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Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Calling All Compatriots

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President's Corner

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Donald B. Littlefield

The Courier had already gone to press in April when the semi-annual CASSAR Spring meeting took place. The Sacramento Chapter was outstanding. We won awards for the Most Meetings, New Members, Publicity, Best Website, and for Outstanding Support of the Center for Advancing America's Heritage Capital Campaign. Our JROTC Chapter Scholarship winner Nicholas Ingraffia was named the California Society Scholarship Winner.

Two of our members were recognized for their outstanding cumulative efforts on behalf of the Sacramento Chapter and the CASSAR: Tom Chilton was awarded both the CASSAR Meritorious Service Medal for his work as CASSAR Registrar and the Bronze SAR Medal for his significant contribution to the Center for Advancing Americas Heritage. Jim Faulkinbury was awarded the CASSAR Distinguished Service Medal in recognition of Outstanding Personal Service provided to the California Society.

The State Medal of Distinguished Service deserves special mention. This is the highest medal that can be awarded by a State Society President during each year of his term in office. The medal is diamond in shape, struck in sterling silver. It has a blue SAR insignia surmounted atop a white enameled background. The State Medal of Distinguished Service is trimmed in silver leaf. The ribbon is solid maroon.

In addition to his award, Jim Faulkinbury is the new CASSAR Vice President North.

May is the month in which there are a lot of school related activities involving the SAR. Jim Faulkinbury, as our Color Guard Commander, has been busy. His company of volunteers has performed the SAR School Guard program at schools throughout the area. Ted Robinson, as our ROTC/JROTC Program Chairman, has been busy coordinating JROTC/ROTC certificates and medals programs for approximately twenty Sacramento area high schools, Sacramento State College, and University of California at Davis. These are worthwhile events in which to participate as either a presenter or to attend as an interested party.

I want to give special thanks to Jim Faulkinbury and to Ted Robinson, together with their volunteers for all the work, effort and travel they put into representing the Sacramento Chapter at these important events.

—Don Littlefield

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The 136th Annual Meeting of the California Society SAR was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Irvine. Most attendees arrived on April 7th and many enjoyed the hospitality suite that was arranged by the hosting Orange County Chapter that evening. The meeting was attended by several National officers, including President General J. David Sympson (KYSSAR), Secretary General Larry Magerkurth (CASSAR), Registrar General Lindsey Brock (FLSSAR), Genealogist General Joseph Dooley (VASSAR), Historian General Chuck Lampman (CASSAR), and VPG Western District Stephen Renouf (CASSAR). Some attendees had a dinner with the National officers on the evening of April 7th.

Friday, April 8, began with a call to order by CASSAR President Wayne Griswold and Presentation of the Colors by the Orange Co. Chapter Color Guard. Following the pledges to the Flag and the SAR, CASSAR Secretary Jim Faulkinbury called the roll confirming that a quorum was present to conduct business. Introductions of distinguished guests and past CASSAR Presidents were followed by reports by the State Officers, National Officers, Committee and Program Reports, and finally the Chapter Reports. Most CASSAR reports were very brief since the reports were in the Reports Book passed out to the attendees.

The first session ended with the reports after which the members and their guests attended a Public Service Luncheon where SAR Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, and Heroism Medals were given to members of the community. Following the luncheon, the business session was resumed while the ladies went either on a tour of the Irvine Art Museum or a shopping trip. Under unfinished business, the minutes of the Fall 2010 Board of Managers Meeting were approved, a proposal to raise the CASSAR annual dues to \$20 was passed, and some minor budget revisions for the 2011 budget were made. Under new business, Exec VP John Dodd announced that the Fall 2011 Board of Managers meeting would be held on November 3-5 at the Town & Country Hotel in San Diego and that the room rate would be \$115 per night. It was also announced that the CASSAR has made a bid to host the 2019 National Congress in Southern California. A discussion on placing recruitment advertisements in regional magazines and newsletters, such as the American Legion's *California Legionnaire*, with its over 90,000 circulation. A call for delegates to the 2011 National Congress in Winston-Salem, NC was made. since our own Larry Magerkurth is the nominee for PG and CASSAR would like a good turn-out for him. Investment Fund Trustee and VPG Western District Stephen Renouf talked about various grant ideas, including the successful Wells Fargo Grant of \$1,000 which Sacramento Chapter recently received. President Wayne Griswold then made presentations of the Chapter Awards of which the Sacramento Chapter received several in the large chapter category. The general session recessed until the next morning. That evening the CASSAR Officer's dinner was held with most attendees present. When the business session resumed the next morning, a provisional endorsement of John Dodd as candidate for Chancellor General in 2012 was unanimously approved. The recommended slate of 2011 CASSAR Officers was read by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee Rt. Rev. Louis Carlson. There being no other candidates from the floor, the nominated slate of officers was unanimously elected. The 2011 CASSAR Officers elected are: President – John Dodd, Exec VP – Keith Bigbee, VP South – Stephen Hurst, VP North – Jim Faulkinbury, VP Membership – Phil Hinshaw, Secretary – Ronald Barker, Treasurer – Michael Howard, Registrar – Owen Stiles, Chancellor – J. Jeffries Goodwin, Genealogist – Terry Briggs, Historian – James Blauer, Chaplain – Phillip Dodson, Surgeon – Ernest Latham, Investment Fund Trustees – Richard Hawley, Stephen Renouf, & Curtis Porter, National Trustee – Wayne Griswold, and Alternate National Trustee – John Dodd. Following the election, a motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting was made and approved. This was followed by a short convening of a Board of Managers meeting of the newly elected officers by President John Dodd.

The Youth Award Luncheon recognized the CASSAR Eagle Scout, Outstanding JROTC Cadet and the Knight Essay Contest winners with awards of \$1,500 Savings Bonds plus \$300 each from the Ladies Auxiliary. The winners of the Americanism Poster Contest and the Brochure Contest were also announced. Of particular interest to the Sacramento Chapter was the winner of the Outstanding JROTC Cadet Contest This award was presented to Nicholas Ingrassia, who had previously been honored by the chapter. The luncheon was followed by a Memorial Service recognizing the Compatriots who have passed on since last April. There being no further business, the hospitality room reopened until the Inauguration Banquet that evening in which awards were presented with Tom Chilton receiving the CASSAR Meritorious Service Medal and Jim Faulkinbury receiving the State Distinguished Service Medal. Following the award, P.G. Sympson swore in the new CASSAR Officers and the Officers of the Ladies Auxillary. With the retirement of the Colors, the 136th Annual Meeting ended.

The American Revolution

Month by Month

May 1781



(Editor's Note: During the winter of 1780 - 1781, activity of any consequence had been in the South. During the month of May things continue to heat up with activity in three locations: Florida, the Carolinas and Virginia.)

FLORIDA - While Spain may have been acting in her own best interest, the activities were a contributing factor in the progress of the Revolutionary War. In the early days, British troops had been moved north from Florida to support the effort at Savannah and then to support the war activity in the southern colonies. When Spain threatened British interests in Florida, there was less support for England's opposition to the Americans in the colonies.

With Mobile safe in Spanish hands, Bernardo de Gálvez turned his attention to Pensacola. On February 28, he made his first attempt to take Fort George. Batteries along the approach made an assault too difficult and he retired to Havana where he convinced authorities to give him greater support to make possible a land invasion. He left Havana with 7,000 men. Most of his troops were Spanish, but there were some French, Dutch and Americans included. To oppose them, General John Campbell had 1500 British augmented by 500 Indian warriors.

Realizing that a sea-borne assault was imprudent, Galvez began a siege of Fort George. On May 1, setting up cannons on a hill to fire on the fort. On May 4, Indian allies of the British attacked. The attack might have been successful if Campbell had not failed to support the Indians. From this time on, it was a battle of cannon against cannon. On May 8, a Spanish shell hit and exploded the fort's magazine. The explosion killed many men and destroyed the fort's ability to defend itself. Campbell offered to surrender and on May 10 the formal surrender occurred with eleven hundred men taken prisoner. West Florida was now a Spanish possession.

THE CAROLINAS - Following defeat at the Battle of Hobkirk's Hill, Nathanael Greene retired to Rugeley's Mills to recoup. He was concerned that Lord Rawdon, if reinforced, might try to destroy him or to push him back into the mountains. Such action would leave the South solidly in British hands. Rawdon made an effort to draw Greene into a battle but overestimated Greene's strength in a clash with the rear guard and turned back. His experience at Hobkirk's Hill undoubtedly weighed heavily in his decision. In addition to the men lost in battle, he had more than a hundred wounded on his hands. Rawdon's force had a number of American deserters, many of whom were taken prisoner at Hobkirk's Hill. He was now operating without re-supply from Charleston, due to harassing activities of the irregular forces. Local foraging was not productive since the area had previously been stripped bare by Cornwallis. Morale was low, possibly even mutinous. Fort Motte, the main supply point between Charleston and Camden, was under siege. Learning of the siege, Rawdon departed Camden on May 8 to relieve the fort, leaving behind more than one hundred wounded who were too sick to move. En route he picked up any loyalists who wanted protection while burning and destroying every thing else.

General Greene, too, was suffering from a lack of supplies and reinforcements. Had the promised supplies and reinforcements arrived, Greene could have attacked Rawdon in Camden bring the southern war to an end. When Rawdon departed, Greene, with his reduced force moved in to fill the vacuum.

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On May 15, Rawdon arrived at Fort Motte only to find that the installation had been reduced to ashes. The Americans had used flaming arrows to set the fort on fire and causing the garrison to surrender.

Following the destruction of Fort Motte, the Americans, led by General “Swamp Fox” Marion and Lt. Colonel “Light Horse” Harry Lee, moved on to Fort Granby (the site of today’s Columbia.) This stronghold was defended by Maryland Tories who had a reputation of doing more looting than fighting. They were offered a choice: face a siege, or leave the fort with their booty but no military equipment or supplies. The defenders accepted the latter, adding welcome supplies and cannon to add to Greene’s dwindling resources. Lee then was assigned to support General Andrew (Wizard Owl) Pickens at Augusta. On the way he captured Fort Gilpin then moved on to Augusta to attack Forts Grierson and Cornwallis. Fort Grierson surrendered after little fighting, but Fort Cornwallis fought well, surrendering only after Lee’s men erected a tower, making further defense of the fort untenable.

Marion laid siege to Georgetown and was surprised when the garrison slipped out without a fight and headed for Charleston. Twenty days after Hobkirk’s Hill all interior forts except Ninety Six and Augusta had fallen.

Greene had moved toward Fort Motte, but hearing of its surrender he turned toward the fortified town of Ninety Six. Here more than five hundred seasoned Tory veterans would provide substantial opposition to Greene’s Continentals augmented by Major Robert Kirkwood’s Light Infantry with some untrained militia from North Carolina and Virginia. Kirkwood arrived on the May 21, followed the next day by the main body.

Ninety Six was well fortified with advanced defensive works as well as a covered way to Holme’s Fort, the source of water for both the fort and village. Greene believed that he could not take the town by direct assault and began a siege that lasted until June 19.

VIRGINIA - During the Revolutionary War there had been a number of raids on the sea coast, but the interior was relatively overlooked—until Benedict Arnold began to wreak havoc upon the area facing little opposition from the Americans. British General Henry Clinton sent Major General Phillips with 2600 men and Major General Matthews with 1800 men to continue the subjugation of the state. Upon arrival, Phillips assumed command of the entire force. Benedict Arnold, much to his discomfort, became subordinate to two British generals.

(Editor’s Note: With the exception of the almost uncontested rampage in Virginia, British influence in the South was now largely confined to Charleston and Savannah. Clinton threw his full weight into the pacification of Virginia while maintaining enough men in New York for him to keep Washington forces at bay. Reinforcements were sent from New York with the intention of controlling Virginia and disrupting the primary source of supplies for the American army. Control of the sea allowed reinforcement and supply for British troops while preventing outside interference with these operations. According to British planning, the colonies would then be divided and the South eventually starved out. Subjugation of the North would follow and the rebellion would end.)

George Washington resolutely opposed the British plan. He dispatched General Marquis de Lafayette with twelve hundred Continentals to defend Richmond and, hopefully to capture Benedict Arnold. British General Cornwallis, supplied and reinforced by the Royal Navy at the port of Wilmington, North Carolina, marched north with fourteen hundred men. Arriving in Virginia on May 20, he assumed command of Major General Phillips’ army, giving him a force of seven thousand men to face off against Lafayette’s Continentals that had reached Richmond at the end of April.

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Minutes of the Meeting - April 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by President Don Littlefield who gave the Invocation. He was followed by Jeff Goodwin who led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance and Neil Zinn who led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Littlefield recognized Tom Chilton, Jim Faulkinbury, and Jeff Goodwin as past presidents of the Sacramento Chapter, and Jeff Sylvan as the president of the Delta Chapter. DAR members recognized included Medora Allen, Marilyn Chilton and Lynn Robinson of the Sacramento Chapter and Sarah Rectenwald of the Gold Trail Chapter. Other guests introduced were our speaker Jim Bryant with his son John, Ron Carello whose application has recently been approved and now being processed, and Don Clark, guest of Ernie Garcia.



Jim Faulkinbury, Secre-

Color Guard Commander Jim Faulkinbury was asked to describe the Bunker Hill and the Spanish Burgundy Cross flags. President Littlefield listed the concerns for members Woody Robertshaw, John Hesselbien, Ahmed Mohamed, Harry Harland, Hank Henderson, Russ Gibson, Eltweed Pomeroy, Jeff Goodwin, Helen Garcia, and Christie Kaiser. All are all facing serious health issues. President Littlefield then announced that the speaker for our next meeting would be Jackie Boor, co-author with Lt. Col Gene Boyer, of the book *Inside the President's Helicopter*.

President Littlefield then gave an overview of the CASSAR Annual Meeting on April 8-9 in Irvine, which was attended by Sacramento Chapter members Don Littlefield, Tom Chilton and Jim Faulkinbury. He showed the Chapter the awards received in the annual competition, presented a flag streamer for the Chapter's contribution to the CAAH, presented CAAH certificates of recognition to Clair Allen and Ernie Garcia, and listed the personal awards received by Tom Chilton (CASSAR Meritorious Service Medal and Bronze CAAH Medal) and Jim Faulkinbury (State Distinguished Service Medal.)

Before dinner, Ted Robinson gave some additional information on next month's speaker and also indicated that he may be calling members for assistance in presenting JROTC medals in May.

Following the dinner, President Littlefield introduced our speaker, Jim Bryant, co-founder and chairman of the California Maritime Academy Foundation. Jim talked about the establishment of the Maritime Academy 82 years ago and the history of the various ships used by the Academy since its founding: the C.T.S. *California State*, renamed the T.S. *Golden State*, until decommissioned in 1946, the USS *Mellena*, renamed the T.S. *Golden Bear* (the first *Golden Bear*) until decommissioned in 1971; the USS *Crescent City*, renamed the T.S. *Golden Bear* (the second *Golden Bear*), until decommissioned in 1995; and the USS *Mowry*, renamed the *Golden Bear* (the third *Golden Bear*), which is now in service. He told of how the Maritime Academy is now protected by incorporation into the California State University System. The Academy, with an enrollment of 848 cadets, has the smallest enrollment of any of the CSU schools. Graduation at the Academy takes an average of 4.1 years as opposed to an average of more than five years at other CSU schools. The course of study is built on four pillars: Academics, Practical, Leadership Development, and International Relations.

Following the presentation, Jim Bryant was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and a replica Liberty Bell.

The meeting ended with the fund raiser conducted by Mary Ann Littlefield and Marilyn Chilton. Those donating gifts were Clair & Medora Allen, Tom & Marilyn Chilton, Jim & Karen Faulkinbury, Vince & Jeni Gantt, Don & Mary Ann Littlefield, Jack & Jerri Pefley, and Don & Donna Spradling.

Don Littlefield thanked Mary Ann Littlefield and Marilyn Chilton for their assistance. He also thanked Don Spradling for taking pictures. He then asked for a motion to adjourn. Harlan Tougaw led the Recessional followed by the Benediction spoken by President Littlefield. The members then sang "God Bless America" after which the meeting was adjourned at 9:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Faulkinbury, Secretary

Pictures of the April Meeting

Photography by Don Spradling



Guest Speaker Jim Bryant receives Certificate of Appreciation and SAR Liberty Bell from President Don Littlefield



Tom & Marilyn Chilton



Ted and Carolyn Robinson

More April Meeting Pictures



Jim Faulkinbury, Ernie Garcia, Vince Gantt, Tom Chilton, Don Littlefield and Jeff Goodwin



Don Littlefield & Donna Spradling



Harlan & Sidney Tougaw

New Member - Ronald Foster

Ronald George Foster was born in Omaha, Nebraska and spent his childhood in South Dakota. He graduated from the University of South Dakota with a BS Degree in Marketing. He also graduated from the University of Hawaii in 1984 with a Masters Degree in Education.

He is married to Kathryn Joanne Walton and has two children: a son, Ronald Todd Foster, and a daughter, Tamara Kay Foster.

Ronald retired from the J.C. Penney Company in Hawaii, serving as Sales Promotion Manager and Merchandise Manager. He also retired from the University of Hawaii as an Assistant Professor of Sales and Marketing at Leeward Community College.

Ronald served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1979.

His application to join the Sons of the American Revolution was approved on March 11, 2011. His patriot ancestor was Jesse George, who served as a private in company of the Virginia Militia, commanded by Capt. James Redkin in the regiment of Col. Thomas Cairns in Leesburg from September 1, 1778.

(Revolution Concluded)

On May 20, Clinton arrived at Petersburg and four days later, crossed the James River to reconnoiter Lafayette's position.

(Editor's Note: The month of May ends with Cornwallis unchecked, but not in total command of Virginia. He had defeated American forces before, but in Virginia he was not able to draw Lafayette into a battle. American General Nathanael Greene, facing only token resistance from a few isolated forts, is virtually in control of the three southern states. The handwriting is on the wall, but neither King George III nor his generals could see any great obstacle to the return of the colonies to British rule. May marks the beginning of the end of British rule in America.)

—Andrew J. Strough III

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CASSAR Meeting Photographs



CASSAR President Wayne Griswold, Dave Gillard and Don Littlefield



Wayne Griswold and incoming CASSAR president John Dodd



Don Littlefield and Wayne Griswold



Wayne Griswold, Nicholas Ingrassia, Karen Carlson and Catherine Hurst

Jackie Boor will be our Guest Speaker at the May 20th meeting. She has been a Sacramento resident since 1975 and is the mother of three and grandmother of two children.

Her book, *INSIDE THE PRESIDENT’S HELICOPTER*, which she co-authored with retired US Army Master Aviator Gene T. Boyer, gives a first person account of Boyer’s colorful career and a look at the man who served as the presidential helicopter pilot for Presidents Johnson, Nixon and Ford. From his unique perspective, Gene Boyer was an eyewitness to a very colorful era in American history from behind the scenes and Jackie faithfully chronicled his observations for future generations.

Jackie will share the experience of writing her book and will describe the colorful career that led Gene Boyer to the White House. She promises to share a few favorite stories with her audience

So come aboard, sit down and fasten your seat belts for a memorable evening with Jackie Boor at the Buggy Whip Restaurant.



Jackie Boor seated in the cockpit of President Nixon’s “Last Flight” helicopter during its restoration at March Air Reserve Base in 2006.

7:00 PM at the **BUGGY WHIP** Restaurant (2737 Fulton Avenue - Sacramento)

If the telephone committee has not taken your menu selection(s) by May 18th, please call Don Littlefield at (916) 985-6544 for reservations. Payments must be **guaranteed for each reservation made**. Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always welcome.

Come socialize with us at 6:15PM. The meeting will start promptly at 7:00 PM.

<u>Menu Selections</u>	
Sirloin Steak	\$24.00*
Salmon	\$24.00*.
Vegetarian Plate	\$24.00*
* includes beverage, dessert, tax & tip	

Schedule of Future Meetings

Friday, May 20 - 7:00 PM
Guest Speaker: Jackie Boor
Author "Inside the President's Helicopter"
Buggy Whip Restaurant

Friday, June 17 - 7:00 PM
TBA
Buggy Whip Restaurant

Friday, September 16 - 7:00 PM
TBA
Buggy Whip Restaurant

Saturday, October 22 - 6:00 PM
Community Awards Banquet
TBA

Friday November 18 - 7:00 PM
TBA
Buggy Whip Restaurant

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