

California Society Annual Report

April 2025

" The Book "

Prepared By
Christopher J. Cerillo
California Society-
SAR State Secretary

Index

Section One

President's Report
Executive Vice President
Vice President - North
Vice President - South
V.P. Membership
Secretary
Treasurer
Registrar
Chancellor
Genealogist
Historian
Chaplin
Surgeon
Investment Fund Trustee
Past President

Section Two

Committee Report
Sea Cadet Program
America 250 Handbook
Public Service Committee
DAR Liaison Committee
Youth Report
Knight Essay Contest
Essay
Middle School Brochure
Contest
Spirit of America Award
Valley Forge Teachers
Program
Eagle Scout Program

Section Three- Chapter Reports

Central Coast	Page 43
Coachella Valley	Page 45
Delta Chapter	Page 47
Eagle Chapter	No Report
Gen. George Patton Chapter	Page 49
Gold Country Chapter	Page 51
Harbor Chapter	Page 52
Kern County Chapter	Page 53
Monterey Bay Chapter	No Report
Orange County Chapter	No Report
Redlands Chapter	No Report
Redwood Chapter	No Report
Riverside Chapter	Page 56
Sacramento Chapter	No Report
San Diego Chapter	Page 62
San Francisco Chapter	No Report
Santa Barbara Chapter	No Report
Silicon Valley Chapter	Page 65
Sons of Liberty Chapter	No Report
South Coast Chapter	Page 67
Thomas Jefferson Chapter	Page 69
Yosemite Chapter	P.72

Section Fourur

Western Division Report	No Report
-------------------------	-----------

"The Book"

California Society Annual Report

Section One

Elected Officers
Reports

Pages 5 to 29

Donald B Littlefield
President California SAR

Annual Report Jan 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025

Highlights

I thoroughly enjoyed my year serving the California SAR as President. While my travel, especially to Southern California, was not nearly as much as I had hoped, I drove when the weather was good and flew when my schedules were tight and air fares cooperated.

On May 16th I attended the San Francisco Chapter Meeting at the Presidio of San Francisco. Then, the NSDAR Spring Council in Rancho Cordova to Present the Colors, and on Memorial Day, I attended the Mother Lode event at the Veterans Monument in Placerville.

In June I attended a San Diego Chapter meeting that was focused on the planned Patriot Grave Marking event scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend. My Grandson, Nicholas, graduated from UC Davis on June 14th followed the next day by a big family graduation celebration. I attended a meeting of the Redwood Empire Chapter on the 17th in Petaluma to honor SAR member and decade-long Eagle Scout Contest judge, Duncan Flett. I ended June with a father-son excursion to Boston, Hartford, Plymouth, Exeter, and Wells, Maine where Edmund Littlefield settled in 1640 building the first house, a grist mill, and a sawmill.

July was all about Independence Day. On June 29th I marched in the Folsom Hometown Parade down Sutter Street with the SAR and the DAR Charlotte Parkhurst Chapter. On the 4th of July, I was the only SAR Member marching the 2½ mile Carmichael Parade route, in uniform, immediately behind the lead Fire Engine. However, I wore the wrong liners and socks. By a half mile my feet were heating up; at a mile the blisters were forming; at 1½ the first blister broke and by the end of the route, both feet were badly blistered and scraped and needed medical attention. Sometimes you must suck it up and deliver on your commitments for the good of the order!

In early August I attended the Harbor Chapter's monthly meeting at Rafaello' in San Pedro.

The single biggest event of my term as President came August. The SAR honored 18 Spanish soldados in 3 different Patriot Grave Marking ceremonies on August 31. Forty-one SAR and CAR members earned their SAR Grave Marking Medals. The weather was perfect, the ceremonies were excellent and the VIPs from the Spanish Consulate, Lawrence E. Morrow, Esq., Rosa Picasso, and Jesus Benayas, were just so warm and gracious. Following the actual events, Jim McAdory (especially) and I struggled trying to comply with the Patriot Grave Marking Committee requirements, but with calm and patience we survived and on George Washington's Birthday, February 22, 2025, at the Green Dragon Inn, Carlsbad, we

awarded 36 of the medals to the proud SAR recipients and Brandon Villardi awarded 5 to the CAR recipients earlier that same day.

On September 6, I met with Randy Dhindsa and Jim McAdory in Fresno to go over planning for the October BOM and to attend the Yosemite Chapter Meeting on Saturday, September 7th. On the 10th, the Sacramento ExCom met to talk through the Community Service Awards and Recognition for the Chapter. On September 20th, I joined with John Ferris & Liz Ferris in attending the Redwood Empire Chapter meeting in Petaluma, followed the next morning by the Silicon Valley Chapter via Zoom, and the Thomas Jefferson Chapter in Concord, CA at Noon.

In October the CASSAR Nominating Committee met via Zoom to firm up the slate that would be recommended to the BOM for endorsement and stand for election the April 2025 Annual Meeting. I had a 1:1 meeting with Peter Tansill, Monterey Bay Chapter on the 7th followed by the Sacramento Chapter dinner meeting on the 9th. Usually, on Tuesday's, I would call in to the Club Express meetings hosted by Lee Popham to learn and understand more about having Club Express handle the California SAR Annual Dues collections. On the 24th-27, Mary Ann and I attended the 149th CASSAR BOM in Bakersfield. The meetings were hosted by a joint venture between the Yosemite Chapter (planning) and the Kern Chapter (execution). I cannot praise Scott Nichols, Yosemite Chapter, enough for the fine job he did is carrying much of the workload planning this meeting. On October, Mary Ann and I attended the Annual Mother Lode Chapter Public Service Awards banquet in Placerville.

November kicked off with the DAR Heritage Tea at the Granite Bay Country Club where the Sacramento SAR Color Guard presented the Colors. On the 9th, I attended, marched in, and represented the SAR in the Shasta City Veterans Day Parade. I thank the DAR Major Pierson B. Reading Chapter, for the iconic photo from the parade. This event was the first time I met Kevin Knapp. Kevin has since filed his application to join the SAR, was approved March 28, acquired a Continental Army Uniform within a couple of weeks, presented the colors at several SAR and DAR events, and has completed all but one SAR University Courses. Kevin is driving hard to build membership in Redding to re-charter a Redding Chapter. Kudos! On November 14, I met in Monterey with Peter Tansil and Jack Franke of the Monterey Bay Chapter to sort out the viability of the chapter and to assess their commitment to revitalize it in 2025. They are committed and working to keep the chapter active. I closed out November attending the Delta Chapter meeting in Modesto and met their prospective new President, Andrew McClure, who was installed in January.

On December 7, I flew to Long Beach to attend the Pearl Harbor Day ceremony aboard the USS Iowa, joined by the CASSAR Color Guard, and keynote speaker, H. Delano Roosevelt,

the grandson of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. On December 9, I gave remarks at the kick-off of Wreath Across America week at the California State Capitol. The SAR assembled an 8-man Color Guard for the event. That was followed by Wreaths Across America on Saturday at the VFW Hall, Folsom, hosted by the Charlotte Parkhurst Chapter DAR. On December 21, I attended the Gold Country monthly meeting in Auburn, CA.

On January 3rd, 2025, I met with new Sacramento Chapter member Nic Gauthier, to share my knowledge of the SAR, the Sacramento Chapter, and help convince Nic to be our Chapter President in 2025. January 7 included a trip to Staples to pick up and then a trip to the CASSAR Storage Locker to deliver 4 plastic Bankers Boxes. That evening we held a meeting of the CASSAR Cost Reduction and Format Committee via Zoom. The next day I met with Liz and John Ferris to show them the CASSAR Storage Locker, its contents, and the security. That evening, John and Liz joined with Mary Ann and I in attending the Sacramento Chapter installation dinner at which Nic Gauthier was installed as President Sacramento SAR. The next day, January 9th, I flew to Long Beach to attend the Harbor Chapter Officer Installation dinner meeting and then drove to Thousand Oaks, CA to attend the joint meeting of the General George S Patton, Jr., and DAR Conejo Chapter Officer Installation banquet. Following that, I attended the Thomas Jefferson Chapter Officer Installation meeting on January 18. On January 25th, I attended the DAR District II America250 banquet in Roseville, where I delivered SAR greetings. The meeting was attended by NSDAR President General Pamela Rouse Wright, former President General Lynn Forney-Young, now head of the U.S. America250 Commission, DAR America 250 National Chair, and Christina Ramos, CSSDAR Regent. I am proud to say we assembled a SAR Color Guard of 13 members for the event, pulling from Sacramento, Mother Lode, Redwood Empire, Thomas Jefferson, and Gold Country. What a site that was!

On February 1, I attended a Sacramento Chapter Business Meeting in Folsom, another CASSAR Cost Reduction and Form Committee meeting on the 4th, a Sacramento Chapter dinner meeting on the 12, and a DAR America250 plaque presentation for the Bidwell Mansion in Chico, CA. On the 22nd, I flew to San Diego and attended the George Washington birthday celebration at the Green Dragon Inn, Carlsbad, where I had the privilege of awarding 36 of the 41 total Patriot Grave Marking medals to those who participated in the three Patriot Grave Marking ceremonies in the Mission District of San Diego back on August 31. Again, my utmost respect to Michael Hirman, Jim McAdory, Fred Hall, Ted Parsons, Doug Wright, Rob Welch, and Ben & Ashley Hobbins. February ended with the SAR Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY, flying home on March 2.

On March 6, I attended a Zoom meeting of the Bylaws Committee to finalize proposed bylaw changes. On March 8 I attended an ExCom meeting of the Sacramento Chapter in

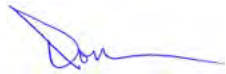
Roseville. On the 10th John Ferris and I met via Zoom to walk through a checklist for the Annual Meeting in April. On the 15th, I attended another Thomas Jefferson Chapter meeting in Concord, CA before going on to Burlingame to attend and bring Greeting at the CSSDAR Annual Meeting. On March 21, I traveled to Reno, Nevada passing through a snow storm on Donner Summit, to attend the Nevada Society Annual Meeting. It was such a great meeting I joined the Battle Born Patriots Chapter as a dual member. On the 1st, 8th, and 15th, I meet with our Northern California SAR/DAR/CAR task force to plan the 250th Commemoration event being held at the California State Capitol. At this writing that event is 4 days away. The entire months of February, March, April have been focused on the 150th Annual Meeting of the CASSAR. I give kudos to the Orange County, Harbor, and South Coast Chapter Planning Committee for an outstanding effort to host a great meeting. Last and certainly not least, I thank Executive Vice President and incoming CASSAR President John Ferris for his commitment, tenacity, diligence, friendship, and good spirits through the entire months-long Annual Meeting planning process. John will be a great CASSAR President!!!

Date Started	Destiation	Purpose
1/17/2024	Richmond, CA	Luncheon Meeting with SAR/Society of the Cincinnati
1/21/2024	Sacramento, CA	Breakfast meeting w/ Craig Anderson
1/27/2024	Shingle Springs, CA	Dinner meeting w/ Mother Lode Chapter
2/12/2024	Carmichael, CA	Meeting w/ Jim Warrick re hosting SAR Dinner Meetings
2/14/2024	Folsom	VFW Hall re SAR & Scottish Rites
2/16/2024	Auburn, CA to Concord, CA	Meetings w/ Gold Country and Thomas Jefferson Chapters
2/19/2024	Sacramento, CA	Breakfast meeting w/ Craig Anderson
3/1/2024	Sacramento, CA	Breakfast meeting w/ Craig Anderson
3/11/2024	Burlingame, CA	Meeting with Hyatt Regency re Annual Meeting
3/23/2024	Shingle Springs, CA	Dinner meeting w/ Mother Lode Chapter
4/2/2024	Rancho Cordova, CA	Breakfast meeting w/ Craig Anderson
4/10/2024	Carmichael, CA	Meeting w/ Jim Warrick re hosting SAR Dinner Meetings
4/25/2024	Burlingame, CA	CASSAR Annual Meeting
5/16/2024	San Francisco	San Francisco Chapter Meeting
5/21/2024	Rancho Cordova, CA	Breakfast meeting w/ Craig Anderson
5/27/2024	Placerville	Memorial Day - Veteran Monument
5/28/2024	Shingle Springs, CA	Dinner meeting w/ Mother Lode Chapter
6/17/2024	Petaluma, CA	Redwood Empire Chapter
7/4/2024	Carmichael, CA	Independence Day Parade
7/11/2024	Baltimore, MD	SAR Congress, Lancaster, PA
7/20/2024	Vacaville, CA	Reinternment - Pfc Marcu Engresser
7/23/2024	Rancho Cordova, CA	Breakfast meeting w/ Craig Anderson
8/7/2024	Placerville, CA	Present Colors, American Legion Hall Meeting
8/8/2024	San Pedro, CA	Attend Harbor Chapter Meeting

8/27/2024	Shingle Springs, CA	Dinner meeting w/ Mother Lode Chapter
9/1/2024	San Francisco, CA	American Heritage Partners Luncheon Meeting
9/6/2024	Fresno	Yosemite Chapter Meeting
9/20/2024	Petaluma, CA	Redwood Empire Chapter
9/21/2024	Concord, CA	Thomas Jefferson Chapter Meeting
10/3/2024	Louisville, KY	SAR Leadership Meetings
10/4/2024	Louisville, KY	SAR Leadership Meetings
10/5/2024	Louisville, KY	SAR Leadership Meetings
10/6/2024	Louisville, KY	SAR Leadership Meetings
10/24/2024	Bakersfield, CA	CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting
11/2/2024	Granite Bay, CA	DAR Heritage Tea - Present the Colors
11/7/2024	Rancho Cordova, CA	Breakfast meeting w/ Craig Anderson
11/14/2024	Monterey, CA	Meeting w/ Monterey Bay Chapter SAR
11/30/2024	Modesto, CA	Meeting w/ Delta Chapter SAR
12/7/2024	Long Beach, CA	Pearl Harbor Day - USS Iowa – H Delano Roosevelt
12/9/2024	Sacramento, CA	Wreaths Across America Kick-off event
12/21/2024	Auburn, CA	Gold Country Chapter Meeting
1/3/2025	Rocklin, CA	Meeting w/ Nicolas Gauthier re SAR Sacramento President
1/7/2025	Roseville	CASSAR Storage Locker - LACASSAR Charter - Bankers Boxes
1/7/2025	Zoom	CASSAR Meeting Cost and Format Committee
1/8/2025	Roseville	CASSAR Storage Locker - LACASSAR Charter - John & Liz
1/8/2025	Sacramento, CA	Sacramento Chapter Meeting - John & Liz – Officer Installation
1/9/2025	Long Beach, CA	Harbor Chapter Meeting
1/11/2025	Thousand Oaks	Gen Geo Patton Chapter/DAR Conejo Chapter Officer Install
1/18/2025	Concord, CA	Thomas Jefferson Chapter Officer Installation
1/19/2025	Zoom	Sacramento Chapter Executive Committee Meeting
1/25/2025	Roseville	DAR District II America250 w/ National Officers – Greetings
1/28/2025	Zoom	John & Liz Ferris Storage Locker Discussion – Security
2/4/2025	Zoom	CASSAR Cost Reduction & Format Committee
2/12/2025	Sacramento, CA	Sacramento Chapter Meeting - Volunteer Recognition
2/15/2025	Chico, CA	DAR America250 Plaque - Bidwell Mansion – Greetings
2/22/2025	Carlsbad, CA	George Washington Birthday & Patriot Grave Marking Medals
2/25/2025	Zoom	David Morrow - Genealogy Resources & Coaching
2/27/2025	to Louisville	SAR Leadership Meetings
2/28/2025	to Louisville	SAR Leadership Meetings
3/1/2025	to Louisville	SAR Leadership Meetings
3/2/2025	to Louisville	SAR Leadership Meetings
3/4/2025	ZOOM	CASSAR Cost Reduction & Format Committee
3/6/2025	ZOOM	Bylaws Committee Meeting - Hirman/Cerrillo/Renouf
3/8/2025	Roseville	Sacramento Chapter Business Meeting
3/13/2025	Zoom	John Ferris - Annual Meeting Planning Checklist
3/15/2025	Concord, CA	Thomas Jefferson Chapter Meeting
3/15/2025	Burlingame, CA	CSSDAR Annual Meeting - Color Guard & Greetings
3/21/2025	Reno, NV	Nevada Society Annual Meeting & Installation of Officers

3/22/2025	Reno, NV	Nevada Society Annual Meeting & Installation of Officers
3/23/2025	Reno, NV	Nevada Society Annual Meeting & Installation of Officers
3/27/2025	Zoom	Lexington & Concord Planning @ California State Capitol
3/28/2025	Roseville	Transfer Contract for CASSAR Storage Locker
4/2/2025	Zoom	Lexington & Concord Planning @ California State Capitol
4/7/2025	Rancho Cordova, CA	Rancho Cordova City Council Proclamation & SAR history
4/8/2025	Zoom	Lexington & Concord Planning @ California Capitol w/ DAR
4/14/2025	Wilton, CA	Pickup weighted flag stands from Roy Adkins
4/15/2025	Zoom	Lexington & Concord Planning @ California Capitol w/ DAR
4/19/2025	Sacramento, CA	Commemoration of 2500th Anniversary - Lexington & Concord
4/27/2025	Home	I have a dream... I'm free at last! May God Bless the SAR.

It has been an honor serving the California Society as President.



Donald B Littlefield

President

California Society Sons of the American Revolution

202-2021 and 2024-2025

April 14, 2025



The California Society
of the
Sons of the American Revolution
Instituted October 22, 1875
Organized July 4, 1876, Incorporated February 17, 1890

John R Ferris
Executive Vice President
5 Libra Court
Coto De Caza, CA 92679-5113
714.270.7092
Jrf1776@outlook.com

April 25-26, 2025
Orange County Hilton, Costa Mesa

150th Annual Meeting
Executive Vice President Report

Compatriots, it has been a great year filled with meetings and friends. Thank you to all who welcomed me at your chapter meetings. Your hospitality has been appreciated and enjoyed. I look forward to another exciting year visiting as many as I can and celebrating with you all in this 250th Anniversary period.

The following is an account of the meetings and events I had the honor of participating in since our last annual meeting:

California Chapter Meetings (36)

May 4	Eagle Chapter
May 9	Harbor Chapter
May 11	Orange County Chapter
May 21	South Coast Chapter
Jun 8	Orange County Chapter
Jun 13	Harbor Chapter
Jun 29	San Diego Chapter (backyard meeting)
Sep 12	Harbor Chapter
Sep 17	South Coast Chapter
Sep 20	Redwood Empire
Sep 21	Silicon Valley Chapter
Sep 21	Thomas Jefferson Chapter
Oct 12	Orange County Chapter
Oct 16	Riverside Chapter
Oct 23	Kern Chapter (backyard meeting)
Nov 14	Harbor Chapter
Nov 15	Coachella Chapter
Nov 19	South Coast Chapter
Nov 20	Riverside Chapter

Dec 14	Orange County Chapter
Jan 8	Sacramento Chapter
Jan 9	Harbor Chapter
Jan 11	Orange County Chapter
Jan 17	Coachella Chapter
Jan 21	South Coast Chapter
Feb 1	Eagle Chapter
Feb 8	Orange County Chapter
Feb 22	San Diego Chapter (GW Dinner)
Mar 8	Orange County Chapter
Mar 15	Sons of Liberty Chapter
Mar 18	South Coast Chapter
Apr 5	Eagle Chapter
April 10	Harbor Chapter
April 12	Orange County Chapter
April 15	South Coast Chapter
April 16	Riverside Chapter

DAR/C.A.R. Meetings

Sep 8	C.A.R. San Pasqual Society
Feb 25	DAR Luiseno Chapter, Temecula

California State Meetings

Mar 25-26	CASSAR 147 th Annual Meeting
Nov 3-4	CASSAR 147 th BOM Meeting
Apr 14-15	CASSAR 148 th Annual Meeting
Jan 7	CASSAR Task Force Zoom Meeting

National Meetings (21)

Jun 4	Audit Committee Zoom
Jun 12	Communications and Affiliated Committees
Jul 11-16	Congress, Lancaster
Jul 29	Communications and Affiliated Committees (morning)
Jul 29	Communications and Affiliated Committees (afternoon)
Aug 1	Communications Meeting
Aug 29	Communications and Affiliated Committees
Sep 4	Branding and Engagement

Sep 8	Audit
Sep 8	Orations
Sep 9	Communications and Affiliated Committees
Oct 4	Leadership: American 250, Communications and Affiliated Committees
Dec 4	America 250 SAR
Dec 5	Branding and Engagement
Dec 19	Communications and Affiliated Committees
Jan 23	Communications and Affiliated Committees
Jan 27	Audit Committee
Feb 12	SAR Headquarters Committee
Feb 27	SAR Headquarters Committee
Feb 28	America 250 Committee
Feb 28	Communications and Affiliated Committees

Color Guard Participation (29)

May 23	Field of Honor
May 27	Memorial Day, Santa Ana
May 31	Navy Retirement, USS Iowa, Present Colors
Jun 15	Flag Presentation with PG Dodd, Wellington, NV
Jun 15	Flag Presentation with PG Dodd, Bridgeport, CA
Jul 4	Temecula Fourth of July Parade
Jul 4	Let Freedom Ring, Cerritos
Jul 12	Congress, Memorial Service
Jul 18	Fairfax Resolves, Mt Vernon
Jul 18	Fairfax Resolves, Pohick Church
Aug 8	Ventura Fair
Aug 12	Marine Corps League National Convention
Aug 31	Grave Marking Ceremony, SD, Mission de Alcala
Aug 31	Grave Marking Ceremony, SD, Presidio
Aug 31	Grave Marking Ceremony, SD, K G of the Dead
Sep 8	C.A.R. San Pasquale, Pasadena
Sep 8	Constitution Day, Buena Park
Oct 25-26	CASSAR 149 BOM meeting, Bakersfield
Nov 8	Veteran's Day, Covenant Christian School
Nov 9	Veteran's Day Parade, Riverside
Nov 11	Veteran's Day, Meridian Senior Center
Nov 13	Veteran's Day, Salem Lutheran School

Nov 20	S OC Meridian Senior Center
Dec 7	December 7 th Anniversary, Iowa Battleship
Dec 14	Wreaths Across America, Brea
Feb 15	DAR District XIII Plaque Dedication
Feb 22	DAR Mojave Chapter, Present Colors
Feb 22	SD GW Dinner Musket Firing
Mar 26	Huntington Harbor Coast Guard Auxiliary

Compatriot Newsletter

The Compatriot was issued every month.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John R Ferris", with a stylized flourish at the end.

John R Ferris
Executive Vice President
California SAR

Annual Report: California Society SAR Vice President South
April 2024 - April 2025

Submitted by Brandon Villardi

It has been a privilege to serve as the Vice President South for the California Society Sons of the American Revolution. During my tenure, I attended 21-chapter meetings, representing 9 of the 13 chapters in Southern California. One notable visit was to the Central Coast Chapter in San Luis Obispo, where Nathaniel Maas has taken on leadership following the recent passing of both the Vice President and President of that chapter. These visits allowed me to connect with chapter leadership, engage with members, and support the organization's growth and success at the local level.

Additionally, my travels provided opportunities to meet Western District members, including attending the Nevada Society Meeting twice with the Las Vegas Signers Chapter and a joint color Guard event Northern Ca. I also participated in the SAR Congress in Pennsylvania and the Fall Leadership in Louisville, KY.

In addition to attending meetings and visiting chapters, I participated in 44 Color Guard events across the region, with more events scheduled for this year. Highlights include participation in the Riverside and Kern Chapter Veterans Day Parades, the Harbor Chapter's Armed Forces Day event with over 50 participants, the Massing of the Colors hosted by Sons of Liberty, and the first Patriot Grave marking in San Diego. These activities allowed representation of the California Society SAR while honoring our nation's history and traditions.

Additionally, greetings were extended on behalf of the California Society at three significant events: DAR 250 Plaque dedication in Santa Clarita, DAR Plaque Dedication in Bakersfield, and the C.A.R State Meeting. These events involved interactions with members of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the Children of the American Revolution (CAR). Attendance at two of these events included DAR State Regent Christina Ramos, CAR State Presidents Sue Fitzpatrick and Karlie Dice, while one event featured DAR President General Pamela Wright. Collaboration with these organizations has supported the collective mission to promote patriotism, preserve historical heritage, and foster youth engagement.

I acknowledge the dedication and teamwork demonstrated by the chapters and members I have worked with and look forward to continuing efforts to grow and enhance the California Society Sons of the American Revolution.

I am looking forward to continuing my 2nd year of my 2-year term as VP South for the 2025-2026 leading into America's 250th Birthday Celebrations.

Respectfully,

Brandon Villardi

Chapter Visits

Eagle	5/4/2024
Central Coast	1/18/2025
Gen. G. S. Patton, Jr	9/13/2024. 1/11/2025
Harbor	5/9/2024, 6/13/2024, 8/8/2024, 9/12/2024, 10/10/2024, 11/14/2024, 12/12/2024, 1/9/2025, 2/13/2025
Las Vegas Signers	8/3/2024, 1/4/2025
Kern	1/26/2025
Riverside	6/19/2024, 1/15/2025
San Diego	6/29/2024
South Coast	9/17/2024, 1/21/2025
Sons of Liberty	9/21/2024
Yosemite	1/4/2025

SAR State and National Meetings

4/20/24	NVSAR Sate meeting
4/27/24	CASSAR 149 th Annual Meeting
7/10/24 – 7/16/24	NSSAR Congress
10/25/24	CASSAR 149 th Board of Manager Meeting
11/2/24 – 11/4/24	NSSAR Fall Leadership
4/25/24 – 4/25/24	CASSAR 150 th Annual Meeting

C.A.R. Events

8/1/24	C.S.S.C.A.R. Southern Packet Workshop
9/8/24	San Pasqual Society C.A.R. Reorganizing Meeting
2/22/24	C.S.S.C.A.R. State Conference
4/5/24	San Joaquin Valley Society C.A.R. Organizing Meeting

DAR Events

6/1/24	Point Vicente NSDAR Officer Installation
1/11/25	Conejo Valley NSDAR & Gen. G. S. Patton, Jr SAR Joint Event
1/26/25	NSDAR District XV Plaque Dedication
2/15/25	NSDAR District XIII Plaque Dedication
2/17/25	NSDAR District VIII Plaque Dedication
3/14/25	NSDAR State Meeting

3/15/25	NSDAR State Meeting
4/12/25	El Redondo NSDAR Colonial Luncheon

California State Society Sons of the American Revolution (CASSAR)

VP of Membership Annual Report

Period: January 2024 thru December 2024

The primary function performed by the VP of Membership is to process the prospective new member inquiries made by individuals on the SAR.org website and direct them to the chapter located nearest to the person for follow-up and support of the application.

There are a few other types of requests made on this same sar.org data entry page, for example, questions about the essay contest or the oration contest.

The technical issue encountered mid 2014 has been partially resolved. National created a "Membership Inquiry" report which is accessed thru the On Line Membership Database (Blue). The report provides the information the potential new member entered on-line. This process is more tedious as one needs to copy and paste the information into an email message response to the interested person

Below is a summary of the prospective new member inquiries. For the past 12 months there was a total of 334 referrals or an average of 28 per month or close to 1 per day. The chapter with the highest number of referrals in 2024 was the Sons of Liberty Chapter with 47 followed by the Thomas Jefferson Chapter with 29 and then the San Diego Chapter with 25.

As directed by President Littlefield in January 2025 due to the dissolution of two (2) CASSAR chapters the inquiries that would have been directed to the George Washington chapter are being redirected to the Gold Country Chapter. The inquiries that would have been directed to the Mother Lode Chapter are being redirected to the Sacramento Chapter.

As reported at the Fall Board of Managers Meeting In an analysis of the "potential new member leads" for the past 4 years, the conversion of leads into membership averaged 13% for CASSAR. The chapter with the highest conversion rate was Harbor at 34% followed by Coachella at 33% and South Coast at 29%, A suggestion to increasing membership is to revisit the inquiries of the individuals who did not complete the application process and promote joining the organization. Another suggestion is to do something akin to an exit interview and identify the root causes for the applicant not becoming a member of the SAR.

CASSAR NEW MEMBER REFERRALS													2024
	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	TOTAL
Central Coast Chapter	1		1							2		1	5
Coachella Valley Chapter	2	1		1		1	1			2			8
Delta Chapter		1	2	2	1		2	1		3		1	13
Eagle Chapter			1		1	1			2	1		2	8
General George Washington Chapter			1		1	1			2			4	9
General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter	1	1		1	4	3			1		1		12
Gold Country Chapter		1			1			1	1	2	2		8
Harbor Chapter	2	3	3	1		1	1	1		1		3	16
Kern Chapter	1						2			2		2	7
Monterey Bay Chapter		1					1					2	4
Mother Lode Chapter		2	1				1		1		1	1	7
Orange County Chapter	2		2	2	1	2	1		1	2	4	2	19
Redlands Chapter	1	2	1	3			2	1		1	1	3	15
Redwood Empire Chapter	1	1	3	1	2	1	1	1			2	2	15
Riverside Chapter	1	1			1	2						1	6
Sacramento Chapter	3	1		1	1		1	1	2	1	2	4	17
San Diego Chapter	2	1	1	3	1	1	5	1	2	2	3	3	25
San Francisco Chapter	1		1	2		1	4			1		1	11
Santa Barbara Chapter		1		1	1		1	1					5
Silicon Valley Chapter	2		4		3	1	1	1			2	4	18
Sons of Liberty Chapter	5	2	1	6	7	1	9	2	4	1	3	6	47
South Coast Chapter	2	2			1	3	2	2		3	3	5	23
Thomas Jefferson Chapter	5	2	5	2	3	4	1		2	2	3		29
Yosemite Chapter	1			1		1			2	1	1		7
Totals:	33	23	27	27	29	24	36	13	20	27	28	47	334

Oct-24 data through 10/15/23

***California Society State
Secretary's Annual Report
January 1, 2023- December 31, 2024***

As the California State Society Secretary, The Year of 2024 was fairly the same as last year with a Net Gain of Membership whereas other States saw losses. California started with 1,626 members and gained 10 New Members; making the Total Active Membership for 2024 at 1,635.

During 2024, the state secretary processed a total of 451 different transactions which brought the states total membership to 1,635 members. By December 31, 2024. The state had Eight (8) members transfer into the state, and Seven (7) members transfer out of the state with Five (5) Resignations. The state had Twenty Nine (29) members pass in 2024.

The state society had twenty (28) members reinstate their membership for the year. New membership applications processed were One Hundred Seventy Three (173) with Twenty Eight of them being Jr. Members. There were One Hundred and Eighty Four Drops (184) for the Year of 2024.

The National by-laws state that all States must submit their annual reconciliation reports on or before January 31st of each year. The by-laws of the California Society state that chapters should stop collecting dues on December 15th of each year and submit their chapter Reconciliation Reports on or before January 5th to give the California Society Secretary ample time to comply with the national requirement's. Please keep this in mind when submitting your reports in a timely manner to avoid the possibility of your Chapter of being Dropped.

Repctfully
Christopher J. Cerillo
CASSAR Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT RECONCILIATION for (State Society):	CA
Active Membership as of 01/01/2023:	1626
Plus: New Regular Members:	173
Plus: New Jr Members	23
Plus : New Memorial Members:	1
Plus : Transfer In:	8
Plus : Reinstatements:	28
Plus : Reinstatements-Transfers:	2
Total Additions:	235
Less : Deceased:	29
Less : Deceased Memorial:	1
Less : Resignations:	5
Less : Transfers Out:	7
Less : Dropped:	184
Total Losses:	226
Membership Gain / Loss:	9
Total Active Members as of 01/01/2023:	1626
Plus / Less: Membership - Gain / + Loss:	9
Total Active Members as of 01/01/2024:	1635
DUES CALCULATION	
Total Active Members as of 01/01/2024:	1635
Less: Emeritus Members:	17
Less: National Regular Life Members:	70
Less: All Junior Members:	120
Less: Sep-Dec New Regular Members:	45
Less: Sep-Dec Regular Member Reinstatements:	9
Less: Sep-Dec Regular Member Reinstatement-Transfers:	1
Total Adjustment to Membership:	262
Total Billable Regular Members:	1373
Dues Owed for Regular Membership: X \$50 =	\$68,650
Total Active Junior Members as of 01/01/2024:	120
Less: National Junior Life Members:	2
Less: Sep-Dec New Junior Members:	5
Less: Sep-Dec Junior Member Reinstatements	0
Less: Sep-Dec Junior Member Reinstatement-Transfers	0
Total Billable Junior Membership X \$5.00:	113
x \$5 =	\$565
Total Billable Membership:	\$69,215
Total Received	\$0
Amount (Over)/Under:	\$69,215

Treasurer's Report
California Society Sons of the American Revolution
150th Annual Meeting of the Membership
Orange County Hilton, Costa Mesa, California
April 24-27, 2025

The finances of the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution are in good shape.

- We ended the year with cash on hand of \$18,085.
- The total receipts for the year were \$147,611. This number is \$12,154 under the budgeted target.
- The total expenses were \$144,710, which was \$19,870 less than the budgeted amounts.
- We had a net operating surplus of \$2,901 for the year.
- Donations amounted to \$12,205: \$10,000 was received from Intel (D. Littlefield), \$100 was received from Michael Elston, \$100 was received from South Orange Co Chapter, \$5 was received from the Thomas Jefferson Chapter, and Ladies Auxiliary CASSAR donated \$2,000.

In summary, the finances are healthy.

April 2025 Report of the Registrar, California State Society, Sons of the American Revolution, April 23, 2024 to March 21, 2025

Reporting Date: March 21, 2025
Submitted By: CASSAR Registrar, Terry Briggs
Prepared by: CASSAR Registrar, Terry Briggs

From April 16, 2024 through March 21, 2025, I as CASSAR Registrar have received and reviewed a total of **242** applications received from **20** CASSAR Chapters; all chapters except Santa Barbara and Redwood Empire. Of these **242** applications, **229** applications were forwarded to the NSSAR for NSSAR review, **13** applications were returned to the chapter Registrar as not meeting SAR standards. From April 15, 2024 through March 21, 2025, **200** applications have been approved and **137** California SAR applications (47 new member + 90 supplemental patriot ancestor applications) remain at NSSAR awaiting completion of review. New member applications are currently taking about **3** months to complete review. Supplemental patriot ancestor applications are currently taking about **15** months to complete review at headquarters.

Upon taking office as CASSAR Registrar on April 15, 2023 the CASSAR pended applications list included **34** pended applications. Significant effort on the behalf of myself as CASSAR Registrar, the chapter Registrars and the applicants since April 15, 2023 has reduced the current number of applications on the CASSAR pended applications list to **11** pended applications (**5** new member applications and **6** supplemental patriot ancestor applications and **no** memorial application). Of the **11** current pended CASSAR applications, **4** were pended before I took office as CASSAR Registrar on April 15, 2023. I prepare and provide a weekly update to CASSAR officers on the number and status of pended applications, applications approved during the week and new applications received during each week.

In addition to receiving, reviewing and forwarding CASSAR applications to the NSSAR for NSSAR review, as CASSAR Registrar I and the CASSAR Genealogist have been providing, upon request of chapter Registrars, preliminary application reviews and guidance relative to those applications prior to applications being finalized and printed for applicant and sponsors' signatures. My reviews and guidance are shared with the CASSAR Genealogist. The CASSAR Registrar and CASSAR Genealogist communicate with each other to carry-out our duties.

As CASSAR Registrar, I have also been providing information, particularly to new chapter Registrars, to guide CASSAR chapter Registrars in the performance of their duties and to present the CASSAR and NSSAR policies and standards for the preparation and submission of SAR new member and supplemental patriot ancestor applications.

The following resources guide CASSAR chapter Registrars in the performance of their Registrar duties and tasks: the CASSAR Recommended Application Process, the *NSSAR Application Preparation Guide* (on SAR.org), the *NSSAR Genealogy Committee Policies* (on SAR.org), NSSAR online Registrar training videos (on SAR.org), the NSSAR Online Application Form Data Entry System (on SAR.org) and the NSSAR Patriot Research System (on SAR.org).

To the best of my knowledge at this time, of the current 22 CASSAR chapters, two CASSAR Chapters currently are without chapter Registrars: Monterey Bay and Gold Country. It is important for Chapters to have chapter Registrars in order to expand their membership and promote the SAR.

California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
Summary Report - California State Genealogist
150th Spring Membership Meeting

Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa
3050 Bristol St., Costa Mesa, CA 92626

- I. Introduction:** As the California State Genealogist for the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), I am pleased to provide a summary report of my recent activities and initiatives for attendees of the 150th Spring Membership Meeting.
- II. Support to the CA State Registrar:** Over the last few months, I have been actively collaborating with our CA State Registrar to enhance the genealogical aspects of SAR operations. This partnership has led to an improved member experience. One of our primary focuses has been the enhancement of our members' experience. We are dedicated to providing a more seamless and user-friendly process for genealogical inquiries and applications. This improvement aims to ensure that our members have a smoother and more efficient experience when engaging with the SAR. Our commitment to our members includes not only accurate and efficient genealogical research but also a user-friendly and accessible process.
- III. Annual CA State Genealogist Webinar and FAQ (Tuesday, February 25, 2025):** On February 25, 2025, we held the Annual CA State Genealogist Webinar and FAQ via Zoom, bringing together chapter registrars, genealogists, and presidents from across the state. This session was designed to address recurring questions, provide important updates, and strengthen genealogical practices at the chapter level.
- a. Key objectives of the webinar included:
- i. **Knowledge Sharing** – Offering guidance and clarification on common genealogical challenges and frequently asked questions.
 - ii. **Consistency** – Reinforcing uniform standards and procedures across all chapters to ensure quality and alignment in SAR applications.
 - iii. **Empowerment** – Equipping chapter leaders with tools, insights, and resources to confidently support new and prospective members.
 - iv. **Efficiency** – Streamlining genealogical workflows and promoting best practices to reduce delays and improve application processing.
- IV. Conclusion:** Our continued efforts to support and enhance the genealogical work of the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution remain a top priority. The February 25th webinar was an important step in fostering collaboration, alignment, and confidence among chapter leaders statewide. We are currently exploring the possibility of hosting a follow-up webinar in the fall to provide additional guidance, share new updates, and address emerging questions. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to preserving and advancing the mission of the SAR through genealogical excellence.

Sincerely,

David L. Morrow II, Esq.
California State Genealogist
California Society of SAR



2025 Annual Report of the Surgeon, California Society Sons of the American Revolution

February 29, 2025

Mr. Don Littlefield
President, California Society Sons of the American Revolution
c/o Mr. Christopher Cerillo, CASSAR Secretary
Submitted Via Email: girl4diam@aol.com

Dear CASSAR President Klinger and Fellow Compatriots:

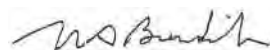
It has been my great honor to have served as CASSAR Surgeon since 2017. Please accept this annual report and let me know if you have any comments, suggestions or concerns. Following is a summary of my activities as CASSAR Surgeon:

- I. Recent and Future Speaker Engagements
 - a. "Medical History of George Washington Talk" I have given or plan to give this talk to the following meetings:
 - i. Yosemite Chapter CASSAR Fresno – Nov 16, 2023
 - ii. John Sutter California DAR Chapter Sacramento – March 30, 2024
 - b. "Using DNA in Genealogy"
 - i. Mother Lode Colony/California Mayflower Society – Sept 16, 2023
 - ii. Delta Chapter, California Society SAR – August 17, 2024
 - c. "Medicine at Jamestowne"
 - i. California Society Colonial Wars, Pasadena – January 14, 2024
 - ii. Northern California Company Jamestowne Society – June 22, 2024
 - iii. Monterrey Colony, California Mayflower – Nov 16, 2024
 - d. "Medicine at Plymouth Planation"
 - i. None in the past year
- II. Other Outreach
 - a. Revolutionary War Rarities Podcast: I was interviewed by Compatriot Jim Griffith on Washington's health history for the RWR podcast (Season 3, Episode 6)
- III. Recent and Future NSSAR Meetings:
 - a. 2024 Spring Leadership – March 1, 2024
 - b. 2024 Fall Leadership – October 4, 2024
 - c. 2025 Spring Leadership – February 28, 2025
 - d. 2025 Congress – July 11-17, 2025
 - e. 2025 Fall Leadership – October 2, 2025

- IV. I continue to serve on the NSSAR Medical Committee under current NSSAR Surgeon General Dr. John A. Turley (WV) and incoming Surgeon General Joe Hammel (OK).
- a. 2024-25 Medical Committee Goals:
- i. Provide medical information to SAR members through the Surgeon General Reports at NSSAR meetings and through SAR Magazine
 - ii. Provide helpful local information to compatriots attending leadership and congress meetings.
 - iii. Promote awareness about the importance of American Revolutionary military and colonial civilian medicine through talks and demonstrations to library groups, historical/genealogical societies, veterans' orgs, etc.
 - iv. Continue to support the Challenge Coin Project now led by Dr. Turley honoring physicians & surgeons of the Revolution. Fifteen coins have been produced. The Medical Committee has produced a display case for the complete coin set to be sold. Goal to complete the series and have the display case available for purchase by America's Semiquincentennial in 2026.
 - v. The Medical Committee is also publishing a commemorative book with the biographies of each physician & surgeon honored on the coins. I am writing the biographies for that booklet, which is planned to be released with the Physician & Surgeon Coin Series
 - vi. I will support any other initiative from the NSSAR Surgeon General.
- V. Clinical/Professional Activities
- a. As a physician, I have provided medical information to the CASSAR and specific chapters in accordance to the public health guidance of the State of California, the Centers for Disease Control and my clinical acumen.
 - b. I hold a current California medical license (#A92192, expires 3/31/2027).
 - c. I continue to see patients in my specialty (Allergy & Clinical Immunology).
 - d. I am on the Board of Directors for the California Society of Allergy Asthma & Immunology and Past President of the Western Society of Allergy Asthma & Immunology.
 - e. I am a speaker and scientific advisory member for a number of pharmaceutical companies. I do not consider my clinical or pharmaceutical activities relevant conflicts for my positions within the NSSAR/CASSAR. However, I am happy to disclose the companies that I am affiliated with should any Compatriots have questions or concerns.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Surgeon of the California Society. Please let me know if you have any specific ideas so I can better serve the medical interests of the CASSAR.

Sincerely,



Matthew S. Bowdish, MD, FAAAAI, FACAAI
2582 Creek Hollow Road
Rocklin, CA 95677-5721
916-549-4895
matthewsbowdish@gmail.com



**The California Society of the
Sons of the American Revolution
OFFICER'S REPORT**

Jim Klingler

State Society President and National Trustee

149th Annual Meeting

April 26-27, 2024

My thanks to the members of the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for your support during the past year during my final term as State Society President, and my term as National Trustee.

My activities on behalf of CASSAR for the past 12 months are listed below:

California Society SAR:

- Planned and presided over the CASSAR Annual Meeting of the Membership held on April 13-15, 2023.
- Attended and spoke at Memorial Service for Compatriot James Fosdyck on May 7, 2023.
- Assisted CASSAR Treasurer in completing the filing of the CASSAR 2022 federal and state tax returns by the due date of May 15, 2023.
- Organized CASSAR lunch meeting to present Un Hui Yi with the Daughters of Liberty medal from PG Bruce Pickette on July 27, 2023.
- Attended Memorial Service for Compatriot Phillip Hinshaw on August 26, 2023.
- Planned and presided over the CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting at the Queen Mary Hotel in Long Beach, CA from November 2-4, 2023.
- Attended joint SAR, DAR and CAR reenactment and commemoration of the Boston Tea Party on December 16, 2023.
- Attended and spoke at the joint SAR, DAR and CAR dinner celebrating President George Washington's Birthday on February 24, 2024.
- Presented remarks at the Annual State Conference of the California State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel in San Ramon, CA on March 14, 2024.
- Planned agendas for the CASSAR Annual Meeting of the Membership to be held on April 26-27, 2024.

California Society SAR Chapters:

- Attended Orange County Chapter meeting on May 13, 2023.

- Attended Sons of Liberty Chapter meeting and installed CASSAR Genealogist David Morrow on May 20, 2023.
- Attended Coachella Valley Chapter meeting and participated in Remembrance of Compatriot David Grinnell on May 19, 2023.
- Participated in the joint SAR Color Guard event for Memorial Day at the Orange County Cemetery in Santa Ana on May 29, 2023.
- Participated in the joint SAR Color Guard event for the Huntington Beach Independence Day parade in Huntington Beach on July 4, 2023. The SAR Color Guard and America 250 was mentioned in the live coverage on ABC television.
- Participated in the joint SAR Color Guard event for the Let Freedom Ring Independence Day celebration at the City Hall in Cerritos on July 4, 2023.
- Attended Eagle Chapter meeting on August 5, 2023.
- Attended Harbor Chapter meeting on August 10, 2023.
- Attended Orange County Chapter meeting on September 9, 2023.
- Attended Orange County Chapter meeting on November 11, 2023, and assisted in the induction of the McPhie family as SAR members.

National Society SAR:

- Attended the 133rd SAR Congress in Orlando, FL from July 14-20, 2023, where I headed the California Society SAR delegation to Congress.
- Attended the SAR Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY from September 21-23, 2023. I served as Co-Chair of the Finance, Budget, and Investment Committee meeting on September 22, 2023, and attended the EXCOM meetings on September 21 and September 23, and the Trustees meeting on September 23, 2024. I also attended the Investment Committee meeting with Fifth Third Bank, the Museum Board meeting and the Strategic Planning Committee meeting.
- Attended the SAR Spring Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY from February 29 - March 2, 2024. I served as Co-Chair of the Finance, Budget, and Investment Committee meeting on March 1, 2024, and attended the EXCOM meetings on February 29 and March 2, and the Trustees meeting on March 2, 2024. I also served as Chairman of the Investment Committee meeting with Fifth Third Bank, and attended the Museum Board meeting, the Foundation Board meeting and the Strategic Planning Committee meeting.
- As Chairman of the SAR Finance committee, I conducted a virtual Zoom meeting with the Finance committee on May 22, 2023 to review the Form 990's for SAR and the SAR Foundation.
- As Vice Chairman of the SAR Investment Committee, I participated in virtual meetings of the committee with Fifth Third Bank on May 25, 2023 and September 6, 2023 to discuss the investment allocation strategy for the SAR and SAR Foundation funds. Also, I presided in a virtual meeting of the committee on January 30, 2024 to discuss the investment fund performance and the proposed investment allocation which I presented to EXCOM and the Trustees at the Spring Leadership Meeting.
- Participated in a virtual meeting of SAR Trustees on January 13, 2024.

- Participated as a member of the SAR Executive Committee in virtual meetings on April 19, May 24, June 15, June 22, July 5, August 23, and November 29, 2023, and January 4 and January 24, 2024.
- Participated as a member of the SAR Nominating Committee in a meeting to interview SAR Officer Candidates on September 21, 2023 and March 2, 2024.
- Participated as a member of the SAR Museum Board in virtual meetings on May 3, June 7, August 2, October 11, and December 5, 2023.
- Participated as a member of the SAR Strategic Planning Committee in virtual meetings on August 30, October 24, November 6, November 20, December 18, 2023 and January 18, February 13, and March 19, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Klingler

Klingler@sbcglobal.net

Phone: (949) 854-7698

Cell: (949) 300-3253

"THE BOOK"

Caa Aul Rpr

Section Two

State Program Reports

Pages 26 to 36



The California Society
of the
Sons of the American Revolution
Instituted October 22, 1875
Organized July 4, 1876, Incorporated February 17, 1890

John R Ferris
Executive Vice President
5 Libra Court
Coto De Caza, CA 92679-5113
714.270.7092
jrf1776@outlook.com

April 4, 2025

Audit Committee Report

Audit Process:

The CASSAR Audit Committee met virtually from March 7 – March 21, 2025, and examined a random selection of accounting records from the QuickBooks Check Detail and Deposit Detail reports provided by the CASSAR Treasurer for the period October 2024 through February 2025, the period since the last Audit.

Audit Results:

Treasurer Kevin Bidenkap provided satisfactory supporting documents for all transactions the Audit Committee selected, and the Audit Committee concluded the CASSAR accounting records are kept in good order with no exceptions.

Audit Committee Members:

Executive VP John R Ferris, Chairman; VP-North Randy Dhindsa; VP-South Brandon Villardi; Orange County Chapter President Lawrence Stratton; Thomas Jefferson Chapter President Dan Shurtz; Investment Funds Trustee Kent Gregory, and Treasurer Kevin Bidenkap.

Respectfully Submitted,

John R Ferris
Chairman, Audit Committee
Executive Vice President
California SAR

Derek J. Brown, PE Handbook Committee CASSAR
PO Box 326 Clayton, CA 94517
Email DptyDeke@yahoo.com

California Society Sons of the American Revolution Handbook Committee

The Handbook Committee is tasked with ensuring that the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation are current and posted on the CASSAR Website. The CASSAR Handbook, originally in paper form, was rewritten and updated in 2021 to capture changes made at the National and State levels; in addition, it was converted to a digital format (pdf) and uploaded to the CASSAR web page in January 2022.

The document was rewritten and expanded to address National, State Society and Chapter-level offices and activities at a high level, and incorporated links to documents at the National and State levels where additional details could be provided without duplicating existing documents. These links help minimize changes to the Handbook.

This document continues to be updated on an annual basis to ensure that significant changes to the operations at the National and State levels are identified and formalized and that all CASSAR Compatriots have access to consistent information. The most significant recent changes include the addition of the following: a state-level disciplinary procedure, a state meeting planning template, membership-related resources and links to SAR training resources.

This revision of the Handbook is expected to be uploaded to the CASSAR website after the 2024 Annual Meeting to capture any changes to the Bylaws - as changes to the Bylaws can only be made at the Annual Meeting.

Any material errors in this document should be communicated to the committee to ensure that the most accurate information is being provided to the membership. All officers, committee chairs and compatriots are encouraged to become familiar with this document.

Respectfully submitted,
Derek J. Brown, PE
Chair, Handbook Committee
CASSAR



The California Society
of the
Sons of the American Revolution
Instituted October 22, 1875
Organized July 4, 1876, Incorporated February 17, 1890

John R Ferris
Executive Vice President
5 Libra Court
Coto De Caza, CA 92679-5113
714.270.7092
Jrf1776@outlook.com

April 25-26, 2025
Orange County Hilton, Costa Mesa

150th Annual Meeting
America 250th SAR Report

This past year there were three events that SAR celebrated:

Fairfax Resolves July 18 and
First Continental Congress Sep 5-Oct 26
Lexington and Concord April 19th

I was able to participate in the Fairfax Resolves in VA.

The Compatriot was filled with information concerning these events should anyone wish to participate. Also, the Compatriot has links to America250sar.org, Revolutionary Rarities, future America 250 SAR events and Color Guard Programs.

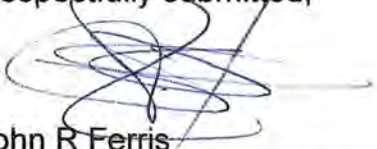
The Henry 250th Anniversary Rifle Program will celebrate with a .44 magnum, "The Shot Heard Around the World" for 2025. This is in its 3rd iteration.

America 250th Anniversary Recognition Program is one of the most successful in the country with 247 Bronze, 137 Silver and 73 Gold.

California SAR has yet to dedicate a bench or plant a tree.

2000 Challenge Coins celebrating the Decade of the American Revolution were sold, bringing the total America 250 Challenge Coins bought by California Compatriots to 4,000.

Respectfully submitted,


John R Ferris
Chair, America 250 SAR
Executive Vice President
California SAR

CALIFORNIA SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
PUBLIC SERVICE AND HEROISM COMMITTEE REPORT
03/11/2025

In addition to serving as the CASSAR PS&H Chair, I am a member of the NSSAR PS&H Committee and have attended committee meetings at Spring and Fall Leadership in Louisville, KY for the past six years.

There are five NSSAR approved Public Service and Heroism awards. The SAR Heroism Award for those who demonstrate outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger. The Life Saving Medal and Certificate is presented to honorees who took action resulting in the saving of a human life without placing themselves in imminent danger. And three Public Service Medals – Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, and Emergency Medical Services that the State Society presents semi-annually, and each Chapter is encouraged to present annually and to report those presentations using the on-line reporting form found on the NSSAR website under the Public Service and Heroism Committee heading. The criteria for presentation of the five awards and reporting requirements can be found in the NSSAR Handbook.

State Societies, Chapters, and Commendation Recipients are recognized in a booklet published by the NSSAR Public Service and Heroism Committee. Booklets are distributed at the awards luncheon during the National Congress in July of each year. A list of Awardees is also now available on the NSSAR website under the PS&H Committee heading.

In October 2024, the Mother Lode Chapter presented Law Enforcement Awards to Deputy Scott Bare, Technician Steve McCallum, Sergeant Nicholas Milbank, Detective Michael Pullmann, Dispatcher Alexandra Santini, and Volunteer Search and Rescue Team Member Mike Potts from the El Dorado County Sherriff's Office and Officer Eric Tutuwan of the Placerville Police Department at their annual Public Service Awards Dinner.

In November 2024, at the 149th Annual BOM Meeting, the Kern Chapter presented a Heroism Medal to Deputy Alfredo Flores of the Tulare County Sheriff's Office, a Law Enforcement Medal to Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer, and a Fire Safety Medal to Division Chief Chris Scott of the Los Padres National Forest USDA-Forest Service.

No other nominations were reported and unless advised otherwise award nomination report forms for only those listed will be completed and submitted to the Chairman of the NSSAR PS&H Committee. Also photographs of the presentations are desirable and encouraged.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Stephens
CASSAR Public Service and Heroism Committee Chair

CALIFORNIA SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
DAR LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT
03/5/2025

The CASSAR annually awards the DAR Medal of Appreciation for 5 referrals (with an oak leaf cluster for additional batches of 5 referrals), the Martha Washington Medal for 20 referrals, and the Daughters of Liberty Medal for 50 referrals. The CASSAR also annually awards a Certificate of Appreciation and cash prize of \$100.00 to the California Society DAR Chapter that provides the highest number of referrals greater than five, that result in approved SAR member applications submitted using the DAR Finder Form.

In 2024, the CASSAR received 25 DAR Finder Forms and ranked in 10th place Nationally.

Daughter Kathy Reeve of the Point Vicente Chapter is being awarded the DAR Medal of Appreciation for 5 referrals, and the Chapter will be presented with a \$100 check and a Certificate of Appreciation at a future Chapter meeting.

In 2023, the CASSAR received 15 DAR Finder Forms and in 2022, the CASSAR received 29 DAR Finder Forms and placed 6th Nationally.

Thank you to Terry Briggs, our CA Society Registrar, for tracking these submissions.

In 2024, I attended the CASSAR Annual Meeting in Burlingame and the Board of Managers meeting in Bakersfield; and the National Congress in Pennsylvania and the Spring and Fall Leadership meetings in Louisville, KY.

I am the Vice Chair of the NSSAR DAR Liaison Committee, and I attended the California Society DAR Annual Meeting in San Ramon and the Southern Council Meeting in Bakersfield, CA.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Stephens,
CASSAR, DAR Liaison

Annual Report: C.A.R. Liaison South
April 2024 - April 2025

Submitted by Brandon Villardi

Although I officially assumed the position of C.A.R. Liaison South in March, I have been actively working with C.A.R. throughout the year. For those who may not be aware, I serve as a Senior Officer for the local C.A.R. Society and as a Senior member of the CSSCAR SAR, DAR, SR Relations Committee. As the Senior Chair of the committee, I have the privilege of reviewing state relations contest applications, and I am extremely pleased with how actively our society engages with C.A.R.

The mission of the SAR is to promote patriotism, serve our communities, and educate and inspire future generations about the founding principles of our country. Engaging with C.A.R. greatly contributes to this mission.

This year, I had the privilege of attending several C.A.R. events, including the Southern Packet Workshop, the San Pasqual Society C.A.R. Reorganizing Meeting, the San Joaquin Valley Society C.A.R. Organizing Meeting, and the CSSCAR State Conference. The dedication and achievements of these young leaders are consistently impressive.

Many distinguished SAR members have served on Local, State, and National Boards, including Secretary General Michael Elston. I encourage those whose sons and grandsons are members of SAR to explore whether there is a local C.A.R. chapter as well. C.A.R. offers numerous leadership opportunities at the Local, State, and National levels, which can also enhance college applications.

For those encountering challenges connecting with local schools, consider reaching out to C.A.R. to see if there are local youths interested in participating in our programs. Participation does not need to involve an entire class—individual engagement can be just as impactful.

On a personal note, my daughter serves as Vice President of the local C.A.R. Society and as the State Organizing Secretary, while my wife, Kelly, serves as the Local Society Senior President and as a Senior Committee Chair. Needless to say, I will be spending a lot of time fostering cooperation between our our organizations.

Thank you,
Brandon Villardi



**The California Society
of the
Sons of the American Revolution**



Spirit of America Award Program
Annual Report for 1 January to 31 December 2024

Established by the General Patton Chapter in 1985 as an annual award during the United States of America Bicentennial and endorsed by the CASSAR, the Spirit of America Award provides tangible recognition for deserving eighth grade students at their graduation ceremonies. Selected by the faculty of their school, and further evaluated by the school district, the criteria for the students is based on:

1. **Dependability** (punctuality, truthfulness, honesty, loyalty, trustworthiness and self-control at school, home and community).
2. **Cooperation** (respect for authority, property and the rights of others, and courtesy).
3. **Leadership** (ability to improve the school experience for self and others).
4. **Patriotism** (loyalty to the United States of America, knowledge of the purposes as expressed in the Preamble of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, and the meaning of and respect to the Flag of the United States of America).

The General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter has presented this award annually since its inception, this year presenting awards at the graduation ceremonies for the five middle schools in the Camarillo Pleasant Valley School District. The Chapter awarded two bronze Good Citizenship medals and eight Outstanding Citizenship pins with certificates to ten deserving student graduates from these schools. Chapter compatriots presented the awards and certificates at the school graduation ceremonies 12 and 13 June 2024.

Las Colinas Middle School (13 Jun – Compatriot James Armstrong)

Girl: Malia Niegas (Outstanding Citizenship pin & certificate)

Boy: Anthony Mertes (Outstanding Citizenship pin & certificate)

Los Primeros School of Sciences and Arts (13 June – Compatriot Stephen Andrews)

Girl: Aliyah Martinez (Outstanding Citizenship pin & certificate)

Boy: Christian Villaverde (Outstanding Citizenship pin & certificate)

Monte Vista Middle School (13 June – Compatriot Robert Taylor)

Girl: Lillyanna Tesch (Outstanding Citizenship pin & certificate)

Boy: Polo Santino Santiago (Outstanding Citizenship pin & certificate)

Pleasant Valley School of Engineering and Arts (13 June – Compatriot Eric Stassforth)

Girl: Katalina Marmolejo (Outstanding Citizenship pin & certificate)

Boy: Christian Sabilla (Outstanding Citizenship pin & certificate)

Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School (12 June – Compatriot Robert Taylor)

Girl: Abigail Stephens (Bronze Good Citizenship Medal & certificate)

Boy: Jacobus Hogendorp (Bronze Good Citizenship Medal & certificate)

Respectfully submitted

Robert L. Taylor

Spirit of America Award Program Chairman



California Society Sons of the American Revolution

Instituted October 22, 1875
Organized July 4 1876, Incorporated February 17, 1930



Eagle Scout Program – 2024 Annual Report

A few of the CASSAR Chapters provide the Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate to Scouts that contact them. If you scroll through the various chapter reports you will see the numbers of certificates that are issued each year.

Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship CASSAR 2024 Winners

1st Place Robert McPhie

2nd Place Ash Nay

3rd Place Luke Thomas

Orange Chapter (Submitted to NSSAR 2024)

Redwood Empire Chapter

Eagle Chapter

2024 Participants - Chapters

Orange County – Redwood Empire Chapter – Eagle Chapter

Thomas Jefferson Chapter – Silicon Valley Chapter

I attended and participated in all the NSSAR Eagle Scout Committee meetings in 2024. The recognition for the State Eagle Scout winner has been changed from the traditional Eagle Scout Trophy and replaced by a SAR Silver Eagle Scout medal. This change is immediate, and this year's winner will receive this medal.



Robert E. Burt Scout Volunteer Award

Nominations may be submitted year-round, so I can take applications any time from chapters. California is allowed up to 4 Robert E. Burt awards each year, so we need to remind the chapters (probably the chapter presidents) to look for potential recipients within their chapters. Once I receive the completed package from the chapters (with all documentation), I then get sent to the National Eagle Scout Committee.

Youth Protection Requirements

If you are an active member of Scouts BSA, or are a Merit Badge Counselor, or if there is the slightest possibility of you spending more than 16 hours in a single year interacting with Scouts, you need to complete California training. Here is the link to the Mandated Training: [Volunteers | Child Abuse Mandated Reporter Training \(mandatedreporter.ca.com\)](https://mandatedreporter.ca.com)

Scouting America

The Scouts BSA has officially changed their name to "Scouting America". The SAR National Scout Committee is working to rebrand the certificates and patches as appropriate.

Please Update your Eagle Scout Contact Information

Please send me any updated contact information for those individuals responsible for the Eagle Scout programs. Those that I have interacted with at the Local Chapters have all been active and enthusiastic with assisting Eagle Scouts, their parents, and their Scout leaders. Thank you for all that you are doing to promote this Eagle Scout Scholarship. If you have any questions, please send me an email or give me a call,

William E. Nay "Bill"

CASSAR Chair, Eagle Scout Committee

707-235-1900 bill.nay@comcast.net

"THE BOOK"

Section Three Chapter Report

Pages 44 to 65

Central Coast Chapter Report
January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024

Officers:

Steve Scully: President
Bill Crewe: Vice President (President from October 25)
Secretary: Bob Klebs
Treasurer: Russell Haynes
Registrar: Russell Haynes

Treasury: \$1,740.98

Chapter Dues Collected: \$1,490.00

CASSAR Dues Collected & Paid: \$440.00

NSSAR Dues Collected & Paid: \$1,050.00

Banking: Mechanics Bank

1026 Grand Avenue, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

Acct. No. ending in 6611

Signatories: Russell Haynes, Nathaniel Maas, Charles Stevenson, and
Robert Klebs

Significant Events for 2024:

- September 20 - Death of Chapter President Steve Scully
- October 25 – Chapter Presidency filled by Bill Crewe
- October 25 – Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee formed for upcoming year
- December 14 - Wreaths Across America, wreath laying ceremony attended by SAR and DAR. Approximately 75 persons in attendance

Nathaniel Maas

Central Coast Chapter President

Central Coast Chapter Physical Assets Inventory
April 2, 2025

Name Tags: \$25

SAR Pledge and Recessional Cards: \$35

Assorted Blank Certificates: \$15

Eagle Scout Recognition Patches: \$30

Total: \$105

The California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
Coachella Valley Chapter Report
January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

2024 Chapter Meetings:

-Eight in-person Chapter Meetings with lunch were held on Fridays in 2024, as follows:

Jan. 19 st	Program: "The Home of John Adams"
Feb. 16 th	Program: "29 th Annual Joint Meeting with DAR Chapter"
Mar. 15 th	Program: "Saint Patrick's Day in America"
Apr. 19 st	Program: "The Spring CASSAR Meeting"
May 17 th	Program: "Hunter Lopez Memorial Foundation"
Oct. 18 th	Program: "Palm Springs Veteran's Day Parade"
Nov. 15 th	Program: "CASSAR Board of Manager's Meeting"
Dec. 20 th	Program: "George Washington America 250 Memorial"

SAR Programs in which Chapter Participated:

-President attended CASSAR spring and fall meeting.

-Flag Certificates presented on Flag Day.

-President attended NSSAR Congress in July.

-Chapter participated in the Palm Springs Veteran's Day Parade for the 6th year, with a horse drawn carriage, and members in Revolutionary War uniforms carrying the SAR banner and American Flag in front, and giving small American Flags out to youngsters.

-Chapter participated in Wreaths Across America for the 6th year with DAR, selling 369 wreaths, or 45% of the total placed on Veteran's Graves at Desert Memorial Park on Saturday, December 15th.

2024 Elected Officers:

-President:	Christopher J. Cerillo
-Vice President:	Raymond L. Allen
-Secretary:	Curtis J. Lane
-Treasurer:	William M. Haines
-Registrar:	David J. Arthurs

Appointed Officers: -Chaplain Edward A. Oehler

Membership Summary:

-Number of members as of January 1, 2024	29
-Number of new members	+5
-Number of reinstatements	+1
-Number of members dropped in 2024	- 2
-Number of members as of December 31, 2024	33

Dues Payment for 2025:

-Dues to CASSAR	\$ 580
-Dues to NSSAR	1,450

Financial Information:

-Bank signatories are the Chapter Treasurer or the Chapter President.

-Name of financial institution where the chapter does business:

JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.
Bob Hope & Gerald Ford Drive
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
(760) 324-9398

-Balance in account as of December 31, 2024 \$ 9,724.52

-Account number (last four digits) XXXXX-1519

-Treasurer: William M. Haines
159 Waterford Circle
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270-3100
(775) 200-6752
williamhaines@msn.com

-Dates chapter filed all necessary tax information required by CASSAR:

199-N: 01/17/2025	CT-TR-1: 01/17/25
990-N: 01/17/2025	RRF-1: 01/17/25

Chapter Assets:

-US & SAR Flag, pole, and stand \$200; podium \$175, in custody of Christopher J Cerillo
-SAR Parade Banner and magnetic signs \$165, in custody of William M Haines

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Cerillo, President

Delta CHAPTER Chapter #29

January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

Reporting Date: March 21 2025

Submitted & Prepared by: Chapter President Andrew McClure

Reporting Officers:

President: Andrew McClure

Vice President: Rev. Scott Elliott

Treasurer: Charles Newcomb

Secretary: Randy Haight

Registrar: David Beeskau

Chapter Board: Elected Officers: President Andrew McClure Vice President: Rev. Scott Elliott, Secretary Randy Haight Treasurer Charles Newcomb Chaplain Gary Overby

Appointed Officers: JROTC/ROTC Chair: Gary Overby; Color Guard Commander: Gary Overby; Oration Contest Chair: Scott Elliott; Program Director: Andrew McClure; Grave Marking Chair: Ron Niewald; Veteran's Affairs Chair: Mike Hair

Delta Chapter Summary: This year our chapter met ten times and held a kickoff event that was co-sponsored with El Toyon DAR. We participated in Wreaths Across America in December but were forced to cancel our participation the day of the event due to exceptionally bad weather. All of our meetings featured America 250 minutes with the exception of the August kick-off event that was focused on DNA in Genealogy Research where Dr. Matthew Bowdish was our Keynote Presenter. Our meeting location changed in December 2024 and we began a new meeting location in January 2025 at the Ripon Memorial Library in Ripon, CA. This new location comes with no costs attached to the chapter and is more centrally located between San Joaquin and Stanislaus County.

Membership Summary:

Number of members as of January 1, 2024: __33__

Number of members as of January 1, 2025: __36__

New members in 2024: 15

Kenneth Basset

Alexander Corrie

Michael Hair, Sr.

Michael Hair, Jr.

Sean Hildebrand

Michael Huntsman
Clifford Rowley
Dorsey Smith
Gary Vetter
Jackie Vetter
Number of drops in 2024: 12

Dues in 2024:

Dues to CSSAR: \$1655
Dues to NSSAR: \$660
Dues to Delta Chapter: \$1200
Collected: \$3515

Financial Information

Bank Signatory: Charles Newcomb, Rev. Scott Elliott, Randy Haight
Treasurer: Charles Newcomb
BMO
5 South Plaza Circle
Patterson, CA 95361

Balance in Account as of December 31, 2024: \$9484.64

Treasurer: Charles Newcomb,
253 Bellflower Court,
Patterson CA 95367
760-803-3435
chas. newcomb@gmail.com

Delta Chapter Assets Four Flags: American, New England, California, SAR

Four Poles and Stands Gavel Delta
Chapter Poster Framed Delta Chapter
Charter Portable Lectern
Foldable Lectern
Foldable Dolly
One Large Plastic Tote
Two Plastic File Folder Boxes
Portable Projector & Screen
Two Documents of Freedom Sets

All Items stored at the residence of Andrew McClure 3625 Dutchollow Way, Modesto, CA 95356

We also have some award certificates and medals stored at the residence of Gary Overby: 2911 San Rocco Ct. Tracy, CA 95376.

Gen. George S. Patton Jr. Chapter

January 1, 2024, thru December 31, 2024

President: Stephen Andrews

Vice President: Jim Armstrong

Secretary: Stephen Andrews

Treasurer: Robert Taylor

Registrar: Michael Johnson

Financial Information

Cash on hand March 14, 2025: \$11,515.00

Chapter dues collected: \$4600.00

CASSAR Dues collected and paid: \$1300.00

NSSAR Dues collected and paid: \$3250.00

Bank signatories: Past President Eric Kaufman & Treasurer Robert Taylor

Bank of America

1130 S. Victoria St.

Ventura, CA 93003

Acct. Number: XXXXXXXX-2419

Physical Assets Total Estimated Value

\$5500.00

See attached schedule.

Significant successes

- 15 New members
- Joint Meeting with Conejo Valley DAR, 149 attendees
- Attended 149th Annual Spring Meeting, Steve Andrews, Robert Taylor
- Ojai Valley 4th of July Parade, Color Guard, Jim Armstrong, Bob Taylor, Tom Shaw, Jerry Hays Jr. along with Chapter Compatriots.
- SAR information Booth, Ventura County Fair, August 9 – 11, 2024 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Booth attendants 1 day each: Bob Taylor, John Ferris, Chris Roth, Errol Berk, DAR, Barbabra La Marche, Jim Armstrong, Paul Quick, Jerry Hays Jr., Geoff Van. Daily, Steve Andrews. 50-year Anniversary Vietnam Veterans lapel pins, 32 presented, Total fair attendance: 254,393 Over 400 connections for: membership information, youth contests, schools, color guard. Photos with attendants in uniform: too many to count.
- Massing of the Colors, Forest Lawn, Color Guard, Jim Armstrong, Bob Taylor, Tom Shaw, Jerry Hays Jr. along with Chapter Compatriots.
- Wreaths Across America, December 17, 2024, Nordoff Cemetery, Ojai CA Color Guard, Jim Armstrong, Tom Shaw, Jerry Hays Jr. along with Chapter Compatriots.

Chapter Assets

<u>Item</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	<u>Possession</u>
Flag	U.S. 1 3x5 with pole/stand. Donated	Robert Taylor
Flag	Betsy Ross 1 3x5 with pole/stand. Donated	Robert Taylor
Flag	CA 1 3x5 with pole/stand. Donated	Robert Taylor
Flag	SAR 1 3x5 with pole/stand Donated	Robert Taylor
Medals	Bronze: 5, 9 oak clusters	Robert Taylor, Steve Andrews
	Silver: 12	
	Certificates: 121	
	Challenge Coins: 10	
Lectern	Donated Martin Spann	Tom Shaw
Gavel	Donated	Tom Shaw
Canopy	10 X 10 Popup SAR imprinted Donated	Steve Andrews
Charter & amp; Received from NSSAR		Robert Taylor
Epsom Projector & amp; Screen Donated		Robert Taylor



Officers (2025): President: Dave Gilliard; First V.P.: Greg Hill; Treasurer: Dave Gilliard

Secretary: Ron Barker; Registrar: Vacant

Cash on-hand as of 12/31/2024: \$10,128

Banking: First Foundation Bank – Auburn (1075)

Physical Assets Total Estimated Value in U.S. Dollars: \$5,000

Numerous flags, flag stands, several muskets, uniforms and accessories, challenge coins

PROGRAMS/Activities:

- Worked with State Assemblyman Joe Patterson to have ACR 57 introduced, recognizing April 19, 2025 as Lexington & Concord Day in California
- Poster Contest: Presented to 22 classrooms in 9 schools. Judged 600 posters.
- Wreath across America Color Guard
- DAR Regional Meeting Color Guard
- Independence Day Parade – Nevada City
- Constitution Day Parade – Grass Valley
- JROTC Medal Presentation
- Chapter Flag Program: Presented Rev. War Flags to student assemblies at seven schools

The Chapter continues to struggle with attendance at meetings and participation in programs.

HARBOR CHAPTER

January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024

Reporting Date: March 16, 2025

Prepared by: Chapter President James C. Bunker

Chapter Board:

Elected Officers (2024):

- President – Dr. James Bunker
- 1st VP -- Kyle Puro
- Secretary – Kyle Puro
- Treasurer – Jim Olds
- Registrar – Brandon Villardi

Treasury:

- Cash on hand: Bank account balance as of Dec. 31, 2024: \$9,150
- CASSAR Dues collected and paid: \$1,400
- NSSAR Dues collected and paid: \$3,440
- Banking Name
 - First Citizens Bank
 - 2300 Pacific Coast Hwy
 - Lomita, CA 90717
 - Las 4 Account#: 8004
- Bank Signatories
 - Jim Olds
 - Brandon Villardi
 - Jack Mulkey

Harbor Chapter Summary: As we close out 2024, the Harbor Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution proudly reflects on a year of tremendous growth, engagement, and leadership. Our membership expanded significantly, growing from 73 members in 2023 to 94 this year. We hosted numerous well-attended meetings and events, including a moving tribute to World War II hero Louis Zamperini, a special gathering aboard the SS Lane Victory honoring the legacy of the U.S. Merchant Marines, and our ongoing efforts to commemorate America's 250th anniversary through historical and educational initiatives. Our chapter played a leading role in the SAR America 250 program, with strong participation in the medal recognition program and the development of engaging community partnerships with DAR and CAR. Additionally, we actively participated in civic events such as the Huntington Beach Fourth of July Parade, Veterans Day ceremonies, and Wreaths Across America at Los Angeles National Cemetery. Two of our members currently serve in leadership roles within CASSAR—one as Vice President South and another as Treasurer. Looking ahead to 2026, our goal is to expand our membership to 125 members.

Name of Chapter: Kern Chapter #68

January 1, 2024 thru December 31, 2024

Officers:

- President: Christopher Scott
- Vice President: Arnold Burr
- Secretary: Jeff Sheppard
- Treasurer: Kerry Adams
- Registrar: Kerry Adams

Treasury:

- Cash on-hand: \$3,281.17
 - Chapter Dues collected: \$624.00
 - CASSAR Dues collected & paid: \$1,040.00
 - NSSAR Dues collected & paid: \$2,600.00
- Banking:
 - Bank Name: Mechanics Bank
 - Address: 3800 Riverlakes Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93312-6662
 - Signatories: Treasurer Kerry Adams
 - Account #: ****8564

Physical Assets Total Estimated Value: \$3,000.00

Various flags and props used in our school assembly program:

DVDplayer, projector, smalltripod, all used for meetings:

Chapter Medals inventory: Von Steuben (1), Fire Safety (2), 1 Martha Washington, 1 EMS, 2 Law Enforcement, 1 Good Citizen, and 6 Supplement Stars.

Other than cash, none of the flags, props, medals or meeting equipment exceeds the \$100.00 individual value.

Summary of Key Achievements for 2024:

The Kern Chapter had an active and engaging year, with the Color Guard participating in a range

of community, patriotic, and educational events. The chapter worked to promote Revolutionary War history, civic responsibility, and SAR youth programs through collaborations, public events, and educational outreach.

Notable Achievements/Events:

- Co-hosted the **149th CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting** with Yosemite Chapter, held in Bakersfield.
- Participated in **Wreaths Across America** at Bakersfield National Cemetery – Arnold Burr read a proclamation, Mike Scott laid a wreath at the POW/MIA memorial flagpole.
- Held a joint **SAR/DAR/CAR December Christmas Luncheon**.
- Color Guard marched in the **Bakersfield Veteran's Day Parade**.
- Presented **flag certificate** to **Houchin Blood Bank**.
- Participated in **Constitution Day** ceremony at the Kern County Courthouse Liberty Bell.
- Ran the **SAR Youth Video Contest** (Kern Chapter).
- Presented Bronze **JROTC Medals** to students at Arvin, Bakersfield, South, and Desert Senior High Schools.
- Participated in the **CAR State Conference** hosted in Bakersfield.
- Participated in the **Massing of Colors** ceremony.
- Presented **thank you certificates** to guest speakers.
- Color Guard participated in multiple **Memorial Day events**: Bakersfield National Cemetery, Union Cemetery, and the **1000 Flags** display.
- Hosted a **Flag Retirement Ceremony** at Greenlawn Cemetery on **Flag Day** with Mayor **Karen Goh**.
- Marched in the **Westchester Independence Day Parade**.
- Participated in the **Cal State University Bakersfield Veterans Success Center Flag Ceremony**.
- Delivered **Revolutionary War presentations** to multiple **elementary schools** across the greater Bakersfield area.
- Participated in the **American Revolution historical event** at Bakersfield Beale Library.
- Awarded numerous **250th Bronze and Silver Medals** throughout the year.

Christopher Scott

President, Kern Chapter #68

Riverside Chapter

January 1, 2024 thru December 31, 2025

President, Michael Mann, 1st VP Bill Vining, 2nd VP Roger Cooper, Treasurer John Matulich, Secretary Vacant, Registrar David Leonard.

Cash on hand \$25,783.78

Chapter dues collected: \$1085.00

CASSAR Dues collected and paid: \$950.00

NSSAR Dues collected and paid: \$2455.00

Provident Bank, 5225 Canyon Crest Dr Ste. 30 Riverside, CA 92507. Signatures John Matulich, Roger Cooper, Michael Mann. Account #5841

Physical Assets estimated value: \$5000.00

Top special achievements/events.

Veterans day parade in Riverside. David Leonard organizer.

First time in some time we have several new members in process. David Leonard Registrar.

SAR RIVERSIDE CHAPTER INVENTORY

Pictures with frame

Map of Revolutionary War Battlefields
Weapons of the American Revolution
"Take Notice" Recruitment Handbill
History of famous flags
Cornwallis's articles of Surrender

Document Boxes = (NOT LABLED)

Box #1
 1990 Riverside recognition certificates

Box #2
 4 Binders
 Photo Album with certificates
 2 Bicentennial Stamp Books

Box #3
 Membership information
 4 Binders

Box #4
 1980 Riverside documentation

Box #5
 1980 Riverside documentation

Box #6
 Folders and Miscellaneous admin items

Box #7
 2004 Documents

Box #8
 SAR Magazines

Black Yellow Top Boxes (NOT LABLED)

Box#1
 Youth Tricorn Hats and costume items

Box #2
 Tent

Box #3

Pop up tent sides????

Tents and Accessories

Black Bag with rope and tent pole anchors

9 Square poles

3 Round poles

Plastic box with tent parts and stakes

Pop-up Tent

8 Pop-up tent weights

Miscellaneous Items

White Cardboard Box – Table memorabilia – ARTIFACTS

Black Drum Cover – Regimental Drum

Roll of hemp rope

FLAGS and Accessories

Parade Flag Bag

1 Betsy Ross Flag (wooden poles) – Brian borrowed for Corona parade

1 California Flag (wooden poles)

2 US – 50-star flags (wooden poles)

1 SAR Flag (wooden poles)

Flag toppers

2 – eagles

3 – Spears

4 – Pole caps (placed on poles before topper)

Teflon Tape

Flag Harnesses

4 – nylon harnesses (one on loan to Brian for Corona parade

1 – Leather harness

Black Document Tube

Riverside SAR Parade Banner

Flags of the American Revolution (in cases and on aluminum poles)

Bunker Hill flag
First Navy Jack
Moultrie Flag
Philadelphia light horse troop flag
Rhode Island Regimental flag
Gadsden Flag
Grand Union Flag
Bennington Flag
Pine Tree Flag
Culpeper Flag
Taunton Flag
Appeal to Heaven (Washington's Crusaders)

Miscellaneous Flag items

Cardboard box with one flag bunting

Cardboard box with three practice flags

13 Wooden flag poles – names of chapter flags on each pole (two spare without names)

13 Metal Flag Stakes/Holders

Muskets

3 Brown Bess Muskets

Medals

<u>Medal</u>	<u>Inventory</u>
Henry Knox	1
Roger Sherman	2
Meritorious Service (Bronze)	1
Military Service	1
War Medal	1
Service to Veterans	2
Fire Service Medal	2
Law Enforcement (Full Size)	3
Law Enforcement (mini)	2
EMS Medal	1
Heroism	2
Good Citizenship (Bronze)	1
ROTC Medal	2
Eagle Scout Medal	1
Eagle Scout Patches	5
Martha Washington	1
Lydia Dough	0
Daughters of Liberty	2
DAR Medal of Appreciation	1
CAR Medal of Appreciation	1
Color Guard Bronze (National)	2

Color Guard Bronze (State)	2
----------------------------	---

Years of Service Pins

5 Year	5	
10 Year	0	
15 Year	1	
20 Year	0	
25 Year		0

Miscellaneous Items

Compatriot Stars	22
Oak Leaf (Bronze)	0
Oak Leaf (Silver)	6
War Medal Bars	

World War I	1
-------------	---

World War 2	1
-------------	---

Korea	0
-------	---

Vietnam	1
---------	---

Purple Heart Pin	1
------------------	---

Certificates

In black file box – Not inventoried as recent certificates have been printed on **Blank Certificates**

Specialty Certificates (Special Printing)

Eagle Scout	5
-------------	---

Flag Certificates	8
-------------------	---

Blue SAR Folders	12
-------------------------	-----------

San Diego Chapter

January 1, 2024 thru December 31, 2024

President, Jim McAdory

Vice President, Michael Hirman

Secretary, Bryan Bagnas

Treasurer, Alan Winters

Registrar, Owen Stiles

Cash on-hand: \$ 25,415.47 total dues for Natl & St = \$4,760

- Chapter Dues collected \$1,750
- CASSAR Dues collected & paid \$1,360
- NSSAR Dues collected & paid \$3,400
- Banking, Bank of America, 330 S Santa Fe Ave Vista, CA 92084, Jim McAdory & Alan Winters, 2076

Inventory: \$12,237

2024 Chapter Achievements:

- Added 11 new members, transfers & reinstatements.
- Hosted a formal George Washington Birthday dinner for 80 attendees. Present was PG John Dodd.
- Musket team participated in the annual Memorial Day remembrance and Bennington Memorial service at Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery.
- Used two Color Guard teams on July 4th for the Coronado parade and simultaneously for a Veterans ceremony in Balboa Park
- Held the first large scale Patriot Grave Marking in California at three locations that honored 18 Spanish Patriots on a single day. 41 Compatriots and CAR members were awarded the Patriot Grave Marking medal for their participation.

Jim McAdory

San Diego Chapter SAR Inventory as of December 2024

On Hand	Item-Description	Value	Date	Notes
Muskets, Color Guard & Other Equipment				
2	Brown Bess Flintlock Muskets, Pedersoli	\$2,200	7/10/17	
1	Muzzle Loader Dry Box, Part # IK215475	\$ 20	7/10/17	
1	CVA Brass Cylinder Powder Flask Part # IK219408	\$ 22	7/10/17	
1	CVA Adjustable Powder Measure, Part # IK219050	\$ 15	7/10/17	
3	CVA Rapid Loaders 3-PackPart # IK219061	\$ 15	7/10/17	
1	Thompson/Center U-View Powder Measure	\$ 15	7/10/17	
1	Flask Funnel Part # IK210367	\$ 15	7/10/17	
1	Plastic Head 12 oz Hammer			
1	Pounds Black Powder Goex4F	\$ 10	7/10/17	
2	Chapter Uniforms Old Style			Donated by Travis Spears
2	Chapter Uniforms Wool & Linen			Donated by Fay Grover - Palmer, Cox
	Misc Color Guard Items	\$ 250	10/1/2021	
	Total>	\$2,312		
Parade Equipment				
2	Magnetic Sign Old SAR	\$ 75	5/7/2009	
2	Magnetic Sign Ladies Auxilliary	\$ 75	11/10/2008	
1	Parade Banner & Pole	\$ 135		
?	Magnetic Signs-SAR	\$ 388	2/1/20	
	Car Decorations			Donated by Jim & Susan Mattern
	Total>	\$ 673		
Miscellaneous				
1	Easel	\$ 45		
4	Portable Easel	\$ 80		
2	Popup Canopies w/signage	\$ 750	10/1/2021	
	Exposition boards	\$ 264	10/1/2021	
9	Desktop brochure holders	\$ 120	7/1/2022	
4	"Framed Posters, WAA-Youth"	\$ 80	8/20/22	
6	Brochure Holders-mount style	\$ 70	10/1/2021	
	Name Badges/printer	\$ 300	2/15/2023	
	Equipment Cart-accessories	\$ 600	10/15/2022	
	Display-equip & supports	\$ 250	10/15/2022	
3	racks-storage	\$ 350		
	Printed Materials	\$ 300		
	Total>	\$3,209		
Flags & Flag Equipment				
1	3x5 50 Star National w/Fringe			Donated by Travis Spears
1	3x5 Betsy Ross w/Fringe	\$ 70		
1	3x5 SAR w/Fringe	\$ 90		
1	3x5 California w/Fringe	\$ 80		
1	4x8 Betsy Ross	\$ 90		
1	3x5 45 Star National	\$ 34		
1	3x5 50 Star National	\$ 88		
1	"3x5 Don't Tread on Me Navy,Jack"	\$ 34		
1	3x5 California	\$ 34		
1	3x5 Green Mountain	\$ 34		

1 4x6 Betsy Ross			Donated by Ernest McCullough
1 3x5 Spanish Imperial	\$ 45		
1 3x5 SAR			Donated by Ernest McCullough
1 4x8 SAR			Donated by Ernest McCullough
1 3x5 DAR	\$ 80		
1 3 x 5 America250	\$ 45		
1 3 x 3 SDSAR Banner	\$ 50		
1 3x5 US Army	\$ 34		
1 3x5 US Marine	\$ 34		
1 3x5 US Navy	\$ 34		
1 3x5 US Air Force	\$ 34		
1 3x5 US Coast Guard	\$ 34		
1 3x5 US Merchant Marine	\$ 59		
1 3x5 San Diego City	\$ 34		
1 3x5 15 Star	\$ 34		
1 19x27 Betsy Ross			Donated, Made by Cheryl Bingman
1 17x25 15 Star Ft. McHenry			Donated, Flew over Ft. McHenry
1 George Washington Banner	\$ 178	4/1/20	
3 Extra Flag Poles			
	Total>	\$1,249	
Mission Bell			
1 Mission Bell	\$ 250		
1 Bell Table Stand	\$ 50		
	Total>	\$ 300	
Audio Visual Equipment			
1 Rockville PA System	\$ 300	2/1/2023	
2 Wireless Mic adapters	\$ 160	2/1/2023	
2 Wireless WIFI Adapters	\$ 140	2/1/2023	
Cables/connectors	\$ 100	2/1/2023	
2 wireless lapel mics	\$ 50	2/1/2023	
1 Projector NEC NP200XGA DLP	\$ 550		
1 Projector Screen "DaLite 45x50""	\$ 90		
1 Table Podium	\$ 50		
	Total>	\$1,440	
Music Equipment			
2 Drums	\$2,300		
1 Electronic Bugle	\$ 525		
	Total>	\$2,825	
President Equipment			
1 Presidents Gavel	\$ 30		
1 Lester B. Orr Presidents medal \$ neck ribbon	\$ 100		
1 National Flag in Display box	\$ 100		Flown in Iraq. Donated by Kevin McCullough
	Total>	\$ 230	
Cost of Assets	\$12,237		

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
SILICON VALLEY CHAPTER**

Chapter #05

March 21, 2025

Reporting Date: March 21, 2025

Submitted by: Chapter President, Terry Briggs

Prepared by: Chapter President, Terry Briggs

Reporting officers:

President: Terry Briggs

Registrar: Terry Briggs

Secretary: (vacant)

Treasurer: Robert Shroyer

Chapter Board:

Elected Officers 2024:

President: Terry Briggs

Vice President of Programs: Adam Capell

Vice President of Membership: (vacant)

Historian: (vacant)

Registrar: Terry Briggs

Secretary: (vacant)

Treasurer: Robert Shroyer

Appointed Officers 2024:

Youth Programs Chair: (vacant)

Color Guard Commander: (vacant)

Eagle Scout Chairman: Rob Morse

ROTC/ROTC Chair: (vacant)

Sea Cadet Chairman: (vacant)

Chaplain: Joseph Ferman

05 Chapter Summary:

During 2024 the 05 Chapter held all meetings in person with some meetings also providing participation by ZOOM.

Eight 2024 chapter meetings were held from January to May and from September to October.

The 05 Chapter Color Guard participated in the following events: Four Chaplain's Memorial, Memorial Day and Independence Day ceremonies, the San Jose Veteran's Day Parade, the Pleasanton Veteran's Parade and the Pleasanton Holiday Parade. At 3 of the events, the chapter color guard joined the Young American Patriots Fife and Drum Corps (YAPs).

The 05 Chapter made a donation of \$2,000.00 in 2024 to the SAR Foundation, earmarked for completion of the SAR Education Center and Museum. In total over time, the chapter has donated \$11,000.00 for completion of the SAR Education Center and Museum.

In 2024 the 05 Chapter Sea Cadets Recognition and Awards Chairman and ROTC Awards Chairman positions were vacant. Chapter President, Terry Briggs presented the SAR Sea Cadet award in May 2024. Chapter President, Terry Briggs presented the SAR ROTC/JROTC awards at two awards ceremonies in the Spring of 2024.

Notifications of various SAR youth programs, including the Youth Poster and Youth Brochure contests, and the Oration and Knight Essay contests, were made to the chapter members but there were no chapter members who volunteered to promote and coordinate any of these contests and no entries were received for any of these contests.

The 05 chapter Eagle Scout recognition and awards chairman, Robert Morse, mailed out recognition certificates to new Eagle Scouts during the year. In 2024 the 05 Chapter had a chapter Eagle Scout Scholarship winner who was presented his certificate and award at an 05 Chapter meeting.

Chapter 05 had America 250 presentations at most chapter meetings and presented 7 America 250 bronze medals to chapter members in 2024.

Membership Summary:

Number of members as of January 1, 2024: 98

Number of members as of January 1, 2025: 99

Number of members as of March 20, 2025: 99

Number of new members in 2024: 9

2024 Dues paid in 2024:

Dues to CASSAR: \$ 1,480.00

Dues to NSSAR: \$ 3,730.00

Dues Collected in 2024 for 2025: \$ 6,254.00 (for NSSAR+CASSAR+SVSAR)

Financial Information

Bank signatory's: Treasurer Robert Shroyer and Registrar Terry Briggs

Chase Bank Acct. Number: XXXXX-1627

San Jose, CA

Total funds for the 05 Chapter as of March 21, 2025: \$ 23,804.25

Registrar: Terry Briggs, 713 Hibiscus Place, San Jose CA 95117
(408) 984-1041 tlbaia@comcast.net

Treasurer: Robert Shroyer, 130 Stevie Court, Fremont CA 94539
(510) 767-6062 robertwshroyer@gmail.com

SAR SOUTH COAST CHAPTER
Chapter #32
January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024

Reporting Date: 21 March 2025

Elected Officers (2024-2025):

President: Barry Michaels
1st Vice President, Registrar: Leon Smith
2nd Vice President, Programs: Norman Broadhurst
Treasurer: Jeremy Paye
Secretary: Jerry Hereford

Treasury:

Cash on-hand: \$14,880
Chapter Dues collected: \$5,675
CASSAR Dues collected and paid: \$1,260
NSSAR Dues collected and paid: \$ 3,135

Banking Information:

JP Morgan Chase Bank
551 Newport Center Dr.
Newport Beach, CA 92660
Acct. Number: XXXXXX-04717
Bank Signatory's
President: Barry Michaels
Treasurer: Jeremy Paye
Secretary: Jerry Hereford

Chapter Summary:

- Total members: 83. Increase of 11 from 2023 (15%)
- Held eight (8) dinner meetings with guest speakers
- Held four (4) chapter board meetings
- Chapter Color Guard supported 28 patriotic events; including George Washington Birthday, San Diego Grave Marking, Laguna Beach Patriot's Day Parade, Armed Forces Parade, Memorial Day, 4th of July Veteran's Day, Pearl Harbor Day, and Wreath's Across America
- Chapter received from CASSAR the Richard F Locke Award in recognition of the chapter with the highest growth which included a check for \$250
- Awarded America 250 medals: seven (7) Bronze, two (2) Gold, and two (2) Silver
- Awarded three (3) Flag Certificates
- Supported CASSAR Annual Meeting and Fall Board of Managers Meeting
- Awarded JROTC bronze medals/certificates/honorarium to worthy cadets at six (6) local high schools, two (2) Sea Cadet Units and a ROTC silver medal/certificate/honorarium at one local university

SAR SOUTH COAST CHAPTER
Chapter #32
January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024

Chapter Summary (Continued)

- Chapter members received from CASSAR/NSSAR two (2) silver and two (2) bronze Baron von Steuben color guard medals, one (1) silver Henry Knox Achievement Medal, one (1) Patriot Medal, and one (1) Hannah White Arnett Medal (from DAR)
- Awarded one (1) Chapter Distinguished Service Medal, two (2) Military Service Medals, one (1) Lydia Darragh Medal, and eight (8) Certificates of Appreciation.
- Submitted essay entry into Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award contest.
- South Coast Chapter volunteered to host the CASSAR 150th Spring Membership Meeting being held in April 2025
- Submitted all required Federal and State tax forms
- Submitted required State non-profit forms (CT-TR-1, RRF-1, and UA-100)

Barry D. Michaels, President
South Coast Chapter

THOMAS JEFFERSON CHAPTER

Chapter #10

January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

Reporting Date: April 23, 2025

Submitted by: Chapter President Dan Shurtz

Prepared by: Chapter Secretary Stephen R. Renouf

Reporting officers:

President Danny L. Shurtz

Treasurer Stephen R. Renouf

Secretary Stephen R. Renouf

Chapter Board:

Elected Officers:

President Danny L. Shurtz

Vice President Thomas E. Silva

Secretary Stephen R. Renouf

Treasurer Stephen R. Renouf

Registrar Derek J. Brown

Chaplain Robert J. Vernagallo

Historian Thomas E. Silva

Imm. Past President Gregory D. Owens

Appointed Officers:

Sergeant-At-Arms Rawn Rhoades

Eagle Scout Chairman Jeffrey H. Brown

Essay Chairman <vacant>

Awards Chairman Derek J. Brown

Webmaster Gary M. Bohannon

Editor Stephen R. Renouf

Thomas Jefferson Chapter Summary:

The past year, the Thomas Jefferson Chapter had a net gain of 4 members, increasing our total membership to 131 members for the coming year (including 3 dual members). We had a number of interesting speakers at our monthly meetings in 2024. In addition to the live meetings, the chapter also offered concurrent Zoom Meetings to give members living outside the area an opportunity to attend chapter meetings.

In January, Brendan Hurd, who teaches 8th grade history (US History and Geography) at Walnut Creek Intermediate School in Walnut Creek, California, spoke on teaching history in the public schools. He discussed Thomas Jefferson Chapter President Martin visiting his classroom in revolutionary war uniform to speak to the students. CASSAR Vice President North Randy Dhindsa swore in the 2024 chapter officers. In February, Teresa Wenzel of the Walnut Creek Historical Society spoke on the Shadelands Ranch Museum, which is housed in a 1903 Colonial Revival home on Ygnacio Valley Road in Walnut Creek. She discussed the history of the ranch, going back to Hiram Penniman, who came to California to prospect for gold, but ended up farming in the Ygnacio Valley. In March, Stewart Proctor of Joybound People & Pets (formerly the Contra Costa Animal Rescue Foundation started by A's Manager Tony LaRussa), spoke on the history of the organization going back to 1991. They were about to celebrate their 50,000th animal adoption. They provide services to keep people and pets together, to keep animals out of shelters. In April, Tom Graves, an author, historian and photographer, spoke about US Army military photographer Joe Rosenthal (1911-2006), who took the iconic photograph of five US Marines and a US Navy hospital corpsman raising the

US Flag on Mount Suribachi, Iwo Jima, on February 23, 1945 during World War II. Rosenthal was judged unfit for military service, and was credentialed as an Associated Press war photographer. In May, Trish Beirne, the Emergency & Volunteer Services Manager for the City of Concord, spoke on Concord's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). She brought two volunteers, Randy Kelly and Haseeb Taufiq, to help her distribute materials to us. The CERT program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness, and trains them in basic disaster response skills. She said disaster preparedness is very important as there is a 72% chance of a 6.7-magnitude earthquake in the Bay Area in the next 20 years. In addition to that, the State of California continues to face cycles of drought and wildfires in the future.

After the summer recess, in September, President Littlefield noted that he and Thomas Jefferson President Shurtz attended the burial of PFC Marcus A. Engresser in Vallejo. He had died in the brutal Japanese POW concentration camp at Cabanatuan. In 2018, his remains were identified by DNA, and his sister was able to bury him in Vallejo. CASSAR Chairman John Ferris spoke on the SAR America 250 Program, and encouraged chapter members and spouses to track their points for the America 250 medals. In October, Lt. Col. Barry Morris, a retired Air Force officer, who now is a Junior ROTC instructor and department head at Heritage High School in Brentwood, California, spoke on the Air Force JROTC Unit CA-20144 and its over 100 cadets. He brought three of his cadets, who each explained how they joined ROTC, and what they have learned in the program. Lt. Col. Morris is trying to secure funding to get another Air Force ROTC program in the Bay Area to meet the growing demand. In November, RADM Michael S. Baker, USNR, spoke on his 30-year experiences in the medical corps of the Naval Reserves. He began teaching Advanced Trauma Life Support (ALTS) in 1985, and still teaches it for the military. He was sent to Ukraine several times to teach ALTS to Ukrainian doctors, so they could then train other Ukrainian doctors. He said the Ukrainians were highly educated and patriotic, and were willing to fight to protect their country from the Russian invasion.

The chapter was active in submitting applications for members who served in the US military for the SAR Veterans Recognition Certificates. The chapter participated in the SAR Flag Certificate and Flag Retirement programs. The chapter presented 66 Eagle Scout certificates. The chapter is participating in the SAR America 250 Program, having an SAR America 250 minute at every meeting. The chapter presented four Silver SAR America 250 Medals to three chapter members, and one Ladies Auxiliary member. The chapter presented three Bronze SAR America 250 Medals to two chapter members, and one Ladies Auxiliary member. The chapter presented three SAR Silver ROTC Medals at UC Berkeley, and one Bronze Good Citizenship Medals to a cadet of the local Naval Sea Cadet Corps program. The chapter had one contestant for the SAR Essay Contest, and one for the SAR Brochure Contest.

Compatriots Dan Shurtz, Derek Brown and Tim Ernst participated in the local Veterans Day Parade. Compatriots Dan Shurtz and Derek Brown participated in Wreaths Across America. Compatriot Glenn Martin participated in the SAR Speakers Bureau.

Membership Summary:

Number of members as of January 1, 2024:	127 (including 3 dual members)
Number of members as of January 1, 2025:	131 (including 3 dual members)
New members in 2024:	12 (plus 1 Reinst)
Number of drops in 2024:	6 (plus 3 Resign./Transfers)

Dues in 2024:

Dues to Chapter:	\$2,400.00
Dues to CASSAR:	\$1,900.00
Dues to NSSAR:	\$4,445.00
Dues Collected:	\$8,745.00

Financial Information

Bank signatories:

Vice President: Gregory D. Owens

Secretary: Stephen R. Renouf

Past Treasurer: William E. Rood

Citibank, N.A.

P.O. Box 6201

Sioux Falls, SD 57117-6201

Balance in account as of December 31, 2024: \$18,192.12

Acct. Number: XXXXX1016

Balance in account as of December 31, 2024: \$7,719.29

CD Number: XXXXX4581 (Matures 3/26/2025) 6-Mo 3.75%

Balance in account as of December 31, 2024: \$7,714.32

CD Number: XXXXX4573 (Matures 9/25/2025) 12-Mo 3.44%

Treasurer: Stephen Renouf
16123 Paseo del Campo
San Lorenzo, CA 94580
(510) 397-1762

Thomas Jefferson Chapter Assets

Revolutionary War Uniform (Derek Brown)	\$500.00
Sierra Chapter DAR Gavel (Dan Shurtz)	
US Flag and Stand (Rawn Rhoades)	
SAR Flag and Stand (Rawn Rhoades)	
Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines Flag and stands (but no poles) (Rawn Rhoades)	
Oakland Chapter #10 Charter, 1958 (Stephen Renouf)	
Thomas Jefferson Chapter #16 Charter, 1992 (Stephen Renouf)	
Alameda Chapter #10 Minute Books 1925-1956 (Stephen Renouf)	
Oakland Chapter #10 Minute Books 1957-1968 (Stephen Renouf)	

2024 Year End Report

Chapter: Yosemite, Fresno, CA

January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

Officers:

- President: Scott Nichols
- Executive VP: Jim Riley
- Treasurer: Randy Dhindsa
- Registrar: Randy Dhindsa
- Secretary: Connor Budge

Treasury:

- Cash on hand: \$5,393.00
- Chapter Dues Collected: \$1,560.00
- CASSAR Dues Collected and Paid: \$785.00
- NSSAR Dues Collected and Paid: \$1,850.00
- Bank: Wells Fargo, Clovis, CA , account number '0967'
- Signatories: Randy Dhindsa, Connor Budge, Scott Nichols

Membership:

- 56 active, 3 applications in process with National, 6 in process with Chapter/State.

Physical Assets: See page 2

Top Achievements of Chapter during 2024

- Awarded 9 ROTC medals to area schools
- Presented Colors to approx. 8,000 people at Fresno Grizzlies 4th of July baseball game
- Did first poster contest with approx. 50, 5th grade students.
- Poster contest winner received honorable mention at CASSAR judging.
- Presented Colors during AUSA President's day, Clovis, CA
- Presented and Posted Colors at California State DAR meeting, San Ramon, CA
- Presented Colors at two Central Valley Honor Flights, Fresno Air Terminal
- Did three, 5th grade assemblies at area public schools to approx. 400 students
- Presented Colors at Fresno Community Concert Band Memorial Day Celebration
- Presented and Posted Colors at multiple Yosemite Chapter DAR events, Fresno
- Participated in Central Valley Veteran's Day Parade with a float, Fresno CA
- Presented and Posted Colors for Wreaths Across America, Woodlake, CA
- Presented two flag certificates to local area organizations.
- Hosted fall BOM meeting with Kern Chapter in Bakersfield.

Physical Assets, Yosemite Chapter, Fresno CA for 2024

- Flags (8) valued at approximately \$320
- Telescoping alum flag poles (4) valued at approx. \$160
- Flag Stands (4) valued at approx. \$160
- Float Sign, valued at approx. \$75
- Challenge Coins purchased by members: approx. 100 valued at \$400
- Member owned muskets (4) valued at approx. \$6000
- Member owned uniforms (6) valued at approx. \$7500
- 12 ROTC bronze medals and certs, valued at approx. \$216
- 2 silver ROTC medals and certs, valued at approx. \$40
- Flag Certs: 6: \$24
- 16 new member rosette pins: \$240
- Good Citizenship medal & EMS commendation medal: \$62
- 21 Presentation Folders: \$63

Total for Chapter Assets: \$1,360.00

Total for Member Owned Assets: \$13,900.00

" THE BOOK "

Section Four
W. Div. Rptr.