



The California Compatriot

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

The President's Message

Compatriots and friends,

I am honored to be your president for 2012-2013. The time is going by quickly as all the past CASSAR presidents had warned me it would. I am enjoying all the people and events and the opportunities to represent our Society.

Congratulations to all of our new members. We are excited to have you join our Society. I am pleased to report that the California Society has grown in the past year. We are currently at 1580 members. California is the fourth fastest growing society in the country. Recruiting has been at a pace double that of last year. This is evident by the number of Liberty Medals awarded at Congress in Phoenix. Ninety new Liberty Medals were awarded and 106 Compatriots received either single or multiple Oak Leaf Clusters. This is amazing, and I think our connection with Ancestry.com and TV shows such as "Who Do You Think You Are" enhance our membership growth. There is a renewed interest in discovering our ancestors. That being said, we now have a responsibility to welcome those new members and make them feel part of our Society.

One of the ways we can do this is through a new member orientation program. At the November board of managers meeting I will be providing a "new member orientation notebook" to all chapters to use as an example. Ted Rudisill and the San Diego Chapter compiled this guide. There are many ways we can make new members welcome; let's make it a priority.

I have been busy traveling to as many chapter meetings as I can fit into my schedule. I had the opportunity to attend the

Orange County Chapter July BBQ at John and Karen Dodd's home in Tustin, and thanks to the generosity of Jim & Un Hui Fosdyck, I had transportation and a place to stay while there. Next, it was off to Phoenix for the National Congress where I met with many old friends and made some new ones. Yes, it was hot, but there was a lot to do, and overall a great Congress. I attended several award programs where California received a few national awards.

I think we could earn quite a few more by just reporting the activities we are already doing.

In September, my wife Cyndy and I have plans to attend the 225th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution in Philadelphia as well as the San Francisco Chapter Constitution Banquet. We also hope to participate in the Nevada City Constitution Day parade, in which we have been marching for the last 10 or so years. Next, it is off to Louisville for the Fall Leadership Meeting.

I am committed to doing the best I can for the Society this year. I have spoken with most of the executive officers, and we are in great shape with good core leadership for the next few years.



122nd President, CASSAR
Keith L. Bigbee

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NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FEES, DUES

NATIONAL, STATE, AND CHAPTER	NSSAR Fee	\$80.00
	NSSAR Dues	\$30.00
	CASSAR Fee	\$20.00
	Chapter Dues	Varies

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

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

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FEES

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION	NSSAR Fee	\$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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Next Deadline: December 1, 2012

The Secretary's Report

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ANNUAL DUES, REGULAR MEMBERS

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

ANNUAL DUES, JUNIOR MEMBERS

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

ANNUAL DUES, DUAL MEMBERS

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

ANNUAL DUES, EMERITUS MEMBERS

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

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. ❖

After completing the membership reconciliation with NSSAR, we began the year with 1,388 CASSAR members. We have had 161 new members, 2 transfer in's and 37 reinstatements and 3 reinstatement-transfer in's. We have had 9 reported deaths and 2 transfers-out That left us with a net gain of 192 and a total CASSAR membership of 1580.

At national, the backlog of new member applications is down to 4 weeks. Supplemental applications are still running two months or more, but National has rebalanced staff to concentrate on reducing their approval

The chapter officers should have access to the Compatriot Data Base for your chapters. You can make updates and check membership, but please always copy me on any compatriot's address change so I can update the CASSAR roster. If chapter officer's do not access, please let me know, I will request national to provide access.

When your chapter is advising me of the death of a compatriot, please make sure to give his name and National number, date of death and the address of the next of kin, so our chaplain can give our condolences for our Society.

There has been some confusion about reinstatement procedures. If you are reinstating a member, please send in two checks, one for \$30 made out to NSSAR and \$20 made out to CASSAR. Please include the name, national number and address and whether that is a new address.

Ronald Barker

Secretary CASSAR



Ronald J. Barker
California Secretary

2013 Dues Billing Cycle Begins

Please compare your Chapter's roster to the NSSAR Member Database

Chapter Reconciliation Reports are due in December

Notify the State Secretary of changes to your chapter's 2012 list of officers

COMING EVENTS

02-04 Nov – 137th Fall Board of Managers Meeting of the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Form on page 19.

10 Dec 2012 – Wreaths Across America

Remembering our veterans. For information contact California Wreaths Across America Chairman Don Littlefield at dblittlefield@comcast.net

11-12 Apr 2013 138th Spring Meeting Ventura

*Older SAR
Applications are
now searchable at
Ancestry.com*

*1940 USFC
scheduled for
release in 2012*

*Get your copy of
the SAR Registrar's
Manual, read the
article on p.13*

First, I want to give a resounding Huzzah, huzzah and huzzah to the chapter registrars and membership chairs for making 20112 into another banner year for CASSAR. As of 7/31/2012 we have forwarded 250 applications to National. Last year's total was 162 applications. Keep up the pace.

The new thrust of the Director of Genealogy is to see "approval-ready" applications cross her desk which is seeing applications filled out correctly and with all signatures, pages not stapled together, etc. Make yourself a sign for above your desk. On it have this question: "Is this application APPROVAL READY?"

Take time to submit an application that is properly documented. If you have a question, call me and we can discuss how to accomplish the task. Ensure that all in your chapter know to submit applications through you, especially supplementals. Deborah Andrews states that 95% of supplementals require additional documentation.

There still seems to be too many "pended" applications languishing at National for a lack of documentation. Note that Genealogy Committee Policy 2008-01 directs that pended applications will remain on file at National for only three years. Get a copy of your pended applications and aggressively bring down the CASSAR total.

And finally from the Genealogist General which I could not say better: "Your state society (CASSAR) couldn't function very long without your dedicated service. Be aggressive, turn back those applications that won't fly, or take the time to make them "approval ready."

Owen Stiles
CASSAR Registrar



*Owen R. Stiles
California Registrar*

CASSAR YOUTH CONTESTS

See CASSAR website for details

Americanism Poster Contest (grade 5): a 22" x 28" poster board. Contest Rules at <http://www.californiasar.org/poster/> Deadline to local Chapter varies: Some chapters may need Posters before March 2013. Chapter Winner Deadline to State is Friday of the Spring Meeting. CASSAR 1st Prize: \$250; 2nd Prize: \$150; 3rd Prize: \$100; Questions – contact Chairman Dave Gilliard dgilliar@ncbb.net

Middle School Brochure Contest (grade 8): an 8.5" x 11" paper tri-fold brochure. Contest Rules at <http://www.californiasar.org/brochure/> requirements contained in referenced Guidelines. Deadline to local Chapter: Dec. 31, 2012. Chapter Winner Deadline to State is 2 weeks before Spring Meeting. CASSAR 1st Prize: \$300; 2nd Prize: \$200; 3rd Prize: \$100; Questions – contact Chairman Tom Adams tomadams1776@yahoo.com

Knight Essay Contest (grades 10 - 12): 800 - 1200 word essay with references. Contest rules at www.sar.org/youth/knight.html Deadline to local chapter: Dec. 31, 2012. CASSAR 1st Prize: \$750 Questions - contact drkentgregory@earthlink.net

Joseph Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest (grades 9 - 12): 5 - 6 minute original speech. Contest rules at californiasar.org . Deadline to local chapter: March 1, 2013. CASSAR 1st Prize \$750 Questions - contact Kent Gregory drkentgregory@earthlink.net

Eagle Scout Entries for the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest must be postmarked to the state chairman no later than December 1, 2012. CASSAR 1st Prize \$750 Questions – contact Chairman Owen Stiles ostiles@wcisp.com

Outstanding JROTC Cadet Contest (grades 9 - 12): Contest rules at www.sar.org/youth/rotc-jrotc . Deadline for chapter submission to Chairman James Fosdyck: February 1, 2013. CASSAR 1st Prize \$750. Questions - contact jfosdyck@sbcglobal.net



Welcome New Members



Nat'l #	CASSAR	Name	Chapter	Nat'l #	CASSAR	Name	Chapter
182784	9005	Thomas Robert Tefft	Coachella Valley	182727	8998	Corey John Delotch	San Diego
183824	9080	Gary Stephen Holmes	Coachella Valley	182783	9004	Dave Eugene Sanders	San Diego
183828	9084	Donald Drew Searle	Coachella Valley	183220	9041	Richard Caryle Carson Jr.	San Diego
184074	9097	Douglas Edward Enroth	Coachella Valley	183221	9042	John Michael Raser	San Diego
183132	9030	Keith Jay Bickley	Delta	183222	9043	Steven Charles Raser	San Diego
182234	8969	Bradley William Hart	Delta	183340	9050	Kenneth Paul Myers	San Diego
182792	9011	Larry Wayne Kinney	Delta	183527	9054	Andrew Christopher Storevik	San Diego
183775	9073	William Donovan Rundle	Gen George S. Patton	183528	9055	Matthew Damian Storevik	San Diego
183819	9075	Trevor Warren Ashton	Gen George S. Patton	183529	9056	Brian Forrest Stokes	San Diego
184217	9111	Carl Vincent Wade	Gen George S. Patton	183530	9057	Skyler Forrest Cooper Stokes	San Diego
183050	9018	Layton Glendel Pratt Jr.	Gen George Washington	183531	9058	Alex Sherand Young Stokes	San Diego
183051	9019	Bryan David Pratt	Gen George Washington	183670	9062	Bryan Benjamin Bagnas	San Diego
183052	9020	David Garth Pratt	Gen George Washington	183673	9065	David Forrest Pain	San Diego
183053	9021	Michael Kenneth Pratt	Gen George Washington	183674	9066	Clark Randall Pain	San Diego
183054	9022	Romney Jacob Pratt	Gen George Washington	183723	9071	Sean Michael Zoch	San Diego
183055	9023	Bryan Jared Pratt	Gen George Washington	183431	9087	Austin Wallace	San Diego
183056	9024	Enoch William Pratt	Gen George Washington	183932	9089	Richard Thomas Barck	San Diego
183847	9085	Raymond Glen Miller Jr.	Gen George Washington	183934	9091	Blake Raser White	San Diego
182116	8962	Ted D Spring	Gold Country	183935	9092	Tyler Brian White	San Diego
182935	9015	Hugh Kenny Burch Jr.	Gold Country	184011	9093	James Robert Malowney	San Diego
183135	9033	Jackie Wayne Leach	Gold Country	184209	9103	Todd Wayne Hulsey	San Diego
183139	9037	Braynard Ray Traweek	Gold Country	184212	9106	David John Peck	San Diego
183335	9045	Alan Brown Brooking	Gold Country	182236	8971	Lewis Philemon Champion	San Francisco
182239	8974	William Chester Adams	Gold Country	182529	8984	James Lewis Bothwell	San Francisco
182244	8979	Dennis Duane Goble	Harbor	182530	8985	August Hastings Roth	San Francisco
182245	8980	"Walter Earnest Holt, Jr."	Harbor	182789	9008	Robert Thompson Nelson	San Francisco
182730	9001	Cameron Ralph Stewart	Harbor	183341	9051	James Otis Quimby III	San Francisco
182731	9002	James Adin Stewart	Harbor	183671	9063	Robert Francis Harrill	San Francisco
183129	9027	Daniel Roderick Schambach	Harbor	183722	9070	Douglas Donald Dedo	San Francisco
183130	9028	Robert Stephen Schambach	Harbor	184140	9102	Lowell Chandos Brown	San Francisco
183131	9029	Robert Esteban Schambach	Harbor	184012	9094	James Lawton Rosenberg	Santa Barbara
183338	9048	Robert Lee Kugler III	Harbor	182114	8960	Justin William Caufield	Silicon Valley
183774	9072	William John Burns III	Harbor	182115	8961	James Randolph Smaltz	Silicon Valley
183933	9090	John Todd Hamton	Kern Chapter	182228	8963	Thomas Darryl McCubbin	Silicon Valley
182242	8977	Spencer Raymond Joice	Kern Chapter	182229	8964	Carl Andrew Schneider	Silicon Valley
182729	9000	Richard Allen Halstead	Kern Chapter	182230	8965	David Randall Schneider	Silicon Valley
182788	9007	Harold Glendale Kiper	Kern Chapter	182231	8966	Daniel Edward Schneider	Silicon Valley
182934	9014	Robert Louis Boscarelli	Monterey Bay	182528	8983	Joseph Richard Ferman	Silicon Valley
183334	9044	Paul Joseph Bird	Monterey Bay	183049	9017	Troy David Trammel	Silicon Valley
182725	8996	Raymond Robert Chant	Mother Lode	183137	9035	David Bradford Shaver	Silicon Valley
183825	9081	Douglas Bryan Keefauver	Mother Lode	183339	9049	William Donovan McKell	Silicon Valley
182732	9003	Charles Lucion Clements	Orange County	184138	9100	Charles Simpson Dougherty Jr.	Silicon Valley
182247	8982	Robert Elliot Kazebee	Orange County	184210	9104	William Ray Mansur	Silicon Valley
183675	9067	Garry Arnold Persson-Wood	Orange County	184211	9105	Jeffrey Warren Mansur	Silicon Valley
183826	9082	James Williard Klingler	Orange County	184213	9107	Rollin James Rose	Silicon Valley
184013	9095	Michael Quinn Shaughnessy	Orange County	182607	8990	Thomas Earl Pelton	Sons of Liberty
184218	9112	Edward August Behnke	Orange County	182722	8993	Chris Robert Bohannon	Sons of Liberty
183141	9039	Virgil Raymond Cobb-Bourgon	Riverside	182723	8994	Darren Robert Bohannon	Sons of Liberty
183337	9047	Fernie George Holt	Riverside	182724	8995	Evan Michael Bohannon	Sons of Liberty
183525	9052	Gary Douglas Jensen	Riverside	182726	8997	Criston Charles Chavarria	Sons of Liberty
183668	9060	Michael Duane Bullard	Riverside	182787	9006	Robert Igor Boris	Sons of Liberty
183672	9064	Chris Reece Hubbard	Riverside	182790	9009	Mark Christian Halverson	Sons of Liberty
184137	9099	Richard Wayne Bolter	Riverside	183127	9025	David Arthur Pelton	Sons of Liberty
184214	9108	Frederick Birdsall Snook III	Riverside	183128	9026	Thomas Earl Pelton II	Sons of Liberty
184215	9109	Nicholas Gregory Juhl	Riverside	181134	9032	Delmer Kenneth Henry	Sons of Liberty
184216	9110	Christopher Frederick Juhl	Riverside	183140	9038	Curtis Lee Ward	Sons of Liberty
182241	8976	Evan Rhoads Bridgman	Riverside	183611	9059	Louis Duzzette Farnsworth III	Sons of Liberty
182791	9010	David Harding Barnes	Riverside	183820	9076	Ralph Lee Bowman	Sons of Liberty
182936	9016	William Everett Copus	Riverside	183821	9077	Gary Joseph Calvin	Sons of Liberty
182240	8975	Dennis Crosby Bridgman	Riverside	183822	9078	Dana Forrest Dunlap	Sons of Liberty
182606	8989	Josef Davis Moorehead	Sacramento	183823	9079	Phillip Austin Hewes	Sons of Liberty
182728	8999	Aidan Talbot Guy	Sacramento	182071	8956	Richard Perry Merritt	South Coast
182933	9013	James Leroy Anderson	Sacramento	182072	8957	Ronald Phillip Merritt	South Coast
183133	9031	Donald Lincoln Clark	Sacramento	182073	8958	Perry Wayne Merritt	South Coast
183136	9034	Edmond Garfield Lucky Jr.	Sacramento	182074	8959	Brett Andrew Merritt	South Coast
183526	9053	Richard Wayne Morris	Sacramento	182232	8967	Rajiv Jason Pal	South Coast
183827	9083	David Banister Robinson	Sacramento	182233	8968	Anil Mathew Pal	South Coast
183848	9086	John Christian Hodel Beach	Sacramento	182237	8972	Michael Stephen Bull	South Coast
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184139	9101	Gene Ramon Gomez	Sacramento	182243	8978	Jonathan Whitfield Kassoff	Thomas Jefferson
184219	9113	James Brian Edmondson	Sacramento	182932	9012	Morgan Finley King	Thomas Jefferson
182238	8973	Christopher Richard Beck	San Diego	183138	9036	Vergil Eugene Stover	Thomas Jefferson
182603	8986	Robert Elroy Smith	San Diego	183219	9040	Harold Kenneth Strunk	Thomas Jefferson
182604	8987	Phillip Williams Edmonds Jr.	San Diego	183336	9046	Dennis Arthur Hart	Thomas Jefferson
182605	8988	Lawrence Robert Richardson	San Diego	183669	9061	William Paul Beatty	Thomas Jefferson
182720	8991	William Alonzo Hardesty	San Diego	182235	8970	Thomas Richard Ward Williamson	Thomas Jefferson
182721	8992	David Peter Barnum	San Diego				

Report from the 122nd Annual Congress OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Congress

The 122nd Annual Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution was held at the Biltmore Hotel in Phoenix, Arizona from July 6 to July 11, 2012. The Congress was jointly hosted by the Arizona and New Mexico state societies. The weather fluctuated between 95 and 113°F, and although we were assured it was a “dry heat,” one compatriot noted that “so is an oven.”

The California Delegation came out in force to support President General Larry J. Magerkurth of the Orange County Chapter. The California Society had 25 primary members at the Congress, second only to the Arizona Society (30), and ahead of the Texas Society (23). Attending from California were Vice President General Louis Carlson, Karen Carlson, Historian General Chuck Lampman, his daughter Tara Boulden, Executive Committee Trustee John Dodd, Spain Society Trustee Stephen Renouf, Joy Javellana, Mexico Society Alternate Trustee Bob Ebert, Mexico Society President Karl Jacobs, Sandy Jacobs, Past Chaplain General Stan De Long, CASSAR President Keith Bigbee, Cyndy Bigbee, CASSAR Executive Vice President Steve Hurst, CASSAR Vice President North Jim Faulkinbury, Karen Faulkinbury, CASSAR Vice President South Kent Gregory, Lisa Gregory, CASSAR Secretary Ron Barker, Conni Barker, CASSAR Historian Jim Blauer, CASSAR Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck, Spain Society Photographer Un Hui Fosdyck, CASSAR Past President Marston Watson, Kathy Watson, Compatriot Doug Bergtholdt, Compatriot Derek Brown, Janet Brown, Compatriot Billy Darwin, Bonnie Darwin, Compatriot Oliver Everette, Pat Everette, Compatriot Charlie Gentis, Compatriot Elliott Graham, Compatriot Ronald Johnson, Barbara Johnson, Compatriot Dan McKelvie, Karen McKelvie, Compatriot Robert Taylor, and Darian Taylor. The California Hospitality Room was hosted by John Dodd in his room at the Bougainvillea Villa.

On Friday, July 6, the Executive Committee met at 1 PM in the Kaibab Room. The meeting was chaired by President General Larry Magerkurth, and John Dodd attended as a member of the committee.

The theme of the Congress was Spain's assistance in the American Revolution, with emphasis on Arizona and New Mexico. Therefore, on Friday, July 6, the Arizona and New Mexico host societies invited representatives from the Tucson Presidio and the Santa Fe Presidio to come to the Biltmore Hotel and present programs on these two important Spanish outposts in the southwest. They spoke of the discovery of the Arizona and New Mexico territory, and the

founding and development of the two Spanish presidios.

In the evening, many of the California guys went to dinner at the Cheesecake Factory at the mall near the hotel. We later gathered in the California Hospitality Room following dinner. National officers and compatriots from around the country were also invited to enjoy fellowship with the California compatriots.

On Saturday morning, July 7, many of the California guys went to breakfast at Bill Johnson's Big Apple Restaurant. The motto of the restaurant was “It's too hot to cook, call us, we make it, you take it.” After breakfast, we went to purchase supplies for the California Hospitality Room.

In the morning, there was an optional tour of the Heard Museum in Phoenix, attended by Keith and Cyndy Bigbee, and John Dodd. Following the tour, John Dodd remarked on their collection of bolo ties.

At 4 PM, the Arizona and New Mexico societies hosted a welcome reception in the Grand Ballroom in the Biltmore. We had Mexican food and were serenaded by a Mariachi band. Following the reception, we invited SAR compatriots to the California Society hospitality room in the evening.

At 9 PM, there was a Scottish Reception held in President General Larry Magerkurth's suite. The SAR Trip to Scotland and England was announced at the reception. President General Stephen Leishman will lead an SAR delegation to Scotland and England on May 9-21, 2013.

On Sunday, July 8, at 9:30AM, the final meeting of the 2011-12 national trustees was held in the MacArthur Room. The meeting was attended by Lou Carlson (Vice President General-Western District), John Dodd (Executive Committee Trustee), Stephen Renouf (Spain Society Trustee), and Bob Ebert (Mexico Society Alternate Trustee). The trustees unanimously ratified the actions of President General Magerkurth and the Executive Committee regarding the negotiations with the distillery setting up operations in the building next to the new headquarters building. We are transferring rights to a small area in the parking lot behind headquarters that is not being utilized. The distillery must have this lot to operate. It is a win-win situation, where they will pay us for the small piece of the parking lot, and we will be able to use this money to pay the city of Louisville in the future when we exercise our right to buy the parking lot. Also, the distillery will work with us on the shoring up of the common wall between our two buildings. Following the Trustees Meeting, John Dodd attended the continuation of the NSSAR Executive Committee

Meeting.

At 2 PM, the NSSAR Memorial Service was held in the Gold Room at the Biltmore Hotel, led by Chaplain General Rev. Dr. James Taylor (TX) and Rev. Lou Carlson. The ceremony honored the lives and service of 607 compatriots of the Sons of the American Revolution who passed away in the previous year – including 31 California Society members. Of special note was the passing of CASSAR Compatriot and actor Cliff Robertson, who received the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal at the 2008 Sacramento Congress. Compatriot Robertson was very patriotic, and very proud of his patriot ancestor. Also of special note was the passing of Anne Lampman, wife of Historian General Chuck Lampman, Past California State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Past President of the CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary. She regularly attended national, state and chapter SAR meetings, and she will truly be missed.

At 3:30PM in the afternoon, First Lady Barbara Magerkurth held a reception in the Presidential Suite for all the ladies in attendance at the Congress. Several committees met at 4 PM in the afternoon. The Americanism Committee met in the Canyon Room. CASSAR Secretary Ron Barker attended the meeting, and helped to judge the submissions for the SAR Poster Contest. The Bylaws Committee met in the Kingman Room. John Dodd attended the meeting, and they considered the bylaws proposals and resolutions to come before the Congress, and made recommendations on them. The Germany Society met in the Grand Room, chaired by President Bill Stone (AL). Since SAR Ambassador to Germany Stephen Renouf was occupied in the Medals and Awards Committee, Zweibrücken Color Guardsman Russ De Venney (MO) was asked to report on the SAR Trip to Germany in April 2012. He reported on the wreath

layings in Zweibrücken and Munich, and the reception with Freiherr von Gravenreuth at Castle Affing, near Munich. The trip honored the contributions of German soldiers in the American Revolution, specifically the Régiment Royal Deux-Ponts, led by the two sons of the Duke of Zweibrücken'smorganatic marriage with Marie Anne Camasse. The Regiment fought under the French at Yorktown, and stormed Redoubt Nine alongside the Régiment Gatinois. The Medals and Awards Committee met in the Kaibab Room. Vice Chairman Stephen Renouf attended the meeting, and the committee approved the new Dr. Joseph Warren Medal for Orations, which is to be presented to those who donate funds for the Orations Contest; and approved the changes to the criteria for the Color Guard Medal proposed by Commander Mike Tomme in unanimous votes. The committee voted 4-4 to reject the current proposal for the Patriot Grave Marking Medal. The committee went into executive session to vote on several proposals for the Gold Good Citizenship Medal.

Many of the California guys went to dinner at the local Cheesecake Factory. After dinner, the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Orations Contest Finals were held in the Mesa/Flagstaff Room. All the contestants were outstanding. Phil Cozy, sponsored by the Illinois Society, won by a narrow margin.

On Monday, July 9, the Council of State Presidents Breakfast was held at 7:30 AM in the Sedona Room. John Dodd was elected Secretary/Treasurer, and Gerald Brent (MS) was elected Assistant Secretary/Treasurer of the Council of State Presidents for the 2012-13 year.

At 9 AM, President General Larry J. Magerkurth convened the 122nd Annual SAR Congress. We were greeted by the Arizona DAR, Arizona CAR, the American Legion, the National Society DAR, and the National Society CAR. Compatriot Sam and Karen Powell announced that they were offering a challenge grant of \$1.5 million to the Center for the Advancement of America's Heritage. For every dollar we raise over the next year, Sam will match it up to \$1.5 million. Please use this opportunity to double your donation. After adopting the rules for the Congress, Spanish Patriots Committee Chairman Ed Karr, Jr. presented a book about Tejano Patriots to President General Magerkurth.

George Lutz then presented a program on the Honor and Remember Flag. George lost his son in Afghanistan, and when he received the news that all parents of soldiers dread, he immediately thought about the loss experienced over the last 200+ years by fallen soldiers' families from the Revolution to our current battle against radical Islam. He designed a flag to honor our fallen warriors, and left a space on each to personalize the flag. The red field represents the blood spilled by veterans throughout our country's history,



Current CASSAR president Bigbee and past presidents Carlson, Dodd, Jacobs and Lampman at Southern California SAR BBQ hosted by Orange Chapter on June 30

Chairman Tomme announced that the theme for the 2012-13 SAR Poster Contest is "The Declaration of Independence." That will also be the theme of the SAR Brochure Contest as well. CAR Committee Chairman George Thompson (OK) presented a check for \$1,000 to the National President of the Children of the American Revolution to be used for his project to raise funds for the Surrender of Saratoga National Battlefield. ROTC Committee Chairman Bobby Towns (GA) announced the winners of the Outstanding JROTC Cadet Award – first place \$1,000 Air Force Cadet Major Jared Reese (TX), second place \$500 Air Force Cadet Lt. Colonel Emily Leddin (IL), and third place Army Cadet Major Brandon Pippin (TN). Knight Essay Committee Chairman Stanley De Long (CA) announced the winners of the Essay Contest – first place \$2,000 Katie Lavender (VA), second place \$1,000 Rebecca Belth (IN), and third place \$500 Matthew Waldrep (TN). Rumbaugh Orations Committee Chairman Bill Broadus (VA) presented the winner of the Orations Contest – Phil Cozy of Illinois – with a check for \$3,000 for first place. Eagle Scout Committee Chairman Rex Legler (IN) announced the winners of the Eagle Scout Scholarship – first place \$8,000 Abram Weeks (UT), second place \$4,000 Jason Dreyzehner (VA), and third place \$2,000 Matthew Waldrep (TN).

At 2 PM, the National SAR Ladies Auxiliary invited the ladies present to hear Ann Howard, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer of Archaeology for the Arizona State Parks, present a program on "The Ancient Hohokam Indians of Southern Arizona" in the Grand Canyon Room.

The SAR Congress resumed at 2:30 PM. President General Magerkurth presented the SAR Fire Safety and SAR Law Enforcement Awards. Chancellor General Tom Lawrence reiterated the SAR's non-partisan policy. With the upcoming national elections, no one may endorse political parties or candidates in the name of the Sons of the American Revolution, any of its state societies, or local chapters. Librarian General Mike Wells reported that the SAR Library will be open on the 3rd Saturday of every month for the rest of 2012, in addition to the normal hours. All SAR members may use the library free of charge. Surgeon General Dr. Rudy Byrd read a proclamation from Arizona Governor Janice K. Brewer sent to the SAR in honor of holding our National Congress in Arizona. Following the general officers, the vice presidents general reported on their districts. Vice President General of the Western District (California, Nevada and Hawaii) Lou Carlson reported that he visited chapters in California and Nevada. He also presided over the funeral of California DAR Regent Anne Lampman, wife of Historian General Chuck Lampman, with the President General and Treasurer General in attendance. He introduced his successor, Gene Butler

of Nevada. Vice President General of the European District Jacques de Trentinian announced that the SAR Spain Society would be visiting Málaga at the end of the year to visit the Nereo shipyards where a replica of the Galvezton, the flagship of Governor Bernardo de Gálvez during the successful siege of Pensacola, is being constructed. Vice President General Jacques de Trentinian is also working on getting German-resident members to start a Germany Society in Germany. He also spoke about the Vergennes Ceremony in Paris, and the SAR Trip to Germany in April.

Committee chairmen then reported to Congress. Chairman Stephen Renouf of the Premium membership medals committee reported that the first batch of 14 medals has been delivered. The medals are made of gilt bronze, gilt silver, 10K gold, or 14K gold. They are replicas of the original Tiffany style medals. To purchase a medal, a member must make a \$250 donation to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage, and pay for the cost of the medal. Current price quotes can be obtained from Chairman Renouf. Congress was then recessed for the day. At 4 PM, the Mexico Society held a fiesta at the California Hospitality Room. They signed up many new dual members at the fiesta – Mexico Society dues are \$10 per year.

On Tuesday night was the national awards ceremony. Larry Cornwell, Rex Legler, Jack Manning, Bill Marrs, Gerald McCoy and Paul Wilke were inducted as Minutemen by President General Larry Magerkurth. The California Society was presented with the CAR Activities Award (for state societies that worked with the Children of the American Revolution in the prior year), and the Officers' Streamers Award (for state societies whose president and national trustees attended the last two leadership meetings and the prior congress). President Keith Bigbee received four Liberty Medals and 13 Oak Leaf Clusters for



Dan & Karen McKelvie, Lou and Karen Carlson, Pres. Bigbee & Chuck Lampman attend BBQ

the white field represents the purity of their sacrifice, the blue star represents the active duty military personnel, the gold star represents those veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice, the folded flag represents the flag presented to the family of the fallen veteran, and the flame represents an eternal reminder of the spirit of the fallen veteran that burns on in the memory of all who knew and loved the fallen hero. Since George Lutz was from Virginia, he presented to the SAR a flag honoring Captain John Chilton of Virginia, who was killed on 11 September 1777 at the Battle of Brandywine. For further information on this program, see their website: www.HonorandRemember.org.

Compatriot Brock Bierman of Rhode Island spoke about the new SAR/Ancestry.com joint program – Operation Ancestry Search. This program works with wounded warriors in Veterans Administration hospitals to help them research their ancestors. The program gives out free subscriptions to ancestry.com. We were introduced to one of the beneficiaries – Tony was wounded by an improvised explosive device that took both his legs in Afghanistan. When he was recovering in the VA Hospital, he had nothing to do. He became interested in the program, and started working on his family. As with many of us, genealogy can be addictive, and the time he spent researching took his mind off his injuries and gave him something to do. His family is from the backwoods of Georgia. His favorite ancestor that he has located so far is “Red Neck Billy.” He is now starting to work on wife's family. In addition to giving recuperating veterans something to do to pass the time, it also helps the veteran reconnect with extended family and share their discoveries. The SAR would like to expand this program to other military hospitals, and are looking for volunteers to help. Ancestry.com has dedicated a full-time employee to work with the SAR on this program. Ancestry.com presented the SAR with a mock check for \$180,000 representing the in-kind donation it has made for this project. The memorandum of understanding was signed by Secretary General Stephen Leishman and a representative of Ancestry.com.

President General Magerkurth reported that the approval time for applications has been reduced from nine months to four weeks. The new Executive Director, Don Shaw, has been doing a great job. He also reported that the Spanish Ambassador to the United States requested the Spanish military to give us a list of soldiers and sailors who served under Governor Bernardo de Gálvez during the American Revolution. The Vice Admiral of the Spanish Armada sent the list to the SAR. We are working with the DAR and the government of Spain to secure more names of soldiers and sailors who fought the British during the American Revolution. Larry Magerkurth created a national leadership team from the SAR, DAR, and



Members of Lee's Legion Color Guard with L.A. Sheriff's deputies at Cerritos "Let Freedom Ring" ceremony on July 4

CAR to work on finding Spanish patriot ancestors. They are also trying to link with schools in Madrid to help look for records in the archives in Madrid. President General Magerkurth reported that the SAR went to Germany to honor the Régiment Royal Deux-Ponts. He said Vice President General Jacques de Trentinian is helping us create an SAR chapter in Germany.

Secretary General Stephen Leishman spoke about the need for local volunteers to work with veterans in veterans hospitals for Operation Ancestry Search. He also announced that the Strategic Planning Committee has been made a standing committee. Also, the DAR is donating their duplicate genealogy books to the SAR Library. He said the SAR will allocate \$25,000 to update the SAR Headquarters computers. Ancestry.com is still working on digitizing our SAR applications. Past President General Larry McClanahan reported on Phase II of the build out at the new SAR Headquarters on West Main Street. He presented a visual presentation on what will be accomplished in Phase II, and how it will be funded. The motion to approve Phase II was approved unanimously, as was the motion to use the line of credit up to \$1 million to be paid back upon the completion of a \$1 million pledge from an anonymous California donor. President General Larry Magerkurth said this is a turning point in the history of the SAR. We will be able to expand our educational outreach programs with the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

At Noon, the Youth Awards Luncheon was held in the Grand Ballroom. The Tom and Betty Lawrence Teacher of the Year winner was announced – Doug Brown, an 8th grade history teacher from Missouri. Americanism Committee Chairman Mike Tomme (GA) announced the winners of the Poster Contest – first place \$150 Hannah Thompson (OH), second place \$100 Molly Bradshaw (CA), and third place \$50 Ryan Weinstein (TX). The theme this year was the “Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 1781.”

CASSAR Compatriots who earned the award in the prior year – Karl Jacobs (Harbor Chapter), William Lawson (Sacramento Chapter), Grant Noah (San Francisco Chapter), and Raymond Raser (San Diego Chapter) all received the Liberty Medal; and Jim Blauer (Orange County Chapter), Terry Briggs (Silicon Valley Chapter), Berni Campbell (Sons of Liberty Chapter), Tom Chilton (Sacramento Chapter) (2), Jim Faulkinbury (Sacramento Chapter), Kent Gregory (Orange County Chapter) (2), Wayne Griswold (Gold Country Chapter), Don Gurley (Thomas Jefferson Chapter), Stan Henderson (Gen. George Washington Chapter), Raymond Raser (San Diego Chapter), Edward Rudisill (San Diego Chapter), and Marston Watson (San Francisco Chapter) all received the Oak Leaf Cluster.

On Tuesday, July 10, Congress reconvened with the presentation of gifts. CASSAR Compatriot Doug Bergholdt gave \$2,000 in memory of his beloved wife Susan Bergholdt. President General Larry Magerkurth then presented awards for those that served the SAR in 2011-12. He presented the Martha Washington Medal to Debbie Smalley. He presented the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal to Secretary General Stephen Leishman (DE), Treasurer General Joe Dooley (VA), John Dodd (CA), Lanny Patten (PA), and Larry Cornwell (AL). He then presented the SAR Meritorious Service Medal to Paul Wilke (OH), Bobby Towns (GA), Tim Wood (OH), Bill Broadus (VA), Ian Towler (MD), Michael Kean (DE), Past President General Larry McClanahan (TN), Ed Karr, Jr. (CO), Stephen Renouf (CA), Davis Wright (DE), Charles Britton (OK), Nathan White (TX), Executive Director Don Shaw, and CFO Craig Johnson. He presented the SAR Certificate of Distinguished Service to Past President General David Sympson (KY), Barney Ellis (KS), Past President General David Appleby (MO), Peter Grassl (KS), Bill Marrs (TX), Randy Ellis (TX), and David Billings (AL).

Chairman Charles Britton, John Dodd and Davis Wright presented the report of the Bylaws Committee. The Florida Society presented a resolution regarding the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus in the Defense Reauthorization Bill in the US Congress. The committee was unsure of the exact language of the section on habeas corpus as it was not provided, and there was speculation that it was removed from the bill prior to passage. As a result, the committee recommended no action be taken on the resolution at this time. There was no motion to consider the resolution. The California Society proposed an amendment to the SAR Constitution, under articles 1 and 4. The US Congress changed the location of the SAR Charter under US Code, so the amendment brings the SAR Constitution into compliance. The motion to adopt the amendment passed unanimously. The California Society proposed



Representatives of Riverside, Orange County, Mexico, Gen. Patton, Gold Country & Harbor Chapters receive color guard streamers for participation in Newport Beach Field of Honor event

an amendment to Bylaw 26 to make the order of business “suggested” instead of mandatory, and to add section 6, which calls for remarks by the past presidents general. The proposal passed unanimously. The Bylaws Committee proposed amending Bylaw 26 to codify the current practice used for runoff elections. It was unanimously approved. The Delaware Society withdrew their proposal to amend Bylaw 17 to change the notice time required for meetings of the Executive Committee.

The California Society proposed an amendment to Bylaw 24 to correct problems in the description of the SAR insignia and ribbon uncovered by the Premium Membership Medals Committee. They recommended changing “the cross shall be of silver” to “the cross shall be gold in color.” This will make the current merchandise medal conform to the bylaws. They also recommended changing the description of the SAR ribbon from “deep blue, with white and buff edges” to “blue or deep blue center, flanked by buff and white stripes.” This will permit the Premium Membership Medals Committee to create a high quality ribbon in the original SAR colors – blue, buff and white. The current ribbon being sold has a yellow stripe instead of the required buff stripe, but this was left to the merchandise committee to handle. The proposal passed unanimously.

There was a proposal to waive the application fees and dues for Medal of Honor recipients. This proposal received a negative recommendation in the membership committee. It would set a bad precedent – where would we draw the line. It was recommended that the application fees and dues be gifted by a compatriot, chapter or state society. The proposal was defeated. The Delaware Society proposed revisions to SAR Bylaw 18 to group the standing committees and other committees, and to standardize the language. There were a number of revisions to the proposed bylaws change, so it was postponed to the following day.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee David Sympton read the nominations for office. There were no nominations from the floor. After nominations were closed, the general officers for 2012-13 were elected by acclamation. Elected to office were: President General Stephen Leishman (DE), Secretary General Joseph Dooley (VA), Treasurer General Lindsey Brock (FL), Chancellor General Thomas Lawrence (TX), Genealogist General Larry Cornwell (AL), Registrar General Michael Tomme (GA), Historian General Robert Bowen (VA), Librarian General Michael Wells (AL), Surgeon General Dr. Rudy Byrd (AZ), Chaplain General Rev. Randy Moody (FL), SAR Foundation Board Larry Magerkurth (CA) and John Wallace (AL). The Credentials Chairman reported that the 122nd Congress had 254 SAR Compatriots, of which 224 were delegates. There were 165 guests, for a total of 419 people. The Congress was then recessed.

The Council of State Presidents met at 1:45 PM in the Sedona Room, and California was represented by State President Keith Bigbee. The order of business was to elect 4 state presidents to the NSSAR Nominating Committee, and 4 alternates (in the event any of the four state presidents cannot attend the nominating committee meeting at the Spring Leadership Meeting. The four elected as NSSAR nominating committee members were Richard Brockway (WV), William McKim (PA), Michael Fishbein (MA), and James Lindley (WA). The alternates elected were Glenn Sapie (NC), Richard Sage (NY), Tony Vets (LA), and Michael Barger (NM). According to the rules of the council, a Californian cannot be considered by the council for the nominating committee for five years because President General Magerkurth is from California.

At 2 PM, Historian General Chuck Lampman held the History Huddle in the Grand Canyon Room. The featured speaker was Dr. Thomas E. Chavez, Director of the Palace of Governors Museum in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and author of seven books, including *Spain and the Independence of the United States: An Intrinsic Gift*. *Please see on-line content for details of this interesting presentation*

At 3 PM, the Congress Planning Committee met in the Grand Room. Vice President General Lou Carlson attended the meeting. The California Society expressed its interest in hosting the 2019 Annual SAR Congress in Southern California.

At 6 PM, the California delegation gathered for a group picture. At 7 PM was the evening banquet. The California Society color guard participated in opening ceremonies, including CASSAR Commander Jim Fosdyck, Ron Barker, Doug Bergtholdt, Jim Blauer, Jim Faulkinbury, Charlie Gentis, Kent Gregory, Karl Jacobs, and Bob Taylor. President General Larry Magerkurth presented First Lady Barbara Magerkurth

with the Martha Washington Medal for her outstanding support of the SAR during his term in office. President General Magerkurth presented Chancellor General Tom Lawrence of Texas with the SAR Distinguished Service Medal for his extraordinary legal support of the SAR. President Larry Magerkurth then inducted his son-in-law into the Sons of the American Revolution.

The guest speaker was Fang A. Wong, the National Commander of the American Legion. He spoke about our soldiers in harm's way fighting radical Islam. He said we have to take care of our wounded veterans, and recognize the stress that repeated tours of duty puts on service people, their spouses and children. He spoke of the sacrifice of 1% of the population for the other 99%, who get their freedom from the 1% serving in the military. There is no utopia – war has been necessary to free slaves, protect countries from foreign tyranny, and ensure that our freedoms are protected. He said we must honor our warriors.

The next speaker was Dr. Thomas Chavez, who spoke at length earlier in the day on Spain's assistance during the American Revolution. Dr. Chavez summarized his earlier speech. By keeping the British occupied all around the world, Spain forced them to divert forces that could have been used against the United States. Spain's assistance was crucial in tipping the balance of power from British to the US/France/Spain. He said there are many records in the Spanish archives regarding the American Revolution, but few have ever been cited in scholarly works. Dr. Chavez is writing further books from the new information he is finding in archives. The evening raffle was held, and CASSAR Executive Vice President Steve Hurst won the minuteman statue. Following the evening banquet, we gathered in the California Hospitality Room to continue networking with compatriots from around the country.

Wednesday, July 11, was the final day of Congress. The first item of business was the election of vice presidents general. Gene Butler of the Nevada Society was elected as Vice President General of the Western District to succeed Rev. Lou Carlson. He has indicated he will attend the CASSAR Meeting in the fall in Monterey so our members will get a chance to meet him.

Next was the election of National Trustees – Keith Bigbee (trustee) and Steve Hurst (alternate) were elected for the California Society, Rev. Lou Carlson (trustee) and Bob Ebert (alternate) were elected for the Mexico Society, Stephen Renouf (trustee) and Leroy Martinez (alternate) were elected for the Spain Society, and Larry Magerkurth (trustee) and John Dodd (trustee) were elected for the NSSAR Executive Committee. Chancellor General Tom Lawrence then swore in the newly elected trustees for 2012-13. The NSSAR Executive Committee members for 2012-13

were announced: Larry Magerkurth (CA), Davis Wright (DE), John Dodd (CA), Dr. Clarence Billings (AL), and Sam Powell (NC).

There was a motion to add the Spanish flag alongside the French flag at the front of the room during SAR meetings. There was a friendly amendment to change the wording that Spain was an “ally” of the United States to a “supporter” of the United States. There was a motion to postpone the motion until the next leadership meeting, which passed by a vote of 107-51. The amendment to reorganize the standing committees and other committees under Bylaw 18 was circulated with all the corrections from the previous day. The amendment passed unanimously. There was a motion to postpone the habeas corpus resolution, which was passed. A typo was discovered in the Bylaw 18 revision, and the trustees voted to correct it. President General Larry Magerkurth then adjourned the 122nd SAR Congress. President General Stephen Leishman convened a meeting the trustees for 2012-13. The trustees confirmed the Executive Committee appointments, and the meeting was adjourned. Afterwards, many gathered in the California Hospitality Room for fellowship.

The evening banquet was held at 7 PM. President General Larry Magerkurth presented the Silver Congress Appreciation Medal to Jim Thornton, Warren Alter, and Michael Jones. Vice President General for the European District Jacques de

Trentinian presented President General Magerkurth with the US Flag that flew over the grave of the Marquis de Lafayette in the Cimetière de Picpus in Paris, France, from July 4, 2011 to July 4, 2012. Each year, the SAR France Society replaces the flag at Lafayette's grave. A US flag has flown uninterrupted over Lafayette's grave even during the Nazi occupation of France. Lafayette is buried next to the pits where 1300 victims of the guillotine at Place du Trône Renversé (now Place de la Nation) were dumped in the final days of the Reign of Terror. Lafayette's sister-in-law, mother-in-law and grandmother-in-law were guillotined and buried there.

Chancellor General Tom Lawrence inducted the new general officers and vice presidents general. President General Larry Magerkurth turned over the gavel to incoming President General Stephen Leishman. National Color Guard Commander Mike Tomme presented the George Washington Ring, which was presented to President General Leishman. Following the banquet, new President General Stephen Leishman invited everyone to President General Larry Magerkurth's suite for a reception.

On Thursday, July 12, Past President General Larry Magerkurth and John Dodd attended the first meeting of President General Stephen Leishman's Executive Committee at 7:30 AM, as most Congress attendees were preparing to depart for home.

– **Stephen Renouf, Spain Society Trustee**

In Memory

On Friday, June 15, 2012 a CASSAR Color Guard participated in the Memorial Service for Anne Delano Donahue – Lampman at Fairhaven Memorial Park, Santa Ana, CA. Anne was the member of numerous lineage societies. She held national office in several societies and was the past State Regent of the CSSDAR and an officer in the CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary. Her husband, Cdr. Charles R. Lampman, USN (ret.), is a past president of the CASSAR and is the immediately past Historian General of the NSSAR.

The service was conducted by CASSAR Chaplain Rev. Louis V. Carlson, Jr. Remarks during the Memorial Service were given by CSSDAR State Regent Karon Jarrard and NSSAR President General Larry Magerkurth. An Honor Guard, which served as ushers for the attendees, was comprised of CASSAR Color Guardsmen. CASSAR Guardsmen also formed a Color Guard and a provided a bagpiper that played Amazing Grace. Members of the Honor Guard/Color Guard were: Karl Jacobs (Harbor Chapter), Jim Blauer, Kent Gregory, Jim Fosdyck, Dave Siler, Larry Wood & Dan McKelvie (OC Chapter), Gregg Rice (Riverside Chapter), Phil Hinshaw, Ernie McCullough & Will Tisch (San Diego Chapter) and Mel Butler (South Coast Chapter).



You can be a CASSAR State Officer

By John L. Dodd, Esq.

Our organization can thrive and grow only as long as men are willing to step up into the various leadership positions, be those committee chairmanships, state offices, or regional vice-president positions, followed by the presidency itself. I encourage you to consider taking one of these active roles in our Society.

Most members first become active at the state level through the committees. Some of the committee positions are discussed in the bylaws, available on the CASSAR website, with others being spelled out on the contacts portion of the state website. Committee membership and chairmanship are appointed positions. It generally is advisable first to get involved in a committee at the chapter level, then volunteer to serve on the state committee, then follow that by serving as the chair of the state committee. Attendance at the state meetings provides the best opportunity to exchange ideas with Compatriots from other chapters who have held the same positions to see what is involved in the various tasks.

The various officer positions also are described in bylaws. If you are considering one of the state officer positions, it is desirable first to serve your chapter as president. Prior to serving as chapter president, the roles of chapter secretary and chapter registrar provide valuable insights into the mechanics of our society. Once you decide you would like to submit your name to the nominating committee to be considered for a state office, Bylaw 5, section (1)(a), requires you be endorsed by your chapter and submit a brief biographical sketch.

As chapter president you presumably will attend the fall and spring state meetings and participate in the decision-making of the society. But don't wait until you are chapter president to attend a state meeting! Attend first as a delegate. Moreover, the meetings are open to all CASSAR members, whether or not you are a voting delegate. By attending the state meetings, you learn more of the actual business of the society and meet Compatriots from other parts of the state, as well as the National S.A.R. officers who generally attend. You also will enjoy the camaraderie and fellowship of a great bunch of gentlemen who share your love of history and patriotism.

After you have attended a few state meetings, served as chapter president and served as state committee chair and hopefully a state officer, you then may be thinking you are ready to take the plunge and seek one of the regional vice-president positions. This generally requires at least a five-year commitment of your time because of the duties with the National Society after serving as state president. As more fully described in the bylaws, these positions are for two

years, followed by the Executive Vice-President (EVP) office. The EVP is "president-elect" so he does not have to stand for election, but the regional vice-presidents do not automatically become EVP after that two-year term and must stand for election. The immediate past-president also remains on the Executive Committee, chairs the nominating committee and generally is our state's Trustee to the National Society. The CASSAR President is the Alternate Trustee so he can step in as Trustee if the immediate past-president cannot fulfill those duties.

Traditionally, the immediate past-president then becomes the NSSAR Vice-President General (VPG) for the Western District. The Western District is composed of Hawaii, California and Nevada. In the normal course of events, the VPG position would rotate among the three states. However, since Hawaii and Nevada usually do not have a past state president who would like to serve as VPG, our "gentlemen's agreement" with those state societies is the position will be filled by California unless they have someone qualified who wishes to serve in that capacity. So, this all translates into a six-year commitment once a Compatriot decides to run for one of the regional vice-president positions. However, if our past president does not wish to serve as VPG, hopefully Nevada or Hawaii can fill the position that term.

Just what are you supposed to do in these jobs? As well as participating in the decision-making of the society, regional vice-presidents should try to visit all the chapters in their region. Frankly, I was not able to do that because I was, and still am, working more than full time and cannot physically get to a chapter meeting during the week some distance from home. However, all the vice-presidents, the EVP and the President should strive to attend as many SAR events as possible. The state President usually is invited to "bring greetings" at DAR, CAR and other events. If impracticable, the EVP or regional vice-president hopefully can fill in. It also is beneficial to attend events sponsored by other lineage societies.

Service as CASSAR state president also entails active participation at the national level. Just as a chapter president should attend the two CASSAR state meetings a year, the CASSAR state president should attend all three national meetings, Congress as well as the two Leadership meetings in Louisville. As is the case with our state meetings, it is best if several of these meetings are attended before the Compatriot assumes the office of state president to "learn the ropes" and participate on committees at the national level, as well as just have an enjoyable time and exchange ideas.

Finally, the question of the Ladies Auxiliary

Presidency often arises. Although CASSAR president's spouse generally serves as LAUX president, this is by no means always the case. The ladies do a great deal to support our efforts with their raffles and hospitality room oversight. However, they are an independent organization with their own officers chosen by them. This position of President of the LAUX is not a ceremonial position but one which instead entails considerable work and a knowledge of their inner workings and protocol. If you are considering running for one of the regional vice-president's positions and you do not have a spouse, or do not have a spouse who desires to serve as LAUX president, never fear, the ladies will select their own president from among their executive board members or members in good standing who have served in the past as president. You do not need to "recruit" someone; just let the ladies know, and they will take care of it. If, however, your spouse would like to serve as LAUX president, she is encouraged to become active in that organization as soon as possible, usually at least prior to your first year as regional vice-president, so that she will advance through their officer positions just as you are advancing through the CASSAR positions, providing a seamless transition in both organizations simultaneously. So, ready to take the plunge? Please join us at the Fall and Spring meetings. The water's fine and the fellowship second to none.



VPG and Past CASSAR president, Lou Carlson National Trustee and past CASSAR president John L. Dodd Spain Society Trustee and Past CASSAR president, Stephen Renouf at Congress

The CASSAR Delegation at the 2012 National Congress in Phoenix



CASSAR Meeting Sacramento

The Gold Country Chapter hosted the 137th Annual CASSAR Meeting on 12-14 April 2012 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Sacramento, California.

On Thursday, 12 April 2012, there was a dinner for national and state officers at Frank Fat's Restaurant. Treasurer General Joe Dooley (VA) and Registrar General Lindsey Brock (FL) attended the dinner with CASSAR officers.

On Friday, 13 April, the 137th Annual CASSAR Meeting was convened by President John Dodd. Following opening ceremonies, and the declaration of a quorum, the national officers, Vice President General Lou Carlson, Treasurer General Joe Dooley, Registrar General Lindsey Brock, Historian General Chuck Lampman gave us a report of national matters. California Society officers followed with their reports, and then the reports from the chapter presidents. The Monterey Bay Chapter announced that they would host the CASSAR Board of Managers meeting in Seaside in November 2012. The meeting was recessed for lunch.

The CASSAR Awards luncheon was held.

Following lunch, the chapter reports were completed. NSSAR Trustee for Spain Stephen Renouf spoke on the upcoming SAR Trip to Germany later in April. President General Larry Magerkurth was leading a delegation to Zweibrücken and Munich to lay wreaths at the memorial and graves of Counts Christian and Wilhelm de Forbach, the sons of Duke Christian of Zweibrücken, and leaders of the Régiment Royal Deux-Ponts. The counts fought at Yorktown, and the Régiment Royal Deux-Ponts and the Régiment Gatinois took Redoubt Nine from the British

defenders. Trustee Renouf also spoke about the NSSAR Premium Membership Medal Committee. He reported that they were waiting for the prototype medal from the manufacturer. Once approved, the new Tiffany style medals in gilt silver can be ordered for a donation of \$250 to CAAH and the cost of the medal. Trustee Renouf made a motion for CASSAR to propose amending NSSAR Bylaw 24 to remove the requirement that the SAR Cross be "of silver" since only the new premium medals are currently in compliance with the bylaw. It was recommended that the cross be "gold in color" so the current merchandise medal complies with the bylaw. He also proposed that the SAR ribbon be modified from "dark blue, buff and white stripes" to "dark blue or blue, flanked by buff and white stripes" so the premium membership medal committee could create a high quality ribbon in the original SAR colors. The motion was approved by the membership, and it will be presented at Congress in Phoenix for a vote. President John Dodd reported on the California 250 program. California compatriots who donate \$250 to CAAH will receive the California 250 pin. The other committee reported on their activities. The meeting recessed for the day.

The hospitality room opened following the business meeting. At 6 PM, the CASSAR Officers Dinner was held at the Firehouse Restaurant.

On Saturday, 14 April, the CASSAR meeting reconvened. Chairman Wayne Griswold announced the report of the CASSAR Nominating Committee – President Keith L. Bigbee, Executive Vice President J. Stephen Hurst, Vice President North Jim L. Faulkinbury, Vice President South M. Kent Gregory, Vice President Membership Phillip L. Hinshaw,

Color guard and clergy prior to Memorial Services in Phoenix



Secretary Ronald J. Barker, Treasurer Michael J. Howard, Registrar Owen Stiles, Chancellor J. Jeffries Goodwin, Esq., Genealogist Terry L. Briggs, Historian James F. Blauer, Chaplain Rev. Louis V. Carlson, Surgeon Ernest F. Latham, MD, Invested Fund Trustee (2012-2014) Stephen Renouf, Invested Fund Trustee (2010-2012) Curtis M. Porter, Invested Fund Trustee (2011-2013) Richard S. Hawley, National Trustee John L. Dodd, and Alternate National Trustee Keith L. Bigbee. There were no nominations from the floor, so the slate of officers was elected unanimously. Keith Bigbee, chairman of the audit committee, reported that the audit was completed for 2011, and there were no issues found. John Dodd and Lou Carlson were endorsed by the California Society should they decide to run for national office for the 2013-14 year. There was no further business, so the annual meeting was adjourned.

CASSAR President-elect Keith Bigbee convened the Board of Managers meeting. Compatriot Gene Butler from Nevada was selected by the Western District to become Vice President General at the SAR Congress in Phoenix Arizona. President Bigbee then adjourned the board of managers meeting. President General Lou Carlson convened a meeting of the Western District (California/Nevada/Hawaii), and held a brief meeting.

The Youth Awards Luncheon was held in the hotel atrium. President Dodd presented the SAR Certificate of Appreciation and Good Citizenship Pin to the Barrett sisters, members of the CAR, who served as pages at our business meeting. CAR President-Elect Marissa Mancebo addressed the luncheon meeting. Chairman Tom Adams announced the results of the SAR Brochure Contest – Mother Lode's candidate received first place, Orange County received second place, and the Thomas Jefferson, Sacramento and Gold Country chapters received honorable mention. The Eagle Scout Award winner was Ryan Marquiss. Knight Essay Contest Winner Bethany King read her winning essay. The ROTC Award for Outstanding Cadet was presented to Jeremiah Taylor. Chairman Phil Hinshaw announced the winners of the best chapter contest.

Following the luncheon, the CASSAR Memorial Service was held in the hotel, where we honored the memory of the California compatriots who passed away in the previous year.

The Saturday Evening Banquet was held in the hotel ballroom. The musical entertainment included Phil Dodson, Jean Dodson and Lisa Gregory. President Dodd presented the Meritorious Service Medal to Owen Stiles, Ron Barker and Don Littlefield. Silver and Gold von Steuben Medals were presented to Jim Faulkinbury and NSSAR Commander Mike Tomme. CASSAR Color Guard Commander Jim

Fosdyck handed out the 2011 Wreaths Across America and 2012 Massing of the Colors Streamers to the chapters that participated. Color Guardsmen Karl Jacobs and Bob Ebert assisted Outgoing President John L. Dodd in presenting the SAR Distinguished Service Medal to Stephen Renouf for his assistance to President Dodd during the previous year. Following the awards, the new 2012 officers of the California Society were sworn into office. The gavel was presented to President Keith L. Bigbee. The Ladies Auxiliary officers for 2012 were sworn into office.



Ladies Auxiliary at Spring Meeting



Color Guard with Mike Tomme (GA), Lindsey Brock (Fla), and Joe Dooley (Va)



Jeremiah Taylor receives outstanding JROTC Cadet award



Past President Ebert escorts Cindy Bigbee and President Bigbee into banquet



Gold Country and Mother Lode Chapters enjoy Friday dinner



Treasurer General Dooly installs the newly elected officers



Brochure contest winners

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
182732	9003	Charles Lucion Clementis	Orange
173546	8461	Garland H Middleton	Gen George Patton
123722	5104	Robert LeRoy Kneppshield	Riverside
154752	7178	William French Emmons	Sacramento
139037	5983	Harry Hugh Harland	Sacramento
132545	5596	Eltweed George Pomeroy	Sacramento
137717	5911	Maner Lawton Thorpe	Santa Barbara
165744	7989	James David Boyle	Sons of Liberty

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution 98 (SCR 98)

SCR 98, Lieu. United States Constitution.

This measure would commemorate the 225th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution on September 17, 2012, and the contributions of historical, educational, and patriotic societies, including, but not limited to, the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the California Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in promoting the values embodied in the United States Constitution.

WHEREAS, The American Revolution secured the independence of the United States and made possible the vibrant system of self-government of the United States; and WHEREAS, The supporters of the American Revolution, through their vision and determination, enhanced the lives of countless individuals and made possible the system of equal justice, limited government, and rule of law that exists in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The people who fought in the American Revolution made great sacrifices for their fledgling country; and WHEREAS, The 55 delegates who attended the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 225 years ago, and the 39 delegates who signed the United States Constitution at the Constitutional Convention irrevocably changed the course of history; and

WHEREAS, The United States Constitution, a revered and living document, provides important rights to every citizen of the United States, secures "the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity," and sets the standard of democracy for the world; and

WHEREAS, The delegates to the Constitutional Convention in 1787 established the imperative precedent of compromise; and WHEREAS, The United States Constitution, and its amendments, outline the freedoms and the principles of representative government that are as strong today as they were on that momentous occasion in 1787; and

WHEREAS, September 17, 2012, marks the 225th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution, which is the supreme law of the land and the document by which the people of this country self-govern; and

WHEREAS, To venerate the immeasurable importance of the United States Constitution and the day on which it was signed, it is essential to continually educate and celebrate the principles and legacy of the Founding Fathers; and

WHEREAS, Members, volunteers, and staff of historical, educational, and patriotic societies, including, but not limited to, the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and the California Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, play an important role in promoting patriotism, preserving the history of the United States, and educating the public about the rights and responsibilities of citizenship; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature commemorates the 225th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution on September 17, 2012, and recognizes the sacrifices made by the people who made the signing possible; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature commends the continuing contributions made by the members, volunteers, and staff of historical, educational, and patriotic societies, including, but not limited to, the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the California Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in promoting patriotism and the values embodied in the United States Constitution; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

*"Congratulations to the
Sons of Liberty Chapter
for spearheading
CASSAR's effort to
obtain resolutions in the
Legislature recognizing
the 225th Anniversary
of the signing of the
Constitution and
acknowledging the roles
that the SAR and DAR
have contributed to
promoting its values."*





The Monterey Bay Chapter
proudly hosts the
137th Fall Board of Managers Meeting
of the
California Society
Sons of the American Revolution

November 2 – 4, 2012
EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL MONTEREY BAY – SEASIDE, CA
1441 Canyon Del Rey, Seaside, CA 93955
Hotel Reservations: 831.393.1115

The special SAR rate is \$135 per night, plus tax, for single or double occupancy. Accommodations include a spacious two-room suite, complimentary cooked to order breakfast or buffet, manager's reception, daily newspaper and free airport shuttle to and from Monterey's airport. Make your reservations directly through the hotel no later than **October 15, 2012**. Reservations made after this date are on a space and rate availability basis. When reserving your room, specify that you are with the Sons of the American Revolution.

Registration form for the 137th Fall Board of Managers Meeting

Total Amount Enclosed: \$_____. Make your check payable to Monterey Bay Chapter, SAR

Mail completed form and payment to: Mr. Neal Hotelling, 3145 Bird Rock Rd., Pebble Beach, CA 93953

Please check here if you are a first time attendee ☐

☐ My Registration for \$139 ☐ Spouse / Guest Registration for \$139 ☐ Other Registration for \$139

The above fees apply to registrations received on or before September 1, 2012; after that date fees increase to \$149. Your fee covers hotel meeting space, Friday and Saturday luncheons and the Saturday night banquet.

Name: _____ Spouse / Guest: _____

Chapter: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone No: _____ Email: _____

Registrants for the Saturday banquet should make their meal selection below:

Number of: Beef _____ Salmon _____ Vegetarian _____

Special dietary requirements, if any: _____

The following prices are for non-registered members, spouses and guests.

Non-registered Friday luncheon _____ at \$40 Non-registered Saturday luncheon _____ at \$40

Non-registered Saturday evening banquet _____ at \$55 Total cost of non-registered meals \$ _____

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We do have some vacancies at the state level including CAR liaison, Youth Activities Chair and Brochure Contest Chair. These are excellent opportunities to get involved at the state level with varying commitment needs. Please contact any executive board member to find out more and learn how you can participate.

Thank You
Keith Bigbee
President
California State Society
Sons of the American Revolution



WE NEED YOU!

The California Compatriot is in urgent need of an Editor beginning with the very next issue. Respond to California Society President John Dodd at JohnLDodd@earthlink.net or contact another CASSAR officer.