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MEETING INFORMATION

When December 8, 2018
Where: Sizzler Restaurant
1401 N. Harbor Blvd.
Fullerton, CA
Time: Social Begins at 11:00am
Meeting: Called to Order at 11:30am
Website: www.orangecountysar.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Season's Greetings To All-

The month of December marks the transition from Fall to Winter, with December 21st being the first day of Winter & the shortest day of the year!

Now that the Halloween & Thanksgiving Holidays have passed, we're all in a mad dash to complete our Christmas shopping, wrap the gifts & make sure they're delivered on time to distant relatives & friends. It is hard to believe that Christmas Day is just 16 days from our Chapter meeting day!

With the year's final transition to the Winter season & Christmas completing this year's round of holidays, hopefully each of us will experience a peaceful transition to reflect & continue to show the Christmas spirit to each other during the few remaining days in 2018!

On November 16, under command of General William Howe, the British overran Fort Washington in Manhattan & captured 2,000 American prisoners. The pursuit of the Continental Army across New Jersey continued until **December 8, 1776, 242 years ago today**, when General Washington, short of food, ammunition & supplies, led his troops across the Delaware River from New Jersey into Pennsylvania.

Once across the river, Washington realized that without a decisive victory, the Continental Army was likely doomed. The thought & planning process over the next two weeks became a daring plan to re-cross the Delaware River to assault the 1,400 Hessian garrison force at Trenton, which was under the command of Colonel Johan Rall. The plan called for a three pronged surprise attack with his army of 2,400 flanked by a 1,900 man diversionary force under Colonel John Cadwalader & a blocking move by General James Ewing's 700 men.

Washington's men & cannons crossed the icy river in boats & began the 19 mile march towards Trenton in a freezing storm on Christmas Day. The element of surprise & daring worked for Washington. On December 26th, the Americans were able to flank the Hessians & pound them with cannon fire. When Colonel Rall was fatally wounded, the Hessians quickly surrendered.



Washington's attack left the Hessians with 22 killed, 92 wounded, 918 captured & 400 escaped. The Americans suffered two frozen to death & five wounded. In the end, neither Cadwalader nor Ewing were able to carry out their parts of the plan.

Washington had his victory. Realizing he could not hold Trenton against British reinforcements, he withdrew across the Delaware again to fight again another day!

Note: History.com was the source for the paraphrased information used in this article.

As stated at our last two meetings, we will elect our 2019 Chapter Officers at the December 8th meeting. We will end the meeting with Christmas gift exchange.

As a reminder, we will be participating in the Wreaths-Across-America national event on December 15th. The ceremony will begin @ 9AM @ the Memory Gardens Memorial Park, 455 W. Central Ave., Brea, CA. Everyone is welcome to attend. Over 2,000 wreaths will be on hand to be placed on graves to honor veterans of all wars resting in Memory Gardens & to thank them for their sacrifice & service to our country.

As always, I encourage any comments, concerns & complaints. You can call me at 714 821-4302 & leave a message or send an email to ocgladiator@gmail.com.

Wishing all of you & your families a Very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!!

See you all at the January 12, 2019 meeting when we will install the 2019 Chapter Officers!!

GIFT EXCHANGE

In lieu of our normal speaker we will be having our annual gift exchange.

In order to avoid the confusion arising from previous years regarding the conduct of the Annual Christmas Gift Exchange, and to inform the newer members of how it is done, your president has decreed that this year, we will follow the ancient rules first established by the Order of the Little Sisters of Saint Zsa Zsa, the Patron Saint of cheap, but delightful gifts. These unworldly, but wise nuns first set down these rules in the year 1327 AD at their secluded convent near Zslotywachtz, a small, but charming village in

rural Hungary, noted for its production of inexpensive, but potent varietal red table wines and overly pungent cheeses. For centuries, the rules were passed down by word of mouth, for the nuns had taken a vow of illiteracy. However, in the 16th Century, a new abbess decreed that the pen is mightier than the tongue and a vow of silence was instituted in lieu of the earlier restriction. At that time it became necessary to commit the rules to parchment.

Around 1653, an unauthorized copy was smuggled out of the convent in a wheel of cheese by a disgruntled defrocked nun and eventually reached Western Europe and then the New World. Over the centuries, the archaic rules have changed little except for the recognition that males (previously forbidden to enter the convent) may now be participants in the gift exchange, and for currency conversions. The rules are as follows;

- 1) Each person wishing to participate will bring one gender-neutral \$10 gift (wrapped) to be placed on the Gift Table. A drawing ticket will be issued to each gift bringer. A couple may elect to bring one or two gifts, receiving one ticket for each gift.
- 2) The drawing will proceed as follows;
 - a. The first ticket will be drawn from the Ben Franklin Box. The holder of the matching ticket stub will select and unwrap a gift from the Gift Table.
 - b. A second ticket will be drawn. The holder of the matching ticket stub may elect either to "steal" the gift unwrapped by the first person, or select and unwrap a new gift.
 - c. If the second person "steals" the gift from the first person, the first person will then select and unwrap a new gift.
 - d. A third ticket will then be drawn. The holder of the matching ticket stub may elect to either "steal" either of the gifts already unwrapped or to select and unwrap another gift.
 - e. The drawing, gift selections and "thefts" will continue in this manner until everyone has a gift.

f. For each person from whom a gift is “stolen”. They will immediately elect either to “steal” any one of the other gifts already opened (subject to rules g & h) or to select and open a new gift.

g. If the holder of the matching stub of the last ticket to be drawn “steal” a gift rather than take the last remaining gift, the person from whom the gift was “stolen” shall receive the last remaining wrapped gift, and the drawing will be complete.

h. No person may “steal” back a gift which was previously “stolen” from him/her.

i. No individual gift may be “stolen” more than three times.

j. Ostentatious vocal displays of wonderment and delight are encouraged at the time at the opening of a gift. Complainers will be ostracized by their fellow Compatriots and their guests.

k. The President shall act as referee, and any issues arising will be resolved by his wisdom, with no further appeal.

ELECTIONS FOR 2019 OFFICERS

The Elections for next year’s (2019) officers will take place at our December meeting

When the elections are held there will be a request for nominations from the floor. The Compatriot being nominated from the floor must give his approval and agree to serve should he be elected.

In January the slate that is elected in December will be installed as your officers for 2019.

The Nominating Committee has come up with a slate for offices in 2019. As announced at the November meeting the slate is as follows;

President—Mark Torres

Vice-President—Phil Mitchell

Corresponding Secretary—Dan McMillan

Recording Secretary—Jim Blauer

Treasurer—Dan Casey

Registrar—Kent Gregory

Chancellor—Doug Pettibone

Chaplain—Richard Adams

All other offices and Chairs are appointed by the President once he has been installed.

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS

If you are wanting to get involved, but do not want to be an officer, there are several positions that are appointed by the President at the January Meeting. If you see one you are interested in, you should contact Compatriot John Ferris, who will present the new president with a list of recommendations of persons to fill the appointed positions.

These positions are; Historian/Archivist, Parliamentarian, Sergeant-At-Arms, Newsletter Editor, Medals & Awards Chairman, Eagle Scout Chairman, Information Technology Chairman, Activity Contest Chairman, Valley Forge Project Chairman, Orations Contest Chairman, Poster Contest Chairman, Essay Contest Chairman, Brochure Contest Chairman, JROTC/ROTC Chairman, Publicity Chairman, Flag Certificate Chairman, Veterans Affairs Chairman/Liaison, Coupons to Military Families Chairman, and Color Guard Commander of our Chapter’s Lee’s Legion Color Guard.

The President reserves the right to appoint a chairman to any other committee or position that may become available at any time during his tenure of office.

So, for those of you who would like to become more involved in the activities of your chapter, here is your opportunity to do so and make a contribution to both your chapter and the society in general.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

This year Wreaths Across America will occur on Saturday December 15, 2018. It will once again be held at Memory Gardens Memorial Park & Mortuary in Brea. It is located at 455 W. Central Ave., Brea, CA 92821-3005.

This is a National Color Guard Event. So, those

Color Guardsmen who wish to get points toward their National Color Guard Medals may wish to consider participating. The event will Start: 9:00 am. Muster Time: 8:00 am. There will be a walk through for the Color Guard.

Here is a history of this event and how it got started.

One man's annual tribute to our veterans inspired a legion of volunteers and gave rise to the Wreaths Across America event of today.

Morrill Worcester, owner of [Worcester Wreath Company](#) of Harrington, Maine, was a 12 year old paper boy for the *Bangor Daily News* when he won a trip to Washington D.C. His first trip to our nation's capital was one he would never forget, and Arlington National Cemetery made an especially indelible impression on him. This experience followed him throughout his life and successful career, reminding him that his good fortune was due, in large part, to the values of this nation and the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. In 1992, Worcester Wreaths found themselves with a surplus of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season. Remembering his boyhood experience at Arlington, Worcester realized he had an opportunity to honor our country's veterans. With the aid of Maine Senator Olympia Snowe, arrangements were made for the wreaths to be placed at Arlington in one of the older sections of the cemetery that had been receiving fewer visitors with each passing year.

As plans were underway, a number of other individuals and organizations stepped up to help. James Prout, owner of local trucking company Blue Bird Ranch, Inc., generously provided transportation all the way to Virginia. Volunteers from the local American Legion and VFW Posts gathered with members of the community to decorate each wreath with traditional red, hand-tied bows. Members of the Maine State Society of Washington, D.C. helped to organize the wreath-laying, which included a special ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The annual tribute went on quietly for several years, until 2005, when a photo of the stones at Arlington, adorned with wreaths and covered in snow, circulated around the internet. Suddenly, the project received national attention. Thousands of requests poured in from all over the country from people wanting to help with Arlington, to emulate the Arlington project at their National and State cemeteries, or to simply share their stories and thank Morrill Worcester for honoring our nation's heroes.

Unable to donate thousands of wreaths to each state, Worcester began sending seven wreaths to every state, one for each branch of the military, and for POW/MIAs. In 2006, with the help of the Civil Air Patrol and other civic organizations, simultaneous wreath-laying ceremonies were held at over 150 locations around the country. The Patriot Guard Riders volunteered as escort for the wreaths going to Arlington. This began the annual "Veterans Honor Parade" that travels the east coast in early December.

The annual trip to Arlington and the groups of volunteers eager to participate in Worcester's simple wreath-laying event grew each year until it became clear the desire to remember and honor our country's fallen heroes was bigger than Arlington, and bigger than this one company.

In 2007, the Worcester family, along with veterans, and other groups and individuals who had helped with their annual veterans wreath ceremony in Arlington, formed Wreaths Across America, a non-profit 501-(c)(3) organization, to continue and expand this effort, and support other groups around the country who wanted to do the same. The mission of the group is simple: **Remember. Honor. Teach.**

In 2008, over 300 locations held wreath-laying ceremonies in every state, Puerto Rico and 24 overseas cemeteries. Over 100,000 wreaths were placed on veterans' graves. Over 60,000 volunteers participated. And that year, December 13, 2008 was unanimously

voted by the US Congress as “Wreaths Across America Day”.

In 2014, Wreaths Across America and its national network of volunteers laid over 700,000 memorial wreaths at 1,000 locations in the United States and beyond, including ceremonies at the Pearl Harbor Memorial, as well as Bunker Hill, Valley Forge and the sites of the September 11 tragedies. This was accomplished with help from 2,047 fundraising groups, corporate contributions, and donations of trucking, shipping, and thousands of helping hands. The organization's goal of covering Arlington National Cemetery was met in 2014 with the placement of 226,525 wreaths.

The wreath-laying is still held annually, on the second or third Saturday of December. WAA's annual pilgrimage from Harrington, Maine to Arlington National Cemetery has become known as the world's largest veterans' parade, stopping at schools, monuments, veterans' homes and communities all along the way to remind people how important it is to **remember, honor and teach.**

Wreaths Across America also conducts several programs to honor our veterans, including the popular “Thanks a Million” campaign which distributes cards to people all over the country to give veterans a simple “thank you” for their service. WAA participates in veterans' events throughout the year, and has a veteran liaison on staff to work with local veterans organizations.

WAA is committed to teaching younger generations about the value of their freedoms, and the importance of honoring those who sacrificed so much to protect those freedoms. The organization offers learning tools, interactive media projects, and opportunities for youth groups to participate in the events. They also work to create opportunities to connect “the Greatest Generation” with the “Generation of Hope”, passing on inspirational stories from World War II veterans to the leaders of the future.

Wreaths Across America would not be suc-

cessful without the help of volunteers, active organizations and the generosity of the trucking industry, which offer invaluable support to WAA's mission to remember the men and women who served our country, honor our military and their families, and teach our children about our freedom and those who protect it.



This month we want to wish a very Happy Birthday to the following Compatriots; Chad Blauer, James Bradley, Philip Forbes, Bill Gaumer, Louis Hewitt, Cameron Kazabee, Matthew Noell, Ethan Noell, Thomas Noell, Daniel Sexton, Robert Thompson, James Michael Tomme, Spencer Torres, and Donald Webb, Jr.

Here is wishing you many happy returns.

FALL BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
Greetings to all!

The Fall Board of Managers meeting, held in Folsom on Nov 9-10 was successful in that we had a number of past CASSAR presidents in attendance, as well as some General Officers - PG Warren Alter, Secretary General Jack Manning, Genealogist General Jim Faulkinbury and Registrar General Bruce Pickette. I believe that we had representation from around half of the chapters. Much needed business was successfully conducted in the Compatriots' meetings; and the Ladies Auxiliary meeting was also very successful. A few highlights....

Remember our compatriots in the Butte Chapter - which is in Paradise. As of this evening, the fire had spread to about 150,000 acres, but is now about 65 percent contained. I've been unable to contact any of the members due to the fire to see what help they need - so keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

All chapters should be well under way in col-

lecting their dues and preparing the reconciliation reports. These are due to the CASSAR Secretary (David Grinnell) no later than the first week of January, so please be prepared. Delays in submitting them only means more work for David, as Compatriots will be dropped - then may have to be added back in. Your timely assistance would be appreciated! And don't forget to confirm members' addresses and other contact information.

Electronic privacy continues to be an issue these days - spam, phishing, spoofing, hacking, etc... are causing problems everywhere.

1. E-mails - Spam e-mails continue to plague members across the state and nationally. Do NOT open any e-mails or click on any links from individuals that claim to be from SAR (national, state, local) unless you're expecting something from them.
2. Membership data - Questions have arisen from members (and third parties) as to how members' data is protected in the online SAR systems. I've discussed this briefly with the past Chancellor general (Davis Wright) as well as the current Chancellor General Richard Bryant. Obviously, we can't tell third parties specifically how data is protected within the databases; so we should just inform them that **the appropriate security measures are being taken to reduce the chances of unauthorized access into the SAR membership databases.** As you're probably aware, Mick Pitzer has been brought on board as the SAR's full-time chief technology director; this will help reduce the hacking problem.
3. Related to the above - if you have password access to the SAR member systems, please think about changing your password NOW. A member in the Delta Chapter recently received an e-mail from an individual who apparently hacked into the SAR member system using his login credentials - and demanded \$5000 payment in bitcoin within 45 hours. Again, change your password soon. The

information was provided to the FBI's cybersecurity site, but I don't know what action will/can be taken, nor when it'll be taken. Safeguard those passwords and change them frequently! Unauthorized access can destroy the database. It's simply good practice to change your passwords periodically - and to use a combination of numbers, letters (upper and lower case) and special characters to make it more difficult to hack.

4. Members (and outside parties) have asked about getting copies of the CASSAR Compatriot membership list and contact information. Since members will all have different preferences as to what information is to be made available, CASSAR will NOT provide the member information to anyone without good reason; likewise, chapters should not provide member information without the individual members' permission. Names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses and other data may be contained in the various spreadsheets, so it's to everyone's benefit to minimize the unauthorized distribution and limit it to those who have a need-to-know.

Flag Certificates - The Furlong Award is on an April-April schedule, rather than a calendar year.....so chapters have until April 2019 to award certificates to deserving individuals, businesses, organizations, etc... that fly the American Flag, appropriately and correctly. Please forward your information as to flag awards by next March to your respective area vice-presidents (who are also the flag chairs - Brian Stephens in the south and Don Littlefield in the north). Having that information by March will allow them to compile the data for the entire state and convey it to the SAR Flag Committee in time to meet their schedule.

Youth Protection - Remember that anyone involved with the youth programs to any degree needs to complete the BSA Youth Protection training. This training requirement has been in effect for a few years, at both the state and national levels. Go to <http://www.scouting.org> and

log in (or create an account) and complete the training; once training is completed, forward a copy of the certificate to Dan McKelvie (director of youth programs); he's maintaining a list of who has completed the training and who needs to renew it.

Black Powder Training - Mark Kramer did a great job on black powder training on the Monday following the BOM meeting. A total of 9 Compatriots (in addition to Mark) attended the training and shoot at the Sacramento Valley Shooting Center.

SAR Education Center and Museum – Many Compatriots have asked about the SAR Education Center and Museum project at the SAR Headquarters in Louisville and some have expressed concern about it and how it will benefit the membership. Remember that the museum is not financed by members' dues, but through other separate donations. The museum is not intended to be an old-fashioned "museum" with Revolutionary artifacts in glass cases gathering dust, accessible only to a few local busloads of school children, but will have the capability to be far more than only "locally influential." The technology involved will bring the living message of our Patriot ancestors to every schoolroom, computer and iPad in the nation. I've attached a link to the project as developed by Solid Light – see <https://vimeo.com/300777641/6b9dd95256>.

"Best Chapter" contest – There has been relatively little interest in the CASSAR "Best Chapter" program, so consideration is being given to rethink how it could be done; one option is the National Americanism Contest, which is oriented more towards the SAR goals and objectives – historical, patriotic and educational. More information can be found at <https://www.sar.org/americanism-contest>. Ron Barker (NSSAR Americanism Committee Chairman) will be working towards bringing California into the National Program. In the meantime, stand by for more information.

Most chapters are going through their annual

elections. I encourage all Compatriots to consider becoming more involved in the chapter activities as an officer or committee chair, as the chapter is where the "rubber meets the road." As you're aware, success breeds success. It's not necessary that every chapter take on all programs; what's necessary is for every chapter to look within the ranks to see who is really interested in which programs the SAR has to offer – then running with it, but have fun doing it!. Also, remember to work with the new members. Get them involved with whatever programs they're interested in and keep them interested. Work with them, mentor them and keep them involved. As you're probably aware, it takes a lot less effort to retain a member than it does to bring in a new member. When your new chapter officers are elected, don't forget to update the CASSAR Secretary with the new officers' names and contact information – see the attached form (**Greg Hill – can you replace the chapter officers reporting form at <http://www.californiasar.org/members-section/> with the updated form**)?)

Bob Taylor, your Executive Vice President and the editor of the Compatriot, is collecting news and photos for the next issue of the state newsletter. Please be sure to send him your chapter input by December. Contact Bob for more information. Hard copies are still available for \$10/year to cover postage and copying – but it's absolutely necessary that current snail-mail addresses are provided. Hard copy costs exceed the budget when we don't have current addresses. Don't forget the upcoming CASSAR Spring 2019 meeting on April 25-27, 2019 in Ventura. The registration is available online at <http://www.californiasar.org>, so don't delay in making your reservations.

Also - don't forget the 2019 Congress which will be held July 5-11 in Costa Mesa. This is a great opportunity for CASSAR members to attend and meet Compatriots from other state societies and countries, as well as the SAR General Officers and SAR staff. The host society reception

cruise will be held on Saturday July 6 aboard the Hornblower on Newport Bay. Please note - anyone planning on attending the reception cruise MUST be registered – which means that spouses of Compatriots MUST also be registered if they wish to attend the reception cruise. I've attached the draft schedule for the Congress.

Lastly – I very recently received an inquiry regarding at-large memberships within the California Society; this was based presumably on the financial situation of a Compatriot and the ability to participate in SAR activities. The CASSAR does not authorize at-large membership (where a Compatriot is not associated with a specific chapter), nor is the California Society contemplating that in the foreseeable future. If a Compatriot is facing hardships, however, chapters are empowered to waive a member's dues if appropriate.

Once again – thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary of the CASSAR for their unending support in helping fund the various programs in which we all participate.

Please let me or your CASSAR officers know of any questions, concerns or suggestions you might have.... And please disseminate the above to your chapter members!

Have a safe holiday!

Derek Brown

President CASSAR

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The Heavenly Helmet By Danny Cox

It was my first assignment after graduation from Advanced All-Weather Fighter Interceptor Training. In that training I checked out in the F-86L and broke the sound barrier for the first time of many times. This first assignment was to the 26th Fighter Interceptor Squadron at Clark Air Base on the Philippine Island of Luzon. The year was 1959.

Two months later I was sent on temporary duty to Guiuan, Samar, which is the next island 300 miles south of Clark Air Base. Our job was to support approximately 20 Royal Australian Air Force F-86's, they would be ferried by individual pilots in flights of four from Australia to Butter-

worth Malaya. We were a fuel and repairing base with no buildings, only a runway left over from a vicious battle in WWII.

We had open sided tents for sleeping (?), all sorts of wild animals and poisonous snakes, which produced lots of noise. It was like trying to sleep in a "Tarzan of the Jungle" movie.

On an occasional afternoon we would go for a swim. We had a white sandy beach and the blue Pacific. It was hard to picture that one of the bloodiest battles toward the end of WWII was fought here on this beach as American troops poured in off landing craft.

I was skin diving at this location when my foot hit something metal. I turned and looked. There it was, a heavily rusted American combat helmet. With helmet in hand I headed for the sunshine. Sitting with it on my lap the first thing I noticed was an entry bullet hole on the front left side of the helmet with an exit hole on the top. It was an emotional moment I'll never forget.

I know that when I meet St. Peter at the Golden Gate, I'm going to say, "St. Peter I'm looking for a young man who's been here since 1944." St. Peter would say to me, "You'll recognize him anywhere, he has a scar on the left side of his head near the temple and one on the very top of his head. He's proud to have given his life for his country. As a matter of fact he's the young man approaching us."

The young man says, "Danny, thanks for saving my helmet."

My hand is shaking and tears are rolling down my cheeks. I smile at him and say, "For what you did....I thank you and America thanks you!"

How Alexander Hamilton's Men Surprised the Enemy at the Battle of Yorktown.

Hamilton's leadership in the war's last major land battle would deliver the future Secretary of the Treasury his long-sought glory.

By LESLEY KENNEDY

Alexander Hamilton, the first Secretary of the Treasury, known for his famous, fatal duel with Aaron Burr—and his ability to draw sold-out crowds to a hit musical examining his life—played a key role in a battle that brought an end to the American Revolutionary War. And in fighting the key battle, Hamilton and his men employed



what might seem like a risky strategy—unloading their weapons before their advance.

Appointed by George Washington in 1781 to command a light infantry battalion in Marquis

de Lafayette's Division, Hamilton helped lead the attack at the Battle of Yorktown in Yorktown, Virginia, which would become the war's last major land battle. The siege lasted from September 28 to October 19, 1781, with the French attacking the British fort at Redoubt 9 and Hamilton attacking Redoubt 10 simultaneously. The double-pronged advance led British General Charles Cornwallis to surrender.

“In Hamilton's day, showing courage on the field of battle was one of just a few ways for an unknown person to win fame,” says historian Michael E. Newton, author of *Alexander Hamilton: The Formative Years*. “Hamilton had a genius and was hard-working but did not come from an illustrious family like most of the Founding Fathers. He knew that winning glory in battle would make him famous and help him further his career.”

Brendan McConville, professor of history at Boston University, adds that Hamilton had always been sensitive about his humble roots so it was important to him to prove himself during the war. “He had been with Washington as a key aide throughout most of the war, but wanted glory on the battlefield,” he says. Hamilton “saw victory on the battlefield as a way to win reputation.”

Initially, according to Newton, command of the assault on Redoubt 10 was given to someone else. Hamilton objected, claiming it was his turn and that he had seniority. “When Washington overturned the previous decision and gave Hamilton the command,

Hamilton rushed to his friend and second in command, Nicholas Fish, and exclaimed ‘We

have it! We have it!’ ”

The Patriot strategy in the attack was to approach the redoubts “in silence with guns unloaded, encircle the enemy and force them to surrender quickly with few casualties,” according to Newton.

“It was a surprise night assault on a moonless night—they did not want to give themselves away

with flashes and the sound of guns,” McConville adds. “Bayonets were to be used to avoid giving away specific locations and silence was ordered.”

The plan worked: Hamilton's troops took control of the redoubt within 10 minutes and with few American deaths. And the victory earned Hamilton the reputation he sought. “Hamilton's report of the assault on Redoubt 10 was published in newspapers around the country, but Hamilton made no mention of his own accomplishments that day despite heaping praise on those who served under him,” Newton says. “Lafayette's report of the assault was also printed in these newspapers and he heaped abundant praise upon Hamilton for his actions at Yorktown. As a result, the entire country heard about Hamilton's bravery and leadership.”



Washington preparing his troops for the final battle of the Revolutionary War in Yorktown. Alexander Hamilton is the rider on the right.



Photo Album

September 2018

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Photo Album



Compatriot Paul Garcia reports: Our Marine Combat Unit Alpha Company 1st Battalion 1st Marines visited the White House on Wednesday October 17th. The President presented the Medal of Honor to Sergeant Major John L. Canley who was our Alpha Company Gunnery Sergeant in Vietnam 1967/ 68 for his courage and bravery during the Battle of Hue City during the 1968 Tet Offensive. We had 37 Navy and Marines present as well as the Mrs. Dolia M. Gonzalez the Mother of Alfredo Gonzales a platoon Sergeant who had also received a Medal of Honor posthumously for the Battle of Hue City.



At our November Meeting the Sonora High JROTC Color Guard presented the Colors at our meeting.

Below, Speaker Steve Lund receives a Certificate of Appreciation from President Fischer for speaking to us this month.

President Fischer inducted Steve Bailey as our newest member and presented him his membership certificate. Mark Torres pinned the SAR Rosette on Steve.



CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

Assembly



RESOLUTION

By the Honorable Kevin Kiley
6th Assembly District; Relative to commending the

California Society
of the
Sons of the American Revolution

Whereas, The California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will hold its 143rd Annual Fall Board of Managers Meeting in the City of Folsom on November 9 and November 10, 2018, and it is appropriate at this time to highlight the organization's many achievements and underscore the positive impact it has made in the State of California; and

Whereas, A historical, educational, and patriotic nonprofit organization, the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) traces its founding to the City of San Francisco, where the organization was formed on July 4, 1876, as part of the National Society of the SAR, which was founded at Fraunces Tavern in New York City on April 30, 1889; and

Whereas, Established with the purpose to perpetuate the memory of those who, by their service or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people, the National Society of the SAR was chartered by Congress on June 9, 1906, and was signed by President Theodore Roosevelt, himself a member of the SAR; and

Whereas, The SAR was conceived as a fraternal and civic society comprised of lineal descendants of patriots who wintered at Valley Forge, signed the Declaration of Independence, fought in the battles of the American Revolution, served in the Continental Congress, or otherwise supported the cause of American Independence, and as of today, 16 American presidents have been members of the SAR; and

Whereas, In keeping with the mission of the national organization to foster true patriotism and maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, the California Society of the SAR is dedicated to inspiring its members and the community at large with a more profound understanding and reverence for the principles of the government founded by our nation's forefathers, to encourage historical research about the American Revolution, and to foster a respect for our nation's symbols, the value of American citizenship, and the unifying force of *e pluribus unum* that has created, from the people of many nations, one nation and one people; and

Whereas, To honor these ideals, the California Society of the SAR devotes a great deal of time, energy, and resources to educational outreach to California's students through numerous school and youth programs that provide a better understanding of the history of the United States and the State of California; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by Assembly Member Kevin Kiley, That the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution be commended for its dedication to perpetuating American ideals and traditions and to protecting the Constitution, and extended best wishes for the success of its 143rd Annual Fall Board of Managers Meeting and that its indomitable efforts will continue in the years to come.

Members Resolution No. 1652

Dated this 9th day of November, 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Kiley', written over a white background.

Honorable Kevin Kiley
6th Assembly District