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# *The California Compatriot*

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

## *The President's Message*

Greetings, Compatriots;

I'm hoping this newsletter finds you and your families safe after the fires swept through Northern and Southern California last November, as they took a greater toll on the state than has ever been seen before.

As you're aware, the Camp Fire in Northern California destroyed over 153,000 acres, including most of the towns of Paradise and nearby small communities. This impacted the California Society SAR in that several members of the Butte Chapter lost their homes in the fire; in addition to the fire, several members had recently moved out of the area, so the few remaining active members decided to dissolve the chapter. We're working with those members to identify a new "home" chapter and encourage those chapters to welcome them and encourage them to participate in the SAR's activities. WE certainly do NOT want to forget our Compatriots!

Members of your Executive Board and former CASSAR presidents continue to help the smaller chapters on multiple fronts, primarily by taking on temporary chapter roles to keep things moving. I'm continuing to keep in contact with the chapters and membership to encourage all Compatriots to make use of the information that has been sent out to help with recruitment and retention. Remember that the SAR has MANY programs in which one can participate, so I hope that every member can help in some small way. And again – early involvement of our new members WILL help retain them – it's just a question of finding their interests, then matching them up with a program and mentoring them.

I've been trying something new during my term; while we continue to visit chapters periodically throughout the state, I've also been sending out e-mail communications to chapter officers, with the intent that these communications be distributed to all Compatriots. These e-mails have contained some good information that other chapters, states and the National Society committees have pulled together. These are not intended to take the place of the Compatriot or chapter visits, but they help spread information to more Compatriots in a more timely manner. In addition to attending chapter meetings, I've also had the opportunity to represent the California Society at other state's events, such as the grave marking at the Tubac Presidio in Arizona.



*127th President, CASSAR  
Derek Brown*

I continue to encourage all chapters and Compatriots to look for opportunities in awarding Flag certificates. This is an excellent (and inexpensive) way for the Society to get the word out to individuals and organizations – especially when certificates are awarded to city/county government agencies. The California Society is working towards enough participation to be recognized by the National Society for the Furlong Award, which requires that at least half of the chapters make at least one award during the April-April time frame, in addition to the state society making an award. Each chapter should submit a list of flag certificates awarded during the year to their respective area Vice Presidents (Don Littlefield – North and Brian Stephens – South) by March 1; this will allow sufficient time for them to collate the information and send it to the NSSAR Flag Committee by April 15.

The 143<sup>rd</sup> Board of Managers Meeting was hosted by the Gold Country Chapter on November 8-10, 2018 at the Lake Natoma Inn in Folsom, California. The success of the meeting was due in large part to the dedication and efforts of Compatriots Tony Chakurian and Ron Barker, as well as many others. Thank you very much!

National officers in attendance at the Board of Managers meeting included President general Warren and Nancy Alter, Secretary General Jack and Sheila Manning, Registrar General Bruce Pickette, Genealogist General Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, Past President General Larry and Barbara Magerkurth, Past President General Joe Dooley, Vice President General (Western District) Ron and Conni Barker and SAR Foundation Board members John and Karen Dodd and Rt. Rev. Lou and Karen Carlson.

The California Society voted to endorse the following National officers: Jack Manning for President General, Davis Wright for Secretary General, Bruce Pickette for Treasurer General, Jim Faulkinbury for Genealogist General, Doug Collins for Registrar General, Bill Stone for Historian General, Dr. Darryl Addington for Surgeon General, Warren Alter for the SAR Foundation Board (PG seat) and John Dodd for the SAR Foundation Board (open seat).

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Ron Barker, recommended the following slate of officers for the April 2019 elections: President Robert Taylor, Executive VP Donald Littlefield, VP South Brian Stephens, VP North Craig Anderson, Secretary David Grinnell,

Treasurer Jim Klingler, Registrar Owen Stiles, Chancellor John Dodd, Esq., Genealogist Terry Briggs, Historian Gary Bohannon, Chaplain Rt. Rev. Lou Carlson, Surgeon Dr. Matthew Bowdish, Invested Funds Trustee (3-year term) Dr. Kent Gregory, NSSAR Trustee Derek Brown and NSSAR Alternate Trustee Robert Taylor. As you may be aware, however, David Grinnell had recently indicated that he will not be able to continue as CASSAR Secretary; the Nominating Committee is actively looking for someone to take on that role, effective April 2019.

Remember that the 144<sup>th</sup> Spring Meeting of the Membership will be held in Ventura on April 25-27, 2019. This is a great opportunity to vote for your leadership and meet Compatriots from other chapters around the state. Following that will be the 2019 National Congress, which will be held in Costa Mesa on July 5-11, 2019. The National Congress has been held in California once every ten years or so; again, this is a GREAT opportunity to meet Compatriots from other states. Watch the web pages for updates.

Lastly, I want to thank the ladies of the California Society SAR Ladies Auxiliary for their assistance at the chapter, state and national levels. As the first ladies' organization of the SAR, they continue to lead and be recognized at all levels as an example to be followed. Thanks for your help!

**Derek Brown**  
**President CASSAR**

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

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## NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FEES, DUES

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

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

	NSSAR Fee	\$30.00
THE NSSAR FAMILY	NSSAR Dues	\$35.00
DISCOUNT	CASSAR Fee	\$20.00
	Chapter Dues	Varies

## SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FEES

SUPPLEMENTAL	NSSAR Fee	\$60.00
APPLICATION	CASSAR Fee	\$10.00

## JUNIOR MEMBER APPLICATION FEES, DUES

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

## MEMORIAL MEMBER APPLICATION FEES, DUES

	NSSAR Fee	\$430.00
	CASSAR Fee	\$20.00

## JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP ADVANTAGES

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

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Next Deadline: May 01, 2019  
(subject to change)



## *The Secretary's Report*

### **ANNUAL DUES, REGULAR MEMBERS**

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



### **ANNUAL DUES, JUNIOR MEMBERS**

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

### **ANNUAL DUES, DUAL MEMBERS**

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

### **ANNUAL DUES, EMERITUS MEMBERS**

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

### **NATIONAL LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: [http://www.sar.org/Membership/Costs/Life\\_Membership](http://www.sar.org/Membership/Costs/Life_Membership)**

Life Membership in the National Society is available to be purchased at a rate that depends on your age.

The Life Membership program listed here covers the National dues only. Payment of the State Society's and Chapter annual dues is still required to be considered an active member of the SAR. The completed National Life Membership form must be sent to your State Society Secretary for review before it is sent to National.

### **CASSAR LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: <http://www.californiasar.org/members-section/life/>**

The California Society Life Membership Program is open to California Society members who have a National Life Membership. The California program will pay California Society and Chapter dues for the life of the member.

To apply, you must first obtain a National Life Membership at SAR.org. You need to fill out the application and submit it to the National Society. Once you are approved as a National Life Member, you will be given a National Life Membership Number.

To apply for the California Life Membership Program, you will need to supply your National Life Membership Number, and make a payment to CASSAR for the CASSAR Life in the Life Membership schedule (on the member-section).

THE 144<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP  
OF THE  
**CALIFORNIA SOCIETY**

**April 25 – 27, 2019**

***Hosted by the General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter***

**Ventura Beach Marriott**  
2055 E. Harbor Blvd, Ventura CA 93001

The special room rate of \$159.00 per night (single or double) is available until March 28.  
Room rates good 2 days before and after the meeting. Hotel parking \$7 per night.  
Make your hotel reservations at 1 (800) 228-9290 or via this reservation link  
If required, mention "California Sons of the American Revolution"



**MEETING RESERVATION FORM**

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

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

Arriving: Thursday, April 25 \_\_\_\_\_ Friday, April 26 \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, April 27 \_\_\_\_\_

Registration is \$150.00 per person on or before March 25, 2019 or \$170.00 per person after March 25, 2019  
*Registration fee includes all meetings, Friday and Saturday luncheons, and Saturday banquet. Costs include taxes and gratuities –*

**Vegetarian meals** available with prior notice

Number of Registrants: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$150 Late Registrations \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$170 Total: \_\_\_\_\_  
Non-registered Friday Luncheon: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50.00 each  
Non-registered Saturday Luncheon: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50.00 each  
Non-registered Saturday Banquet: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$65.00 each  
Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Tom Shaw at [t.w.shaw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:t.w.shaw@sbcglobal.net) or 805-644-3880

Please mark your meal choices:

**Friday Public Service Luncheon**

\_\_\_\_\_ Balsamic Marinated Tri-Tip or \_\_\_\_\_ Pan Seared Salmon

**Saturday Youth Luncheon**

\_\_\_\_\_ Asian Chicken Salad or \_\_\_\_\_ Club Wrap

**Saturday Dinner Banquet**

\_\_\_\_\_ Pecan Chicken or \_\_\_\_\_ Lemongrass Crusted Sea Bass or \_\_\_\_\_ New York Steak al Forno



## **Now Available! California Society SAR Member Medal. \$35 per set**

Contact Medals and Awards Chairman Compatriot David Grinnell by email to order. (dvytca@gmail.com). Medals Sets may also be purchased from Derek Brown, Jim Fosdyck (jfosdyck@sbcglobal.net) or David A. Gilliard Dave@gbacampaigns.com

## **2019 National SAR Congress Medal**

Announcing the 2019 National SAR Congress Medal Sets are now available for purchase. The price is \$35.00 for both the full-



size and Miniature Medal. The obverse image shown represents the Spanish Soldados who served in presidios of New Spain – and supported the cause of the American Revolution. The reverse of the medal shows the original logo of the Sons of Revolutionary Sires (organized July 4<sup>th</sup> 1876).

Most California SAR State Officers also have a supply of these medal sets available for purchase.

Our thanks to Compatriot Le Roy Martinez for letting us use the image of the Soldado from one of his paintings.

The medal may be proudly worn by any member of the SAR.



## ***Coming Events***

**17 February 2019-** Massing of the Colors, Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, Los Angeles, CA

**1-2 March 2019-** Spring NSSAR Leadership meetings, Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY

**25-27 April 2019-** 144th CASSAR Annual Spring Meeting of the Membership Meeting, Ventura, CA, Ventura Beach Marriott

**14-21 May 2019–** NASSAR Scotland Trip

**5-10 July 2019-** NSSAR 129<sup>th</sup> Congress, Hilton Hotel - Orange County, Costa Mesa, CA

**1-2 November (Tentative) 2019-** CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting, Irvine, CA, Wyndham Hotel

## *From the Desk of the CASSAR Registrar*

Now that the 2018 year is behind us we can reflect on our activity. Below I will list what I have recorded for the activity from each chapter. All chapters except one had activity and predominately all are online using the SAR program with only a few glitches, which were quickly resolved.

A new SAR Checklist was recently promulgated to registrars with an admonishment to please include the checklist with every regular and supplemental application.

I need to remind all that are involved in the preparation of applications to be knowledgeable of current requirements from both the Application Manual and the Genealogy Committee findings, both of which are online.

We processed 336 Applications in 2018, which is in line with the previous year's activity.

Junior Members	28
Memorials	1
Regular	192
Supplementals	115

Total Chapter activity for all categories:

Central Coast	8	Orange County	36	Sons of Liberty	8
Coachella Valley	8	Redding	2	South Coast	34
Delta	15	Redlands	1	Thomas Jefferson	12
Eagle	5	Redwood Empire	18	Yosemite	9
Gen Patton	20	Riverside	42		
Gen Washington	4	Sacramento	14		
Gold Country	9	San Diego	24		
Harbor	2	San Francisco	13		
Kern	12	Santa Barbara	1		
Monterey Bay	7	Silicon Valley	32		

*Owen R. Stiles*  
*CASSAR, Registrar*



## *Welcome New Members*

<b>NSSAR#</b>	<b>FNAME</b>	<b>MNAME</b>	<b>LNAME</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>CHAPTER</b>
209149	William	Stewart	Crewe	10/12/2018	Central Coast
209148	Edward	Anthony	Oehler	10/12/2018	Coachella Valley
208842	Terrance	Roger	Emerson	09/14/2018	Delta
209746	John	Randolph	Greer	12/07/2018	Eagle
209138	Kalim	H.	Smith	10/26/2018	Eagle
209455	William	Elijah	Elliott	11/09/2018	Gen Geo Patton
209086	Matthew	Rex	Kehr	10/05/2018	Gen Geo Patton
209828	Kevin	Michael	McMurty	12/14/2018	Gen Geo Patton
209911	Neal	Conrad	Murphy	12/21/2018	Gen Geo Patton
209365	Peter	Austin	Reniger	11/02/2018	Gen Geo Patton
209085	Cody	James	Richardson	10/05/2018	Gen Geo Patton
209144	Joseph	William	Baker, Jr.	10/12/2018	Gen Geo Washington
209206	Donald	Joseph	Currier	10/17/2018	Gold Country
208844	Raymond	Earll	Shine	09/14/2018	Gold Country
209074	Eric	Warren	Johnson	10/12/2018	Gold Country
209285	Lucas	Alexander	Villardi	10/26/2018	Harbor
209994	Brian	William	Byrd	12/31/2018	Kern
209146	Stephen	Kelly	Browning	10/12/2018	Kern
209646	Florn	Ray	Core	11/30/2018	Kern
209910	James	Matthew	Hoover	12/21/2018	Kern
209137	John	Richard	Peterson	10/12/2018	Kern
209141	Jeffrey	Cecil	Shepherd	10/12/2018	Kern
208841	Bruce	Alan	Wearda	09/14/2018	Kern
209140	Steven	George	Yursik	10/12/2018	Kern
209287	Dudley	Ives	Ferris	10/26/2018	Orange County
209288	Frank	Allen	Paul	10/26/2018	Orange County
209018	Bardia		Pourfallah	09/28/2018	Orange County
209150	Michael	Wayne	Jordan	10/12/2018	Redding
209452	Michael		Arthur	11/09/2018	Redwood Empire
209647	Stephen	Joseph	Roman	11/30/2018	Redwood Empire
209147	Terrence	Wayne	Conklin	10/12/2018	Sacramento
209139	Thomas	Corbett	Kaniff	10/12/2018	Sacramento
209913	Robert	S.	Chisholm	12/21/2018	San Diego
209286	Brandon	Lenz	Dawson	10/26/2018	San Diego
209145	Bruce	Robert	Hauenstein	10/12/2018	San Diego
209826	Michael	Rohn	Hirman	12/14/2018	San Diego
209827	Phillip	Arland	Hirman	12/14/2018	San Diego
209280	Dayle	Robert	Koechert	10/26/2018	San Diego



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<b>NSSAR#</b>	<b>FNAME</b>	<b>MNAME</b>	<b>LNAME</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>CHAPTER</b>
208916	Casey	Kenneth	McNeil	09/21/2018	San Diego
208915	Harold	Peter	McNeil	09/21/2018	San Diego
208917	Kelly	Casey	McNeil	09/21/2018	San Diego
209212	Aaron	John	Sathrum	10/19/2018	San Diego
209142	Mitchell	Charles	Sayer	10/12/2018	San Diego
209143	William	Steven	Sayer	10/12/2018	San Diego
209283	John	Moldaw	Brooks	10/26/2018	San Francisco
209282	Stuart	Matthews	Brooks	10/26/2018	San Francisco
209281	William	Matthews	Brooks	10/26/2018	San Francisco
209284	William	Matthews	Brooks	10/26/2018	San Francisco
209454	Dana	Kruse	Smith	11/09/2018	San Francisco
209456	Robert	William	Luppi	11/09/2018	Santa Barbara
209749	James	Robert	Anderson	12/07/2018	Silicon Valley
208840	Christopher	Lee	App	09/14/2018	Silicon Valley
209459	Michael	Nathan	Catambay	11/09/2018	Silicon Valley
209458	William	Michael	Catambay	11/09/2018	Silicon Valley
209136	James	Paul	Manley	10/12/2018	Silicon Valley
208794	Robert	Dana Adams	O'Brien	09/07/2018	Silicon Valley
209747	Murray	Marvin	Stokely III	12/07/2018	Silicon Valley
209457	Richard	Marcus	Turner	11/09/2018	Silicon Valley
208843	Jobe	Michael	Coleman	09/14/2018	Sons of Liberty
209087	Keith	Gregory	Law	10/05/2018	Sons of Liberty
209453	Brodie		Trout	11/09/2018	Sons of Liberty
209748	Thomas	Cole Godin	Welch	12/07/2018	Sons of Liberty
209289	Kevin	Mark	Forrest	10/26/2018	South Coast
209290	Nolan	Scott	Forrest	10/26/2018	South Coast
208846	Dominico	Aram	Caruso	09/14/2018	Thomas Jefferson
208847	Giovanni	Arman	Caruso	09/14/2018	Thomas Jefferson
208845	Henry	Peter Harold	Caruso	09/14/2018	Thomas Jefferson
209912	Wade	Alden	Dickinson	12/21/2018	Yosemite
208848	Johnnie	Cloyse	Smith, Jr.	09/14/2018	Yosemite





## ***Attend the 2019 SAR Congress in California!***

**When:** 129<sup>th</sup> SAR Congress will be **July 5 – 10, 2019**

**Where:** Hilton-Orange County in Costa Mesa, CA, not far from John Wayne Airport (free shuttles), near South Coast Plaza Shopping, and near Newport & Huntington Beaches! Hotel reservations can be made at <http://group.hilton.com/nssar2019>

**Why:** This is an opportunity to participate in an SAR Congress without flying across the country!

**Host Reception:** Newport Bay Harbor Cruise



**Tours:** Historic Mission San Juan Capistrano (est. 1776), Huntington Library and Gardens, Richard Nixon Presidential Library, & Lyon Air Museum

### ***What happens at a Congress:***

400 – 600 SAR members taking care of business including the election of national officers; Host reception on a Newport Harbor cruise; Oration Contest finals; Memorial Service with huge Color Guard; Ladies' Tea; Youth Awards Luncheon for national winners; Ladies' Luncheon; Committee meetings; Sightseeing Tours; & Installation of new national officers. \$25 raffle tickets available for a week stay at the Orange County Hilton during Congress. Information at [www.californiasar.org/2019-Congress/](http://www.californiasar.org/2019-Congress/)

**Please join us!**

Questions: [drkentgregory@earthlink.net](mailto:drkentgregory@earthlink.net)





## Order of March



## Orange County Color Guard

Orange County Color Guard presented the colors at the Orange County Genealogical Society meeting inside the Mission Viejo City Hall 27 Oct 2018.



*L-R Jim Fosdyck, Larry Hansen, John Blake, Mark Torres, Jim Blauer and Dan McKelvie*

*Presenting the colors*





## Coachella Valley Chapter

Coachella Valley Chapter marched in the Veterans' Day parade in Palm Springs 12 Nov 2018. Chapter members participating included Chapter President William Haines, VP Christopher Cerillo, Secretary Curtis Lane, Ed Oehler, Aaron Wilkinson, Ray Allen and Gary Burton, who drove the Cadillac.



*Standing is William Haines, seated Curtis Lane and driving Gary Burton.*



*Walking with the banner are Ed Oehler (L) and Christopher Cerillo.*



*CASSAR Vets Day Parade  
L-R Christopher Cerillo, Curtis Lane,  
Ed Oehler, William Haines and Aaron Wilkinson.*



*Driver Gary Burton, seated front Curtis Lane,  
seated rear William Haines and handing out flags Ray Allen.*





## Orange County Chapter

The Orange County and Harbor Chapters joined with the Los Angeles Fife and Drums to participate in an Honor Flight at LAX 7 Oct 2018. This was the first Honor Flight after approval by NSSAR as a national color guard event. Participating from Harbor Chapter were James Gill and Karl Jacobs; from Orange County Chapter were Matt Noell (also LA Fife & Drums), Brandon Villarde, Jim Blauer, Larry Wood, John Blake, Larry Hansen, Jim Fosdyck and Jim Fosdyck's grandson, Kalani Siegel, SAR Junior Member.



*L-R David Boesch, David Nesser, John Davis, Bonnie Safyurthu, Lauren Townsend, Frank Keenan, Matt Noell, Brandon Villarde, Jim Blauer, James Gill, Larry Wood, Karl Jacobs, John Blake, Larry Hansen, Jim Fosdyck and Kalani Siegel.*

## Sacramento Chapter

The Sacramento Chapter participated in the Wreaths Across America program at the Sacramento Valley national Cemetery 15 December 2018. As a day to pay respects to our veterans for their service and sacrifices, the ceremony grew from an observance started at Arlington National Cemetery in 1992 until it is now observed at 1,400 cemeteries across all 50 states. The theme for this year is "Be Their Witness" with the goal of remembering their lives, not their deaths. The Compatriots who participated included Russ Kaiser, David Beach, Jim Faulkinbury, Ernie Garcia, Don Littlefield and Phil Noble.



*L-R Russ Kaiser, David Beach, Jim Faulkinbury, Ernie Garcia, Don Littlefield and Phil Noble.*



# Around the California Society



## The 143rd CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting

The 143rd CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting was hosted by the Gold Country Chapter at the Lake Natoma Inn in historic Folsom, California, on November 8-10, 2018. On Thursday, the State Officers hosted the National Officers for dinner at Fat's Asian Bistro and Dim Sum Bar in Folsom, California. We had a great Chinese meal served family style. National officers in attendance were President General Warren and Nancy Alter, Secretary General Jack and Sheila Manning, Registrar General Bruce Pickette, Genealogist General Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, Past President General Larry and Barbara Magerkurth, Past President General Joe Dooley, Vice President General Ron and Conni Barker, SAR Foundation Board Member John and Karen Dodd, SAR Foundation Board Member Rev. Lou and Karen Carlson, NSSAR Trustee for California Jim and Un Hui Fosdyck, NSSAR Trustee for Spain Stephen and Joy Renouf, and NSSAR Trustee for Nevada Charles Smith.



*The CASSAR Color Guard*

*Dale Ross, Bob Tylor, Arnie Burr, Terry Briggs, Bob Ebert, Dan McKelvie, Color Guard  
Commander Mark Kramer*

On Friday morning, President Derek Brown convened the CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting. Following opening ceremonies, the National Officers were introduced – President General Warren Alter (AZ), Secretary General Jack Manning (NH), Registrar General Bruce Pickette (AL), Genealogist General Jim Faulkinbury (CA), Past President General Larry Magerkurth (CA), Past President General Joe Dooley (VA), Vice President General Ron Barker (CA), and SAR Foundation Board Members John Dodd (CA) and Rev. Lou Carlson (CA). The past state presidents were then introduced – Larry Magerkurth (2005-06), Robert Ebert (2006-07), Stephen Renouf (2008-09), Rev. Lou Carlson (2009-10), John Dodd (2011-12), Jim Faulkinbury (2014-15), Kent Gregory (2015-16), Ronald Barker (2016-17), and Jim Fosdyck (2017-18).

The National officers gave their reports. PG Larry Magerkurth spoke about the recent movie, *First Man*, about the life of Neil Armstrong, and the US mission to walk on the Moon on July 20, 1969. He said the movie was good at depicting the experience of the US astronauts, but they left out many significant details. Due to a lawsuit from a noted atheist, NASA did not broadcast Buzz Aldrin taking communion on the Moon, and it likewise was not included in the movie. Aldrin was an elder in the Webster Presbyterian Church, and he came to the moon with a communion kit. As the astronauts waited in the Eagle Lunar Module in the Sea of Tranquility waiting to take the first steps on the Moon, Buzz Aldrin gave himself communion – the first food and drink consumed on the Moon. As he poured the wine into the chalice, the wine slowly crawled up the side of the chalice in the Moon's 1/6 Earth gravity, and he felt that God was with him. Buzz Aldrin felt it was appropriate to follow in the footsteps of Christopher Columbus and have the first act on the Moon be a religious ceremony.



Once the ceremony was complete, NASA continued broadcasting the lunar mission. The most glaring omission in the movie was the historic planting of the US Flag on the surface of the Moon. There was controversy that it would appear that the United States was claiming the Moon for itself, but the true reason for planting the US Flag was intended as a symbol of national pride in the achievement of Americans walking on the surface of the Moon.

They had difficulty in planting the flagpole in the lunar soil, which was like talcum powder. After a great deal of effort, the flag was planted. Unfortunately, the backwash from the thrusters of the Eagle module knocked over the flag when the astronauts left the surface of the Moon. Subsequent flag plantings were placed further away from the landing sites. The astronauts faced many unknowns in their mission. If the Lunar Module settled in the lunar dust at too great of an angle, the Eagle would not have enough fuel to attain lunar orbit and they would be trapped on the Moon. Also, when Armstrong stepped on the Moon, he remained on the ladder, and took a picture of his first footprint. They were not sure if he would sink in the lunar dust, and become fatally trapped.

Once it was judged to be safe, he took his first steps on the Moon. PG Magerkurth worked on the space program, and he said although he never got to the Moon, his equations did, so he felt a part of this wonderful American achievement. He noted that 2019 would mark the 50th anniversary of the Moon landing and planting of the US Flag on the surface of the Moon.



*CA Assembly Representative Kevin Kiley, presenting the Resolution with Don Littlefield*



PG Joe Dooley, the President of the SAR Foundation, noted that the SAR Museum was back on track with the inauguration of PG Alter. The new SAR Foundation website allows people to contribute to all SAR programs – SAR Museum, Youth Contests, King's College Papers, etc. The Trustees voted to authorize \$550k in donations for phase two, step two of the SAR Museum Project, and we are working productively with SolidLight to continue the project. President General Warren Alter stated he was 110% behind the SAR Museum, and affirmatively stated we will build it. Ed Rigel Sr. and Jr. generously made a matching-donations pledge up to \$50k. They are hoping to get the \$50k match by the end of the year. He spoke against the Indiana Society proposals to reduce the number of past presidents general on the NSSA Nominating Committee, and replace them with people who potentially could have never participated at the National level. He stated just as the past presidents of the California Society provide institutional memory and experience, and bring value to the California Society, so too do the past presidents general bring value to the National Society. He also opposed eviscerating the nominating committee to the point it would serve no purpose. Vice President General-Western District Ron Barker said serving has been a wonderful experience. The vice presidents general meet, and exchange ideas among the regions. Secretary General Jack Manning said communication was a high priority so national activities filter down to the states and chapters. He thought it was very important to maintain the historical connection with the past

presidents general. As of November 5, 2018, the National Society had 37,132 members. The largest four states are Texas, Florida, Virginia, and California.

Genealogist General Jim Faulkinbury noted that since he was elected, there have been 1613 applications approved.

There were 161 applications pended, with half already resolved. He said the state and chapter registrars should read the policy manual to reduce the number of pended applications. Headquarters staff wastes time trying to fix imperfect applications that could be spent getting applications approved more quickly. He also reported that the NSSAR Genealogical Research System Committee was meeting weekly, and seeking volunteers to transcribe old applications into the system. Two volunteers have already qualified for the SAR Lafayette Medal by entering 80 applications (40 hours of work). Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Genealogist General Faulk-inbury. Registrar General Bruce Pickette reported that he has submitted the Registrar General's Award for Membership Retention to the NSSAR Medals & Awards Committee, and he was hopeful of an approval in March 2019.



*L-R: Dave Gilliard, Jim Fosdyck, Charlie Smith, DA Anne Marie Schubert, Derek Brown and PG Warren Alter*

SAR Foundation Board Member John Dodd noted the California Society members who serve as national officers and national committee chairmen. The California Society has come a long way thanks in large part to Larry Magerkurth. He said some compatriots have complained about what the SAR Museum and Education Center will give them; however, as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, we exist to serve the public, and that is exactly what the SAR Center will do. Our education materials can be used anywhere through the Internet. The California Society delegates need to take this

message back to their chapters. The SAR Foundation has revamped their website, and we now have a professional fund raiser, Sarah Dennison, who will work on obtaining grants for the SAR Foundation. Now that the infrastructure is completed, we can now go to outside foundations to raise money for our Education Center. The first question they ask is, "how much money have your members contributed?" Our goal is for 20% of our membership to give at least \$250. The 250 Pin recognizes CASSAR members giving at least \$250 to the SAR Center. However, they also want to know what percentage of our membership has given any amount, so no amount is too small to give, and we need to convey this to the membership. If a member allocates \$10k or more in their estate planning to the SAR Center, they will become members of the Founders Circle, and receive a pin. This can be done in your will, or you can contribute mandatory IRA/401(k) withdrawals directly to the SAR Center to donate pre-tax dollars. Vice President North Donald Littlefield displayed a proclamation from Mayor Steve Miklos of Folsom, which proclaimed November 4-10, 2018 as SAR Week in Folsom.

The California Society officers gave their reports. The minutes of the Annual Meeting from April 2018 were approved. Vice President Membership Doug Bergtholdt reported that he is receiving about three membership inquiries per day, and he has been passing them along to the local chapter registrars. Treasurer Jim Klingler reported that the tax forms for 2018 have all been filed. Genealogist Terry Briggs reported that he is a resource for chapter registrars, and that all CASSAR chapter registrars are now using the online system. Chaplain Lou Carlson reported that he was on the NSSAR 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Committee. From 2025 to 2033, the 250th anniversary of events from 1775 to 1783 will be celebrated. Local chapters should report any commemorations in which they participate to the National committee. National Trustee for California Jim Fosdyck reported that the SAR Annual Congress in Houston, Texas, voted to go ahead with the SAR Museum, and we are moving ahead with the next phase.



Following the officer reports, the chapters gave their reports. The Audit Committee adjourned to the ballroom to review the financial reports of the society for the current year. Executive Vice President Robert Taylor chaired the meeting, and the committee was composed of Jim Klingler (Treasurer), Stephen Renouf (Trustee of the Invested Funds), Jim Fosdyck, Brian Stephens, Arnold Burr and Tim Ernst. An audit of the books for January through September 2018 was conducted, and all deposits and checks audited were produced. Treasurer Klingler was commended for the work he is doing as treasurer.

Following the chapter reports, the SAR Youth Contest chairmen reported on their contests. The CASSAR Committee chairmen gave their reports. John Dodd reported that all California Society members who have donated \$250 to the SAR Museum Project are eligible to wear the California 250 Pin. Chairman Luke Dziurzynski of the IRS Compliance Committee reported that all chapters should send receipts from filing the 990N and 199N forms for 2018. Chairman Don Littlefield of the Wreaths Across America Committee announced that the Wreaths Across America ceremonies would be held on Saturday, December 15, 2018, at 9AM. Compatriots are urged to report their participation in Wreaths Across America to Chairman Littlefield so CASSAR will get credit for supporting the program.



*Sacramento County District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert presented with Certificate of Appreciation by Derek Brown and Don Littlefield*

The Public Service Luncheon was chaired by Don Littlefield of the Sacramento Chapter. Assemblyman Kevin Kiley of the 6th Assembly District sent a Resolution stating, "That the California Society of the American Revolution be commended for its dedication to perpetuating the American ideals and traditions and to protecting the Constitution, and extend best wishes for the success of its 143rd Annual Fall Board of Managers Meeting and that its indomitable efforts will continue in the years to come." President Brown awarded the SAR Certificate of Appreciation to Assemblyman Kiley. Anthony Chakurian brought greetings from the Gold Country Chapter.

After lunch, President Derek Brown introduced Anne Marie Schubert, the Sacramento County District Attorney. She said there is no greater public service profession than law enforcement, and they are under-recognized. She was happy to participate in an event honoring law enforcement. DA Schubert spoke about how the Golden State Killer (East Area Rapist) was caught. She grew up in Sacramento, and was 12 when he started killing in 1976. He is now charged with 13 murders from all over California. She started using DNA in solving cold cases in 2001. She went around to various law enforcement groups in Sacramento, and asked for the cases they most wanted to solve. The name that kept coming up was Eva Chu, who was abducted in 1979 in broad daylight from a parking lot (now the EPA Building) in Sacramento, and killed when seven months pregnant. She took the DNA evidence, and found it matched a man serving time in prison for trying to kill someone else. She went with a homicide detective to notify her husband. The husband started to sob and said it was all his fault – he was supposed to take her to the doctor's appointment that day. It was a moment that she will never forget, and it reinforced why they do their job. About a year ago, they got a break in the Golden State Killer case. Every avenue had been exhausted, and people thought he was dead. In 2017, a detective from Contra Costa County, Paul Holes, approached her and asked her about using genetic genealogy to catch the killer.

They combined forces, identified the killer using genealogy, and he was arrested. It was so gratifying to be able to solve the cases for the families of the victims. They identified the family of the suspect, and used the evidence they had to figure out who he was. Then they got a DNA sample from the suspect, and made a match. Without genetic genealogy, the case would never have been solved. This was the first case solved using this technique, and multiple cases have now been solved using science and police work.



She said a study showed that about 90% support using this technique to catch violent criminals and solve missing person cases. President Brown presented the SAR Certificate of Appreciation to DA Schubert for her informative presentation.

President Brown presented the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal to Randy Hinkle, an engineer with the Foresthill Fire Protection District. The SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal was presented to Detective Gary Richter of the Yolo County Sheriff's Office, and to Officer Michael Panlilio of the California Highway Patrol. President Brown presented the NSSAR Awards presented to the California Society at the SAR Congress in Houston, Texas, in July 2018. He displayed the flag streamers for participation in CAR Activity, Americanism, Brochure Contest, Essay Contest, ROTC/JROTC, Eagle Scout, Robert Sonfield Award (2nd place), and Officer's Streamer Award. He presented the Partners in Patriotism Streamers to the General Washington Chapter, Gold Country Chapter, Orange County Chapter, Sacramento Chapter, and the Thomas Jefferson Chapter.

On Friday afternoon, the CASSAR business meeting was reconvened. Color Guard Commander Mark Kramer presented the SAR Silver Color Guard Medal and the CASSAR Silver Von Steuben Medal to Arnold Burr. Commander Kramer announced that he needs seven sets of US and SAR flags (with NO streamers) for the SAR Annual Congress in Costa Mesa. If you can lend flags for the Congress, please contact Mark Kramer. Executive Vice President Bob Taylor announced that we only had one candidate for the Valley Forge Contest. He encouraged chapters to recommend teachers of US History and Civics for the program. CASSAR is able to send two teachers per year.



*L-R: David Johnson, Det. Gary Richter of Yolo County Sheriff's Office, President Derek Brown*



*Foresthill Fire Protection District engineer Randy Hinkle with the Fire Safety Commendation with President Derek Brown (L) and Foresthill Chief Kurk Kushen*

Chancellor John Dodd reminded compatriots that the CASSAR Facebook Page has 227 members, and that chapters may upload pictures, color guard events, and information on meetings and speakers. If you are interested in joining the Facebook Page, go to "California Society Sons of the American Revolution, and request to join the group, and let us know your chapter name. NSSAR Trustee for California Jim Fosdyck reminded compatriots that all chapters should be awarding SAR Flag Certificates to persons and organization that fly the US Flag in a proper manner. The State will receive the Admiral Furlong Award if the state society and 1/2 of the state chapters present an SAR Flag Certificate in a year. There is also the new SAR Flag Retirement Certificate awarded to groups that properly retire unserviceable US Flags. Many groups such as Disabled American Veterans, ROTC, American Legion, Boy Scouts of America, have programs to properly retire flags. Compatriots may attend the ceremonies, and present the certificate to them. The CASSAR Nominating Committee adjourned to the ballroom to review new candidates for office in 2019. Ron Barker chaired the committee, which consisted of past presidents Jim Fosdyck, Kent Gregory, Jim Faulkinbury, John Dodd, Stephen Renouf, and Bob Ebert.

The committee interviewed several new candidates: Donald Littlefield for Executive Vice President, Craig Anderson for Vice President North, and Gary Bohannon for Historian. The committee voted on the nominations for office in 2019.

The California Ladies Auxiliary held a board meeting Friday morning, and voted to transfer \$10k to the CASSAR 2019 Congress Fund. On Friday afternoon, the Ladies Auxiliary hosted a tour of the Gekkeikan Sake Brewery, koi pond, and Japanese garden. The company was founded in 1637 by Jiemon Okura, and the name means “laurel crown.” On Friday evening, the CASSAR President’s Dinner was held at the Cattlemens Steakhouse in Rancho Cordova, California.

On Saturday morning, the past presidents met for breakfast: Larry Magerkurth, Robert Ebert, Stephen Renouf, Rev. Lou Carlson, John Dodd, Jim Faulkinbury, Kent Gregory, Ron Barker, and Jim Fosdyck.

President Derek Brown, President General Warren Alter, Secretary General Jack Manning, Registrar General Bruce Pickette, and PG Joe Dooley were guests. They discussed issues regarding the state society. The Ladies Auxiliary held a general meeting on Saturday morning.

The California Society meeting resumed in the morning. Past President Renouf reported that Past President Garrett Jackson would be unable to attend the meeting in Folsom due to the Camp Fire in Butte County. He was hosting 9 people at his house who were evacuated from the fire area. Chaplain Lou Carlson added Garrett Jackson and all others affected by the Camp Fire to the invocation. Executive VP Bob Taylor passed out voting cards to chapter presidents (or designees) and state officers. This will reduce the problem of ineligible votes, and make counting votes easier.

Chairman Ron Barker of the CASSAR Nominating Committee announced the nominations for state office in 2019: Executive Vice President Donald Littlefield, Vice President South Brian Stephens, Vice President North Craig Anderson, Secretary David Grinnell, Treasurer Jim Klingler, Registrar Owen

Stiles, Chancellor John Dodd, Esq., Genealogist Terry Briggs, Historian Gary Bohannon, Chaplain Rev. Lou Carlson, Surgeon Dr. Matthew Bowdish, and Invested Funds Trustee (3-Year Term) Dr. Kent Gregory. Those not standing for election are President Robert Taylor, Immediate Past President Derek Brown, Vice President Membership (2018-2019) Doug Bergtholdt, Invested Funds Trustee (2017-2019) Stephen Renouf, and Invested Funds Trustee (2018-2020) John Dodd, Esq.

Invested Funds Trustees Stephen Renouf (chairman), John Dodd, and Kent Gregory presented the Report of the Invested Funds Trustees. Over the previous 12 months, the total amount of the invested funds increased by \$55,468.48. The report listed each of the funds (Life Membership Fund, Education Fund, Permanent Fund, 2019 Congress Fund, and Unallocated Fund), the purpose of the fund, the asset mix, the target and actual allocations, and the account risk profile. The report noted that the broker has recommended purchasing equities if the market pulled back 20-30%, and he will contact us if that happens.



*L-R: Sgt. Rivera, Capt. Williams of CHP accepting for Officer Michael Panlilio, President Derek Brown*



*Public Service Luncheon Attendees*



Under old business, Color Guard Commander Mark Kramer reported that the National Society was still working on black powder insurance, but no recommendation has been made yet. Treasurer Jim Klingler reported that the California Society has a D&O, and Liability Insurance policy from a national broker that specializes in tax exempt organizations. It is used by the Mayflower Society and other groups, and renews annually on January 1. The cost is \$620 annually, and is available for chapters at the same price.



*The Past Presidents' breakfast: L-R John Dodd, Larry Magerkurth, Stephen Renouf, Derek Brown, PG Warren Alter, Lou Carlson, Jim Fosdyck, Bruce Pickette, Jim Faulkinbury, Ron Barker, Past PG Joe Dooley, Secretary General Jack Manning, Bob Ebert*

Chairman John Dodd of the CASSAR Congress Planning Committee reported on the scheduled daily events for the 2019 Congress in Costa Mesa. Co-Chairman Stephen Renouf reported on the budget for the CASSAR portion of the finances. We are projecting revenue of \$70k, and expenses of a little over \$70k. The budget is conservative, but there may be unexpected costs that need to be covered, so the committee asked for a \$2k contingency fund be added to the 2019 CASSAR Budget. Co-Chairman Kent Gregory reported on the need for volunteers, and the various tasks that are performed by the volunteers.

President Brown reported that Vice President North Dave Gilliard had resigned, and he had appointed Donald Littlefield to replace him. There was a motion to ratify the appointment, and it passed unanimously. Past President Stephen Renouf presented the CASSAR Resolution in opposition to the Indiana Society Proposed NSSAR Bylaws and Constitution amendments. The CASSAR Resolution opposed replacing three past presidents general on the NSSAR Nominating Committee potentially with people having far less, or no institutional knowledge; opposed rendering the NSSAR Nominating Committee meaningless by requiring them to merely list the candidates running for each office without making an informed recommendation; and opposed changing the term of office for NSSAR general officers (except vice presidents general) from one year to two years, as this has repeatedly been voted down in the past as reducing new ideas, and prolonging ineffective ideas. The CASSAR Resolution passed unanimously, and will be sent to the Secretary General for presentation at the 2019 SAR Annual Congress.



*The Ladies Auxiliary Past Presidents' breakfast: L-R Barbara Magerkurth, Nancy Alter, Sheila Manning, Coreena Ross, Lisa Gregory and President Janet Brown. Standing L-R: Karen Carlson, PG Warren Alter, and Un Hui Fosdyck*

Executive Vice President Bob Taylor presented the 2019 CASSAR Budget.



A new expense line item for public service awards, and a new expense line item for DAR liaison expenses were added to correct the overspending in the medals & awards budget. This will be for meals of public service recipients/chaperones and DAR dignitaries at CASSAR meetings. There was a new line item to cover credit card fees for payments made to CASSAR by credit card. Congress Planning Chairman Dodd requested a new expense line item for \$2,000 for the 2019 Congress contingency fund; and requested the revenue line item for Congress Hotel Raffle Tickets be zeroed out since the drawing would be held at this meeting, and there would be no further sales of tickets. Past President Renouf requested a revenue line item for transfer from the Unallocated Fund to zero out the deficit in the budget. There was a motion to pass the 2019 CASSAR Budget as amended, and it passed.



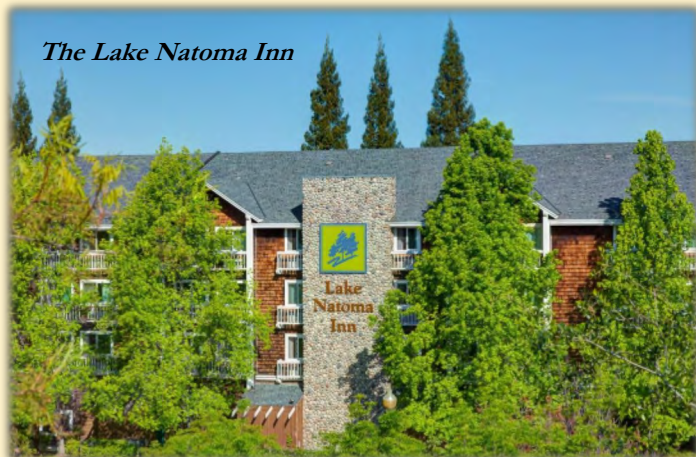
*Ladies Auxiliary at the Gekkeikan Sake Brewery*

Youth Contest Chairman Dan McKelvie made a motion to reimburse \$393 to the family of the CASSAR Orations contestant. They changed their flight to one earlier in the day, and incurred a change flight fee. There was a miscommunication to the family, so the chairman wanted to reimburse them. There were objections raised to the change of flight being an unreasonable expense to reimburse, but the motion passed. In order to prevent this problem in the future, Chairman McKelvie made a motion to require pre-approval of reimbursement to contestant families, not to exceed the budget, and that only reasonable expenses would be covered, and the motion passed unanimously.



*The ladies at the Gekkeikan Sake Brewery*

Executive Vice President Bob Taylor spoke about the CASSAR Annual Meeting in April 2019. The meeting will be held at the Ventura Beach Marriott in Ventura, California, and the rate will be \$159 per night and \$7 per day for parking. There was a motion to change the date of the meeting to April 25-27, 2019, and it passed.



*The Lake Natoma Inn*

President General Warren Alter suggested collecting donations for Past President Garrett Jackson, who was hosting nine evacuees from the Camp Fire, and asked Past President Renouf to collect and send to Garrett Jackson. He started the collection with a \$50 donation.

Candidates for national office delivered campaign speeches. The California Society voted unanimously to endorse Jack Manning for president general, Davis Wright for secretary general, Bruce Pickette for treasurer general, Jim Faulkinbury for genealogist general,



Doug Collins for registrar general, Bill Stone for Historian General, Dr. Darryl Addington for surgeon general, Warren Alter for SAR Foundation Board (PG seat), and John Dodd for SAR Foundation Board (open seat). Surgeon Matthew Bowdish reported that he has recently given a talk on the medical history of George Washington to the Thomas Jefferson Chapter, and to the Ladies Auxiliary. Past President Stephen Renouf reported that he had

seen the presentation at his chapter meeting, and he highly recommended compatriots see the presentation by Dr. Bowdish. The Board of Managers Meeting was adjourned by President Brown, and a meeting of the Western District was convened by Vice President General Ron Barker. Charles Smith, the NSSAR Trustee for Nevada reported on the Nevada Society.



*The Ladies Auxiliary: L-R (front) Karen Faulkinbury, Pat Everette, Sheila Manning, President Janet Brown, Nancy Alter, Barbara Magerkurth, Coreena Ross; (rear) Bunny Smith, Gail Raser, Diane Stephens, JoAnn Kramer, Anne Adams, Karen Carlson, Liz Ferris, Connie Barker, Barbara Vav Valkenburg, Lisa Gregory, Karen McKelvie, Karen Dodd, and Darian Taylor*



The Western District voted unanimously to endorse the same slate of national officers endorsed by the California Society. VPG Barker appointed past VPG Stephen Renouf to update the Bylaws of the Western District. The meeting of the Western District was adjourned.

The Youth Awards Luncheon was emceed by Executive Vice President Bob Taylor. Following lunch, Valley Forge Program teachers Megan Uribe (2018 Winner) and Jennifer Kretschmer (2017 Winner) depicted Revolutionary War Era people, and demonstrated what they had learned from attending the Freedom's Foundation Program at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. President Derek Brown presented the SAR Certificate of Appreciation to Megan Uribe and Jennifer Kretschmer for their entertaining and informative presentation. Un Hui Fosdyck and Darian Taylor representing the Quilt Reaction Force presented Veteran Quilts to Fred Hagen (Army), J. Mike Holmes (Navy), and Michael Hurst (Army), all members of the Gold Country Chapter.



*The Valley Forge Teacher Recognition program winners Megan Uribe (2018) and Jennifer Kretschmer (2017) (R) with President Derek Brown and Bob Taylor*

Challenge coins were presented to veterans in the audience. President Derek Brown presented the SAR Robert Burt Award to Compatriot William Bullard of the Redwood Empire Chapter for his work with the Boy Scouts. Accompanying Compatriot Bullard was Mrs. Trudy Burt, widow of Robert Burt. President Brown presented the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Charmella Secrest for her work with the veteran quilts, and Un Hui Fosdyck accepted the award for her.

In the evening was the Saturday Gala Banquet, with David Gilliard as emcee. President General Warren Alter brought greetings from the National Society; awarded Don Littlefield the SAR Aide-de-Camp pin for Don's commitment in seeing that President General Alter and his wife, Nancy, were cared for like family, from arrival at the Sacramento Airport, a tour of Old Folsom Prison (Gate) and Museum, lunch at Scott's Seafood, and to every off-site dinner; and presented the SAR Hospitality Award Pin to Mary Littlefield. This pin is in the shape of a pineapple, and recognizes those ladies who provide service to the president general or first lady.

Past President Renouf announced that Past President Garrett Jackson and the nine evacuees that he was hosting had to evacuate his home in Oroville due to the Camp Fire. [Fortunately, his home was spared.

The meeting raised \$775 for Garrett – he said it was a ray of sunshine, and he could not thank his fellow compatriots enough for helping out in his time of

need]. Following dinner, the guest speaker was the Hon. Donald J. Currier, a judge on the Sacramento Superior Court, and a retired brigadier general in the California Army National Guard. He responded to state and national emergencies with the National Guard, supporting *Operation Desert Storm*, and *Operation Iraqi Freedom* twice. He said the family of soldiers also have a role to play – they support their soldiers, who could not serve without their help.



*Compatriots and guests associated with law included (L-R) President Derek Brown, speaker and new Compatriot Hon. Donald Currier, Jim Fosdyck, Hon. Maryanne Gilliard, Doug Bergthold, Tom Shaw, P-G Warren Alter, and Charles Smith, Nevada*



*Past Presidents and guests L-R Jim Fosdyck, Kent Gregory, John Dodd, P-G Larry Magerkurth, Stephen Renouf, Rev. Lou Carlson, Jim Faulkinbury, Ron Barker, P-G Warren Alter, Marston Watson, and Bob Ebert.*

Armistice Day – the 11th Hour of the 11th Day of the 11th month – which ended World War I in 1918.

He spoke about The US Congress declared it as a holiday to honor veterans of World War I in 1938. In 1954, President Eisenhower expanded Armistice Day to include all veterans, renaming it Veterans Day. In 2017, President Trump designated the month of November to recognize all service members and their families.

Now, a veteran is defined by law as anyone who has served in the uniformed services. Judge Currier remembered as a private trying to

join the American Legion in Germany, and was told he was not a veteran because he did not serve during wartime. Now, that is no longer the case.

During the American Revolution, about 1% of the population was killed in the war. Everyone knew someone affected by the war. In World War II, 12% of the population was in the military, and likewise, everyone was affected by the war, which did not happen in subsequent wars. The Korean War veterans were forgotten, as it was “just” a police action. His uncle served during Vietnam, and he was vilified by people when he returned from Vietnam. This negative reaction of the military turned around with *Operation Desert Storm*. There is now a perception that soldiers are doing their patriotic duty, whether the war is popular or not, and we need to respect their service. There is still some resistance – there was an article in the *Boston Globe* that said we should not honor those serving in the military as they only joined the military for money.

The author was clearly out of touch. There are a lot of reasons why people join the military, but the reason why they serve is they love their country and their comrades, and they know what they do is important.



Our troops today are better educated, better trained, and better equipped than any who have served in our country's history. He said when you raise your right hand to defend the Constitution, you are issuing a blank check to Uncle Sam. They can send you anywhere at any time. The days of a judge telling you to join the Army or you are going to jail are long gone. Today, about 0.4% of the population is serving in the military, and less than 1% of the population knows someone serving on active duty. So there is a disconnect between those who serve and those who do not. Service today is a family franchise – a person is twice as likely to join if they have a relative in the service. We are getting disconnected from our service members. Under the Abrams Doctrine, the active forces were closely linked with the reserve forces, so everyone had skin in the game. So in *Desert Storm*, we activated the Reserves and the National Guard, and got buy-in from the country.

After World War II, veterans were credited with rebuilding the country. When veterans come back from war, they are not victims or losers, they are better because of their service. They develop character, skills and education in the service, and mature into well-disciplined citizens. They bring their experiences to the workplace, and do great things – they come to work on time, and expect to work hard. He concluded with “*We sleep safely in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would harm us.*” President Derek Brown presented the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal to Judge Donald Currier for his service to the community, and the SAR Certificate of Appreciation for his informative presentation.

John Dodd asked First Lady Nancy Alter to draw the winning ticket in the CASSAR Hotel Raffle for a free room at the 2019 SAR Congress. The winner was Compatriot John L. Carney of Pennsylvania (a member of the Kentucky Society SAR). CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary President Janet Brown presented a check for \$10k from the Ladies to John Dodd for the 2019 SAR Congress. Janet Brown then conducted the Ladies Auxiliary Raffle.

President Derek Brown presented awards. He presented an SAR Certificate of Appreciation to the Lake Natoma Inn for the great service provided during our meeting, and an SAR Flag Certificate for properly displaying the US Flag. President Brown presented SAR Certificates of Appreciation to those who helped with the CASSAR Meeting – Bob Taylor, Dale and Coreena Ross, Tony Chakurian, Ron and Conni Barker, Tom and Anne Adams, Jim Faulkinbury, Don Littlefield, Dave Gilliard, Delwin Hanson, Michael Hull, and Mike Hurst. He presented the SAR 1776 Gold Quill Certificate to John Dodd for supporting the SAR Education Center and Museum, the George Washington Fellow Certificate to John Ferris, and an SAR Certificate of Distinguished Service to Jim Faulkinbury.

Color Guard Commander Mark Kramer presented the SAR Color Guard Medal and Silver CASSAR Von Steuben Medal to Doug Bergtholdt and Terry Briggs, and presented the CASSAR Field of Honor flag streamers to the Riverside Chapter and the Orange County Chapter.

President Derek Brown presented the SAR Daughters of Liberty Medal Oak Leaf Clusters to Karen Dodd and Janet Brown. He presented the SAR Liberty Medal (for sponsoring 10 new members) to Alan Brooking, James Cunningham, and Gary Jensen, and the oak leaf cluster for multiple awards of the medal to Steven Barnes (2), Terry Briggs (3), Jim Faulkinbury (2), Jim Fosdyck, Kent Gregory, Russell Haynes, Karl Jacobs, Gary Jensen, Richard McMullen, Ray Raser (3), Leon Smith (2), and Owen Stiles (2). He presented the SAR Daughters of Liberty Medal to Joanne Kramer.

President Derek Brown called upon Color Guard Commander Mark Kramer and Jim Fosdyck to locate the recipient of the SAR Patriot Medal, and bring him to the front. They found Kent Gregory, who indicated he had received it before, and stated, “who can it be?” Jim Fosdyck sprang the trap on Mark Kramer, and escorted him to the front to receive the highest award of the state society.

The awarding of the SAR Patriot Medal to former CASSAR Secretary Craig Anderson was withheld due to his absence for presentation at the Friday, November 16 monthly meeting of the Sacramento Chapter. After the CASSAR Color Guard retired the Colors, President Brown adjourned the 143rd CASSAR Annual Meeting.



***Sacramento Valley Shooting Center:***

*Instructor Mark Kramer providing Black Powder Firearms training*

Participants successfully completed the course, and received an NRA Basic Muzzleloading Shooting Course Certificate.

On Sunday morning, CASSAR Color Guard Commander Mark Kramer taught an NRA class on Black Powder firearms (Pistol, Musket, and Shotgun). Those attending the class were Carl Ahlberg, Craig Anderson, Derek Brown, John Dodd, John Ferris, Bill Frederick, Russ Kaiser, Steve Renouf, and Charles Smith (NV). Commander Kramer covered fire arm safety, and the fundamentals of loading, firing, and cleaning black powder fire arms. After passing the NRA test, the participants went to the Sacramento Valley Shooting Center in Sloughhouse, California, on Monday morning. The participants checked the fire arms for safety, loaded the powder and shot, and fired a flint lock pistol, a Brown Bess flintlock rifle, and a cap lock shotgun. The participants



*Winning ticket for free room at the CA Congress*



*Black Powder Firearms firing*

*By Stephen Renouf, Chairman of the Trustees of the Invested Funds, with information from President Derek Brown, Past President Jim Fosdyck, VP-North Don Littlefield and Color Guard Commander Mark Kramer.*





## Ladies Auxiliary California Society SAR

Happy New Year to everyone. We had a great meeting in November 2018 with a tour to the Sake Brewery in Folsom CA. We enjoyed our speaker, Doctor Matthew Bowdish on George Washington's health. We welcomed Nancy Alter, National First Lady, Past National First Lady Barbara Magerkurth, and Sheila Manning wife of Secretary General. We also showed off the new Quilt of chapters...



*The Attendees at the November State meeting.*



*The Sake Tour*

In December, I accompanied the CASSAR President to the Wreaths Across America event in Dixon, CA. We also attended a few chapter meetings and I spoke a little on LACASSAR. A few chapters donated money to our cause and a special thank you to Thomas Jefferson and the Sacramento chapters for their kind donations to our group. We appreciate donations to our group.

2019 will be a very busy and exciting year. California is hosting the National Congress in Costa Mesa July 5 to 11, 2019 State meeting in Ventura April 25 – 27, 2019. See CASSAR website for more details.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2019 – 2020. At the April 2019 state meeting we will elect our next board. Our committee is Karen Dodd, Conni Barker and Barbara Van Valkenberg. E-mail to: [kdodd@appellate-law.com](mailto:kdodd@appellate-law.com). with any questions or interest .

\$200.00 Mastercard Gift – the enclosed raffle tickets are for a chance to win this... Ticket are 12 for \$10.00. You need not be present to win. Please remember to write your name and phone number clearly on each stub. We will have the normal raffle at the April meeting. We request your help in getting raffle items to this CASSAR meetings. If you will not attend you could still help by giving your donations to someone who attends. We suggest you consider quality candy, wine, fine spirits, collectibles, books, reenactor gear, tools for someone who has it all, free size clothes, crafts and gardening items. Please avoid costume jewelry. Baskets of items are desired. Any questions contact Karen Carlson at [kcarlsonotr@sbc.net](mailto:kcarlsonotr@sbc.net).

It is time to renew your membership dues of \$25.00. Please complete the attached form and return it with a check payable Ladies Auxiliary California Society, SAR.

Thank you for your support.

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Please clip and enclose with your payments for dues, raffle and donation:

Name _____	Dues \$25.00
Address: _____	Raffle _____
Phone: _____	Donation: _____
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SAR Member: _____	Total : _____
CASSAR: Chapter: _____	

Make checks payable to : **LACASSAR**

Return to Mrs. Diane Stephens, 2854 Felix Court, Riverside, CA 92503 in the enclosed self addressed stamped envelope.



## Sacramento Chapter

On 19 October 2018, the Sacramento Chapter held their annual community awards dinner. The chapter presented Law Enforcement Commendation Medals to Sacramento County DA Anne Marie Schubert, and Sacramento PD Officers Beth Glynn, Ben Gray, and Lilia Vasquez. Heroism medals were presented to Sacramento PD Officer Carlos Martinez, and Sacramento Sheriff's Deputy Adam Gibson. A Life Saving Medal was presented to Sacramento Sheriff's Deputy Nicholas Russell. Fire Safety Commendation Medals were presented to Fire Engineer Dat Pham and Reserve Fire Fighter Dennis Berry of the Sacramento Metro Fire District. A unit commendation plaque, certificates, and challenge coins were presented to the 24 members of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Dept. Homeless Outreach Team (HOT).

Sacramento Chapter's Law Enforcement Liaison Committee is Del Hansen and Michael Hull.



*Sacramento PD Deputy Chief Kathy Lester, Officers Beth Glynn, Lilia Vasquez, Ben Gray, Carlos Martinez, and , and SGT Andrew Pettit.*



*Sacramento County DA Anne Marie Schubert, Chapter President Don Littlefield, Michael Hull and Del Hansen*

## General George Washington Chapter

On 20 January 2019, the General George Washington Chapter honored Sheriffs, Firefighters, EMTs and Paramedics for their heroic efforts during the recent Camp Fire. The Camp Fire was the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in California history to date and the deadliest wild fire in the United States since the Cloquet fire in 1918. Chapter President Owen Stiles presented the Butte County Sheriffs Office with a Certification of Appreciation plaque followed by SAR Hero Medals for 5 firefighters and 4 EMT/Paramedics. Recipients were:

Battalion Chief Gus Boston  
Battalion Chief Sean Norton  
Fire Captain Jeff Edson  
Fire Apparatus Engineer Tim Moore  
Firefighter II Heath Lemaster

Paramedic Sean Abrams  
Paramedic Mike Castro  
EMT Shannon Molarius  
EMT Robin Cranston

CASSAR President Derek Brown was in attendance and made brief remarks on the SAR's desire to recognize individuals who go above and beyond the call of duty. Senator Nielsen and Assemblyman Gallagher also presented these Heroes with a Certificate of Appreciation from the California Senate and Assembly.



*L-R Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea; GGW Compatriot Robert Bates; CASSAR President Derek Brown; CDF firefighters Gus Boston, Sean Norman, Jeff Edson, and Tim Moore; EMTs/paramedics Shannon Molarius, Robin Cranston, and Mike Castro; Chapter President Owen Stiles; GGW Compatriot Edson Myers. Boy scouts are from Durham Troop 16.*





## South Coast Chapter

South Coast Chapter's 16 January meeting was held at Mimi's Café in Lake Forest, and featured the installation of their officers for 2019. CASSAR VP-South Brian Stephens conducted the installation ceremony.



### *Officers 2019*

*L-R: Trustee Kurt Camp, Chaplain Robbie Jones, 1<sup>st</sup> VP & Registrar Leon Smith Jr, President Scot Whitman, Secretary Jerry Hereford, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Steve Steinberg, and Newsletter Editor Paul Sapp.*

## General George S. Patton Chapter

General George S Patton Chapter's 11 January meeting featured a visit and talk by Dolley Madison, also known as Diane Stephens, wife of CASSAR VP-South Brian Stephens. Her account of the British attack on Washington DC was especially fearsome due to the nearness of her capture. VP-South Stephens conducted the installation of the 2019 Chapter officers. The Chapter was surprised to learn just before the meeting that Marie Callender's Restaurant was closing and a new venue would be required!



*L-R: CASSAR VP-South Brian Stephens, Secretary Robert Taylor, VP Tom Shaw, President Martin Spann, Treasurer Kim Thomas, and Chaplain Steve Hurst.*



*Dolley Madison (Diane Stephens)  
receiving a Certificate of Appreciation  
from Chapter President Marty Spann.*



*Dolley Madison aka  
Diane Stephens during her talk*

## Eagle Chapter

Eagle Chapter representatives met with retiring Congressman Darrell Issa at his Vista office and honored him by presenting him with the highest award they can bestow upon a fellow citizen, the Silver Good Citizenship medal for patriotism, civic contributions and accomplishments. He was pleased to receive this honor, and was very gracious and welcoming.



*L-R: Fay Bishop, Ed Morris, Chapter President John Huegel, Congressman Darrell Issa, Steve Wright, Bill Bishop, and Gerard Huegel.*



## Orange County Chapter Meeting

Orange County celebrated his Excellency George Washington's birthday Saturday, 9 February, at the Sizzler in Fullerton, and were honored to have him speak a few words of greetings to the chapter, answer questions and share his cake. Dan Shippey, portrayer of the General, even stepped out of character long enough to answer questions regarding preparations required to "slip into role". Additionally, Chapter President Mark Torres welcomed the Chapter's Knight Essay winner, Isabella Blake, with her mom Diane; Huron Valley Chapter (Michigan) Chaplain Sam Laswell and family; and Robert Taylor, CASSAR Exec VP. Compatriot Jim Blauer was presented with the bronze Roger Sherman medal. Un Hui Yi and Charmella Secrest presented Quilt Reaction Force quilts to Gus Fischer, Merchant Marines, and Lt. Col. Albert Ross, USAF.



*General Washington (Dan Shippey) addressing the Chapter*



*Lee's Legion Color Guard, L-R standing Dan McKelvie, Jim Klingler, John Ferris, Dan McMillan, Larry Hansen, Christopher Keene, Jim Fosdyck, and Matt Noell; L-R kneeling Jim Blauer, John Blake, and Spencer Torres.*



*Isabella Blake, Chapter Knight Essay winner, with her mother Diane, Chapter President Torres and Knight Essay Committee Chairman Dan McKelvie.*



*Un Hui Yi with special guests Judy, Sam and Tom Laswell.*



*President Mark Torres presenting Jim Blauer with the bronze Roger Sherman medal (Oak Leaf Cluster).*



*President Torres presenting a bumper sticker to Dan Shippey (George Washington) stating "If this is tyranny let it begin here"*

## Gen. George S. Patton Chapter Meeting

Gen Patton Chapter conducted their first meeting February 08, 2019 in the Poinsettia Pavilion, Ventura, following the sudden closing of the Marie Callender's Restaurant where the Chapter had met for over 13 years. Previous to moving to Marie Callender's in June 2005, the Chapter met at the Bard Mansion in Port Hueneme, where George Patton received his appointment to West Point. The Bard Mansion is currently the Officers' Club at Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme. Program was CAPT William Cherry, 4<sup>th</sup> VA Regiment, and was presented by Bob Taylor.



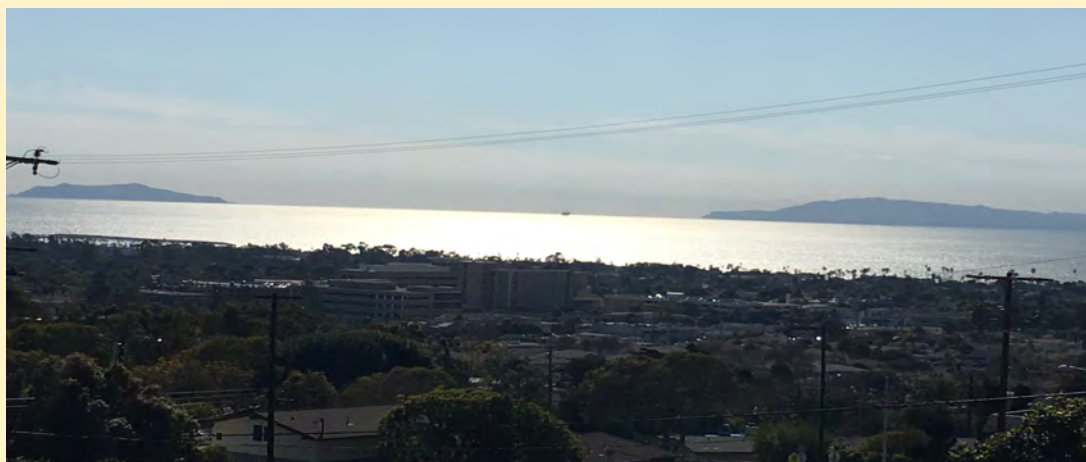
*Compatriot Bob Taylor presenting the program*



*View of the buffet table*



*Meeting of the Gen Patton Chapter, VP Tom Shaw presiding.*



*View of the Channel Islands from the Poinsettia Pavilion.*



## Redwood Empire Chapter

Redwood Empire Chapter presented the SAR bronze Good Citizenship medal to PO2 Rene Chavez of the Pyro Division, Naval Sea Cadet Corps at the USCG Training Center in Petaluma on Saturday, 9 February. Compatriot Bill Nay, CASSAR Eagle Scout Chairman, presented the award during the Division's award ceremony.



*The Pyro Division, NSCC, assembled for the award ceremony.*



*PO2 Chavez wearing his medal with Bill Nay*



*PO2 Chavez with his family and Bill Nay*



*PO2 Rene Chavez receiving his award from Bill Nay*



## Eagle Chapter

Eagle Chapter installed the 2019 Chapter Officers 5 January with Brian Stephens, CASSAR VP South, officiating. In addition, Andy Greer and Kalim Smith were installed as new Chapter members.



*L-R Brian Stephens, VP South; Bob Martin, Treasurer; Bruce Plummer, Registrar; John Murphy, Chapter President; Jerry Sayre, Past President; Ed Morris, Secretary; and Bill Frederick.*



*L-R Brian Stephens, CASSAR VP South; Bob Martin, Bruce Plummer, John Murphy, Jerry Sayre, Ed Morris and Bill Frederick. Seated is new member John R. "Andy" Greer.*





## Redlands Chapter

Redlands Chapter installed their 2019 officers 19 January with Past CASSAR President Jim Fosdyck officiating. Those installed were John Flippin, Chapter President; Shawn Price, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President & genealogist; Don Boatright, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Charlie Frye, Secretary; Patrick Lyons, Treasurer; and David Palmer, Registrar.



*L-R Charlie Frye, David Palmer, Don Boatright, Patrick Lyons, Shawn Price, John Flippin, and Jim Fosdyck*





# Around the National Society



## National Fall Leadership Meeting

The NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting was held at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky 27-29 September 2018. The California Society was represented by President Derek Brown, NSSAR Vice President General-Western District Ron Barker, NSSAR Genealogist General Jim Faulkinbury, SAR Foundation Board Member John Dodd, SAR Foundation Board Member Lou Carlson, NSSAR Trustee for California James (and Un Hui) Fosdyck, NSSAR Trustee for Spain Stephen (and Joy) Renouf, Vice President South Brian (and Diane) Stephens, Past President Charles Lampman, Past President Bob Ebert, Past President Kent Gregory, Tom (and Anne) Adams, and Daniel McKelvie.

On Thursday morning, Kent Gregory (appointed member), Derek Brown, John Dodd, Jim Klingler, and Jim Faulkinbury attended the **Executive Committee Meeting**. The current SAR membership was reported at 36,762 members. New member applications are currently taking 6 weeks and supplemental applications 10 weeks for processing – with 8% of the applications being pended. Chairman Jim Faulkinbury of the Member Management RFP Subcommittee discussed the findings of the subcommittee. The results of interviews with the five responding vendors to the RFP and their references were discussed. The Executive Committee made a decision to go forward with the subcommittee's recommendation to the Trustees to approve the selection of Mission Data, a Louisville based company, as the vendor to begin a discovery phase and to prepare a strategic plan to be presented at the 2019 Spring Leadership Meeting, with a budget of \$75,000. A second motion to ask the Trustees to provide funding from some of what has already been allocated in the 2018 budget for that purpose was also supported. New Chief Technology Director Mick Pitzer was introduced. Hardware updates continue to be made on the computer/network system at Headquarters to meet the needed software upgrade requirements. A disaster recovery plan has also been implemented and includes phased PC and server upgrades. There was \$15,000 allocated from the building fund for IT upgrades, including the upgrading of the phone system to current technology. The existing telephone PBX is in need of replacement as spare parts are no longer available, requiring it to be upgraded to current technology.

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### CA contingent

L-R (front) Un Hui Fosdyck, P-G Joe Dooley, Diane Stephens, Joy & Stephen Renouf,  
Jim Faulkinbury, Anne Adams, Cilla & P-G Mike Tomme  
L-R (back) Dan McKelvie, Briane Stephens, CASSAR President Derek Brown, John Dodd,  
Kent Gregory, Jim Klingler, Tom Adams



The committee discussed the need to consider the location of Congress regarding net merchandise sales; typically, sales from West Coast national meetings are less than sales from those meetings held on the East Coast. The 2019 budget was approved and would be sent to the trustees. The 2018 budget to date is on track. There was a presentation made by the 5/3 Bank on performance of the various investment funds, and the George Washington Endowment Fund (GWEF) to date. Investment funds net return is about 8%, and the GWEF net return is about 6.2% to date in 2018. The accounting software upgrade is ongoing, and a recommendation will be made at the Spring 2019 Leadership meeting. Registrar General Bruce Pickette discussed the reconciliation reports, and the need for early involvement by chapters. He noted that it is easier to keep an existing member than to bring a new member on board. It was noted that the California Congress would not be a moneymaker (East Coast vs West Coast). The photo contract with Penny was about \$7,000, but nobody appears to have a copy of the contract, so this will be investigated. Staff reimbursements for Congress travel were discussed, as were the (typically) high A/V rental costs. The Museum Board is developing a collection description, and a collection management policy. Librarian General Doug Collins discussed the digitization of the online *SAR Magazine* (all issues 1906-present) and its predecessor (*The Spirit of '76*, which covers the period 1894-1906). These digital copies are located on the SAR webpage. Ed Rigel reported that only one national youth contest winner chose the scholarship option; all others selected the cash award. The second floor office space and genealogy areas have been completed at Headquarters, and the remaining work is on schedule. The latest revision to the *SAR Handbook* was approved, which now consists of eight volumes, and it will be added to the SAR website. A proposal to change the quorum requirements for committees was discussed and tabled. John Dodd attended the **SAR Foundation Board Meeting**, which discussed fundraising progress and plans for the future.

Kent Gregory attended the meeting of the **Museum Board**, where they discussed the replica 1760 Gilpin Howitzer on a full carriage that had been purchased and delivered to the Museum Gallery space in September. The Board approved having the carriage repainted in French Blue as ordered by Gen. Washington in 1780. A report was given on the SAR Education Center and Museum design work being completed by the SolidLight company. The deaccession process was discussed. A request from staff to retain some items on the deaccession list was assigned to the Collection Management Subcommittee for review. A new *ad hoc* committee was appointed to investigate auction options for selling deaccessioned items. A proposed Collection Management Policy was revised and approved, and it will go to the Trustees at Spring Leadership for approval. A proposed amendment to Bylaw No. 19, Section 1 (h) to make the Historian General and Librarian General non-voting members was discussed and approved to go to the Bylaws Committee and the 2019 Congress. The Board toured the artifact preparation room, and viewed all of the flintlock weapons in the SAR Museum Collection. John Dodd toured the SolidLight office in Louisville, and attended a reception there.

On Thursday night, the **Candidates' Forum** was held in the evening. Among those running for office in 2019 were Jack Manning (President General), Davis Wright (Secretary General), Bruce Pickette (Treasurer General), Peter Davenport (Chancellor General), Doug Collins and John Thornhill (Registrar General), Jim Faulkinbury (Genealogist General), Bill Stone (Historian General), Tony Vets (Librarian General), Rev. David Felts (Chaplain General), Darryl Addington, MD (Surgeon General), and Warren Alter (SAR Foundation Board 2019-2022). All the candidates had an opportunity to announce their candidacy, and state their case.



*The Color Guard at the Ready: Asst. Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck standing by.*

On Friday morning, the **Ladies Auxiliary** held a business meeting and program on “Baskets of the Colonial Era” presented by Venie Hinson. Lou Carlson attended the meeting of the **250th Anniversary Committee**. Stephen Renouf chaired the **Medals & Awards Committee**, which was attended by Jim Fosdyck. The committee voted to amend the requirements for the Compatriot Grave Marking Medal and the Patriot Grave Marking Medal to clarify that if a person claims credit for “paying for a grave marker,” they must pay at least \$60 to get credit. The committee voted to approve the 2021 SAR Congress Medal proposed by the Washington Society.

The committee voted to approve the Washington Society Achievement Medal (a state medal) proposed by the Washington Society. Dan McKelvie attended the **Budget, Finance & Investment Committee** joint meeting, where they discussed reports and activity this year. John Dodd, Stephen Renouf and Kent Gregory attended the **Congress Planning Committee**, which discussed the plans for the 2019 Congress to be held in Orange County, California. They also heard reports on the plans being made for the 2020 Congress in Richmond, Virginia, the 2021 Congress in Seattle, Washington, and the 2022 Congress in Savannah, Georgia. No state society made a proposal for the 2023 SAR Annual Congress.

Ron Barker (vice chairman) and Tom Adams attended the **Education Committee** meeting, where they discussed the three public and one private schools, and the home schools that are part of the America’s Founding Documents Curriculum (AFDC) program. They will be using SAR documentation, and providing feedback and results. Rolling Hills Middle School in El Dorado Hills, California, is one of the nation’s pilot schools in the program.

Kevin Tierney is coordinating the exercise with the teacher and with the AFDC program leaders. Tom Adams spoke about a new SAR education initiative - promoting our SAR compatriots who are impacting the future by showing up at schools in uniform with artifacts and stories to impart to our next generations who we are as a people and how we got here. He shared short bios on Education Outreach folks who go into schools, like: Ron & Conni Barker, Russ Kaiser, Jim Faulkinbury & Friends. Bios like these are going to start appearing in *SAR Magazine*. There are a few superstars which we are all grateful for: Tom Green’s Flag Presentation, and Bill Stone’s “The Articles of Association of 1774.” Tom Adams suggested they feature the ones who simply go into the classrooms with a bag of stuff and stories to share. Colleen once described them as providing an in-class field trip – instead of getting on the bus going to the museum, the museum comes to them in the form of our SAR compatriots. The committee reported that a new Boy Scout Youth Protection Training was available, replacing previous training, and was one-hour long. All SAR members involved with youth must take this course and send copies of the completion certificate to the Education Committee.

State societies are encouraged to have at least one chapter start an SAR Patriot Chest Program. The estimated cost of the chest and items in the chest is \$500. The National Society will reimburse \$375 of the cost of the chest. Receipts should be sent to Mary Butts, SAR Finance, for reimbursement. A CD of the Patriot Chest is available from Coleen Wilson at National. The Kansas Society is providing \$100 to a member to help with uniform costs when they start a Patriot Chest.

Derek Brown and Jim Faulkinbury attended the **Membership Committee**, which discussed ways to increase retention. Attendees were broken into working groups to list methods that could be used to get new members more involved in chapter activities. The committee is creating a new member manual, and discussed getting out-of-state members involved in their local chapter.



*The Salute: The California Contingent stands ready to assist – L-R seated Kent Gregory, Brian & Diane Stephens, Ron Barker; L-R standing UNK, P-G Mike Tomme, Jim Faulkinbury*



Genealogist General Jim Faulkinbury attended the **Genealogy Committee**, which approved the following changes to the Genealogy Policy Manual:

- Sec. 6.1001 adds that applications submitted must be neat and not smudged, and that only very minor corrections can be made in ink by State Registrars before submittal to National.
- Sec. 3.5003 removed the acceptance of DAR “Chapter Copies” from accepted supporting documentation. Only official DAR Record Copies purchased from the DAR GRS can be used in conformity with DAR policies on the use of their records.
- Sec. 6.1002a – removed the sentence giving the Genealogist General the authority to permit an adult other than the applicant, parent, or legal guardian to sign a membership application.

A new subcommittee was established to make recommendations for changes to the four accepted application forms needed to support the implementation of an SAR Genealogical Research System, and to make all four forms similar in format. The Committee passed a recommendation to make a motion to the Trustees to set a revised date

for when applications must conform to the revised certification and removal of information regarding the applicant’s children on our application forms. All forms have been revised to implement these approved changes, but older forms are still being submitted. (The motion was later passed by the Trustees with a date of October 31, 2018, when only current versions of the four forms will be accepted). The committee discussed the request for volunteers to enter lineages from SAR Record Copies to the Patriot Research System (PRS). This system is already a starting point for the SAR GRS, and volunteers have already begun data entry that will eventually be part of the SAR GRS. Many Record Copies have already been digitized. Entry of the lineage data from past Record Copies by volunteers is a way that these records are made available for research without hiring a vendor to do the work, and follows the DAR



*Ron Barker, CASSAR President Derek Brown and Jim Faulkinbury;  
Genealogist-General*

model of how they implemented their GRS. California is one of the State Societies that has already been involved in this effort.

Derek Brown attended the meeting of the **Knight Essay Committee**, which noted they have about \$190,000 total on hand (of which \$175,266 is in the endowment fund). Awards will remain at the same level – \$5,000, \$2,500, and \$1,000 for first, second, and third place. Work still needs to be done to build up the endowment fund. The state essays are due to Jim Lindley by March 1, 2019. Discussions were held as to what individual states are doing to meet that deadline. Judging will then be held in March 2019. Jim Lindley continues getting 2-3 questions/week coming in. Under the rules, contestants need to be a citizen or legal resident of the US to participate/win. Most participants use the MLA style for their essays.

John Dodd attended the **Bylaws & Legal Advisory Committee**, which discussed goals, and the Museum Board policies. Derek Brown and Dan McKelvie attended the meeting of the **Rumbaugh Orations Committee**, which discussed the general schedule for the 2019 Congress, judging, funding for breakfast for contestants, sound system, and filming. Judges were reminded to watch for biases in their judging. They discussed the need to streamline the contest rules, and clean up the forms on the web site. Dan McKelvie was assigned to look into sound, filming, and breakfast location. Since Paul Callanan handles sound and location for breakfast, Dan will work on filming.

Ron Barker (chairman) and Tom Adams attended the **Americanism Committee**, which discussed the Youth Awards Luncheon. Tom Adams handed out copies of the “Brochure Contest Annual Results” showing 5 years of statistics for the program. In the first year, California’s General George Patton Chapter finished first; in the third year, California’s Redlands Chapter finished second; in the fourth year, California’s Riverside Chapter finished first. During judging, Tom identified 3 of 18 State Brochure Entries as coming from local CAR Societies, and he provided the list to Ron Barker & Lou Raborg. They made Certificates for these young winners and provided those Certificates to their States. This was the first time this had ever been done.

The committee discussed the fact that time is becoming very tight at the awards program as PG Tom Lawrence will be bringing one of the winning teachers from the Tom and Betty Lawrence Teacher program to receive the award. There will not be time to call up winning states to the podium. The committee discussed the twenty-five percent disqualification rate of posters, and will communicate the rules with the State Presidents. We may be at the upper limit for number of entries for both the poster and brochure contests. The committee discussed changes to the Presidential Streamer report for next year. John Dodd and Stephen Renouf attended the **Congress Review Committee**, which discussed overall policies for Congress. A subcommittee was appointed to review the photographer contract consisting of Mike Tomme (Chairman), Dick Bryant, Stephen Renouf, Bob Cohen, and Mike Scroggins.

In the afternoon, Ron Barker and Derek Brown attended the **Council of Youth Awards** meeting, which discussed the funding of prizes for next year. The available funding will not be known until sometime in January when Mary Butts issues her report. The winning teacher will be on the podium at the Youth Awards Luncheon, and may make a short presentation. The US Air Force has informed the SAR that they will no longer allow the SAR Bronze JROTC medals to be worn on their cadet uniforms. After much discussion, it was decided that any SAR members working with JROTC units should contact the senior JROTC instructor (any branch) to confirm whether they are willing to continue participating, as there is nothing preventing them from being awarded. This ruling does not affect the Enhanced JROTC program. The council has \$62,483 on hand. They are continuing to work on the web page search engine. The web page will also have a single page with the schedules for youth contests to simplify the searches. State committees were reminded not to announce the winners until at/after Congress. They can tell the contestants that “winners will be notified by a certain date.” All chairmen were reminded that Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection Training must be done in a timely manner. President General Warren Alter recommended that ALL SAR members take the training.

Dan McKelvie attended the **George Washington Endowment Fund Distribution** meeting, which reviewed reports and applications for funds. Tom Adams attended the **History Committee** meeting. Bill Stone spoke for the Library Committee, and reported on a digitizing project they have going on, including a detailed description of the hardware copiers involved. Bill Stone said the stack of old *SAR Magazines* had been digitized. Chuck Lampman spoke about the abundance of historical articles in the old magazines. Historian General John Thornhill reported on the progress (near completion) of the latest volume of the *History of SAR*.

Jim Fosdyck attended the **Flag Committee**, and the **ROTC/JROTC Committee**. Jim Faulkinbury and Tom Adams attended the **CAR Liaison Committee**, which discussed ways to try to get more SAR members to assist CAR Societies as senior leaders.

Tom Adams reported on the Americanism Committee recognizing young people from local CAR Societies who were their State's Brochure Contest Winner. He argued that the CAR Liaison Committee ought to take a role in recognizing these young CAR members, and Acting Chairman Michael Elston assigned Tom Adams to write a report on that topic to the Chairman.

Lou Carlson attended the **Chaplain's Committee**. Ron Barker, Jim Fosdyck, Chuck Lampman, and Dan McKelvie attended the **Color Guard Committee** meeting, which discussed the proper salute for color guard members and insurance for firing muskets. The committee voted to reduce the required term of the Color Guard Commander from two years to one year.

Derek Brown and Jim Fosdyck attended the **Public Service and Heroism Committee**. Gary Green of the Veterans Recognition Committee told the committee that National Guard members are NOT recognized as veterans UNLESS they have (a) served at least 6-months active duty, or (b) retired from the National Guard. He suggested identifying a way to recognize them through either the Veterans Recognition Committee or the Public Service/Heroism Committee, but it was tabled until the Spring 2019 Leadership Meeting. Derek Brown and three other committee members were appointed to work on this issue. The four committee members will also be working as mentors to other PS&HC members across the country.

Vice Chairman Jim Faulkinbury attended the **IT Committee**, which discussed the RFPs for Member Management and the Website. The Website RFP Committee was evaluating the needs for fixing the current website prior to making a recommendation. The Executive Committee requested a recommendation by their November 2018 teleconference meeting.



John Dodd and Stephen Renouf attended the **SARACAR Committee**, which discussed the 2019 SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution. The topic will be “Women Waging War in the American Revolution.” Holly A. Mayer from Duquesne University will serve as the SAR Distinguished Scholar. The 2019 SAR Annual Conference will be co-sponsored by the Museum of the American Revolution. Ron Barker attended the **Strategic Planning & SAR Implementation Committee**, which discussed the priorities of the Trustees, and the need to expand the committee membership. The SAR is on target to pay off the current line of credit in five years. They requested a report from Executive Director Don Shaw on the possible revenue if the second floor, kitchen, and roof were completed at the Headquarters Building. The committee will evaluate the return on investment at the Spring Leadership Meeting.

Stephen Renouf, John Dodd and Lou Carlson attended the **Premium Membership Medal Committee**, and they discussed the \$24k raised for the SAR Education Center and Museum in Louisville. We are getting most of the orders from new members thanks to the National Society putting our flyer in the new member packets. Kent Gregory attended the **Facilities Committee**, which discussed the single pane glass on the headquarters’ front windows. The recently completed offices on the second floor were discussed.

The Friday Night Banquet was held in the Crystal Ballroom. President General Warren Alter spoke about the upcoming SAR Trip to Scotland. The group will start in Edinburgh, and honor our Scottish Patriot Ancestors, including James Wilson, Rev. John Witherspoon, and Alexander Hamilton. The optional post-trip will be to London.

On Saturday morning, Kent Gregory and Stephen Renouf attended the **NSSAR Executive Committee** meeting. Medals & Awards Chairman Renouf presented the proposed change to the criteria for the Compatriot Grave Marking Medal and the Patriot Grave Marking Medal, and the proposals for the 2021 SAR Congress Medal and Washington Achievement Medal. All four proposals were ratified by the Executive Committee. The committee approved a recommendation to the Trustees proposed by the Chancellor General regarding changes to the disclosure requirements for candidates running for national office. (It failed before the Trustees).

The **Trustees Meeting** was held immediately following the executive committee meeting. John Dodd donated a 2019 SAR Congress Medal for the National Society Archives on behalf of the California Society. Chaplain General Rev. John Wakefield donated a Broadside from 1776, which called for the raising of more troops. Treasurer General Davis Wright said he was working with SAR staff and the auditors to be sure the National Society was complying with new reporting requirements. Librarian General Doug Collins noted that the National Society has a complete set of digitized issues of *SAR Magazine* from 1906 which can be searched online. They only have five licenses, so users may need to try periodically to access the system. This great resource can be accessed online at <https://sar.org/compatriots/sar-magazine>. All issues of the *SAR Magazine* are also available on ShareFile in the Members Folder.

Congress Planning Chairman Paul Callanan noted there were no proposals to host the 2023 SAR Congress. The 129th Annual SAR Congress will be held in Costa Mesa, California, in July 2019. The hotel is already 72% full, so those interested should make their reservations ASAP. He said if anyone has any issues with reservations, he should contact Paul Callanan for help. The California Society Host Reception will be a Newport Harbor cruise on the *Endless Dream*, with a limit of 450 people. Possible Saturday tours include the Lyon Air Museum and the President Nixon Library or the Huntington Library. The Wednesday Tour may be to Mission San Juan Capistrano, a Spanish mission founded in 1776 by Father Junípero Serra. There may be an optional Thursday tour to the President Reagan Library. The Annual SAR Memorial Service will be held at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, which is close to a scenic park with views of the Newport Bay that can be used for pictures. Those flying to the congress should fly into the Orange County Airport (SNA), and the Costa Mesa Hilton has a free shuttle to the hotel.

We recommend you do NOT fly into the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), which is about 35 minutes away from the hotel with NO hotel shuttle. For the ladies, the South Coast Plaza (200 stores and 30 restaurants) is ¼ mile from the hotel, and shuttles run every 30 minutes. The SAR is working to have the color guard participate in the Disneyland Independence Day Parade on Main Street. Medals & Awards Chairman Stephen Renouf announced that the committee voted to amend the requirements for the Compatriot Grave Marking Medal and the Patriot Grave Marking Medal to clarify that if a person claims credit for “paying for a grave marker,” they must pay at least \$60 to get credit.

The committee also voted to approve the 2021 SAR Congress Medal and the Washington Society Achievement Medal (a state medal), both proposed by the Washington Society. All these proposals were ratified by the Executive Committee. PG David Appleby reported on the 2018 SAR Academic Conference on the American Revolution (SARACAR), which focused on Spain in the American Revolution, and was sponsored by Johns Hopkins University. The 2019 conference will focus on Women Waging War, and will be held in Philadelphia.

Secretary General Jack Manning presented the Executive Committee recommendations to the Trustees. They recommended contracting with Mission Data to begin the discovery phase for the membership database, and having the president general appoint a project manager, which was approved by the Trustees. They recommended approving the 5/3 Bank's proposed allocations (60% equities/40% fixed income) for the new NSSAR Restricted Fund (for the Lawrence American History Award, the Council of Youth Awards Fund, and the Tomme Fund), which was approved by the Trustees. They recommended approval of the 2019 Budget as prepared by the Budget Committee, which was approved by the Trustees. They recommended allocating \$75k for the discovery/strategy phase of the membership database for Mission Data (an estimated \$50k cost, plus a \$25k cushion), which was approved by the Trustees. They recommended allocating money for information technology at the Headquarters Building, which was approved by the Trustees. They recommended awarding changes to the form (scholarship or cash award proposed by the Council of Youth Awards, which was approved by the Trustees. They recommended accepting changes to the *SAR Handbook* recommended by the Handbook Committee, which was approved by the Trustees with a single no vote. They recommended the build-out of the Executive Office at the Headquarters Building not to exceed \$60k, which was approved by the Trustees with one no vote. A recommendation to establish a June 1 deadline for filing disclosure forms for running for general office (except VPGs) failed.

Under new business, the Genealogy Committee recommended making the four new membership application forms that have been updated to meet the new requirements mandatory following the Leadership Meeting. Acceptable forms would be the MS/Word version adopted February 2017, the PDF version revised March 2017, the SARA-pAid by Cox Software version 5.03 (February 21, 2018), and the My Applications (Application system on the website). The motion was amended to require the new forms after October 31, 2018, and the amended motion was approved by the Trustees with two no votes. The Genealogy Committee requests those who assist with application process (sponsors, genealogists, registrars, secretaries, and others) assist our applicants in using the correct application form to avoid the disappointment of having their form returned because of use of the wrong form.

President General Warren Alter appointed PG Mike Tomme to be the Project Manager for the New Member Database Project. All questions regarding the project should be referred to PG Tomme. PG Alter announced the members of the 2019 Nominating Committee – the five most recent PGs (Larry Guzy (Chairman), Mike Tomme, Tom Lawrence, Lindsey Brock, and Joe Dooley), the four members selected by the Council of State Presidents (George Strunk of NC, James Adkins of MD, Wayne Mallar of ME, and Robert Meyer of NJ), the four alternates who could serve if any of the four previous members were unable to serve (Dennis Nelson of KS, Shawn Cox of OH, John Berg of OR, and Derek Brown of CA), and the two trustees appointed by the PG (James Pettis of MS, and James Lindley of WA).

After the Trustees had lunch, representatives of the SolidLight company did a presentation of the SAR museum of ideas. The museum will be divided into sections, and smart wrist bands will record the participants experience, which they can play back later. In order to proceed with the SAR Education Center and Museum, Ed Rigel Sr. and Jr. donated \$50k in a matching challenge grant. The SAR Foundation has the \$600k for the next phase of the SAR Education Center and Museum, so there was a motion to allocate \$550k to proceed with Phase 2, Step 2, which was approved by the Trustees with three no votes. It was noted that \$60k was raised at the SAR Fall Leadership Meeting.

On Saturday afternoon, Jim Fosdyck and Kent Gregory attended the **SAR Officer Training Seminar** led by Gregory Lucas, which discussed the legal and fiscal responsibilities of being an SAR officer or trustee.

Jim Faulkinbury attended the **GRS Committee**, which discussed the weekly work being conducted by teleconference to develop the specifications for a functional SAR Genealogy Research System. The work is now looking at the requirements for the sales and accounting components of the system since most of the work on the requirements for end-users has already been completed.



Derek Brown attended the meeting of the **Eagle Scout Committee**, which noted the King Fund has about \$617,000, and the checking account has about \$18,600. Several contributions were recognized totaling about \$2,000. There were 37 letters for the Eagle Award sent out to states. Awards will continue at \$10,000, \$6,000 and \$4,000 for first, second and third places. Additional awards were added last year for \$200 each for fourth through tenth places. There were 44 entries last year, but only half of the entries had all three important merit badges (Genealogy, Law, and American Heritage) that figure very heavily in the final scoring. There will be additional focus on the three merit badges at the 250th Anniversary. The award recipients prefer the cash award over the scholarship by a 2 to 1 margin. The overall rate for all youth programs is 75% preference for cash vs 25% for scholarships. The committee members were reminded that all who interact with youth must take the Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection Training. There were 250 patches ordered to be given to all contest participants, and this will start with the next year's contest.

Derek Brown and Jim Fosdyck attended the meeting of the **Council of State Presidents**, which discussed retention and recruiting – even with high recruitment, there is a relatively low level of retention beyond one year (“certificate seekers”). They suggested Skyping of chapter members that cannot attend chapter meetings, mentoring new chapter members to eliminate/reduce cliques, “doing something” rather than just talking, getting members from stronger chapters to help smaller/weaker chapters, getting member leads from other lineage societies (CAR, DAR, 1812, etc.) or other groups (VFW, Masons, etc.), getting new members involved IMMEDIATELY, and informing members how their dues are used. In Kentucky, meetings are used more for planning of events rather than being the main event; in Tennessee, one chapter gets new color guard members by partial reimbursement of the uniform after participating in five events; in Texas, one member in each chapter is assigned to call others to help maximize retention (beyond just calling to remind them of upcoming meetings); in Tennessee, each chapter gives a weekly update to the state president; and in Washington and Arizona, they have developed a new member manual (Derek Brown will develop one for California). Other ideas included getting chapters aligned for the 250th anniversary; getting out of state members involved/registered through a local chapter where they will be more interested/willing to participate; increase SAR visibility at state/county fairs, genealogical society meetings, etc.; and having term limits for chapter officers. The committee discussed the demographics report generated by Jim Engler. Derek Brown noted that he has been making the report available to California chapters as he travels around the state, and has also reminded chapters to work on those things on which they have the resources.

Ron Barker (vice chairman) attended the meeting of the **Council of Vice Presidents General**, which reviewed District and State demographics, the requirements for youth protection training, and District and State websites and content. They discussed education and communications, which are two of President General Warren Alter's goals. Lou Carlson attended the meeting of the **France Society**. John Dodd told the France Society that he had a compatriot who wanted to participate in the France/US Youth Exchange Program. Derek Brown, John Dodd, and Stephen Renouf attended the meeting of the **Germany Society**, which discussed the problem of the Air Force no longer allowing the SAR Bronze JROTC Medal to be worn on cadet uniforms. There were 241 members of the Germany Society at the end of the Houston Congress, with a total of \$7,076.77 on hand. They discussed recruiting members in Germany, and requested articles for the newsletter be sent to Bruce Buehler. There will be a Germany Genealogy Conference on June 15-17, 2019, and further information will be put in the newsletter. In March 2019, new officers will be elected. Jim Faulkinbury was recognized as a new member of the Germany Society. A potential SAR trip to Germany was discussed.

The Saturday evening banquet was held in the ballroom, and featured special guest J. Kevin Graffagnino, the Director of the William L. Clements Library at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He said the Clements Library has one of the world's finest collections of early American history, and conserves delicate and fragile historical documents for posterity. Director Graffagnino showed pictures of the four wooden boxes of the General Thomas Gage Papers (1759-1775), which are useful in documenting the years preceding the American Revolution. He showed a letter from Benedict Arnold to John André (1780), a letter from George Washington to Dr. Baker (1781), and a letter from Lord Cornwallis to Henry Clinton from the Henry Clinton Papers. President General Warren Alter presented a miniature replica of the Liberty Bell to Director Graffagnino for his informative presentation.

*By Stephen Renouf, Chairman, CASSAR Invested Funds Trustees, with information from Tom Adams, Ron Barker, Derek Brown, Lou Carlson, John Dodd, Jim Faulkinbury, Jim Fosdyck, Kent Gregory, and Dan McKelvie.*



# *Honoring Our Veterans*

## *The United States of America 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration Commemorative Partner Program*



The California Society, SAR joined in a 3 year program (2016 - 2018) with The United States of America 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration Commemorative Partner Program to conduct events and activities that will recognize Vietnam Veterans and their families' service, valor, and sacrifice. Our primary emphasis is objective one.

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

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



## 143<sup>rd</sup> CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting

During the 143<sup>rd</sup> CASSAR Board of Managers meeting in Folsom, three veterans from Gold Country Chapter were honored with quilts presented by the Quilt Reaction Force in recognition of their service



*Darian Taylor and Un Hui Fosdyck presenting the Quilt Reaction Force quilt to Mike Holmes, Navy.*



*Darian Taylor and Un Hui Fosdyck presenting the QRF quilt to Michael Hurst, Army.*



*Darian Taylor and Un Hui Fosdyck presenting the QRF quilt to Fred Hagen, Army.*

## Eagle Chapter Quilt Reaction Force

Eagle Chapter Compatriot Eddie Stutler, USAF, received a quilt from the Quilt Reaction Force (QRF) on 5 January. Making the presentation was Un Hui Fosdyck with Fay Bishop assisting.



*L-R Un Hui Fosdyck, Fay Bishop, USAF Vet Eddie Stutler, and Eddie's wife Jane.*



*USAF Vet Eddie Stutler with his quilt with Fay Bishop assisting and Un Hui Fosdyck looking on.*



## Orange County Quilt Reaction Force Quilt Presentation



*Gus Fischer being presented with a Quilt Reaction Force quilt by Un Hui Yi and Charmella Secrest for his service with the merchant Marine. Chapter President Torres and Ham Salley, Veteran Affairs Chairman, looking on.*



*Lt. Col. Albert Ross and his Quilt Reaction Force quilt presented by Un Hui Yi and Charmella Secrest for his service in the USAF. Chapter President Torres and Veteran Affairs Chairman Ham Salley looking on*

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**Farewell Beloved**

**Compatriots**

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

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

Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto the God who gave it.  
Ecclesiastes 12: 6-7

<b>NSSAR#</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Middle Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
181733	Thomas	Richard	Moore	05/04/2018	Coachella Valley
180864	Bobby	Adkins	Bartlett	01/01/2018	Delta
189432	Benjamin	Edgar	Hall	05/13/2018	Eagle
208844	Raymond	Earll	Shine	09/16/2018	Gold Country
155306	Douglas	Eugene	Cross	10/29/2018	Sacramento
166655	Dennis	Robert	Sperry	09/24/2018	Sacramento
208917	Kelly	Casey	McNeil	11/18/2018	San Diego
195712	David	Christopher	Hogshead	09/02/2018	South Coast
133294	Edward		Sebree	04/11/2018	South Coast
114164	John	William	Pfeffer	03/23/2018	Thomas Jefferson





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