported in coming issues of the California Compatriots.

Contact Jim Fosdyck if your chapter is interesting in sponsoring a Flag Certificate for a mission in your area.



# From Across the Spanish Empire: Spanish Soldiers Who Helped Win the American Revolutionary War, 1776-1783 by California Society, SAR Compatriot Leroy Martinez, J.D.



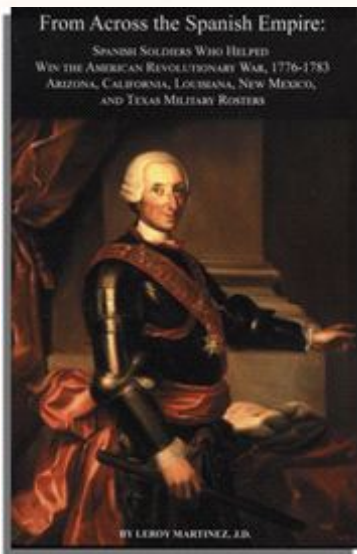
*Leroy Martinez, Maria Angeles O'Donnell-Olson, Ed Butler and Brian Stephens at the Historic Mission Inn; November 2015*

Although it is frequently overlooked, the Spanish Empire, under King Carlos III, provided significant aid and support for America's struggle for independence from Great Britain. For example, after Spain declared war on Great Britain in June 1779 (in conjunction with its familial alliance with France), the Spanish governor of Louisiana, Bernardo de Galvez, commenced the military campaigns against the British that ultimately resulted in their ouster from the Mississippi Valley and West Florida. In another instance, when the French fleet under the Comte de Grasse was not able to pay its sailors and soldiers, Spain provided de Grasse with the needed funds, thus enabling the siege at Yorktown against Cornwallis.

This book by Leroy Martinez is the first work to identify the Spanish combatants serving in North America during the American Revolution. The volume begins with a listing of Spanish governors, Spanish presidios (forts) in the future United States, a glossary of Spanish terms that appear in the records, and a chronology of events--all for the years of the Revolution. Here readers will learn that Spain's involvement in our War for Independence preceded that nation's declaration of war against Britain in 1779. For instance, Spain,

through the agency of merchant Diego de Gardoqui in Bilbao, sent money, muskets, munitions, medicine, and military supplies to the U.S. as early as 1776. Gardoqui later became Spain's first ambassador to America.

At the heart of Mr. Martinez' groundbreaking book, of course, are the lists of Spanish soldiers of this era. Separate chapters list those who served in Arizona, California, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Texas. In most cases Mr. Martinez identifies each soldier by name, military unit, rank and date, and the source, as well as sometimes by age, place of origin in Europe, theater served in, and other factors. The author extracted his lists of servicemen from original sources found in the Archives of Spanish Naval Museum in Madrid, the U.S. Library of Congress, and in state archives in Texas, Arizona, and California. He has also included a number of illustrations of military uniforms, original documents, and other artifacts from the era--including the records of his own ancestors. In all, *From Across the Spanish Empire* sheds light upon 7,500 Spanish combatants who served in North America during the American Revolution, any one of whom could qualify a descendant for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution or related lineage organizations.



From Across the Spanish Empire may be ordered at:

<http://www.genealogical.com/products/From%20Across%20the%20Spanish%20Empire%20Spanish%20Soldiers%20Who%20Helped%20Win%20the%20American%20Revolutionary%20War%201776%201783/8350.html>

**From Across the Spanish Empire: Spanish Soldiers Who Helped Win the American Revolutionary War, 1776-1783 by California Society, SAR Compatriot Leroy Martinez, J.D. (continued)**



*Judge Edward F. Butler, Sr.*

The Forward to From Across the Spanish Empire by Judge Edward F. Butler, Sr. Judge Butler was the President General 2009-2010 National Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Leroy Martinez for over 10 years. During that time we have frequently conferred, including several face to face meetings in California and Arizona. Our time together has been spent analyzing the archival records that clearly prove that Spain was a principal ally in the American Revolutionary War.

Leroy has been as indefatigable researcher. His research has allowed him to piece together as interesting story. Unfortunately, for 100 years or more, France has been given credit for much of the financial support provided by Spain. This book clearly dispels that myth. He shows that King Carlos III was clearly the leader of the Borbon Compact, being senior in age and experience to King Louis of France.

His book shows the consistent assistance received through Joseph Gardoqui and sons in Bilbao, Spain. He shows how General Bernardo de Galvez quarterbacked the Spanish army and Spanish Militia under his command into repeated victories by eliminating the English from both the Mississippi River Valley and the Gulf Coast.

This book should be on the required reading list of all American History teachers. Every young Hispanic student should be taught that their ancestors played an important role in the battle for American independence.





## *Around the National Society*



### **NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting** Louisville, Kentucky; February 26 - 27



*John L. Dodd, Esq. and Stephen R. Renouf — Minuteman Class of 2016*

The NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting was held at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, KY on February 25-27, 2016. The California Society was represented by President Kent Gregory, NSSAR Vice President General – Western District John Dodd, NSSAR Trustee for California Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, NSSAR Trustee for Spain Stephen and Joy Renouf, Executive Vice President Ron and Conni Barker, Vice President South Jim and Un Hui Fosdyck, Vice President North Derek and Janet Brown, Past President Charles Lampman, Past President Bob Ebert, Past President Karl Jacobs, Past President Lou Carlson, Tom Adams, and David Gilliard.

On Thursday afternoon, VPG Dodd attended the Budget Committee Meeting, where they discussed assumptions for upcoming budgets. President Kent Gregory attended the Museum Board Meeting, where they heard a report from Bill Stone on revisions to the SolidLight Interpretive Plan that were made by the NSSAR Executive Committee, answered questions regarding the Interpretive Plan from several Trustees attending the meeting, and discussed the process for applying for reappointment to the Museum Board.

President General Tom Lawrence decided to change the normal procedures, and begin the Trustees Meeting on Thursday afternoon to give more time for the debate of important issues on Saturday. The meeting convened at 3 pm to approve the previous minutes, and have the general officer reports. The trustees selected the Virginia Society to host the 2020 Annual SAR Congress. SAR Project Manager Nathan White reported on the building construction. PG Lawrence discussed the King's College Project. The SAR will be sponsoring a visiting professor at King's College, London, to study the King George III Papers. PG Lawrence negotiated with King's College, and was able to secure additional concessions in the agreement. On Thursday night, PG Lawrence arranged a dinner cruise on the Spirit of Jefferson on the Ohio River.

On Friday morning Stephen Renouf chaired the Medals & Awards Committee, attended by VP South Fosdyck, Past President Carlson, and Past President Ebert. The committee voted unanimously to approve the 2017 Congress Medal and 2017 Congress Challenge Coin. The committee voted unanimously to approve awarding the SAR Gold Good Citizenship

Medal to General Anthony Zinni and the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal to President General Thomas E. Lawrence.

Trustee Faulkinbury attended the meeting of the Patriot Biographies Committee, where they discussed ways to get more member submissions. Ideas presented were to include a form to prepare the bio in the new member package for use in their induction and to suggest that chapter newsletters solicit biographies for publication at the local chapter level.

President Gregory, VPG Dodd, and Spain Trustee Renouf attended the Congress Planning Committee. The Massachusetts Chairman spoke on the upcoming 2016 SAR Congress in Boston, MA. On Saturday there will be an all-day trip to Lexington and Concord. On Monday there will be a reception at the New England Historic Genealogical Society. On Wednesday there will be a tour of the Adams National Historic Park, the Church of Presidents John and John Q. Adams, and the USS Constitution and Museum. CASSAR Congress Planning Chairman Dodd spoke on the hotel selected in Costa Mesa for the 2019 SAR Congress in California, and possible tour sites. Other chairmen spoke about the 2017 Congress in Knoxville (TN), the 2018 Congress in Houston (TX), and the 2020 Congress in Virginia. Congress Planning Chairman Callanan announced that registration will ONLY be available online.

VP North Brown attended the Eagle Scout Committee, where they judged finalists for the Eagle Scout Scholarship – Georgia 1st place, Wisconsin 2nd place, and New Mexico 3rd place. They reviewed 14 applications (three from California) for the Robert Burt Award, and they were all approved.

Executive VP Barker attended the Education Committee, which discussed the Outreach Education Web Site, and new updates coming soon. The committee recommended to the EXCOM that the SAR partner with Hillsdale College to collaborate on joint programs on understanding of our heritage, which would enhance our outreach programs with a coordinated approach.

Executive VP Barker attended the Americanism Committee, which reminded members to let people know of the \$250 Americanism Fundraising Medal for the two youth contests sponsored by the committee – the elementary school poster contest and the middle school brochure contest. To increase sales, they discussed the need to publicize the medal program. Next year's poster program will be on a Revolutionary War Person.

California Trustee Faulkinbury chaired the Genealogy Committee, which was attended by President Gregory.

Past President Lampman attended the Minuteman Committee. The committee reviewed proposals for the Minuteman Medal, and selected the Minuteman Class of 2016 – David Boring (MI), Rudy Byrd (AZ), Russell DeVenney (MO), John Dodd (CA), Jim Jones (TX), and Stephen Renouf (CA) – who will be inducted at the Boston SAR Congress in July 2016.

VP North Brown attended the Council of Youth Awards, where they discussed the youth awards programs brochure, which may be purchased from the SAR store or downloaded from the SAR webpage and printed locally. Stickers for the specific states or chapters should be made up by each organization willing to distribute them and affix them to the brochures. They approved the proposed Youth Protection Guidelines. They reiterated need for having a Form 1099 issued for all awards over \$600. A recommendation was made to notify all contestants of this. They discussed need for waivers signed off by an awardee to allow publishing names/photographs in state or chapter newsletters, the SAR Magazine or on the Internet. These should be handled at the initial entry level (chapter) and a copy should accompany the entry to the state and national level.

The NSSAR Nominating Committee met to evaluate candidates for NSSAR General Officers for 2016-17. Candidates interviewed included Larry Guzy (secretary general), Warren Alter (treasurer general), Davis Wright (chancellor general), Jack Manning (historian general), Russell DeVenney (registrar general), Bruce Pickett (librarian general), Rev. Lou Carlson (chaplain general), Dr. Larry Leslie (surgeon general), and John Dodd (SAR Foundation Board).

Executive VP Barker chaired the Patriotic Outreach Committee, which discussed the committee's three goals: (1) increase Partners in Patriotism participation from last year by 5% (Chapter participation increased from 186 to 230 and State participation from 30 to 36), (2) increase participation from the International Society in Wreaths Across America program (two SAR USAF members laid wreaths at Cambridge American Cemetery and Normandy American Cemetery), and (3)

increase participation from SAR state societies and chapters with American Legion Boy's State program (five State SAR's participated – Delaware, Missouri, Tennessee, Indiana and California).

Trustee Faulkinbury attended the CAR Liaison Committee as vice chairman. The main item of business was a decision on the awardees for the Gold CAR Appreciation Medal at Congress. There was also a discussion on how to fund the annual presentation of a \$1,000 check for the CAR that is usually presented at the Congress; requesting this as a line item in SAR budget is being looked into.

VP South Fosdyck attended the meeting of the Public Service and Heroism Committee, where they finalized updated versions of guidelines for awarding Law Enforcement Commendation Medals, Fire Safety Commendation Medals, EMS Commendation Medals and Heroism Medals. The committee also discussed the possibility of proposing a new award; a Life Saving Medal. The committee members discussed the need for a Life Saving Medal to address incidents where a first responder or private citizen performs CPR or other lifesaving measures to save the life of a fellow human being without putting themselves in jeopardy.



President Gregory, VP South Fosdyck (who is an adjutant of the committee), former California Society President Lampman, former President Ebert and former President Jacobs attended the Color Guard Committee.

There were four candidates for NSSAR Color Guardsman of the Year, and the committee selected former President Karl Jacobs as NSSAR Color Guardsman of the Year for 2016.

Left: Karl Jacobs named Color Guardsman of the Year 2016. The committee also awarded the National Society Von Stuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard to Jim Faulkinbury, and President Gregory accepted the medal on behalf of Trustee Faulkinbury.

The kilt subcommittee gave their report regarding the appropriateness of SAR color guardsmen wearing kilts at SAR Color Guard events – subcommittee chairman Tom Owen reported substantial evidence was uncovered that Georgia militiamen wore kilts during the American Revolutionary War. A motion was made to permit SAR color guardsmen to wear kilts at SAR Color Guard events, which was approved by the committee after discussion. There was a motion that the choice for awarding points for participation in color guard events (point system or event system) should be left to the individual compatriot to decide. Color Guard Adjutant Fosdyck gave a rebuttal, arguing it would put an unnecessary burden on the state society color guard commanders to compile points from both systems, and the motion failed.

Executive VP Barker attended the Joint Meeting of the Strategic Planning and the SAR Implementation Committees, which recommended the following priorities: (1) pay off \$1.2M debt starting with \$500k (\$250k will come from operating reserves, and \$250k from the SAR Foundation), (2) move forward with SAR branding, (3) move forward with digitization program with either FamilySearch or another program, (4) move forward with IT programs including Donation, Share File and GRC modules, and (5) move forward with SolidLight program once \$7.5M is raised by SAR Foundation. Trustee Faulkinbury attended the IT Committee, where they had a presentation on the security being provided for the new SAR website (which will be cut over in the next few days) by the staff of Blackstone Media, the contractor building our new website and all of the related functions in the IT plan. The security software uses encrypted wildcard SSL certificates under Laravel 5.1 enterprise “bank level” security. There is no “root” user with super-authorities, and all credit card data is stored on a third party system, so no data can be hacked from the SAR databases.

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The Premium Membership Medals Committee met with Chairman Renouf and Vice Chairman Dodd. The committee has raised \$15k for the SAR Foundation since its creation. Currently the committee is working on creating premium supplemental stars.

The Friday night banquet was an informal "Caribbean Night" with Caribbean clothing held at the Brown Hotel. The speaker was Professor Andrew Jackson O'Shaughnessy, the Vice President of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation at Monticello, and a professor of history at the University of Virginia. The Minuteman Class of 2016 and NSSAR Color Guardsman of the Year for 2016 were announced at the banquet.



*L to R Seated: Janet and Derek Brown, John Dodd, Lou Carlson, Karl Jacobs. L to R standing: Jim Faulkinbury, Jim Fosdyck, Karen Faulkinbury, Un Hui Yi and Kent Gregory.*

On Saturday morning, the Executive Committee met, and Chairman Renouf presented the recommendations of the Medals & Awards Committee, and they were approved unanimously.

The Trustees Meeting reconvened Saturday morning. IT Committee Chairman Bill Marrs discussed the status of the new enhancements to the SAR Website. Members will be required to login with a password, and they will have access to much more information than they have now, including application status, and membership details (medals awarded, offices and committees, etc.). The SAR store site is being improved as well. NSSAR Operations Director Mike Scroggins discussed plans for digitization of SAR applications and supporting documents. There are approximately 2.5 million documents to scan, and they are evaluating three methods: (1) pay an outside contractor about \$250k to scan, (2) have staff members do the scanning, or (3) partner with FamilySearch to have them scan for us at no cost to us. Regardless of method, it will take years to complete the project due to the volume of documents. PG Lawrence announced that the Ladies Auxiliary had decided to purchase furnishings for a local ladies home for female veterans who need help getting on their feet. He passed the hat, and raised \$1,081 from the SAR members present.

SolidLight Project Manager Bill Stone gave an overview of the project, and presented the Interpretive Plan created by SolidLight. Bill Stone's team has spent months going back and forth with SolidLight to produce the best plan possible. We have tens of thousands of members, and each person has their own ideas of what is important, so we will never have a product that everyone agrees with. However, Bill's committee has worked with SolidLight to produce a plan of which the SAR can be proud. Chairman David Boring of the Finance Committee, Chairman David Billings of the Strategic

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Planning Committee, and Chairman Randy Ellis of the Budget Committee discussed the financial aspects of the SolidLight Plan. SAR Foundation President Sam Powell discussed the fund raising aspects of the plan.

The Trustees had a working lunch, and the Trustees were able to ask questions of the previous speakers about all aspects of the SolidLight Plan so they could be fully informed prior to the upcoming vote. Following lunch, the Trustees discussed the SolidLight Plan for the SAR Museum, and voted 44 to 29 in favor of going forward with the SAR Museum and Capital Campaign. The SAR Foundation will now approach corporations, foundations and large donors to raise money for the SAR Museum.

Chairman Paul Callanan of the Congress Planning Committee discussed plans for the upcoming SAR Congress in Boston. Many interesting tours are being planned, including Concord & Lexington, the Adams State Park Tour, and the USS Constitution Tour. Secretary General Mike Tomme gave the Executive Committee Report. Chairman Randy Ellis of the Budget Committee and Director of Finance Mary Butts presented the operating budgets for 2017, 2018 and 2019.

The committee chairmen then gave their reports. The Ethics Committee reported that chapters and states need to perform due diligence in reviewing prospective applicants, and perform basic background checks, and evaluate any negative information discovered in the checks before the application is sent to the National Society. A recommendation to that effect will be distributed to the state societies. It is much easier to deal with a problem before the person becomes a member. Since each state has different laws and regulations, it will be necessary for each state to develop their own guidelines, rather than have the National Society supply guidelines. Chairman Faulkinbury reported on the Genealogy Committee. Chairman Dodd reported on the Youth Exchange Program, in which American and French youths live with a host family for a couple of weeks. Chairman Renouf of the Medals & Awards Committee reported on the approval of the 2017 SAR Congress Medal and Challenge Coin as well as the approval for the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal to be presented to General Anthony Zinni and to PG Lawrence.

The SAR Branding Committee submitted six branding recommendations to the trustees; Trustee Renouf made a motion (seconded by Trustee Dodd) to postpone the recommendations until the SAR Congress in Boston so they can be further evaluated before being adopted, which was approved. PG Lawrence wants to have the ExCom, Medals & Awards, and a few other committees review and comment on the SAR Branding items before they are voted upon. There was a motion to pay off \$250k on the credit line from the SAR operating fund reserve to eliminate about \$10k in annual interest, which was passed unanimously.

Past PG White submitted a proposed list of funding priorities for the approval of the trustees: (1) pay off \$1.2M debt starting with \$500k (\$250k will come from operating reserves, and \$250k from the SAR Foundation), (2) move forward with SAR branding, (3) move forward with digitization program with either FamilySearch or another program, (4) move forward with IT programs, and (5) move forward with SolidLight program once \$7.5M is raised by SAR Foundation. Since these items have different funding sources and different timelines, the priorities are a loose guideline, rather than a rigid priority list.

President Gregory and Executive VP Barker attended the Council of State Presidents, where they discussed how Council meetings during Congress could be more efficient, and approved sending a recommendation that the Council of State Presidents should not be scheduled to meet while Trustees meetings are in session. Pennsylvania advised that they will forward to the Council the contact information for D&O and liability insurance for states and chapters. Pennsylvania passed a resolution prohibiting black powder firing in the state.

Former California Society President Carlson, VP South Fosdyck, Trustee Faulkinbury, and former President Jacobs attended the meeting of the Mexico Society. In the absence of a suite to host a fiesta at the Boston Congress, it was decided that they would not hold a fiesta, and would try to hold a meeting at a restaurant nearby (preferably a Mexican restaurant). The missing paperwork from the earlier days of the Mexico Society has been found, and will be brought to Trustee Faulkinbury at the April California Society Meeting so he can scan and index for the purpose of rebuilding the history of the Mexico Society. Mexico Society Historian, Lampman, will work on the history once we have the documents.



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The Saturday night banquet was held at the Brown Hotel. The featured entertainment was The Monarchs Rock 'n' Roll band of Louisville. The evening was very enjoyable with dancing and music.



*Evelyn Simpson, former President General David J. Simpson and Jim and Karen Faulkinbury.*



*Joy Javellana Renouf and former President General Joseph W. Dooley.*



*California Society Trustee Jim Faulkinbury and Karen.*



*Janet and California Society VP North Derek Brown*



*California Society VP President South James Fosdyck and Un Hui Yi.*

By Stephen Renouf, Trustee-Spain Society. With information from Vice President General John Dodd, President Kent Gregory, Executive Vice President Ron Barker, Vice President South James Fosdyck, Vice President North Derek Brown, Trustee Jim Faulkinbury, and former California Society President Karl Jacobs. Color Guard Committee Meeting photos by Un Hui Yi. Banquet photos by Jim Faulkinbury.

## Candidates for National Office



The Rt. Rev. Louis V. Carlson, Jr., a past SAR Chaplain General 2013-2014, has announced his candidacy for SAR Chaplain General 2016-2017.

Reverend Carlson was the VPG Western District; 2009-2010.  
California Society Trustee; 2008-2009.  
California Society President; 2007-2008.



John L. Dodd, Esq. is a candidate for the SAR Foundation Board; 2016-2018.

Compatriot Dodd is the current VPG Western District.  
Chancellor General; 2014-2016.  
California Society Trustee; 2010-2011.  
California Society President; 2011-2012.

# NECROLOGY

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	150307	6820	Calvin Palmer	Coachella Valley
	189964	9510	Richard Boster	Coachella Valley
	172317	8384	Philip Harvey	Delta
	149408	6711	Wylie Richard, Jr.	Delta
	162488	7769	Edward McPherson	Gold Country
	182730	9001	Cameron Stewart	Harbor
	134192	5702	Walter Davis	Orange County
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	168261	8154	Howard Harvey	Redwood Empire
	191670	9628	Wayne Lowell	Riverside
	193628	9810	Charles Richard Keene	Riverside
	180689	8861	Christopher Stephenson	Sacramento
	173712	8472	Vincent Gantt	Sacramento
	151057	6872	Ted Robinson	Sacramento
	149332	6902	Lafayette Grover	San Diego
	184011	9083	James Maloney, Jr.	San Diego
	186225	9290	Gregory Stahler	Silicon Valley
	195258	9894	Jericho Mullen	Silicon Valley
	150011	6776	Frank Denison	South Coast
	168611	8184	Donald Knapp	South Coast
	118473	4800	Berni Campbell	Sons of Liberty
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