

**CALIFORNIA SOCIETY
SONS OF THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

SESSION I

April 7, 2017

The meeting was opened by President Ron barker at 9:02am. The invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Color Guard presented the Colors. The Pledge to the Flag was led by FPG Larry Magerkurth. The Color Guard posted the colors and retired. The SAR Pledge was led by Larry Guzy. The Roll call was conducted by Secretary Doug Bergtholdt and a quorum was established. (Exhibit A).

President Barker then introduced our Past State Presidents which included; Chuck Lampman, Larry Magerkurth, Bob Ebert, Karl Jacobs, Steve Renouf, Lou Carlson, John Dodd, Ron Risley, Steve Hurst, Jim Faulkinbury and Kent Gregory.

The minutes from the November Fall Board of Managers meeting were sent out and posted on the California Website. Historian Jim Blauer noted that there had been a few corrections and that they had been taken care of. It was moved by several members that we accept the minutes as corrected and seconded by Lou Carlson. The motion passed.

Remarks from various dignitaries on the state and national scene were encouraged. **FPG Larry Magerkurth** spoke on his injury and that he is doing well He is glad to be here, but will not be attending Congress.

Executive Vice-President Jim Fosdyck noted he was happy to be here.

Secretary General Larry Guzy noted he was glad to be here.

Chaplain General Lou Carlson invited all to attend the Congress this year in Knoxville, Tennessee.

PG Mike Tomme was glad to be back with his friends here in California. They always enjoys coming here and renewing friendships.

Past State President and Chancellor General John Dodd request our vote in his run to be made a member of the Foundation Board. He noted the Solid Light \$500,000 donation to the next phase of the construction on our new headquarters at National. We are moving forward with the museum project. They have created an ad for use in the local newspaper. Chairman Samuel Powell is looking for endowments to help fund the upkeep of the museum. People need to know we exist. Need to place ad in local newspapers four (4) times per month. There will be a special Award for those who participate. Over time we can build our endowment.

REPORTS

President Barker thanked Executive Vice-President Jim Fosdyck and his wife Un Hui Yi for the quilt he received from Quilts of Valor. He thanked John Dodd for stepping in as chancellor. He thanked Jim Faulkinbury and Don Littlefield for working on the reconciliation report for the State. He reported that due to transfers and drops our membership numbers were down by 57. He reported that only 18 chapters filed their reports. 8 state officers did not. President Barker requested that these reports be sent in the Secretary Bergtholdt and Webmaster Greg Hill. Jim Faulkinbury reported that several chapters need to send change of officers to national.

Executive Vice-President Jim Fosdyck reported he visited 20 chapters and presented 21 Flag Certificates to the missions. The first was at San Diego and the last one was with the Redwood

Empire Chapter. So, we will receive the Furlong Award for having given out these and other Flag Certificates.

Vice-President North Derek Brown reported he had visited 12 of 13 chapters in the north. Some were visited twice.

Vice-President South Bob Taylor reported that this office was an eye opening experience. He noted he is learning as he goes along. Having a full time job prevents him from visiting as many chapters as he would like. He attended leadership meetings and has been doing Color Guard duty. He mentioned the Spirit of America Awards that are presented to the top boy and girl of middle schools.

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

Secretary Doug Bergtholdt noted his report is in the book.

Treasurer Jim Klingler's report is on page 12 (**Exhibit**) in the book. In 2016 we had income of \$94,498 and expenses of \$90,312 for a surplus of \$4,187. He noted that in the first Quarter of 2017 through March we were up \$6,000 surplus. The full amount has been paid to National for dues. There is over \$60,000 in our money market accounts. Need to work on sales of Congress Medals and California State Medals. There is over \$300,000 in our Morgan Stanley account. Total assets come to over \$435,000.

Chancellor's job is open.

Registrar Owen Stiles reports we have 14 applications at National from 2016. There are 6 new from 2016. There are currently about 81 applications at National most of which are for new members. He noted most the chapters are on line and there have been good results from this. Some hiccups have occurred, but they have been quickly remedied. Gary Jensen volunteered to assist and this has resulted in less errors and omissions. Less do overs by the chapters.

Jim Fosdyck reported that at the Trustees Meeting this winter changes were made in the application process. 1) Certification statements will no longer be allowed. 2) Removal of applicants children. No need to fill this out. And 3) creation of a genealogy policy manual.

Genealogist Terry Briggs reported there are 19 pended applications at National. Chapters have done well in reducing this problem. Chapter Registrars need to closely check documentation. 22 of 26 chapters are using the on-line application system. As of April 6th there are 518 applications that have been done on-line. 90 have been approved. 97 are at National awaiting review. Most of these are from the on-line system.

Mike Tomme noted the new Registrar person is to review the applications in hopes of reducing time from 12 to 10 weeks once submitted to being approved. The DAR loves the on-line application process. Owen and Gary can make on-line corrections. He encourages the registrars to check the on-line system regularly. President Barker had newly approved applications and handed them out to the chapters.

Historian Jim Blauer reported that his report, the minutes from the Fall Board of Managers Meeting had already been approved.

Chaplain Lou Carlson reported the Memorial service will be held tomorrow.

Surgeon office is open.

Investment Fund Trustees report is on page 68, will give full report tomorrow.

National Trustee Kent Gregory's report is in the book.

We took a break at 10am.

We reconvened at 10:18am

Jim Fosdyck reported the schedule of events was in our packets. Those name badges with an orange dot are OC members, so if you have any questions you can ask them. Blue dot is the State

President . Gold Dot is the President General. Check with Secretary Gus Fischer if there is a problem with your meal tags. You should have breakfast coupons for breakfasts in the hotel.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Coachella—They meet monthly from Fall through Spring and have a presentation at each meeting. They currently have about 40 members.

Eagle—Frank Allerton reported it was a small chapter. They get about 20 to a meeting which is on the first Saturday of the month. Their Color Guard is growing. They have submitted all the tax requirements.

General George S. Patton—Owen Stiles reported it is in the book. He thanked members for their concern, but the dam did not break. Just a spilling leak. The Sheriff received the Law Enforcement Award.

Gold Country—is in the book.

Harbor—James Gill reported they have 50 members. They meet at the Alpine Village on the first Wednesday of the month. They need to find more help among their members so they can expand their activities.

Kern—Arnie Berg reported they are very active. They did presentations at four schools recently. He noted television and newspapers love the Color Guard.

Mother Lode—Jeff D. noted it was their 10th anniversary and they are involved in the Poster Contest, Color Guard and have a Fall Banquet.

Orange County—President David Beall noted their report is in the book. They are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year.

Riverside—Gary Jensen noted their chapter was growing. They are expanding their Youth Activities. The Color Guard is very busy.

Sacramento—Alan Brooking reported their report is in the book. He thanked their officers.

San Diego—Fred Hall reported they have a special event to celebrate Flag Day on June 10th on the USS Midway. Welcome begins at 10am. If you wear red, white and blue you will get on free. Arrive to get on board by 9am.

San Francisco—Bob Ebert noted it is the oldest chapter in the society.

Silicon Valley—Report is in the book. They have 100 members. They have ROTC, Eagle Scout Certificates, Knight Essay, and Wreaths Across America programs. They work with their local CAR and their Color Guard stays busy. The Delta Chapter will join in some of its events.

South Coast—They have 51 members. They issue ROTC medals, have an active Color Guard and are working on a fife and drum corps for the chapter.

Thomas Jefferson—Tim Ernest noted their report is in the book.

Jim Faulkinbury spoke on the mentoring program discussed at the recent Trustees meeting. He Has a check list of ideas to get new members involved.

YOUTH PROGRAM REPORTS

Youth Director Derek Brown thanked all the chairmen for their work. His report is in the book. He emphasized the Youth protection program. It is sponsored by the BSA and is on-line. President Barker noted that any members who do work with youth should do this training. Mike Tomme said all should do training. It only takes about 30 minutes. This is just a recommendation at present and not a requirement as yet. John Dodd noted that this was mandated in California and will be so by National in the future. Derek noted that 40-42 members have sent in their certificates to him.

Poster Contest—Dave Gilliard noted his report is in the book. It was noted that California won at National last year. State judging will be tomorrow. There are 8-9 posters this year.

Brochure Contest—Tom Adams reported there were 6 chapters that entered this year's contest. Mock ups are in the back of the room. Winners are to be announced at the Youth Luncheon on Saturday. Tom noted the brochures get better each year.

President Barker thanked PG Tomme for increasing the awards to each contest except the Eagle Scout program. Tom announced there is a flyer on the Americanism model. President Barker noted that all sales of youth medals go to fund the Youth Awards.

Eagle Scout—Gary Jensen thanked for the update of the flyers. There were 4 Robert E. Burt Awards here in California last year. The Scholarship Awards at national are \$10,000 First Place, \$6,000 second place and \$2,000 third place. To win at national you must have the three suggested merit badges of Law, American Heritage and Genealogy. Owen Stiles noted for those who have earned palms these should be listed to enhance their application. Jim Blauer noted there are Eagle Scout pins put out by the society for those members who are Eagle Scouts.

Oration Contest—Dan McKelvie reported Taryn Murphy will be here tomorrow to receive the Award for this year. There were two applicants. San Francisco came in second.

JROTC/ROTC—James Gill noted his report is in the book. You have the JROTC for high School and the ROTC awards for college. In the enhanced contest there are 3-4 applications each year. There were four this year and Riverside chapter's entry was the winner and that application has been sent on to National for judging.

Sea Cadets—Bob Taylor reported that 2 Sea Cadets were recognized this year. There are 18 Sea Cadet groups here in California.

Spirit of America—Bob Taylor reported there were five schools this year. Each one had one boy and one girl who received the Bronze Good Citizenship Award. High Schoolers get a Good Citizenship pin.

Valley Forge—Bob Taylor reported that there would be a presentation at the November meeting by the state winner. Last year was presidential Homes. This year(2017) the theme is Southern States. So far one application has been received and two are in progress, hopefully more.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget—The committee will meet tomorrow at 8:30-9:30am. The committee consists of Jim Fosdyck, Bob Taylor, Steve Renouf, Derek Brown, and Jim Klingler, They along with Craig Anderson and Arnie Berg are on the Audit Committee.

California 250—John Dodd announced for those individuals who donate \$250 to the Center (CAAH) they will receive a California 250 pin. Should they purchase one of the premium medals, \$250 of the \$750 price goes to the Center. National wants to see each state have a member participation of 20% who donate to the Center.

California Compatriot—Editor Jim Fosdyck reported that they do three issues per year. Since they are on-line they can and in many cases will be longer. We might have to go to \$15.00 for 60 pages. It was \$10.00. We will leave at \$10.00 and see how things progress may have to increase this subscription charge for the hard copy. The lady who formats the newsletter lives in San Diego and she does a great job. It is possible we may increase what we pay her.

Mission Project—Jim Fosdyck reported the mission project is to issue a Flag Certificate to each of the 21 missions here in California.

Vietnam War Pins—Jim Fosdyck spoke on the Vietnam War 50th Anniversary pin for those men and women who served during this time.

Activity Report—Phil Hinshaw noted his report is in the book.

Protocol—Mark Kramer reported his report is in the book.

CAR—Terry Briggs reported that though his report was submitted it is not in the book. He attended the CASCAR meeting held in Ventura, California. Bob Taylor was in the Color Guard. At the Fall meeting he had two pages from the society to assist us on Saturday at our meeting. Tomorrow Tanya and Derrick Gillick will be here.

Color Guard—Mark Kramer reported his report is on page 82. He attended the leadership meeting where policy procedures and protocols were discussed. It is a five man committee. There will be a meeting today to discuss these items.

Compliance—Karl Jacobs reports that though his report was sent in, it is not in the book. He will copy to Greg Hill so it can be placed on-line. Concerning Form 99N, 199, Whistle Blower(Exhibit) and Conflict of Interest(Exhibit), we are in compliance.

Fall BOM—The Harbor Chapter will host this meeting and it will be held here at the Wyndham.

Congress—John Dodd spoke on the medal designed by Karl Jacobs for this special meeting we will host for the National Congress in 2019. The front will have a Soldado and the back will be dedicated to the Sons of Revolutionary Sires. The moneys made from the sale will go to help defray the costs of the Host reception that we are responsible for as well as some other items. Karl noted it was LeRoy Martinez who helped to design the Soldado side of the coin.

DAR/CAR—Alan Brooking reported there were 6 Color Guard activities with the DAR and CAR this year. Thanks to the Sacramento, Gold Country, Riverside, Delta and Silicon Valley chapters for providing these events with a Color Guard.

Ethics—Lou Carlson requested that he be contacted if there was a problem in a chapter with one of its members.

Flag—Derek Brown(North) and Robert Taylor(South) reported the state, thanks to Jim Fosdyck and his Mission project, chapters have issued a total of 46 Flag certificates in the last year. The full report is on page 87 in the book.

We recessed for lunch at 11:40am.

PUBLIC SERVICE LUNCHEON

The luncheon was opened by State Public Service Chairman Brian Stephens at 12 noon. The invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The OC Fire Authority Color Guard presented the Colors. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Executive Vice-President Jim Fosdyck. The SAR Pledge was led by Vice-President Membership Phil Hinshaw. The Color Guard posted the Colors then retired. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the Fire Authority for providing the Color guard for today's luncheon. It was accepted by Martin Tovar and Shane Welk.

Introduction of the head table included; PG Mike Tomme and his wife Cilla, Secretary General Larry Guzy, Chaplain General Lou Carlson and his wife Karen, FPG Larry Magerkurth and his wife Barbara, Vice-President General of the Western District Jim Faulkinbury and his wife Karen, State President Ron Barker and his wife Connie, Executive Vice-President Jim Fosdyck and his wife Un Hui Yi, Vice-President North Derek Brown and his wife Janet and Vice-President South Bob Taylor and his wife Darien.

In the audience were Foundation Board member John Dodd, National Trustee Kent Gregory and his wife Lisa, National Trustee of Mexico Robert Ebert, National Trustee of Spain Steve Renouf and his wife Joy.

Greetings were brought by Orange County Chapter President David Beall. Also by PG Mike Tomme who noted he and wife Cilla are always glad to be here in California to see their friends and fellow Compatriots.

. Lunch was served at 12:20pm.

While lunch was being served emcee Brain Stephens told a story about Microsoft and Ford Motor Company.

Once we reconvened around 1:15pm the awards were presented.

The **EMT Award** was presented to Dr. Ken Miller. He has a PhD in pharmacology. He does training and certification of paramedics. He is on the female National Advisory Council, is on the medical advisory of the OC Red Cross and has published 68 articles. He has also worked with several FEMA Departments. He was unable to attend today so we will work with the Silicon Valley Chapter to make the presentation.

The **Fire Safety** Commendation was awarded to Lori Smith of Orange County. She has spent 35 years with the Fire Authority in OC of which 15 have been in management. She is a graduate of CSUF(California State University, Fullerton). Brian read off a list of her accomplishments.

After, she was presented with the Award.

The **Law Enforcement Commendation** was presented to Jim McDonald of the LA Sheriff's Department. He has spent 32 years with the LA Sheriff's Department, the largest Sheriff's Department in the World. He was born and raised in Boston. He began his career as a 22 year old graduate. He is a Medal of Valor recipient. He spent 5 years as Chief of the Long Beach Police Department. He is president of the LA Police Chief's Association. He has a BA in Criminal Justice.

Hammond Salley our **Veteran's Affairs** Chairman introduced Barbara Winkler from **Quilts of Valor**. She told how her group of quilters work to make quilts for our military veterans. She noted that to date they have presented 4,100 quilts and in 2016 they did 651.

Phil Hinshaw was called forward. His bio was read by Hammond. He served in the U.S. Navy. Barbara presented him with a quilt.

Mary Hinshaw was called forward. Her bio was read by Hammond. She too received a quilt. President Ron Barker was asked to come forward. He was in the U.S. Navy from 1968-1972. He too received a quilt.

Barbara and Hammond received Certificates of Appreciation.

The **Best Chapter** award chairman Ray Raser thanked Phil Hinshaw for his eleven years of service as Activity Contest Chairman. There are 26 chapters and nine participated in this contest. In the **Small Category** Delta was the only entrant so they won that division.

In the **Small-Medium Category** Redwood Empire was the only entrant and they won that division.

In the **Medium-Large Category**, South Coast had the most Participation in events. Gold Country had the most meetings and CASSAR programs. Kern had most publicity, new members, medals & certificates and publications. Kern Chapter won the Medium-Large division.

In the **Large Chapter Category**, Harbor Chapter won the most meetings, publicity, and CASSAR programs. Riverside won most new members, most medals and certificates, most activities, most publications. Riverside won the Best Large Chapter award.

In the **Very Large Chapter Category**, Sacramento took most meetings and CASSAR Programs. Orange County took most publicity, most new members, most medals & certificates, most activities, and most publications. Orange County won the Best Very-Large Chapter award.

The **Richard F. Locke Award** for the largest percentage gain in membership went to; Small—Yosemite, Medium-Large—South Coast, Large--Mother Lode and Very Large—San Diego chapters.

Wallace Wallington received recognition for his donation to National.

Brian Stephens was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for hosting this luncheon.

The Recessional was led by vice-President South Bob Taylor.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson.

The luncheon was adjourned at 1:38pm.

SESSION II

The meeting was reconvened at 2:05pm

REPORTS (con't)

Information Technology—Greg Hill reported his report is in the book and on the website.

Medals & Certificates—David Grinnell reported they had sold 176 medals and certificates bringing in \$1,357. This is \$57.00 over budget. He reported that California Medals are in stock and go for \$35 per set.

Publications—David Gilliard reported there is a bio of our new President.

Nominating Committee—The Nominating Committee has put together the following slate for 2017-2018 year.

President—Jim Fosdyck

Executive Vice-President—Derek Brown

Vice-President North—David Gilliard

Vice-President South—Bob Taylor

Vice-President Membership—Doug Bergtholdt

Secretary—Craig Anderson

Treasurer—Jim Klingler

Chancellor—John Dodd

Registrar—Owen Stiles

Historian--Jim Blauer

Genealogist—Terry Briggs

Chaplain—Lou Carlson

Surgeon—Dr. Matthew Bowdish

Investment Trustee—Steve Renouf

National Trustee—Ron Barker

National Trustee Alternate—Jim Fosdyck

Operation Ancestor Search—Ray Raser reported that Ancestry has discontinued its support for this project. There was a one year membership for wounded warriors.

Public Service Awards—Brian Stephens reported his report is on page 92. He thanked chapters for making presentations on their level. He also thanked Jim Fosdyck and Karl Jacobs for their success in getting the Life Saving Medal approved.

Wreath Across America—Don Littlefield reported that there was over 50% participation by chapters in 2016. His report is on page 95. The President General will have a proclamation to be read at this year's event on December 16th, the third Saturday not the second.

Liability—Ron Barker reported we had contracted with Hartford Insurance. Mark Kramer noted this was for reenactor insurance for up to \$2million. The cost was \$375 plus \$15 for 1st year processing. There are policies and procedures to be followed. Training is done by the NRA or National Park Service. This covers up to 30 members in a reenactor group.

Life Members—Need to find out if they are still alive. Riverside reported they had one person they had been trying to find for 3 years with no success. There was a discussion on how he might be found.

Charitable Trust Registry—Jim Klingler reported that one year ago he presented information on the requirements for the CT-1 Form. Instructions have been posted on the website. This is required by state and donations are placed in a trust. Separate tax IDs have to report by chapter. 16 of 26 are registered. 10 are in progress. Those include; Butte, Patton, Harbor, Monterey Bay, Redlands, Redwood Empire, Silicon Valley, Thomas Jefferson and South Coast. David Grinnell reported that in a letter from the Department of Justice, we do not have to file. It was said that only money received through the dues process, you do not have to file. Any moneys coming from another entity you will have to file.

Congress—John Dodd reported that the Congress medal can be sold to anyone. He would like to see the society do business with credit cards. He proposed we get a square for I-Phones to pay by credit card. He motioned (4/7/17) **“I move the CASSAR treasurer be authorized and directed to procure a square or similar credit card reader device to collect funds for the CASSAR Congress Medal.”** The motion was seconded by Gary Jensen. Our cost is 2 ½% per transaction. We will need an email account so we can email to spender a receipt of the transaction. With no further discussion the vote was taken and the motion passed.

John is looking for volunteers from the north and south to take on some of the various tasks needed to run a Congress. Ideas and connections can be very helpful. National has budgeted \$800 for flowers. Anyone know a florist?

Tours are being set. A trip to the Huntington Library will be by bus. There will be a Harbor Cruise in Newport Harbor for the reception by the California Society. See the Lyon Air museum in the morning followed by the Nixon Library afterwards. Possibly hold the banquet at San Juan Capistrano Mission.

Maybe have a possible Color Guard event at Disneyland or an Angel's game.

Memorial Service on Sunday. In the process of checking churches. May have to use bus.

Looking at the Crystal Cathedral, Newport Harbor Lutheran Church, St. Andrew's Presbyterian or possibly the USS Iowa near the Queen Mary.

We recessed for the day at 3:05pm.

SESSION III

April 8, 2017

At 9:05am the meeting was opened by President Barker. PG Mike Tomme reported that FPG John Mahler had passed away on April 5th. This according to John's wife Marie. The invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Pledge of allegiance was led by David Beall. The SAR Pledge was led by Alan Brooking. The roll call was taken by Secretary Bergtholdt. A quorum was established. (Exhibit A)

NATIONAL OFFICER REPORTS

PG Tomme said it was a pleasure to be here and thanked the society for the invitation to attend this meeting. He welcomed all those members who were 1 year or less with the society.

FPG Larry Magerkurth noted that on the 50th anniversary of the American Revolution the Republic was healthy and strong and had a full Supreme Court.

FPG Lawrence noted he was happy to be here. When he served as Chancellor General he had to keep Larry out of jail. Larry instituted reforms that got the society on track.

VPG Western District Jim Faulkinbury enjoys Congresses.

Secretary General Larry Guzy brought greetings from Georgia. He has been here three times in recent months. He likes the California Society and its continued active participation.. This is an exciting place.

OTHER REPORTS

Lou Carlson reported that there are unqualified men trying to become members of the Chaplain's Committee at National.

John Dodd spoke on the foundation and its raising of money for various projects. He requested that all members who donate to the foundation make a note of where they want it to go to if they have a specific area they want it to go. He also noted the partnership with King's College and the sponsoring of a scholar from the USA to go over and be a part of the research team on the papers of King George III. The BBC is doing a video on this effort.

Terry Briggs introduced our CAR guests. State Corresponding Secretary Darren Gillick of the De Anza Trail Society(Riverside) and Tanya Gillick Senior Recording Secretary. Darren is to act as our page today.

President Ron Barker had Darren pass out the Conflict of Interest (**Exhibit**) and Whistle Blower (**Exhibit**) forms. They are to be signed by chapter presidents, state officers and chairmen.

Orations Contest Chairman Dan McKelvie made the motion (**Exhibit**) to help pay to have this year's Oration contest winner go back to national to go for the top prize in this contest. The motion was seconded. Dan explained it will cost over \$2,000 to go to National and the family cannot afford this cost. Treasurer Jim Klingler supports this motion. On page 14 of the treasurer's report there is a \$4,000 surplus. E-40 has Other CASSAR expenses that were not spent last year. In a couple years we could use this item in the budget for this purpose. John Dodd asked that they vote before lunch on this or leave it to the executive committee. Kent Gregory likes this motion. Is all for it. Gary Jensen noted there are excess funds in the Eagle Scout budget that can be transferred for this purpose. Steve Renouf noted that there is a \$40,000 in the Education Fund that is available for such a purpose. Dan noted the receipts would be supplied to the state for reimbursement. He asked for an additional \$1300 for the expenses. The motion(**Exhibit**) passed unanimously.

The **Audit Committee** consisted of Chairman Jim Fosdyck, Jim Klingler, Steve Renouf, David Beall, Craig Anderson, Bob Taylor and Derek Brown. Having gone over the books there was one question concerning a deposit and one question on an outgoing check. All was found to be in order.

As **DAR Liaison**, Alan Brooking noted there was no money to pay for lunch and Alan was requesting that money be placed in his budget to do so. John Dodd said we would need to amend the current budget to pay for this year's DAR lunch.

Investment Trustees--The report is on page 68. Steve Renouf reported that the funds were up \$39,000. There are separate pages for each fund. Each shows a total for that fund. He noted

several items in the report. President Barker congratulated the Trustees and investor for their work on our investment funds.

Jim Faulkinbury spoke on the subject of **reconciliation of the rosters**. He and Don Littlefield have been working on this. A form is needed for state to state transfers. Some junior members are now over 18, but still counted as junior members. Chapter secretaries need to know and use Excel. They concluded there are still problems with reinstatements. There were 26 copies on instructions as to how to use Excel programs.

By-law changes were taken up. The first was Article III Membership Eligibility. Copies showing the current and proposed changes were handed out. (Exhibit). Kent Gregory seconded the motion to make these changes. Larry Guzy noted these were in the National Constitution and needed to be changed to be in line with National, The motion passed unanimously.

The second item was a gender issue (Exhibit). The wording proposed at the Spring leadership meeting has language that is very restrictive. We need to relax the approved language at the upcoming Congress. The proposed resolution would be placed in the Genealogy Policy Manual and the wording would be **“An applicant must submit evidence that he is male, a qualification stated in the SAR Constitution. A document that establishes the lineage of the applicant which also establishes that he is male is acceptable, including but not limited to birth certificates, census records, wills of a parent. If an applicant has undergone treatment to become a male subsequent to birth, a document subsequent to that treatment such as a revised birth certificate or court order must be provided to establish that the applicant is male.”** John Dodd seconded the motion. Tom Lawrence noted we needed to amend the national constitution and not just pass a resolution. You can propose an amendment from the floor of Congress.

At 10:15am we took a break.

We reconvened at 10:27am.

John Dodd revised the language to go to Congress and inserted “Original or revised” after “limited to” and before “birth certificates” and inserted after “wills of a parent “ “or court order.” The part beginning with “If an Applicant” to the end is to be stricken. So the final version would be **“An applicant must submit evidence that he is male, a qualification stated in the SAR Constitution. A document that establishes the lineage of the applicant which also establishes that he is male is acceptable, including but not limited to original or revised birth certificates, census records, wills of a parent or court order.”** The motion passed.

Congress 2019 was spoken to by John Dodd. He noted we would need volunteers to handle many aspects of this event. Packet stuffing, registration, day captains for events, and airport greeters to name a few. Registration is to begin the afternoon of July 4th and will become our information booth. Friday the events will start. May have an optional afternoon outing. We will need 2 volunteers per bus.

Saturday will be the Huntington Library in Pasadena and later the Lyon Air museum in Newport Beach. Sunday will be the Memorial Service. We will need bus captains again. We will also need one person for each room of meetings at Congress. We need to start scouting for possible activities and restaurants. Mike Tomme suggested that each chapter bring their own flags and stands.

The reception will be the main event for our State Society. This will be the Hornblower Cruise of Newport Bay. The contract is for \$35,000. It was moved by John Dodd (Exhibit) and seconded by Lou Carlson. The motion passed unanimously. John moved we have a Volunteer

at lunch on Friday. This was seconded by Lou Carlson. It would be in the Fountain Court area. The motion passed unanimously

A medals fund raiser was needed to raise funds to pay for a room to raffle off Darien's Quilt. The motion to purchase a room was moved by John Dodd and seconded by Mark Kramer. Need to sell at Knoxville and Houston Congresses. The motion passed.

Tom Adams reported that they are looking for history buffs as they are digitizing the old SAR Magazines at National. They will have a historical summary of all the articles. There will be a guideline page on how to write a summary. Chuck Lampman noted the summary of the articles was to show what had already been written and has not been done as yet.

Owen Stiles reported that yesterday was the 100th Anniversary of the US entering WWI. He noted that there would be poppy sales from May22-28 leading up to Memorial Day.

Lou Carlson reported that those with 20 years of service to the SAR, pins would be forth coming. Kent Gregory reported on the slate of officers the **Nominating Committee** had come up with for 2017-2018. They are;

President Jim Fosdyck

Executive Vice-President Derek Brown

Vice-President North—David Gilliard

Vice-President South—Bob Taylor

Vice-President Membership—Doug Bergtholdt

Secretary—Craig Anderson

Treasurer—Jim Klingler

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Surgeon—Dr. Matthew Bowdish

Investment Fund Trustee—Stephen Renouf

National Trustee—Ron Barker

Alternate National Trustee—Jim Fosdyck

It was asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none the nominations were closed and the slate was elected by unanimous acclamation.

Jim Fosdyck reported that at the Fall Board of Managers Meeting by-law issues were to be voted on and called for a special meeting at that time to consider those items to be placed before the Board of Managers.

With no further business, the 142nd Annual Spring Meeting was adjourned at 10:50am.

WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING

The meeting was opened by Jim Faulkinbury at 11:05am. He moved that Kent Gregory be made the Vice-President General of the Western District. He would then be nominated for this position at the next Congress. This was approved. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:06 PM.

It was announced that checks for the following chapters were available to cover their Life Members for the year. They were; Coachella, General George S. Patton, Jr., General George

Washington, Gold Country, Harbor, Kern, Monterey Bay, Mother Lode, Orange County, Redding, Redlands, Redwood Empire, Riverside, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Silicon Valley, Sons of Liberty, South Coast, and Thomas Jefferson.

Jim Fosdyck announced the OFNA would meet from 4-4:30Pm in the Executive Board Room on the fourth floor down the hall on the left.

The Recessional was recited.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson.

The meeting of the 142nd Annual Spring meeting of the California Society Sons of the American Revolution was adjourned at 11:12AM.

YOUTH AWARDS LUNCHEON

The Youth Awards Luncheon (Exhibit) was opened by Derek Brown at 12:02PM. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson.

The head table was introduced. They were; President General Mike & Cilla Tomme, Secretary General Larry Guzy, Chaplain General Lou & Karen Carlson, FPG Larry & Barbara Magerkurth, FPG Tom & Mickie Jo Lawrence, Vice-President of the Western District Jim & Karen Faulkinbury, Chancellor John & Karen Dodd, President Ron & Connie Barker, Executive Vice-President Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Mayor Don & Marie Wagner, Vice-President South Bob & Darien Taylor, Kent & Lisa Gregory, Bob Ebert, Gene & Jane Butler, and Steve & Joy Renouf. Mayor Don Wagner of Irvine brought greeting from his city to our society.

Greetings were brought from DAR State Regent Beverly Moncrieff. DAR member Diane Stephans read the message.

Darren Gillick Corresponding Secretary of the State CAR brought greetings from State President John Buxton who was unable to attend. Tanya Gillick the state CAR Senior State Recording Secretary was introduced.

Lunch was served at 12:20PM.

The luncheon was reconvened at 1:56pm.

Former state presidents were introduced. They included; Marston Watson, Chuck Lampman, Ron Risley, Charles Conyers, Stan DeLong, Larry Magerkurth, Stephen Renouf, Lou Carlson, Wayne Griswold, John Dodd, Steve Hurst, Jim Faulkinbury, Kent Gregory, Karl Jacobs and Bob Ebert.

Connie Barker presented a \$100 gift card to Diane Enroth, daughter of Larry & Barbara Magerkuth.

President Barker presented a Flag Certificate to the Mayor of Irvine, Don Wagner.

Lou Carlson received his 20 year pin.

Eagle Scout Chairman Gary Jensen presented the Silver Good Citizenship medal to Ron Milton.

Brochure Contest Chairman Tom Adams reported there were six (6) entries this year, the 7th year of this contest. Honorable Mention went to Redlands, Sacramento and San Diego. Third place went to Orange County (\$150). Second Place went to Mother Lode (\$300). First place went to Riverside (\$400). Riverside's entry has been sent to National for judging at that level. In the brochure entries the judges at National will be judging on the content and creativity.

Poster Contest Chairman David Gilliard reported that nine (9) chapters had entered this contest. Honorable Mention went to Kern, Delta, Mother Lode, Riverside and Orange County. Fourth place went to Gold Country. Third place went to San Diego. Second place went to Sacramento. First place went to Redlands. Redlands entry has been forwarded to National for judging on that level.

JROTC/ROTC Enhanced Contest was presented by Chairman James Gill and Rob Dickie. Cadet Casini is from Murietta High School. She is an Afghan-American and is a part of the AFJROTC program at her school. She received a check for \$1,000 from the state SAR and \$250 from the Ladies Auxiliary. She read her essay to those in attendance.

Eagle Scout Contest Chairman Gary Jensen announced this year's state winner is Thomas Grice. Thomas has earned 71 merit badges which included the three required by National; Law, American Heritage and Genealogy. He is 14 years old. He read his essay noting his SAR and Mayflower ancestry. His ancestor served on the Frigate *Trumbull*. Spoke of its battles. The state presented him with a check for \$1,000 and the Ladies Auxiliary presented him with a check for \$250.

The Essay Contest winner was announced by Kevin Tierney. This year's winner was Eana Laroc from the General Patton Chapter. She was not able to attend. Compatriot Tierney reported her essay was on Benedict Arnold. We had 47 entries of 314 nationwide. He presented the winners certificate, medal and checks to the General Patton Chapter to present to the winner

Oration Contest Chairman Dan McKelvie introduced this year's winner Taryn Murphy from the Riverside chapter. He read her bio and she then read her essay on "Why our right to privacy helps National Security. She was presented with her medal, certificate and checks.

JROTC Commander Col. Hunt presented the Orange County chapter winner Hannah Suh with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Good Citizenship pin.

The SAR Recessional was led by Larry Guzy.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson.

The luncheon was adjourned at 2:06pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Memorial Service (**Exhibit**) began with a prelude played by Kent Gregory on the piano and Lisa Gregory on the violin.

There was a processional by the CASSAR Color Guard.

Chaplain Rt. Rev. Louis V. Carlson Jr. emceed the service. He welcomed all in attendance and gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by State President Ron Barker. The Congregation then sang Amazing Grace.

The Roll Call of remembrance was done by Chaplain Carlson. As each name was read Compatriot Larry Wood would strike the bell. There were 24 Compatriots noted in the Program. Chapters in Mourning over their loss(es) were; Orange County (5), Riverside (1), Silicon Valley (2), San Diego (3), Sons of Liberty (3), Redwood Empire (1), Central Coast (1), South Coast (1), General George Patton (2), Butte(3), Sacramento (1), and Coachella Valley (1). When each name was called members who knew the Compatriot were asked to come up and say a few words about him. If he was not known by any members the congregation was asked to say, "We will remember our Compatriot brother with Thanksgiving."

Following the eulogies the Congregation read Psalm 23. After which Chaplain Carlson gave the benediction.

The recession out was led by the CASSAR Color Guard.

The Memorial Service was over.

GALA INAUGURAL BANQUET

The Banquet (**Exhibit**) was opened by Chaplain Lou Carlson at 7pm. Chaplain Carlson gave the invocation. The Color Guard presented the Colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by FPG Larry Magerkurth. The SAR Pledge was led by John Dodd.

The head table was introduced. Included were; PG Mike & Cilla Tomme, Secretary General Larry Guzy, Chaplain Lou & Karen Carlson, FPG Larry and Barbara Magerkuth, FPG Tom & Mickie Jo Lawrence, VP General Western District Jim & Karen Faulkinbury, State President Ron & Connie Barker, Executive Vice-President Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, and Dr. Steven Choi & Jane.

All the former State Presidents were asked to stand and be recognized.

Dr. Steven Choi is serving the 68th assembly district in the State Legislature. He was the Mayor of Irvine. He brought greetings from the City of Irvine. He noted the Orange County Chapter was celebrating its 50th anniversary as a chartered chapter of the SAR. He also noted it was the 142nd Annual State Meeting. He presented a proclamation to the state recognizing this 142nd State Meeting and a Proclamation to Orange County Chapter, recognizing their 50th anniversary. Dinner was served at 7:20pm.

We reconvened at 8:10pm.

As the dinner came to a close, dessert had been served, the Ladies Auxiliary conducted the raffle. Winners included; Bob Taylor, Jim Blauer, John & Liz Ferris, Larry Wood, Gene & June Butler, Phil & Mary Hinshaw, Jim Klingler, Steve Hurst, Cilla Tomme, Lou Carlson, Ron Risley, Derek Brown, Karl Jacobs, Stan & Joan DeLong, Mickie Jo Lawrence, Barbara Magerkurth, Doug Bergtholdt, Ron Barker, Karen Faulkinbury, Greg Hill, Matt Bowditch, Mark Kramer, Ernie McCullough, and Kent Gregory. The Ladies made \$1,450 from the raffle.

Other California officers in attendance included; John & Karen Dodd, VP North Derek & Janet Brown, VP South Bob and Darien Taylor, Trustee Kent & Lisa Gregory, Trustee of the Mexico Society Robert Ebert, From Nevada Gene & Jane Butler, And Trustee for the Spain Society Steve Renouf.

The entertainment for the night began as Orange County's Larry Wood, in uniform, got up and recited in its entirety the "Midnight Ride of Paul Revere". He was followed by the Color Guard and LA Fife & Drum Corps. They played several tunes from the American Revolutionary period. Next thing we knew the Commander-in-Chief, General George Washington (Dan Shippey) had arrived to speak to us. He spoke on the war and noted his recent return to New York City after a seven (7) year absence. He spoke of his farewell addressed before leaving New York City. As he left and was followed by the Color Guard, the Fife & Drum Corps began to play "Yankee Doodle".

This year PG Tomme challenged state societies to come up with \$2500 to donate to the center through fund raisers. Orange County Ladies Auxiliary Member Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, created a quilt with a California theme and sold tickets to members both North and South. Tonight was the drawing for this quilt she made. It was won by Juan Oh, a friend of hers. Following the announcement of the winner, she presented to PG Tomme a check for \$2,500.

PG Tomme then gave Mark & Joann Kramer and Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck the Aide de Camp Pineapple Pin for their service and hospitality to him and his wife at this meeting.

AWARDS

Streamers were given out to chapters that participated in certain Color Guard events. The first was for the **Wreaths Across America** event last December. There were 14 chapters that

participated in this event in their areas. They were; Delta, Gen. George Patton, Gen. George Washington, Gold Country, Harbor, Kern, Monterey, Orange County, Redlands, Redwood Empire, Riverside, Sacramento, San Diego and Silicon Valley. Each chapter received a streamer for having their Color Guard participate in this event.

Then there were the streamers handed out for those chapters who participated in the **35th Annual Massing of the Colors**. These streamers went to Sons of Liberty, Gen. Patton, Harbor, Kern, Orange County, Redlands, Riverside, and Silicon Valley.

The **Best Color Guard Award** was awarded by division based on number of members in a chapter. Best Small Chapter was Delta. Best Medium size chapter was Santa Barbara. The best Medium-Large chapter was Kern. The best Large chapter was Riverside. The best Very Large Chapter was Orange County. Each chapter received a streamer for their win in their division. It was noted that three members and two wives attended and participated in the Deep River Fife and Drum Corps parade back east. They were Matt Noell, Arnie & Emily Berg and Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck.

Color Guard Medals were awarded by our state Color Guard Commander. Dan Henry from Orange County received both the SAR and the Baron Von Steuben Silver Color Guard Medals. Henry Lucas of Riverside also received both the SAR and Von Steuben Silver Color Guard medals. As Henry was absent Brian Stephens accepted and will present them to him at their next meeting. Brian Stephens of Riverside chapter was then awarded both of these silver medals as well. Kent Gregory from Orange County was awarded the Gold Baron Von Steuben medal. Gary Jensen of the Riverside chapter was presented the Gold Von Steuben medal and it was announced that Gary was named the state Color Guardsman of the Year. For this he received a small Minuteman statue. James Olds and Mark Kramer received the SAR Silver Color Guard Medal.

Other medals presented by President Barker included; The **Meritorious Service Award** which he presented to Tom Adams, Jim Blauer, and Alan Brooking.

Marston Watson was presented his **50 year pin!!!** That means he joined the society in 1967!!! Derek Brown was presented the **Silver Roger Sherman Medal**.

A search party of Dan Henry, Charlie Gentis and Mark Kramer was sent out in search for the **Distinguished Service Medal** recipient (**Exhibit**). They finally found the recipient—Phil Hinshaw.

The search party was then sent out to find two more members who would be presented the **Patriot Medal (Exhibit)**. These went to Jim Klingler and David Grinnell.

Jim Faulkinbury was presented with an Eagle Statue for his tireless work on the Reconciliation Report.

An update from the Ladies Auxiliary as they reported they had made \$1500 in the raffle tonight. Awards were presented by the **Ladies Auxiliary**. Lisa Gregory and Janet Brown each received a Certificate of Appreciation. Darien Taylor and Un Hui Yi Fosdyck received the Daughters of Liberty Medal and cluster, respectively.

The Ladies Auxiliary then called up John Dodd, Kent Gregory, Steve Renouf and Ron Barker. They presented them with a check for \$20,000 for the 2019 Congress.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Larry Wood, The LA Fife & Drum Corps and Dan Shippey for their part in the entertainment this evening.

The Orange County Chapter presented President-Elect Jim Fosdyck with a gift. It was a bust of George Washington.

President Ron Barker then presented **Certificates of Appreciation** to members of the Orange County Chapter, Harbor Chapter and Riverside Chapter for their work in putting on this meeting. They were, Mark & Brenda Torres, Kent Gregory, John & Liz Ferris, Lou & Karen Carlson, Gus Fischer, Karl Jacobs, Sharon Wood, Elizabeth Beall, Jim Klingler, Mark Kramer, Jim Blauer, and Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck.

Ron and Connie Barker were presented gifts as out-going presidents of the state and Ladies Auxiliary. He received a small Eagle Statue and she received a purse.

The Installation of Officers was next. PG Tomme began by installing all officers, but the President. Then he installed James C. Fosdyck as President of the California Society for 2017-2018. Ron Barker was presented his Past President Pin and Certificate.

Next President General Tomme installed the members of the Ladies Auxiliary officers for 2017-2018. First the regular officers of Janet Brown, Liz Ferris, Connie Barker, Karen Dodd, and Lisa Gregory were installed. PG Tomme then installed their new President, Un Hui Yi Fosdyck.

California gave a big thank you to President General J. Michael Tomme and his wife Cilla. They were presented with the gift of a California Mission shirt for him and a bag for her. There was one other gift for the PG, a saluting figure from Un Hui Yi Fosdyck.

President Fosdyck thanked all the Orange County Members for their support and the 19 chapters here this weekend to make this meeting such a success. He noted that several members from the state were on National Committees.

President Fosdyck then read his acceptance/ inaugural address.

Marston Watson led us in the reciting of the Recessional.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson.

The Color Guard retired the Colors.

The banquet was adjourned at 10:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
November 3, 2017

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