

CALIFORNIA SOCIETY  
SONS OF THE  
AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
138<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Membership  
April 12-13, 2013

The meeting was opened at 9am by President Keith Bigbee. The Color Guard presented the Colors. The invocation was given by Lou Carlson. The Pledge to the Flag and the Pledge to the SAR were recited. The General Patton Chapter welcomed those in attendance for coming to this meeting. The secretary, Ron Barker, called the roll (**Exhibit A**) and a quorum was established. It was noted that an audit had already been done, so there was no need for volunteers.

Special Guests in attendance from the National Society included; Vice-President General of the Western District Gene Butler, Secretary General Joe Dooley, Trustee of the Spain Society Stephen Renouf, and President of the Mexico Society Karl Jacobs,

Past State Presidents in attendance included; John Dodd, Lou Carlson, Stephen Renouf, Karl Jacobs, Bob Ebert, Chuck Lampman and Ron Risley.

## **SESSION I**

### **REPORTS**

The following officer reports are in the book. President Keith Bigbee, Executive Vice-President Stephen Hurst, Vice-President North Jim Faulkinbury, Vice-President South Kent Gregory, Secretary Ron Barker, Treasurer Michael Howard, Chancellor Goodwin, and Genealogist Terry Briggs.

Additions to the reports in the book were made.

Secretary General Joe Dooley spoke on a Life Membership in the California Society.

Vice-President of the Western District Gene Butler reported he was headed for the Western District meeting tomorrow.

Steve Renouf spoke on the planned **trip to Scotland**. He also asked that those who are interested in getting the **premium medal** to see him. A new ribbon and cuff links are in the works at this time.

John Dodd spoke on the **California 250 pin**. Any member who donates a minimum of \$250 to the CAAH will be entitled to a pin. Once they have done so, if their spouse wishes to do the same she may and then she too will receive a pin. The goal is to have each state have 20% of their membership give a minimum of \$250.

John noted that there is no by-law in the National by-laws that permits a chapter to have associate members.

Keith Bigbee noted he would speak on the **California Compatriot** under new business. He also noted that all the chapter's activity reports are in the book.

**Chief of Protocol and Color Guard Commander** Jim Fosdyck noted his reports were in the book. He also stated that he would be speaking later on.

**Compliance** Committee Chairman Karl Jacobs noted his Compliance report is on page 102-103 and his IRS report is on page 107.

**DAR Liaison** Ron Johnson was absent, but it was noted that his report is in the book.

**Congress Planning** was discussed by John Dodd. Keith to appoint a committee to look at holding the 2019 National Congress in the south, either Long Beach or Orange County

Areas. We will need lots of volunteers to handle the many and varied tasks associated with this event. They will be making a presentation to the Fall Trustees Meeting in Louisville.

President Bigbee reported that if you have something you wish to present to a DAR Chapter, it must first go through the DAR State Regent.

**Ethics** report is in the book.

**Flag Certificate** report is in the book.

**CAR Liaison** Tom Adams noted that since the passing of Travis Spears, Brian is the new CAR Liaison. He will have 2 pages to pass out at tomorrow's meeting. Thomas Jefferson Chapter has 8 new members from the local CAR Chapter.

**Information Technology** Chairman Greg Hill is absent. His report is in the book.

**IRS Compliance** report is in the book.

**Medals & Awards** Chairman Kent Gregory noted that we spent \$913.00 which was under the \$1300.00 budget. The California Society medal is \$25.00 for both large & small. \$10.00 for Life Membership pins. Donations to the Cogswell sires is \$250.

**Nominating Committee** Chairman John Dodd gave a rundown of the slate of officers for 2013-14. President-Stephen Hurst, Executive Vice-President Jim Faulkinbury, Vice-President North Ron Barker, Vice-President South Kent Gregory, Vice-President Membership-Phil Hinshaw, Secretary Doug Bergtholdt, the remaining officers are the same with National Trustee being Keith Bigbee.

**Records Chairman** Jim Faulkinbury's report is in the book. He noted he discovered a Climate Control ledger that is paid for through 2014.

Joe McMahan was appointed the new **Spanish Patriot Chairman**. Nothing to report at this time.

**Veterans Administration Chair** Ron Barker reported that we had found 63 members in our State Society who served in WWII. They have each received a certificate from National recognizing and thanking them for their service.

Don Littlefield the chairman of the **Wreaths Across America** Program was absent. His report is in the book.

### **Program Reports**

Steve Ludwiczak was introduced as the new **Youth Chairman** taking over the reins from Tom Adams. Steve Thanked Tom for his support. He hopes that he will be able to improve upon what has been established and accomplished with these programs. Should any chapter wish some help with these programs he will be more than happy to assist them. He noted there were over 600 posters last year for that contest and hopes we will be able to get even more in the future. He wants to work with the CAR as that is where future SAR members can come from. He would like to have a table of materials for students. Owen Stiles has stepped down as Eagle Scout Chairman and Gary Jensen who has been in Scouting for 35 years has agreed to take on the responsibilities of this chairmanship.

The **Brochure** report is in the book. It is hoped that it will go national after its test run here in California.

The **Oration report** is also in the book. In the Fall of 2012, new technology was introduced to this program as the preliminaries are all done via video on the internet. There were no entries in 2012, but in 2013 the winner was from the San Diego Chapter.

The **Essay** report is in the book. There were over 100 from 6 chapters. In 2013 there were 160 from 26 schools. Several were sent via email and they came from 9 chapters. He requested that the budget committee transfer \$483.00 from the Essay budget to the Oration Budget, to cover airfare and hotel for this year's winner and one parent.

David Gilliard's report on the **Poster contest** is in the book. There were 5-6 chapters represented this year. The posters will be on display this afternoon and voting will be tomorrow.

Jim Fosdyck **the JROTC/ROTC** Chairman reported the Sacramento chapter had the State winner this year. The Sea Cadets have been separated and now have their own page report in the book.

Tom Adams noted that there were over 100 brochures from San Diego, Orange County and Mother Lode Chapter. Next year's theme will be "The Swamp Fox".

We recessed for a break at 9:50am.

We reconvened at 10am.

Secretary Ron Barker's report is in the book. Copies of the book cost \$8.00 each. He has sent messages to chapter presidents he is trying to cut back on expenses and would like to place the reports on the State Website so members could go there to check the reports out. He reported that all the chapter's submitted reports this year. All 24!!

### **Chapter Reports**

With all chapter reports in the book they were asked if there was anything they wish to add.

Butte—absent

Coachella—Nothing new.

General Patton—Nothing new.

Gold Country—Nothing new.

Kern—Nothing new.

Mother Lode—Nothing new.

Redding reported that they have 2-3 members at their meetings and have discussed the possibilities of folding. They have 40 members who are spread out all over the area.

Redwood—Absent.

Sacramento—Absent.

San Francisco—Nothing to add.

Silicon Valley—Nothing to add.

South Coast—Absent.

Central Coast—Absent.

Delta—Nothing to add.

George Washington—Absent.

Harbor—On Page 43. James Gill is the new President.

Monterey—Absent.

Orange County—Nothing to add.

Redlands—Absent.

Riverside—Nothing to add.

San Diego—Nothing to add.

Santa Barbara—Have a book on Flag Day July 14. Need to get a Color Guard for the chapter.

Sons of Liberty—Nothing to add.

Thomas Jefferson—On page 83-84. They have a CAR liaison, Janet Brave.

Keith Bigbee presented to the Santa Barbara Chapter President a binder.

**Historian** Jim Blauer gave report on the corrections from the notes he sent out from the Fall Board of Managers Meeting (2012). It was requested that there be a motion to accept the report as corrected. The motion was made by Doug Bergtholdt and seconded by Lou Carlson. The motion passed.

Old Business

**California Compatriot** was once again the topic of discussion. It has been proposed to save on costs that we place our state newsletter on the website. It would be the responsibility of the Executive Vice-President with assistance from the immediate past president. Keith noted his nephew is able to assemble it. John Dodd who has been serving as editor asked for articles for the next issue. He will send the information to Keith's nephew to put together. It would be the Executive Vice-President who acts as editor and send the information for the newsletter to Keith's nephew.

Phil Hinshaw encouraged chapters to include article points from the SAR magazine and California Compatriot. By placing the State Newsletter on line it will make it able to have a longer newsletter and include more photos of the events the chapter are involved in. There will be no more hard copies. The budget has gone from \$2100 to \$500-\$700 per issue. The budget stipend is for the editor to assemble the newsletter.

Terry Briggs has an issue with those chapters that do not have technology know-how.

Historian Jim Blauer was asked by President Bigbee to read what was discussed at the

Fall BOM. Discussion followed after the reading of the minutes concerning the California Compatriot. John Dodd estimated we would need about 100 hard copies for those who do not have computers or internet access. Terry Briggs feels that it is the chapter's responsibility to communicate with their members and they should supply any needed copies for those in the chapter that need one. The chapter can always assess a fee for those who desire or need a hard copy. Chuck Lampman noted this may be a problem for those small chapters who do not have the financial capability to do it.

Ray Raser noted that the Mayflower Society for the State does 2800 copies to members, four times a year. Ward White noted that Mayflower sends to more members than SAR has. Need to look at printing/ mailing house. Joe Dooley suggested we may want to continue this discussion at another time. John Dodd motioned that we reconsider this matter at another time. Ward asked the membership to look at the mayflower Society and how they are able to do it and bring suggestions to the Fall Board of Managers meeting. Richard Small noted that in his chapter of about 50 only 2 will probably need a hard copy. Keith Bigbee noted one can print and mail out the copies off their computers and not have to use a printer/ mailing house. John Dodd asked that chapters take a roll of how many are in need of hard copies in their chapter. We could then consider an item for next year's budget to help with the chapter's expense. John noted that the Pr4esident can

appoint a committee to look into this matter. Keith proposed that he appoint the new Executive Vice-President, and new immediate past president to publish and edit and supply someone with computer knowledge to get it place on the website on the computer. It will then be up to the chapters to supply a hard copy to those members who do not have computer/internet capabilities.

Secretary General Joe Dooley reported that he had visited the hotel in Kansas City for the upcoming **Congress in Kansas City**, Missouri and they are planning an event at the Harry Truman Library.

Chuck Lampman felt they should appoint delegates at this time to the Congress as there were about 13 members there today who planned to attend the Congress.

Gene Butler announced they would have the first joint Intermountain, Western, and Pacific Coast District Breakfast on Tuesday morning during Congress.

John Dodd noted the State has a unique opportunity where four members are up for National Office; Joe Dooley, Mike Tomme, John Dodd and Lou Carlson. He also noted that we will have the California Hospitality Room as he has reserved a suite. The California Hospitality Room has become the place to be at Congress when relaxing between and after meetings. The OFNA (Order of Founder of North America) will have a party there one night and maybe the Mexico Society on another night. The Fosdyck's will be staying in and running the room.

Karl Jacobs announced the **Fall Board of Managers Meeting (Exhibit B)** will be held in El Segundo. The last one they hosted was in 2007. They have a contract with the hotel for \$89.00 per night single or double. The hospitality Room will be available all day and night for members to relax and socialize in. Registration forms are available and save the dates to arrive on Thursday October 31, as the meetings will be on November 1& 2. They are currently negotiating for a Friday night dinner at the Airport Driving Museum. The other option is the Flight Museum at LAX. Registration will run about \$140 and has to be in by October 10<sup>th</sup>. He will send flyers to our webmaster Greg Hill to place on the State Website.

It was moved by James Gill to approve the dates for the Fall Board of Managers meeting of November 1st & 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was seconded by Bob Fagaly. With no discussion from the floor, the motion passed.

Steve Hurst moved that we hold our **meetings in the Spring** following April 15<sup>th</sup>. Our Treasurer is an accountant and has to work on taxes at the time and therefore has a problem in trying to attend our State Meetings at that time of year. He also noted that in 2014 Easter will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend, Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>. In 2015 Easter will be on April 5<sup>th</sup>. We need to consider these for future Spring meetings. The Fall BOM for 2014 will be held in the North. There are two options; Burlingame or Sonoma Wine country. Sonoma would be easier to get to and more fun than the Airport Hotel. It will be more difficult for those members in Southern California. If we do it in Santa Rosa, it may help to reinvigorate the chapter in that area.

Kent Gregory reported on the Essay and Oration contests. He noted there was a budget of \$1520 for each contest. The Essay had a surplus of \$494 and the Oration had a surplus of \$517. He moved that we move the essay surplus to the oration to help reimburse the family for travel expenses. He moved that we transfer \$483 from the essay to the oration

budget. This was seconded by Ron Barker. This will cover the contestant and one parent for airfare and hotel up to \$1,000. The motion passed.

President Bigbee announced we would reconvene at 2pm following lunch. The meeting was recessed at 11:10am.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE LUNCHEON

The luncheon (**Exhibit C**) was opened by President Bigbee at 12:05pm. Robert Taylor, the Master of Ceremonies for this luncheon, welcomed all from the General George S. Patton Chapter. He recognized his wife, Doris Taylor for all the work she did on this meeting.

The CASSAR Color Guard under the Command of Jim Fosdyck presented the Colors. The Invocation was given by the chaplain, the Rt. Rev. Louis V. Carlson, Jr. The pledge to the Flag was led by Vice-President Membership, Phillip Hinshaw. The SAR Pledge was led by State Genealogist Terry Briggs. The Color Guard posted the Colors and retired.

The head table and honored guests were introduced. At the head table were Vice-President of the Western District Gene Butler, Secretary General Joe Dooley, Executive Vice-President Stephen Hurst, Chaplain Lou Carlson, President Keith Bigbee, and Ventura Mayor Mike Tracy. Past State Presidents in attendance included; John Dodd, Bob Ebert, Karl Jacobs, and Chuck Lampman,

Mayor Mike Tracy presented a Certificate of Commendation from the city to the State Society on the 138<sup>th</sup> meeting of the membership. It was presented to President Keith Bigbee.

Lunch was served from 12:25 to 1:15pm.

The Awards presentations began with the **Public Service Award** that was presented to Mike Tracy. A native of Ventura he has spoken on Education. He is an Army vet, serving as an x-ray technician. He has spent 30 years with the city in leadership and managerial positions. It began in 1975 when he joined the Police Department. After 24 years he retired in December 2004. In November 2009 he was elected to the City Council position of Deputy Mayor. In 2011 he was elected Mayor. He has been married for 43 years has a son and a grandson. President Bigbee presented the Public Service Award to Mike Tracy.

The **Outstanding Service Award** was presented to Robert J. Colbern. He is retired from the US Army. He is a native Californian and has lived in Oxnard for 68 years. He attended USC and graduated from Northwestern with a DDS degree. He spent 46 years in the National Guard, is a Life Scout and has a life time of achievements. President Bigbee presented Robert J. Colbern with the Outstanding Service Award.

The **Law Enforcement Commendation** Medal was presented to Mrs. Jeri Williams, Chief of the Oxnard Police Department. She is a Phoenix native and served for 22 years on the police force, having risen to the rank of assistant Police Chief. She received her BA from Arizona State and MA from North Arizona University. She was one of 46 women celebrated by the State of Arizona on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the State's admission to the union in 1912. In 2011 she was named Police Chief for the city of Oxnard. President Bigbee presented the Law Enforcement Commendation to Police Chief Jeri Williams.

The **Fire Safety Commendation** was presented to Mark Lorenzen. He is the Chief of the Ventura County Fire Department. He has a BA in Business and Economics. He has been a CPA for over 20 years. In 1990 became a firefighter. In 2010 was made Deputy Fire Chief. On the first of April 2012 was made Fire Chief. He oversees 580 employees at 31 fire stations. He has been married for 25 years and has three children. President Bigbee presented the Fire Safety Commendation to Mark Lorenzen.

The **Emergency Medical Services Award** was presented to Brian Kinsley. He has been a career firefighter for the Ventura County Fire Department. He went to UCLA and received the Meritorious Service Award in 2007 for saving two people at Point Mugu. He is also a Hazardous materials expert. President Bigbee presented the Emergency Medical Service Award to Brian Kinsley.

The Benediction was given by Lou Carlson.

The SAR recessional was led by Steve Hurst.

The luncheon was adjourned at 1:40pm.

## SESSION II

The second session of this state meeting was opened by President Keith Bigbee at 2pm.

Jim Blauer spoke on several projects. **“Coupons to Troops”** is where a chapter adopts a base of our military and sends coupons to them to use to save money. He noted how this program can help to receive the **Stark Award**. He then spoke and explained his new **calendar for 2014**. A historical Calendar on the American Revolution/Constitutional eras and is entitled “Spirit of ‘76”. There are historical write ups on each month and every day has an event that shows the year it occurred on that date. The calendars will be printed up and sold for \$20.00 each. When all the costs have been met, the remainder of the money will be donated to the CAAH. Any postage necessary will be covered by the cost.

All **by-laws** proposed to National must come from a State Society. The Texas Society notes that **By-laws 18 & 23 (Exhibit D/E)** deal with the investment policy and has a mix of funds that is in the by-laws. There is no leeway with this and is impractical. A handout was passed out to members explaining this by-law proposal. This would change the investment practices to be set by committee and not the by-laws. John Dodd moved that we endorse this change. This was seconded by David Grinnell. The motion passed.

The **Ethics & Business policy** is governed by Robert’s Rules of Order and is an extensive procedure. This policy (amending Articles 17 & b18) revamps the Ethics Committee (**Exhibit F**) for the system used to judge a compatriot who is in violation. First you have 2 investigators who present the case to the Ethics Committee. They make a decision; Either action to be taken against the Compatriot or do nothing. If the former it goes to the Executive Committee. If they agree it goes to the Trustees, who decide on what action to take. The only appeal from here is to take the issue to Congress. This motion was seconded by Steve Renouf. Discussion ensued. It was noted that in the 1990s a member was thrown out when Chapter materials were not returned. John Dodd noted the state can implement its own procedures or be governed by National procedures to make a decision.

The measure passed.

Ron Barker spoke on the creation and **distribution of a roster**. He cited privacy as an issue. He had 3 requests today from members who do not have computers. John Dodd reported that the electronic form had been hacked. Liability is not a road we wish to go down. It is all about respecting a member's privacy. The Change of addresses are sent from the Chapter Secretary to the State Secretary. Terry Briggs noted that though his Chapter Roster is in a protected area of their website, it did get out to the public. Those who need information on a compatriot should contact their chapter or the State Secretary for that information. Those who need a copy can make a request to the State Secretary and the request will be sent to the Executive Committee for a decision.

A reminder was made that all State officers to have their conflict of interest (**Exhibit G**) and conduct (**Exhibit H**) forms signed and returned to the Secretary (Ron Barker).

Phil Hinshaw reported on Membership retention. See page nine of the officer's report for his chart (**Exhibit I**) Dues are reported to the State Secretary. He reports to National. A list of drops is sent to the Vice-President of Membership. Of 218 that were dropped for this year 13 were reinstated. That is a 29% loss in our membership. 66 of those dropped were in their first year as members. The chart on page 9 shows the number of drops and percent of loss. It is a pain to get a member to reinstate. Chapters, States and National have to rework the rosters. The Vice-President of membership is concerned on what chapters can do to retain members and get dues in on time.

Terry Briggs reported that he has been registrar of his chapter for 10 years and they work at getting new members interested in the chapter. President Bigbee suggested that members check with their chapters and bring suggestions to the Fall Meeting.

Secretary General Joe Dooley noted that this is a National problem. Ron Barker noted that Texas lost 500 members last year. Chuck Lampman noted that there is a retention book at National and brochures have been created and are sent out to all new members.

Ted Rudisell asked members to think about how you recruit new members. Jim Blauer noted that there are all kinds of brochures that National has for use. He explained how he has them laid out at the chapter meetings for all the members in attendance to look at and take whichever ones they want.

With no further discussion, President Bigbee recessed at 3pm until 9am tomorrow.

#### PRESIDENT'S DINNER

The social hour was from 5:30-6:30pm. At 6:30 pm President Keith Bigbee opened the evening. He thanked the General Patton Chapter, specifically Ron Risley and Bob Taylor. He thanked Steve Hurst, Rosemary and Darien. He thanked all who were in attendance this evening. Finally, he thanked Ron Barker for all his help.

Lou Carlson praised Keith for doing a wonderful job as State President. Applause ensued. Lou then gave the blessing on the meal.

Keith thanked his wife Cyndy noting he could not have done it without her help and support.

Dinner was served at 6:45pm.

Following dinner Steve Hurst passed out book on Ventura County to Vice-President of the Western Region Gene Butler and to Secretary General Joe Dooley.



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**SESSION III**

The meeting was opened by President Bigbee at 9am. The invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Pledge of allegiance was led by Jim Faulkinbury. The SAR Pledge was led by Jeff Goodwin. Secretary Ron Barker took the roll call (**Exhibit A**). A quorum was established.

Reports

**Investments Report** is in the book by Steve Renouf.

**Spirit of America** report is in the book by Robert Taylor

**Valley Forge Report** is in the book by Robert Taylor.

Larry Magerkurth reported on the **Nominating Committee's** report for National office; For President General Joe Dooley, Secretary General Lindsey Brock, For Treasurer General Tom Lawrence. For Chancellor General John Dodd, For Genealogist General Larry Cornwell, For Registrar General Mike Tomme, Historian General Robert Towns, Librarian General Mike Wells, Surgeon General Rudy Byrd, Chaplain General Lou Carlson, and Foundation Board members Steve Leishman and Randy Ellis.

A question was raised as to why the increase in the supplemental fees. The cost to do a supplemental application is the same cost as doing a new application. Craig Johnson reported it costs \$83 for either and only paying \$40. It was proposed that we approve an increase from \$40 to \$80 and it will be left to Congress to debate the issue. John Dodd moved to endorse the increase. This was seconded by Robert Flagaly.

Jim McHargue wanted to know if the supplementals will be placed aside with preference to the new applications. Joe Dooley reported that there is only one genealogist to work on supplementals. Current staff takes four weeks to do a new application. A seconded person is to be added to the supplementals as we need to get approvals for both at an even pace. Ron Barker noted that it was taking three month (12 weeks for a new application. David Gilliard moved that they specify the increase is to be applied to hiring another staff member to work on supplementals. Joe reported there are 4,000 applications (both) a year. We need more staff. The DAR has 30 full time genealogists, the SAR 3. By hiring one more they will do about 1,000 supplementals/year. Ron Barker noted that we had 118 supplementals last year. Chuck Lampman noted there will still be a bubble at the end of the year as staff will be going on vacation between Thanksgiving and New Year's. There is usually a spike in November and December. With State reconciliation of dues and membership at this time Aaron Adams gets swamped. Gary Bohannon observed that with the increase of the fee, supplemental applications will go down for a time. David Grinnell reported he has 17 supplementals. Five more are at Louisville and 2 at home. With the increase he would not be able to afford to do them all now. He cannot vote for a 100% increase. He would prefer to see this done in increments.

There was a call for the vote. The California Society vote on raising the fees from \$40 to \$83 had 26 for and 24 against. The motion to support this at Congress passed. John Dodd said he would communicate the vote to National.

Steve Ludwiczak introduced the pages from the CAR who were with us today. CAR members Loren Stover and Will Braxton, with senior members Mary Braxton and Alice Stover.

The pages were called forward to pass out the handouts on the Conflict of Interest and Code of conduct forms that are required to be filled out by all state officers. This includes the chapter Presidents.

There were 2 other hand outs. The Code of Business ethics and conduct (**Exhibit H**) and the memorandum of understanding and protecting intellectual property (**Exhibit J**). John Dodd expounded on this noting that the SAR has been very lax on this while others have been very concerned. It has to do in part of the use of our logo on merchandise and other uses. This was written by Tom Lawrence and others in this field and is to be phased in. Robert Flagaly wanted to know if chapters can use the logo and can they have to trifold brochures at the local fair. John noted that in these cases the chapters have blank et approval.

A recess was called at 9:50 am for a 10 minute break.

We reconvened at 10am.

Ray Schneiders gave a presentation (**Exhibit K**) on liability of the society and its members. He noted that tax exempt status is for non-profit groups. He spoke on the Liability of the directors and officers. He hit on those who could sue the State Society. He touched on various topics which included; Areas of Potential Liability, Standard of Conduct for officers and directors, Fiduciary duties and indemnification, Private inurement/private benefit, and excess benefit transactions and intermediate Sanctions. He went over several case studies to better illustrate these items. He then touched on Handling Contributions and Tax Deductions, Types of gifts—accepting money and property, Tax Deductions and Substantiation Requirements, advising on operational Issues, Applying Sarbanes-Oxley to non-profits, Document retention, Whistle Blower Protection, Strategies for Board Policy making, Conflict of Interest Policy, Key strategies and policies, Election dos and don'ts of public charities, Prohibition and Substantial Lobbying, Ethical Considerations for Non-Profits, and a Statement of Commitment.

Steve Hurst reported on the Audit. He emailed his report out. It is done and all is good. No problems.

John Dodd reported on the nominating committees slate for 2013-14. President-Steve Hurst, Executive Vice-President Jim Faulkinbury, Vice-President North Ron Barker, Vice-President South Kent Gregory, Secretary Douglas Bergkholt, Treasurer Mike Howard, Registrar Owen Stiles, Chancellor Jeff Goodwin, Genealogist Terry L. Briggs, Historian Jim Blauer, Chaplain Lou Carlson, Surgeon Ernest Latham, Investment Trustee Curtis Porter, and National Trustee Keith Bigbee, Alternate Trustee Steve Hurst. It was moved and seconded to close the nominations. Gary Bohannon moved that we accept the slate by acclimation. This was seconded by Jim McHargue. The motion passed.

## NEW BUSINESS

President Bigbee requested a motion to accept the charter of a new chapter. The petition to create the new chapter will start with 20 members. They will be located in North San Diego area consisting of Fallbrook, South Riverside to Lawrence Welk resort. Ron

Barker noted they were all dues paying members. Articles and by-laws have been turned in. The Executive Committee needs to approve the charter. A list of officers has been given to State Secretary Barker. Ray Raser reported that in this new chapter there will be four past chapter presidents, a retired Navy Admiral and a past Vice-President South. President Bigbee announced that the Executive Committee would meet to decide and announce their decision at the banquet.

Steve Renouf moved that for those who will not receive the California Compatriot by email, that we get a quote on the cost and mailing of 200 issues and offer a subscription to those members. John Dodd seconded the motion. We will need to check with publisher on the cost of color and postage and calculate total cost for subscription. We will need to have enough subscriptions by September 1<sup>st</sup>. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Ron Barker prepared a tax statement for ethics on paying Keith's nephew. John Dodd noted we need other quotes. We should pay no more than the going rate.

With no further business before the State Society, Joe Dooley moved that we adjourn. This was seconded by Lou Carlson. The meeting of the 138<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

#### YOUTH LUNCHEON

The Youth Luncheon (**Exhibit L**) was opened by Bob Taylor at 12 Noon. The invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Pledge of allegiance was led by Vice-President North Jim Faulkinbury. The SAR Pledge was led by Vice-President South Kent Gregory.

Introductions were made of the head table. They included; Chaplain Lou & Karen Carlson, Vice-President of the Western Region Gene & Jan Butler, State President Keith & Cyndy Bigbee, Secretary General Joseph Dooley and Past President General Larry & Barbara Magerkurth. The past Presidents of the California Society were asked to stand, but were not announced.

Lunch was served at 12:15pm.

We reconvened at 12:45pm.

**Youth Activities** Chairman Steve Ludwiczak introduced Macon Mac Intyre who is the President Elect of the **State Society CAR**. He read a message from Melissa Mancebo the current President of the State Society CAR. She spoke on getting hounds for Wounded Warriors, her state project this year. She thanked the SAR for showing its support for her and the State CAR. President Bigbee called CAR members Will Braxton, Laura Stoval, John Braxton and Audra Braxton, who were our pages today, up front. He presented them with our Certificate of Appreciation.

**JROTC** Chairman Jim Fosdyck presented this year's State Award to Jordan Villar-Cayabyab, whose entry came from the Sacramento Chapter. Jordan read his essay on How to be a better Citizen of the U.S. Following the reading and award presentation Compatriot Fosdyck introduced Jordan's family who were in attendance.

Due to the absence of Eagle Scout Chairman Owen Stiles, Jim Blauer, Eagle Scout Chairman of the Orange County Chapter, introduced this year's **Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest** State winner, Timothy Maas. Eagle Scout Maas read his essay. He entered through the Central Coast Chapter. He received a check from the state society for

\$750 and from the Ladies Auxiliary for \$225. He was also presented with his Spread wing Eagle desk statue.

Bill Hurley presented the **North Star Award** from the Boy Scouts of America to Ron Risley for his years of work with the Boy Scout organization. Ron thanked Bill Hurley and the Boy Scout for this award.

The **Knight Essay Contest** Chairman Kent Gregory announced this year's winner, Ryland Talamo. Who entered through the San Diego chapter. Kent reported that they received 160 essays from 26 high schools. Ryland read his essay, which spoke on the signers and how John Hart died before the war ended. Kent presented him with a Certificate and the state presented Ryland with a neck medallion and a check for \$750 and \$225 from the Ladies Auxiliary.

**Poster Contest** Chairman Dave Gilliard announced the winners of this contest. First place went to Gold Country. Second Place was Sacramento. Third Place was from San Diego. Honorable Mentions went to Orange County and Mother Lode Chapters. Next year's theme will be Francis Marion, The Swamp Fox".

**Middle School Brochure Contest** Chairman Tom Adams announced the winners of this contest. First Place was the Orange County Chapter. Second Place was San Diego. Third Place was Mother Lode Chapter. Each chapter received a ribbon to take back to the student who created the winning brochures. Cash prizes will be sent to the Chapters.

**Orations Contest** Chairman Kent Gregory reported that the students had to have a 5-6 minute speech on the Revolutionary War and its relation to today. Speeches are recorded on a thumb drive and sent to the state for review by the judges who select the winner. This year's winner is Annabell Tag of Escondido. She gave her winning speech on "Benjamin Rush". Following her speech she was presented with Certificate, medallion and checks for \$750 (state) and \$250 (Ladies Auxiliary).

The Rev. Lou Carlson was called on to give the Benediction. He reminded all that the Memorial Service would be held at 2:30pm behind the pool. CSCAR Chaplain Will Buxton gave the benediction.

The Recessional was led by Executive Vice-President Steve Hurst.

The luncheon was adjourned at 2:13pm.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Memorial Service (**Exhibit M**) was opened by the Rev. Lou Carlson at 2:30pm. He welcomed all who had come to pay their respects to those Compatriots who we lost in the last year.

The Color Guard presented the Colors. The Invocation was given by Rev. Carlson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Compatriot Bob Taylor. A solo of *God Bless America* was sung by Jim Blauer.

The congregation read the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm on the back of their flyer. Rev. Carlson then read off the names of the departed Compatriots and a bell was rung noting their passing. For those who knew the departed as their names were read they were encouraged to come forward and tell us about the Compatriot. If there were no eulogies from members in attendance, we recited "We honor our Compatriot Brother and we will remember him".

Following the roll call of remembrance Rev. Carlson gave the benediction. The Colors were then retired as music was being played .

### SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

Master of Ceremonies Robert Taylor opened the banquet (**Exhibit N**) at 6:35pm. He called on the CASSAR Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck to present the Colors. The invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-President General of the Western District Gene Butler. The Pledge to the SAR was led by NSSAR Secretary General Joseph Dooley. State Historian Jim Blauer led in the singing of our National Anthem. The Color Guard posted the Colors and retired. Bob Taylor thanked Larry Wood for his role as Town Crier, having introduced the head table as they were seated.

Those seated at the front table were; Former President General Larry & Barbara Magerkurth, State Chaplain Lou & Karen Carlson, Vice-President South Kent & Lisa Gregory, Vice-President North Jim & Karen Faulkinbury, Secretary General Joseph Dooley, Vice-President General of the Western District Gene & Jan Butler, State President Keith Bigbee, and Executive Vice-President J. Stephen Hurst.

MC Taylor requested all past state presidents of the society to please stand and be recognized. He then requested that all past presidents of the Ladies Auxiliary stand and be recognized.

Compatriot Ward White, chairman of the War of 1812 Bicentennial Committee introduced our entertainment **Daniel Slosberg (Exhibit O)**. Ward gave a brief bio on our guest whose program was “Dr. Beanes and the Star-Spangled Banner”. Mr. Slosberg performed as Dr. Beanes telling the story of our National Anthem and how it came to be written in September of 1814. He played various instruments and gave the history about the tune used with the poem written by Francis Scott Key. He spoke on the early history of the colonies, the Revolutionary War and the making of the Star-Spangled Banner which flew over Fort McHenry that fateful night of the bombing by the British on Baltimore. As he neared the end of his performance, he noted that there were four verses to the song. Since we all knew the first he then went on to perform the other three. He noted it was not until 1931 that this song became our National Anthem. Daniel Slosberg was presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the State Society.

Dinner was served at 7:30pm.

We reconvened at 8:30pm.

Our **speaker** for the evening was Dr. Jarrell C. Jackman. He spoke to us on “Spanish Military in California and Connection to the American Revolution”. He spoke on the four Presidios here in California. He noted that there were thousands of descendants here today who can trace their lines back these Presidios during the American Revolution. He spoke of the fortifications of the presidios and the Spanish involvement in the American Revolution. Professor Jackman received a Certificate of Appreciation for speaking to us this evening.

MC Taylor introduced Cyndy Bigbee the President of the **Ladies Auxiliary**. She noted that this was the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary(April 23, 1983). The Pearl Anniversary. She spoke on the history of the Ladies Auxiliary and how it was reestablished by vote on Nov. 6, 1982 in Santa Rosa. The original board consisted of

Mrs. Hawkins, Vencill, Moran, Milton, Churnell, Robertson, Barnett, Fort, Formhalls, and Cooke. This was pushed for by former Secretary and Historian Carl Lamb.

President Bigbee had a small piece of business to attend to. He appointed Charles R. Lampman as the **Spanish Patriot Chairman**. Chuck accepted the appointment.

**California Activity Contest** Chairman Phil Hinshaw reported that there are now 5 plaques instead of three. The Best Small chapter went to the Delta Chapter. They won all categories except Publications. The best Medium/Small Chapter went to the Riverside chapter whose competition included Mother Lode, Redlands and South Coast. The third category is the Medium/Large Chapter. This was won by the Thomas Jefferson Chapter. The large chapter was won by Orange County Chapter. They took all the categories except for meetings, which was won by the Silicon Valley Chapter. The Super Large Category was a fight between Sacramento and San Diego. The winner being San Diego.

Color Guard Awards were presented by President Bigbee and Secretary General Joe Dooley. Flag streamers were presented to the state and chapters from National for their participation in National Color Guard events.

A list of compatriots who have made **donations to the CAAH** in the last year are; Jim Klingler(OC), Michael W. Long, Daniel McKelvie (OC), Jim Olds Harbor), K. Patton, Brian Stephens (Harbor), Gary Bohannon (SOL), Sean Brookings (Gold), Michael Scott Sweet (Riverside), Arthur Garfield (Patton), John Humprey (Delta) and Charles B. Kimball.

The **Carl Lamb Award** is for the most new members and retention of members. For Small Chapter it went to Delta Chapter. For medium/small chapter it went to Riverside. For medium /large it went to Thomas Jefferson, For large Chapter it went to Sons of Liberty, for Super large chapter it went to San Diego.

The **Baron Von Steuben** Color Guard medals were presented to the wives of Ron Barker (Connie ) and Dale Ross (Coreena). This for their many participation in SAR events such as parades.

The **Von Steuben Silver** medal was presented to Larry Wood, Steve Renouf and David Siler.

The **Wreaths Across America** National Streamers were issued to the following chapters; Delta, George Washington, Gold, Harbor, Orange County, Redwood, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, Silicon Valley, and Sons of Liberty.

Streamers for the **31<sup>st</sup> Annual Massing of the Colors** were presented to the Patton, OC. SOL, Gold, Redlands, T. Jefferson, Harbor, and Riverside chapters. Also streamers went to the Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia and Virginia State Societies.

**Best Color Guard Activity Awards** were presented; Small Chapter—Kern, Medium/Small—Riverside, Medium/Large ?, Large Orange County, Super Large—Sacramento.

Wayne Rogers announced the petition for a **new chapter**. The Eagle Chapter will be located in the Northern San Diego County and southern Riverside county area.

**Certificates of Appreciation** were presented by President Keith Bigbee for those who helped to put on this meeting. They went to; Steve Hurst, Ron Risley, Rosemarie Risley, George Horn, Gene Cooper, Robert Colbern, William Mace, William Hurley, Mary Hurley, Nancy Bays, Ken Lynch, Dave Armstrong, Ward White, Darien Taylor, and Bob Taylor.

The Staff at the hotel was recognized and the Four Points Sheraton was presented with a Flag Certificate.

A **Certificate of Appreciation** was presented to Un Hui Yi Fosdyck for the assistance she gave during the meeting this weekend.

**State Officers** for the 2013-2014 year to be installed were announced. They were; President J Stephen Hurst, Executive Vice-President Jim Faulkinbury, Vice-President South M. Kent Gregory, Vice-President North Ron Barker. Vice-President Membership Phil Hinshaw, Secretary Douglas Bergtholdt, Chancellor J. Goodwin, Michael Howard Treasurer, Registrar Owen Stiles, Genealogist Terry Briggs, Historian Jim Blauer, Chaplain Lou Carlson Surgeon Ernest Latham , Trustee Keith Bigbee and alternate Trustee Stephen Hurst.

The **Meritorious Service Medal** was presented to Robert Taylor and the **Daughters of Liberty Medal** went to Cyndy Bigbee.

Steve Renouf and Bob Ebert escorted the **Patriot Medal (Exhibit P)** winner for this year Ron Barker to the front.

Steve Hurst was presented the Cogswell Sires' Pin.

President Bigbee made a few final remarks on his year as President of the California Society SAR.

The swearing in of the new officers was conducted by Secretary General Joseph Dooley.

SG Dooley then installed the following ladies to their positions in the State Ladies Auxiliary. They included Cyndy Bigbee, Karen Faulkinbury, Sandra Jacobs, Connie Barker, Lisa Gregory, Karen Carlson, Coreena Ross and Karen Dodd.

Past President Bigbee was presented with his Past President's Pin.

The raffle was held and there were 22 prizes given away.

The benediction was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson.

The Color Guard retied the Colors.

Keith Bigbee led the reading of the Recessional.

The 138<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Membership was adjourned at 10:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
November 1, 2013

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State Historian

