



The 135th Board of Manager's Meeting

Editor's Note: This is an abridgment of the minutes of the meeting taken by State Historian James Blauer.

The meeting was called to Order by President Lou Carlson. The Roll call was taken by Secretary Jim Faulkinbury. There were 41 officers and Chapters present. There was a quorum.

President Carlson proceeded to introductions. Those National officers present included; President General Ed Butler, Secretary General J. David Sympson, Treasurer General Larry Magerkurth, Historian General Lindsay Brock, and Vice-President Western District Karl Jacobs. Past State Presidents in attendance included; Steve Renouf, Karl Jacobs, Bob Ebert, Larry Magerkurth, Travis Spears, Charles Lampman and Ron Risley.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Carlson reported that the state society is strong and sound. He gives credit to his officers and executive board. He noted his fall at Congress and surgery. Issues that arose were handled by the recent state president and the executive board. President Carlson reported he is doing better and is ready to finish out his year as president. He reported that we must be IRS compliant by December 31st, 2009. Our financial condition is up due to fund raising and cost

saving. He reported that though the Wreaths Across America is for National Cemeteries, it can be arranged by local cemeteries to honor our military men and women who have passed away. Our State Society supports the Massing of the Colors put on by the Sons of Liberty Chapter each February. We are trying to expand our efforts to support the Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH). If we can get every compatriot to donate between \$5.00 and \$25.00, that would give California 100% participation in this endeavor. There will be a report on the Construction of the new building that is under budget and ahead of schedule. They expect it to be open by Summer. Maybe chapters can do a collection at meetings to raise funds for the CAAH. He also hopes that chapters will create a Veteran's Program to work with veteran's groups and to recognize our wounded warriors through the Wounded Warriors Program established by President General Butler.

Executive Vice-President Wayne Griswold has worked with the Chapters in the north trying to help those with problems get back on their feet. He attended the 119th Congress in Atlanta, Georgia and the Leadership Meeting in Louisville.

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THE PRESIDENT GENERAL EDWARD BUTLER, SECRETARY GENERAL DAVID SYMPSON, TREASURER GENERAL LARRY MAGERKURTH, GENEALOGIST GENERAL & NATIONAL COLOR GUARD COMMANDER JOE DOOLEY, VICE PRESIDENT - WESTERN DISTRICT KARL JACOBS AND COMPATRIOTS OF THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY PARTICIPATE IN A WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT THE MEDAL OF HONOR MEMORIAL AT RIVERSIDE.

(Photograph courtesy of Colonel Will Langford)



Rt. Rev. Louis V. Carlson, Jr. President

Donald N. Moran, Editor

FROM THE
OFFICE OF STATE SECRETARY
JIM W. FAULKINBURY

ANNUAL DUES REGULAR MEMBERS



JIM FAULKINBURY
Chapter dues and fees.

National Society -
----- \$ 30.00
California Society
----- \$ 18.00
Chapter - varies*
* Annual Chap-
ter dues and fees
vary from Chapter
to Chapter. Con-
tact your Chapter
for the amount of

ANNUAL DUES- JUNIOR MEMBERS

National Society - - - - - \$ 10.00
State and Chapter dues - - \$ -0-

**ANNUAL DUES - DUAL MEMBERS &
EMERITUS MEMBERS**

Dual Members with primary membership in another State Society and Emeritus Members (Emeritus Members have 50 years+ active membership in NSSAR) only pay California Society and Chapter dues. Dual members with primary membership in another California Society Chapter only pay Chapter dues to the Dual Chapter.

CASSAR LIFE MEMBERS

The California Society's Life Membership program covers National, California Society, and Chapter dues while the member remains in the California Society.

The CASSAR Life Membership program is open to any member who is a Regular Member over 18 years of age. A CASSAR Life Membership covers National, State, and Chapter dues while in the California Society. The fee structure is tiered based on age as follows:

Age 18 to 54	\$ 1,000.00
Age 55 to 74	\$ 750.00
Age 75 and over	\$ 500.00

Payments may be made in a single

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to receive them under thy protected care to the honor and glory of thy holy name, Amen, May their souls rest in lasting peace.

NECROLOGY

Almighty Father we ask thy blessing on the souls of our departed Compatriots. We thank thee for their membership in the Society these many years. And now that they have passed on to the greater light, that light which we cannot receive while here in body, we ask thee

COMPATRIOT'S NAME	HIS CHAPTER	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
Joseph A. Butler	Central Coast	08 Nov. 1925	21 Aug. 2009
Burt E. Jacobs	George S. Patton	29 May 1927	19 Nov. 2009
Willard R. Phillips	Monterey	13 Dec. 1918	18 Feb. 2008
Dale A. Turner	Redding	22 Apr. 1934	29 Aug. 2009
Harold F. Sanders	Redlands	19 Oct. 1930	20 Aug. 2009
A. Leroy Covey	San Diego	11 July 1919	22 Apr. 2009
Robert J. Gorton	San Diego	10 July 1922	26 Oct. 2009
Edward E. Marsh, Jr.	San Diego		21 Nov. 2008
Nelson C. Price, Ed.	San Diego	10 July 1918	13 Oct. 2009
Sterling H. Anderson	San Francisco	1911	11 Nov. 2009
Gen. Charles D. Ostrom	San Francisco	25 Sept. 1918	11 Mar. 2009
John C. Kerby-Miller	San Francisco	21 July 1930	20 Sept. 2009
Dr. James Marino	Silicon Valley	06 Jan. 1930	03 Nov. 2009



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

February 21st, 2010

The George Washington Massing of the Colors and Salute to our Armed Forces Burbank, CA (See page 29)

April 9th & 10th, 2010

The 135th Annual Meeting of the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution - - The Embassy Suites Hotel, Sacramento, CA (see page 27)

FAREWELL

I have decided to retire and wish to thank everyone for their support during the many years I have had the privilege of serving as your editor.

Donald N. Moran, Editor

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total payment or in \$250.00 annual increments.

NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERS

The National Life Membership program only covers the National Dues. National Life members must still pay California Society and Chapter dues to remain active as National Society Members.

NEW APPLICANT FEES

National Society -----	\$80.00
First Year's dues -----	\$30.00
California Society Fees ---	\$20.00
Chapter Fees -----	varies*

FAMILY DISCOUNT FEES

For Family Members Filing on the Same Lineage at the Same Time **

Certificate Fee -----	\$30.00
First Year's National Dues	\$30.00
California Society Fee ---	\$20.00
Chapter Fee -----	varies*

** The "Family Discount Fees" apply only to applications submitted by additional family members using the same lineage and submitted at the same time as the primary applicant's application. The primary applicant's fees are the same as the "New Member's Fees" above.

SUPPLEMENTAL FEES

National Society Fee ----	\$40.00
California Society Fee ---	\$10.00

JUNIOR MEMBER FEES ***

National Society (new lineage) or	\$80.00
(lineage prev. approved)	\$30.00 @
First Year's dues -----	\$10.00
State and Chapter Fees ---	\$ -0-

*** Junior Members are given a NSSAR Number upon approval of their application. They are required to pay annual dues at the amount designated for Junior Members and upon turning 18, they automatically become Regular Members subject to the Regular Membership dues amount annually.

@ Lineages using a previously approved SAR, DAR or CAR lineage.

YOUTH REGISTRANT FEES ****

National Society -----	\$30.00
State and Chapter Fees ---	\$ -0-

**** Youth Registrants do not have a National Number. After they reach age 18 they have until they are 29 to apply for regular membership in the SAR based on their approved Youth Registrant application.



California Society President's Report Fall Board of Manager's Meeting 2009



I am proud and honored to report that the condition of the California Society SAR is strong and sound. I am also honored to give the credit for that status to the elected officers of our state society, especially the officers of the Executive Committee, who by their diligent efforts filled in for the President, repeatedly, during my recent convalescence.

While attending the National Society Congress in Atlanta, Georgia, I fell and severed, completely, the Quadriceps tendon in my right leg, rendering the leg useless. I stayed for the Congress and upon returning to California had reconstructive surgery on my right leg and knee. For three months after surgery I sat with my leg elevated and in a brace. I couldn't even access my computer for e-mail. During those months the Executive Committee handled all the issues that confronted the State Society. I am very, very proud of the team that we have in leadership in California.

As you can see, I'm back (sort of) and ready to finish my year as State Society President. We will complete bringing the

State Society into IRS compliance by December 31st of this year. We will preserve our financial condition and continue to find ways to improve upon it. We will endeavor to expand our State Societies involvement with the "Wreaths Across America" program at California's National Cemeteries. We will support the Sons of Liberty Chapter in their "George Washington's birthday Massing of the Colors and salute to our Armed Force" at Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, on February 21st. We will expand our efforts to create increased financial support for the "Center for Advancing America's Heritage", specifically by asking every member of our Society to make a donation. And we will encourage every chapter to find a way to recognize and support the "Wounded Warriors" returning to California from Iraq and Afghanistan.

We have much to do, but we are ready to do it. With your support, and the work of your chapters, the California Society will continue to demonstrate leadership, compassion and patriotic zeal to our compatriot brothers across the nation.



CALIFORNIA SOCIETY PRESIDENT
THE REV. LOUIS V. CARLSON, JR.



The President's Christmas Appeal - 2009



Compatriot Brothers:

The National Society is currently constructing the new Library for the Center for Advancing America's Heritage in Louisville, Kentucky. This is the building that the National Society has been talking about for years! This is the building that people said would never be built because we could never actually find the money to build it!! This is the building whose old promotional drawings looked like they had been drawn by the fifth grader. (Oops, I probably shouldn't have said that!).

The impossible is becoming a reality thanks to the California Society providing it's "favorite son", Larry Magerkurth, to serve as Treasurer General of the National Society. Larry was elected at the Atlanta Congress in July of this year and had figured out how NSSAR could afford to start building the Library while at the Trustees meeting the previous February.

The building, on Main Street (called "Museum Row") in Louisville will be completed by early to mid-summer, 2010, with the move-in to follow immediately.

The "move-in" still needs money to pay its expenses.

The Presidents Christmas Appeal is for every member of the California Society to please send a donation of \$10.00 or more to:

The Center for Advancing America's Heritage
National Society Sons of the American Revolution
1000 South Fourth Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40203

The goal is in sight and the California Society has been a major force to bring the CAAH into existence. Now we need to band together and each send this small amount. Together, if we all contribute only \$10.00, we can raise over \$13,000.00 for the new Library and help pay for the move-In.

I urge each CASSAR member to please send in \$10.00 to the national office. Your small gift can make a huge difference for our National Society.

May your Christmas be bright with joy and may your New Year 2010 be filled with prosperity and health.

Lou Carlson
CASSAR President

WELCOME NEW COMPATRIOTS

COMPATRIOT'S NAME	Nat'l #	CA #	CHAPTER	PATRIOT ANCESTOR	ANCESTOR'S SERVICE
Richard L. Dillman	175567	8610	Central Coast	Jonathan Benedict	Orderly Sgt - CT,NY Militia
Frederick F. Fletcher, Jr.	175322	8560	Delta	John J. Diefendorf	
Johnnie D. Humphrey	174887	8535	Delta	John Emerson	Captain - VA Militia
Alexander D. Naumann (Jr.M.)	175481	8583	Delta	Antoine Bordelon	Public Service - LA
Alan R. Ball	175329	8566	Gen. George Patton	Philip Hupp	Private - Cont'l Marines
Travis M. King	175320	8557	Gen. George Paton	Benjamin Stadifer	Orderly Sergeant - NC Militia
Alan V. Middleton	174889	8537	Gen. George Patton	Jacob Burton	Private - DE Militia
Eric D. Middleton	174890	8538	Gen. George Patton	Jacob Burton	Private - DE Militia
Carl D. Sword	175559	8602	Gen. George Patton	Michael Swords	Private - VA Cont'l Line
Jake G. Borchard (Jr. M.)	175491	8593	George Washington	Thomas Ritter	Drummer - VA Cont'l Line
Blake B. Coffman (Jr. M.)	175474	8576	George Washington	Reuben Thorpe	Private - NY Militia
James C. Coffman (Jr. M.)	175475	8577	George Washington	Reuben Thorpe	Private - NY Militia
David J. Coriell (Jr. M.)	175473	8575	George Washington	Eleazer Spaulding	Lieutenant - MA Militia
Hayden M. Damon (Jr. M.)	175476	8578	George Washington	Samuel Damon	Private - MA Militia
Thatcher M. Damon (Jr. M.)	175477	8579	George Washington	Samuel Damon	Private - MA Militia
Daniel J. Harpold (Jr. M.)	175489	8591	George Washington	Thomas Hibbard	Sergeant - NH Rangers
Grant M. Henderson (Jr. M.)	175494	8596	George Washington	Cornelius Linderman	Private - NY Militia
Nolan J. Henderson (Jr. M.)	175495	8597	George Washington	Cornelius Linderman	Private - NY Militia
Drake R. Middleton (Jr. M.)	175480	8581	George Washington	Obadiah Allen	Lieutenant - MA Militia
Anthony V. Munoz, Jr. (Jr. M.)	175492	8594	George Washington	William Wishart	Sergeant - PA Militia
Gabriel C. Munoz (Jr. M.)	175493	8595	George Washington	William Wishart	Sergeant - PA Militia
Dylan P. Rodgers (Jr. M.)	175490	8592	George Washington	Thomas Hibbard	Sergeant - NH Rangers
Christopher W. Schutter (Jr. M.)	175488	8590	George Washington	Thomas Hibbard	Sergeant - NH Rangers
Bryceton M. F. Sears (Jr. M.)	175479	8580	George Washington	Samuel Damon	Private - MA Militia
Ethan J. Sears (Jr. M.)	175480	8581	George Washington	Samuel Damon	Private - MA Militia
Brian R. Manifor	175501	8569	Gold Country	Martin Severance	Public Service - MA
Michael D. Manifor (Jr. M)	175503	8571	Gold Country	Martin Severance	Public Service - MA
Richard A. Manifor	175500	8568	Gold Country	Martin Severance	Public Service - MA
Stephen D. Manifor	175502	8570	Gold Country	Martin Severance	Public Service - MA
Carter C. Beck (Jr. M.)	175228	8555	Harbor	Peter Schoffsall	Private - PA Militia
Hal D. Hichborn	174882	8530	Harbor	Robert Hichborn	1 st Lieutenant - MA Militia
Matthew M. Hichborn	174883	8531	Harbor	Robert Hichborn	1 st Lieutenant - MA Militia
Douglas A. Robinson	175555	8598	Harbor	Silas Robinson	Private - VT Militia
Bradley S. Claxton	175566	8609	Kern	Benjamin Bradshaw	Private - VA Militia
Wesley W. Daniel, II	175324	8561	Orange County	George Maines	Private - PA Militia
Brett C. Ernest	175323	8560	Orange County	William Loudon	Drum Major - CT Cont'l Line
Gregory P. Marshall	174782	8540	Orange County	Joshua Hardy	Sergeant - MA Militia
Joseph P. Marshall	174891	8539	Orange County	Joshua Hardy	Sergeant - MA Militia
Phillip A. Marshall	174893	8541	Orange County	Joshua Hardy	Sergeant - MA Militia
Charles R. Stultz	175558	8601	Redding	Reuben Parsons	1 st Sergeant - CT Militia
Richard S. Weaver	174885	8533	Redding	Enos Hudson	Corporal - MA Cont'l Line

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COMPATRIOT'S NAME	Nat'l #	CA #	CHAPTER	PATRIOT ANCESTOR	ANCESTOR'S SERVICE
Shane P. Gentis	175226	8553	Riverside	Robert M. Roberts	Private/Public Ser. - MD Militia
Tyler A. Gentis	175227	8554	Riverside	Robert M. Roberts	Private/Public Ser. - MD Militia
Luke R. Burzloff (Jr. M.)	175484	8586	Sacramento	Conrad Rightmyer	Private - NY Cont'l Line
Forrest C. Hewitt	174774	8532	Sacramento	Elnathan Judd	Public Service - CT
Andrew P. Hulse (Jr. M.)	175485	8587	Sacramento	Griffith Rutherford	Brig. General - NC Militia
David T. Hulse	175487	8589	Sacramento	Griffith Rutherford	Brig. General - NC Militia
Jonathan W. Hulse	175486	8588	Sacramento	Griffith Rutherford	Brig. General - NC
Harry V. Hutton	175328	8565	Sacramento	William Hutton	Matros - VA Cont'l Line
Daniel P. Johnson	175321	8558	Sacramento	Benjamin Johnson	Lieutenant - VA Militia
Trent J. Lee (Jr. M.)	175483	8585	Sacramento	Geore Morris	Private - PA Cont'l Line
Tyler G. Lee (Jr. M.)	175482	8584	Sacramento	George Morris	Private - PA Cont'l Line
George J. Taylor	175499	8567	Sacramento	Zaccheius Macy	Public Service - MA
Michael G. Wolf	175326	8563	Sacramento	Nathan Lincoln	Private - CT Militia
Hugh K. Bodurtha	175137	8550	San Diego	Stephen Bodurtha	Private - MA Militia
George W. Brewser, Jr.	175225	8552	San Diego	Thomas Emerson	Public Service - MD
Andrew R. Haden	175134	8547	San Diego	Joseph Haden	Captain - VA Militia
Robert Wm. Easton	175776	8599	Sab Diego	John Goheen	Private - PA Militia
Benjamin A. Haden	175133	8546	San Diego	Joseph Haden	Captain - VA Militia
John R. Haden	175132	8545	San Diego	Joseph Haden	Captain - VA Militia
Robert J. Moore	175319	8556	San Diego	John Chilton	Captain - VA Militia
Gregory A. Sims	175327	8564	San Diego	Richard Gentry	Private - VA Cont'l Line
Raymond C. Raser	175714	8611	San Diego	Simon Fobes	Lieutenant - CT Militia
Joseph M. Winslow	175560	8693	San Diego	Reuben Colbirn	Public Service - PA
Anthony P. X. Bothwell, Jr.	175505	8573	San Francisco	Jacob Dreibelbis	Captain - PA Cont'l Line
Frederick C. Bothwell, III	175504	8572	San Francisco	Jacob Dreibelbis	Captain - PA Cont'l Line
Thomas T. N. Bothwell	175506	8574	San Francisco	Jacob Dreibelbis	Captain - PA Cont'l Line
Charles B. Kimball	175138	8551	San Francisco	James Kimball	Public Service - NH
Jon P. Miller	175056	8544	San Francisco	Henry Ginger	Private - PA Militia
Frank G. Winans, Jr.	175561	8604	San Francisco	Matthias Winans	Teamster - NI
Frank E. Winans	175562	8605	San Francisco	Matthias Winans	Teamster - NI
Jonathan M. Winans	175565	8606	San Francisco	Matthias Winans	Teamster - NI
Jordan W. Winans (Jr.M)	175564	8607	San Francisco	Matthias Winans	Teamster - NI
Jeremiah J. Winans (JrM)	175565	8698	San Francisco	Matthias Winans	Teamster - NI
Douglas A. Campbell	175136	8549	Santa Barbara	David Campbell	Private - NJ Militia
John L. McLaughlin	174886	8534	Silicon Valley	Francis Webb	Midshipman - VA Navy
Thomas J. Payne	174888	8536	Silicon Valley	John Tillery	Fifer - VA Militia
Richard J. Welsh	175325	8562	Sons of Liberty	Jacob Humphrey	Captain - PA Cont'l Line
Eric R. Lamm	175135	8548	South Coast	Michael Parker	Private - NY Militia
Garrison P. Grover	175557	8600	Thomas Jefferson	John H. Riedell	Ensign & Quartermaster -MA

LEGEND

(T) - transferred in from another State. (YM) = Youth Member (Jr.M) = Junior Member

As information. We do not enter the name of a new member until we have received his membership certificate from National headquarters. We rely on the information provided on the record copy of the membership application for the data on the new Compatriot's ancestor.

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Wayne was placed on the Internet Advertising Committee and is working on Google. He is Vice-Chairman of the Newsletter and Periodical Committee and is on the George Washington Endowment Fund Committee.

Vice-President South John Dodd reported that he attended Congress and both National Leadership Meetings. He asked that those state items in the hands of Compatriots be inventoried so the State knows what it has and where it is at. The State needs to keep track of these items. He is working with Project Archangel on getting addresses of Marines in Afghanistan to send Xmas packages to.

John also gave his Chancellor's Report. He noted that only Chapter Presidents and State officers are allowed to vote at this meeting.

Vice-President North Keith Bigbee attended the Proclamation presentation at the San Francisco Presidio. He attended the Missing in America Program. He plans to visit all the Northern chapters.



MRS. SHIRLEY JUDY, VALLEY FORGE TEACHER, ACCEPTING THE GOOD CITIZENSHIP PIN FROM PRESIDENT LOU CARLSON. MELVIN HARRELL OF THE SONS OF LIBERTY CHAPTER ASSISTING.

Vice-President membership Phil Hinshaw spoke at the Bennington Memorial put on by the San Diego Chapter. They are hoping that the restoration of the Wall around the obelisk will be complete for next July's memorial. He wants to start a new program for a clearing house for ideas on how to recruit new members so they can be shared with all the chapters.

President Carlson noted a report on Jim Shadwick our former Secretary was back in the hospital yesterday and was un-

responsive. He asked for the prayers of all in attendance.

Secretary Jim Faulkinbury reported



STATE PRESIDENT LOU CARLSON AND PRESIDENT GENERAL ED BUTLER DISPLAYING THEIR KENTUCKY COLONEL CERTIFICATES PRESENTED BY CHARLIE GENTIS, PRESIDENT OF THE RIVERSIDE CHAPTER, HOST OF THE MEETING

we had 155 new members (29 youth became new members), there were five transfers in, 65 reinstatements, 19 died, six resignations and five transfers out. Dues are coming up and he will need them by December 11th. He reported that National is making this process easier. PDF or Excel the chapter Rosters to National, so they can reconcile their roster. You can specify start and ending dates. He encourages chapters to download the roster. They are also using a new excel program for state and chapter dues. He attended the National Congress.

Tom Chilton gave his Registrar's Report. He noted his concern over the check mark issue. He reported that in 2007 we had 94 new members from January - November 1st and in 2009 - 116 new members. We have been getting multiple applications from families. In 2009 - 76 supplementals.

Genealogist Earl Young was not present. It was noted that he has handed in his resignation to take place on December 31st. Terry Briggs has been appointed to replace Earl and will assume duties on January 1st, 2010.

Historian Jim Blauer handed out the minutes from the Spring meeting. He asked the members to look them over and to come back with any corrections at tomorrow's session at which time they will be voted on for approval.

Surgeon Dr. Ernest Latham had no report.

Chaplain Phil Dodson reported that at the Bakersfield Pioneer Museum a sack was found and inside was a flag from around 1820 and is in the process of being authenticated. In October he gave the invocation and benediction at the Bronze plaque dedication in San Francisco. He has visited Jamieson Bates, who is very ill. He asked that if you know of a member who is ill to advise him, so he can get a card out to them. This year we have lost 19 compatriots. He thanked Jim Faulkinbury for keeping him informed on the deaths in the society.

National Trustee Stephen Renouf reported he attended the October plaque dedication in San Francisco for the Founding of the Revolutionary Sires. At the Trustees Meeting in September, he was there when they laid the cornerstone of the new building. They are expecting a rise in expenses by 2012. They endorsed the principle of Lamar Alexander's bill on teaching U.S. History. Lamar Alexander



FIFTH GRADER, TORREY MAHALL WAS PRESENTED THE GOOD CITIZENSHIP PIN AND CERTIFICATE BY PRESIDENT LOU CARLSON FOR PUBLISHING HER BOOK "THE SEARCH FOR THE GOLDEN MISSION".

is the Senator from Tennessee.

Trustee of the Permanent Fund, Ron Risley, reported he reported to the Trustees and executive Board last Tuesday. Copies are available for anyone who wants one. He noted we have had a recession the last two years. We are only down 23.7%. We are now at 73.4% of our high. We have our investment back and a profit. We gained 15.9% or \$45,791 and Life

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membership gained 11.4% or \$22,577. As of November 10 we are at \$288,704. The break down by subaccounts is; Life Membership is 68.3% or \$197,205, The Permanent Fund is 22.15% or \$63,948, Projected CY09 Distributable is \$5,737.01, CASSAR Education Fund is 6.042% or \$17,443.52, President's Education Fund is .899% or \$2,595.45 and the 2019 Congress Fund is 2.602% or \$7,512.09. He is expecting 13.444% by the end of the year to bring us to about \$302,048.00 \$18,000.00 will be needed for National, State and Chapter dues. Also we may need to withdraw \$2,000.00 for our donation to the CAAH.

After a brief recess the Chapter Reports were given. recessed at 11:15 a.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS LUNCHEON

The Safety Awards Luncheon was opened by Vice-President South John Dodd at 12:10 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies John Dodd



PRESIDENT GENERAL ED BUTLER PRESENTED THE HEROISM MEDAL TO JOHN McDONALD OF LOS ANGELES. HE SAVED A CHILD FROM A BURNING AUTOMOBILE.

introduced the head table Steve Sandler of the Riverside Fire Department introduced Fire Fighter Steve Loner and paramedic/Fire Fighter Matt Stibal who were presented the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal. The presentation was made by President Lou Carlson

President General Ed Butler presented

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the Heroism Medal to Mr. John McDonald of Los Angeles, California. He pulled



Color Guardsmen from across the State participated in the ceremonies.

a child out from a burning car on the freeway.

RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY

Following the luncheon, a large group of the color guard in attendance of the meeting proceeded to the Riverside National Cemetery. Here with the Color Guard, President General Ed Butler pres-



PRESIDENT LOU CARLSON PRESENTED THE FIRE SAFETY COMMENDATION MEDAL TO FIRE FIGHTERS STEVE LONER AND PARAMEDIC MATT STIBAL.

ented a Wreath at the Medal of Honor site. Rev. Phil Dodson gave the invocation and the President General said a few words. There were several volleys fired by the color guard.

Following the presentation we walked around the area and saw all the names of the recipients on the walls specifying which wars they were in.

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S DINNER

The President General's Dinner was held across the street from the hotel at Mario's Restaurant. Here the invited guests gathered for a meal. California President Lou Carlson welcomed everyone and gave a toast as he introduced the honored guest President General Ed Butler.

SESSION II

The second session was opened by President Lou Carlson at 9:12 a.m. The Roll Call was taken and a quorum was established. The meeting started with the National officers in attendance giving a brief report.

Secretary General J. David Simpson stressed the need to retain the members we have. There are many losses each year when dues comes due that members usually first timers, do not renew their membership. He hopes to be able to expand President General Butler's Wounded Warrior Program.

Treasurer General Larry Magerkurth noted that it was an exciting time in Louisville. With the new building we are



PRESIDENT LOU CARLSON PRESENTED THE LAW ENFORCEMENT MEDAL TO DETECTIVE VIC POISSON RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

becoming more nationally known, He spoke on the Remnant Trust that has acquired many rare books and are in discussion about having some to display at our new Library and museum. This trust has two of the oldest copies of the Magna Carta. There is the Conference on the American Revolution which will bring high level

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Revolution which will bring high level academia together to discuss the American Revolution in papers they write on a given topic to be presented at West Point in June 2010. Hopefully these will help to teach the teachers that teach our children American History. He noted how the Ladies had donated \$7600.00 for the furniture in the new library.

Genealogist General Joe Dooley spoke on the Annual Conference on the American Revolution. They will have an SAR Distinguished Scholar chosen at West Point. The Theme for the papers this year is George Washington and Proteges. Washington Scholar Peter Enriquez will be there.

Genealogist Dooley reported that the turnaround time for applications is 8 - 10 weeks. Last November and December



COMPATRIOT JIM QUINNELL WAS THE RECIPIENT OF THE PATRIOT MEDAL. IT IS THE HIGHEST AWARD A STATE SOCIETY CAN BESTOW ON A MEMBER. PRESENTING THE MEDAL WAS PRESIDENT LOU CARLSON ASSISTED BY ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER PRESIDENT DAVID R. SILER

there were 400 applications that became a 13 week backlog during the dues collection process. He asked for over time and got it, so they did not go over 13 weeks. Asked for overtime early this year so as to keep it at no more than 10 weeks. He does not want to end up with a 13 week backlog again.

Historian General Lindsey Brock is working to get a kiosk of SAR Medal of Honor recipients. There is a program for a Youth Exchange which we have with France. He also noted the new SAR Directory would be out soon from Drumman Press.

Vice-President of the Western District, Karl Jacobs noted his area covers

Hawaii, Nevada and California. He plans to have visited all three societies. He was



THE DELEGATES AND GUESTS AT THE BANQUET WERE SURPRISED TO HAVE A VISIT FROM GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON. THE GENERAL IS PORTRAYED BY ROGER COOPER OF THE RIVERSIDE CHAPTER.

on the cruise in Hawaii, here in California and plans to attend the 100th anniversary of the Nevada Society in March 2010. He attended the 2 plaque presentations in San Francisco in 2009.

The Past Presidents of the California Society were announced. Those in attendance were; Stephen Renouf, Karl Jacobs, Bob Ebert, Larry Magerkurth, Stan DeLong, Travis Spears, Chuck Lampman, Don Moran and Ron Risley.

The candidates forum for National office was opened to those seeking office in 2010. J. David Sympton (KY) is running for President General. Larry Magerkurth (CA) is running for Secretary General. Lindsey Brock (FL) is running for Registrar General. For Genealogist General there were two candidates. First Genealogist General Joe Dooley (VA), Second for this position is Paul Hayes (D.C.). Chuck Lampman (CA) is running for Historian General. The California Society endorsed J. David Sympton. Larry Magerkurth and Lindsey Brock

There were two candidates for Genealogist General. Incumbent Joe Dooley and Paul Hayes (D.C.). Joe Dooley was endorsed. Keith Bigbee moved that we support Chuck Lampman for Historian General. The motion passed.

The minutes from the April meeting in Costa Mesa were distributed and approved as written,

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Nominating Committee has three openings for state office. Vice-President South, Trustee Fund and Chaplain. Steve Renouf requested that anyone interested in these positions to contact him as Committee Chairman.

The Compliance Committee is chaired by Karl Jacobs. He reported we are doing "swell" in this area. He noted if we are not in compliance we could lose our 501(c)(3) status. We have complied with the proper reporting of income. We also need proper reporting of chapter activities. National has reporting forms. We need to maintain our membership rolls. Knowing that a member has passed away, dropped, transferred, etc. Need to have bank account number and authorized signers according to state by-laws.

Need to get list of both State and chapter property and where it is kept.



PRESIDENT GENERAL ED BUTER PRESENTED FIRST LADY KAREN CARLSON WITH THE DAUGHTERS OF LIBERTY MEDAL, THE HIGHEST AWARD THE SAR CAN PRESENT TO A LADY.

The Chapter property is the State's property.

Phil Hinshaw reported on the Chapter Activity Contest. There are 24 chapters in the state. Only 50% are participating in the contest. There are three small chapters, 5 medium and 4 large. He is compiling a revised set of rules for 2010. They will be sent out to the chapters after the first of the year.

Curtis Porter spoke on the Valley Forge Project. He reported that the Luncheon speaker today is from the Valley Forge Project and will discuss her trip and experience. There has been a change in direction towards the French & Indian War. There is also a Constitution Seminar

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offered at Williamsburg. Steve Renouf asked that President Lou Carlson appoint a committee to check this alternative out.



**PRESIDENT GENERAL ED BUTLER
PRESENTING THE SAR'S MERITORIOUS
SERVICE MEDAL TO PRESIDENT LOU CARLSON**

Jeff Goodwin, Curtis Porter and Tom Adams were appointed to check into this alternative.

Jim Blauer spoke on the Eagle Scout Program. He noted that since the Scout office has decided to no longer send names on a regular basis, he gets a list every 4-6 months. Because of this, some may have already had their Court of Honor. So, he created a request form for both the SAR and Sons of Union Veterans Certificates that he does and asks all the district contacts to hand out copies to the scoutmasters or Eagle Advisors of the troops. This way they can contact him directly as soon as they have an Eagle Scout to start getting these Certificates and letters of Congratulations,

President Carlson reported that the Wreaths Across America Program will take place on December 12th. Jeff Goodwin noted the Dixon Color Guard would be present there. Travis Spears reported the San Diego Chapter will be at Rosecranz National Cemetery. President Carlson noted that though this is aimed at National Cemeteries it is not restricted to them and can be done at your local/private cemeteries as well.

Kent Gregory reported on the Medals and Awards. He was appointed to take over at the April meeting. He replenished the supply where it was needed. The California Society medal is \$25.00. The Life pins are \$10.00. The 2008 Congress Med-

als are \$5.00.

The new Youth Activities Chairman is Tom Adams. He is working on the



**PRESIDENT GENERAL ED BUTLER
PRESENTING THE SAR'S MERITORIOUS
SERVICE MEDAL TO TREASURER GENERAL
LARRY MAGERKURTH**

brochures created for the contest with guidelines for the chapters and entrants.

Jim Fosdyck reported on the JROTC Program. He thanked Jim Faulkinbury for his help when he took over. In September



**CHARLIE GENTIS, PRESIDENT OF THE
RIVERSIDE CHAPTER, HOSTING THE MEETING
RECEIVING THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE
MEDAL FROM PRESIDENT LOU CARLSON.**

John Little from National sent information on the silver medal and would be sending this information on to the chapters.

David Siler reported on the Knight Essay Contest. He reported there are 9 participating chapters and could have anywhere from 50-60 entrants.

Don Moran spoke on *the California Compatriot*. It went online after the April meeting approved an electronic newsletter. It has been well received. There is no limit as to how big it should be and can now be in full color. He requested that chapters send in their activities for inclusion. He noted that because we are now electronic and there are those who do not have computers or internet capabilities

that we may lose some members.

Travis Spear reported as the CAR Liaison. The next meeting of the State Society Children of the American Revol-



**PRESIDENT GENERAL ED BUTLER
PRESENTING THE SAR'S MERITORIOUS
SERVICE MEDAL TO EXECUTIVE VICE
PRESIDENT WAYNE GRISWOLD**

ution will take place on February 27th, 2010 in Cambria, California.

Tom Chilton spoke as State Registrar addressing specific problems we are having with National. Joe Dooley noted Genealogy Committee had no budget. It might be possible to get the Emails of all State Presidents and Registrars for the communication of this type of information.

Keith Bigbee reported that theon the Spring Meeting, 2010 will be in Sacramento at the Embassy Suites Hotel near Old Town. The flyer for this event is on page 29 and the registration form is on page 30. The California Society proposed budget was presented, debated, and approved.

VALLEY FORGE LUNCHEON

The Valley Forge Luncheon was opened by Vice-President South John Dodd. After lunch State President Lou Carlson introduced our speaker Shirley Judy, who spoke to us about her trip to Valley Forge and what she learned there. President Carlson presented her with the Good Citizenship pin and Certificate.

A fifth grade student Torrey Mahall was introduced by Wayne Rogers and we were told how in fourth grade they were learning about the Missions of California. Her parents took her to all the Missions and she wrote a book about each of the for the Golden Mission. President Carl-

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for the Golden Mission. President Carlson presented young Torrey with a Good Citizenship Pin and Certificate. Copies of the book were made available after the meeting, going for only \$10.00.



**PRESIDENT GENERAL ED BUTLER
PRESENTING SANDRA JACOBS THE
SAR'S BRONZE GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL**

SESSION III

Secretary General J. David Sympton showed a video on the Museum Library, its construction and the history of the area.

BY-LAW REVISIONS

John Dodd passed out the revisions requested by former Chancellor Hawley. With 12 chapters present we had enough to vote. After much discussion, debate, the changes were approved. State Secretary Jim Faulkinbury will have them posted on the State's web sites.

NEW BUSINESS

President Carlson also reported that Earl Young has had to drop out and resign. He thanked Earl for all his services to the society. The resignation will take effect on December 31st. Terry Briggs of the Silicon Valley Chapter has been appointed to take over Earl's position and he will commence on January 1st, 2010.

It was announced that the 135th State Membership Meeting will be held on April 9th -10th, 2010 in Sacramento.

Don Moran, State Color Guard Commander, asked that the State obtain new expandable Flag Poles. \$200.00 was approved.

There is no location at present for the Fall 2010 Board of Managers Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

BANQUET

The banquet(was opened by President

Lou Carlson at 7 p.m. Introductions of those at the head table were made.

NATIONAL AWARDS

President General Ed Butler presented Don Moran with the Aide De Camp Pin. He then presented the Meritorious Service medals & Certificates to; Larry Magerkurth, Lou Carlson, Stephen Renouf, Karl Jacobs, Wayne Griswold, and Jim Faulkinbury.

The Daughters of Liberty Medal & Certificate were presented to Karen Carlson.

The Bronze Good Citizenship Medal & Certificate were presented to Sandra Jacobs and Ann Lampman.

President General Butler then spoke of some of the doings back at National. He told how they are hopeful to get books and documents for display from the Remnant Trust and the Smithsonian. Possible



**COMPATRIOT JEFF GOODWIN CONGRATULATING HIS WIFE XXXX FOR RECEIVING THE
MARTHA WASHINGTON MEDAL FROM THE
STATE SOCIETY**

to become a Smithsonian Museum. The Francis Museum is two doors down. They may provide us with some of their books and take over and handle the security system for the building. A great savings to us. We may partner with the History Channel as their magazine goes to all history teachers. Joe Dooley did an article and told about having members, both Color Guard and non Color Guard come to schools to talk. A recent DVD is to be sent to every state and chapter president.

At Congress in 2010 there will be a place for children so families can come together. They will have activities for children and teens. Basketball game, boat ride on Lake Erie, and train ride to name

a few. This to get entire families to come to Congress.

He wants to get the picture of George Washington back in the classroom. They are putting together kiosks that show documents from the American Revolu



**PRESIDENT GENERAL ED BUTLER
PRESENTING ANNE LAMPMAN THE
SAR'S BRONZE GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL**

tion and photos of the men & women who founded this country and is seeking a grant to get them placed in schools around the country.

We were then entertained by colonial dancers. They performed several dances for us including a minuet.

We were visited by the Commander-in-Chief of the American forces, George Washington (a/k/a Roger Cooper).

STATE AWARDS

Steve Renouf presented Un Yi Fosdyck with her Martha Washington Certificate to go with the medal presented to her in April.

Jeff Goodwin's wife was presented the Martha Washington Medal & Certificate.

Charlie Gents presented both PG Ed Butler and State President Lou Carlson with a Certificate from the State of Kentucky making them honorary Kentucky Colonels.

Charlie Gents received the Meritorious Service Medal.

Partners in Patriotism Certificates were presented to the Gold Country and Sons of Liberty Chapters.

Those who received the Liberty medal at National this year(2009) included; Maynard Thorpe, Lawrence Thomas, and Dwayne Meyer.

The George Washington Endowment

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award went to Don Gurley, James Young and Jim Faulkinbury.

Marston Watson announced that he receive the Certificate of Appreciation for his work on Wreaths Across America. This Certificate also went to Larry Magerkurth for being Chairman of the Audit Committee and Chuck Lampman for Chairing the Real Story of American History.

California received the William M. Malone Award for most supplementals by a state, the Officers Attendance Award, and the CAR Activities Award(2008-2009).

The Liberty Medals went to Bernie

Campbell, Tom Chilton, Wayne Griswold, Ron Risley, Ted Rudisell, and Leon Smith.

Partners in Patriotism were received by Gold Country, Riverside, Sacramento, Harbor, San Diego, San Francisco, Sons of Liberty and Redlands Chapters.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to members of the Riverside Chapter who helped to put on this event. They were Greg Rice, Jack Terry, Mike Emmett, Dave Leonard, Robert Lippman, William Holland, Wayne Rogers, Dan Westcott and Henry Lucas.

The Patriot Medal was presented to Orange County's Jim Quinnelly for his

years of service as Chaplain and Registrar.

Gifts were presented to PG Butler. For his wife Robin who was unable to attend a spoon & fork. For Ed a vase.

The silent auction winners were announced.

The Ladies Auxiliary then conducted their raffle.

Respectfully Submitted,
December 10th, 2010
James F. Blauer,
State Historian

A special thanks to Jim Blauer not only for the text for this report but for numerous pictures used.



Hawaiian Trip Chairman Larry Magerkurth arranged a great trip to Hawaii on 2nd - 12th September 2009 to form the SAR Pacific International Conference. We arrived at the Marriott Waikiki in Honolulu on the island of Oah'u. The California Society was represented by Vice President General-Western District Karl Jacobs, Treasurer General Larry Magerkurth, President Louis V. Carlson, Past President Stephen Renouf, Historian James F. Blauer, and ROTC Chairman James Fosdyck. Other SAR members included President General Edward F. Butler (TX), VPG South Atlantic District Sam Powell (NC), Librarian General Miles Dechant (PASSAR), Executive Director Joe Harris (KYSSAR), Barney Ellis (KSSAR), William Marrs (TXSSAR), Jack Manning (MASSAR), Hall Worthington (MDSSAR), James Aldermann (TXSSAR), George West (TXSSAR), and Rev. James Taylor (TXSSAR).

On Wednesday, September 2nd 2009, President General Ed
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By: Stephen Renouf, Former State President

Butler led a delegation to Tripler Army Hospital in Honolulu, and visited 11 severe post traumatic stress disorder patients. He presented the heroes with SAR Outstanding Citizenship Award Pins and took their pictures to send to their hometown newspapers with a press release. The wounded war-

rriors were touched by the SAR visit. President General Butler hopes to make this a permanent program to honor the soldiers who keep us safe.

On Thursday, the SAR group went to the Punchbowl National Cemetery in the Pu'owaina Crater. The memorial path leading to the top of the

crater is lined with many plaques, including one placed by the California Society SAR in 1987 (the first plaque placed there). At the end of the ascending path was a viewing platform, from which could be seen Honolulu, Diamond Head and Pearl Harbor. The Hawai'i Society SAR planned a ceremony there. The Cemetery administrator gave an interesting



THE SAR PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE LED BY PRESIDENT GENERAL EDWARD BUTLER AND STATE PRESIDENT, THE REVEREND LOUIS CARLSON

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talk about the history of the Punchbowl. It was called Pu'owaina ("Hill of Sacrifice"), and used by the ancient Hawaiians as a place of human sacrifice for those who broke societal taboos. He said about 50,000 soldiers were buried there in the crater of an extinct volcano. He said cemeteries were for the living, not for the dead. We then placed a wreath at the California Society plaque.

Following the ceremony, the SAR group returned to the Marriott Waikiki, and attended a lunch joint meeting with the Hawaii SAR and DAR. Ed Butler noted that he may be the first National SAR President General to visit Hawaii while in office. He then stressed his theme of "*Modernize, Publicize, and Socialize*".

In the evening, the SAR group went to the Hale Koa ("House of the Warrior") Luau at Fort DeRussy. There we saw various Hawaiian crafts, and a demonstration of climbing palm trees to get coconuts. We were shown how each island had a different method of tying the Hawaiian wraps. We watched as the roasted pig was taken from the cooking pit in a colorful ceremony. We then had the luau dinner of pork, chicken, beef and fish. We were treated to a show of Polynesian dancers from the islands of Samoa, New Zealand, and Tahiti. We also saw the fire dancers, including a 9-year-old boy.

On Friday, the SAR group went to Pearl Harbor. At the visitor center, we saw a movie on the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, and the events leading up to it. We then took a boat to the *U.S.S. Arizona Memorial* at Battleship Row. President General Butler conducted a ceremony honoring the victims of Japanese aggression, especially those entombed below in the *U.S.S. Arizona*. At the conclusion of the ceremony, flowers from leis were tossed into the water, and they floated towards the *U.S.S. Missouri* anchored nearby. This was a fitting tribute, as the war that began at Pearl Harbor was ended in Tokyo Bay by the surrender signed aboard the *U.S.S. Missouri*.

Afterwards, the SAR group went to Ford Island and placed a wreath at the *U.S.S. Oklahoma* Monument to honor

the victims who died on the battleship when it rolled over on its side during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

On Saturday, the SAR group left the Marriott Waikiki and

boarded the Norwegian Cruise Line ship, *Pride of America*. The entire ship was decorated in a patriotic theme. That night, the ship sailed from Honolulu, Oah'u. On Sunday, the ship arrived at Kahului Harbor, Maui. In the afternoon, the SAR Executive Committee met in the Moloka'i Room on the ship. As there was not a quorum of executive committee voting members, President General Butler opened the meeting for

discussion. Ed Butler spoke on the many exciting partnerships that they are working on for the new SAR Library when it is built - including the Remnant Trust's documents of Liberty and Justice (*Magna Charta, Constitution, Bill of Rights*, etc.), The Smithsonian's collection of American Revolution artifacts in permanent storage, and a possible deal

with the National Archives to be registered as a regional archive. There is also a proposal to permit the Frazier Museum to display books from their collection in our new library in return for them monitoring our security system 24/7. There is also the possibility of having the SAR Library and Museum as a destination for school field trips and the general public, and charging

admission. We are truly on the verge of great things.

Each night, trip chairman Larry Magerkurth had arranged for the captain's table at the Liberty Restaurant to be available for us for dinner, so we could all gather together as a group and compare notes about our adventures in Hawai'i each day. In the evening, the Hollywood Theater on the ship featured Polynesian dancing.

On Monday, the SAR members visited Maui, and returned to the ship in the evening to recount their adventures at dinner. On Tuesday, the ship arrived in Hilo, on the Big Island of Hawaii. After spending the day in Hilo, the ship sailed in the evening for Kona. At 9:00 p.m., the ship passed by the Kilauea lava flow from the Pu'u 'O'o vent down to the sea.

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PRESIDENT GENERAL ED BUTLER AND THE COLOR GUARD AT THE PUNCH BOWL WREATH LAYING CEREMONY



THE SAR DELEGATION AT THE U.S.S. ARIZONA MEMORIAL

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In the darkness, you could clearly see a river of bright orange lava flowing to the sea.

On Wednesday, the ship arrived in Kona, on the Big Island of Hawai'i. On Thursday, the ship arrived in Lihu'e, Kaua'i, the Garden Isle. In the afternoon, the SAR Trustees met in the Moloka'i Room on the ship. Rev. Lou Carlson

chapters will be asked to submit proposals for hosting the meeting, and the vice presidents general of the districts will vote to approve one as the site for the next meeting.

President General Ed Butler presented the Present General's Aide-de-Camp Pin to Karl Jacobs, William Marrs and Stephen Renouf. In the evening, the ship arranged for



opened the meeting with a recitation of the Lord's Prayer in Hawaiian. The SAR members present from the constituent districts voted unanimously to form the Pacific-Western-Rocky Mountain-International Association, including the societies of Alaska, Arizona, California, Canada, Colorado, Hawai'i, Mexico, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

The trustees endorsed all the candidates who were running unopposed. After representatives spoke on behalf of candidates running for genealogist general, the trustees voted unanimously to endorse Joe Dooley for Genealogist General. With the formation of the new association, we discussed locations for the next meeting of the association in May 2011 - Seattle, Las Vegas or San Diego. The local

a SAR cocktail party at Pink's Champagne Bar, featuring the "Coconut Ladies".

On Friday, we continued to explore Kaua'i. The ship sailed from Lihu'e at 2 p.m. and passed the famed Na Pali Coast in the late afternoon. Before dinner, we all gathered to take a SAR group picture on the grand staircase and around the Great Seal of the United States.

On Saturday, September 12th, 2009, the ship returned to Honolulu Harbor on Oah'u, and the SAR compatriots left the ship after a very successful district association meeting in Hawai'i.

Stephen Renouf,
Former State President



Important SAR Contest News

from Tom Adams, California Society Youth Activities Director

The California Society is announcing a new chapter contest in honor of one of its most revered compatriots, Colonel Richard F. Locke. Colonel Locke was directly responsible for forming two Northern California chapters and sponsoring over 120 new members into our Society. He served three terms as the National Society Genealogist General and was chairman of the National Society Genealogy Committee, serving on that committee for eleven years. In California, he served an amazing 23 consecutive terms as State Genealogist.



It is in memory of his many years of dedicated, faithful service that this award is named in his honor.

The Colonel Richard F. Locke Chapter Membership Award will be presented to three chapters, one each from the small, medium, and large chapter categories. This \$250.00 award will go to the chapter in each category that recruits the most new members in the calendar year. For the purposes of this contest 'new members' are defined as those regular or junior member applications approved during the calendar year, since these classes of

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membership receive both a new State and National SAR membership number. Your starting chapter member count will be based upon the number of members reported to the California Society Secretary on the chapter's Annual Dues Report in December of the preceding year. The contest will run from January to December and the year-end calculation will be based upon the records of the California Society Secretary. In case of a tie, the winning chapter in a given category will be the one that has accumulated the most points in the California Society's Best Chapter Contest since it contains a comprehensive representation of all chapter activities. The Colonel Richard F. Locke Chapter Membership Contest kicks off January 1st, 2010, so let's get started. All members can participate. Regularly discuss new member opportunities at your chapter meetings!

YOUTH PROGRAM AWARDS

There is also good news to share about next year's youth activity awards. The 2010 Eagle Scout Scholarship, Knight Essay Contest, and JROTC awards have been increased to \$1500.00 US Savings Bonds. These new prizes are expected to bring significant increases to the number of entries received in these three award programs. All California Society Chapters are urged to immediately begin sharing the new award amounts with students when promoting California Society's youth programs in their community's school systems.

The State Society also increased its award in the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest. In 2010 the first place poster entry will receive a \$500.00 US Savings Bond and second place a \$250.00 US Savings Bond. These are significant increases over last year and will help California achieve the goal, set by Program Chairman Dave Gilliard, of 1000 poster entries in the 2010 Contest.

2010 also kicks off a new program known as the Americanism Middle School Brochure Contest. The program is in response to a charge given to me (Tom Adams) by President Lou Carlson at the time he appointed me the California Society's Youth Activities Director. This charge was to address the SAR need for a youth program in the middle

school system. In my search for ideas, I was very fortunate to connect with middle school teacher Kevin Tierney from the Rolling Hills Middle School in El Dorado Hills in El Dorado County, who agreed to assist me in this endeavor.

Mr. Tierney and I met several times to evaluate some very creative alternatives provided to us. We eventually chose the Brochure Contest as the best option for the SAR Middle School Contest. The student's design is from a single sheet of 8½ x 11 inch paper folded to create a tri-fold brochure. This program is a bridging contest between the elementary school poster contest and high school essay contest – part art work, part written text. A full description of the contest and guidelines will soon be posted on the California SAR.org website.

The idea was accepted by the California Society's Executive Committee and then presented this past September to the National Society's Americanism Committee by the Executive Vice President Wayne Griswold as option for a SAR National Contest for Middle School children. California's proposal was accepted! Plans are being formed to launch the program Nation-wide in the coming school year, 2010-11.

At our California Society November 2009 Board of Manager's Meeting in Riverside, the California Society approved an impressive monetary award schedule for this contest at \$600.00 and \$400.00 US Savings Bonds for first and second place prizes, respectively.

California needs to continue to take the lead. Here in California, it is our intention to launch the program in the next School Year. In most of California schools American History is taught in the 8th grade, commencing in the first month of the school year. Consequently, our challenge is to implement the program in the spring of this current school year 2009-10 to prepare teachers to offer the program the following year.

If you'd like to try launching the Brochure Contest this coming school year in your Chapter, please contact me. I'd love to explore the opportunities. This is a great opening for us to bring our message of the importance of the events of the American Revolution into the lives of young Americans today.

Tom Adams, tomadams@iname.com (916) 600-7211 cell



by: John Dodd, Vice President - South

New Compatriots or those not active at the state level mistakenly may believe California Society State meetings are not for them. Not so! All Compatriots are encouraged to attend both the Spring and Fall state meetings, whether as delegates or interested compatriots.

The Spring meeting is the "official" annual meeting, at

which state officers, chapter Presidents, and chapter delegates deal with the Society's business. New state officers are elected and inducted. Generally, bylaws amendments are voted on at that time, unless a "special" meeting is called

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JOHN L. DODD, ESQ.
VICE PRESIDENT - SOUTH

to coincide with the Fall meeting. The Fall meeting is the smaller "Board of Managers" ("BOM") meeting, at which the state officers and chapter Presidents are voting attendees. The BOM adopts a budget for the upcoming year and attends to business which cannot wait until the Spring. At both meetings, attendees hear reports from officers, chapters and committee chairs, and consider policies, programs and initiatives.

The agenda for both meetings is similar, beginning Friday morning and ending Saturday night with a formal banquet. Friday's luncheon program is devoted to youth programs, while community service awards for first responders are presented at Saturday's luncheon. Usually, Friday evening features a "President's dinner" for any national officers present, state officers and chapter Presidents, although this format may vary. The Saturday night formal banquet features entertainment or a (hopefully not too long) dinner speaker, presentation of awards and great camaraderie.

Your registration fee covers the cost of the meeting facilities, two lunches and Saturday banquet. The President's dinner is paid for separately by the invited attendees. A "hospitality suite" opens Thursday afternoon for registration, and is available for drinks, appetizers and socializing in the late afternoon and evening both days before the dinners.

The Ladies Auxiliary meets at both the Spring and Fall meetings, generally having its board meeting on Friday and the general membership meeting on Saturday. There usually is a planned ladies outing Saturday afternoon, and the ladies actively sell raffle tickets throughout the weekend, with a drawing at the Saturday banquet.

The Spring meeting is hosted by the incoming state President's chapter at a location of the incoming President's choosing. The Fall meeting is held in the same geographical area, i.e. northern or southern portion of the state, as the state President, who hopefully has made arrangements for a chapter to "host" the meeting while he was Executive Vice President.

Experience has taught our society that state meetings are most successful when planned, staffed and "banked" by a chapter, rather than the state. Hosting a state meeting invigorates a chapter, bringing out members who often do not attend other events and instilling a sense of camaraderie in the group. Also, compatriots are apt to be more cost conscious if they know their individual chapter, rather than the state, will either bear the burden if the meeting "goes in the red" or reap the benefit if the meeting "turns a profit." Typically, the

goal is to break even, but a well-planned meeting will result in a few hundred dollars added to a chapter's treasury.

Hosting a state meeting requires diligent advance planning, which has been simplified by an excellent guide prepared by Rex Shannon of Orange County after serving as chair for the 2005 annual meeting at which Larry Magerkurth was inducted as State President. The host chapter is responsible for the hotel contracts (including meals, room rate and fees for meeting rooms), although the contracts must be approved in advance by CASSAR. The host chapter also is responsible for registration and the hospitality room.

As for the programs, at the Spring meeting the Friday youth banquet features the state youth program awards. The Fall meeting Friday luncheon often features a talk from a teacher who attended the Valley Forge program during the previous summer. So these programs are simple to arrange. At the Saturday luncheon for both Fall and Spring, however, the host chapter and incoming President, respectively, have the responsibility and discretion in choosing the recipients of the fire, police and EMT awards from deserving members of their community. Arranging the banquet speaker or entertainment also falls to the host chapter.

With this background, various Compatriots have expressed concerns over the rising costs of travel in this era of tight budgets, resulting in consideration of a proposal to reduce the Fall meeting to a one-day meeting, held only on Saturday. Under this scenario, the Executive Committee would meet Friday, along with the budget committee and any other committees wishing to do so, but the "main meeting" would not begin until Saturday morning. This would reduce the "overhead" to the Saturday luncheon and banquet, reducing the registration expenses by the cost of the Friday meeting room and luncheon, and eliminating the need for one hotel night. Although this would reduce the cost somewhat, it also results in a sharp decrease in the social aspects of our meetings, which is a prime reason for attending to many of our members.

Although the Executive Committee considered a proposal to "downsize" the Fall 2010 meeting, it was determined more input is necessary from the chapters. Therefore, this topic will be considered at the Spring 2010 meeting. Chapter Presidents are requested to discuss the pros and cons of this proposal with their members and come to Sacramento prepared to share their thoughts so the Society may consider whether any changes are advisable.

In the meantime, all CASSAR members are encouraged to attend both the Spring and Fall meetings so as to meet new friends, renew acquaintances and work together to build our Society as it continues to take the lead in preserving the memories of our Patriot ancestors and our American Heritage.

John L. Dodd, Esq. Vice President - South



WASHINGTON'S CROSSING

by: David Hackett Fischer
Oxford University Press,

Well known historian David Hackett Fischer has published one of the most detailed and concise account of General George Washington's successful attacks of the American Revolution. The appendix alone is worth the cost of the book!

Professor Fischer reviews all the aspects of the attack on Trenton, New Jersey. His text is easy to follow and as stated the appendix provides extensive documentation and explanation of the supporting facts and documentation.

On the cold Christmas night Washington organize his small army, crossed the ice filled Delaware River, launched a surprise attack and killed, wounded or captured almost the entire Hessian garrison. Anyone reviewing Washington plan would have though it was absolute lunacy, and was doomed to failure.

When you read Professor Hackett's book, you realize that the odds against Washington's success were not as insurmountable. Even after part of his army was unable to cross the Delaware, Washington was still able to concentrate a strong enough force, assisted by the weather, to overwhelm the enemy. Further, the results of the attack was to actually save the American Revolution.

This book should be on every members book shelf, it is a must have.

THE PERILS OF PEACE

America's Struggle for Survival After Yorktown
By Thomas Fleming

After Lord Charles Cornwallis surrendered his British Army to George Washington on October 19th, 1781, at Yorktown. the future of the former colonies was very far from certain.

British General Sir Henry Clinton still occupied New York City, and there were garrisons in Canada and Georgia. The Country was absolutely broke, Congress had lost all but twenty-four members, and the Army was about to mutiny not having been in a great length of time.

France, who had loaning America money to wage the war was itself on the brink of bankruptcy. Soon after the Victory at Yorktown, the French Fleet was defeated in the Caribbean.

In Thomas Fleming book, he writes about the period of time following the Revolution with his usual easy writing style. He brings to the reader many of the key players in this era, and of course covers in the details involving George Washington. He actually had to refuse officers of the Continental Army who wanted him to take command of the Country.

Fleming has done extensive research on the subject and breathes new life into this tumultuous but little known period in America's history.

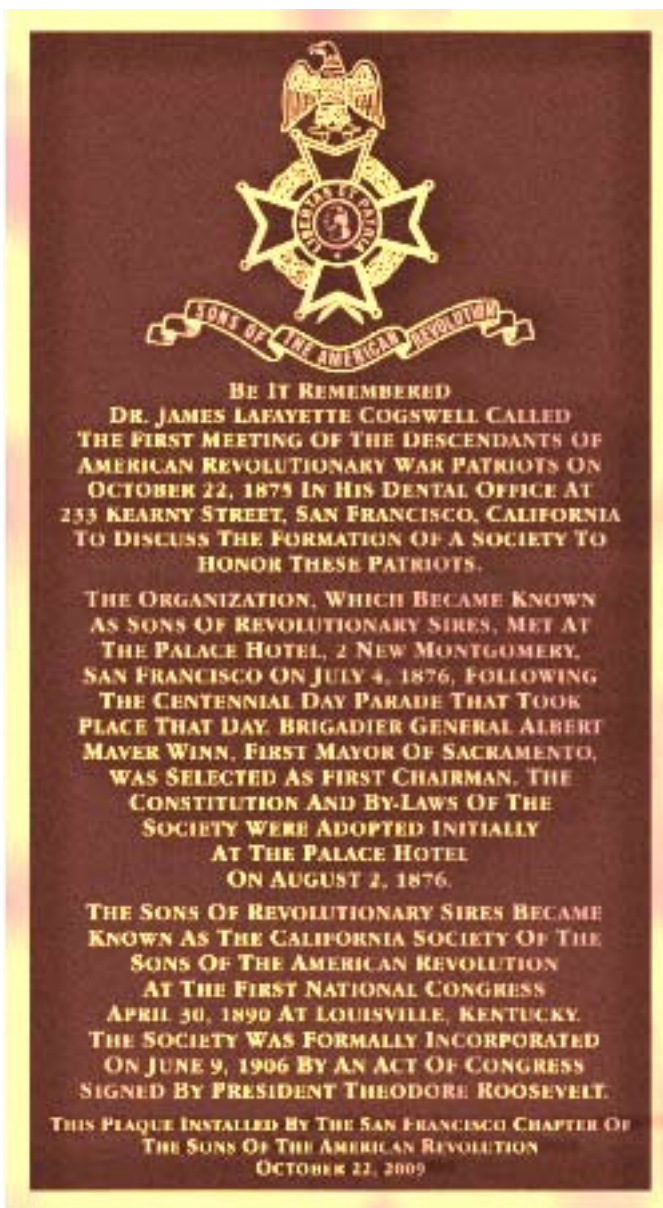
The San Francisco Chapter, SAR Dedicates a Plaque

On October 23rd, 2009, the San Francisco Chapter held a dedication ceremony at the Veterans War Memorial Museum. The large plaque was placed in a prominent location in the Trophy Room and Lobby. The ceremony was called to order by Chapter President Mark Rose. He then turned the gavel over to Chapter Chancellor Michael Phelps who introduced the Reverend Phil Dobson, the State Chaplain who gave the invocation.

Compatriot Phelps then gave the background of the early history of the Sons of Revolutionary Sires. The Sires were the parent organization of the SAR. He read the letter written by an unknown lady to the "Letters to the Editor" of the Daily Alta newspaper regarding participation of the descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution in the America's Centennial Day in San Francisco in 1876.

Mrs. Leonora Branca, President of the California Society, DAR, read portions of the letters from the Daily Alta regarding the participation in the parade.

Vice President General Karl W. Jacobs, for the Western District of the SAR then discussed the importance of the plaque and the cooperation between the SAR and DAR for this ceremony. Karl then presented the SAR's Certificate of



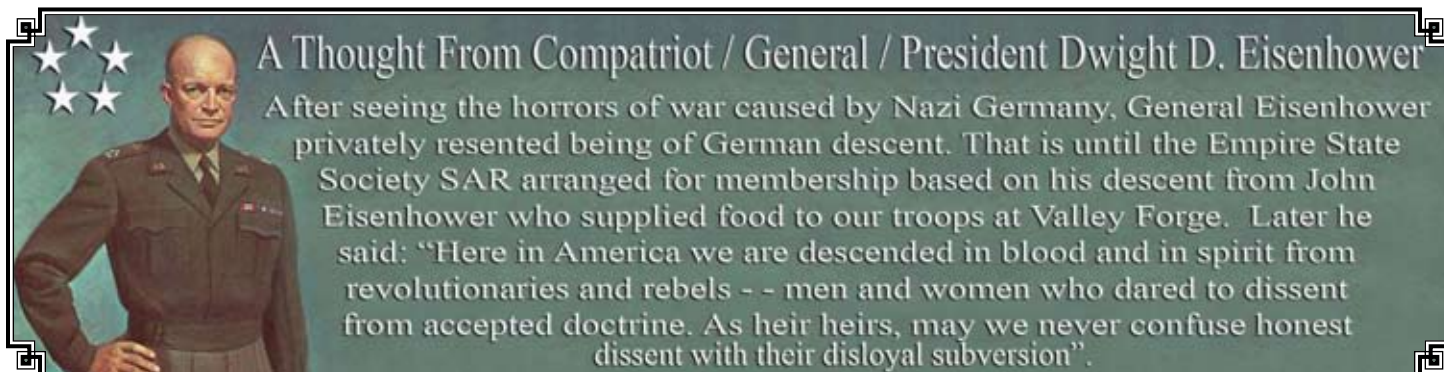
Appreciation to Darryl Toscas, the Director of the Veterans War Memorial Building, and the Daughters of Liberty Medal to Past Regent Dixie Lee Mahy. Dixie had previously been presented the Medal of Appreciation and the Martha Washington Medal.

The ceremony was closed with a moment of silence, a recessional, and taps played by Grant Noah of the U.S. Marine Corp Honor Guard and President of the Redwood Empire Chapter, SAR.

The Chapter thanked the DAR for providing the refreshments, and in particular to Mr. Darryl Toscas for his invaluable guidance through the various authorities involved with the submittal of advance planning and approval of events held in the Veterans War Memorial Museum. And to Compatriot Robert L. Wynne, Past President of the Chapter upon whose shoulders this event primarily rested and without who this event would not have occurred.

The plaque is flanked by the SAR and Betsy Ross flags and next to the Constitution Alcove, which displays copies of

the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. The San Francisco Chapter, SAR 1925 charter and application are installed on either side of the country's founding document



The Riverside Chapter add's a New Dimension to the Living History Community

The Riverside Chapter has greatly enhanced their living history and Country Dancer exhibitions. They have purchased a replica of General George Washington's main marquee. It is set up at living history events such as Marching Through History. This was the marquee in which Washington held his meetings, dinners and was the field headquarters for the Continental Army,

Rather than replicate the furnishing that would have been held in the original marquee during the American Revolution, they have acquired a great many replicas of documents that were important to the cause of American Independence. Each document was carefully framed and are hung on the marquee's walls. The total effect is the creation of a mobile museum.

Well done Riverside Chapter!



AN OUTSIDE VIEW OF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MAIN MARQUEE IN WHICH THE RIVERSIDE CHAPTER HAS CONVERTED TO A MUSEUM.



The Harbor Chapter hosts a Joint Meeting on board the S.S. Lane Victory

On Saturday, September 19th, President Jim Olds of the Harbor Chapter, assisted by Vice President General Karl Jacobs and their team from the Harbor Chapter hosted a joint Chapter meeting onboard the S.S. Lane Victory, a World War Two Victory ship, now a floating museum.

The Chapters joining the Harbor Chapter were the Orange County Chapter, the Sons of Liberty Chapter and the South Coast

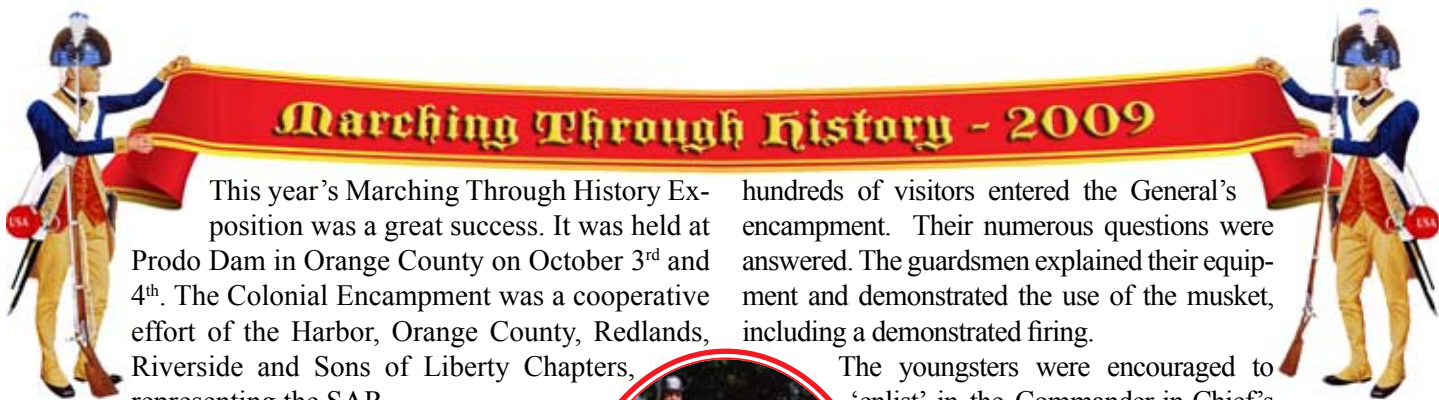


THE S.S. LANE VICTORY

Chapter. The meeting was very well attended with 58 Compatriots and family members.

Compatriot Karl Jacobs brought greetings from the National Society and described some of the matters that would be brought up at the September 24th - 26th Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY.

The Harbor Chapter believes this will become an annual event.



Marching Through History - 2009

This year's Marching Through History Exposition was a great success. It was held at Prodo Dam in Orange County on October 3rd and 4th. The Colonial Encampment was a cooperative effort of the Harbor, Orange County, Redlands, Riverside and Sons of Liberty Chapters, representing the SAR.

Riverside Chapter set up their large Marquee filled with impressive framed historical documents and a smaller historic information exhibit and in a pavilion sponsored colonial dancing. We and the other Chapters set up General George Washington's marquee, the recruiting 'fly' and the guardsmen's pup tents, and an assortment of encampment equipment, along with General Washington's position flag, the Guard's flag and the American flag. As an aside, the holders for the flag poles are made of wrought iron and are driven into the ground. The 18th century term for them was "portable holes". Battles were fought with the British on Saturday (they won) and Sunday (we won).

When the exposition was opened to the public literally

hundreds of visitors entered the General's encampment. Their numerous questions were answered. The guardsmen explained their equipment and demonstrated the use of the musket, including a demonstrated firing.

The youngsters were encouraged to 'enlist' in the Commander-in-Chief's Guards and sent to the enlistment tent. After signing the enlistment document with a quill they were escorted to General Washington who endorsed their enlistment. This was a great hit among them.

The other events at the expedition included a pass-in-review by all the reenactment groups on both Saturday and Sunday. The review included the Romans, the mounted Knights, our Colonials, Historical California, Napoleonic War, the Civil War, Indian Wars, Spanish American War, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm and numerous smaller groups. Manning the reviewing stand were veterans and accepting the salute was our George Washington (Roger Cooper on Saturday and Scott Campbell on Sunday).



THE COLOR GUARDSMEN OF ALL FIVE CHAPTERS LINED UP FOR AN INSPECTION BY GENERAL WASHINGTON AND COL. WILL LANGFORD



AN OVERVIEW OF GENERAL WASHINGTON'S FIELD HEADQUARTERS AND VISITORS AT HIS MARQUEE.



GENERAL WASHINGTON, (A/K/A SCOTT CAMPBELL) TWO OF HIS GUARDS AND A GROUP OF YOUNG VISITORS - ONE DISPLAYING HIS QUILL SIGNED ENLISTMENT DOCUMENT.



The San Diego Chapter Celebrates Spain's Contributions to the American Revolution



The San Diego Chapter and Casa de España en San Diego celebrated Spain's contribution to the American Revolution with a festive event held at the House of Spain in Balboa Park on Saturday, November 21st, 2009. The highlight of the event was the induction of Christopher and Jeffrey Herrera, the sons of Rudolph and Monica (Dunbar) Herrera, as members of the Sons of the American Revolution. They wore Spanish Colonial uniforms that were especially made for the event. The induction ceremony was jointly conducted by Rev. Dr. Stanley W. De Long, Past President, California Society, and Dr. Abraham Byrd, Past President of the Tucson Chapter, Arizona Society.

Their 5th great grandfather was Don Manuel Ortega, a Brevet 2nd Lieutenant, who served in the Tucson Presidio during the American Revolution. Manuel was born in 1761 in Tubac, Sonora, Nueva España, and departed this life on October 4th, 1817. He enlisted in the military on August 14th, 1780 in Tucson at age 19 and served for 37 years. He is described as being 5'1" tall, with chestnut brown hair, brown eyes, a light complexion, and a regular nose. Manuel's father, Don Cristóbal Ortega, served at the Tubac Presidio as a Sergeant from 1756 to 1760 (ca.) prior to the Revolution. Their maternal grandfather was Edward William Dunbar; their mother, Monica, is an active member of Tucson Presidio Trust for Historic Preservation and Clan Dunbar in Tucson.

76 people attended this year's event, the fifth annual San Diego Chapter commemoration of Spain's contribution to the American Revolution. In addition to SAR members, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution, Los Pobladores 200, Los Californios, and the Tucson Presidio were represented. Following the induction service, Dr. Byrd spoke about the history of the Tucson SAR Chapter and the endeavors of the Tucson Presidio Trust for Historic

Preservation to guide and aid in the interpretation of the history of the Old Pueblo at the Tucson Origins Heritage Park. The Trust places special emphasis on the Spanish Colonial period through research, education and living history.

Compatriot James E. Mattern, Past

President of the San Diego Chapter, and the presiding Chieftain of the Dunbar Clan, formally introduced Mrs. Monica Dunbar Herrera, the mother of the new inductees and other members of the Dunbar family and Dunbar Clan that journeyed to San Diego from Tucson and other points in California.

Mr. Pedro Sánchez Catalá, President, Casa de España, concluded the event with an address about the history of the 'House of Spain' in San Diego. The purpose of Casa de España is to provide a means for Spanish citizens,

American citizens of Spanish ancestry, and all other persons interested in Spanish culture to foster and cultivate Spanish traditions and to form bonds of friendship and common interests. Casa de España has been a consistent supporter of SAR's endeavor to recognize the active support of Spain to the cause of the American Revolution.

Chapter President Michael J. Howard presented Mr. Catalá with a plaque expressing SAR's appreciation to Casa de España for their support of the San Diego Chapter's annual Presidio commemorative service. The plaque is embossed with the SAR and San Diego Chapter logos.

At the conclusion of the formal ceremonies, Casa de España served a delicious meal consisting of a traditional Spanish salad, paella, and sangria. The paella was prepared by Chef Mr. Jared McCannell who learned the art of preparing paella while living in Spain. The meal ended with an American favorite – homemade apple pie and ice cream. Many new friendships developed as the participants conversed over the meal and enjoyed the beauty of Balboa Park during a sunny afternoon.



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MRS. MONICA (DUNBAR) HERRERA, MOTHER; DR. ABRAHAM BYRD, M.D., PAST PRESIDENT TUCSON CHAPTER AZSSAR, DR. STANLEY W. DE LONG, PAST PRESIDENT, CASAR, JEFFERY HERRERA, CHRISTOPHER HERRERA, MICHAEL J. HOWARD, PRESIDENT, SAN DIEGO CHAPTER.
(PHOTO BY EILEEN TISCH)



MRS. MONICA HERRERA, JAMES MATTERN, SAN DIEGO CHAPTER PRESIDENT MICHAEL HOWARD, MR. PEDRO SANCHEZ CATALA, PRESIDENT, CASA DE ESPAÑA

(PHOTO BY SUSAN MATTERN)

Red Skelton's Pledge of Allegiance

The following words were spoken by the late Red Skelton on his television program as he related the story of his teacher, Mr. Laswell, who felt his students had come to think of the Pledge of Allegiance as merely something to recite in class each day. Now, more than ever, listen to the meaning of these words.

"I've been listening to you boys and girls recite the Pledge of Allegiance all semester and it seems as though it is becoming monotonous to you. If I may, may I recite it and try to explain to you the meaning of each word?"

I -- me, an individual, a committee of one.

Pledge -- dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self pity.

Allegiance -- my love and my devotion.

To the flag -- our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves, there's respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job!

United -- that means that we have all come together.

States -- individual communities that have united into 48 great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country.

And to the republic -- a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

For which it stands, one nation -- one nation, meaning "so blessed by God"

Indivisible -- incapable of being divided

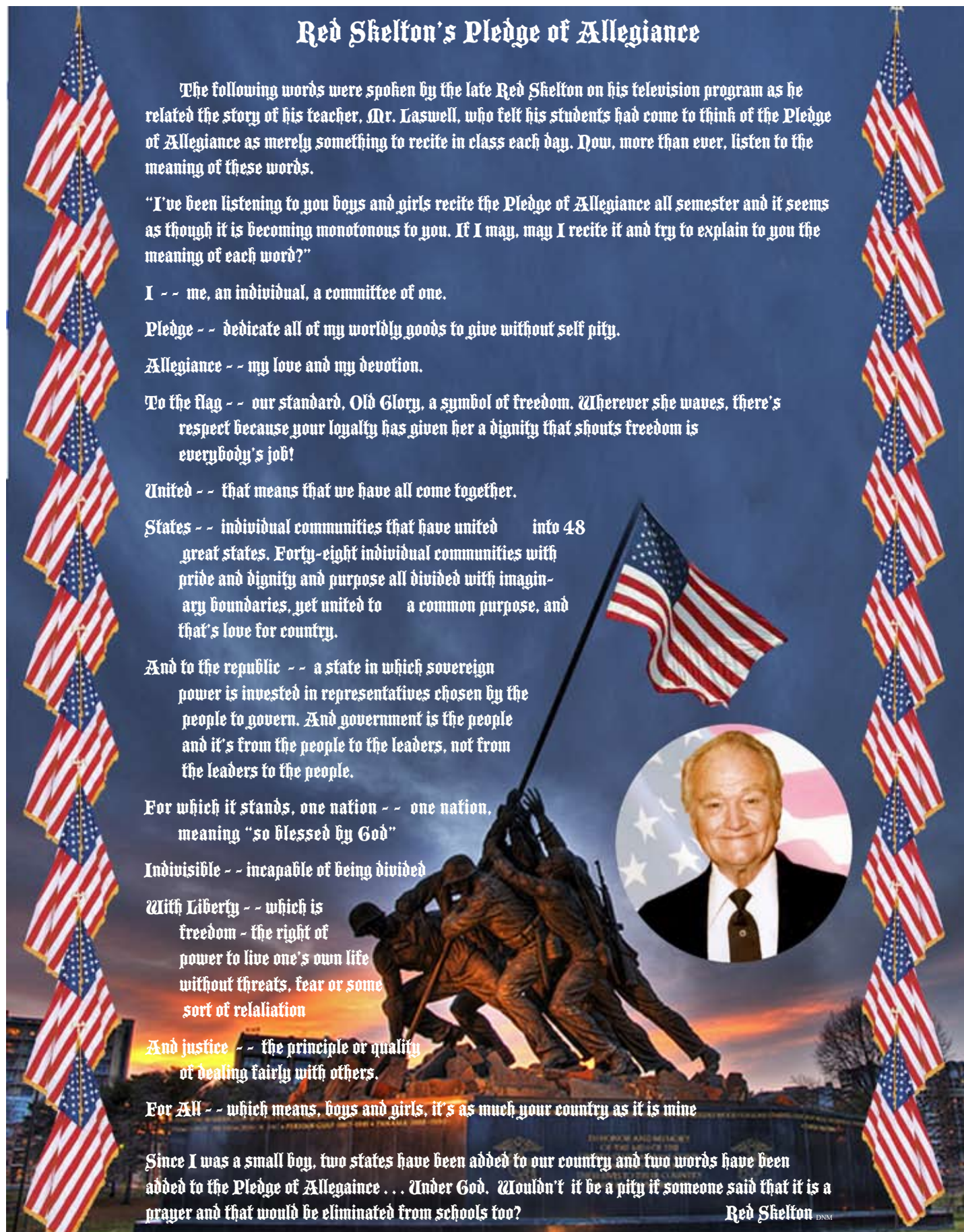
With Liberty -- which is freedom - the right of power to live one's own life without threats, fear or some sort of retaliation

And justice -- the principle or quality of dealing fairly with others.

For All -- which means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine

Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance . . . Under God. Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said that it is a prayer and that would be eliminated from schools too?

Red Skelton DNM



George Washington, General of the Armies

by Edward Alan St. Germain



EDWARD A. ST. GERMAIN

would be the commander, but he might appoint a Captain General to command in his name. Later, when the title of Colonel became popular, some kings called their commanders Colonel General. The British Army stopped using the Captain part of the title by the Eighteenth Century, leaving just General as the top commander. Some nations still use the Colonel General rank, among them the former Soviet Union and its satellites.

The king or his Captain General would often be away from the army since they had other interests elsewhere, so the job of actually running the army fell to the Captain General's assistant - - his lieutenant - - the Lieutenant General. This was not a permanent rank until the Seventeenth Century. One of the Colonels might be appointed Lieutenant General for a particular campaign or war, but he would still command his own regiment. Since he might also be Captain of a company in his regiment, it was possible for one man to serve as Captain, Colonel and General simultaneously.

The army's chief administrative officer was the Sergeant Major General who was also appointed for the particular campaign or war.



OLIVER CROMWELL
1599 - 1658

A General usually has overall command of a whole army. His title comes from the Latin word *generalis* that meant something pertaining to a whole unit of anything, rather than just to a part. As a military term General started as an adjective, as in Captain General indicating the Captain who had overall or "general" command of the army.

Before the Sixteenth Century armies were usually formed only when needed for a war or campaign. The king

he dealt with the regimental Sergeant Majors, thus his title meant "overall" or "chief" Sergeant Major. His duties included such things as supply, organization, and forming the army for battle or march. Here again, as with the regimental Sergeant Major, a loud, commanding voice was a key requirement. As the General ranks became fixed during the Seventeenth Century, the Sergeant portion fell away leaving the title Major General. We can see this trend in England when in 1655

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American Revolution Rank Insignia

Upon his arrival at Cambridge, Washington issued orders to identify the ranks of his officers. This was done on July 14th and 24th, 1775



General Washington
Light Blue Ribband



Brigadier & Major
Generals - Purple
Ribband



Majors
Pink Ribband



Aide-de-Camps
Green Ribband



Major and Higher Ranks
Red or Pink Cockade



Captains
Yellow or Buff Cockade



Lieutenants, Ensigns and Cornets
Green Cockades

George Washington, General of the Armies

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Oliver Cromwell, who ruled that nation temporarily as Lord Protector, organized the country into eleven military districts each commanded by a Major General.

The Lieutenant General and Sergeant Major General dealt directly with the Colonels commanding the Army's regiments. When there got to be too many regiments for the two generals to handle effectively, they organized battle groups or brigades, usually composed of three or more regiments. Brigade comes from the Florentine word *brigare* that in turn came from the Latin *briga*, both of which referred to fighting or strife. The brigade's commander was the Brigadier, who in some armies later became Brigadier General. When our Army started in 1775, the Continental Congress commissioned George Washington, General and Commander-in-Chief. He and his Major and Brigadier Generals wore various colored ribbons to show their ranks. There were no Lieutenant Generals in that army. In June 1798, General Washington ordered the Major Generals to wear a uniform that included two gold epaulets with one silver star on each. General Washington might have chosen the stars because the generals and admirals of the French forces serving in that war wore stars. Another story has it that he was inspired by the stars in our new flag. The General's stars, then, are the oldest rank insignia still in use by our armed forces.

General Washington was the first to hold the title of Lieutenant General, when President John Adams appointed him. However, based on the several portraits of him painted 'from life' during the American Revolution, he wore three stars as "*Commander-in-Chief*".

The temporary grade of "General of the Army" (five-star) was provided for by Public Law 482, 78th Congress approved December 14th, 1944, and became permanent on March 23rd, 1946, under provisions of Public Law 333, 79th Congress.

Five-Star Generals and Dates of Rank:

General of the Army,
George C. Marshall:
December 16th, 1944

General of the Army,
Douglas MacArthur:
December 18th, 1944

General of the Army,
Dwight D. Eisenhower:
December 20th, 1944

General of the Army,
Henry H. Arnold:
December 21st, 1944
(redesignated General
of the Air Force pursuant
to Public Law 58, 81st Congress,
approved May 7th, 1949)



COMPATRIOT
GENERAL OF THE ARMY
DOUGLAS MACARTHUR

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COMPATRIOT
GENERAL OF THE ARMY
DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

General of the Army,
Omar N. Bradley:
September 20th, 1950

The grade of General of the Armies of the United States is associated with two officers in our history, George Washington and John J. Pershing, although only General Pershing actually held it. After Washington's death an Act of May 14th, 1800, specifically authorized President Adams to suspend any further appointment to the office of General of the Armies of the United States, "having reference to economy and the good of the service." Although the office was not expressly referred to in any of the actions taken

to reduce or disband forces that had been raised in contemplation of war with France, it ceased when it was not mentioned in the Act of March 16th, 1802, which determined the peacetime military establishment.

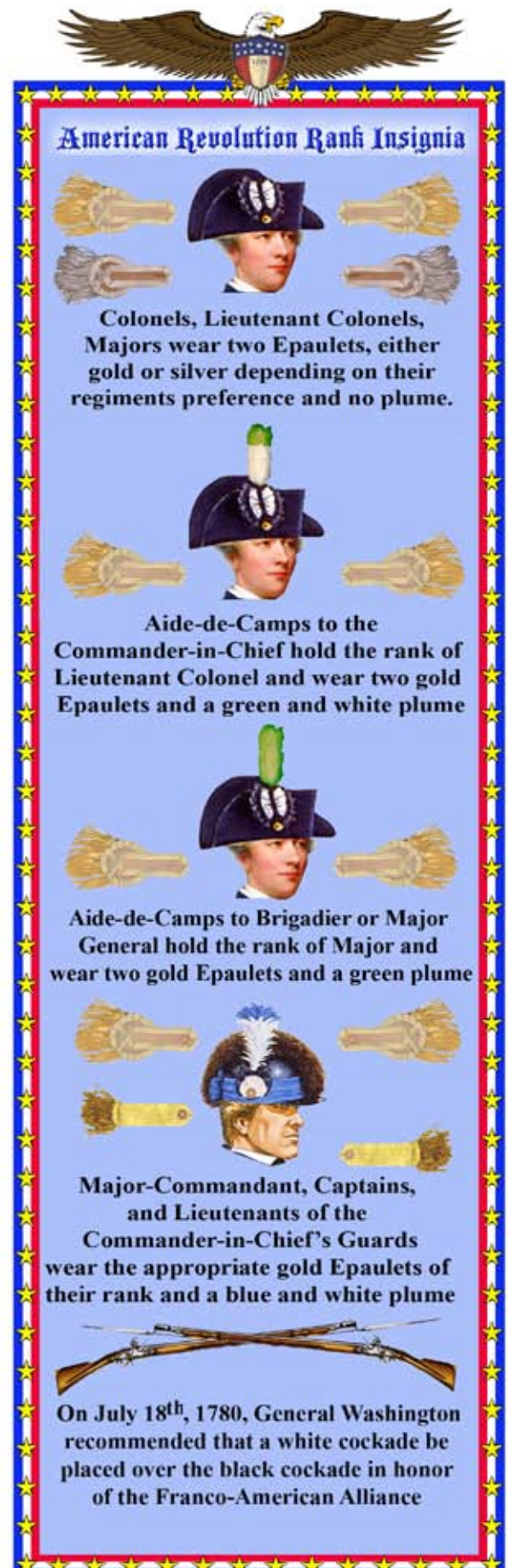
Congress enacted legislation authorizing the grade of General of the Army on July 25th, 1866, and on that date the new grade was conferred on Lieutenant General Ulysses S. Grant. The grade was recognized and continued in various acts until the Act of July 15th, 1870, which contained the requirement that "the offices of general and lieutenant general shall continue until a vacancy shall exist in the same, and no longer, and when such vacancy shall occur in either of said offices shall become inoperative, and shall, by virtue of this act, from thence forward be held to be repealed."



COMPATRIOT
GENERAL OF THE ARMY
JOHN J. PERSHING

William T. Sherman, Grant's successor as Commanding General of the Army, was appointed as General of the Army on March 4th, 1869, and upon his retirement in February 1884 was placed on the retired list as General of the Army. Under the provisions of the Act of March 3rd, 1885, authorizing the appointment of a "general of the Army on the retired list," this grade was also conferred on General Grant shortly before his death on July 23rd, 1885. The title ceased to exist as a grade of military rank at Sherman's death on February 14th, 1891.

Sherman's successor was Lieutenant General Philip H. Sheridan, who could not be promoted to General of the Army because of the 1870 Law. Congress, however, enacted legislation on June



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1st, 1888, shortly before Sheridan's death, that discontinued the grade of lieutenant general and merged it with that of General of the Army. The grade of General of the Army was conferred on Sheridan and was discontinued when he died, while still on active duty on August 5th, 1888.

War Department General Orders No. 75, September 5th, 1866, prescribed that the insignia for the newly authorized General of the Army grade would be four stars. General Grant wore this insignia, as did General Sherman, and later, General Sheridan wore the new insignia.

When General Pershing was appointed General of the Armies, he continued to wear the four stars that he, as well as Generals Tasker H. Bliss and Peyton C. March had adopted under the provisions of then current uniform regulations, which permitted them to prescribe the insignia denoting their grade. Army Regulations 600-35, Personnel: The Prescribed Uniform, October 12th, 1921, and all subsequent editions during General Pershing's lifetime, made no mention of insignia for General of the Armies, but prescribed that generals would wear four stars. General Pershing at no time wore more than four stars.

Following the establishment of the General of the Army grade on December 14th, 1944, Army Regulations 600-35 were changed to prescribe that Generals of the Army would wear five stars. Although General Pershing continued to wear only four, he remained pre-eminent among all Army personnel, by virtue of Congressional action and Army Regulations governing rank and precedence.

Congress revived the grade of General of the Armies of the United States by Public Law 45, approved September 3rd, 1919, to honor General John J. Pershing for his wartime service. He retired with that rank on September 13th, 1924, and held it until his death on July 15th, 1948. No other officer held this specific title until 1976 when SAR member President Gerald Ford posthumously appointed George Washington, General of the Armies of the United States, and specified that he would rank first among all officers of the Army, past and present. The date of rank was set as July 4th, 1776, so he will ALWAYS be the army's most senior officer.



**GENERAL OF THE ARMIES
GEORGE WASHINGTON**

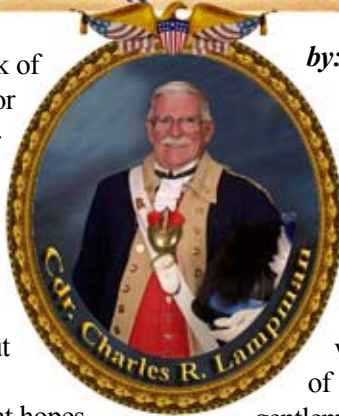


Ed "The Saint" St. Germain, passed away on July 8th, 2009. Ed was a 43 year member of the SAR, most of which was with the Riverside Chapter. A few years ago he retired to his boyhood home, New York. Upon arriving he took on the SAR position of Editor of the New York Society newsletter. This was the last article he wrote. He also maintained the best Revolutionary War web site. Ed will very much be missed.

Young George Washington



When most people think of George Washington one or two images come to mind - the young lad who cut down the cherry tree or the older Washington who was the General and our first President. Very few, today, know him, or even think about Washington as a young man.



by: *Cdr. Charles R. Lampman*

His formal education was scanty. His father died when George was eleven. At that time the College of William and Mary, in Williamsburg was for the Virginia gentry. Although endowed with the blood and instincts of a gentleman, he was denied a gentlemen's education. Shortly after his father's death he was sent to live with his older half-brother, Lawrence.



Washington, as a young man, had all the bright hopes and black despairs which seem all youth are subject to. It is also unfortunate that our Bi-centennial Committee chose the portrait of Washington by Gilbert Stuart painted of him as a, solemn, weary 64 year old. I wish that the Charles Willson Peale portrait of him as a handsome and gallant young soldier, had been chosen instead.

Even as a young man, he possessed the outstanding qualities of - wisdom - poise - serenity. He obtained those qualities through self-discipline for he started out like most, being impatient and passionate. He was also eager for glory in war, wealth in land, and success in love. He apprehended the great truth - man can only be free through complete mastery of himself. Instead of allowing his passion to spend themselves, he restrained them. Instead of indulging himself in a life of pleasure, which he had ample means to do by age 20, he placed duty first.

Washington's mother, his father's second wife, was selfish and a terror to her children. One thing we may be grateful to her for is she kept young George Washington from becoming a Midshipman in the Royal Navy - a school whence few

American's emerged other than the most loyal subjects of the King. Some people say George obtained his self-discipline from his ability to handle spirited horses. For one must be able to control himself first. George became a superb horseman, perhaps, that led to fox hunting becoming his favorite sport. He also acquired a deep love for the outdoors and people in general.



GEORGE WASHINGTON
BY: GILBERT STUART- PAINTED IN 1796



GEORGE WASHINGTON
BY: CHARLES W. PEALE - PAINTED IN 1779

fax's.

Young George did not spend all his time between 16 and 20 in the wilderness. The years from 1740 until the French and Indian War were peaceful, prosperous and relaxed in Virginia; and he took full advantage of those years to hone his skills of

good manners, social etiquette and a love of mathematics. It was his mathematics skills that qualified him as a surveyor to Lord Fairfax, who owned a large amount of land in the Shenandoah Valley that required surveying. So at age 16, for about \$ 7.50 a day, George headed for the Shenandoah. He would save his money and invest it in land.

His pleasant personality as well as his surveying skills earned him the everlasting friendship of the Fairfax's.

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getting along with people, and how to be a better gentleman. He developed a good sense of humor, became a good card player, and really enjoyed dancing with the ladies. He joined the Masonic Lodge in Fredericksburg and became friends with many up and coming important people.

From his close relationships with the Fairfax family he continued to develop his philosophy of life - - simplicity of living - - a calm acceptance of life - - duty to the Commonwealth - - generosity to fellow man - - unwavering courage. One might say he embraced the stoic philosophy:

Never evade life - - face it. Never avoid responsibility - - accept it. Not only believe in liberty - - practice it

This young George did and he made history.

When George was twenty his half-brother, Lawrence, died and he became proprietor of Mount Vernon. He also fell deeply in love with the beautiful Sally Fairfax, who would hold a special place in his heart until he died. Unfortunately she was the wife of his friend, William Fairfax. But having mastered his emotions, he never betrayed his friendship to William.

By age 21 he was commissioned a Major in the Virginia Militia. As such he was sent on several confidential missions into Western Virginia and the Ohio wilderness by Lieutenant Governor Robert Dinwiddie (1693-1773). By the start of the

French and Indian War in 1754, George had been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. In fact, it was Washington who fired the first shot that started the war. He was defeated at Fort Necessity on May 20th, 1754, but was allowed to return to Virginia with his men.

Colonel Washington was with General Edward Braddock (1695-1755) who was killed in the Battle of the Wilderness on July 13th, 1755. Washington led the retreat and was credited with saving the survivors of the battle, and attained the status of a competent officer.

During the next couple of years he had charge of all the Virginia frontier defenses. At age 26, in 1758, he resigned his commission over a dispute with the Governor after the capture of Fort Duquesne (later named Fort Pitt). The next time Washington would draw his sword would be 1775, when he accepted the command of the Continental Army. He did this reluctantly, as he had already experienced the horrors of war.

1778 was an eventful year. Not only did he resign his commission, he married Martha

Custis and was elected to the Virginia Assembly. Thus the veteran Colonel stated his political education. His youth was over, but he at age 26 had already made his mark on the history of America.

Cdr. Charles R. Lampman



MARY BALL WASHINGTON TALKING HER SON, GEORGE OUT OF JOINING THE ROYAL NAVY. A PAINTING BY: J. L. G. FERRIS



YOUNG GEORGE WASHINGTON CREATED AND EXHIBITED AT THE MOUNT VERNON MUSEUM.



"General Washington, Sir, your Guard has captured the strangest Red Coat"

The 135th Annual Meeting of the Membership
 of the
California Society
Sons of the American Revolution
April 9th - 10th, 2010
 Hosted by the
Gold Country Chapter
 at the
Embassy Suites Hotel - Sacramento Riverfront Promenade

100 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, California 95814 - - Reservations: 1.916.326.5000

SAR members will receive a special rate of \$ 99.00, plus tax, for single or double occupancy. Your hotel accommodations include a spacious two-room suite, complimentary fully cooked-to-order breakfast, manager's reception from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the daily newspaper and a free airport shuttle. Hotel parking is \$24.00 per night, but we are negotiating with nearby lots to reduce this fee. You should make your reservations with the hotel no later than March 19th, 2010. Reservations after this date will be on a space and rate available basis. When reserving your room be sure to mention that you are with the Sons of the American Revolution.



Embassy Suites Hotel, Sacramento - - Riverfront Promenade is in the heart of Sacramento with many nearby attractions!

The Hotel is located on the Sacramento River, directly across the street from Historic Old Sacramento and offers many spectacular views of the river and the State Capitol Building. The hotel is within easy walking distance to charming restaurants on the Riverside Promenade, shops, museums, and other local attractions. The following list is a sampling of nearby places to visit.

Crocker Art Museum - 1 block
 Old Sacramento - 1 block
 California Military Museum - 3 blocks
 Towe Ford Museum - 3 blocks

California State Railroad Museum - .2 miles
 Downtown Plaza Mall - .2 miles
 Hard Rock Cafe - 6 blocks
 Sutter's Fort & Indian Museum - 1 miles

For more information contact Wayne Griswold at wagris@att.net or call 1.916.985.3756
Also see additional updates posted online at www.California SAR.org

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My planned time of arrival is: ☐ Thursday, April 8th - ☐ Friday, April 9th - ☐ Saturday, April 10th

Registration is \$130.00 per person on or before March 19th, 2010, or \$140.00 per person after March 19th. Your Registration fee covers all meetings, Friday luncheon, Saturday luncheon, and the Saturday banquet.

☐ My Registration for \$130.00 ☐ Spouse/Guest Registration for \$130.00 ☐ Other Registration for \$130.00

Total Amount Enclosed: \$_____ Make your check payable to Gold Country Chapter, SAR

Mail completed Registration to: Wayne A. Griswold, 283 Randall Drive, Folsom, California 95630-4926
For more information call 1.916.985.3756

Mark your Friday Luncheon Meal Selection Below:

Chicken Caesar Salad ☐ Roast Beef Sandwich ☐ Vegetarian ☐

Mark your Saturday Luncheon Meal Selection Below:

Cobb Salad ☐ Three Cheese Ravoili ☐ Vegetarian ☐

Mark your Saturday Banquet Meal Selection Below:

Herb Roasted Chicken ☐ Sliced London Broil ☐ Vegetarian ☐

Meal Prices for Non-Registered Members and Guests are listed below:

Non-Registered Friday luncheon at \$40.00 Non-Registered Saturday luncheon at 40.00

Non-Registered Saturday Banquet at \$60.00

Total cost of non-Registered meals \$_____



Held at: Forest Lawn Memorial Park
6300 Forest Lawn Drive, Los Angeles
Sunday, 3:00 p.m. - February 21st, 2010

This is the 28th Annual Massing of the Colors and is the largest celebration of George Washington's birth held in California. The ceremonies include:
An U.S. Air Force "Fly by"- Pass-in-review of 50-plus color guards - artillery salute - 21-gun musket salute - wreath laying ceremony - addresses by dignitaries - music by the Mountain Fifes and Drums.

Participation is open to all Military, Veterans, Lineage Societies, Patriotic and Reenactment Organizations

If you wish to participate please contact:
our event coordinator Melvin M. Harrell
1.909.855.4428 - melvin@patriot1776.com

A Message From the State

Color Guard Commander



The California Society can be justly proud of its Color Guards and the abundance of activities they participate in.

In 1989, for the National Congress held that year in San Francisco President General Charles Prince and incoming President General James Westlake appointed Don Moran National Color Guard Commander to head up the newly created National Color Guard Committee. Following suit, California President Arthur Barrett appoint him California Color Guard Commander.

At the time there was only one Color Guard in the California Society. For the annual Congress additional color guards were coming from New Jersey, Maryland and Massachusetts. In order to fill the ranks, several members of the California Society rented uniforms from costume shops. To assist in making the Color Guard Committee a success, both President Generals wore uniforms at the banquet. None of those involved knew how successful the Color Guard movement would be. A simple review of the SAR Magazine Fall 1989

versus Fall 2009 tells the whole story. In the 1989 issue there are 85 photographs, six having guardsmen depicted therein. Twenty years later, in the 2009 edition there are 74 photographs, with 31 of them having guardsmen in them. More importantly, the majority of the 2009 photographs depict "public events" whereas the majority of the 1989 photographs depicted internal activities!

Although we are thousands of miles from the scene of the American Revolution our Color Guards find countless venues to participate in, including visiting schools!

The stated objectives of the Society are declared to be: "Historic, Educational and Patriotic". Our Color Guards exemplify this goal.

Lastly, setting an example for the rest of the Society, the majority of our Chapter Color Guards have made an effort to appear more military by wearing matching uniforms.

After twenty years your Color Guard Commander is retiring.

Donald N. Moran



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