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

The President's Message

Greetings Compatriots!

September is always back-to-school time, which brings to mind the importance of our patriotic youth contests. At the SAR Congress in Louisville this summer, the California Society won 1st place for its entry in the 5th grade poster contest! Congratulations to Ryan, the winner, and to our Poster Contest Chairman Dave Gilliard.

A goal for each chapter this year should be to recruit youth entries in ALL of the youth contests: 5th grade Poster Contest, 8th grade Brochure Contest, Eagle Scout Scholarship, Outstanding JROTC Cadet Contest, High School Essay Contest, and the High School Oration Contest. Person-to-person contacts produce the best results. Talk to the teachers you know, and your children, grandchildren, and neighbors.

To me, September means getting back on the job. I've been an instrumental music teacher in public schools for the last 35 years. It can be a challenging job, but I take pride in the efforts and accomplishments of my students as they learn to perform with confidence for their families and friends. I am part of a tradition of music education in America that goes back to colonial times. Did you know that in the 1700s, local singing schools were sponsored by churches and communities? Travelling Music Masters (like peddlers) would come to a community and

provide group instruction on reading music notation, singing harmony parts, and improving vocal tone quality. Their classes would be held two or three nights a week for a few months, culminating in a special community concert or religious service. They were extremely popular with adolescents and young single adults as an opportunity for making music, and for socializing and flirting. These communities demonstrated that they valued the beauty that the arts could bring to the lives of their children.



124th President, CASSAR
Kent Gregory

During the Revolutionary War, most musicians took up arms, or served as fifers and drummers. The military music and popular songs of the day helped unite thirteen separate colonies into one new nation.

Today we honor our ancestors of that time when we encourage students to learn about America's heritage and participate in our youth contests. Best wishes to your chapter in the coming year.

Kent Gregory
President, California Society, SAR

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NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FEES, DUES

NATIONAL, STATE,
AND CHAPTER

NSSAR Fee	\$80.00
NSSAR Dues	\$35.00
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	\$35.00
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: 31 December 2015



The Secretary's Report

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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 to the dual members.

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 has been a busy summer. We have added 102 new members since the last "Compatriot" was issued.

We started the year with 1,676 members, added 173 new members less 4 deaths, for a total of 1,845.

The National Congress was held in Louisville, KY the last week of June and the first week of July. The biggest news out of Congress is that the National Dues are being increased \$5.00 to \$35.00 for the coming year. Please make sure that your dues letters reflect the change to your membership.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Fall Board of Managers Meeting at the Mission Inn Hotel and Spa in Riverside this November 6th and 7th. There will be some important items to be discussed and voted upon.

Douglas Bergholdt

CASSAR State Secretary



NATIONAL LIFETIME 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)

COMING EVENTS

25-26 September 2015 NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting
Louisville, KY

6-7 November 2015 CASSAR Fall BOM
Mission Inn, Riverside, CA

12 December 2015 Wreaths Across America

26-27 February 2016 NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting
Louisville, KY

Welcome New Members



Nat'l #	CASSAR	Name	Chapter	Nat'l #	CASSAR	Name	Chapter
195714	9938	Elia Toufic Shahine	Central Coast	195372	9913	Adams Troy Nelsen	Riverside
195715	9940	John Toufic Shahine	Central Coast	195373	9914	Jacob Wallace Nelsen	Riverside
195255	9891	Jerald Michael Ferrell Jr.	Coachella Valley	195624	9930	Jonathan Frederick Schuster	Riverside
195555	9924	James Taylor Wyly	General George Patton	195866	9941	Raymond Benedict Joseph Norris	Riverside
195710	9934	Robert Kelly Laymon	General George Patton	195867	9942	Collin Joshua Kian Ming Norris	Riverside
195711	9935	John Lawrence Mullen III	General George Patton	194827	9882	Charles Arthur Barnett	Sacramento
194746	9874	Timothy Alan Hohn	Harbor	195256	9892	Glenn Leslie Cline	Sacramento
195362	9903	William Fred Voigt	Harbor	195260	9896	Michael Lee Brady	Sacramento
195363	9904	Michael Jon Voigt	Harbor	195364	9905	Jeremy Robert Clarke	Sacramento
195366	9907	Brian Cole Merrell	Harbor	195379	9920	Thomas Edwin Jones	Sacramento
195872	9947	Stephen Roy McKerman	Harbor	195871	9946	David Everett Paulsen	Sacramento
195873	9948	Joseph Rodolfo Buzzi	Harbor	194433	9854	Dylan Reed McLain	San Diego
195874	9949	Reid Thomas Bryan	Harbor	194592	9866	Christopher Holland Benbow	San Diego
195365	9906	Earl Leon Thomas	Kern	194593	9867	Samuel Holland II Benbow	San Diego
195868	9943	Douglas Alan Gosling	Kern	195264	9900	Andrew Christopher Unrue	San Diego
195869	9944	Joseph Paul Kennedy	Kern	195265	9901	Charles Willaim Unrue	San Diego
195259	9895	Robert Russel Gallaway	Monterey Bay	195266	9902	Nicholas Jeffrey Unrue	San Diego
194823	9878	Jeffrey Thomas Doyle	Mother Lode	195557	9926	Larry Dean Krider	San Diego
195367	9908	Mason Adams Hall	Mother Lode	195558	9927	Darren Scott Krider	San Diego
185050	9853	Hans Fritz Hunt	Orange County	194435	9856	Lee Whittesey Jones	San Francisco
194587	9861	Leonard Burt Chapman	Orange County	194436	9857	Lee Stevens Jones	San Francisco
194588	9862	David Jiudon Noell	Orange County	194437	9858	Lee Funston Jones	San Francisco
194589	9863	William Thompson Noell	Orange County	195144	9885	Steven George Bustin	San Francisco
194590	9864	Christopher Charles Noell	Orange County	195707	9931	Jonathan Eaton Ruff	San Francisco
194591	9865	Matthew Stanford Noell	Orange County	195708	9932	Sterling Eaton Ruff	San Francisco
188916	9868	Laurence Joseph Hansen	Orange County	195250	9886	Donald Bernard Sykes	Santa Barbara
194741	9869	George William Kridner	Orange County	105560	9929	Frank Patrick Campo Jr.	Santa Barbara
194742	9870	George Washington Kridner	Orange County	194748	9876	Harold Edward Hughes Jr.	Silicon Valley
194743	9871	Charles David Kridner	Orange County	194749	9877	Matthew Paul Christensen	Silicon Valley
194744	9872	Michael David Kridner	Orange County	195258	9894	Jericho Alexander Mullen	Silicon Valley
194745	9873	Walter Edwin Funk III	Orange County	195556	9925	William Emory Lewis	Silicon Valley
195257	9893	Richard Albert Price	Orange County	195559	9928	Brian Allen Mason	Silicon Valley
195368	9909	James Wingate Townsend	Orange County	194434	9855	James Arthur Brown	Sons of Liberty
195709	9933	Billy Ted Utley	Orange County	195261	9897	Jack John McMorro	Sons of Liberty
195870	9945	Donald Warington Beall	Orange County	195369	9910	Camille Charles Chidiac	Sons of Liberty
195879	9954	Mark Willaim Torres	Orange County	195370	9911	Theodoro Kai Chidiac	Sons of Liberty
194824	9879	Wayne Brice Kramer	Redlands	195371	9912	Jackson Roman Chidiac	Sons of Liberty
194825	9880	Tommy Gene Blackshear	Redlands	195464	9921	Robert Alan Jacobs	Sons of Liberty
194826	9881	Craig Joseph Pina	Redwood Empire	195465	9922	Daniel Louis Jacobs	Sons of Liberty
194985	9883	William Gero	Redwood Empire	195466	9923	Zachary Jacob Becker	Sons of Liberty
194986	9884	Daniel Anthony Van Valkenburg	Redwood Empire	195875	9950	Michael John Locke	Sons of Liberty
195374	9915	Thomas Craig McCoy	Redwood Empire	195876	9951	David Alan Locke	Sons of Liberty
195375	9916	Michael James McCoy	Redwood Empire	195877	9952	Gary Peter DuBois	Sons of Liberty
195376	9917	William Jacob Schempf	Redwood Empire	195878	9953	Colins Michael DuBois	Sons of Liberty
195377	9918	John Perry Schempf	Redwood Empire	195262	9898	Bruce Schofield Emerson	South Coast
195378	9919	John Winck Schempf	Redwood Empire	195712	9936	David Christopher Hogshead	South Coast
195251	9887	Peter Paul Sykes	Riverside	195713	9937	Shawn Daniel Miller	South Coast
195252	9888	Michael Taylor Bonham	Riverside	194747	9875	Paul Wesley Shavor	Thomas Jefferson
195253	9889	Robert Joseph Bielmah	Riverside	195263	9899	Timothy Lee Ernst	Thomas Jefferson
195254	9890	Cody Trey Roberts	Riverside	193926	9859	Richard Orville Schwoerer	Yosemite
				193927	9860	Louis James Schwoerer	Yosemite



The 140th Board of Managers

Meeting of the California Society

Sons of the American Revolution

November 6-7, 2015



MEETING RESERVATION FORM

The meeting is being held at the historic and award winning

Mission Inn Hotel and Spa

3649 Mission Inn Avenue Riverside, CA 92507

1-800-843-7755 or www.missioninn.com

The California Society room rate is \$139.00 plus tax and parking. For room reservations call the hotel directly at 800-843-7755 and ask for the "California Sons of the American Revolution" special room rate or go on-line at www.missioninn.com using the code SONSM112015

Compatriot: _____ Guest: _____

Chapter: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Arriving: Thursday, Nov. 5 _____ Friday, Nov. 6 _____ Saturday, Nov. 7 _____

Registration fee includes all meetings, Friday Luncheon, Saturday Luncheon and Saturday night Banquet

Number of Registrants: _____ @ \$165.00 (if mailed by September 30th) **Total:** _____

Late Registrations: _____ @ \$195.00 (if mailed after September 30th) **Total:** _____

Optional Friday night Officer's Dinner: _____ @ \$45.00 (everyone is invited) **Total:** _____

Speakeasy themed buffet at Prohibition Restaurant next to Mission Inn

Non-registrant Friday luncheon: _____ @ \$48.00 (Caesar Salad & Lasagna) **Total:** _____

Non-registrant Saturday Luncheon: _____ @ \$48.00 **Total:** _____

Pesto Crusted Chicken _____ Seared Filet of Salmon _____

Non-registrant Saturday Banquet: _____ @ \$70.00 **Total:** _____

Duck Confit _____ Grilled Swordfish _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Special dietary accommodations available upon advanced request. All meal prices include tax and gratuity

Make your check payable to Riverside Chapter, SAR then mail check with completed form to:

Brian Stephens 2854 Felix CT Riverside, CA 92503 briandi777@aol.com or (951) 354-9352

From the Desk of the CASSAR Registrar

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Compatriots, as we reach the midpoint of the year we are on a pace to duplicate the activity of last year. Collectively we are at 189 new compatriots, supplementals and Junior members. We are also doing quite well in “approval ready” applications. In the past we had fallen off that mark a bit. With each Chapter registrar making a herculean effort to work quality applications I am sure California will continue to be a leading State for applications.

Some of you may have noticed that supplementals are at this point running a bit behind and I thank you for your patience. New applications are also running a bit behind.

Now to change the flavor of my commentary. Here are some consistent problems that seem to be in the applications I receive and how to avoid them.

(1) I am still receiving too many Ancestry.com pages being used as proofs. As a rule Ancestry.com should only be used as a source for further research.

(2) Census reports not being printed full page. We MUST have the full page. If you wish to enlarge the area, please do so on another page or the reverse page of the census.

(3) DO NOT place two items on the same page. Use a separate page for each item.

(4) Each item printed must be legible. If you cannot read it don't expect the staff in Louisville to do so.

(5) When downloading a DAR record download it to letter size paper, not legal.

(6) Marking the generations: it is helpful for both you and me when I get your application package in the mail if you have already underlined and numbered the generations in red ink on the proofs and placed the generation number(s) in the upper right hand corner of the page. I take the SAR App and using it as a guide try to ensure every generation is connected to the next. I do often have to do this underlining and marking. To insure accuracy, please do that before you send it to me, and try to avoid extraneous markings on the pages as that only tends to confuse the reader.

Finally, with respect to our implementing the \$5.00 increase in the National dues effective January 1, I am thinking it would be a good idea to begin in early October collecting the additional \$5 and including it with the applications. Because applications approved after November 1 owe no 2015 dues, and their dues checks are applied to 2016, this increased amount would apply.

Owen Stiles

CASSAR Registrar



NEW OFFICERS & CHAIRMEN

At the CASSAR Spring Meeting, officers for 2015/2016 were elected and installed. The list of new officers is on page two of this California Compatriot newsletter. President Gregory has announced his appointments for Program Administrators. They include:

Americanism Elementary

School Poster Contest: David A. Gilliard

Budget & Planning: Ron Barker

California Compatriot Editors:

Ron Barker & Jim L.W. Faulkinbury

Chapter Activities: Philip L. Hinshaw

Children of the American Revolution Liaison:

Terry Briggs

Color Guard Commander: James C. Fosdyck

Color Guard Adjutant – North: Russ Kaiser

Color Guard Adjutant – South: Mark Kramer

Compliance Committee Chairman: Karl Jacobs

Daughters of the American Revolution Liaison:

Alan Brooking

Eagle Scout Program: Gary Jensen

Ethics Committee: Rev. Louis V. Carlson, Jr.

Flag Committee: Jeff Sylvan

Handbook Committee: Stephen Renouf

High School Oration Contest: Dan McKelvie

Information Technology: Greg Hill

Knight Essay Contest: Keith Bigbee

Medals & Awards: David Grinnell

Media & Public Relations: David A. Gilliard

Middle School Brochure Contest: Tom Adams

Nominations Liaison: Jim L.W. Faulkinbury

NSCC/NLCC Program: Bob Taylor

NSSAR 2019 Congress Planning: John L. Dodd

Operation Ancestor Search: Ray Raser

ROTC/JROTC Program: James Gill

Spanish Patriot Researcher: Leroy Martinez

Spirit of America Program: Bob Taylor

Valley Forge Program: Bob Taylor

Veteran's Programs: Dan Henry

Veteran's Programs Asst.: Hammond Salley

Wreaths Across America Chairman: Donald B. Littlefield

Youth Activities Director: Derek Brown

The 125th SAR Congress in Louisville 2015



The Kentucky Society SAR hosted the 125th Annual SAR Congress at the Galt House in Louisville from June 25 to July 1, 2015. The California Society was represented by President Kent Gregory, Executive Vice President (VP) Ron Barker, VP South Jim Fosdyck, VP North Derek Brown, VP General (VPG) Stephen Renouf, Chancellor General John Dodd, Trustee Jim Faulkinbury, Past President Rev. Lou Carlson, Past President Charles Lampman, Tom Adams, Arnold Burr, Oliver Everette, Ernest McCullough, Dan McKelvie, Ray Raser, and William Weedman.

On Friday morning, June 26, the National Society

Executive Committee met for the final time under President General (PG) Lindsey Brock. Chancellor General John Dodd and VPG Stephen Renouf attended the meeting as members of the Executive Committee. They discussed the King's College Proposal for the King George III Papers, and the possibility of the SAR contributing \$193k over 5 years to fund a visiting professor to study the papers. The SAR would get publicity from the project, be invited to events around the country and internationally regarding the papers, and could potentially have documents pertaining to the American Revolution on loan to display in our SAR Center. Mike Elston (VA) will be negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding our possible participation. The University of Louisville Business Plan for the SAR Center was reviewed and discussed. Bill Marrs spoke about the new IT improvements planned for the SAR website. A new, easier to



The SAR Race at Churchill Downs

navigate website will be deployed, with an events manager module, and a store module that will accept credit cards.

That afternoon, we boarded buses for Churchill Downs. We had the opportunity to watch several horse races, including one sponsored by the SAR. Following the races, we went to the Churchill Downs Museum, and had a reception with mint juleps and appetizers.

On Saturday morning, June



CASSAR heading to Churchill Downs Museum

27, we boarded buses for the George Rogers Clark Tour. We saw the George Rogers Clark home site, where they had re-enactors, demonstrators, speakers, and vendors. There was musket firing, as well as hatchet throwing, spear throwing and archery. There were exhibits of life on the frontier. We then went to the George Rogers Clark Museum at Historic Locust Grove, and had time to explore before having lunch outside. We saw the home of Lucy Croghan, Clark's sister, and the SAR conducted a ceremony at the cemetery there.



Musket Firing demonstration at George Rogers Clark homesite

The 125th SAR Congress in Louisville 2015 (continued)



PG Brock and First Lady Billie



Host Reception at National Headquarters

That evening, we attended the Host Society Reception at the SAR Headquarters Building on West Main Street. The Reception was on the ground floor, with food and Michter's whiskey. The Michter's company has purchased the building adjacent to our headquarters, and once they renovate the building, will move in. Members were encouraged to go the Louisville Science and Technology Museum, where they showed a movie about Kentucky's history.

Sunday morning June 28, the Color Guard Breakfast was held in the hotel. James Fosdyck was appointed as adjutant to new Color Guard Commander David Hoover. Executive VP Ron Barker and Tom Adams attended the Americanism Committee, where they selected the winner of the SAR Poster Contest and Brochure Contest.



*NSSAR Adjutant James Fosdyck with
Color Guardsman of the Year Robert
Cunningham*

At the Mexico Society meeting, Rev. Lou Carlson stepped down as president, and new officers elected were Eugene Melvin (OR) Presidente, Jim Faulkinbury (CA) Secretary/Treasurer, and Robert Ebert (CA) Trustee. There is only one primary member living in Mexico, and the society is actively working on recruitment of other members living there. Stephen Renouf chaired the Medals & Awards Committee, also attended by James Fosdyck and Lou Carlson. The committee voted to recommend permitting the PG to award two SAR National Medals of Distinguished Service during his term. The committee voted unanimously to reject the proposal by the Handbook Committee to create a General Officers Pin. The committee recommended approving the Louisiana Society Bernardo de Gálvez Medal, as well as awarding the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal to Lt. Gen. Russell Honoré (proposed by the Louisiana Society). The committee requested the Merchandise Director to obtain samples and prices for the Minuteman Medal Ribbon in light blue.

The 2014-15 National Trustees met for the final time. They discussed the issue of the credit card industry shifting liability for fraud losses to companies that are hacked and compromised beginning on October 1, 2015. As a result, SAR must make the "Merchandise Module" a priority as part of the IT plan now underway with Blackstone. A motion to use \$40K from the Building and Outreach Fund for this purpose was passed. The recent visit by PG Brock to Kings College, London, was discussed. Kings College is requesting partners from the US and Europe for a 5-year program to exchange academics to review the papers of King George III.

The 125th SAR Congress in Louisville 2015 (continued)

The professors will then present their findings. The SAR would like to be a key sponsor and is working on an MOU to provide \$195K from the SAR and private donations over the five year period for our share of the funding of this effort in return for certain concessions, such as having the SAR prominently listed as a partner on any exhibits that result from this initiative, as well as getting copies of pertinent records for the SAR Library. The MOU with Kings College will be presented to the Trustees for approval at the Fall Leadership Meeting. An HR audit is needed to review and update our outdated Personnel Manual and to insure compliance with current Federal and State regulations, costing about \$6K. The Trustees decided to accomplish this within our current budget. The SAR Branding recommendations were discussed. It was emphasized that we should use “National Society SAR” instead of “NSSAR” and likewise for the state societies so name recognition is improved. It was announced that the current form of communication via “Dropbox” will be replaced with another system, “ShareFile.” Folders will be set up on ShareFile for the ExCom, Trustees, State Officers, and various other committees, if desired.

That afternoon the Memorial Service, honoring the Compatriots who passed away during the year, was held at the Cathedral of the Assumption. The SAR processed to the cathedral for the service, led by Rev. Randy Moody (FL) and Rev. Lou Carlson (CA). California Society Compatriots memorialized were: Earl Adams, Cody Blackshear, Richard Breithaupt, Sr., Frank Budroe, William Cagney, Paul Crouch, Robert Dunlap, Sr., Joseph Frank, Philip Holmes, Clarence Lambing, Donald Lewis, Archie McPherran, Thomas Monroe, Jr., George Peabody, Ira Porter, Jr., John Sholl, Jr., Edgar Whitley, Rex Wimer, and Charles Wootton.

Following the memorial service, the Order of the Founders of North America (OFNA) met in the California Suite, and had a reception. In the evening, some members attended the finals for the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest. California’s contestant Harrison Middleton competed well against candidates from other state societies, but was not chosen as a finalist.

Monday morning June 29, the Council of State Presidents met for breakfast, attended by President Kent Gregory and Past President Jim Faulkinbury. PG Lindsey Brock convened the 125th Annual SAR Congress. Heather French, Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs and Miss America 1999 (of Louisville, Kentucky) sang



NSSAR Memorial Color Guard in Procession to Cathedral



NSSAR Memorial Color Guard

The 125th SAR Congress in Louisville 2015 (continued)



*U.S. Senator & Compatriot Mitch McConnell
addressing the 125th SAR Congress*

that the people want gridlock, but rather they want both parties to check the radicals in each party and come together to pass legislation that both parties can agree on. He also spoke about the controversial plan of the US Treasury Department to replace Alexander Hamilton on the \$10 bill. He said of all the people depicted on US currency, Alexander Hamilton is the last person who should be removed. Hamilton was a strong promoter of the US Constitution, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the financial architect of the George Washington Administration.

The 17th Annual Youth Awards Luncheon was chaired by T. Rex Legler (IN). Mark Anthony presented the winners of the Americanism Poster Contest – 1st Place (\$150) went to Ryan Yi of the Sacramento Chapter. Mark Anthony presented the winners of the Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest – 1st Place (\$200) Georgia Society, 2nd Place (\$150) Louisiana Society, and 3rd Place (\$100) Alabama Society. CAR Committee Chairman Hans Jackson presented a check for \$1,000 to the CAR for their annual project. JROTC Chairman Lt. Col. Paul Callanan presented the winners of the Outstanding JROTC Cadet Award – 1st Place (\$2,000) Utah Society, 2nd Place (\$1,000) Oklahoma Society, and 3rd Place (\$500) North Carolina Society. Knight Essay Contest Chairman Mike Elston presented the winners of the Essay Contest – 1st Place (\$2,000) Connecticut Society, 2nd Place (\$1,000) Massachusetts Society, and 3rd Place (\$500) Ohio Society. Rumbaugh Orations Contest co-chairmen Gerald Brent and John Franklin presented the winners of the Orations Contest – 1st Place (\$5,000) Ohio Society, 2nd Place (\$3,000) Illinois Society, and 3rd Place (\$2,000) Alabama Society. The California Society contestant, Harrison Middleton, did very well, but did not make the finals. Eagle Scout Chairman Clifford Olsen presented the winners of the Eagle Scout Scholarship – 1st Place (\$8,000) Missouri Society, 2nd Place (\$4,000) Iowa Society, and 3rd Place (\$2,000) Indiana Society.

The Congress reconvened in the afternoon. The national officers gave their reports. Secretary General Tom Lawrence announced that Dropbox was being dropped in favor of ShareFile for communications between National HQ and the executive committee, trustees, and other committees. Lawrence stated that the annual budget deficit has been filled the past few years by interest earned in the Alexander Hamilton Fund. Prior to that, we were using our reserve fund, and we have

the national anthem and represented Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear. She later read a proclamation for us from the Governor. Representatives from the Children of the American Revolution (CAR), the Commander of the American Legion, and the Sons of the Revolution brought greetings to the SAR. Grand Viscount General Stephen Renouf brought greetings from OFNA.

Our special guest, US Senator and SAR Compatriot Mitch McConnell (KY), addressed the SAR Congress. He said he does not join groups as a rule, but he was very proud to be a member of the Sons of the American Revolution because of our focus on American history. He reflected on the service of his patriot ancestor James McConnell of North Carolina. The McConnells were Scots-Irish immigrants. Senator McConnell spoke about the recent history of the American public voting for divided government. He said it was not



*Karen Faulkinbury, Kent Gregory and 1st Place
Poster from the Sacramento Chapter*

The 125th SAR Congress in Louisville 2015 (continued)

previously voted to increase the Reserve Fund to 6 months' expenses. We will not always be able to use the interest from the Hamilton Fund, so he suggested raising the dues to cover our expenses. Treasurer General Mike Tomme reported that we were receiving \$40k from Harris Publishing for the member directories, and have sold the historical tax credits for the building for \$144k (since we cannot use them as a tax-exempt organization). Budget Chairman Randy Ellis and Finance Director Mary Butts are working on reformatting the financial statements. Genealogist General John Sinks spoke about the new system for entering data online for applications. He stated that we need a genealogical research system for HQ staff, members and the public. Registrar General Larry Guzy reported the SAR membership is 32,623. SAR Foundation President Sam Powell reported that the IRS Form 990 was filed for the SAR Foundation, and the annual reports would be mailed to donors soon. Lanny Patten reported on the new 1776 capital campaign – donors at different multiples of \$1,776 will be recognized with a Gold, Silver or Bronze Quill on the wall in the SAR Headquarters. Those who leave money to the SAR Foundation in their wills will be members of the "Founders Circle."

Doug Collins presented the streamer for the 2014-15 President General's Initiative on Patriot Biographies: 78 chapters and 9 state societies received streamers. The California Society had four chapters that received streamers – Eagle, 16 bios (237%); Riverside, 33 bios (42%); San Diego, 60 bios (29%); and Thomas Jefferson, 24 bios (23%).

Monday night, the Mexico Society held a fiesta in the California Suite. Later, the Minuteman ceremony and the awards presentations were held. Minuteman inducted were Mark Anthony (SC), Peter Grassl (KS), Joe Harris (NC/UT), Randy Moody (FL), and Davis Wright (DE).

PG Brock presented NSSAR Awards to state societies and compatriots. The California Society was honored with the following awards:

- (1) the Grahame T. Smallwood, Jr. Award (and \$250 prize) as the State Society of 500 or more members with the best news publication with more than 10 pages for the California Compatriot, edited by Kent Gregory & Stephen Hurst;
- (2) the Officers Attendance Award for State Societies whose President and National Trustee have attended both preceding Trustees meetings and the Annual Congress; &
- (3) certificates of participation for the Americanism Poster Contest, the Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest, the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest, the Arthur M. King Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest, and the ROTC/JROTC Contest.

Partners in Patriotism Certificates were presented to the following 19 California Society chapters: Delta, Eagle, Gen George S. Patton, Gen George Washington, Gold Country, Harbor, Kern, Orange County, Redding, Redwood Empire, Riverside, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, Silicon Valley, Sons of Liberty, South Coast, Thomas Jefferson, and Yosemite.

The Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award was presented to



*CASSAR Orations Chairman Dan McKelvie,
Harrison W. Middleton and Ray Raser*



*PG Brock presents Grahame T. Smallwood
Award to CASSAR President Kent Gregory*

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*PG Brock presents Stephen Renouf with
Carl F. Bessent Award for most outstanding chapter newsletter*

Stephen Renouf.

Tuesday morning, June 30, the Western, Pacific and Inter-mountain Districts held a breakfast meeting. The outgoing and incoming VPGs from the districts were introduced. Several national officer candidates gave campaign speeches. The SAR Congress then reconvened. PG Joe Dooley read the report of the nominating committee. Those running unopposed were: PG Tom Lawrence (TX), Secretary General Mike Tomme (GA), Treasurer General Larry Guzy (GA), Chancellor General Davis Wright (DE), Genealogist General John Sinks (DC), Registrar General Russell DeVenney (MO), Librarian General Bruce Pickette (AL), Surgeon General Dr. Larry Leslie (KY), and Chaplain General Rev. Dr. James Taylor (TX). Voting was that afternoon for the contested offices of Historian General, SAR Foundation Board, and VPG of the New England District. There was a proposed resolution to protest the proposal to remove Alexander Hamilton from the \$10 bill, but it was referred to the bylaws committee for review and more information.

Each year the Congress sets the dues and fees for the SAR. PG David Appleby moved to raise the regular member dues by \$5 to \$35 for 2016, which was approved by standing vote. All other dues and fees were approved at 2015 amounts. Mark Anthony (SC) moved to elect all the national officers who were running unopposed by acclamation, which was approved. He then moved to elect all the VPGs who were running unopposed by acclamation, which was also approved. The national trustees from all the state/foreign societies were elected, including Jim Faulkinbury (CA), Kent Gregory (CA-Alt), Robert Ebert (Mexico), and Stephen Renouf (Spain).

PG Lindsey Brock presented the Gold Roger Sherman Medal to Chancellor General John Dodd and VPG Stephen Renouf. He also presented them certificates of appreciation for serving as National officers in 2014-15. Jim Faulkinbury received a certificate for his

Compatriot Friedrich W. Kunzler. The Liberty Medal (for being the first line signer on 10 SAR applications) was presented to compatriots Robert O. Bell III, Dana F. Dunlap, Alan D. Fitch, Jr., James C. Fosdyck, Russell N. Haynes, and Ronald L. Zell. The following compatriots received oak leaf cluster(s) for additional awards of the Liberty Medal: Robert O. Bell III, Thomas H. Chilton, Jr., James K. Claxton, Charles A. Gentis, Donald H. Gurley (3), David M. Hayball, Karl W. Jacobs(2), Grant R. Noah(2), Raymond C. Raser(4), Leon L. Smith, Jr., and Owen R. Stiles.

The Carl F. Bessent Award for the editor of the most outstanding chapter newsletter (and \$100 prize) was presented to Stephen Renouf of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter. The Thomas Jefferson Bond, Jr. Memorial Photographic Award was presented to James Fosdyck of the Orange County Chapter. The Winston C. Williams SAR Magazine Award for the compatriot who supplied the most usable material to the SAR Magazine was presented to



*Jim Fosdyck receives Thomas Jefferson Bond Jr.
Memorial Photographic Award from PG Brock
with CASSAR President Kent Gregory*

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service as chairman of the National Genealogy Committee. PG Brock presented the Daughters of Liberty Medal to Un Hui Fosdyck for her service to the National Society.

Tuesday afternoon, the 2014-15 Council of Vice Presidents General met for the final time. Due to the disputed election for VPG, New England District, the Council discussed the issue, and a motion was made (seconded by VPG Renouf) to recommend creating a rule that all nominees for vice president general must be a member of one of the constituent state societies of the district. There was also a motion to recommend that each state shall notify the VPG of its district of the candidates for national trustee since we are having a problem with states informing the National Society prior to the annual elections. Outgoing committee chairman Mark Anthony announced that Mike Wells of Alabama will be chairman of the Council for 2015-16.

President Kent Gregory, Past President Jim Faulkinbury and Executive VP Ron Barker attended the Council of State Presidents meeting. The Council elected four members and four alternates to the National Nominating Committee, all of whom will be sitting state presidents at the SAR Spring Leadership Meeting. Since Larry Magerkurth of California was PG in the last 5 years, California members were ineligible to run for the nominating committee.

Chancellor General John Dodd, VP North Derek Brown and Past President Rev. Lou Carlson attended the Congress Planning Committee meeting. Rev. Lou Carlson attended the Chaplains Committee. Jim Faulkinbury attended the meeting of the Membership Committee, and they had an informal discussion rather than official business.

Balloting was held for the four contested national offices. The election took so long that the Premium Membership Medals Committee had to be cancelled.

Tuesday night, the outgoing general officers and VPGs processed into the President General's Banquet. Un Hui Yi Fosdyck then enthralled us with beautiful traditional Korean dance. PG Lindsey Brock gave his



Un Hui Yi Fosdyck performs Korean Hat dance at Tuesday banquet



Un-Hui Yi Fosdyck receiving the JROTC Endowment Medal

farewell address.

The winners of the elections were announced: Jack Manning (NH), Historian General; Mike Elston (VA) and Rick Hollis (TN), SAR Foundation Board; and Douglas Wood VPG, New England District. National Color Guard Commander Mike Radcliff turned over command of the National Color Guard to David Hoover.

Wednesday morning, July 1, at the SAR 1000 Breakfast, JROTC Chairman Paul Callanan presented the JROTC Endowment Fund Medal to Un Hui Yi Fosdyck.

PG Brock reconvened the SAR Congress, then suspended Congress and convened the Board of Trustees to confirm incoming PG Lawrence's appointments to the Executive Committee: PG Lindsey Brock (FL), Doug Collins (KY), James Jones (TX), William Stone (AL), and PG Nathan White (TX). The trustees also approved the appointments of Randy Moody (FL) as parliamentarian, PG William Gist (KY) as Chairman of the Council of Presidents General, and Mike Wells (AL) as Chairman and Ed Riegel as Vice Chairman of the Council of Vice Presidents General. Chancellor General John Dodd swore in the new trustees – from the states/foreign societies, the past

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NSSAR Members visit to Kentucky Horse Park

presidents general and the executive committee. PG Lawrence announced the following appointments:

- Warren Alter (AZ) Inspector General,
- John Beard (TX) Compliance Officer,
- Bill Broadus (VA) Deputy Compliance Officer,
- PG Nathan White (TX) Supervisor of the SAR Building Project.

PG Lawrence disbanded the SolidLight Ad Hoc Committee, and placed the responsibility for managing the SolidLight project with the SAR Museum Board, led by William Stone (AL). He announced the following positions: (1) Chairman of the Council of State Presidents, Charles Scott (KY), (2) PG Travel Coordinator, James Jones (TX), (3)

GWEF Chairman, Frank Appl (NC), and (4) Executive Committee Secretary, Mark Anthony (SC).

The Board of Trustees was adjourned, and Congress reconvened. The members of the executive committee were then elected as trustees. PG Brock adjourned the 125th Annual SAR Congress. Following adjournment, many attendees toured the Kentucky Horse Park – which has the International Museum of the Horse, the Hall of Champions (where we saw four horses exhibited), and the Breeds Barn Show (where several riders in traditional costume rode various breeds of horses).

Wednesday evening at the Installation Banquet, the incoming general officers and VPGs processed into the ballroom. Outgoing Chancellor General John Dodd swore in the new General Officers (with the exception of the PG and VPGs). Newly installed Chancellor General Davis Wright then swore in the VPs General, including VPG-Western District John Dodd, and, last, the new President General Tom Lawrence. PG Lawrence presented Outgoing PG Lindsey Brock with a certificate of service and the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal for his service to the SAR. PG Lawrence delivered his inaugural address. He will be continuing the Patriot Biographies Program – for chapters and societies who received a streamer in Louisville, for each additional 20% (over the initial 20%), a star will be added to the streamer (to be presented at the 2016 SAR Congress in Boston). Following the banquet, PG Lawrence and his wife Mickey Jo hosted a reception in the hotel.

Thursday morning July 2, the new Executive Committee met. Jim Jones of Texas represented Medals & Awards Chairman Renouf, and presented the recommendations of the committee. The Executive Committee voted to approve permitting the PG to award two SAR National Medals of Distinguished Service during his term. They also approved the Louisiana Society Bernardo de Gálvez Medal, and awarding of the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal to Lt. Gen. Russell Honoré (proposed by the Louisiana Society).



PG Lindsey Brock, First Ladies Billie and Mickey Jo and PG Tom Lawrence

By Stephen Renouf, Chairman of the CASSAR Invested Funds Trustees, with information from President Kent Gregory, Executive VP Ron Barker, VP South Jim Fosdyck, VP North Derek Brown, Past President Jim Faulkinbury, and Past President Rev. Lou Carlson

Let Freedom Ring July 4, 2015 in Cerritos, CA National SAR Color Guard Event



*CASSAR Color Guard Fires a volley at
Let Freedom Ring*



*CASSAR President Kent Gregory Rings the Bell at the **Let Freedom Ring**
event in Cerritos, California. First Lady Lisa is to his left, holding his rifle.*



*CASSAR Color Guard and Ladies Auxiliary at **Let Freedom Ring** Event*



Finding a Continental Army Ancestor

From an Op Ed article in The Desert Sun by Compatriot H. Lee Walker, president of SAR Coachella Valley Chapter, edited for The Compatriot

The Declaration of Independence was based on the theories of John Locke and a draft of the Constitution for the State of Virginia. It was edited by the 56 delegates at the Continental Congress who later signed it on August 2, 1776. Jefferson's handwritten copy was loaned to the British Library in April, 2015 to hang next to the Magna Carta during the celebration of its 800th anniversary. Both documents hung there for viewing until September 1.

Lee's 6th generation grandfather Jacob Andreas Walker was inducted into the Revolutionary Army in 1778 under Captain Rhodes' Regiment in Bedford County, PA, and later separated into Somerset County in southwestern Pennsylvania. He was quickly promoted to a 2nd Lieutenant. The Regiment mustered every month for roll call, drills and assignments. They were to patrol designated areas to look for British agents who were meeting American Indians to sign up the Indians to fight on the crown's side.

In 1999, Lee joined SAR. In 2000 he visited Jacob Walker's gravesite in the middle of a cornfield in the Allegheny Mountains near Garrett, PA. A group of descendants had built a 4-foot cement wall around his grave. Weeds were 5 to 6 feet high. A local farmer lent them a scythe and rakes to clean the site. One of Lee's daughters, Laura, age 16, and he worked 2 days to cut the weeds.

Lee then planned a commemoration ceremony. They invited SAR and local DAR members, relatives and community members to participate in the ceremony at the gravesite., which was in the center of a 20-acre cornfield, so they obtained permission from the farmer and he offered them a hand corn cutter. They snipped off one row of stalks for about 1000 yards up the rolling hillside to create a path. The Sunday arrived for the hike and program. The photo above captures the moment. About 75 relatives, friends and press members followed the music of the fifes and drums to the gravesite.

For years, Lee was uncertain of Jacob Walker's parentage. One source said that Francis Walker was from England, and another indicated he was born in Weil im Schonbuch, Germany. So Lee and his wife traveled to that small German village at the western edge of the Black Forest in 2013. They found the local Lutheran Church where Jacob was baptized, but learned that the records had been sent to an archive in Stuttgart to be entered into microfiche. They then drove to the archive and found Jacob's records. His father was Michael, and the beautifully handwritten ledger showed Jacob's birth entry in 1741.

Jacob came to the Maryland colony at age 8 with his father. Records show he was married there and moved with his family and 5 children to western PA, where he later homesteaded about 300 acres, awarded to him for a second enlistment under General Washington. His gravesite is on that original homestead.



Near Garrett, Pennsylvania in a cornfield--Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, local town officers, and about 75 others marched out to the burial site for a ceremony to honor Jacob Andreas Walker. H. Lee Walker, with the drum, is President of the Coachella Valley Chapter, SAR.

Editor's Note: I hope this excellent article inspires you to write an article on your ancestor-seeking experiences. Such articles are welcome and encouraged.

Eagle Scout Committee Report



ARTHUR M. & BERDENA KING EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP

The December 1, 2015 deadline is almost here for Eagle Scout applications to be submitted to the California SAR Eagle Scout Committee. Please work with the Eagle Scouts in your area to be sure their applications are submitted on time. Here is the link to the application form:
http://www.sar.org/Youth/Eagle_Scout

ROBERT E. BURT BOY SCOUT VOLUNTEER AWARD

The California Society can submit **four (4)** applications each year. Now is a good time to start filling out applications for SAR members who are active in both Boy Scouts and the SAR. The application must be approved by BOTH the Boy Scout Council and the SAR Chapter President. The Chapter must also send a check for \$20, payable to the NSSAR Treasurer General, to cover the cost of the Medal. Applications submitted by December 1 will be forwarded to the NSSAR Scout Committee for review and approval for 2015. The award became available in 2007. To date, 19 CASSAR members have received the award. They are listed below.



2007	Shawn William Price	2010	Dale Ross	2013	Derek J. Brown
2007	Earl Young	2011	Kent Gregory	2014	Trenton Wayne Spears
2008	Karl L Dreher	2011	Robert Goble	2014	Melvin S. Howell
2008	Richard W. Fowler	2012	Paul Waddell	2014	Richard Andriano-Moore
2009	Keith Bigbee	2012	Michael Shawn Malone	2014	Dennis Goble
2009	James Blauer	2013	Donald L. Webb	2015	Friedrich W. Künzler
2010	Nathaniel Maas				

EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

We need your help in being a judge this fall for the Eagle Scout Scholarship Selection Committees. The committee members are needed for a short window from December 1 to January 15. If interested in serving on the committees, contact Gary Jensen at: Gary@JensenMyWay.com



Gary Jensen
Eagle Scout Committee Chairman

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

At the spring 2015 NSSAR Scout Committee meeting it was suggested that all SAR members who are working with **YOUTH** should take the Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection Training. This FREE online training course takes about 30 minutes to complete, and you do not need to register with the BSA. BSA offers the course to all who would like to take the training, & the training is good for two (2) years. Here is the link: <https://myscouting.scouting.org>

Chapter Activities

SANTA BARBARA CHAPTER



CASSAR's newest Color Guard Santa Barbara 4th of July Parade

Left to Right Compatriots: Galvin Garrison, Gregg Garrison, Steve Sawin, Stu Morse (Commander), and Neil Crockett.

SANTA BARBARA CHAPTER



4th of July Parade Temecula, California

L to R: Jerry Sayre, Bill Bishop, Wayne Rogers, & Brian Bingham

Grass Valley 4th of July Parade

L to R David Gilliard, Coreena Ross, Gordon Clark (Behind Flag) Barry Hopkins and Dale Ross

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER



July 15, 2015 Compatriot Hans F. Hunt, Lt. Colonel, U.S. Army retired, a member of the California Society, Orange County Chapter, presented the Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award Flag Certificate to Tyler Poe, manager of the Chick-fil-A in La Habra, California. Hunt is the Sr Army Instructor at Sonora High School. The presentation was in conjunction with a flag raising ceremony conducted by JROTC Cadets from Sonora High School with a large gathering from the city of La Habra, honoring WWII veteran pilot Bob Sivertsen of La Habra American Legion Post 267. The American Legion, La Habra City Council, 15 La Habra Police Officers, various veterans, Sonora H S Principal Dr. Adam Bailey and JROTC Cadets were present. Chick-fil-A sponsors this event each month to recognize our veterans.

GOLD COUNTRY CHAPTER



Chapter Activities

DELTA CHAPTER



On July 8, 12 members & guests of the Delta Chapter toured the museum aircraft carrier USS Hornet (CV-12) at the Alameda Naval Air Station. Chapter President John Humphrey led the outing and tour of the famed World War II carrier. The Hornet also served on Yankee Station during the Vietnam War and recovered the Apollo 11 space crew & capsule upon their return from the moon in 1969.

RIVERSIDE CHAPTER



At the August 20 Riverside meeting, L to R Henry Lucas, CASSAR Color Guard Adjutant South Mark Kramer, Todd Taylor, Christopher Keene and CASSAR Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck.

COACHELLA VALLEY CHAPTER



Compatriot David L Grinnell, Coachella Valley Chapter presenting Flag Certificate to Jeanne Blackburn, Board of Directors of the Four Seasons at Palm Springs Home Owners Association, July 4, 2015.

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SAR Trip to the Bahamas

By Stephen Renouf, NSSAR Vice President General-Western District

Friday May 15 to May 22, President General (PG) Lindsey Cook Brock led the SAR on a rip to the Bahamas to honor the first foreign amphibious landing of the US Marines in 1776. The California Society was represented by Vice President General (VPG) Stephen Renouf, and CASSAR Trustee Jim Faulkinbury. We set sail from Baltimore Harbor on the Royal Caribbean *Grandeur of the Seas*. Leaving the harbor, we sailed past historic Fort McHenry, which last year celebrated the bicentennial of Francis Scott Key's writing the Star Spangled Banner after he witnessed an unsuccessful British bombardment of the fort.

Saturday morning, PG Brock outlined our plans for Cape Canaveral & Nassau, Bahamas (more below). This was followed by the following historic presentations. SAR Foundation President Sam Powell outlined some interesting facts about North Carolina in the American Revolution. (1) the importance of the Mecklenburg Declaration and the Halifax Resolves. (2) North Carolina was "First in Freedom" because it was the first state to declare independence. (3) The Regulators were put down by Britain, and forced to sign an oath to take arms in the King's defense. When the British later formulated their strategy to divide the rebellious colonies, they came to North Carolina to draft the oath takers, but they did not support the Crown, and the strategy failed.

Georgia Society President Tom Owen spoke on the Battle of Kettle Creek and noted that SAR and DAR raised funds to purchase part of the battlefield for an historical park.

Compatriot John Moyer spoke about the First US Marines. His great, great grandfather was one of the first Marine Corps majors commissioned by the U.S. Congress.

PG David Simpson spoke about George Rogers Clark and Kentucky in the Revolution, explained how the Kentuckians took the surrender of the British to the Northwest Territory, and



that the founders of Louisville named that city in honor of King Louis XVI, our ally in the Revolutionary War. Grand Viscount General Stephen Renouf convened a meeting of the Order of the Founders of North America where he related the history of the Bahamas, which were the first land discovered by Columbus in the New World. October 12, 1492, Columbus discovered San Salvador (believed to be Watling Island). The native Lucayan Indians were friendly, and told Columbus that they regularly fought off slave raids by the fierce mainland Indians. The Spanish then discovered Cuba and Hispaniola, and lost interest in the Bahamas. They forcibly removed the Lucayan Indians from the Bahamas and settled them on the Caribbean islands by 1520. Then the following events occurred.

- 1565 & 1625: the French made two abortive attempts to settle Abaco Island.
- 1648: Puritan colonists from Bermuda settled Eleuthera Island, naming it after the Greek word Eleutheria meaning "freedom," but they struggled for many years.
- 1666: colonists from Bermuda settled on New Providence Island, which became the first successful colony in the Bahamas.
- 1670: The Crown granted a patent to the Proprietors of Carolina to rule the Bahamas, and they sent a governor, but the independent-minded Bahaman colonists proved impossible to rule. British and French pirates used the Bahamas to raid Spanish treasure fleets returning to Spain.
- 1684: The Spanish retaliated by burning Eleuthera and New Providence colonies, and they were abandoned.
- 1686: Jamaican colonists resettled New Providence, which led to development of the British Bahamas.

May 17, the ship arrived at Port Canaveral, Florida. We went to the Brevard County Military Museum, where local SAR members in uniform greeted us. PG Brock led a wreath laying ceremony at the SAR Marker honoring the Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War. His son, Lindsey C. Brock II, gave a stirring rendition of the dramatic events of March 10, 1783, when Captain John Barry of the USS *Alliance* defeated the British warship HMS *Sybil* off Cape Canaveral. Following the ceremony, we saw the war memorial and the museum, then returned to our ship.

SAR Trip to the Bahamas (continued)

May 18 the ship arrived at Nassau, capital of the Bahamas, on New Providence Island. We met SAR Ambassador to the Bahamas, Dick Bryant, who arranged a driving tour of Nassau, ending at Fort Montagu, the oldest and smallest fortification on the island. We were met by Bahamian dignitaries for a ceremony honoring the first amphibious landing of the U.S. Marines on foreign soil in 1776. The Royal Bahamas Defence Force Ranger Band played the US National Anthem and the Bahamian National Anthem. Alexander Flowers, Secretary of the Antiquities, Monuments & Museum Corp (AMMC), opened the ceremonies. Courtney Stacahan, Chairman of AMMC brought greetings. Dr. Keith Tinker, a Director of AMMC, presented an overview of the significance of the Battle of Nassau, fought March 3-4, 1776. The U.S. Marines attacked to obtain the gunpowder stored there by Lord Dunmore, Royal Governor of Virginia, in his effort to keep it out of the hands of the rebels. Next was Harrison Thompson, Permanent Secretary of the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism. The Royal Bahamas Defence Force Ranger Band entertained us. Dick Bryant introduced the SAR Officers and their wives. PG Brock presented the SAR International Medal to Dr. Tinker and Mr. Thompson. PG Brock also placed a wreath at Fort Montagu to commemorate the occasion, followed by a cannon firing by three Bahamian men in period uniforms.

May 19 we anchored at Coco Cay, a private island leased by Royal Caribbean. We enjoyed nature walks, water sports, and great food, departing that evening for the return voyage to Baltimore, spending May 20 and 21 at sea.



SAR Ceremony at Fort Montagu, Bahamas, honoring first U.S. Marine landing on foreign soil, March, 1776

May 21 we had more educational presentations. PG David Sympton spoke about ships from the Last Naval Battle of the Revolution, and the acquiring of the third known Continental commission for a sea captain, for the Cabot. PG Ed Butler discussed the Spanish contribution to the American Revolution. In early 1776, Louisiana Spanish Governor Bernardo de Gálvez was planning for war with Britain, and covertly assisting the Americans. After Spain declared war on Britain in 1779, Gálvez moved quickly and conquered the British forts on the eastern bank of the Mississippi, and foiled an attempt by the British to counter-attack the Mississippi settlements from the Great Lakes. Fort San Carlos was located underneath the modern day Arch in St. Louis, and served as a base for Gálvez to funnel weapons and money to George Rogers Clark and General Washington. Gálvez also captured the two British forts on the Gulf Coast – Mobile and Pensacola, preventing the British from opening up another front to the west and south of the United States.

The Spanish & French had plans to conquer Jamaica, but Juan Manuel de Cagigal violated Gálvez' orders to wait at Havana for the Jamaica invasion fleet. Cagigal sailed to the Bahamas & convinced the British to surrender without a fight. This sabotaged the Jamaica invasion, and led to Gálvez seeking a court martial against Cagigal. In the 1783 Treaty of Paris, Spain traded the Bahamas to Britain for the return of West and East Florida. The British then offered land in the Bahamas to Loyalists who had fled the southern colonies for St. Augustine, East Florida, resulting in Tory families from the Carolinas, Georgia and East Florida settling in the Bahamas.

May 22, we arrived in Baltimore, concluding our wonderful week of cruising.

2019 SAR Congress

Traditionally, approximately every 10 years the NSSAR holds the national Congress in California. Many of you will remember the 2008 Congress in Sacramento and the great time we had working with and meeting Compatriots from throughout the country. In 2019 California again will host the national Congress, this time in Costa Mesa, at the spacious Orange County Hilton. It is a stone's throw from South Coast Plaza, and "next door" to Newport Beach. The Congress Planning Committee chose this location after a comprehensive search, working with representatives of our state society to find a hotel which met the requirements regarding both budget and amenities. So mark your calendars now for July 5 through 11, 2019 and plan to attend and participate.

There is much to do between now and then. As host, our California Society will need a team of 50 to 100 volunteers, working hard from the current planning stage up to and including the "main event" in 2019. For those of you who have been unable to participate in the SAR at a national level, this is your perfect opportunity. Our committee is headed by John Dodd, Kent Gregory and Steve Renouf, who will be "reaching out to you" as the overused phrase goes, to pitch in. But don't be shy and wait until they find you. Please step up and contact them and let them know you would like to help. Planning has begun, so jump right in. Contributing to this Congress most probably will be one of the highlights of your participation in the SAR.



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
	180689	8861	Christopher James Stephenson	Sacramento
	191670	9628	Wayne Wesley Lowell	Riverside
	177834	8371	Jerry Dale Evans	Central Coast
	173712	8472	Vincent Abbott Gantt	Sacramento

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

SAR Congress Photos



Un Hui performing Fan Dance at Tuesday Night Banquet



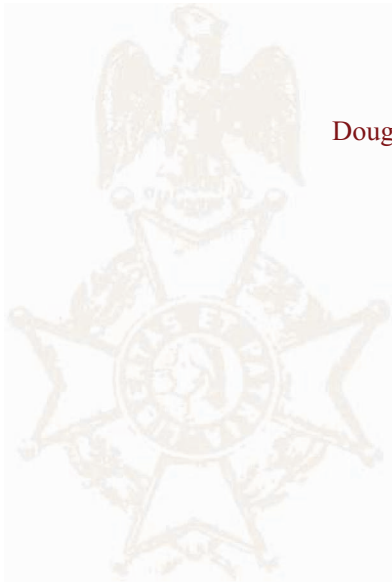
CASSAR President Kent Gregory is all smiles collecting awards earned by California members



CASSAR Members Dressed for the Tuesday Night Banquet at the 125th Annual Congress in Louisville

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