

CALIFORNIA SOCIETY  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
144<sup>th</sup> Fall Board of Managers Meeting  
November 1-2, 2019  
Wyndham Hotel, Irvine, CA

**SESSION I**

November 1, 2019

The meeting was opened by President Robert Taylor at 9am. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Colors were presented by the California Color Guard. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Don Littlefield. The SAR Pledge was led by Brian Stephens. The Colors were posted. The Color Guard retired.

The Roll Call was done by Secretary Pro Tempore Fred Schuster (Exhibit A). A quorum was established.

Guests were introduced with any comments they wished to make.

**President General** Jack Manning remarked that it was a pleasure to be here. National Membership is at 37,451 as of last week. At National they are working on 76 new applications and 40 supplementals. Four new applications have been pended and 5 supplementals have been pended. He will after this meeting head to Richmond Virginia, Louisville, Kentucky and the Central District Meeting before heading home.

**Vice-President of the Western District** Jim Fosdyck was introduced. No comments at this time.

**Genealogist General** Jim Faulkinbury reported that 15% of the applications we sent in were pended. Most have been approved. It is mostly simple things that can cause an application to be pended. He noted the Patriot Bios are not a form of proof and should not be used as such.

**California National Trustee** Derek Brown reported that both California and Nevada have very active societies. He attended several DAR meetings and helped with the CAR audit.

**Foundation Board Member** John Dodd noted there were two campaigns. The first is the new Liberty Tree Campaign where one can make a monthly donation to the Society to raise money to be used for the Museum and Outreach Programs. Secondly is the 1776 Campaign where one can purchase a square foot of the building at National. There are three levels in which one can donate; the Bronze, Silver or Gold Levels. The next phase of the building will cost \$700,000. We have \$300,000 at present leaving the need for another \$400,000 to complete this phase.

**Foundation Board Member** Lou Carlson echoed Compatriot Dodd's comments and added that the Liberty Tree Campaign needs the support of 50-75% of the membership to raise the money needed for this phase. He noted it can be done by credit card on a monthly basis and is tax deductible.

John Dodd asked that this information be taken back to the chapter members. Jim Blauer requested that John do a write up on these programs to disseminate to the membership through the chapters.

**Past State Presidents** in attendance were introduced. They included; Bob Ebert, Steve Renouf, Rev. Lou Carlson, John Dodd, Jim Faulkinbury, Kent Gregory, Ron Barker, Jim Fosdyck, Derek Brown and Karl Jacobs. Due to medical issues both Larry Magerkurth and Steve Hurst were unable to attend this meeting.

Minutes from the previous meeting were discussed. Jim Blauer had sent them to Fred Schuster to be disseminated to the chapters who would then send them out to their membership. Fred

noted that as the newbie to the job of secretary, he was unaware of who he was supposed to send these minutes to. The minutes are posted on the website. So, the approval of the minutes was deferred until tomorrow as members could check the website and read them before the vote to approve them is done tomorrow.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

**President** Bob Taylor sent his report (Exhibit ) out. He visited several chapters and installed their new officers. He has done Color Guard duty, attended Leadership Meetings and Congress. He noted he had received many compliments on the Congress our state Society hosted.

**Executive Vice-President** Don Littlefield reported (Exhibit ) he had attended as many chapter meetings as was possible. He published the Spring and Summer issues of the California Compatriot and is working on the Wreaths Across American for December. He placed copies of the budget on the back table. He attended Congress and Leadership Meetings. He was requested to speak at the Rotary Club.

**Vice-President South** Brian Stephens thanked chapters for the warm reception he has received when attending chapter meetings. His written report (Exhibit ) is on the table in the back.

**Vice-President North** Craig Anderson reported attended Spring ROTC Ceremonies that recognized SAR participation. He attended 5th Freedom Foundation Festival. He is working on getting the members of the Redding chapter transferred to other chapters since the Redding Chapter has disbanded. He is working on the mentoring program.

**Vice-President Membership** Douglas Bergtholdt reports that he gets on average about 3 applications a day. He asked to be notified on any changes in a chapter's Registrar. He sends out requests for other items when asked.

**Secretary Pro Tempore** Fred Schuster ask that chapters report on any changes in officers by filling out the on line form and sending it to him. He thanked the society for the opportunity to serve as Secretary. He thanked President Taylor for the appointment. He was appointed on June 10<sup>th</sup> and on June 19<sup>th</sup> received 2 boxes of items from David Grinnell. He is going to try to get the 2014-2019 back up files on a thumb drive. Get files labeled old into one file. Also, he will try to get record copies placed on a thumb drive. There are 2 disks of record copies. In August he sent out a Reconciliation Report and in October sent out another one. Chapters are having trouble accessing the information. He spent 3-4 hours putting one new application into our system. He worked on reinstatements and transfers out of state. He wants to work on rosters for each chapter. Get files to historian. Have 2 files, one for the secretary and one for the historian. Copies of his report are available.

**Treasurer** Jim Klingler had his report (Exhibit ) passed out. Our state finances are strong. The report is for the first nine months of the year. Receipts are 94% of the budget. Balance sheet shows we have \$475,944. He is chairman of the National Finance Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Investment Committee. He is on the Financial Report Working Group. There is new software that will save about 60 hours per month at our merchandise department. It is possible it might be used in other areas, but has to be tested first. There are four test societies for 2019-2020 and hope it will be ready by 2021.

**Chancellor** John Dodd reported he had no report as we are not being sued by anyone at this time.

**Registrar** Owen Stiles passed out his report (Exhibit ). We are down about 100 members. They have been very slow in processing the applications back east. He noted the passing of the General Patton Chapter Registrar and the need to train a new one for the chapter.

**Genealogist** Terry Briggs reported (Exhibit ) that all chapters have converted to the new on-line system. Of the 2,325 applications put in, 904 have been approved. This is both new applications and supplementals. 25 applications have been pended from California. Chapters need to identify reasons for pended applications and get them fixed.

Jim Faulkinbury noted that undocumented family or local histories are not acceptable. Need to have documentation from line to line.

Owen stiles noted that they need to update the Registrar's Computers. The old stuff cannot be read on today's systems. Computers need to be updated to be able to read the applications.

Terry Briggs reported that the Patriot Research System has volunteers in putting Record Copies of the applications from 1985 and after. Chapter volunteers are needed. Jim Faulkinbury reported that 6 members will receive the Lafayette Medal for 40 hours of working on this project.

**Historian** Jim Blauer reported that he had sent the minutes on to Fred and was unaware that they had not been sent out to the chapters and state officers. He has a master copy there if anyone wishes to look through it.

**Chaplain** Lou Carlson asked that he receive notification of deceased members and their addresses so that he can get a card out to the family.

**250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee** member Lou Carlson reported they need a Committee for the state. They want to note those events commemorating the anniversary from 2020-2033.

**Investments Committee** deferred until tomorrow.

Break at 10:55am

We reconvened at 11:05am.

Jim Blauer announced his bicentennial plate donation project to raise money for the chapter youth programs.

## CHAPTER REPORTS

**Butte**—Fire no report Closed down/disbanded

**Redding**—disbanded, no participants.

**Coachella Valley**—They feel good about their chapter. Had been told to close down when they had 37 members, they now have 40. They had no activities. Now they are active and had 2 new applications and one supplemental approved last month. Next Monday they will participate in their 2<sup>nd</sup> Veterans Day Parade. Last year gave out 1,000 American Flags. They are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They were sponsored by the San Diego Chapter and they were assisted by the DAR.

**General George S. Patton, Jr.**—Bob Taylor reported they are in good shape. They lost their registrar. Color Guards has been very active, participating in Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies. They have been invited by the Santa Barbara chapter to join the in their parade.

**General George Washington**—is struggling. No quorum at their last meeting. Owen Stiles has served as President for the last 12 years and is stepping down in December.

**Gold Country**—Dave Gilliard reported they participated in the July 4<sup>th</sup>. Constitution Day and Veterans Day parades and will be doing the Wreaths Across America event.

**Harbor**—It is growing and thriving. They have participated in the Massing of the Colors in February, Honor Flight, May 2<sup>nd</sup> is National Day of Prayer, and the Armed Forces Day Parade to name a few. They hope to expand into the National events like the July 4<sup>th</sup> Huntington Beach Parade, Congress, several Memorial events, Veterans Day Parade and Wreaths Across America. Working on education in the community with school visits.

**Kern**—It is reported that their membership is way up. Meetings have been moved to Saturday Morning. They are getting more members coming out now. They speak at schools using the Patriotic Trunk. They had a weapons issue with one school. They have five activities over Memorial Day weekend.

At this time Jim Fosdyck, Chairman of the **Nomination Committee** was given the floor to announce the slate of officers for the 2020-2021 year. They are;

President—Donald Littlefield

Executive Vice-President—Brian Stephens

Vice President North—Craig Anderson

Vice-President South--Jim Klingler

Vice-President Membership—Douglas Bergtholdt

Secretary—Fred Schuster

Treasurer--John Ferris

Registrar--Owen Stiles

Genealogist—Terry Briggs

Historian—Jim Blauer

Chancellor—John Dodd

Chaplain—Lou Carlson

Surgeon--Matthew Bowdish

Investment Fund Trustee—Steve Renouf

National Trustee—Bob Taylor

Alternate National Trustee—Don Littlefield

## **CHAPTER REPORTS CONTINUED**

**Mother Lode**—Compatriot Kaiser reported they are struggling, but active. They are doing the Youth Contests and do school presentations

**Orange County**—Will do theirs later.

**Redding**—Don Littlefield reported that their accounts had been cashed in and sent to Treasurer Jim Klingler. They had not done their taxes and Don will do the necessary filings to close out their accounts. All chapter possessions are to come to the state. He will check the by-laws for dissolution of chapters. Jim Fosdyck suggested that the V.P. North and V.P. South keep tabs on the chapters in their area so they can see where help is needed and give assistance to these chapters if necessary. If it becomes necessary they should assist a chapter when it decides to dissolve.

We Recessed at 11:45am for lunch.

## **PUBLIC SERVICE LUNCHEON**

The Public Service Luncheon (Exhibit ) was opened by Vice-President South Brian Stephens at 12:05pm. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by California Trustee Derek Brown. The SAR Pledge was led by Past President Ron Barker.

Introductions of the head table were done. They included; President Bob and Darian Taylor, PG Jack & Sheila Manning, VP Western District Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Genealogist General Jim & Karen Faulkinbury, California Trustee Derek & Janet Brown, President of the Nevada Society Charles Smith, NSSAR Trustee of the Spain Society Stephen Renouf and Joy Javelena, Executive Vice-President Don & Mary Ann Littlefield, VP South Brian & Diane Stephens, Craig Anderson, VP Membership Douglas Bergtholdt, Lou & Karen Carlson, and John

& Karen Dodd. Special guests included; Lori and Jay Zeller, Lt. Matt Mahoney and Paul Newberg.

Orange County Chapter President Mark Torres welcomed all to our neck of the woods.

Robert Taylor President of the California Society brought greetings as well.

President General Jack Manning thanked us for the invitation to attend this meeting and that he is glad to be here.

Lunch was served at 12:10pm.

We reconvened at 12:50pm

The **Fire Safety Commendation Medal** was presented to Lori Zeller for the work she has done with the Orange County Fire Authority for 22 years. Several of the awards she has received were mentioned. The Medal and Certificate were presented by President Bob Taylor.

The **Law Enforcement Commendation Medal** was presented to Lt. Matt Mahoney. He is with the U. C. Irvine Police Department. A history of his service was told. President Bob Taylor presented the Medal and Certificate to Lt. Mahoney.

Hammond Salley, **Veterans Affairs** Chairman for the Orange County chapter called Bob Ebert to the front. Hammond told of Bob's Military service in the Army. He was presented with a quilt from the QRF (Quilt Reaction Force). This was to say thank you for your service to our country.

Hammond then called Bill Nay to the front. He told of Bill's military service in the Marine Corps in Vietnam, his work in Police Science and his stint in the Army Reserve. He too received a quilt from the QRF. This was to thank him for his service to our country.

Brian Stephens was called up. His work with the Orange County Fire Authority was highlighted and he was presented with a Certificate and quilt.

The honorees were all congratulated.

The SAR Recessional was led by Past State President Kent Gregory.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson.

The luncheon was adjourned at 1:30pm.

## **SESSION II**

We reconvened at 1:50pm.

### **CHAPTER REPORTS CONTINUED**

**Redwood Empire**—Bill Van Valkenberg reported he had been president since May. After 7 ½ years Jim Beaty stepped down. They have issued 4 Life Saving Medals. They gave a Good Citizenship Medal to the 911 caller. They inducted "Lord" Stanley Edward Laughlin into chapter. Memorial Day Service held for members who passed away. The SAR Grave Marker will be placed on their headstones. They are working on getting their sons into the chapter. Their July Guest speaker was Don Littlefield. At the September meeting they had a father and his son inducted into the chapter. In December Janet Brown is scheduled to be their speaker. Compatriot Bill Nay has partnered with local Veteran Organization as a part of the Scouts "Partners in Service" Projects.

**Riverside**—Mark Kramer reports they are healthy with over \$27,000 in the bank. Their Color Guard is very active. They do the Yucaipa July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade which they are paid to be in. In August they had their meeting at the Canyon Crest Country Club. Awards were presented that night. This is the chapter's 75<sup>th</sup> year. That first year they met at the Mission Inn. They have their Veterans Day Luncheon scheduled for the Mission Inn. They are looking at funding some projects. Their BSA Chairman resigned.

**Sacramento**—Craig Anderson reports the chapter is active and healthy. They have done the Valley Forge Project, had Color Guard events and participated in school assemblies. They have given out 5 Flag Certificates and 11 Certificates of Patriotism. They have a 2” challenge coin they are selling for \$25.00.

**San Diego**—Bill Peterson reported they had Poster, Brochure, Essay and Eagle Scout chapter winners. They have done several Color Guard events.

**San Francisco**—Bob Ebert reported the chapter is “doing well”.

**Silicon Valley**—Terry Briggs reported (Exhibit ) they have 108-122 members this year. They have had several Youth Contest Winners 3 Lafayette Service Medals have been presented to members. They have partnered with groups in various events throughout the year. They have participated in Memorial Day ceremonies, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day and Wreaths Across America events.

**South Coast**—The chapter has members who participated in Congress, they have 55 members They are maintaining membership and are active. They have 10-12 members at meetings. Meetings are on Tuesday nights at Mimi’s Café. There has been a turnover on the board creating new ideas and energy. The Color Guard has fallen off. New members are stepping up and taking office. The by-laws need to be amended. They did a presentation for the South Orange County Genealogical Society. They do the Swallows Day Parade. They do presentations to 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Leon Smith and his wife who is a DAR do their applications. Members go to Salt Lake City once a year to do research on chapter members lines.

**Thomas Jefferson**—The chapter has a new president since Summer. They have issued 33 Eagle Scout Certificates of Recognition. They have given out ROTC/JROTC and Sea Cadet Medals. They have 8 new members. There are 8 new applications at National 2 applications are pending.

**Orange County**—They have had an increase in the number of Color Guard events they do. They had many volunteers at Congress. The Patriot Chest Program for schools has been very successful.

Lou Carlson reported that on November 1, 1765 the Stamp Act went into effect.

## **YOUTH PROGRAMS**

**Poster Contest**—David Gilliard reported that California took first place at Congress this year. Next year’s theme will be the Boston Massacre. He has a new brochure he has created on the contest. He feels it is better than National’s. He will email it to anyone who requests it.

**Eagle Scouts**—Bill Nay noted his report (Exhibit ) is in the back. He reported that the Membership dues for scouting will increase from \$33.00/ year to \$60.00/year. He was in on the National Conference Call. He spoke on the National Order of the Arrow gathering/Conference. National hopes to have a booth at the National Jamboree in 2021. There is a new patch for the SAR state winner. There are four Robert E. Burt Scouting Volunteer Awards the state is allowed to present each year. Applications from chapters for the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest are due to the State by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Sea Cadet Program**—(Exhibit ) This is the ROTC of the Navy. They have started presenting medals and have formed a committee. They are very impressed by the cadets. Chapters who have a Sea Cadet should send chapter winner to state for new Sea Cadet of the Year.

We took a break at 3:05pm.

We reconvened at 3:20pm.

**Knight Essay Contest**—Patrick Cecil reported that by October 6<sup>th</sup> had only one entry. It was disqualified and needs to be reworked by the deadline of December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Orations**—John Ferris reported that in 2019 there were no entries. They had a Pizza Party for those contestants at Congress. The deadline for 2020 is February 14th.

**ROTC/JROTC**—Rob Dickey reported on the three entries; Nicholas Mullins from Selma High School, Adele Rosas from McLaine High School and Andrew Villalobos who was presented the Good Citizenship Medal.

**Spirit of America**—Bob Taylor reported (Exhibit ) that the only chapter in the state doing this is the General Patton Chapter. Schools select the Outstanding Boy and Girl. The district selects their winner from the entries received by the schools. He encouraged others to do this.

**Valley Forge**—(Exhibit ) Both teachers were from the Sacramento Chapter. Scott Stephens and Melissa Wolking will speak to us tomorrow. They have classes and tours back east on the American Revolution. It was noted that past winners have gone back to take more workshops from this program. The Valley Forge Foundations gives 200 scholarships/year to students. Maybe in the future we could send students from the state back to these classes.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget 2020-2021**—Don Littlefield spoke on this budget (Exhibit ). He noted it is in line with previous budgets. He noted that B-70 was moved to Committee Expense. They will be fine tuning the budget tomorrow morning.

**CA250**—John Dodd reported on how one who donates \$250 to the CAAH and receive a CA 250 pin for their donation.

**California Compatriot**--Don Littlefield published 2 and has one still coming out. He reported that it costs \$15.00 to print and mail each copy. John Dodd noted that this was an agenda item.

**Chapter Liability**—Doug Bergtholdt reported there are only 5 interested in this. He also noted he has the awards for 2018 Chapter Activity Contest that were not given out at the April meeting.

**Protocol**—Mark Kramer had nothing to report.

**Color Guard**—Mark Kramer reported there will be a meeting tomorrow at 3:30pm in Catalina III. He would like a chapter representative from each chapter to attend.

**DAR**—Brian Stephens asked (Exhibit ) that our state President make sure dates for the DAR state meetings are on our website with the locations of each. There are over 250,000 active members. They recently had their 1 millionth member Amy Dickinson. There is the DAR Finder Forms for the DAR Award where they get men to join the SAR. These will only count those that have been approved to receive the award.

**Ethics**—Lou Carlson has nothing to report.

**Flag Certificates**—Brian Stephens asked chapters to contact the VP North or VP South concerning these presentations as they need to be reported for the William Furlong Award. There is a new Flag retirement Certificate, as well as the regular Flag Certificate. There have been four chapters in the North that have participated. They include; Redwood Empire, Sacramento, General George Washington, and Gold Country. There have been no reports of any presentation from the chapters in the southern part of the state. He asked the Southern chapters to participate.

**Media**—David Gilliard has nothing to report.

**Public Service & Heroism**—Brian Stephens requests that all chapters who do this at their level make sure Brian gets this information. It needs to be reported to National.

**Wreaths**—9am on December 14, 2019.

John Dodd reported they have bags and polo shirts from the Congress available in the hospitality room.

We recessed Session II at 4:10pm.

### **SESSION III**

November 2, 2019

The meeting was opened by President Taylor at 9:02am. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bob Taylor. The SAR Pledge was led by Bob Taylor.

Fred Schuster did the Roll Call. A quorum was established. (Exhibit )

### **CHAPTER REPORTS CONTINUED**

**Eagle**—Bill Frederick reported they have 3 new members and 6 in the hopper. They participated in the Murietta Veterans Day Parade and the Fallbrook Christmas Parade.

**Redlands**—it was reported they have 2 new members and one in the hopper. They have some prospective members. They participate in the Veterans Day Parade. They had a combined meeting with the San Antonio Chapter DAR. They have a Christmas Breakfast and participate in the Wreaths Across America.

**Santa Barbara**—reports they have the Veterans Day parade coming up. They will do wreaths. Chapter meeting was held at the Reagan Ranch last year.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Youth Activities** Chairman Dan McKelvie thanked those who sent him their certificates from the **BSA Youth Training** This helps to protect the officers and state.

Bob Taylor asked that all chapters send in photos from your activities to Don Littlefield for the Compatriot.

Fred Schuster and Jim Blauer were installed onto their respective offices by PG Manning.

All compliance forms are to go to Luke Dziurzynski.

Mark Kramer reported on the **Black Powder Liability Insurance**. He was on a conference call with Risk Management Committee with Jim Fosdyck. They are working to get full coverage for all. National wants to get everyone covered and then charge the states for the costs.

Jim Fosdyck reported that the **Color Guard Handbook** has been approved by the Color Guard Committee. It does not cover the Black Powder Issue.

PG Manning says National wants to have insurance to cover everyone.

Charles Smith of the Nevada Society notes they only have 2 small chapters and one Color Guard.

Mark said it would be \$65 per year for individual coverage.

**Reconciliation Report**—Fred Schuster noted that 2 sheets were added to the report. You now have chapter, state and National. State and National Match. Chapter and state do not match. An example is one chapter had found that a Life Member had passed away in 2014. If a chapter has had no contact with a member in 6 years he should be dropped. The State Report is in agreement with the National report. Copies are located in the back of the room. Deadline for the next Reconciliation Report is January 5<sup>th</sup>. If a chapter is having problems call Fred. He will have to drop members if the report is not in on time. His home phone is 1-909-985-7510 or cell is 1-909-938-6789. Fred can pull up National and break down by chapter.

**Budget Committee Report**—Don Littlefield noted that 3 items had changed. 1) under Revenues I-16 Life Member Assets Receivable changes to New Life Member Fees. 2) Page 3 operating Expenses under E add Communication Software \$300, 3) Under E add File storage Fees \$200..



Total operating expenses are \$61,380. Total expenses are \$94,360. Surplus is down from \$1,175 to \$675. The Committee moved that the budget be accepted. It was approved unanimously.

Jim Faulkinbury noted the **Dues Collection Status** has several items to cover. States have different ways of collecting dues with different categories. Things like Life, Dual, Overseas and others have to be used when listing them.

**Directors & Officers Insurance Update**—Jim Klingler noted the premiums are large for chapters. There is a company that specializes in Non-profits for \$625/year on both. Coverage helps to pay for legal costs if sued by a malcontent or an accident of some sort. He has a packet of information that shows fees and policy. Check out the California website to print out a copy. This San Diego company deals with California.

**Invested Funds**—Steve Renouf, John Dodd and Kent Gregory are the Trustees. As of Oct. 1, 2018, there was a \$457,979.49 beginning balance. Ending on September 30, 2019 there was a \$450,059.06 balance. A loss of almost \$8,000. On October 11, \$18,675.61 was transferred from the Congress Fund to the Unallocated Fund This represents the final installment due to CASSAR to reimburse it for the 2019 SAR Annual Congress in Costa Mesa, CA. This gives us approximately \$13,094 in the Congress Fund to build on for the next time we host a Congress.

**Congress Report**—John Dodd reported they had 87 Volunteers. John Dodd thanked Kent for organizing the volunteers. On the financial side the Congress cost \$71,000 and we had \$84,000 in the fund. That left us with a \$13,000 gain that was placed in the Fund to gain interest over the next 10 years when we plan to host the Congress at that time. There was a Pizza Party which was not planned for. Thanks go to Dan McKelvie and John Ferris for arranging that event for the Oration Contestants. We were able to get a George Washington Endowment Fund donation from National to cover this unexpected expense. Though we had 87 Volunteers there are only 30 Samuel Adams Medals to hand out to the volunteers. The Congress Committee will go over the list and decide who will get the medals and the remainder will receive a Congress Appreciation Certificate for their work at the Congress. President Bob Taylor noted that it was a very successful event.

Those chapters with **Life Membership drops** need to get that information to Secretary Fred Schuster. Due diligence must be done before you drop them from your rolls. They can be placed on an inactive list.

Doug Bergtholdt noted that due to the cost of obituaries today people are not doing them. Chapters need to email Chaplain Lou Carlson when they find a member has passed away.

Scams was approached by President Taylor. Chapter President and officers need to require 2 signatures for checks.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Member Retention** is a problem that has been around for ages. Those ages 60-80 have the highest retention. Below that it goes down considerably. Most will stay 4-5 years then drop. It is suggested that chapters check the new member's background as there may be something there that you could use their talents for. Maybe partner them up with a chapter member, but do not bombard them with a lot of jobs.

Break at 10:45am.

Reconvened at 11am.

**IT National Changes**—National is making sure changes work and they are going through Beta testing at this time.

The **Audit Committee** met and no issues were found.

The **2020 Spring meeting** will be held in Rancho Murietta. The Murietta Inn and Spa has 83 rooms. We have contracted for 50 of them. Need to get your reservations in now.

The **Fall 2020 meeting** is looking at options. It was noted that the Redwood area has a hotel. Bill Van Valkenberg will check with the chapter.

**CASSAR Medals** status—No report.

**Richmond Congress 2020**—They have a new Civil War Museum and there will be a Yorktown Tour.

The **California Compatriot** costs \$15/ issue, there are 3 issues per year. Need to increase the printed copy fee to \$45 or we will be losing money. John Dodd moved that we increase the printed copy fee to \$45. There are currently 27 printed copies mailed out. The motion was seconded by Steve Renouf. There were 2 Nos and 1 abstention. The motion passed.

Lou Carlson spoke on the **250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**. It will go from 2025 to 2033. A State Committee is needed to work with the National Committee. He proposes that we gather a listing of events to be celebrated. Maybe have parades in towns. Jim Fosdyck hopes to get Hawaii and Nevada involved in this.

John Dodd spoke on the **Unallocated Fund**. There is presently \$74,331.47 in the fund. John Dodd proposed that we sponsor a Gold Quill by donating \$17,760 to National. This motion was seconded by Lou Carlson. The 2020 vote on the next phase of the construction at National will be in February/ March Meeting. Jim Klingler asked that money be used to bump up the dues fee given to the chapters from \$10 to \$15. John Dodd's motioned carried. No action was taken on the proposal by Jim Klingler.

John Dodd spoke on the program where DAR members who get referrals to SAR new members. They have to complete a form. When they get 5 new members they will receive a DAR appreciation Medal. 20 new members they will receive a Martha Washington Medal, 50 new members will get them a Daughters of Liberty Medal. Dave Gilliard suggested these medals be presented at DAR meetings. The motion was seconded by Steve Renouf. The motion carried.

**Teacher Recognition** was discussed. For those teachers who allow our SAR members to come into their class rooms to present them with an Outstanding Teacher Certificate and maybe a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. The motion was made and carried.

John Dodd moved we endorse all unopposed candidates for National Office This was seconded and the motion passed. John also moved that we endorse Lou Carlson for Chaplain General. This was seconded and passed. Steve Renouf moved that these candidates be accepted by acclamation. It was seconded and passed.

The California State Society voted to endorse the following **Candidates for National Office:**

Davis Wright, candidate for President General

C. Bruce Pickette, candidate for Secretary General

John L. Dodd, candidate for Treasurer General

Michael J. Elston, candidate for Chancellor General

Robert B. Fish, candidate for Genealogist General

Douglas T. Collins, candidate for Registrar General

William O. Stone, candidate for Historian General

Tony L. Vets, candidate for Librarian General

Rt. Rev. Louis V. Carlson, Jr., candidate for Chaplain General

Joseph W. Dooley candidate for Foundation Board

Darryl S. Addington, M.D., candidate for Foundation Board

We adjourned at 11:54am

## AWARDS LUNCHEON

The Awards Luncheon (Exhibit) was opened at 12:13pm by Emcee Dan McKelvie. The Invocation was given by Lou Carlson. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Jim Faulkinbury. The SAR Pledge was led by Steve Renouf.

The introductions were made of those at the head table. They included; President Bob and Darian Taylor, President General Jack and Sheila Manning, Vice-President of the Western District Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Genealogist General Jim & Karen Faulkinbury, Past State CA Trustee Derek and Janet Brown, Nevada State President Charles Smith, Steve and Joy Renouf, Executive Vice President Don & Mary Ann Littlefield, Vice-President South Brian & Diane Stephens, Vice-President North Craig Anderson, Vice-President Membership Doug Bergtholdt, Foundation Board Member Lou & Karen Carlson, Foundation Board Member John & Karen Dodd, and our speaker Melissa Walton.

President General Manning thanked all for having him and his wife Sheila here. They have had a great time.

Lunch was served at 12:20pm.

We reconvened at 1:08pm.

Melissa Walton is a teacher who was selected to go on the Valley Forge trip. She teaches fifth grade and it is her 7<sup>th</sup> year of doing it. She spoke on her trip back east. She loved Williamsburg. She enjoys teaching about the American Revolution. She showed slides of the school presentation to her by Don Littlefield. She spoke on the sights they saw in Philadelphia, there was a piece on the Lexington/Concord Bridge, Valley Forge, Mad Anthony Wayne's house, Fort Loudon, the Black Boys Rebellion, where Flight 93 went down on 9-11, Fort Necessity, General Braddock's grave, Fort Ligonier, PA, Braddock's Battle Museum, Fort Pitt, and Fort Duquesne. She thanked the SAR for this opportunity to learn more about the American Revolution that she can take back to the classroom. Janet Brown from the Ladies Auxiliary and President Bob Taylor presented checks to her to help defray the costs of the trip.

## AWARDS

Jim Fosdyck presented **George Washington Endowment Fund Pins** to those who have committed to giving the fund \$1,000 over the next four to five years. Recipients included; Fred Schuster, Bill Nay, Leon Smith, Ernie McCullough, and Bill Fredericks.

Color Guard Commander Mark Kramer presented streamers for those chapters who participated in certain events. **Field of Honor Streamers** went to Orange County, General George S. Patton, and Riverside chapters. **Let Freedom Ring Streamers** went to Orange County, the Nevada Society was received by Society President Charles Smith, and the New England Robert Treat Pops chapter was received by PG Jack Manning.

There were 30 **Samuel Adams** medals presented to members who worked the Congress. These recipients included; Brian Stephens, Arnie Burr, Conni Barker, Curtis Porter, Derek Brown, David Gilliard, Don Littlefield, Dan McKelvie, Diane Stephens, Darian Taylor, Greg Hill, Hans Hunt, Henry Lucas, Hammond Salley, Jim Faulkinbury, John Ferris, Jim Fosdyck, Jim Klingler, Kevin Bidencamp, Kathy Brown, Karen Carlson, Karen Dodd, Leon Smith, Matt Bowdish, Mark Kramer, Phil Mitchell, Ron Barker, Steve Steinberg, and Un Hui Yi Fosdyck.

The **Richard F. Locke Award** went to Small Chapter—General George Patton, Medium chapter—Redwood Empire and Extra Large Chapter—Orange County.

The **Activity Contest Awards** for 2018 went to Best Small Chapter—Delta, Best Small-Medium Chapter—Redwood Empire, Best Medium Large chapter—Kern, Best Large Chapter—Riverside, and Best Extra Large Chapter Orange County.

Streamers for **Education Outreach** were presented by PG Manning to Sacramento and Orange County Chapters.

There were the **Leadership/Congress awards** presented to the state. These certificates included; For participating in the Eagle Scout Contest, CAR Activities Award, Furlong Award for Flag Certificates and the William Malone Award.

Streamers were received for sending entries to national participating in the JROTC, Poster Contest, Eagle Scout, CAR Activity and Knight Essay contests.

With no further business the Benediction was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson.

The Recessional was led by Lou Carlson.

The Awards luncheon was adjourned at 2:15pm.

## SESSION IV

### WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING

The Western District meeting was called to order by Vice-President General of the Western District Jim Fosdyck at 2:30pm.

VPG Fosdyck handed out his report. He attended the Virginia State Meeting on September 13-14, 2019. He has worked on updating the Western District Website. He noted that Steve Renouf located the names of all the VPGs of the Western District. Greg Hill is the webmaster for the Western District, Each state in the district is to have a listing with information on its district on the website. He requests reports and input from each state in the district. There will be a Nevada meeting in Reno April 2-5, 2020. Hawai'i meeting has yet to be determined. They will place the date on website when it is announced.

Jim Blauer is taking notes and VPG Fosdyck requests that these minutes be place on the Western District Website.

Lou Carlson is to send Charles Smith of Nevada information on the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Kent Gregory moved that they endorse the slate of officers for National that the state of California Society has endorsed. This was seconded and approved..

VPG Fosdyck is in contact with Elwin Spray and Brian Worcester. Lou Carlson asked that the District and State send letters to Warren Alter in support of the slate of officers endorsed.

The new VPG will be at the Spring Meeting. Charles Smith the Trustee for the Nevada Society should have the Nevada Society endorse the slate of officers at their state meeting April 3-5 in Reno, Nevada

With no further business the Benediction was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42pm.

### GALA BANQUET

The Gala Banquet (Exhibit ) was opened by Jim Klingler at 7pm. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The California Color Guard presented the Colors. American the Beautiful was led by Jim Blauer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by PG Jack Manning. The SAR pledge was led by Jim Fosdyck. The Colors were posted and the Color Guard retired.

Those seated at the head table were introduced. They included; State President Robert Taylor and his lady Darian, PG Jack Manning and his lady Sheila, VPG Jim Fosdyck and his lady Un

Hui Yi, Genealogist General Jim Faulkinbury and his lady Karen, CA Trustee Derek Brown and his lady Janet, Trustee of the Nevada Society Charles Smith, NSSAR Trustee for the Spain Society Steve Renouf and his lady Joy, Executive Vice-President Don Littlefield and his lady Mary Ann, Vice-President South Brian Stephens and his lady Diane, Vice-President North Craig Anderson, Vice-President Membership Douglas Bergtholdt, Foundation Board Member Lou Carlson and his lady Karen, Foundation Board Member John Dodd and his lady Karen, and our speaker Frederick Aguirre and his lady Linda.

Dinner was served at 7:10pm.

The raffle was called by Janet Brown. Some of the winners included; Owen Stiles, Dan McKelvie, Conni Barker, Jim Blauer, Darian Taylor, Brian Stephens and Brenda Torres.

Our speaker Frederick Aguirre is an Orange County Superior Court Judge. He has been married for 47 years and has three adult children. He spoke on the Mexican and Hispanics who fought in the American Revolution, Civil War, WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam. He showed a movie on Latinos in WWII. Those who were talked about included; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Ted Williams (his mother was Hispanic), Lt. Col. Henry Cervantes, Commander Gene A. Valencia, Jr., 1<sup>st</sup> LT. Oscar F. Predromo, Lt. Col. Donald Lopez, Sr., Captain Michael Bezas, Lt. Richard Gomez Candalaria, Ensign Eugene Manuel Gonzalez, Lt. Joseph Gonzalez, Manuel Ortiz, Salvador Solis, William Sanchez, David Gonzales, and David Fuentes to name a few. There were 13 Latinos who were awarded the Medal of Honor. Several women were hi-lighted. Other famous Hispanics included; Rita Hayward, Desi Arnaz was a Staff Sergeant and Caesar Romero was in the Coast Guard.

President Taylor Presented Judge Aguirre with our Certificate of Appreciation for being our speaker this night.

## AWARDS

Mark Kramer gave out some Color Guard Awards. The State Silver Von Steuben medal went to Ernie McCullough. Mary Ann McCullough received the Molly Pitcher medal.

It was Kelli Villardi's birthday so we all sang Happy Birthday to her.

Meritorious Service Awards were presented to Kevin Bidencamp (he was absent and will be presented at the Harbor Chapter Meeting) and Mark Torres.

Certificates of Appreciation for their work on this meeting went to Mark Torres, Brenda Torres, Spencer Torres, Liz Ferris, John Dodd, Dan McMillan, Hammond Salley, Charmella Secrest, Jim Fosdyck. Un Hui Yi, Kent Gregory, Lou Carlson, Jim Klingler, Jim Blauer, John Ferris and Dan McKelvie.

Certificates of Appreciation were handed out at Congress. They were received by John Dodd as chairman of the French Youth Exchange Program and Premium Medals Committee, Kent Gregory as Chairman of the Museum Board, Steve Renouf for Medals and Awards, Jim Faulkinbury as Genealogist General and Vice-Chair of the Information Technology Committee, Jim Fosdyck as Vice-Chair of the Color Guard Committee, Jim Klingler as Chair of the Finance committee and Vice-Chair of the Investment Committee and Ron Barker Chair of the Americanism Committee.

The Military Veterans Corps recognized Arthur Hardy and Ralph Dacy Jr. for their service to our country.

Streamers from National were received by the state for 1) Officer attendance at National Meetings, 2) participating in the Poster Contest, 3) the Essay Contest, 4) the JROTC contest, 5) the Brochure Contest and 6) the Eagle Scout Contest.

VP Western District Jim Fosdyck and PG Manning presented the Daughters of Liberty Medal to Charmella Secrest.

Partners in Patriotism Awards went to General George S. Patton, Silicon Valley and Sacramento chapters.

A number of Liberty medals and oak leaf clusters were presented to members these included compatriots Stoger, Adams, Stiles, Raser, McMullen, Jansen, Gurley, Gregory, Faulkinbury, Briggs and Cunningham.

Gifts were presented to PG Manning and his wife Sheila.

Janet Brown presented a gift of appreciation to a young lady for her work at Congress. This honor went to Lacy Dodd.

The recessional was led by Don Littlefield

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson

The Colors were retired.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:38pm.

Respectfully submitted

April 17-18, 2020

James F. Blauer,  
Secretary Pro Tempore .