

144th ANNUAL SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING
CALIFORNIA SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
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SESSION I

The meeting was opened at 9:05 am by President Derek Brown. The Invocation was given by State Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Color Guard presented the Colors. The Pledge of allegiance was led by executive Vice-President Bob Taylor. The Color Guard posted the Colors. The SAR Pledge was led by Vice-President North Don Littlefield. Due to the absence of State Secretary David L. Grinnell, State Historian Jim Blauer was asked to call the roll. **(Exhibit A)** A quorum was established.

President Brown welcomed President Scantlin on the Hawaii Society. He then introduced past state presidents who were in attendance, They are; Chuck Lampman, Bob Ebert, John Dodd, Jim Faulkinbury, Kent Gregory, Ronald Barker, Jim Fosdyck and Steve Hurst.

Remarks from National Officers included;

Ron Barker—Vice-President General of the Western District. He brought greetings from the Western District. He attended the Nevada Society meeting. There was an award, a certificate of Appreciation presented to the Department of Defense and he presented pins to veterans.

Jim Faulkinbury—Genealogist General. He brought greetings from National. He reported that 10% of applications are pended. Most are simple corrections, but is time consuming for National. Chapter Registrars need to double check the applications. He reported one in 5 states is entering linages of members digitally.

John Thornhill—Historian General will be here later.

John Dodd—Foundation Board Member. He reported that Jim Faulkinbury will be one of the 2019 Class of Minute Men. They are going ahead building out the Museum and education center. They need to raise \$780,000. They are planning on the buy a brick promotion. There is to be an article in the SAR Magazine on updating us on the happenings in Louisville. They are working on a roof expansion in hopes that they will be able to rent it out for parties. Professors have been selected and sent over to King's College to work on the papers of George III.

There is a plan to place an ad in the local Orange County Register to promote the society and its work to the public each week prior to the Congress in June. This in an effort to obtain donations from the public and foundations to help offset the cost to finish the CAAH in Louisville. They are hoping to have internet based educational programs. They would also like to get charitable Estate Planning to help in the funding. This is a long term project in which we may not see the results for 10-20 years. The foundation would like to have National Circulation in newspapers to try and raise money.

Lou Carlson—Foundation Board Member noted he was honored to be a part of the board. He urged SAR members to give via their estates.

Jim Fosdyck—George Washington Endowment Fund. He noted the banner at the front of the room. This is available to members and family members in an effort to raise money for underfunded projects. Items that are not budgeted. Examples include; Illinois needed money to fund plaques for marking graves of Revolutionary War soldiers. Louisville was funded in order to have pictures of all the Presidents General on a wall at the CAAH. The cost is \$200/year for 5

years. A total of \$1,000. This can be paid by check or credit card. Joe Dooley noted as the President of the Virginia Society, they found a black community filled with Patriots. A monument was erected listing 26 black patriots at the church in this community. John Dodd noted that this funds various projects by states and chapters. Only 4% of the funds are given out each year. The National Society Foundation website is set up to take donations. If you donate \$250 to the foundation you will then receive a CA250 pin. Ron Barker noted that members who donate to the foundation can choose where that money will be spent. Jim Fosdyck noted there were only 3 George Washington Fellows last year.

The **minutes** from the previous meeting (Fall 2018) had been mailed out and posted on line. Motion to approve the minutes was made by William Van Valkenburg. This was seconded by Douglas Bergtholdt. There were no additions or corrections and the motion passed.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Derek Brown—In the Book

Executive Vice-President Bob Taylor—In the Book

Vice President North Don Littlefield—In the Book

Vice President South Brian Stephens—In the Book

Vice President Membership Doug Bergtholdt—In the Book. He noted that if chapters change Registrars to let him know so he knows who to contact.

Secretary David Grinnell—absent.

Treasurer Jim Klingler—In the Book. Copies can be found on the back table. In 2018 we were \$11,000 over budget revenues, \$8,800 under budget in expenses. There was a change of +\$33,000 in operating expenses. \$20,000 was transferred in Fund management. By the end of 2018 had \$478,000 in assets. By March this year we were at \$508,000 in assets. We are in good financial shape. The Congress medal sales, the California Medal sales, Quilt ticket sales and hotel ticket sales have all done well. Financial profit.

Chancellor John Dodd—In the Book

Genealogist Terry Briggs—in the book. He noted he is a resource to chapters. There is a new on line application system. All chapters are using it. Of 1900 applications done on line 773 have been approved. He monitors the pended applications. 20 are presently pended.

Historian Jim Blauer—In the Book

Chaplain Lou Carlson—In the Book

Investment Fund Committee—will discuss on Saturday.

National Trustee Jim Fosdyck—In the Book

CHAPTER REPORTS

Butte—Dissolved due to fires in the area.

Central Coast—Absent

Coachella Valley—In the Book-- They are a small chapter with some new members. For the first time last November they appeared in the local Veterans Day Parade. They have worked with the Palm Springs Genealogical Society. Also working with local DAR Chapter and having fun.

Delta—Absent

Eagle--Absent

General George S. Patton, Jr.—In the Book

General George Washington—Absent

Gold Country—In the Book

Harbor—absent

Kern—In the Book

Monterey Bay—Absent

Mother Lode—Absent

Orange County—In the Book

Redding—Don Littlefield said there was no report. The chapter almost went under. They have a PhD trying to save the chapter.

Redlands—Absent

Redwood Empire—In the Book

Riverside—In the Book. He noted that for some reason a supplemental was approved for a nonmember.

Sacramento—In the Book

San Diego—Absent

San Francisco—In the Book

Santa Barbara—In the Book. They are small, but they do have a color guard and participate in the July 4th parade.

Silicon Valley—In the Book. Terry Briggs reported they were active and had 113 members. They need to get members to step up and take on offices. They had the winners of the Eagle Scout and Essay contests. He noted the Color Guard events they participated in. They promote their Youth Programs.

Sons of Liberty—Absent

South Coast—In the Book

Thomas Jefferson—In the Book

Yosemite—Absent

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Chairman Dan McKelvie has asked that chapters have their Youth Chairmen do the Youth Protection training, get their certificate that they have completed the course and send a copy to Dan to be placed on file.

Tom Adams noted the Values Through History Program was endorsed by the society in 2011. There are brochures describing the DVD presentation. It is a six weeks program. Tom also noted there is information on the book, “Why America is Free” in the back of the room.

John Dodd added that the BSA Youth Protection training is to protect both the kids and us from being sued. Jim Fosdyck informed us that all Color Guardsmen needed to take this training.

It is felt that the ladies should also do this training. Dan will send out an email. Mark Torres said he would be placing it on the Orange County Chapter website.

Poster Contest Chairman David Gilliard—In the Book. Judging will be tomorrow morning. There is the 250th Anniversary Committee and they plan to begin in 2020 with the Boston Massacre of 1770. Dave is always looking for ideas for poster subjects.

Brochure Contest Chairman Tom Adams reported they had four entries this year. The highest has been six. This year Sacramento, San Diego, Orange County and Mother Lode sent in entries. This year they reached 200-300 students with this contest. It is a teaching tool to learn about the founding documents. There were no public schools this year. We had 2 Charter, 1 Catholic, and 1 Christian School. They have been placed outside this room on display.

Eagle Scout Chairman Bill Nay reported there were 5 applications this year which included the Eagle and Redwood chapters. Chapters need to get involved with local BSA Councils. There is also the Robert E. Burt award for SAR members who have been volunteering their time with the scouts over the years. There are 21% of Sea Cadet units (87) here in California. He is now the state coordinator and has a presentation he can make to chapters.

Knight Essay Chairman Patrick Cecil is absent. His report is in the book.

Rumbaugh Oration Contest Chairman John Ferris reported his is in the book.

JROTC/ROTC does not have a chairman. Seeking volunteers.

Spirit of America chairman Bob Taylor reported there were 5 schools that participated in Camarillo, California. The General Patton Chapter is the only one doing this program. This program recognizes the best boy and girl at the junior high school level with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. The district selects the awardees from each school. All nominees get a pin and certificate. This award is handed out at the 8th grade graduation ceremonies.

Valley Forge Project is in the book. Last year at our Folsom meeting 2 ladies made a presentation to us on their experiences going on this trip. So far we do not have any entries this year. This year's theme is going to be The Path from the French and Indian War to the American Revolution. These are usually 5th, 8th and 11th grade teachers who teach American History in their classes.

A ten minute recess was called at 10:40am.

We reconvened at 10:50am.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

By-Laws—John Dodd said they will do their report tomorrow.

California 250—John Dodd spoke on donating \$250 to CAAH to receive a California 250 pin. He noted that if you buy the premium medal that \$250 of the cost goes to the CAAH. Cuff links are also available.

California Compatriot—In the Book Hard copy is \$10.00/ year. There are just 15 who have paid.

Chapter Activities—Doug Bergtholdt said it was In the Book.

Chief of Protocol—Doug Kramer, report is in the Book.

C.A.R. Liaison—Terry Briggs reported the C.A.R Senior and State President were at the Youth awards.

Color Guard North—Russ Kramer, in the Book

Compliance—Chairman Luke Dziurzynski was absent. His report is in the Book. Members need to get forms turned in.

Congress—John Dodd will discuss tomorrow.

DAR—In the Book

Ethics—In the Book

Flag—Don Littlefield reported we need to have ½ of the chapters (13) plus the state issue one Flag Certificate to get the Furlong award from National. 129 have been issued.

Handbook—Absent

Information Technology—In the Book

Medals & Awards—In the Book

Media & Public Relations—Nothing

Nomination Committee—The list is in the book. Those nominated are;

President Bob Taylor

Executive Vice-President—Don Littlefield

Vice-President South—Brian Stephens

Vice-President North—Craig Anderson

Vice-President Membership—Doug Bergholdt

Secretary—Open

Treasurer—Jim Klingler

Chancellor—John Dodd

Registrar—Owen Stiles

Genealogist—Terry Briggs

Historian—Gary Bohannon

Chaplain—Lou Carlson

Surgeon—Matthew Bowdish

Investment—Kent Gregory

National Trustee—Derek Brown

Alternate Trustee—Bob Taylor

Operation Ancestor Search—Ray Raser, in the book

Public Service & Heroism—Brian Stephens 5 chapters issued awards last year. They were; Gold Country, Orange County, Do all five awards and receive a streamer from National.

Veterans Committee—No report

Spanish Patriot Researcher—No Report

Wreaths Across America—In the Book, Don Littlefield thanked all the participants in this event.

Jim Klingler had checks for the life Membership of the chapters. He handed out checks to; Coachella Valley, George S. Patton, Jr., General George Washington, Gold Country, Harbor, Kern, Monterey Bay, Mother Lode, Orange County, Redwood, Riverside, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Silicon Valley, Thomas Jefferson and South Coast. Those not present who will get checks are; Delta, Redding, Redlands, Sons of Liberty and Yosemite.

We recessed at 11:15am for lunch.

PUBLIC SERVICE LUNCH

The Public Service Luncheon (**Exhibit**) was opened by Brian Stephens at 12 noon. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Don Littlefield. The SAR Pledge was led by Terry Briggs.

The head table was introduced. They were upper table; Lt. Col. Straus Scantlin, Karen & John Dodd, Karen & Jim Faulkinbury, Joe Dooley, Derek & Janet Brown, Ron & Conni Barker, and Jo & John Thornhill. Lower Table; Brian & Diane Stephens, Darian & Bob Taylor, Karen & Lou Carlson, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, and Mary Ann & Don Littlefield. Others in the audience included; Past State President Kent Gregory and his wife Lisa, Past state President Chuck Lampman and Past State President Bob Ebert.

In the absence of Martin Spann, Bob Taylor welcomed all on behalf of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter.

We recessed for lunch at 12:15pm.

We reconvened at 1:05pm.

Several announcements were made. There was even an explanation on the unusual flag at all the place settings (**Exhibit**). The Blue line represents our Police Officers. The Green Line represents our Military Forces. The Red Line represents our Fire and EMT men and women.

The **Law Enforcement Commendation** Medal was awarded to Michael Acquarelli. Michael Acquarelli has received the Medal of Valor, worked Patrol, became a corporal in 2017. A member of the Special Enforcement (gangs) group and an instructor at the Police Academy. Bob Taylor read Officer Acquarelli's biography. President Brown presented Michael Acquarelli with our Law Enforcement Commendation Medal & Certificate.

The **Medal for Heroism** was presented to the family of Ron Helus. Ron died in service during the Borderline 12 shootings. His name will be in the Walls in Sacramento, Washington D.C and on the Wall in Ventura County.

The Quilt Reaction force of Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Darian Taylor and Charmella Secrest presented quilts to several of our military members. They were; Thomas Shaw, Captain US Army; Ron Zell, USAF 1969-1973; Brent Campo, U.S. Army; Lt. Scantlin, U.S. Army; and Bob Taylor, US Navy.

The Color Guard Awards for 2018 were handed out by Mark Kramer and Don Littlefield. They began handing out streamers for participating in certain events. For Wreaths Across America streamers were presented to; Central Coast, George Patton, Gold Country, Harbor, OC, Redwood, Riverside, Sacramento, Sons of Liberty and Thomas Jefferson.

Those who participated in the Massing of the Colors included; Eagle, Patton, Harbor, OC, Redlands, and Riverside.

The Color Guard Activity Awards were presented. Small Chapter went to Santa Barbara, Medium-Small chapter went to Kern, Medium to Large no entry, Large Chapter went to Riverside and Very Large Chapter went to Orange County.

Other awards included; Molly Pitcher Award was presented to Elizabeth Ferris, and Diane Stephens. The California Gold Von Steuben Color Guard Medal was presented to Dan McKelvie. Color Guardsman of the year went to Mark Torres of the OC Chapter. Janet brown announced that a \$200 gift card was presented to Susan Brooking.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Carlson.

The Recessional was led by Bob Taylor.

The Luncheon was adjourned at 1:35pm.

SESSION II

April 26,2019

The meeting was reconvened at 2:02pm.

The Coachella Chapter reported on David Grinnell. The Handbook he put together has a history of the chapters and membership listings. This report will not go into the details on his health problems. He has several and is working to overcome them. He sent his greetings to the members at this meeting.

Kent Gregory is a member of the **Museum Board**. He had Dan McKelvie speak on the Salt Horn he found on line and obtained to give to the National Society Museum. Mark Kramer was asked to speak on the Screw top Powder Horn he found on-line and obtained to present to the Museum. These will be presented to the National Society at Congress in Costa Mesa.

OLD BUSINESS

The **2019 Congress** was discussed. A flyer was handed out. We are at the OC/Costa Mesa Hilton. Our block is full and Paul Callahan needs 15 or more to open up a new local hotel. The tours are being finalized. Registration will be out next month. It was emphasized that you need to register immediately. We do the staffing of volunteers and have the Host Reception to cover. The Boat being chartered for the reception holds 420-450 people. Volunteer Shirts will be handed out at the Volunteer Luncheon on Friday.

On Saturday tours will include the Lyons Air Museum and the Richard Nixon Library and the trip to the Huntington Library. The "**Hornblower**" will be the ship for the Reception's Cruise of Newport Bay.

On Sunday there will be the Color Guard Breakfast, the Laying of the wreath at Castaways Park, followed by the Memorial Service to be held at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. Dinner will be on your own.

Monday is the opening of Congress and the minuteman Awards will be presented in the evening.

Tuesday Congress will continue and we will have Charlie Plum as our banquet speaker.

Wednesday we will have a trip to San Juan Capistrano Mission.

Thursday will be the tour of the Reagan Library.

The budget for Congress looks good. The California Society is looking at \$80,000 in costs. Over \$30,000 of this total has been donated by the California Ladies Auxiliary.

Kent Gregory spoke on the Registration. Register for the luncheons Banquets and cruise. He has a list of some of the volunteers and their positions. He asks that all volunteers commit to a time and day to volunteer for a given job. Registration will close at 4pm on Saturday and will officially close for the Congress Tuesday Morning.

Jim Fosdyck spoke on the Airport Greeters. They will be in uniform only. No weapons at all. Friday is the only day.

Ron Barker is working on the Registration.

Terry Briggs reported on **Reconciliation**. It was completed back in February and March. There were 11 chapters that overpaid according to Treasurer Jim Klingler. 4 were underpaid and one is paid up so far. It was noted when reconciliations do not get in on time members get dropped. There were 60 reinstatements this year.

Jim Klingler spoke on **Chapter Insurance**. This is for non-profits. It is General Liability and Directors & Officers Insurance. It runs about \$565 per year. John Dodd noted that insurance is needed or you could be sued. Need to find a creative way to raise the money to pay for this policy.

Jim Faulkinbury had a Dues Collection proposal. The State needs to collect the dues as chapter secretaries may not understand how to do this. An Ad Hoc Committee was appointed to investigate the possibility of having the state collect the dues and not the chapter. Don Littlefield, Gary Bohannon, Jim Faulkinbury and Mark Torres were appointed by President Brown.

OLD BUSINESS

John Dodd reported that the newspaper ad we had agreed to run in the local papers before Congress was available.

The meeting was recessed at 3:11pm. We will reconvene in the morning at 9am.

SESSION III

April 27, 2019

The meeting was opened at 9:08am by President Derek Brown. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brian Stephens. The SAR Pledge was led by Doug Bergtholdt. For the Roll call President Brown declared we had a quorum by those attendees present and those he knew were in the budget/Audit Committee meeting. It was noted that Redlands Chapter was present today.

President Brown welcomed our National officers. They included; Ron Barker, Joe Dooley, Jim Faulkinbury, John Thornhill and John Dodd.

John Dodd showed a copy of the ad they propose to run the month before the Congress in the Daily Pilot and OC Register. The OC Chapter has pledged \$1,000 to place the ad. They need \$4,000. Several members from Orange County are donating as well as Tom Adams. The donations go to the Foundation and it is tax deductible. Both Lou Carlson and John Dodd spoke on contributions to do these ads. John reported that we have just 20 Congress medals left at \$35.00.

Jim Fosdyck and Lou Carlson spoke on the George Washington Endowment Fund. It is \$200 per year for 5 years. This is to help fund projects that do not have a budget item for chapter, state or national projects.

John Thornhill thanked society for the warm welcome.

It was reported that the Vol. 4 2000-2017 of the Society History was almost complete. There is a lot of Volume 3 at National. There were 11 or 12 that desired a copy at \$25 per copy. It is hardbound.

Tanya Gillick is present from the CAR. She extended her gratitude for the support we give the CAR. She Thanked the society.

The Conflict of Interest and Whistle Blower Forms (**Exhibit**)were handed out to be signed and turned in.

Jim Klingler spoke on the raffle. In California a non-profit conducts a raffle, 90% has to go to charitable purpose. 50/50 raffles in California are illegal. He explained the Orange County Ben Franklin drawing. There are reporting requirements that must be met to the state. Registration form is one page and cost is \$20 filing fee. September 1-August 31 is the raffle revenue reporting period noting the amount raised in the report. Once registered with the state you will need to send in a yearly report. John Dodd noted all raffle monies must be used in California.

Jim Klinger reported that the Locke Award went to Redwood Empire, Gen. Patton and Orange County this year.

The Investment Fund report is in the book. As of February 28, 2019 the Life Fund has \$181,634.96. The Education Fund has \$48,581.11. The Permanent Fund has \$107,252.25. The Congress 2019 Fund has \$42,112.42. This fund will be deleted soon when our costs are paid for hosting the Congress. The Unallocated Fund has \$71,292.88. This has a speakers Fee of \$5,000. This is a \$30,000 increase over last year. The Investment Fund Trustees meet regularly with the broker.

Ron Barker spoke on the election. He noted that until a permanent replacement could be found for State Secretary, David Grinnell would temporarily do the job. Terry Briggs noted that the Genealogist was not listed in the Nomination report, though listed in the master book of reports. President Brown requested a volunteer from the floor to take over the Secretary's job. There were no volunteers. John Dodd moved that the nominations be closed. This was seconded by Lou Carlson. John Dodd moved that the slate be elected by acclamation. This was seconded by Lou Carlson. The motions passed. The new State officers for 2019-2020 are;
President—Robert Taylor

Executive Vice-President—Don Littlefield
Vice-President South—Brian Stephens
Vice-President North—Craig Anderson
Vice-President Membership Doug Bergtholdt (second year of 2 year term)
Secretary—Open
Treasurer Jim Klingler
Chancellor—John Dodd
Registrar-- Owen Stiles
Genealogist –Terry Briggs
Chaplain—Rt. Rev. Lou Carlson
Historian Gary Bohannon
Investment Fund Trustee—Stephen Renouf (2017-2020)
Investment Fund Trustee—John L. Dodd, Esq. (2018-2021)
Investment Fund Trustee—Dr. M. Kent Gregory (2019-2022)
Past President-- Derek Brown
National Trustee from California—Derek Brown
Alternate National Trustee from California—Robert Taylor

A recess was called for at 10am.

We reconvened at 10:15am.

Member Drop Proposal—When does a chapter drop a member who is a life member, but have not heard of for some time? The Life Fund sends dues of all Life members to National. If a chapter does its due diligence over a five year period and they are unable to contact or hear from the person they can be considered dead and dropped from the chapter's life member listing. Phil Hinshaw asked that all chapters send this information in to the state so the names can be placed in the Compatriot in order to get a final response.

Andrew Barton from the CAR is present.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS

By Law Proposal #1 By-law 8 Section 1(b) is proposed by Fred Schuster of the Riverside Chapter. It gives a chart as to how many delegates can be had at a state meeting by the chapters. For this proposal there were no Ayes and all nays. The motion was defeated.

Proposal #2 By-Law 8 Section 1(b) is from the by-Law Committee. It leaves the number of delegates for chapters the same by notes the number will be determined by the January 1st membership count as listed in the Annual Reconciliation Report. This motion passed with only 1 Nay, all the rest ayes.

Proposal #3 By-law 8 Section 4(b)(iii) is proposed by the By-laws Committee. It specifies who is able to vote at state meetings as per Bylaw 8 Section 1(b). This proposal passed with no Nay votes.

The **Audit Committee/Budget** planning met this morning. Records from October through March show no inconsistencies. A clean report, no exceptions.

The **Fall Board of Managers Meeting** was covered by Kent Gregory. The Orange County Chapter will host the November 1-2 meeting at the Wyndham Irvine Hotel. The menus have been set and the Registration form is available on the state website.

The **145th Spring Membership Meeting** is being arranged by Don Littlefield. He has feelers out to the local Sacramento hotels.

There were no other reports under old business.

Under **New Business** Terry Brigs reported that a chapter Registrar had been scammed out of \$1600. Be wary of large money requests. Contact those supposedly involved and confirm before any large sums are dispersed. Need to be some controls on how funds are dispersed.

With no other business pending before the membership President Brown thanked all who participated this year and for the hard work they have done for the society.

The Memorial Service will be at 2pm.

The meeting of the 144th Annual Membership meeting was adjourned at 10:50am.

WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING

The Western District Meeting was called to order by Ron Barker at 10:50am. Need to elect a Vice-President General for the Western District. Jim Fosdyck was recommended. There were no other nominations from the floor. The vote passed to recommend that Jim Fosdyck be elected at Congress to serve as Vice-President of the Western District.

Strauss Scantlin spoke on the Hawaii Society. It is a small society. They have programs for Veterans, Eagle Scouts and programs for their meetings.

Joe Dooley moved that the Western District meeting be adjourned. This was seconded by Lou Carlson.

The Recessional was led by Jim Fosdyck.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56am

YOUTH AWARDS LUNCHEON

The Youth Awards Luncheon (Exhibit) was opened at 12 Noon by Compatriot Dan McKelvie. The invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson, The Pledge to the Flag was led by Compatriot Ron Barker. The SAR Pledge was led by Brian Stephens.

Compatriot McKelvie introduced the head table. Top included; Lt. Col. Strauss Scantlin (Hawaii), Karen & John Dodd, Karen & Jim Faulkinbury, Joe Dooley (FPG), Derek & Janet Brown, Ron & Conni Barker, and Jo & John Thornhill (Historian General). Bottom row included; Brian & Diane Stephens, Darian & Bob Taylor, Karen & Lou Carlson, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, and Mary Ann & Don Littlefield. Others in the audience of note were; Tanya Gillick (CSCAR), Andrew Buxton (CSCAR), Velma Buxton (CSCAR), JROTC Winner Savannah Argo, Jason & Jasmine Argo, and William Jennings (BSA).

Andrew Buxton, President of the California Society Children of the American Revolution brought greetings to us from his society. He thanked the SAR for their support. This year's project is "Sales for Souls". This has to do with the donation of shoes to both children and adults in poverty stricken areas. He brought some brochures that tell how you can participate.

Lunch was served at 12:30pm.

We reconvened at 1:20pm.

Karen Carlson reported that tickets were still available for the raffle of 2 free nights at the Fall Board of Manager's Meeting.

President Derek Brown made mention of the only known Revolutionary War soldier to be buried in California, William Smith.

President Brown thanked the CAR for their efforts.

The winner of the **Enhanced JROTC Program**, Savannah Argo was introduced by JROTC Chairman Dan McKelvie. She is from the Sacramento Chapter. Her essay was on "How JROTC

Prepared Me to be a Better U.S. Citizen”. She read her essay to the audience. She was then presented her medallion, certificate and a check from both the CASSAR and the Ladies Auxiliary.

Bill Nay, **Eagle Scout** Chairman reported that Bill Maylek this year’s winner was unable to attend the luncheon. Bill entered through the Silicon Valley Chapter. He will receive a check for \$1,000 and the Spread Eagle desk statue. He was active in all categories on the application. He earned the Religious Knot. His 495 word essay was on Francis Marion. He will read his essay at the Silicon Valley Chapter meeting where he will receive his award.

The **Robert E. Burt Volunteer Scout Award** was presented to William Jennings. He has had a 38 year scout career. This award has to be signed off on several levels. The chapter nominates him and his application is sent to the state for its endorsement. It is then sent to the National Eagle Scout Committee for their approval. Then an executive of the local Scout Council must sign off on the award. He was presented his certificate, medal and scout knot for his uniform. He thanked the SAR for its patriotic values.

The **Knight Essay Award** was presented by Chairman Patrick Cecil to Kathryn Lao from the Silicon Valley Chapter. Her winning essay was on “John Jay Beyond his Court”.

The **Americanism Poster Contest** was conducted by Chairman David Gilliard. He reported there were 6 posters entered into the contest this year. The posters were on display. There were 2 honorable mentions. Each chapter received a check for \$50.00. Those went to Sacramento and Mother Lode chapters. Fourth place went to San Diego Chapter with a \$75.00 check. Third Place went to Kern with a \$100.00 check. Second Place went to Orange County with a \$200.00 check. First Place went to Gold Country with a check for \$300.00.

The **Brochure Contest** winners were announced by Co-Chairman Tom Adams. His judges this year were Derek Brown, Bob Taylor and David Gilliard. Fourth place went to Ryan Loren of the Sacramento Chapter—a \$100.00 prize. Third Place went to Alphonso Reese from the San Diego Chapter—a \$200.00 prize. Second Place went to Victoria Evans from the Orange County Chapter—a \$300.00 Prize. First place went to Morgan Price of the Mother Lode Chapter—a \$400.00 Prize. Tom noted that 2 of these were from charter schools and 2 were from church schools.

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

The Recessional was led by John Dodd.

The luncheon was adjourned at 1:40pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The **Memorial Service** (Exhibit) had a prelude by Kent & Lisa Gregory. Kent was on the piano and Lisa on the violin. The CASSAR Color Guard lined up as guests filed through the line to their seats.

Chaplain Right Reverend Louis V. Carlson welcomed all and gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by CASSAR President Derek Brown.

The Congregation then sang Amazing Grace (Exhibit).

The Roll Call of Remembrance was conducted by Chaplain Lou Carlson. Brief eulogies were requested by those who knew the departed. If there was no one to speak for them, the congregation would reply “*We will remember our compatriot brother with thanksgiving*”. As each name was called Compatriot Larry Wood rang the bell in their honor.

Following the Roll Call the congregation recited Psalm 23.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Carlson.

The CASSAR Color Guard formed up at the doorway for those of the congregation to pass through as they exited the room.

GALA INAUGURAL BANQUET

The Gala Inaugural Banquet (Exhibit) was opened by Compatriot Don Littlefield at 7:03pm. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ron Barker. America the Beautiful was led by Jim Blauer. The SAR Pledge was led by Jim Fosdyck.

Compatriot Littlefield then introduced those at the head table. In the top row were; Jim & Karen Faulkinbury, Conni & Ron Barker, Sandra and Daniel Howe (Speaker), Derek & Janet Brown, Joseph Dooley, John & Jo Thornhill, and Lt. Col. Strauss Scantlin. In the bottom row were; Brian & Diane Stephens, Darian and Bob Taylor, Karen & John Dodd, Lou & Karen Carlson, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, and Mary Ann & Don Littlefield. Other special guests/members included; Kent & Lisa Gregory, Charles R. Lampman and Bob Ebert.

We recessed for dinner at 7:14pm.

We reconvened at 8:10pm

The raffle drawing was conducted. Winners included; Jim Blauer, Karen Dodd, Darian Taylor, Charlie Gentsis, Kent Gregory, Mark Kramer, John Ferris, and Joe Dooley. The silent auction winners were Ron Barker, John Ferris, Richard Umfrey and Jim Blauer.

Our speaker was Daniel Walker Howe is an author from Oxford University in England and spoke to us on “What Hath God Wrought”. That was the first message sent by Samuel F.B. Morse when testing out his Morse Code. Mr. Howe spoke on the effect the Morse code had on the country in various ways. He noted the last telegram sent by Western Union was on January 27, 2006. President Brown presented Mr. Howe with a Certificate of Appreciation for having spoken to us this evening.

AWARDS

President Brown recognized the members of the General Patton chapter for their work in putting on this meeting. They were; Tom Shaw, Judy Shaw, Darian Taylor, Barry Walters, Ken Lynch, William Hurley, Stephen Hurst, and William Meigs. President Brown also presented the Ventura Beach Marriott a Flag Certificate and recognized several individuals from the hotel for their service to us during this meeting.

President Brown then thanked the officers who have served under/with him during his term as President. They included; Bob Taylor, Brian Stephens, Don Littlefield, Doug Bergtholdt, Jim Klingler, Jim Blauer, Kent Gregory, John Dodd, Terry Briggs, Lou Carlson, and Jim Fosdyck. Committee Chairmen recognized included; Brian Stephens, Dan McKelvie, David Gilliard, Bill Nay, John Ferris and Mark Kramer. He thanked the emcees; Dan McKelvie—Youth Luncheon, Brian Stephens—the Public Service Luncheon and Don Littlefield—the Gala Banquet.

At the Houston Congress many members received either the **Liberty Medal** or oak leaf cluster for their work in recruiting new members. The names of California members from this list were read.

The **Martha Washington** Oak Leaf went to Janet Brown, Karen Carlson, Darian Taylor, Karen Dodd, Lisa Gregory, Karen McKelvie, Conni Barker, and Diane Stephens.

The **Lydia Daraugh** and Bronze Good Citizenship medals went to Janet Brown.

The **Meritorious Service** Medal went to David Grinnell for his work as State Secretary.

The **Daughters of Liberty** Medal was awarded to Diane Stephens.

The **Patriot Medal** went to Brian Stephens.

Bob Taylor presented President Brown with a mission shirt, cheese & cheese board, and a Cabernet Sauvignon wine jelly.

President Brown then made his farewell speech.

The installation of officers for 2019-2020 was conducted by FPG Joseph W. Dooley. First were the general officers. They included; Executive Vice-President Don Littlefield, Vice President North Craig Anderson, Vice-President South Brian Stephens, Secretary is vacant, Treasurer Jim Klingler, Registrar Owen Stiles, Chancellor John Dodd, Historian Gary Bohannon, Genealogist Terry Briggs, Chaplain Lou Carlson, Surgeon Dr. Matthew Bowdish, Investment Fund Trustee Kent Gregory (2019-2021), National Trustee Derek Brown, and Alternate Trustee Bob Taylor.

Following the installation of these officers, Bob Taylor was installed as the new State President for 2019-2020. FPG Dooley presented President Taylor with his gavel of authority and Bob's wife Darian placed the neck ribbon/insignia of his new office around his neck.

Installation of the Ladies Auxiliary officers was also conducted by FPG Joseph W. Dooley. The ladies installed included; Janet Brown, Darian Taylor, Karen Carlson, Lisa Gregory, Karen Dodd, Diane Stephens, Karen McKelvie, and Conni Barker.

President Taylor thanked all for the honor of serving in this position. He thanked his wife Darian and introduced his family. He is hoping to complete a "New Members" book for handing out to new members when they enter the society. He asked that anyone who had ideas on how to improve our society to please let him know.

President Taylor presented immediate past president Derek Brown with his Past President's Pin and Certificate.

The Recessional was led by Jim Fosdyck.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lou Carlson.

The Gala Banquet was adjourned at 10:05pm.