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The President's Message

Compatriots,

I would like to thank all the Chapters and their members who have held and participated in virtual meetings during the past several months. It is through these gatherings that we achieve the fundamental objectives of our organization to perpetuate the memory of all those who took part in the American Revolution and a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers. Please continue these efforts as they are important to maintaining the brotherhood of being an SAR compatriot. If your chapter has suspended meetings, or opted for fewer meetings during 2020, I suggest you reconsider and hold either conference calls or video conferences. There are many options available to do so and they are easy to set up. Contact me or any of our state officers if your chapter needs assistance.



*129th CASSAR, President
Donald B. Littlefield*

I can't say enough good things about our State and Chapter officers and program chairmen who quietly go about their duties taking care of business, helping members, and easing roadblocks. Chapter Registrars have submitted 159 applications this year which 75 have been approved. Another example of their work is the reduction in Pended Applications at the NASSAR from 20 back in May to just 7 as of August. I'd specially like to thank Terry Briggs, Jim Faulkinbury, and Owen Stiles for their focus on reducing this number.

After taking office in April, I initiated monthly operating committee meetings of a few of the top elected officers, Brian Stephens, Craig Anderson, Jim Klingler, John Ferris, Fred Schuster, and others as needed. This is a monthly opportunity to address specific topics affecting the well-being of the California Society, make plans to better manage specific programs going forward, and to raise any hot topics affecting the California Society.

By now, you should be aware the national SAR Congress that was scheduled for Richmond, VA in early July was cancelled, no elections were held, and all officers of the National Society remain in place for another year.

That's a dramatic impact resulting from the coronavirus pandemic. In addition, the NSSAR Fall Leadership Conference scheduled for late September in Louisville was also cancelled in favor of a video conference on September 26, 2020.

Closer to home, our California Society Fall Board of Managers Meeting, scheduled for November 13 and 14 at the Doubletree by Hilton Sonoma Wine Country in Rohnert Park, is still on and planning is moving forward. We have been under contract since late January and cancellation without a government order is fiscally unsound at this point. We'll learn more regarding the status of that meeting during September. In the meantime, it is important to the CASSAR that if you are planning to attend please make your hotel reservations now and register for the meeting. You will find more on this meeting elsewhere in the California Compatriot. Should the Rohnert Park meeting be cancelled, we will still hold a Board of Managers Meeting via video conference on Saturday, November 14, 2020. Be assured we will do the right thing for the well-being of our membership.

In the meantime, meet as often as you can and stay in touch with one another. Keep the spirit of our patriot ancestors alive and the respect for our constitutional republic.

Donald B Littlefield
President.



Do you have cabin fever? Want to make some new friends? Looking forward to spending some time with your fellow compatriots?

The CASSAR Fall Board of Managers Meeting is still on for the weekend of November 13 & 14, 2020. All meals and meeting activities will be conducted according to State and Local Emergency Declarations in place at the time of the event. This is your chance to get out of the house and enjoy the company of your SAR friends and the hospitality of the Redwood Empire Chapter, along with the beauty of the area and the accommodations at the Double Tree by Hilton in Rohnert Park, CA. Please make your plans to attend now. Maybe even a side trip to wine country before or after the meeting. The Meeting Reservation form is available on the CASSAR website and in this edition of the California Compatriot. Hope to see you all there!



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can appear in the
California Compatriot.*

*Email your final draft
prior to the deadline
posted at lower right.*

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Individuals appearing in
your photos.*

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Next Deadline: December 31, 2020
(subject to change)

Secretary's Report

Greetings to everyone from the State Secretary's desk. This has been a difficult summer and year for many of us to say the least, our country has been in one of the worst pandemics in our history, we see national unrest in the midst of a national election year, and yet we see the very documents that our founding fathers created standing strong through the mist of the turbulent storm clouds of time. While my family like so many, has not escaped the events of this past year, I am proud to know that my ancestors fought to give our nation the freedoms we all enjoy as American citizens and have been seeing unfolding in our cities and town.

As the fall months are rapidly descending on us, we need to move our attention to the 2021 dues campaign that will be just around the corner. I urge each chapter to reconcile their membership files before sending out the dues notice's in early October or November, and to note that December 15th is the deadline for the completion of the 2021 annual dues campaign according to the state bylaws.

The dreaded annual Reconciliation Report is due to the State Secretary on or before January 5, 2021. Each chapter secretary will be receiving their 2021 Reconciliation Report around October 1, 2020 with their current National Roster included up to September 15, 2020 in the report from the state secretary. Like last year, each chapter will need to review the roster to ensure the roster is accurate and complete. The chapter will need to maintain the 2020 roster through the end of the year. The chapter will also need to include in the Reconciliation Report a 2021 Roster for the chapter as of January 1, 2021. Please do not change any of the formulas in the report or make the report a PDF, JPEG or alter the file when returning to the state secretary or the report will not be accepted. Any corrections made at the state level will be sent back to the chapter for review. I need to be able to transfer your information directly from your report into the state report.

The January 5th deadline is a date that has been established by the state in the state bylaws because it takes hours for the state secretary to verify every transfer in and out, the drops, the deaths, the life memberships, the new members, the junior memberships, ect. Every entry in the national Reconciliation Report has to be verified before January 31st so the state can forward their report to national for verification. When the chapters are not timely with the reconciliation reports, all state transaction cease until all reports are received. The California Society has to have an accurate roster as of January 1st of each year and this can only happen when each chapter sends their reports to the state by January 5th of each year. Once the membership reconciliation is complete, there has to be a financial reconciliation based on the membership reconciliation, the financial reconciliation was not completed this past year until July. Every member has to be accounted for in the reconciliation report. As we have found this past year the January 1st rosters has become extremely important when an issue arises between the chapter and the state in their members and what has been reported to national in the state's annual reconciliation report.

Chapters need to report, Dual members to the state, it needs to be noted that a Dual Member is a member that pays both chapter and state dues to the California Society but does not pay national dues to California, and has their primary membership in another state where their national dues are paid. It is the responsibility of the chapter to verify that the Dual member has paid their national dues in their primary state. If a Dual member does not pay their national dues in their primary state, they will be dropped as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution by their primary state. A member of the California Society that has elected to pay dues to another chapter is not a "Dual" member for the purpose of the annual Reconciliation Report. Please make note of this distinction.

The National Platform this year is to have each chapter and state have a 95% retention of its membership, this is a lofty goal and one we should all try to strive to achieve. Let's make every effort to achieve this goal of the national society. As always, my preverbal door is always open. Anyone that has a question or needs to find an answer to a question feel free to drop me a line or call me and I will do my best to direct you to the right person or find the answer for you. I am here as a resource for the chapters.

Fred Schuster
Secretary

Secretary's Corner

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

1. NSSAR Form 0919 is found on the National Website under Forms and Manuals.
2. NSSAR Form 0918 is found on the National Website under Forms and Manuals.
3. NSSAR Form 0920 is found on the National Website under Forms and Manuals.
4. CASSAR Form for Chapter to Chapter transfers is found on the CASSAR Website.
5. When a member passes, active or inactive report to CASSAR Secretary by email.
6. Receiving State determines fees and Dues.
7. Receiving Chapter determines if Chapter dues are required.
8. Member must first file for life membership to NSSAR and pay fees and then apply to CASSAR for life membership and pay fees. All paperwork must be filed through the CASSAR Secretary. Forms are found on NSSAR Website and CASSAR Website.

Upcoming Events

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

September 24 - 27, 2020 - The NASSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, in Louisville has been cancelled in favor of a zoom video conference on September 26.

November 11, 2020 - Veterans Day

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

December 19, 2020 - Wreaths Across America

March 4-7, 2021 - NASSAR Spring Leadership Meeting, Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY

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

From the Desk of the CASSAR Registrar

2020 Applications:

	<u>Submitted</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Pended</u>
Junior	10	9	0
Memorial	2	2	0
Regular	91	54	2
Supplemental	56	10	0
TOTAL	159	75	2



Activity by Chapter from all categories:

Central Coast	5	Redlands	4
Coachella Valley	16	Redwood Empire	9
Delta	5	Riverside	4
Eagle	4	Sacramento	7
Gen Patton	7	San Diego	10
Gen Washington	7	San Francisco	0
Gold Country	4	Santa Barbara	0
Harbor	5	Silicon Valley	4
Kern	11	Sons of Liberty	6
Monterey Bay	1	South Coast	13
Mother Lode	1	Thomas Jefferson	6
Orange County	22	Yosemite	8

The SAR Application Checklist is still missing from many of the applications submitted.

Please remember to attach two copies of the DAR Finder Form to each application with a DAR referral.

Chapter Registrars are reminded to work diligently when you are notified of a pended application. Many of them can be rectified quickly. Not rectifying a pended application may be doing harm as many of them are “new” potential compatriots. We have come a long way and with the help from Jim Faulkinbury and Chapter Registrars we are down to only 2 “pended” applications.

Before an application is submitted Look it over. Make sure all generations are adequately identified, ie. underlined in in red ink and annotated in the upper right-hand corner of the page. Make sure the document is a complete page and readily readable. Please review supplementals and not rely that the preparer is as knowledgeable as you might imagine.

In Pro Patria
Owen Stiles

California Society SAR Surgeon's Tent

Matthew S. Bowdish, MD

COVID-19: An Update

I have been asked to give an update on the COVID-19 pandemic here in California with information that would be helpful to our members. Doing so can be a difficult task given that the realities are constantly shifting. While there is still a lot to learn about COVID-19, I think we understand some basic fundamentals at this point.

First, SARS-CoV-2 is in our communities and it's not going away anytime soon. No repeat lockdown will completely stop the virus. We should expect to see more infections, more hospitalizations, and even more deaths before this is done. With that said the recent spike in cases is leveling off here in California, as well as in other recent hotspots like Arizona, Texas, and Florida. Expect to see a decline in new cases, hospitalizations and subsequently deaths, the latter which typically lags behind the other two. Therefore, we are likely to be living with this virus for the next few months until we develop population immunity, a vaccine, or both.

Second, our Spring lockdown and the argument for "flattening the curve" (FTC) were meant to give our health systems adequate time to prepare for the waves of infection that would follow. FTC was never intended or able to end the pandemic. However, due to poor messaging, unreasonable expectations, and media sensationalism, FTC transformed into endless shelter-in-place. Re-opening the economy, schools, travel, etc., have therefore unnecessarily confused and frightened many Americans especially as we have seen increased cases.

Third, there are many reasons to be optimistic about recent characteristics of the pandemic at this point. The majority of cases seem to be happening in younger, healthier people. This is good because the young and healthy tend to have very good outcomes with this disease. For all Americans less than age 55 years old, the death rate for COVID-19 is roughly the same as seasonal influenza. That does not mean everybody will do great. Some young people with chronic medical conditions are still at high risk. Older Americans, even healthier ones, are still at high risk. Couple advancing age with chronic medical conditions like diabetes, obesity, heart disease, obstructive sleep apnea, COPD, etc., and the risks increase further. Nevertheless, we have learned how to protect these older and at-risk people through social distancing, mask wearing, sheltering-in-place, keeping the virus out of nursing homes, etc.

We also have a number of promising medical therapies at our disposal from antivirals (Remdesivir) to anti-inflammatories (Dexamethasone) to specialized immunologic treatments (Convalescent Plasma). Time and clinical trials will show if they are indeed effective. We can position patients on their stomachs (proning) to help oxygenate the lungs. We can use alternatives to ventilators to help COVID-19 patients. No, Hydroxychloroquine is not a miracle cure. But it may end up playing some role, especially in prevention. It does seem to also have significant adverse effects for some. It is amazing what our colleagues in the U.S. and across the globe have discovered in terms of treating this disease.

Another way we will protect a large segment of the population is through vaccination. Several vaccines are entering FDA Phase III trials, which assess the effectiveness of these vaccines and, thereby, its value in clinical practice. Vaccines don't have to be perfect to provide significant benefit. Remember, the Seasonal Influenza vaccine is 40-60% effective and roughly half of patients who die of Influenza have received a vaccine, depending on the year. But the Influenza vaccine has still saved millions of people who would have otherwise died. The SARS-CoV-2 vaccine could dramatically slow or even stop the virus.

We also have more precise knowledge on outcomes of the disease. For example, there have been no COVID-19 deaths in children below the age of 18 in California. That is in a population of 39.5M people, 475K cases and 8500 deaths. Yes, there is an inflammatory disease that has been described in kids who get COVID-19, but it is thankfully rare. Overall, children are not at great risk of death or long-term disability should they get COVID-19.

Unlike other diseases like Seasonal Influenza, young children (<10yo) also do not seem to be spreading the virus. Older children, ages 10-18yo, transmit the virus as easily as younger adults (19-49yo) in Japanese and Swiss studies. However, the outcomes in older children are still very reassuring. Putting this all together, one's risk of dying from COVID-19 is less than Seasonal Influenza up until age 24yo. That is not meant to downplay the danger of SARS-CoV-2.

It should, however, direct our policy decisions when it comes to reopening schools. This can be done safely while protecting teachers, staff, and parents. Conversely, there are great harms to children by keeping them out of school, from educational set backs to other societal issues like child abuse, suicide, mental illness, even the discovery of vision and hearing problems, most of which are commonly identified in our schools. So, education is perhaps one of the most important things we do as a country. The risks to children are small. And schools need to re-open to mitigate real harms.

We know so much more about this virus & disease than we did just a few months ago. This is a testament that so many societies came together to share information and our government has had the foresight to loosen regulation to allow novel therapies to be tested in record time. We still have a long way to go before this pandemic ends. More Americans will get sick and die. But even more will recover, become immune, and that immunity will protect our at-risk countrymen. Time will tell whether policy choices were wise. And sadly, many medical and scientific topics have become politicized. However, I am starting to believe that we're at the beginning of the end rather than the end of the beginning.



Welcome New Members

NSSAR#	FNAME	MNAME	LNAME	CHAPTER	DATE
215526	Steven	Clark	Walters	Central Coast	5-Jun-20
215673	Mark	Alan	Ward	Central Coast	12-Jun-20
215329	Robert	Steven	Wright	Central Coast	24-May-20
215829	Christopher	Ross	Douglas	Coachella Valley	26-Jun-20
215183	Jimmie	Lee	Rutledge	Coachella Valley	15-May-20
215184	Eric	Christopher	Rutledge	Coachella Valley	15-May-20
215326	David	Richard	Beeskau	Delta	22-May-20
215668	Neil	Ward	Melrose	Delta	12-Jun-20
215327	Scott	Phelps	Marer	Eagle	22-May-20
215181	Jonathan	Edward	Schillo	Eagle	15-May-20
215661	Ross	Edward	Driscoll	Gen George Patton	12-Jun-20
215328	Craig	Warren	Edmonds	Gen George Patton	22-May-20
215830	Kevin	William	Oatley	Gen George Patton	26-Jun-20
215525	Ethan	Mathew	Shaw	Gen George Patton	5-Jun-20
215021	Norris	Eugene	Anderson	Gen George Washington	15-May-20
215958	Daniel	M	Martin	Gen George Washington	3-Jul-20
215185	Michael	Randall Eugene	Buck	Gold Country	15-May-20
215657	Charles	Daniel	Dunkin	Harbor	12-Jun-20
215658	Charles	Daniel	Dunkin	Harbor	12-Jun-20
215831	David	Hazleton	Gardner	Harbor	26-Jun-20
215957	Darrell	Vonard	Harvey	Harbor	3-Jul-20
215427	Brent	William	Baker	Kern	29-May-20
215186	Ralph	Daniel	Burkett	Kern	15-May-20
215180	Scott	Alan	Davis	Kern	15-May-20
215660	Edward	Joseph	Davis	Kern	12-Jun-20
215179	Mayfred	Roy	Nutter	Kern	15-May-20
215749	Ronald	Scott	Raider	Kern	19-Jun-20
216232	Gregory	Thomas	Riggins	Kern	24-Jul-20
215654	Williford	Albert	Stovall	Kern	12-Jun-20
215666	Stephen	Andrew	Johnson	Orange County	12-Jun-20
215745	Michael	Ross	Mapes	Orange County	19-Jun-20
215653	Michael	Edward	Miller	Orange County	12-Jun-20
215950	Peter	Russell	Smith	Orange County	3-Jul-20
215951	Patrick	Allen	Smith	Orange County	3-Jul-20
215952	Jackson	Ada	Smith	Orange County	3-Jul-20
215953	Hunter	Ata	Smith	Orange County	3-Jul-20
215187	Alan	Wilder	Wright	Orange County	15-May-20
215656	John	Levi	Palmer	Redlands	12-Jun-20
215655	Dale	Allanson	Walton	Redlands	12-Jun-20

Welcome New Members

NSSAR#	FNAME	MNAME	LNAME	CHAPTER	DATE
215662	James	Edward	Duffield	Redwood Empire	12-Jun-20
215663	Richard	Teague	Duffield	Redwood Empire	12-Jun-20
215664	Robert	Arnold	Duffield	Redwood Empire	12-Jun-20
216230	Robert	Dale	Epperson	Redwood Empire	24-Jul-20
216229	Michael	Lee	Fong	Redwood Empire	24-Jul-20
215672	Justen	Tomlin	Stevens	Redwood Empire	12-Jun-20
216124	David	C.	Bledsoe	Riverside	17-Jul-20
215670	Matthew	Wayne	Rogers	Riverside	12-Jun-20
215659	Larry	Frank	Brasher	Sacramento	12-Jun-20
215665	Matthew	David	Henderson	Sacramento	12-Jun-20
215955	Nathan	Kichisaburo	Uchida	Sacramento	3-Jul-20
215956	Justin	Yasuyuki	Ushida	Sacramento	3-Jul-20
216231	Gary	Francis	Newton	San Diego	24-Jul-20
215746	Westcot	Bell	Stone	San Diego	19-Jun-20
215747	Hunter	Chadwick	Stone	San Diego	19-Jun-20
215954	Ryan	Andrew	Stygar	San Diego	3-Jul-20
215748	Brian	James	Ball	Silicon Valley Chp	16-Jun-20
215325	Brennan	Scott	Morse	Silicon Valley Chp	22-May-20
216123	David	Lee	Morrow	Sons Of Liberty	17-Jul-20
216233	Kenneth	Edward	Robinson	Sons Of Liberty	24-Jul-20
216234	Scott	Edward	Robinson	Sons Of Liberty	24-Jul-20
216235	Jack	Clyde	Robinson	Sons Of Liberty	24-Jul-20
215671	Stephen		Sicard	Sons Of Liberty	12-Jun-20
215667	John	Charles	Kelly	South Coast	12-Jun-20
215832	Robert	Francis	Kluck	South Coast	26-Jun-20
215027	Nathan	Frederick Jones	Smith	South Coast	8-May-20
215028	Noah	Joseph Jones	Smith	South Coast	8-May-20
215177	Guy	Frederick	Smith	South Coast	15-May-20
215178	Leon	Luther	Smith	South Coast	15-May-20
215674	Justin	Sprague	Weber	South Coast	12-Jun-20
215425	Jeffrey	Paul	Nibert	Thomas Jefferson	29-May-20
215182	Mark	Francis	Kalchik	Yosemite	15-May-20
215669	David	Michael	Robertson	Yosemite	12-Jun-20
215029	Jon		Russell	Yosemite	8-May-20

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November 13 – 14 - 2020

Hosted by the Redwood Empire Chapter

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel

One Double Tree Drive Rohnert Park, California 94928

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

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

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

Meeting Reservation Form

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

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

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

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

Please mark your meal choices:

Friday Public Service Luncheon

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

Saturday Youth Luncheon

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

Saturday Gala Dinner Banquet

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

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

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



Around the California Society



Sacramento Chapter Color Guard at Downtown Folsom on the 4th of July.



L-R: David Beach, Don Littlefield, Erie Garcia, Phil Noble, Rudy Rodriguez, Craig Anderson, Russ Kaiser



Russ Kaiser, CASSAR Adjutant North, Historic Folsom on July 4th.

The Richard Nixon Foundation Independence Day 2020 celebration at the Pat Nixon Amphitheater, Yorba Linda, CA

The Orange County Chapter Color Guard was joined by members of the Harbor Chapter Color Guard.



Left to right: Jim Fosdyck, Larry Hansen, Kevin Bidekap (Harbor Chapter), John Ferris, Lucas Villardi (Harbor Chapter), Mark Torres, Spencer Torres, Jim Klingler, Brandon Villardi (Harbor Chapter) and Matt Noell (fifer). The house in the background is where President Nixon was born.



Left to right: Jim Fosdyck, Larry Hansen, Kevin Bidekap (Harbor Chapter), John Ferris, Lucas Villardi (Harbor Chapter), Mark Torres, Spencer Torres, Jim Klingler, Brandon Villardi (Harbor Chapter), Matt Noell and Un Hui Yi.



Left to right: Brandon Villardi (CASSAR Color Guard Adjutant South) Larry Hansen (receiving a SAR Silver Color Guard Medal, a CASSAR Silver Von Steuben Color Guard Medal, a CASSAR Gold Von Steuben Color Guard Medal and for being the CASSAR Color guardsman of the year a statuette of General George Washington), Mark Torres (receiving a SAR Silver Color Guard Medal and a CAASAR Silver Von Steuben Color Guard Medal), Matt Noell (also receiving a SAR Silver Color Guard Medal and a CAASAR Silver Von Steuben Color Guard Medal) and Jim Fosdyck. In the background - Marine One (used during the presidential term of President Nixon).



The attendees social distancing.



Fly over by the Tiger Squadron from Torrance, CA.

Harbor Chapter

In May of 2019, the Harbor Chapter Color Guard Commander Brandon Villardi began making arrangements to provide instruction in the safe firing of black powder firearms to comply with the CASSAR requirements of having training and insurance before firing at a SAR event. Wanting to get through the heat of the summer prior to scheduling the NRA/NMLRA class was scheduled for March 21st and 22nd. In mid-March the State of California began experiencing our first Covid-19 issues and the class was postponed. With consideration of social distancing and a small group of students the class was finally rescheduled and conducted in June.

The black powder class is a thirteen-hour class and although could be taught in one day; it is a very long day and many of our members enjoy the class be separated into two days. The first day was solely comprised of classroom instruction and the second day was hands on firing of the Brown Bess musket, 50 cal. Flintlock pistol and a double barrel black powder shot gun. The feedback from the students was extremely positive. Commenting that the class was a great success and was an excellent team building exercise for the Harbor Chapter Color Guard members who attended. Those members were: Brian Merrill, Brandon Villardi, Jim Olds, Kevin Bidekap, and Kent Gregory along with Jim and Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, plus Mark Kramer instructor.



Cyber Security

If you receive an email from a purported compatriot in need of help that is unsigned, with no personal contact information and seeking contributions to any type of fundraising campaign consider it a hoax and ignore/ delete the message. These messages are getting more sophisticated and may even include the unauthorized use of the SAR logo and/ or a pseudo SAR e-mail address.

Sacramento Chapter Presents law Enforcement Public Service Awards to members of the Elk Grove Police Department



L-R: Del Hanson, Sacramento Chapter President; Don Littlefield, CASSAR President; Officer Misty Johnson; Officer Braden Kelly; Program Co-Chair, Michael Hull; Russ Kaiser, CASSAR Color Guard Adjutant North.

Officers Misty Johnson and Braden Kelly

On July 1, 2019, Officer Misty Johnson and Officer Braden Kelly were on patrol when they responded to a call for service regarding a welfare check on a possibly suicidal 16 year old juvenile. Officer Kelly and Officer Johnson arrived and attempted to make contact. The officers were able to see through cracks in the windows the juvenile standing on a chair with a dog leash wrapped around his neck and attached to the bannister. As the officers were attempting to gain entry, without warning the juvenile jumped from the chair. Realizing the immediate need to make entry for the preservation of life. Officers located an open window and climbed into the residence. Officer Kelly grabbed the juvenile and lifted her up to relieve the tension. Officer Johnson ran to the top of the stairs and cut the leash. The juvenile was safely placed on the ground and transported to a local hospital as a precaution. Thanks to Officer Jonson's and Officer Kelly's immediate actions and lifesaving efforts, the victim survived the life-threatening incident.

Officer Jared Houston

On February 11, 2020, Officer Jared Houston responded to a single vehicle accident. When he arrived, he found the vehicle's engine compartment was on fire and the driver still inside. Officer Houston was able to assist the driver out of the vehicle out of the vehicle and get him to safety. The driver was transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries. This story made the national media.



Notice of Open Forum

The California Society will hold an **Open Forum on Saturday, September 5, 2020 at 10:00 AM** to discuss the 2021 Annual Dues Process.

Chapter Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers involved in Annual Dues Collection are encouraged to attend.

This will include a start to finish review of the process including:

Reporting of the 4 different types of Life Memberships

Reporting deadlines for the California and National Societies

Chapter Rosters 2020 and 2021

Chapter and State Reconciliation

Q & A Session

Zoom 1-click link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88430084098?pwd=SXFkMklFVXFFeXZlVlBaL1MzMitUZz09>

RSVP to: Don Littlefield at: dblittlefield@comcast.net

NECROLOGY

Farewell Beloved
Compatriots

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

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

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

Ecclesiastes 12: 6-7

Name	Chapter	NASSAR#	Date
Oliver Giovane Everett	Thomas Jefferson	149300	05/20/2020
Lebron Camp Preston	Thomas Jefferson	137953	06/12/2020
Luis Fernando Echenique	Thomas Jefferson	193521	07/05/2020
Robert Franklin Jackson	San Francisco	130670	07/28/2020
Stephen Sicard	Sons of Liberty	215671	07/29/2020
Crane Chesbro Waldon	Gold Country	162938	08/28/2019



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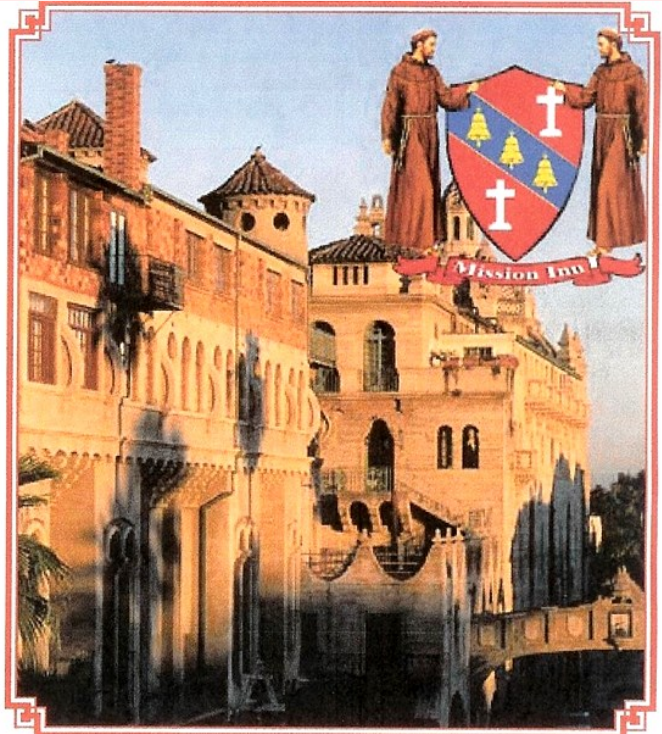
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This aerial view of the Mission Inn shows the entire complex which, by itself is worth a visit. It revivals many European historic sites. From its modest beginnings as a 12-room adobe boarding house to its current stature consisting of 239 guest rooms, the *Mission Inn Hotel* has been a major tourist attraction in Southern California since 1876. In the late 1800's wealthy easterners and Europeans flocked to Riverside in search of a warmer winter climate along with the desire to invest in the area's profitable citrus industry. In 1903 the 'Mission' wing was built in Mission-Revival style architecture and sought to incorporate different structural elements of the 21 California Missions. Over the years the hotel has played host to numerous celebrities and dignitaries. Ten U.S. Presidents stayed at the Mission Inn.



Youth Activities



CASSAR Poster Contest Winner

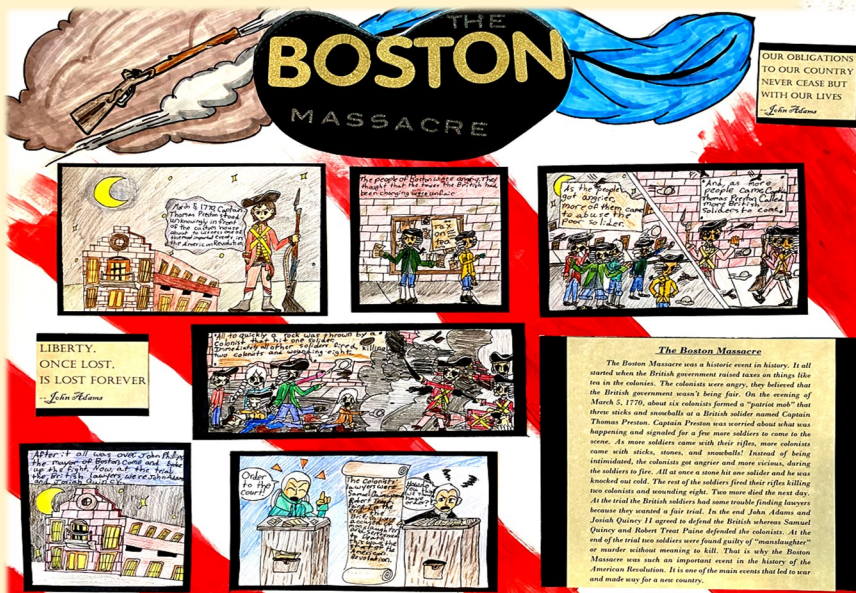
This years' CASSAR Poster Contest Winner was Sidney Wilson sponsored by the Sacramento Chapter.

The Boston Massacre

The Boston Massacre was a historic event in history. It all started when the British government raised taxes on things like tea in the colonies. The colonists were angry, they believed that the British government wasn't being fair. On the evening of March 5, 1770, about six colonists formed a "patriot mob" that threw sticks and snowballs at a British soldier named Captain Thomas Preston. Captain Preston was worried about what was happening and signaled for a few more soldiers to come to the scene. As more soldiers came with their rifles, more colonists came with sticks, stones, and snowballs! Instead of being intimidated, the colonists got angrier and more vicious, daring the soldiers to fire. All at once a stone hit one soldier and he was knocked out cold. The rest of the soldiers fired their rifles killing two colonists and wounding eight. Two more died the next day. At the trial the British soldiers had some trouble finding lawyers because they wanted a fair trial. In the end John Adams and Josiah Quincy II agreed to defend the British whereas Samuel Quincy and Robert Treat Paine defended the colonists. At the end of the trial two soldiers were found guilty of "manslaughter" or murder without meaning to kill. That is why the Boston Massacre was such an important event in the history of the American Revolution. It is one of the main events that led to war and made way for a new country.



CASSAR President Don Littlefield with Poster Contest winner Sidney Wilson.



CASSAR Eagle Scout of the Year

The Eagle Scout of the Year for 2019 was Michael McPhie nominated by the Orange County Chapter. Michael was submitted to the National Competition and was awarded First Place, which came with a \$10,000.00 scholarship. This is the first time a CASSAR Eagle Scout has been awarded first place at the National competition.

The CASSAR award was intended to be presented at the 2020 Annual Meeting; however, was delayed until July 2020 due to the COVID Pandemic.

His award was presented by Jim Klingler, VP South and Phil Mitchell, President, Orange County Chapter.

Nominations for the CASSAR Eagle Scout of the Year for 2020 should be submitted to William Nay, Eagle Scout Program Chair, by December 1, 2020.



CASSAR has established a Sea Cadet of the Year Scholarship.

Many of the CASSAR local chapters currently award the Sea Cadet Medal to an Outstanding Cadet from their local U. S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) Unit each year. It was proposed, and approved, at the last “virtual” Annual Meeting to expand the program to select a CASSAR Sea Cadet of the Year beginning in 2021. Nominations by the NSCC Unit should be submitted to the local CASSAR Chapter by February 1st, 2021. Each Chapter will be able to select one Sea Cadet from their local units and submit their application to the Sea Cadet Committee Chair, Bill Nay, by March 1st, 2021.

The Outstanding Sea Cadet of the Year basic criteria includes:

- Recipient of the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.
- Received the Naval Sea Cadet Corps Academic Achievement Ribbon.
- Submit a completed NSCC Cadet of the Year – NSCADM 011 (Rev 11/16)
- Submit a 500-700 word essay. Topic – “How NSCC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States of America.”



Conducting Scouts BSA Merit Badge Workshop during the Pandemic.

On Sunday April 12th and 19th William Nay, Chair, CASSAR Eagle Scout Program conducted the Scouts BSA Genealogy Merit Badge workshop on Zoom. The final tally for the online Genealogy Merit Badge was 22. (18 male scouts and 4 female scouts) The 22 Scouts represented three Councils. Redwood Empire - Marin - National Capital Area.

A highlight of the workshop is that this format allowed for distinguished guest speakers, that included:

President General Jack Manning, National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

President Robert Taylor, California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

President William Van Valkenburg, Redwood Empire Chapter, California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.



In April Compatriot Nay conducted an American Heritage Merit Badge workshop on Zoom. He had 31 registered Scouts representing 5 Scout Councils (Silicon Valley, MDSC, Marin, NCAC and REC). There were 25 male scouts and 6 female scouts.



If you are interested in working with your local Scouts BSA Council on these Merit Badges Compatriot Nay would be happy to assist and/or provide you the prepared PowerPoint slides.



PUBLIC SERVICE AND HEROISM AWARDS

In 2016, the NSSAR approved a new Life Saving Medal and Certificate that maybe presented to honorees who took action resulting in the saving of a human life without placing themselves in imminent danger. This award was created to reserve the SAR Heroism Award for those who demonstrate outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger. In addition to the Life Saving and Heroism Medals, there are three Public Service Medals that the State Society presents semi-annually, and each Chapter is encouraged to present annually.

Here are those awards and the criteria for presentation from the NSSAR Handbook:

The Law Enforcement Commendation Medal is presented to those who have served with distinction and devotion in the field of law enforcement. The medal is intended to recognize exceptional service or accomplishment in the field of law enforcement. Eligibility is not limited to peace officers but extends to the entire range of persons who make and enforce the law to include but not limited to peace officers, attorneys, judges, prosecutors and legislators who have performed an exceptional act or service beyond that normally expected.

The Fire Safety Commendation Medal is presented to an individual for accomplishments and/or outstanding contributions in an area of fire safety and service. The award is not limited to fire-fighters. It may be presented to recognize a variety of fire safety and service that has evolved into a highly technical and skilled profession with constant study, development and involvement by numerous dedicated citizens with a single goal - protect human life and property by preventing injuries or casualties due to fire and chemicals.

The Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal is presented to an individual for accomplishments and/or outstanding contribution in an area of emergency medical services. The award is intended for paramedics and certified Emergency Medical Technicians and others in the emergency medical field who have performed an act or service beyond that normally expected.

Chapters who present any one of these five awards are strongly encouraged to report those presentations using the on-line reporting form found on the NSSAR website under the Public Service and Heroism Committee heading and/or to the CASSAR PS&H Committee Chair. Only those awards that are reported will appear in the annual PS&H Awards booklet presented at the National Congress and in the NSSAR PS&H Committee on-line database.



SAR Education Center and Museum

Almost every issue of the national *SAR Magazine* includes an article from the SAR Foundation on plans for the **SAR Education Center and Museum**. New members may wonder what this is about, and how the California Society is involved. You can watch a video linked to the California Society website banner at www.californiasar.org that walks you through the planned Museum.

History

The SAR National Headquarters was in Washington D.C. from 1927 until 1978, when the Grand Masonic Lodge on Fourth Street in Louisville, KY was purchased, and the SAR moved all of their national offices to that location. In that building, the SAR Museum was in the lobby and hallways with exhibits of Revolutionary War artifacts and reproductions.

In 2008 the SAR Trustees voted to relocate the SAR national Headquarters to West Main Street in Louisville. Main Street is known as “*Museum Row*,” with the Kentucky Science Center, Speed Art Museum, Center for the Performing Arts, Frazier Arms Museum, Mohammad Ali Museum, and Louisville Slugger Museum. During the school year, buses deliver thousands of children on



field trips to Main Street. The vision for the SAR Headquarters was to include a genealogical library, offices for SAR staff, and a museum gallery to anchor patriotic educational programs.

The SAR Genealogical Research Library opened to great fanfare in 2010, and the SAR offices had all relocated by 2014. Planning for an immersive and interactive educational museum to tell the story of the American Revolutionary War began in 2013 working with the museum design firm *Solid Light*. The plans for developing the museum were approved at the 2014 Congress in Phoenix, AZ. In 2016 and 2020 the SAR Trustees reaffirmed their support for the museum project.

Current Status

The planning, design, and construction of the SAR Education Center and Museum has proceeded in three phases, each with three steps. Phase One produced the Vision Plan & Interpretive Plan. Phase Two, which is almost finished, is designing the physical Museum features and creating the electronic interactive experiences. Phase Three will be the construction and installation.

Donations to the SAR Foundation have funded the project without relying upon membership dues or fees. Four hundred-sixty-six SAR members from California, sixteen CASSAR chapters, the CA Ladies Auxiliary, and the California Society have made donations to the SAR Foundation in support of this project. Donations from California total over 1.1 million dollars.

Chapters making donations included Coachella Valley, Delta, Eagle, George Patton, Harbor, Monterey Bay, Orange County, Redding, Redwood Empire, Riverside, Sacramento, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Silicon Valley, Sons of Liberty, and Thomas Jefferson.

Individual donors of over \$10,000 include Doug Bergtholdt, Rev. Louis Carlson, John L. Dodd, M. Kent Gregory, and the estate of Anne Donahue-Lampman. Donors of \$1,000 - \$9,999 included Ron Barker,

George Biles, Jim Blauer, Alan Brooking, Hugh Brown, Derek Brown, Robert Burt, Douglas Cross, Rev. Stan DeLong, Gary Dubois, Jeff Dumontelle, Jim Faulkinbury, Cray Foley, Jim Fosdyck, Vincent Gantt, Arthur Garfield, David Gilliard, Robert Gregg, Phil Hinshaw, John Holden, Johnie Humphrey, Karl Jacobs, Ron Johnson, Evan Jonas, Charles Kimball, Jim Klingler, Arthur Koehler, Chuck Lampman, Don Littlefield, Richard Locke, Henry Lucas, Clarence Lucas, John Lundstrom, Kenneth Lynch, Larry Magerkurth, Ernie McCullough, Alexander Mitchell, Deslar Patten, Eltweed Pomeroy, Stephen Renouf, Hugh Richards, Eugene Robinson, Rex Shannon, Eric Sloan, Travis Spears, Jack Terry, Wallace Wadlington, William Walker, Marston Watson, Stephen Weiss, and Rolla Wilhite.



Ninety-nine CASSAR members have given between \$250 and \$999, and 307 California donors have given under \$250. All gifts are greatly appreciated.

Californians have also donated historic Revolutionary War artifacts for the Museum Collection, including a powder horn from Mark and JoAnn Kramer, a salt horn

from Dan McKelvie, a horn cup, ceramic inkwell, copper pitcher, and two shaving razors from Kent Gregory, cooking utensils from Ron Barker, silver officer's spurs from Hans Hunt, medical scales, foot warmer, musket vent pick, candle storage box, redware dish, and a 6-tube candle mold from Jim Blauer, a camp axe from Jim Fosdyck, two wig curlers from Un Hui Yi, dragoon spurs and a 9" folding knife from Hugh Richards, and a 1763 Charleville pistol from Jim Klingler, Kent Gregory, and Joe Dooley.

The SAR Education Center and Museum will not only be available to students and visitors to Louisville, KY. Several parts of the Museum will have interactive electronic segments that can be downloaded anywhere in the world to learn or teach about the Revolutionary War and the founding of the United States. The goal for completion is before the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026. Be a donor!

*M. Kent Gregory, Ed.D.
Chairman, SAR Museum Board*



California society receives the Walter Buchanan “Buck” Meek Award for 2020.

This award includes a stipend of \$300, a flag streamer, and a certificate.

The purpose of the George Washington Endowment Fund is to maintain a continuing program for obtaining and distributing funds to support the SAR’s unfunded and underfunded committees and special projects. The endowment fund should grow annually to continue the support of approved SAR activities and projects. The George Washington Endowment Fund serves as an umbrella under which gifts are placed. Earnings from the contributions over the years have helped to finance a wide variety of programs and projects.

George Washington Endowment Fund Awards

Two SAR awards associated with the George Washington Endowment Fund are presented annually at the SAR Congress. The term of each award is from April 1 to the following March 31.

The Howard F. Horne, Jr. Award goes to the SAR state-level society with the largest increase in new George Washington Endowment Fund fellows as a percentage of the society’s membership. This award includes a stipend of \$100 or 80% of the net annual earnings of the Horne (Delaware) Fund (whichever is greater), a flag streamer, and a certificate.

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George Washington Endowment Fund

The George Washington Endowment Fund Board was established by the Executive Committee and approved by the trustees during the meeting of February 27, 1993. This action followed two years of work by a special task force that had been asked to evaluate and propose a plan for the SAR to provide for the following: Establish a permanent restricted fund, the income of which would provide annual funding for support of the SAR unfunded and underfunded committees and special projects; and to Provide for the equitable distribution of funds. Until the inception of the George Washington Endowment Fund, little funding was available to reimburse the more than fifty SAR committees for administrative purposes or to support their activities or special projects. The board is composed of a board chairman, the chairs of the George Washington Endowment Fund Fundraising Committee and the George Washington Endowment Fund Distribution Committee, and four George Washington fellows elected at the annual SAR Congress. The George Washington Endowment Fund Board oversees all aspects of the George Washington Endowment Fund, which is financed by gifts from members and friends of the SAR.

George Washington Endowment Fund Distribution

Requests for funds are submitted by chairmen of each of the SAR committees. Requests for funds by unfunded and underfunded SAR committees and for various special projects are sent to the George Washington Endowment Fund Distribution Committee for consideration. No more than eighty percent of the net income (interest and dividends) from the George Washington Endowment Fund may be spent in any one year and the remaining twenty percent is then invested into the corpus of the George Washington Endowment Fund. The George Washington Endowment Fund Board oversees the investment of the endowment fund.

Gifts and Donations

All gifts are important and are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Individuals donating \$1,000 or more are recognized as George Washington fellows. The gifts may be paid in a lump sum amount or in installments of \$200 or more annually over a five-year period. Everyone recognized as a George Washington fellow shall receive a distinctive lapel pin and a certificate denoting his or her status. The name of each fellow will be displayed in the new SAR Center at the SAR Headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky.

The George Washington Endowment Fund Fundraising Committee is charged with conducting fundraising activities to help raise money for the George Washington Endowment Fund and in the recruitment of new George Washington Fellows, The committee designates George Washington Endowment Fund contacts at the state-level and recognizes new George Washington Fellows. Compatriot Jim Fosdyck is the GWEF Fundraising Committee Vice-President and the California contact.

California Society George Washington Fellows

The following 30 new George Washington Fellows were responsible for the California Society receiving the 2020 Meek Award and a \$300 stipend, flag streamer, and certificate.

Frederick A. Schuster
James C. McHargue
Arnold H. Burr
Rev. Louis V. Carlson
Philip E. Mitchell
James F. Blauer
James H. Olds
Karl W. Blackmun
James A. Bellows
William E. Nay

Mary M. Hinshaw
R. Paul Weddell
M. Kent Gregory
Raymond C. Raser
Kevin L. Bidekap
Ernest P. McCullough
Leon L. Smith, Jr.
Robert Scott Whitman
Edward R. Torrence
Charles R. Lampman

Robert L. Taylor
Donald B. Littlefield
Frank Campo
Wayne J. Rogers
William J. Frederick
William M. Haines
Thomas I. Jarrard
J. Stephen Hurst
Brandon A. Villardi
Russell C. Kaiser, Jr.



California Society George Washington Fellows at the 2019 Congress in Costa Mesa.

L-R: Stephen Renouf, Robert Taylor, Jim Klingler, Brian Stephens, John Ferris, Kent Gregory, Don Littlefield, Russ Kaiser, Dan McKelvie, John Dodd, Ed Torrence, Jim Blauer, Jim Fosdyck, Dave Gillard, Scott Whitman, Ron Barker, Ray Raser, Arnie Burr.



Spain in the Revolutionary War

By Peter Darnell, Sacramento Chapter

A bit of history . . .

The Seven Years War involved the great European powers in a global conflict which spanned five continents, affecting Europe, the Americas, West Africa, India, and the Philippines. The French and Indian War, which pitted England against France, was a series of battles fought on the North American continent.

By the 1760s, the French territory of Louisiana stretched from the Appalachians to the Rocky Mountains. Anticipating a possible British victory in the Seven Years War, France ceded the portion of Louisiana west of the Mississippi River to its ally, Spain. This activity is documented by the Treaty of Fontainebleau in 1762.

The Treaty of Paris, which was signed on February 10, 1763, by the kingdoms of Great Britain, France, and Spain, with Portugal in agreement, ended the Seven Years War. Under the terms of this treaty, Spain yielded Florida to Britain but recovered Cuba with its major port of Havana. France gave up all its territories in mainland North America, effectively ending the military threat to the British colonies.

Although Britain prevailed in North America, the removal of the French influence had a direct effect on its American colonies. Formerly loyal British subjects, once tied to the British Crown by a shared need for military protection, now began to question the actions of Parliament's imposition of taxes on the American colonies to collect payment for the British defensive actions in the long war.

The seeds of rebellion had been sown and the quest for freedom from British tyranny spread through the colonies . . . the American Revolutionary War would follow.

The participation of both France and Spain in the Revolutionary War was crucial to the eventual victory of the Americans over Great Britain. By allying themselves with foreign monarchies, the American colonies took advantage of the power struggles within European imperialism and essentially created a united front in North America against Britain.

Spain was a major North American power in the 18th century. The Burgundy Cross flag, carried by the conquistadors from Florida to and across Mexico, would fly in the Revolutionary War. In the photograph, Compatriot Ernie Garcia poses in military livery with the Burgundy Cross flag of Spain in the background.



Ernie Garcia is a member of the Sacramento Chapter of the SAR: Ernie's patriot ancestor, Manual Valenzuela, was a Spanish soldier, stationed at the Royal Presidio in Santa Barbara, California. Ernie is a seventh generation Californian, with his Spanish ancestors being part of the first Spanish land expedition to California in 1769, and who were with the first discoverers of San Francisco Bay on October 31, 1769. Peter Darnell is the author of the article.



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