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SESSION I

April 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Stephen Hurst at 9am. The invocation was given by Rev. Lou Carlson. The CASSAR Color Guard presented the Colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-President General of the Western District Bob Ebert. The SAR Pledge was led by Executive Vice-President Jim Faulkinbury. The Color Guard posted the Colors. Secretary Douglas Bergtholdt called the roll. A quorum was established. (**Exhibit A**)

The distinguished guests in attendance were announced. They included; President General Joseph Dooley, PG 2011/12 Larry Magerkurth, Chancellor General John Dodd, and Chaplain General Louis V. Carlson.

Past State Presidents in attendance included; Keith Bigbee (2012/13), John L. Dodd (2011/12), Wayne A. Griswold (2010/11), Rev. Louis V. Carlson (2009/10), Stephen R. Renouf (2008/09), Karl W. Jacobs (2007/08), Larry J. Magerkurth (2005/06), and Charles R. Lampman (1995/96).

The national officers were called upon for any remarks they may have. PG Dooley remarked that he is a life member of the society and happy to be here. Larry Magerkurth noted he was happy to be here. John Dodd encouraged the members to go to national. It is not the same as in years past. Lots of developments going on. Lou Carlson noted that the Center was about to open and that it is an important time in Education of American History. He noted our spiritual and economic roots. He asked for our prayers for the National Society and the work they are doing.

OFFICER REPORTS

Due to the number of reports to be made by Officers and Committee Chairmen, they were asked to be brief. If their report was "In The4 Book" and they had nothing further to say they could just say their report was ITB.

Executive Vice-President Jim Faulkinbury, ITB.

VP South Kent Gregory announced the agreement with the Orange County Wyndam Hotel in Irvine for next April's meeting—April 17-18, 2015. Rooms will be \$109.00 per night and \$4.00 per day for parking. For the Fall of 2015 he is open for a host chapter in the south. Those wanting to let members know what their chapter is doing should get a write-up on their activities to Kent for the California Compatriot..

VP North Ron Barker, ITB.

VP Membership Phil Hinshaw, ITB.

Secretary Douglas Bergtholdt, ITB.

Treasurer Michael Howard, ITB.

Registrar Owen Stiles reported that in 2014 they had reached their 100th application yesterday. We have 8 Juniors in process, 66 new applicants and 26 supplementals.

Chancellor J. Jeffries Goodwin, ITB.

Genealogist Terry Briggs, ITB.

Historian Jim Blauer reports his report is the notes from the previous meeting which were emailed out and to be approved at this meeting.

Chaplain Lou Carlson reported all is right.

Surgeon Ernest Latham, absent.

Investment Fund Trustee Richard Hawley, (**Exhibit B**) ITB.

National Trustee Keith Bigbee, ITB.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

National Committees Premium Medals chairman Steve Renouf reported the Tiffany medals, cuff link, tie bar and ribbon were all available.

Audit--Jim Faulkinbury reported the Committee will meet this afternoon.

California 250—John Dodd reminded all that for just a \$250 donation to the center you will receive the California 250 pin. Once the Compatriot has done this then the wives may do so as well and they will receive a pin.

California Compatriot—Jim Faulkinbury reported that it will be the job of the executive VP to do the three issues of the newsletter. With subscriptions and on-line copies the cost is \$640.00

CAR Liaison Jim Young, ITB.

Chief of Protocol Jim Fosdyck, ITB.

Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck, ITB.

Compliance Committee, Karl Jacobs reported that chapter's 199 forms must be 3 files by May 31. Otherwise they run the risk of losing their 501© (3) status. There are 7-8 chapters who have not yet responded.

Congress Planning Committee John Dodd reported that 2019 has been tentatively scheduled. He has been checking hotel rates which tend to be higher here in the South. We have \$15,000 in the Congress Fund. The Ladies Auxiliary has some Funds as well for this event. There will be a need for a lot of help to pull this off.

DAR Liaison Eric is absent.

Ethics Chairman Phil Dodson is absent.

Flag Chairman Stan De Long is absent.

Information Technology Chairman Gregory Hill is absent.

Medals & Awards Chairman Kent Gregory reported that Life Membership pins are \$10.00. A set of the CA Society medals is \$25.00. Jim Fosdyck noted that we will need a new Chairman as Kent will be stepping down from this committee.

Media & Public Relations Committee Chairman John Webber has not been a member for years. He recently renewed his membership, but is no longer in the media end as he is now counselor for the mentally disabled.

Nominating Committee Chairman Keith Bigbee, ITB.

Spanish Patriot Research Chairman Leroy Martinez is absent.

Veterans Program Chairman Ron Barker, ITB, but noted we need members to be representatives/volunteer to the VA Hospitals in our state.

Wreaths Across America Chairman Don Littlefield reported this year's event will be on December 13th at 9am. He urged chapters to start planning now.
Program Administration Reports

Youth Activities Chairman Steve Ludwiczak reported that the state participated in every contest this year. Including the oration contest. On April 14th the Oration closes for this year. We had two winners in the Valley Forge Program last year. Kudos goes to Tom Adams on the Middle School Brochure Contest. The ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place cost \$7.00 with our registered trademark thanks to John Dodd. They are personalized for each winner. Steve also noted that we need to get volunteers out into the schools. There is a National History Day and there are listings of the participating chapters. The 2014 theme is Leadership and Legacy. Teachers are crying for materials for 5th grade students. Need to have some sort of teacher recognition as well.

John Dodd noted his disappointment with the national Education Committee. The State level is more important. Go to www.SAR.org and click on Education. State societies post statements of what they are doing. Be a resource for the teachers. See how chapters and Compatriots can help and assist teachers where our history is concerned. So far California, Georgia and Texas are the only states doing this.

Steve Ludwiczak thanked President Hurst for moving forward in this area.

Break—9:45am-10am.

Brochure Contest Chairman Tom Adams reported the judging will take place at 2pm. Facsimiles are on the back table for members to look at. (**Exhibit C**)

Eagle Scout Chairman Gary Jensen reported they received 11 scholarship applications this year. Austin McCoy was the State winner. There were 2 Robert E. Burt Awards for this year. They were Melvin Harrell and Trenton Spears. The state issued 1723 Eagle Certificates this last year. There were

77 requests that were sent on to local chapters. Of the 26 chapters there are 19 that have web pages and 11 show their Eagle Scout Contact information. 20 of the 26 show Gary's contact information.

Knight Essay Chairman Kent Gregory reported we had 10 chapters enter and the Eagle Chapter had the winning essay. The state will need to find a new chair for next year.

Oration Chairman Steve Ludwiczak, ITB.

Poster Contest Chairman Dave Gilliard was absent.

NSCC/NLCC Chairman Bob Taylor reported that sea cadet chapters in California are to pair up with chapters. Need chapters to contact local sea cadet chapter and work with them on a program to present medals and ribbons to outstanding cadets.

JROTC.ROTC Chairman Jim Fosdyck, ITB.

Spirit of America Chairman Bob Taylor, ITB.

Valley Forge Program Chairman Bob Taylor, ITB.

Chapter Reports

Butte, Absent.

Central Coast, Absent.

Coachella Valley, ITB.

Delta, ITB.

Eagle—Absent.

Gen. George Patton, ITB.

General George Washington, ITB.

Gold Country reported they had 531 posters for the contest.

Kern—Absent.

Monterey—Absent

Mother Lode, ITB

Orange County, ITB.

Redding, Absent.

Redlands, Absent.

Redwood Empire, ITB.

Riverside, ITB.

Sacramento, ITB.

San Diego, ITB. Ray Raser reported also that they have a Flag Day Program set for the USS Midway and invited members to attend this event and the 120th Anniversary in late August. They have revised the by-laws and thank Phil Hinshaw for all his work in the chapter. They have adopted a budget which is the first one in many years. They have introduced Ancestor search into the Balboa Naval Hospital. Over 40 wounded warriors attended the first meeting. Over half signed up for the program. The San Diego Genealogical Council is to have 30 volunteers to participate. They hope to next go into Camp Pendleton.

San Francisco, absent.

Santa Barbara, absent.

Silicon Valley, ITB.

Sons of Liberty, ITB.

South Coast, absent.

Thomas Jefferson. ITB.

Yosemite, absent.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) The call was made for the **approval of the minutes** by Historian Jim Blauer. Kent Gregory made a correction under Medals & Awards. Lou Carlson moved that the minutes be approved as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.
- 2) Proposed By-Law amendments. Steve Renouf and Richard Hawley from the Invested Funds trustees reported that the invested funds had to be rewritten to clean up the verbiage and follow the by-laws. There will be a new section for New Funds and Invested Funds. It deals with the transfer

of funds not being required. This to correct the problems with by-laws 4, 7, & 9. **(Exhibit D)** It was moved by Lou Carlson that we accept this change and was seconded. Discussion ensued.

Jim Faulkinbury noted that this year the Life Membership will be terminated in California and members will have to get it through National. State will cover both State and chapter dues. This will protect from raids on National dues.

John Dodd noted that the soundness of the Life membership is due to the actuarial table by age and that the ages will be revised as the National Society is removed from future equations. **(Exhibit E)** He moved that we accept the changes on the investment Fund and the Life Membership Fund. This motion was seconded.

It was suggested we vote on all but the Life Membership first then take up the Life Membership separate. A review was made. By Law 4 Section 1 has corrections, listing of Funds specifically and unrealized gains.

By Law 4 Section 7—severed.

By law 9 corrected to, list funds and trustees of each and what these funds are for. Section 5 Life Funds are severed out.

It was noted that for the By-law changes voting is restricted to Chapter Presidents or their designee only.

The call for the vote was made and the motion passed.

The Life Membership Fund is By-law 7 Section 6. We will discontinue the old plan. Those who want a Life Membership will have to get them through National. This will cover National dues only. They can then get a California Life Membership which will cover state and chapter dues. By-Law 9 Section 5 delineates this. It was noted we had a 2010 shortage of \$98,000 and in 2014 it will be \$50,000. We have no control over the National fee, so we can change the actuarial table to reflect the dues for just the state and chapters of a Life Membership. Inflation will be a factor with the state.

John Dodd spoke on the increase of application and supplemental fees to be discussed at Congress. He is in favor of the motion as it is fiscally responsible to members and Life Members. He urged that we accept this proposal. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

John Dodd spoke on the **National By-law changes (Exhibit F)** that would be coming up at Congress. He noted the selling of the property on Fourth Street. The First change deals with **Article 5 Section 2** to have the call for meetings moved from *“at least 30 days’ notice” to at least 10 days’ notice*. Second **By law 16 section 2** to add, *“If there is a vacancy in the office of Trustee or Alternate Trustee after the Annual Congress, such that a State Society would be unrepresented, the State Society may nominate a replacement Trustee or Alternate Trustee, to be elected by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Trustees at the next meeting of the Trustees or a majority of the delegates and delegates-at-large at the Annual Congress”*. The Third is **By-Law 16 Section 6** to be added to allow electronic meetings. *“Special meetings may be conducted, and votes may be taken and recorded via email, teleconferences, computer or other electronic means, either in lieu of Trustees being physically present or in conjunction with a meeting at which Trustees are physically present”*. There is no provision as yet to conduct meetings via email or electronic devices. John moved that we accept, support and sponsor these changes. The motion was seconded and passed. The State Secretary will notify the Executive Director back in Louisville of this vote in support of the changes to the National by-laws.

John Dodd noted that President General Dooley was not cutting his hair as he has promised to have it shaved on the floor of Congress should the society raise \$1 million by the end of the Congress. We are presently at \$650,000.

A listing of the Minutemen to be honored at Congress was given. On that list was our own Karl Jacobs from the Harbor Chapter. Karl thanked all who have helped him along the way and reported that his chosen escort will be fellow Minuteman Chuck Lampman.

John Dodd reported that the Congress this year will be in Greenville, South Carolina and there will be tours of Kings Mountain and Cowpens Battle fields.

It was moved by Lou Carlson that we recess until 9am tomorrow morning(Saturday). This was seconded and passed.

We recessed at 11:30am

PUBLIC SERVICE LUNCHEON

The luncheon (**Exhibit G**) was opened at 12noon by Don Littlefield. The invocation was given by Rev. Lou Carlson. The State Color Guard under Commander James Fosdyck presented the Colors. The Pledge of allegiance was led by Vice-President North Ron Barker. The SAR Pledge was led by Vice-President General, Western District Robert Ebert.

MC Littlefield then introduced the head table which included; Steve Hurst, Joe Dooley, Lindsey Brock, Bob Ebert, John Dodd, Lou & Karen Carlson, Keith and Cyndy Bigbee, and Jim & Karen Faulkinbury.

Other introductions included; Vice-President South Kent Gregory and his wife Lisa, Vice-President North Ron Barker and wife Connie, Vice-President Membership Phil Hinshaw and wife Mary, Secretary Douglas Bergtholdt, Treasurer Mike Howard, Registrar Owen Stiles, Chancellor Jeff Goodwin, Genealogist Terry Briggs, and Historian Jim Blauer.

MC Littlefield then introduced President Russ Kaiser from the Sacramento chapter. Then he introduced our guests today including, Captain Kevin Snyder and his wife Cheryl, Deputy Scott McCartney, Mike Gould, and Detective Mike Duggins.

Lunch was served at 12:15pm.

We reconvened at 12:40pm.

Steve Hurst introduced **Detective Michael Duggins** of the West Sacramento Police Department and spoke of his accomplishments in the field of police work. He was presented the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.

Maurice Johnson was called up and he spoke about **Captain Kevin Snider's** over 35 years in the Fire Service. Serving at the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, Captain Snider was presented the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal.

Chief of Police Michael Gould of the Rancho Cordova Police Department, spoke of **Deputy Scott McCartney** and his actions of July 19, 2013. He was called to a burglary, but upon hearing of a nearby house fire, went there instead. The house was fully engulfed in flames. He went into the house and removed 2 elderly people. They noted there was one more in the house. He went through the back and in a back bedroom found an elderly leukemia patient. He picked her up and carried her to safety. Deputy McCartney was presented the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.

Rev. Lou Carlson gave the benediction.

The Recessional was led by Jim Faulkinbury.

The luncheon was adjourned at 1:07pm.

SESSION II

April 12, 2014

The meeting was opened by President Hurst at 9:15am. The invocation was given by Jeff Goodwin. The Pledge of allegiance was recited. The SAR Pledge was led by Owen Stiles. The Roll call was performed by Secretary Doug Bergtholdt, (**Exhibit A**) who established that we had a quorum to do business. President Hurst then announced the National officers, Larry Magerkurth and Robert Ebert and past State Presidents, Keith Bigbee, Wayne Gould, Lou Carlson, Steve Renouf, Karl Jacobs, Bob Ebert, Larry Magerkurth, John Dodd and Chuck Lampman. in attendance.

Celeste Cox from the CAR was introduced and she introduced Leslie Young who was one of the pages today and the State CAR Chaplain.

Bob Ebert announced there would be a district meeting to follow this meeting.

Steve Ludwiczak noted that the state and the CAR have had a very close working relationship over the last several years. Jim Young the father of Leslie will be the DAR Liaison. Jim Faulkinbury presented to the State CAR a check for \$500. A letter was read to the members from CAR President Nathan McIntyre.

Chancellor Goodwin announced that all officers either state or chapter are required to fill out and sign both a **Conflict of Interest (Exhibit H) and Policy Whistle Blower** statement and turned in to the State Secretary. He noted that as a 501©(3) organization, the IRS requires we have these documents on file. It was noted that if these documents were not signed, members would not be allowed to vote. At the chapter level with the change of officers they need signatures on forms that can be found on line on the State Page, in the members section. Those in attendance signed theirs and they were collected by the page.

Jim Faulkinbury announced the **Audit Committee** would meet at 2pm. He then listed those who needed to attend this meeting. They included; Don Littlefield, Mike Howard, Kent Gregory, Bob Taylor, Steve Renouf, Jim Fosdyck and Ron Barker. Some of the items to cover will be 1) the State Secretary and Registrar deposit checks. We need details of how much they are and what they are for. 2) Chapters using heading CASSAR, but no chapter name needs to be changed to CASSAR, Chapter name (i. e. CASSAR Orange County Chapter). 3) The State Secretary shall inform the Registrar and Investment Trustees. The chancellor can then review these to see that all is being done according to the law.

There will be a sign up sheet for those who plan to attend Congress and wish to be a delegate. We usually have more spots than we can fill, so odds are everyone who goes can be a delegate.

Nominations Chairman Keith Bigbee noted that Past State Presidents are on this committee. He noted that they have gotten Robert Taylor to fill in the Treasurer's slot, but there is no surgeon at this time. Chairman Bigbee then read the slate (**Exhibit I**) for the members.

President--Jim Faulkinbury
Executive Vice-President--Dr. Kent Gregory
Vice-President North—Ron Barker
Vice-President South—Jim Fosdyck
Vice-President Membership—Phil Hinshaw
Secretary—Douglas Bergholdt
Treasurer—Robert Taylor
Registrar—Owen Stiles
Genealogist—Terry Briggs
Chancellor—J. Jeffries Goodwin, Esq.
Chaplain—R.R. Louis V. Carlson, Jr.
Historian—James F. Blauer
Surgeon—Vacant
Investment Fund Trustees—Need to verify
Past President—J. Stephen Hurst
National Trustee—J. Stephen Hurst
Alt. National Trustee—Jim Faulkinbury

John Dodd moved that the nominations be closed. This was seconded by Lou Carlson. Motion passed. John Dodd then moved that the slate be elected by acclamation. This was seconded by Lou Carlson. The Motion passed. The slate was elected.

There will be a Nominating Committee Meeting at the Fall Board of Managers Meeting.

Lou Carlson reported that the current by-laws do not allow the Ethics Chairman to vote on issues before the Committee. He requested that the by-law be changed so that the Chairman of the Ethics Committee can vote on the issues that come before it.

Jim Faulkinbury announced that the Fall Board of Managers Meeting will be November 6-9 in Petaluma at the Sheraton and it is just \$139/night.

Kent Gregory reported that he has a site for the 2015 Spring (April) meeting in Orange County. The Wyndam Irvine in Orange County will be \$109/ night and \$4.00 / day for parking. It will be April 17-18. He moved that these arrangements be approved. The motion was seconded and passed

Karl Jacobs spoke about using the CASSAR Facebook for chapters.

Jim Blauer spoke on his calendar that he created and that it is for sale for \$20 and that after his costs are met all proceeds will go to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. Lou Carlson spoke in favor of purchasing one of the historical calendars.

Kent asked that he get information on the chapter's doings. This will help when they put the California Compatriot together to include as much chapter activities as possible.

With no further business it was moved that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10am.

BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

Jim Faulkinbury called the Board of Managers Meeting to order. He is calling for a special meeting with the Fall meeting this year. It was moved that we endorse Steve Renouf for Vice-President General of the Western District. The motion was made by John Dodd and seconded by Lou Carlson. The motion passed.

With no further business Lou Carlson moved that we adjourn. Keith Bigbee seconded. The motion passed.

WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING

Vice-President of the Western District Bob Ebert called the meeting to order. Bob reported that he had visited Nevada last week. They had 25 members from both the North and South chapters. They are working on funding for the Eagle Scout Recognition Program.

Lou Carlson moved to nominate Steve Renouf as the new Vice-President of the Western District. This was seconded and passed. Steve Renouf is the new Vice-President of the Western District.

With no further business before the Western District it was moved that we adjourn. This was seconded and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15am.

The Benediction was given by R. Rev. Lou Carlson.

The SAR Recessional was led by Douglas Bergtholdt.

YOUTH AWARDS LUNCHEON

Don Littlefield opened the luncheon (**Exhibit J**) at 12 noon. The invocation was given by R. Rev. Lou Carlson. Commander Jim Fosdyck led the CASSAR Color Guard in Presenting and posting of the Colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-President South Kent Gregory. The Pledge to the SAR was led by CASSAR Youth Activities Director Steve Ludwiczak.

Compatriot Littlefield then introduced the head table and other honored guests. They included; Steve Hurst, Joe Dooley, Larry & Barbara Magerkurth, Bob Ebert, John Dodd, Lou & Karen Carlson, Keith & Cyndy Bigbee, Jim & Karen Faulkinbury, Kent & Lisa Gregory, Ron & Connie Barker, Phil & Mary Hinshaw, Douglas Bergtholdt, Treasurer Mike Howard, Registrar Owen & Martha Stiles, Chancellor Jeff & Marianne Goodwin, Genealogist Terry Briggs, Historian Jim Blauer, Trustees of the Investment Funds--Richard Hawley, Steve Renouf, and Curtis Porter. The Past Presidents of the Ladies Auxiliary were asked to stand. State senior CAR president Celeste Cox, Treasurer Rachel Smerk, and Chaplain Leslie Young were all introduced.

Sacramento Chapter President Russ Kaiser was introduced. Then our honorees were introduced. Cameron Hooper and Austin McCoy were in attendance with their parents. All DAR ladies were asked to stand.

At 12:15 we recessed for lunch.

At 12:55 we reconvened.

Steve Ludwiczak conducted the Youth Contest Awards.

Steve recognized the two pages we had from the CAR at our meeting today. Rachel Smerk and Leslie Young were presented a certificate and pin in thanks for their help today.

The Enhanced JROTC Program was conducted by Jim Fosdyck and Tom Chilton. Jim spoke on the program. Tom spoke on the recipient for the state award Cadet 1st Lt. Cameron Hoover. Cameron read

his essay on how the JROTC Program has helped/ affected him. Commander Fosdyck requested that Cameron's mother come forward and place the winner's ribbon around her son's neck. Compatriot Chilton presented Cameron with his Certificate.

The Eagle Scout Program was conducted by State Chairman Gary Jensen. Austin McCoy the state winner was presented his desk Eagle, certificate and checks from both the State Society and the Ladies Auxiliary. Chairman Jensen reported that Melvin Howell was a recipient of this year's Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award along with Trenton Spears. Melvin was presented his medal & certificate. Vice-President South Kent Gregory accepted for Compatriot Spears and would present it to him.

The Knight Essay Program was conducted by Kent Gregory. He reported that there were ten chapters who sent in entries for the contest. The winner was Austin McCoy who read his essay on Baron Von Steuben. He was presented two checks one from the state Society and one from the Ladies Auxiliary as well as a certificate.

The Americanism Poster Contest Program was conducted by Chairman David Gilliard. There were five chapters that entered this year's Contest. Judging was done after the meeting and before the luncheon. 1st place went to Gold Country. 2nd Place went to San Diego. 3rd place went to Orange County. Honorable mentions went to Mother Lode and Sacramento chapters.

The Brochure Contest Program was conducted by Tom Adams. He reported there were 5 chapters that entered this contest and the results were as follows. 1st place General George Patton Chapter. It was accepted by Robert Taylor. 2nd Place was Mother Lode. 3rd place was San Diego and was accepted by Ray Raser. Honorable mention went to Redlands, accepted by Charlie Gentis and Thomas Jefferson.

The State Activity Contest Awards (Exhibit K) were given out by Chairman Phil Hinshaw. He had 45 Certificates to give out and reported that he would do them in bunches. For the small chapter category, the Eagle Chapter won all nine categories making it the Best Small Chapter. In the small to Medium group Coachella won 2 categories, Delta won 1 category and Harbor took 6 categories, making the Harbor Chapter the Best Small-Medium size chapter. The best Medium to Large size chapter had certificates won by General Patton, Riverside and Gold Country. Gold Country was declared the Best Medium-Large size chapter. The Best Large Chapter went to Orange County which took all nine categories. The Vary Large Chapters had Silicon Valley receiving 3 of the categories and Sacramento getting 6. Making Sacramento the Best Very Large Chapter.

Commander Jim Fosdyck presented **Color Guard Streamers** to Harbor, Riverside, Orange County and Silicon Valley for their members participating in the Wreaths Across America Program last December.

The Benediction was given by Rev. Lou Carlson.

Those in attendance sang *God Bless America*.

The Recessional was led by Phil Hinshaw.

The luncheon was adjourned at 1:50pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Memorial Service (**Exhibit L**) was opened at 2pm, by Chaplain Louis Carlson. The Color Guard under the Command of James Fosdyck stationed the Color Guard for those in the processional to pass through. Chaplain Carlson gave the invocation. Jim Faulkinbury led the Pledge of Allegiance. The congregation sang "*Amazing Grace*".

The Roll Call of Remembrance was conducted by Chaplain Carlson. As he read off each name of a member who had passed in the last year, members who knew him were asked to come forward and tell the congregation about this fellow Compatriot. If there was no one to give a eulogy for a Compatriot the congregation was instructed to say, "We will remember our Compatriot brother with thanksgiving".

The Roll Call was followed by some special music. This was followed by the congregation reading Psalm 23.

Chaplain Carlson gave the Benediction and the service was concluded.

INAUGURAL BANQUET

The banquet (**Exhibit M**) was opened at 7pm by Russ Kaiser, The Invocation was given by the Rt. Rev. Louis V. Carlson, Jr., Chaplain General for the NSSAR. Commander Jim Fosdyck led the Color Guard in presenting the Colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was led By President General Joseph Dooley. The Star-Spangled Banner was led by James F. Blauer, CASSAR Historian. The Pledge to the SAR was led by Stephen R. Renouf, Trustee CASSAR Investment Funds.

Master of Ceremonies Russ Kaiser, President of the Sacramento Chapter, introduced those seated at the head table. He also recognized those who had worked to put on this meeting. The included; Greg Anderson, Tom & Marilyn Chilton, Jim & Karen Faulkinbury, Ernie Garcia, Jeff Goodwin, Russ Kaiser, and Jim Young, to name a few.

Dinner was served at 7:30pm.

Cyndy Bigbee conducted the **Ladies Auxiliary Raffle** drawing. Among the winners were; Sandra Jacobs, Jim Blauer, Joy Travelina, Mary McCullough, Steve Ludwiczak, Keith Bigbee, Dale Ross, Steve Hurst, Ida Ruth Johnson, Richard Hawley, Jim Faulkinbury, Karen Girard, Larry Magerkurth, Bob Taylor, H. Garcia and Marilyn Chilton.

Winner of the **Silent Auction** went to Janet Brown, Karen Carlson, Marion Goodwin, Chuck Lampman and Connie Barker.

Speaker Rex Roth was introduced by our MC Russ Kaiser who gave a short biography of our speaker. Mr. Roth spoke on Samuel Adams and the Bill of Rights. He gave a history that started with Jamestown and the Pilgrims and worked up to the passage of the Constitution. He was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for having spoken to us this evening.

National Awards were presented by Keith Bigbee and Joe Dooley. **The Lamplighter Awards** were given out to Ed Behnke (OC), Edward Jones (SAC), Ray Raser (SD), Ed Sectree (?), Neil Stenton (OC), Robert Taylor (GP), and Thomas Wheeler (?).

The Ladies Awards were next. The Certificate of Distinguished Service went to Cyndy Bigbee. Certificates of Appreciation went to Coreena Ross, Karen Dodd, Karen Faulkinbury, Sharon Wood, Sandra Jacobs, Karen Carlson, Barbara Magerkurth, Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, and Marilyn Chilton. The Daughters of Liberty medal went to Connie Barker and Lisa Gregory.

It was announced that the Academic Conference on the American Revolution had received \$1300 from the State Ladies Auxiliary.

Commander Jim Fosdyck presented **Streamers** to those chapters that participated in the Wreaths Across America Program last December. They were; California State Society, Central Coast, Delta, General George Patton, General George Washington, Gold Country, Harbor, Orange County, Redwood Empire, Sacramento, San Francisco, Silicon Valley and Sons of Liberty Chapters.

Commander Fosdyck then presented the **Streamers** for the **Massing of the Colors** to CASSAR, Orange County Eagle, Riverside, Kern, So. Coast, Patton, Redlands, Harbor and Sons of Liberty chapters.

Commander Fosdyck then presented the **Silver Color Guard Medal** and **Silver Baron Von Steuben** Color Guard medal to Bob Taylor and Daniel McKelvie. To receive this award the participants had to be in 3 National events for each of three years. The California **Gold Von Steuben** Color Guard medal was awarded to Dale Ross. The Ladies **Molly Pitcher Award** (Natioanl) and the California **Silver Von Steuben** award were presented Karen McKelvie. This for her work with the chapter color guard. Commander Fosdyck then announced the **Color Guardsman** of the year was Jim Faulkinbury.

Certificates of Distinguished Service were presented by President Stephen Hurst to Jim Faulkinbury, Kent Gregory, Ron Barker, Phil Hinshaw, Douglas Bergtholdt, Jim Blauer, Keith Bigbee, and Jeff Goodwin.

The SAR 125th Anniversary Medal was presented to; Keith Bigbee, Jim Faulkinbury, Ron Barker, Lou Carlson, and Bob Taylor.

The Silver Good Citizenship Medal was presented to Kent Gregory.

The Silver Roger Sherman Medal was presented to Greg Hill, Steve Renouf, Ron Risley, and Curtis Porter.

Meritorious Service Awards were presented to Mike Howard and Larry Wood.

The Distinguished Service Medal was presented to Karl Jacobs.

Keith Bigbee announced the slate (**Exhibit I**) that had been elected to serve the next year. He asked that they come forward as he called their names. The group was then sworn in by President General Joseph Dooley.

PG Dooley then installed the new officers of the California Ladies Auxiliary. They were; President Karen Carlson, 1st Vice-President Karen Faulkinbury, 2nd Vice-President Coreena Ross, Secretary Connie Barker, Treasurer Lisa Gregory, Registrar Karen Dodd, Historian Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Chaplain Karen McKelvie and Parliamentarian Marion Goodwin.

President Hurst thanked everyone for a very enjoyable year. He admitted he received a lot of help from members along the way. He spoke about changes in the society.

Newly installed President Jim Faulkinbury gave his acceptance speech. He noted his family and their spouses were in attendance. He thanked them for their support as he takes on the mantle of the 124th President of the California Society SAR. He noted the increase in membership, but stressed the need for our society to grow. He encouraged new members to step forward and become the leaders of our future society.

Don Littlefield and Russ Kaiser then presented a gift to President General Dooley, a Celtic Cup.

Jim Faulkinbury presented Steve Hurst with his President's Certificate and Past President's pin. He also presented Steve with a gift, a book on the "*Reporting on the American Revolution*".

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson.

The Color Guard prepared to retire the Colors.

Jim Blauer led in the singing of "*God Bless America*".

The Colors were retired.

The recessional was led by James Beatty.

The banquet was adjourned at 10:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
November 7-8, 2014

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