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# *The California Compatriot*

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

## *The President's Message*

### *Compatriots,*

It is hard to believe we have completed our summer and school has started again! I hope many of you enjoyed the warm sunny days and spending quality time with your families and perhaps seeing more of this great land of ours.

The 129<sup>th</sup> NSSAR Congress is now a memory; and, for those who attended, I'm sure you enjoyed a wonderful experience! I personally heard only good reports from those in attendance concerning the tours, the meeting facilities, the hotel itself, the host society boat cruise, and the lunch and banquet meals. Several mentioned to me that this was the best congress in memory! Credit for this rests with John Dodd, Kent Gregory, Stephen Renouf and the army of volunteers who took the time and their talents to make this event the success it obviously was! My thanks to all of you!

One of the highlights of the congress was the presentation of the Minuteman award to Jim Faulkinbury, and my congratulations to him for this deserved award. Please take the time to congratulate him when you see him!

California compatriots were also in evidence when awards were presented, and nowhere was this more so than when the George Washington Fellows were presented! We were honored by the presence of President General Warren Alter, who personally pinned us. For more information on the congress, I hope you will take the time to read the report included in this issue.

Now that the congress is completed, it is time to prepare for the fall Board of Managers meeting in Irvine 1-2 November, and you will find information and the registration form elsewhere in this issue. For those of you curious as to the workings of the California Society beyond the chapter level, this is an excellent time and place, and I highly encourage you to consider joining us for a time of good food and social interaction! If you do attend, please introduce yourself to me and allow me the honor of meeting you!

One final item: at the chapter level, I want to encourage you to meet the new members of your chapter and acquaint yourselves with them. Part of the mentoring program espoused by NSSAR is merely to show interest in the new members, taking the time to find out their interests and trying to match them with committees and compatriots that appeal to those interests – but only with those committees already chaired by an experienced compatriot who can further the mentoring process. In this way, perhaps we can lessen the erosion of members at dues-paying time.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Fall meeting!



*128th President, CASSAR  
Robert Taylor*



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can appear in the  
California Compatriot.*

*Email your final draft  
prior to the deadline  
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**Next Deadline: November 30, 2019**

(subject to change)



# 2019 NSSAR and CASSAR

## Dues and Fees

	APPLICATION TYPE	ORDER	DUES	FEES	TOTAL	NOTES
<b>NSSAR</b>	NEW	FIRST	35.00	80.00	<b>\$115.00</b>	
		2nd and Subsequent	35.00	30.00	<b>\$65.00</b>	#3
	Memorials	ALL			<b>\$115.00</b>	#5
	JUNIOR	ALL	5.00	30.00	<b>\$35.00</b>	#1
	JUNIOR	ALL	5.00	80.00	<b>\$85.00</b>	#2
	C.A.R.	ALL	5.00		<b>\$5.00</b>	#4
	SUPPLEMENTAL	FIRST		60.00	<b>\$60.00</b>	
		2nd and Subsequent		30.00	<b>\$30.00</b>	#3
<b>CASSAR</b>	NEW	ALL		20.00	<b>\$20.00</b>	
	SUPPLEMENTAL	ALL		10.00	<b>\$10.00</b>	
	JUNIOR	ALL			<b>NO COST</b>	
	C.A.R.	ALL			<b>NO COST</b>	#4

**Note #1:** When using a lineage which has already been accepted by the SAR or DAR a record copy of the referenced SAR or DAR application must be provided with the documentation and all dues and fees shown above.

**Note #2:** Establishing a new lineage or patriot ancestor – if you are applying as a junior member and the ancestor you are applying under has not been documented or approved through the SAR, DAR or CAR in the past the application cost is shown above.

**Note #3:** Applications of family members must be submitted at the same time, follow the same lineage to the same patriot ancestor and be within two generations of one another (grandfather to grandson, uncle to nephew, etc.).

**Note #4:** The applicant must provide his birth certificate, a copy of his C.A.R. Member of Good Standing card and a "record copy" of his C.A.R. approved membership application form.

**Note #5:** The Memorial Dues/Fees have been changed to reflect the same amount as “Regular” Dues & Fee.

**Effective:** Revised July 30, 2019



## California Compatriot

### Printed Copy USPS Subscriptions

1. Chapters collect the CASSAR authorized **annual subscription fees** and remit them to the CASSAR Treasurer, along with a listing of the Paid Subscribers including their USPS mailing addresses. This is entirely independent of the annual reconciliation process.
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3. Compatriots who do not pay annual subscription fees are removed from the list on January 1, each year.
4. The California Compatriot Editor uses the Treasurer's Paid Subscribers List for printing and mailing each Edition.
5. The Treasurer updates the Paid Subscribers throughout the year and informs the Editor.

### Cybercrime Alert

“I need you to process a payment today...”

“Do you have a few minutes to mail a check today...”

“I need you to get a couple of gift cards for me today...”

“Are you available to complete a bank transfer today...”

“I need you to make a payment of \$4,859 today...”

“Can you process a transfer of \$8,850 today...”

If you receive an email addressing you by name from another officer or individual in your chapter, you may be the target of a cybercrime. Chapter Treasurers and those with access to your Chapter accounts, may receive emails requesting the expenditure of chapter funds.

**Beware!** Always be on the lookout for scams, especially those requesting disbursement of Chapter funds.

**Don't be naïve. Use your head.** Validate all such requests before taking the requested action.

**Do not reply to the email you received or call the number provided in the email.**

Instead, call your President, VP, Secretary or Registrar directly or send them an email using their known telephone number or email address. Ask them directly if they made the request.

**Implement a two-party authorization process in place for payment.** CASSAR uses a check request form downloadable from the CASSAR website. Chapters may not need a form, although from a legal and record perspective it's not a bad idea.

Have a process and procedures in place with a clear understanding by all officers to make sure Chapter expenditures are legitimate.





## Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Award – 2019 Temporary Transition Rules Extension

As of February 1, 2019 Boy Scouts of America has revised their membership rules to allow females to become scouts. With the inclusion of female scouts they have revised their primary name to “Scouts BSA”. This revision will allow females to advance to the Eagle Scout Rank. To provide a transition period for those that joined on February 1<sup>st</sup> to be able to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, Scouts BSA has made a “Temporary Transition Rules Extension”. The NASSAR Eagle Scout Committee has adopted this extension and it can be found on the NAS-SAR web site at this link:

<https://www.sar.org/education/youth-contests-awards/arthur-m-berdena-king-eagle-scout-award>

Here is the key wording of the extension”

*“Temporary Transition Rules Extension – Any youth who registered as a member of Scouts BSA between February 1, 2019, and December 1, 2019 and was granted an extension by the National Council BSA to complete the Eagle Scout rank requirements after they have turned 18 years of age, will have 365 days from the date their Eagle Scout application was validated by the National Advancement Program Team to enter the contest.”*

*A copy of the approved extension must be attached to the contest application.*

This should clarify for your Chapter competition that in the future you will possibly have both male and female applicants. If you have any questions please contact Bill Nay, Chair of the California Society Eagle Scout Committee.

## Upcoming Events

**September 17, 2019** - Constitution Day

**November 1-2, 2019** - CASSAR 144<sup>th</sup> Board of Managers Meeting – Wyndham Hotel, Irvine, CA

**November 11, 2019** - Veterans Day – Support your Chapter and local events

**December 14, 2019** - Wreaths Across America 9:00 PST – Contact Don Littlefield  
([dblittlefield@comcast.net](mailto:dblittlefield@comcast.net)) for additional information

**February TBD, 2020** - Massing of the Colors – Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, Los Angeles, CA

**February 27-29, 2020** - NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting – Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY

**April 17-28, 2020** - CASSAR 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Meeting of the Membership – The Murieta Inn and Spa,  
Rancho Murieta, CA

**May 17-18, 2020** - Field of Honor, Castaways Park, Newport Beach, CA

**July 10-16, 2020** - 130th SAR National Congress – Richmond Marriott, Richmond, Virginia

**24 - 27 September 2020** - NASSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY

## *From the Desk of the CASSAR Registrar*

As of today California has begun to process over 200 applications with approximately 150 of them approved. A recent change to the processing was National needing us to ensure that the applications do not have partial generation at the bottom of the page. I forwarded a tutorial to all chapters.

I did note however, that one needs to be using Google Chrome to be able to finesse the application as requested. It does work! I have been able to rework a few apps that did not meet this standard, but in the future will be returning them to the chapters to be redone.

On another note I am still seeing too many ancestry.com pages that are being attempted to be used as proofs. Whenever possible I have gone online and tried to locate the actual document. Ancestry.com has a “search” item on the task bar which often I have then located the document and included it with the application. There also have been too many documents included that need to be enlarged (cropped) to be only the page needed.

I would also ask that Chapter Registrars review the App Prep Manual and the Genealogy Policies. Too many apps are being forwarded that are including family histories that do not meet the requirements.

We are, in my mind doing good but we can always strive to do better.

*Owen R. Stiles*  
*CASSAR Registrar*



## Welcome New Members

NSSAR#	FNAME	MNAME	LNAME	DATE	CHAPTER
212753	Seamus	Ryan	Connolly	8/30/2019	Eagle
212751	Alexander	Samuel	Meinberg	8/30/2019	Eagle
212752	Dylan	John	Meinberg	8/30/2019	Eagle
211845	David	Boyce	Bentley	6/14/2019	Gen. George Patton
212084	Joseph	Charles	Plumb	7/2/2019	Gen. George Patton
212172	Gerald	Wayne	Davis	7/12/2019	Gen. George Patton
212332	Christian	David	Jordan	7/26/2019	Gen. George Patton
212335	Craig	Allan	Parkinson	7/26/2019	Gen. George Patton
212754	Troy	LaVerne	Scott	8/30/2019	Gen. George Washington
212415	James	Campbell	Bunker	8/2/2019	Harbor
211547	Richard	Foster	Meridith	5/17/2019	Kern
211548	James	Ryan	Meridith	5/17/2019	Kern
211613	Dae	Carson	Lantz	5/24/2019	Kern
211614	Phil	Alan	Neighbors	5/24/2019	Kern
211749	Christopher	Raymond	Scott	6/7/2019	Kern
211750	Steven	Randall	West	6/7/2019	Kern
212330	Garett	James	Colatruglio	7/26/2019	Kern
212413	Clark	Wayne	Goehring	8/2/2019	Kern
212414	Blake	Evan	Goehring	8/2/2019	Kern
212750	Larry	D.	Carroll	8/30/2019	Kern
212328	Michael	Montaque	Clark	7/26/2019	Orange County
212329	David	James	Clark	7/26/2019	Orange County
211844	Michael	Philip	Bodman	6/14/2019	Redlands
211615	John	Richard	Kuykendall	5/24/2019	Redwood Empire
212338	Ryan	David	Willat	7/26/2019	Redwood Empire
212339	David	Frederick	Willat	7/26/2019	Redwood Empire
212250	Scott		Knecht	7/19/2019	Riverside
211546	Mark	John	Mozdy	5/17/2019	Sacramento
211843	Gary	Howard	Morgan	6/14/2019	Sacramento
212333	Charles	Alfred	Karlsson	7/26/2019	Sacramento
212475	George	Allen	Brinlee	8/9/2019	Sacramento
212546	Donald	Arthur	Kane	8/16/2019	San Francisco
212547	William	Gowen	Kane	8/16/2019	San Francisco
212548	Nathan	Bledsoe	Kane	8/16/2019	San Francisco
212549	Ronald	William	Kane	8/16/2019	San Francisco
211549	John	Frederick	Cline	5/17/2019	Silicon Valley
211550	Ian	Clifford Waldron	Cline	5/17/2019	Silicon Valley
211611	Glen		McLaughlin	5/24/2019	Silicon Valley
211748	Lukas	Alexander	Knappenberger	6/7/2019	Silicon Valley
211850	Ranney	Wellington	Thayer	6/14/2019	Silicon Valley
212000	David	Michael	Walsh	6/28/2019	Sons of Liberty
211612	Scott	O'Rich	Davis	5/24/2019	South Coast
211846	Matthew	Philip	Ricketts	6/14/2019	South Coast
211999	Aaron	Joseph	Cash	6/28/2019	South Coast
212336	Jason	Edward	Temple	7/26/2019	South Coast
212337	Thomas	Edward	Temple	7/26/2019	South Coast
211849	Robert	Howard	Borcson	6/14/2019	Thomas Jefferson
211847	Benton	Clayron	Miller	6/14/2019	Thomas Jefferson
211848	Mitchell	Davis	Saunders	6/14/2019	Thomas Jefferson
212331	Michael	Gregory	Emry	7/26/2019	Thomas Jefferson
212334	Aaron	James	Negherbon	7/26/2019	Thomas Jefferson

**144<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Board of Managers Meeting**  
*of the*  
**California Society,**  
**Sons of the American Revolution**

**November 1 – 2, 2019**

*Hosted by the Orange County Chapter*

**Wyndham Irvine Hotel**

**17941 Von Karman Ave., Irvine, CA 92614**

*A Special SAR Room Rate of \$125.00 per night (single or double) is available until October 9<sup>th</sup>  
Make Hotel Reservations at (949)345-1856. Parking is \$5 per day. Free Shuttle from OC Airport.*

**Meeting Reservation Form**

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

Arriving: \_\_\_\_ Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, \_\_\_\_ Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, \_\_\_\_ Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Registration is \$160.00 per person by October 1, 2019 or \$175.00 after October 1<sup>st</sup>.

The fee includes meetings, Friday and Saturday luncheons, and the Saturday Gala Dinner Banquet.

Number of Registrants: \_\_\_\_ @ \$160    Late Registrations \_\_\_\_ @ \$175 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-registered Friday Luncheon: \_\_\_\_ @ \$45 each

Non-registered Saturday Luncheon: \_\_\_\_ @ \$45 each

Non-registered Gala Dinner Banquet: \_\_\_\_ @ \$75 each

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Mark Torres, 5584 Los Palos Circle, Buena Park, CA 90620**

*Questions? Contact Mark at mblastus@yahoo.com*

**Please mark your meal choices:**

**Friday Public Service Luncheon**

\_\_\_\_ Braised Yankee Pot Roast w/Mashed Potatoes or \_\_\_\_ Salmon w/Rice Pilaf

**Saturday Youth Luncheon**

\_\_\_\_ Chicken Piccata or \_\_\_\_ Turkey & Avocado Croissant



# National Wreaths Across America Day



**9:00 AM Pacific, Saturday, December 14, 2019**

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, the SAR joins in the mission to Remember, Honor, and Teach. Wreath-laying ceremonies are held at Arlington National Cemetery, and at more than 1,600 other locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

Throughout California, SAR Chapters participate in many ways. Some may Present the Colors at official ceremonies, others may read the President General's Proclamation, and still others may participate individually or as a group to honor our Veterans.

If you need more information on how or where your chapter can participate, please contact:

Don Littlefield  
California Society WAA Program Chairman  
[dblittlefield@comcast.net](mailto:dblittlefield@comcast.net)  
916-985-6544



# 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

California Society April 17-18, 2020

The Annual Meeting of the California Society SAR will be held April 16-19, 2020 at the beautiful Murieta Inn and Spa, in Rancho Murieta, CA. The room rate is \$159/per night plus taxes and fees regardless of room type. There are only 83 rooms in the hotel so book early!

**CASSAR Annual Meeting April 16-19, 2020 – Group Reservations:**

[https://res.windsurfercrs.com/ibe/details.aspx?  
propertyid=14345&nights=1&checkin=04/16/2020&group=9750820](https://res.windsurfercrs.com/ibe/details.aspx?propertyid=14345&nights=1&checkin=04/16/2020&group=9750820)

Note: On the “Your Cart” page, make sure to check the box next to “☐ I agree to the terms and conditions.”



**The Murieta Inn and Spa**  
**Rancho Murieta, CA**  
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Rancho Murieta, CA, 95683  
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# Order of March



## Orange County Chapter

Strawberry Festival Parade  
Garden Grove, CA  
Saturday, May 25, 2019

Orange County Chapter (CA) Lee's Legion Color guardsmen L to R: Kent Gregory, Mark Torres, Jim Klingler, John Blake and Larry Hansen





## Orange County

Orange County Chapter (CA) Color Guard (Lee's Legion) presenting the Colors at the Garden Grove Car Show on June 28. The Garden Grove Car Show is the longest running car show in Orange County, CA.



*(L-R) Fifer Matt*

*Noell, drummer*

*Knox Chaney, musket man Kent Gregory, US Flag Mark Torres, CA Flag Jim Klingler, SAR Flag John Ferris, Lee's Legion Flag Spencer Torres, musket man Larry Hansen and Commander Jim Fosdyck.*



*(L-R) musket man Kent Gregory, US Flag Mark Torres, CA Flag Jim Klingler, SAR Flag John Ferris, Lee's Legion Flag Spencer Torres, musket man Larry Hansen.*







# Around the California Society



## Orange County Chapter News

Old Santa Ana Cemetery, Santa Ana, CA  
Memorial Day, May 27, 2019



*Orange County Chapter color guardsmen, compatriots and wives. (L to R) Kent Gregory, Larry Wood, Sharon Wood, Mark Torres, Brenda Torres, Jim Blauer, Charmella Secrest, Jim Klingler, John Blake, Dan McKelvie, Karen McKelvie, Larry Hansen, Gene Secrest, Un Hui Yi and Jim Fosdyck.*



*Jim Fosdyck in uniform and Larry Hansen in Minuteman attire escort Compatriot Gene Secrest and his wife Charmella to place an SAR wreath at the Solders' Monument at Santa Ana Cemetery.*



## General George Washington Chapter

Butte County Camp Fire Hero Recognition

January 20, 2019

The General George Washington Chapter recognized the Butte County Sheriff's Department, five firefighters and four paramedics on January 20 by presenting them each with the SAR Hero Medal. The Camp Fire was the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in California history. It is also the deadliest wildfire in the United States since the Cloquet fire in 1918 and is high on the list of the world's deadliest wildfires; it is the sixth-deadliest U.S. wildfire overall. It was one of the world's costliest natural disasters in 2018.

Named after Camp Creek Road, its place of origin, the fire started on November 8, 2018, in Butte County, Northern California. The fire caused at least 86 civilian fatalities, with two people still missing, and injured 12 civilians, two prison inmate firefighters, and three other firefighters. It covered an area of 153,336 acres (62,053 ha) (almost 240 sq. miles), and destroyed 18,804 structures, with most of the damage occurring within the first four hours. Total damage was \$16.5 billion; one-quarter of the damage, \$4 billion, was not insured. With the arrival of the first winter rainstorm of the season, the fire reached 100 percent containment after seventeen days on November 25, 2018.

Due to the rapid, brave and continued decisive actions these nine individuals along with the Butte County Sheriffs Department were undoubtedly instrumental in saving lives and evacuation of multitudes of people without regard to their own safety.



## Harbor Chapter News

It has been a very active Spring and Summer for the Harbor Chapter of the SAR.



### HARBOR CHAPTER - April Meeting



In April, the chapter was honored to have Harbor Chapter member and Pulitzer Prize winning author, Daniel Howe, speak about his book "*What Hath God Wrought: The Transformation of America, 1815-1848*".

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, chapter members performed a color guard for the South Bay Day of Prayer at the Torrance Marriott. Thank you to Jim Olds for organizing and chairing the event. On May 18<sup>th</sup>, chapter members marched in the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade. Many thanks to Brian Merrell for organizing the members for this event. On May 27<sup>th</sup>, chapter members formed a color guard for the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Day Observance at Green Hills Memorial Park.

In June, Chapter members performed as a color guard, along with the LA Fifes and Drums, in welcoming home US Armed Forces veterans at LAX for the Honor Flight program.

In July, the chapter marched, with the Orange County Chapter, in the Huntington Beach 4<sup>th</sup> of the July Parade. At the 129<sup>th</sup> National Congress in July, many Harbor Chapter members volunteered to assist the Orange County Chapter with registration at the event.

In addition to these activities, chapter members attended 4 local DAR events and presented SAR awards at many JROTC ceremonies throughout Southern California. Please join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month for chapter meetings at Alpine Village in Torrance.



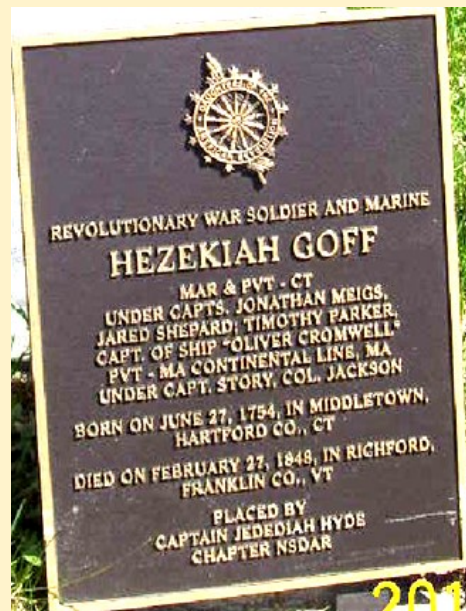


## Mother Lode Chapter

Authenticate a family heirloom ... The “*Goff Marine Flag*”  
Bob Conover, Mother Lode Chapter, needs your help. For several years he has tried on his own to authenticate the origin of the family Heirloom, the “*Goff Marine Flag*”. Bob’s Patriot is Hezekiah Goff.

The Conover family story is that this flag, passed down through generations, once belonged to their ancestor Hezekiah Goff. He was a marine aboard the *Oliver Cromwell* in 1778 out of Connecticut; he also later served in the Massachusetts Continental Line, and even served in the War of 1812. The flag came from somewhere. The family have called it the ‘*Goff Marine Flag*’ because one story has it that when the *Oliver Cromwell* capture a “prize” at sea (such as the *Admiral Keppel* and the *Cyrus*) they sent it back to port under an American flag – and this was one of those flags.”  
Bob Conover’s “*Goff Marine Flag*”

George Washington was the first to bring the war to British shipping when he authorized seven "Cruisers" to capture British supply ships. Individual states built small navies to protect their coasts and to harass their British tormentors. Connecticut's navy of 10 ships, including the 20 gun *Oliver Cromwell*, built in Essex on the Connecticut River, was moderately successful. *Oliver Cromwell* was ordered to be built in January 31, 1776.



Bob and his son Mark traveled to Connecticut this spring and visited museums and libraries in the hope of finding a lead. While it was a great trip and they learned more about their Patriot, they did not uncover any more information leading to discovering the origin of the “*Goff Marine Flag*.”

Bob enlisted the help of his friend Tom Adams in compiling a document of what they know to date.

They just recently sent that documentation to The Zaicor Flag Collection in Santa Cruz, CA asking for help. No reply yet. <https://www.flagcollection.com/index.php>

Do you have a connection with Zaicor that could help get their attention?

Do you have other ideas for seeking authentication?

Contact: Bob Conover, 2837 Osborne Rd., Cameron Park, CA 95682 ph. (530) 409-8829

For a copy of the documentation sent to Zaicor, email Tom Adams at: [tomadams1776@gmail.com](mailto:tomadams1776@gmail.com)





## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Field of Honor

Castaways Park  
Newport Beach, CA  
May 17-19, 2019

Orange County, Riverside, and Gen George S Patton Chapters Participated in the 10 Annual Field of Honor held at Castaways Park, Newport Beach, May 18 & 19, 2019.



*The Color Guard, led by General George Washington (Dan Shippey) enters the Field of Honor*



*Lee's Legion presents the Colors. Fifer Matt Noell is in front of General Washington and his guidon.*





*Orange County Chapter (CA) Lee's Legion Color Guardsmen and friends.*

*L-R: Sloan Shippey, Jim Fosdyck, John Blake, Jim Blauer, Jim Klingler, Kent Gregory, Mark Torres, Kenneth Brining, Dan McMillan, Dan Shippey (as General Washington), Johnny Martin, Christopher Keene and Blythe Shippey.*



*L-R: California Society Color Guard Commander Mark Kramer (Riverside Chapter), Jim Blauer, California Society President Bob Taylor (Gen. Geo. Patton Chapter), John Blake, Dan McMillan, Mark Torres and Jim Fosdyck.*



## 46<sup>th</sup> Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July “Let Freedom Ring” Celebration

Cerritos Civic Center

July 4, 2019

The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July “Let Freedom Ring” celebration was held at the Cerritos (CA) Civic Center.



*President General Warren Alter read the Let Freedom Ring Proclamation and was joined by First Lady Nancy while ringing the Let Freedom Ring Bell.*



*Color Guardsmen (compatriots) from at least 10 states participated in the program. We were also joined by members of the Los Angeles Fifes and Drums.*



*SAR Group Photo*



# Eagle Chapter

Oceanside Independence Parade  
Oceanside, CA  
July 4, 2019



*The Color Guard of the Eagle chapter, Southern California.  
(L-R) Gerard Huegel, Jerry Sayer, Warren Huegel, John Huegel, and Wayne Rogers.*



*(L-R) Gerard Huegel, Jerry Sayer, John Huegel, Warren Huegel*



*Oceanside, California Parade Route. (L-R) Gerard Huegel, Jerry Sayer, John Huegel, Warren Huegel*



## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

Huntington Beach

The largest Independence Day parade west of the Mississippi River features entries including bands, floats, local dignitaries, equestrian groups, film and television celebrities and community groups. It has been held since 1904.



*Main Street gets narrow with all the popups and crowd.*



*The parade begins led by NSSAR Color Guard Vice Commander Lou Raborg.*





## Redlands Chapter

4<sup>th</sup> of July

*July 4, 2019 or is it 1776?*

Making history fun at Sylvan Park, City of Redlands Don Boatright is only one of the several compatriots who were working at the direction of General Washington as part of the recruiting effort to take up arms and fight... "No Taxation Without Representation."



*Redlands Chapter completed enlistment papers for 200 of those who visited our "Sons of the American Revolution" encampment!  
(Note: Children's photos blurred on purpose.)*



*(L-R) Charlie Frye, California State Senator Mike Morrell  
(23<sup>rd</sup> Senate District), Don Boatright*





## South Coast Chapter

On 20 August South Coast Chapter held its annual BBQ dinner. As in past years, the BBQ dinner was hosted by chapter member Paul Weddell and his wife Renee. In addition to chapter members and their guests attending, in attendance were CASSAR Vice President South Brian Stephens and his wife Diane and NSSAR Color Guard Commander James Fosdyck and his wife Un Hui Yi.



*(L-R) Aaron Cash, Scott Davis, and Registrar, Leon Smith*

At these annual BBQ dinner events, a Revolutionary War event or individual is highlighted and details about the individual or event is provided. This years' Revolutionary War individual highlighted was Brigadier General Casimir Pulaski, together with his counterpart Michael Kovats de Fabriczy has been called "the father of the American Calvary". Chapter Registrar, Leon Smith, inducted two new members, Aaron Cash and Scott Davis, into the South Coast Chapter.





## Orange County Chapter

The Orange County Chapter (Lee's Legion) Color Guard presented the Colors at the Orange County Soccer Club Pro Soccer Match, on Saturday, August 24, 2019.



*L-R: Larry Hansen, John Blake, Spencer Torres, Mark Torres, and Kent Gregory*



*L-R: Kent Gregory (musket), Mark Torres (Betsy Ross flag), Spencer Torres (CA flag), John Blake (SAR flag), Larry Hansen (musket) and Jim Fosdyck (commander)*



## San Diego Chapter

The Chapter By-Laws amendment to make the Color Guard Commander an elected and voting position was passed with a majority vote at the May Chapter Membership meeting.

### Operation Ancestor Search

San Diego Compatriot Ray Raser has been named as the CASSAR Program Director for Operation Ancestor Search. This free genealogy program is offered to injured, ill or wounded service members in military hospitals, veterans hospitals, and armed forces and veteran retirement homes across the country. A program of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, it is operated by local affiliate chapters, including SAR San Diego, and program partners. Operation Ancestor Search helps service members, veterans, their families, and their care-givers discover their roots and better understand themselves through family history. For more information, contact Compatriot Raser or go to [www.operationancestorsearch.org](http://www.operationancestorsearch.org).

### Wreaths Across America – 9:00 AM, Saturday, December 14, 2019

Our annual Wreaths Across America campaign will be kicking off soon. Compatriot Larry Hardin is coordinating this year's chapter participation. WAA's mission is to ensure every grave at our National Cemeteries has a wreath at Christmas. SDSAR supports wreath placements at Ft. Rosecrans and Miramar cemeteries and will participate in placing them at Miramar this year. Your wreath purchases help support SDSAR activities throughout the year. Please consider volunteering to place wreaths on December 14th. More information to follow.

### San Diego Chapter Welcomes four new Color Guardsmen

Compatriots Jay Buhay, Duncan Campbell, Andrew Fagen, and Peter Fagen, are welcome additions to our Color Guard corps and will be participating in upcoming events and chapter meetings.

### Sand Diego Chapter welcomes its newest members

#### Inductee

Terrence Ray Boyll (transfer)  
Justin Tyler Koechert  
Benjamin D Wallace (transfer)  
Andrew Steven Young

#### Patriot Ancestor

James Young- Pvt. NC Militia  
David Mason, Pvt. MA Militia  
James Winfree, Oath of Allegiance NC  
Benjamin Thomas, 2nd Lt. MD Militia

### War Service Medal Awarded

Compatriot Petty Officer Ely has been awarded the SAR War Service Medal with Vietnam bronze bar.



(L-R) Skip Cox, Color Guard Commander; Drew Young, Inductee; Ed Torrence, Sgt-at-Arms



(L-R) Duncan Campbell, Genealogist; Gary Ely, War Service Medal Recipient; Ed Torrence, Sgt-at-Arms



Unlike many veterans who served at that time, his unit was virtually unknown by most people until now.

Petty Officer Ely's wartime service was as a part of a unit which was unique in the Vietnam War and in the history of the US Navy. Helicopter Attack Light Squadron – HA(L) 3 – also known as the Seawolves, was an all-volunteer squadron which drew approximately 2600 members who served from 1967 to 1972.

Admiral Elmo Zumwalt established the Seawolves as part of his trident approach to combat – SEAL's, Seawolves, and PBR's. Its primary mission was to provide close helicopter air support to all riverine craft in the Viet Nam theater. A role which Army helicopter units were not equipped to support. The Squadron flew day and night, in good weather and bad and were airborne in less than three minutes of a call.

HA(L) 3 is the only unit in Navy History to have been Established and Dis-Established outside of the United States. It, therefore, has no homeport. Until recently, many Viet Nam era veterans did not believe the unit existed and therefore did not recognize the unit's work.

“Scramble the Seawolves” is an outstanding documentary that brings the dedication and sacrifice of Compatriot Ely and other members of HA(L) 3 to light. See: <https://video.kpbs.org/video/scramble-the-seawolves-yacuzzi/> Most impressively, to this day, it is the most decorated unit in Naval Aviation history with over 17,000 personal and unit awards.

## Coronado Independence Day Parade



*San Diego Chapter President Bill Peters and First Lady Beverly Peters.*



*(L-R) Fred Hall, Treasurer; Carolyn Campbell; Skip Cox, Color Guard Commander; San Diego Chapter President Bill Peters; Duncan Campbell, Genealogist; Beverly Peters, First Lady; and Ray Raser.*



## Central Coast Chapter



*Presentation of the SAR Eagle Scout Certificate to Eagle Scout Bennet Luc by Central Coast SAR Treasurer, Bill Harris on July 15, 2019.*



*Colonel William Crewe (Retired), Central Coast Chapter, presents the SAR Certificate and accompanying medal for Outstanding ROTC Cadet to ROTC Cadet Logan R. Murray, Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo, CA, June 6, 2019.*



*Presentation of our Eagle Scout certificate to Joshua T. Kommer by Colonel William Crewe (Retired) at the Eagle Court of Honor held at the San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge on February 24, 2019.*

## In Memoriam

*Compatriot Gary Cooper,  
one of Central Coast  
Chapter's oldest members,  
passed away on  
April 28, 2019.*





## U.S Naval Sea Cadet Corps

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps is a national youth leadership development organization that promotes interest and skill in naval disciplines while instilling strong moral character and life skills through leadership and technical programs modeled after the Navy's professional development system.

<http://www.seacadets.org/programs>

The Sea Cadets are comprised of two programs. The Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) program is for young people ages 13 through the completion



of high school, and a junior program the Navy League Cadet Corps (NLCC), for young people ages 10 through 13. There are 380 Sea Cadet units across the USA, with 87 (23%) of them in California. The nearest unit is the Pyro Division located in Petaluma and are hosted at the U.S. Coast Guard base for their meetings and training.

While the primary partner with the Sea Cadets is the Navy League other Veteran Service organizations are encouraged to support this program. Both the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Sons of the American Revolution have formal medals and awards that may be earned by Sea Cadets.

Bill Nay is the Chairman of the Sea Cadet Program for the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). Bill Nay in his official capacity with the SAR attends the annual inspection and Awards ceremony and presented the SAR Sea Cadet Ribbon and Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Petty Officer 2 Rene Chavez.

Any SAR Chapter that would like more information on the Sea Cadet Program should contact Bill.





## USAF Academy Cadet Cameron Hoover Commissioned as Second Lieutenant

Cameron Hoover was the Top Enhanced JROTC Cadet sponsored by the Sacramento Chapter in 2014. He then won top cadet from the California Society and then named top cadet at the NSSAR level. Jim Fosdyck was the CASSAR ROTC/JROTC Chairman during the time Cameron was our top cadet. He and his mother Christina attended Congress in South Carolina during the term of PG Joe Dooley.



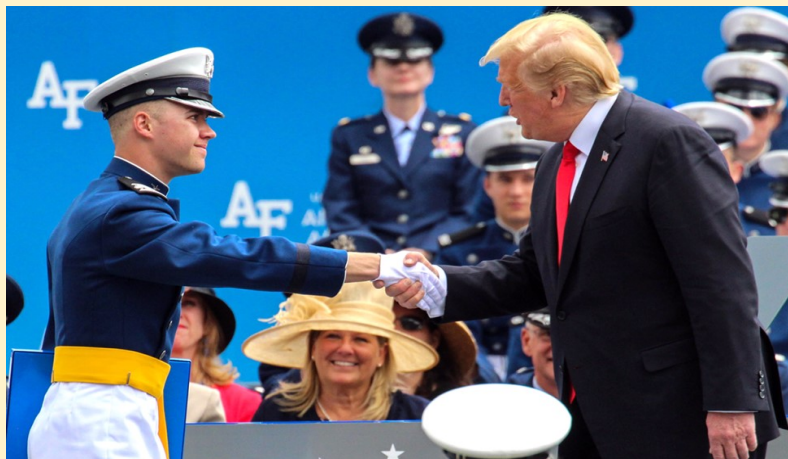
*Cameron Hoover receives recognition as the winner of the 2014 CASSAR Enhanced JROTC Scholarship Contest*

Skip forward 4 years.

This past June, Cadet Cameron Hoover graduated from the USAF Academy as the top cadet in his major (meteorology). He also graduated in the top 10% of his class (2019).



*Pinning Ceremony when Cameron received his second lieutenant bars. (L-R) Cameron's stepfather Mike Gonzales (USAF retired), his mother Christina Gonzales, Cameron, Jim Fosdyck and Un Hui Yi.*



*President Donald J. Trump congratulating and shaking the hand of Second Lieutenant Cameron Hoover*

*Postscript: In August, Lieutenant Hoover started his flight training in Texas.*

## Sacramento Chapter

Three New Compatriots Inducted in August.



**Mark John Mozdy** (above left) was born in Meadville, PA. After college, Mark moved to San Jose, CA, in 1979 working for Lockheed Missiles and Space Company and later for Computer Sciences Corporation Defense Systems division, MCI, and Verizon, retiring in 2016. His application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved May 15, 2019. His Patriot ancestor was John Hart, Vice President of Provincial Congress, and signer of the Declaration of Independence.

**Charles Karlsson** (above center) is a retired railroad engineer and a 5th generation Sacramento native. He currently lives in Lodi, CA. His application was approved on July 26, 2019. His patriot ancestor was Julius Beach, a private in Capt. Woods Company, 2nd Regiment commanded by Col Herman Swift.

**Jimmy Stephenson** (above right) was born in Vallejo, CA and grew up in Waco, Texas, and Woodland, CA. He graduated from Pioneer High School and enlisted in the USAF. He recently transferred to active reserve status as a staff Sgt at Travis AFB. He currently lives in Newman, CA, with his wife, Tiffany. Jimmy's application was approved on Feb 26, 2015 however he was deployed in the middle east at the time his application was approved; his patriot ancestor is Patrick Anderson, a Captain in the Pennsylvania Musketry Battalion and the Pennsylvania State Regiment.

## VETERANS RECOGNITION



The SAR Veterans Recognition Committee provides recognition to living SAR veterans by awarding the SAR Certificates of Patriotism. During our August 17th meeting, we presented six Certificates of Patriotism to 4 Compatriots:





Wesley Anderson (above left), two Special Ops Certificates of Patriotism for Operations Praying Mantis and Eldorado Canyon.  
 Jimmy Stephenson (above center), two Southwest Asia Certificates of Patriotism for Operations Enduring Freedom and Inherent Resolve.  
 Craig Anderson (above right), presenter.



*Will Gunter, Sacramento Chapter President; Roy Adkins, Military Service Certificate; Craig Anderson, Military Service Certificate*





# Around the National Society



## George Washington Endowment Fund

California Members 2019 Congress – SAR

July, 2019



*L-R: Stephen Renouf, Robert Taylor, James Klingler, Brian Stephens, John Ferris, Kent Gregory, Don Littlefield, Russ Kaiser, Dan McKelvie, Edward Torrance, John Dodd, James Blauer, James Fosdyck, David Gilliard, Scott Whitman, Ronald Barker, Ray Raser and Arnold Burr.*

*New California Society Fellows pinned at the luncheon: Robert Taylor, Brian Stephens, Kent Gregory, Don Littlefield, Russ Kaiser, Edward Torrance, James Blauer, David Gilliard, Scott Whitman, Ray Raser, and Arnold Burr. Other new California Society Fellows that were camera shy: R. Paul Weddell, James Bellows, Philip Mitchell, Kevin Bidenkap, Frank Campo, Wayne Rogers and Fred Schuster.*



*L-R: Compatriot Wayne Rogers of the Eagle, Riverside and San Diego Chapters receiving his GWEF lapel pin and certificate from Jim Fosdyck.*



*L-R: Compatriots Jim Olds, Kevin Bidenkap, James Bellows of the Harbor Chapter receiving their lapel pins and certificates from Jim Fosdyck.*

## *SAR Annual Congress, Costa Mesa, California*



*The California Contingent attending the NSSAR 2019 Annual Congress*

The California Society hosted the 129th Annual SAR Congress at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa Hotel in Costa Mesa, California, from July 5-11, 2019. The California Society was represented by President Robert (Darian) Taylor, Vice President General Ronald (Conni) Barker, Genealogist General Jim (Karen) Faulkinbury, Past President General Larry (Barbara) Magerkurth, SAR Foundation Board Member John (Karen) Dodd, SAR Foundation Board Member Rev. Louis (Karen) Carlson, Executive Committee Member Kent (Lisa) Gregory, National Trustee for Spain Society Stephen (Joy) Renouf, National Trustee for California Society Derek (Janet) Brown, Executive Vice President Don Littlefield, Vice President South Brian (Diane) Stephens, Treasurer James (Lidia) Klingler, Surgeon Matthew Bowdish, Color Guard Commander James (Un Hui) Fosdyck, Past President Charles Lampman, Past President Robert Ebert, Tom (Anne) Adams, Kevin Bidekap, Jim Blauer, Arnold (Emily) Burr, Tony Chakurian, Rico de Leon, Douglas Drake and Diane Ellis, John (Liz) Ferris, James Gill, James (Christina) Greenway, David Grinnell and Victor Ranieri, Russell (Donna) Kaiser, Mark (JoAnn) Kramer, Thomas Laswell, Henry (Mary) Lucas, Daniel (Karen) McKelvie, Philip Mitchell, William (Karen) Nay, James Olds, Gregory Owens, Ray (Gail) Raser, Kevin Tierney, Edward Torrence, Bruce Wearda, Robert Whitman, and Larry (Sharon) Wood.

John Dodd served as the California Society Congress Chairman; Kent Gregory and Stephen Renouf served as Vice Chairmen; and Janet Brown served as Ladies Coordinator. The California Society had MANY volunteers from California chapters to help us host a great meeting for the Sons of the American Revolution: Orange County (33), Riverside (8), South Coast (7), Harbor (6), Gold Country (5), Sacramento (4), San Diego (4), Thomas Jefferson (4), Coachella Valley (2), General Patton (2), Eagle (1), Kern (1), Redlands (1), and San Francisco (1). We also had volunteers from other State Societies: Nevada (2), Virginia (2), and Washington (1).

Stephen Renouf, Jim Klingler, John Dodd, Derek Brown, and Bob Taylor served on the CASSAR Congress Budget Committee. The congress bags were prepared by Janet Brown, John Dodd, Karen Dodd, Lacy Dodd, Arnie Burr (Nut Captain), Kent Gregory, Brian Stephens, Dianne Stephens, Mark Kramer, and JoAnn Kramer. Leon Smith and Steve Steinberg prepared a list of restaurants for congress attendees. Un Hui Fosdyck served as aid to NSSAR First Lady Nancy Alter. The Registration Desk was manned by Jim Faulkinbury (Chairman), Phil Mitchell, Mark Kramer, JoAnn Kramer, John Ferris, Gus Fischer, Don Littlefield, Gary Bohannon, Chuck Lampman, Bill Schwetke (VA), Ryan Jackson, James Gill, Jim Olds, Brandon Villardi, Kevin Tierney, Steven Steinberg, Paul Sapp, Scott Whitman, Harry Bellows, Jamie Bellows, Robert Sexton (WA), Phil Hinshaw, Don Boatright, Jim Blauer, Dan Casey, Charles Smith (NV), Phyllis Smith (NV), Mark Torres, Henry Lucas, Charlie Gentis, Arnie Burr, Jerry Hereford, Tom Laswell, Hans Hunt, and David Beall.



The Credentials Desk was manned by Ron Barker (Chairman), Karl Jacobs, Dave Gilliard, Ray Raser, Phil Hinshaw, David Beall, Tom Adams, Bob Ebert, and Ted Carlson. The volunteers did a wonderful job at processing people quickly and efficiently.

## THURSDAY

On Thursday, July 4, 2019, Kent Gregory was Day Captain, and Derek Brown was Assistant Day Captain. People began arriving, and preliminary set ups were done for the registration desk and headquarters offices. CASSAR volunteers Jim Fosdyck (Chairman), Un Hui Yi, Matt Noell, Larry Hansen, Mark Torres, Charles Gentis, Scott Whitman, Wayne Rogers, Larry Wood, Sharon Wood, Liz Ferris, Bunny Smith, and Dan McMillan served as airport greeters for the first few days of the congress, when people were arriving from around the country and the world.

## FRIDAY

On Friday, July 5, 2019, Derek Brown was Day Captain, and Jim Klingler was Assistant Day Captain. Kent Gregory (member), and Jim Faulkinbury (guest) attended the Executive Committee Meeting. Treasurer General David Wright discussed the upgrade of the accounting software. The procedures for opening mail and depositing checks to the SAR and the SAR Foundation were discussed because a complaint had been voiced about the time it took for a donation check to be deposited. The proposed Constitution and Bylaw amendments for Congress were discussed. PG Mike Tomme reported on the progress with Mission Data, which finished the Member Database and was now working on the Website. Don Shaw reported that RFPs for the SAR History book are still being collected.



*CASSAR National Trustee Derek Brown and CALAUX President Janet Brown*

Lee Popham gave an update on the budget and spending to date. Don Shaw reported that a genealogist had resigned, and he had already hired a replacement. Bill Stone described the video made by SolidLight about the progress on the plans for the SAR Education Center and Museum. PG Alter reported that 58% of members had replied to the PCI inquiries for the Member directory to be published, which resulted in the correction of many member emails and addresses we had on file. The member directory books should be received by the end of the year. PG Alter had asked all Executive Committee members to review the five application forms currently allowed for new member applications. After discussion, the Executive Committee voted to direct the Genealogy Committee to move to only one accepted application form – the online form which captures the data.

Kent Gregory reported that the Museum Board had chosen Cowan's Auctions to sell over four hundred deaccessioned items by online auction. He also reported that three artifacts were being donated during Congress, and that six other artifacts are being purchased by members to be donated at Fall Leadership. The Insurance Committee made a recommendation for purchasing liability insurance for all states at the national level and charging the state societies the prorated costs. The Executive Committee sent the proposal back to the committee because there are no insurance companies that sell insurance in all 50 states. An issue with the legal agreement with Hillsdale College for the America's Founding Documents Program was discussed and sent back to the Education Committee for a recommendation from the entire committee. PG Alter pointed out that money was spent on a pilot test of the program, but the results have not been reported back to the trustees.

The Ladies Auxiliary set up their hospitality room in Balboa Bay I & II. The hospitality room was run by Janet Brown, Karen Dodd, Lacy Dodd, Brenda Torres, JoAnn Kramer, Karen Faulkinbury, Mary Hinshaw, Gail Raser, Gloria Noell, Liz Ferris, Lisa Gregory, Mary Lucas, Dianne Stephens, and Karen McKelvie

Janet Brown, Karen Carlson, Lisa Gregory, Mary Anne Littlefield, and Barbara Van Valkenburg donated Keurigs for the hospitality room. The ladies in the hospitality room provided over 60 cups of coffee a day (plus hot chocolate, tea, and water), and provided breakfast snacks and afternoon cookie snacks for people during the congress.

The CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary Recipe Book, *Cooking at the Missions & Ranches 1776*, was created by Conni Barker (Editor), Karen Dodd, Un Hui Yi, Karen McKelvie, Karen Carlson, and Jan Powers.

The California Society hosted a volunteer lunch to honor the many Compatriots who volunteered to help make the SAR Congress in Costa Mesa a success. We had a catered lunch in the patio area of the hotel. There was a great turn out to kick start the Congress.

On Friday evening, some of the California Society compatriots went to dinner at Water Grill Restaurant, which was across from the South Coast Mall. At 8:19PM, we felt the 7.1 Ridgecrest Earthquake (120 miles away). This followed the 6.4 earthquake the day before, and the 5.4 earthquake in the morning.

## **SATURDAY**

On Saturday, July 6, 2019, Jim Klingler was Day Captain, and Hammond Salley was Assistant Day Captain. Phil Mitchell, Hans Hunt, Kevin Bidekap, Karen Carlson, Lisa Gregory, and Jim Klingler served as bus captains for the various tours. The SAR provided bottled water to attendees. Janet Brown, John Dodd, Kent Gregory, Hammond Salley, Jamie Bellows, Jim Fosdyck, Phil Mitchell, Karen Carlson, Larry Hansen, and Bob Taylor provided ice chests to keep the waters cold. There was an optional tour to the Lyon Air Museum in Santa Ana, and the Nixon Library in Yorba Linda. The Lyon Air Museum holds the plane collection of Major General William Lyon (USAF-Ret), and had a temporary exhibit on Ferraris. We saw a Boeing B-17 "Flying Fortress," a Douglas A-26 "Invader," a Douglas C-47 "Dakota," an American Airlines Douglas DC-3, a North American B-25 "Mitchell," as well as other planes. We saw Adolph Hitler's 1939 Mercedes-Benz Model G4 Offener Touring Wagon, which he used to visit Paris in 1940. We also saw American and German motorcycles, Jeeps and trucks from World War II. We next visited the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum, and had a luncheon there, while listening to the US Marines Band in the adjacent room. After lunch, we had a tour of the Nixon Museum, including having our pictures taken behind the desk at the replica Oval Office. We saw the exhibits on the Vietnam War, and Nixon's Visit to China. We saw the special exhibit on *Apollo XI: One Giant Leap for Mankind*, which highlighted the Nixon Era Space Program and Moon Landing. We had time to visit the Pat Nixon Rose Garden, and the garden graves of Richard and Pat Nixon. We toured the house built by Nixon's father in Yorba Linda, where he was born and grew up with his siblings. We went on the Marine One helicopter (Sikorsky VH-3A "Sea King") that Nixon used when he left the White House for the final time. For those not going to the Lyon Air Museum and the Nixon Library, there was an optional tour of the Huntington Library in San Marino, California. Attendees were able to view the library and art collections, as well as the botanical gardens, and have lunch in the Huntington Café.

In the evening, the California Society Host Reception was held on the Hornblower Cruise Ship, *Endless Dreams*, where we had a Newport Harbor Cruise. Bob Taylor, Don Littlefield, Brian Stephens, Derek Brown, Jim Faulkinbury, Ron Barker, and Chuck Lampman were bus captains. Upon arrival, people were able to get drinks before the *Endless Dreams* left dock. Once the cruise began, people lined up at the buffet for dinner. Following dinner, the waiters passed out mini cupcakes for dessert. There was also a crepe station set up for those who wanted a premium dessert. The ship sailed up and down Newport Harbor past Lido Island and Balboa Island. It was a great opportunity to meet fellow compatriots from around the country, and enjoy the sunset cruise.

Due to scheduling for Orations Contest practice, the Orations contestants were not able to go on the Hornblower cruise. The California Society arranged for a pizza party in the hotel so they would be able to practice. The pizza party was run by Dan McKelvie (Chairman), Karen McKelvie, John Ferris, Liz Ferris, Mark Torres, Brenda Torres, and Spencer Torres.



## SUNDAY

On Sunday, July 7, 2019, Stephen Renouf was Day Captain, and John Ferris was Assistant Day Captain. Jim Fosdyck, Mark Kramer, Charles Lampman, and Bob Taylor attended the Color Guard Committee Breakfast. Dan McKelvie was presented with the SAR Von Steuben Medal. The committee discussed the Castaways Park review prior to the Memorial Service, and announced that color guardsmen would be permitted to bring muskets and sabers in the church for the Memorial Service. Mark Kramer would be performing safety checks. The committee voted to expand the definition of a national color guard event to include events where the president general is unable to attend, but designates the current secretary general or treasurer general to represent him at the event. Under old business, the committee discussed the safety policy. Mark Kramer discussed insurance that the California Society obtained from the reenactors insurance corporation. Individual policies are \$48 per year per chapter policy. Dan Woodruff (SC), the incoming chairman of the insurance committee, suggested forming a subcommittee consisting of members of the insurance and the color guard committees to hammer out differences from state to state policies. The safety policy was passed. Mark Kramer asked for members to work with the insurance committee to hammer out any small details, and Mark Kramer, Scott Collins, Rudy Byrd, Alan Green and Lou Raborg



*Color Guard Safety Officer Mark Kramer (L) and Commander Mark Anthony (R) present a national Von Steuben Color Guard Medal to Dan McKelvie (Center) of the California Society*



*Un Hui Yi presents NSSAR Color Guard Commander Mark Anthony a quilt from Quilt Reaction Force*

volunteered. Mark Anthony was presented a beautiful patriotic quilt made by Un Hui Yi for his service as national color guard commander.

Ron Barker chaired the Americanism Committee, which was attended by Tom Adams, and Dave Gilliard. The committee conducted the final poster judging: first place was Jasmine Gadot of the California Society (Gold Country Chapter), second place was the Kansas Society, and third place was the North Carolina Society. For the second year, the committee recognized Middle School Brochure Contest entries from States that originated in a local CAR society. This year, there was one that qualified – it was from the Massachusetts Society. Tom Adams gave the certificate to headquarters staff to pass along to the Massachusetts Society.

The final meeting of the Board of Trustees for 2018-19 was held on Sunday morning. The minutes of the Spring Trustees Meeting were approved. A few items were discussed, and President General Warren Alter adjourned the final meeting of the trustees for 2018-19.

On Sunday afternoon, the SAR Color Guard were bused to Castaways Park at Newport Beach. Matthew Bowd-  
ish, Henry Lucas, Paul Garcia, Connie Barker, Janet Brown, and Jim Klingler served as bus captains. The Color  
Guard processed to the Marine One Monument with beautiful Newport Bay as a backdrop. PG Warren Alter  
president over a ceremony in which Orange County Chapter member Don Webb, a past mayor of Newport



*L-R: Jack Manning, NSSAR President General; Adele Lancaster, CSSDAR State Regent ; Denise Van Buren, NSDAR President General; Diane Stephens, and Brian Stephens, CASSAR - DAR Liaison*

Beach, read a proclamation from the current mayor. Following pictures, the Color Guard was bused to the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach for the National Society's Annual Memorial Service. Dave Gilliard and David Duffield drove golf carts for people with mobility issues. The National Society remembered the SAR compatriots who died in the previous year.

After the Memorial Service, several committees met in the late afternoon. The Bylaws and Legal Advisory Committee reviewed bylaw amendment proposals from State societies. Derek Brown at-

tended the meeting of the Knight Essay Contest, which discussed the 4-year budget, and having annual prizes of \$5,000 (first), \$2,500 (second), and \$1,000 (third).

They want to encourage State Societies to give financial aid to state winners. They had \$18,000 in donations last quarter. The deadline for State Societies to submit state winners to National for the 2020 contest will be April 30, 2020. Derek Brown, and Jim Faulkinbury attended the meeting of the Germany Society, where they discussed new member applications, financial status and donations, and forming an SAR Chapter in Germany. There was a brief discussion on a potential trip to Germany in the future. They elected an alternate trustee for the Germany Society. Phil Hinshaw attended the meeting of the Newsletters & Periodicals Committee with three other people, but the chairman did not attend. Stephen Renouf chaired the meeting of the Medals & Awards Committee, which was attended by members Bob Ebert, and guests Derek Brown, and Phil Hinshaw. The committee unanimously approved a proposal for the Colorado Society SAR 125th Anniversary Medal (proposed by the Colorado Society).

This is a limited edition medal – they are only making 125 medals for sale at \$35 per set. The committee unanimously approved a proposal for the US Flag Retirement Award (proposed by the NSSAR Flag Committee). This award, similar to the Admiral Furlong Award, is for State Societies

for presenting the US Flag Retirement Certificates. It is funded by the NSSAR Flag Committee, with funds that will last over 18 years. The committee unanimously approved a proposal to remove the “silk” requirement in the description of the SAR Broad Sash in SAR Handbook Vol. IV, page 6 (proposed by the Medals & Awards Committee). The committee unanimously approved a proposal to approve the 2020 SAR Congress Medal (proposed by the Virginia Society), which will be sold for \$35 per set. The Medals & Awards Committee went into executive session, and approved the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal for Gen. Gordon Sullivan (proposed by the Virginia Society), who is leading a capital campaign for the National Museum of the US Army at Fort Belvoir, Virginia; for Thomas Walker (proposed by the Alabama Society), who helped to create the American Village living history museum; and for Sang Chui Lee, who promoted Taekwondo in the US and the world, and led the US Olympic Taekwondo Team in the 1988 Seoul Olympics.



*Mary Hinshaw, Karen Jarrard former DAR CA Regent, Gail Raser*



## MONDAY

On Monday, July 8, 2019, John Ferris was Day Captain, and Brian Stephens was Assistant Day Captain. Robert Taylor and Derek Brown attended the Council of State Presidents' Breakfast. President General Warren Alter presented the Silver Certificate of Appreciation for the Council of State Presidents to Peter Davenport, John Fulwider, Stephen Hinson, Bobbie Hulse, David Jessel, Patrick Kelly, Kevin Mullen, William Schwetky, George Stickney, Michael Sullivan, Robert Taylor, and Kevin Waldroup. He presented the Gold Certificate of Appreciation for the Council of State Presidents to Kevin Carr. President General Warren Alter opened the 129th Annual Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution. State Senator John Moorlach sent his district director, Scott Carpenter, to present a resolution to the Sons of the American Revolution. Orange County Supervisor Michelle Steel sent her district director, Tim Whitacre, to present a resolution.

Costa Mesa Mayor Katrina Foley presented a proclamation to the Sons of the American Revolution. Costa Mesa Councilwoman and Past Mayor Sandra Genis addressed the SAR Congress. President General Denise Doring VanBuren of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Senior National President Norma Griffin of the Children of the American Revolution brought greetings to the Sons of the American Revolution. Grand Viscount General Lindsey C. Brock brought greetings from the Order of the Founders of North America, Governor General Jim Fosdyck brought greetings from the Order of the First Families of Maryland, Governor Bruce Merritt brought greetings from the Society of Colonial Wars in California, Eric Stassforth brought greetings from the Society of War of 1812 in California, Ray Raser brought greetings from the California Mayflower Descendants, and Commander Stephen Renouf brought greetings from the California Commandery of the Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States. PG Alter introduced Chuck Klausmeyer, the senior creative producer for mikeroweWORKS. Mr. Klausmeyer accepted the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal for Mike Rowe, the host of the television program *Dirty Jobs*. His foundation, mikeroweWORKS, grants scholarships to students studying blue collar trades. Mr. Klausmeyer played a voicemail from Mike Rowe in which he apologized for not being able to be present to accept the award, and said he was humbled to receive the prestigious award from the Sons of the American Revolution. The California Society will arrange to re-present the medal to him at a future date when he is in California. During the presentation of gifts, President Robert Taylor presented the annual California Society donation of \$1,000 to the SAR Center. The past presidents general gave their comments.

The Youth Awards luncheon was held at the hotel, with T. Rex Legler of the Indiana Society as emcee. Following lunch, Chairman of the SAR Poster Contest Ron Barker announced that the winner (\$300 cash prize) was Jasmine Gadot (sponsored by the Gold Country Chapter in CA) with a poster on Sybil Ludington. Kansas came in second place (\$150), and North Carolina came in third place (\$100). Ron Barker announced that the SAR Brochure Contest winner (\$350 cash prize) was South Carolina Society, Ohio came in second place (\$250), and Kentucky and Maryland came in third place (\$150). Chairman Ed Rigel of the King Eagle Scout Award announced that the winner was Ambrose Terneus of Nebraska, who read his essay, "Abraham Whipple: Audacity in the Atlantic." He received \$10,000 for first place. The second place winner (\$6,000) was from Texas, and the third place winner (\$4,000) was from Kentucky. The Dr. Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award was announced – the winners were Jonathan Bragwell (elementary school teacher in AL), Christopher Razo (middle school teacher in AZ), and Renny Taylor (high school teacher in NC), who each won \$5,000. Darrin Schmidt, the chairman of the CAR Committee, presented a check for \$1,000 for National CAR President Mackie Storage's national project – *Foundations of Freedom* – which will raise funds for Ferry Farm, the childhood home of George Washington. James M. Lindley, the chairman of the SAR Knight Essay Contest, introduced winner Caleb Sheppard (Florida), and he read the winning essay on "The Right to Keep and Bear Arms: The History and Meaning of the Second Amendment." He received \$5,000 for first place. The second place winner (\$2,500) was from Virginia, and the third place winner (\$1,000) was from Indiana.

Chairman David Perkins of the Outstanding JROTC Cadet Award announced the winner was Air Force Cadet Major Boston John of Utah, who received \$4,000 for first place. The second place winner (\$1,500) was from Oklahoma, and the third place winner (\$1,000) was from Virginia. Chairmen John Bredenfoerder of the SAR Rumbaugh Oration Contest announced the winner (\$5,000) of the oration contest was Allison Stanley, sponsored by the Alabama Society, and she delivered her oration on the power of words. She referenced *Common Sense* by Thomas Paine, and explained how his words were a powerful weapon in the battle for American Independence. Following the Youth program, the seersucker sages took their picture – including Jim and Karen Faulkinbury, and Un Hui Fosdyck.

On Monday afternoon, the committee chairmen gave their report to congress. Chairman Peter Davenport of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee presented the recommendations of the committee. The first proposal was to amend Article III of the SAR Constitution to define two new categories of membership – national life members, and emeritus members.

The committee recommended approval, and the motion passed. The second proposal (from the Indiana Society) was to amend Article IV of the SAR Constitution to increase the term of general officers (except vice presidents general) from one year to two years. The bylaws committee recommended disapproval, and congress voted to defeat the proposal. The third proposal was to amend Bylaw 1, Section 7 to allow memorial members for two generations from the application upon which it is based in either direction – two generations prior to the application, or two generations after the application. The bylaws committee recommended approval, and the motion passed. The fourth proposal was to amend Bylaw 19, Section 1 to eliminate the “Independent Audit Committee,” and add its responsibilities to the “Audit Committee,” and increase the number of members of the Audit Committee from five to seven members. The bylaws committee recommended approval, and the motion passed. The fifth proposal was to amend Bylaw 19, Section 1(h)(1) to change the Historian General, Librarian General, and Curator from ex-officio members of the Museum Board to non-voting members of the Museum Board. The bylaws committee recommended the proposal be accepted, and the motion passed. The sixth proposal was to amend Bylaw 20, but it was withdrawn by the Indiana Society as moot due to the defeat of the proposal for two-year terms for general officers. The seventh proposal (from the Indiana Society) was to amend Bylaw 20, Section 1 to restrict the membership of the nominating committee to people with little to no experience in the National Society. The bylaws committee recommended disapproval, and congress voted to defeat the proposal. The eighth proposal (from the Indiana Society) was to amend Bylaw 20, Section 2 to make the nominating committee impotent by having them simply list all nominees for each office without recommending the most qualified. The bylaws committee recommended disapproval, and congress voted to defeat the proposal. The ninth proposal was to amend Bylaw 24, Section 3 to remove a national life member from the roll and suspend payment of their national dues if they are not current members in any state society. National dues payments will be resumed upon his reinstatement by a state society. The committee recommended the proposal be approved, and the motion passed. The tenth proposal was to amend Bylaw 33 regarding discipline, procedure and due process. There was a spirited discussion over section 10, and congress voted to postpone the discussion until Tuesday. The eleventh proposal was to amend Bylaw 34, Section 1 (proposed by the Michigan Society) to remove the requirements for membership in the national ladies’ auxiliary, and replace the text with “meeting the eligibility requirements as provided in the bylaws of the ladies’ auxiliary.” The bylaws committee recommended approval, and the proposal was approved. The annual congress then recessed for the day.

At 5PM, the California Society held a pizza party to honor new Minuteman Jim Faulkinbury. We ordered pizza from the Hotel kitchen, and had them delivered to the California Hospitality Suite for the CASSAR members and their SAR guests. At 8PM, the Minuteman Ceremony and Awards Night was held.



The current Minutemen marched into the room, and the 2019 Minuteman candidates were inducted: Michael Elston (VA), Jim Faulkinbury (CA), Larry Leslie (KY), James Lindley (WA), Thomas Showler (PA), and William Stone (AL). Following the Minuteman Ceremony, there was a brief recess, and then the Awards Night continued. Patrick Mesnard of the France Society was presented with the SAR Gold Roger Sherman Medal, and Brigitte Mesnard was presented with the SAR Martha Washington Medal. The California Society won the SAR William M. Melone Award for the state society that had the largest number of approved supplemental memberships, the Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award for state societies that present SAR Flag Certificates, and the CAR Activity Award for state societies that have worked with the Children of the American Revolution. The California Society received participation certificates for competing in the Brochure Contest, the Outstanding JROTC Cadet Contest, the Knight Essay Contest, the Eagle Scout Contest, and the Poster Contest. California Compatriots received Certificates of Appreciation for serving at National: Jim Faulkinbury (Genealogist General), and Kent Gregory (Executive Committee). California Compatriots received Certificates of Appreciation for chairing national committees in 2018-19: Chairman Ronald Barker (Americanism), Vice Chairman James Fosdyck (Color Guard Committee), Vice Chairman Ronald Barker (Council of Vice Presidents General), Vice Chairman Ronald Barker (Education), Chairman James Klingler (Finance), Vice Chairman Jim Faulkinbury (Information Technology), Vice Chairman James Klingler (Investment), Chairman Stephen Renouf (Medals & Awards), Chairman Kent Gregory (Museum Board), Chairman Stephen Renouf (Premium Membership Medals), Vice Chairman John Dodd (Premium Membership Medals), and Chairman John Dodd (Youth Exchange Program). Gary O. Green was presented the SAR Color Guardsman of the Year Award by PG Alter and Jim Fosdyck. The following California Compatriots received the Liberty Medal for being the first line sponsor of ten new members: Kerry A. Adams, David A. Gilliard, and Harry M. Stover, Jr. The following compatriots received the oak leaf cluster for multiple awards of the Liberty Medal: Terry L. Briggs (2), James H. Cunningham (2), Jim Faulkinbury, M. Kent Gregory (2), Donald H. Gurley (2), Gary D. Jensen (3), Richard J. McMullen (2), Raymond Raser (2), and Owen Stiles.

## **TUESDAY**

On Tuesday, July 9, 2019, Brian Stephens was Day Captain, and Dan McKelvie was Assistant Day Captain. The SAR districts held their breakfast meetings. Derek Brown, John Dodd and Bob Taylor attended the Intermountain/Western/Pacific/Rocky Mountain District Breakfast. Attendees were introduced to district officers, and activities in the districts were announced. Candidates for opposed offices campaigned at the district breakfasts.

After breakfast, the SAR Congress reconvened. Chairman Peter Davenport of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee then finished up the voting on the bylaws amendments. The bylaws committee reformulated the contentious section 10 of bylaw 33, and the proposal was approved as amended. The Executive Committee made a proposal to purchase a check scanner for the 5/3 Bank to facilitate deposits, and the proposal was approved. The Nominating Committee report was presented: John Manning for president general, Davis Wright for secretary general, Bruce Pickette for treasurer general, Peter Davenport for chancellor general, Jim Faulkinbury for genealogist general, William Stone for historian general, Doug Collins for registrar general, Tony Vets for Librarian General, Dr. Darryl Addington for surgeon general, David Felts for chaplain general, Warren Alter for SAR Foundation Board (PG Position), and John Dodd for SAR Foundation Board (At-Large).

John Thornhill was nominated from the floor to run for registrar general. The slate of vice presidents general was presented – including Jim Fosdyck (Western District). All the general officers and vice presidents general nominated for positions that were uncontested were elected unanimously by acclamation. The election board was appointed to conduct the election for registrar general. The credentials committee reported that there were 205 registered delegates to the SAR Congress. Congress was recessed for committee meetings in the afternoon.

At Noon on Tuesday, Ron Barker, Jim Blauer, Arnold Burr, John Dodd, John Ferris, James Fosdyck, David Giliard, Kent Gregory, Russell Kaiser, Jim Klingler, Don Littlefield, Dan McKelvie, Ray Raser, Brian Stephens, Robert Taylor, Edward Torrence, and Robert Whitman attended the George Washington Endowment Fund Luncheon in the Fountain Terrace Room, and Stephen Renouf took pictures for the absent Un Hui Fosdyck. New George Washington Fellows received their pins from President General Warren Alter.

On Tuesday afternoon, Lou Carlson, Jim Klingler, and Dan McKelvie attended the meeting of the Finance/Budget Committee, where they discussed details of the SAR budget. Jim Faulkinbury attended the Membership Committee meeting, but there was not a quorum to conduct business. The compatriots in attendance were asked to determine ways to get former members to reinstate for the next meeting at the Fall Leadership Meeting. Derek Brown, Donald Littlefield, and Robert Taylor attended the Council of State Presidents Business Meeting.

In the absence of President Tom Jackson (TX), Dan Woodruff (SC) was elected acting president, and the Council discussed future goals, such as membership retention. The Council elected four members (and four alternates) to the National Society Nominating Committee – Robert Taylor (CA), Robert Meyer (NJ), James Becker (NC), and Kenneth Goodson (MI). The four alternates elected were Dr. John Fulwider



*California Society VP South  
Brian Stephens, PG Jack Manning,  
Diane Stephens*



*Cmdr. Chuck Lampman (seated) and  
Bob Ebert (standing)*

(MS), L. Stephen Hinson (OH), Harry Roberts III (DE), and Ed Hoak (MA). The new Council of State Presidents officers for 2018-19 are: President Robert Taylor (CA), Secretary Kevin Carr (NM), and Assistant Secretary Anthony Abbott (WA). The Council discussed the need for volunteers for the SAR Patriot Research System (PRS), and it was estimated to take about 20 minutes per application to enter the SAR member to the patriot along with intermediate ancestors. This can be done by chapter members who may not be able to actively participate in chapter meetings. They also noted that the New Members Manual was on SAR ShareFile.

John Dodd, David Grinnell, and Stephen Renouf attended the Historian General's History Seminar on *Quakers in the Age of Revolution*. The guest speaker, Dr. Patrick Cecil (a member of the Orange County Chapter), spoke about the settlement of Quakers in Pennsylvania, and their friendship with the local Indians. He discussed the Paxton Boys (frontiersmen of Scots-Irish heritage), who were vigilantes formed to retaliate against Indians following the French & Indian War and Pontiac's War. He discussed the split between pacifist Quakers and Quakers who supported the Revolution, and the expulsion of pacifist Quakers, who were interned in Virginia. General Washington asked Pennsylvania to allow the wives and daughters to visit their relatives in the internment camps. After the Revolutionary War, General Mad Anthony Wayne asked the Quakers for help in pacifying the Indians since they had good relations with the Indians. John Dodd, Kent Gregory, and Stephen Renouf attended the meeting of the Congress Review Committee, which discussed the successes and failures of the Costa Mesa Congress. There were only a few minor issues that needed to be addressed in future congresses. Balloting was held for the contested race for registrar general.



The SAR Ladies Auxiliary held a luncheon at the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana, California. Conni Barker and Karen Carlson served as bus captains. Following lunch, a representative from the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation spoke about their vital work training search dogs. The Ladies Auxiliary raised about \$10,310 for the foundation. The ladies had time to explore the museum, visiting the permanent collections on Sacred Realms, Ceramics of Western Mexico, First Californians, California Bounty, California Legacies, Gemstone Carvings, Spirits and Headhunters, and Ancient Arts of China. They also were able to visit the special exhibit on international fashion designer Guo Pei.

On Tuesday evening at 5:25PM, the California Society had their group picture taken by Penny Rogo-Bailes. Janet Brown, Kathryn Brown, Lacy Dodd, Karen Dodd, Darian Taylor, Conni Barker, and Karen Carlson set up the table decorations for the Tuesday and Wednesday banquets. At the President General Banquet, the outgoing vice presidents general and general officers processed into the banquet room. The National Color Guard held the change of command ceremony, as National Color Guard Commander Mark Anthony turned over command of the National Color Guard to James Fosdyck of the California Society. It was announced that Doug Collins of Kentucky won the election for Registrar General held earlier in the afternoon. Following dinner, the California Society procured a special guest speaker – Captain Charlie Plumb (USN-Ret), an outstanding motivational speaker. He was a farm boy from Kansas who dreamed of being a pilot.

He secured an appointment to the US Naval Academy, and following his graduation, he attended the Navy Fighter Weapons “Top Gun” School in San Diego.

He served on the Aircraft Carrier *USS Kitty Hawk*, and flew 74 successful combat missions over Communist North Vietnam in a F-4 Phantom Jet (he was code named “Plumber”). Five days before the end of his tour in Vietnam, Captain Plumb was shot down over Hanoi and taken prisoner. He spent the next 2,103 days in an 8-foot by 8-foot POW cell, subject to cruel torture by the Communists. He described how he learned to communicate with other prisoners in adjoining cells by use of a code developed for tugs on a wire. He helped to inspire fellow prisoners, and keep their morale up despite their horrendous predicament. Following the end of the Vietnam War, and his repatriation to the United States, he continued his Naval career as a pilot – retiring after 28 years of service in the United States Navy. Captain Plumb is now a highly sought after motivational speaker. President General Warren Alter presented Captain Plumb with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation and a desktop Liberty Bell in gratitude for his enthralling presentation. PG Alter inducted Captain Joseph Charles Plumb, Jr. into the Sons of the American Revolution, and John Dodd pinned the SAR Rosette on his collar. PG Alter presented Compatriot Plumb with the SAR Wounded Warrior Coin and the SAR War Service Medal. The National Ladies Auxiliary officers for 2019-20 were sworn into office. President Warren Alter presented his final awards. He presented the SAR Daughters of Liberty Medal to outgoing Ladies Auxiliary president Martha Barnhart, and to Keitha Callanan. He presented the SAR Meritorious Service Medal to Richard Bryant, Paul Callanan, Doug Collins, Jim Faulkinbury, Kent Gregory, Jack Manning, David Perkins, Bruce Pickette, Ed Rigel, Sr., John Thornhill, Mike Tomme, Steve Vest, John Wakefield, and Davis Wright. He presented the SAR National Distinguished Service Medal to Kent Gregory, and Michael Tomme. Following dinner, Captain Plumb signed copies of his book, “I’m No Hero,” with the assistance of Stephen Renouf and John Ferris.

## **WEDNESDAY**

On Wednesday, July 10, 2019, Dan McKelvie was Day Captain. Derek Brown and Jim Fosdyck attended the Donor Recognition Breakfast, where the Youth Program chairmen presented awards. The SAR Congress reconvened at 9 AM.

It was announced that there were \$35k in gifts, and \$39k in pledges raised during the congress. Christopher Moberg was elected from the floor as vice president general for the North Central District. The nominations for national trustees/alternate trustees were presented, including Derek Brown/Robert Taylor (California Society), Stephen Renouf/Charles Alcaraz (Spain Society), Robert Moore/Steven Morgan (Hawaii Society), and Charles Smith/Brian Worcester (Nevada Society). There was a motion to elect the nominated trustees/alternate trustees, which passed unanimously.

President General-Elect Jack Manning's nominations for the Executive Committee were presented: Warren Alter (AZ), David Boring (AL), John Dodd (CA), Fred Olive (AL), and David Perkins (CT), and a motion to ratify the appointments passed unanimously. Jack Manning appointed Russ DeVenney (MO) as VPG of the International District, Michael Elston (VA) as Ambassador to the UK, Richard Bryant (MO) as Ambassador to the Caribbean, Derek Brown (CA) as Inspector General, Ray Wess (FL) as Deputy Inspector General, Nathan White (TX) as Project Manager, Rev. Randy Moody (FL) as Parliamentarian, Kenneth Goodson (MI) as Committee Coordinator, and David Boring (AL) as Chief Compliance Officer. President General Warren Alter declared the election of the general officers for 2019-20.



*L-R: Karen McKelvie, PG Jack Manning,  
Dan McKelvie*

There was a motion to have the general officers, vice presidents general, living past presidents general, and Executive Committee members elected as trustees, and the motion passed unanimously. There was a motion to destroy the ballots for the election, which passed. Chancellor General Dick Bryant installed the 2019-20 national trustees. President General Alter adjourned the congress. President General-Elect Jack Manning convened the first meeting of the 2019-20 Trustees. There was a motion to authorize the president general, treasurer general, secretary general, and executive director to sign bank documents, which passed. There was a motion to approve the annual renewal of the \$1.5 million line of credit with Fifth Third Bank, which passed. The trustees meeting was adjourned.

On Wednesday afternoon, there was an optional tour to Mission San Juan Capistrano in Orange County, California. We took the bus to San Juan Capistrano. The bus captains were John Dodd and Curtis Porter. We had lunch at El Adobe de Capistrano Restaurant – the northern part of the building was built in 1797 as the home of Miguel Yorba, and the southern part was built in 1812 as the *juzgado* (the court and jails) of the town. When Richard Nixon was president, the restaurant prepared Mexican food exclusively for him. The restaurant later switched from a continental menu to a Mexican menu. Following lunch, we walked two blocks to Mission San Juan Capistrano, and had a guided tour of the highlights of the mission, including the old chapel, the ruins of the 1776 mission church, and the wine-making exhibit. After the tour, we had time to wander the grounds of the mission, and do some shopping in the gift shop. We returned to the hotel in the afternoon.

On Wednesday evening, the Installation Banquet was held in the hotel ballroom. The newly elected Vice Presidents General processed, including James Fosdyck of the Western District. After dinner, President General Warren Alter presented the SAR Meritorious Service Medal to Surgeon General Darryl Addington. PG Alter presented the SAR Gold Congress Appreciation Medal to Paul Callanan; and he presented the SAR Silver Congress Appreciation Medal to John Dodd, Kent Gregory, Stephen Renouf, and Janet Brown.



PG Alter presented the SAR Lydia Darragh Medal to Nancy Alter, and presented her with a certificate certifying she is a Kentucky Colonel. John Dodd held the raffle for the CASSAR Quilt, and Charles Smith of Nevada won the quilt. John Dodd presented outgoing president Warren Alter with a “California” Hawaiian shirt, and presented a “First Lady” mug and Minnie Mouse jewelry from Disneyland to Nancy Alter. John Dodd presented incoming president Jack Manning with a “California” Hawaiian shirt, and presented a book on the California Missions to Sheila Manning. John Dodd presented NSSAR Congress Chairman Paul Callanan with an Orange County “Hawaiian” shirt, and Keitha Callanan with a Thumper



*SDSAR members at NASSAR Congress 2019  
L-R: Edward Torrence, Mary & Philip Hinshaw,  
Gail & Ray Raser*



*Ray at NASSAR Color Guard  
carried the New Hampshire  
flag-Ray's Patriot Ancestor  
Robert Packard served in NH militia  
in Rev War*

Disney figurine. Chancellor General Richard Bryant swore in new general officers, and the new Vice Presidents General. New Chancellor General Peter Davenport then installed

Jack Manning as the 116th president general of the Sons of the American Revolution. The George Washington Seal Ring Honor Guard then brought in the ring, and President General Jack Manning took the ring oath. President General Manning presented Warren Alter with the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal, and presented him with the past president general neck ribbon. President General Manning gave his inaugural address, in which he stated one of the most important duties of the President General is traveling the country to attend and support the work of chapters and states. He said he intended to continue the work of his predecessors in furthering the SAR Education Center and Museum, and continue PG Alter's program of improving communication and providing transparency to the trustees and members. President General Manning adjourned the 129th SAR Annual Congress.

## THURSDAY

On Thursday morning, July 11, 2019, Derek Brown (guest) and Kent Gregory (guest) attended the first meeting of the new Executive Committee. The appointments on committees, as required by Bylaw 19, were approved for the Budget Committee, Museum Board, Ethics Committee, Finance Committee, Genealogy Committee, Investment Committee, Handbook Committee, and Strategic Planning Committee. Fourteen members were removed from the Genealogy Committee due to lack of participation, and the need for “fresh blood” on the committee. Medals & Awards Committee Vice Chairman Paul Callanan presented the report of the Medals & Awards Committee, and the medal proposals and gold good citizenship medal proposals were all approved by the Executive Committee. The SAR Foundation met, and PG Joseph W. Dooley was elected president of the SAR Foundation Board, and Michael Elston was elected vice president.

There was an optional tour to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library on Thursday Morning. Jim Klingler served as bus captain, and had everyone boarded as soon as the buses arrived. We viewed a film on Ronald Reagan's life on the long bus ride to Simi Valley.

When we arrived, we broke into groups of 10, and were given a guided tour of Air Force One (a Boeing 707 aircraft), the Reagan Museum, and the replica of the Oval Office. We broke for lunch in the café, and then resumed our tour on our own. We saw the Marine One helicopter (from the Lyndon Johnson Administration), and took our time visiting the highlights of the Reagan Museum, including the new suit with a bullet hole from the assassination attempt, an iron beam from the World Trade Center, and exhibits on Reagan's presidency – such as the Berlin Wall, and the negotiations with General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev of the Soviet Union.

We boarded the buses in the afternoon, and saw a film on the humor of Ronald Reagan from his speeches on the long bus ride back to Costa Mesa. The California Society volunteers did a tremendous job hosting the 2019 SAR Congress in Costa Mesa, California. The volunteers will be honored by the California Society at the Fall Board of Managers Meeting in Irvine, California, later in the year. The California Society is permitted to award 30 SAR Bronze Sam Adams Congress Appreciation Medals to volunteers who helped to host the meeting.



*Compatriot Hammond Salley's CAR Grandchildren meet PG Warren Alter Alexandra, Victoria and Nate Salley) with PG Warren Alter  
Louisville, KY -June 18, 2019*

The following will receive the medal: Ron Barker, Conni Barker, Kevin Bidencap, Matthew Bowdish, Derek Brown, Kathryn Brown, Arnie Burr, Karen Carlson, Karen Dodd, Jim Faulkinbury, John Ferris, Jim Fosdyck, Un Hui Fosdyck, Dave Gilliard, Greg Hill, Hans Hunt, Karl Jacobs, Jim Klingler, Mark Kramer, Don Littlefield, Henry Lucas, Dan McKelvie, Phil Mitchell, Curtis Porter, Hammond Salley, Leon Smith, Steve Steinberg, Brian Stephens, Diane Stephens, and Darian Taylor. We want to thank ALL 80 volunteers for their service to the California Society in hosting a memorable congress in beautiful Orange County, California.

*By Stephen Renouf, CASSAR Invested Funds Trustee, with information from Tom Adams, Ron Barker, James Blauer, Derek Brown, John Dodd, Jim Faulkinbury, James Fosdyck, Dave Gilliard, Kent Gregory, Phil Hinshaw, James Klingler, Donald Littlefield, Dan McKelvie, Greg Owens, and Robert Taylor.*





NSSSAR 2019 Annual Congress  
THE SAR PRESIDENT GENERAL'S SEAL RING  
The Ring Ceremony



*Un Hui Yi bears the SAR Seal ring led by NSSAR Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck*



*Outgoing PG Warren Alter receives the ring from Un Hui Yi*



*Newly Installed PG Jack Manning awaits presentation of the SAR Seal ring by PG Alter*

## NSSAR 2019 Annual Congress - Color Guard



*L-R: John Dodd, Larry Wood, PG Alter, Nancy Alter and Don Webb.*



*Larry Wood (California Society Color Guard Adjutant South) carrying General George Washington's Position Flag.*



*President General Alter inspects the Color Guard*





*Vice Commander Jim Fosdyk and Commander Mark Anthony.  
Exit the Memorial Service.*



*Color Guard on parade at Castaways Park lead by members of the  
Los Angeles Fifes and Drums.*



*Color guard group photo at Castaways Park, Newport Beach, CA*





# CASSAR Color Guardsmen and LAUX members serving as 2019 Annual Congress Greeters

July 5, 2019



**Hilton Hotel - CASSAR Color Guardsmen and LAUX members**

(L-R) Greeters Un Hui Yi, Liz Ferris, Charlie Gentis, Matt Noell, Bunny Smith, Sharon Wood, Larry Wood, Jim Fosdyck, Dan McMillian and Larry Hansen



**John Wayne Airport Congress Greeters**

Executive Committee member Fifer Matt Noell running late appreciated the help of the SAR Color guardsmen Jim Fosdyck and Dick Bryant serving as greeters at John Wayne Airport.





## Ladies Auxiliary CASSAR

Happy Fall!

After this crazy summer with the CASSAR spring meeting and the National Congress, I'm finally getting the chance to relax and write this newsletter. I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer.

The April 2019 California meeting was small but very energetic. We finalized all of the details for the July Congress, we elected our board and had an opportunity to visit with friends.

Congress was a great success thanks to the 80+ Compatriots and Ladies of California that volunteered their time. We appreciate each and every one of you!



The Fall Board of Managers meeting will be held Nov 1-2, 2019 at the Wyndam Hotel in Irvine. Please be sure to get your hotel and meeting reservations sent in. We will be having our raffle/silent auction with the theme of "Americana". If you can't attend but would like to send a donation anyway, please send it to LACASSAR, c/o Karen Dodd, 17621 Irvine Blvd #200, Tustin, CA 92780.

Our fall outing is a "behind-the-scenes" tour of the South Coast Mall and our Saturday talk is about American flags.

*Janet Brown*  
*President LACASSAR*

## Jim Faulkinbury -Minuteman Award

National Society  
Sons of the American Revolution

At the 2019 Annual Congress, Jim Faulkinbury, Sacramento Chapter received the Minuteman Award. Jim becomes the newest California Society member of that prestigious group.



*Jim Faulkinbury*

The SAR Minuteman Award is the highest award presented to a member by the SAR. It is presented for distinguished service rendered to the SAR on the national level. Members are selected by the SAR's Minuteman Committee, made up of previous medal recipients and appointed by the SAR President General. The medal is presented by the President General at an annual Congress. It is not presented in absentia. The Minuteman Award was authorized in 1952 and, beginning in 1968, the medal is awarded to no more than six recipients every year. It is awarded to individual members on a one-time basis.

Previous California Society Compatriots to be recognized with the Minuteman award are:

Wheaton H. Brewer  
H. Lewis Mathewson  
Harold L. Putnam  
Howard C. Rowley  
Aaron M. Sargent  
Charles Ostrom  
Robert Warburton Miller

Calvin Ellsworth Chunn  
Joseph W. McLark  
Charles A. Vencill  
Donald N. Moran  
Richard F. Locke, Jr.  
Carl H. Lamb  
Robert F. Jackson  
Garrett F. Jackson

Charles R. Lampman  
Larry J. Magerkurth  
Marston Watson  
Stanley W. De Long  
Karl W. Jacobs  
John L. Dodd  
Stephen R. Renouf



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## **Addendum to the California Compatriot**

### **SAR Patriot Chest Program**

#### **KERN CHAPTER AND THEIR TRAVELING TRUNK**

Four years ago the Kern Chapter started attending 5<sup>th</sup> grade assemblies to present history on the American Revolution. Last year we attended 12 schools in the Bakersfield area with our Color Guard and a box full of props.

After seeing the trunk at the SAR National Congress held in Houston, our Chapter went to Hobby Lobby and purchased a trunk to put all our props in. It works great and helps keep everything organized. On the top of the trunk is our tablecloth, which goes down first then all the other items come out with the sailing ship the last item out. Since we are all wearing our uniforms and a DAR member is in her period clothing, we felt adding additional period clothing in the trunk wasn't needed.

Our programs last about an hour to an hour and a half. Arnie Burr of the Color Guard starts talking about what life was like 250 years ago and goes over many of the items on the table. From the candles for light and ships for transportation students learn what life was like during the Revolution. Steve Corbin talks about weapons and money. Kerry Adams about the Marines and how they protected the Navy, and Mike Davis explains the different flags and how the flags were used during the Revolution. Mary Ann Claxton (DAR) talks about her clothing and since she is the person that has sewn all our uniforms, she points out the different symbols on the uniforms. We point out to the students that the Industrial Revolution had not arrived yet and that everything was done by hand. All the wood for the ships was cut by hand, and all the sewing was done by hand. There was no electricity, so all the conveniences they are accustomed to today, didn't exist during the American Revolutionary War era.

The feedback in letters we receive from students and teachers lets us know they thoroughly enjoy what we are doing in teaching the history of the American Revolution. If only for a few minutes, we are planting seeds of interest in our Patriot Ancestors lives.

***For more information about building your own Patriot Chest, please refer to these NSSAR documents:***

#### **SAR Patriot Chest Program**

<https://www.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/187/csa5BEhpaJtM.pdf>

#### **SAR Patriot Chest Program - Reimbursement Process**

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(L-R) Kerry Adams, Trenton Spears, Mike Davis, Arnie Burr, Steve Corbin



Kern Chapter Chest and its artifacts