



# The California Compatriot

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

## The President's Message

Compatriots,

This has been an outstanding year of member participation and especially new memberships. Our society grew by more than 200 members during 2012. This growth is due to all of you and hugely supported by the research efforts of individual Chapter Registrars and Genealogists backed up by our extremely hardworking and capable State Registrar, Genealogist and Secretary. I would like to extend a big thank you to all of you, keep up the good work.

I would like to welcome the new CASSAR Youth Activities Chairman, Steve Ludwiczak, and the new CASSAR CAR Liaison, Sean Moore. I am grateful to them for volunteering and look forward to working with them to continue to build these programs. A want to offer a huge thank you to Tom Adams, who held these positions for the last several years and has done an excellent job. Tom will continue to serve as Chairman of the 8th grade brochure contest.

The Fall Board of Managers meeting in Monterey was a great success. We had a very productive business meeting, and the excellent weather and beautiful venue provided a wonderful backdrop to host the President General and other National dignitaries who joined us. Thanks to the gracious members of the Monterey Bay Chapter for all their work in hosting the meeting.

As a State Society we have been participating in the Wreaths Across America program for the last six years. This event, one of the many ways we honor those who have given so much to this country, is now recognized and coordinated at the National level. I am always honored and amazed to take part in such an event. I would like to thank all those compatriots who participated

across our state, often braving very cold weather standing at attention and escorting representatives of our military branches.

Another group of volunteers that deserves our gratitude and recognition is our Ladies' Auxiliary. Their assistance and support at our state meetings includes the hospitality suite, decorations and running the popular raffle to raise funds to augment our activities. We are all indebted to their behind-the-scenes efforts. Please take a moment to thank the ladies next time you see them.

April 12-14th 2013, at our Annual State Meeting in Ventura, Steve Hurst will be sworn in as President of the California Society. Compatriot Hurst is doing a great job preparing for the meeting and his upcoming term in office. Please make your plans and reservations to attend this meeting.

As I write this President's message, I want to inform you that this will be the last published hard copy of the California Compatriot. Your Board of Managers determined that our budget will not afford us the cost of printing and mailing. We are following many other state societies in this decision.

Thank You  
Keith Bigbee  
President  
California State Society  
Sons of the American Revolution



122nd President, CASSAR  
Keith L. Bigbee

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**NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FEES, DUES**

	NSSAR Fee	\$80.00
NATIONAL, STATE, AND CHAPTER	NSSAR Dues	\$30.00
	CASSAR Fee	\$20.00
	Chapter Dues	Varies

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

	NSSAR Fee	\$30.00
THE NSSAR FAMILY DISCOUNT	NSSAR Dues	\$30.00
	CASSAR Fee	\$20.00
	Chapter Dues	Varies

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FEES**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION	NSSAR Fee	\$40.00
	CASSAR Fee	\$10.00

**JUNIOR MEMBER APPLICATION FEES, DUES**

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

**JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP ADVANTAGES**

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



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

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Next Deadline: May 30, 2013

## ANNUAL DUES, REGULAR MEMBERS

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

## ANNUAL DUES, JUNIOR MEMBERS

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

## ANNUAL DUES, DUAL MEMBERS

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

## ANNUAL DUES, EMERITUS MEMBERS

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

## CALIFORNIA SOCIETY LIFE MEMBERS

The California Society's Life Membership program covers a member's National Society, California Society, and Chapter dues for as long as he remains in the California Society, SAR. The program is open to all regular members 18 years of age. The fee structure is based on the member's age and is posted in the members section of the California Society's website.

## NATIONAL SOCIETY LIFE MEMBERS

The National Society Life Membership program covers a member's National Dues only. Members participating in this program are responsible for paying their California Society State and Chapter dues to remain active in the National Society. ❖

I want to thank all the chapters for getting in their dues report so that the state was able to submit the CASSAR annual due reconciliation report to NSSAR. It was accepted and approved on February 4 without any discrepancies with our figures. Great Job Everyone. We have already started receiving new members and reinstatements.



Our membership increased from 1388 to 1492 which is a net increase of 104. However, we had added 355 members last year, had deaths of 31, 7 transferred out of state and had drops and resignations of 213, which is a 12.4% loss of members. We, as a society need to do a better job of keeping our members.

A national task force is looking at our annual drops with a goal of reducing in half. Any ideas?

The chapters have submitted their officers and these officers should now have access to the chapter member data base on the National web site. Contact me if you do not have access.

All CASSAR officers, Committee Chairmen and Chapters need to submit their report to the CASSAR secretary no later than March 15 to be included in the reports for the CASSAR Annual Meeting.

*Ronald Barker*

CASSAR Secretaryobcc7702

## COMING EVENTS

### 11-14 April, 2013 – 138th Annual Meeting

Sheraton Four Points Hotel - Ventura, CA  
(registration form attached or on line)

### 5-10 July, 2013 – 123rd Annual Congress

Kansas City, MO

### 27-28 Sept. 2013 – Fall Leadership Meeting

Louisville, KY

### 1-2 Nov., 2013 – Fall Board of Managers Meeting

El Segundo

# Welcome New Members



Nat'l #	CASSAR	Name	Chapter	Nat'l #	CASSAR	Name	Chapter
185137	9200	Joseph Leroy Frank	Butte	184396	9119	Raymond Charles Weber	San Diego
184421	9130	Christopher Edward Scrimiger	Central Coast	184528	9143	Stephen Howard Ludwiczak	San Diego
171671	8347	Benjamin Marriner O'Neal III	Central Coast	184529	9144	Christian James Howson	San Diego
184364	9116	Richard Matthew Dexter	Coachella Valley	184530	9145	Miles Alexander Howson	San Diego
184397	9120	Tim Monroe Todd	Coachella Valley	184774	9172	Kolby John Gibson	San Diego
184398	9121	George Clyde Todd	Coachella Valley	184775	9173	Kortlen John Gibson	San Diego
184399	9122	Hobert Arthur Rinehart	Coachella Valley	184909	9177	Richard Clyson Bailey	San Diego
184400	9123	Travis Neil Eaton	Coachella Valley	184910	9178	Dudley Campbell Dabbs Jr.	San Diego
184401	9124	Thomas Jason Eaton	Coachella Valley	184916	9184	Russell Alan Barck	San Diego
184402	9125	Neil Hobert Eaton	Coachella Valley	184917	9185	Colin Thomas Barck	San Diego
184403	9126	Jason Travis Eaton	Coachella Valley	185140	9203	Jeffrey Lund May	San Diego
184404	9127	Gregory Michael Eaton	Coachella Valley	185244	9216	Joshua Clinton Sanders	San Diego
184415	9128	Quentin James Eaton Bechtol	Coachella Valley	185432	9218	Donald Sebring Albright Jr.	San Diego
184406	9129	Ryan Donald Eaton	Coachella Valley	185435	9221	Richard Lawrence Cameron	San Diego
184988	9193	Christopher Joseph Cerillo	Coachella Valley	185474	9234	Alfred Lawrence Riedel	San Diego
185778	9259	Allen George Bookatz	Coachella Valley	185475	9235	James William Josephson	San Diego
185464	9224	Theodore John Hawkins	Delta	185476	9236	Matthew Bryan Matusiak	San Diego
185465	9225	Samuel Robert Hawkins	Delta	185478	9238	Justin Neil Matusiak	San Diego
185664	9246	Alyn Robert Brereton	Delta	185775	9256	Fredrick Roark Galloway	San Diego
184552	9146	John David Short	Gen George S. Patton	185776	9257	Robert Edmond Fisher	San Diego
184729	9168	Ronald Joseph Higby Jr.	Gen George S. Patton	185777	9258	Gordon Brooks Kelly	San Diego
184730	9169	Brett William Higby	Gen George S. Patton	185779	9260	Fredrick Roark Raser	San Diego
184914	9182	Christopher Robyn Pogemiller	Gen George S. Patton	151184	6887	Kevin Paul McCullough	San Diego
185436	9222	Harry Rayburn Copeland	Gen George S. Patton	182605	8988	Lawrence Robert Richardson	San Diego
135934	5806	Donald Lee Montgomery	Gen George S. Patton	185467	9227	William Blevins Sayer	San Diego
172782	8405	Louis Hausam Kreuzer II	Gen George S. Patton	185470	9230	Neil Fraser (McKay) Riedel	San Diego
161469	7678	Josiah Jonathan Guile	Gen George Washington	185471	9231	Jonathan David Riedel	San Diego
161468	7677	Raymond Issac Munoz	Gen George Washington	185472	9232	Joseph Neil Riedel	San Diego
184491	9131	Lawrence Stephen Phillips	Gen George Washington	185473	9233	Christopher Neil Riedel	San Diego
184553	9147	Thomas Dennis Butler Cole	Gen George Washington	185477	9237	Brandon Michael Matusiak	San Diego
184554	9148	Samuel Thomas Tucci	Gen George Washington	184324	9114	Joel Terry Abraham	San Francisco
184555	9149	Ross Wyatt Tucci	Gen George Washington	184236	9115	Max Lewis Bothwell	San Francisco
184661	9156	David Dwayne Allee	Gen George Washington	184492	9132	Curran Gillespie Engel	San Francisco
184662	9157	John David Allee	Gen George Washington	184521	9136	Mark Robert Decius	San Francisco
184663	9158	Michael James Allee	Gen George Washington	184527	9142	Daniel Martin Larkin	San Francisco
185469	9229	James David Allee	Gen George Washington	184556	9150	David Micah Loveday	San Francisco
185718	9255	Frank I Green	Gen George Washington	184557	9151	Ronnie Nelson Bingham	San Francisco
185670	9252	Gregory Joji Mayeda	Gold Country	184664	9159	Douglas James Devine	San Francisco
185135	9198	Chad Monroe Hamilton	Harbor	184726	9165	Ronald George Kilby	San Francisco
185141	9204	Michael McDowell Tillman	Harbor	184731	9170	Robert James Foster	San Francisco
185148	9210	Thomas Lowry Slatterly	Kern #38	185667	9249	Myron Keith Farr	San Francisco
185240	9212	Gregory Curtis Horn	Kern #38	185780	9261	James Jay Bennington	San Francisco
184642	9152	William Pickens Hannah	Monterey Bay	185670	9253	David Thomas Thompson	San Francisco
157825	7432	James Quirino Bradley	Orange	184525	9140	Robert Edwin Hull	Silicon Valley
185666	9248	Gerald William Ellington	Orange County	184776	9174	Brent Michael Schmitz	Silicon Valley
184494	9134	Russel Shawn Salley	Orange County	185433	9219	Robert Frederick Bencini	Silicon Valley
184495	9135	Robert McKie Salley	Orange County	185434	9220	Frederick Henry Brinkmann	Silicon Valley
184665	9160	Craig Richard Matheny	Orange County	185665	9247	Nathaniel Patrick Crowder	Silicon Valley
184912	9180	William Edison Hoge	Orange County	185468	9228	Philip Everett Sheldon	Silicon Valley
185138	9201	Friedrich Wilhelm Kunzler	Orange County	184524	9139	Mark Lindsay Ladd	Sons of Liberty
185139	9202	Benjamm Friedrich Kunzler	Orange County	184526	9141	Matthew Alan Kinsler	Sons of Liberty
185146	9208	Adam Alexander Phipps	Orange County	184660	9155	David Ansel Young	Sons of Liberty
184493	9133	James David Mercer	Redlands	184773	9171	Larrison Carhart Jackson	Sons of Liberty
184522	9137	John Alton Flippin	Redlands	184876	9175	Robert Michael Albert	Sons of Liberty
185781	9262	Dennis Alan Kramer	Redlands	184908	9176	Arthur Faber Ames	Sons of Liberty
164259	7888	Preston Edward Cook	Redwood Empire	184915	9183	Peter Newton Ford	Sons of Liberty
124909	5176	Geoffrey Andrew McNew	Redwood Empire	185133	9196	Richard Roy Foster	Sons of Liberty
129462	5443	William Bruce McNew	Redwood Empire	185136	9199	David Robert Currier	Sons of Liberty
184395	9118	Adam Zachariah Nelsen	Riverside	185147	9209	John George Ripley	Sons of Liberty
184725	9164	Warren Turner	Riverside	185242	9214	Jeffrey Peter La Marca	Sons of Liberty
184913	9181	Joshua Rion Nelsen	Riverside	185243	9215	David William Milbrandt	Sons of Liberty
185134	9197	Robert Randall Dickey	Riverside	185669	9251	Kenneth Ramon Henry	Sons of Liberty
185143	9205	Kevin Stanley Bean	Riverside	185668	9250	Jeffrey Ryan Felton	Sons of Liberty
185144	9206	Trenton Stanley Bean	Riverside	184666	9161	Carl Frederick West	Thomas Jefferson
185145	9207	Nolan Whieldon Bean	Riverside	184723	9162	Jens Moyer	Thomas Jefferson
184365	9117	Ivan Larry Guile	Sacramento	184724	9163	Michael John Moyer	Thomas Jefferson
184523	9138	Roy Robert Adkins	Sacramento	184727	9166	Brian Michael Davis	Thomas Jefferson
184643	9153	Phillip Lynn Marler	Sacramento	184728	9167	Justin Graham Davis	Thomas Jefferson
184644	9154	Michael Lance Marler	Sacramento	184918	9186	Johathan Vergil Stover	Thomas Jefferson
184911	9179	George Arthur Dibble III	Sacramento	184919	9187	Terrance Lee Stover	Thomas Jefferson
185241	9213	Samuel Louis Howard	Sacramento	184920	9188	Curt Edward Stover	Thomas Jefferson
185615	9240	William Mack Perera	Sacramento	184921	9189	Kenneth Alan Stover	Thomas Jefferson
185782	9263	Eric Jon Nielsen	Sacramento	184922	9190	Robert Allen Stover	Thomas Jefferson
165972	8003	David Charles Goodwin	Sacramento	184923	9191	Edward Marvin Stover	Thomas Jefferson
185614	9239	Eric Irwin Perera	Sacramento	184924	9192	Jeff Edward Stover	Thomas Jefferson
185659	9241	Carl Erik Ahlberg	Sacramento	185239	9211	Stanley Martin Hazlak	Thomas Jefferson
185660	9242	Russell Eber Ahlberg	Sacramento	185293	9217	Roy Wayne Short Jr.	Thomas Jefferson
185661	9243	Benjamm Kai Parsons	Sacramento	185466	9226	David Hector Howard	Thomas Jefferson
185662	9244	Oliver Kash Ahlberg	Sacramento	185717	9254	Michael James Vandaveer	Thomas Jefferson
185663	9245	Jeffrey Brandon Ahlberg	Sacramento				

# *137th CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting*

## OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The Monterey Bay Chapter hosted the 137th CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Seaside, California, on November 1 to 3, 2012. The Thomas Jefferson Chapter was represented by President Derek Brown, Secretary Stephen Renouf, Registrar Don Gurley, and Past President Oliver Everette. There were a number of national officers in attendance - President General Stephen Leishman, Secretary General Joseph Dooley, Treasurer General Lindsey Brock, Registrar General Mike Tomme, and Librarian General Mike Wells. On Thursday evening, the CASSAR senior officers hosted a dinner for the National Officers at the Chart House in Monterey.

On Friday morning, President General Steve Leishman joined the Past Presidents' Breakfast in the hotel. At 9 AM, CASSAR President Keith Bigbee convened the 137th CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting. After establishing a quorum and introducing the distinguished guests, the minutes from the previous state meeting were unanimously approved. The state officers then gave their reports. Secretary Ron Barker reported that the California Society now has 1,673 members, the most members the society has ever had. Last year there was a loss at the end of the year of 16%, so we need to work on member retention. Treasurer Mike Howard was absent, so the report was presented by Executive VP Steve Hurst. Registrar Owen Stiles reported that there have been 230 new applications, 26 junior member applications and 93 supplementals so far this year. Chancellor Jeff

Goodwin reported that the society is in compliance with IRS rules, our insurance is current, and there is no pending litigation. Chaplain Lou Carlson asked all chapters to report compatriot deaths to him at LCarlson@fairhavenmemorial.com, and give him the next of kin contact information. Invested Funds Chairman Dick Hawley reported that the invested funds have \$322k under investment in the life membership fund, permanent fund, education fund and congress fund.

The current national officers then gave their reports. President General Steve Leishman (DE) reported that California has had three elected national



*Treasurer General and Mrs. Lindsey Brock*

presidents general – Howard Rowley in 1929, Calvin Chunn in 1978 and 1979, and Larry Magerkurth in 2011. He said plans are in motion for the National Society to move to the new building on West Main Street in 2014 – in time for the SAR Congress in Louisville in 2015. He reported that Ancestry.com would be contacting all their members in Texas and Virginia with Revolutionary War patriot ancestors matching one of our scanned applications, and informing them that they could potentially join the SAR. If this pilot program works, it will be expanded nationally. Treasurer General Lindsey Brock (FL) reported that the National Society receives most of its revenue from dues, reinstatements and merchandise sales. He said we hope to substantially increase merchandise sales now that the merchandise



*Pres. Bigbee presenting James Blauer a special token of recognition for preparing over 10,000 Eagle Scot certificates by calligraphy*



*Curtis Porter talking about the early history of the US Marine Corps during the American Revolution*

department is in the new building on West Main Street. Registrar General Mike Tomme (GA) reported the National Society has 30,710 active members (with 1,673 in California, 20 in Hawaii and 190 in Nevada). He started a program of sending a certificate to all NSSAR Emeritus Members (members who have paid dues for 50 years), and has sent out 290 certificates so far. He has asked chapters and state societies to report the reason that members drop so we can work on retention. Librarian General Mike Wells said the SAR Library has a website at [Library.SAR.org](http://Library.SAR.org). He said they are currently scanning all the loose family records so they can be accessed online. He encouraged members, chapters and state societies to become members of the Friends of the Library for \$25 per year. The money raised goes to supporting the library so they can be self-sufficient. He hopes to offer a copying service, where people can search the online catalog, and request photocopies for a fee. Past President General Larry Magerkurth said the National Society has grown to \$16 million in assets, and has the highest membership in its history.

The committee chairmen then gave their reports. Compliance Committee Chairman Karl Jacobs reported that the chapters need to file the 990n and 199n forms by the May 15th deadline. Nomination Committee Chairman John Dodd reported that all those interested in running for state office in 2013 need to get their chapter endorsement (if necessary) and contact him by December 31. The nominating committee,

chaired by John Dodd, and composed of the next six state presidents willing to serve, will review all the candidates and issue a recommended slate of officers. The California Society is still looking for a DAR Liaison, and a Spanish Patriots Committee Chairman.

The Friday Community Awards Luncheon was held in the ballroom. The NSSAR Law Enforcement Award was presented to Monterey Police Officer Jason Newby, and the Fire Safety Commendation was presented to Fire Captain Roger Reed. Following lunch, Executive VP Steve Hurst, Past President John Dodd, Invested Funds Trustee Steve Renouf and Vice President North Jim Faulkinbury met in the hospitality room to work on the 2013 budget. The rest of the members continued the business meeting. The chapter presidents reported on the activities of their chapters. The Friday CASSAR Officers' Dinner was held at Tarp's Roadhouse in Monterey. After a cocktail hour and a fine dinner, we were treated to bagpipe music by President James Beatty of the Redwood Empire Chapter.

On Saturday morning, President Bigbee reconvened the Board of Managers Meeting. Keith passed out new member binders to all the chapters. It was suggested that the chapters reproduce these binders of information for all their new members. Phil Hinshaw reported on the CASSAR Best Chapter Contest. There was a proposal by one of the chapters to get a point for each hit on their website. This was rejected because it would overwhelm all the other categories. Past President John Dodd made a resolution that no CASSAR chapter or member use the



*PG Leishman and CASSAR Color Guardsmen Jim Faulkinbury, Bob Ebert, Dave Siler, & Larry Wood*

name “California Society Sons of the American Revolution,” “Sons of the American Revolution,” or chapter name to endorse or appear to endorse any commercial enterprise without the approval of the CASSAR Executive Committee. This resolution was unanimously approved by the board of managers. The candidates for national office in 2013 then had the opportunity to address the Board of Managers, and ask for CASSAR’s endorsement. President general candidate Joe Dooley wants to establish a program to present presidential streamers to chapters and societies that place permanent monuments, memorials or markers. They must be made of stone or metal, and must mention the Sons of the American Revolution. Secretary general candidate Lindsey Brock said he would continue the phase II buildout of the new building so it will be completed in two years. He



*First is Past Presidents, Jacobs, Carlson, & Magerkurth*

wants to triple merchandise sales, and continue to improve computer systems at national headquarters. Larry Magerkurth spoke on behalf of treasurer general candidate Tom Lawrence. Chancellor general candidate John Dodd spoke about his legal qualifications. Registrar general candidate Mike Tomme asked to be re-elected. John Dodd spoke on behalf of historian general candidate Bob Bowen. Librarian general candidate Mike Wells said he wanted to expand the Friends of the Library program. Keith Bigbee read a statement from librarian general candidate Bruce Pickette. Larry Magerkurth spoke on behalf of surgeon general candidate Rudy Byrd. Chaplain general candidate Rev. Lou Carlson spoke about his qualifications. PG foundation board candidate Steve Leishman said he wanted to serve, and then return to his farm like Cincinnatus. He also spoke on behalf of at-large foundation board candidate Randy Ellis. The CASSAR Board of Managers voted unanimously to endorse all the candidates that were

unopposed. There was a secret ballot to vote for the two candidates for librarian general, and Mike Wells was endorsed by CASSAR. There was a proposal to make the California Compatriot an online edition. There would be one final hard copy mailed out, containing an article explaining about the online edition. If members are not able to receive an online edition, they could choose to pay for a subscription based on the actual cost of the hard copy and postage. A committee was formed to determine the subscription price. The national officers from other large states (Virginia, Florida, Alabama and Georgia) said that their societies were also faced with the high cost of producing printed state newsletters, and they all said that their states decided to go with an online edition to save money. The proposal to only offer the California Compatriot by mail through a subscription passed almost unanimously. The committee will report to the April Annual Meeting the cost for the subscription. Executive VP Steve Hurst presented the 2013 budget, and it was approved.

The guest speaker for the Saturday luncheon was a no show. Curtis Porter saved the day, and spoke about the continental marines, their uniform and the flint lock rifle. He explained that if the soldier forgot to put the charge in the rifle barrel, when he fired the gun, all he got was a “flash in pan,” and the gun did not fire. He said that the various components were made by separate artisans, and assembled by the gunsmith, “lock, stock and barrel.” Marissa Mancebo from the Children of the American Revolution presented President General Steve Leishman and CASSAR President Keith Bidbee with CAR pins. President Bigbee presented Marissa with the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for her work in community service. President Bigbee presented the SAR Liberty Medal (for being first line signer on 10 SAR applications) to



*Relaxing in the hospitality room*

Ray Raser (San Diego), Ted Rudisill (San Diego), Don Gurley (Thomas Jefferson), Kent Gregory (Orange County), Jim Faulkinbury (Sacramento), Tom Chilton (Sacramento), and Terry Briggs (Silicon Valley). The business meeting resumed Saturday afternoon. Invested Funds Trustee Stephen Renouf presented a proposal to create a new category of CASSAR Life Membership for paying only the California Society and Chapter dues. This would be primarily for national officers (whose primary society pays their national dues), or NSSAR Life Members (who owe no national dues). Trustee Renouf created a payment chart by age based upon the current payment chart, changing the dues amount by dropping the national portion. The proposal was adopted by a wide majority. Trustee Renouf also reported on his NSSAR Premium Membership Medals Committee. The committee is now developing a miniature replica of the Tiffany style membership medal, cufflinks and tie tacks. All those interested should contact Chairman Renouf. Past President Karl Jacobs, a member of the NSSAR Ethics Committee, presented a recommendation to add additional items to the list of prohibited behavior – ungentlemanly conduct, issuing circulars purporting to represent the views of NSSAR without approval, and possessing NSSAR property without the approval of the executive director or executive committee. The California Society voted to recommend adding these items. President Keith Bigbee adjourned the 137th CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting. Vice President General Gene Butler then convened a meeting of the NSSAR Western District (California, Nevada and Hawaii). He stated the intellectual property issues are important, and we should look at new technology to reach out to compatriots, especially younger ones. VPG Butler announced that he is working on hosting a Western District Breakfast in conjunction with the Pacific and Intermountain

districts at the SAR Congress in Kansas City. He will provide more information as it becomes available. The Western District endorsed all the national candidates for office running unopposed and voted by secret ballot to endorse Mike Wells for librarian general. VPG Butler then adjourned the meeting of the Western District.

The Saturday Banquet featured guest speaker Broeck Oder. He spoke on the assistance that the Dutch provided during the American Revolution. He said that the first salute of a naval vessel of the United States occurred at St. Eustatius on November 16, 1776, when the salute of the US brig Andrew Doria was returned by Commander Johannes de Graaff by firing the canon of Fort Oranje. St. Eustatius was a free port, with no customs duties, strategically situated between Spanish, French, Danish and English colonies. As a result, its economy flourished from the free trade, and it became known as the “Golden Rock.” The United States was able to obtain arms and ammunition from the free trade at St. Eustatius. In 1780, Henry Laurens was sent to the Netherlands as a US representative. Laurens’ ship was captured by the British, and Laurens attempted to dispose of the diplomatic correspondence by casting it into the sea. The bag with the correspondence did not sink, allowing the British to capture it, and get evidence of Dutch assistance to the American Revolutionaries. This incident led to the Fourth Anglo-Dutch War. British Admiral Rodney attacked St. Eustatius, forcing the surrender of Commander Johannes de Graaff in 1781. In 1782, the Dutch granted loans to the United States, which helped to stave off bankruptcy. The Dutch recovered St. Eustatius at the end of the war. President Keith Bigbee presented the SAR Certificate of Appreciation to Broeck Oder for his interesting talk.

President Bigbee presented the awards won by the California Society at the SAR Congress in Phoenix to



*President Keith Bigbee and Curtis Porter*



*SAR national officers at CASSAR Fall Meeting*





*Fifer Kent Gregory*

CASSAR Historian Jim Blauer – the Officer Attendance Award and the Children of the American Revolution Activity Award. He announced that CASSAR contestant Molly Bradshaw placed second in the National SAR Poster Contest. President Bigbee presented the SAR Flag Certificate to a representative of the Embassy Suites Hotel for flying the US flag. He presented certificates of appreciation to members of the Monterey Bay Chapter who helped to make the CASSAR meeting a success. Registrar Owen Stiles presented certificates of appreciation to chapter registrars Ray Raser (San Diego), Charles Gentis (Riverside), Don Gurley (Thomas Jefferson), Terry Briggs (Silicon Valley), and David Hayball (Sons of

Liberty) for their efforts in recruiting members. President Bigbee presented the Robert Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award to Michael Malone of the Silicon Valley Chapter, and Paul Weddell of the South Coast Chapter. They were given to representatives of the chapters, since the recipients were not in attendance. President Bigbee presented an award to Jim Blauer (Orange County) recognizing that he has presented 10,000 Eagle Scout Certificates. He then presented Tom Adams (Mother Lode) with the SAR Certificate of Distinguished Service recognizing his endowment of the SAR Brochure Contest.

President Bigbee called upon a representative from the Sons of Liberty Chapter to come forward and present the resolution from the California Senate and Assembly honoring the 225th Anniversary of the US Constitution, and honoring the work of the Sons of the American Revolution and Daughters of the American Revolution in preserving the history of the Revolutionary War Era. The resolution was given to President General Steve Leishman to take back to Louisville. President Bigbee awarded the SAR Meritorious Service Medal to Mayor Jeffrey Prang, a member of the Sons of Liberty Chapter, for his efforts in securing the resolution. The medal was presented to a representative of the Sons of Liberty Chapter so it could later be presented to Mayor Prang. President Bigbee presented a check to President General Steve Leishman for CASSAR's current installment of its \$10,000 pledge to CAAH. Past President Sandy Jacobs presented a check to President General Steve Leishman from the Ladies Auxiliary for a donation to CAAH.

President Bigbee presented the Martha Washington Medal to Coreena Ross (Gold Country), past president of the Ladies Auxiliary, to recognize her for her efforts in support of President Bigbee and the Sons of the American Revolution. He presented the SAR Meritorious Service Medal to Curtis Porter (South Coast) for saving the day by giving the presentation on the continental marines at the luncheon. President Bigbee presented the Patriot Medal to Clarence "Spud" Lambing (Monterey Bay) for his long and dedicated service to the SAR. President Bigbee then sent CASSAR Color Guardsmen Bob Ebert and Jim Faulkinbury to locate and escort the final award recipient to the podium. President Bigbee presented the State Distinguished Service Medal to Tom Chilton (Sacramento) for his many years of dedicated service to the SAR.

The meeting concluded with the Ladies Auxiliary raffle, where they raised over \$1,000 to support the Sons of the American Revolution. The meeting was adjourned, and we reconvened in the hospitality room for relaxation and fellowship.

# *Wreaths Across America*

## **History – Merrill Worcester, founder**

Morrill Worcester was a 12 year old paper boy for the Bangor Daily News when he won a trip to Washington D.C. Years later, as the owner of Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine, the memory of Arlington National Cemetery was still with him. In 1992, Worcester Wreath found themselves with a surplus of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season. Remembering his boyhood experience at Arlington, Worcester realized he had an opportunity to honor our country's Veterans. With the help of Maine Senator Olympia Snowe, arrangements were made for the wreaths to be placed at Arlington in one of the older sections of the cemetery, a section which had been receiving fewer visitors with each passing year.

The annual tribute went on quietly for several years, until 2005, when a photo of the stones at Arlington, adorned with wreaths and covered in snow, circulated around the internet. Suddenly, the project received national attention. Thousands of requests poured in from all over the country from people wanting to help with Arlington, to emulate the Arlington project at their National and State cemeteries, or to simply share their stories and thank Morrill Worcester for honoring our nation's heroes.

## **Wreaths Across America**

In 2007, the Worcester family, along with veterans and other groups and individuals who had helped with their annual Christmas wreath ceremony in Arlington, formed Wreaths Across America (WAA), a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization, to continue and expand this effort, and support other groups around the country who wanted to do the same. The mission of the group is simple: **Remember. Honor. Teach.**



*Compatriot Don Littlefield represents CASSAR at the Wreath Dedication Ceremony at the California State Capitol*

In 2008 over 300 locations held wreath laying ceremonies in every state, Puerto Rico and 24 overseas cemeteries. Over 100,000 wreaths were placed on veterans' graves. Over 60,000 volunteers participated. December 13, 2008 was unanimously voted by the US Congress as "Wreaths Across America Day". In 2010, Wreaths Across America (WAA) and its national network of volunteers laid over 220,000 memorial wreaths at 545 locations in the United States and beyond.

## **Monday, December 10, 2012 State Capitol Wreath Dedication Ceremonies**

In California, and at state capitols across the country, the Wreaths Across America events were kicked off with annual wreath dedication ceremonies taking place at the 50 state capitols at Noon on Monday, December 10, 2012. On the west steps of the California State Capitol, Sacramento, Don Littlefield, CASSAR WAA Chairman, joined with officers from the Anne Loucks Chapter, DAR; Sate Representative Mariko Yamada; Cynthia Nunez, Director, Sacramento Valley National Cemetery; James Harris, President Sacramento Valley National Cemetery Support Committee; and, the Patriot Guard Riders, led by John Steiner, Assistant State Captain, Sacramento-Norcal, to dedicate the California State Wreath.

## **Saturday, December 15, 2012, 9:00 AM**

Wreaths Across America, along with nearly 200,000 volunteers across the country and overseas at 825 locations, placed 420,000 remembrance wreaths on the headstones of our nation's fallen military on Saturday in celebration of National Wreaths Across America Day. This includes ceremonies at the Pearl Harbor Memorial, as well as Bunker Hill, Valley Forge and the sites if the September 11 tragedies.

All around the State of California, the SAR laid wreaths at our National Cemeteries from Redding to San Diego, from the Pacific Coast to the San Joaquin Valley, and on to Bakersfield. Many chapters participated:

- Glen Oaks Memorial Park, Chico, CA
- General George Washington Chapter
- San Francisco National Cemetery at the Presidio, San Francisco
- San Francisco Chapter
- Silicon Valley Chapter
- Thomas Jefferson Chapter
- Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno
- San Francisco Chapter
- Thomas Jefferson Chapter

Madronia Cemetery, Saratoga  
Silicon Valley Chapter  
Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon  
Gold Country Chapter  
Mother Lode Chapter  
Sacramento Chapter  
San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery, Gustine  
Delta Chapter  
Sonoma Veterans Memorial Park, Sonoma  
Redwood Empire Chapter  
Bakersfield National Cemetery, Arvin  
Redlands Chapter  
Los Angeles National Cemetery, Los Angeles  
Sons of Liberty Chapter  
Memory Park Memorial Gardens, Brea  
Orange County Chapter  
Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego  
San Diego Chapter

For those who participated, thank you for your support and dedication to organize, coordinate, travel, and participate at each of these sites. For those who did not participate this year, you are missing one of the most memorable events you can experience during the holiday season.

**Please mark your calendars now for Saturday, December 14, 2013 at 9:00 AM for this year's Wreaths Across America ceremonies.**

Patria et libertas.



*Orange County Chapter Compatriot Dan Shippey as Gen. George Washington*



*Members of the Delta Chapter attending the WAA event at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery*



*Members of the San Diego Chapter at WAA at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery*



## *NSSAR Recognizes Mother Lode Couple*

At the CASSAR Fall Banquet, President Keith Bigbee, on behalf of the National Society, recognized Tom and Anne Adams of the Mother Lode Chapter. President Bigbee read a letter from NSSAR Executive Director Don Shaw for the couple's financial gift toward the endowment of a National Middle School Brochure Contest. President Bigbee then presented Tom with a framed award from NSSAR officers for his contribution in developing the Brochure Contest.

The award is signed by National Society President, Larry Magerkurth, and J. Michael Tomme, Sr., Americanism Chairman, and reads: "Certificate of Distinguished Service for his dedicated service to the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in the development of the Sgt Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest." Tom explained afterwards that when he was appointed CASSAR Youth Activities Director, by then President Lou Carlson, Lou gave him the charge to come up with a middle school contest. Tom contacted local teachers in El Dorado County for ideas and was fortunate to meet Rolling Hills Middle School history teacher Kevin Tierney. One of the ideas Kevin had was the brochure contest. Kevin and Tom put together a proposal and submitted it to the CASSAR Executive Committee who liked it immediately. Wayne Griswold, then CASSAR Executive VP, took the California proposal back to Louisville and presented it to the Americanism Committee who very soon also adopted it as the National Middle School Contest program.

Tom began to attend meetings in Louisville and to work with Americanism Committee Chairman Mike Tomme on developing the concept into a working program. Tom became the Brochure Contest Chairman and has lead the very successful pilot of the contest here in California – We are entering our third year. Mike Tomme attended the CASSAR Spring Meeting in April 2012 and observed the complete structured brochure judging process. He was very pleased. Tomme is optimistic and believes that if contributions to the endowment continue as they have, and the

financial markets hold, the Americanism Committee, who now manage the Elementary School Poster Contest, will be able to soon launch a National Middle School Brochure Contest.

It was during the time that Tom was working with Mike Tomme that he learned that National contests, unlike our State contests, are not funded from the general fund, but from the interest off an endowment. Tom and Anne are strong believers in teaching our young people about their American Heritage. They approached the National Society with a sizable donation and were granted the great privilege of naming the contest after the family's patriot, Sgt. Moses Adams of the 13 Massachusetts Regiment. Sgt. Adams died at Valley Forge. As Tom describes it, "Sgt. Moses Adams did not do anything historically significant – other than to die for his country." Tom and Anne see Moses' life and death as representative of the nearly 25,000 men who sacrificed their lives so that we can enjoy the promise of our great democratic republic.



*Keith Bigbee, Tom and Ann Adams*

## 2013 ELECTION

The nominating committee has nominated the following Compatriots for the officer positions to be filled by election at the April Annual Meeting

<b>President</b>	J. Stephen Hurst (technically does not stand for election)
<b>Executive Vice President</b>	Jim L. W. Faulkinbury
<b>Vice President North</b>	Ron Barker
<b>Vice President South</b>	M. Kent Gregory
<b>Vice President Membership</b>	Phillip L. Hinshaw
<b>Secretary</b>	Doug Bergthold
<b>Treasurer</b>	Michael J. Howard
<b>Registrar</b>	Owen Stiles
<b>Chancellor</b>	J. Jeffries Goodwin, Esq.
<b>Genealogist</b>	Terry L. Briggs
<b>Historian</b>	James F. Blauer
<b>Chaplain</b>	Rev. Louis V. Carlson, Jr.
<b>Surgeon</b>	Capt. Ernest F. Latham, MD
<b>Investment Fund Trustee</b>	Curtis M. Porter
<b>National Trustee</b>	Keith L. Bigbee
<b>Alternate National Trustee</b>	J. Stephen Hurst

## NECROLOGY

### Farewell Beloved Compatriots

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

Nat'l #	CASSAR	Name	Chapter
184400	9123	Travis Neil Eaton	Coachella
173320	8441	Levon Hayes	Delta
166880	8067	Harry Wesley Brown	Gen George Patton
70169	5870	Joseph Ashby Coffman	Gen George Patton
172211	8393	Lowell Howard Downer	Harbor
95287	3743	Jimmy Edward Standifer	Harbor
153082	7048	Donald William Cooper	Kern
187279	9000	Richard Halstead	Kern
154989	7221	Henry Jess Senecal	Orange County
105972	4203	Richard Ross Pettie	Orange County
150844	6855	John David Haden	Redding
155903	7286	Gene Edward Twyman	Redding
172645	8395	Charles Edward Anderson	Redding
120364	4915	Marschal Wilson Massey	Riverside
165319	7955	Jack Holt Sloan	Sacramento
99610	3916	"Arnold R. Lewis"	Sacramento
169505	8233	Allen Reed Wissinger	San Diego
117367	4738	Robert L. Dodge	San Diego
73450	3376	Harvey Sanford Walseth	San Diego
185779	9260	Fredrick Roark Raser	San Diego
149954	6758	James E. Delehanty	San Francisco
132381	5584	Philip H. Speck Speck	San Francisco
138369	5945	James Wilson McCall	Silicon Valley

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

Ecclesiastes 12: 6-7

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**April 11 – 14, 2013**

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Room rates good 2 days before and after the meeting. Hotel parking \$5 per night.

Make your hotel reservations at (805) 658-1212 between 9 AM and 4 PM PST  
request "Group Reservations" and mention "Sons of the American Revolution"



**MEETING RESERVATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

First time to a CASSAR meeting \_\_\_\_\_

Arriving: Thursday, April 11 \_\_\_\_\_ Friday, April 12 \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, April 13 \_\_\_\_\_

Registration is \$125.00 per person on or before March 11, 2013 or \$140.00 per person after March 11, 2013

*Registration fee includes all meetings, Friday and Saturday luncheons, and Saturday banquet. Costs include taxes and gratuities – Vegetarian meals available with prior notice*

Number of Registrants: \_\_\_\_ @ \$125 Late Registrations \_\_\_\_ @ \$140 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-registered Friday Luncheon: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 each

Non-registered Saturday Luncheon: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 each

Non-registered Saturday Banquet: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$65.00 each

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Checks should be payable to **Gen Patton Chapter, SAR** and mailed with this registration form to:*

Robert Taylor, 5277 Shiloh Way, Ventura, CA 93003-7351

Questions? Contact Bob at tartar-taylor@att.net or 805-289-9259/216-7992 (cell)

Please mark your meal choices:

**Friday Public Service Luncheon**

\_\_\_\_\_ Slow Roasted Tri-Tip or \_\_\_\_\_ Lemon Dill Salmon

**Saturday Youth Luncheon**

\_\_\_\_\_ Citrus Chicken Caesar Salad or \_\_\_\_\_ Marina Seafood Pasta

**Saturday Dinner Banquet**

\_\_\_\_\_ Pollo (chicken) Italiano or \_\_\_\_\_ Halibut Fillet or \_\_\_\_\_ Slow Roasted Prime Rib



## CASSAR LADIES' AUXILIARY TOUR

9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Friday, April 12, 2013

### RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

Simi Valley, California

**\$50 per person** (Includes charter bus transportation, admission to Library, Walt Disney Exhibit, Air Force One, Berlin Wall, Catered Presidential Box Lunch and Gift Shop.)

**Luncheon Choices:** Sandwich of Premium Sliced **Turkey Breast**, or, Sliced **Black Forest Ham** on a Fresh Baked Baguette, served with Munster Cheese, sliced Tomato, Lettuce and fresh Pesto Mayo on the side. Also included Fresh Old-Fashioned Potato Salad, Fresh Fruit Salad, fresh baked Chocolate Chip Cookie, Fresh Brewed Coffee (or guest's choice of Soda or Bottle Spring Water.)

**Reservations:** Not later than **March 22, 2013**, please send your reservation(s) and check payable to "General Patton Chapter SAR" to Rosemarie Risley, 29 Dana Point Ave, Ventura CA, 93004-1656. Questions? Contact Rosemarie, (805) 647-0751, or, e-mail: ronris@sbcglobal.net.

*All ladies and gentlemen are invited to join with us on the tour.*

**Meal Choice(s):** Turkey \_\_\_\_\_ Ham \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail or telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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