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The President's Message

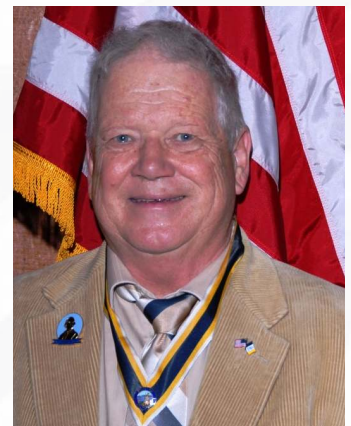
I hope you all had a great holiday with your families and friends. It is hard to believe that my tenure as your State President now only has a few more months left. It has been an exciting year for me thus far. The National Congress in Greenville, SC brought with it new responsibilities. As Chairman of the Genealogy Committee I have become more involved in working with the Genealogist General John Sinks and the NSSAR Genealogy Staff, as well as several members of subcommittees looking at policy revisions. I was also appointed to the NSSAR Membership Committee since the genealogical policies have a significant role in membership.

As Alternate Trustee, I have been representing the California Society in the continued work on our new building in Louisville and the development of a world class educational center there. Our next Congress will be in Louisville and the new building is now open for viewing. I encourage you to consider attending our Congress. It is a great place to make new acquaintances and to see how our society operates. There are a lot of extra activities to make the trip a worthwhile and fun experience. The new facility will be a highlight and it sits on "museum row" on historic Main Street, right across the street from the Louisville Slugger museum and on the same block with the Frazier History Museum which houses a wonderful collection of weaponry from Great Britain and the United States in addition to its other treasures.

Here in California, I've had the opportunity to visit several chapters including the 120th anniversary celebration of the Southern California Chapter which was established in San Diego in 1894. Some of the chapter meetings were "Community Service" programs which is always a meaningful experience. The

Board of Managers Meeting in Petaluma was jointly hosted by the Redwood Empire Chapter and the California Society and was a successful event where some important decisions were made to insure the ongoing success of our society.

Our membership continues to grow and it is hoped that the number of drops will not be as numerous as in past years as we complete the reconciliation for our 2015 membership. We need to continue growing the membership and especially growing those members who will take an active role in the leadership and programs of CASSAR. The Nominating Committee has prepared a good slate of officers to be considered for the upcoming election in Irvine. I hope many of you are able to attend, and that the majority of our chapters will be represented there.



123rd President, CASSAR
Jim W. Faulkinbury

In closing I would like to thank all of you who have helped make this year a great experience; those who helped with the planning for our Board of Managers Meeting, those who hosted Karen and me when we visited chapter meetings, those who provided leadership in our youth and patriotic programs, and the members of our Color Guards who are our public face. Thank you again for the trust that you have placed in me to lead the CASSAR during the year.

Jim W. Faulkinbury
President, California Society, SAR

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NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FEES, DUES

NATIONAL, STATE,
AND CHAPTER

NSSAR Fee	\$80.00
NSSAR Dues	\$30.00
CASSAR Fee	\$20.00
Chapter Dues	Varies

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

THE NSSAR FAMILY
DISCOUNT

NSSAR Fee	\$30.00
NSSAR Dues	\$30.00
CASSAR Fee	\$20.00
Chapter Dues	Varies

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FEES

SUPPLEMENTAL
APPLICATION

NSSAR Fee	\$60.00
CASSAR Fee	\$10.00

JUNIOR MEMBER APPLICATION FEES, DUES

JUNIOR MEMBER
APPLICATION

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

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP ADVANTAGES

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



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

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Next Deadline: 30 May, 2015



The Secretary's Report

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ANNUAL DUES, REGULAR MEMBERS

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

ANNUAL DUES, JUNIOR MEMBERS

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

ANNUAL DUES, DUAL MEMBERS

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

ANNUAL DUES, EMERITUS MEMBERS

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

It was a busy 2014 with our State Society adding 245 new members and 4 transfers in. At the end of 2014 we had 1,854 total members. At the time of writing this article, I am aware of 13 of our fellow compatriots who passed away in 2014. During our reconciliation report period, I may become aware of others who have passed.



The new year brings many exciting events that we can participate in, such as the Massing of the Colors in February, the NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting in Louisville in March, our own CASSAR Spring Membership Meeting in April in Irvine, the National Congress in Louisville in late June, the NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting in September in Louisville, and our CASSAR Fall Board of Managers Meeting in November in Riverside.

Douglas Bergholdt

CASSAR State Secretary



COMING EVENTS

15 February – Massing of the Colors
Hollywood Hills, CA

6-7 March 2015 – NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting
Louisville, KY

17-18 April 2015 – CASSAR Spring Meeting
Irvine, CA

26 June – 1 July 2015 – 125th National Congress
Louisville, KY

Welcome New Members



Nat'l #	CASSAR	Name	Chapter	Nat'l #	CASSAR	Name	Chapter
174972	9780	Robert Martin	Eagle	192442	9706	David Joseph Schofield Jr.	San Diego
192006	9653	Barrie Alan Walters	Gen George Patton	192443	9707	Nathan Morgan Griggs Jr.	San Diego
192007	9654	Matthew Lee Huynh	Gen George Patton	192446	9710	Jack Everett Reed	San Diego
192008	9655	Ralph Andrew MacDonald	Gen George Patton	192555	9722	William Bruce Weedman	San Diego
192560	9727	Walter Russell Ireland	Gen George Patton	192556	9723	Henry Miller Bonner Jr.	San Diego
192648	9733	Frederick Daniel Dunn	Gen George Patton	192644	9729	Charles Albert Matak	San Diego
192372	9691	Dean Alan Price	Gen George Washington	192645	9730	Richard Lee Matak	San Diego
192373	9692	Shane Dean Price	Gen George Washington	192646	9731	Jeffrey Lee Mudgett	San Diego
192374	9693	Zachary Alan Price	Gen George Washington	192647	9732	Mark Alan Mudgett	San Diego
192375	9694	Zane Isaac Price	Gen George Washington	192661	9746	Nathanael James Razor Hair	San Diego
192649	9734	Mace Michael Gjerman	Gen George Washington	193125	9773	Rodney Wilcutt Frame	San Diego
192650	9735	Jamin Magary Gjerman	Gen George Washington	193126	9774	Milton Charles Styron Jr.	San Diego
192654	9739	Doyle Wayne Rafferty	Gen George Washington	193225	9781	Rico Jay Chaloner Buhay	San Diego
192947	9748	Gianni R. Snidle	Gen George Washington	192005	9652	Cody Wells Blackshear	San Francisco
192948	9749	David Todd Bartholomew	Gen George Washington	192285	9672	Michael Robert Robison	San Francisco
193123	9771	Brad Lee Gardner	Gen George Washington	192359	9678	Frank Raymond Helm	San Francisco
193124	9772	Richard Charles Sannar	Gen George Washington	192360	9679	Alexander Lim Helm	San Francisco
192013	9660	Charles Joseph Mann	Kern	192361	9680	Graham Mansfield Helm	San Francisco
192371	9690	Glenn Paul Hollins	Kern	192363	9682	William Lamar Beane Jr.	San Francisco
191886	9647	Phillip Edwin Forbes	Orange County	192364	9683	Tommy Liske Beane	San Francisco
191897	9648	Archie Lee McKelvie	Orange County	192365	9684	William Lamar Beane III	San Francisco
192449	9713	John Lawrence Beall	Orange County	192366	9685	James Patrick Simpson	San Francisco
192450	9714	David Andrew Beall	Orange County	192367	9686	Braydon William Beane	San Francisco
192451	9715	Richard Allen Beall	Orange County	192368	9687	Thomas Charles Mastripolito	San Francisco
192452	9716	John Paul Beall	Orange County	192369	9688	Edward Thomas Mastripolito Jr.	San Francisco
192453	9717	Lawrence Walter Beall	Orange County	192370	9689	William Thoomas Mastripolito	San Francisco
192454	9718	Kristian Allen Beall	Orange County	193119	9767	Daniel Parker Ashley	San Francisco
192455	9719	George Philip Beall	Orange County	193120	9768	William Bennett Ashley	San Francisco
192456	9720	Andrew Anh Beall	Orange County	193121	9769	Winston Parker Ashley	San Francisco
186771	9747	Michael Allan Shanahan	Orange County	193444	9708	Lawrence Alan Gamble	Santa Barbara
192950	9751	Donald Deleree Coker	Orange County	192445	9709	Ian Lawson Gamble	Santa Barbara
192951	9752	Sammy Allen Browning	Orange County	192660	9745	Donald Wayne Montgomery	Santa Barbara
192192	9669	Patrick Alan Blewett	Redding	192009	9656	Gregory Peterson Sherwood	Silicon Valley
192193	9670	Kraig Alan Blewett	Redding	192358	9677	Samuel Cleo Prather	Silicon Valley
193127	9775	William Albert McCalmon	Redlands	192557	9724	John Ray Holland II	Silicon Valley
192010	9657	Keith Ambrose Brown	Redwood Empire	192558	9725	Brian Keith Williams	Silicon Valley
192011	9658	David Keith Brown	Redwood Empire	192559	9726	Victor Kevin Williams	Silicon Valley
192434	9698	William Edward Nay	Redwood Empire	192949	9750	Jon Scott Shamblen	Silicon Valley
192435	9699	Matthew Edward Nay	Redwood Empire	192191	9668	Bradford Thomas Grady	Sons of Liberty
192436	9700	Michael Edward Nay	Redwood Empire	192362	9681	Peter Lloyd Sheerin	Sons of Liberty
192457	9721	Joseph William Nay	Redwood Empire	192447	9711	David Williams Dicken Jr.	Sons of Liberty
191957	9649	Christopher Richard Keene	Riverside	192651	9736	Thomas Jay Barnes	Sons of Liberty
192017	9664	Austin Samuel McCoy	Riverside	192652	9737	Christopher Havens Cochran	Sons of Liberty
174880	9697	Roger D. Woodruff	Riverside	193128	9776	Frederick Karl Louis Bagnall	Sons of Liberty
19643	9728	Edward Lee Chesson	Riverside	193129	9777	James Frederick Bagnall Toth	Sons of Liberty
192653	9738	David James Razor Ott	Riverside	193130	9778	Kyle Louis Bagnall	Sons of Liberty
192656	9741	George William Celsi-Bonadio	Riverside	193131	9779	Karl Louis James Bagnall	Sons of Liberty
192657	9742	William Alexander Bonadio	Riverside	193122	9770	Andrew Daniel Cauble Jr.	South Coast
192014	9661	William Michael Johnston Randolph	Sacramento	192655	9740	Ryan Thomas Prindiville	Thomas Jefferson
192015	9662	Matthew Johnston Randolph	Sacramento	192296	9675	James Marvin Boone	Yosemite
192016	9663	Ronald Allen Randolph	Sacramento	192297	9676	James Ara Boone	Yosemite
192194	9671	Edward Arthur Strange	Sacramento	192658	9743	Benjamin Christopher Bohan	Yosemite
192448	9712	Jeffery Allen Erskine	Sacramento	192659	9744	Vance Edward Herring	Yosemite
191958	9650	Edward Evan Thurston	San Diego	192952	9753	Alvin Ray King	Yosemite
191959	9651	Stephen Edward Thurston	San Diego	192953	9754	David Ray King	Yosemite
192012	9659	Andrew Mitchell Fagen	San Diego	192954	9755	Connor David King	Yosemite
192102	9665	Glen Thomas Johnson	San Diego	192955	9756	Austin Garner King	Yosemite
192103	9666	Aaron Kristoffer Johnson	San Diego	192956	9757	Trevor Bruce King	Yosemite
192104	9667	Joe Alton Itson	San Diego	192957	9758	Lawrence Arthur King	Yosemite
192294	9673	David Douglas Colins	San Diego	192958	9759	Cody Lawrence King	Yosemite
192295	9674	James Steven Cary	San Diego	192959	9760	Wyatt Nicolas King	Yosemite
192410	9695	Benjamin Edgar Talley III	San Diego	192960	9761	Matthew Darin King	Yosemite
192411	9696	Benjamin Kenneth Talley	San Diego	192961	9762	Zachariah Alvin King	Yosemite
192437	9701	John Edward Rains	San Diego	192962	9763	Solomon Matthew King	Yosemite
192438	9702	Nathan Morgan Griggs	San Diego	192963	9764	Daniel Andrew King	Yosemite
192439	9703	Morgan Dale Griggs	San Diego	192964	9765	Jeffrey Alan King	Yosemite
192440	9704	David Morgan Griggs	San Diego	192965	9766	Alejandro Jake King	Yosemite
192441	9705	Cody Victor Chalupnik	San Diego				

Spring Meeting



140th Annual Spring Meeting California Society, Sons of the American Revolution Wyndham Hotel – Irvine April 17 -18, 2015

The 140th annual Spring Membership Meeting of the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution will be hosted by the Orange County Chapter at the Wyndham Hotel – Irvine, near the John Wayne/Orange County Airport.

The beautiful Wyndham Hotel is located at 17941 Von Karman Avenue, Irvine, CA 92614. A special room rate for SAR members of \$109.00 per night (single or double) is available. For reservations, call (949) 863-1999 before March 15, 2015. A free shuttle is available from the Orange County Airport; or parking is only \$5.00 a day.

The engaging business meetings begin on Friday morning, April 17, so Compatriots are welcome to arrive on Thursday evening. NSSAR President Lindsey Brock will be attending, making the meetings a national color guard event, for guardsmen who are qualifying for the NSSAR Color Guard medals. There will be activities for the ladies during the meetings, and a hospitality room for attendees to gather and socialize.

A Public Service luncheon will be held on Friday to honor area firemen, law enforcement, and emergency medical service personnel. The Youth Awards Luncheon will be on Saturday, with the state winners of the Knight Essay Contest, JROTC Outstanding Cadet, Oration Contest, and outstanding Eagle Scout awards. Members in attendance can also vote on the entries for the Elementary School Poster Contest. A special memorial service will be held on Saturday afternoon to recognize those members who passed away in 2014.

The Saturday evening Gala Installation Banquet will be exciting this year! Instead of a speaker, entertainment will include Dave Champagne, a professional Magician from the Magic Castle. There will be other surprises as well! The Wyndham Hotel chef is excellent; you will enjoy the meals.

All SAR members are welcome and invited to these events. Chapters should make certain they send representatives. Come for a fun weekend, or select a luncheon or banquet to attend. The registration form is in this *California Compatriot*.



Logo for the CASSAR Spring Meeting
(created by Karl Jacobs)

140th Annual Spring Meeting

of the

California Society, Sons of the American Revolution

April 17 – 18, 2015

Hosted by the Orange County Chapter

Wyndham Irvine Hotel

17941 Von Karman Ave., Irvine, CA 92614

*A Special SAR Room Rate of \$109.00 per night (single or double) is available until March 15th
Make Hotel Reservations at (949)863-1999. Parking is \$5 per day. Free Shuttle from OC Airport.*

Meeting Reservation Form

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

Arriving: ☐ Thursday, April 16th, ☐ Friday, April 17th, ☐ Saturday, April 18th

Registration is \$135.00 per person by March 15, 2015 or \$150.00 after March 15th. The fee includes meetings, Friday and Saturday luncheons, and the Saturday Gala Dinner Banquet.

Number of Registrants: @ \$135 Late Registrations @ \$150 Total:

Non-registered Friday Luncheon: @ \$35 each

Non-registered Saturday Luncheon: @ \$35 each

Non-registered Gala Dinner Banquet: @ \$65 each

Total Amount Enclosed:

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

Jim Klingler, 33 Bethany Drive, Irvine, CA 92603

Questions? Contact Kent at drkentgregory@earthlink.net or 562/493-6409

Please mark your meal choices:

Friday Public Service Luncheon

☐ Salmon with Orange Butter Sauce or ☐ Cobb Salad

Saturday Youth Luncheon

☐ Open Face New York Steak Sandwich or ☐ Island Chicken Salad

Saturday Gala Dinner Banquet

☐ Beef Wellington or ☐ Chicken Wellington

(vegetarian options available)

The California Compatriot p.7 *From the Desk of the CASSAR Registrar*

As we close the 2014 year, I want to pause and reflect on our accomplishments. Specifically, from the 26 chapters a total of 379 applications were forwarded to national for approval. The majority of the applications were for new and junior members. Most have been approved, a few still pending.

I would like to make a New Year's Resolution. I know, hard to keep, but I think we can keep what I am about to propose. I propose that as a group, the California SAR chapters resolve to do our utmost to not have a single application "pending" because we were unaware of the quality we are sending in. I am sure I forwarded too many that were questioned and I should have held them up for "better" quality documentation.

Supplementals seem to fall into this category. And while the staff in Louisville seems to find fault all too often, we can do a better job of ensuring quality before it crosses my desk.

A few dos:

- Do take time to review application before mailing it, ensuring all documentation is provided and all checks are proper for application/s submitted.
- Do underline in red ink each document being careful to indicate each generation
- Do mark in the upper right hand corner the generations to which the document refers
- Insist that supplementals go through chapter registrar's desk before submitting them

Don'ts:

- Don't highlight the information in any color
- Don't send several documents for a particular generation when one document suffices
- Don't forget to include the cover page if a book is being used for documentation
- Don't send a document if it is blurry or unreadable
- Don't cut and paste, send full page
- Don't communicate with NASSAR without first communicating with me

There are more dos and don'ts but a review of the Application Manual should keep the CASSAR in the forefront of "approval ready" applications.

One final thought, I assume that each of the chapters assist prospective applicants. If not, please do so. It can make a hard road to travel much easier. And you'd be surprised how appreciative the new compatriot will be.

Our goal for 2015: over 400 applications! We can do it.

Owen Stiles

CASSAR Registrar

NECROLOGY

Farewell Beloved Compatriots

We, the Descendants of the Heroes of the American Revolution, SALUTE A Life Well Lived, in honor of the memory of our patriot forefathers, by preserving their vision of the American Dream, for future generations.	Nat'l #	CASSAR	Name	Chapter
	192005	9652	Cody Wells Blackshear	San Francisco
	134341	5914	Archie Lee McPherran	Sacramento
	57832	1862	George W. Peabody	Gold Country
<p>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</p>				

Fall Board of Managers Meeting

BY STEPHEN RENOUF & JIM BLAUER

The Redwood Empire Chapter hosted the 139th Annual Board of Managers Meeting of the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution on November 6-8, 2014 at the Sheraton Sonoma County Hotel in Petaluma, California. On Friday, November 7, CASSAR President Jim Faulkinbury convened the 139th Annual Board of Managers Meeting. President Faulkinbury introduced distinguished guests Stephen Renouf (Vice President General-Western District), Mike Tomme (Treasurer General), John Dodd (Chancellor General), Randy Ellis (SAR Foundation Board Member), and Rev. Lou Carlson (President of the Mexico Society). Past California Society Presidents were introduced: Stephen Hurst (2013-14), Keith Bigbee (2012-13), John Dodd (2011-12), Rev. Louis Carlson (2009-10), Stephen Renouf (2008-09), Karl Jacobs (2007-08), Robert Ebert (2007-08), and Richard Andriano-Moore (1986-87).

Following introductions, the National and State officers gave their reports. VPG Renouf announced that the Nevada Society will be holding their annual meeting in Las Vegas in February 2015. Treasurer General Tomme spoke about the proposed SAR Museum, and invited everyone to attend the SAR Congress in Louisville in July and see the new building. Chancellor Dodd and SAR Foundation Member Randy Ellis spoke about fundraising, and how important it was for SAR compatriots to donate to the new museum. All corporate donors will want to see that it is supported by the membership before they make a donation. President Faulkinbury noted that he served as California Society trustee at the Leadership Meeting in September.

Secretary Bergtholdt announced that the chapters need to submit the annual reconciliation of dues to him by January 15, 2015. Registrar Owen Stiles announced that there were 214 new members, 37 junior members and 85 supplementals for the year. He also recommended that all the chapter registrars look at the NSSAR Application Manual posted on the SAR website to improve the quality of applications being prepared by CASSAR. Historian Jim Blauer announced that he had been taking notes at CASSAR meetings for

12 years. Trustee of the Invested Funds Stephen Renouf reported that the California Society has \$356,000 in invested funds, split among the life membership fund, education fund, permanent fund and the 2019 SAR congress fund. John Dodd reported on the California 250 pins – for a \$250 donation to the SAR Center, you can wear the pin. Color guard commander Jim Fosdyck reported on the upcoming Wreaths Across America program at 9AM on December 13 – a national color guard event. Each chapter had an opportunity to report on their activities.

The CASSAR Nominating Committee met and interviewed two candidates for Vice President North. Following deliberations, the Nominating Committee



CASSAR Color Guard with President Faulkinbury



CASSAR Officers during Business Meeting

Fall Board of Managers Meeting (continued)

endorsed the following candidates for CASSAR officers in 2015-16: President - Kent Gregory, Executive Vice President - Ron Barker, Vice President South - James Fosdyck, Vice President North - Derek Brown, Vice President Membership - Philip Hinshaw, Secretary - Doug Bergtholdt, Treasurer - Robert Taylor, Registrar - Owen Stiles, Chancellor - Jeffries Goodwin, Genealogist - Terry Briggs, Historian - James Blauer, Chaplain - Rev. Lou Carlson, Investment Fund Trustee 2013-2015 Richard Hawley, Investment Fund Trustee 2014-2016 Stephen Renouf, Investment Fund Trustee 2015-2017 John Dodd, National Trustee - Jim Faulkinbury, and Alternate Trustee - Kent Gregory.

Peter Goyhenetche of the Redwood Empire Chapter was the master of ceremonies for the CASSAR Community Service Luncheon. President Faulkinbury presented the SAR Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal to Debbi Rath of the Sonoma County American Medical Response (Debbi was absent, so her daughter Marissa accepted on her behalf). Debbi directs the 911 operations for Sonoma County, and oversaw their dedicated response to the South Napa Earthquake in August. President Faulkinbury presented the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Richard Sharke, the director of the McDowell Drug Task Force. President Faulkinbury presented the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal to Darren Drake, the division chief and fire marshal of the Napa Fire Department. Chief Drake spearheaded the 9-11 Memorial in Napa, using steel from the ruins of the World Trade Center. It took 4 years, and was dedicated on September 11, 2013. President Faulkinbury presented the SAR Certificate of Appreciation to Susan Sarfaty and the Sheraton Hotel for assisting us with the meeting.



CASSAR Genealogist Terry Briggs received the Patriot Medal

Following lunch, the CASSAR meeting reconvened. The minutes of the April CASSAR Meeting were approved. There was a discussion of insurance—general liability, director & officers' liability, and black powder liability insurance. There is a task force of several committees at NSSAR that is evaluating risk and recommendations for states and chapters. The California Society is also struggling to get a solution for the state and chapters. On Friday night, the CASSAR President's Dinner was held at Cattlemen's Restaurant in Petaluma. There were 56 members and guests present for the dinner. It was a good chance to socialize with members from national and around the state.

On Saturday morning the past CASSAR presidents met for breakfast, and welcomed current President Faulkinbury. The Board of Managers approved shifting some of the budget for the president general expenses to the Petaluma meeting expenses to help compensate for the lower than average attendance. Vice President North Ron Barker presented the proposed budget for 2015. VPG Renouf and Chancellor General Dodd proposed transferring money from the CASSAR Education Fund to cover increasing the cash prizes for all the youth contests by \$250, which was approved by the board of managers. The budget was then approved for 2015.

President Faulkinbury gave national candidates and their representatives an opportunity to campaign for office. Mike Tomme spoke on his campaign for Secretary General; Randy Ellis spoke on his campaign for Treasurer General; John Dodd spoke on his campaign for Vice President General-Western District, as well as Judge Tom Lawrence for President General and Davis Wright for Chancellor General; and Stephen Renouf spoke on Jack Manning for Historian General.

Fall Board of Managers Meeting (continued)

The candidates running unopposed for office were unanimously endorsed by the California Society. The California Society also voted to endorse Randy Ellis for Treasurer General and Jack Manning for Historian General. Chancellor Jeff Goodwin authored a resolution, co-sponsored by Dodd and Renouf, to prohibit individuals, chapters and color guards from firing black powder weapons (when representing the SAR), unless they have valid black powder liability insurance naming the California Society and the National Society.

Be it resolved than no individual, Chapter, or Color Guard at any activity associated with the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (CASSAR) shall fire black powder musket, rifles, pistols, or other firearms without first owning an in-force policy of insurance for a minimum of \$1,000,000 with listed additional insureds of the CASSAR and the NSSAR.

The resolution passed unanimously. Currently there are five chapters that fire black powder weapons, but only one chapter has an insurance policy covering this activity.



Jim Beatty, Jeff Sylvan, Don Littlefield, Dale Ross, and Bob Taylor received the Silver Roger Sherman Medal (Ron Barker accepted for Sylvan and Littlefield)

Chancellor General Dodd spoke about the upcoming SAR Congress in Louisville, Kentucky, in July 2015. He said if you have not been to a Congress, this is a great one to attend so you can see the new SAR Headquarters and Library on Main Street. At the last leadership meeting, we had the ribbon cutting for the beginning of construction on the new museum of the American Revolution. The NSSAR Trustees also approved Southern California for the 2019 SAR Congress. The California Society has hosted many SAR Congresses, including 1979 in San Diego, 1989 in San Francisco, 1999 in San Diego, and 2008 in Sacramento. All compatriots are encouraged to participate in the hosting of the Congress in 2019. The next two CASSAR meetings will be at the Wyndham Hotel in Irvine in April 2015, and at the Mission Inn in Riverside in November 2015. Historian Jim Blauer announced that he was selling “Spirit of ’76” calendars

for \$20, with proceeds going to the SAR Center. President Faulkinbury suspended the board of managers meeting.

President Faulkinbury convened a special meeting of the membership to consider two bylaws amendments. Only chapter presidents (or their official designee) are permitted to vote on bylaws amendments. The first amendment was to Bylaw 5, Section 2 regarding the CASSAR Ethics Committee. The current bylaw does not permit the chaplain (who chairs the ethics committee) to vote. The amendment would allow the chaplain to vote, and if he chooses to abstain from voting, he may select a replacement to vote in his place. The second amendment was to Bylaw 7, Section 4 regarding reinstatement of membership. The current bylaw requires a vote of the board of managers, which we have never done. The amendment would require the CASSAR secretary to notify the Executive Committee, and if no objection were raised, the reinstatement could be processed. Both amendments passed unanimously. President Faulkinbury adjourned the special meeting of the membership.

Vice President General-Western District Stephen Renouf convened a meeting of the NSSAR Western District. There was a motion made by Derek Brown of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter to have the Western District endorse the same

Fall Board of Managers Meeting (continued)

candidates for National office that the California Society had previously endorsed. The motion passed, and there was no further business of the Western District. Vice President General Renouf adjourned the meeting of the Western District. CASSAR President Faulkinbury adjourned the 139th CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting.

Peter Goyhenetche of the Redwood Empire Chapter was the master of ceremonies for the CASSAR Awards Luncheon. Following lunch, Valley Forge Chairman Bob Taylor introduced Patricia Harjehausen, the CASSAR sponsored teacher we sent to Valley Forge. She presented a PowerPoint presentation on her trip to Valley Forge. President Faulkinbury presented Patricia with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation. He also presented the state and chapter awards that were presented to CASSAR at the SAR Leadership Meeting in September. CASSAR received the J.C. Harrington Award for sponsoring the winning JROTC Cadet. The National Meritorious Service Medal was presented to Ron Zell. The Santa Barbara chapter was recognized for their Flag Day celebration. Lamplighter awards were presented to Doug Bergtholdt, Ken Lynch, and Eric Sloan. The Liberty Medal was presented to Ron Corello. Liberty Medal oak leaf clusters went to Ron Barker (2), Terry Briggs (3), Tom Chilton, Jim Faulkinbury (2), Charlie Gentis (2), Kent Gregory (2), Don Gurley, Karl Jacobs, Grant Noah (5) Shawn Price, Ray Raser (8), and Owen Stiles (2). It was noted that Ray Raser was presented with the Florence Kendall Medal for having brought in the most new members last year. State Flag Streamers were presented to those who completed one or more of the President General's initiatives. For their support of the USO, the Coachella Valley, the Orange County and the Silicon Valley Chapters were honored. For sponsoring a Portrait of George Washington for the local schools, the Sacramento Chapter received a streamer and a star (they did 2 schools), and the San Diego Chapter received a streamer. The streamer for the Mount Vernon's National History Day promotion was received by the Sacramento Chapter. Ron Barker noted that for the Partners in Patriotism Award, 19 of the 26 California chapters participated in this program. Those who participated in Wreaths Across America, Field of Honor, July 4th Parades, or the Massing of the Colors included: California Society, General Patton, Gold Country, Orange County, Riverside, San Francisco, Delta, General George Washington, Harbor, Kern, Monterey Bay, Redlands, Redwood Empire, Sacramento, San Diego, Eagle, Silicon Valley, Sons of Liberty, South Coast and Thomas Jefferson Chapters. President Faulkinbury thanked all who participated in these events.

The California Society held a banquet on Saturday night. The master of ceremonies was James Beatty of the Redwood Empire Chapter. Following the meal, James Beatty introduced special guest speaker Skip Sommer, the history editor of The Petaluma Post for 15 years, and the restorer of many historic properties in Marin and Sonoma counties. Skip Sommer addressed the assembly on the history of Petaluma by recounting stories of some of the most important families of the town. The area that became Petaluma was originally settled by Miwok Indians. The Spanish arrived in 1776, and it was part of the 1844 Mexican land grant to General Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo, who built an adobe home named the Rancho Petaluma Adobe. Following the Bear Flag Revolt of 1846, and the defeat of Mexico, the area was annexed by the United States. American settlers came to the area following the 1849 discovery of gold in California. Petaluma was founded in 1852, and chartered as a city in 1858. The town was not damaged in the 1906 earthquake (and still has a number of pre-1906 buildings), and ships brought in food and construction supplies from Petaluma to San Francisco to help rebuild the town. Later the town's chicken farms led it to be called the "Egg Capital of the World."

President Faulkinbury presented an SAR Certificate of Appreciation to Skip Sommer for his interesting presentation. President Faulkinbury presented the Silver Roger Sherman Medal to Jeff Sulvan, Don Littlefield, Dale Ross, Jim Beatty, and Bob Taylor. He presented the Meritorious Service Medal to Dan Henry and Derek Brown. President Faulkinbury sent color guardsmen Bob Ebert and Karl Jacobs to locate the recipient of the Patriot Medal – CASSAR Genealogist Terry Briggs. The Ladies Auxiliary held their raffle, and President Faulkinbury adjourned the 139th Annual Board of Managers Meeting.



Wreaths Across America

BY DON LITTLEFIELD



Sacramento Valley National Cemetery

“To be killed in war is not the worst that can happen. To be lost is not the worst that can happen... to be forgotten is the worst.” -Pierre Claeysens (1909-2003)

This is the ninth year of Wreaths Across America, and the 23rd year that the Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine, has sent holiday wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery. Through this program, company president Morrill Worcester seeks to recognize Veterans, active duty military and their families.

The 2014 Wreaths Across America (WAA) ceremonies were held at over 850 cemeteries throughout the nation on December 13th at 12:00 PM, Arlington National Cemetery time. The mission of Wreaths Across America is remember, honor, teach. It is carried out in part by coordinating wreath laying ceremonies each December at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond. Wreaths Across America is a week of events including international veteran's tributes, ceremonies at State Houses and a week-long “Veteran's Parade” between Maine and Virginia where stops are made along the way to spread the message about the importance of remembering our fallen heroes, honoring those who serve, and teaching our children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms.

Here in California, the annual event was kicked-off by a ceremony held on the west steps of the State Capitol, chaired by Diane McLean, WAA Location Coordinator for the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery. Russ Kaiser, President of the Sacramento Chapter, represented the SAR on behalf of CASSAR WAA Chairman Don Littlefield, who was out of state on business. Several CASSAR chapters participated in this event at cemeteries across the state, reading the proclamation by CASSAR President Jim L.W. Faulkinbury, with Color Guards posting the Colors, as Honor Guards escorting service representatives to place wreaths recognizing their branch of the service, and by placing wreaths on the headstones of our honored men and women who gave all to maintain the freedoms we enjoy.

Wreaths Across America (continued)

Following are the CASSAR chapters who participated in Wreaths Across America events.

Delta – San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery, Justine
General George Patton – Nordhoff Cemetery, Ojai
General George Washington – Glen Oaks Cemetery, Chico
Gold Country – Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon
Harbor – Memory Garden Memorial Park, Brea
Kern – sponsored \$150 of wreaths.
Orange County – Memory Garden Memorial Park, Brea
Redwood Empire – Sonoma Veterans Memorial Park, Sonoma
Sacramento – Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon
San Diego – Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego
San Francisco – San Francisco National Cemetery, San Francisco Presidio
Silicon Valley – Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno
Sons of Liberty – Los Angeles National Cemetery, Los Angeles



*Sacramento Chapter Honor Guard
Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon*



*CASSAR President Jim Faulkinbury speaks at the ceremony
at Sacramento Valley Cemetery.*



*CASSAR Chaplain Louis V. Carlson
Lee's Legion Color Guard
Memory Garden Memorial Park, Brea*



*General George Washington with James Gil of Harbor Chapter
Memory Garden Memorial Park, Brea*

Wreaths Across America (continued)



Lee's Legion Color Guard with Los Angeles Fife and Drum Corps members



San Diego Color Guard at Fort Rosecrans Cemetery



*Ernie McCullough places a wreath at his father's grave at Fort Rosecrans Cemetery.
Clarence McCullough was a veteran of World War I.*



San Diego Color Guard Commander Will Tisch with his pipes



Wreaths Across America (continued)



Fort Rosecrans Cemetery, San Diego



Bob Taylor and Richard McMullen, Gen. George Patton Chapter



Bob Taylor placing wreath at Nordhoff Cemetery in Ojai

Chapter Activities

COACHELLA VALLEY CHAPTER



Coachella Valley Chapter celebrated its 20th Anniversary on November 15 at the Desert Falls Country Club in Palm Desert.



Coachella Valley Chapter Secretary David L Grinnell and President H. Lee Walker presented a Memorial Certificate to Joan Sholl, wife of former Chapter President John Elsworth Sholl, Jr. who passed away on May 18, 2014.

EAGLE CHAPTER



The Eagle Chapter is active and continues to grow. The last two meetings have had over 21 attendees. They have a Color Guard and have presented Eagle Scout certificates. They participated in the Murietta Family History Faire and a DAR Constitution Day event.



Constitution Day with Luiseno DAR Chapter, Temecula

HARBOR CHAPTER



The new Harbor Chapter Flag was presented during their November meeting. The colors of red, white and blue represent the colors of our National Flag. The ship represents the naval forces of the Spanish and French allies during the Revolution, and the current ports of entry in the South Bay. The turquoise wave is a quill feather representing the pens used to sign the Declaration of Independence. Words surrounding the Harbor Chapter logo are "Sons of the American Revolution" and the years "1775-1783".

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

On October 25, the San Diego Chapter hosted a banquet to celebrate the 120th Anniversary of the Southern California Sons of the American Revolution Society. The banquet was held at the Green Dragon Tavern and Museum in Carlsbad. The Tavern is a replica of Boston's original Green Dragon Tavern, where Sam Adams, Paul Revere, and other patriots met in secret and planned the Boston Tea Party. Paul Revere departed the Green Dragon Tavern for his famous ride to Lexington and Concord. The featured speaker was SAR Minuteman Karl Jacobs, whose topic was "German vs German at the Battle of Yorktown." Attending the event were members from San Diego Chapter, Eagle Chapter, Harbor Chapter, General George Patton Chapter, Orange County Chapter, Riverside Chapter, and Sacramento Chapter.



Color Guard included James Fosdyck, Ernest McCullough, George Biles, Will Tisch, Henry Lucas, Bob Taylor, Dan McKelvie, Jim Klinger, Tom Kubow, & Steve Clugston

Chapter Activities

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER *(continued)*

NSSAR Chancellor General John Dodd, CASSAR President Jim Faulkinbury, CASSAR Past-President Stan DeLong, and San Diego Chapter President Ray Raser



SSgt. Louie Huerta and San Diego Color Guard Commander Will Tisch cut the birthday cake



San Diego President Ray Raser presented the Lydia Darragh medal to Karon Jarrard, DAR Corresponding Secretary General



NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting

BY STEPHEN RENOUF

WITH INFORMATION FROM

JIM FAULKINBURY, JIM FOSDYCK, AND RON BARKER.

The NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting was held from September 25-27, 2014 at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. The California Society was represented by CASSAR President Jim Faulkinbury, CASSAR Executive Vice President Kent Gregory, CASSAR Vice President North Ron Barker, CASSAR Vice President South Jim Fosdyck, CASSAR Chaplain Rev. Lou Carlson, CASSAR Historian Jim Blauer, NSSAR Vice President General Stephen Renouf, NSSAR Chancellor General John Dodd, NSSAR Trustee for Mexico Bob Ebert, Former President General Larry Magerkurth, Former NSSAR Vice President General Karl Jacobs, former NSSAR Historian General Chuck Lampman, Brochure Contest Chairman Tom Adams, and San Diego Chapter President Ray Raser.

VPG Renouf and Chancellor General Dodd attended the Executive Committee meeting on Thursday morning. In the afternoon, Renouf attended the Strategic Planning Committee meeting. The committee discussed enhancements to the SAR website, including events management (where members can register and pay online for meetings), as well as an overall site redesign. In the evening, there was a candidate's forum for those running for office.

On Friday, many of the national committees met. The Medal & Awards Committee was chaired by Renouf. The committee approved the use of the Purple Heart pin on the Military Service Medal, and approved a ribbon bar for the War Service and Military Service medals with a "W" or "M" device to distinguish the two medals. The committee approved creating full-sized Council of State Presidents Medals. The committee went into executive session and approved the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal for inventor/philanthropist Alexander Dreyfoos, General Earl Anderson, and Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonin Scalia.

John Dodd made a presentation to the Congress Planning Committee for the California Society to host the 2019 Annual SAR Congress in Southern California, which was approved. Several Californians were present to support the proposal. Chairman Faulkinbury and Kent Gregory attended the Genealogy Committee, which passed an amendment to Policy 2011-04 to allow consideration of SAR, DAR, or CAR applications more than 20 years old to be used, on a case-by-case basis, as proof of the applicant's parents and possibly grandparents if the applicant was in position to have personally known them. A subcommittee was established to reconsider Policy 2011-06 regarding the criteria required for acceptance of DAR and CAR applications as proof documentation. The Application Preparation Manual will have 1) explanation of the differences between the pre-2001 Youth Registration and the Youth Registrant program used between 2001 and 2009, 2) further information regarding Memorial Applications, and 3) the acceptability of recent DAR Chapter Copies that meet the requirements of Policy 2011-06.

At 11:00am, the SAR conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony for the commencement of construction on the new SAR Museum. President General Lindsey Brock introduced US Congressman John Yarmouth, Michael Biagi (representing US Senator Mitch McConnell), Jim King (Metro Council President), and a representative of US Congressman Rand Paul. Following the ceremony, members of the Executive Committee and representatives of the local community had lunch at Vincenzo's hosted by Sam Powell, SAR Foundation President.

President Faulkinbury attended the Membership Committee meeting in the afternoon. Faulkinbury, Barker, and Fosdyck attended the Color Guard Committee, which presented Molly Pitcher medals. Fosdyck attended the Heroism

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and Public Service Committee, where they discussed having the final say on the presentation of SAR Heroism Medals. Fosdyck also attended the ROTC/JROTC Committee, which decided to increase the cash awards for national JROTC Enhanced Program winners: first place \$2000, second place \$1000, and third place \$500. Barker chaired the Patriotic Outreach Committee and attended the Wreaths Across America Committee. Last year 540,000 wreaths were laid at 908 locations. Barker also attended the Partners in Patriotism Committee – 22 state societies and 142 chapters participated between June 1, 2013 and May 31, 2014. The California Society and 19 California Chapters participated. To receive a certificate at the 2015 Congress for the period June 1, 2014 to May 31, 2015, you have to participate in Wreaths Across America or be involved in an event with another patriotic organization, such as VFW, American Legion, Purple Heart, etc.

Barker attended the Education Committee. Seven state societies have posted on the NSSAR website their education outreach programs. All state societies are asked to submit them through the Education Committee. California has already submitted theirs and it is posted. Barker and Adams attended the Americanism Committee. The Americanism Brochure Contest has an ongoing theme for middle schools: "The Foundational Documents of the United States," which include the Articles of Confederation, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Federalist Papers, and the Bill of Rights. The Elementary School Poster Contest for this next years has a choice of two topics: Lexington and Concord, or George Rogers Clark. The goal in the spring leadership meeting is to develop an ongoing annual theme for this contest. A fund raising medal was approved for \$250 with the proceeds being split between these two contests. It should be available no later than the Spring Leadership meeting in 2015.

The Museum Board was attended by Gregory. Representatives from the design firm SolidLight presented a proposed vision plan, communication plan, and a planning process to develop the new museum. The Museum Board's role in developing the content outline was discussed and a process for determining a name for the museum was planned.

On Saturday morning, the Executive Committee met. Renouf presented the recommendations of the Medals & Awards Committee, and they were all approved by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee reviewed the 2015 budget, as well as a request to immediately construct bathrooms on the second floor of headquarters (where most of the staff work), and both were recommended to the Trustees. The new SAR Handbook revisions were approved, and it will be placed on the SAR website. The Strategic Planning Committee presented its recommendations, and they were recommended to the Trustees.

During the Trustees meeting the Georgia Society presented a program to utilize flag retirement boxes. The SAR can partner with Home Depot and other businesses to place the boxes which allow people to respectfully retire worn US flags. More information can be found at www.gassar.org. Lanny Patten spoke about the SAR delegation to France, led by President General Brock, to honor the US volunteers who went to France in 1914 for the Great War. They visited the Hôtel des Invalides, the World War I Cemetery in Paris, the Meaux Battlefield (the furthest advance of the Germans into France), and the Arc de Triomphe. Doug Collins spoke about the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Kentucky Society SAR by Kentucky Governor Simon Bolivar Buckner, Sr. at the Old Capitol Building in Frankfort. They held a ceremony and placed a plaque in the Old Capitol Building.

Registrar General Larry Guzy noted that the SAR has over 32,600 members, and the top six state societies in terms of members are Texas, Florida, Virginia, Pennsylvania, California, and Georgia. Lanny Patten discussed the new capital campaign for the SAR museum – the 1776 Society. Donations of \$1776 (or fractions/multiples) will purchase 3 square feet of the new museum. For compatriots who leave a bequest to the SAR Foundation in their estate planning will

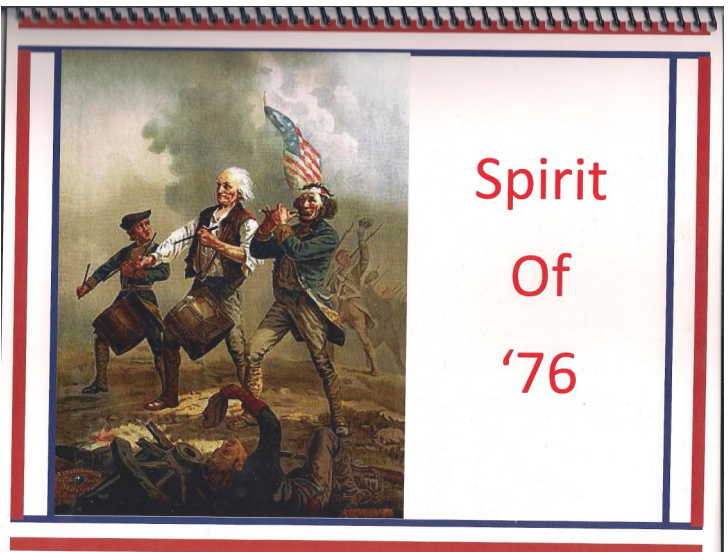
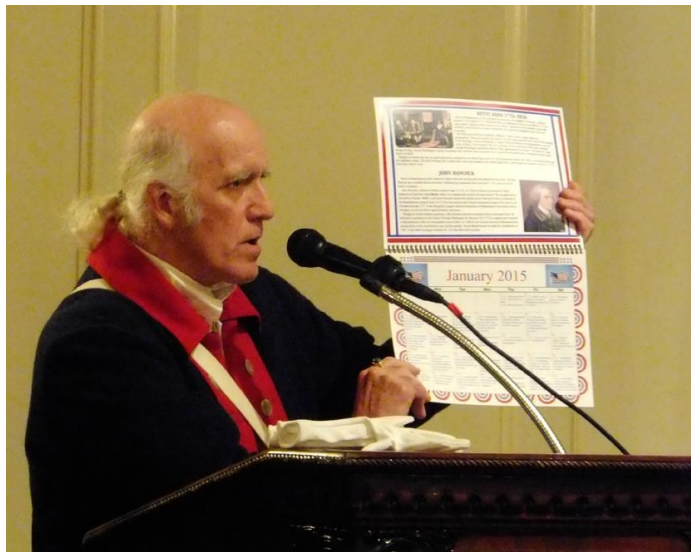
NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting (continued)


become members of the Founder's Circle. Randy Ellis presented the 2015 SAR Budget, and the Trustees approved it with a few minor modifications. The Congress Planning Committee presented its recommendation of California to host the 2019 SAR Congress, which was unanimously approved by the Trustees. Secretary General Tom Lawrence made a motion for the Trustees to delegate to the Executive Committee the authority to deal with SolidLight on the museum planning, with the final decision to be made by the delegates at the SAR Congress, which was approved. He also made a motion to spend \$93,000 as soon as funds become available to complete the bathrooms on the second floor of headquarters (where most of the employees work), which was approved.

In the afternoon, the Council of Vice Presidents General met, and adopted a new set of bylaws for the council. Faulkinbury and Gregory attended the Council of State Presidents meeting. The Council discussed the issue of liability and D&O insurance for state societies and chapters. Lou Carlson presided over a meeting of the Mexico Society, which was attended by Faulkinbury and Ebert, and they discussed hosting a lunch for the 2015 SAR Congress in Louisville. Karl Jacobs attended the meeting of the Germany Society.



California Society members at NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting





BETSY ROSS 1752-1836

Born in Philadelphia in 1752, Elizabeth Grissom was the daughter of Samuel, a Quaker carpenter. She eloped in 1773 with John Ross, an upholsterer. But he was killed in 1776 in a gun powder explosion while serving in the militia. Taking over her husband's shop after his death, Betsy became an expert seamstress. She had seven daughters from two more marriages.

Her fame came when her grandson, William J. Canby, wrote a paper about his grandmother. When she was 84, the eleven year old Canby listened to her story of the making of the first flag. It seems George Ross, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, was the uncle of Betsy's first husband. He was a member of the committee which also included George Washington and Robert Morris. They approached her in June 1776 with the rough design of a flag. General Washington wanted six pointed stars, but Mrs. Ross persuaded him to go with five-pointed stars, showing him how easy it was to cut them.


Though it is known she was an expert seamstress, having been an official flag maker for the Pennsylvania State Navy, there is no proof of the story her grandson relates. The Stars & Stripes she is said to have sewn was adopted as the official flag of the United States by Congress on June 14, 1777. Betsy Ross died in 1836.

JOHN HANCOCK

Born in Massachusetts, John Hancock's father died early on and John was adopted by his uncle, Thomas. Thomas was a wealthy Boston merchant. Following his graduation from Harvard in 1754, John joined his uncle in business.

John Hancock's defiance of British taxation began in 1765. In 1768 he refused permission for Royal Inspectors to board his ship *Liberty*, which was subsequently seized by the government. This brought riots to the streets of Boston. Within a year John Hancock entered the political arena. First he served as a member of the Massachusetts General Court. In 1775 he was elected to the Second Continental Congress. He served as its President through 1777. It was during this congress that the Declaration of Independence was written and as President, he was the first to sign this historic document.

Though he lacked military experience, John Hancock desired command of the Continental Army. He held great resentment in the choice of George Washington for this post. In 1777 he resigned and returned to Massachusetts where he commanded a local militia. In 1780 he was elected Governor of Massachusetts, serving eleven of the next thirteen years in that position. He got Massachusetts to ratify the Constitution in 1787. It was while serving as Governor in 1793 that John Hancock died.



Above left Jim Blauer holds up his calendar as he explains it and the raising of funds for the center to those in attendance at the Fall Trustees meeting in September. Since he has recouped his costs for the printing, all funds from purchases of this printing run will now go to the CAAH. It is \$20 per calendar.

Here he shows the cover page, One of the historical articles and what the months will look like with all the daily historical information

Educational and informative this calendar can be used in many ways. If you do a newsletter the information can be used in it. As an educational tool it can be used by Students and Teachers alike in learning and teaching the history of the American Revolution.

This is something that may be of interest to SAR, DAR and CAR members.

Jim can be contacted atjblauer@pacbell.net for those wishing to order a copy.

January 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1735 - Paul Revere born. 1745 - Anthony Wayne born. 1752 - Betsy Ross born.	2 1777 - British come in contact with General Washington's Army East of Trenton.	3 1777 - Washington gained victory at Princeton.
4 1776 - British Gov. Guy Carleton gave an honorable burial to Gen. Richard Montgomery and other American Officers.	5 1775 - N. Hampshire adopted its own Constitution. First Colony to do so.	6 1776 - Rev. officials in S. Carolina warn Ga. Patriots that British Warships had left Charleston and may be headed their way.	7 1789 - First Electoral College meets and casts all votes for George Washington as the first president under the Constitution.	8 1776 - Americans raided Charlestown, Mass. Burning 10 houses used as soldiers quarters.	9 1776 - Brunswick, Germany signs treaty with Britain to supply 4,300 mercenary, including light infantry (Hessians).	10 1776 - "Common Sense" by Thomas Paine is published in Philadelphia.
11 1775 - Francis Salvador became 1st Jew to hold elective office when he won a seat in S. Carolina's Provincial Government.	12 1776 - Continental Congress debated opening trade with foreign nations.	13 1776 - Leaders of Hesse, Germany agreed to furnish British with 12,000 troops to send to American Colonies.	14 1741 - Benedict Arnold born. 1783 - Treaty of Paris ratified by Congress.	15 1777 - Vermont/New Connecticut declares for independence.	16 1788 - French recognize U.S. independence.	17 1706 - Benjamin Franklin Born. 1781 - Patriots are victorious at Cowpens, S. Carolina.
18 1776 - The Maryland Convention disclaimed any desire for independence from Great Britain.	19 1776 - Continental Congress in Philadelphia votes to send reinforcements to assist American troops invading Canada.	20 1781 - New Jersey troops mutiny, but Gen. Robert Howe arrives from West Point to rally the troops.	21 1776 - R.L. Congressional delegate Samuel Ward wrote to his son, Samuel Jr., who was in prison by the British.	22 1776 - General Court in Watertown, Mass. Passed an act excluding Negroes, Indians and Mulattoes from enlisting.	23 1737 - John Hancock born. 1776 - Lord Sterling, NJ patriot, led capture of HMS <i>Blue Mountain Valley</i> . A British supply ship.	24 1776 - Philadelphia residents turn back a ship of 600 chests of tea. It returned to London unloaded.
25 1776 - The "Soleby" which held Ethan Allen as prisoner, docked at Cork, Ireland.	26 1776 - William Franklin, Gov. of N.J., is placed under house arrest by American Forces.	27 1776 - Admiral Samuel Graves was recalled to Britain for his failure as CIG of naval forces in N. America.	28 1775 - John Trumbull's epic political satire M'FINGAL was published.	29 1737 - Thomas Paine born. 1779 - British forces take Augusta Georgia.	30 1776 - A British transport destined for besieged British garrison in Boston, made port in Halifax, N. Scotia.	31 1776 - John Hancock offers to resign as President of Congress, not aware if he had been reelected, which he had.

Unveiling the Unnamed Grave Stone of Major Lebbeus Ball

BY WAYNE ROGERS.

American history is filled with heroism and treasures, but sometimes it is the slight and almost unimportant things within the crooks and crannies of what is left unsaid or unmarked that gives a further story of what may have happened back then, in past time. While the earthly remains of an unknown exists in the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier since WWI, a grave with no tombstone of a known soldier of the Revolutionary War existed nearly 200 years in a rustic rural cemetery near Pompey, New York, south of Syracuse. In Sweet Cemetery, a small white natural stone lies just barely above the ground.



*Major Lebbeus Ball's unnamed small local stone
in Sweet Cemetery*



While his name appeared to have been abandoned, the town historian never abandoned his grave. According to Sylvia Shoebridge, the town historian, local stones for tombstones were frequently used in the 1800s. However, in front of Lebbeus' local stone grave is a larger tombstone of his son-in-law, Aaron Jerome who died 4 years earlier in 1802. In this same cemetery, a bronze DAR marker exists in front of a stone for Lieut. Reuben Murray, another Revolutionary soldier.

In 1775 Lebbeus Ball mustered 60 men from his home town of Granville, Massachusetts to march to Concord. As a member of the 3rd Continental Regiment, he may have been involved in many major historical battles: the siege of Boston, defense of Philadelphia, Valley Forge, where he was twice named officer of the day in Washington's staff, and the assaults at Trenton and Princeton, New Jersey. During the Revolutionary War, he was captured twice and escaped twice. Lebbeus Ball was wounded and left with a conspicuous scar from a musket ball shot on his forehead, but he never received a Purple Heart, a pension, or even a land bounty.

Lebbeus Ball qualified for the Society of the Cincinnati, because he was in the Continental army for more than 4 years as an officer. Upon his escape from capture, he was promoted from Captain to Major at West Point. In 1782 after he had retired, he helped quell a riot in Northampton, Mass. Lebbeus Ball was an ancestor of Winston Churchill, and a third cousin of George Washington. (Major Lebbeus Ball could not be represented by Winston Churchill in the Society of Cincinnati because Lebbeus was already represented. Only one descendant of an Officer of the Cincinnati can be represented at a time.) Lebbeus Ball fulfilled the motto, *Omnia reliquit servare republicam*, of the Order of the Cincinnati; he virtually abandoned all to serve the Republic.

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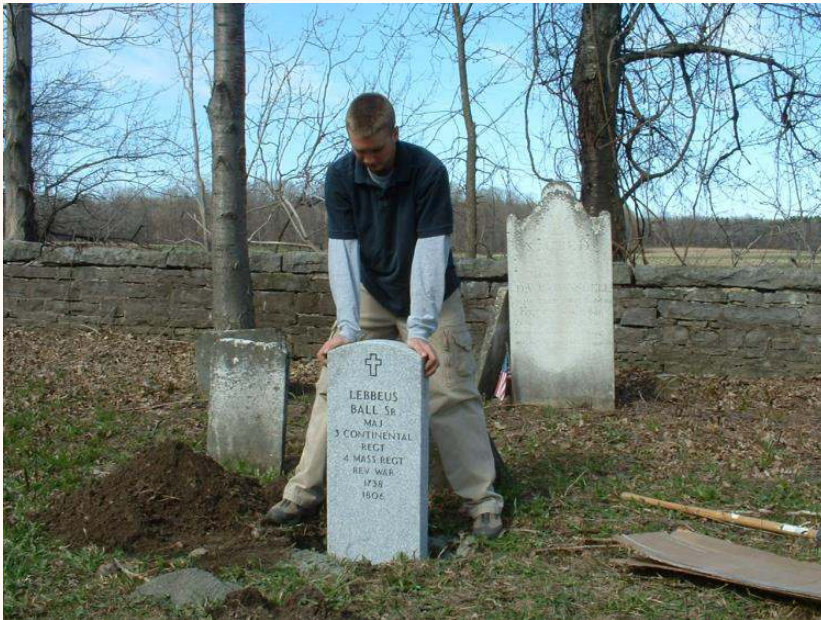
After the war, Major Ball moved to Ballston, named after distant kin, Rev. Epithet Ball. At this period according to Martha Washington's diary, George Washington visited Ballstown. He met with Rev. Ball as a third cousin. Lebbeus Ball's first daughter Sarah was married during this time to patriot Ithamar Coe. Could Washington have attended their wedding? It was possible, because Ball had been an officer at Valley Forge. Thamar Coe's father Aaron Coe and Lebbeus Ball were both Captains from Granville, Mass.

About 1799, Lebbeus Ball moved west to the pioneer town of Pompey, New York. Ithamar Coe, his wife Sarah Ball, and his half brother Seymour Coe moved there also. Lebbeus Ball died in Pompey in 1806.

The question arises, "Was Major Lebbeus Ball really buried at Sweet Cemetery?"

Some sources have suggested that he was buried in Ballston, N.Y, but this was never confirmed, nor demonstrated. Two reliable sources reported he was buried in Pompey, N.Y. The local town historian believes Major Ball was buried in Sweet Cemetery based on local cemetery records. It made sense that Major Ball was buried in Pompey where he died. Also it is reasonable that Major Ball was buried in Pompey, because both his son and son-in-law died there before him in 1802, and cemetery records include them.

The mystery of Major Lebbeus Ball's unnamed grave may not be where or how he was buried, but that a local historian makes sure an American flag flies at this unnamed gravesite every year, even after nearly two hundred years! It is definitely a sign of local patriotism to know that this obscure revolutionary soldier was not forgotten, but that his presence endured despite an incognito grave site.



Installation of VA headstone for Major Lebbeus Ball

Pompey Historical Society. The Fife and Drum Corps played Yankee Doodle, as well as the National Anthem, and the Battle Hymn of Republic.

While installing the VA marker, foot and head stones of white local stone were found that were deemed to be 'possible' remnants of a Lebbeus Ball's earlier marked grave that had deteriorated, so there was no legible name. The residual stones were thin, old, worn, aged, and damaged over the years. The VA marker is placed just above these stones.

On May 10th, 2003, a ceremony for final installation of the VA marker at Sweet Cemetery was performed. Over 50 people attended, including representatives from the Society of the Cincinnati, Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of American Revolution, retired military, New Woodstock Fife and Drum Corps, and the

Unveiling the Unnamed Grave Stone of Major Lebbeus Ball (continued)

At the end of the ceremony, Wayne Rogers presented SAR Certificates of Appreciation to the archivist Tanya Lee Warren, the local historian Sylvia Shoebridge, and the Syracuse SAR Chapter.

*To be ignorant of what occurred
Before you were born
Is to remain always a child
For what is the worth of human life
Unless it is woven into
The life of our ancestors
By the records of history?
Cicero 106-43 BC*



The new VA marker for Major Lebbeus Ball

From the CASSAR Treasurer:

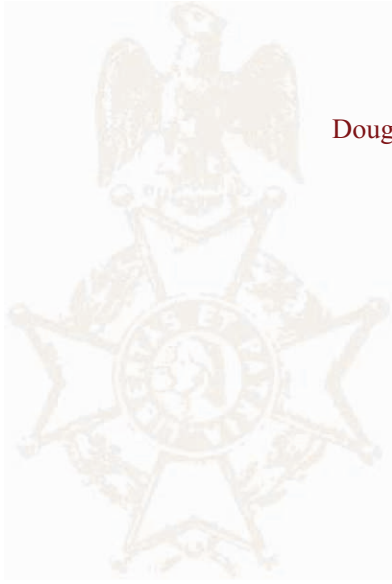
I received a question from a chapter treasurer as to how long to retain chapter financial records. CASSAR Chancellor Jeff Goodwin provided this answer: "The statute of limitations differs -- 3 years for fraud, 7 and 10 years for other things. I destroy my legal files in the 10th year unless representing a minor." Therefore, my recommendation for all chapters is to retain records for a minimum of ten years before disposing of them. Further, I would recommend examining and scanning all records that have a historical interest for each chapter before disposing.

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