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The President's Message

Fellow Compatriots, thank you for electing me president of our Society. I look forward to an exiting and productive year ahead for all of us.

It is fitting from time to time to consider the foundation of our national Society, our Constitution, which recites the "objects of this Society" include "those intended or designed to perpetuate the memory of those patriots who, during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people; to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants; [and] to inspire them and the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers" Please join me this year in advancing these goals.

We can perpetuate the memory of our patriot ancestors by bringing in new members and establishing new "supplementals" for ourselves. Those of you who attended the Annual Meeting learned of the drop in our membership, presumably due to the recession. Together we can turn this around. As Past President Karl Jacobs reminded us, "Membership begins with ME." Send an email – or better yet make that phone call –

to a son, cousin, brother, or nephew and encourage them to join. Offer to complete their paperwork for them. Pay their application fee or first year's dues as a Christmas or birthday gift. If they do not live in your vicinity, find a chapter closer to their home so there will be a higher probability of them remaining active. You still can be the "first line signer" and get "credit" for their membership even if they are not in your chapter.

New members do not only come from family, but often from unexpected sources. Wear your S.A.R. lapel pin, which often sparks conversation among not only acquaintances but also complete strangers. Bring up your S.A.R. participation in casual conversation in social settings. More often than you might expect, this may prompt comments about a mother, aunt or grandmother who was in the D.A.R., or vague recollections of oral family histories which may only need to be fleshed out to find a Revolutionary War patriot in that family background. Being proactive and open to the possibility of new members coming from otherwise-unexpected places are keys to ensuring an expanding membership.

We also honor our patriot ancestors by establishing additional individuals as "supplementals."

Not only does this give us the right to display ancestor stars, it also honors their personal sacrifice and ensures their hardships will not be forgotten. Establishing supplementals also benefits the society as a whole because it may pave the way for a distant, and perhaps currently unknown, cousin to join the S.A.R. or D.A.R. Supplementals may be found in unusual places. Two of mine are New York women who donated window lead weights, presumably for melting down into musket balls. So dig deep. Who knows what you may turn up?

Another important object of our Society is "to unite and promote fellowship among" our members. We generally do a good job of this with chapter meetings, joint meetings, state meetings and

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121st President, CASSAR
John L. Dodd, Esq.

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Your chapter's news can also 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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2011 Application Fees & Dues

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	\$40.00
	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.

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The State 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.

CALIFORNIA SOCIETY LIFE MEMBERS

The California Society's Life Membership program covers a member's National Society, California Society, and Chapter dues for as long as he remains in the California Society, SAR. The program is open to all regular members 18 years of age. The fee structure is based on the member's age and is posted in the members section of the California Society's website.

NATIONAL SOCIETY LIFE MEMBERS

The National Society Life Membership program covers a member's National Dues only. Members participating in this program are responsible for paying their California Society State and Chapter dues to remain active in the National Society. ❖

Fellow Compatriots:

I want to thank the membership for entrusting me with the position of Secretary of California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. My predecessor, Jim Faulkinbury, did an exceptional job in updating and maintaining all of the Society's records.

The California Society started 2011 with 1402 members. Since then, we have added 40 new members, reinstated 27, and added 3 junior members. Three members have passed away. This brings our current membership to 1469. The reason the numbers of new and deceased members are different in the two tables on pages 8 and 9 is because those lists begin with the last report contained in the Winter Compatriot in December 2010.

The California Society is entitled to 31 delegates at the 121st NSSAR Annual Congress in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. This is a very important year for all CASSAR members since California's Larry J. Magerkurth will be sworn in as the President General of the National Society.

We still have unfilled delegate positions available, so if you want to be a delegate, please advise me immediately, as I have to turn the list into national by June 1st.

Finally, I want to personally thank all California Society chapters for providing me with copies of their confirmation receipts for their Federal 990N and California FTB 199N filings, which were ALL provided before the May 15th deadline. ❖

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Barker
Secretary, CASSAR



*Ronald J. Barker
California Secretary*

CASSAR members planning to attend the 121st NSSAR Congress in North Carolina this July are eligible to represent the California Society as a delegate. Contact Secretary Barker for details.

Photo Credits are due to Un Hui Yi and Compatriot Jim Blauer, both of the Orange County Chapter, CASSAR. Thank you for the wonderful pictures!

The NSSAR Merchandise Store is back online. For online shopping visit store.sar.org or place your order over the phone by calling (502) 589-1779.

COMING EVENTS

08 - 13 July – 121st NSSAR Annual Congress, Marriot Winston-Salem, 425 North Cherry St, Winston-Salem, NC. Hotel reservations, call 336-725-3500.

30 Sep to 01 Oct – NSSAR Fall Leadership/Trustees Meeting, Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY.

04 - 06 November – 136th Fall Board of Managers Meeting of the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Town & Country Resort, 500 Hotel Circle South, San Diego, 619-297-7131. See Registration Form on page 11.

01 December – CASSAR Eagle Scout Deadline. Entries for the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest must be postmarked to the state chairman no later than 1 December 2011.

01 February 2012 – CASSAR Knight Essay Deadline. Entries for the Knight Essay Contest must be postmarked to the state chairman no later than 1 February 2012.

01 February 2012 – CASSAR JROTC Deadline. Entries for the Outstanding JROTC Contest must be postmarked to the state chairman no later than 1 February 2012.



Marine Safety Officer Matt Norton of Huntington Beach was presented with the Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal for his efforts in rescuing hundreds of people in distress over past years.



2011 SPRING MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP

The Orange County Chapter hosted the 136th CASSAR Meeting of the Membership at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Irvine, California, April 8-9, 2011. Many National Officers were in attendance – President General David Symphon, Vice President General Stephen Renouf, Secretary General Larry Magerkurth, Registrar General Lindsey Brock, Genealogist General Joseph Dooley, and Historian General Charles Lampman. There were 60 compatriots registered, and 35 guests representing 17 chapters, as well as the California, Florida, Kentucky and Virginia societies.

On Friday, April 9, California Society President Wayne Griswold convened the 136th Annual Spring Meeting. CASSAR commander Jim Fosdyck and the color guard presented the flags to open the meeting. Secretary Jim Faulkinbury called the roll, and determined that there was a quorum. After the officer and committee reports, Executive Vice President John Dodd presented the revised budget for 2011. John Dodd noted that the budget projected a 10% loss in membership, but this number had to be revised due to an actual 14% drop. There was a \$750 line item added for the California Society Hospitality Room at the NSSAR Congress in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The board of managers endorsed holding the 2019 NSSAR Congress in Southern California. The line item for the 2019 Congress Reserve was increased from \$500 to \$1,500 to ensure adequate funds for the host society reception. The \$100 for the Chaplain allocation was also restored to the budget. The bulk of the budget surplus from 2010 – \$15,000 – was allocated to the life membership fund to help reduce the inadequacy

of the fund. The revised budget was approved by the membership. It was announced that all CASSAR Officers, Committee Chairmen and Chapter Presidents are required to sign the CASSAR Conflict of Interest and Whistleblower Policy forms, so we will be in compliance with Sarbanes-Oxley.

Sons of Liberty Chapter President Gary Bohannon encouraged everyone to attend the 30th Annual Massing of the Colors in the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Los Angeles in February 2012. This event honors the birth of President George Washington, and is a salute to all United States Armed

Forces. There are representatives from all branches of the military, ROTC and JROTC units, and color guardsmen from around the state. This event is sponsored every year by the Sons of Liberty Chapter.

President Wayne Griswold announced that the California Society SAR is advertising in the California History Magazine and it is hoped CASSAR will generate new members from the advertisement. Other forms of advertisement are also under consideration. It was announced that all those planning to attend the NSSAR Congress in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, should contact CASSAR Secretary Ron Barker so he can add them to the CASSAR list of delegates.

President General Symphon asked Spain Society Trustee Stephen Renouf to read a translation of a letter received from Madrid. The chief secretary of His Royal Highness Felipe, Prince of Asturias, was asked to convey the Prince's gratitude for President General Symphon sending Him the latest edition of the *SAR Magazine*. VP Membership Philip Hinshaw reported on preparations for the 2011 Fall Board of Managers Meeting to be held at the Town and Country Hotel in San Diego, November 3-5, 2011. The Trolley Station is located nearby, and can take guests to the Gaslamp District, Old Town, Downtown, and Seaport Village. Plans are developing for a ceremony at the San Diego Presidio.

The Public Service Luncheon was held in the Catalina Ballroom. President Kent Gregory of the Orange County Chapter was the master of ceremonies, and he introduced the head table and distinguished guests. Following lunch, CASSAR President Wayne Griswold, assisted by President Gregory, presented the SAR Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal to Marine Safety Officer Matt Norton of Huntington Beach for his efforts in rescuing hundreds of people in distress over the years. The SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal was awarded to Captain Ron Newport of the Orange County Fire Authority, who survived severe injuries in a fire, and returned to dedicate many years of valuable service to the community. Also presented was the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Sergeant Roger Guevara of the Orange County Sheriff's Department for his efforts in removing dozens of criminals from the streets in a large operation targeting hate groups. The Colonel Richard F. Locke Membership Award, named after the late CASSAR Genealogist Richard F. Locke, was conceived by President Griswold and is in recognition of the three CASSAR chapters that

achieved the highest percentage increase in membership during the previous calendar year. The award not only encourages member recruitment, but also emphasizes the importance the California Society places upon member retention. A \$250 cash award is presented to the three top chapters, one each from the small, medium, and large chapter categories. The 2010 chapters with the highest increase in membership were Monterey Bay (small), Orange County (medium), and Silicon Valley (large). The business meeting continued immediately following the luncheon.

In the afternoon several Ladies Auxiliary members toured the Irvine Museum to view California Plein-Air Impressionist paintings, while others enjoyed shopping at South Coast Plaza. In the evening, CASSAR officers and committee chairmen attended the Officers' Dinner at Bistango Restaurant. Karl Jacob and his C Nile Sound quartet provided the entertainment singing old time hits.



On Saturday morning, the annual meeting continued. President Griswold thanked C.A.R. Pages Haley Schutzenberger and Zachary Shiel for their service at the meeting. Trustees of the Invested Funds Dick Hawley, Stephen Renouf and Curtis Porter presented proposal number 4 from their report at the November Meeting, which could only be approved by a vote of the Annual Meeting of the Membership in April. The proposal to raise the state dues from \$18 to \$20 per year, and transfer the \$2 difference to the life membership fund to help address the inadequacy of the fund, was approved by the membership.

Nominating Committee Chairman Lou Carlson presented the slate of officers. As no one was nominated from the floor, the following were elected to office for 2011-2012: President John L. Dodd, Esq., Executive VP Keith L. Bigbee, VP South J. Stephen Hurst, VP North Jim L. Faulkinbury, VP



Membership Phillip L. Hinshaw, Secretary Ron Barker, Treasurer Michael J. Howard, Registrar Owen Stiles, Chancellor J. Jeffries Goodwin, Esq., Genealogist Terry L. Briggs, Historian James F. Blauer, Chaplain Rev. Phillip C. Dodson, Surgeon Captain Ernest F. Latham, MD, Trustees of the Invested Funds Richard Hawley, Stephen Renouf and Curtis Porter, and Past President Wayne A. Griswold.

Following the elections, President Wayne Griswold concluded the Annual Meeting of the Membership, and President-Elect John Dodd convened the Board of Managers Meeting.

Nominated for National Office were Rev. Louis V. Carlson for Vice President General-Western District, Wayne A. Griswold for National Trustee and John L. Dodd, Esq. for Alternate National Trustee. These men will be elected at the National Congress in July 2011. The board of managers also voted to endorse John Dodd for Chancellor General, should he decide to run for office in July 2012. John Dodd announced that there would be a special meeting after the Fall Board of Managers Meeting in San Diego to revise the bylaws. He then adjourned the board of managers meeting.

The audit committee was convened by Chairman John Dodd, and consisted of Delta Chapter President Jeff Sylvan and Sons of Liberty Chapter President Gary Bohannon. They examined Treasurer Mike Howard's records for 2010, and found them to be in good order.

The Youth Awards Luncheon was held in the Catalina Ballroom. After lunch, President Wayne Griswold presented the youth contest awards:

Poster Contest: 1st Place \$500 - Blake Steinbach of Gold Country, 2nd Place \$250 - Megan Kelly of Thomas Jefferson, 3rd Place \$150 - William Buxton of General Patton, and honorable mention China Ross of Sacramento, Jonathan King of Orange County and Arraya Scarlett of Mother Lode.

Brochure Contest: 1st Place \$600 - Angela Vo of Orange County, 2nd Place \$400 - Marissa Mancebo of Thomas Jefferson, and honorable mention Marcus Montejano of Mother Lode and Marigold Cajiles of Harbor Chapter.

SAR Knight Essay Contest: CASSAR Winner \$1,500 - Jose Gurrola, Jr. of Kern.

SAR Enhanced ROTC/JROTC: CASSAR Winner \$1,500 - Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Nicholas Ingraffia of Sacramento.

SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship: CASSAR Winner \$1,500 - Eagle Scout Robert Morgan of Redlands.

There was a special presentment of the SAR Medal of Heroism to Maryann Tran, an Orange



The C Nile Sound Barber-shop Quartet serenades President General J. David Sympton and his lovely wife, Evelyn. L-R, Lindsey Brock, First Lady Evelyn with the President General (seated), C Nile Sound members, Bruce Beyne, Denny Lawrence, Rick Llewellyn, and former CASSAR President Karl Jacobs.

President Wayne Griswold presents the Knight Essay recipient, Jose Gurrola, Jr., and the Outstanding JROTC Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Nicholas Ingraffia with their \$1500 U.S. Savings Bonds. He then placed the ribbon drape and medal around their neck.



Eagle Scout Robert Morgan receives a \$1500 U.S. Savings Bond. L-R, LAUX President Karen Carlson, President Griswold, Morgan, Chairman Owen Stiles, & LAUX Treasurer Catherine Howard. In addition to the CASSAR U.S. Savings Bonds, the Ladies Auxiliary presented each of the main recipients a check for \$300.

Executive Vice President John Dodd presented Maryann Tran with the SAR Medal for Heroism in recognition of her outstanding bravery by putting her life in imminent danger to save the life of another motorist on an Orange County freeway.

stay in the car, and she immediately went to help. The two people in the car ahead of her had hit the center divider were shaken, but not hurt. One of the men, Logan Vescio, returned to the disabled car to put on the hazard lights. Then tragedy struck – a drunken driver with a blood-alcohol level of 0.17 struck the car. Cameron Cook, who was standing near Maryann Tran was ejected from the vehicle and went over the shoulder barrier, while Vescio was thrown from the car onto the highway. When Tran saw she could not help Cook, she immediately went to Vescio's aid. The 130-pound Tran dragged the injured 160-pound Vescio from the freeway, saving his life. Unfortunately, Cook died in the hospital a few hours later. Tran did not hesitate to help strangers in distress at serious risk to herself. Maryann Tran is the daughter of immigrants who fled Viet Nam after the fall of Saigon. She hopes to join the U.S. Air Force.

On Saturday afternoon, Chaplain Phil Dodson and Rev. Lou Carlson presided over the memorial service for 30 departed compatriots. President Don Gurley eulogized departed chapter compatriots William K. Flint, Jr. and Andrew B. Hart.

On Saturday evening, the gala inauguration banquet was held in the Catalina Ballroom. Following dinner, President General J. David Sympson brought greetings from the National Society, and spoke about the exciting things happening in Louisville. California Assemblyman Don P. Wagner of Irvine welcomed everyone to the 70th Assembly District. He presented an Assembly resolution in honor of John Dodd's election as California SAR President. John Dodd then introduced guest speaker Dr. John C. Eastman, a professor of constitutional law, and a former clerk for Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. Dr. Eastman spoke on the topic of restoring the principles of the Founding Fathers – limited government, respect for property rights, and a strong national defense. He appreciated the work of the Sons of the American Revolution in preserving America's heritage, and preserving it for future generations.

Coast College sophomore. A few days earlier, she arrived on the scene of a traffic accident on northbound Highway 57. She told her two younger friends to

Outgoing President Wayne Griswold then presented awards. He announced the awarding of the Patriot Medal to Ted Rudisill, who was not present. He presented the Distinguished Service Medal to Jim L. Faulkinbury, for his long and dedicated service to the California Society and invaluable assistance to President Griswold. Finally, he presented the Daughters of Liberty Medal to his wife, Yoncie Griswold.

President General J. David Sympson installed the 2011 officers of the California Society, and presented the gavel to President John Dodd. President Dodd then delivered his inaugural address:

Mr. President General, Assemblyman Wagner, Dr. Eastman, Past-President Griswold, Compatriots and Guests:

I am honored and humbled to be elected the President of the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution, to represent you in our state and to represent California to the National Society. I first want to thank my wife, Karen, for her support, and also my family who either tolerates – or perhaps looks forward to – my time away from them for S.A.R.

This Society represents much more than the sum total of its members. We, as individuals, represent our Patriot Ancestors in this modern society, which would just as soon forget them and their values. We owe them a duty to ensure their sacrifices are not forgotten. They pledged their lives, their fortunes and sacred honor for the cause; sometimes losing lives and fortunes, but never honor.

I have had distributed a copy of a reminiscence of the great-granddaughter of one of my Patriot Ancestors, Asher Devine, who fought as a common militiaman for 7 years. She was recalling the stories her grandmother, Catherine Devine Linson, used to tell her of the hardships they endured during the Revolution when the grandmother was a young girl. They lived in New York, which you will recall was heavily Tory, and were harassed and, in some cases, tortured by the Tories. The Hessians stole their livestock, and the local Tories ravaged their farm. The story also recounts an incident in



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Our Family Legacy

AS TOLD BY JANE ANN WESTERVELT

The following was written by Jane Ann Westervelt (born Jane Ann Linson, daughter of John T. Linson, Jr.) in December 1899 to Lyman D. Linson, her nephew, from Mongaup Valley, N.Y. It was copied by her nephew Corwin Knapp Linson July 27, 1926, recopied by her niece, Ida May Linson Reynolds, July 17, 1931, and again by her nephew John Henry Linson, November 29, 1931, and finally typed by his grandson, John Linson Dodd, 2011. It concerns the reminiscences of her grandmother, Catherine (Katrina) Divine/Devine (1770-1854), who was a young girl while her father, Asher Devine (erroneously referred to here as Abraham), was away fighting in the Revolution.

My dear nephew:

My grandmother used to tell me stories of what happened when she was a little girl at the time of the War of the Revolution. Her home was on Long Island not far from Bushwick at the breaking out of the war. There was talk of a draft and her father said he would not be drafted so he enlisted for the war.

After he went, they took an old man to live with them, to help in the garden and take truck to market on a boat across the East River. Her father was a weaver of divinity, linen and table linens, and once he tried to weave a garment without a seam like the Savior's vesture. He managed to weave a shirt all without a seam until he came to the second sleeve, and that he could not make. The families that were left, without their men were badly treated, and robbed by cowboys and Tories, who took everything they could lay hands on. They took whole webs of linen from a press which reached from floor to ceiling, taking them and clothing by the arm-ful, as not even a change of underclothing was left. My grandmother had an Uncle Kissick who kept a wine cellar in New York, and their Aunt Kissick sent them linen for underclothes for the children, so the mother made a garment for Nancy, washed it, and hung it out to dry at the back of the house, and sent Nancy to watch it. But when Nancy got there, it was gone. They saw a woman making off down the road, but they could do nothing.

When the cowboys were robbing the house, her granny, who had her things in a big chest, sat on it armed with heavy iron tongs, and she told them if they touched it she would knock them on the head. No doubt she would have done so.

My grandmother had a little brother, named Oliver, about eight years old.

He was lying in a cradle and the cowboys threatened to shoot him. She said he raised up and said "shoot" but they didn't. The small pox was preva-

lent then and a Tory neighbor made him swill of a rag in which were smallpox scabs, and then sent him up a tree for a bird's nest which he said was up there. Of course, he took the small pox and was poisoned by a vine (poison ivy) which grew on the tree, so he died. My grandmother always said he died a martyr for his country as much as any soldier who fought in the army. The mother had the children inoculated for the smallpox and dieted them, and they had it very light except my grandmother. She said she was so hungry she begged a piece of meat of the old man who lived with them, and crawled under the table to eat it. She had it worse than any of them, but all recovered except little Oliver. She named Oliver Divine Linson (Aunt Jane Anne's brother) after him, and he was always her boy in memory of her little brother.

All this time the father was with the army, until one day he came home on furlough. They had not heard from him for five years. And when he came home, he could not stay long, for he was warned that his life was in danger. He made his escape none too soon, for a crowd of Tories with masks on their faces came to the home looking for him; and one was his own nephew. The mother said to him, "David, you wouldn't hang your own uncle, would you?" He denied he was the nephew, but when she told him it was no use to disguise himself for she knew him, he answered that, "I would hang him to the nearest tree" and they had a rope all ready. But they were too late to find him.

Near their home, were two camps of soldiers. One was Scotch Highlanders, the other, Hessians. They came to

Asher Devine's Revolutionary War Service Record, Col. Abm. Brinckerhoff's Reg't of Militia, Dutchess County, New York.

101 Brinckerhoff's Reg't. N. Y. Militia.	
Asher Devine	
Appears as shown below on a	
Receipt Roll*	
under the following heading:	
"We the Subscribers Do Acknowledge that We have Recieved from Coll. Abm. Brinckerhoff Certificates for the Sums annexed to Our Names in his Regiment of Militia in Dutchess County and in full for Our Services for the Years 1779, 1780. Recd this 10th May, 1787."	
(Revolutionary War.)	
Roll dated	May 10, 1787.
44009	Asher Devine Lt 0-19-62
	19/62
Remarks:	
* From copy (made in the R. & P. Office, War Department, in October, 1896,) of an original record borrowed from the State of New York.—R. & P. 454,712.	
Number of roll:	15
(515r)	Copyist.

SPRING RECAP, CONTINUED.

which the Tories made her eight-year-old brother drink a soup made of small pox rags, which eventually killed him.

This brief snapshot provides us with at least two messages. One: life was hard on the home front then, as it is now. It was not just the militiamen and soldiers of the Continental line who sacrificed, but also those they left at home to try and keep the home fires burning. It is the same now, although today's troubles are more financial and emotional than physical. So not only keep our men and women in Afghanistan and Iraq in your thoughts and prayers, but also their families at home and lend a hand where you can.

There is another message, though, which is not as obvious. I submit we have Tories among us still. People who may have been born in America and have lived here all their lives, but have their allegiance elsewhere. They seek to undermine our American values, attacking our most basic principles, not just stealing our pigs. They prefer what they claim are the more "sophisticated" and "International" values of Europe, rather than American values of faith, home and self-reliance. They forget, or choose not to remember, that the ancestors of our Patriot ancestors came to America beginning in the 17th century to escape the wars of religion and all-controlling governments of Europe. Then our Patriot Ancestors fought a Revolution to

Not Be Europe. Since then hundreds of thousands of people have immigrated to America to get away from Europe.

Still, however, the Tories persist, looking down their noses at those of us who talk of the Founders with reverence, try to teach Founding Principles to our children, and have the temerity to stand, hand over heart, when the National Anthem plays. **DON'T LET THEM GET AWAY WITH IT!** Stand up for our values. Wear your SAR lapel rosette. Let your friends and neighbors know how you spent this weekend. And give generously to the Center For Advancing America's Heritage.

If not us, who? If not now, When? It is up to us, the descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution, – both those on the front lines and those on the home front – to keep the memory of those heroes alive. I thank you for choosing me as your President and ask you to work with me throughout this year to strengthen and grow our Society so we can, together, honor the sacrifices of our patriot ancestors.

Following President Dodd's inaugural address, he called upon Vice President General Stephen Renouf to make a few presentations. VPG Renouf called CASSAR Historian Jim Blauer to the podium and presented him the SAR Meritorious Service

See Spring Recap, page 10.



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.

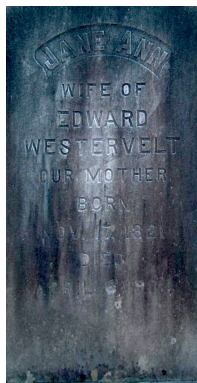


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120105	4898	Robert John Seely	Harbor
085348	3524	Charles T. McDermon	Redwood Empire
161193	7646	Lawrence Harris Dewing	Riverside
115602	4636	Robert Irving Lippman	San Diego
166899	8068	Joseph Jardine Atkins	San Diego
129313	5440	Harold Lenford Worrell	San Diego
176396	8650	Leslie Earl Howell	San Francisco
129785	5458	Carter Lawrence Larsen	San Francisco
126881	5298	Jackson Zane Steuben	San Francisco
136811	5858	Richard Brooks Hovey	San Francisco
093875	3681	Richard W. Cady	San Francisco
091793	3574	Redfield Finlay	Sons of Liberty
175557	8600	Garrison Phillips Grover	Thomas Jefferson
143670	6296	Andrew Bertram Hart	Thomas Jefferson

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





JANE ANN
WIFE OF
EDWARD
WESTERVELT
OUR MOTHER
BORN
Nov. 17, 1821
DIED
APRIL 6, 1904

*Inscription
& photo from
the tombstone
at Van Keuren
Cemetery,
Swan Lake,
Sullivan Coun-
ty, NY.*

the house for provisions. The Scotch always paid for all they got, but the Hessians stole everything they could find. Her granny had a calf that she thought a great deal of. She missed it and suspected the Hessians. So she took my grandmother with her and went to the camp and complained to the officer. He told her to go through the camp and if she found it they would pay her. But she did not find it. She had a sow and pigs she was afraid they would steal, so she penned them close under her windows so that if they were taken in the night she would hear them. One morning she got up and found them gone. So she took my grandmother again and went straight to the Hessian camp. The officer told her to search through the camp and if found they would pay her for them and the calf too. She found her sow and nine pigs killed, dressed and hung up. The thieves were found, tied to the whipping post and given "forty lashes save one" and she and her granny had to stand by and see the punishment. Then the officers paid her granny nine half joes (note a half Johannes, or half-joe was a Portugese coin worth \$4.00. Thousands of them were used by Robert Morris to pay soldiers in the revolution.)

Then there came a time when all the families of the rebels, as they called them, were sent away from Long Island beyond the British Lines. When they were sent away, my grandmother said, they

had many balls of yarn which were wound and unwound so many times for fear something might be hidden in them that there was not much left of the yarn. The women and children were hurried over to the Hudson river and put aboard a vessel and sent up river to what was then "Low Point" but is now Carthage Landing. After the war, her father (Abraham Divine) came home to find it ruined, so he sold the land and bought a farm at Low Point and there he brought up his children. My grandmother learned from him to weave, and when married (to John Tom Linson) he told her that all over a certain "stent" she might keep for herself. I have seen many things she made, sheets, pillow cases, table cloths, all of linen. My grandmother's name was Catherine, but she was always called Teany. She had one sister Nancy, who married a Hicks. Another sister, Patty, married an Abraham Divine and lived at Nine Partners, back of Poughkeepsie. He was a brother (or son?) of Uncle John Divine, and her cousin named Polly married Abraham Gerow and lived at Low Point.

Her brother Abraham, the youngest, was left all the property when her father died, except one shilling to each daughter. When all was settled, Abraham went to Canada to live, and I suppose his descendants live there still.

Jane Anne Westervelt

Welcome New Members



Nat'l #	CA #	Name	Chapter
179364	8804	Thomas Klingenfuss	Delta
179363	8808	William Klingenfuss	Delta
178510	8762	Charles Edward Bradbury	Gen Geo Patton
178511	8763	Edward Taylor Lewis	Gen Geo Patton
179112	8787	Edward Moore Gaines	Gold Country
179113	8788	Edward Scott Gaines	Gold Country
179565	TBD	Christopher Allen Webb	Gold Country
179563	TBD	Derek Tye Webb	Gold Country
179560	TBD	James Allen Webb	Gold Country
179561	TBD	Kevin Steward Webb	Gold Country
179562	TBD	Timothy Allen Webb	Gold Country
179564	TBD	Kevin Steward Webb, Jr.	Gold Country
179032	8786	Curtis Charles Jones, III	Harbor
179224	8792	Bryon Nornes Taylor	Harbor
179225	8793	Paul Andrew Taylor	Harbor
179226	8794	Todd Steven Taylor	Harbor
179024	8778	James Edgar Dane	Kern
179231	8797	Neal Barry Hotelling	Monterey Bay
104767	4881	Donald Peter Moriarty, Jr.	Orange County
178761	8772	Ronald Richard Dodds	Orange County
179025	8779	Craig Starbuck Atkins	Orange County
179026	8780	Wyatt Starbuck Atkins	Orange County
179027	8781	Parker Starbuck Atkins	Orange County
179028	8782	Charles Michael Curtis	Orange County
178663	8769	Alfred Clay Rivers	Redlands
179230	8796	Alistar Ross MacKellar	Redwood Empire
179114	8789	Todd Wingard Taylor	Riverside
178509	8761	Russell Charles Kaiser	Sacramento

Nat'l #	CA #	Name	Chapter
179022	8776	Raymond (Holloway) Beetz	Sacramento
179023	8777	Ramino Troy Beetz	Sacramento
179029	8783	Ronald George Foster	Sacramento
179233	8798	Ronald Louis Carello	Sacramento
179367	8807	Robert Edmund Badger	Sacramento
178512	8764	Robert Leonard Covell, Jr.	San Diego
178513	8765	Brian Davidson Covell	San Diego
178514	8766	Kenneth Chapin Covell	San Diego
178515	8767	Daniel Pike Covell	San Diego
179232	8791	Charles Richard Schickner	San Diego
179234	8799	Richard Lynn Clark, Jr.	San Diego
179349	8802	Robert Samuel Tinnon	San Diego
179350	8803	Bradley Burdette Tinnon	San Diego
179115	8790	Taylor Ryan Buesing Jung	Silicon Valley
179030	8784	Kenneth Karl Keyser	Sons of Liberty
179031	8785	Paul Kenneth Keyser	Sons of Liberty
179365	8805	Jonathan Paul Stewart	Sons of Liberty
178689	8770	James Milton Greenway	South Coast
178690	8771	Kollin David O'Jessee	South Coast
179227	8795	Richard Edwin Camm	South Coast
179228	8800	Russell Willaim Cramm	South Coast
179229	8801	Christopher Richard Cramm	South Coast
179366	8806	Jeremy Alan Krohngold	South Coast
178662	8768	Stephen Hoover Zendt	Thomas Jefferson
178762	8773	Derek Jeffrey Brown	Thomas Jefferson



Ron Barker of the Gold Country Chapter involves spectators while celebrating Patriots Day, April 19, 2011 in downtown Auburn.

The Harbor, Orange County, Riverside, and South Coast Chapters come together to celebrate Armed Forces Day, May 21, 2011, far right.



GOLD COUNTRY CHAPTER

April 19th is one of the most important dates in the history of America. In fact, every other major event in our earliest days, from the Declaration of Independence, adoption of the Constitution, the election of our first President, and on and on, were all outcroppings of what occurred on April 19th, 1775 - the day of the first battles of the American Revolution

Recognized as Patriot's Day and widely celebrated in New England and other regions, where in some states it is a state holiday, April 19th passes unnoticed in California. This year, the Gold Country Chapter decided to do our part in making sure Patriot's Day 2011 was properly recognized, at least in Auburn, California. From 11 AM to 1 PM, Gold Country members and supporters, dressed in color guard uniforms or colonial clothing, gathered in Central Square in Auburn and displayed several Revolutionary War Flags. We answered questions, posed for photos and handed out information fliers to hundreds of local residents. The Police Chief of Auburn came by and invited us up the street to post colors, lead the Pledge and explain Patriots Day to a group of over 120 Rotarians. All told, Patriot's Day in Auburn, California was a great success!

The SAR has a vitally important mission of reminding Americans of their heroic ancestors, who sacrificed so much for our freedom. We can't fulfill that mission unless we get out into the community. Patriot's Day is the perfect day to get out and let people know about the heroes who created our country and about the SAR. This will be an annual event for our Chapter and we encourage every other California Chapter to join us in recognizing Patriot's Day in the future.

HARBOR, ORANGE COUNTY, RIVERSIDE, & SOUTH COAST CHAPTERS

The photo above right is representative of the

Chapter News & Reports



Field of Honor Celebration held at Castaways Park in Newport Beach, May 20-24, 2011. A total of 1776 American Flags filled the park honoring members of our Armed Forces - past and present. Currently, Field of Honor Celebrations are now being held in over 20 States on the weekend of Armed Forces Day.

Sponsored by the Exchange Club of Newport Harbor, Compatriots of the Orange County, Harbor, Riverside and South Coast Chapters of the California Society, SAR provided the Color Guard for this event - presenting and retiring the colors, along with musket salutes during the singing of our National Anthem. In addition, an information booth was manned for the 5 day-long event, answering questions and providing information on our Society. Historian General Chuck Lampman provided an exhibit of artifacts of the Revolutionary Era, while California State Society Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck coordinated the activities of his "troops". ❖

SPRING RECAP, CON'T.

Medal on behalf of the Western District. For many years, Jim Blauer has been documenting SAR meetings with his diligent notes and pictures, and VPG Renouf relies on Jim's documentation for his reports. VPG Renouf then called Un Hui Yi to the podium and presented her with a certificate certifying her as the official photographer of the Western District, for her tireless support of the Sons of the American Revolution. VPG Renouf expressed his gratitude to Jim and Un Hui for their years of dedicated service.

Ladies Auxiliary President Karen Carlson then installed Karen Dodd as the Ladies Auxiliary President for 2011. Jim Blauer and Don Gurley closed the meeting by singing *God Bless America*. President John Dodd then adjourned the 136th Annual CASSAR Spring Meeting. ❖



The 136TH FALL BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

OF THE

CALIFORNIA SOCIETY

November 3 - 6, 2011

Hosted by the San Diego Chapter

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Meeting Registration Form

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Chapter: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

City/Zip: _____ Email: _____

Arriving: ☐ Thursday, November 3rd, ☐ Friday, November 4th, ☐ Saturday, November. 5th

Registration is \$130.00 per person on or before October 15th or \$160.00 after October 15th.

This fee includes meetings, Friday and Saturday luncheons, and the Saturday Night Banquet Dinner.

Number of Registrations: ____ @ \$130.00; Late Registrations ____ @ \$160.00: Total: \$ _____

Early Registration

Late Registration

Non-registered Friday Luncheon: _____ @ \$40 ea. Non-registered Friday luncheon _____ @ \$50 ea

Non-registered Saturday Luncheon: _____ @ \$35 ea. Non-registered Saturday luncheon _____ @ \$45 ea

Non-registered Saturday Banquet: _____ @ \$65 ea. Non-registered Saturday Banquet _____ @ \$85 ea

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Checks should be made payable to, "**San Diego Chapter, SAR**", and mailed with this registration form to:

Ernest McCullough, 3121 Plum Tree Lane, Escondido, CA, 92027

Questions? Contact Ernie at epmam@cox.net or (760) 743-0034

Please mark your Saturday Banquet meal choice

_____ Sliced Sirloin of Beef with Burgundy

_____ Halibut with Citrus Buerre Blanc

Friday Luncheon is Lemon Caper Chicken and Saturday Luncheon is Chef's Deli Salad

Please notify Ernest McCullough if vegetarian meals are desired

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CON'T.

special events. Our recent state meeting was informational and enjoyable. I hope many of you will consider attending the 2011 Congress in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, July 8 through 13. This will be a special event for us Californians when Larry Magerkurth is elected and installed as President General. California will have a hospitality suite, which portends to be the center of much camaraderie and fellowship. The North Carolina Society has a great Congress planned, with details available on the NSSAR website. Please consider joining us for this special event, and don't forget to order your special California S.A.R. polo shirt!

Finally, and most importantly, we must remember our goal to inspire "the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers." Our color guards often form the focal point of community and regional parades and patriotic events. CASSAR's youth awards and various chapters' living history programs bring the sacrifices of our ancestors to life for the next generation, whose history texts often have been stripped of praise for the Founders, whose contributions to world history made possible not only the abundance permitting universal education but also the freedom to

debate what should, or should not, be included in those books. Sadly, many who share our patriot ancestors' values were missing from the public debate on these topics for some time, generally content to run their business, raise their families, defend our Nation, and contribute to their community. That tide appears to have turned. We can do our small part by actively participating in the S.A.R. at the chapter, state and national level and, thereby, fulfill other specified objects of our society: "to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom. . . ."

Thank you again for permitting me to serve as president of the California Society. I look forward to working with you to advance these goals and to ensure the sacrifices of our patriot ancestors are not forgotten. President John L. Dodd, Esq., CASSAR



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