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

The President's Message

Compatriots,

Now that Thanksgiving is behind us, along with the extra effort to exercise off all that great food, we can approach the Christmas season with perhaps child-like anticipation of all that the event signifies. Certainly, anticipating Christmas with the outlook of a child enhances the appreciation of family and friends, and I trust it will be so for you. The Fall Board of Managers meeting is now a distant memory, and we were honored by the presence of President General Jack Manning and his lovely lady, Sheila. Even more so as he was convinced to become a dual member of our state society, aligning himself with the Orange County Chapter! As for the meeting itself, please read the report in this issue. The meeting was a success, thanks largely to the multitude of volunteers and all who labored to make it so. My hats off to you all!

If you have visited the CASSAR website lately, you may have noticed the addition of several new committee chairs, primarily Jim Fosdyck for the George Washington Endowment Fund and Rev. Lou Carlson for the 250th Anniversary of the United States celebration. You will be hearing more from each of them in the near future. Please feel free to contact them for additional information.

Another change is Terry Briggs taking on the responsibility for coordinating the Patriot Record System to enter our compatriot application lineage information into an accessible database. Several chapters have completed the process, but much work remains. If you would like to volunteer to assist, I know Terry would be delighted to hear from you!

The Spring Meeting of the Membership is fast taking shape under the capable hands of our Executive VP Don Littlefield. The dates are 16-19 April 2020 at the Murieta Inn at Rancho Murieta near Sacramento. If you have not made your hotel reservations, you need to do so now! Information regarding this event can be found elsewhere in this issue. I hope to see many of you there as I bow out and welcome Don as he takes over the conning of our great ship.

Finally, the payment of dues should be complete and the reconciliation reports well underway. It is my sincere hope that all chapters will have seen few to no drops in membership. I also hope that all chapters are implementing the SAR mentorship program to help new members assimilate into the chapter and find areas of service that match their interests. To obtain new members, I would recommend you consider starting the application process for your sons and grandsons, if you have not already done so.

Thank you for your continuing support of the goals and aims of the Sons of the American Revolution, and I look forward to seeing you this spring at the spring meeting.



*128th President, CASSAR
Robert Taylor*



*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: April 30, 2020
(subject to change)

2019 NSSAR and CASSAR

Dues and Fees

	APPLICATION TYPE	ORDER	DUES	FEES	TOTAL	NOTES
NSSAR	NEW	FIRST	35.00	80.00	\$115.00	
		2nd and Subsequent	35.00	30.00	\$65.00	#3
	Memorials	ALL			\$115.00	#5
	JUNIOR	ALL	5.00	30.00	\$35.00	#1
	JUNIOR	ALL	5.00	80.00	\$85.00	#2
	C.A.R.	ALL	5.00		\$5.00	#4
	SUPPLEMENTAL	FIRST			60.00	\$60.00
2nd and Subsequent				30.00	\$30.00	#3
CASSAR	NEW	ALL		20.00	\$20.00	
	SUPPLEMENTAL	ALL		10.00	\$10.00	
	JUNIOR	ALL			NO COST	
	C.A.R.	ALL			NO COST	#4

Note #1: When using a lineage which has already been accepted by the SAR or DAR a record copy of the referenced SAR or DAR application must be provided with the documentation and all dues and fees shown above.

Note #2: Establishing a new lineage or patriot ancestor – if you are applying as a junior member and the ancestor you are applying under has not been documented or approved through the SAR, DAR or CAR in the past the application cost is shown above.

Note #3: Applications of family members must be submitted at the same time, follow the same lineage to the same patriot ancestor and be within two generations of one another (grandfather to grandson, uncle to nephew, etc.).

Note #4: The applicant must provide his birth certificate, a copy of his C.A.R. Member of Good Standing card and a "record copy" of his C.A.R. approved membership application form.

Note #5: The Memorial Dues/Fees have been changed to reflect the same amount as “Regular” Dues & Fee.

Effective: Revised July 30, 2019



Secretary's Report

The past six months since entering the roller coaster of the CASSAR Secretary's position so much has transpired. The learning curve has been steep and I have to thank each of the chapter officers for the continued understanding and support.

The next few months will be equally challenging for myself and the chapter secretaries as we are closing the calendar year and the reporting season begins. January proves to be a challenging month with the chapter's reconciliation reports due on or before January 5, 2020 and then the payment of dues to CASSAR with one check by January 15, 2020.

The change of officer forms need to be submitted by January 15, 2020 as well. These forms are needed because they begin a flurry of CASSAR reports that must be completed by months end.

After all of the January reports are complete, then comes the "Oh-My, I forgot to renew and send in my dues" and we have a surge of members that want to reinstate their membership. Members wishing to reinstate after January 1, 2020, paperwork will be submitted to NSSAR however, their profiles most likely will not be updated until after April 1, 2020 because of Reconciliation Reports being processed Nationally.

March first (March 1, 2020) will be just around the corner and each chapter needs to submit a two page annual report to, guess who, the CASSAR Secretary, no later than March 1, 2020 so it can be included into "The Book" that is published for the Spring Annual Meeting of the Membership. The format this year will be a bit different than years past and I will be asking each chapter to submit a similar format to help keep printing and publishing cost to a minimum, more on this to follow.

The coming year looks to be an exciting year for all of us and I look forward to working with all of the membership, please if you have any question pick up the phone and call, I will do my very best to help get the answer.

Fred Schuster
CASSAR 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	\$30	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)

NSSAR Form 0919 is found on the National Website under Forms and Manuals.

NSSAR Form 0918 is found on the National Website under Forms and Manuals.

NSSAR Form 0920 is found on the National Website under Forms and Manuals.

CASSAR Form for Chapter to Chapter transfers is found on the CASSAR Website.

When a member passes, active or inactive report to CASSAR Secretary by email.

Receiving State determines fees and Dues.

Receiving Chapter determines if Chapter dues are required.

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.

Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Award – 2019 Temporary Transition Rules Extension

As of February 1, 2019 Boy Scouts of America has revised their membership rules to allow females to become scouts. With the inclusion of female scouts they have revised their primary name to “Scouts BSA”. This revision will allow females to advance to the Eagle Scout Rank. To provide a transition period for those that joined on February 1st to be able to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, Scouts BSA has made a “Temporary Transition Rules Extension”. The NASSAR Eagle Scout Committee has adopted this extension and it can be found on the NASSAR web site at this link:

<https://www.sar.org/education/youth-contests-awards/arthur-m-berdena-king-eagle-scout-award>

Here is the key wording of the extension”

“Temporary Transition Rules Extension – Any youth who registered as a member of Scouts BSA between February 1, 2019, and December 1, 2019 and was granted an extension by the National Council BSA to complete the Eagle Scout rank requirements after they have turned 18 years of age, will have 365 days from the date their Eagle Scout application was validated by the National Advancement Program Team to enter the contest.”

A copy of the approved extension must be attached to the contest application.

This should clarify for your Chapter competition that in the future you will possibly have both male and female applicants. If you have any questions please contact Bill Nay, Chair of the California Society Eagle Scout Committee.

Upcoming Events

February 16, 2020 - Massing of the Colors – Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, Los Angeles, CA

February 27-29, 2020 - NASSAR Spring Leadership Meeting – Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY

April 17-28, 2020 - CASSAR 145th Annual Spring Meeting of the Membership – The Murieta Inn and Spa, Rancho Murieta, CA

May 17-18, 2020 - Field of Honor, Castaways Park, Newport Beach, CA

July 10-16, 2020 - 130th SAR National Congress – Richmond Marriott, Richmond, Virginia

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

24 - 27 September 2020 - NASSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY

November 11, 2020 - Veterans Day

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

December 19, 2020 - Wreaths Across America

From the Desk of the CASSAR Registrar

Mele Kalikimaka a Hau'ole Makahiki Hou!

As of today California has processed 294 applications with NSSAR. Many are still in the hopper and I am hoping to see many of them approved in the very near future.

We have:

19 Junior Applications
2 Memorial Applications
150 New Applications
123 Supplementals

An area of concern are the many “pended” applications that still have not been resolved by the Chapters. I am not sure about a reason but remain optimistic that Chapter Registrars are not allowing these potential new Compatriots languish. If you have forgotten why an application is listed for your Chapter please drop me an email and I will investigate what the initial message was from Staff and what they commented about the application.

I would also ask that Chapter Registrars review the App Prep Manual and the Genealogy Policies. Too many apps are being forwarded that are including family histories that do not meet the requirements.

We are, in my mind doing good but we can always strive to do better. Remember that an approval ready application has a better opportunity to be approved.

*Owen Stiles,
CASSAR Registrar*



Welcome New Members

NSSAR#	FNAME	MNAME	LNAME	DATE	CHAPTER
213124	Anthony	Steven	Cangelosi	27-Sep-19	Central Coast
213149	Steven	William	Van Meter	25-Oct-19	Delta
212084	Joseph	Charles	Plumb	02-Jul-19	Gen George Patton
212939	Matthew	James	Hare	13-Sep-19	Gen. Geo Patton
212754	Troy	LaVern	Scott	30-Aug-19	General George Washington
213119	Jason	Michaels	Walls	27-Sep-19	Harbor
213212	Jack	David	Mulkey	04-Oct-19	Harbor
213117	Louis	Charles	Strasser	27-Sep-19	Kern
213118	Larry	Caton	Noia	27-Sep-19	Kern
213204	Kyle		Goehring	04-Oct-19	Kern
213116	Cade	Alan	Guidera	27-Sep-19	Mother Lode
213203	Joyce	Luke	Barber	04-Oct-19	Orange County
213210	David	Jason	Perusse	04-Oct-19	Orange County
213211	Dustin	James	Perusse	04-Oct-19	Orange County
213213	Michael	Joseph	Cushing	04-Oct-19	Orange County
212848	David	Francis	Phillips	06-Sep-19	Riverside
213115	Patrick	Owen	Wible	26-Sep-19	Riverside
213488	Anthony	Nicholas	Martinez	25-Oct-19	Sacramento
213489	Brendan	Michael	Martinez	25-Oct-19	Sacramento
213123	Arlington	Custer Lee	Gilles	27-Sep-19	Sacramento
209451	Edward	Stanley	Stotler	30-Oct-18	San Diego
213305	Alejandro	Miller	Miramontes	10-Nov-19	San Diego
213207	Ronald	Edward	Banta	04-Oct-19	San Francisco
213208	Timothy	Edward	Banta	04-Oct-19	San Francisco
213209	Roger	Culver	Whiting	04-Oct-19	San Francisco
213120	Shaun	Michael	Post	27-Sep-19	Silicon Valley Chapter
213121	Glen	Wallace	McLaughlin	27-Sep-19	Silicon Valley Chapter
213122	Brian	James	O'Rourke	27-Sep-19	Silicon Valley Chapter
183295	James	Wesley	Herbert	14-May-13	Sons Of Liberty, LA
212849	Richard	Philip	Stage	06-Sep-19	Thomas Jefferson
166216	John	Franklin	Fulwider	15-Nov-05	Thomas Jefferson
212938	Robert	John	Vernagallo	13-Sep-19	Thomas Jefferson
213205	Ryan	Gary	Negherbon	04-Oct-19	Thomas Jefferson
213206	Michael	Noah	Negherbon	04-Oct-19	Thomas Jefferson

145th Annual Meeting

California Society April 17-18, 2020

The Annual Meeting of the California Society SAR will be held April 16-19, 2020 at the beautiful Murieta Inn and Spa, in Rancho Murieta, CA. The room rate is \$159/per night plus taxes and fees regardless of room type. There are only 83 rooms in the hotel so book early!

CASSAR Annual Meeting April 16-19, 2020 – Group Reservations:

[https://res.windsurfercrs.com/ibe/details.aspx?
propertyid=14345&nights=1&checkin=04/16/2020&group=9750820](https://res.windsurfercrs.com/ibe/details.aspx?propertyid=14345&nights=1&checkin=04/16/2020&group=9750820)

Note: On the “Your Cart” page, make sure to check the box next to “ I agree to the terms and conditions.”



The Murieta Inn and Spa

Rancho Murieta, CA

7337 Murieta Drive

Rancho Murieta, CA, 95683

(916) 354-3900

<https://themurietainn.com/>

Google Maps:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/7337+Murieta+Dr,+Rancho+Murieta,+CA+95683/@38.4934011,-121.1007407,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x809acd6a70d465c5:0x3495e958349a9915!8m2!3d38.4933969!4d-121.098552>

145th Annual Spring Meeting
of the
California Society
Sons of the American Revolution

April 16 – 19, 2020
Hosted by the Sacramento Chapter

The Murieta Inn and Spa
7337 Murieta Drive, Rancho Murieta, CA 95683-9725

The room rate of \$159.00 per night plus taxes and fees (single or double) is available until March 26, 2020, or sold out. Make hotel reservations [online](#) or call (916) 354-3900, group no. 9750820. Parking is complimentary.

Meeting Reservation Form

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

Arrival Day: ____ Thursday, April 16th, ____ Friday, April 17th, ____ Saturday, April 18th

Registration is \$175.00 per person by April 1st or \$195.00 after April 1st

Number of Registrants: ____ @ \$175.00; Number Late Registrants: ____ @ \$195.00 Total: \$ _____

Non-Registered Friday Luncheon: ____ @ \$55.00 per person sub-total: \$ _____

Non-Registered Saturday Luncheon: ____ @ \$55.00 per person sub-total: \$ _____

Non-Registered Gala Dinner Banquet: ____ @ \$85.00 per person sub-total: \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Checks should be payable to **Sacramento Chapter SAR** and mailed with this completed registration form to:
Craig Anderson, 235 River Run Circle, Sacramento, CA 95833
Questions? Contact Craig at craigandersonsar@gmail.com

Please mark your meal choices below:

Friday Public Service Luncheon

____ Roasted Chicken Breast; or ____ Grilled Portobello Mushroom

Saturday Awards Luncheon

____ Char-broiled Flank Steak; or ____ Three Cheese Tortellini

Saturday Gala Dinner Banquet

— **Black Tie, Continental Uniform or Colonial Dress** —

____ Atlantic Salmon; or ____ Roasted Chicken Breast; or ____ Grilled Portobello Mushroom

The SAR Foundation

As the year draws to a close, I remind you of the opportunity for charitable giving to the SAR Foundation. Although the Foundation raises money for all our various educational programs, we are reaching the next milestone for the SAR Educational Center and Museum. I encourage you to consider a sustained giving pledge through the Liberty Tree Campaign. In addition to one-time contributions, the Liberty Tree Campaign is a simple, “relatively painless” way to give. For a simple monthly credit card payment of \$25 at the bronze level, you can to assist our National Society achieve its goals for the build-out of the Education Center. For more information visit the Foundation’s website:



<https://www.sarfoundation.org/>

Thank you for considering this request, and I wish you a happy and prosperous new year.

John L. Dodd
Foundation Board Member





SAR Education Center and Museum Liberty Tree Campaign



We need your help to educate, inform, and inspire the public for generations to come.

In 2026 we will be celebrating the 250th Anniversary of American Independence. Could there be a more fitting tribute to the men and women who secured the civil liberties that we enjoy today than to share their story with the world? We need your help to ensure that the SAR Education Center and Museum is completed in time to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of American Independence in 2026.



The SAR Foundation, Inc. is proud to introduce a new way for you to support the SAR Education Center and Museum and help us achieve our ambitious goal: **The Liberty Tree Campaign**. Few of us can make a gift of \$1,000 or even \$500 without pause, no matter how much we believe in a project. But could you budget \$25 or \$50 each month to support the sharing of American History? The SAR Education Center and Museum Liberty Tree Campaign has been designed to allow support based on monthly giving. Think of it as another utility bill, but instead of water or gas, you'll be helping to complete and endow the SAR Education Center and Museum.



The SAR Foundation recognizes donors to the Liberty Tree Campaign at four levels.

Bronze – A **one-time** gift of \$1,250 or **monthly gifts** of \$25 until the total is reached

Silver- A **one-time** gift of \$2,500 or **monthly gifts** of \$50 until the total is reached

Gold – A **one-time** gift of \$25,000 or **monthly gifts** of \$500 until the total is reached

Diamond -Please **contact us** to set up payments for your \$250,000 gift



Donors will be recognized with a lapel pin similar to the one pictured above. Donors at the Gold and Diamond Levels will also be recognized with an appropriate naming opportunity in the SAR Education Center and Museum. Please contact the SAR Foundation Office at (502) 315-1777 to arrange a pledge by phone or make a **pledge** or **one-time gift** to the Liberty Tree Campaign today!

Be aware, be alert, be vigilant!

Cyber Scams Alert

Be aware, be alert, be vigilant!

“I need you to process a payment today...”

“Do you have a few minutes to mail a check today...”

“I need you to get a couple of gift cards for me today...”

“Are you available to complete a bank transfer today...”

“I need you to make a payment of \$4,859 today...”

“Can you process a transfer of \$8,850 today...”

If you receive an email addressing you by name from another officer or individual in your chapter, you may be the target of a cybercrime. Chapter Treasurers and those with access to your Chapter accounts, may receive emails requesting the expenditure of chapter funds.

Beware! Always be on the lookout for scams, especially those requesting disbursement of Chapter funds.

Don't be naïve. Use your head. Validate all such requests before taking the requested action.

Do not reply to the email you received or call the number provided in the email.

Instead, call your President, VP, Secretary or Registrar directly or send them an email using their known telephone number or email address. Ask them directly if they made the request.

Implement a two-party authorization process in place for payment. CASSAR uses a check request form downloadable from the CASSAR website. Chapters may not need a form, although from a legal and record perspective it's not a bad idea.

Have a process and procedures in place with a clear understanding by all officers to make sure Chapter expenditures are legitimate.



National SAR Color Guard Activities



NSSAR Color Guard Events SAR Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck

George and Martha Washington's Tomb
Mount Vernon, VA



SAR Sentinels at the Tomb of George and Martha Washington



*SAR Color Guard Commander
Jim Fosdyck at the Tomb of
George and Martha Washington*



*Commanders Jim Fosdyck, Mark Anthony and David Hoover at the Tomb of
George and Martha Washington*





Mark Kramer in foreground (CASSAR Color Guard Commander and NSSAR Safety and Training Officer) at the Tomb of George and Martha Washington



*Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
President General Jack Manning and SAR Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck receive the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier*

Arlington National Cemetery



SAR President General Jack Manning and the official party with the VASAR Color Guard





Around the California Society



Monterey Bay Chapter

On November 9, 2019 CASSAR Executive Vice President Don Littlefield attended the monthly meeting of the Monterey Bay Chapter. One order of business was to present Chapter President Dr. Jack Franke with the SAR Military Service Medal and Certificate.



(L-R) Chapter Secretary Bob Stephens, President Dr. Jack Franke, and CASSAR Executive Vice President Don Littlefield

Coachella Valley Chapter celebrates its 25 Year Anniversary

On Nov. 5, 1994, the **Coachella Valley Chapter** was chartered, and in November they celebrated their milestone anniversary at a gathering in the Lakeview Room of Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage.



(L-R) Duane W. Wheeler, Brian R. Stephens, Robert L. Taylor, Larry J. Magerkurth, William M. Haines and James C. Fosdyck celebrate 25 years of the local Sons of the American Revolution chapter. (Photo: Joanne Hardy, Special to The Desert Sun)

General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter

Hal Reniger presented an SAR Flag Retirement Certificate to Frank Logan for a flag retirement ceremony he organized during an RV Club gathering that occurred over Veterans Day weekend. Those participating were encouraged bring and retire a flag for a friend, family member or loved one who had served our great country.



Hal Reniger, General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter, presents the SAR Flag Retirement Certificate to Frank Logan, organizer of the event.



Coachella Valley Chapter News Veterans Day Parade 2019



(L-R) Coachella Valley Chapter Compatriots Ed Ohler, Aaron Wilkinson, and Vice President Chris Cerllo



(L-R) VP Chris Cerllo, Ben Hobbins, President William Haines, Secretary Curtis Jaye Lane, Aaron Wilkinson, Ed Ohler



DAR Cabuilla Chapter (Palm Springs) Regent Noma Bruton, and SAR Coachella Valley Chapter Secretary Curtis Jaye Lane

The Coachella Valley Chapter was privileged to have Larry Magerkurth, President General 2011-2012 as guest speaker in May 2019.



Barbara Magerkurth, William Haines, Larry Magerkurth, and a handsome young patriot.





Past PG Larry Magerkurth explaining the purpose and use of a colonial artifact.



Past PG Larry Magerkurth and Coachella Valley Chapter President William Haines presenting a certificate of achievement to a young student.



Cabuilla Chapter DAR, Awards Tea 2019, Palm Springs Air Museum

(L-R) Ed Ohler, Chapter President William Haines, V.P. Chris Cerllo, Secretary Curtis Jaye Lane



NSSAR National Congress July 2019: Coachella Valley Member: Douglas Enroth & Family

(l-r) Barbara & Larry Magerkurth, Douglas & Lorana Enroth, Andrew Enroth (20), Matthew Enroth (12) & Thomas Enroth (8)



Kern Chapter News Veterans Day Parade



(L-R) Brian Claxton, Arnie Burr, Rick Meridith, Mike Davis. 10 members of the Kern Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution marched in the parade. (Photo Credit Alex Horvath/ The Californian)



Redwood Empire Chapter

On November 15, 2019, the Redwood Empire Chapter celebrated the 94th birthday of Trudy Burt. Trudy's late husband Robert E. Burt established the partnership between Scouts BSA and the SAR. The National SAR Medal presented to Scout Leaders is named the "Robert E. Burt Scout Award".



Trudy Burt, wife of the late Robbie Burt, founder of the SAR Robert E Burt Scout Award.



William Nay, John Schempf, and Duncan Flett, three recipients of the Robert E Burt Scout Award, present Trudy Burt and the group with cupcakes that spelled out "94" marking the occasion.



CASSAR Executive Vice President Don Littlefield presenting Trudy Burt with a Limited Edition SAR Challenge Coin.



Harry "Smokey" Stover, Jr., Registrar received the SAR Liberty Medal for recruiting new members.

Redwood Empire Chapter Partnership with all-girl BSA Troop 848

Troop 848 the first all-girl Scouts BSA Troop in Petaluma. Scouts BSA opened the Scout program to girls on February 1st, 2019. In their early history Troop 848 is already making a difference. Troop 848 has partnered with the Redwood Empire Chapter Sons of the American Revolution and the Petaluma Squadron 28 of the Sons of the American Legion.

This partnership has included a service project to provide needed maintenance to the yard and home of the spouse (with 6 children) of a soldier deployed to the middle east with the 801st Engineer Company.



Work Crew

Troop 848 then partnered with Squadron 28 and the Redwood Empire Chapter of SAR to send popcorn tins to the deployed troops.



Mission Accomplished: 801st Engineer Company with the cans of popcorn sent from Scouts BSA 848



*Just recently, the scouts cut up 15 yards of fabric provided by American Legion Riders Chapter 28 to make 50 scarves for the residents at the Veterans Home in Yountville, California.
The Scarf Project begins*



Delivering scarves to the Veterans Home of California, Yountville, CA



Troop Assistant Senior Patrol Leader is Ashley Nay (center), granddaughter of Bill Nay (right).

Yosemite Chapter News



Yosemite Chapter Registrar, Randy Dhindsa, wearing his Continental Officer's uniform at the 2019 Veteran's Day Parade in Fresno.

Harbor Chapter Flag Certificate Program



Compatriot William Cordero (left) presenting one of many SAR Flag Certificates in the South Bay area of Los Angeles. Compatriots representing the Harbor Chapter have presented in excess of 50 Flag Certificates this summer.

Delta Chapter News

During the opening ceremony in observance of the DAR Major Hugh Moss Chapter (Modesto, CA), 100th anniversary, the Delta Chapter Color Guard was invited to post the colors.



Past Delta Chapter president, John Humphrey, gave a salutary greeting to the DAR membership on behalf of the SAR.



(L-R) Jeff Sylvan, John Humphrey, and Gary Overby. Delta Chapter Color Guard posted the colors in an opening ceremony.

2019 Battlefield Trust Park Day cleanup event.

Delta Chapter members teamed up with Stanislaus County Civil War Association members to clean the GAR Section of Citizens Cemetery in Modesto.

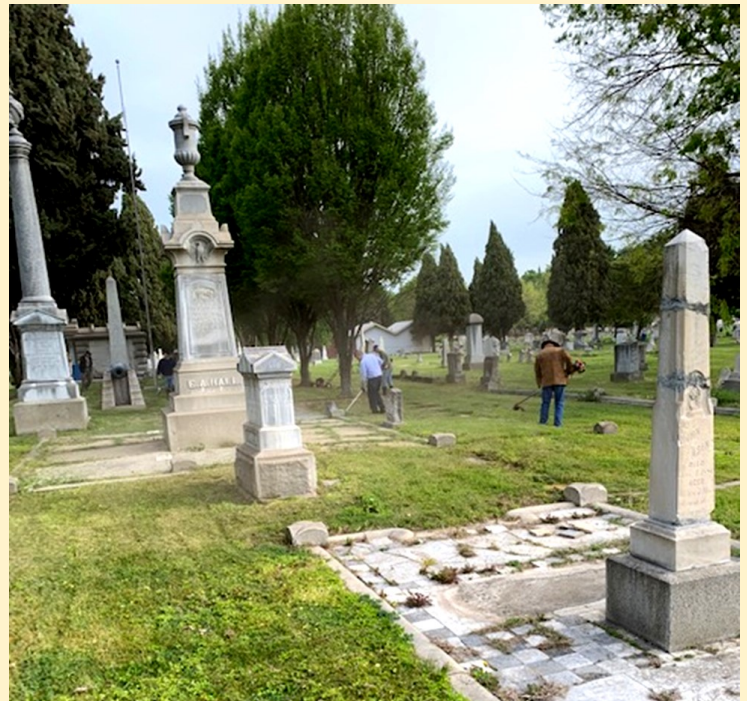
This is a nationally organized event, in which volunteers clean parks, battlefields, and historic cemeteries related to battles fought within our nation's borders.



(L-R) An SCCWA member, Delta Chapter's Keith Bickley, Charles Newcomb, Gary Overby, Mel Howell, an SCCWA member, Delta Chapter's John Humphrey, an SCCWA member, and Delta Chapter's Brian Young.



Gary Overby, Delta Chapter Secretary



South Coast Chapter

On Thursday, 31 October South Coast Color Guard Commander Kevin Forrest made a Revolutionary War Historical Presentation to Grades 5 thru 8 at the Inspire Charter School in Mission Viejo, CA. As part of the presentation, students were invited to try on a uniform. In addition, they learned about the Revolutionary War Soldier's daily life. Because of the success of Kevin's presentation, he has been invited to give a similar presentation at the schools' other location.



Colonial Flags being presented and described.



The students were given a chance to see several historical replica items (drum, musket-ball, flint & steel fire starter, mess kit, etc.).

Gold Country Chapter

The Gold Country Chapter had a public safety awards ceremony in Auburn on November 16, 2019



The SAR Law Enforcement Medal and certificate being presented to Detective Angie McCullough by Chapter President Tony Chakurian.



The SAR Fire Safety Medal and Certificate being presented to Battalion Chief John Rogers by Chapter President Tony Chakurian



Ron Barker assisting in the presentation of the SAR Medal for Heroism to SAR member David Ross by Chapter President Tony Chakurian. David Ross is the son of Dale & Coreena Ross (Gold Country Chapter).



A supplemental star being presented to Tom Best by Chapter President Tony Chakurian.



General George Washington Chapter

A change in leadership

December Meeting – Owen Stiles

On December 14, 2019, the General George Washington Chapter held their Annual Christmas Party and regular December Chapter meeting at the home of Robert and Nancy Damon. Owen Stiles, President, took nominations from the floor for the various positions, held the elections, and then CASSAR Executive Vice President Don Littlefield, performed the installation of new officers.



*Newly elected 2020 officers for the General George Washington Chapter are:
(L-R) Edson Myers, VP; Mike Ritter, Secretary; John Holden, Treasurer; Robert Damon, President.
CASSAR Executive Vice President Don Littlefield, performed the installation ceremony.*



Following the installation of new officers, Don Littlefield presented Owen Stiles, outgoing President, with a plaque, commemorating his 12 years of service to the GGW Chapter: 9 years as President and 3 as Secretary.

Silicon Valley Chapter News

On December 7, 2019 the Silicon Valley Chapter held their regular December meeting. The primary focus of the meeting was to recognize the three Gilroy Police Department officers who, on July 28, 2019, responded to an “active shooter” incident at the Gilroy Garlic Festival where 3 people were killed and 17 wounded. The Silicon Valley Chapter, working through Doug Bergholdt, arranged to present the three officers with the SAR Medal for Heroism for their selfless act of rushing in and engaging the shooter in live fire ending the melee.



(L-R) Gilroy Police Officers Detective Hugo del Moral, Detective Eric Cryar, Detective Rob Basuino

Also, during the December meeting, the Silicon Valley Chapter held its annual officer nominations, election, and installation ceremony. CASSAR Executive Vice President Don Littlefield was on hand to install the new 2020 slate of officers.



(L-R) CASSAR Executive Vice President Don Littlefield, 2020 Chapter President Richard Ferman, VP Membership Doug Bergholdt (SVSAR Past President and CASSAR 2017-2020 VP Membership), Secretary Ranney Thayer, and Registrar Terry Briggs (SVSAR Past President and CASSAR 209-2020 Genealogist).

Veterans Day Parade

The Santa Barbara Chapter Color Guard immensely enjoyed the camaraderie, patriotism, interaction with fellow parade participants, yells of support from the spectators and hundreds of photographs during the Veterans Day Parade.



Photo courtesy of Margaret Carman.





December 14, 2019
 Across California

Sacramento Chapter
 Sacramento Valley National Cemetery
 Dixon, CA



(L-R) NNSSAR Genealogist General Jim Faulkinbury, Sacramento CG Commander David Beach, CG Adjutant North Russ Kaiser, Compatriot Weston Brown, VP North Craig Anderson



Sacramento Valley National Cemetery Support Committee President Frank Romo stands (left) while CASSAR Vice President North Craig Anderson reads the SAR Proclamation before a crowd estimated at 3000.



Orange County, Riverside, and Harbor Chapters

Memory Garden Memorial Park
Brea, CA



Riverside Chapter

Riverside National Cemetery
Riverside, CA



Riverside Chapter Color Guard Present Arms for Taps.



(L-R) President Mark Kramer (CASSAR CG Commander), Charlie Gentis, Benny White, and Brian Stephens (CASSAR VP South) firing a salute.

Delta Chapter

San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery
Santa Nella, CA



(R-L) Beginning 2nd from left: Doug Beeskau, John Humphrey, Mel Howell, Ed Smith, Ursula Sylvan, Gil Anema, Jeff Sylvan, Gary Overby. Compatriot Brian Young missed the photo op.



A wreath on the grave of USA SP4 Jesse Thompson. May he be remembered always.

Yosemite Chapter

Academy Cemetery
Clovis, CA



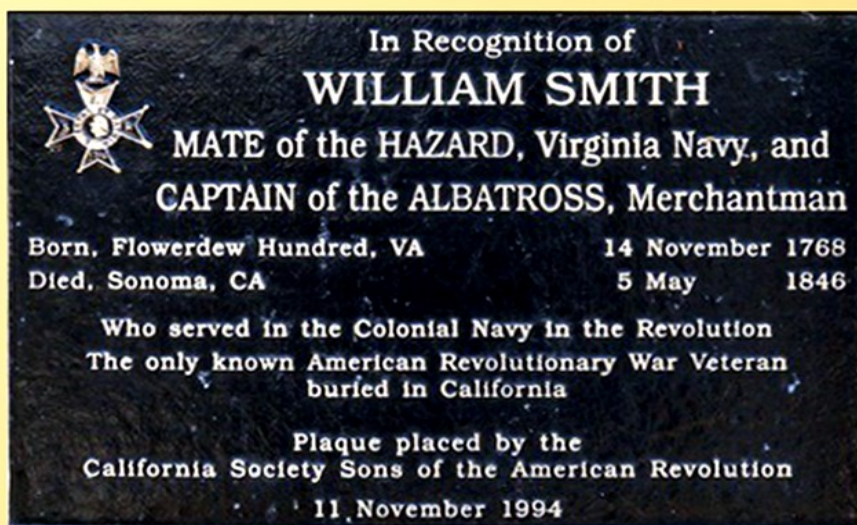
Yosemite Chapter President John Hendon reads the SAR Proclamation



(L-R) Yosemite Historian Ted Hawkins, Compatriot Bill Lee, Vice President Roy Smith, and Compatriot Johnnie Smith.

Redwood Empire Chapter

Sonoma Veterans Memorial Park Cemetery
Sonoma, CA



The gravesite of William Smith, California's Revolutionary War Patriot



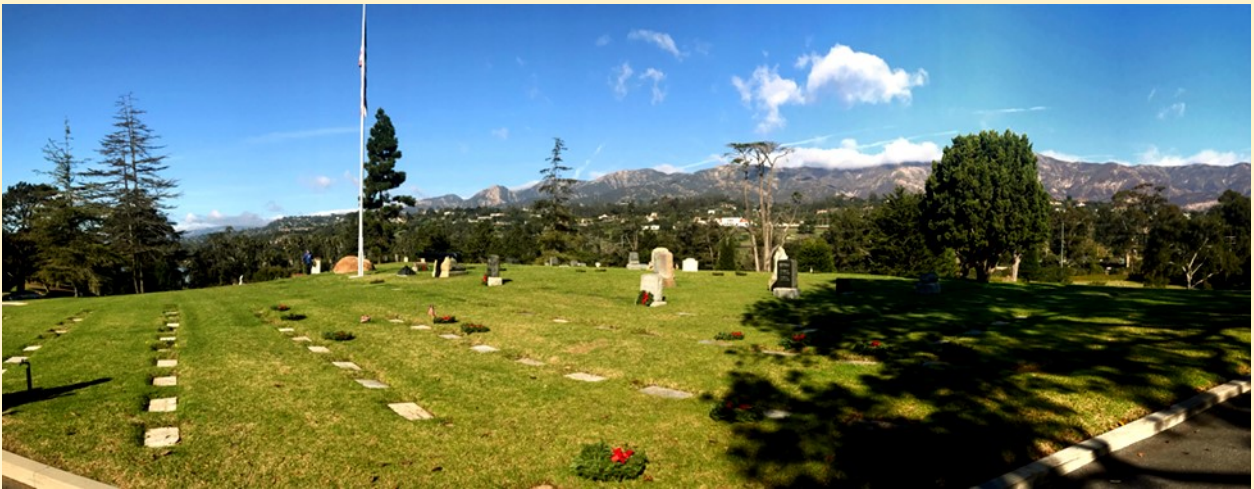
Santa Barbara Chapter continued.....



(L-R) Redwood Empire Compatriots Ron Crawford, CASSAR Scouting & Sea Cadet Chairman William Nay, President William Van Valkenburg, Peter Goyhenetche.

Santa Barbara Chapter

Santa Barbara Cemetery
Santa Barbara, CA





(L-R) Fran Rosenberg (daughter of Manor Thorpe, former SAR member and veteran on whose grave we laid a wreath), Santa Barbara Chapter Compatriots Robert Luppi, Jeff Weinbender, Bob Perlis and Robert Niehaus.

San Diego Chapter

Singing Hills Memorial Park

El Cajon, CA



Kern Chapter

Bakersfield National Cemetery
Arvin, CA



Kern Chapter Color Guard at assembly area listening to the 9 AM program. L-R: Kerry Adams, Bruce Wearda, Arnie Burr, Brian Claxton, Mike Davis, and Wil Flickinger who is holding the wreath that will be placed at the POW/MLA flagpole.



Leading everyone from the assembly area to the POW/MLA flag pole is Ben Haydon and Jack Haydon, members of the Betsy Ross Society C.A.R. Behind them are Kern Chapter Compatriots Kerry Adams, Arnie Burr, Brian Claxton, Mike Davis and Wil Flickinger carrying the POW/MLA wreath



Arnie Burr reading the Proclamation, modified because where it was read, in front of hundreds of people. In front of Arnie is Ben and Jack Haydon, behind Arnie left to right, Kerry Adams, Bruce Wearda, Brian Claxton, Mike Davis, and Rick Meredith, not seen, Wil Flickinger placing the wreath in front of the flagpole

Gold Country Chapter

Auburn Cemetery
Auburn, CA



(L-R) Gold Country Chapter Compatriots Dale Ross, Dave Gilliard, Ron Barker, Tony Chakurian, and U.S. Representative Doug LaMalfa

Gold Country Chapter

St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery
Grass Valley, CA



(L-R) Gold Country Chapter Compatriots Dale Ross, Steve Hoss, and Ron Barker

Coachella Valley Chapter

Desert Memorial Park Cemetery
Cathedral City, CA



Coachella Valley Chapter President William Haines prepares to place the POW-MIA Wreath during WWA at Desert Memorial Park Cemetery, Cathedral City, CA

The 144th CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting

The 144th CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting was hosted by the Orange County Chapter at the Wyndham/Sonesta Hotel in Irvine, California, on October 31 to November 2, 2019. On Thursday, October 31, 2019, the State Officers hosted President General Jack Manning and First Lady Sheila Manning for dinner at Muldoon's Irish Pub in Newport Beach, California. Other national officers in attendance included Genealogist General Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, Vice President General James and Un Hui Fosdyck, SAR Foundation Board Member John and Karen Dodd, SAR Foundation Board Member Rev. Lou and Karen Carlson, NSSAR Trustee for California Derek and Janet Brown, NSSAR Trustee for Spain Stephen and Joy Renouf, and NSSAR Trustee for Nevada Charles Smith.

On Friday morning, November 1, 2019, President Robert Taylor convened the CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting. Following opening ceremonies, the National Officers were introduced – President General Jack Manning (NH), Genealogist General Jim Faulkinbury (CA), Vice President General James Fosdyck (CA), and SAR Foundation Board Members John Dodd (CA) and Rev. Lou Carlson (CA). The past state presidents were then introduced – Robert Ebert (2006-07), Karl Jacobs (2007-08), Stephen Renouf (2008-09), Rev. Lou Carlson (2009-10), John Dodd (2011-12), Jim Faulkinbury (2014-15), Kent Gregory (2015-16), Ronald Barker (2016-17), Jim Fosdyck (2017-18), and Derek Brown (2018-19).



Recipients of the Bronze Congress Appreciation Medal for assisting with the 2019 Congress held at the Hilton - Orange County, Costa Mesa, CA, July 5-12, 2019

Derek Brown, Kathryn Brown (accepted by Janet Brown), Darian Taylor, Dave Gilliard, Karen Dodd, Arnie Burr, Ron Barker, Connie Barker, Don Littlefield, Brian Stephens, Diane Stephens, Jim Faulkinbury, John Ferris, Jim Fosdyck, Un Hui Fosdyck, James Klingler, Kevin Bidenkap, Karen Carlson, Leon Smith, Mark Kramer, and Steven Steinberg.

The National officers gave their reports. PG Jack Manning noted that the Sons of the American Revolution currently has 37,451 members. He has visited the hotel for the 2020 SAR Annual Congress in Richmond, Virginia, and encouraged all members to attend. Genealogist General Jim Faulkinbury said the membership is down over 400 members this year. He said about 15% of applications submitted are pended, and he reminded compatriots that the Patriot Research System cannot be used as proof of service, nor can the unverified Patriot Biographies on the SAR Website. NSSAR Trustee for California Derek Brown reported that Jim Klingler, Stephen Renouf, and he performed an audit of the California Children of the American Revolution books at their request.

SAR Foundation Board Member John Dodd noted the SAR Foundation has two capital campaigns at present – the Liberty Tree Campaign and the 1776 Campaign. Members may give a monthly donation, or a one-time donation. The building has been completed, and now we are ready to start building the SAR Museum. When we ask corporations to donate money, they want to know that at least 25% of the members have contributed, so it is important for members to donate. John Dodd encouraged attendees to inform their chapters about the SAR Museum, and encourage donations.

The California Society officers gave their reports. Executive Vice President Don Littlefield reported that the Valley Forge Freedom's Foundation event in Rocklin, California, had 1,800 children visit it over two days, and they had exhibits on the American Revolution. Vice President North Craig Anderson reported that he was working with the Redding Chapter to spin off their members to other chapters. They voted to return their charter, and they turned over the chapter funds to the California Society, which will hold it in trust for 2 years in case the chapter is reactivated. Vice President Membership Doug Bergtholdt handles new member referrals, so he needs to be informed when chapters change registrars. Secretary Fred Schuster reported that he was organizing the state files, and he sent out the annual reconciliation forms to chapters, which he needs submitted to him by January 5. He needs chapters to fill out the change of officers form, and submit it to him after the 2020 elections. Treasurer Jim Klingler reported that the congress expense of \$54k has distorted this year's activity. Some of the revenue was raised in previous years, and the \$18k had not been transferred from the Congress Fund as of September 30. He said the tax forms have been filed for this year, and that the California Society is a test site for the 2021 National Society dues collection program. Registrar Owen Stiles reported that we have processed 15 junior member applications, 2 memorial applications, 127 regular membership applications, and 113 supplemental applications so far this year. We have 119 applications at National, with 18 of those pended. He urged chapters not to use undocumented family histories, and old DAR applications as proof on applications. Chaplain Lou Carlson asked chapters to notify him of deceased members, and also provide him the contact for the next of kin so he may contact them.

The Nominating Committee – composed of past presidents Lou Carlson, John Dodd, Jim Faulkinbury, Kent Gregory, Ron Barker, James Fosdyck (Chairman), and Derek Brown – retired to evaluate new candidates for office in 2020. The chapters gave their reports. When the Nominating Committee returned, Chairman James Fosdyck reported on the nominations for California Society office in 2020: Executive Vice President Brian Stephens, Vice President North Craig Anderson, Vice President South James Klingler, Vice President Membership Doug Bergtholdt, Secretary Fred Schuster, Treasurer John Ferris, Registrar Owen Stiles, Chancellor John Dodd, Esq., Genealogist Terry Briggs, Historian James Blauer, Chaplain Rev. Lou Carlson, Surgeon Dr. Matthew Bowditch, and Invested Funds Trustee (3-Year Term) Stephen Renouf. Those not standing for election are President Don Littlefield, Immediate Past President Robert Taylor, Invested Funds Trustee (2019-2021) Kent Gregory, and Invested Funds Trustee (2018-2020) John Dodd, Esq. Recommended for NSSAR Trustee for California was Robert Taylor, with Don Littlefield as Alternate Trustee. The elections will be held at the April Meeting in Rancho Murrieta, California. The Board of Managers confirmed the appointments of Fred Schuster as current secretary, and of Jim Blauer as current historian. The meeting was adjourned for lunch. The Ladies Auxiliary held their board meeting in the San Clemente Room on Friday morning.

The Public Service Luncheon was chaired by Brian Stephens of the Riverside Chapter. President Mark Torres of the Orange County Chapter brought greeting, as did CASSAR President Robert Taylor. President Taylor awarded the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal to Lori Zeller, the deputy chief of the Orange County Fire Authority. He presented the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Lieutenant Matt Mahoney of the UC Irvine Police Department. Following Friday lunch, the Ladies Auxiliary had a behind the scenes tour of South Coast Plaza – the largest shopping center on the West Coast.

The Board of Managers Meeting was reconvened by President Taylor. Chapter reports continued, followed by the Youth Activities Reports. Poster Contest Chairman Dave Gilliard reported that he had a Youth Contest file in Word, and he will send it to anyone who requests it. Eagle Scout Chairman Bill Nay reported that the chapter winner gets a patch, and the new version of the patch is being sold on the SAR website. There is only one nominee for the SAR Robert Burt Scout Award, so if there are any other candidates, please inform Chairman Nay as soon as possible.

The CASSAR Committee chairmen gave their reports. John Dodd reported that all California Society members who have donated \$250 to the SAR Museum Project are eligible to wear the California 250 Pin – including everyone who donated \$250 for the SAR Premium Membership Medal. Compatriots were reminded that all chapters should be awarding SAR Flag Certificates to persons and organization that fly the US Flag in a proper manner.

The State will receive the Admiral Furlong Award if the state society and ½ of the state chapters present an SAR Flag Certificate in a year. There is also the new SAR Flag Retirement Certificate awarded to groups that properly retire unseviceable US Flags. Many groups such as Disabled American Veterans, ROTC, American Legion, Boy Scouts of America, etc. that have programs to properly retire flags. Compatriots may attend the ceremonies, and present the certificate to them.

Brian Stephens reminded chapters to report to him when they present Public Service Medals (Law Enforcement, Fire, EMS, Heroism, and Life Saving Medals) so he can be sure they are reported to the National Society for inclusion in the Public Service Program at the next SAR Congress. Chairman Don Littlefield announced that the Wreaths Across America ceremony would be held on Saturday, December 14, 2019, at 9AM in California. He encouraged compatriots to attend ceremonies at cemeteries in their area, and report their participation to him so CASSAR will get credit for supporting the program. President Taylor then adjourned the meeting until the following day.

On Friday evening, the CASSAR President's Dinner was held at El Torito Grill in Irvine, California. We walked over to the restaurant from the hotel, and had a Mexican buffet for dinner.

On Saturday morning, November 2, 2019, the past presidents met for breakfast: Robert Ebert, Karl Jacobs, Stephen Renouf, Rev. Lou Carlson, John Dodd, Jim Faulkinbury, Kent Gregory, Ron Barker, Jim Fosdyck, and Derek Brown. President General Jack Manning was a guest. The past presidents discussed issues regarding the state society. Janet Brown convened a general meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary on Saturday morning in the San Clement Room.

The California Society meeting resumed in the morning. The Budget/Audit Committee retired to review the financial reports of the society for the current year. Executive Vice President Don Littlefield chaired the meeting, and the committee was composed of Jim Klingler (Treasurer), Stephen Renouf (Trustee of the Invested Funds), Brian Stephens, Craig Anderson, John Ferris, Bill Nay and Kevin Bidenkap. Don Littlefield presented his proposed budget for 2020, and the members of the committee recommended a few changes – adding items for CASSAR online file storage, and for communications software. Then, an audit of the books for January through September 2019 was conducted, and all deposits and checks audited were produced. Treasurer Klingler was commended for the work he is doing as treasurer.

Chairman Don Littlefield presented the proposed 2020 budget for the committee, and the Board of Managers approved it. Treasurer Jim Klingler said CASSAR has identified a non-profit insurance company that will sell liability insurance and director/officer insurance to CASSAR chapters for \$625 per year. Any chapters wanting information may contact him.

Invested Funds Trustees Stephen Renouf (chairman), John Dodd, and Kent Gregory presented the Report of the Invested Funds Trustees. Over the previous 12 months, the total amount of the invested funds decreased by \$7,920.43. The decrease was primarily caused by using the 2019 Congress Fund for our obligations as the host society. After the final reconciliation, we have a \$13k balance left in the Congress Fund for future congresses hosted by the California Society. We will be changing the risk profile of the Congress Fund from least risk to the same risk profile as the Permanent Fund, since this money will be invested for over 10 years. The report listed each of the funds (Life Membership Fund, Education Fund, Permanent Fund, 2019 Congress Fund, and Unallocated Fund), the purpose of the fund, the asset mix, the target and actual allocations, and the account risk profile.



CASSAR Treasurer Jim Klingler, Compatriot John Ferris, Compatriot Steven Steinberg Finance Committee Members.

Chairman John Dodd, and Vice-Chairmen Kent Gregory and Stephen Renouf presented the Report of the Congress Planning Committee. John Dodd reported that the Congress was very successful. Kent Gregory reported on the 87 volunteers who made it run smoothly. Stephen Renouf reported that we had \$84,916 available for the Congress, which included almost \$33k raised by the Ladies Auxiliary. We expended \$71,822 on the Congress, leaving a balance for future congresses of \$13,094.

Chancellor John Dodd reported that chapters need to do due diligence to ensure all their life members are still living. At the end of the year, they should check obituaries, relatives, etc. for any life members that they cannot contact. If they are unable to make contact for two years, they need to report the life members as “inactive” to the CASSAR secretary, and we will stop paying dues for them. If they are later found, they can be reactivated; if they are found to be deceased, they can be removed from the life membership list. We need to be good stewards of the life membership fund, and should not be reducing the fund by paying the dues of deceased or missing compatriots. It was also reported that chapters were receiving phishing scam e-mails – allegedly from chapter officers – requesting gift cards to be purchased, and the card numbers e-mailed to the scammers. Please be careful, and follow-up with a phone call if the request is unusual or suspicious.



*VP General Western District Jim Fosdyck, Investment Fund Trustee
Stephen Renouf, Compatriot Steven Steinberg*

Under new business, Derek Brown discussed NSSAR demographics. The average member is aged 70-80. Most compatriots are only members for an average of 4-5 years. We need to be better at membership retention. He suggested that CASSAR adopt the “green dot” on the name tags for first time attendees so other compatriots can befriend them, and encourage them to participate at the state and national level. Genealogist General Jim Faulkinbury mentioned that the National Society IT committee was testing corrections to the new membership module, and they will not go live with it until they are sure all the bugs are worked out.

Executive Vice President Don Littlefield reported on the audit committee, which found no issues with the financial records maintained by Treasurer Jim Klingler. He also reported on the upcoming CASSAR Annual Meeting in April 2020. The meeting will be held on April 16-18, 2020 at The Murieta Inn and Spa, 7337 Murieta Drive, Rancho Murieta, California, and the rate will be \$159 per night. This is adjacent to the Amador

Wine Country, and the Kennedy Gold Mine, which produced about \$2.4 billion in gold in today’s dollars.

The ladies will have a spa day at the Murieta Inn, which is about a year old. Please book your reservations quickly before they sell out. There will be a Friday CASSAR President’s Dinner at the adjacent Rancho Murieta Country Club. Don Littlefield reported that they are looking for a chapter to host the Fall 2020 Board of Managers Meeting, and they were going to check with the Redwood Empire Chapter about hosting a meeting in Rohnert Park, California. John Dodd reported on the 2020 SAR Congress in Richmond, Virginia. There is a new Civil War Museum that was done by SolidLight (the company working on the SAR Museum), so attendees will have a chance to see their work. There will be an Art Museum Tour for the ladies, and Plantation Tours on the James River. The Virginia State Capitol was designed by Thomas Jefferson, and was completed in 1788. The Richmond Marriott Downtown is almost full, so please make reservations quickly.

It was reported that the *California Compatriot* postage, formatting, and printing costs had gone up, and it is costing about \$25* for three issues. The Board of Managers voted to increase the fee from \$15 to \$25* for those that want a printed copy of the *California Compatriot* in 2020. If chapters have already collected \$15 for 2020, they will need to go back to the compatriot and ask for an additional \$10*.

Lou Carlson reported on the NSSAR 250th Anniversary Committee. From 2025 to 2083, there will be a series of 250th anniversaries to mark with ceremonies. Lou Carlson was appointed as chairman of the CASSAR 250th Anniversary Committee, and Jim Blauer, John Ferris, Dave Gilliard were appointed to the committee. [* Amended by vote of ExComm.]

The National Society is about to vote on starting work on the SAR Museum in Louisville, Kentucky. John Dodd made a motion to have CASSAR donate \$17k at the upcoming Spring Leadership Meeting, prepaying our usual \$1k annual donation for several years. The motion would be to add \$16k from the Unallocated Fund to our 2020 \$1k donation (making a total of \$17k). The motion was approved by the Board of Managers. John Dodd also reported on KYSSAR and OHSSAR giving SAR Ladies Medals to DAR members who refer members to the SAR as part of the DAR Finder program. These states get 200-300 referrals a year. John Dodd made a motion to give the DAR Medal of Appreciation for 5 referrals (with an oak leaf cluster for additional batches of 5 referrals), the Martha Washington Medal for 20 referrals, and the Daughters of Liberty Medal for 50 referrals. These medals would be presented at the DAR state meeting. The motion was approved by the Board of Managers. Stephen Renouf made a motion for CASSAR to endorse all unopposed candidates for NSSAR Office in 2020, and the motion was approved. John Dodd made a motion to endorse Lou Carlson for Chaplain General for 2020, and the motion was approved. The California Society endorsed Davis Wright for President General, Bruce Pickette for Secretary General, John Dodd for Treasurer General, Michael Elston for Chancellor General, Robert Fish for Genealogist General, Doug Collins for Registrar General, William Stone for Historian General, Tony Vets for Librarian General, Rev. Lou Carlson for Chaplain General, Joseph Dooley for SAR Foundation Board, and Darryl Addington for SAR Foundation Board. President Taylor then adjourned the meeting for lunch.

On Saturday afternoon, the Youth Awards Luncheon was emceed by Dan McKelvie, the Youth Activities Director. Following lunch, the speaker was teacher Melissa Wolking of Folsom, California, who was one of the two winners of the CASSAR Valley Forge Contest. She spoke about her trip to the Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge, and how she could incorporate what she learned into her classroom. President Robert Taylor presented the SAR Certificate of Appreciation to Melissa Wolking for her entertaining and informative presentation. Mark Kramer presented the Silver Color Guard Medal to John Blake of the Orange County Chapter. He also presented Color Guard streamers for chapters participating in Fields of Honor and Bell Ringing color guard events. John Dodd, assisted by President General Jack Manning, presented the awards for the volunteers who staffed the 2019 Annual SAR Congress in Costa Mesa, California. It was announced that John Dodd, Kent Gregory, Stephen Renouf, and Janet Brown were presented the Silver SAR Congress Appreciation Medal at the Congress in Costa Mesa. John Dodd and Jack Manning presented the Bronze SAR Congress Appreciation Medal – those present to receive the medal were Derek Brown, Kathryn Brown (accepted by Janet Brown), Darian Taylor, Dave Gilliard, Karen Dodd, Arnie Burr, Ron Barker, Connie Barker, Don Littlefield, Brian Stephens, Diane Stephens, Jim Faulkinbury, John Ferris, Jim Fosdyck, Un Hui Fosdyck, James Klingler, Kevin Bidekap, Karen Carlson, Leon Smith, Mark Kramer, and Steven Steinberg. President General Jack Manning presented the George Washington Endowment Fund Pin to William Nay.

Following Saturday lunch, Vice President General James Fosdyck convened the 129th meeting of the Western District. He reported that Greg Hill was working on updating the Western District Website, and there would be a link for each of the three constituent states (California, Nevada, and Hawaii) to post upcoming meetings. Charles Smith, the NSSAR Trustee for Nevada, reported that the Nevada Society Annual Meeting would be held on April 3-5, 2020 in Reno, Nevada. Kent Gregory made a motion for the Western District to endorse the same slate of national officers endorsed by the California Society, which was approved. The meeting of the Western District was adjourned.

On Saturday evening was the Saturday Gala Banquet, with Jim Klingler as emcee. President General Jack Manning brought greetings from the National Society. Following dinner, the guest speaker was the Hon. Frederick Aguirre, a retired judge on the Orange County Superior Court. Judge Aguirre was appalled at the lack of recognition of Mexican-Americans who served in the armed forces of the United States. He and his wife established the Latino Advocates for Education with a friend to highlight the service of these forgotten veterans.

This resulted in three books, a website, and a documentary film. He narrated the documentary film for us on the Mexican-American Veterans of Orange County who served in World War I, World War II, and the Korean War – including his father, Alfred Aguirre, of the US Army Air Corps, 1901st Engineer Aviation Battalion in World War II. His mother, Julia Aguirre, was a “Rosie the Riveter” at Douglas Aircraft in Long Beach. After World War II, Alfred Aguirre (who had attended segregated schools before the war) lobbied to end segregated schools in Placentia, California, and they were desegregated in 1949. Frederick Aguirre received a law degree from UCLA in 1971, and became a judge in 2002. Earlier this year, Judge Aguirre went to Normandy, France, for the 75th anniversary of D-Day, where he commemorated Mexican-American soldiers and sailors who were killed during World War II. Judge Aguirre’s wife, Linda Aguirre, is a member of the Castro family of Spanish Alta California. President Robert Taylor presented Judge Aguirre with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation for his informative presentation. Color Guard Commander Mark Kramer presented the SAR Color Guard Medal to Ernie McCullough of the San Diego Chapter (a World War II veteran), and the Molly Pitcher Medal to Mary anne McCullough. President Robert Taylor presented SAR Certificates of Appreciation to those who helped with the CASSAR Meeting – Mark Torres, Brenda Torres, Spencer Torres, John Dodd, Kent Gregory, James Fosdyck, Un Hui Fosdyck, Lou Carlson, Jim Klingler, Jim Blauer, John Ferris, Liz Ferris, Dan McKelvie, Dan McMillan, Hammond Salley, Arthur Koehler, and Carmella Secrest. President Robert Taylor presented an SAR Flag Certificate to the Sonesta Hotel for properly flying the US Flag. President Robert Taylor presented the SAR Meritorious Service Medal to Mark Torres, and Kevin Bidenkap (who was not present). President Robert Taylor presented National Society Certificates of Appreciation to John Dodd (chairman of the Youth Exchange Committee, and vice chairman of the Premium Membership Medals Committee), to Stephen Renouf (chairman of the Medals & Awards Committee, and the Premium Membership Medals Committee), to Jim Faulkinbury (vice chairman of the Information Technology Committee), to Jim Klingler (chairman of the Finance Committee, and vice chairman of the Investment Committee). Ladies Auxiliary President Janet Brown presented a gift and an appreciation card signed by SAR members to Lacy Dodd for her exceptional service as a volunteer at the SAR Congress in Costa Mesa.

After the CASSAR Color Guard retired the Colors, President Taylor adjourned the 144th CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting.



Recipients of Certificates of Appreciation for assisting with the CASSAR Fall Board of Managers Meeting, Irvine, CA, November 1-2, 2019.

(L-R) Kent Gregory, Mark Torres, Brenda Torres, John Ferris, Liz Ferris, Dan McKelvie, Dan McMillan, Hammond Salley, Arthur Koehler, Liz Ferris, John Ferris, John Dodd, Carmella Secrest, Un Hui Fosdyck, Jim Fosdyck, Lou Carlson, Jim Klingler, Dan McKelvie, Bob Taylor, Jim Blauer.

By Stephen Renouf, Chairman of the Trustees of the Invested Funds, with information from President Robert Taylor, Trustee of the Invested Funds John Dodd, and Color Guard Commander Mark Kramer.



Around the National Society



NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting

Louisville, KY
September 19-21, 2019

Awards



*The National Society SAR recognized Jim Klingler and John Ferris for their contributions to the SAR Liberty Tree Campaign.
(Derek Brown accepted for John Ferris).*





President General Jack Manning recognizes Derek Brown for his contributions to the SAR Society 1776 Campaign.



Derek Brown accepts a certificate for the CASSAR participation in the NSSAR Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest.



Military Veterans assembled before the Fall Leadership banquet. Louisville, KY – 21 Sep 2019

The Ladies Auxiliary 50 / 50 Raffle

The LAUX raffle brought in \$1946. The SAR got half (\$973) the two winners divided the rest.

Jim Fosdyck and Don Littlefield separating raffle tickets for NSSAR LAUX Second VP Un Hui Yi.





Honoring Our Veterans

A Thanksgiving message for the Quilt Task Force

By Bill Nay

A most memorable day for me was when I was honored by the Quilt Task Force with a quilted Veteran Thank You. We have an extended living room. We have turned the end of the room into a mini Nay Museum. We have family treasures to include Uniforms representing many family members service, historical books, pictures, and other family memorabilia.

I found a quilt stand, and have now displayed the Quilt at the front of the Nay Family Museum. Thank you once again and wishing you a very memorable Thanksgiving, just as you have done for me.

Bill and Karen Nay



The rest of the story...

On November 1, 2019, the day I received the Marvelous Quilt, I recalled exactly what I was doing 50 years earlier on November 1, 1969. I was with the 3rd Marine Division at Quang Tri, Vietnam.

We were boxing up our gear in "Mout Out" boxes.

On November 4th we were transported down to Danang, and then on November 7th, 1969 we were flown out of Vietnam as a unit to Okinawa. All during the time we were packing up we were under periodic rocket attacks as we were a short distance from the DMZ and the North was quite aware of our pending departure.

Thus, the Quilt is sort of a 50th Anniversary present. Your gift probably touches me more than most as I have strong feelings from those days, that remain today. I have been rated by the Veteran's Administration as 70% disabled, in part due to PTSD.

Part of my PTSD is associated directly with combat experiences; however, a part is due to the rejection and ostracization we received by both family and the community. In fact, while Karen and I have been married just short of 48 years, I was previously married and received a "Dear John" (like so many other) in Vietnam. When I returned I immersed myself in the Veteran community as they became my family.

It has only been in recent years that it has become fashionable to admit you are a Veteran.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your kindness and your talents. You have touched me and I am humbled by your thoughtfulness.

Bill Nay, USMC/USAR Retired



Veterans Day Saluting Women in the Military Past, Present, and Future

November 11, 2019

City of Sacramento Veterans Day Parade

The Sacramento Chapter Color Guard marched in the city of Sacramento Veterans Day Parade on November 11, 2019. Before the parade, Don Littlefield and Russ Kaiser were interviewed by KCRA Channel 3 reporter Mike TeSelle. The theme of the parade was “Saluting Women in the Military: Past Present and Future.” Go to the link to view the full KCRA tape.

<https://www.kcra.com/article/sacramento-veterans-day-parade-highlights-women/29762850>



(L-R) CASSAR Color Guard Adjutant North Russ Kaiser, CASSAR Executive Vice President Don Littlefield, NSSAR Genealogist General Jim Faulkinbury. Also participating from the Sacramento Chapter but not shown were: CG Commander David Beach, Phil Noble, and Dennis Deck.



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SALUTING SERVICE IN SACRAMENTO



CASSAR Color Guard Adjutant North Russ Kaiser

Compatriot Receives NESAs Outstanding Eagle Scout Award

The NESAs Outstanding Eagle Scout Award (NOESA) was established during the BSA’s 100th Anniversary in 2010 with the first recipient to receive the award a year later. The award was created to recognize notable Eagle Scouts who had either performed distinguished service at the local, state, or regional level or who were known nationally, but had not yet met the 25-year tenure as an Eagle for the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. Often, worthy candidates for the NOESA have inspired others through their actions and have devoted a lifetime to their profession, avocation, community, and beliefs, at great sacrifice to themselves and their families.

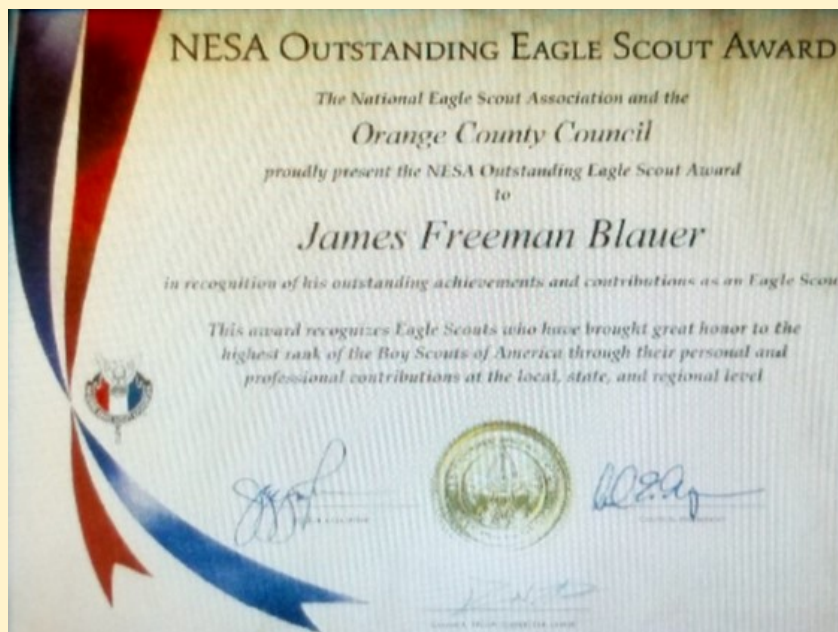
Inspirational closing.

On November 12, 2019, at a meeting of the Orange County Council Boy Scouts of America, Jim Blauer was presented with this award. This was awarded to him for his work doing Certificates of Recognition from the SAR and Certificates of Commendation from the SUVCW for Eagle Scouts. He has calligraphed the names on over 15,000 SAR certificates for Orange County Scouts and 360 for his Camp 17 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He has been doing it for 30 years, since August 1989.



Jim Blauer (center) receives his certificate and medal from Jeff Herman, Scout Executive, Orange County Council (left) and Drew Adams, Chairman of the OCBSA chapter of the National Eagle Scout Association (right).

NESA OUTSTANDING EAGLE SCOUT AWARD



The certificate reads: The National Eagle Scout Association and the Orange County Council proudly present the NESAs Outstanding Eagle Scout Award to James Freeman Blauer in recognition of his outstanding achievements and contributions as an Eagle Scout. This award recognizes Eagle Scouts who have brought great honor to the highest rank of the Boy Scouts of America through their personal and professional contributions at the local state and regional level.

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*Thank you to Betty Damon, wife of Bob Damon, President, General George Washington Chapter
for providing the beautiful cake.*

Love the Cake!

Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!