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Presidents Corner

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Compatriots and Friends

I hope all of you are safe and healthy and will remain that way through this crisis affecting our nation. Linda and I pray that this message finds you well as we all do our part to minimize the impacts of this virus.



In March, elections were held via teleconference and I was honored to fill the role of your President, until we can confirm through our normal election process a new set of chapter officers, hopefully this fall. Compatriot Michael Hull was also elected to fill the vacant Executive Vice-President's position and I know Mike will do an excellent job.

Our next chapter meeting will be held through teleconference via Zoom. Vice-President of Programs, Craig Anderson, will explain how you can participate and attend the meeting. Trust me, it's an easy process to either dial in on your phone or use your computer to attend the meeting. Our meeting will be almost identical in format to our monthly meetings at Cattleman's including a guest speaker. Please consider participating.

As you know our Public Safety Award night was cancelled. We have nine nominees who are well deserving of recognition. Through consultations with the law enforcement agencies and our executive board we have decided to mail the awards and certificates to the nominees. We have asked that photographs be taken of the nominee and our award so that we may publish the photos in the Courier. We will have more information on the identity of each nominee and their agency within our meetings in the coming weeks and months and the Courier.

In closing, please consider attending the next chapter meeting via Zoom. It is vital that we stay connected during this crisis for a number of reasons. Chapter members and previous elected officers have done a remarkable job in taking this group to another level and during our interim period of service, Mike Hull and I want to at least maintain this momentum. You can help us by staying connected with your chapter and participating. Please stay well and we'll see you on the phone!

Chapter Meetings

Future chapter meetings will be conducted via video conference calls on the third Monday of each month at 6:30PM until it is safe for us to again meet face to face.

All chapter members are invited to join our Zoom Video-Conference meetings that will be held on the third Monday of each month. These meetings can be accessed either by computer, tablet, smartphone or telephone. Members wishing to use their portable devices should download and install the Zoom App in advance of the meeting:

iphones or ipads:

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/id546505307>

Android devices:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=us.zoom.videomeetings>

For instructions on how to join a Zoom meeting, please watch this short video:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-How-Do-I-Join-A-Meeting->

Zoom Meeting Invitation – April 2020 Meeting

Click on the link or paste it into your browser window to access the meeting. Or, you may dial in using the telephone numbers listed below. You will need the meeting ID.

Topic: **April 2020 Sacramento Chapter Meeting**

Time: **Apr 20, 2020 06:30 PM** Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/828863293>

Meeting ID: 828 863 293

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+1 253 215 8782 US

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+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 828 863 293

VETERANS RECOGNITION



Ronald Irwin Hollis served in the United States Air Force from 1/16/1959 to 1/13/1961. In grateful recognition of his service, the National Society of the SAR has enrolled him the Military Service Veterans Corps and presented him with this certificate. Ron has been unable to attend recent meeting due to some health issues with his wife, Luann. We will present this certificate to him at his convenience.



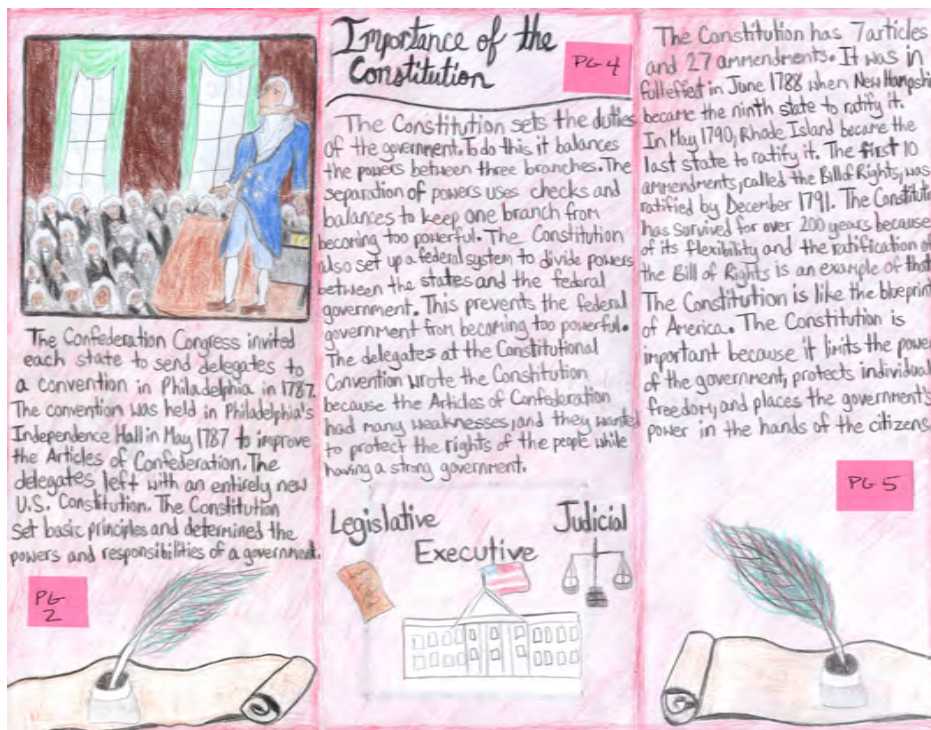
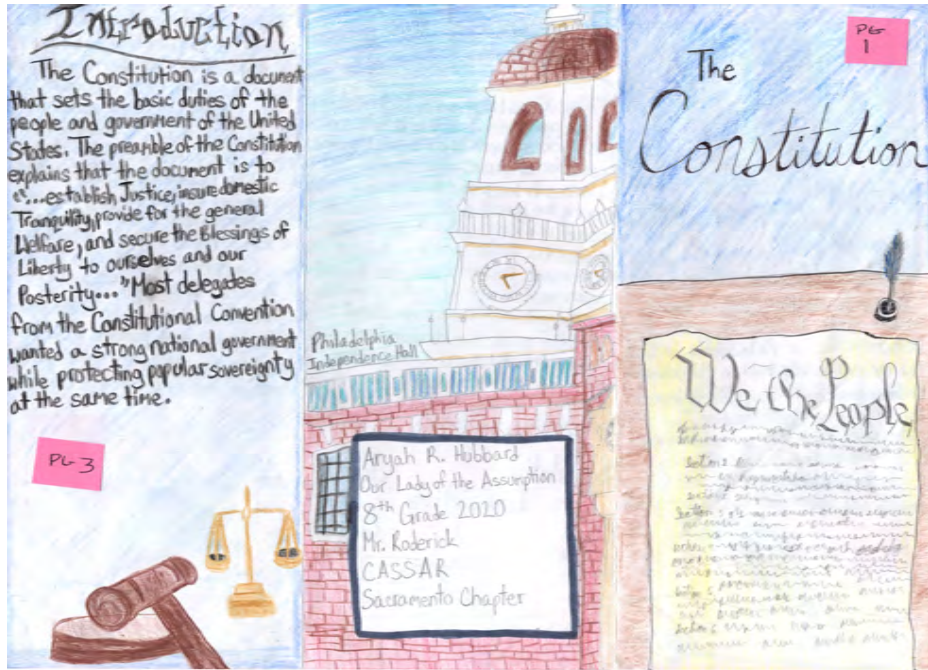
Sacramento Chapter Color Guard

On March 4th, the Sacramento Chapter Color Guard was honored to present the Colors at the state conference of the California Society of the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel in Sacramento. Members participating were Russ Kaiser, Phil Noble, Don Littlefield, and Craig Anderson. The Colonial Dames Society presented the Sacramento Chapter with an honorarium of \$75 for our chapter treasury.



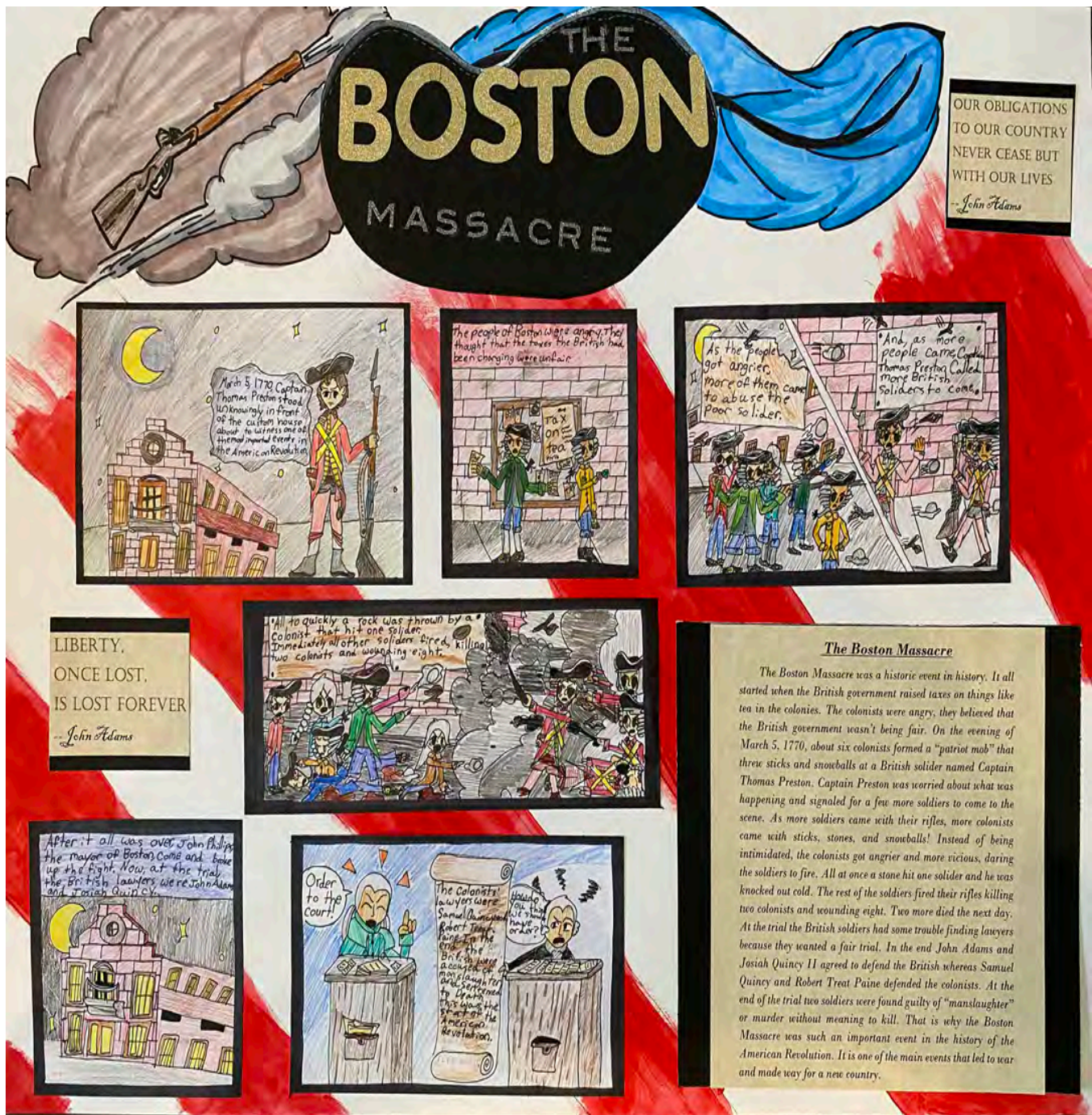
2020 CHAPTER BROCHURE CONTEST WINNER

The winner of our Brochure Contest was from Our Lady of the Assumption School in Carmichael, CA.



2020 CHAPTER AMERICANISM POSTER CONTEST WINNER

The Chapter winner of the SAR Americanism Poster Contest is a 10 year old student in Hallie Wallace's classroom at Oak Chan Elementary School in Folsom. The poster will be submitted to the State Society for consideration in the state level competition.



LIBERTY, ONCE LOST, IS LOST FOREVER - John Adams

All too quickly a rock was thrown by a colonist that hit one soldier. Immediately all other soldiers fired, killing two colonists and wounding eight.

The Boston Massacre The Boston Massacre was a historic event in history. It all started when the British government raised taxes on things like tea in the colonies. The colonists were angry, they believed that the British government wasn't being fair. On the evening of March 5, 1770, about six colonists formed a "patriot mob" that threw sticks and snowballs at a British soldier named Captain Thomas Preston. Captain Preston was worried about what was happening and signaled for a few more soldiers to come to the scene. As more soldiers came with their rifles, more colonists came with sticks, stones, and snowballs! Instead of being intimidated, the colonists got angrier and more vicious, daring the soldiers to fire. All at once a stone hit one soldier and he was knocked out cold. The rest of the soldiers fired their rifles killing two colonists and wounding eight. Two more died the next day. At the trial the British soldiers had some trouble finding lawyers because they wanted a fair trial. In the end John Adams and Josiah Quincy II agreed to defend the British whereas Samuel Quincy and Robert Treat Paine defended the colonists. At the end of the trial two soldiers were found guilty of "manslaughter" or murder without meaning to kill. That is why the Boston Massacre was such an important event in the history of the American Revolution. It is one of the main events that led to war and made way for a new country.

Patriot Ancestors

John Hart

Author: David Tibbs Irvine



“John Hart had greater experience in the Colonial and State legislation of that day than any of his contemporaries. No man exercised greater influence in giving his direction to the public opinion which culminated in independence.” Joel Parker, Governor, State of New Jersey, July 4, 1865.

The date of Signer John Hart's birth is unknown, but baptismal records indicate he was baptized March 4, 1714 in Maidenhead, Hunterdon County, New Jersey; the date corrected to conform to our modern Gregorian calendar adopted in 1751, replacing the Julian. One reference suggests John Hart likely was born 8 months earlier, in 1713. Another reference thinks 5 Nov 1711 more likely without explanation. John was one of five children born to Edward and Martha (Furman) Hart, both of English ancestry.

John Hart learned to read, write, and do arithmetic, but had little formal education. His spelling tended to be phonetic in this era prior to Noah Webster's 1828 first American English dictionary. He was well regarded for his common sense, was reasonably well read as shown by his understanding of the law, and handled his business matters with competence. While engaged in agricultural pursuits in 1739 he bought a plantation of 193 acres in Hopewell, NJ. By 1770 further land acquisitions totaling over 660 acres made him the largest landowner in Hopewell.

In 1740 John Hart married Deborah Scudder. The couple had five sons, seven daughters, and one unnamed daughter who died at birth. One reference notes that it is widely believed by those in Hereditary Societies that among the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, descendants of John Hart outnumber any other such Signer!

John Hart's 29 years of public service began in 1750 with his election to the Hunterdon County NJ Board of Chosen Freeholders, thereafter serving in a variety of offices and capacities. In June 1776 he was elected as one of five New Jersey delegates to the Second Continental Congress with authorization to vote for independence. His fellow delegates and future Signers were Abraham Clark, Francis Hopkinson, Richard Stockton, and John Witherspoon. John Hart was the thirteenth delegate to sign the Declaration of Independence.

In December 1776 as Washington's army retreated across New Jersey, the British and Hessians ravaged the Hopewell area including Hart's home and property. Hart returned home after the American victories at Trenton and Princeton. In June 1778 Hart invited the American army of 12,000 men to camp on his farm, which they did, departing on June 24 to fight the British 4 days later in the Battle of Monmouth, achieving a strategic victory in the last major battle in the northern colonies.

Patriot Ancestors (cont)

While surrounded by his surviving family, John Hart died at home on May 11, 1779 of a long painful illness caused by kidney stones. His wife Deborah had died earlier, in October 1776. Both are buried on land the Presbyterian Harts had donated in 1747 to the local Baptists for a church site. The site became known as the Hopewell Old School Baptist Meeting House Cemetery. A fine obelisk was erected and bronze plaques affixed to their gravestone, in recognition of John Hart's long public service.

“His firm and estimable character would probably have raised him to a more conspicuous position, had not his career been cut short by his death.” Theodore Sedgwick, Jr., New York, 1833.

John Hart is the patriot ancestor of Sacramento Chapter Secretary, Mark Mozdy.

SACRAMENTO CHAPTER CHALLENGE COINS
SPRING SALE

Last year, we created a Sacramento Chapter Challenge to sell as a fund raiser to help defray the expenses of hosting the state meeting. Since this meeting has been cancelled, we are selling these coins at a discount per the schedule below, plus shipping. If interested contact Don Littlefield or Craig Anderson:

| Buy | Price |
|------------|--------------|
| 1 Coin | \$20 |
| 3 Coins | \$52.50 |
| 5 Coins | \$75.00 |
| 10 Coins | \$125.00 |
| 15 Coins | \$150.00 |
| 25 Coins | \$200.00 |



2020 Chapter Calendar

Community Events

American Heritage Festival This September event hosted by the Sacramento Chapter of Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge is a two day celebration of our American Heritage. Details will be available in future editions.

Color Guard

May 25th 2020

Memorial Day: Events to be announced.

July 4th 2020

Independence Day: Carmichael Elks Club 4th of July Parade. Details will be announced.

School Guard

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, schools have been closed. Our School Guard school program has been suspended for the balance of the school year.

(Below Carl Ahlberg, Helena Hurst, and Jim Faulkinbury)



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COMING SAR EVENTS

Chapter

Sacramento Chapter will conduct monthly video conference meetings beginning on April 20th until such time as we can meet as a group safely.

State Society

Annual Meeting of the California State Society Sons of the American Revolution April 18th 2020 will be held by video/ conference call. The event at the Murieta Inn and Spa has been cancelled.

National Society

July 9 – 15, 2020 The 130th National Congress was scheduled to be held in Richmond, Virginia. **But due to the COVID 19 pandemic, updates will be forthcoming.**

9/24/20 to 9/26/20 The fall leadership meeting in Louisville, KY. More information will be available as the date approaches.

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