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As President of the Sacramento Chapter, I am calling a members only "all-hands-on-deck" meeting for **Saturday, August 28, at 9:30 AM.** It will be held at the **DoubleTree Hotel**, located at 2001 Point West Way, across the street from the Arden Fair Shopping Mall. Coffee and pastries will be served starting at 9:00 AM.. The meeting should not last more than 2 hours.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss our objectives for the 2010-2011 meeting year, make decisions on how we plan to achieve our objectives, and then manage our resources toward meeting our objectives. I don't know the last time the Sacramento Chapter held a members only meeting, but I think it would help us get your input, ideas, and preferences, and then layout a path for us to follow over the next 10 months. **Please try and attend this special meeting.**

If your wife plans to accompany you, the hotel has a nice restaurant, or she can explore shops in the Mall while you attend the meeting. Check the meeting notice board in the hotel lobby for the room location. **I hope to see you there.**



**9:30 AM, Saturday,
August 28, 2010**

President's Corner - Don Littlefield

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Vince Gantt
Ernie Garcia
Don Littlefield
Jim Warrick
Mike Wolf

We wrapped up the first half of 2010 on June 18 with Sacramento County District Attorney Jan Scully as our speaker. Those of you that were present know that Sacramento County is blessed to have Ms. Scully as our chief legal officer.

On Sunday, July 4, our Color Guard represented the Sacramento Chapter at the annual Carmichael Fourth of July Celebration. I spent the first half of the day out in the Auburn State Recreation area with my daughter doing what has become an annual hike from the confluence of the American River up to and around the 730 foot high Foresthill Bridge that crosses the North Fork of the American River. Later that day we sat in front of the house watching safe-but-sane fireworks for a full hour with the grandkids. That's what makes the 4th of July special and the United States of America a great place to live and raise a family.

On September 17, we will hear from Paul Marx, Director of Planning for the Sacramento County Regional Transit District. Paul is responsible for project development plans including the Green Line to the Airport light rail extension project.

Our signature event for 2010 will again be the Annual Awards Banquet, that I refer to as Heroes Night, on Saturday evening, October 16. We will honor sheriff, police, and fire personnel who performed in an outstanding manner to save lives, protect property, and to serve the needs of the greater Sacramento community. The event is booked at the Lions gate Hotel, McClellan Park. The venue is perfect for this event. Dress will be tuxedos or business suits for the men and fancy dresses for the ladies. Color Guard members are always welcome in uniform. I want to take this opportunity to emphasize how important it is to the SAR and the Sacramento Chapter for you and your guests to attend the Annual Awards Dinner. I have invited the other regional chapters of the SAR and DAR to join us.

In August, you will receive an invitation in the mail containing an RSVP card that must be returned by September 30, 2009 along with your check or money order, as well as the number of guests and meal selections. We need to provide the Lions Gate Hotel adequate time to plan our banquet. All reservations must be paid in advance by check or money order by September 30th. Please make your checks and or money orders payable to **Sacramento Chapter S.A.R. and mailed to Sacramento Chapter SAR, P.O. Box 6664, Folsom CA 95763-6664.**

Coming on November 19 will be the Voice of the Sacramento River Cats, Johnny Doskow. He will give us the inside scoop on the World Series Winner, Minor League Baseball, and who to watch on the Sacramento River Cats in 2011. For the latest Sacramento Chapter SAR news and detailed information, please visit our web site at URL: <http://www.sarsac.org/>.

Donald B Littlefield
President

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New Member - Alexander Henry King

Alexander Henry King was born in San Francisco, and spent his childhood in the Bay Area, in San Francisco, Marin and San Mateo counties, until the family moved to Fresno. He graduated from high school in Fresno and from Fresno State College. He is married to Sharon Lee Hood.

Alex was called for the draft at a time when the services did not want people with a history of asthma, so he did not serve. On the other hand, he grew up in a Navy family and is a strong supporter of our veterans who have served their Nation.

Alex is retired from a long career in government relations and, most recently, from a second career in disaster preparedness and activity with The Salvation Army.

He thinks he's a farmer, growing and gardening at his home here in Sacramento. He also likes fishing, collecting U.S. stamps, and travel. He recently has become a docent in the California State Capitol Museum.

Alex's application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on June 10, 2010. His patriot ancestor, Christian Detweiler, was a Private in the Berks County, Pennsylvania, Volunteers from June 1780 to July 1781, under Captain John Reegel.



Sacramento Chapter to Participate in Family History Day

On Saturday, October 9th, members of the Sacramento Chapter will staff a table at the Annual Family History Day program, to be held at the California State Archives Building, located at 1020 O Street in Sacramento. The event, which runs from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, is always well attended, with usually over 1000 people passing our display. Over 20 classes on genealogy will be presented. All this is at no cost to those attending.

You are invited to join us in this project. We would like to have at least six (6) volunteers, who could work from either 8:30 AM to noon, or noon to 4:00 PM. We plan to bring some of our flags to brighten up our displays. The only thing we have to do is be prepared to answer questions about the SAR, and/or how to join.

If you would like to join us, please contact Jim Faulkinbury for more information. For more information about the Family History Day program, visit:

<http://www.scsgenealogy.com/storage/FHD2010FlyerFINAL-1BW1.pdf>

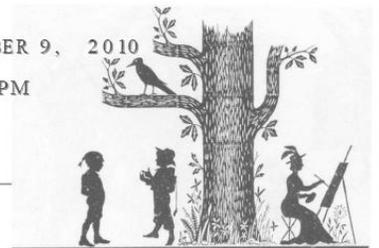
We look forward to seeing you there.

FAMILY HISTORY DAY AT THE CALIFORNIA STATE ARCHIVES

1020 "O" STREET, DOWNTOWN SACRAMENTO

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2010

8:30 AM TO 4:00 PM



Who's in your family tree? Journey into your family's past. Learn the research tricks and techniques for discovering your ancestors and exploring the world in which they lived.

- Choose from more than twenty classes—from beginning genealogy, to Internet resources, to specialized research topics.
 - Attend classes in the Preservation Lab to see how to preserve family papers.
 - Research in the Root Cellar Library.
 - Tour the Archives and learn about the historical documents held there.
- Genealogical, historical & lineage societies, research libraries & archives all will be on-hand with displays and information.

Follow Family History Day activities at <http://fhd2010.blogspot.com/>

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Genealogical & Historical Council of Sacramento Valley

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www.sos.ca.gov/archives
www.rootcellar.org
www.sacvalleygenes.net

Light Rail stops at the Archives' front door (Archives Plaza).
Limited free parking in the lot opposite the Archives entrance.

The American Revolution – Month By Month - July 1780

by Andrew J. Stough III, Edited by Harold Rogers

In the light of continued losses to the British, it is easy to realize that in July of 1780 the Continental Army, Congress, and the very life of the new nation was perhaps at its most dangerous period of the five year old war. It is ironic with victory at Yorktown so near (October 19, 1781), that morale should be so low for both the Army and civilians. Lack of supplies and pay, combined with poor living conditions and what appeared to be a lack of ability to defeat the British on any front, discouraged the desperately needed recruitment of replacements for the Continental Army.

Not only was morale in the standing army low, but economic conditions in the United States were deteriorating rapidly, leading to additional unrest among the civilian population. Benedict Arnold's performance in Philadelphia (described below) helped set the stage for the loss of the common man's faith in public officials. If you couldn't trust an honored war hero like Arnold, then who could you trust?

The public was angry. If it could not have victories on the battlefield and prosperity at home, then it needed someone to blame for the sad state of affairs. Robert Morris, a wealthy Philadelphia banker, was in charge of finances for prosecution of the war and the support of Congress. It had been rumored on the street that he was making a fortune out of the sale of government flour while American soldiers were starving for lack of food. When things are looking bad and morale is low, the public must find a scapegoat to appease its anger. In this case they found Robert Morris, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. The same Morris who, implored by General George Washington at an earlier time, had raised \$50,000 in paper money using his own credit. In 1781, it was his efforts that allowed Washington to move his army from Dobbs Ferry to Yorktown by requisitions on the states, arranging loans from the French, and finally supplementing that money by funds from his own pocket and loans against his personal credit.

Morris was accused and charged in court of making money at government and public expense. After presentation of evidence, he was acquitted of any wrong doing. In fact, it was clear that if anything, he had endangered his personal fortune to assure the United States victory and independence. Like many of his contemporaries who signed the Declaration of Independence, he lost his fortune. He then became bankrupt and spent over three years (1798-1801) in debtors' prison. Born in Liverpool, England, in 1734, he died penniless in 1806, and was buried in a pauper's grave in Philadelphia.

Arnold, probably the best tactician in the American army, had been relieved of his command in Philadelphia, and would be given command of the fort at West Point. He had also renewed his correspondence with British Major Andre regarding a betrayal of secrets concerning the Continental Army and the possibility of the betrayal of a command. This time he made concrete demands, including a general's rank in the British army as compensation for his betrayal. As military governor of Philadelphia, Arnold lived like a king, far beyond his means, even drawing excessive amounts against his military pay and expenses to allow him to entertain Loyalists in a grand style. He lived high and extravagantly, using American soldiers as footmen and servants in his luxurious mansion. During this time he met Peggy Shippen, the 18 year old daughter of a leading Tory. Arnold had acquired Peggy's dad as a confidant and friend. Enamored by the young socialite, he divorced his wife and married Peggy, strengthening his ties with Loyalists in the city. There was much talk and gossip about his social and financial affairs. Many people wondered how even a General in the American Army could afford to live in such a high and grand manner. The City Council hated him for the way he treated them, and the merchants of the city in what they considered military racketeering at the expense of the good citizens and merchants of Philadelphia. He was formally accused of abusing his office as military commander of Philadelphia by using his station to make secret financial dealings to support his extravagances. At the time, if it had been known, he could also have been accused of having secret dealings with the British.

During the month of July, the civil charges were dropped and he was ordered to stand trial by a Court Martial. Found guilty of some minor charges, it was required of Washington that a reprimand be given. Mild as the reprimand was, it was seen by Arnold as further proof that he was being unfairly treated by both Congress and the military. Returning to active duty at Headquarters, Arnold moped around and complained that his leg wound, while well enough for limited duty, was not ready for the rigors of a combat arm. What he

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requested was a more sedentary and administrative position commensurate with his rank – in fact, he boldly asked for command of the fort at West Point. If given that position, he could easily communicate with Andre and arrange for the turnover of the fort with little or no effort on the part of British Commander-in-Chief General Sir Henry Clinton.

Congress believed that it should be the appointing authority for Field Commanders and had appointed English born Virginia planter Major General Horatio Gates (who had gained fame at Saratoga -See Note) as Commander of the Southern Army. This overrode Washington's appointment of the self-styled Baron de Kalb as Commander. De Kalb, like Baron Von Steuben, was a veteran of European wars and now was a long time tactical commander in the Continental Army. De Kalb had proven his worth many times over. A look at his career would indicate that had he been left in command, the Battle of Camden might have had a different ending. At any rate, Gates returning from inactive duty at his plantation, took command of the Southern Army on July 25th.

July of 1780 also saw the beginning of the end of John Paul Jones' odyssey in European waters, and the beginning of his return voyage to the United States. Morison states that there were rumors that Jones was secretly pleased to leave the *Alliance* in the hands of Landais and Lee. This eliminated the havoc of traveling across the Atlantic with the two conspirators and a mixed and divided crew. It also left him free to continue his pleadings at court to allow him command of a French fleet for an invasion of the British Isles. He was not to get his wish. His original successes at court had been due primarily to the influence of Lafayette, who had returned to the states. With Lafayette gone there was little support in France for his dream. French authorities put him off by saying that there was too great a shortage of crewmen to continue the naval war in other parts of the world and at the same time mount a successful invasion of England.

On July 10th, two events occurred. First, 6,000 French soldiers, well equipped and battle ready, were put ashore at Newport, Rhode Island, under General Jean Baptiste, Comte de Rochambeau. An able soldier, Rochambeau and his troops were to remain in Newport until shortly before the siege of Yorktown. The second event is the assignment of John Paul Jones to command the sloop of war, the *Ariel*. It was hardly what Jones wanted, but he was ordered to load the 300 tons of military arms and supplies left behind when Landais departed in the *Alliance*. He was also charged with the requirement to sail as soon as possible, and this time, without delay. Without a doubt both Benjamin Franklin and the French government had seen quite enough of John Paul Jones regardless of his successes about the British Isles.

It took some time to convert the sloop *Ariel* from a military vessel to a transport. Loading of the cargo took a few days, but the necessary supplies to put to sea were not loaded. The heat was on for Jones to get to sea and on July 18th, the *Ariel* finally began loading supplies. The *Ariel* was ready to sail on July 25th, but Jones lingered in port. He would sail, but not before he arranged a farewell party aboard ship in September. While pushed by Franklin and the French to get to sea, he would spend August partying, and at one point becoming caught in a compromising, but not desperate, position with the comely 17 year old wife of a supplier. So ends July, 1780.

Note: Gates is seen in different ways by different historians. Some see him as the true victor at Saratoga. However, most historians attribute the groundwork laid by General Schuyler and the on-scene tactical officers, such as Benedict Arnold, who by their leadership and valor saved the day and the victory for Gates. Gates was a favorite of many in Congress and was seen by them as the best choice to lead the Southern Army to victory.

References: Arthur Meier Schlesinger's "*Almanac of American History*"; Christopher Ward's "*The War of the Revolution*"; Samuel Elliot Morison's "*John Paul Jones*"; Bruce Lancaster's "*The American Revolution*"; James Thomas Flexner's "*Washington, The Indispensable Man*."

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The Loneliest Memorial

Tomb honoring Revolutionary War soldier lost in Washington's shadows

By Christopher Lancette

My heart aches every time I visit the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution in Alexandria, Virginia. Hard to locate even if you're trying to find it on purpose, it rests in a tiny, hidden cemetery – tucked in a corner with its back up against a wall. The marble tomb is often lost in the shadows cast by nearby trees and further obscured by the figurative kind thrown by the giant memorials across the river in Washington D.C.

"Here lies a soldier of the Revolution whose identity is known but to God," the tomb reads, though time has made the inscription more faint. "His was an idealism that recognized a Supreme Being, that planted religious liberty on our shores, that overthrew despotism, that established a people's government, that wrote a Constitution setting metes and bounds of delegated authority, that fixed a standard of value upon men above gold and lifted high the torch of civil liberty along the pathway of mankind. In ourselves this soul exists as part of ours, his memory's mansion."

I am overwhelmed with gratitude: I love this country and I hold the greatest regard for the generation that gave birth to it.

My heart aches, though, because my pilgrimages to the Revolutionary soldier are solitary experiences. I can often linger for an hour and not see one person approach. The Old Presbyterian Meeting House that lovingly cares for its church yard cemetery reports that a meager five or six people a day pick up the pamphlet explaining what the tomb is. A canon shot away, some 11,000 people a day enter Arlington National Cemetery to view the tomb of unknown soldiers from World War I and II.

I am not the only one who wishes the Revolutionary unknown would receive more company. "It's a shame more people don't come to see it," says Richard Azzaro, a former guard at the famous Arlington tomb and an advocate for the anonymous one in Alexandria. "It was the soldiers who secured the freedom Americans sought, not arguments or pleas for justice. They put everything at risk and we're the heirs of the people represented here."

The soldier's grave was discovered in 1826 when workmen excavating ground on a construction project broke through a munitions box containing the remains of a soldier in his Revolutionary War uniform. He was promptly reburied. In 1929, a national campaign lead by American Legion Post 24 member John Gordon erected the permanent tribute.

"These thousands who will follow you here to stand in homage before that tomb will leave this quiet little Virginia church yard better Americans," Gordon said at the Lexington-Concord Day (April 19) dedication. "They will have a clearer vision of their duties as Americans."



Christopher Lancette at the tomb honoring an unknown soldier of the Revolutionary War
Photo by Won-ok Kim



SAR marker at the tomb site

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Over time, the tomb got overlooked. It is still not included in Alexandria's official walking tour guide handed out at the city's visitor center. Washington tourism materials don't treat it much better. The tomb is mentioned only briefly, if at all, in guidebooks written about the area. I still can't comprehend why, though a member of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House who is writing a book on his church offers a painful suggestion. "The country hasn't fully embraced the Revolutionary War", Donald Dahmann says. "I think this is another indication of how we as a society have overlooked those who fought for our independence."

Azzaro, a Revolutionary War re-enactor, has been trying to change that. For more than 20 years, he and his current army, the 1st Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line (Re-created), have lead a wreath laying ceremony at the tomb during Alexandria's annual President's Day Parade. The number of observers rises every year.

When it's not such an occasion, I am tempted to utter full-throated calls for company but there's no one around to listen. No one paying homage, no one seeking a clearer vision of a duty as an American.

My heart aches.

Learn more: Visit the Web site for the Old Presbyterian Meeting House at www.opmh.org/cemetery



Plaque at the base of the tomb. Note that it was erected by the Children of the American Revolution (CAR) in 1929.

About the author.

Christopher Lancette is a freelance writer who lives in the Washington DC area. He graciously gave his permission for me to include his article and photos in the Courier. Christopher is the author of the blog, DC Reflections. It can be found at <http://dcreflections.typepad.com/> I think you will find his articles most interesting.

Chuck Highbaugh first spotted a similar article in the July 2010 edition of The American Legion Magazine. Thank you, Chuck, for bringing this interesting article to my attention.

Tom

Photos from Forth of July Parade in Carmichael. photos by Peter Darnall.



Steve Wardlow leads the parade. Jim Faulkinbury, Scott Stiewig, Elen Osborn, Ford Osborn, Don Spradling, Ernie Garcia, Vince Gantt, and Inma Farfan can also be seen.

Scott Stiewig, Ellen Osborn, Rachael Stiewig, Inma Farfan (an exchange student from Seville, Spain, visiting the Stiewigs), can be seen.



Peter Darnall assists in decorating the trailer. He later took photos along the parade route.



Ernie Garcia carrying the Spanish Cross



Participating were: (L-R:) Jim Faulkinbury, Inma Farfan, Tom Chilton, Scott , Rachael and Miranda Stiewig, Helena Hurst, Steve Wardlow, Donna and Don Spradling, Vince Gantt (behind Donna), Ernie Garcia, and Ford and Ellen Osborn. Also participating, but not in the photo, were Steve Rainville, Peter Darnall, and Marilyn Chilton.

God Bless Our Troops

Conversation overheard on the VHF Guard (emergency) frequency 121.5 MHz while flying from Europe to Dubai.

The conversation went like this...

Iranian Air Defense Radar: **"Unknown aircraft you are in Iranian airspace. Identify yourself."**

Aircraft: **"This is a United States aircraft. I am in Iraqi airspace."**

Air Defense Radar: **"You are in Iranian airspace. If you do not depart our airspace we will launch interceptor aircraft!"**

Aircraft: **"This is a United States Marine Corps FA-18 fighter. Send 'em up, I'll wait!"**

Air Defense Radar: (no response total silence)



God bless our troops



More photos from Forth of July Parade in Carmichael.



L-R: Scott, Miranda, and Rachael Stiewig, and Inma Farfan. Inma lives in Seville, Spain, and was visiting the Stiewig family as part of an exchange program.



The girls rest in the shade before the big parade.



Report on the 120th National Congress in Cleveland, Ohio

As the CASSAR State Secretary, I once again attended the 120th NSSAR Congress in Cleveland, Ohio, from June 25th through July 1st. Karen and I arrived at the host hotel, the Cleveland Renaissance, on the evening of June 24th, flying from Sacramento through Las Vegas and on to Cleveland flying over Chicago and the south end of Lake Michigan and then over Lake Erie. June 25th was a free day for registration and sightseeing so we took the ¾ mile walk from the hotel to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame on the water front with Lake Erie. We spent the afternoon looking around the wharf area and then returned to our hotel room. On Saturday, we took the first of our scheduled tours, a railroad trip through the Cuyahoga National Park along parts of the Ohio-Erie Canal to Akron and back. A highlight of the trip was the blue heron rookery where a pair of bald eagles also have built a nest, and where we were able to see one of the juvenile eagles that had just begun to fly. The ride included an audio tour of the Cuyahoga Valley describing the history of the area and how the Ohio-Erie Canal changed the early settlement of the area. That evening we attended the Ohio State Society's host reception.



Jim and Karen Faulkinbury.

Sunday began the formal meetings of the Congress. I first attended the Color Guard Breakfast where the Color Guard events were discussed and sign-ups made. Following lunch, Karen and I went to the plaza in front of the hotel for a tour of the Cuyahoga County Soldiers and Sailors Monument built in 1888 by architect Levi Scofield, a captain who served from the area in the Union Army during the Civil War. Surrounding a 122' marble column and the building, the monument depicts 4 realistic sculptures of battle scenes. In the building are inscribed the names of all participants in the Union forces who served from Cuyahoga County among beautiful stained glass windows and more bronzes and relics of the War. At 2:30pm the annual SAR Memorial Service was held across the plaza at the Old Stone Church, a Presbyterian Church first built in 1820. I participated with the Color Guard in the procession to the church. That evening, the California delegation had dinner at a local restaurant.

On Monday, the Opening Session of the Congress was held. The Color Guard presented and posted the Colors to open the session. Following the introductions of the National Officers, Past President Generals present, the host society officers, national representatives of the DAR, CAR, OFPA, SR, and the American Legion, the presentation of gifts was made. A challenge was made for every chapter to donate \$500 to the CAAH. Next streamers were presented to those chapters and State societies that participated in the Laredo Texas Parade, the Arlington National Cemetery wreath laying ceremony, and the Gen. George Rogers Clark celebration. The National officers then gave their reports followed by the committee chairmen's reports. The Americanism Committee announced that the theme for the annual Americanism Poster Contest for 2011 would be the Battle of Cowpens. The Bylaws Committee described the changes that were submitted. The addition of a Posthumous Membership to Bylaw 1 for candidates killed in action in the line of duty was referred back to the Bylaws Committee because it was too vague in its present form. Changes to Bylaw 5 regarding the status of the France Society as semi-autonomous were referred back to the Bylaws Committee for further work. The changes to Bylaw 18 regarding composition of the Independent Audit Committee passed. The changes to Bylaw 19 regarding exclusion of Jr. Memberships in the 50 year active membership requirement for Emeritus Membership status also passed. The Bylaws Committee then described the "Tennessee Amendment" that had been submitted as a Bylaw proposal. Compatriot Rick Hollis of the Tennessee Society requested that he be allowed to withdraw the Tennessee Amendment. The session was adjourned for the Youth Awards Luncheon where the National recipients of the Rumbaugh Orations Contest, Knight Essay Contest, Outstanding JROTC Contest, and Eagle Scout Contests received their awards and read their respective essays. The winner of the Americanism Poster Contest was announced and once again, the CASSAR Gold Country Chapter's entry was selected as the National winner.

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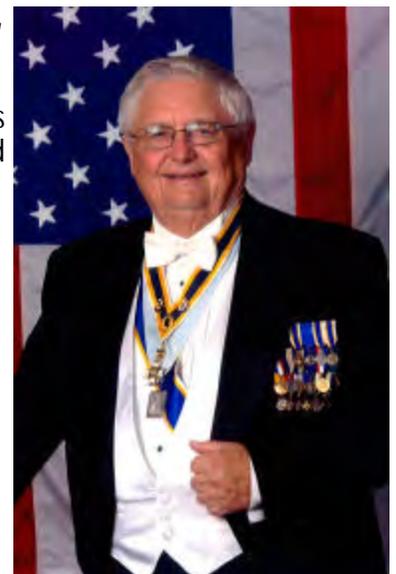
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After lunch, the General Session was reconvened. Law Enforcement awards were given to OHSSAR recipients. A point of order was raised concerning the Tennessee Amendment. According to Roberts Rules of Order, the proposal couldn't be withdrawn by the submitter and would have to be brought up under new business. The committee reports continued, the budget was accepted, and the minutes of the 119th Congress in Atlanta, GA were approved. A motion was made to allow the Executive Committee to give approval to sell our existing building and vacant lot if an interested party made a good offer. It indicated that if they didn't have this authority, they could not make a deal for the property until the next Congress in July 2011. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this issue and whether or not authority had already been granted for a 2/3rds vote of Trustees to accept an offer two years ago. The issue was postponed to be discussed later.

Under new business, Rick Hollis of TNSSAR once again addressed the Tennessee Amendment by postponing it indefinitely. The Resolutions Committee presented resolutions to 1) be sent to the National Park Service to designate the battle of Camden battlefield as a National Battlefield, 2) to urge Congress to adopt the "Honor and Remember" flag as a National Symbol, 3) to urge Congress to award the Medal of Honor to Gen. George Washington, and 4) to authorize the preparation of a resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. All resolutions were approved by the delegates. Following recess of the Opening Session, CASSAR President Wayne Griswold called a meeting of the CASSAR Executive Committee to discuss some issues facing the California Society. That evening, the Recognition and Awards ceremony was held. Six new Minutemen, including CASSAR compatriot Rev. Stanley DeLong, were inducted. Then the State and Chapter awards were given as well as the National Society Medals.

On Tuesday, the 2nd Session was held. PG Ed Butler first appointed tellers for the contested election for Genealogist General which would be held later in that afternoon. Minutes of the Spring Leadership Meeting were then approved. A review of the revised Bylaw change for Posthumous Memberships of soldiers killed in action was read. There were still too many unanswered questions regarding the issue and it was tabled for reconsideration at a future Congress. The Bylaw changes regarding the France Society were also postponed indefinitely. A motion was made from the floor to restore the annual dues fee for Jr. Members back to \$5. Wayne Griswold seconded the motion and it passed. Genealogist General Joe Dooley was given kudos for being the director of the very successful 1st academic "Annual Conference on the American Revolution" held at West Point for university professors to present their papers on the subject "Sons of the Father – George Washington and his Protégés". Past PG Appleby recognized the LAUX for their "Patriots Project" sending over 50 gift boxes to soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq, and requested those present to contribute for the postage costs for shipping which would be over \$600 (over \$950 in contributions were raised in response). As Chairman of the Nominating Committee, PG Appleby then read off the names of the uncontested candidates for National Offices. They were elected unanimously. They were:

President General – J. David Sympton (KYSSAR)
 Secretary General – Larry J. Magerkurth (CASSAR)
 Treasurer General – Stephen A. Leishman (DESSAR)
 Chancellor General – Judge Thomas E. Lawrence (TXSSAR)
 Registrar General – Lindsey C. Brock (FLSSAR)
 Historian General – Charles Lampman (CASSAR)
 Librarian General – Miles K. Dechant (PASSAR)
 Surgeon General – Lee C. Park (MDSSAR)
 Chaplain General – Rev. A. Clark Wiser (NCSSAR)
 SAR Foundation Board – Hon. Edward F. Butler (TXSSAR) and
 I. Barnett Ellis (KASSAR)



Larry Lagerkurth, past CASSAR President, was elected Secretary-General at this meeting. He has announced that he will run for President-General in 2011.

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Nominating speeches were then presented for the two candidates for Genealogist General: Joseph W. Dooley (VASSAR) and Paul M. Hays (DCSSAR). The final report of the Credentials Committee was made. There were 397 attendees at the Congress of which 248 were delegates. There being no further business, the 2nd Session was recessed. At 3:00pm, the poll was opened for the contested election of Genealogist General. That evening the President General's Awards Banquet was held with the Color Guard once again presenting and posting the Colors. Special awards were presented by PG Butler following a presentation about Fort Laurens, an Ohio fort that was built to protect the settlers from the British in Fort Detroit and their Indian allies. The fort was designated by Congress in 1917 to be reconstructed but nothing has been funded thus far and funds are now being sought for the reconstruction of the fort.

Wednesday brought the Final Session of the Congress. The proposed request to authorize sale of the existing building and vacant lot was revised and approved giving the Trustees authorization to accept an offer with a 3/4ths vote. Joe Dooley's reelection as Genealogist General was announced and the session was ended. This was followed by tours of the city or of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Karen and I selected the later and had a nice tour of the Rock and Roll Museum. The day ended with the President General's Banquet in which the new elected officers were sworn in followed by the ring ceremony presenting George Washington's signet ring to the new PG as a symbol of his office. PG Sympson then gave a speech in which he delineated his goals for the next year. Among them was an emphasis on reinstatements of dropped members. He also announced a major consolidation of the various National committees and reductions in the members of several of these committees. The Genealogy Committee is one such committee on which the membership has been modified. I remain the only member of the California Society to have a seat on this committee and am also still a member of the IT Committee. Following the speech, the Color Guard retired the Colors to adjourn the Congress.



The California delegation. Sacramento members Ron Barker and Jim Faulkinbury are in the back row, 2nd and 3rd from the left. Karen Faulkinbury is in the front row, 2nd from the left, and Conni Barker is in the front row, 2nd from the right.



California members in the Color Guard are, L-R: Ron Barker (Sacramento), Bob Ebert (San Francisco), Jim Faulkinbury (Sacramento), Jim Blauer (Orange), and Chuck Lampman (Riverside).

Minutes of the meeting held on June 18, 2010.

The meeting was called to order at 6:56pm by President Don Littlefield. Following the Invocation by Hal Lawson, the Pledge of Allegiance led by Joe Mohamed, and the SAR Pledge led by Del Hanson, President Littlefield introduced our speaker, Sacramento County District Attorney, Jan Scully. Due to scheduling conflict, she had to give her talk prior to the rest of the meeting so she could attend another event this evening. Jan just won reelection for her fifth term as Sacramento Co. DA. She talked about how her office tries to maintain communications with the public including the establishment of a "citizens academy" where interested members of the public can attend a 10-week program that goes through every aspect of the criminal justice system. About 400 people have graduated from the academy so far. She then focused on the budget problems that are facing law enforcement. One of the programs she has implemented is a fraud unit that deals with In-Home Support Services (IHSS) since the funding for this program comes out of general fund monies which are discretionary dollars that could be used for other purposes. There wasn't much accountability in the programs in the past and now the IHSS Fraud Task Force is watching and helping with that aspect of the budget which impacts not only the county budget but also the State and Federal budgets. She explained that the DA's Office is only one of the agencies in the criminal justice system. The police, the DA's Office, and the Probation Dept. are all on the public safety side of the system. The Probation Dept. is important because the vast majority of criminals receive jail time and are then put on probation. The Sheriff's Office runs the jail and provides patrol and field services in the unincorporated areas of the county. The DA's Office is responsible for handling referrals from about 40 different policing agencies in the county. The Sheriff's Office only accounts for about 20% of the total annual referrals for prosecution. There were 30,000 cases filed last year. With the budget problems this year, the DA's Office took substantial hits while the Sheriff's Dept. was restored in some of its past losses. The Probation Dept., which is headed by an appointee rather than an elected official, also took substantial hits. This is occurring at a time when the State has set up "banked paroles" for lesser criminals in the state prison system. Sacramento County has two state prisons in Folsom, and most of the criminals being released under "banked paroles" remain in Sacramento County. Under the banked parole system, no probation officers are assigned and the only way criminals can be returned to prison is by committing a new felony. Misdemeanors committed by them must be handled separately by the court system. The bottom line is that this is adding an extra burden to law enforcement while staff cuts are being made at the same time. Now the DA's Office doesn't have prosecutors to handle misdemeanor cases (DUIs, domestic violence, etc.) any longer. To help, more community involvement is needed in things like neighborhood associations. Jan is also working to get private law firms to help by providing pro bono services in the prosecution of cases by her Office. This approach provides lawyers with experience in court cases as well as helping the staffing issues within the DA's Office.



Following the presentation, President Littlefield presented Jan with a Certificate of Appreciation and a replica of the Liberty Bell. He then recognized Past Presidents Jim Faulkinbury, Jeff Goodwin, Chuck Highbaugh, and Ford Osborn (Silicon Valley Chapter) who were in attendance. DAR members recognized included Medora Allen, Cynthia Fine, and Lynn Robinson of the Sacramento Chapter, Lee Lawson and Ann Taylor of the Sierra-Amador Chapter, and Ellen Osborn of the El Dorado Chapter. Compatriots Boyd Keenan, Joe Mohamed, and Woody Robertshaw were welcomed back after a long absence. Boyd's son-in-law, Mark Hafner, and Russ Kaiser, a prospective member with his paperwork now at National, and Russ' wife, Christie Kaiser, were welcomed as guests.

Concerns for our members included mention of Jeff Goodwin's upcoming surgery for kidney stones on June 28th, Diane Tilley who is recovering from a bad fall, Marilyn Chilton who recently had cataract surgery, and Pat Robertshaw who is undergoing radiation treatments.

Mike Wolf gave the Treasurer's report. The combined balance of both money market and checking accounts is now \$15,135.31.

Jim Faulkinbury, was then asked to describe the flags tonight: the Fort Moultrie and the Grand Union flags. This was followed by the induction of our newest member, Alexander King. His biography was read by Secretary Faulkinbury and then President Littlefield presented him with a Certificate of Membership and rosette, after which the membership was asked to come up and welcome him with the usual handshake. This was followed by our dinner meal.

Following dinner, Joe Mohamed gave a brief talk about some of the considerations that could be made in reducing law enforcement costs as they pertain to policing our public school system if the County Charter, Sec. 71J could be changed. Sec. 71J prohibits contracting for staff unless there is no impact to existing civil service staff and, currently,

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Photos from the June 16, 2010 Meeting. photos by Don Spradling.



President Don Littlefield presents Sacramento District Attorney Jan Scully with the SAR Liberty Bell and Certificate of Appreciation.



L-R: President Don Littlefield, new member Alex King, and Secretary Jim Faulkinbury.



President Don Littlefield, Patty Proffer, Ford Osborn, and Ron Proffer.



Ted and Lynn Robinson, and Jim and Cathey Warrick.



Boyd Keenan



Ted Robinson, Jim Faulkinbury, and Chuck Highbaugh.

Sacramento and Mother Lode Chapters Partner with the Sacramento Society CAR, at Joint Meeting in the Historic Sacramento City Cemetery

By Jim Faulkinbury

The June meeting of the Sacramento Society, Children of the American Revolution was held in the Sacramento City Cemetery on June 13, 2010, at the monument for Col. William Stephen Hamilton. Col. Hamilton was born in New York on August 4, 1797, and died in Sacramento on October 9th, 1850. He was a younger son of Alexander Hamilton, Founding Father, author of most of the Federalist Papers, and first Treasurer of the United States. Col. Hamilton attended West Point in the class of 1818 and following his resignation from the U.S. Army served in volunteer militias during the Indian wars. He served as a Commander during the Winnebago War and the Black Hawk War. He came to California in 1849 with the gold rush, and died during a cholera epidemic in 1850.

The objective of this meeting was to repair and rededicate the bench that sits next to his gravesite. The bench was originally dedicated by the Sacramento Society CAR with the sponsorship of the Sacramento Chapter DAR in 1992. In April, during one of the Sacramento SAR 5th grade living history programs, Helena Hurst, a member of the Sacramento Chapter DAR and also a member of the Sacramento SAR "School Guard", brought the deteriorated condition of the bench to the attention of Sacramento SAR Color Guard Commander Jim Faulkinbury. Jim is also the Sr. Registrar for the Sacramento Society CAR so he brought it up as a project at the next CAR meeting that month. After obtaining the go-ahead from the Cemetery Director responsible for "Hamilton Square", and obtaining financial sponsorship for the project from the Sacramento and Mother Lode SAR Chapters, the plans were put in place to replace the wooden 2x4 slats on the bench with weather resistant Trex planks in accordance with current Cemetery standards.



**Alexander Hamilton
1797-1850**



Members of the Sacramento Society, Children of the American Revolution, that attended this meeting. Adults attending included Tom Adams and Jim Young, Mother Lode Chapter, Jeanette Barrett, EL Dorado DAR, and Jim Faulkinbury, Sacramento Chapter.

Jim Young, President of the Mother Lode SAR Chapter and Sr. CAR Treasurer, and Jim Faulkinbury provided most of the labor in installing the new planks. Others attending the meeting were: Sr. CAR President, Jeanette Barrett with her children, Ciara, Damien, Dariana, Donecia, and Raeven Barrett, Leslie Young, daughter of Jim Young, Katherine McJimsey, granddaughter of Jim Faulkinbury, Sacramento SAR Compatriot Jim Malinovsky with his daughters, Hailey, Katie and Molly, and Mother Lode SAR Compatriot, Tom Adams with his grandchildren, Ashley, Julia, and Nicholas Adams.

Following a brief meeting and the repairs, the attendees took a short tour of the Cemetery to see the burial places of some of the notables including Mark Hopkins, the Union veterans in the GAR section, and Albert Maver Winn who was the first mayor of Sacramento in 1850 and also first President of the Sons of Revolutionary Sires, the lineage society that was organized for the Centennial celebration in San Francisco on July 4th, 1876. The SRS became the California Society SAR in 1890 during the formation of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

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CAR at Joint Meeting

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policing of our school campuses is handled by the existing police agencies when Class 3 deputies could be used at a much lower cost. He also suggested that we get some speakers to talk about the Constitution and the intent of that document compared to current beliefs.

The meeting ended with the fund raiser conducted by Mary Ann Littlefield and Lynn Wolf. Those donating gifts were Clair & Medora Allen, Ernie & Helen Garcia, Jim & Karen Faulkinbury, Hal & Lee Lawson, Don & Mary Ann Littlefield, Del & Maria McCardell, Robert Schroeder, Don & Donna Spradling, and George & Ann Taylor. President Littlefield thanked Mary Ann and Lynn for their assistance, Don Spradling for helping with the pictures, and then asked for a motion to adjourn. Alex King led the Recessional followed by the Benediction by Hal Lawson. Those present then sang "God Bless America" after which the meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.



Jim Faulkinbury and a CAR member steady the new back pieces as Jim Young prepares to fasten them in place.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Faulkinbury, Secretary

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