

CALIFORNIA SOCIETY  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
140TH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 17-18, 2015  
Wyndham Hotel, Irvine

**Session I,  
April 17, 2015**

The meeting was opened by President Jim Faulkinbury at 9am. The invocation was given by the Orange County Chapter Chaplain Richard Adams. The Color Guard advanced the Colors. President General Lindsey Brock led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Star-Spangled Banner was led by Compatriot Jim Blauer. The SAR Pledge was led by Vice-President North Ron Barker. The Color Guard posted the Colors. The Color Guard then retired. President Faulkinbury then called upon Treasurer Douglas Bergtholdt and requested he call the roll (**Exhibit A**) to determine if we had a quorum for the purposes of conducting business and any voting that may be needed. Following the roll call Secretary Bergtholdt announced that "We have a quorum".

President Faulkinbury introduced those **National Officers** in attendance. They include; President General Lindsey Brock, Former PG Larry Magerkurth, Former PG Joseph Dooley, Vice-President General of the Western Region Stephen Renouf, Registrar General Larry Guzy, and Chancellor General John Dodd.

President Faulkinbury then introduced those **past State Presidents** in attendance. They included; Keith Bigbee, John Dodd, Steve Renouf, Karl Jacobs, Robert Ebert, Larry Magerkurth, and Chuck Lampman.

**NATIONAL OFFICER REPORTS**

**President General** Brock noted how he and his wife, Billie enjoyed coming to California to attend our meetings. He reported on his trip to England with the DAR and spoke of his meeting the Queen. He reported that there are some 250,000 pages of reports from the time of George III that are to be digitized. These are papers of George III and his counselors. He asked that when they are done he would like to have a copy for our museum. It was an exciting experience to meet the Queen, shake her hand and have a conversation with her.

**Former President General** Larry Magerkurth reported that he joined the society in 1997, some 18 years of which 9 years he has served on the National Foundation Board, which he will leave this year. It was Rice Aston who asked him to join. At that time we had a balance of about \$8 Million. Today it is over \$20 million. They are attempting to get \$30-\$40 million to be fully endowed. He recommends that members wishing to do so should consider leaving money or Real Estate to the society/foundation in their wills. Make their wishes known to their families.

**Former President General** Joe Dooley asked all first timers to raise their hands. He encouraged these new members to continue to be involved on the chapter and maybe even the State level. He noted he was not wearing his neck ribbon as he wanted to show off the tie he was wearing that had been given to him by a couple of Compatriots.

**Registrar General** Larry Guzy reported that his main job is to maintain the membership database. He is seeing exciting things for the 21st century. In the future applications will be done on-line. Members will be listed and the listing will note all the jobs that person has held in the society at all three levels. It will also list all the awards that they have ever received by the society. This year we began with 32,500 members and they are still reconciling this information.

**Vice-President General of the Western District** Stephen Renouf announced that the new

Vice-President General of the Western District will be John Dodd.

**Chancellor General** John Dodd spoke on the new capital campaign for National and the new museum. He announced this was not going to be just a bunch of historical stuff, but an “educational experience” He noted they have closed out the previous campaign and will now need to raise \$5-\$6 million to finish the museum plus an endowment to be able to maintain the building and its contents. The new campaign to raise money will be the 1776 campaign. Here you can donate from \$25 to \$17,760. Depending on your level of contribution, you can earn certain recognition at specific levels (Exhibit ). They are creating a Legacy Society for those who wish to leave the organization something in their will. If its value is \$10,000 or more you will be placed in the Founder’s Circle. You will need to let National know of your desires and to fill out certain forms to see that your wishes will be adhered to.

**First Lady** Billie Brock reported that she had an award idea. A Hospitality Pin for the ladies. Also have ladies at Congress sign up for the “Roses & Pearls luncheon Program. Lastly she mentioned the cruise that will take place beginning May 15 along the coast of Florida to the place of the last battle of the American Revolution.

## **STATE OFFICER REPORTS**

**President** Jim Faulkinbury reported his report is in the book, but wanted to note that he attended the CAR State Meeting in February where he presented them with a check for \$500 from our society to theirs.

**Executive Vice-President** Kent Gregory’s report is in the book. He added that if you check on the back of your name tags you will find all your meal tickets. Also enclosed you will find a couple of 20% off coupons for the hotel’s restaurant for meals. You will need to use your hotel key to get in and out of the parking lot and that the fee for parking is just \$5.00 day. The optional officer’s dinner will be held at Il Fornaio near the hotel. You can walk or take the shuttle the hotel is making available to get to and from the restaurant. The dinner is for 6:30pm and there is room for 60 and we have 58 signed up for this dinner.

**Vice-President North** Ron Barker noted his report is in the book. He added his thanks to all who sent cards and best wishes for his recovery following a fall on December 31<sup>st</sup>. He was down for 2 months.

**Vice-President South** Jim Fosdyck noted his report is in the book. He also mentioned that he was able to visit all the chapters in the south during the last year.

**Vice-President Membership** Phil Hinshaw noted his report was in the book.

**Secretary** Douglas Bergtholdt noted his report was in the book. He added that he tries to get notices out ahead of time when he is requesting items that he needs by a given date. The reconciliation of the chapter rosters is due to him by December 31<sup>st</sup>. He has to have his report to National by January 31<sup>st</sup>. He was not able to get his report to national until the first part of April!!! He needs to be able to place all chapter and state officer reports in the book for the meeting. He requested that the chapters try to do a better job.

**Treasurer** Robert Taylor handed out copies of his Treasurer’s report (**Exhibit** ). He thanked the various chairs for keeping their expenses down. He noted he had learned a lot this year and thanked Mike Howard, Steve Renouf, Richard Hawley and Curtis Porter for their help as he learns the ropes.

**Registrar** Owen Stiles noted his report is in the Book. He reported that he has all the Registrar’s records back to 2008. So, if any one or chapter needs any of this information he will be able to pull it up for them. He reported that 2013 was a banner year for new members. But, in

2014 we were down and at present (2015) we are 50% off the pace. He encouraged all chapter Presidents to get the Registrar manual and to send it out to members. We have had 32 applications pended over the last couple of years. Terry Briggs noted we have gone from 67 down to 40. The biggest sticking point is the full maiden name of the women. Jim Faulkinbury suggested the Registrars refer to the Registrar's Manual.

**Chancellor** Goodwin was at a trial and unable to attend the meeting.

**Genealogist** Terry Briggs reported that on the Pended applications, should they be pended for 3 years then National will request that they be withdrawn. Need to have the Registrar's refer to their manual if they should have any questions. We have 17 chapters that have no pended applications. Only 6-7 have some.

**Chaplain** Lou Carlson was unable to attend this meeting due to another commitment.

**Historian** Jim Blauer reported that the minutes from the Fall 2014 Board of Manager's meeting were typed up and sent out to the membership by Secretary Bergtholdt. He had a copy with him should anyone wish to check them over before they put the approval of said minutes to a vote.

**Investment Fund**—Trustees of the Investment Funds consists of a Committee of three; Stephen Renouf, Richard Hawley and Curtis Porter. Steve noted their report was in the book.

**Alternate Trustee** Stephen Hurst was absent due to poor health. Jim Faulkinbury reported on this office as he had to substitute for Steve this last year.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Budget & Audit**—Kent Gregory reported that they will meet at 8:30am tomorrow morning. Once finished he will make his report.

**Chapter Activity Contest**—Phil Hinshaw noted his report was not in the book. The Best Chapter Awards for 2014 will be made at the Youth Awards Luncheon tomorrow. He wants to encourage Chapters to report their activities. Of 26 chapters only 14 participated in the 2014 contest. There are 5 categories. The Small Chapter Division has one chapter in it. The Medium to Small Division has 5 of 10 reporting. The Medium to Large Division has 2 of 3 participating. The Large Chapter Division has 3 of 4 chapters Participating and the Super Large Chapter Division has 3 of 4 chapters participating. The information, work sheets and scoring sheets were sent out to all chapters at the beginning of the year. To have changes made to the contest he takes all suggestions and meets with the Executive Committee at the Fall Board of Managers Meeting. The Committee decides if any changes are going to be made to the contest and scoring procedures.

**California Compatriot** was reported on by Executive Vice-President Kent Gregory. He noted that when they could not find an editor from a couple years ago, they decided to give the job to the Executive Vice-President. He did the Compatriot and thanked the chapters for submitting their activities for publishing in our state newsletter. We charge \$5 per person for the three mailings. We had 22 members who requested the mailed hard copy. That is now down to 18. Yet we spent \$230 for the printing and postage of these in 2014. We need to consider raising the fee for the hard copy. He reported that Former State President Steve Hurst has Hydrocephalus.

**250 Pin** was reported on by John Dodd. The 250 Pin Program continues into the new campaign fund raising. You give a minimum of \$250 to the Center (CAAH) and you will receive a California 250 pin. Foundations do not just give money out to non-profits. They want to know how much the members of the organization have donated. National has set a 20% goal for the membership of each state. California continues to hover around that figure. If you purchase the

premium Medal insignia, \$250 of that cost goes to the Center.

**CAR Liaison** Terry Briggs reported he is working with the CAR to build a relationship between their society and ours. Our Color Guard presented the Colors at their recent State Meeting. They will be here tomorrow and have a table outside and we will have one of them be our page for the day.

**Protocol Chairman** Jim Fosdyck noted his report is in the book.

**Color Guard Commander** Jim Fosdyck noted his report is in the book.

**Compliance Chairman** Karl Jacobs reported that we are in compliance. He thanked all the chapters for getting their information in on time.

**Congress Chairman** John Dodd reported that it looks like the 2019 Congress we will be hosting will be at the Costa Mesa Hilton. He will have more tomorrow.

**DAR Liaison Chairman**—Nothing

**Ethics Committee Chairman**—Nothing

**Flag Certificate Chairman** Stan De Long was absent. It was noted that the Certificates cost \$3.00 and the Folder is \$1.00. Chapters only need to give one out per year, but can do more if they so wish. Those flying the U.S. Flag should be following the U.S. Flag Code which discusses the proper way to display the flag in various situations. Follow this code and whether private citizen or business, they can receive one of our Flag Certificates. It was noted that last year (2014) not a single Flag Certificate was issued by any of our chapters. If we wish to get a streamer from National Half or more of our chapters must give out at least one certificate during the year.

**Internet Technology Chairman** Greg Hill noted his report was in the book.

**Medals & Awards Chairman**—No Report.

**Media Chairman**—absent No report.

**Nominating Committee Chairman** Keith Bigbee will give his report tomorrow.

**Veterans Chairman** Ron Barker noted his report is in the book. Also he noted that Texas has a Program for Vietnam Veterans they do in November.

**Wreaths Across America** Chairman Don Littlefield was absent. No report.

**Youth Activities** Chairman Derek Brown noted that his report is in the book. He thanked Steve Ludwiczak for the work he did prior to Derek taking over.

**Brochure** Chairman Tom Adams reported they had 5 brochures out of 26 chapters. 1 was from the CAR so only four chapters participated.

**Eagle Scout** Chairman Gary Jensen thanked Robert E. Burt and reported that national had expanded the roll of chapters based on membership. California is now allowed 4 recipients per year. Only Texas has more with 5 recipients. He reports we still have a couple slots to fill for this year. Get your submissions in to him for consideration.

**California Compatriot** will have a new editor in Ron Barker when he becomes the new Executive Vice-President. He requests chapters send in articles and photos of their activities so that he can place them in the newsletter. He is going for a June 11<sup>th</sup> deadline. If reporting on CAR society or member, only use the first name of any member mentioned in the article, the Society name, the location (City) of the society, but no last names.

**Essay Contest Chairman** Keith Bigbee reported there are four chapter entries. The winner will be announced tomorrow at the Youth Luncheon.

**Oration Contest Chairman** Dan McKelvie reported they will have a winner in a couple of weeks. There are 3 entries, but one flash drive was lost in the mail.

**Poster Contest Chairman** David Gilliard reported that we would do the voting tomorrow

morning and name the winners at the Youth Awards Luncheon. He also noted that the Delta and Eagle Chapters were new entries this year. The topic for next year will be an event or a person. It has been decided that these two topics should alternate from year to year. The state selects the topic. Next year's topic will be "Fort Ticonderoga". They will be judging information pulled from the internet. All artwork must be original and either by hand or on the computer. Last year we took 2<sup>nd</sup> place at National. We had 800 posters this year. All members and ladies are allowed to vote on this.

**Sea Cadets Chairman** Bob Taylor noted his report is in the book. This year's entries were received from San Diego and Orange County Chapters. Check with Navy Sea Cadet Corps and Navy League Cadet Corps for groups in your chapter's area.

**ROTC/JROTC Chairman** Jim Fosdyck reported that Cameron Hoover last year's State winner was also the National winner. He attended the Congress and made use of the hospitality Room with his mother and several members approached him trying to get him to select their choice of the academy he would attend. The Riverside winner will be here tomorrow.

**Spirit of America Award Chairman** Bob Taylor noted his report is in the book. Only the General Patton Chapter participated in this program where a middle school graduate receives this award.

**Valley Forge Chairman** Bob Taylor noted his report is in the Book. This year the session will be held from late June to July 4<sup>th</sup>. They will have the same itinerary as last year.

Break 10:35am.

Reconvened at 11:52am

## CHAPTER REPORTS

**Butte**—Absent

**Central Coast**—Absent

**Coachella Valley**—Had eight meetings and one was with the DAR(Joint). They will celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in November. They began last year with 46 members and ended the year with 46 members.

**Delta**—Is in the Book.

**Eagle**--Absent

**General George Patton**—Their Roster is being revised by Compatriot Bob Coldren. They participated in local parade, had good attendance at meetings, gave out 13 Eagle Certificates, a couple JROTC Awards, and are active in the Youth Contests.

**General George Washington**—Owen Stiles noted their report is in the book. He reported he has received the withdrawn applications from National to return to the chapters.

**Gold Country**—In the Book

**Harbor**—Have several Members in attendance. Report is in the Book.

**Kern**—Absent.

**Monterey**—Absent

**Mother Lode**—In the Book

**Orange County**—Chapter President Jim Klingler reported they had some 20 Color Guard events, gave out 599 Eagle Certificates, and were involved in several of the Youth Activities.

**Redding**—Absent

**Redlands**—absent

**Redwood Empire**—They are working on their membership. They have 12 meeting per year and 4 planning meetings a year. They had 2 SAR joint meetings and are looking to have joint

meetings with the DAR. They issued 9 Eagle Certificates.

**Riverside**—They will be hosting the Fall Meeting at the Mission Inn. It will be \$139 per night on the rooms. Registration form will be on the state website.

**Sacramento**—In the Book

**San Diego**—Noted it was in the book. They have invited all the chapters to come to the Battle of the Bay to be held on Sunday in San Diego. They will be celebrating Flag Day on Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> on the USS Midway with a 9am breakfast. If you wear red, white and blue, you get in free.

**San Francisco**—Bob Ebert reported the chapter is doing well. They have a new president.

**Santa Barbara**—Absent

**Silicon Valley**—Terry Briggs reports the chapter is very active. They participated in parades. They have a new Fife and drum corps. They award JROTC/ROTC to high schools and a local university.

**Sons of Liberty**—Absent

**South Coast**—In the Book

**Thomas Jefferson**—In the book.

**Yosemite**—Absent

Recessed at 11:16am for lunch

### COMMUNITY SERVICE LUNCHEON

The Community Service Awards Luncheon (**Exhibit**) was opened at 11:55am by Dan McKelvie. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Richard Adams. The Pledge to the Flag was led by President General Lindsey Brock. The SAR Pledge was led by Vice-President North Ron Barker. Dan welcomed all in attendance.

Dan introduced the head table which included; California State President Jim Faulkinbury and his wife Karen, President General Lindsey Brock and his wife Billie, Former PG Larry Magerkurth, Former PG Joseph Dooley, Vice-President General of the Western District Steve Renouf and his wife Joy, Chancellor General John Dodd, Ladies Auxiliary President Karen Carlson, Executive Vice-President Kent Gregory and his wife Lisa, Vice-President North Ron Barker and his wife Connie, Vice President South Jim Fosdyck and his wife Un Hui Yi.

From the floor special introductions were made for; Vice-President Membership Phil Hinshaw and his wife Mary, From the Newport Beach Lifeguard Department Gary Conwell and George Leeper, from Avalon (Catalina) Brian Bray and Bob Kennedy and Orange County Sheriff Sandra Hutchins.

President General Brock brought greetings from the National Society. OC Chapter President Jim Klingler brought greeting as the host chapter for this weekend. He noted the chapter now has over 100 members. He also noted that the PG and FPGs were in attendance and welcomed the Police, Lifeguard and Fire department guests. There were over 20 chapters represented at this meeting.

Lunch was served at 12:10pm.

We reconvened at 1:05pm.

We were joined by Pretty Boy (PB) a dog from the Avalon Lifeguard Department.

The **Emergency Medical Services Award** was awarded to Ben Carlson of the Newport Beach Lifeguard Department. Newport Beach has anywhere from 3,000 to 5,000 rescues annually. They have 3 rescue boats. Ben Carlson was born in 1982 in Alta Loma, California. He began his lifeguard career at age 16. On July 6, 2014 there was a storm off the South creating big wave for Newport and other southern facing Beaches. Ben was on Sea Watch 2. There was a man having

trouble due to the high surf and Sea Watch 2 went into action. Ben dove into the water to save the man, but a very large wave came and knocked him under. Ben was lost, though the swimmer was rescued and did survive.

President Jim Faulkinbury presented the **EMS Award** to Gary Conwell and George Leeper of the Newport Beach Lifeguard Department, who accepted on behalf of Ben Carlson's family.. They spoke of the Ben Carlson foundation which can be checked out at [www.bencarlsonfoundation.org](http://www.bencarlsonfoundation.org). This, has been set up to raise money to help send his children to college.

The **Fire Safety Commendation Medal** is presented to Timothy D. Mitchell of Avalon. There are 4,000 residents on Catalina Island. On December 30, 2014 a storm hit the bay (Avalon). He boarded the King Neptune to get people out of the water and off their boats. He was lost in the storm. Timothy D. Mitchell was a reserve Fireman. He became an American Citizen. Brian Bray the Harbor Master accepted the award for Timothy's family and will present it to his mother.

Once again during the storm of December 2014 2 residents and Pretty Boy (PB) who was with Bruce, ended up in the water. PB is over 12 years old, but made it back to the beach. He went to the Marlin Club. Friends went to seawall to find Bruce, but no luck. Tony Underwood and the Marlin Club are his family now. PB was presented with a **special medal**. Jon Vreeland was thanked for his help in finding these recipients.

Jim Fosdyck presented the **Law Enforcement Medal**. He read the Bio of Orange County Sheriff Sandra Hutchins. OC Sheriff and Coroner, she was elected to her first full term in 2010. She gave 30 years of service for the county of Los Angeles. She began her career in law enforcement when she graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy in 1978. She thanked us and said she was honored to receive this award. It was presented to her by President Faulkinbury.

President Faulkinbury has some other awards to hand out. The **Lamplighter Award** is for those who have made a donation of a considerable amount to the CAAH. For a donation between \$500-\$1,000 the award was presented to David Grinnell. For the \$1,000 to \$2,500 level went to George Ludwick, Henry Lucas, Evan Jones and David Gilliard. For a donation of \$10,000 it went to Lou Carlson and was accepted by his wife Karen.

A **Flag Certificate** was presented to the hotel.

Volunteers for the meeting were presented the **Distinguished Service Certificate**. They included; Kent Gregory, Lisa Gregory, Jim Fosdyck, Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Jim Klingler, Dan McKelvie, Karen McKelvie, Arthur Koehler, Richard Adams, Jim Blauer, Karen Carlson, Daniel Shippey and John Ferris.

With no further business to conduct at this luncheon, the Recessional was led by Phil Hinshaw. The Benediction was given by Chaplain Adams and the luncheon was adjourned at 1:40pm.

## **SESSION II**

The Meeting was reconvened at 2:03 by President Jim Faulkinbury. He asked if there were any changes to the minutes as emailed out by Secretary Bergtholdt. It was moved by Gary Jensen that we accept and **approve the minutes** of the Fall Board of Managers Meeting. This was seconded by Don Gurley. The motion passed. The minutes were approved.

The question on **the insurance issue** arose concerning the firing of muskets at various events the chapters attend.

Two chapters, San Diego and Riverside, have insurance for the firing of muskets at public events. Roger Casper explained the policies and that these policies are done by a broker in Richmond Virginia. The issue concerns 'Spectator Liability' This is covered by this policy. No

projectiles are allowed only Black Powder. There are four grades for the powder used and for these policies they use grade 4. This has coverage of \$1 million. Commercial General Liability covers both property damage and bodily injuries.

With no further business to conduct today the meeting was recessed at 2:40pm.

### **OFFICERS DINNER**

The Officer's Dinner was held at Il Fornaio Ristorante. Members and guests began arriving about 6:30pm. They found where they wanted to be seated and commenced with socializing with those in attendance.

First Lady Billie Brock spoke on the "wonderful time" she and PG Brock are having here in California.

Karen Carlson, in the absence of her husband, Chaplain Lou Carlson, gave the grace for dinner. Jim Faulkinbury thanked all who came to this meeting.

Kent Gregory thanked Jim Faulkinbury for the great year our society has had under his leadership and thanked all the committee chairs for the great job they will do in the coming year.

Members and guests began to leave around 9:30pm for the trip back to the hotel

### **SESSION III**

April 18, 2015

The meeting was opened by President Faulkinbury at 9:02am. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Richard Adams. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Fosdyck. The SAR Pledge was led by Chuck Lampman. With the absence of Doug Bergtholdt who was at the Audit and Budget meeting Jim Blauer, the State Historian, called the roll. A quorum was established.

**(Exhibit A).**

**National Officers** in attendance were introduced. They included; President General Brock, Former President General Joseph Dooley and Chancellor General John Dodd. Though there were other National officers in attendance, they were not in the room at the time of the introductions.

Terry Briggs introduced the **CAR representatives** in attendance. Darin Gillick will be our page today and his mother Tanya was present also. They can be found at breaks and after the meeting at their table outside the meeting room.

**PG Brock** spoke to the members about his initiative on bios of our patriot ancestors. So far the ones that have been submitted they have been able to get new members from these bios when they are placed on-line in the SAR website ([www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org)). With this information members can do speeches about their ancestors. They will be listing the members who received the Medal of Honor at the museum and they plan to continue recognizing our Veteran members. They are doing those from the Viet Nam War at present. He noted that he has met Medal of Honor recipients and finds them very humble about their actions. The PG's initiative can be found on the SAR homepage.

Neither Joe Dooley nor John Dodd had any comments at this time.

### **REPORTS continued**

State **Eagle Scout Chairman**, Gary Jensen, reported that we would be honoring our Eagle Scout today at noon.

**Kern chapter** reported they are in the book and added they participated in the Flag Day event in Santa Barbara and the Massing of the Colors. Their membership is up and they are getting better programs. They are involved in the school programs and the local Memorial Day Event.

**Redland chapter** noted their report is in the book.



**Santa Barbara** representative noted the president is having health problems. They doubled their membership from last year and hope to do the same this year. They will be doing the Flag Day ceremonies and parade again this year and had 9 Color Guardsmen in the parade.

**Compliance Chairman** Karl Jacobs asked members to get their Whistle Blower and Conflict of Interest forms (Exhibit ) signed and turned in to Secretary Doug Bergtholdt. This is required by all state officers under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

Phil Hinshaw spoke on getting a **statue of Bernardo Galvez** for San Diego. He gave some historical background. He noted Spain's declaration of War on Great Britain and the royal edict to raise money to support the Spanish Troops. He is one of only 8 honorary Citizens of the United States. He requested and moved that we move \$500 from 2 accounts to help with the cost of this statue. This was seconded by Owen Stiles.

Discussion ensued. John Dodd noted he was in favor of this proposal. Terry Briggs said they could use the Genealogists' budget for this. James Gill felt we should have received some advanced notice on this and information/details. Chuck Lampman made the motion to table this item until the Fall Board of Managers Meeting. This motion was seconded. A 2/3 vote will be needed to pass this motion. State officers, presidents and their delegates may vote on this motion. Terry Briggs moved that we postpone the vote until members return from the Audit/ Budget Meeting that is going on at present. This was seconded and passed. A vote will be taken upon the return of the Budget/Audit Committee.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There have been requests concerning **Memorial Applications**. There is no fee stated on the website. Ray Raser reported that he paid \$20 for the one he did.

John Dodd spoke on the **2019 Congress** that the State will be hosting. He noted it will most likely be held at the Costa Mesa Hilton, though John liked the Newport Marriott. It is up to the Congress Committee at National to make the final decision. He along with Kent Gregory, Steve Renouf, and Paul Callahan from National toured several hotels in Orange County and San Diego. There were none from Long Beach or Pasadena that will considered. There are four hotels in Orange County and San Diego that are under consideration. There are 2 in Orange County. They are the Newport Marriott and the Costa Mesa Hilton. The Costa Mesa Hilton is about a half a mile from South Coast Plaza for shopping and restaurants near the hotel.

The state will host a reception and there will be a Ladies Hospitality Suite. They are looking for a place to have the reception. They were thinking of maybe a Harbor Cruise. Rooms will run about \$200 per night. We have over \$30,000 in the Congress Budget. They are looking for some assistance in getting a venue for the Memorial Service. The state is thinking maybe we could get the Mission at San Juan Capistrano or possibly the cathedral in Garden Grove.

There are several possibilities for tours in the area. If we do not do the church service at the mission, we could have it on the tour list. There could be an all-day event at the Queen Mary. There is the USS Iowa in San Pedro and Bowers museum in Santa Ana.

It will take 40-50 people to put this together and is asking for the chapters to help in this area.

**Congress** this year is in Louisville in late June and early July. Friday night there will be an event at Churchill downs. Future Congresses will be at Boston in 2016, Nashville in 2017 and Houston in 2018.

He noted that all state officer and chapter reports need to be filed with the State Secretary. It is part of the **Corporate Governance** under Sarbanes-Oxley.

The **Audit Committee** returned with their report.

Kent Gregory, Ron Barker, Jim Fosdyck, Mike Howard, Bob Taylor, Jim Klingler, and Doug Bergtholdt made up the Audit Committee. Treasurer Bob Taylor explained the areas of concern. 1) State Registrar and Secretary to make a note of what each check is for. 2) The President is to sign the request form or invoice. 3) The treasurer is to bring his laptop to the meetings, so the Committee can review the checks. 4) Reconciliation reports are to be done earlier(Dec.31st). And 5) To get Life Members checks to the chapter in the first Quarter.

The **Galvez issue** was revisited with the return of the Audit/Budget committee. The issue was would the State donate \$500 to the construction of a Life-size statue of Bernardo de Galvez in San Diego? Jim Gill felt it should be placed on the agenda. He moved to postpone the voting until the November meeting. This would require a 2/3 vote to approve this motion. John Dodd felt it is a minor issue with only \$500 coming from unused funds from various items in the Budget. Dave Gilliard supports the motion desiring more information on this project. Curtis Porter also supports the motion desiring more information. A voice vote was taken and the 2/3 majority went to postpone a vote on this item until the Fall (Nov.) Board of Managers Meeting in Riverside.

Dave Gilliard reported that we have 6 posters for that contest and are on display outside the room. He asked that all members take time to vote for their top three favorites. Winners will be announced at the luncheon today.

Kent Gregory reported on the **Fall Board of Managers Meeting**. Riverside will be the host chapter and we will be at the Mission Inn in Riverside. It will run about \$140 per night and run from November 5th-8th. All information will be posted on the state website. The chapter has their team in place that will be working on this event.

Curtis Porter spoke on the **BSA/SAR** having joined together for the 2013 National Jamboree. We had a booth at that one and hope to do it again in 2017, the next Jamboree which will also be held at Bechtel Summit in West Virginia. Gary Jensen will be putting an article together on this event. The state is looking for members who are eligible to receive the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer award. We get 4 per year and have only used 2 so far. He asked that chapters check with their membership in locating deserving members. He will get an email out to the Chapter Presidents to have them forward to the chapter members in hoping to find deserving members.

The **Nomination Committee Report** was given by Keith Bigbee. This report was put together by the past six presidents of the state. The nominations of officers for the 2015-2016 term are;

President—Kent Gregory

Executive Vice-President—Ron Barker

Vice President North—Derek Brown

Vice President South—Jim Fosdyck

Secretary—Douglas Bergtholdt

Treasurer—Robert Taylor

Registrar—Owen Stiles

Genealogist Terry Briggs

Chancellor—Jeff Goodwin

Historian—Jim Blauer

Chaplain—Lou Carlson

National Trustee—Jim Faulkinbury

Assistant National Trustee—Kent Gregory

Trustees of the Investment Funds—Stephen Renouf, Richard Hawley and John Dodd

Surgeon—None at this time. Vacant.

As the motion to approve and elect this slate is from the Nominating Committee, no second is needed. President Faulkinbury then requested any nominations from the floor for any of these offices. The request was made three times as per Robert's Rules of Order. With no nominations from the floor, Don Gurley moved that we elect the slate. This motion was seconded and passed. The slate was elected. We have our officers for 2015-16.

With no further business to discuss at this meeting the Benediction was given by Chaplain Adams and the recessional was recited.

The 140th annual State meeting of the California society was adjourned at 10:30am.

### **BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING**

The Board of Managers meeting as opened by Kent Gregory at 10:30am. The two items were on the agenda. 1) To endorse the candidate for Vice-President of the Western District. Steve Renouf moved that we endorse John Dodd for this position. With no discussion a vote was taken and the motion passed.

2) was to vote on the venue for the Fall Board of Managers meeting. Chuck Lampman moved that we have the meeting in Riverside at the Mission Inn. The motion was seconded and passed.

With no further business this meeting of the Board of Managers was adjourned at 10:33am.

### **WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING**

The Western District Meeting was called to order at 10:33am by Vice-President of the Western District Stephen Renouf. He asked that the district endorse John Dodd for Vice-President of the Western District. This was moved and seconded. The motion passed.

There being no further business for the Western District, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35am.

### **YOUTH AWARDS LUNCHEON**

The Youth Awards Luncheon (**Exhibit** ) was opened by emcee Dan Shippey at 12 noon. The invocation was given by Chaplain Richard Adams. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Stephen Renouf. The SAR Pledge was led by Owen Stiles.

Compatriot Shippey welcomed all in attendance and proceeded to introduce the head table and special guests. They included; State President Jim Faulkinbury and his wife Karen, President General Lindsey Brock and his wife Billie, Former President General Joseph Dooley, Vice-President General of the Western District Stephen Renouf and his wife Joy, Chancellor General John Dodd, Registrar General Larry Guzy and his wife Karin, Ladies Auxiliary President Karen Carlson, Executive Vice-President Kent Gregory and his wife Lisa, Vice-President North Ron Barker and his wife Connie, and Vice-President South Jim Fosdyck and his wife Un Hui Yi. Also in the audience were; Vice-President Membership Phil Hinshaw and his wife Mary and CAR Senior President Tanya Gillick and her son Darin. Darin spoke to us about the State President's Project this year, The Wounded Warrior Project. They are trying to raise money for our wounded veterans.

Lunch was served at 12:10pm.

We reconvened at 1:12pm.

The **Awards Ceremonies** commenced.

State **JROTC** Chairman Jim Fosdyck introduced this year's winner Cadet Claudia Jimenez

from Moreno Valley. This entry came from the Riverside Chapter and she was selected by them from 7 school entries in their jurisdiction. Compatriot Fosdyck read the bio of Cadet Jimenez. She is presently a cadet 1st Lt in the Air Force JROTC. She read her essay after which she was presented with her certificate, medal, and a \$1,000 check from the State Society. She was then presented a second check, this for \$250, from the Ladies Auxiliary. He dad was then asked to place the ribbon and medal around her neck.

State **Eagle Scout** Chairman Gary Jensen introduced the State winner Russell Cecil from the Orange County Chapter. He has earned 34 Merit badges and has been to a number of camping events. He read his essay on *George Washington and the Newburgh Conspiracy*. He was presented with his Certificate from the state as well as their check for \$1,000. He also received a check from the Ladies Auxiliary for \$250.

The **Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award** was presented by Robert E. Burt. These two today will bring the state total to 16. Today's recipients are Dennis Goble from the Harbor Chapter and the Long Beach Council and Richard Andriano Moore from the Redwood Chapter in northern California. Compatriot Goble received his medal and certificate, but Compatriot Moore was not in attendance so Compatriot James Beatty received it for Compatriot Moore and will present it to him at their chapter meeting.

The **Knight Essay** winner was introduced by Keith Bigbee. He introduced this year's winner Heidi Lai from the Redlands Chapter. He read her bio. The essay had to be between 800-1200 words. Though she was absent, her mother was present to accept Heidi's award which included a winner's certificate, medal and a \$1,000 check from the State and a \$250 check from the Ladies Auxiliary.

The **Americanism Poster** Chairman David Gilliard gave the results of the voting on the posters. The theme for this year was Lexington & Concord. There were six entries in this year's contest. Sacramento, San Diego, Gold Country, Delta, Eagle and Mother Lode were the chapters. The Eagle and Mother Lode Chapters received honorable Mention. The winning chapter was from Sacramento and they received a \$300 check to present to the student who drew the winning entry.

The **Brochure** Contest winner was announced by Chairman Tom Adams. This year's theme was on any of the five founding documents. Honorable mentions went to the Thomas Jefferson chapter, accepted by Don Gurley and the Orange County Chapter, accepted by Jim Klingler. Third place went to the Redlands Chapter. They received a check for \$150. Second place went to the Mother Lode Chapter and was presented a check for \$300. First place went to the San Diego Chapter and they were presented with a check for \$400. These checks will be taken back to the chapter and presentations will be made to the student that drew the brochure.

President Jim Faulkinbury then presented to Tanya Gillick a \$500 check for their CAR Wounded Warrior Project. Darin Gillick was presented with the SAR Good Citizenship Pin for being our page earlier today at the meeting.

The **Activity Contest** winners were announced by Phil Hinshaw. He announced that we had 14 chapters participate in the five categories. There is the Small, Medium-Small, Medium-Large, Large and Very Large divisions. For each division there are 8 categories for scoring and certificates for the winners of each category in their division.

In the **Small Chapter Division** there were three participants, Eagle, Silicon Valley and South Coast Chapter. This year the Eagle Chapter took all 8 categories making them the Best Small chapter, for which they received the winner plaque for their division.

In the **Medium Small Division** there was Coachella that won the Publication category, Delta

won the Community Service category, Redlands won the Chapter activities category and Harbor won the Meeting attendance, publicity, new Members, Medals and CASSAR Activities making them the Best Chapter in the Medium-Small Division.

In the **Medium-Large Division**, General George Patton Chapter took the Medals Category. Gold country took Meeting Attendance, Publicity, Most new Members, Chapter Activities, CASSAR Programs, and Publication Distribution. This making the Gold Country Chapter the Best Chapter in the Medium-Large Division.

In the **Large Division** Thomas Jefferson took the New Members and CASSAR Programs categories. Orange County took the Meetings, Medals and Community Service categories. Riverside chapter took the Chapter attendance, Publicity and Publications Categories. The Riverside Chapter was named the Best Large chapter garnering the most points in this division.

In the **Very Large Division** Sacramento won the Meeting attendance Category. San Diego won all the rest. Thus San Diego was named the Best Very Large Chapter.

With no further business Derek Brown led the reciting of the Recessional.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Adams.

The Luncheon was adjourned at 2:10pm.

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

As members and guests arrived for the service (**Exhibit** ) the Color Guard escorted them to their seats, while Kent & Lisa Gregory played a prelude. Chaplain Adams led the procession in followed by the Color Guard who took their seats up front. Chaplain Adams welcomed all who had come to this service. He then gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by State President Jim Faulkinbury. The congregation was then asked to pull the insert from their program which had "*Amazing Grace*" on it and sang the first three verses.

Chaplain Adams then did the Roll Call of Remembrance calling out the name of each of our fallen Compatriots, noting the chapter they were from. If any member of the Congregation wished to they could stand and say a few words about the deceased and their contribution to the chapter and the society. As each name was called our Color Guardsman Larry Wood rang the bell, noting their passing. There were 18 Compatriots who we honored at this service.

Following the Roll Call of Remembrance, Jim Blauer sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth" and was accompanied by Kent Gregory on the piano.

Chaplain Adams then led the congregation in the recitation of the 23rd Psalm. This was followed by the Benediction.

The Color Guard then formed a recessional line and proceeded out, lining up on either side of the hallway for members of the congregation to pass through on their way out.

### **GALA INAUGURAL BANQUET**

The banquet was opened at 6:55pm by Former President General Joseph W. Dooley who would be our emcee for the night. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Richard Adams. The Color Guard presented the Colors. Jim Blauer led in the singing of our National Anthem. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Former President General Larry J. Magerkurth. The Pledge to the SAR was led by State Secretary Douglas Bergtholdt. Compatriot Dooley then proceeded to introduce those at the head table and honored guests. At the head table there were, President Jim Faulkinbury and his wife Karen, President General Lindsey Brock and his wife Billie, Vice-President Western District Stephen Renouf and his wife Joy, Chancellor John Dodd, Registrar General Larry Guzy and his wife Karin, Ladies Auxiliary President Karen Carlson, Executive

Vice-President Kent Gregory and his wife Lisa, Vice-President North Ron Barker and his wife Connie and Vice-president South Jim Fosdyck and his wife Un Hui Yi. Also in the audience you have Vice-President Membership Phil Hinshaw and his wife Mary.

Suddenly, it was announced that a special guest had just arrived and was asked to say a few words to those at the banquet. It was **General George Washington!!!** He spoke on the efforts of the continuing war and thanked us for our support.

**PG Brock then inducted two new members.** Jeff Oler was sworn in as a new member of the Harbor Chapter. Jim Gill did the honors of pinning Jeff with his SAR Rosette. Ernest John Mortenstein was then inducted as a new member of the San Diego Chapter. Ray Raser his sponsor pinned on the SAR Rosette. Both Compatriots were presented with their Membership Certificate by PG Brock.

Jim Gill, President of the Harbor Chapter, then read the bio and military accomplishments of Jeff Oler. Jeff was then presented the War Service Medal and certificate.

President General Brock then presented the **Aide-de-Camp pins** to Richard Adams and Jim Fosdyck who picked the President General up in Richard's Bentley. Billie Brock presented the 1st **Ladies Pineapple (Hospitality) pin** to Un Hui Yi Fosdyck and the second went to Karen Faulkinbury.

Dinner was served at 7:25pm.

We reconvened at 8:15pm.

**PG Brock and his wife** thanked the California Society for their hospitality. Though they would like to stay for the rest of the banquet, they had to catch a flight. Before leaving Kent Gregory presented the PG with a California Mission shirt.

The Ladies held their **raffle drawing**. Some of the winners included; Compatriot Colbern, Jim Blauer, Mary Hinshaw, Karl Jacobs, Sandy Jacobs, Dale Ross, Owen Stiles, David Gilliard, George Gentry, John Dodd, Ray Raser, Keith Bigbee, James Gill, and Kent Gregory.

The **entertainment** for the evening was magician David Champaign. He did several tricks and used a couple people from the audience to assist him. President Faulkinbury presented him with our Certificate of Appreciation.

President Faulkinbury then presented **Certificates of Distinguished Service** to all those elected officers who served under him this last year. They included; Kent Gregory, Ron Barker, Jim Fosdyck, Phil Hinshaw, Owen Stiles Terry Briggs, Jim Blauer, Jeff Goodwin, Bob Taylor and Lou Carlson.

President Faulkinbury then presented the **California Meritorious Service medal** to Dale Ross, Doug Bergtholdt and Jim Fosdyck.

President Faulkinbury then presented a couple more awards. The **Roger Sherman Silver Medal** was presented to Kent Gregory, Phil Hinshaw, Jim Blauer and Stephen Renouf. The **Silver Good Citizenship** was presented to Michael Shanahan.

At this point Color Guardsmen Bob Ebert and Steve Renouf were asked by the President to search out a certain person. That person was Robert Taylor who was presented the **Patriot Medal**, the highest award the state can bestow upon a member for his service to his chapter, the state or both. A second one is to go to Jeff Goodwin, but he was absent due to a trial he was busy with. It will be presented at a later date.

The **Distinguished Service Medal** went to Don Littlefield, but he too was absent from these proceedings.

On the Ladies front Coreena Ross was presented with the **Martha Washington Oak Leaf Cluster**. Karen Carlson received the **Daughters of Liberty Oak Leaf Cluster**. Karen

Faulkinbury received the **Daughters of Liberty Medal** as well as the **Lydia Darraugh Medal**.

Commander Jim Fosdyck then presented streamers to various chapters for their participation in certain special events. **Streamers for** attending the **Massing of the Colors** went to Eagle Patton, Harbor, Kern, OC., Redlands, Riverside, Sons of Liberty, as well as the state society.

For attending the **Wreaths Across America** ceremonies, streamers went to Central Coast, Delta, Patton, George Washington, Gold Country, Harbor, OC, Redwood, Sacramento, San Francisco, Silicon Valley, Sons of Liberty chapters and the State Society.

In the **Color Guard Activity Contest**, Redwood Empire won the **Small Division**, Kern won the **Medium-Small Division**, Patton **Medium-Large Division**, Riverside **Large Division** and Orange County the **Very Large Division**.

The **Silver SAR Color Guard Medal** and the **California Baron Von Steuben Silver Color Guard Medal** were presented to Charlie Gentsis.

For the second year Jim Faulkinbury was named the **Color Guardsman of the year** and was presented an Oak Leaf Cluster for his Von Steuben Gold Color Guard Medal.

Jim Faulkinbury then spoke on his year as state President. He thanked all the people he has worked with throughout the year and the chapters for the hospitality they showed to him and Karen when they visited them.

**FPG Dooley** was then called upon to **install the officers** for 2015-2016. Following the officers swearing in FPG Dooley swore in Kent Gregory as the new State President. Lisa placed his ribbon of office around his neck.

Following the men, FPG Dooley **installed the Ladies**. Lisa Gregory was elected as President of the Ladies Auxiliary and it was Kent who placed the ribbon of office around her neck. Others serving on the Ladies' Board are; Connie Barker, Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Karen Carlson and ?

The ladies gave Karen Carlson a gift as outgoing president and it was a teapot.

Chapter President Jim Klingler presented President Gregory with a gift from the chapter, A Houdon bust of George Washington.

Kent then presented to Jim Faulkinbury his past president's pin and certificate. He then presented Past President Faulkinbury with a 3 pronged gift. First was a bottle of his favorite wine. Second was a minuteman wine stopper and third were wine coasters that are replicas of those used by George Washington.

President Gregory then spoke of his life, his Revolutionary War ancestor and our society goals. He asked that chapter presidents connect with new members and get them involved, promote American History where wearing your uniform can be of assistance, and draw students into our Youth Contests.

With no further business, Ray Raser led the reciting of the Recessional.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Adams.

The Colors were retired by the color Guard.

The banquet was adjourned at 10:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted

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State Historian

